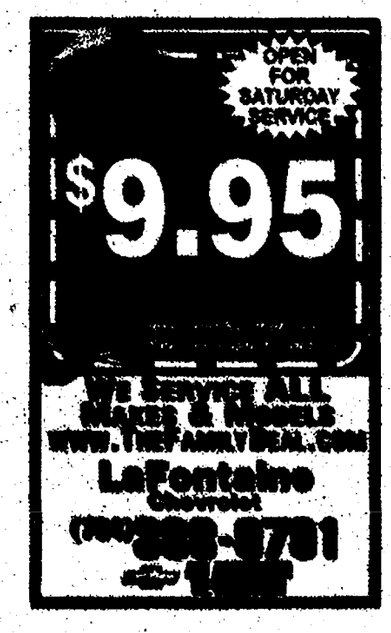
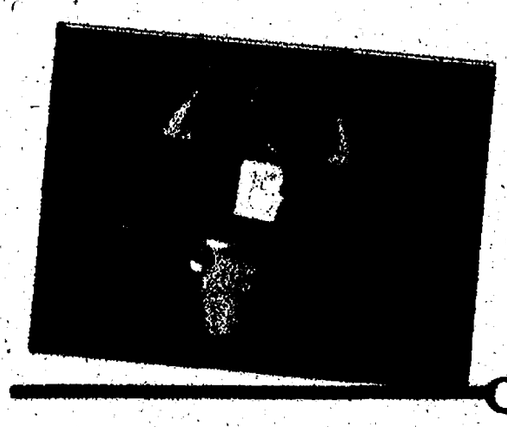
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District faces looming budget cuts

School Board sets perimeters to cut $2.2 million from budget

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

Teresa Zigman, executive director of finance for Chelsea School District, presented the 2009-2010 amended budget to the school board at a work session Monday evening. Current estimates place the district's fund equity at a little under $4.8 million at the end of the current school year.

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Even after mid-year budget cuts, the district is still over a million dollars short, with an expected $2.8 million or more deficit next year.

Zigman reported that the district currently pays $3 million in benefit expenses per year and those numbers are on the rise. Districts should be notified of next year's increase at the beginning of April.

Superintendent David Killips said that the volatility in Lansing is the worst he has ever seen.

"We have to move forward and plan to the best of our knowledge right now," he said.

Board members discussed the budget, including fund equity levels, sources of increasing expenditures and decreasing revenue, and options for budget reductions.

Board members debated what percentage of the total budget should remain in fund equity, as the percentage drops each year with continued budget problems.

Zigman explained that keeping a fund equity of 17 to 18 percent should keep the district's cash flow patent enough to avoid borrowing, which costs about $60,000, or approximately the cost of one teacher.

Board member Steve Olsen suggested that it would be prudent to aim for a balanced budget as a goal.

"The economic problems are not going to get fixed in a year or two," he said. "Recovery may not occur until 2016."

The board suggested that the district cut $2.2 million in expenses. Options for obtaining this total came from information gained through recent public forums.

Killips said the public has suggested closing Pierce Lake School, slightly increasing class size, "paying to participate," in sports and clubs, relocating programs housed at the Washington Street Education Center, and adjusting transportation.

Other considerations include contracting some administrative positions and a technical assistant, wage insurance concessions, adjustments in the music program, reduction in maintenance and administration, and decreasing athletic funding.

Additional options may be considered as needed, and include decreasing kindergarten to half-time, modifying elementary level special programs (music, gym, art and library), returning to semesters at the high school, and becoming a School of Choice.

The board will begin voting on options at the next meeting.

Upcoming events:

•**Feb. 12-15**: No school in honor of Presidents' weekend.

•**Feb. 22**: School Board meeting at 7 pm at the Washington Street Education Center.

Call to action

The school board addressed the audience at the conclusion of the meeting Monday evening. Board President Laurel McDevitt said that she and others from the district had attended a meeting in Lansing on Monday morning and were surprised to learn from state representatives that they do not receive information on public opinion.

"I told them that they hear from me, and that people talk

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School of Rock

Instructor brings music to downtown Chelsea

By Daniel Lai
Heritage Newspapers

Taking a page from the 2003 blockbuster comedy "School of Rock," local resident Steve Shelhart is bringing his love of screaming guitar licks, head banging and everything rock and roll to Chelsea.

In October 2009, Shelhart expanded his guitar school, based out of his home in Rives Junction, to a small office on the second floor above the New Chelsea Market in downtown.

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Two days a week Shelhart teaches 17-year-olds through 70-year-olds everything from the basics of how to handle a guitar to performing blues, country and rock songs.

"I love to teach and I can teach someone just about anything they want to learn," he said.

A self-taught musician, Shelhart said he has been playing guitar since 1979 and teaching since 1986.

"Pretty early on people started offering me money to teach them how to play a song because they could see that I could," he said. "For awhile I was teaching as a side job, and then really started doing it as a business beginning in the '90s."

While obtaining an Associate's degree in guitar theory at Lansing Community College, Shelhart said his love for music grew exponentially.

"While I was in college, I wrote a score for a small jazz combo and I was honored that it was chosen by the faculty to be performed at a concert," he said.

Though trained in jazz and classical guitar, Shelhart said his comfort level is classic and modern rock music.

"Teaching people how to play lead guitar is a gift I have," he said. "I am very positive and nurturing with my lessons. That's why I like to have the private one-on-one lessons.

"I think it's cool to watch my students practice and then one day they come in and it just clicks."



Photo by Daniel Lai

Rives Junction resident Steve Shelhart teaches a song to one of his students at his downtown Chelsea office.

To help ease some fears of playing guitar, Shelhart said he lets his students bring in a CD, songbook or sheet music that interests them.

"I've taught students by using a book with structured lessons and I've taught students who bring in a CD and ask me how to play a particular song. It's up to the individual student and how much they want to take away from the lesson," he said.

Shelhart said he currently has around 15 lesson slots between students in Rives Junction and Chelsea.

"I would like to work with a lot more," he said. "That's one reason why I rented this space in Chelsea. I always wanted a location in downtown Chelsea but there was no availability

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Businesses to offer chocolate treats Feb. 13

Residents celebrate Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day

By Daniel Lai
Heritage Newspapers

Thirty-six local businesses are participating in this year's Chocolate Extravaganza in downtown Chelsea on Feb. 13.

Throughout the day, participating stores throughout Chelsea will offer free chocolate tasting, sales on chocolate-themed merchandise and family fun activities from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Brochures with event listings will be available on the day of the event at participating stores.

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"This is something fun for the whole family to enjoy. It's February, people are getting cabin fever and nothing is going on, so we usually get a good turnout," event coordinator Trinh Pifer said.

At Aberdeen Bike and Fitness, samples of brownies and a sale on outdoor clothing, bikes and accessories will take place.

Bumbles Dry Goods will offer samples of rabbit shaped chocolate cookies and a free silver heart with a $10 purchase.

The Chelsea Center for the Arts is offering chocolate treats and workshops from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Participants can create a Valentine's Day card for $17. From 1 to 3 p.m. participants can make a coiled wire heart. The fee is $30.

The Chelsea District Library will have samples of local chocolate treats and books on chocolate available to read.

Chelsea First Methodist Church will host a free bacon and eggs breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. complete with chocolate muffins.

The New Chelsea Market will have samples of Zingerman's candy bars from 10 a.m. to noon. Backyard gourmet chocolates and caramels from noon to 3 p.m. and heart-shaped chips and salsa from 3 to 5 p.m.

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Family Martial Arts donates books for reading month

By Daniel Lai
Heritage Newspapers

Jaeson Hotaling began first grade in September 2009 with a huge obstacle before him. Although he could count by fives and had learned to tell time, the 6-year-old Chelsea resident did not know how to read.

Today, Hotaling happily sits down with beginning chapter books and reads aloud to his younger brother, Bryce, his parents, and to anyone willing to hear him read. In just five months, the first grader went from being unable to recognize words on a page to reading well ahead of his age and grade level. In fact, reading is one of Hotaling's favorite pastimes.



Hotaling

When his mother, Master Ana Hotaling of Family Martial Arts, discovered a beginning-level children's book about one of her son's other favorite pastimes, Tae Kwon Do, she could not resist giving back to the school that helped Jaeson overcome that obstacle and become a voracious reader.

As a result, North Creek Elementary School has received 16 brand-new copies of "Tae Kwon Do!" - a donation for national "I Love to Read Month" from Family Martial Arts.

"I'm hoping that children will enjoy these books and be inspired to improve upon their reading skills," Hotaling said. "When a child is struggling to recognize words and sound out syllables, cute little animal stories sometimes just don't motivate. With this book, the kids at North Creek can boost their reading ability, enjoy a story about children just like themselves, and learn about an activity they may not know much about."

Written by Terry Pierce and illustrated by Todd Bonita, "Tae Kwon Do!" features young children participating in a Tae Kwon Do class, from the respectful bowing in through

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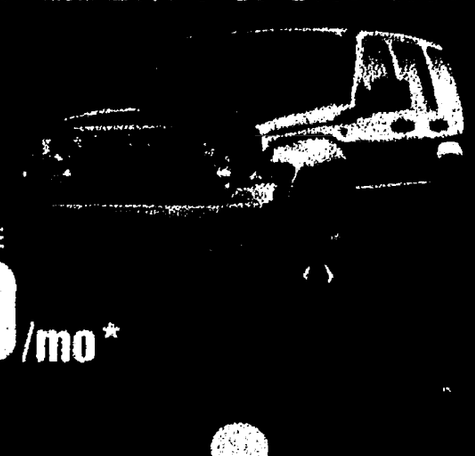
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CHOCOLATE

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will have samples of chocolate molded tools. Customers can look for items that have a red heart attached for a sale price.

Chelsea Woodworking will celebrate its four-year anniversary with free cake and treats, free gifts with purchase and storewide discounts on select items.

Cherry Optometry will offer chocolate covered cherries and a raffle for a pair of Polaroid sunglasses.

The Chelsea Teddy Bear Company will offer chocolate treats and T-shirt design for bears ($6). A 25 to 50 percent off sale on chocolate-named bears will also take place.

Cleary's Pub will offer samples of hot chocolate.

Comfort Inn of Chelsea is offering room rate specials with chocolate covered strawberries and a bottle of wine with a Jacuzzi room.

The Common Grill is offering free brownie bites at the back door. The menu will feature chocolate martinis and desserts.

Dayspring Gifts will offer samples of Gilbert's chocolates; free potted violets with a $20 purchase, or $3.99 each.

The Garden Mill will host "make your own chocolate treats." Participants can celebrate the Year of the Tiger with a free "lucky" chocolate coin and a sale on selected items.

Gemini Salon and Day Spa will have a chocolate fountain and a paraffin hand wax treatment, free carnations, a raffle and chair massages.

Gigi's Flowers will also offer a chocolate fountain and treats.

Gourmet Chocolate Café will have dozens of handmade chocolate treats to taste and 10 percent off of purchases.

Heydlauffs will offer samples of Jiffy Mix chocolate muffins baked fresh in a Heydlauff appliance.

La Jolla Fine Jewelry will offer samples of gourmet chocolates, cookies and sparkling cider.

Merkel's Furniture & Carpet One is offering samples of homemade brownies and coffee.

Mike's Deli is offering a free homemade chocolate treat with a meal purchase.

Mission Marketplace will hold a fair trade trunk show, a demonstration on cooking with chocolate, free spicy hot cocoa and temporary calligraphy tattoos.

Muleskinner Boot Camp will have samples of chili pepper chocolate and $20 off chocolate-colored waterproof work boots.

Pierce's Pastries will offer a lunch special of hot soup and a soft pretzel with cookies and hot chocolate.

The Potting Shed will offer samples of chocolate and tea and a free gift with purchases over $10.

Reed Barbering will have chocolate sampling.

Resale Bliss and Hearts Community Service will offer chocolate and cherry heart-shaped lollipops and a kids craft table.

Riemco Building Co. will have a chocolate surprise.

The River Gallery will offer signature cocoa jerky gift packs and samples of True North jerky.

Rose Cottage will offer pink and chocolate sweets and gourmet teas. There will be 15 percent off of everything pink storewide.

Tree House will offer free coffee served at Cherry Optometry.

Village Shoppe of Chelsea will feature new spring jewelry collection from Viva Beads and will offer chocolate covered cherry popcorn and other treats from Country Creation Dips.

Vogels and Fosters will offer chocolate treats and giveways.

Winans Jewelry will have a Trollbeads trunk show with promo giveaways.

Zou Zous will have several chocolate treats to sample and purchase.

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to me all the time, everywhere I go," McDevitt said. "But they said that as far as they are concerned, I'm just one person. Without numbers of people letting them know what we want to see happen, they don't feel any pressure."

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In addition to guitar lessons, Shelhart also runs his own professional recording studio and will begin performing with two bands around Southwest Michigan.

"I'm in the process of achieving a goal I set a long time ago," he said. "If you believe in what you want to do, you have to hang onto your dreams.

"To be a creator is an important thing to a musician. I am lucky where I can teach music during the day and then go home and work in my studio; it's a gift that I'm allowed to do and that I appreciate."

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the energetic warm ups to the punches, kicks, and board breaking for which this Korean martial art is known. Tae Kwon Do became an Olympic event at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

Jaeson is excited about the book donation to North Creek.

"Other kids at my school will read this, and maybe they'll learn to read better," he said. "And maybe they'll want to take Tae Kwon Do like me."

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Local resident publishes book on bereavement

Author writes from personal experiences

By Sarah Rigg
Special Writer

Kathy Williams knows about loss and bereavement, and she has used her life experiences to comfort others through her new book of art and inspirational writing, called "What Can I Say When Words Escape Me."

Williams' experiences with loss include going through a divorce a few years ago and then losing both her father and her job in 2008. Her father died in May 2008, and then in October of the same year, she lost a job as a purchaser in the automotive industry, an area in which she had been working for more than 20 years.

Williams launched a Web site featuring her paintings and inspirational writing, www.lifetimeartimpression.com, while going through her divorce. At first, she just wanted to sell her art as supplemental income. After she was laid off, she decided to use the site to help pursue her long-term dream of being an artist.

Williams, who grew up in Belleville and now lives in Ypsilanti, said she took a lot of art classes in high school.

"I really got a lot of enjoyment from art," Williams said. "In college, though, all my efforts for my associate's and bachelor's were for business. In my dream for my kids, I never wanted them to have to deal with me having a starving artist's salary. I thought I'd use my business background to launch my art business once they were grown and doing their own thing. But, obviously, circumstances turned for me."

Williams said she had always loved drawing and writing and decided, once she was laid off, that it was time to use her skills to reach out and touch people.

She started by creating inspirational writings, putting them in frames with pressed flowers from her father's funeral and gifting them to relatives. She said when she was writing the inspirational messages she tried to think what words of comfort her deceased father would want to give to Williams' mother.

"It was very therapeutic for me," she said.

Williams said she didn't try to sell the framed sayings for a while and developed "quite a collection" of the unique gifts. Several people told her she should collect the inspirational sayings she had written into a book.

And that's what Williams did. She partnered with Press Lorentz Publishing in Ann Arbor to create the book. She says it doesn't contain her personal stories of bereavements, but that the inspirational writing in the book springs from her experiences of loss and grief. Many categories of loss are covered, from loss of a job to the death of a child to the loss of a pet. Each section is illustrated with Williams' original nature photography.

Williams said she uses nature images blended with subtle spirituality in the book. It's not a clinical look at bereavement, but rather is filled with heartfelt messages of comfort.

For instance, the section on loss of a pet is called "Whiskers from Beyond." It's told in the voice of the departed pet, reassuring the pet owner that in the afterlife, the pet is sitting in the window waiting patiently.

"I know I seem far away, but I am near you, sitting in your lap, soothing your pain," the passage says, in part.

Williams said she has sold nearly four dozen of the books, and has been busy doing marketing and publicity for the book. On Feb. 18, Williams will be a guest on Dr. Gloria Horsley's radio show, which is podcast over the Internet. Williams will talk about her book during a show based on the theme of "Healing the Grieving Heart."

Williams said that writing the book and getting back to her first love of creating art has been a "powerful" experience.

"When I was a kid, I wanted to be an artist and an author," Williams said. "But when I started in the business world when I was 18 years old, I lost sight of my passion."

Williams said the desire to do art and writing remained dormant, but she was focused on making a good living.

"I wanted to make good money because I'd grown up poor," Williams said. "Then, 20 years later, I was 38, making six figures, and I was not happy. I was thinking, 'What happened?' It's crazy that it took me all these years to bring it full circle and figure out it's not about the money. It's about doing something that really touches your core and brings out your passion. It took me a long time to figure that out."



Kathy Williams knows about loss and bereavement, and has written the book "What Can I Say When Words Escape Me." Williams, who grew up in Belleville and now lives in Ypsilanti, has sold nearly four dozen of the books, and has been busy doing marketing and publicity for it.



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Winter Beach Blast set for Feb. 20

The sixth annual Winter Beach Blast, set from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Feb. 20 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds near Saline, will not only put winter-hardened attendees in the mood for balmier days to come, it will also promote awareness of cystic fibrosis and raise money to fund research that will help to extend the lives of those struggling with the disease.

The event, expected to draw more than 300 people, will offer fun, food and entertainment — all with a tropical flavor. Attendees can come as they are, but those who dress in Hawaiian shirts, hula skirts and the like will be eligible to win the "Best Beach Attire" contest.

A highlight of this year's event will be guest speaker Emily Schaller, 27, a native Detroiter whose nearly lifelong battle with cystic fibrosis has inspired the Rock CF Foundation (www.letsrockcf.org), dedicated to helping find a cure.

The entertainment headliner is comedian Kevin McPeek, who has brought down the house in appearances on HBO and Comedy Central.

The band 56Daze will play a repertoire ranging from rock 'n' roll classics to country, rhythm and blues, reggae and today's most popular hits.

Attendees will enjoy appetizers of the finger-food variety.

There also will be a silent auction and prize drawings.

Proceeds from the Winter Beach Blast — including tickets, the auction, and drawings — will benefit the Metro Detroit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Over the years, the event has raised upward of $126,000 to support cystic fibrosis research.

The Winter Beach Blast happens each year around this time, thanks to efforts of Saline residents Dan and Renee Dooley, and Bill and Wendy Beardsley, organizers of the event. Two of the Dooleys' three children have cystic fibrosis, and are successfully handling the disease, thanks in large part to recent advances in treatment as a result of aggressive ongoing medical research like that supported by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The cost is $35 per person and $27 of it is a tax-deductible donation. Groups can reserve a "Bahama Breeze" table for eight to 10 people at a cost of $360, with each member of the group able to tax-deduct $37.

Another option is a "Big Kahuna" corporate sponsorship for $1,000 and up.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.cfpartyforbreath.com, the event's Web site. Additional donations may be made there.

Silent auction and drawing items are still needed and volunteers are always welcome. Those interested may contact Wendy Beardsley at 429-3028.

Benefit to aid Alzheimer's Association

By Lisa Allmendinger
Heritage Newspapers

The Alzheimer's Association Michigan Great Lakes Chapter will host "Summer Somewhere," a fundraiser gala at Washtenaw Community College, March 19.

This year's theme will be "Play Ball" and the annual event helps to raise awareness for what the chapter does for Alzheimer's disease, said Nina Litz, secretary of the chapter.

Especially in this economy, chapter members hope to assist "all people suffering from Alzheimer's and their courageous families," Litz says.

The chapter board has a dedicated "Summer Somewhere" planning committee that coordinates the event.

The event is in need of sponsors and donors, which is made even more difficult in today's economic climate, Litz says.

In addition, the chapter committee is seeking silent auction items, which are one of the biggest monetary components of the annual event.

Auction items can range from the extravagant to less expensive items, says Helen Starman, a committee board member. She suggested gift certificates for restaurants, movie or theater tickets, a gift certificate for a jewelry-making, craft or gardening class.

Smaller donations support the cause and can be paired with other items, so people shouldn't feel as though they have to spend a large amount of money, especially in this economy, Starman says.

"This is an amazing fun-filled night where people can see first-hand all of our hearts and souls are dedicated to our cause," Litz says.

Fast Facts

What: Alzheimer's Association of Michigan, Great Lakes Chapter fundraiser called "Summer Somewhere — Play Ball"
When: 6 to 10 p.m. March 19
Where: Washtenaw Community College
Tickets: $35 per person, $200 for a team of 10 tickets
How to help: auction items, donors
For more information: Lori Ezrow, 475-7043, chapter headquarters, 310 N. Main St., Chelsea, 48118

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Photo courtesy of Meadowlark Builders

The Phoenix House was given its name because it is being built on the site of a family farmstead lost to fire.

Behind the Drywall features eco-home

By Sarah Rigg
Special Writer

Anyone interested in new "green" construction techniques is welcome to tour a Saline home, nicknamed The Phoenix House, Saturday.

Ann Arbor firms Architectural Resource and Meadowlark Builders have teamed up to host the tour. This week's event is just one installment of their Behind the Drywall Tour series, which features homes that have earned or are expected to earn a platinum designation through the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system.

"Basical , our company started with that mission in mind -- of producing the world's most efficient houses," said Doug Selby, co-owner and company president of Meadowlark Builders. "We have developed a reputation in town for being a company that can do that."

Selby said that Meadowlark and Architectural Resource are responsible for the first, second and third platinum LEED remodels in the state, and added that only about a dozen homes in the entire nation have met the platinum standard.

The newest home features solar panels, geothermal heating and cooling, and many other green design elements. Additionally, the specialized "building envelope" of the home is made to capture and store heat on cold winter days and to remain cool and dry in the summer.

"The first thing you can do is to lose less energy," Selby said. "The second is to use less energy, and the third is to make most of your own energy. That's how we approach it in a step-by-step process. First, we build a shell that doesn't lose energy because it's so well insulated."

Selby said a well-insulated shell makes a house quieter and more comfortably free of drafts, in addition to cutting down on utility bills.

After ensuring the building loses minimal amounts of energy, Selby said, the construction company installs a high-performance heating and cooling system that uses as little as one-eighth the amount of a traditional system.

Finally, the third part of the equation is to install systems — such as solar panels — that allow the homeowners to manufacture at least some of the energy the home needs.

"Solar panels and the like don't make sense until you've maximized the efficiency of the house, though," Selby said. "That's the best money you can spend."

The house also is intentionally being built with a "not so big" philosophy popularized by author Sarah Susanka's book called "Not so Big House" and several subsequent books on related topics.

"It's fundamental to any green project, the idea of building small, or not so big," said Michael Klement, principal with Architectural Resource.

He said one of the first questions he asks a client is how much space they think they will need and use. Making smaller homes means using fewer natural resources for construction and less energy to run and maintain the home once it's built.

The Phoenix House was given its name because it built on the property that once housed a farmstead that had been in the family for five generations. The original home was lost to fire in 2008.

"It's a story about Americana," said Klement. "This house is basically rising from the ashes of a historic home that was in the client's family for more than four generations. We're trying to rebuild the house with an eye toward history and a vision toward the future."

Selby and Klement said the 1850 oak timber salvaged from the original home will be re-used as the flooring and trim of the new home.

"The fire was obviously a distressing event," Selby said. "The owner talked about his great-grandfather building the house, and it was an emotional moment. The first thing I thought was that there was a lot of reusable wood. Let's use it for the finish material, flooring and trim. That way, every day (the owners) can at least look at the wood their great-grandfather put into the original house."

Selby said the new house is "disaster-proofed" and is designed so that the owners never have to move if they don't want to.

"It's very stable in terms of energy prices going forward, so they don't have to worry about energy bills," Selby said.

Klement said that the response to previous tours of eco-houses has been exciting.

"These Behind the Drywall green house tours have generated a lot of excitement," Klement said. "There's a real interest in Michigan in looking at how we're building and how we should be building for the next century. We're excited to see Michigan leading the charge in turning the Rust Belt into the Greenbelt."

Klement said that Michigan — with its rich water and wind resources — is "perfectly poised" to lead the Midwest, and possibly the nation, into the green industry of the next century.

"My personal charge is to have Michigan become a leader in the green movement," Klement said. "We have the talent. We just have to put it all together."

On Saturday, employees of Meadowlark Builders and Architectural Resource will lead the tour and explain to the public the inner workings of the Phoenix Home. A guided tour will take place every hour, on the hour, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each tour can accommodate up to 30 people. Since this is a construction site, boots and appropriate winter attire should be worn.

Selby said that 60 or 70 students from various programs around the state are coming to take the tour. He said he expects the event to be so popular they may have to schedule a second date for the tour.

"All the tours are extremely well attended," Selby said. "They've been a lot of fun."

Anyone interested in the event can sign up for a tour by calling 332-1500 or visiting www.behindthedrywall.com.

Hage named general counsel to Eastern

Eastern Michigan University has named Gloria Hage its new general counsel, pending approval by the board of regents. The appointment is effective March 1.

Hage joins Eastern from the University of Michigan, where she was associate vice president and deputy general counsel in the Office of the Vice President and General Counsel, a position held since 2003.

The position involved day-to-day oversight of the legal affairs of the university, which included advising U of M on a broad spectrum of matters affecting its schools and colleges, health system campus and regional and off-site facilities. Hage joined U of M in 1992 as assistant general counsel. She also served as interim chief human resources officer in 2004.

Hage was active in various committees at U of M, including the Smoke Free Task Force, benefits, policy review and several search committees. Prior to joining U of M, Hage was an associate attorney at Butzel Long.

In a news release, Eastern Michigan University President Susan Martin said, "I am delighted to welcome Gloria as a critical addition to the Eastern Michigan University leadership team. Gloria has an outstanding reputation in the education and legal community, and we know she will make a strong contribution."

Hage said, "This is a great opportunity to join one of Michigan's premier institutions and have a significant role in assisting in its success and growth. I am looking forward to getting to know the outstanding faculty, staff and students at Eastern."

Hage's selection followed an extensive search. The EMU Executive Council, a broad group that includes presidential cabinet members and other top Eastern administrators, interviewed finalists. Hage's salary will be $230,000.

Ken McKanders, who has been general counsel since 1987, announced in November that he was leaving effective Feb. 28 to pursue other professional opportunities.

Hage received her juris doctorate from the University of Michigan, as well as a bachelor's degree in English language and literature. Hage lives in Northville with her husband, Christopher Miller. They have two children.

Talk focuses on interurbans

A program called "Mass Transit in the Early 1900s" will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Saline District Library.

Were people in Washtenaw County and, more specifically, Saline ahead of their time? Martha Churchill, a historian and researcher from Milan will present a program on interurbans in Washtenaw County at the meeting of the Saline Area Historical Society Feb. 21.

She will pay special attention to the Ypsilanti-Saline Interurban and "Old Maude," as the interurban car was fondly called. It ran along US-12. Historical society member Janice Harwood says when she was a child growing up on the family farm on Michigan Avenue, she heard how her great-grandfather would put milk, butter and eggs on the car to send to market in Ypsilanti.

Churchhill is co-author, with Mark Hildebrandt, of a book on interurbans in Washtenaw County.

The meeting will be held at the Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple St., Saline. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, call 429-4154 or e-mail joharwood@comcast.net.

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Question: WEB VIEWS

This week's question:

How often do you travel for vacation?

A. Once every few years
B. Once every couple years
C. Once a year
D. Twice a year or more

OTHER VOICES

Legislators should give up lifetime benefits

GUEST OPINION



PAM BYRNES

Across Michigan, residents are working hard, stretching their paychecks as far as they can go during these difficult times. Institutions that make up the foundation of our society and are key to our success, from schools to manufacturers and small businesses, are cutting back. In 1997, state lawmakers were offered retiree healthcare benefits when their retirement plans were changed from defined benefit to defined contribution.

Once state lawmakers have served six years, they receive a perk like no other — taxpayer-funded lifetime health care starting at age 55. That's simply unacceptable and completely unfair. Michigan residents have had their healthcare benefits slashed or eliminated altogether, regardless of how long they have worked at their jobs. Lawmakers should not receive special treatment, and that's why I'm supporting a plan to eliminate this unfair benefit.

I also want to make something absolutely clear — this perk is unacceptable no matter the state of the economy. Providing lawmakers with taxpayer-funded lifetime health care is inappropriate no matter how well or poor the state is doing.

Our plan will make sure that our state legislators lead by example. Our plan will end taxpayer-funded lifetime health care for all state lawmakers currently serving in the Legislature, regardless of whether they're in the House or Senate. The measure is expected to save the state nearly $5 million each year, according to the House Fiscal Agency.

After another difficult year, and a budget shortfall of at least $1.7 billion looming, lawmakers need to stand up and lead. As students, teachers, small-business owners, auto workers and others across the state continue to sacrifice due to unemployment and declining revenue, leadership in Lansing needs to do its share.

This is an issue that is bigger than partisan politics and will require cooperation across the aisle. The needs of Michigan's families must come before extravagant perks enjoyed by politicians. That's why I'm asking state Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop to drop his opposition and join us in our effort to eliminate taxpayer-funded lifetime health care for all current state lawmakers — not just future legislators.

While times are tough and it's difficult for anyone to give up benefits, we must never lose sight of the fact that we were elected to serve the people. We carry on a proud democratic tradition of looking out for the best interests of those we represent. Lawmakers are not a cut above everyone else and they should not be treated as such. Ending taxpayer-funded lifetime health care for lawmakers is another step toward ensuring all people in the state are treated equally.

House Speaker Pro Tempore Pam Byrnes, D-52nd District, can be contacted at 1-800-645-1581 or pambyrnes@house.mi.gov.



President, governor offer parallels

GUEST COLUMN



TIM SKUBICK

Obama and Granholm wish they had total control, but in the Congress there are 535 mini-presidents to contend with and in Lansing the governor has never fully mastered getting 148 mini-governors to march to her tune, either.

As President Barack Obama ends his first year in office and Gov. Jennifer Granholm enters her last, one is struck by the parallels.

First, the two are positively masterful at running for office. Second, both are severely challenged at running their respective governments.

A campaign is all about the candidate and he or she has almost total control over what is done. If somebody doesn't perform, out they go.

Ah, but if it were that simple when governing. Obama and Granholm wish they had total control, but in the Congress there are 535 mini-presidents to contend with and in Lansing the governor has never fully mastered getting 148 mini-governors to march to her tune, either.

Obama would never admit it, but his lack of experience probably cost him some victories this past year.

To her credit, Granholm has conceded that her lack of hands-on know-how made her less effective.

Both the president and the governor are highly competitive. Not wanting to lose in the legislative arena is a positive thing, but desire gets you only so far. Knowing the intricacies of crafting a deal is a fine art form that can't be mastered overnight.

The president is a work in progress on that front. His recent foray into the lions' den of the House GOP caucus is an indication that he "gets it."

The governor has scored a few successes. The take on her has always been (fairly or unfairly) that her staff has let her down, that she lacked the John Engler-type power and savvy to get things done. As she heads out the door, she might run out of time to finish her agenda.

On the plus side, Obama and Granholm aren't quitters. In fact, the president said so in his State of the Union speech.

The governor inferred it the other day when outlining some reforms by saying, "We are not going to miss the future" in Michigan.

That kind of drive serves them both very well — but that and $10 can get you an expensive cup of joe, too. Both need Republican votes to push their agendas and that creates a political push back from their own party.

Obama spent the first year in office fending off criticism from other Democrats almost as much as he did fending off GOP attacks.

Granholm is now in the same boat as she moves to include GOP blueprints for downsizing government.

The state House leader, Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire, was at the head of the line, tapping the Democratic governor on the head for adopting some 16 government reform ideas that he says the GOP wrote.

Even one Tea Party wag and the ultraconservative Mackinac Center gave a shoutout to the governor. That is unheard of around here.

Noticeably absent were similar shouts from House Democratic Speaker Andy Dillon and his Senate counterpart, Mike Prusi.

And therein lies the dilemma of working a deal with the enemy. The moment you give ground to the other guy, the home team cries foul.

The trick for Obama and Granholm is to make sure they get something in return to keep that home team on their side. Obama is trying to do that with health care and has the time to get it done, but the governor has yet to seal her "grand bargain" with concessions from the GOP.

The clock is ticking with less than 330 days remaining.

Tim Skubick is the host of the TV show "Off the Record" and blogs regularly at www.thenewsherald.com

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Advertising may help area's schools through tough times

Advertising within school districts has long been a controversial topic.

Most parents don't want their kids subjected to advertising in a learning environment and school district officials generally agree. Admittedly, our young people are barraged with often suggestive and sometimes downright insulting and offensive advertisements. They get it from television, from the radio and even just traveling down the highway from the many roadside billboards.

So, advertisements in schools, or at least on school property, must be treated carefully. If allowed, the advertisements must be monitored.

That said, if the advertisements are tactful and tastefully written, they might just help a school district's bottom line.

Certainly, the top priority should be to ensure any ads are not intrusive in the learning environment.

There does appear to be a Michigan business that could help schools achieve these goals. Alternative Revenue Development of Bloomfield Hills is a new company that just started working with schools last year. Sam Curcuru, president and chief executive officer of the firm, seems to have the right philosophy.

He says districts don't have to choose between money and the integrity of the learning environment.

"Our intent is not to target the kids," Curcuru said in a recent news story. "Students are students and they should be in a learning environment and not have that bombarded by advertising."

Curcuru's business includes four different media for advertising, none of which is within the classroom.

One medium is direct-to-home mailings, such as school newsletters, Parent-Teacher Organization communications and district newsletters.

Another is new media and technology, using things such as social networking sites, cell phone texting and even Bluetooth technology. Curcuru gave an example of how on some college campuses during football games, everyone in the audience with a Bluetooth-enabled phone receives an advertising message at one point in the game.

A third medium is district and school Web sites, where banner ads can be added at the top of the page. As part of this medium, Curcuru also is launching an e-commerce site that includes 415 national merchants.

The fourth element is on-campus signage, which Curcuru said is only available for high schools. Banners would be created with anywhere from 12 to 25 logos of participating sponsors.

The high-tech approach to allowing advertisements with integrity is intriguing. If this company and others can meet the lofty standards, they might just be what school districts need in garnering some extra funds.

Purists may be put off by advertisements in the schools and historically it hasn't been done much. Their concerns are legitimate. But in this capitalistic society, advertising is a basic function during a normal business day.

And, with the extreme financial pressures being experienced by our schools and communities, some new, different types of thinking are in order.

As Curcuru noted, advertising will not cure all the financial ills of a school district. But, we repeat, if done tactfully and monitored carefully by school officials and parents, it might help school systems get through these rugged times.

Technology is great — when it works

HOME FRONT



LISA ALLMENDINGER

Technology is great.

Until it quits working.

My DSL line got a tummy ache or something recently, and I spent an entire day waiting for the ATT technician to arrive to fix it.

Yup, on a Monday — deadline day for the newspapers.

Fortunately, most of my stories already had been written. But, as hour after hour passed — and I couldn't leave until the nice ATT technician arrived — my blood pressure escalated.

I wasn't able to check e-mail, which on a good day, is overwhelming.

I'm already road kill on the Super Information Highway, and today I felt like I'd been run over numerous times.

And I questioned whether "Conrad" at ATT got the phone number right. I gave him two numbers and I was sure he would probably give the call center the one number that wasn't working — the one with the DSL line on it, otherwise known as my fax line.

The ATT tech did eventually arrive and checked the line with a phone-like gizmo. He even showed me how to check to see if the problem was with my modem or the router that allows me to have a wireless connection to my laptop downstairs.

I wrote down his easy-to-follow directions, just in case I need to figure out the problem myself. Bypassing "Conrad," or "Bob" or "Bill" from some other country, who tells me to do all the things I've already done 10 times before I called him in the first place, would save me a lot of time.

"Conrad" works from a script and doesn't deviate from it.

Ben, the very nice technician, was not only polite, but adlibbed. He had a real conversation with me, in English. He also made the angry-looking red flashing light on my modem go away.

I am not sure what he did — this technology stuff is way over my head — but I'm sure glad he was able to do it.

And it didn't cost me anything, either. It really does pay to add that line protection to the phone bill for this very type of situation.

Ben also gave me his phone number, so I can skip the preamble, and get right to the heart of any future ATT connection problems.

I still don't know what caused it, but I do know it's now fixed.

Technology's great, especially when it works.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fundraiser a success

The Class of 2011 at Chelsea High School would like to thank everyone who participated in our can drive fundraiser in January. Thanks to you we met our goal and the money raised will be used towards prom this spring.

Thanks so much for the support.

Tracie Stoffer
Chelsea

Carlson needs economics class

Perhaps Mr. Carlson in his guest opinion on Feb. 2 ("Schauer of touch with district, reality") should also take a class in Economics 101. His version of the immediate past actions on the part of the government only tells part of the truth.

In reality, billions of your tax money has already gone to his "friends" in businesses that in a true free market economy should have been allowed to fail.

Those "friends," many of whose actions were a major part of helping cause our current recession, can now continue to support their extravagant lifestyles of expensive foreign cars and multi-million dollar homes on your tax money. Remember, the bailout was done by a Republican president with a Congress fully behind him that included many Republicans.

I am not happy with the way our current president nor the way our current congressman are handling the economy, but please, do not let Mr. Carlson fool you for a moment. His goal is to give billions more to the highest income people in the country, many of those who have already received bailouts or extravagant bonuses (which the bailout allowed and encouraged), as well as a number of supposed U.S. businesses that are taking jobs out of the country faster then lightning.

Somebody has to pay for it all eventually, and the Republicans and Democrats both know that it is the middle class, because — at the moment — that's where the easy pickings are. Your taxes whether openly or covertly have no place but to go up, especially with the way our current government is run and the way our representatives are elected.

It takes several terms of office for a representative to reach a level where he or she can actually achieve something because of our entrenched and self-serving party system, and that is not likely to change in our current district, regardless of what Mr. Carlson or other candidates for office would like you to believe, because of the 'swing' nature of our district.

I seriously doubt that Mr. Carlson will also be able to accomplish much except vote the party line for his two years in office.

It's time we understand that we have to elect someone who will stand up to the insiders in Washington of both parties, and keep re-electing that person and others of similar fortitude and beliefs — people who won't immediately acquiesce to pressure by party hacks who do not have our country's best interests in mind.

I am not running for any office, nor do I ever plan to. I am just a very concerned voting citizen who wants the best representation we can possibly get. Neither the current representatives at all levels, nor those seeking office, do I feel meet that qualification.

Michael Long
Chelsea

Community supports softball club

The Chelsea High School softball program would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us by coming to our spaghetti dinner fundraiser Jan. 29.

We would like to extend a great big "thank you" to Lynda Collins at Thompson's Pizza; this function would not happen without her support. We'd also like to thank Scott Eckland at ChelseaSigns for updating the sign he donated last year; Jet's Pizza for donating garlic bread; Bearclaw Coffee for donating coffee; McDonald's for donating drinks; Cottage Inn and CVS for helping advertise; Lisa Stebelton for working with the Chelsea Standard to advertise the event; and all of the businesses that donated items to our silent auction.

It was a wonderful evening of delicious food and great fellowship. Thank you for your support.

Tracie Stoffer
Chelsea

Birthday party lacks coverage

Thank you Judy Irwin for putting in writing in your Jan. 28 letter to the editor what most of Chelsea is thinking about The Chelsea Standard.

On Jan. 18, I called and talked with Daniel Lai at the Saline Reporter's office. I wanted someone to attend a birthday party on Jan. 23 for my aunt, who was turning 100. The party was being hosted by her three daughters at Saline Evangelical Home, where she resides. How convenient for the reporter to go there.

He said he would call me back. Three days later he called and said he had no one who could cover the story. He recommended that I take a picture and send the information to the newspaper.

My comment was, "I should do your job?"

Twenty-five years ago, Walt Leonard came to Webers in Ann Arbor to take pictures of our 25th class reunion. Now the newspaper cannot go two to three blocks to interview someone on their [sic] 100th birthday? How sad.

We need to read more human-interest stories these days.

By the way, her name is Lily Adams, she and her family have lived in Chelsea for many years.

The party was a great success. Two of her grandsons catered a lovely meal while Lily enjoyed visiting with 60 to 65 nieces and nephews and viewed a video of her two lone siblings, ages 89 and 91.

Sue Wood
Chelsea

Kelley's letter misses the mark

In the Jan. 28 edition of the Dexter Leader, there was a letter from Tim Kelley of Sylvan Township warning U.S. Rep. Mark Schauer to beware the win of Republican Scott Brown in Massachusetts, and tied the win to the people's revolt against comprehensive health care.

Sen. Brown's win had nothing to do with health care. Massachusetts already has a comprehensive health care law that requires all citizens to be insured.

In addition, I was comforted to find out recently that my church's social principles support basic universal health care, feeling that it is an inalienable human right, in the same vein that the Founding Fathers also recognized certain inalienable rights. This happens to be the same church to which former President George W. Bush belongs.

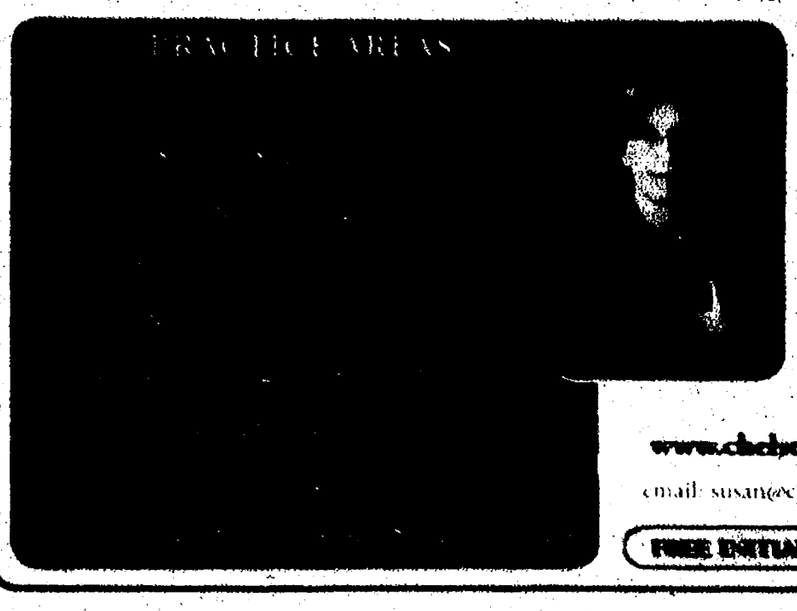
Political issues are too complex to boil down to simple talking points. Secondly, in the health care debate, people need to consider their Christian responsibilities in the treatment of their neighbors and those individuals and families less fortunate than themselves.

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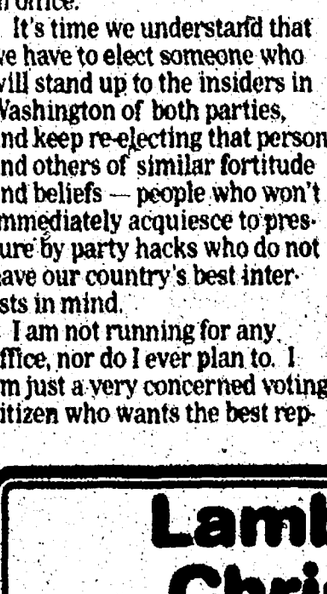
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Hospital sets sights on patient wellness

Chelsea Community Hospital, a member of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, is now participating in a recently expanded statewide patient safety collaborative focused on protecting emergency patients. The patient safety collaborative, coordinated by the Michigan Health & Hospital Association Keystone Center for Patient Safety & Quality, is known as MHA Keystone: Emergency Room.

The program seeks to prevent patient harm in hospital emergency rooms by improving safety, reducing overcrowding and treating sepsis (blood poisoning) in the early stages. Seventy-one hospitals are now participating in the statewide initiative through interventions that will help ensure that the most critically ill patients receive treatment first and reduce the likelihood that a patient will leave a hospital before receiving appropriate care.

The MHA Keystone Center has partnered with Lean Transformations Group LLC, in Ann Arbor, for the program.

"Our Emergency Department is already known for it's high quality of care, timely service and attentiveness to patient needs," Jim Barb, director of quality improvement at Chelsea Community Hospital said. "These are the qualities that keep our ER consistently ranked in the top 5 percent in the nation for patient-satisfaction. Our participation in the MHA Keystone ER collaborative will further ensure our patients receive the safest, highest quality care, and that both patient and staff satisfaction will increase."

The initiative began as a pilot project in fall 2008. In addition to Chelsea Community Hospital, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System has five other hospitals participating in the collaborative including: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor; St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, Howell; St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, Pontiac; St. Joseph Mercy Saline Hospital; and St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

NEWS BRIEFLY

Third grade students at Pierce Lake Elementary School in Chelsea will present "This is America" on March 18.

The presentation is a collection of music that includes some new and some old favorite American patriotic songs.

The fourth grade students are also in the early stages of preparing for their performance on April 29 at Pierce Elementary. The program is called "Get Singing," and includes music and songs supported by the Music Educators National Conference.

The first grade students at North Creek Elementary performed a winter music program on Dec. 17, 2009. It included songs and poems based on the book, "Snowmen at Night" by Caralyn Buehner.

The kindergarten and second grade students look forward to performing in May.

Andrea Miller is the music director and educator for all the elementary grades in Chelsea. She travels to both North Creek and Pierce Lake Elementary schools, teaching five different grade levels. She teaches a total of 840 students per week singing and playing instruments.



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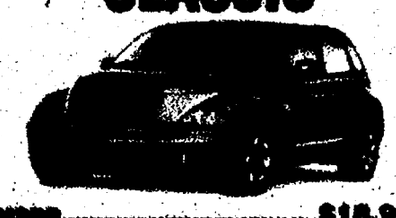
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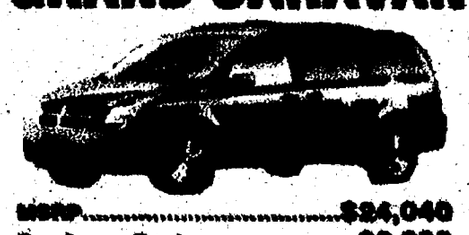
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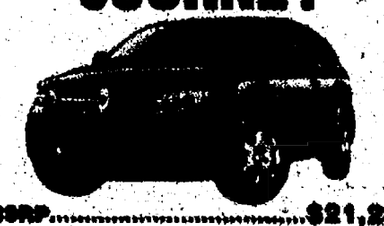
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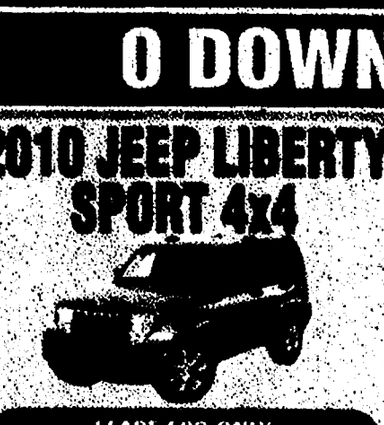
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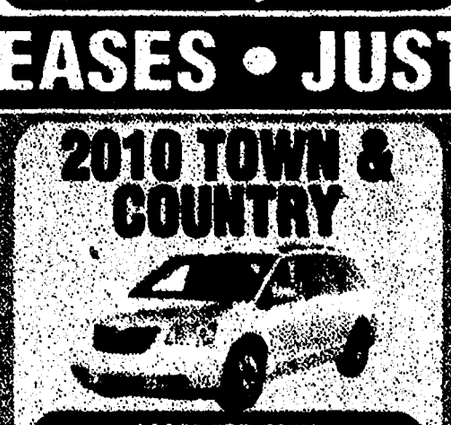
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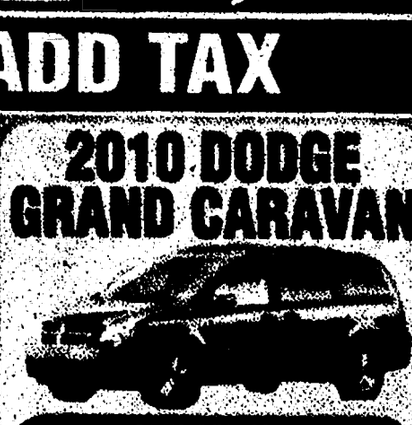
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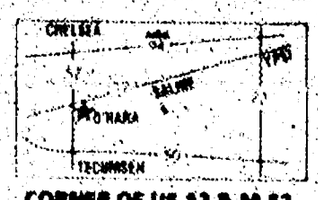
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Young 5's aid child development



Photo by Crystal Hayduk

Students in the Lambs of Our Savior Young 5's program play in the sand table.

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

CHELSEA

Several children draw pictures of their families and take turns telling teacher assistant Jane Kranz stories about their artwork.

At the other end of the brightly colored room, a second group of children work clumps of dough into balls as they help teacher Ginger Watson make tortillas. They giggle when the dough squeals in the press. A third group of children excitedly act out an elaborate drama with plastic animals at the sand table.

Taking place below the surface of these simple activities is a tremendous amount of learning and development in the minds and bodies of the children in the Young 5's program at Lambs of Our Savior Preschool.

"Every activity is planned specifically for some aspect of a child's development," Watson said. "Our goal is to go above and beyond the state's minimum requirements for pre-kindergarten education."

Using the family picture project as an example, working in a small group to draw requires children to share crayons, take turns and respect others' property (social development); and to manipulate work materials (small muscle coordination). Expressing ideas about their pictures, listening to other students, writing their names (language arts) and counting the number of people in the family (math readiness) are also important pre-kindergarten skills.

Diane Dobos, a Chelsea pediatric nurse practitioner, often discusses preschool education with families she works with.

"Even though preschool is not required yet by the state, the skills that children can learn in a good preschool program are very important," she said. "The kindergarten teachers will tell you that with the emphasis on academics now, it is even more important that children start kindergarten having specific skills and abilities or they will really be struggling. And a child who is struggling early on doesn't feel good about himself or herself or about school, and that can be a real problem."

Watson explained that a child's preschool experience is an influential part of their early years. Goals for the students include helping them to form positive self-concepts, teaching them to live in unity with others, allowing them to accept responsibility for the rewards and consequences of their actions, assisting them in gaining physical and academic independence, and guiding them to use and keep their innate curiosity about the world as a basis for lifelong learning.

Learning is achieved through activities that are structured similar to the kindergarten experience, but with time for free play as well.

"We have a learning center, a discovery center, an outdoor playground, an indoor gym area for inclement weather days, as well as a licensed kitchen for cooking," Laura Murphy, the school's director said.

The Young 5's program is targeted towards children who are too young to start kindergarten but are ready for more than a traditional preschool, or those who are old enough for kindergarten but not yet ready to begin school. Typically, children in a Young 5's program will turn 5 years old by March 1 of the school year. To begin kindergarten in Michigan, children must be 5 years old by Dec. 1; many states require children to be 5 years old by September of the kindergarten school year.

Cindy Mitchell sent all four of her children through the Young 5's program, which began in 1997.

"My kids were more than ready for kindergarten," she said. "Two of our children had late birthdays, and if anyone was wavering on sending their child to school or sending them to a Young 5's program, I'd definitely advise the Young 5's. That extra time gave Sophie and Mason more time to mature socially, and they are totally on top of their academic game. These days, there are high expectations for kindergarteners. They learn to read, they start writing, and all day every day kindergarten is a big step. Having an edge with maturity and academics makes success in kindergarten easy, and that makes a child feel good about himself or herself."

Crystal Hayduk is a freelance writer for The Chelsea Standard.

FYI

Young 5's is located at 1515 South Main St. in Chelsea. There will be an open house for interested families from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16.

Traditional preschool and Young 5's classes are available.

The Lambs of Our Savior Preschool also offers "Toddler Time." This program provides a one-hour parent-child activity for the toddler who is not quite old enough to attend traditional preschool. It allows parents to connect with one another in addition to gaining experience that facilitates the transition to preschool.

Bill could lower dropout age

Sen. Randy Richardville introduced legislation Jan. 20 that would lower the dropout age for students in Michigan schools.

"Requiring older students to remain in school when they don't want to be there can cause disruptions to teachers and those that want to learn," said Richardville, R-Dist. 17. "There are alternative educational opportunities available for these students that may better fit their needs."

Senate Bill 1076 would require a student to stay in school until he or she turns 16 by amending a new law that increases the dropout age from 16 to 18.

"As the husband of a public school educator, I understand the importance of providing an environment for students to learn and teachers to teach," Richardville said. "Forcing students to stay in school when they do not want to be there fails to provide an appropriate learning environment."

The bill will now go to the Senate Education Committee for consideration.

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Young gardeners learn ins and outs of plant life

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VIDEO Dexter Garden Club teaches preschoolers about plant life www.heritage.com



Preschool students learn about plant life at Generations Together greenhouse during the first Friday of every month. The event is sponsored by the Dexter Garden Club.

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

A small group of preschoolers at Generations Together received a very special lesson on the life cycle of plants from Dexter's green thumbed gals (and guys).

The Dexter Garden Club has been using a greenhouse at the Baker Road preschool built by local property owner Phil Jenkins since last year.

The Friday activities are a means of giving back to the school and the community as a show of gratitude for the greenhouse space.

"The first Friday of every month we're coming in and working with the 4- and 5-year-olds as a way of giving back," said Dexter Garden Club member Joan Lansdell.

Thus far the children have planted Crocus bulbs in November 2009 and salad seeds last month.

Last Friday the children transplanted their Crocus bulbs. On the other hand the children's lettuce plants are, as of yet, barely a forkful.

"The children are going to have a salad party when the lettuce is fully grown," Lansdell said. "They've picked out their favorite salad dressing and everything."

Last Friday the children sat down on the greenhouse floor and received a brief lesson on how seeds grow, followed by a play that enacts the life cycle of a seed and how the sun, clouds, rain and even the gardener come into play.

Some of the children had potato sacks on and curled up on the ground in their best seed impression, while other children holding what looked like picket signs with a sun, clouds and rain droplets walked by on cue.

Afterwards the garden club members got dirty with the kids planting their Crocus bulbs.

"When we first planted the Crocus seeds we had a little program about it discussing what they were," Lansdell said. "At this point they need to be cooled for 12 weeks and today we're going to bring them in."

Fellow garden club member Joanne Westman said she was excited about what the children were getting from the program.

"They grow their own food, but the biggest thing is that it's such a miracle in each seed," Westman said. "When we started the lettuce we passed out actual lettuce so the kids could feel it and taste it, so all of the senses are involved."

Other upcoming Dexter Garden Club projects include the annual plant sale on May 15 in Monument Park.

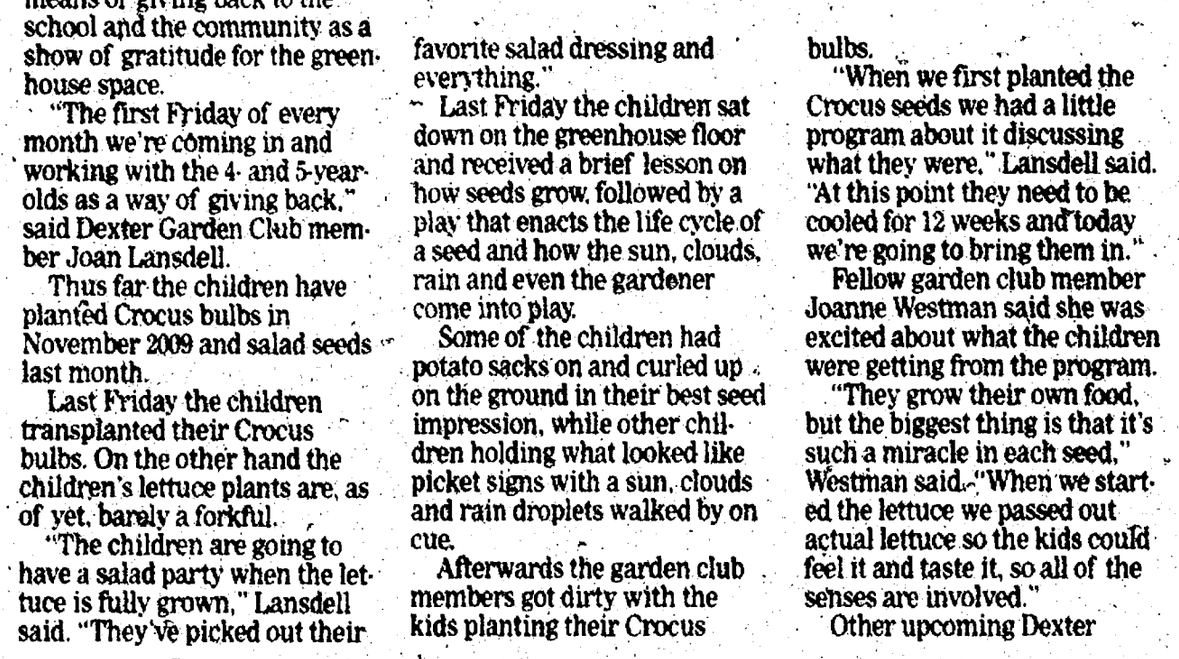
A garden walk is being discussed for this year but is not organized or defined yet.

Monthly meeting topics will include:

February: Garden pests and problems; Speaker from English Gardens Nursery.
March: Spring Ephemerals, Speaker Andrea Matthies will present a slide show and discussion on the ephemerals of spring.
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Valentine's Day concert to feature Chamber Players, romantic classical music

Fundraiser helps keep downtown concerts free

CHELSEA

By Daniel Lai
Staff Writer

The Chelsea Chamber Players will delight audiences with a concert of classic love songs at the Chelsea Depot on Feb. 14.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. and serves as a fundraiser to offset the expenses of the group's free concerts throughout the year.

"We're looking forward to the benefit concert this year," member Ian Cumming said. "It's a fun informal event we try to do every year around Valentine's Day."

Now in its third year, the concert will feature performances by the group's six core members as well as some special guests performing songs including "Blue Danube," George Gershwin's "Embraceable You," "My Funny Valentine," The Beatles' "Eleanor Rigby, "Tonight," "Ragtime Nightingale," "Someone to Watch Over Me," "Merry Widow," and "Two Hearts in 3/4 Time."

"We've had decent turnout every year," Cumming said. "It is well received by the public. The people like the music and the informal atmosphere. It's a fun event for everyone."

Tickets are $25 in advance and at the door. Tickets can be purchased through Cumming at 1-734-646-4674. Tickets can also be purchased by sending a check to the Chelsea Chamber Players, P.O. Box 572, Chelsea MI., 48118.

The event includes hors d'oeuvres, dessert and door prizes.

The Chelsea Chamber Players are a nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping classic chamber music alive in Chelsea.

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MILITARY NEWS

Marine Corps Pfc. Josh K. Campbell, son of Ronald Campbell of Pinckney recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Campbell and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Campbell spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments that included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Campbell and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values of honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Campbell and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

Gala selects luau theme

The annual Chelsea Education Foundation Gala will look a little different, and occur a month later this year. The gala will be a Hawaiian Luau at 6 p.m. March 20 at the Chelsea Comfort Inn located at 1645 Commerce Park Drive in Chelsea.

This year the event will feature dinner, a silent and live auction, raffles, entertainment and other fun activities. Tropical attire is preferred to go along with the theme.

The cost is $60 per person or $100 per couple. All proceeds will be used for a wide spectrum of educational projects, programs and scholarships.

Pioneer Arts Festival set

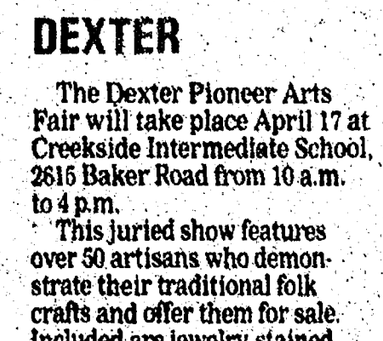
DEXTER

The Dexter Pioneer Arts Fair will take place April 17 at Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This juried show features over 50 artisans who demonstrate their traditional folk crafts and offer them for sale. Included are jewelry, stained glass, weaving and quilting, watercolors, wood carving, spinning, toys, and lace making, among others.

A craft table for children and homemade bakes are also included.

The fair is sponsored by the Dexter Area Historical Society, and proceeds support the work of the society and maintenance of the Dexter Area Historical Museum. Admission is $3 for adults and 50 cents for students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade.



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YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com) – Eastern Michigan University Head Football Coach **Ron English** traveled the entire country and Canada to sign his second recruiting class for the Eagles.

"This recruiting class is big on size," English said. "We addressed our needs up front on both sides of the ball. We also have several players in this class with explosive speed."

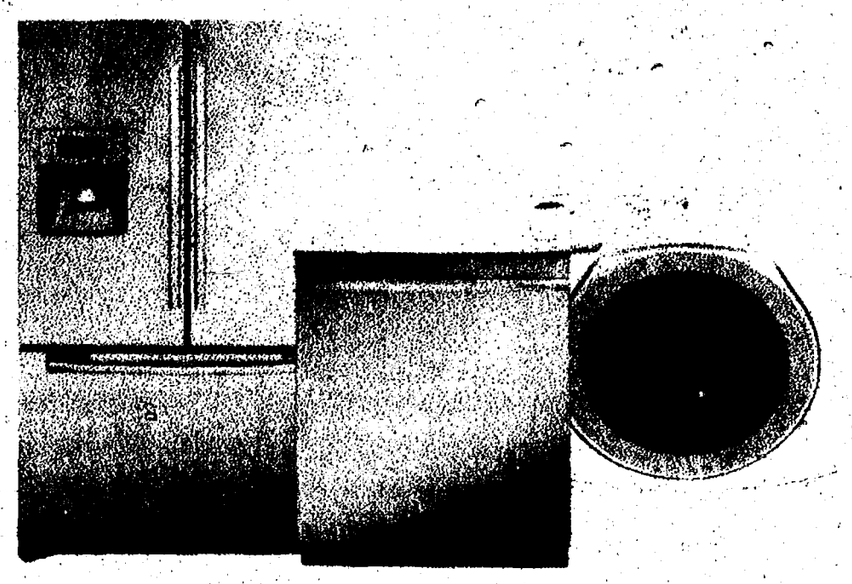
The 2010 Class of 23 recruits includes five junior college players, 12 incoming freshmen and six players that are already enrolled at EMU.

The Class of 2010 is listed below.

Eastern Michigan University Football Recruits-2010

Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Class
Hometown, High School-Previous School				
Tyler Benz	QB	6-3	213	Fr.-Fr.
Park Ridge, Ill.-Maine Township South				
Jeremy Curry	LB	6-1	215	Fr.-Fr.
Bolingbrook, Ill.-Bolingbrook				
Jeramy Cutler	PNT/DT	5-10	274	Jr.-Jr.
Lakewood, Calif.-Lakewood-Cerritos (Calif.) J.C.				
Jordan Erbes	OL	6-4	263	Fr.-Fr.
Kettering, Ohio-Fairmont				
Daniel Gambrell	TE	6-6	248	Fr.-Fr.
Cleveland, Ohio-Glenville				
Kelip Goodwin	SAF	6-1	190	Fr.-Fr.
South Haven, Mich.-South Haven				
Terrance Gourdine	WR	6-0	179	Fr.-Fr.
Miramar, Fla.-Miramar				
Jasper Grimes	DT	6-2	310	Jr.-Jr.
Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.-Dwyer-Fort Scott (Kan.) C.C.				
Lincoln Hansen	OL	6-6	309	Fr.-Fr.
Valley, Neb.-Millard North				
Desdan Hester	LB	6-2	221	Fr.-Fr.
Atlanta, Ga.-McNair				
Robert McFadden	OL	6-7	260	Fr.-Fr.
Swartz Creek, Mich.-Carman-Ainsworth				
Darius Moffett	LB	6-3	225	Fr.-Fr.
Chicago, Ill.-Hubbard				
Garrett Parker	OL	6-5	322	Fr.-Fr.
Tinley Park, Ill.-Tinley Park Andrew				
Marcus Penn	SAF	6-0	194	Fr.-Fr.
Columbus, Ohio-Whetstone				
Keondric Reynolds	WR	5-10	178	Jr.-Jr.
Woodbridge, Va.-Hylton-College of the Sequoias (Calif.)				
Donald Scott	WR	6-0	179	Fr.-Fr.
Apopka, Fla.-Apopka				
Latarrius Thomas	SAF	6-1	206	Sr.-Sr.
New Smyrna, Fla.-New Smyrna Beach-Louisville				
Malcolm Thomas	SAF	6-0	175	Fr.-Fr.
McColl, S.C.-Marlboro				
Colin Weingrad	LB	6-0	230	Fr.-Fr.
Woodlands, Texas-College Park-The Hun School (N.J.)				
Jabar Westerman	DL	6-2	292	Jr.-Jr.
Brampton, Ontario, Canada-Notre Dame Catholic; Dodge City (Kan.) C.C.				
Willie Williams	CB	6-0	195	Jr.-Jr.
Los Angeles, Calif.-Dorsey-Glendale (Calif.) C.C.				
Josh Woods	OL	6-5	299	Fr.-Fr.
Cocoa, Fla.-Cocoa				
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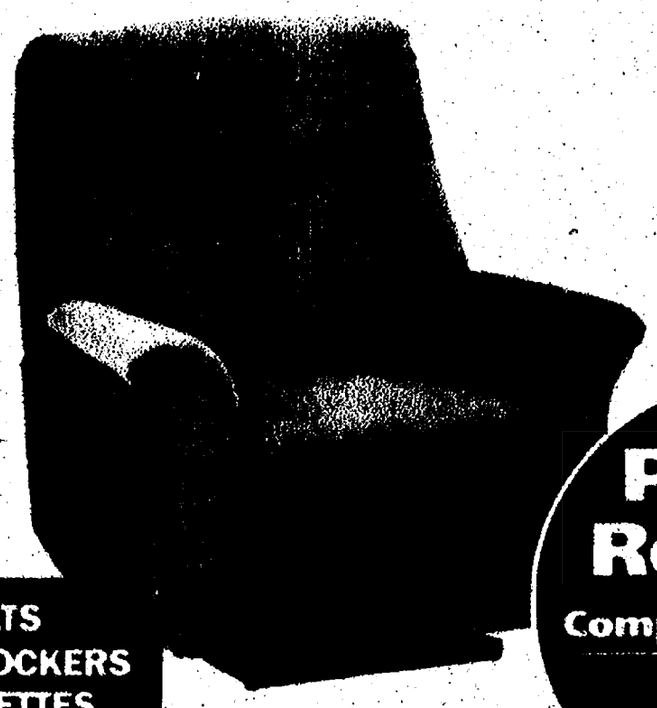
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BEST FRIENDS

Riley Brooks of Chelsea and Austin Brian of Ann Arbor hang out near the Chelsea American Legion Hall during the annual Winter Carnival. The two friends spent most of the afternoon playing on the frozen lake before heading indoors to enjoy a hot cup of chili at the legion's chili cook-off.

Dexter Community Schools sets dates for informal transportation hearings

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

Dexter Community Schools and the Washtenaw Intermediate School District will host a series of transportation meetings this month.

As part of the bond, district officials are working with Midwestern Consulting to conduct a transportation study in order to wring savings out of the district's transportation department.

One of the questions considered would be whether or not it's feasible to run transportation from its current location or relocate it to the central campus on Dan Hooey Road.

Superintendent Robert Glass feels that operating from the campus could save a lot of "dead end miles."

As part of the bond, district officials are working with Midwestern Consulting to conduct a transportation study in order to wring savings out of the district's transportation department.

The study also covers savings through route optimization and a bus pickup and drop-off loop.

The study is available at www.dexterschools.org. The meetings will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Creekside cafeteria.

The meeting dates and topics are as follows:

Feb. 11: Consolidation of K-12 ridership that puts all students on busses for a single ride time

Feb. 18: Relocating the transportation facility to the main campus

Feb. 23: Summary meeting and opportunity to provide input toward the administrative decision.

COLLEGE HONORS

Abney

Marie Carmen Abney was recently named to the Dean's List at Ohio Wesleyan University. She is the daughter of Steven and Regina Abney of Chelsea.

Benjamin

Erin Benjamin, a freshman at Hillsdale College was named to the Dean's List for the 2009 fall semester. Benjamin is the daughter of Jerry and Nancy Benjamin of Chelsea. She is a 2009 graduate of Chelsea High School.

Eckart

Kimberly Faith Eckart was recently named to the Dean's List at Ohio Wesleyan University. She is the daughter of Dale Eckart and Nancy Zaeh of Chelsea.

Hopp

Nichole Hopp of Chelsea was recently named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Robert Morris University. She is the daughter of Yvonne Hopp of Chelsea and is studying advanced culinary arts.

COLLEGE HONORS

Michigan Technological University has released its Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester, recognizing students who achieve grade point averages of 3.5 or higher.

Among the honorees are the following residents of Chelsea and Dexter: **Andrew N. Ramsey** (Chelsea), **David J. Bays** (Dexter) and **Frank M. Kopinski** (Dexter).

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Jennifer Houk has been named to the Dean's List at Siena Heights University for the fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must obtain a 3.5 grade point average for 12 or more semester hours of letter graded work.

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Douglas Houk of Chelsea has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was honored during a recent induction ceremony at Eastern Michigan University.

"It is only fitting that a top academic achiever like Douglas be recognized by Golden Key," said John W. Mitchell, Golden Key's chief executive officer. "Our members are inspired and motivated not only to achieve exceptional academic accomplishments, but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."

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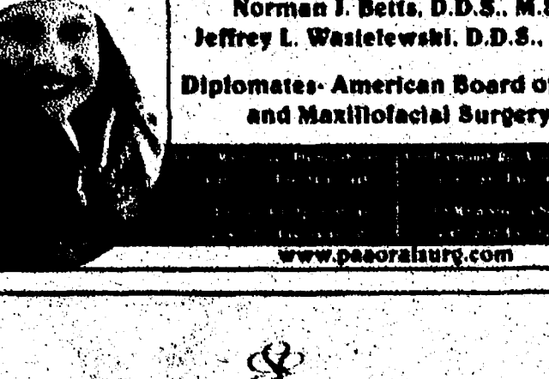
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Washtenaw County Road Commission develops budget

By Lisa Allmendinger
Heritage Newspapers

Washtenaw County Road Commission Managing Director Steve Puuri recently offered some good news to road commissioners.

An anticipated $1.6 million deficit for 2009 may end up as $500,000 in the black.

"At worse case, it will be dead even," Puuri told road commissioners at a meeting Feb. 2. "We've been able to crawl out of a deep hole."

The flip from red to black was fueled by a "soft winter," Puuri said, higher-than-expected state funds and other cuts, including a hiring freeze and gradual reduction of staff from 158 employees to 134, self-administered healthcare cost adjustments, building heat and cooling cost savings, as well as hard work by employees.

"The tree removal crew has grown by 10 (people)," Puuri said because snow plow drivers have been shifted to the crew because of less-than-usual snowfall so far this winter.

Road commission staff members were anticipating a 3 percent reduction in state funding, but it ended up as a 0.8 percent reduction.

In 2009, the road commission received about $16.6 million and in 2009 that amount was about $16.2 million.

Year-end books are in the audit stages and final totals will be available soon.

The Road Commission has allocated $500,000 for its local road matching program, which includes $423,077 countywide.

In addition, there is a new drainage matching funds program for local uncurbed, non-subdivision roads for up to $200,000. The program will include berm removal, ditch establishment and restoration, large culvert and bridge replacement.

The following is a list of each township and the matching funds available based on Michigan Department of Transportation funding formulas, as well as the amount of urban roads.

•Salem Township, $16,496 for local roads and $10,493 for drainage.

•Northfield Township, $24,534 for local roads and $13,732 for drainage.

•Webster Township, $17,659 for local roads, $11,792 for drainage.

•Dexter Township, $16,576 for roads and $6,932 for drainage.

•Lyndon Township, $12,265 for roads and $10,048 for drainage.

•Sylvan Township, $13,596 for roads and $11,489 for drainage

•Lima Township, $14,348 for roads and $12,745 for drainage.

•Scio Township, $37,230 for roads and $7,157 for drainage.

•Ann Arbor Township, $12,430 for roads and $3,833 for drainage.

•Superior Township, $30,810 for roads and $8,793 for drainage.

•Ypsilanti Township, $106,556 for roads and $5,924 for drainage.

•Pittsfield Township, $68,895 for roads and $4,669 for drainage.

•Lodi Township, $23,084 for roads and $12,879 for drainage.

•Freedom Township, $13,824 for roads and $13,684 for drainage.

•Sharon Township, $10,554 for roads and $9,971 for drainage.

•Manchester Township, $14,074 for roads and $13,176 for drainage.

•Bridgewater, $11,897 for roads and $11,481 for drainage.

•Saline Township, $26,923 for roads and $8,521 for drainage.

•York Township, $26,923 for roads and $8,521 for drainage.

•Augusta Township, $18,818 for roads and $14,554 for drainage.

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Enviro-weather info available

By Lisa Allmendinger
Heritage Newspapers

Area farmers have a new Web-based pest control/weather center.

Called Enviro-weather, it's a pest, natural resource and production management tool available to field crop, vegetable, fruit, tree and turfgrass farmers, or to anyone else interested in weather and weather-related information.

The new Web address is www.Enviroweather.msu.edu

This new resource includes:

- Models for predicting insect or disease problems.
- Provides precipitation, temperature and growing degree day information.
- Has statewide weather observations, including a location in Monroe and Lenawee counties.
- Provides National Weather Service regional climate summaries
- Has climate information and long lead outlooks.
- Satellite images.
- Severe weather information.
- Other state, general or agricultural weather information.

Enviro-weather is a collaborative project between the Michigan Climatological Resources Program, Michigan State University Pest Management Program and is supported by Project GREEN, the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension, private donors and MSU.

Enviro-weather will be one of the topics at the March 23 Washtenaw County Farmers' Day program at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds near Saline.

The educational program takes places from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and costs $10 if paid by March 18, or $20 at the door.

The speaker will be Beth Bishop of Michigan State University, who will also talk about the importance to agriculture of an automated weather station for rural Washtenaw County.

Also included in the line-up are:

- Dr. Rich Leep, MSU, to speak about alfalfa varieties and the MSU Alfalfa Variety Trial program.
- Dr. Dan Hudson, MSU, to speak about barley varieties and production practices.
- Beth Bishop, MSU, to speak about the MSU Enviro-weather network available to vegetable and other farmers and the MAWN weather network.
- Ned Birkey, MSU, to speak about corn and alfalfa insects and the 2009 insect trapping report, including Western bean cutworms.

The 2010 MSU Field Crop Weed Control Guide and will be available for $12 and 2010 Insect, Nematode and Disease Control in Michigan Field Crops Guide bulletins are $7.50.

Those interested can register with payment to the Washtenaw County MSU Extension office, 705 N. Zeeb Road, Box 8645, Ann Arbor, 48107-8645.

For more information, contact Ned Birkey at Birkey@msu.edu or 260-3442.

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DINDOFFER, JOHN F.; Milan, MI; age 87; died Monday, February 8, 2010 in Toledo, Ohio. He was born August 6, 1922 in Detroit, Michigan to John F. and Elizabeth Dindoffer. On December 3, 1949 he married Bonnie Bausman in Angola, Indiana and she survives. John served in the Army during W.W. II and was a member of the VFW. After the service he worked at Ypsilanti Ford Motor Company for 35 Ω years before retiring. He had a passion for farming, gardening and woodworking and he enjoyed walking his dogs. Besides his wife, Bonnie, he is survived by his children, Dennis, Richard, John (Sandy) Dindoffer; three grandchildren, Stephanie (Mike) Finkbeiner, Johnathon Dindoffer, Brianna Dolak; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Thomas and Mark; and two brothers, Carl and Walter. Visitation will be Friday, February 12, 2010 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at **Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home**, Milan where Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. Burial following at Marble Park Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer Association or Paralyzed Veterans of American.
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GLESKE, ELMER GOTTLIEB, "Al"; on January 31, 2010. Beloved husband of Mary Ellen Gleske; former husband of Joan Ellen Gleske (deceased); loving father of Robert Gleske (deceased) and his wife Wyona and John Gleske and his wife Audrey; grandfather of Jennifer, Sam, Jacob and Alan. Family will receive friends at the **JOHN M. TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME, Inc.**, 147 Duke of Gloucester St. Annapolis, MD on Friday, February 12, 2010 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., where Service will be held Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 11 a.m. Internment will take place March 24, 2010 at 1 p.m. in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

GUENTHER, JENNIE H.; age 87; of Fowlerville; died Tuesday, February 2, 2010. She was born May 12, 1922, in Detroit to Anthony and Anna (Domanska) Lesniewski. She married Warren Guenther on July 22, 1957, in Angola, IN; he preceded her in death. She worked at Argus Camera, Xerox and University Microfilm. Surviving are her daughter, Gayle (Gary) Cameron of Fowlerville; step-daughter, Virginia (Virgil) Walker of Memphis, TN; two grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters. Visitation was 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, February 5, at **Niblack Funeral Home, Dillingham Liverance Chapel** with Funeral Mass Noon Saturday, February 6, 2010, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 3430 Dover St., Dexter. Interment in Bethlehem Cemetery, Ann Arbor.
www.niblackfuneralhome.com



HAZEN, DANIEL EDWARD; of Milan MI; age 33; died Sunday, January 31, 2010. He was born April 27, 1976, in Ann Arbor, the son of Thomas Hazen and Kathleen Garrett. Daniel was an insurance fraud investigator and enjoyed his work very much. He was a member of Saugatuck Masonic Lodge No. 328. He enjoyed traveling and especially cared for places with warm sunshine, beaches and palm trees. But most of all he loved his son, Alex. Daniel graduated from Saline High School in 1994. Daniel had a big heart and was loved by everyone he met. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Survivors include his son, Alexander; parents Kathleen (Ray) Garrett of Saline, MI and Thomas (Ilene) Hazen of Belleville, MI; sister, Chelli James of Las Vegas, NV; maternal grandmother, Thelma Wesley Helmke of Lake Placid, FL; and several aunts, uncles and cousins; he is also survived by former wife Cristy Hazen; step-children Kurt Eastabrooks, Stephanie and Ryan Conrad. Daniel was preceded in death by a brother, David Ralph James, his maternal grandfather William Wesley, and his paternal grandparents, A. Clair and Goldie Hazen. Memorial Services have been held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made for a trust fund to be setup for Daniel's son Alexander (Alexander Hazen Trust Fund, PO Box 738, Saline, MI 48176), or in Daniel's memory to the charity of your choice.

KEMP, DR. WALLACE R., JR.; age 80; died on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at his home in Melbourne, FL. He was known by family and his many friends as "Joe." He was born in Saginaw, MI, on April 22, 1929. Joe was a general practice physician in Dexter for 23 years. Between 1954 and 1998 he practiced medicine in TN, MI, NC and SC. The adventure he seemed to enjoy the most was serving our country as a United States Air Force Flight Surgeon from 1980 through 1987, including one year in Saudi Arabia. He was a loving husband, father and friend who had a wonderful sense of humor. He loved his country, civil war history, attending NASCAR races, "cruising" the Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Mexico and the Panama Canal. He was an active alumnus of the University of Michigan and loved Michigan football. Joe is survived by his wife, Janet, of 42 years; four sons, Douglas (Deborah) of Perrysburg, OH, Stephen (Linda) of Meadows, TX, Brian (Amy) of Troy, OH, and Paul (Diana) of Mt. Gilead, OH; step-son, David (Georgia) Knope of Dexter, MI; and step-daughter, Diane (Clyde) Berry of Satellite Beach, FL; as well as 16 grandchildren; one great grandchild; and 3 nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace and Verna Vedder Kemp, his sister, Hildegard Wenger, and his nephew, Jimmy Wenger. Viewing was held from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, February 5, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, February 6, at **Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Home** in Dexter, MI. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 6, at the funeral home followed by burial at Plainfield Cemetery, Plainfield, MI. Donations can be made to the University of Michigan Medical Alumni Association or the Dexter Fire Department.

HEYDLAUFF, SHIRLEY J. (TURNER); age 75; passed away at her winter home in Avon Park, FL, on February 7, 2010, after a short battle with cancer. She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Jerald L. Heydlauff; her brother, James R. Turner (Terry) of Saline, MI; daughters, Sharon Starling (Stephen) of Jackson, MI, and Sue Stanley (David) of Pinckney, MI; sons, Daniel (Kathy) of Colorado Springs, CO, Dale (Gloria) of Upper Arlington, OH, and David (Heather) of Dexter, MI; 14 grandchildren, Richmond Frederick (Andrea), Scott Klipstine (Alycia), Holly Roosa (Ryan), Christopher, Seth (Megan), Sara, Emma, Sabrina, Travis, Clifford and Ruby Heydlauff, Katie, Amy and Kari Pickell; and 1 great grandchild, Elijah Klipstine. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, E. Conrad and Emma Lee Turner. Born in Jackson, MI, on January 30, 1935, Shirley married Jerry on November 22, 1952. They raised their children on a family farm. Shirley worked as a book-keeper for several firms, as an independent owner-operator hauling freight around the country and as a research analyst for the Transportation Research Center at the University of Michigan. Avid travelers, Shirley and Jerry visited every U.S. state and Canadian province, virtually all of the nations of Central and South America and several European countries. Shirley was a gifted collector and refinisher of antiques, a skilled cook, a talented horticulturist and a lover of animals. She leaves behind her beloved Yorkie, Joy, who brought considerable happiness to her life. An Open House for family and friends to celebrate Shirley's life will be held at her home in Michigan from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 8. In lieu of flowers, if you choose to honor Shirley with a monetary contribution, please donate to your local hospice.

HOPKINS, SILAS G., JR.; of Chelsea, MI; age 83; passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born on July 18, 1926, in Fredville, KY, the son of Silas, Sr. and Berta (Wireman) Hopkins. On September 12, 1947, he married Inez Push in Toledo and she survives. Silas had lived in the area since 1939, coming from Kentucky. He served in the Navy during W.W.II and received the Purple Heart. He enjoyed his family, watching the wildlife in his back yard, building and remodeling homes, hunting and reading. In addition to his wife he is survived by two children, Garry (Nancy) Hopkins of Galesburg, MI, and Kathy (Jack) Anderson of Chelsea; four grandchildren, Todd and Scott Hopkins and Chad and Kelly Anderson; four great grandchildren; and brother- and sisters-in-law, Sola Hopkins of Chelsea, Ernest (Jean) Push of Grass Lake and Esta Bauer of Green Cove Park, FL. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Bruce, Alonzo, Harlan, John and Roscoe. Funeral Services were Friday, February 5, 2010, at 1 p.m. from the **Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home** with Doris Case officiating. Private burial took place at Oak Grove East Cemetery. The family received friends on Thursday, February 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 12 Noon until the hour of service. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Heart Association.

WOODY, LAURA M.; of Saline, MI; age 45; died February 7, 2010, at home with her loving family by her side. She was born January 25, 1965, in Paris, France, to Neil and Hilda (Kennedy) Stewart. On July 11, 1987, she married Ronald Woody and he survives. Laura was a loving wife and mother who in the early years of her children's lives chose to be a stay-at-home mom. In 2003 she received her Bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and then worked at EMU as an Administrative Assistant to the Associate Provost and also worked as the office manager at Oakwood Church in Saline, where her husband, Ron, is the Associate Pastor. In addition to her husband, Ron, she is survived by her children, Brandon, Sarah, Noah and Rachel, all at home; siblings, David (Cristeta) Stewart of San Diego, CA, Kimberly (Rick) Scheideman of South America and Susan (David) Pionk of Raleigh, NC; step-father, John Maher, of Port Huron; step-brothers, Michael (Debbie) Maher of Holly and Dan (Cherie) Maher of Troy; step-sister, Julie Maher of South Lyon; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Michael Stewart. Visitation will be Thursday, February 11, 2010, from 2 to 8 p.m. at **Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home**, Milan. Funeral Services will be held 11 a.m. Friday (In State 10 a.m.) at the Milan Free Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Marble Park Cemetery in Milan. Contributions may be made in her memory to a college fund for her children; envelopes are available at the funeral home.
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YOUNG, JERALDINE "GIGI"; age 78; a long-time resident of Cavanaugh Lake; died February 7, 2010; at Silver Maples, Chelsea, Michigan. She was born Jeraldine Ann O'Donnell, November 6, 1931, and attended St. Thomas and Ann Arbor schools. Warm and outgoing, she had a long tenure with the Human Resources Department of the University Hospitals. She married the love of her life, Jack "Cliff" Young, a pilot for what was then Universal Diecasting, now Johnson Controls. Together they became friends to about everyone at Cavanaugh Lake, aiding many elderly neighbors and young families alike. Although Gigi lost Jack on October 4, 1984, she continued as an active friend in her community. She was preceded in death by her great nephew and great niece, Cooper and Makenzie Young; her sister, Sharon K. Young; her parents, Erwin and Marion Guenther; and her nephew, Daniel Young. She is survived by her brother, Michael Guenther of Ann Arbor and his children, Cameron and Michelle; her nephew, Timothy Young of Chelsea and his children, Shelby, Lyndsey and Haylee; her great niece, Sidney Young of Boise, Idaho; her brother-in-law, Robert O'Neal Young, and her honorary grandchildren, Carly and Spencer Daniels of Chelsea. A Graveside Service and gathering of family and friends will be held at a later date. Memorial gifts can be made to the University Hospitals or to Arbor Hospice. Arrangements by **Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home**.



The Saline Distributive Educatioon Clubs of America team includes Kristi Andraeclk, Brandon Augustine, Jeremy Bebber, Catherine Bernard, Cole Burgess, Brandon Carmack, Robert Carroll, Heather Charles, Kyle Closslck, Josh Collins, Sean Cope, Rocco Comunker, Michael Coughlin, Noah Damoose, Victoria Deal, Carrie Eichler, Katrina Ezelnyi, Allison Finegan, Kelsey Gelde, Tyler Goff, Alex Greaves, Andrew Henna, Nate Hayes, Kyle Hendrickson, Jeffrey Hisson, Isaac Hodges, Derek Holden, Brooks Hurtle, Markus Hwang, Chris Hynek, Neeaz Khalatbari, Jason Kuck, Aniket Kulkarni, Alison Kunz, Jacob Leadbetter, Lauren Leslie, Keith Long, Sarah Marcyan, Austin McBee, Doug Mitchell, Alexis Northrup, Chelsey Northrup, Stephanie Olson, Justin Owen, Sam Panzica, Kelsey Perry, Kristen Powell, Dylan Price, Adriane Rasmussen, Chris Raymond, Josh Redles, Jen Roberts, Jessie Rogers, Michelle Rupp, Nicolette Salagean, Jenna Santure, Michael Sclater, Kelly Scriven, Erin Shumway, Matthew Sisken, Ryan Son, Chris Spense, David Stall, Collin Stueder, Becky Stubler, Marta Swenson, Jacob Townsend, Whitney Webb, Miranda Welch, Ariane Wellings, Deming Wice, Jade Wyatt, Michelle Young. Not pictured: Kyle Hargrove, Alek Porada and Ryan Steinbach. In front are Jenna Santure (left), Becky Stubler, Deming Wice and Kristi Andraeclk. In the back row are Erin Shumway (left), Sean Cope, Jeremy Bebber, Kyle Hendrickson and Kyle Closslck. Pictured are Collin Stauder (left), Keith Long, Nate Hayes and Josh Collins.

Marketing club brings home medals

Saline Distributive Education Clubs of America chapter took home the District IV conference trophy during the District Conference Jan. 7 at Eastern Michigan University.

For the third time in four years, Saline DECA took home the District IV trophy for having the highest overall team average on the occupational testing. There are 13 schools in the district.

Saline DECA was switched from District V to District IV four years ago, and the Saline team won the trophy in 2007 and 2008 in addition to this year's win.

"This is the best we've ever done at districts. It is an honor to be the president of this chapter," said Alex Greaves.

Saline DECA students also won 110 individual medals and 76 percent of the team was qualified.

Students must qualify beyond districts to attend the state and international competition. The district conference is the first of three qualifying conferences.

Saline DECA's next competition will be the State Career Development Conference in March where students will need to qualify to attend the International Career Development Conference held this year in Louisville, Ky. Coming out of the district conference, 62 marketing students qualified to attend this year's State Career Development conference.

The competition is conducted by having students take written comprehensive exams in marketing and management topics and by role playing impromptu business case problems with volunteer business professionals. Students may also present written business plans and promotional campaigns for real businesses.

Girbach awarded scholarship

Saline resident Sara Girbach has been awarded a $1,000 Dairy Memorial Scholarship by the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Inc.

Girbach is among five Michigan State University students to receive these scholarships. Awards are based on academics, extracurricular activities and interest in dairy industry careers.

In all, 32 students received more than $90,000 in dairy scholarships for the 2009-10 academic year.

Girbach's scholarship was one of five $1,000 scholarships provided by the Michigan Milk Producers Association in honor of Elsie, Mich. dairy farmer Velmar Green.

The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation Inc. oversees the largest scholarship program in the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. It is the university's second largest scholarship program; only the athletic scholarship program is larger.

Saline residents make dean's list

Several local students have been named to the Albion College dean's list for the fall 2009 semester.

Students named to the dean's list must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

Seth Dawson is a senior majoring in chemistry biochemistry. He is the son of Gregory Dawson of Saline and Linda Dawson of Ann Arbor, and is a graduate of Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

Angela Johnston was named a new Albion College Fellow. To attain the honor, students must maintain a 3.7 GPA for three consecutive semesters. Johnston is a senior majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry and philosophy. She is the daughter of Mark and Deborah Johnston of Saline, and is a graduate of Saline High School.

Lauren Roberts is a junior majoring in music and sociology and minoring in political science and gender studies. She is the daughter of Martin and Pamela Roberts of Saline, and is a graduate of Saline High School.

Mark Stevenson is a sophomore majoring in economics and management and minoring in communication studies, with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. He is the son of Paul Stevenson of Clinton and Brenda Stevenson of Tecumseh, and is a graduate of Michigan Lutheran Seminary.

Kyle Zill is a senior majoring in English education and minoring in history education and is completing the secondary education program. He is the son of Nathan and Susan Zill of Saline, and is a graduate of Saline High School.

Saline seeks nominees for awards program

Four awards to be given to local leaders, youth

By April Scarlett
Staff Writer

Nominations are being sought for Saline area community members deserving of any of three prestigious annual awards.

Each year, the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors "Saline Salutes," an event to honor members of the community in areas of service, lifetime achievement and vision.

The Citizen of the Year is someone who has contributed a significant amount of time within the community in a volunteer capacity, whether it be within one organization or many. The Lifetime Achievement Award recipient will be a person who has dedicated many years of service to his or her community, while the George A. Anderson Vision Award is for someone who serves in a volunteer or advisory capacity within a Saline area government entity.

A youth award also will be selected and presented by the Saline Youth Council.

Once nominations are collected, a selection committee of community members and past honorees will be established. Each nominee, and person making the nomination, will be vetted via written and or verbal interview, and final selections will be made.

"It's quite an event," said Larry Osterling, executive director of the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce, "there is quite a big effort put into the evening to make sure it is something really special for the honorees and the community."

On the evening of the awards, ticket holders have the option to join the recipients for dinner before the award ceremony.

Recipients can be any person living, working or volunteering in the Saline Area School District. Nominations will be accepted now through March 1.

For more information, to download a nomination application, or regisfer for tickets to the event, visit www.salinechamber.com.

AARP Foundation offers Women's Scholarship Program

The AARP Foundation is seeking entries to its fourth annual Women's Scholarship Program.

The scholarships will provide funds to women 40 and over that are seeking new job skills, training and educational opportunities to support themselves and their families.

"The AARP Foundation is pleased to be offering the Women's Scholarship Program again this year," said Michigan State Director Steve Gools in a news release.

While many individuals benefit from the work of the AARP Foundation, research shows that women are disproportionately at risk of having insufficient resources in the second half of their lives due to lower earning and different work patterns.

The AARP Foundation first announced the Women's — Scholarship Program in August of 2007 to help women 40 and older overcome financial and employment barriers by allowing them to participate in education and training opportunities they could otherwise not afford.

The foundation will award up to 100 scholarship awards ranging from $500 to $5,000, depending on financial need and the cost of the education or training program.

The scholarship program is made possible by the AARP Foundation, with additional support from the AARP Foundation Women's Leadership Circle.

Scholarships are available to eligible individuals with moderate to lower incomes and limited financial resources. To be eligible for the scholarships, applicants must be:

- Female and age 40 or older as of March 31.
- Able to demonstrate financial need.
- Enrolled in an accredited post-secondary school or training program within six months of the scholarship award date.

Priority consideration is given to women in three categories:

- Women raising children of another family member, such as grandparents raising grandchildren, or those raising siblings or nieces/nephews;
- Women who have been out of the workforce for an extended period of time; and
- Women in dead-end jobs — those with no opportunity for advancement, low pay and lacking either health or retirement benefits.

Scholarships may be used for any course of study at a public or private secondary school, including community colleges, technical schools and four-year universities. Funds are payable to the institution and may be used to pay for tuition, fees, and books.

Those interested can submit their applications online at www.aarpfoundationwlc.org. The application process closes on March 31, and scholarships will be awarded in early summer 2010.

An independent selection committee established by the AARP Foundation will choose scholarship winners on the basis of financial need, personal circumstances and achievements, educational goals and the likely impact of the scholarship on their lives and their families and communities.

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For more information about the AARP Foundation, visit www.aarpfoundationwlc.org.

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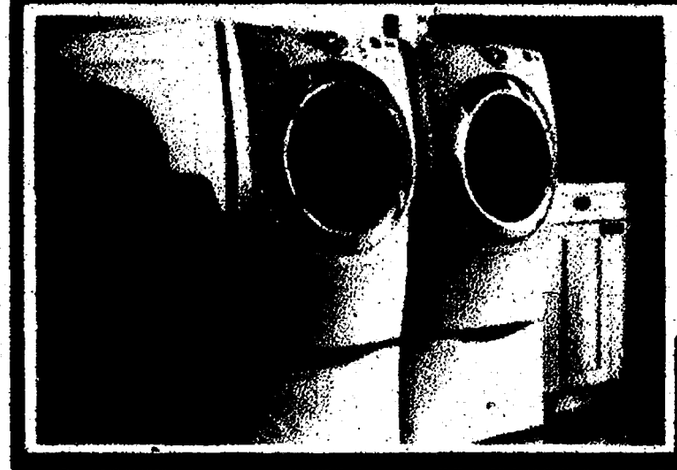
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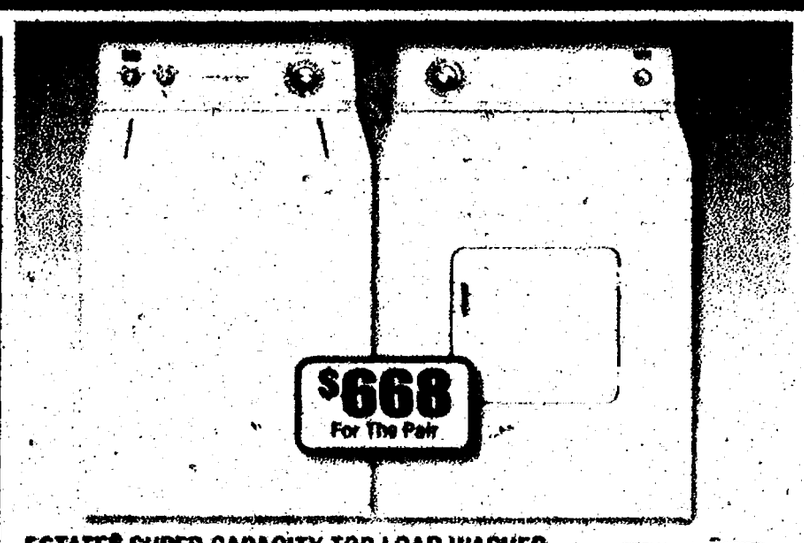


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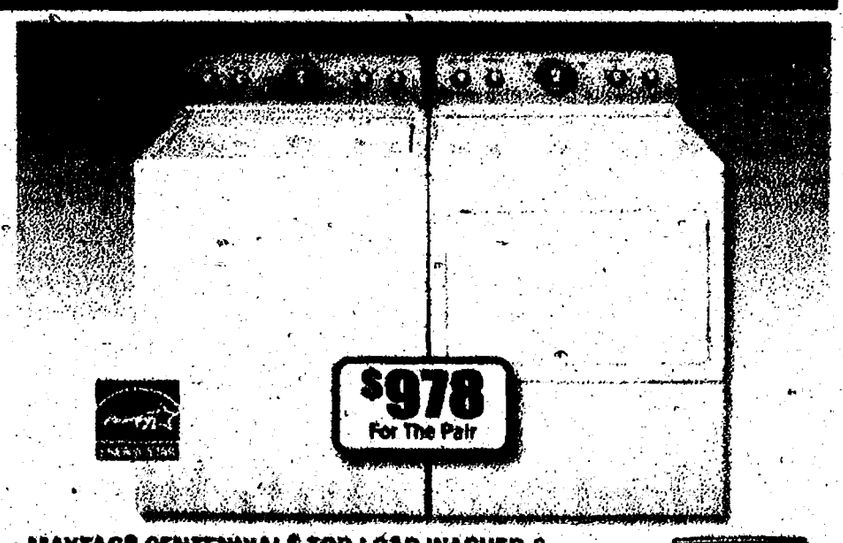
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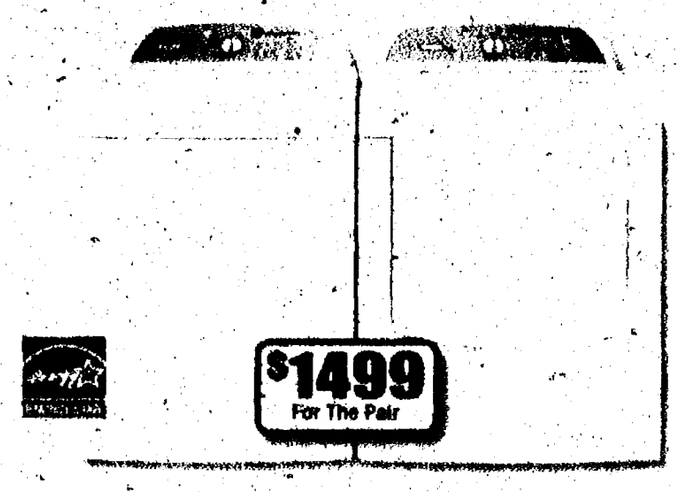
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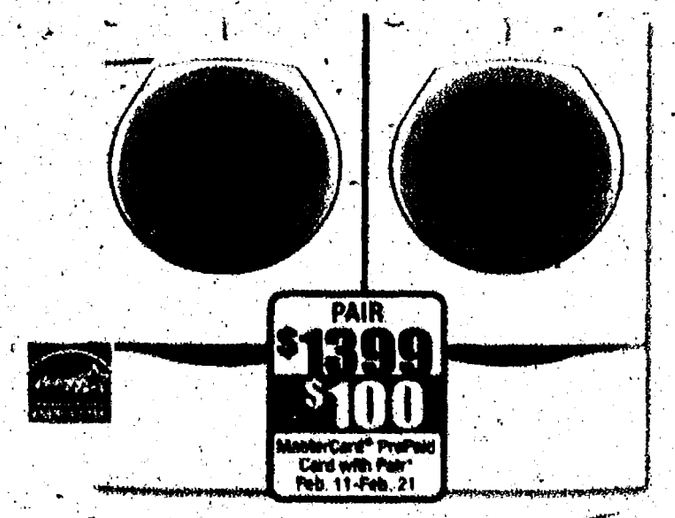
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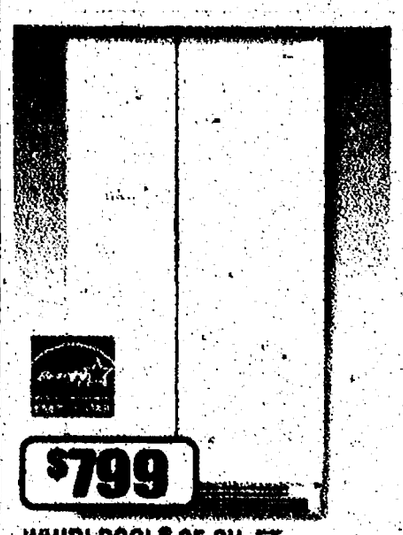
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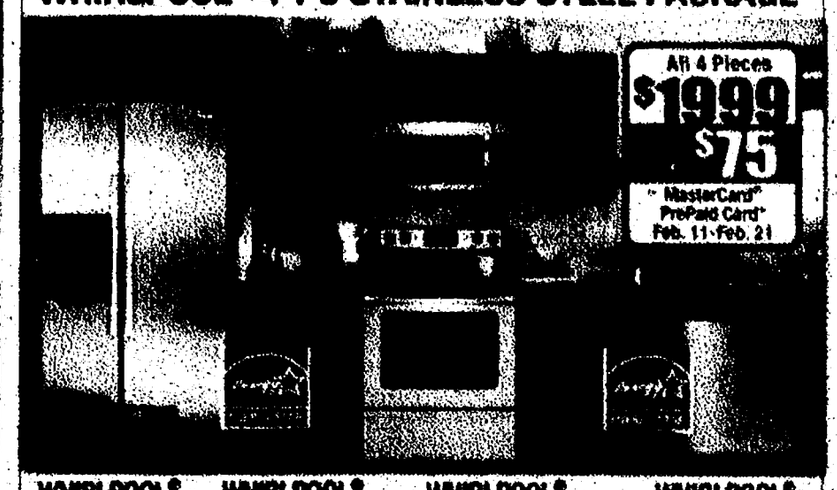


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Nursing assistant program starts in March

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

High unemployment nationwide, plus strong healthcare employment and rising senior population, equals a great opportunity — one that Washtenaw Community College and the United Methodist Retirement Communities are teaming up on in a win-win equation.

In a first for WCC, the college is offering a complete nursing skills program — classroom, lab and clinical instruction — at the Chelsea Retirement Community on West Middle Street in Chelsea.

"Working with WCC on this opportunity has allowed UMRC to move forward with our commitment to lifelong learning and education for our employees, residents and the community," said Todd Hanselman, director of human resources at UMRC. "We are very pleased to have a quality partner like WCC for this program."

The four-credit course will cover the basics in nursing assistant protocol, with emphasis on quality bedside care. Graduates will receive a certificate of completion in basic nursing assistant skills training, preparing them for employment as a certified nurse aide in a variety of healthcare environments, from nursing homes to hospitals.

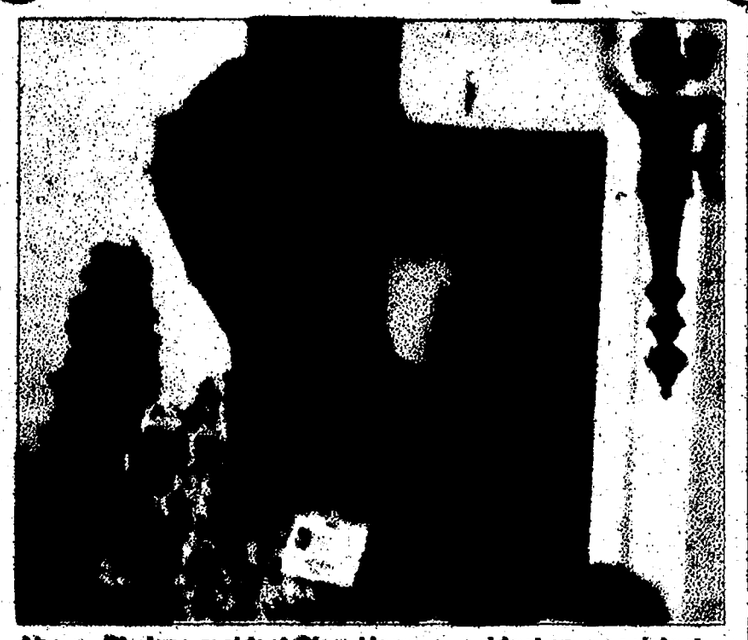
Josh Miller, an education nurse at UMRC, said the team of certified nurse aides is the backbone of the care-giving staff.

"They spend the majority of their time with our residents and have the opportunity to get to know the residents they serve," Miller said.

"They know their likes, dislikes and preferences, so we can provide exceptional, person-centered care."

A certified nurse aide will give assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing and hygiene, he said. They may use mechanical lifts for transferring people, provide assistance with feeding and help residents participate in activities.

"A good CNA is someone who genuinely cares about people and is here to serve," Miller said.





Above, Chelsea resident Clara Hopp, a resident care assistant at Towsley Village at Chelsea Retirement Community, and a graduate of the Washtenaw Community College nursing assistant program, helps residents with a musical group activity.

Right, Madison McCoy of Manchester, who is studying to become a geriatric nurse, earned her certified nurse aide certificate three years ago, and has been employed at Chelsea Retirement Community for nearly three years.

Madison McCoy of Manchester earned her certificate three years ago and has been employed by UMRC for nearly three years.

"I love being a CNA," she said. "Helping people makes me happy. Knowing people enjoy your presence makes you feel good. Sometimes we're all that they have as family. We put smiles on people's faces. That means a lot."

McCoy is taking prerequisites at WCC for a career as a geriatric nurse, and said her CNA qualifications are giving her good experience in the medical field.

"It's a good basic start," she said.

She enjoys her classes at WCC.

"Classes are a good size, the instructors are helpful and want you to succeed."

As a CNA, McCoy helps CRC residents with everyday activities — "getting dressed, brushing their teeth, anything you can think of," she said. "Every day is different. You never know what the day will bring when you walk in."

McCoy currently works in the Kresge Rehabilitation facility at Chelsea Retirement Community. "You do get attached and then people leave. That can be difficult," she said.

Chelsea resident Clara Hopp is a resident care assistant at Towsley Village, the Alzheimer and memory care residence at CRC.

"I see the residents really benefiting from our group activities," she said. "They especially like the sing-a-longs and musical groups.

"Music from when they were younger brings back many memories for them and I get to hear their interesting stories."

Hopp is a graduate of the WCC nursing assistant program and said it prepared her for many different situations, giving her confidence from day one.

"I feel well equipped to continue my education in the nursing field," she said.

Planning for the partnership between UMRC and Washtenaw Community College started about a year ago.

"Throughout the process the administration and staff at UMRC have been welcoming and enthusiastic," said WCC Health and Applied Technologies Dean Granville Lee.

"The UMRC is a recognized leader in senior residential and healthcare services. There is a lot of room to expand the partnership to include more educational opportunities."

The first five-week Basic Nursing Assistant Skills course kicks off March 15 with a mandatory orientation from 10 a.m. to noon March 8 in the Kresge Rehabilitation Center, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea. Class size is limited to 16.

For more information, contact Renee Stark at 973-3358 or e-mail rsstark@wccnet.edu.

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Students earn top ACT scores

The Michigan ACT State Organization and ACT recognized 30 Michigan high schools including schools in Ann Arbor, Dexter and Chelsea that had one or more students in the graduating class of 2009 earning a top score on the college admissions and placement exam.

"The schools recognized today have provided outstanding educational opportunities, and these students are well-prepared for college," said Dale Kuiper, director of admissions and financial aid at Calvin College, in a news release. Kuiper is also an ACT state representative.

"Earning a top composite score on the ACT is an honor for the student, but also for the school where the student has learned. The Michigan ACT State Organization and ACT commend these schools for the work they've done."

Only 638 of the more than 1.4 million 2009 graduates nationally who took the ACT earned a top composite score of 36. In Michigan, 39 high school graduates out of more than 121,000 tested in the graduating class of 2009 earned a top score on the ACT.

The local schools honored were Ann Arbor Pioneer High School, Ann Arbor Huron High School, Chelsea High School, Community High School in Ann Arbor, Dexter High School and Washtenaw Technical Middle College in Ann Arbor.

The ACT, a curriculum-based achievement test, consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science. Each test is scored on a scale of 1 to 36, and a student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. The average composite score for the national high school graduating class of 2009 was 21.1.

Some students also take ACT's optional writing test, but the score for that test is reported separately and is not included in the ACT composite score. ACT scores are accepted by all major U.S. colleges and universities.

The Michigan ACT State Organization is composed of secondary and postsecondary educators, agency personnel and leaders of statewide associations. The state organization provides advice to ACT and support for ACT programs and services in Michigan.

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THEATER REVIEW

'Spelling Bee' leaves audiences laughing

By Sam Dalbo
Heritage Newspapers

The joy of working for a local paper is that you get to write many bits – it was a joy writing a NOT reviewer and, believe it or not, it wasn't because I hated show it was very enjoyable, overall.

On the other hand it's hard to set aside the reporter in me when I'm expected to write one of the other "bits."

I simply couldn't fathom why so few people were in attendance. I was in only the fourth row, and all of the rest looked as empty, save for a couple people.

Each of those seats represented a tragically missed opportunity to watch the Encore Musical Theatre's newest production. Yet.

Actor Steve DeBruyne was also performing his one-man show upstairs at the Dexter Community Center, making it a double-header, evening of entertainment.

That last week's show wasn't the only one under-attended since the show opened last Thursday.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is a splendid, quirky, and very funny musical comedy that's a perfect fit for the Encore's intimate stage.

It's facetious, but shares many things in common with Reality.

The characters display the awful, good, quirky and downright scary traits we find in ourselves.

Which makes the Encore office takes as the Encore can continue to thrive financially.

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The Western Washtenaw Republican Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on the second floor of the Chelsea Clocktower. The special guest speaker will be Brian Rooney, candidate for Michigan's 7th Congressional District. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

Encore offers student discount

The Encore Theatre will offer $15 discount students tonight only for students with a valid I.D. The discount is open to students in middle school, high school and college.

"Tickets can be reserved on line at www.theencoretheatre.org or by calling 1-734-268-6200.

Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader

The Chelsea Standard and Dexter are now on Facebook. The site is a supplement to the www.heritage.com Web site and print editions of both newspapers. It features news, events, pictures and other fun information. To join, visit www.chelseastandard.com or www.dexterleader.com and click on the Facebook icon on the right hand side of the screen.

'Around Town with Linda'

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Courtney Aldrich, director of Chelsea Children's Cooperative Preschool. "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.

A new interview begins every Thursday evening and runs for a week. The guests all live or work in Chelsea, and everyone connected with the show is a volunteer.

Previous shows are available to view at McKune Memorial Library.

Mission Marketplace seeks applicants

The Mission Marketplace, a local nonprofit, is seeking a few dedicated individuals to serve on the Board of Directors who want a bit of passion in their lives and can be enthusiastic about fair trade.

The Marketplace is looking for various skill sets, especially legal, marketing and fundraising, plus plenty of attitude to make a difference. Must play well with others. Diversity is a goal.

To inquire, send e-mail to gailmcc@umich.edu. Resumes are welcome.

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For more information, call Kevin Frahm, executive director of The Mission Marketplace at 1-734-475-7604 www.themissionmarketplace.com.

Reunion meeting

The Chelsea High School Class of 1975 is holding a planning meeting for its 35th reunion at 7 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Wolverine Bar and Grill. Anyone interested in helping to plan the reunion is welcome to attend. Please bring current addresses of fellow classmates to the meeting. For more information call Anne Mann at 475-2420.

Garden Club seeks grant applicants

The Chelsea Area Garden Club has a limited number of small grants of $500 or less available to individuals or non-profit organizations for horticultural purposes that reflect the objectives of the CAGC.

Funds will be given for projects that benefit the local community, stimulate the love of gardening, promote environmentally responsible horticultural practices, and encourage all forms of conservation through education and demonstration.

Information and applications can be obtained at www.chelseagardenclub.com or by contacting Ruth Broesamle at 1-734-475-9803. Application deadline is March 31.

Purple Rose classes

Taught by resident artist Michelle Mountain and associate artist Stacie Hadgikosti, the "Voice & Movement" class is being offered on Mondays from Feb. 8 through March 15 with sessions from 2 to 5 p.m. or 7 to 10 p.m.

This class is designed to help students discover their full vocal and physical potential. This essential performance training will break physical habits, release negative tension and create the physical and emotional availability necessary for a successful performance. Cost for the class is $350.

Cherilyn's Basket Shop Workshop

A special Saturday workshop taught by Cherilyn Fontana will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 27 at Cherilyn's Basket Shop in Dexter.

The workshop will focus on creating a leather bushel basket. This sturdy semi-bushel basket is elegant in its simple design. A twined base, strongly woven walls with just a few thin rows of accent color, then a sturdy 5/8 inch rim make up this useful basket.

The special highlights are the leather bushel handles and unique suede lashing which match the accent color in the walls. Regular weaving tools are required. The class is $45 and is open to all weavers.

Register by mail by sending a check for the class fee to: Cherilyn Braun Basketweaving, 7300 Huron River Drive, Dexter, MI 48130.

Atrial Fibrillation Conference

St. Joseph Mercy Health System will host a Atrial Fibrillation Conference featuring national speaker and survivor Mellanie True Hills on March 4.

Registration begins at 6 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.

The event takes place at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 McAuley Drive in Ypsilanti.

To register, call 1-800-231-2211.

Parent Information Night

Dexter Community Schools will host an information night for parents on Feb. 23. Parents of the 2010-2011 incoming kindergarten and Young 5's class can meet with Bates Principal Roger Moore and Cornerstone Principal Craig McCalla.

The schools will be open at 5:30 p.m. for the tour and the meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Cornerstone's cafeteria.

This meeting is for parents only.

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The following have been issued for bids.

Bid Package No. 12 – Security. The work includes security door hardware, camera, and software installation. Bid proposals must be received prior to 1:00 p.m. on February 25.

Bid Package No. 13 – Site Improvements. The work includes asphalt paving, concrete paving, fences, play surfaces, tennis court surfaces. Bid proposals must be received prior to 1:00 p.m. on March 9, 2010.

Bid Package No. 14 – Testing, Adjusting & Balancing and Controls. Bid proposals must be received prior to 1:00 p.m. on March 9, 2010.

All bids must be submitted according to Project Manual Section 002113: Instructions to Bidders.

Bid documents are available via ftp at https://docs.grangerconstruction.com
Username: Dexter_Bidder, Password: Bid10101.

Bid security, in the form of bonds, must be submitted with all bids. EEO M/F/H/V. All bidders will be required to provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to accept other than a low bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities and/or errors in proposals. Owner: Dexter Community Schools. Construction Manager: Granger Construction, Lansing, MI. Architect: Kingscott Associates, Kalamazoo, MI. For more information contact Granger Construction at 734-424-5126.


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OTHER VOICES

Trustees voice concern over new police station

By Rod Anderson and Bill Holmberg
Guest Writers

As reported in last week's Chelsea Standard, the Chelsea City Council has voted 5-2 to begin construction of a $2.5 million police station/city office complex. The undersigned, as the council members voting against this project, believe that Chelsea taxpayers and other city stakeholders should know why we oppose this new construction.

First, let us all acknowledge that the current police station is not up to minimum municipal standards, and our police force is to be commended for continuing to do an outstanding job in such a poor facility. We would all like a new facility. But in today's dismal housing and jobs economy, our concern is, how we will pay for the station if city revenues continue to decline?

Taxable value of property in the city has decreased by 5 percent over the past year.

By extrapolating from the past few years, one predicts a decrease of perhaps 15 percent in taxable value cumulatively over the next two years. This would result in a decline in general fund revenue of roughly $500,000 annually, in a budget of a little over $4 million.

City Manager John Hanifan has done a good job of maintaining services in the face of the 5 percent decrease so far, but another 15 percent decrease is bound to have serious effects on services the city provides. We believe council should have mitigated this risk by delaying optional costs such as the police station until the economy shows concrete signs of recovery.

Finally, let us address some arguments presented in favor of building the police station this year. First it is argued that "we have waited too long to build a police station, so we can't wait any longer." We fail to see the logical basis for this argument. One could as easily argue that the fact that the department has continued to function in its current facility shows additional delays will be of minor consequence, at least in the short term. Second, "we need to spend the money now to stimulate economic development in the city."

This view doesn't take into account the fact that we will be spending tax dollars on this building, funds that otherwise would be spent by Chelsea taxpayers, who generally spend more wisely and expeditiously than government (even the city government) does. This argument is further weakened by the fact that the contractors for this project are not local.

Nevertheless, the council as a body voted favorably for the police station, and the project is going forward. We can only hope that the economic trend reverses before we find ourselves in a real financial bind.

We will leave until another time a discussion of the city's facilities process that left us with only a single viable option for improved police quarters.

Rod Anderson and Bill Holmberg are Chelsea City Council trustees. They can be reached at holmbergwilliam@sbcglobal.net and rod.anderson@sbcglobal.net.





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FROZEN FUN

Jasmine Sawicki of Michigan Center plays in the snow near the American Legion Hall in Chelsea.

OTHER VOICES

Chelsea should market self as historic attraction

By Ellen Thackery
Guest Writer

Historic buildings tell a community's story. When a community's historic buildings are mostly intact, as they are in Chelsea, both residents and visitors experience a unique sense of place and a connection to the past.

Historic buildings, however, are not only important to the past — they are important to a community's future. Historic buildings can attract small businesses, members of the creative class and heritage tourists — people seeking authentic cultural experiences. Heritage tourism is the fastest growing segment of the tourism industry. Additionally, rehabilitating historic buildings is one of the highest job-generating economic development options available.

In Michigan, investing $1 million in building rehabilitation creates more jobs than does the same investment in computer and data processing, trucking or manufacturing car parts or chemicals. Rehabilitation creates more jobs than new construction does, and, because people tend to be hired locally, those salary dollars circulate throughout the local economy.

One way that Chelsea could celebrate its strong sense of community and boost its local economy through heritage tourism and building rehabilitation is to list its downtown in the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Register is the nation's official list of historic places worthy of preservation. Being listed in the National Register is largely an honorary designation — the listing itself does not protect a place. An owner wishing to alter a National Register-listed building using private funds may do so without any consultation with a federal or state official. (Only the usual building permits at the local level would be required.) If an owner or a community wishes to alter a National Register-listed building using federal funds or a federal permit, then a state review of the project occurs.

> "Historic buildings can attract small businesses..."

For a historic place, being listed in the National Register can offer at least three major benefits. First, the designation gives owners of commercial buildings access to the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program. In a town with fewer than 5,000 residents, a State Rehabilitation Tax Credit becomes available as well. These tax credits can make rehabilitating historic properties feasible and can encourage investment in historic downtowns.

Second, the designation raises the profile of the listed community as a historic place to visit. With the listing, Chelsea would be automatically included in a nationwide database that many tourists consult when planning trips. Local businesses could also leverage the designation. An innkeeper with a National Register-listed building could market that distinction to heritage tourists in his promotional materials. Or a community might organize a walking tour of National Register-listed sites, encouraging heritage tourists to visit, shop, and eat, boosting the local economy.

Third, the listing can raise awareness of historic places in a community. The owner of a listed historic building could purchase a plaque that identifies his or her building as being listed in the National Register of Historic Places. That plaque can encourage residents and visitors alike to appreciate that building in a new way, and that heightened appreciation could lead to a new awareness and appreciation for other older buildings and a desire to preserve them, as well. National Register listing can spark appreciation for historic buildings and a desire to preserve a town's valuable historic character for the future.

If Chelsea is looking for a way to celebrate its unique historic qualities, raise awareness of its historic assets to encourage their preservation, attract heritage tourists, and encourage additional investment in downtown commercial properties, listing in the National Register of Historic Places represents one significant and very useful piece of a comprehensive community strategy.

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On Jan. 30, Bill Stech of Chelsea, and David Glaser of Sharon Township were ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons by The Rev. Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., the 10th bishop of Michigan.

Packed houses watches as Stetch, Glaser ordained to church's Order of Deacons

On Jan. 30, Bill Stech of Chelsea, and David Glaser of Sharon Township were ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons by The Rev. Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., the 10th bishop of Michigan.

The rite took place before a packed house. Stetch and Glaser are part of Total Ministry Team 2 that includes Kathy O'Connell, who has discerned gifts in Christian formation and church administration, and Nancy Scott who will be licensed in pastoral care. O'Connell and Scott will be commissioned later this year when Stetch and Glaser are ordained to the priesthood.

"I believe I speak for the whole congregation when I say we are thrilled that Bill and David's ordination day was celebrated," said Linda Sankovich. "Each of them has special talents and deep dedication to the service of Christ and Anglican ideals. They have been faithful in their studies and have already served St. Barnabas well for several years during this process, and it was a great day for all."

Ordination is a sacramental rite of the church by which God gives authority and the grace of the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by bishops to those being made bishops, priests and deacons according to the Book of Common Prayer.

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> LINDA SANKOVICH

The three distinct orders of bishops, priests and deacons have been characteristic of Christ's holy Catholic Church. Bishops carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising and uniting the church.

Presbyters (priests) are associated with bishops in the ministry of church governance, along with the church's ministry of missionary and pastoral work, in preaching of the Word of God, and in the administration of the sacraments.

Deacons assist bishops and priests in all of this work, and have special responsibility to minister in Christ's name to the poor, sick, suffering and helpless. The BCP provides rites for the ordination of bishops, priests and deacons.

The earliest known text of ordination rites is in the Apostolic Tradition of Hippolytus circa 215 A.D. The 1549 BCP did not include ordination rites. "The Form and Manner of Making and Consecrating of Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons" was published in 1550.

Rites for ordination were included in many subsequent revisions of the Prayer Book.

The preface to the Ordination Rites of the Prayer Book notes that the church intends to maintain and continue the three orders of bishops, priests and deacons.

The liturgical vestment (worn during worship) is usually a white alb, a rope cincture or belt, and a stole. Deacons wear the stole in a distinctive way. The stole rests on the left shoulder and lies diagonally across the chest down to the right hip where front and back of the stole join. The stoles worn by Stetch and Glaser were red — a traditional color for ordination — that symbolizes the coming of the Holy Spirit. As part of the rite, the ordinands also received Bibles.

LIBRARY LINKS

Borrow a business expert at Chelsea District Library

By Anna Cangialosi
Guest Writer

On Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. the Chelsea District Library will host its first-ever Borrow a Business Expert event. The concept is to gather a "living library" of experts on various business topics and invite the public to "borrow" an expert for a 10 to 15 minute discussion on that expert's topic.

This is a chance for entrepreneurs and small business owners to find the answers to a range of questions, all in one place. The event is presented by the library in partnership with the Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center, SCORE and Washtenaw Community College.

Borrow a Business Expert is part of the library's outreach to the business community to empower prospective and existing business owners to continue to develop and expand their enterprise. We have recruited experts who can address questions on the following topics: business law, finance, accounting and bookkeeping, human resources, retail, restaurants, visual merchandizing, marketing, advertising, public relations, media, web marketing and home-based businesses.

Those who attend are encouraged to bring any questions they may have in any of these areas and join us to "borrow" an expert who can speak directly to your inquiry.

The Chelsea District Library is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide equal access to quality resources that serve the lifelong cultural, educational and informational needs and interests of all people.

The library currently serves 14,000 residents in the Chelsea district - City of Chelsea, Dexter Village, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships and more than 20,000 individuals visit the library each month.

The library's facility is an access point for information including: books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, downloadable e-books, subscription databases as well as access to the Internet.

In addition to providing dynamic services to complement and support local schools and other important community needs, the Chelsea District Library strives to present timely, interesting and high-quality programs and events to engage and enrich the Chelsea community.

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Rivalry Friday ends in

Splitsville



Chelsea outlasts Dexter in a classic

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

It became clear right from the opening tip Friday night that the Chelsea-Dexter boys' basketball game would come down to the final possession. The rivals didn't disappoint.

With Chelsea clinging to a one-point lead with 12 seconds left on the clock, the Bulldogs' Charlie McCalla missed a free throw. Dexter's Dave LaMore corralled the rebound and flipped it to Matt Muchmore. The junior guard raced up the floor and found teammate Stefan Elslager, who took the ball hard to the basket. The senior guard drew a little contact and tossed up a shot that didn't fall. No whistle. No basket. No time left.

By the time the rebound came off the rim, the buzzer went off. And the Chelsea players went off to celebrate with their fans a hard-fought 36-35 victory at Dexter in a Southeastern Conference showdown that lived up to the hype.

Boys

CHELSEA 36
DEXTER 35

Chelsea improves to 9-4 overall and 5-3 in the Southeastern Conference while Dexter falls to 8-5, 4-4.

The cliches echoed throughout both communities leading up to this game. Throw out the records. Evenly matched teams. Anything can happen when these teams play. And they all proved to be accurate.

This wasn't a track meet, but more a defensive struggle in which every basket was earned. Outstanding defense by both teams (each team only scored five points in the fourth quarter). Few second chances. And even fewer turnovers. As one would expect, it was well played by both teams.

Want another cliché? It's too bad there had to be a loser.

This game was close from the start. There were 12 lead changes in the first half alone and 18 for the game. There were five ties. And the biggest lead of the game was three points four times – three in the fourth quarter by Chelsea.

"We couldn't shoot the basketball, it's that simple," Dexter coach Randy Swoverland said. "We couldn't shoot from the floor and again didn't make our free throws. We got off pretty good shots, but you can't win a game scoring 35 points."

For four quarters, it was anyone's game.

"We played really hard and played really well on defense except for a few slip ups," said LaMore. "The shots just wouldn't fall. We ran our sets well and got good shots, but we just couldn't make them."

Both teams failed to reach double figures in the first quarter. LaMore's aggressive drive to the basket gave the Dreadnaughts a 9-8 lead after one.

The hot-shooting McCalla opened the second quarter with a three-pointer to give the Bulldogs a lead they would soon surrender, take back and surrender again. Muchmore's jumper late in the quarter gave the Dreads their biggest lead of the game 20-17.

McCalla erased that with another triple with 45 seconds to play until halftime. Following a LaMore free throw, junior Mason Borders knocked down a jump shot to give the Bulldogs a 22-21 lead at halftime.

This time Elslager came out firing, knocking down a triple to start the third quarter to give Dexter a 24-22 lead. Chelsea's Colton Waterbury answered with a layup and McCalla nailed

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Photos by Burnit Strong

The Chelsea Bulldogs celebrate a back-and-forth win over rival Dexter on Friday in the first of two games between the two schools.



Dexter holds off Chelsea's late rally

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

Setting the tone early in a rivalry game is very important. And Dexter's Elly Mioduszewski did exactly that for the Dreadnaughts Friday night. She did it so well that the Bulldogs never recovered. In fact, except for a late surge in the fourth quarter, Dexter controlled the tempo from the opening tip to the final buzzer in a 39-30 win at Dexter.

Girls

DEXTER 39
CHELSEA 30

What many expected to be a close game throughout, was anything but as the Dreads held the Bulldogs to just three points in the first quarter and eight points at halftime.

And Dexter's girl in the middle helped put her team on top early.

The Dreads' Sara Goble, who has a sweet stroke, nailed a three-pointer to give Dexter a 3-0 lead. After Mioduszewski was fouled, she made the first free throw but missed the second. An aggressive player who never gives up on a play, Mioduszewski went after the miss, grabbed the rebound and scored – and was fouled again.

She nailed the free throw for a four-point play and a 7-0 Dexter lead with 5:40 to play in the first quarter. And really Chelsea never recovered.

Rachel Cooperrider finally got Chelsea on the board with a free throw to make it 7-1. Mioduszewski scored again inside to push the lead to 9-1 before the Bulldogs got their first and only basket of the quarter from sophomore Jessica Ruikka.

Chelsea's offense continued to struggle in the second quarter. A basket by Riley McDonald gave Dexter a 13-3 lead. The Bulldogs made it 15-6 when Cooperrider nailed a shot midway through the quarter. But the Dreads went on a 9-0 run, including three-pointers from McDonald and Nyki Caldwell. Chelsea's Lisa Keene scored just before the buzzer on a rebound to make it 24-8 at the break.

The Bulldogs started the third quarter with a 7-2 run, thanks to five points from Cooperrider. But Dexter scored the next four points and took a 31-17 lead into the final quarter.

Junior Zaryn Jennings opened the final quarter with a three-pointer to give Dexter a 31-17 lead.

Chelsea began to fight back and slowly chipped away at the Dexter lead. Things got interesting when junior Hannah Fitzsimmons nailed a three-pointer to cut the lead

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Evening had a little bit of everything

HAVING A BALL



BY TERRY JACOBY

A Friday night. Chelsea vs. Dexter. Boys basketball. Girls basketball. On-the-edge of your seat excitement. A great comeback falls short. Cheerleaders. Great passes. Tough shots. Diving for loose balls.

AND CROWD SURFING!

Leave it to the Dexter student section to provide the exclamation point.

We can argue all day long about which game should go first – anyone who was there realizes what a huge difference there was in the atmosphere between the boys' and girls' games. In my opinion, you want to build on the excitement. Again, in my opinion, Friday night reinforced *my* belief that this needs to be switched next year.

Girls start at 7 p.m., followed by the boys. Both in prime time.

But what also was reinforced Friday night was that no lead is safe in this rivalry. I wondered why Dexter coach Mike Bavineau was still pacing the sideline and barking out orders while his team enjoyed a 34-17 lead in the fourth quarter. How is a team that scores 17 points in three quarters going to score 17 in one quarter?

Well, the Chelsea girls never gave up. Coach Bavineau knew they wouldn't. And back came the Bulldogs.

When Hannah Fitzsimmons hit a three-pointer with 2:02 to play, the Bulldogs were down only 35-28. A steal and layup by Fitzsimmons then cut it to five points with 1:05. They even had a chance to cut it to two when a three-point attempt fell short.

The comeback was impressive. A nice finish to a great evening that began with a bang from the Chelsea and Dexter boys teams. The scoreboard operator may not have been very busy, but the game was exciting from the opening tip to the final whistle.

Chelsea obviously decided to slow down the tempo from the start, drawing some harsh criticism from the Dexter students, who chanted "boring" on more than one occasion. But there is nothing boring with 18 lead changes and a game that goes down to the final whistle.

Here are some observations from the boys' game:

Great pass: Chelsea's Spencer Mykala threw a perfect bounce pass just beyond the outstretched arm of a Dexter defender to Colton Waterbury for an easy layup in the third quarter.

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Arctic Coliseum opens new ice arena

The Chelsea Arctic Coliseum ice arena opened its new gym, the Arctic Fitness Center, last week.

While designed for both athletes and the general public, the center includes a variety of cardiovascular and weight training equipment. Features include free weights, strength fitness machines, Cybex equipment, treadmills, stationary bikes, elliptical machines and more.

"I think this is a great addition for the arena and the community," said General Manager Don Wright. "With individual memberships costing only $125 for an entire year, I think this is a great value for people looking to get in shape or stay in shape. I think that members will really enjoy the facility."

The Arctic Fitness Center will be open seven days a week. The Coliseum also will be offering personal and team training.

The center is available for individual, family, corporate and team memberships.

To become a member, applications are located at the Arctic Coliseum front desk. Membership applications also will soon be available online. Non-members are free to drop-in for only $5 a day.

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BOYS

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another triple to give Chelsea a 27-24 lead.

With 55 seconds left in the quarter, LaMore slammed home a bucket to ignite the home crowd and give Dexter a 30-29 lead. But Chelsea's Patrick Roberts answered with his own tough shot at the other end, hitting a twisting shot inside while getting fouled, to give Chelsea a 31-30 lead after three.

Roberts hit a three-pointer to give the Bulldogs a 34-32 lead in a quarter both teams struggled to score. After an Elslager free throw, McCalla had a nice tip in for a bucket to make it 36-33.

In the final minute, Elslager would miss two three-pointers including one that looked halfway in the basket before it came spinning out. Still, the Dreads had a chance to win.

On an inbound play under their own basket, the Bulldogs threw the ball away and Jay Lewis turned it into two points to make it a one-point game with 18 seconds left. Chelsea broke the press and LaMore was forced to foul McCalla, who missed the front end of the one-and-one to set up the dramatic last-possession try by Dexter.

"We were still looking to run and got some nice baskets at times off the break," Chelsea coach Robin Raymond said. "But I told that kids that if the break wasn't there, pull the ball back and show some patience."

And that's exactly what they did. Their patience ate up a lot of the clock which helped create the low-scoring game.

"Dexter did a great job defensively," Raymond said. "I thought both teams played very well defensively. With LaMore inside, our backdoor stuff isn't there. We can't run it so we have to knock down some shots. So the thinking was to make six, seven, eight passes and hope they get a breakdown and it creates an open look for us."

"We do love to run it and push it but we also have the discipline to slow it down when it's not there and run our offense."

And they proved that Friday night.

Five Questions: With Patrick Roberts



Chelsea's Patrick Roberts is one of the leaders on the floor for the Bulldogs. He answered a few questions following his team's win Friday at Dexter:

1. What kind of game was this?

"It was a defensive game, obviously, with a lot of battles down low."

2. Why didn't you run as much on Dexter?

"The plan was to get out and run. It just didn't happen very often. So we slowed it down when it wasn't there and worked for a good shot."

3. Is this a fun game for you guys?

"Definitely. The student sections from both schools are big and loud. It's a lot of fun."

4. Are you trying to take over more on offense and create your own looks?

"When I'm getting my shots and hitting them, teams will come out on me more and that's when everything opens up for everyone else."

5. Are you a pass-first playmaker?

"People have told me I pass too much and should look more for my shot. It just comes more natural for me to pass off, especially to someone who has an easy look."

Two more victories



Photo by Burrill Strong

With two wins last week, the Chelsea hockey team is 9-9-1 overall on the season. For more on the Bulldogs, turn to Page 6-B

GIRLS

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to 35-28 with 2:02 on the clock. Fitzsimmons then stole the ball and went in for a layup to make it 35-30 with 1:05 left. But the Dreads would hold on for the victory.

Miodüszewski led Dexter with 13 points. Goble scored seven, Bidwell six and McDonald five.

Cooperrider had 10 points to lead the Bulldogs. Bailey Darwin had seven points and Fitzsimmons five.

Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist certainly liked what he saw in the second half compared to the first half.

"We did not shoot the ball well from the floor or the free-throw line, rebound very well, or defend very well in the first half," he said. "Give Dexter credit for making us uncomfortable in the first half.

"The second half we were able to have our defense turn into some offense, but the deficit was too large to overcome."

Chelsea plays tomorrow at Tecumseh. Dexter hosts Lincoln on Friday.

JACOBY

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Hustle award: Waterbury was knocked to the floor during a shot, but he got back up in time to grab the rebound and get fouled.

Gotcha, gotcha back: Dave LaMore sent the Dexter student section to the rafters with his slam dunk late in the third quarter. Chelsea's Patrick Roberts answered at the other end with a twisting shot he made with his back to the basket.

Hustle award II: In the fourth quarter, Waterbury took a charge and banged his head on the floor. He popped right up and ran back down the floor.

Theft alert: The quick hands of Dexter's Mike Kedroske swiped the ball from Mason Borders along the sidelines in the fourth quarter.

Theft alert II: Jay Lewis brought the Dreadnaughts within a point with his steal and layup with 18 seconds left.

Statistically speaking: Chelsea had only one turnover in the first three quarters.

Here are some observations from the girls' game:

Strong start: Dexter's Elly Miodüszewski set the tempo early for the Dreadnaughts. After making the first of two free throws, she missed the second, but grabbed the rebound. She put up a shot and scored while being fouled again. She made the free throw for a four-point trip and 7-0 lead for Dexter.

Theft alert: Chelsea's Mackenzie Cole had a nice steal in the open court in the first quarter.

Rejection award: The first quarter ended on an awesome block by Dexter's Nyki Caldwell.

Both ends of the floor: In the second quarter, Dexter's Serena Bidwell held her ground and took a charge. She then went down the floor, got a rebound and scored.

Rejection award II and III: Dexter's Sara Goble stopped a Chelsea layup with a nice block. Chelsea's Bailey Darwin had a nice block along the baseline in the second quarter.

Hustle award: Chelsea's Grace Martin went flying out of bounds to save the ball in the second quarter.

Five-point play: Midway through the third quarter, Chelsea's Rachel Cooperrider stepped back and nailed a three-pointer. She then stole the ball and scored a layup.

Taking one for the team: In the third quarter, Sarah Moir took a charge for the Dreadnaughts.

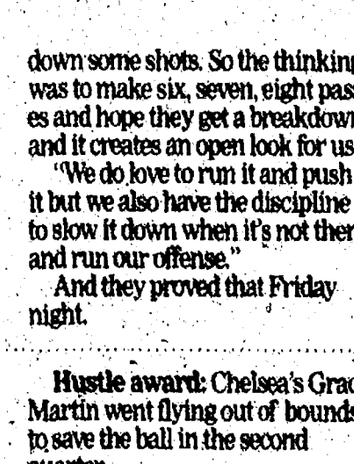
Take that: With the Chelsea boys team up and cheering behind the basket, Miodüszewski stepped to the free-throw line and nailed a free throw to push Dexter's lead back to six points. She then shot the boys a "take that" look.

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REGIONAL SCOREBOARD

Athlete of the Week



Jake Engelmeier

Saline Swimming

Saline's Jake Engelmeier helped lead the Hornets to a 128-58 dual meet victory over Livonia Stevenson last Saturday. The senior finished first in the 200 freestyle in 1:47.54 and first in the 100 freestyle in 50.11. He also was part of the first-place finishing 200 freestyle relay in 1:31.09 and the 400-freestyle relay in 3:19.27.

Local Standings

BOYS BASKETBALL

Cascades Conference		
1. Napoleon	6-1	12-1
2. Hanover-Horton	6-1	10-2
3. Michigan Center	5-2	10-3
4. Vandercook Lk.	5-2	9-3
5. East Jackson	3-4	5-7
6. Manchester	1-6	3-10
7. Addison	1-6	3-10
8. Grass Lake	1-6	2-11
SEC Red Division		
1. Ann Arbor Huron	6-1	10-3
2. Ann Arbor Pioneer	5-2	7-5
3. Bedford	2-2	5-6
4. Saline	2-5	4-9
5. Monroe	1-4	3-6
6. Ann Arbor Skyline	0-0	1-0
SEC White Division		
1. Ypsilanti	7-0	11-1
2. Chelsea	5-3	8-4
3. Dexter	4-4	8-5
4. Adrian	4-4	6-6
5. Ypsilanti Lincoln	3-5	7-6
6. Tecumseh	0-6	2-11
Western Wayne AC (Blue Division)		
Belleville	10-2	4-2
Huron League		
Milan	6-2	6-6
Catholic League (West Division)		
AA Gabriel Richard	4-1	7-5
Independent		
Willow Run		8-7

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cascades Conference		
1. Michigan Center	9-1	15-1
2. Napoleon	9-1	12-4
3. Addison	8-3	12-3
4. Manchester	6-5	7-8
5. Grass Lake	6-5	7-9
6. Hanover-Horton	2-9	4-12
7. East Jackson	2-9	2-13
8. Vandercook Lk.	0-9	0-14
SEC Red Division		
1. Ann Arbor Huron	8-0	11-3
2. Ann Arbor Pioneer	7-3	9-4
3. Monroe	6-1	7-4
4. Saline	3-6	6-9
5. Bedford	2-5	6-9
SEC White Division		
1. Adrian	9-1	11-3
2. Dexter	5-2	9-6
3. Chelsea	4-5	6-8
4. Ypsilanti	3-6	5-8
5. Tecumseh	1-10	2-11
6. Ypsilanti Lincoln	0-8	1-11
Western Wayne AC (Blue Division)		
Belleville		7-7
Huron League		
Milan	10-0	12-2
Independent		
Willow Run		4-10

Local Leaders

BOYS BASKETBALL

Scoring

Maurice Jordan, WR	19.1
Mohamad Conde, B	16.3
Connor Heine, YP	15.5
Jamaar Bonner, WR	15.5
Ke'Andre Taylor, YL	14.0
Andrew Dillon, YL	14.0
Patrick Roberts CH	13.9
Stefan Elslager, DX	13.5
Corwin Every MN	12.3
David Hendrickson, SL	12.2
Brandon Carmack, SL	11.6
Josh Blades MN	11.5
Dave LaMore, DX	11.4
Kyle Woodyard YP	11.0
Anthony Isom, B	9.2
Reno Boyd, WR	8.6
Javaunte Mackson, B	7.8
Charlier McCalla CH	7.5
Logan Zigila MN	7.3
Brandon Casey MN	6.7
Reece Dils, SL	6.5
Matt Muchmore DX	6.2
Mike Kedroske DX	6.2
Marquis Saulsberry, B	6.2
Keyontaye Tubbs, WR	6.1

Rebounds

Maurice Jordan, WR	14.7
Connor Heine, YP	12.5
Andrew Dillon, YL	9.5
Mohamad Conde, B	9.3
Ke'Andre Taylor, YL	7.2
Josh Blades MN	6.9
Brandon Carmack, SL	6.0
Mike Kedroske DX	5.8
Anthony Isom, B	5.7
Dave LaMore, DX	5.2
Matt Muchmore DX	5.0

Assists

Keyontaye Tubbs, WR	5.9
Jeff Burroughs, B	4.6
Patrick Roberts CH	4.0
Matt Muchmore, DX	3.6
Josh Blades MN	2.5
Stefan Elslager, DX	2.4
David Hendrickson, SL	2.3
Reece Dils, SL	2.3
Corwin Every MN	2.2
Stefan Elslager DX	2.2
Javaunte Mackson, B	2.1
Kyle Woodyard YP	2.1

Steals

Keyontaye Tubbs, WR	3.1
Kyle Woodyard YP	2.5
Stefan Elslager, DX	2.1
Josh Blades MN	2.1
Mohamad Conde, B	2.0

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Scoring

DeLisa Morris, YP	11.3
Tracy Schaible, MN	9.8
Allante Larkin YP	8.4
Mariah Hawkins YP	8.2
Chastity House YP	8.0
Sarah Moir DX	8.0
Elly Mioduszewski DX	7.9
McKenna Erkfritz, MN	7.8
Taylor Manders MN	6.6

Rebounds

Tyler Richardson, YP	8.0
Allante Larkin YP	7.4
McKenna Erkfritz MN	6.6
Emily Werner, MN	5.1
Chastity House YP	5.1
Taylor Manders, MN	4.6
Taylor Parks, MN	4.2
Taylor Manders MN	4.0

Assists

Taylor Manders, MN	2.6

Steals

Tracy Schaible, MN	2.9
Sarah Moir DX	2.0

WRESTLING

Dakota Cooley, CH	42-0
Travis Ostrowski, CH	34-2
Dylan Neff, MN	17-2
Jimmy Hamilton, CH	44-3
Dan Flowers, DX	39-3
Ryan Abrigo, MN	16-3
Austin Deacons, MN	41-4
Andrew Nold, CH	27-4
Drew Barnes, DX	43-6
Steve Buss, CH	36-6
Johnny Woollams, MN	38-7
Tim Shoemaker, CH	33-7
Gabe Altomare, DX	36-8
Josh Cash, DX	33-8
Vince Kause, CH	28-8
Taylor Cooley, CH	23-8
Charlie Kempf, CH	24-9
Nate Fischer, MN	32-11
Anthony Chisolm, DX	34-12
Ben Doll, CH	29-12
Alex Sloan, DX	29-12
Chase Stevens, DX	17-13
Joe Newland, CH	29-14
C. LaDouceur, MN	27-14
A. Hamilton, MN	26-14
S. Burke Combs, DX	36-14
Ben Daubner, MN	22-15
Chris Margraves MN	20-15
Kevin Robert MN	19-15
S. Chamberlain, DX	30-19

Signing Day



Several former Chelsea High School football players recently signed with schools to continue their football careers: Nick Hall (left) will be attending Northern Michigan University; Colton Waterbury (center) will be attending Wayne State University; and Zak Gilter will be attending Northern Illinois University. Nick Hill (not pictured) is already at Michigan State University.

Super Swimmers



Beach Middle School swimmers participating in the recent MISCA meet included Max Lonnemo (L-R), Sam Almhiemid, Ben Thoma, Jacob Hartman, James Haneen and David Alday.

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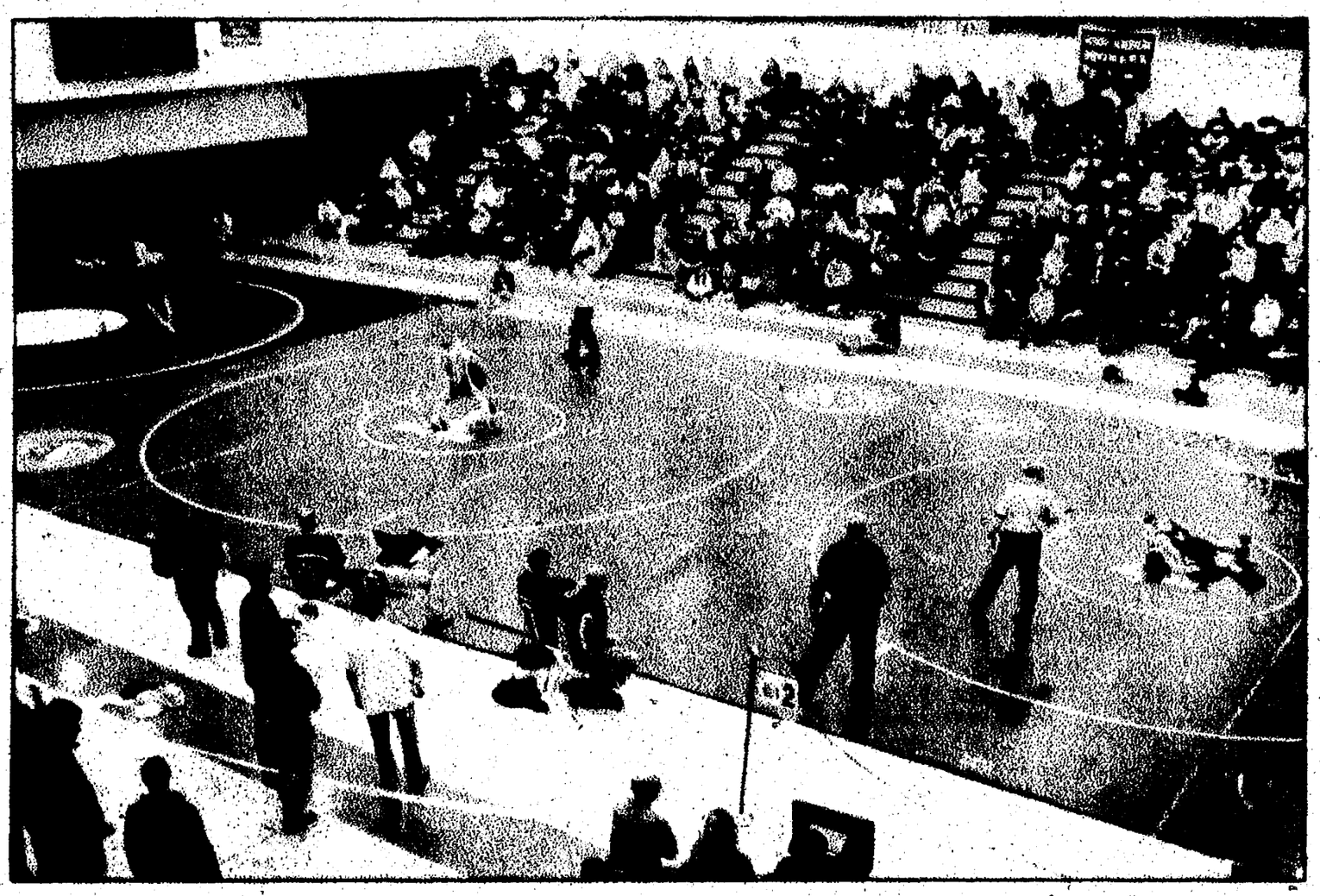
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WRESTLING EXTRA

Southeastern Conference Tournament

Champions & Close Calls



Cooley, Ostrowski lead Bulldogs

Chelsea finishes a half point out of third place at SEC tournament

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

It doesn't get much closer than this.

The Chelsea wrestling team came within a half point of Tecumseh for third place in Saturday's Southeastern Conference tournament at Ypsilanti High School. The Bulldogs finished with 183.5 points while Tecumseh ended up with 184.

That half point also ended up costing the Bulldogs in the final league standings. Chelsea finished second with 26 points in the Southeastern Conference White Division while Tecumseh took first place overall with 32 points.

"Yeah, that half point in the confearence tournament probably cost us the league title," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "That's how close it was."

Kargel said his team didn't wrestle up to its full potential on Saturday and that was more frustrating than the final scores.

"We just didn't wrestle very well for some reason," he said. "We had some flukes go against us that were out of our control. But we could have wrestled better. We still had some outstanding performances so I'm not disappointed with how we did."

Two of those outstanding performances came from Dakota Cooley and Travis Ostrowski. Cooley took first place in the tournament at 145 pounds while Ostrowski won at 189 pounds to give the Bulldogs two conference champions.

Steve Buss took second at 119 pounds while Vince Kause (125 pounds) and Tim Shoemaker (215) each placed third. Buss earned a spot in the finals when he earned two points for a reversal in the final seconds of his match with Ypsilanti's Alex Lillie.

Buss was trailing 3-2 until about the final four seconds when he pulled off the reversal.

"Buss never gives up and that attitude earned him a trip to the finals," Kargel said.

Chelsea's Charlie Kempf was fourth at 285 pounds while Ben Doll (112 pounds), Andrew Nold (130), Brandon French (152) and Kevin Watkins (171) all took fifth. Taylor Cooley (103) and Travis Preston (140) were both sixth.

Chelsea competed yesterday at the team district tournament in Tecumseh against Dexter, Tecumseh and Adrian. The winner will compete on Wednesday in the regionals.

There will be wrestlers from 15 teams competing on Saturday at the individual districts at Mason High School: Chelsea, Dexter, Adrian, Carleton Airport, Eaton Rapids, Jackson Northwest, Mason, Milan, Monroe Jefferson, New Boston Huron, Parma Western, South Lyon, South Lyon East and Ypsilanti.

The top four finishers in each class will advance to the individual regionals.

Chelsea wins pair

The Bulldogs completed their dual-meet season last Tuesday with a 45-19 win over Manchester and a 63-18 victory over Williamston. The two wins gave Chelsea a final 25-7 overall record.

Against Manchester, Chelsea got pins from Dakota Cooley, Watkins and Ostrowski. Also winning matches were Taylor Cooley (10-4), Buss (7-0), Kause (8-4), Nold (12-1), Brandon Seagraves (133), Shoemaker (13-0) and Kempf (6-4).

Dakota Cooley, Shoemaker, Kempf, Doll, Buss, Nold, French and Seagraves all had pins in the win over Williamston. Taylor Cooley, Travis Preston and Ostrowski also earned wins.

Wrestling scorecard

Southeastern Conference Wrestling Tournament results

Team	Points
1. Bedford	226
2. Monroe	221.5
3. Tecumseh	184
4. Chelsea	183.5
5. AA Pioneer	146
6. Dexter	145.5
7. Adrian	129
8. Saline	114
9. Ypsilanti	61
10. Lincoln	20
11. AA Huron	0

Southeastern Conference Final Overall standings

The final standings includes points from the tournament and dual-meet results.

Red Division

Team	Points
1. Bedford	40
2. Monroe	32
3. AA Pioneer	16
4. Saline	14
5. AA Huron	0
5. AA Skyline	0

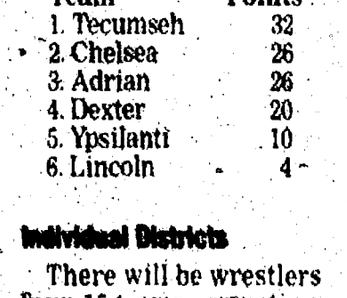
White Division

Team	Points
1. Tecumseh	32
2. Chelsea	26
3. Adrian	26
4. Dexter	20
5. Ypsilanti	10
6. Lincoln	4

Individual Districts

There will be wrestlers from 15 teams competing on Saturday at the individual districts at Mason High School: Chelsea, Dexter, Adrian, Carleton Airport, Eaton Rapids, Jackson Northwest, Mason, Milan, Monroe Jefferson, New Boston Huron, Parma Western, South Lyon, South Lyon East and Ypsilanti.

Sportsmanship award



Chelsea's Steve Buss earned the team's Sportsmanship Award during Saturday's conference meet in Ypsilanti. Each team has a wrestler recognized for sportsmanship.

It was no surprise to anyone that Buss earned this honor.

"Steve is always positive and always trying to help his teammates," Coach Kerry Kargel said. "He's just a great supporter of the team. He's always pumped up and trying to motivate everyone. He's just a great kid."

That never give up attitude earned him a victory in the semifinals on Saturday when he overcame a one-point deficit in the final seconds of his match to pull out the victory.

Buss, a senior, finished second overall at 119 pounds.

Witnessing the best and worst of HS athletics

HAVING A BALL



TERRY JACOBY

The crowd said it all. It was a collective moan. A disappointing response to a disappointing act on an otherwise outstanding day of competition and sportsmanship.

High school sports often presents the good, the bad and the heartache. But rarely the ugly. There is no other way to describe what happened in a semifinal match during Saturday's Southeastern Conference wrestling tournament than ugly.

Some would say frustration boiled over in a young man who felt he either screwed up himself or was robbed of a chance to compete in the championship match. This is basically still a kid competing at a high level and it's not the first time an athlete punched a wall or showed his disappointment on his sleeve.

But the crowd response indicated that this was not acceptable. Not in wrestling.

Ypsilanti's Alex Lillie had a 3-2 lead on Chelsea's Steve Buss late in his 119-pound match. And by late, we're talking three or four or five seconds to go. Yeah, that's late. Lillie, known around the league as a very good and tough wrestler, was headed to the finals and that was certainly no fluke.

But then Buss turned the score around when he pulled off a two-point reversal. Before Lillie knew what happened, the match was over. And Buss had himself a 4-3 win and a trip to that championship match.

It was too much for Lillie to take. He slapped the hand of Buss – instead of shaking it. The crowd moaned its disapproval. He was thrown out of the tournament for unsportsman-like conduct. He slammed his hand against the mat on the wall – the crowd moaned again.

He pushed aside his coach and slammed open the door to the hallway. And the crowd moaned again.

Ypsilanti's coach tried his best to handle the situation, following his young wrestler into the hallway. But words were not getting through. Lillie punched the wall in the hallway and was stomping around still visibly upset with the turn of events in his match.

"That doesn't happen very often," Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel said. "He's a tough kid and he got frustrated. It's a tough way to lose."

Still, the response was not acceptable.

"Wrestlers show a great deal of sportsmanship and always have," Kargel said. "The reason we don't see that very often is because it's not accepted in our sport. You wrestle hard, compete to the best that you can and then shake your opponent's hand."

You don't slap at it and then punch a wall.

It's surprising that it doesn't happen more often and that's a credit to the folks running this sport and the tradition it follows. Competing one-on-one all alone before a crowd of people lends itself to a great deal of pressure. You aren't standing on an offensive line with five other guys wearing a helmet and just a number. You aren't one of nine guys trying to get three outs every inning.

It's you vs. the other guy. And everyone is watching. Emotions run high, especially in a close match that determines a trip to the finals. Frustration and emotions and a young kid in a tough sport all factored into something ugly on Saturday.

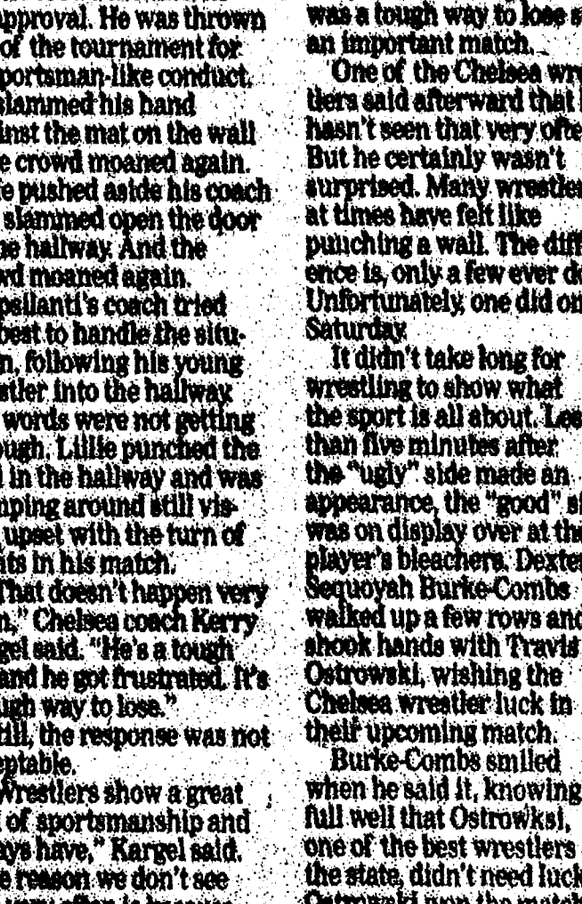
Yes, it's not accepted. But in a way, it's understandable. And that's why the crowd maybe only moaned instead of booed. Some have probably been there before and could at least understand what the young man was feeling. No one could deny that what happened was a tough way to lose such an important match.

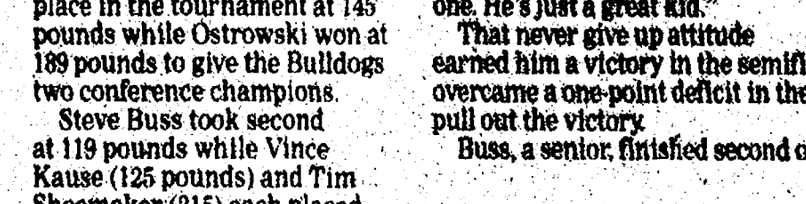
One of the Chelsea wrestlers said afterward that he hasn't seen that very often. But he certainly wasn't surprised. Many wrestlers at times have felt like punching a wall. The difference is, only a few ever do. Unfortunately, one did on Saturday.

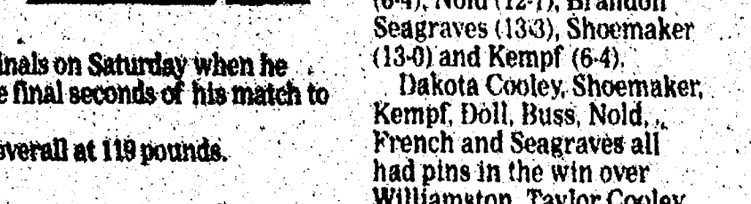
It didn't take long for wrestling to show what the sport is all about. Less than five minutes after the "ugly" side made an appearance, the "good" side was on display over at the player's bleachers. Dexter's Sequoyah Burke-Combs walked up a few rows and shook hands with Travis Ostrowski, wishing the Chelsea wrestler luck in their upcoming match.

Burke-Combs smiled when he said it, knowing full well that Ostrowksi, one of the best wrestlers in the state, didn't need luck. Ostrowski won the match and afterwards the two wrestlers shook hands.

Now that you see all the time at a wrestling match.







Andrew Nold (above) and the Bulldogs (left) were all business during Saturday's SEC tournament at Ypsilanti High.

Exciting finish gives Chelsea win over Skyline

The Chelsea Bulldogs had a nearly perfect meet last week as they swam visiting Saline and Skyline. Though the outcome was pretty much decided against Saline; the top ranked team in the state, the matchup with Skyline wasn't decided until the very end.

Chelsea lost 140-51 to Saline, but defeated Skyline 96-87.

Chelsea had a fantastic start to the meet, winning the 200-yard medley relay. Logan Simpson, John Skidmore, Casey Hirth and Nick Burris won in a season-best time of 1 minute, 52.06 seconds.

Junior Jacob Bogarin led the way for the Bulldogs in the 200 freestyle. Bogarin had a season-best time of 2:02.68 to take third. Blayde Ray finished fifth.

Skidmore was back up in the 200 IM and swam a solid 2:18.85 which was his fastest time of the season. Skidmore took second while teammate Zach Ousley took fifth in 2:35.50.

Chelsea's strength this season has been its depth in the sprint events. On this particular evening it would play a huge role in the final outcome. Nick Burris and Andrew Wickens provided a one-two punch as Burris posted a time of 24.05 seconds. Wickens was close behind at 24.78. Teammate Casey Hirth took a valuable fifth-place finish in the event at 25.57. Chelsea Outscored Skyline in the event 11-5 to take a slight lead in the meet going into diving.

Having great divers is a luxury for Chelsea and everyone knows how lucky they are. Michael Heydlauff once again took charge of the 1-meter diving event and won with a score of 244.50 points. Colby Skelton was second at 230.75 points and Robby Everard was third with 131.45 points. Everard switched to diving because of an injury to his shoulder.

"Without diving, we would have been beaten," coach Dave Jolly said. "There is no doubt about that."

In the 100 butterfly, Wickens finished second with a season-best time of 1:00.64. Hirth was fourth and Simpson fifth as the teams split the 16 points.

Burris came right back in the 100 freestyle to take his second first-place finish of the meet stopping the clock at 53.30, another career-best time for the talented freshman. Blayde Ray turned in a 55.46 to get second, which was critical for the Bulldogs going into their weakest individual events.

The 500 freestyle has not been the strongest event for the Bulldogs, who had to do damage control. Skyline took the top three spots. Phillip A Wilson finished fourth with a time of 6:16.60. Austin Horn continued to improve moving his best time to 6:28.85 to take fifth place. Chelsea's lead was cut by 10 points.

Jolly pulled his B relay from the 400 freestyle event to hopefully pad their lead going into the 100 backstroke and 100 breaststroke events. The strategy worked as Chelsea took first and third in the event. Burris, Hirth, Wickens and Ray won the event at 1:39.33 and Bogarin, Wrathall, Skidmore and Ousley took third at 1:44.45 to give the team some breathing room going into the final two individual events.

Nick Deppner came out of nowhere with a career best showing in the 100 backstroke. "His time and effort were incredible," Jolly said. "We had to have something special happen and he provided it in a big way."

Deppner swam to a 1:02.35 and first place. Simpson was third in 1:04.69.

Skidmore came right back in the 100 breaststroke to slate his best time of the season with a first-place time of 1:09.31 to the roar of the crowd. Ousley also performed well getting third-place honors at 1:14.99.

It was all up to the 400 freestyle relays. If they won, the Bulldogs would win the meet. They didn't have their top swimmers left because they were used earlier in the meet. Someone would have to step up big time if they were going to have a chance.

Deppner was up to the challenge. Ray was up first and surrendered about a four-body length lead to Skyline. The Bulldogs would have to play catch up. Wickens hit the water and made up three body lengths with a season-best time of 53.47. Simpson was next and pulled the Bulldogs even going into the anchor leg.

The crowd rose to their feet and the place was rocking as Deppner swam stroke for stroke with the Skyline swimmer. It came right down to the touch and Deppner out touched the Skyline swimmer by .03 seconds to win the meet. What was even more amazing was the way he did it posting a career-best time of 54.18 after just finishing the backstroke.

Chelsea swims today at Tecumseh.



Chelsea's John Skidmore swam his best times in the IM to take second and first in the breaststroke.

Sudoku solutions

Puzzles by Pappocom



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

EASY #49

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

MEDIUM #49

Down on Farm

Freshmen girls' basketball

The Chelsea girls' team lost Tuesday 45-39 to Ann Arbor Skyline.

"We started off slow, but came back in the second half and really played to our potential," said coach Kristin Hendricks. "We only scored two points in the first quarter to their 16, which really put us in a hole. I was proud of my girls for not giving up and putting up a fight at the end."

Margaret Lindauer and Christina Argiero each scored nine points to lead Chelsea. Laurel Hall had eight points and Ella Fritzemeier added six.

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U.S. Department of Transportation

Bowling results

League Name: Junior House
Date Bowled: 02/04/2010
League Standings:

RED Division

		Won	Lost
1	Lloyd Bridges	143½	66½
2	Herndon & Assoc.	109	101
3	Color Express Print	82	128
4	J & D Auto	81½	128½
5	Govt Cheese Film	78½	131½

WHITE Division

1	CFM	124	86
2	Parts Peddler	120	90
3	Mark IV Lounge	120	90
4	Seitz's Tavern	110	100
5	Jay-Mark Associates	106	104

BLUE Division

1	La Jolla Shoppe	120½	89½
2	Michael's Const.	100	110
3	Cleary's Pub	97	113
4	Herrst Const & BP	78	132

Hi Game: 279 W. Schulz
Hi Series: 764 A. Herter

Washtenaw County Legal Notice

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for Fertilizer & Pesticides for Pierce Lake Golf Course. 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 6519. Due: Monday, February 22, 2010 by 4:00 pm local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-6760 or log on to our website at http://bids.ewashtenaw.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 February 3, 2010, will be available for public inspection and copying from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at the Office of the County Clerk/Register, Suite 120, 200 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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NOTICE OF A BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATE HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND MILLAGE RATE HEARING AND A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRARY 23, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 5665 WEBSTER CHURCH ROAD, DEXTER, MICHIGAN.

Agenda

1) Budget and the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this public hearing.

2) Discussion and possible adoption of the FY 2011 budget and millage.

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than Seven (7) days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance.

John Kingsley
Supervisor

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF DEXTER
PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Road, Dexter, Michigan for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding amendments to Article 2 Definitions, Article 17 RD Research and Development and Article 15A Central Business District sections of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance.

Article 2 Definitions Proposed amendment would take the current definitions of Indoor Recreation Center and Recreation Center and combine them into the following: Indoor Recreation An enclosed establishment which provides indoor exercise facilities, including court sport facilities, team sports activities, billiard halls, skating rinks, arcades, bounce arenas, climbing facilities, indoor golf, swimming facilities, shooting/archery ranges and similar activities.

Article 17 RD Research and Development Proposed amendment would change references to Recreation Center to Indoor Recreation.

Article 15A Central Business District Proposed amendment would add Indoor Recreation as a special land use.

Information regarding the proposed text amendments is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter weekdays, between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303. Written comments regarding the proposed ordinance amendments should be submitted to the Village Offices, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2010. Sign language interpreter or other assistance is provided upon request to the Clerk at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Offices and on the Village website: www.villageofdexter.org

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Synopsis of the CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Washington Street Education Center

Call to Order

Present: Council Members Present: Mayor Lindauer, Albertson, Feeney, Martinez-Kratz, Anderson, Holmberg, City Manager Hanifan, and Clerk Royal.

Absent:

Others Present: LuAnn Koch, Nancy Anderson, Brad Roberts, Tom Colis, Kristen VanReesma, John Edwards, Warren MacArthur

Mayor Lindauer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval Of Consent Agenda

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Anderson to approve minutes and bills as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Regular Agenda

MOVED Feeney SECONDED Albertson to approve the regular agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Council Business

1. Bond Resolution - Police Station Project

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Hammer to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and Declaration of Intent to Reimburse from Bond Proceeds. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. DDA Reappointments

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Feeney to appoint Bob Pierce, Mark Heydlauff and Peter Flintoft to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for the four year term of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Amended CAFA Articles of Incorporation

The Chelsea Area Fire Authority has submitted the Final CAFA Article of Incorporation for City Council's approval.

4. Set date for Council Goals and Objectives Session for Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

CLOSED SESSION

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Albertson to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing current litigation and the purchase of real estate. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Came out of closed session at 8:12 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Hanimer SECONDED Anderson to adjourn at 8:13 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVED: January 26, 2010

NOTE: This is only a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Clerk's Office at 305 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI or online at www.city.chelsea.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Royal,
City Clerk

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Webster Township Special Board Meeting February 2, 2010

The Webster Township Special Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Kingsley on February 2, 2010 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Supervisor Kingsley, Clerk Heller, and Treasurer Whitney, Trustees, Kleinschmidt, Koch, Westman, Estleman and one citizens.

Supervisor Remarks.

Discussion on the FY 2010 and 2011 Budget Revisions.
Discussion took place on the FY 2010 and 2011 Budget Revisions.

Motion Kleinschmidt, second Estleman to have a Public Hearing and Special Meeting to be held on February 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn:
Motion Kleinschmidt second Heller to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Lyndon Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 18, 2010, at 7:00 PM at 17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118, to discuss the request from the Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7685 Werkner Road, Chelsea, MI 48118, to amend their *Special Land Use* granted in 1979 in order to operate as a Church Community Outreach Program by facilitating the rental of their licensed kitchen to a Michigan Non-Profit Corporation (Chelsea Community Kitchen). (Property ID E-05-36-100-008)

Written comments may be sent to: Roxanne Petrie, Lyndon Township, 17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118. The Lyndon Township Planning Commission will provide at the public hearing, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities by contacting Lyndon Township in writing or by phone at 734-475-2401.

Linda Reilly,
Clerk

Publish January 28, 2010
and February 11, 2010

DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW 2010 MARCH MEETINGS

As required by the General Property Tax Act, public notice is hereby given by Dexter Township, that the 2010 March Board of Review will meet on the following days at the Dexter Township Hall located at 8880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, Michigan for the purpose of reviewing the 2010 assessment roll and hearing requests, protests or application for corrections of assessed or tentative taxable values.

ORGANIZATIONAL & ROLL REVIEW MEETING
Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

PUBLIC APPEAL HEARINGS:
Monday, March 8, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Dexter Township Board of Review will hear appeals by appointment. Taxpayers should call (734) 426-3767 during normal business hours to schedule an appointment.

Letter appeals are also accepted in lieu of personal appearance and must be received no later than Friday, March 5, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Taxpayers are welcome to contact the Assessing Office prior to the Board of Review dates to discuss their 2010 assessed or taxable values at (734) 426-3767.

The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for the 2010 Assessments in the Township are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Estimated
Agricultural	50	1.00
Commercial	50	1.00
Developmental	50	1.00
Residential	50	1.00
Personal Property	50	1.00

The above ratios and multipliers are subject to further change by the Assessor's Office, the Board of Review, the County Equalization Department and the Michigan State Tax Commission.

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice.

Contact: Harley Ruder, Clerk
8880 Dexter Pinckney Road
Dexter, MI 48130
(734) 426-3767

Pat Kelly,
Supervisor

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SYLVAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the

TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN
County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan

That the Assessment Roll of said Township will be reviewed by the Board of Review on March 2, 2010 at 9:15am.

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010
from 9am - 12 noon and 1 - 4pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010
from 1 - 4pm and 6 - 9pm

with additional days if determined necessary by the Board of Review.

STATEWIDE TAXABLE VALUE CHANGE FOR 2010 IS -03%
(Multiplier is .997)

Starting Ratio	Class	Average Multiplier
52.30	Agricultural	9560
54.21	Commercial	9223
55.43	Industrial	9020
54.74	Residential	9134
50.05	Developmental	9990

The Sylvan Township Board of Review will hear appeals by letter or appointment. Appointments may be made by calling 475-8890 on Mondays or Wednesdays 9:00am to 12:00noon or by contacting the Assessor.

ROBERT W. LANGE,
SUPERVISOR

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LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

As required by the General Property Tax Act public notice is hereby given by Lima Township that the 2010 March Board of Review will meet on the following days at the Lima Township all located at 11452 Jackson Road, Chelsea, Michigan for the purpose of reviewing the 2010 assessment roll and hearing requests, protests or application for correction of assessed or tentative taxable values.

ORGANIZATIONAL & ROLL REVIEW MEETING
Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.
(Appeals will not be heard at this session)

PUBLIC APPEAL HEARINGS
Monday, March 8, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Additional dates and times may be added as necessary and if all appointments for the above dates have been filled.

The Lima Township Board of Review will hear appeals by appointment. Taxpayers should call (734) 475-2246 during normal business hours to schedule an appointment. The Board of Review will meet at the times listed above to hear appeals by property owners or their representatives. The owner's representative must present a letter of authorization signed by the property owner in order to be heard. Letter appeals are accepted in lieu of a personal appearance and must be received no later that March 5, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. (postmarks are not acceptable). Taxpayers are welcome to contact the Assessing Office prior to the Board of Review dates to discuss their 2010 assessed or taxable values at (734) 475-2246.

As required by P.A. 188 of Public Acts of 1975, the TENTATIVE Ratio and ESTIMATED multiplier for the Township of Lima are hereby listed below. This ratio and multiplier is subject to the amounts of the Assessing Officer, the Board of Review, the County Equalization Department, and the Michigan State Tax Commission.

CLASS		TENTATIVE RATIO	ESTIMATED MULTIPLIER
AGRICULTURAL	101	52.00	0.9615
COMMERCIAL	201	54.55	0.9165
INDUSTRIAL	301	55.55	0.9000
RESIDENTIAL	401	54.64	0.9150
DEVELOPMENTAL	402	50.00	0.9995
PERSONAL PROPERTY	500	(none)	

The township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meeting upon seven day notice.

Contact: Arlene Bareis, Clerk
11452 Jackson Road, Chelsea, MI 48118
(734) 475-2246

Ken Unterbrink
Supervisor

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Hockey

Bulldogs rack up pair of wins

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

In hockey, the term is even-handed and that's exactly where the Bulldogs find themselves after two more wins last week.

Chelsea improved to 9-9-1 overall on the season and an impressive 6-1 in conference play.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs rallied for a 5-3 victory over visiting Lincoln-Milan.

"We controlled the entire first period, but we had one breakdown and they took advantage of it," Chelsea coach Don Wright said.

Ypsi-Lincoln took a 1-0 lead into the second period where the Bulldogs finally got rolling.

Jesse Forner took a back-door pass from Jason Doyle to tie the game at 1-1 at the 6:29 mark.

Chelsea then scored three unanswered power-play goals to take over the game.

Austin Sullens (from Dan Hudson and Brad Hepler) scored at 8:02; Blake Blaha (from Sullens and Luke Heinen) scored at 12:52; and Hepler (from Blaha and Heinen) scored at 14:45) to give the Bulldogs a 4-1 lead. Lincoln scored at 15:29 of the second period to make it 4-2.

Ypsi-Lincoln started the third period with a two-man advantage and they made the Bulldogs pay, scoring to make it a one-goal game.

But a goal by Jacob Ryan (from Forner and Doyle) sealed the win for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea outshot the visitors 33-25 and Matt Darr got the win in goal.

On Wednesday, the Bulldogs defeated Riverview 2-0 in a defensive game.

Darr earned his third shut-out of the season, stopping 13 shots.

Hudson (from Heinen and Kyle Whipple) scored in the first period. Hepler (from Hudson and Sullens) scored in the third period.

The Bulldogs' game Tuesday with Howell was cancelled because of bad weather. They play against Saline on Wednesday at the Arctic Coliseum.

February 2, 2010

The regular meeting of the Sylvan Township Board was held February 2, 2010 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: Tom & Dawn Caplis, Mike Jurosek, Fred Lucas, Ron Richards and Kelli Lambrix

The meeting was called to order and the pledge recited

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

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

No Public Participation

No Public Hearings

The report from Zoning Inspector Caplis showed 1 zoning compliance permits, 4 enforcement actions and 0 Certificate of Occupancy for January 2010

Supervisor Lange reported on a breakfast meeting with the new District Library Director and shared some proposed new ideas the Library is considering

Treasurer Grau reported that CACA is asking participating municipalities for a $700/month contribution

No Old Business

New Business

Motion by Koch, seconded by Lesser to approve the Resolution Supporting the Efforts of the CAPT and the DART Alliance in Developing an Access Plan. Roll call vote - all ayes. Carried

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to approve the Resolution regarding Sylvan Township's interest in not creating or joining a Regional Fire Department. Roll call vote - all ayes - Carried

Motion by Koch, seconded by Grau to approve the Amended Budget for 2009-2010. Roll call vote - all ayes. Carried

Motion by Koch, seconded by Lesser to set the Public Hearing for the 2010-11 Budget for March 2, 2010 at 7:05pm. Carried.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Lesser to go into Close Session at 7:35pm to discuss litigation or settlement strategy with the Township Attorneys and Financial Advisor, regarding the pending lawsuits of NDC and Magellan, where doing so in an open session would have a detrimental financial effect on the Township's litigation position. Roll call - all ayes. Carried.

Open session returned at 8:45 pm

Motion by Lange, seconded by Cooper to proceed in accordance with Township Attorney's recommendation in closed session. Roll call vote - all ayes - Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Lange to adjourn. Carried

LuAnn S. Koch
Sylvan Township Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and the Regents of the University of Michigan are seeking individuals interested in appointment to the Washtenaw Community Health Organization Board. These appointments will be made by each of the respective bodies and will become effective on upon appointment.

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners will make two appointments to the Washtenaw Community Health Organization for three year terms expiring March 31, 2013.

The Regent of the University of Michigan will make two appointments to the Washtenaw Community Health Organization Board for three year terms expiring March 31, 2013.

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and the Regents of the University of Michigan have approved the creation of a Washtenaw Community Health Organization. The Washtenaw Community Health Organization was established to provide an integrated health care delivery system to provide mental health, substance abuse and primary and specialty health care to Medicaid, low income and indigent consumers as defined by the Mental Health Code and Medicaid Eligibility Guidelines.

In compliance with the Urban Cooperation Agreement Act, MCLA 124.501, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and the University of Michigan both are seeking two individuals to serve on this body to represent primary consumers and secondary consumers, as well as two who will represent the community. Individuals interested in applying should have prior Mental Health Board experience and/or understanding of community mental health service delivery policies.

A primary consumer is an individual who has received or is receiving services from the Department of Community Health or a Community Mental Health Services Program or services from the private sector equivalent to those offered by the Department of Community Health or a Community Mental Health Program. A secondary consumer is the family member of an individual receiving these services from either Washtenaw County or the University of Michigan.

The Washtenaw Community Health Organization Board shall perform all functions granted to it by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and the Regents of the University of Michigan. The Community Health Organization Board shall meet at least monthly.

Individuals interested in appointment to the Washtenaw Community Health Organization should submit a letter of interest and resume to one of the following agencies -

by February 13, 2010 for the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
C/O Jason Brooks
Washtenaw County Clerk's Office
200 N. Main Street
PO Box 8645
Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645

Phone: (734) 222-6655
Fax: (734) 222-6528
Email: brooksj@ewashtenaw.org

by February 13, 2010 for the Regents of the University of Michigan
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555 Towner
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Phone: (734) 544-6813
Fax: (734) 544-6732
Email: kmilner@med.umich.edu

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WASHTENAW COUNTY NOTICE
WASHTENAW COUNTY 2010 TENTATIVE RATIO
PURSUANT TO ACT 165 PUBLIC ACT 1971 (MCL 211.34A)

REAL PROPERTY

CITIES	AGRICULTURAL RATIO	AGRICULTURAL FACTOR	COMMERCIAL RATIO	COMMERCIAL FACTOR	INDUSTRIAL RATIO	INDUSTRIAL FACTOR	RESIDENTIAL RATIO	RESIDENTIAL FACTOR	TIMBER-CUTOVER RATIO	TIMBER-CUTOVER FACTOR	DEVELOPMENTAL RATIO	DEVELOPMENTAL FACTOR
ANN ARBOR	0.00%	0.0000	51.97%	0.9620	52.55%	0.9514	51.63%	0.9684	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
CHELSEA	0.00%	0.0000	55.39%	0.9026	53.62%	0.9324	57.65%	0.8673	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
MILAN	0.00%	0.0000	57.03%	0.8767	56.06%	0.8919	54.93%	0.9102	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
SALINE	0.00%	0.0000	56.58%	0.8837	57.41%	0.8709	51.19%	0.9767	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
YPSILANTI	0.00%	0.0000	55.06%	0.9081	57.29%	0.8727	57.82%	0.8647	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
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ANN ARBOR	50.15%	0.9970	53.05%	0.9425	54.91%	0.9105	49.46%	1.0109	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
AUGUSTA	54.17%	0.9230	57.54%	0.8689	52.65%	0.9496	54.39%	0.9192	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
BRIDGEWATER	53.81%	0.9291	55.42%	0.9022	54.26%	0.9214	53.49%	0.9347	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
DEXTER	53.44%	0.9356	55.25%	0.9049	53.65%	0.9319	53.19%	0.9400	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
FREEDOM	53.46%	0.9352	53.61%	0.9326	52.92%	0.9448	52.55%	0.9514	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
LIMA	52.45%	0.9532	55.35%	0.9033	57.83%	0.8646	54.44%	0.9184	0.00%	0.0000	50.68%	0.9865
LODI	51.07%	0.9790	53.93%	0.9271	54.80%	0.9124	53.36%	0.9370	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
LYNDON	53.48%	0.9354	54.35%	0.9199	52.87%	0.9457	51.60%	0.9689	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
MANCHESTER	51.44%	0.9720	54.98%	0.9094	56.61%	0.8832	50.71%	0.9859	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
NORTHFIELD	53.75%	0.9302	55.85%	0.8952	54.01%	0.9257	52.02%	0.9611	0.00%	0.0000	52.25%	0.9569
PITTSFIELD	51.64%	0.9682	52.40%	0.9541	53.60%	0.9328	52.09%	0.9598	0.00%	0.0000	50.12%	0.9976
SALEM	54.92%	0.9104	56.85%	0.8795	56.05%	0.8920	58.01%	0.8619	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
SALINE	54.56%	0.9164	54.89%	0.9109	54.06%	0.9248	54.62%	0.9154	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
SCIO	52.05%	0.9606	58.79%	0.8504	58.51%	0.8545	52.58%	0.9509	0.00%	0.0000	51.28%	0.9750
SHARON	52.48%	0.9527	54.24%	0.9218	0.00%	0.0000	53.66%	0.9317	0.00%	0.0000	54.25%	0.9216
SUPERIOR	53.80%	0.9293	55.78%	0.8963	55.34%	0.9035	54.85%	0.9115	0.00%	0.0000	0.00%	0.0000
SYLVAN	52.30%	0.9560	54.21%	0.9223	55.43%	0.9020	54.74%	0.9134	0.00%	0.0000	50.05%	0.9990
WEBSTER	53.76%	0.9300	54.21%	0.9223	56.17%	0.8901	52.26%	0.9567	0.00%	0.0000	52.37%	0.9547
YORK	53.59%	0.9330	53.88%	0.9279	53.51%	0.9344	48.46%	1.0317	0.00%	0.0000	52.07%	0.9602
YPSILANTI	53.01%	0.9432	57.96%	0.8626	57.99%	0.8622	56.87%	0.8791	0.00%	0.0000	50.83%	0.9836

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A hunt to remember

Dad passes on love of hunting to young son

TAYLOR MADE ADVENTURES



RICK TAYLOR

Cancer. Just the mere word evokes fear, anger and despair, and rightly so. Cancer is an insidious disease. It doesn't discriminate by wealth, race, social standing or privilege. The best one can do is hope for quality health insurance and catching the disease in time.

Even cancer survivors live in fear for the rest of their lives, praying the cancer doesn't come back. Sometimes it's hard to believe there's a God, especially watching the one you love die slowly and full of pain.

Dwayne Elkins, of Grass Lake, loved to take his 3-year-old son hunting when the opportunity presented itself. Shawn Elkins was only 4-years-old at the time, yet he fondly remembers his dad shooting his very first buck. The buck was a 4-point that still hangs on the wall today.

Dwayne, like most fathers, wanted his children to appreciate the outdoors. He also looked forward to watching his son Shawn shoot his first deer.

Sadly, Dwayne never lived long enough to realize that dream. He died of cancer at the tender age of 37.

Dwayne was diagnosed with colon cancer that had metastasized throughout his body including his lungs and liver. Dwayne fought this disease with all his might for two and a half years, but finally lost his battle to cancer on June 29, 2007.

Dwayne never got the opportunity to see his sons grow up, graduate from college, get married or have children of their own. It breaks all of our hearts to hear of such a profound loss, yet these tragedies happen every day to families around the world.

Prior to his death, Dwayne had been divorced from his wife. Her new boyfriend, Jeff Powell, wanted to help Dwayne experience a nice day on the water with his two boys. Both Shawn and Chase had a wonderful time fishing for walleyes on Lake Erie with their dad, while Jeff was at the helm.

Dwayne was weak and near death, but he was able to put on a brave face on this day. Despite his sickness, he hooked up on a nice 27-inch walleye and started reeling in. He then looked at his two little boys and handed the rod to them and they all took turns reeling in the fish. Dwayne died two months later.

We can feel sorry for these families or we can get off our butts and actually get involved. We can make a difference in the lives of these children and help fill a void if we open up our hearts and make a little bit of time for them.

Chelsea's David Lange is one such individual who did just that.

David has two kids himself and is an accomplished outdoorsman. He works with Christine Elkins, the mother of Dwayne's two boys. He was aware of the challenges she faced on a daily basis. He knew Shawn, now 12, had never shot his first deer. He wanted to help him achieve that goal. So David took the initiative and offered to take Shawn deer hunting. They, of course, first had to get the a-okay from mom, Christine. She said yes and Shawn was on his way to experiencing his lifelong dream.

"Shawn is so into hunting," said Christine. "I can't believe David took the time during the fall to help Shawn achieve his dreams of shooting his first deer."

David had a nice hunting spot in western Washtenaw County on private land.



Shawn Elkins kneels next to his first deer.

"Shawn is so into hunting. I can't believe David took the time during the fall to help Shawn achieve his dreams of shooting his first deer."

Shawn's mom Christine

"Shawn had a tremendous appreciation for the outdoors," said David. "He also knew a lot about wildlife behavior from hunting with his dad and watching hunting shows."

David and Shawn met up and went out for the first time during the firearm season. Although they didn't shoot anything, they did see a great deal of deer in the field. David's teenage son, Miles, also took Shawn out hunting. They too had a fun time, but didn't have any luck in harvesting a deer.

There's a time when a hunter just knows that something special is about to happen. Inexplicably, there's something in the air that makes you think that today is the day. Well, it finally arrived for young Shawn Elkins.

Shawn and David were going to hunt in the afternoon just one more time. Like in a movie, the clouds were low and dark. The snow came down hard and heavy, but without a sound. The landscape was carpeted pure white from nature's paintbrush.

Shawn had uncased his 12-gauge shotgun and prepared to enter the field with David. He asked David if they could say a prayer before entering the field and they did. They slowly reached the ground blind and got into position. The ground blind is shaped like a triangle. Shawn sat in front, while David sat in the rear of the blind. David, having many years of experience, could soon see deer moving throughout the landscape in front of them. Shawn couldn't see them at the time, but we must remember he is only 12 and David is an expert hunter.

About an hour into the hunt things were about to change Shawn's life forever. Like magic, does began to walk into Shawn's view. Time slowed to a near stop and Shawn pulled the shotgun tight to his shoulder. He looked through the scope, put the crosshairs on the doe's shoulder and pulled the trigger. Shawn's shoulder recoiled from the shot and the doe immediately ran out of sight. Shawn knew he hit the deer, but David couldn't tell from his vantage point. It was a herve-racking time for both hunters. They decided to give it a half hour before tracking the deer.

Their fears were unfounded when they found blood at the point of impact. It only took a few minutes of tracking and Shawn, with the help from David, found his first deer.

David, his son Miles and Shawn loaded up the deer on the four-wheeler before calling it a day.

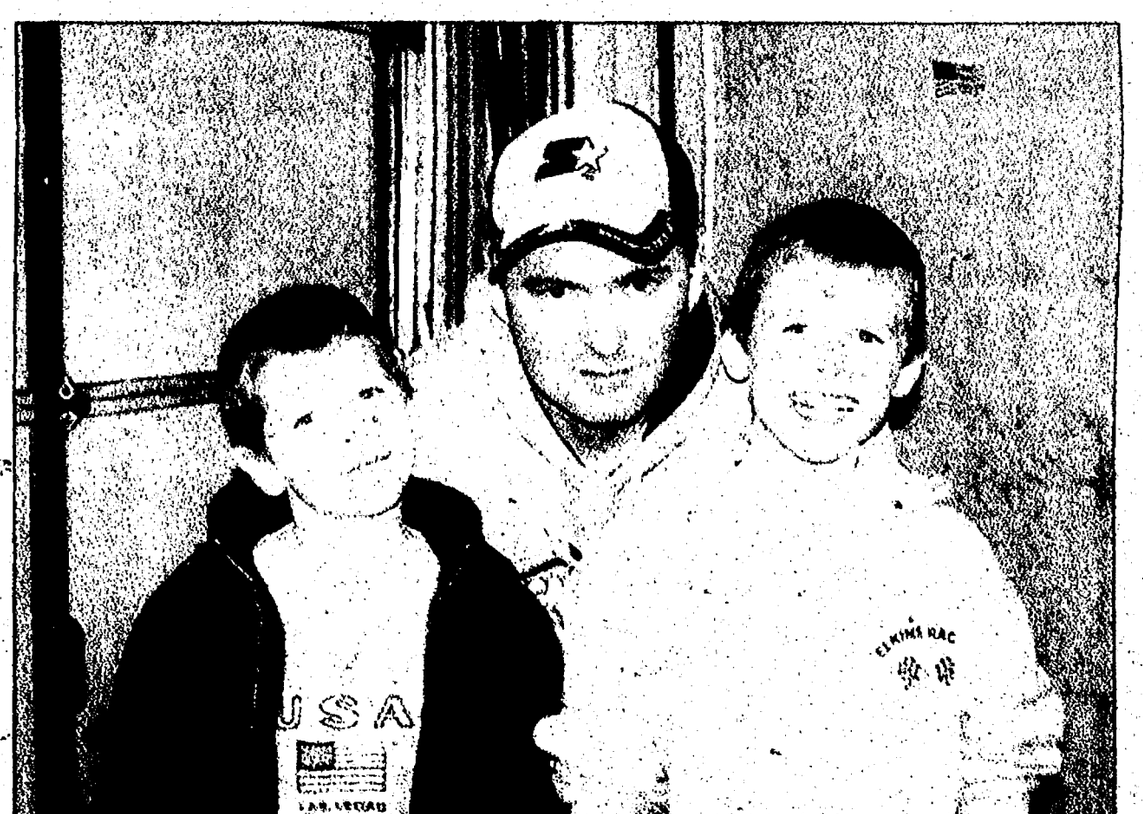
It was at this time said David that Shawn looked up at him and said something he would remember the rest of his life.

"I know my dad couldn't be here with us, but he was able to watch from above," said Shawn.

David admits he probably got more out of this hunt than Shawn did. "That alone speaks volumes about this man's character.

David has been, and will continue to be, a mentor to Shawn. Let's hope they have many more exciting experiences to share.

This story is dedicated to the memory of Dwayne Elkins and to all families afflicted by cancer.

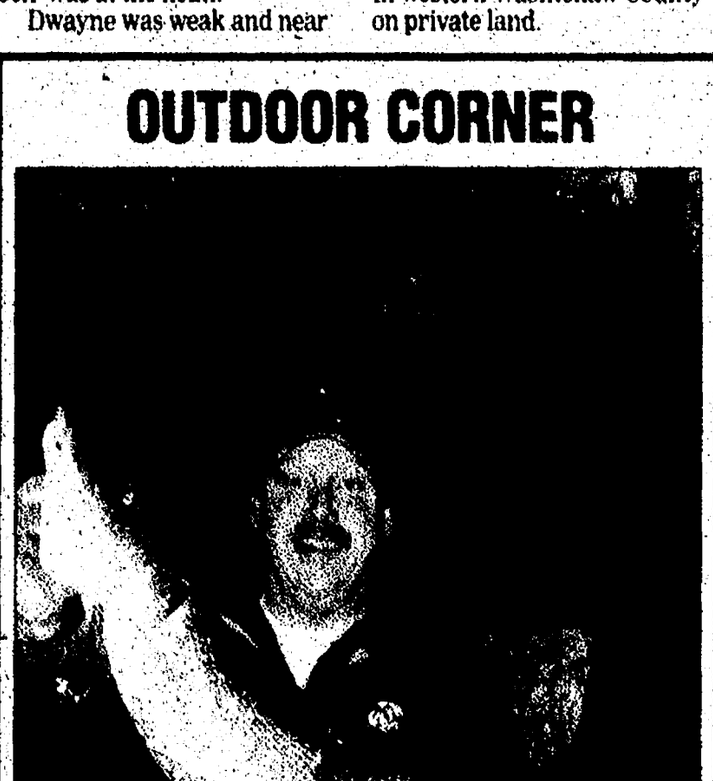


Dwayne Elkins is sandwiched between his two sons Chase (left) and Shawn.



David Lange stands with Shawn Elkins and the doe he harvested.

OUTDOOR CORNER



John Preston speared this 33-inch Northern Pike on Cavanaugh Lake last week.

Floor hockey fun

Chelsea Recreation Department hosts youth floor hockey league









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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 10-067-DE

Estate of FAY E. EVELSIZER a/k/a FAY EDWARD EVELSIZER, deceased. Date of birth 07/30/1922
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Fay E Evelsizer a/k/a Fay Edward Evelsizer, who lived at 21105 Willow Road, Manchester, Michigan died 12/16/2009
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Fay L. Walter, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 E Huron, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of this notice

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Manchester, MI 48158
(734) 428-7853

Fay L. Walter
Personal Representative
20500 Rirk Road
Manchester, MI 48158
(734) 972-1562

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE

FILE NO. 2010-68-DE

Estate of RYAN JOSEPH WATERS, DECEASED Date of birth June 3, 1973

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, RYAN JOSEPH WATERS, who lived at 2826 Winewood Ann Arbor, Michigan, died December 19, 2009 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claim against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to KYLE JAMES WATERS, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 E. HURON STREET, ANN ARBOR, MI 48107 and the named proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. February 3, 2010

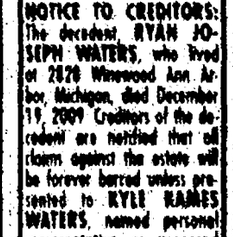
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Lost 1020

5 month old male kitten. Black & Gray tiger markings. Lost Jan 19th at Oak & Crowley St. Taylor. Call 313-212-5928



CHINCHILLA BACKGROUND mix, black & brown, 2 yrs. old, 12 lbs., Dix/Northline area. 734-284-5635

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NOTICE TO PURSUANT TO MCL 700.7504

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Settlor, **BLANCHE OTTOMAN**, date of birth January 17, 1919, who lived at 12835 Waterloo Road, Chelsea, Michigan 48118, died January 29, 2010. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Blanche Ottoman Trust Under Agreement Dated June 20, 2005, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to **SUSAN MYERS**, 116 East Summit Street, Chelsea, Michigan 48118, within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it. February 3, 2010

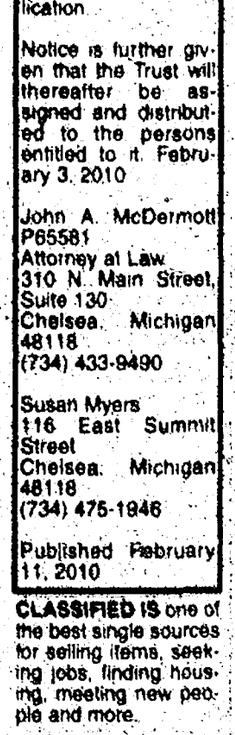
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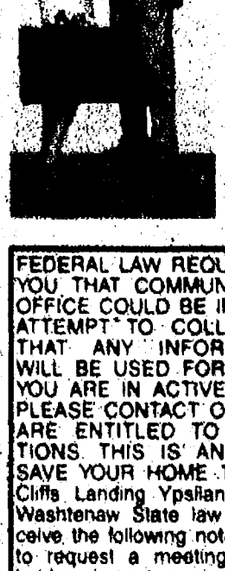


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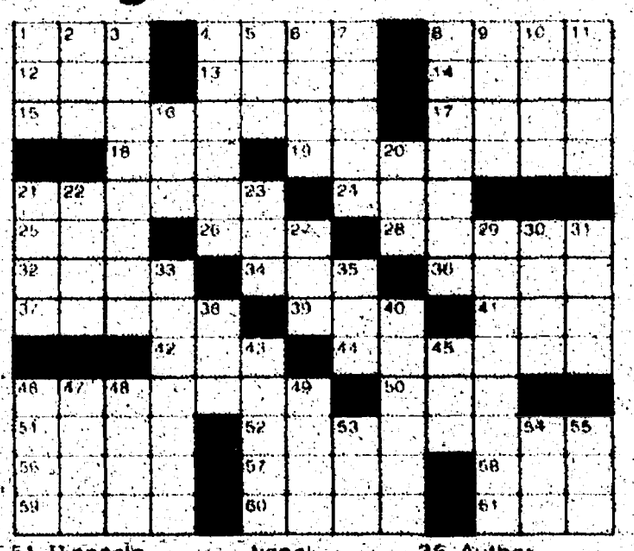
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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven Vandor, a single man, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 27, 2003 and recorded July 14, 2003 in Liber 4283, Page 107, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Fifteen and 58/100 Dollars (($123,015.58) including interest at 3.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 18, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit Number A-6, Cliffs on the Bay Condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 1405, Pages 624 through 645, inclusive, and as amended by First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 1459, Pages 379 through 380, inclusive, as amended in Second Correction to Amendment of Master Deed, recorded in Liber 1467, Pages 635 through 640, inclusive, as amended by Third Amended By-Law recorded in Liber 1578, Pages 954 through 955, inclusive, as amended by Fourth Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 1590, Pages 385 through 387, inclusive, and as amended by Fifth Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 3133, Pages 937 through 967, inclusive, Washtenaw County Records, designated as Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 16, together with the rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 21, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.5734 ASAP# 3416452 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian E. O'Toole and Nancy L. O'Toole, husband and wife, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group NKA CitiMortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 20, 2006 and recorded July 20, 2006 in Liber 4570, Page 929, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Four Hundred Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Seven and 09/100 Dollars ($417,397.09) including interest at 6.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Sylvan, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 11, Town 2 South, Range 3 East, Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 11, South 88 degrees 48 minutes 33 seconds West 2675.24 feet to the Center of said Section, thence South 88 degrees 48 minutes 45 seconds West 241.92 feet along said East and West 1/4 line for a PLACE OF BEGINNING, thence South 55 degrees 16 minutes 15 seconds West 609.50 feet thence South 13 degrees 43 minutes 04 seconds West 219.68 feet, thence South 41 degrees 00 minutes 51 seconds West 75.00 feet thence North 03 degrees 13 minutes 01 seconds West 75.00 feet, thence North 03 degrees 13 minutes 12 seconds West 313.41 feet; thence North 08 degrees 22 minutes 35 seconds West 218.16 feet thence North 88 degrees 48 minutes 45 seconds East 655.97 feet along said East and West 1/4 line to the Place of Beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 11. Also being subject to the rights of the public over that part of the subject property which is Deerfield Court. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale; plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 241.5592 ASAP# 3417678 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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The mortgage described below is in default.

Mortgage made by David Raupp and Christina M. Raupp, to GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, mortgagee in a mortgage dated September 18, 2008, and recorded in the office of the Washtenaw County Register of Deeds on October 9, 2008, in Liber 4702, page 184, of Washtenaw County Records. The balance claimed owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is Forty-five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-six and 41/100 (45,986.41) Dollars. The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on Thursday, February 18, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, 101 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, Michigan (that being the place where the Washtenaw County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest charges, at the rate of 5.4%, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law or contract, and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Unit No. 61, Highpointe at Stonebridge, a condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 3841, Page 669, Washtenaw County Records, and amended by "First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 3857, Page 44, and amended by Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 3862, Page 320, and amended by Third Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 4148, Page 193, and amended by Fourth Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 4154, page 536, and amended by Fifth Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 4366, Page 840, Washtenaw County Records, designated as Replat No. 1 of Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 312, together with the rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to MCL §600.3240, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: January 10, 2010 GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, Mortgagee

Drafted by:
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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Samuel Herman and Daniela Herman, husband and wife, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor in interest from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver for Washington Mutual Bank, FA, a federal association, Mortgagee, dated July 15, 2003 and recorded October 10, 2003 in Liber 4323, Page 344, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Seventy-Five and 65/100 Dollars ($339,075.65) including interest at 3.651% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 18, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of York, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 125, York Woods Subdivision Number Five, as recorded in Liber 30 of Plats, Page 43 through 47, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 21, 2010. Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 362.7163 ASAP# 3416523 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lee Scribbling, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 25, 2006 and recorded March 31, 2006 in Liber 4548, Page 645, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Seventy and 46/100 Dollars ($129,070.46) including interest at 6.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 18, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Superior, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 554, Woodland Acres Subdivision Number 6, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 20 of Plats, Pages 1 and 2, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 21, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 285.8740 ASAP# 3412318 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jay Douglas Houston, aka Jay Houston, a single man, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated September 17, 2004 and recorded September 29, 2004 in Liber 4428, Page 386, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMC Specialty Mortgage LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Four and 32/100 Dollars ($186,474.32) including interest at 3.86% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 18, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 3, Weatherstone Condominiums, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3871 on Pages 36 and amendments thereto, and designated as Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 131, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 21, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 209.6973 ASAP# 3416481 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William E. Crossley aka William Crossley and Christine A. Crossley aka Christina Crossley, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated October 13, 2006 and recorded October 19, 2006 in Liber 4588, Page 96, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Four and 73/100 Dollars ($176,494.73) including interest at 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Number 119 of Ford Lake Heights, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 22 of Plats, Pages 11, 12, and 13 of Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.5778 ASAP# 3423720 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronnie D. Peterson, a married man and Gloria C. Peterson aka Gloria Peterson, his wife, to University Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 11, 2003 and recorded August 12, 2003 in Liber 4297, Page 486, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee for MASTR Alternative Loan Trust 2003-7 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen and 33/100 Dollars ($56,517.33) including interest at 6.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 18, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 363, South Devonshire Subdivision Number 1, as recorded in Liber 8, Page 8 of Plats, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 21, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310.7434 ASAP# 3412273 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010

NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. Notwithstanding, if the debt secured by this property was discharged in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy proceeding, this notice is NOT an attempt to collect that debt. You are presently in default under your Mortgage Security Agreement, and the Mortgage Holder may be contemplating the commencement of foreclosure proceedings under the terms of that Agreement and Michigan law. You have no legal obligation to pay amounts due under the discharged note. A loan modification may not serve to revive that obligation. However, in the event you wish to explore options that may avert foreclosure, please contact our office at the number listed below. Attention: The following notice shall apply only if the property encumbered by the mortgage described below is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.7cc. Attention Gerald F Danforth and Vanessa A Danforth, regarding the property at 6980 Munger Rd Ypsilanti, MI 48197. You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. Potestivo & Associates, P.C. is the designee with authority to make agreements under MCL 600.3205b and MCL 600.3205c, and can be contacted at: 811 South Blvd., Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123. You may also contact a housing counselor. For more information, contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) by visiting www.michigan.gov/mshda or calling (866) 946-7432. If you request a meeting with Potestivo & Associates, P.C. within 14 days after the notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not commence until at least 90 days after the date said notice was mailed. If an agreement to modify the mortgage loan is reached and you abide by the terms of the agreement, the mortgage will not be foreclosed. You have the right to contact an attorney and can obtain contact information through the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service at (800) 968-0738. Dated: February 11, 2010. Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123. Information may be faxed to (248)267-3004. Attention: Loss Mitigation Our File No: 10-21021 ASAP# 3445609 02/11/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kum Ok Thompson, a married woman and David Thompson, her husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 24, 2004 and recorded December 20, 2004 in Liber 4446, Page 239, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. as Trustee by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Three and 96/100 Dollars ($356,123.96) including interest at 4.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Scio, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 2, Pheasant Creek Estates Condominium according to the Master Deed Recorded in Liber 3533, Pages 489 through 539 and designated as Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 278, together with rights in common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above and as provided in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 207.9635 ASAP# 3423896 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010, 02/25/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Raymond L. Smith, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc nka CitiMortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 30, 2004 and recorded February 9, 2004 in Liber 4360, Page 496, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine and 49/100 Dollars ($100,779.49) including interest at 5.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 18, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 86, Georgetown Commons Condominium, according to the amended Superseding Consolidated Master Deed recorded in Liber 2717, Pages 263 through 328, inclusive, Washtenaw County Records, and designated as Replat Number 1 of Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan Numbers 18, 19, 27, and 34, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 21, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 241.8151 ASAP# 3412278 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Amy L. Brown, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 18, 2005 and recorded August 30, 2005 in Liber 4504, Page 105, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bac Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Six and 75/100 Dollars ($156,586.75) including interest at 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Augusta, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning 231.00 feet South of the junction of Willis Road and Augusta Street in the Village of Willis, running thence West 132.00 feet; thence South 66.00 feet; thence East 132.00 feet; thence North 66.00 feet to the place of beginning, being a part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section Number 12, Town 4 South, Range 7 East, Township of Augusta, Washtenaw County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 617.2637 ASAP# 3425479 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert T. Fadden and Margaret J. Somers, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 19, 2000 and recorded January 17, 2001 in Liber 3989, Page 932, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bac Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Four Hundred Ten and 94/100 Dollars ($275,410.94) including interest at 7.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Salem, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of a parcel of land in the Southwest fractional quarter of Section 18, Town 1 South, Range 7 East, Salem Township, Washtenaw County, said part more particularly described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of the Southwest fractional quarter of Section 18, distant North 282.89 feet from Southwest corner of said Section, thence proceeding along said West line North 213.0 feet; thence South 83 degrees 29 minutes 13 seconds East 442.86 feet; thence South 0 degrees 05 minutes 27 seconds West 212.96 feet; thence North 83 degrees 29 minutes 13 seconds West 442.52 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 21, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 617.2579 ASAP# 3425279 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dionigi G. De Luca and Sharon J. De Luca, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 19, 2004 and recorded June 15, 2004 in Liber 4399, Page 572, and Loan Modification Agreement Liber 4699, Page 556, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen and 35/100 Dollars ($318,416.35) including interest at 6.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Northfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner, Section 26, Town 1 South, Range 6 East, Northfield Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence due South 669.60 feet along the East line of said Section and the centerline of Earhart Road; thence North 89 degrees 36 minutes 50 seconds West 1302.46; thence North 00 degrees 20 seconds East 669.59 feet along the West line of the East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of said Section; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 50 seconds East 1301.02 feet along the North line of said Section to the place of beginning, being the East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of said Section 26 being subject to the rights of the public over the Easterly 33.0 feet thereof as occupied by Earhart Road. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.3319 ASAP# 3419762 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael W. Hoag and Ashley R. Hoag, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 17, 2007 and recorded May 18, 2007 in Liber 4625, Page 704, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight and 81/100 Dollars ($50,388.81) including interest at 11.77% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of York, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 23, Town 4 South, Range 6 East, York Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence North 01 degree 31 minutes 00 seconds West 697.77 feet along the East line of said section to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds West 341.90 feet; thence North 01 degrees 31 minutes 00 seconds West 150.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds East 341.90 feet; thence South 01 degree 31 minutes 00 seconds East 150.00 feet along the East line of said section to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the South half of the Southeast quarter of Section 23, Town 4 South, Range 6 East, York Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Being subject to the rights of the public over that part of Carpenter Road lying Westerly of East line of said Section 23, York Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 280.7783 ASAP# 3425273 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael B. Lewis, a married man and Lorraine Lewis, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 10, 2006 and recorded April 19, 2006 in Liber 4552, Page 377, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Six and 96/100 Dollars ($254,176.96) including interest at 6.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Village of Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 95, Dexter Crossing, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3699, Pages 504 through 568, inclusive, Washtenaw County Records, and any amendments thereto, and designated as Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 293, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310.6174 ASAP# 3417906 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lynne M. Stewart, a single woman, to Mayflower DBA Republic Bancorp Mortgage, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 15, 1999 and recorded January 25, 1999 in Liber 3843, Page 689, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Six and 17/100 Dollars ($30,136.17) including interest at 6.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 11, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 7, Supervisor's Plat Number 5, a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 10, Town 3 South, Range 7 East, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 9 of Plats, Page 27, Washtenaw County Records; thence East 10.00 feet along the North line of Lot 5 of said Plat, thence South 01 degrees 53 minutes 38 seconds East 150.00 feet parallel to the West line of Lot 5, thence West 70.00 feet, thence North 01 degrees 53 minutes 38 seconds West 150.00 feet, thence East 60.00 feet along the North line of Lot 7 to the place of beginning, being a part of Lots 5 and 7 of Supervisor's Plat Number 5, a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 3 South, Range 7 East, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: February 11, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 618.3693 ASAP# 3445728 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010, 02/25/2010, 03/04/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Hornyak, a married man and Julie T. Gagne, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 31, 2004 and recorded January 13, 2005 in Liber 4451, Page 254, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by MetLife Home Loans, a division of MetLife Bank, N.A. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety and 8/100 Dollars ($178,490.08) including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 9 3/4 feet of Lot 5, except the North 60 feet, thereof, and the West 30 1/4 feet of Lot 6, except the North 60 feet, thereof, all in Block 6, Daniel Hiscock's First Addition to the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 45 of Deeds, Page 160, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 238.7778 ASAP# 3425224 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Janice E. Peele, a single woman, to Wells Fargo Financial America, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 15, 2005 and recorded February 25, 2005 in Liber 4460, Page 204, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Seven and 62/100 Dollars ($142,527.62) including interest at 6.62% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 282, Weatherstone Condominiums, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2414 on Pages 618 to 693 inclusive and amendments thereto, and designated as Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 131, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 514.0127 ASAP# 3421677 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION WITH OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE, AS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PROTECTIONS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE YOUR HOME. To: William Eversole and Trenda Roberson 20909 Sager Chelsea, MI 48118 County: Washtenaw State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orlans Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling search/), telephone (866) 946-7432, TTY# 1-800-382-4568. If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738. Dated: February 11, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 362.6175 ASAP# 3442665 02/11/2010

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by George T. Robinson and Tammy L. Robinson, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2005 and recorded August 22, 2005 in Liber 4501, Page 870, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Citi-Mortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand One Hundred Sixteen and 73/100 Dollars ($106,116.73) including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 25, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 66, Huron Hearthside Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 10 of Plats, Page 52, Wayne County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 28, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 241.5333 ASAP# 3425228 01/28/2010, 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gayle L. Thomas, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 30, 2003 and recorded January 7, 2004 in Liber 4352, Page 39, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bac Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Two and 13/100 Dollars ($133,562.13) including interest at 6.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 11, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 13, Barnard Heights, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 8 of Plats, Page 37, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: February 11, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 617.3176 ASAP# 3439225 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010, 02/25/2010, 03/04/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ali Salem Abufarha, a single man, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated March 10, 2006 and recorded June 21, 2006 in Liber 4565, Page 426, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for, Argent Securities Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-W5, under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated May 1, 2006 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Six and 17/100 Dollars ($199,306.17) including interest at 10.45% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 11, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 880 and 881, Washtenaw Club View Subdivision Number 2, as recorded in Liber 6, Pages 35 and 36 of Plats, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: February 11, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 356.3431 ASAP# 3445682 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010, 02/25/2010, 03/04/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A. Miracle and Lynn Miracle, husband and wife, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 8, 2006 and recorded November 21, 2006 in Liber 4593, Page 571, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Citi-Mortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand One Hundred Forty-Three and 62/100 Dollars ($106,143.62) including interest at 7.95% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 4, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Milan, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: All the East part of Lot 25 of Gay's Plat of Gay's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Milan, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 1 and commencing 16 inches from the East wall of the West house on the same Lot. That part of the Lot conveyed in this Deed is the East 33 feet of Lot 25 of Gay's Plat of Gay's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Milan, Washtenaw County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: February 4, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 241.5281 ASAP# 3431838 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010, 02/25/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald C. Linden Jr. and Tammy L. Linden, Husband and Wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated June 14, 2004 and recorded August 13, 2004 in Liber 4417, Page 68, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Six and 01/100 Dollars ($174,676.01) including interest at 3.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 11, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 44, Greene Farms Subdivision Number 1, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 31 of Plats, Pages 71 through 76, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: February 11, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.5553 ASAP# 3445201 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010, 02/25/2010, 03/04/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard A. Schlosser, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 11, 2004 and recorded November 24, 2004 in Liber 4440, Page 944, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-One and 78/100 Dollars ($109,721.78) including interest at 5.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 4, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Northfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 334 and 335 of Horseshoe Lake Development Company's Shady Beach Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 17, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: February 4, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 618.3016 ASAP# 3435979 02/04/2010, 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010, 02/25/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William A. Lynn and Oralisa Y. Lynn, husband and wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 10, 2005 and recorded April 15, 2005 in Liber 4472, Page 6, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-OPT3, Asset Backed pass through certificates by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen and 49/100 Dollars ($262,919.49) including interest at 8.95% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 11, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit Number 111, Amberly Grove Condominium, a condominium project according to the Master Deed thereof as recorded in Liber 3843 at Pages 394 through 483, inclusive together with any and all amendments thereto, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and designated as Washtenaw County Condominium Plan Number 314 together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the above Master Deed as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: February 11, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 356.1316 ASAP# 3445203 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010, 02/25/2010, 03/04/2010

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lydia R. Bankhead, signing to acknowledge her ownership interest only and Porshea Anderson, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor in interest from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver for Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Mortgagee, dated August 29, 2002 and recorded September 6, 2002 in Liber 4159, Page 280, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven and 44/100 Dollars ($138,977.44) including interest at 6.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 4, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 159, Westaire Terrace, as recorded in Liber 12 of Plats, Pages 51 and 52, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: February 11, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 241.6315 ASAP# 3440178 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010, 02/25/2010, 03/04/2010

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FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION WITH OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE, AS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PROTECTIONS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE YOUR HOME To: Arthur B. Chubb and Bonita A. Chubb 5920 Joy Road Dexter, MI 48130 County: Washtenaw State law requires that you receive the following notice. You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orlans Associates, P.C. Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling_search/), telephone (866) 946-7432, TTY# 1-800-382-4568. If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738. Dated: February 11, 2010 Orlans Associates P.C Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 356.3428 ASAP# 3444108 02/11/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald K. Bovender and Elaine D. Bovender, husband and wife, to Norwest Mortgage, Inc. DBA Directors Acceptance, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 1999 and recorded August 23, 1999 in Liber 3894, Page 309, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Nine and 65/100 Dollars ($96,329.65) including interest at 11% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 11, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Signet Hills Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 41, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: February 11, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 326.3259 ASAP# 3445725 02/11/2010, 02/18/2010, 02/25/2010, 03/04/2010



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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by TIMOTHY B. POWELL and CATHERINE POWELL, a/k/a Catherine M. Powell, husband and wife (collectively "Mortgagor"), to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation having its principal office at 1760 Abbey Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, Michigan (the "Mortgagee"), dated August 13, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Washtenaw County, Michigan on August 20, 2004, in Liber 4418, Page 766 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith.
As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five and 63/100 Dollars ($215,595.63). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.
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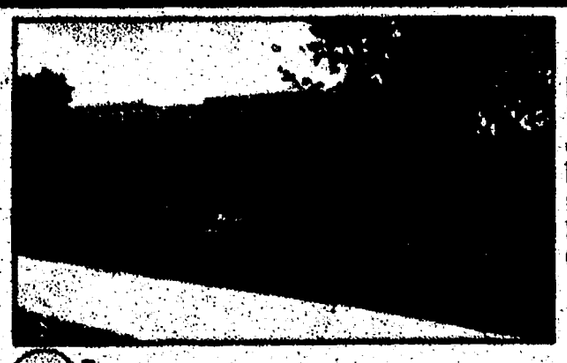
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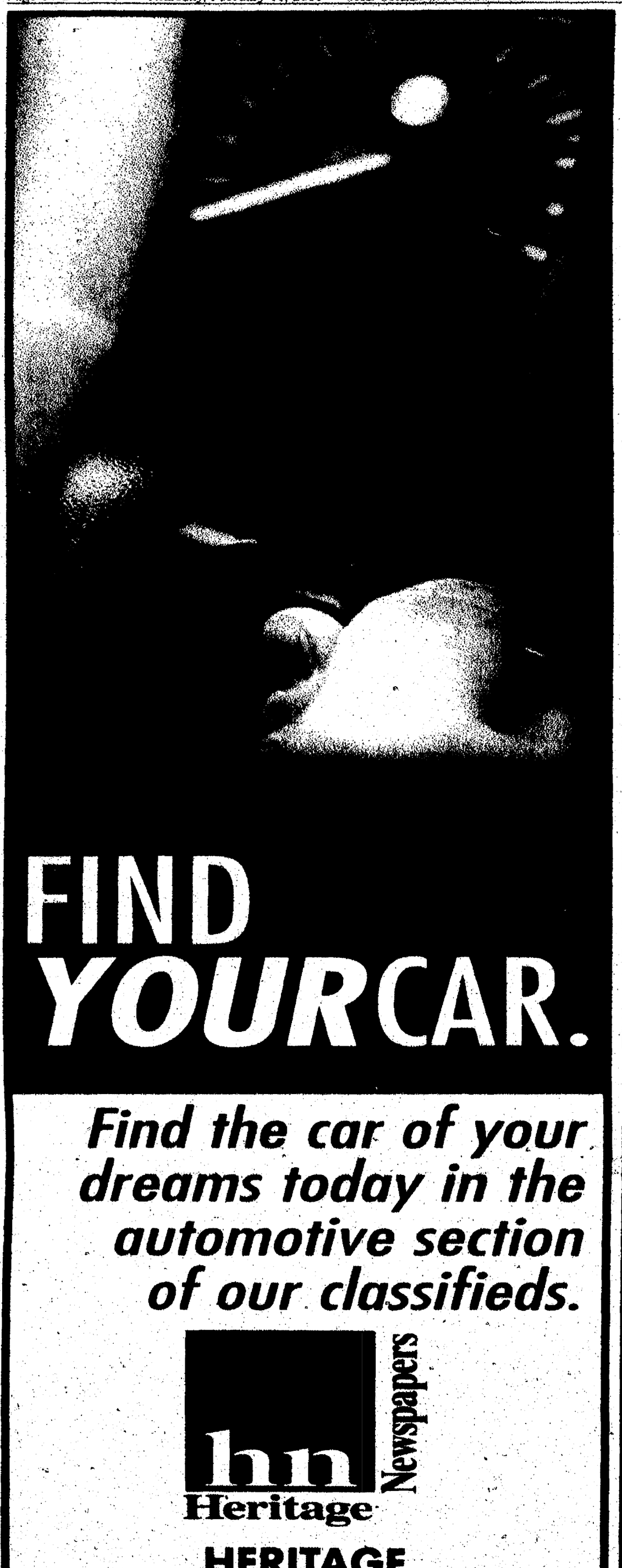
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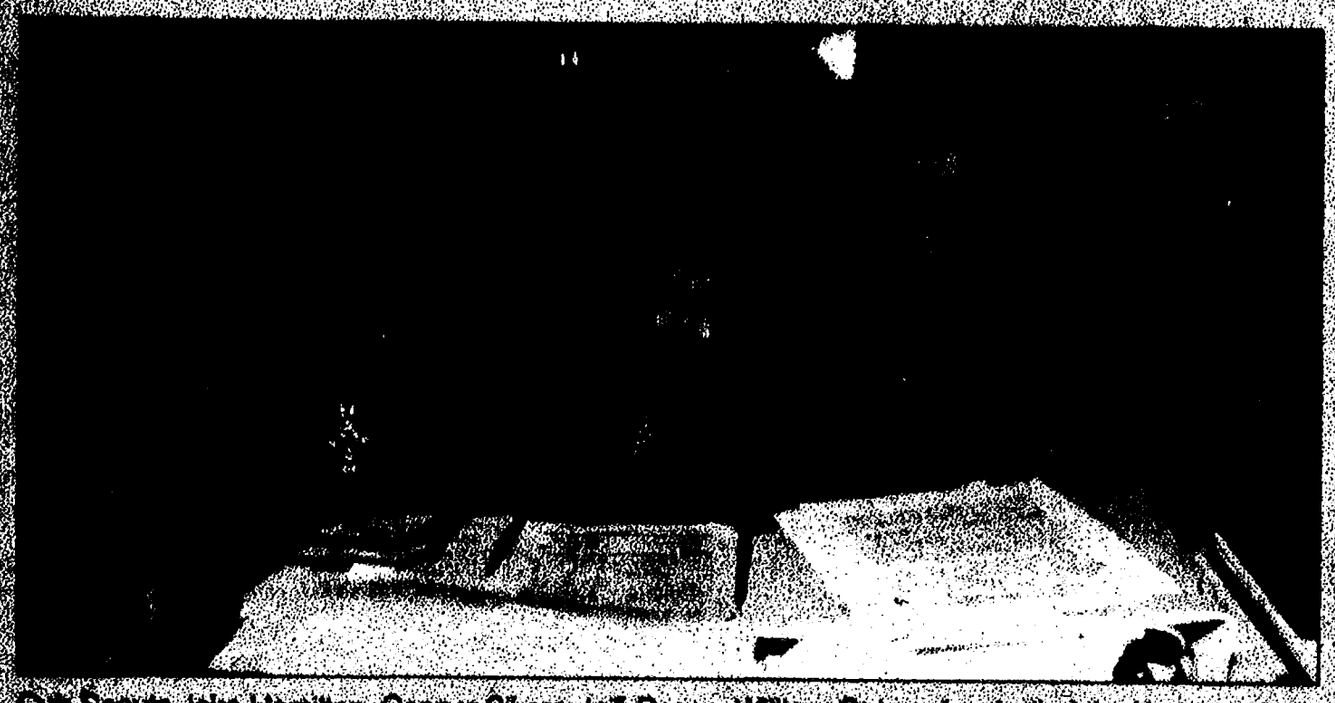
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Cub Scouts Jake Hamilton, Connor Sikora, Izik Rosen, William Gainey (seated), Jake Kapusansky and Griffin Bartscht gather around the judge's bench.



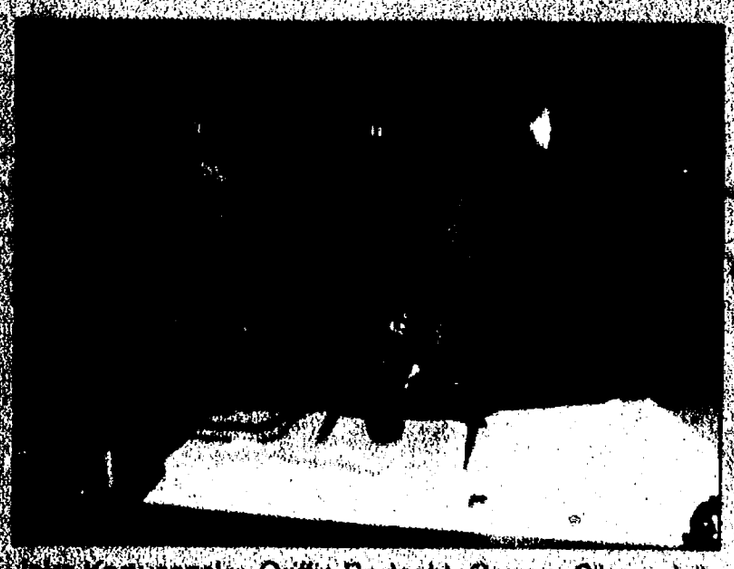
Jake Hamilton, Izik Rosen, Connor Sikora (seated), Jake Kapusansky, Griffin Bartscht and Judge Rosen (far left).

Order in the court

Dexter Cub Scout Den 11 of Pack 477 visited the federal court house in Detroit. Chief Judge Gerald Rosen met with the scouts and lead a tour of the "million dollar court room" in which he presides. Judge Rosen explained the history of the court and took questions from the boys. He later met with each and they all had a chance to bang the gavel to call the court to order. They also visited the detention area, court museum and security monitoring room.



Judge Rosen, Izik Rosen, Connor Sikora, Jake Hamilton (seated), Jake Kapusansky and Griffin Bartscht.



Jake Kapusansky, Griffin Bartscht, Connor Sikora, Izik Rosen (seated), Arthur Rosen (far right).



Jake Hamilton, Izik Rosen, Judge Rosen (background), Connor Sikora, Jake Kapusansky (seated) and Griffin Bartscht.



Judge Rosen (background), Izik Rosen, Jake Kapusansky, Connor Sikora and Griffin Bartscht (seated).



(Left to right) William Gainey, Jake Hamilton, Izik Rosen, Connor Sikora, Jake Kapusansky, Pablo Demerath, Griffin Bartscht, Karl Bartscht and Arthur Rosen

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African Rhythms Trio coming to Kerrytown Concert House

Combining a foundation in bebop with African roots, jazz master Randy Weston seamlessly blends the two categories as one of the seminal musicians of today.

Alex Blake on bass and Neil Clarke on percussion join Weston as the African Rhythms Trio at Kerrytown Concert House from 7 to 9 p.m. March 20. The concert is sponsored by the Center for Afroamerican and African Studies at the University of Michigan in celebration of its 40th anniversary.

A Brooklyn native, Weston grew up merely steps away from jazz greats such as Duke Ellington, Coleman Hawkins, Miles Davis, as well as his cousin Wynton Kelly. Thelonius Monk was one of Weston's greatest influences, having studied with him informally for three years.

"He was the most original I ever heard," Weston writes. "He played like they must have played in Egypt 5,000 years ago."

Weston progressed with his jazz career into the 1950s and '60s, performing with a number of jazz combos, including a sextet with saxophonist Booker Ervin. Several of Weston's originals that came out of this group have become jazz standards, including "Little Niles" and "Hi-Fly."

But while mastering the jazz idiom, Weston has been devoted to the music of his African ancestry. His dedication is due in large part to his father, Frank Edward Weston, who told his son that he was, "an African born in America."

"He told me I had to learn about myself and about him and about my grandparents," Weston said, "and the only way to do it was I'd have to go back to the motherland one day."

Weston spent a great deal of time performing in Africa while absorbing the style. He opened a nightclub in Morocco in the late 1960s, and also toured the continent. It was in Marrakech, Morocco, that Weston collaborated with Gnawa people, whose spiritual music is often used in healing ceremonies. He continues his relationship with the Gnawa music masters, and has since recorded with them. He released "The Splendid Master Gnawa Musicians of Morocco" in 1994 on the Verve label, which was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best World Music Album the following year. Born in Panama and raised Brooklyn, Blake was one of the major proponents of the fusion movement in the late 1970s. Most of the people who work with Blake consider him an entire rhythm section on his own as his playing evokes rhythmic guitar, steady drumming and a lyrical bass line — all in the action of two hands.

Blake enjoys the co-creative efforts of straight-ahead/fusion great Tommy Campbell. In addition to collaborating on each other's own projects, they perform together with The Manhattan Transfer.



Randy Weston

Clarke has been a student of percussion for more than 35 years. Having traveled extensively, he has had the opportunity to study and collaborate with masters worldwide. He has had longstanding performing, touring and recording relationships with many notable artists, including Harry Belafonte, Onaje Allen Gumbs, Dianne Reeves, David Sanborn, Miriam Makeba, Letta Mbulu, Carlos Garnet and Paul Winter, to name a few. Clarke has also performed in the Broadway production of "Timbuktu" and in the feature film Beat Street.

Kerrytown Concert House is located in the Kerrytown district of Ann Arbor.

Film festival to mark 48th season

The Ann Arbor Film Festival will offer special programs and has set an awards jury for its 48th season.

Several accomplished, pioneering makers will present an international body of work, including films from Japan, Southeast Asia, Suriname, England, Ukraine, and Canada.

Naomi Uman will present films from her series "Ukrainian Time Machine," personal documentaries exploring life in a small Ukrainian village. Uman, formerly of Los Angeles, has been living in the Ukraine since 2006. Her work has been exhibited internationally in festivals and museums including the Museum of Modern Art, Bilbao Guggenheim, Austria's Viennale and the Sundance Film Festival.

Prior to filmmaking, Uman was the personal chef to Malcolm Forbes, Calvin Klein and Gloria Vanderbilt.

British filmmaker and author Nicky Hamlyn will make his first Ann Arbor Film Festival appearance to present a special selection of his silent 16mm experimental films. His book "Film Art Phenomena" (2003), a survey of experimental film and video, is published by the British Film Institute.

This year's festival will showcase a special program featuring new short avant-garde films and experimental documentaries from London-based distributor LUX. Executive Director Benjamin Cook will be in attendance for audience Q&A and to present the program.

Daniel Barrow will bring his newest "manual animation" from Montreal for a special performance that combines overhead lamp projection with video, music and live narration.

"Every Time I See Your Picture I Cry" tells the story of a garbage man with a vision to create an independent phone book chronicling the lives of each person in his city. Barrow has performed at numerous international venues, including The Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, The Rotterdam International Film Festival, The Contemporary Art Gallery in Vancouver, Canada, and the Gene Siskel Film Center in Chicago.

This year's festival awards jury is composed of three accomplished filmmakers and curators: Irina Leimbacher, Tomonari Nishikawa and Ben Russell. During the festival, they will review all films in competition and grant more than $16,000 in cash awards to filmmakers. Each juror will also present a free public program of their work during the festival.

Tomonari Nishikawa, from Tokyo, Japan, has created a technically innovative body of work in film, video and new media installations for the past decade. He will present a program of his short films, which have shown worldwide to acclaim, including the 2007 Ann Arbor Film Festival. His film "Market Street" was awarded and included on that year's Touring Program.

Chicago-based Ben Russell will present "Let Each One Go Where They May," his stunning new ethnographic narrative shot in Suriname, South America. Russell's work has been featured in solo programs at Anthology Archives NYC, International Film Festival Rotterdam and he has won awards at the Ann Arbor Film Festival.

The festival's third juror, Irina Leimbacher, is an accomplished filmmaker, author and curator of documentary and experimental cinema. She will present two special programs of 16mm films by the late Chick Strand, a legendary figure in the world of avant-garde cinema and co-founder of Canyon Cinema.

These special program filmmakers and jurors will join Kenneth Anger at the 48th Ann Arbor Film Festival. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences awarded the festival with a special tribute to Anger that will include multiple screenings of his work and a live on-stage conversation with him at the historic Michigan Theater March 27. Anger's widely influential "Scorpio Rising" played at the second Ann Arbor Film Festival in 1964. He is author of "Hollywood Babylon" and continues to produce work at the age of 82.

The complete festival lineup will be announced March 2 with tickets/passes on sale. The 48th Ann Arbor Film Festival takes place March 23 through 28.

'It Came from Mars' opens Feb. 18

Performance Network Theatre will put on "It Came from Mars" by local playwright Joseph Zettelmaier Feb. 18 through March 21.

"Mars," which is a co-production with Williamston Theatre, is a recipient of the prestigious Edgerton Foundation New American Play Award, which is granted to only a handful of theaters nationwide. The world premiere comedy stars Wayne David Parker, Sandra Birch, Joseph Albright, Jacob Hodgson, Alysia Kolascz and Morgan Chard. It is directed by Artistic Director Tony Caselli.

"It Came From Mars," which is featured in the February issue of American Theatre Magazine, is a comedy about a troupe of radio actors terrified by Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" broadcast. Passions ignite and secret identities are revealed when a washed-up director, his diva ex-wife, a German sound effects wiz and a wanna-be war hero believe that they are about to be annihilated by men from Mars.

Weekly performances are 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and Sunday at 2 p.m., with 3 p.m. matinees March 6 and March 20.

Tickets can be ordered at the Performance Network Box Office at 663-0681, online at www.performancenetwork.org or by coming to the Performance Network Theatre at 120 E. Huron St., in Ann Arbor.

Tickets are priced at $10 to $41, with discounts available for seniors, members, students and groups.

Free Concert set Feb. 18

Internationally renowned euphonium soloist Adam Frey will appear in concert with the Ypsilanti Community Band 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at Towsley Auditorium at Washtenaw Community College.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Frey, a native of Atlanta, holds degrees from the University of Georgia and the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, England. In addition to his extensive performing all over the world, Frey is a member of the faculty at both Emory University and Georgia State University.

There will be a post-concert reception for audience, band and guest artists to be held in the lobby of the Morris Lawrence Building. Refreshments will be served.

The Morris Lawrence Building is the east-most building on the Washtenaw Community College campus. WCC is located at 4800 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor. There is free parking in the vicinity of the Morris Lawrence Building and the main entrance to the building is on the east side.

Battle of the bands set for high school musicians

Any local band with at least one member still in high school or the majority of the members being age 19 or younger may participate in the Battle of the Bands competition Feb. 16 at Lincoln High School, the Washington Street Education Center in Chelsea Feb. 17 and the Neutral Zone in Ann Arbor Feb. 24.

The Washtenaw Area Teens for Tomorrow and Teen Center Without Walls are looking for talented teen bands to audition for the fifth annual Battle of the Bands. In previous years, more than 500 people have attended the event and the winners were provided with funds to further their careers in music, as well as opportunities to professionally record music.

Any band interested in auditioning should call 973-4384 or send an e-mail to info@tcw2.com to schedule an audition time.

More information can be found at www.tcw2.com.

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2 p.m. Saturday: Nelson's Wildlife Safari owner Nelson Pearson presents hands-on introduction to unusual animals from around the world. Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Road, Chelsea. $2 (family, $5). $6 vehicle entry fee. 475-3170.

Winter Orienteering
1 p.m. Saturday: Compass provided. Eddy Discovery Center), Bush Road, Chelsea. Pre-register at 475-3170. Free. $6 vehicle entry fee.

"Gravity"
8 p.m. every Wednesday through Sunday, Feb. 11 through March 27. Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea. 433-7673.

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Second Saturday Contra Dance
8 p.m. Saturday. Don Theyken calls to music by the Sharon Hollow String Band. No partner needed. Beginners welcome. Webster Community Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter. $8. 408-1829.

University Lowbrow Astronomers
6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday. Look through instruments, including the Peach Mountain Observatory's 24-inch McMath telescope. Peach Mountain Observatory, North Territorial Road, Dexter. Free. 332-9132.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University
5:30 p.m. Sunday. Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 West Huron River Drive, Dexter. Call 426-8480.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"
Thursday through Sunday, and Feb. 18 through 21. 7 p.m. Thursday and Sunday. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday Encore. 3126 Broad St., Dexter. $28 (seniors and students, $25; groups of 10 or more, $22). 268-6200.

Draw Doubles Disc Golf
Noon Saturdays. Play disc golf at Hudson Mills Metropark's 24-hole courses. Beginners paired with advanced players. Golf discs available free. Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Road, Dexter. $5 per player. $4 vehicle fee. 449-4300.

Ice Fishing Derby
7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Kids and adults compete in two divisions for prizes. Bring bait. Independence Lake County Park Beach Center, 3200 Jennings, Webster Township. $8 (12 and younger, $4), includes vehicle entry fee and lunch. 449-4437.

Dog Agility Trials
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Ann Arbor Dog Training Club. Spectators welcome. Canine Sports Recreation Center, 7275 W. Joy Rd., Dexter. 995-2801.

SALINE

Meet and Greet
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 20. Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary at Pet Emporium, 4949 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Have your bunny questions answered and adopt an abandoned bunny as February is Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month.

Valentine's Ball
8 p.m. Saturday. Dancing to music from the early 1900s by Huron Valley Serenaders. Vintage attire encouraged. Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. $25 (includes workshops) in advance at vintagedance.com and by phone; $30 at the door. 769-0041.

Ballroom Dancing Night
8 p.m. Saturday. Pittsfield Township Recreation Hall, South State at Ellsworth. $5. 822-2120.

Huron Gun Collectors
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. About 100 dealers and collectors offer guns, knives, ammunition, and other hunting equipment, including antiques and collectibles. Concessions. Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. $4. 1-517-605-0624.

Remote-Controlled Car Racing
10:30 a.m. Saturday. Washtenaw Remote-Controlled Raceway. Spectators welcome. Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free admission. $16 to race. 1-313-565-2815.

MichComp 2010 Dancesport Competition
8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. U of M Ballroom Dance Team hosts ballroom dance competition with teams from Big 10 and other Midwest universities. Finals at 7 p.m. Saline Middle School, 7190 Maple Road, Saline. $10 all day, $8 after 7 p.m. (students with ID, $5; under age 5, free). 1-517-615-0015.

Wild Game Dinner
6 p.m. Thursday. Michigan United Conservation Clubs fundraiser, Tri-County Sportsmen's League, 8640 Moon Road. Tickets $20, $35 per couple or $140 for eight. 868-2473.

Professional Volunteer Corps
7 p.m. Friday. Professional Volunteer Corps monthly meeting and social for Washtenaw County singles 25 or older who would like to help nonprofits and enjoy social events. NEW Center, 1100 N. Main St. Visit www.a2pvc.org.

Advanced English Dance
8 p.m. Friday. Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. $10. 1-248-288-4737.

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Meet Some-Bunny Special
1 to 5 p.m. Feb. 21 at Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary. Food, beverages, entertainment, chocolate fountain and tours. Fundraiser. Costs $15 and $8 for children 12 and younger. Located on Judd Road near Whittaker.

"Music in the Neighborhood"
7 p.m. Wednesday. Performances by local classic rock covers band Six-Foot-Pole, local ska and '80s-style pop quintet Hullabaloo, the versatile acoustic old-time, Cajun and Zydeco sextet Walk Chicken Walk, and Bill Bynum & Co., quartet led by Downriver bluegrass-based singer-songwriter Bynum. Bring your own beer and wine. Keystone Underground Martini Bar, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Free.

EMU Percussion Ensemble
7:30 p.m. Monday. Music-student ensemble in eclectic mix of rhythms and instrumental timbres. Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, West Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

EMU University Choir and Symphonic Band
4 p.m. to midnight Sunday. Music student ensembles in a musical celebration of love. Pease Auditorium, EMU, West Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

EMU Wind Symphony and Chamber Choir
8 p.m. Friday. EMU Music Department student ensemble. Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, West Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free.

"Nora and Julie"
7 p.m. Thursday to Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. EMU Theatre Department. Quirk Theater, Ford St. EMU campus, Ypsilanti. $15 (students, $12; age 12 and younger, $6) in advance and at the door. 487-2282.

MeeAe Nam
8 p.m. Thursday. Recital by local soprano, an EMU voice professor. Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, West Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free.

Children's Puppet Shows
3:30 p.m. Sunday. Marionette and shadow puppet shows. Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington, Ypsilanti. $5 (age 3 and younger, free). 657-2337.

Crowds turnout for winter carnival

By Daniel Lai
Heritage Newspapers

Local residents, fishermen and chili chefs flocked to Chelsea over the weekend to compete in several tournaments for the American Legion's annual winter carnival.

Though area youth braved the 17-degree weather to participate in the ice-fishing challenge, the adults were heating things up inside the legion hall Saturday in a winner-take-all chili cook-off.

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Chelsea resident Helen Collins said she has participated in the cook-off for 18 years.

"One year I was voted first place and People's Choice winner," she said. "I love coming out every year and seeing some friends."

Collins said she also enjoys a little bit of family competition. This year both her daughter and sister-in-law, Sue Collins, also participated in the event.

"I've been involved with the contest in some shape or form either cooking or judging every year," Sue said. "Judging is hard because there is a lot of good chilies."

Sue said participation in this year's cook-off is down from previous years.

"It might be due to time or money or both," she said. "It can be expensive to participate because you have to have to buy all the ingredients — which could easily cost $50 — and pay an entry fee."

Though she was mum to any secret ingredients, Collins said her chili consists primarily of ground steak, pork, sausage, tomatoes, chili seasonings and chicken and beef broth.

"I started the competition with my other relatives and now they are competing against me," Collins joked. "Everyone thinks they have the best chili."

Brighton residents Mike Wenderlich and John Werd also returned to the competition for the sixth year in a row.

"I do a lot of cooking at home and watch a lot of cooking shows," Wenderlich said. "I think my advantage is that I'm always willing to experiment."

Wenderlich's most recent trophies are for People's Choice in 2004 and first place in 2002.

"People's Choice usually comes down to how many friends a chef can get to come to the cook-off," he said. "It's quite an honor when you actually place in the contest."

This year Wenderlich said one of his new techniques was borrowed from world-renowned French chef Jean-Christophe Novelli.

Chili Contest Winners

Peoples Choice Award: Helen Collins and Ashley Kingsbury of Munith
1st Place: John Wenderlich of Brighton
2nd Place: Steve Daut and Sue Lackey from Chelsea and
3rd place: Stephanie Doll of Chelsea and Bonnie Mottaghi of Milford

"For the sauce, we boiled the tomatoes and peeled the skins off, which gave the chili a thicker richer sauce," he said.

Steve Daut and Sue Lackey have been participating in the cook-off since 1997.

"We've been cooking chili since before we were married," Lackey said.

The couple came in third place in 1999 and second place in 2008.

"I think we'll do well today," she said. "We're looking to round out our collection of trophies."

Lackey said she enjoys the event because it's "fun and not too competitive."

"You get to meet a nice bunch of people," she said.

Stephanie Doll and Bonnie Mottaghi were also hopeful they would take home the grand prize.

"This is a good fun event that supports the Legion," Doll said. "We enjoy coming out every year."

Washtenaw County Commissioner Mark Ouimet attended the cook-off as one of the judges.

"It's a lot of fun and it's an relatively inexpensive family activity," he said. "I've been coming here for the past four years and the crowds seem to get better every year."

Legion member Don Bell said this year's carnival was a big success.

"We had more kids than ever participating in the fishing tournament, and each kid got to take home an ice fishing package donated by Knutsons in Brooklyn just for participating," he said.

Winners in this year's raffle drawing were Judy Merkel, Tim Eiseman and Doug Barker.

Jared Powers (first place) and Brandon Steele (second place) won the adult pike fishing contest.

Steve Gallas (first and second place) and Ed Blissick (third place) won the adult panfish contest.

Scott Whitin (first place), Dan Allen, Jr. (second place) and John Barnett (third place) won the adult perch contest.

Kiersten Smith won first place in the youth pike contest.

Olivia Blissick (first place), Veronica Blissick (second place) and Brayden Vandyke (third place) won the youth panfish contest.

Lilly Summars (first place, third place) and Koby Barnett (second place) won the youth perch contest.



Photo by Daniel Lai

Sue Collins shows off her chili during the Sons of the American Legion annual chili cook-off on Saturday in Chelsea.



Submitted photo

WORLD SMARTS

Brandon Alder, an eigth grade student at Beach Middle School won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Jan. 20, and a chance at a $25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level competition, which involves sixth grade students from South Meadows School and seventh and eighth grade students at Beach Middle School, ahswered oral questions on geography and was the first round in the 22nd annual National Geographic Bee. The event is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

The kickoff for this year's competition was the week of Nov. 9, 2009, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including Alder, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scores in each state will be eligible to compete in their state Bee on April 9. In Michigan, this will take place on the campus of Central Michigan University.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championship on May 25 and 26. The first-place national winner will receive a $25,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society, and a trip to the Galápagos Islands.

MUSIC REVIEW

By Lee Copley
Special Writer

Artist: Motion City Soundtrack
Album: My Dinosaur Life
Label: Columbia

Often times when an indie band makes it big, they either stick to their roots or modify their sound to increase their popularity. The first group is a small one, with Radiohead being the most recent example. The second group is full of bands that went on to achieve massive success, but often lost their original fanbase in the process. The other drawback to this is that the music often suffers and loses a lot of the feeling that made it great. Motion City Soundtrack is one of the most recent indie bands to make it big.

Motion City Soundtrack established a strong following with their last three albums and recently moved to a major record label for the release of "My Dinosaur Life." The big drawback with becoming more popular and joining a major label is that their music is becoming more suited for radio play. Their older albums, namely "I Am The Movie," established the band as the up and coming kings of power pop and pop punk.

"My Dinosaur Life" is another reason to further Motion City Soundtrack's title of pop punk royalty.

Being commercially successful does not ruin the sound of a band, and "My Dinosaur Life" is proof of that. Each track seems to be cut from the same mold as their older material.

"Pulp Fiction" is a great song, and one of the few tracks that does not open with vocals on the intro. The song has a great sound and original lyrics. "Skin And Bones" has a chill sound and good lyrics, but the vocals are uninteresting and vary little throughout the sound. "Delirium" has original lyrics that echo songs of the band's past. The song is well done and enjoyable. "Her Words Destroyed My Planet" was the first single off the album. It has a catchy sound and easily memorized lyrics, but not much else. The best song on the album is "Disappear." It has a fast-paced beat that combines with good vocals to make a great song.

"My Dinosaur Life" proves that becoming commercially successful does not always ruin a band. Motion City Soundtrack may have changed slightly since their first major album, but they are not selling out and pumping out emotionless music. Bands evolve over time and all music becomes different. Motion City Soundtrack is a member of the first group of indie bands who made it big. "My Dinosaur Life" gets an A-.

Artist: Findlay Brown
Album: Love Will Find You
Label: Classics & Jazz

Pop music has evolved and mutated a number of times over the years. Recent times have given us boy bands, tween singing sensations and divas that all care more about overall success than the music they were creating. The word "pop" often brings images of either recent chart toppers and the kings and queens of contemporary "pop" music, but the roots of modern pop are firmly rooted in the '50s and '60s.

Artists like Bobby Darin and Johnny Burnette may be lost to modern audiences, but their legacy lives on.

Most modern artists seek to make themselves stand out, and in doing so they end up sounding similar to each other. But one of the artists seeking to truly sound different is Findlay Brown. Brown achieved some fame for being featured in a credit card commercial several years ago. Brown's second album "Love Will Find You" sounds like it was released about four decades too late, but that sound makes it shine out of the crowd.

Every song on "Love Will Find You" feels like something that would be in a malt shop jukebox. "All That I Have" is nearly perfect. The sound it has feels like something out of a black and white movie of yesteryear. The vocals and lyrics are simply amazing. "Nobody Cared" is a slower track with heartfelt lyrics and vocals. "That's Right" has a more early '60s rock n' roll sound that creates a feeling that can't be duplicated by modern bands. The best song on the album may be "I Still Want You." It is a shorter song, at just over two minutes, but in that short time an amazing retro sound is made.

Music often becomes stale because bands end up merely copying each other instead of focusing on the music. Findlay Brown is breaking that trend with some amazing music.

Village receives grant for LED traffic light system

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

Dexter Village was awarded a $50,000 grant from the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth to retrofit 80 metered streetlights to LED.

The village currently has 97 metered streetlights, including 17 that were installed as part of the Jeffords, Forest and bridge project.

The grant was written with an $18,000 cash match towards installation and engineering costs paid for by the village and the Downtown Development Authority.

Village officials say they are not currently aware of a timeline for receipt of the grant money, but once they do it will be determined whether the village or DDA will need to make budget amendments to cover the match, either this fiscal year or in the 2010-2011 budget.

The village will realize a significant cost savings, in addition to energy efficiency savings and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Once all of the streetlights are retrofitted with LED lights, which use 35 watts of energy, the number over kilowatt hours of energy expended per year will fall by 60 percent, saving 21,024 kilowatt hours per year.

One kilowatt hour is equivalent to the amount of energy it would take to operate a heater for one hour.

That efficiency will translate into $1,892.16 saved annually on the village's energy bill.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Area

•Family Science Workshop
Learn how historians and scientists who work for museums collect, study and exhibit their discoveries.

What is a museum collection for? How can it help us today? Make a discovery, dig it up, date it, and then create your own exhibit to tell the world about its importance.

The free workshop is for children ages 6-11 with an adult. This workshop will also be offered at the Chelsea District Library on Feb. 27.

•Financial Workshop
Dave Ramsey's "Get Financial peace, get out of debit and take control of your financial future" classes start Feb. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 West Huron Drive. For more information. Further information call 1-734-426-8480.

Chelsea

Free breakfast
First United Methodist Church in Chelsea is offering a free breakfast the second Saturday of every month from 8 to 11 a.m. The meal is open to anyone in the community. For more information call 1-734-475-8119.

Chelsea District Library

For more information, call 475-8732.

Today

Valentine's Day Evening Storytime will take place from 6 to 6:30 p.m. in the KidSpot. Drop-in is welcome. For ages 3 to 6.

Join Miss Karen for stories, songs and crafts about Valentine's Day.

Antique Gardens: American Home Landscapes (1800 to 1940) will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the McKune. Registration is required.

Discover American gardens and landscapes of the past from Scott Kunst, owner and founder of Old House Gardens. A landscape historian and preservationist, Kunst has helped homeowners of older homes restore their grounds for over 20 years.

From the scanty pioneer gardens of the early 1800s through flamboyant Victorian carpet-bedding to the "old-fashioned" perennial borders of the early 20th century, "Antique Gardens" illuminates 140 years of American yards and gardens.

In colorful, fast-paced slides, it shows how plants, outdoor furnishings and the design of American yards changed dramatically through the years.

The presentation is in partnership with the Chelsea Area Garden Club.

Basics of Microsoft Publisher 2007 will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the lab. Registration is required. Basic computer and mouse skills needed

This workshop is a basic introduction to the creative Publisher program. Participants will have hands-on experience with a newsletter or greeting card and leave with further knowledge of what the program can do for them.

Feb. 13

Basics of Microsoft Word 2007 will take place from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m. in the lab. Registration is required. Basic computer and mouse skills needed. This workshop is a basic introduction to the popular word processing Word program with emphasis on the new Ribbon and menu features in the 2007 version.

Feb. 15

Guys Read Book Club will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. at the McKune. Registration is required. For ages 9-13.

A book club for guys only, with a free book just for signing up. Pick up your book today. This month's book: "The Lightning Thief" by Rick Riordan, first book of the series, "Percy Jackson and the Olympians."

Feb. 16

Guiding Good Choices for Parents will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the KidSpot. Registration is required. Open to all adults.

Guiding Good Choices is a national parent/adult education program that has been proven to reduce youth drinking and drug use.

Consisting of five weekly two-hour workshops led by trained presenters, the program covers communication, strengthening bonds with kids, teaching them refusal skills, and empowering them to make independent, responsible decisions. Child care available upon request. This program is presented in partnership with SRSLY.

Chelsea Senior Center

Located at 512 Washington St. 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.

Tomorrow and Feb. 15: Senior Center closed for President's Weekend

Feb. 16: Foot care by appointment; Enhance Fitness, 9 a.m.; Mah Jongg, 9 a.m.; Free blood pressure, 10 a.m.; crafts, 10 a.m.; Wood Carving, 10 a.m.; Chicken Pot Pie lunch at noon; Scarlett Ladies at noon; Quilting for Charity, 1 p.m.; Wii Fit/ Balance, 1 p.m.; Euchre, 6:30 p.m.; Concert at Silver Maples, 7 p.m.

Feb. 17: Stained Glass class, 9:30 a.m.; Coin Club, 10 a.m.; Enhance Fitness, 10:30 a.m.; Roast beef and gravy lunch at noon; Square Dancing, 12:30 p.m.; History of Christianity, 1 p.m.; Pinochle, 1 p.m.; Scrabble, 1 p.m.; Bowling at Chelsea Lanes, 1 p.m.; Love Letters, 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 18: Enhance Fitness, 9 a.m.; Newsletter assembly, 10 a.m.; Computer Club, 10 a.m.; Chess, 10 a.m.; Beef Goulash lunch at noon; Chelsea Area Bridge, 12:15 p.m.; Knit & Crochet, 12:30 p.m.; PATH 1 p.m.

Dexter

Encore Theatre presents "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" 7 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. This is a one-act musical comedy. Tickets are $28. Seniors and students are $25. Parties of 10 or more are $22 a piece. For more information, visit www.theencoretheatre.org.

Dexter Senior Center

7720 Ann Arbor St. Call 426-7737. Luncheons are complete - main dish listed, $2.50 minimum donation. Reservations should be made the day ahead by noon, call 426-5397.

Feb. 15: Closed for President's Day

Feb. 16: 10 a.m., Lifestyle Fitness or Rug hookers; 11 a.m., Tai Chi; 11:30 a.m., Chicken stir fry lunch; noon, French; 1:30 p.m., Computer Club.

Feb. 17: 8:30 a.m., swimming at Wylie Pool; 10:30 a.m., exercise; monthly birthday party, 11:30 a.m. - Baked Codfish; 1 p.m., Watercolor painting, Yoga or German.

Feb. 18: 9 a.m., Spanish or tax assistance; 9:30 a.m., Euchre; 10 a.m., Lifestyle Fitness; 11 a.m., Sip and Stitch/Bridge; 11:30 a.m. luncheon - Baked ham; 12:30 p.m., Scrabble; 1 p.m. Mah Jongg.

Feb. 19: 8:30 a.m., swimming at Wylie Pool; 10:30 a.m., exercise; 11:30 a.m., luncheon, Macaroni and cheese; 1 p.m., digital camera presentation.

Dexter Library

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 the library at 1-734-426-4477.

Feb. 11

Microsoft Excel 2007, Part II, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Registration is required.

Parks

Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center

Located at 17030 Bush Road in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea. Call 734-475-3170.

Feb. 13:

Winter Orienteering: The event takes place at 1 p.m. Challenge yourself to an afternoon of exploration in the forest.

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

Feb. 20: "Stories Around the Fire" at 11 a.m. in the Activity Center. Gather around the fire for some stories and snacks. Listen to stories, myths and legends from different cultures. Learn about the animals that star in these tales during this hands-on presentation. The fee is $3 per person. Pre-registration is required.

Feb. 27-28: Maple Sugaring: Journey to the Sugar Bush will take place at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon Saturday and Sunday by appointment. See how to tap trees, collect sap and boil it into maple syrup. All-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage, with real maple syrup, will be served at the Activity Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the days the tours are offered. Guided tour is $2 per person. Pancake breakfast is $3.50 per child and $5.50 per adult. Reservations are required for the guided tour.

Weekday programs (Wednesday through Friday) are available by appointment to schools and organized groups. For more information, call 1-734-426-8211 or 1-800-477-3191.

Road Commission will not refurbish bridge

By Lisa Allmendinger

The Bell Road Bridge in Dexter Township near the Webster Township border has officially been removed from the Federal Highway

DEXTER

Administration's National Bridge Inventory.

The federal government is removing all bridges that have been closed for more than five years and where there is no "reasonable progress in scheduling a bridge for replacement or rehabilitation."

The bridge was closed in 1995 and has been lying along the side of the road for years, Road Commission officials said.

"I'd love to see it back over the Huron River like the Foster or E. Delhi Bridge, but wishing it won't make it so," said Dexter Township Supervisor Pat Kelly. "There's no money for rehabilitation."

At one point, there was money for a replacement bridge but it was given back to the Road Commission when residents were in strong opposition to a new bridge.

In fact, it got so bad that the bridge was taken off its failing abutments and was placed along the side of the road.

Another area bridge, the Klinger Bridge in Lima Township, is close to being in the same situation, said Roy Townsend, director of engineering.

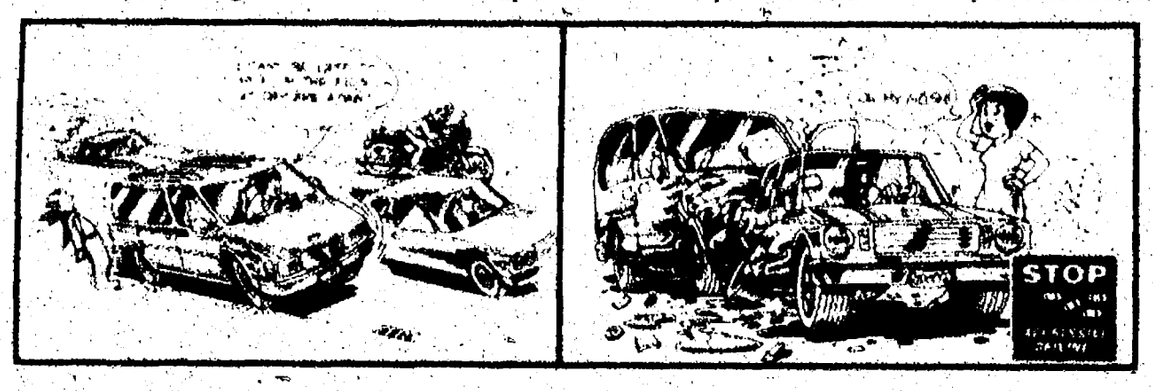
Closed in 2005, the bridge over Mill Creek is located at Sager Road and Scio Church Road.

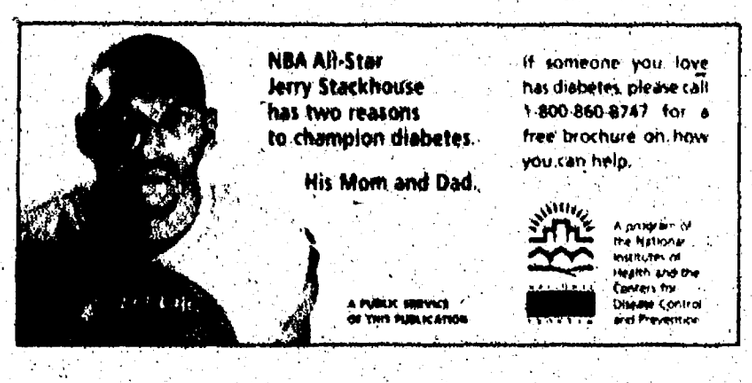
In most instances, bridge replacement costs are shared between the Road Commission and the municipality in which it's located.

Among the closed bridges are the Seven Mile Bridge over Johnson Creek tributary in Salem Township, the Harris Road Bridge over Fowler Creek in Superior Township, the Bethel Church Road Bridge over Bauer Drain in Lodi Township, the Liberty Road Bridge over Haas Drain in Lima Township, the Water Road Bridge over Haas Drain in Freedom Township, the William Road Culvert and Case Road Culvert over the Saline and Bridgewater Drains in Saline Township.

Most of them were closed in 2007.

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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly cloudy and cold	Partly cloudy and cold	Mostly cloudy and cold	Partly sunny and cold	Mostly cloudy and cold	Cloudy, flurries; chilly	Snow at times	Periods of snow
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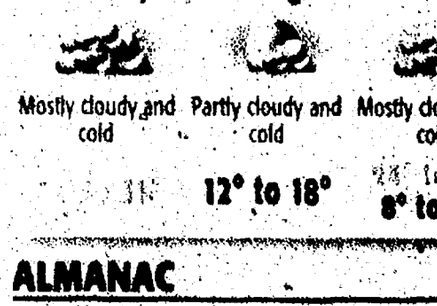
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Normal high/low	31°/17°
Average temperature	23.9°
Normal average temperature	24.3°

Precipitation:

Total for the week	0.03"
Total for the month	0.03"
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Normal for the month	0.56"
Normal for the year	2.80"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

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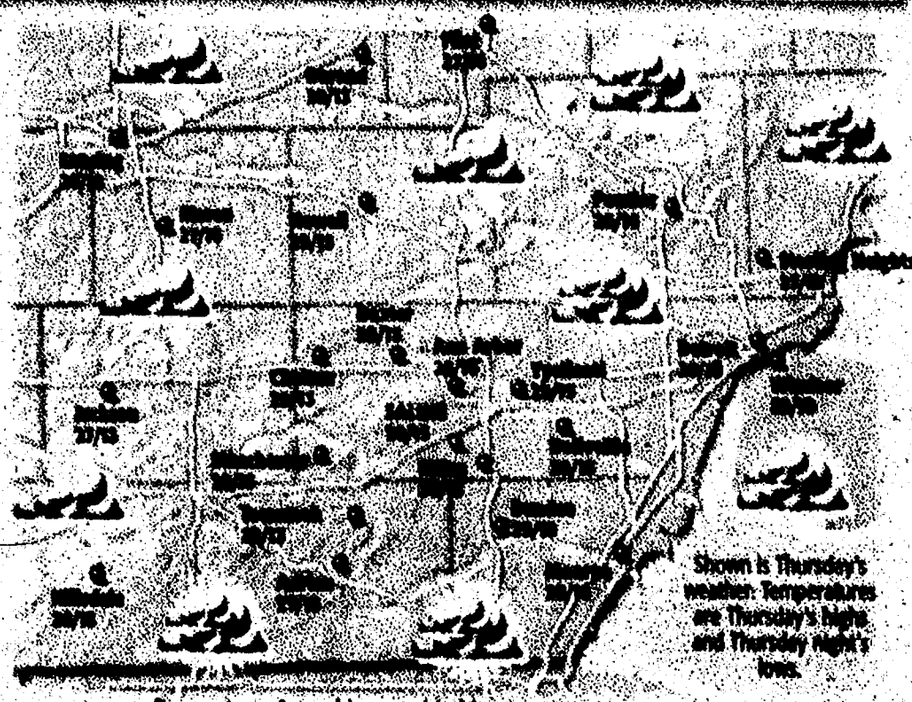
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SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Thursday	7:37 a.m.	6:02 p.m.
Friday	7:36 a.m.	6:04 p.m.
Saturday	7:34 a.m.	6:05 p.m.
Sunday	7:33 a.m.	6:06 p.m.
Monday	7:32 a.m.	6:07 p.m.
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	6:09 p.m.
Wednesday	7:29 a.m.	6:10 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	3:55 p.m.
Friday	6:44 a.m.	4:57 p.m.
Saturday	7:10 a.m.	5:58 p.m.
Sunday	7:33 a.m.	6:58 p.m.
Monday	7:54 a.m.	7:59 p.m.
Tuesday	8:14 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:36 a.m.	10:02 p.m.

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RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday	Flood stage	Current stage
Scarse Creek		
Dearborn Heights	–	9.17 ft
Huron River		
Ann Arbor	15 ft	12.58 ft
Mallets Creek		
Ann Arbor	–	3.27 ft
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	6.08 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester	–	2.86 ft

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	569.11 ft	571.03 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	572.55 ft

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Adrian	27/15/c	26/13/c	27/15/pc
Ann Arbor	28/15/c	27/11/c	28/14/pc
Battle Creek	27/15/sf	26/13/c	25/15/pc
Bay City	27/15/c	27/14/c	27/15/pc
Detroit	28/18/c	28/17/c	28/17/pc
Flint	27/16/c	28/15/c	28/17/c
Grand Rapids	26/15/sf	27/18/c	27/16/pc
Kalamazoo	26/14/sf	27/15/c	25/14/pc
Lansing	27/14/sf	27/13/c	26/13/pc
Livonia	29/16/c	30/15/c	30/15/pc
Manistee	26/16/sf	27/15/sf	25/17/pc
Midland	30/13/c	30/13/c	31/15/pc
Muskegon	27/17/sf	26/17/c	29/19/pc
Pontiac	26/16/c	26/15/c	27/16/pc
Port Huron	28/17/c	29/17/c	30/18/pc
Saginaw	27/15/c	27/14/c	28/15/pc
Sault Ste. Marie	23/8/pc	14/10/c	24/11/pc
Sturgis	25/14/sf	26/13/c	25/16/pc
Traverse City	27/16/sf	27/16/sf	26/16/pc
Warren	28/18/c	29/17/c	29/18/pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Athens	61/47/pc	58/47/pc	57/52/pc
Berlin	22/21/sf	26/23/sn	28/21/sn
Buenos Aires	86/72/pc	91/73/s	91/63/t
Cairo	82/62/pc	81/62/pc	81/61/s
Calgary	31/16/pc	35/18/pc	35/17/pc
Hong Kong	80/68/s	70/64/c	73/69/t
Jerusalem	76/54/pc	72/53/pc	70/51/s
Johannesburg	80/59/pc	79/60/c	78/60/t
London	37/28/pc	41/32/pc	39/30/sn
Mexico City	73/46/pc	69/47/t	67/45/c
Montreal	25/10/c	25/10/pc	23/14/sn
Moscow	28/16/sn	17/4/c	17/16/sf
Paris	29/22/c	28/25/pc	30/28/s
Rio de Janeiro	86/75/pc	88/77/pc	89/77/pc
Rome	48/35/r	43/27/pc	46/35/c
Seoul	40/24/sn	37/19/sn	39/23/c
Singapore	88/77/sh	88/77/sh	88/77/t
Sydney	88/70/s	90/71/pc	85/71/t
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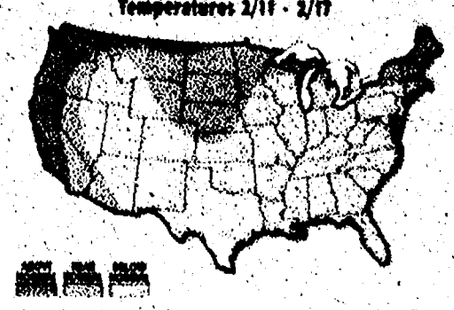
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Cincinnati	29/12/pc	29/14/pc	31/19/pc
Cleveland	28/18/sf	28/18/c	29/18/sf
Dallas	39/29/sn	53/34/c	56/40/s
Denver	48/20/pc	48/24/pc	48/20/sn
Honolulu	80/67/s	80/67/s	79/67/s
Houston	73/50/t	50/38/c	57/34/s
Kansas City	38/23/pc	39/19/c	39/16/s
Las Vegas	63/40/pc	64/42/pc	60/43/s
Los Angeles	64/48/pc	66/50/pc	72/52/s
Miami	80/70/s	79/68/pc	79/71/s
Minneapolis	23/11/s	27/14/c	24/8/sn
New Orleans	58/37/s	48/39/t	58/48/s
New York City	30/25/s	32/23/s	33/24/s
Orlando	78/58/s	84/60/t	81/60/s
Philadelphia	32/22/s	32/19/s	33/21/s
Phoenix	66/46/s	70/48/pc	72/50/s
Pittsburgh	27/17/sf	28/16/c	26/15/sf
St. Louis	35/24/s	35/24/t	40/28/pc
San Francisco	57/48/pc	59/46/r	59/48/s
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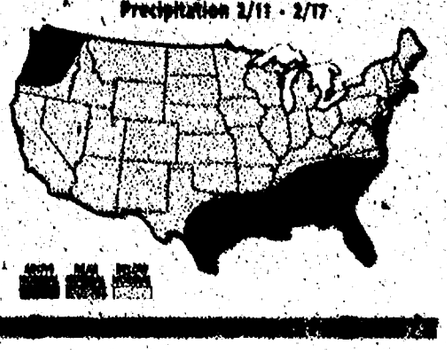
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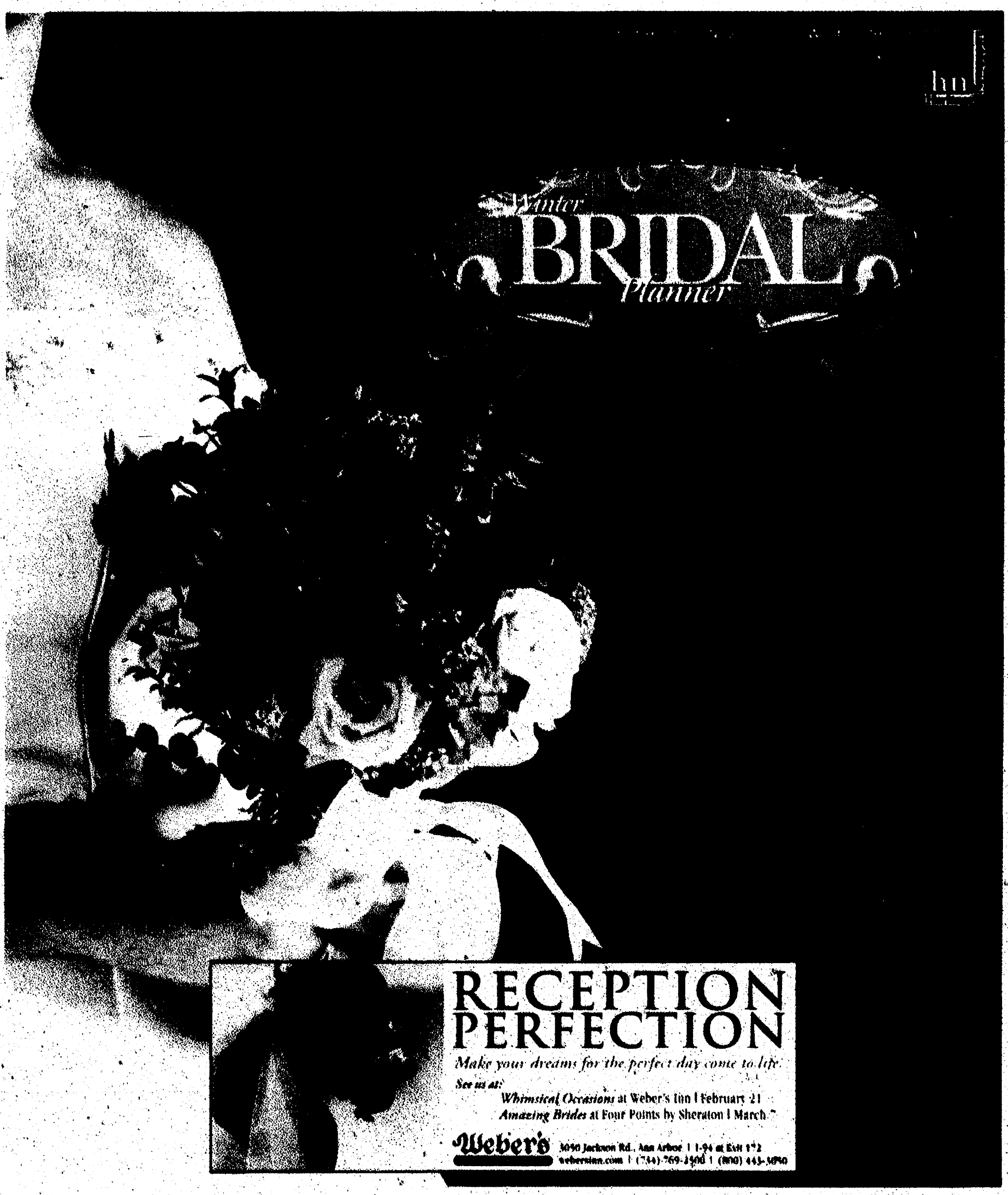
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Add classic traditions to a modern wedding



Weddings can be a fine mix of traditions and new ways to celebrate the big day.

Every bride remembers the age-old saying, "Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue," and considers how to incorporate these elements into her wedding.

This English poem - believed to be from the Victorian era - was created to provide the bride with several good-luck tokens for her new life with her husband.

Here are a few ideas to help the modern bride incorporate some classic traditions into her wedding:

Something old: No, you don't have to attempt to fit into or resurrect from the back of the closet your mother's, or even your grandmother's gown. You might discover one of them wore a unique headpiece that you can incorporate into your veil. Or your husband-to-be's aunt has a ring you could wear, or an embroidered satin handkerchief you can blend into your bouquet.

Vintage purses, antique lace threaded into your veil or wound around your bouquet, or even a squirt from a bottle of your grandmother's perfume also work well to classically merge the "something old" tradition into your ceremony.

Something new: The pearl necklace is a classic look that complements a wedding dress perfectly. Since ancient times, pearls - with their unblemished perfection - have been tied to weddings as a symbol of innocence.

"Because they are considered a symbol of purity, pearls work perfectly to complete a bride's wedding-day look," says Jeremy Shepherd of PearlParadise.com, the world's largest online pearl company. "Akoya pearls have the perfect round shape with soft, neutral colors, while freshwater pearls shine with more of an intense, natural metallic luster, perfect to complement an embroidered gown."

Visit www.PearlParadise.com to see the differences between Akoya and freshwater pearls and to find the perfect pearl necklace for your wedding day.

Ideas include borrowing candles for the ceremony or reception, a cake knife set, or even music from your friends to play at the reception.

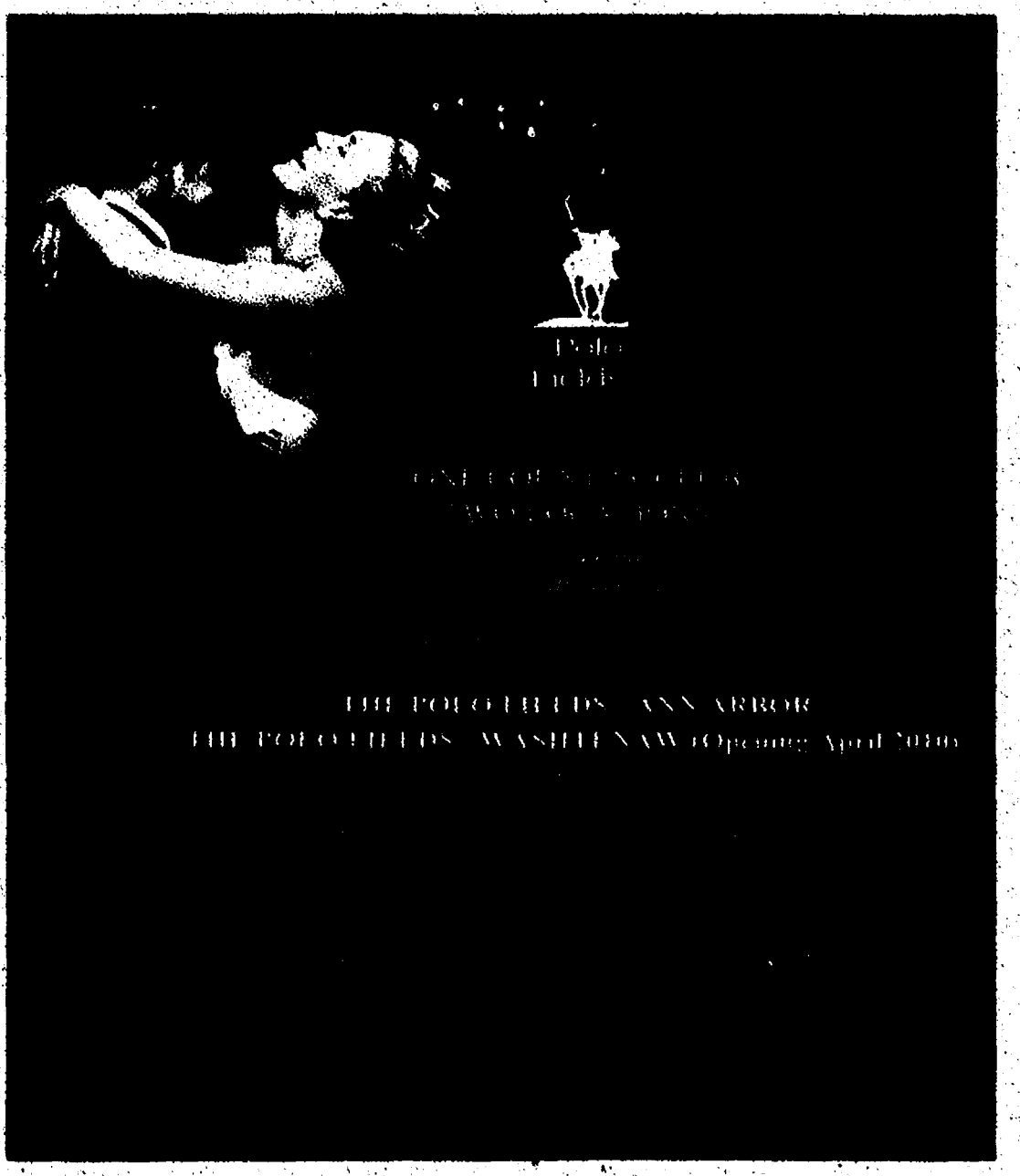
Something borrowed: This is an excellent way to get your best friend or a close relative more involved in your special day.

But don't think that something borrowed must be clothing or jewelry. You could borrow a back yard for the wedding reception, or a purse your sister used when she got married. Another potential item is to borrow the family Bible for readings during the ceremony. Other ideas include borrowing candles for the ceremony or reception, a cake knife set, music from your friends to play at the reception or even the toasting glasses you and your new husband will click together to celebrate your marriage.

Something blue: One popular idea is for brides to incorporate blue into their garter belts, but the idea can stretch much further. Nail polish, makeup, shoes, embroidered flowers on the gown, small pieces of jewelry, a wrap or even blue flowers woven into the bouquets offer plenty of alternatives. If you want to create something a little more surprising, consider wearing blue lingerie.

And if you really are planning a modern wedding, you could always wear a blue dress, since blue is a symbol of love, purity and fidelity.

—Courtesy of ARAcontent



More brides choosing heirloom china

Ever since she was a little girl, Amanda Davis dreamed of one day having her grandmother's cherished wedding china as her very own.

"As a child, I always loved listening to stories about past family gatherings as Mamo took each piece of her china out of the hutch so carefully," says Davis. "I can remember thinking about how this same china had been used for numerous family gatherings and feeling a sense of connection to my grandfather, who died before I was born, through the china that I knew he had used with my grandmother on similar family occasions."

Davis had no idea her grandmother, Bettie Guillion, shared a similar dream. Guillion knew her granddaughter loved her china, and planned to pass along her precious heirlooms when Davis grew up and set her own big date.

But there was one problem – missing pieces. Guillion received the set for her own wedding in the early 1940s and while she had managed to keep most of her beloved collection through the decades, somewhere along the way, the cups and saucers disappeared.

Guillion's daughter, Linda Bohannon, thought it would be impossible to replace them.

"My mother picked her china out of the Sears and Roebuck catalog more than 60 years ago, so we knew there was just no way we'd ever find it," says Bohannon. "The only thing she could remember about her china was that it was made by Homer Laughlin. That didn't seem like much to go on, so at that point I just hoped we could find some nice cream colored pieces Amanda could use with the set."

Bohannon heard about Replacements, Ltd., known as the world's largest supplier of old and new china, crystal, silver and collectibles. When she visited the company's Web site, Bohannon found a list of china made by Homer Laughlin and noticed photographs of most patterns. She started clicking away and was almost speechless when she came across an image that looked very familiar.

"I called my mother up and asked her, does your china have little pink and yellow roses on it, and could the pattern name be 'Countess'?" Bohannon remembers. "That was it; that was her china! I was completely flabbergasted. It never entered my mind that we would be able to find the exact pattern. My mother was absolutely thrilled!"

Davis isn't alone in creating wedding registries for family treasures. Many brides are choosing to complete china, crystal and flatware sets lovingly handed down from mother to daughter to granddaughter.

Unfortunately, if the patterns are especially old there is a good chance that the manufacturer no longer produces the pieces, making it nearly impossible to track down at most department stores.

"We're one of the few places brides inheriting heirloom patterns can turn to for help because of our huge, diverse inventory of discontinued patterns, some more than 100 years old," says Traci Hart, Replacements' director of customer service. "Nearly 80 percent of our bridal registry sales are generated from discontinued and heirloom patterns. What's more, we've put together a group of associates to specifically handle all registry requests. Because these folks are really familiar with our bridal customers, we can offer more personalized attention. It's almost like having your own personal shopper."

Brides like Davis, who don't know their pattern name, are in luck.

The company also offers a free pattern identification service. Replacements' research team receives nearly 3,000 requests weekly from people who don't know the name or manufacturer of their patterns.

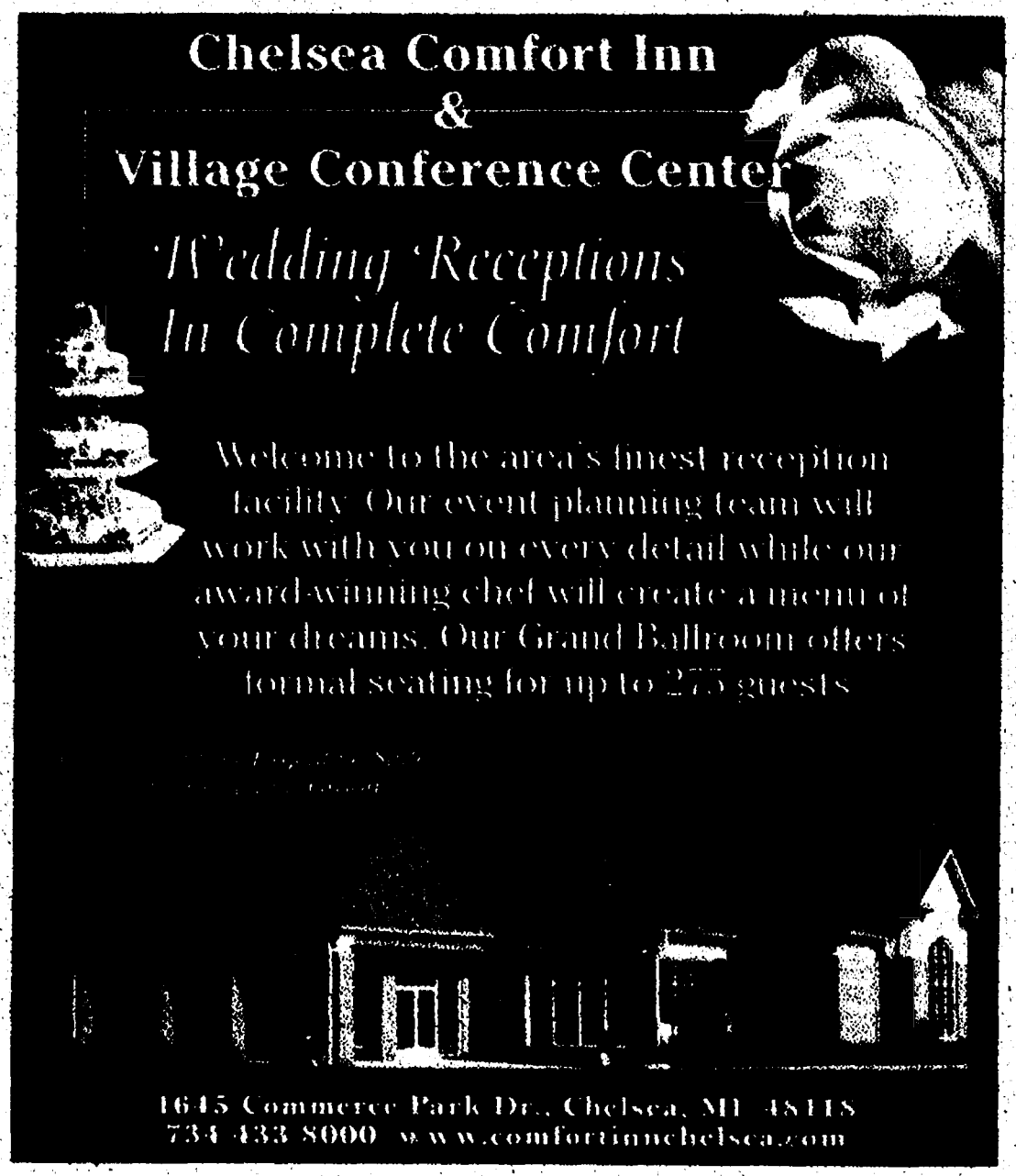
"I cannot tell you how much it meant to me to receive this piece of family history," Davis says. "I can already picture myself as a mother and grandmother pulling this same china out of my own hutch as I tell stories of my grandmother. I hope that in the future they will feel the same sense of family history and pride and that I will one day be able to pass it on to my own granddaughter. To know that it will be used in future generations of my family in the same way it was used in past generations is an amazing gift."

You can learn more about Replacements' bridal registry and free pattern identification service at Replacements.com.

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Amanda Davis dreamed of receiving her grandmother's heirloom china as a wedding gift.



Engaged?

How to experience the excitement of this special time in your life

Congratulations - you're engaged! This is a special time, leading up to the big day that will change your lives forever. Don't wait for the nuptials to arrive, however, before you bask in the bliss. Savor every minute of your engagement experience.

"Brides may find that making wedding plans can distract them from the simple joy of being engaged," says Raymond Miller, a wedding planning expert with the Web site My Wedding Reception Ideas.com. "But some advanced planning and creative ideas can help them fully enjoy their engagement while still preparing for the wedding day of their dreams."

Miller offers brides-to-be some simple advice for getting the most enjoyment out of being engaged:

Announcing your big news

News of your engagement is one of the most exciting pieces of information you'll ever share with family and friends. Get creative and fun with your engagement announcement, but don't overlook practicality. You want to announce your engagement and wedding date in a way that will be quick and easy for you - and memorable to those receiving the message. Save the date magnets can be a great way to get the word out and put your wedding date front-of-mind for those who are invited.

Traditional engagement announcements in local newspapers limit your creativity and the reach of your news. Save the date wedding magnets can relay information about your wedding plans across the country to distant loved ones. And because we all have a tendency to hold on to magnets (How many pizza delivery magnets do you have on your refrigerator?) in conspicuous places in our homes, your guests-to-be will see a constant reminder of your special day.

My Wedding Reception Ideas.com can help you create customized wedding save the date magnets that reflect your individuality, convey the theme of your wedding and keep your date on the minds of friends and family.

Sharing the celebration

Sure, your maid of honor and other girlfriends will probably throw you a bridal shower. But you don't have to wait to begin celebrating the good news. You and your fiancé can involve loved ones in the celebrating - and do it at a time you choose - by hosting your own engagement party.

Staging your own party allows you to share the excitement sooner. Plus, you can use the occasion as an opportunity to "test drive" wedding day seating arrangements or check out a restaurant you're considering for the rehearsal dinner. You can also experiment with linens and decor; using colors you're considering for your wedding will give you an idea of what these decorator items will look like in an elegant setting. Or, use the engagement party as way to preview your wedding theme - for example, host the party at a seaside location for a beach-themed wedding.

And don't forget to celebrate as a couple, as well. If planning starts to feel too stressful, consider taking a pre-honeymoon trip that will help you decompress and reconnect as a couple. Time away together will help remind you what all your wedding planning is really about - your love for each other. The break could be as simple as a weekly date night or as elaborate as a weekend getaway.

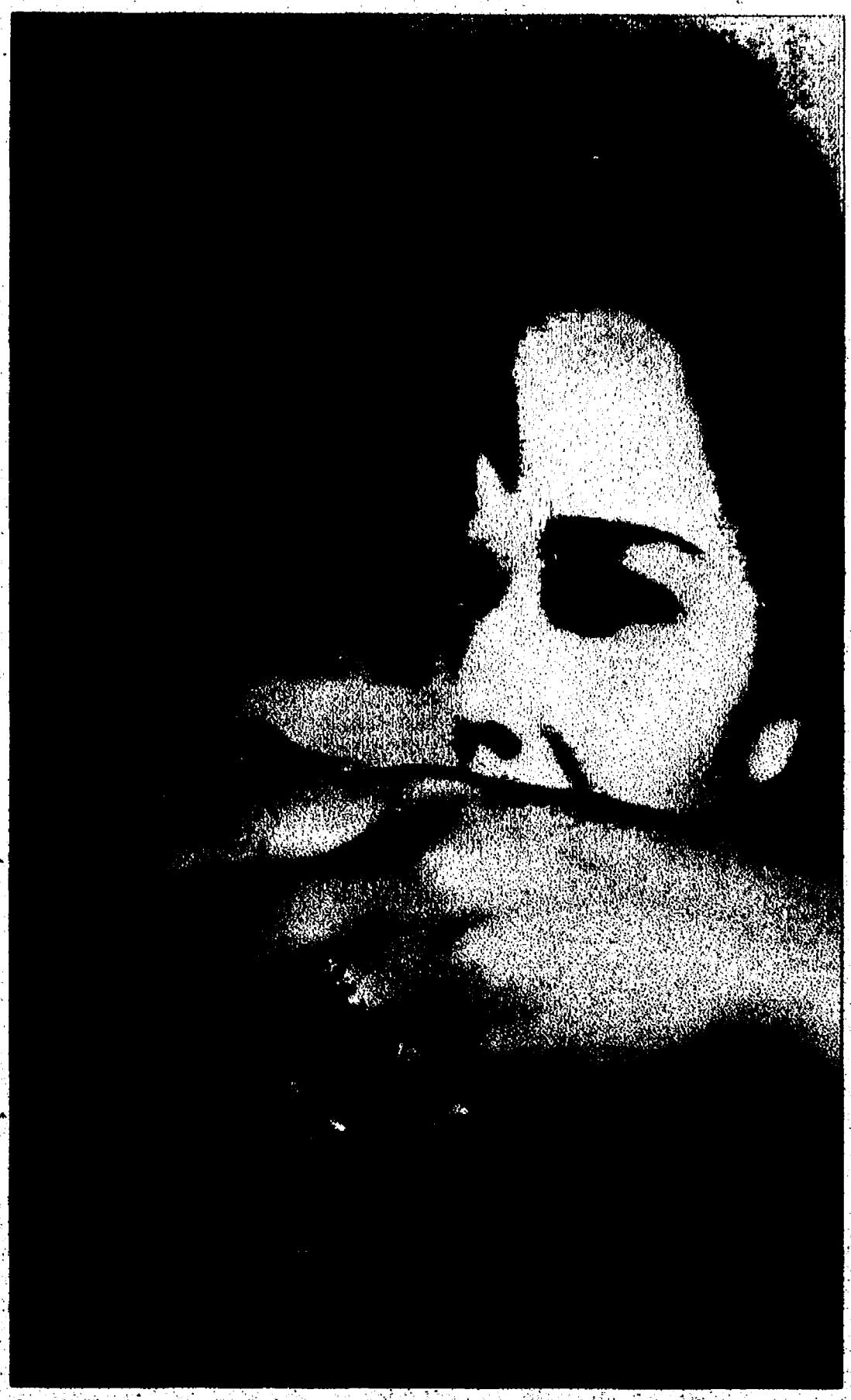
Be resourceful

The Internet has made wedding planning easier than ever. Use online resources, like sites that allow you to experiment with seating charts for receptions, compare color schemes and create sample menus.

My Wedding Reception Ideas.com can help you pick and plan personalized wedding favors, accessories and gifts for your wedding party. The site also provides tips on different kinds of napkins and how to choose them, and other useful planning hints. Visit www.myweddingreceptionideas.com to learn more.

"Planning a wedding should be part of the enjoyable experience of being engaged," Miller says. "With creativity and some expert help, it's possible to make the months of your engagement as memorable and special as the wedding day itself."

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A wedding is an exciting time, but the time flies by so enjoy the experience while you can.





Beyond the basics

How to create a one-of-a-kind wedding

Summer is right around the corner, and that means one thing - wedding season. Spring is crunch time for millions of couples planning their summer wedding, but what many couples don't know is that there are easy ways to avoid stress while planning their big day.

Turn your dream into reality

Your wedding day is one of the most important days of your life, and is most likely a day you've spent hours, days or even years dreaming about.

When the time finally comes to start planning the big day, you don't want to cut corners or settle for a run-of-the-mill, impersonal event. With the help of the American Rental Association (ARA) and your local rental store, you can be sure your wedding day will be one that will be remembered by all.

Rental opens the doors to options you may have never even considered due to time or budget constraints.

A romantic outdoor wedding is possible any time of the year with huge tents and elegant canopies, equipped with heating or cooling options. Make a statement by skipping the traditional tiered cake and going with something more unique, like an impressive chocolate fountain with brownie or cheesecake bites or an ice cream cart complete with all the fixings. You can even create dramatic scenery on the walls and ceiling of your venue with a variety of accent lighting options.

Don't break the bank

While your wedding day may be the most important day of your life, there is no reason why it has to be the most expensive.

You can save money on seating, centerpieces and more by renting. Why buy all your wedding supplies when you are only going to use them once?

Why bother paying for their storage and upkeep after the big day is over?

Simplify your wedding and your budget by letting the rental store take care of the cleanup, maintenance and storage of all your decorations and supplies.

And forget about running all over town, wasting time, energy and money - make one stop at your local rental store and get everything you need.

ARA members, which include more than 7,500 rental businesses and 1,100 manufacturers and suppliers, are located in every state, so you can get all the supplies you need in one stop.

To make finding the rental store nearest you even easier, ARA offers RentalHQ.com, the world's largest and most comprehensive rental store locator.

Here, people planning their wedding and reception can find the rental store nearest them, read how-to tips and get ideas and inspiration for their event.

Enlist the experts

To make planning your big day even easier, some ARA member rental businesses offer Certified Event Rental Professionals (CERPs). And most offer on-site support, relieving much of the stress associated with planning a wedding.

These professionals are ready and willing to share their knowledge and experience with you, from pre-wedding set-up all the way through the day of the event.

Deadlines, budgets, guest lists - these are all aspects of a wedding that need to be managed and sometimes are better left to the professionals. CERPs know what needs to be organized right away, and what can wait until later.

They will think of that one detail that never would have crossed your mind and keep your budget in check.

Enlisting the help of a CERP will not only ease the stress and tension of planning an entire wedding, but it will also ensure that the wedding you always envisioned is the one you will remember for years to come.

From the latest trends and themes, to innovative budget saving strategies, CERPs know the ins and outs of planning a wedding.

Don't let planning your wedding cast a cloud over the springtime sunshine. Make it an enjoyable experience with the help of ARA and your local rental store.

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Help your flower girl be her best on the big day

Children can add so much to a wedding day - from the ring bearer toddling down the aisle carrying a pillow with precious cargo, to the flower girl who sweetly perfumes your path to the altar by dropping tender petals in her wake.

As special as you feel on your wedding day, you'll want even your littlest helpers to share in the feeling and know that you appreciate them.

To ensure that your young attendants are happy campers on the big day, you'll want to help them look their best and make them feel that they have an important role.

Here are some helpful hints that you can put in practice, whether the child is your own or the child of a loved one.

Follow these tips, and you'll help ensure the youngest members of your wedding party have a positive experience that they - and you - will remember for a lifetime.

Make her feel as special as you feel

Chances are you're not the only female in your wedding party who's doing something special, exciting, and intimidating for the first time. Your flower girl or young bridesmaid is also experiencing a once-in-a-lifetime, princess-like moment, and may feel understandably nervous at the prospect of having all eyes on her as she precedes you down the aisle.

Making her feel special, as if she is a little princess, will help boost her self-confidence.

Brides spend lots of time and energy picking out dresses for their flower girls and junior bridesmaids, taking into account not only how the dress will fit in with the look of the wedding, but how it will complement the wearer.

Accessories are just as important, and the youngest members of the wedding party should have some small items to highlight their attire, just as every bride should.

Not only will jewelry enhance the look, it will be a keepsake of the day - look for pieces that are high quality (so that they will last a lifetime), but reflective of the wearer's age.

Disney Precious Collections offers fine children's jewelry for girls that will be perfect for any wedding. The pieces are understated and elegant, but also feature the youthful spirit of beloved Disney characters - they make ideal flower girl gifts.



A wedding is a special day for the flower girl.

Keep her involved

Children love being involved in life's big moments and decisions as much as possible. Keep your flower girl or young bridesmaid part of the decision-making process as much as possible leading up to your wedding day.

In addition to involving them in fun things like wedding showers, putting stamps on invitations and hair and make-up trials, give your young attendants some options that they can choose from. Will she wear her hair up or down? With flowers, ribbons or feathers?

You can also give her options about what kind of flower girl jewelry she might wear.

For a special surprise, you could show her examples of earrings, necklaces and bracelets from Disney Precious Collections well ahead of time, and then surprise her on the day of the wedding with the one she liked best.

To look through the jewelry options that can become treasured wedding memories for your junior bridesmaids and flower girls, visit www.PreciousJewelryCollections.com.

Make your day child-friendly

Though you'll feel like your wedding day is flying by, it can be a long day for the littlest members of your wedding party. Even the best-mannered kids get tired and out of sorts after hours of activity, so it's good to take that into consideration.

You'll be in a whirlwind of excitement, so make sure that you have a trusted attendant who can help accommodate children's needs.

Think about scheduling your photos so that pictures with children will be taken first and quickly. They'll be energetic and happy, and if you can have the photos taken soon after hair and make-up are done, everyone will look picture-perfect.

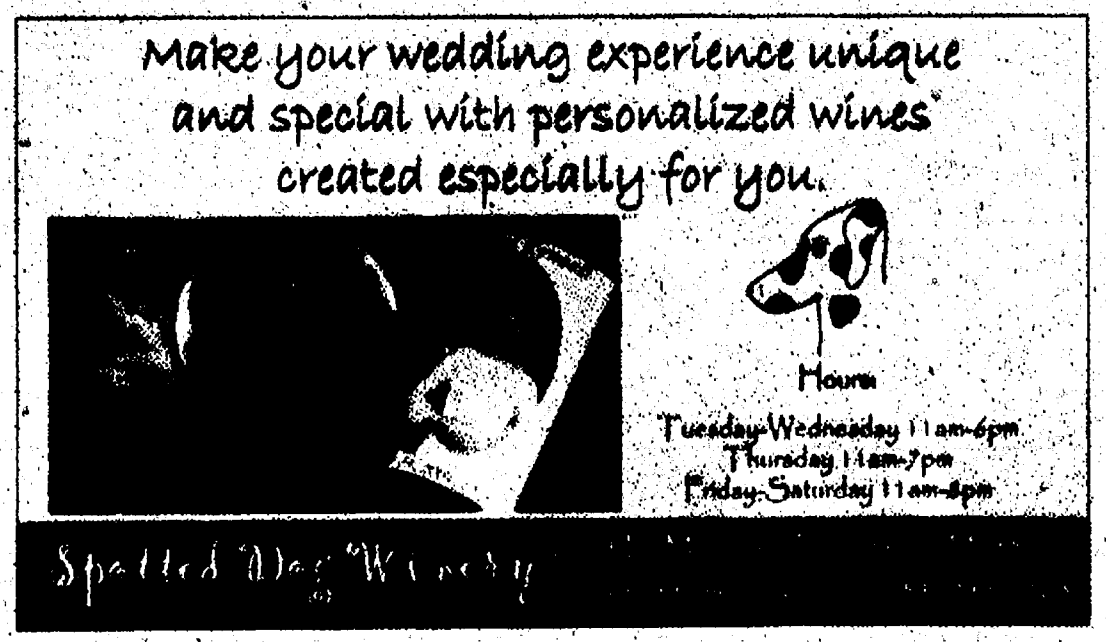
Plan to have something special for youngsters - both wedding party members and young guests - at the reception.

Consider offering kid-friendly menu items, or have separate entertainment like balloon animals, a toy box or a coloring station with crayons and a paper easel to keep kids happy and occupied while adults enjoy the grown-up activities at the reception.

Keeping the youngest members of your wedding party happy on your wedding day will help ensure the day is special, memorable and enjoyable for everyone.

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Tips offer a creative spin on old wedding tradition

Something old, something new;
Something borrowed, something blue;
And a silver sixpence in her shoe.

An enduring Victorian tradition steeped in superstitious symbolism, the verse containing a series of old, new, borrowed and blue good luck tokens for the bride dates back centuries in England.

John C. Franke, style expert and faculty member at The Art Institute of Pittsburgh, offers a creative spin on the age-old tradition for the bride-to-be in 2010.



Trends suggest a rising popularity in vintage gowns.

Something old

Continuity with the bride's family and the past

According to Franke, trends suggest a rising popularity in vintage gowns.

"A 1960s-era gown will not only allow a bride to check something 'old' off her list, but may also offer affordability and superior workmanship," says Franke who recommends vintage shops as well as eBay to begin the search. "To make her purchase even more meaningful, a bride might consider purchasing a dress from one of many organizations who recycle wedding gowns for charitable fundraising."

For another possibility to represent something "old," Franke suggests implementing a table of wedding photographs collected from family and friends attending the reception.

The photos will honor the marriages of couples close to the bride and groom - as well as provide a wonderful center for conversation.

Something new

Optimism and hope for the bride's life ahead

"Renewable is the new 'new,'" says Franke. For a fresh approach to something new, Franke suggests environmentally responsible decisions such as selecting potted perennials for centerpieces. "Potted wildflowers will create a vibrant setting for the reception and can later be planted in the garden at the newlywed's home."

Franke also suggests seed satchels as favors to serve as a long-living connection to the wedding.

Even guests can get into the game. "If you're invited to a wedding this year, consider presenting the couple with a gift that offers a new spin on traditional gift options."

Franke suggests antiques carefully selected for the couple or aluminum serving pieces.

Something borrowed

A reminder that the bride can still depend on friends and family

Traditionally, a bride can borrow anything from her best friend's punch bowl to her grandmother's pearls, but Franke suggests fulfilling the adage by creating a buzz. "Why not borrow an antique car and create a dramatic exit from your wedding?" Franke asks.

Another emerging trend is the borrowing of the cake knife from one bride to another within a family. Starting a tradition now of passing along your cake knife or other wedding essentials is not only cost-saving, but also creates a legacy that future generations will treasure.

Something blue

A color suggesting purity and fidelity as evidenced in the 19th century phrase "Marry in blue, lover be true."

Building blues into the wedding color scheme is an option for completing your old, new, borrowed and blue checklist, and at the same time, developing a color scheme for your reception.

"Think like a graphic designer," says Franke. "Consider your wedding colors as a controlled palette."

Franke encourages the bride to visit a paint store or check a Pantone system and define a series of colors, never more than three.

Once selected, the bride can keep the color chips with her throughout the planning period so that the exact colors are always available when decisions are made about bridesmaids' gowns, table linens, floral arrangements and other decorative elements.

According to Franke, blues are an elegant choice for any season. He suggests pairing royal blues with yellow for a classic summer wedding; blue and pink for spring; and icy blues with whites or silver for a winter wedding.

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Planning a bridal shower? Relax with these food shortcuts

Your dear friend or sister announces she's engaged. She wants you to be her maid of honor. It goes without saying, you're thrilled for her. But - does this mean you'll have to plan at least one bridal shower? Not to mention, wear a dress not of your own choosing and find the perfect gift?

If the bridal shower causes you the most anxiety, help is on the way. Kendall McFarland, director of product and recipe development at Simply Organic, suggests cutting down on stress with these time-saving tips to host a simple but sensational shower for the bride.

• Accept help. When the bride's mother or other guests ask if they can bring anything, say yes. Ask them to bring something you don't especially enjoy preparing or something you know is that person's specialty which the bride really loves. Or have each guest bring a dessert or appetizer, so you can focus solely on the rest of the party and fun. Offers to help are gifts, so allow other bridesmaids or friends to assist if they offer. Working together can add to the shower fun, and give you stories to share as you continue down the wedding day road.

• Go the healthy route - the bride, her bridesmaids and the mother of the bride all want to fit into their dresses when the big day finally arrives. The most thoughtful meal you can offer your guests is a delicious and healthful one. Provide great-tasting, nutritious snacks that go easy on salt, fat, sugar and other potentially unhealthy ingredients and your guests will fondly remember your hospitality.

• Remake everyday favorites. Great dishes don't require hours in the kitchen. Make your easy-to-prepare favorites and dress them up with special festive seasonings. Try distinctive seasoning blends like curry or Italian seasoning, or even seasoned sugar combinations like lemon sugar or cinnamon sugar for a gourmet touch. For example: Add a liberal dose of a spice like oregano, basil or cayenne (or an herbal seasoning blend) along with some garlic and Parmesan cheese to your usual mashed potatoes and you'll instantly serve something out of the ordinary.

• Use clever shortcuts. For inviting flavor without fuss, keep a supply of natural dressing and dip mixes on hand for fresh, homemade appetizers and snacks. Add a dip or dressing mix, such as creamy dill, French onion, guacamole or ranch to equal parts of low-fat cottage cheese and non-fat plain yogurt and mix in a blender or food processor until smooth. Serve with fresh veggies you can buy already cleaned and cut up at the store.

• Plan and shop wisely. Don't exhaust yourself shopping. Outline your menu - including impromptu snacks - ahead of time. Then pick up everything non-perishable at the same time, eliminating last-minute sprints to the grocery store. Don't panic if your grocer is missing that key spice ingredient since it's easier than ever to order online. For example, Simply Organic carries culinary items like organic spices, seasoning blends, baking extracts and flavors, gluten-free baking mixes and other cooking ingredients and supplies - which they will ship to you within a few days of your order.

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Eating at a wedding shower can be healthy.



HEALTHY RECIPES

Strawberry Spice Muffins

Ingredients

1 package Simply Organic Carrot Cake Mix
1/3 cup water
2 large beaten eggs
1 cup very finely diced strawberries

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, combine carrot cake baking mix, water and eggs. Blend until just moist. Fold strawberries into blend. Pour into well-greased or lined muffin pan. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes.

Makes 12 regular-size muffins or six large muffins.

Chef Suggestions

Top with cream cheese frosting and sliced strawberries.

Spicy Clementine Dressing

Ingredients

1/2 cup juice from fresh Clementine oranges
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup water
1 package Simply Organic Salsa Dip Mix

Directions

Whisk all ingredients together. Chill until ready to serve, stirring right before drizzling on mixed greens.

Chef Suggestions

Combine fresh mixed greens, Feta cheese and slices of Clementine oranges to make a fresh and spicy salad.



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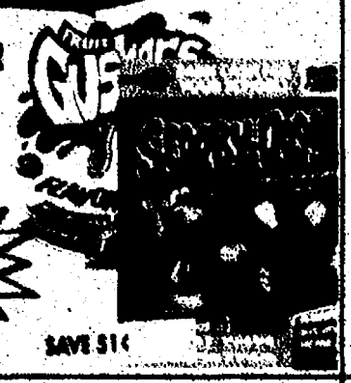


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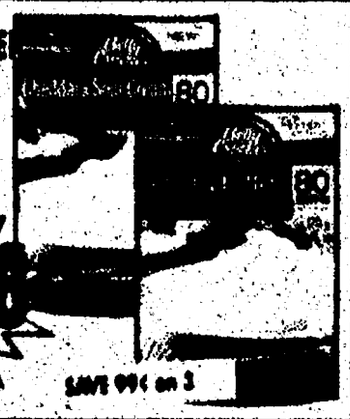
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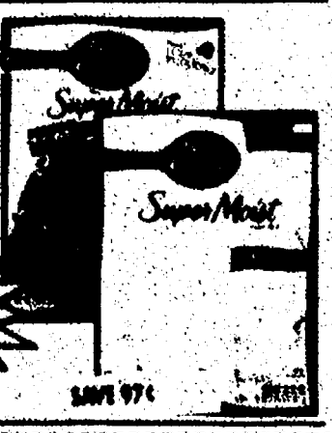
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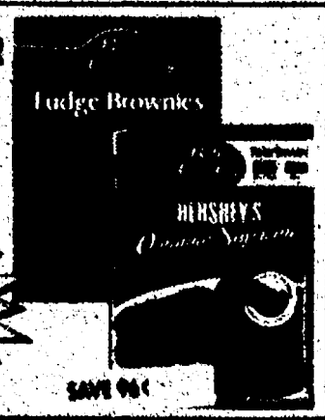
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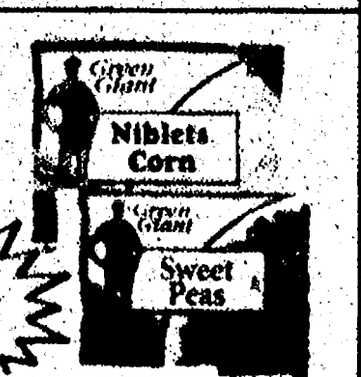
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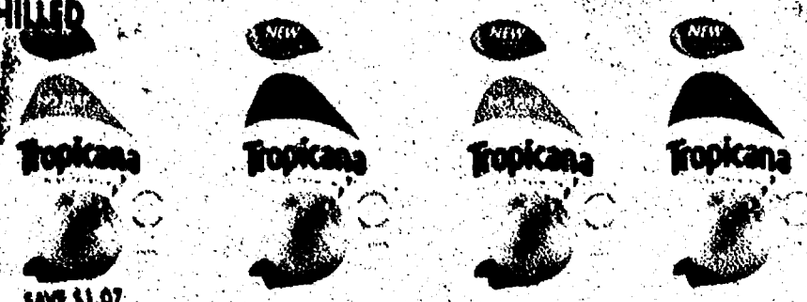
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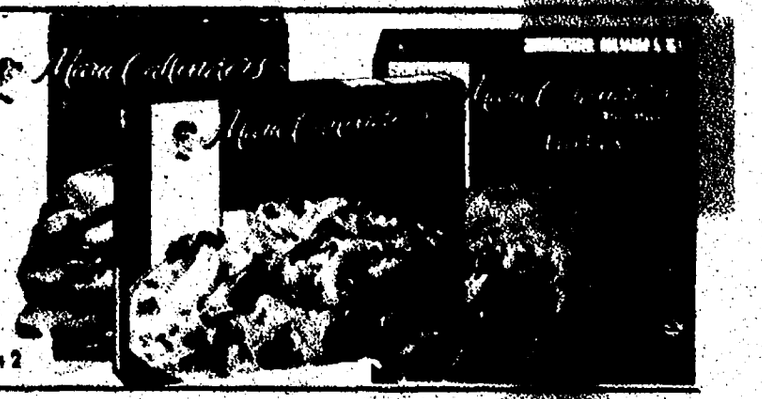
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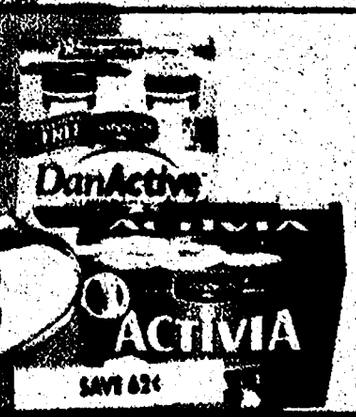
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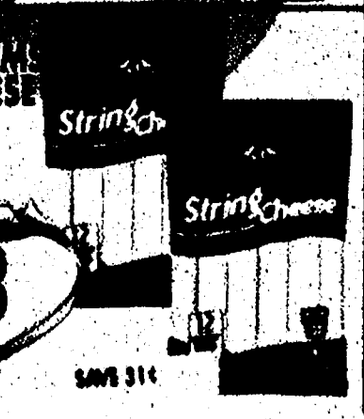
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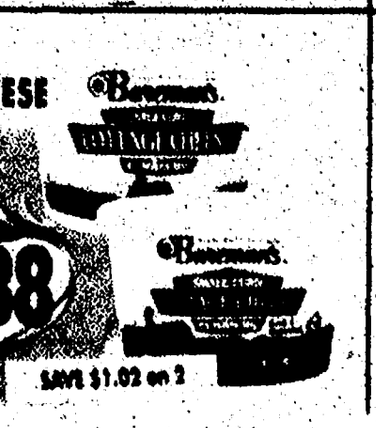
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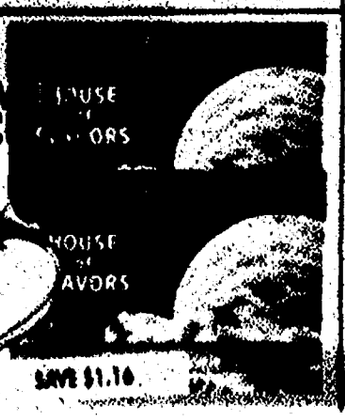
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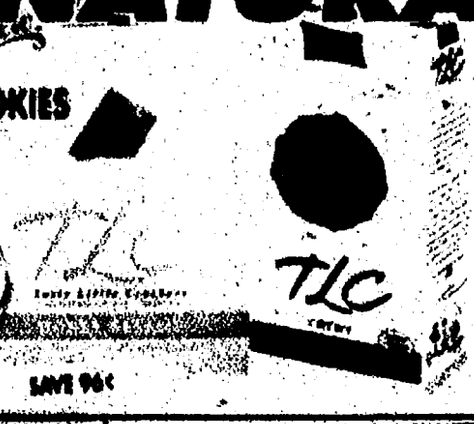
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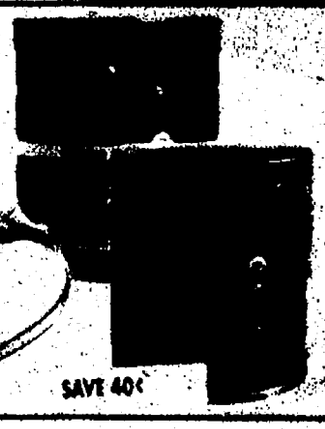
KASHI BRAND CRACKERS & COOKIES
Selected Varieties
6-9 oz.
$1.99
SAVE 90¢



WORLD PURE BEANS
Selected Varieties
15 oz.
99¢
SAVE 60¢



WORLD PURE TOMATOES
Selected Varieties
28 oz. Value Size
$1.99
SAVE 40¢



RUSTIC CRUST PIZZA CRUSTS
Selected Varieties
9-13 oz.
$2.88
SAVE $1.51



KETTLE BRAND CHIPS
Selected Varieties
14 oz. bag
$2.99
SAVE UP TO 57¢



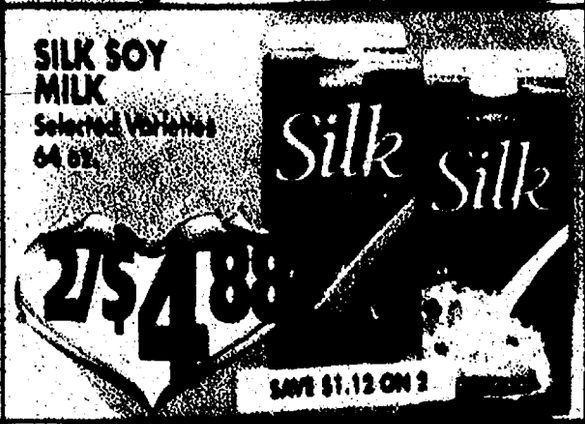
GARDEN OF EAT[illegible] FIESTA TORTILLA CHIPS
Selected Varieties
22 oz. Value Size
$2.99
SAVE 51¢



MUIR GLEN SALSA
Selected Varieties
16 oz.
2/$4.88
SAVE $2.02 ON 2



SILK SOY MILK
Selected Varieties
64 oz.
2/$4.88
SAVE $1.12 ON 2



ORGANIC VALLEY MILK
Selected Varieties
Half Gallon
$2.99
SAVE 70¢



CHOBANI GREEK YOGURT
Selected Varieties
6 oz.
$1.25
SAVE UP TO 25¢

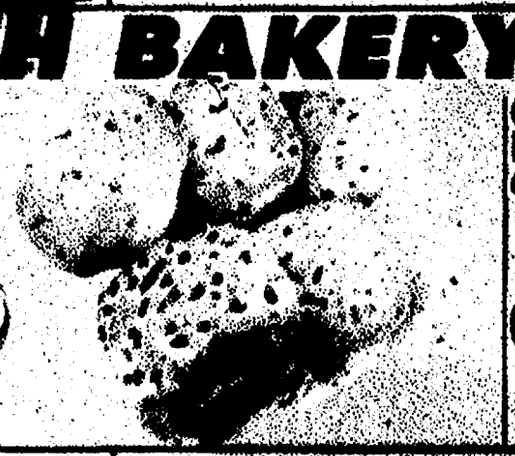


FRESH BAKERY!

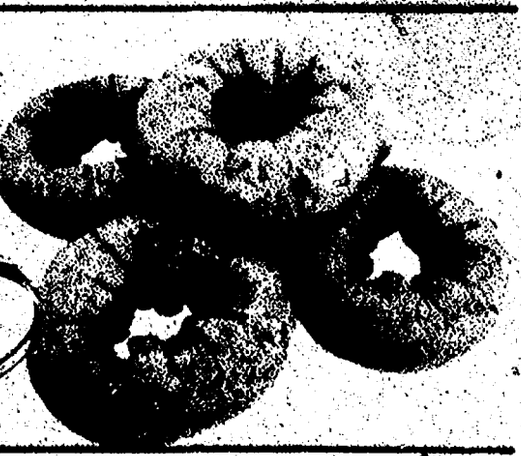
Fresh Baked
CRACKED WHEAT BREAD
16 oz.
$1.49



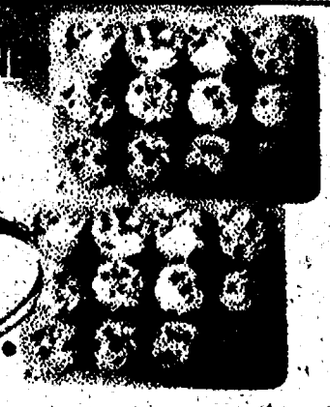
Fresh Baked
EGG & ONION ROLLS
6 ct.
$1.79



CHERRY DONUTS
6 ct.
$2.29



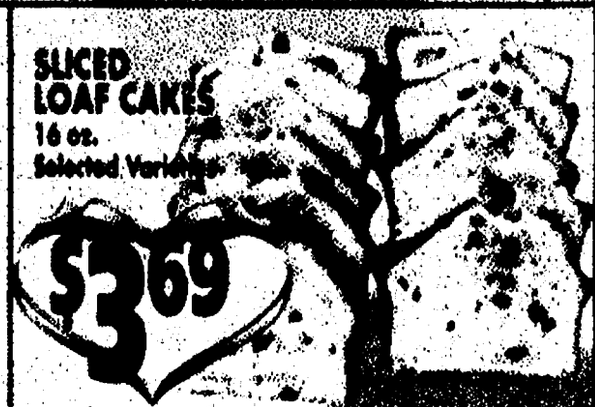
MINI VALENTINE CUPCAKES
12 ct.
Yellow or Chocolate
$2.49



CHOCOLATE DIPPED MACAROONS
10.5 oz.
$2.89



SLICED LOAF CAKES
16 oz.
Selected Varieties
$3.69



Pie of the Month
CHERRY VANILLA
Whole Pie
HALF PIE $4.29
$8.49



HOME & HEALTH CARE SAVINGS!

RENUZITS ADJUSTABLES
7.5 oz.
Selected Varieties
88¢
SAVE 44¢

PINE SOL
48 oz.
Selected Varieties
$2.88
SAVE 87¢

PUREX 2X ULTRA LIQUID DETERGENT
50 oz.
Selected Varieties
2/$4.98
SAVE $4.92 on 2

SPARKLE PAPER TOWEL MULTI PACK
6 - 8 ct.
Selected Varieties
$5.99
SAVE $2.37

ANGEL SOFT BATH TISSUE MULTI PACK
24 Regular or 12 Double Rolls
Selected Varieties
$5.99
SAVE $1.77

CLOROX BLEACH
82.96 oz.
Selected Varieties
2/$2.88
SAVE 88¢ ON 2

LA LOOKS GEL PRODUCTS
20 oz.
Selected Varieties
$4.99
SAVE 60¢

Q-TIPS
500 ct.
$2.99
SAVE 80¢

GOLD BOND ULTRA LOTION
4.5 - 5.5 oz.
Selected Varieties
$4.99
SAVE $1.00

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When you transfer your prescription to our pharmacy, we'll help you fill your next grocery bag...for free!

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Pick-up your $20 Gift Certificate when you pick-up your new or transferred prescription. Call or visit our pharmacy today. Our pharmacist will help you transfer from the *national chain* and reserve your favorite groceries.

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517 265 9102	517 592 2475	734 433 0129	734 944 0702

Valid one time for new pharmacy customers until 4/17/2010
Not valid with federally-funded prescription plans
*Transfers accepted from all pharmacies, including CVS, Walmart, Rite Aid, Walgreens, Busch's and The Medicine Shoppe.

PET CARE SAVINGS!

FRISKIES CANNED CAT FOOD
5.5 oz.
Selected Varieties
2/96¢
SAVE 24¢ on 2

FANCY FEAST CAT FOOD
3 oz.
Selected Varieties
5/$2.95
SAVE 25¢ ON 5

PURINA BEGGIN STRIPS
6 oz.
Selected Varieties
2/$4.88
SAVE $1.98 ON 2

PURINA DOG CHOW
18-20 lb.
Selected Varieties
$9.99
SAVE $1.76

SNACK & BEVERAGE SAVINGS!

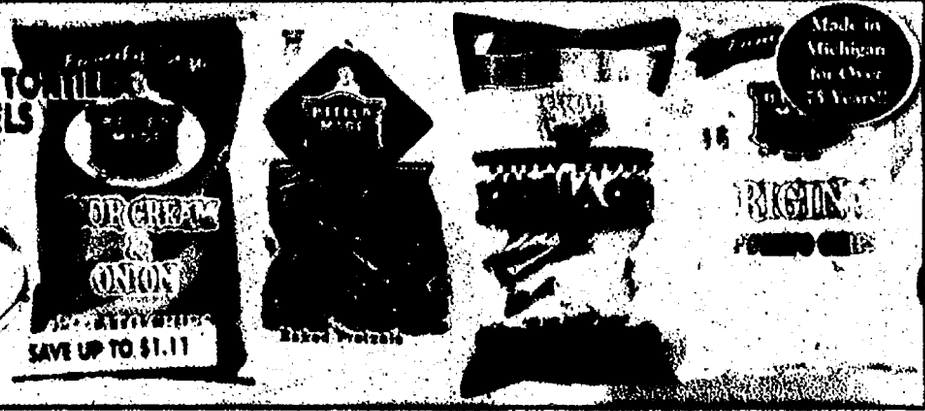
KEEBLER CHIPS DELUXE & SANDIES
9.5 - 16 oz.
Selected Varieties
$1.88
SAVE UP TO $1.62



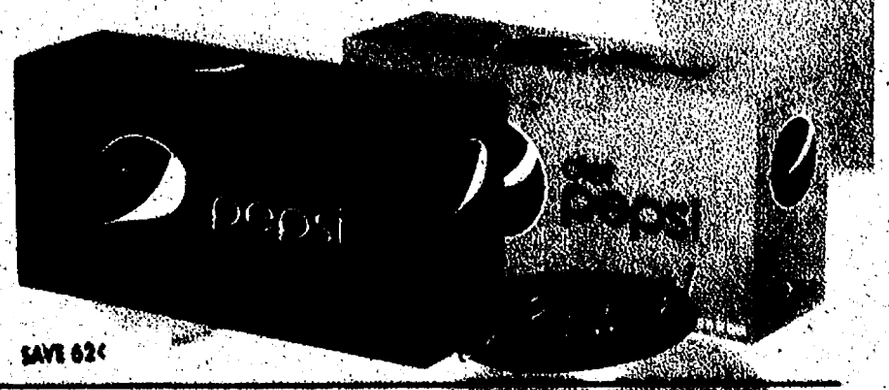
COCA-COLA PRODUCTS
12 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(Plus Deposit)
$3.88
SAVE 62¢



BETTERMADE POTATO CHIPS, TORTILLA CHIPS & PRETZELS
10.3 - 13 oz.
Selected Varieties
$1.88
SAVE UP TO $1.11



PEPSI-COLA PRODUCTS
Selected Varieties
18 pk. 12 oz. Cans
(Plus Deposit)
$4.88
SAVE 62¢



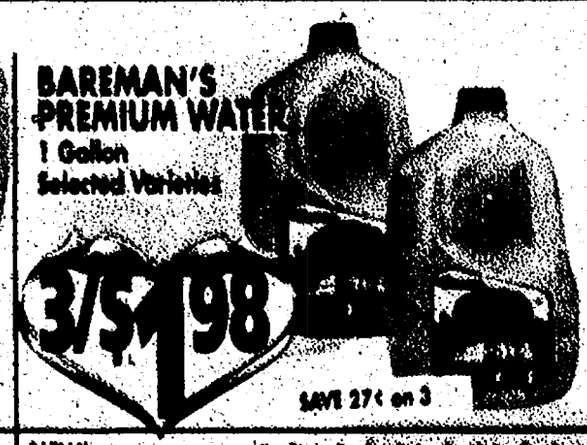
ACT II MICROWAVE POPCORN
3 Pk.
Selected Varieties
99¢
SAVE $1.00



KRAFT MAC & CHEESE CHEESE NIP SNACK CRACKERS
8 - 12 oz.
Selected Varieties
2/$2.98
SAVE UP TO $2.82 on 2



BAREMAN'S PREMIUM WATER
1 Gallon
Selected Varieties
3/$1.98
SAVE 27¢ on 3



7-UP PRODUCTS
12 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(Plus Deposit)
3/$10.98
SAVE $2.07 on 3



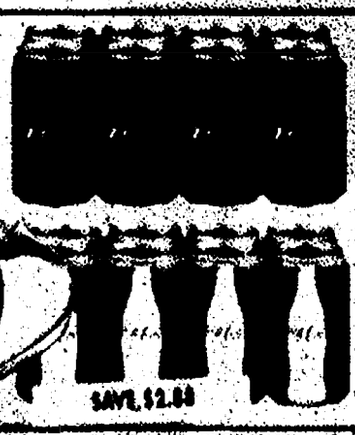
BETTERMADE OLD FASHION POPCORN
3.5 oz.
Selected Varieties
2/$2.98
SAVE 72¢ on 2



PEPPERIDGE FARM MILANO, DISTINCTIVE & HOMESTYLE COOKIES
4.4 - 7.5 oz.
Selected Varieties
2/$4.98
SAVE $1.32 on 2



NEW! COCA-COLA MINI CANS
8 Pk. 7.5 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(Plus Deposit)
$2.00
SAVE $2.88



PEPSI-COLA PRODUCTS
Selected Varieties
6 pk. 24 oz. Plastic &
8 pk. 12 oz. Plastic
(Plus Deposit)
$2.99
SAVE $1.01



DORITOS TORTILLA CHIPS
11.5 - 12 oz.
Selected Varieties
$2.88
SAVE 77¢



FRITO LAY RUFFLES POTATO CHIPS
9 - 10 oz.
Selected Varieties
$2.88
SAVE 77¢



OUR FAMILY POP
Selected Varieties
2 Liter Plastic
(Plus Deposit)
3/$1.98
SAVE 42¢ ON 3



OUR FAMILY POP
Selected Varieties
12 pk. 12 oz. Cans
(Plus Deposit)
3/$6.99



WINE CELLAR

MENAGE A TR[illegible] RED & WHITE WINE
750 ml
(plus tax)
$8.98
SAVE $2.52

BAREFOOT BUBBLY
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)
$7.99
SAVE $1.94

CHOCOVINE WINE
750 ml
(plus tax)
$8.99
SAVE $2.00

[illegible]MARTINI & ROSSI
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)
$9.88
SAVE $3.07

TEMPRA TANTRUM SPANISH WINES
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)
$6.99
SAVE $4.50

CLOS DU BOIS
750 ml
Chardonnay or [illegible]
(plus tax)
$8.99
SAVE $3.76

ALMADEN
3 Liter
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)
$8.99
SAVE $2.96

YELLOW TAIL AUSTRALIAN WINE
1.5 Liter
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)
$9.99
SAVE $3.76

SPIRITS

ZING ZANG BLOODY MARY MIX
32 oz.
(plus tax)
$3.99
Where Liquor is Sold!

ABSOLUT VODKAS
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)
$17.98
Where Liquor is Sold!

TANQUERAY GIN
750 ml
(plus tax)
$19.97
Where Liquor is Sold!

MALIBU RUMS
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)
$10.92
Where Liquor is Sold!

SOUTHERN COMFORT
750 ml
(plus tax)
$15.99
Where Liquor is Sold!

JOSE CUERVO
750 ml
(plus tax)
$19.46
Where Liquor is Sold!

RED STAG BOURBON
750 ml
(plus tax)
$18.97
Where Liquor is Sold!

BAILY'S IRISH CREAM
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)
$23.96
Where Liquor is Sold!

THE BREWERY!

MICHIGAN BREW BEER
6 pk. 12 [illegible]
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)
$6.99
SAVE $1.26

LIENENKUGEL'S BEER
12 pk. 12 oz. bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)
$10.99
SAVE $1.40

HEINEKEN BEER
12 pk. 12 oz. bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)
$12.99
SAVE $1.51

GEORGE KILLIAN'S BEER
20 pk. 12 oz. bottles
(plus tax & deposit)
$13.44
SAVE $1.55

KEYSTONE BEER
12 pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)
2/$10.88
SAVE $2.30 ON 2

BUD LIGHT LIME, GOLDEN WHEAT & AMERICAN ALE
12 pk. 12 oz. bottles
(plus tax & deposit)
$10.99
SAVE $1.50

BUDWEISER BEER
18 pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)
$11.44
SAVE $3[illegible]

COOR'S & MILLER BRANDS BEER
20 pk. 12 oz. bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)
$12.44
SAVE $1.05

TREAT YOUR VALENTINE TO THESE SWEET SAVINGS!

Red, Ripe
STRAWBERRIES
1 lb.
Was $1.31 ea.
$2.68 EA.



HOT HOUSE TOMATOES
Was 81¢ lb.
$1.18 LB.



Green or Red
SEEDLESS GRAPES
Was $1.31 lb.
$1.08 LB.



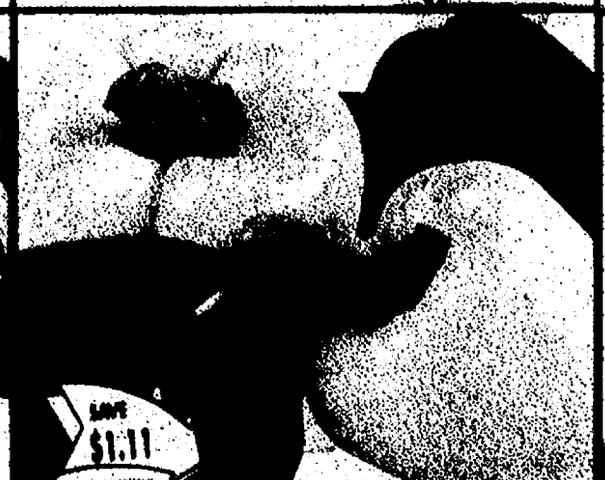
BROCCOLI CROWNS
Was 51¢ lb.
98¢ LB.



California
ROMAINE HEARTS
3 ct.
Was $1.01 ea.
$1.98 EA.



Aunt Mid's
WHOLE MUSHROOMS
Was 61¢ ea.
$1.68 EA.



Crisp, Juicy
Red or Yellow
SWEET PEPPERS
Was $1.11 lb.
$1.08 LB.



Was $2.01 ea.
$3.99 EA.



Michigan
YELLOW ONIONS
3 lb.
Was 71¢ ea.
98¢ EA.



Washington Gala, Fuji, Jonathon or Ida Red
MICHIGAN APPLES
3 lb.
Was 62¢ ea.
$1.68 EA.



Texas
GREEN CABBAGE
Was 21¢ lb.
38¢ LB.



Long Stem
ROSES
With GYP and Greens
1 Dozen
Was $29.99
$24.99