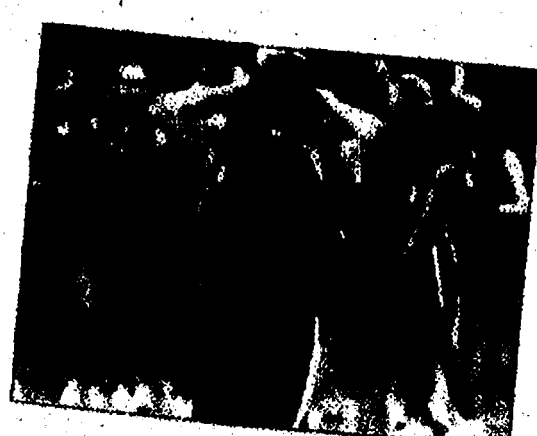


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District to cut 19 teachers

Officials seek ways to cut down projected \$3.3 million deficit

By Crystal Hayduk
Staff Writer

The Chelsea School District Board of Education continued implementation of the budget deficit reduction plan on

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Monday evening. Nineteen teachers will

receive pink slips as part of the staff reduction required to balance the budget.

The teachers are Stacy Charlton, Beth Carson-Bell, Jennifer Cole, Kelly Baker,

Nicole Burroughs, Ryann Skrypec, Kirsten Smart, Sonja Bair, Penny Olsen, Michael Brown, Kimberly Davis-Annis, Kristy Tomford, Michael Lott, Matt Pedlow, Sarah Radomski, Scott Riedel, Arthur Finger, Meg Emliaw, and Catherine Vleck (partial reduction).

During public input, resident Dustin Suntheimer stated that he had attended a public forum to discuss budget issues, but he thought that nine teachers would be laid off.

"Now we see its 19 - that's more than twice what we thought," he said.

Suntheimer also questioned what concessions the remaining teachers would be making, reminding the board that many people have had to take pay

concessions during the current economic crisis.

Superintendent David Killips addressed the concerns by explaining that the state has recently increased retirement costs that will cost the district an additional \$400,000. Also, insurance benefits will cost 21 percent more.

"So instead of a \$2.6 million deficit like we thought, it is now actually a \$3.3 million deficit," Killips said.

Killips said that union employees are now in negotiations regarding concessions. Non-union employees can expect pay adjustments to begin July 1.

The preliminary "pay to participate" proposal was discussed. The plan includes

one fee for sports and another for activities, which will allow a student to participate in an unlimited number of sports or activities. The charges include high school athletics (\$100), middle school athletics (\$50 or \$10 for students on free or reduced lunch), and activities at either high school or middle school (\$25 or \$5 for students on free or reduced lunch). The most one family would be required to pay per year is \$300 or \$30 per family with students on free or reduced lunch.

Club sports are exempt from payment because the district does not financially support them. Details regarding the potential for scholarships and a finalized list of clubs that will be charged the activity rate is

not yet available.

During public input, resident Elise Merkel questioned the transparency of the district's budget. Board member Rob Turner said that the monthly financial report is available upon request. Killips reported that the state is designing a program that all districts will be able to use for reporting their budgets online, which will allow for consistent reporting.

Board member Steve Olsen encouraged the public to contact their state representative.

"Put pressure on Lansing if you hope to get more money from them for schools," he said.

Killips reported on a retirement proposal at the state

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MEAP test shows strong standings

Chelsea shows above average gains for 2009 in most subjects

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea Public Schools' Michigan Educational Assessment Program test scores are in for the fall, and the averages are generally above other schools in the state.

"I think in general the scores are where we expect them to be or hope to be," Andrew Ingall, executive director of curriculum and community services said.

Statewide, students gained 3 to 8 percent in every grade except fourth, where the gain was 1 percent. Ninety percent of third graders, 84 percent of fourth graders and 85 percent of fifth grade students attained basic proficiency. Students in sixth grade climbed from 80 to 88 percent, seventh graders increased three points to 82 percent and eighth graders increased from 76 to 83 percent.

For the fifth consecutive year since Michigan began implementing more rigorous content expectations for students in elementary and middle school, math scores for students in grades three through six have continued to rise. The largest gains occurred among low-income students, students of color, those with limited English proficiency, and students with disabilities.

Topping the achievement for students on the math test, 95 percent of Michigan third graders attained basic proficiency in math, while 92 percent of fourth graders, 79 percent of fifth graders, and 82 percent of sixth graders also met the basic proficiency levels set for math. Math scores for seventh and eighth graders declined slightly after four consecutive years of growth.

A five-year comparison of MEAP reading scores show students in all grades and student groups made gains in reading from 2005 to 2009. Only

one group, limited English proficient students in fourth grade, showed a slight decline.

Ingall addressed some of the shortcomings in Chelsea's results.

"Our eye naturally goes to the places where scores are taking a dip, from the natural desire to improve," he said.

Eighth grade math is probably the biggest area of concern for the district, he said.

"Our math score took a dip this year and the state took a dip in that area as well, but we don't think we should be going down this year," Ingall said. "That's a trend we want to buck."

He said the district is in the middle of working with teachers to adjust standards and practices.

"We've got a new curriculum in place this year that we're going back to evaluate," Ingall said.

The district began steering math curriculum in a different direction after declines in math from 2007 to 2008.

"We think we've chosen the right textbooks at the middle school level... they're more in line with state grade level expectations than we had previously," he said. "Hopefully we'll see that take effect next year."

Aside from shifting textbook levels to be more aligned with state guidelines, Ingall said the district continues to have its sights set on reading.

"Reading in general across the board was pretty solid for us," he said. "Grades five and six reading scores were up by several percentage points, and grade three reading was up."

Ingall said that a broader view of the results over many years with a fixation on each grade level shows significant improvement in reading, particularly in the fifth and sixth grade class.

"We feel pretty good about kids leaving elementary and heading into middle school," he said.

District officials say they're anxious to see the writing test

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Happy Feet

Dance-Off helps raise funds for C.S. Mott Hospital

By Daniel Lai
Heritage Newspapers

Over 200 students from Mill Creek Middle School in Dexter and Beach Middle School in Chelsea came together March 12 to raise

DEXTER

money for pediatric rehabilitation programs at C.S. Mott's Children's Hospital and Beaumont Children's Hospital.

The fifth annual Dance Marathon is held in conjunction with the University of Michigan, which hosts a similar event March 27 and 28.

"Basically anyone that wants to participate pledges \$25 and can either dance or walk around

for three hours," Emily Assenmacher, a freshman at Dexter High School said.

"You stand up for people who can't,"

Student Braeandean Aslin said \$25 is the minimal donation.



Photo by Daniel Lai

Beach Middle School students Lauren McGrath, Jamie Bush, Amber Brooks, Katie Christie, Alex Engler and Caylee Leiklaw participated in the Dance-Off at Mill Creek Middle School.

View video online

Students who raise \$50 or more receive a ticket and a chance at several prize drawings throughout the evening. "It's a fun way to spend time together with your friends," he

said. "It's a great feeling knowing that you can do something fun to help out others."

Aslin said last year, the event raised \$5,000 to split between the two hospitals. This year the fundraiser yielded \$4659.

"All of our money is sent to the University of Michigan to incorporate into their Dance Off," he said.

Christine Melvin, a seventh

PLEASE SEE DANCE/3-A

City increases water, sewer rates

Residents can expect changes to reflect on March utility bills

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

The Chelsea City Council passed a resolution approving 2010-2011 utility and service rate changes discussed at a Feb. 23 budget work session.

The rate changes include an 18 percent increase to sewer rates and a 3 percent increase to water rates.

There are no changes to the electric utility rates.

The changes take effect for the billing cycle starting March 23 and ending April 23 - these

invoices will arrive in customer mailboxes on or near May 5.

The commodity charge for water will be \$5.95 per 1,000 gallons and sewer will be \$4.77 per 1,000 gallons.

The changes also include a \$50.2 to 5 a.m. parking ticket charge and a \$2 utility bill reprint charge.

The enterprise budgets were also passed. They have been publicly available since Feb. 26.

These budgets do not include the general fund and debt service fund budgets, which are handled separately once taxable values become available after the Board of Review meets later this month.

The projected 2010-2011

estimate for revenues is \$7.24 million compared to \$7.27 million in the amended 2009-2010 budget.

The electric fund produced a net income of \$239,096 in the 2009-2010 budget and is budgeted as balanced next year.

Wastewater budget estimated revenues for 2010-2011 are \$1.5 million versus \$1.2 million.

Despite the increased revenues, the fund is only projected to produce \$214 in gross revenue versus \$74,766 in the current fiscal year.

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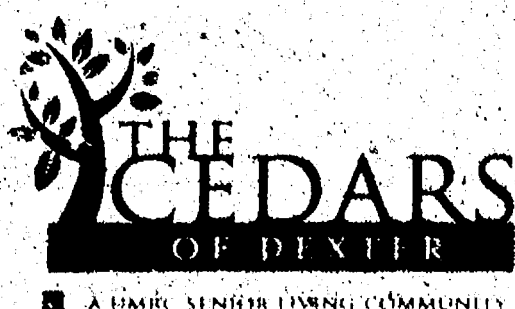
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CANOPAS to host documentary series

The Chelsea Area Network of Peace Activists and Supporters' February meeting included a celebration of the receipt in January of the Carrying The Dream award. One World One Family presents the award annually to a community person or group who has worked to make Dr. Martin Luther King's dream of a more just world a reality.

CANOPAS was honored for its continuing work in raising community awareness of peace as an issue of justice. King is remembered for saying,

"Without peace, there can be no justice."

CANOPAS is planning a community spring film series focusing on issues of peace.

The series will begin on March 24 with the movie "The Lemon Tree," which is an Israeli commercial film about a Palestinian widow's efforts to retain her family's lemon grove in the midst of the ongoing conflicts in that area.

On April 21, the movie will be "Pray the Devil Back To Hell," a documentary showing how women in Liberia used

peaceful demonstrations to bring an end to 15 years of civil war in 1993.

On May 19, CANOPAS will screen "Rethinking Afghanistan," which looks at alternate ways of managing that country's political strife.

All films will be shown at 7 p.m. in the community room at Key Bank, 1428 Chelsea-Manchester Road. Light refreshments will be served, and discussion will follow. The event is free and open to the public.

Dexter receives grant

By Marsha Meyerhoff

Fifth and sixth grade students from Creekside Elementary have been working hard to increase cardiorespiratory endurance this year.

Lifetime Fitness teachers Fred Ligrow and Marsha Meyerhoff received a "Pace Your Way To Fitness" grant from the Michigan Association For Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance.

Funds from the grant were used to purchase large display clocks for students to view as they worked on pacing during continuous runs this year.

Aerobic fitness is defined by staying in your target heart range for at least 20 minutes.

One of the overall goals of the Lifetime Fitness program is to graduate as many "aerobically fit" students as possible. This year at Creekside the process was started by helping students find a pace that works for them.

In fifth grade, students jog continuously for at least nine minutes while sixth graders jog for at least 12 minutes. The continuous run has been a big success because there is no first, second, or third place.

Students do not understand that a classmate who runs a 40 minute mile could potentially have a higher heart rate than

someone who runs a nine minute mile due to body type, previous conditioning, etc. They only see who finishes the fastest, which gets away from the overall goal of heart health.

Implementing the continuous run has allowed everyone to start and stop at the same time while running at their own personal pace, and challenging themselves individually.

Creekside is also appreciative to The Dexter Education Foundation, who generously granted batteries to replenish the pedometers they previously funded for Lifetime Fitness.

Schlenderer and Sons of Ann Arbor donated their time and efforts to install the batteries which they offered at a reduced price. The combination

of clocks and pedometers have motivated students to get as many exercise minutes as possible during Lifetime Fitness.

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BAND NEWS

On Feb. 25, all three Dexter High School bands participated in the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association District Festival at Chelsea High School.

The varsity and symphonic bands each received straight 1's, qualifying them for the MSBOA State Festival held in April. Kenneth Moore directs both bands.

The concert band, directed by David Peters, received two 1's and two 2's, scoring an overall 2.

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Chelsea High School Assistant Principal Mike Kapolka cannonballs into freezing water Feb. 20 during the Polar Plunge at the University of Michigan.

Teachers take polar plunge

By Crystal Hayduk
Staff Writer

Some might think that it's crazy to jump into a frozen pond in the middle of winter. But Chelsea High School assistant principals Nick Angel and Mike Kapolka did it.

Dressed in suits and ties, the official attire of school administrators, Angel and Kapolka braved freezing temperatures to participate in the Polar Plunge at the 18th hole of the University of Michigan's golf course on Feb. 20.

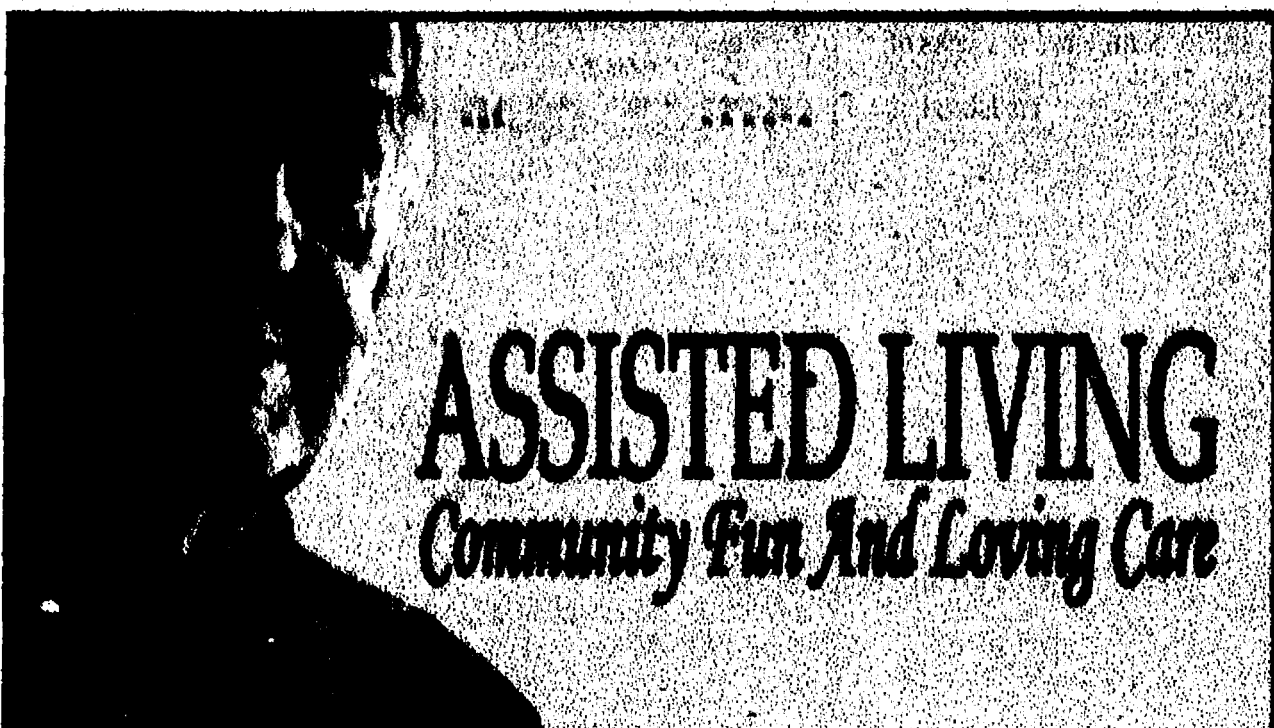
"I performed a belly flop, and Mike executed a perfect cannonball," Angel said. "The icy water took my breath away almost instantly, but the worst part was the stench and taste of pond water frequented by geese."

The team raised \$765 to benefit Special Olympics.

Angel and Kapolka had been asked to participate by Katy Fillion and Sandra Dunn, teachers who have a long history of working with Special Olympics.

"Mike and I didn't take long to respond because it's a program that we both feel very passionately about," Angel said. "We know the benefits that our students who have participated have reaped."

Angel and Kapolka were the only "athletes" participating from Chelsea, but they did have a local cheering squad on hand to provide encouragement.



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The fund realized \$52,026 in gross profit in the current fiscal year and will make \$547,262, much of which will go towards a \$517,000 water plant bond payment due Oct. 1, 2011. It will also give the fund a year to build up cash reserves for another payment in 2012.

The city approved a contract with Consumer's Energy for technical maintenance during the general maintenance schedule that the city's electric department conducts at substations on a regular basis.

DANCE

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grade student at Mill Creek said she was excited to participate in the event.

"This is my first year doing it," she said. "There was a lot of hype about it and it sounded fun."

Melvin said she didn't know if she could dance for three hours but would find a way to pass the time.

"As long as you don't sit, that's the goal," she said.

Lauren McCabe, another student at Mill Creek, said she brought 10 friends with her to the event.

"I raised \$50 through friends and family," she said.

Fellow student Peter Assenmacher said he also raised \$50 through donations from friends and family.

"My sister did the Dance Marathon in the past and I wanted to try it out," he said.

Kim Camara said she thinks the fundraiser is a good way to spread a message of hope for children with disabilities.

"We're standing for those that can't stand for themselves," she said.

This is the first year that students from Beach Middle School in Chelsea were invited to participate.

MILITARY NEWS

Marine Corps Pfc. Nicholas R. Lavene, grandson of Robert and Vicky Lycas 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.

Lavene and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Lavene 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.

Lavene 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.

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Consumer's Energy will provide labor for operating, maintenance and electric field lab services at the Industrial Park, Robert G. Shepherd and Garfield Street substations.

The Solid Waste Department requested bids for the purchase of 75,000 orange garbage bags for the city.

Rainbow Bag Company of Ohio was the recommended bid for the purchase of 75,000 30-gallon bags for \$11,764. Going to a 30 gallon bag has allowed the city to keep the price of the bags to \$2.50 each for residents.

Sean Dalton is a reporter with Heritage Newspapers. He can be reached at 429-7380 or sdalton@heritage.com.

"It's good to see my friends while helping out the impaired," David Alday, an eighth grade student said.

Janie Bush said she and fellow students in the leadership class at BMS were eager to participate in this year's fundraiser.

"It's a good cause and it shows good leadership among students," she said.

Earlier this year, students at BMS held several fundraisers for Paws With A Cause.

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level. If the proposal passes, 71 staff (teachers and others) will become eligible for retirement.

Killips expressed his opinion regarding the preliminary information about the county-wide bus system through the Washtenaw Intermediate School District.

"At this point, there's incomplete data," he said. "It creates more questions than it answers."

Other news:

•Chelsea Rhone LLC donated \$10,000 to the district's Special

will occur at the Indoor Track and Field Building on the U-M campus March 27. For information or to register to participate, e-mail dfum.info@umich.edu. Daniel Lai can be reached at 429-7380 or dli@heritage.com.

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Olympics program. An anonymous donor has offered \$15,000 towards a baseball hitting cage.

•Board member Anne Mann commended senior Dakota Cooley for his undefeated high school wrestling record and placing first in the state. Turner commended the high school hockey team for reaching the state semi-finals.

•Upcoming events include a board meeting on March 22 at 7 p.m. at North Creek Elementary School, and spring break from March 29 through April 2.

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Professors start rock band with heart

'Ypsi Mayflies' record debut album

By Steven Howard

Though they spend their days in the hallowed halls of learning, teaching and studying various genres of literature, a group of local professors have come together to form an eclectic rock 'n' roll band, putting out a musically diverse CD and playing packed gigs around town.

The band, called the Ypsi Mayflies, started as a series of informal jam sessions at seasonal parties, said singer, bassist and guitarist Joe Csicsila.

By day, Csicsila is an associate professor at EMU, studying and teaching courses on Mark Twain and his contemporaries.

"The three of us would get together and just play guitar," he said.

Once the Ypsi Mayflies had formally come together in January 2008, Csicsila said his band mates noticed they were more suited to writing and playing their own material than simply being a cover band.

"That sort of ignited a six-month period of writing songs," he said, indicating word began to get out about what they were doing. "We were asked to play a birthday party in fall of '08 at the Corner Brewery. It was a blast."

On the evening of their first

performance, Csicsila said they were asked to play another birthday party and the Mayflies' momentum built from there.

"We were looking for any excuse to extend this," he said. Once they had developed their sound, Csicsila said their next step was to get the songs recorded.

"One of the things we all wanted to do in our lives was to get into a recording studio," he said.

Over the next several months, the Ypsi Mayflies recorded what would be their debut album, "Down and In."

"We spent the spring and summer recording them," he said, "sort of extending this rock and roll fantasy."

After paying to have the CDs made, Csicsila said they came up with the idea to have a release party, to let people know about the album and move some inventory.

"We promoted it," he said. "107.1 played our music. Nobody could have expected to hear our music on the radio."

The promotion paid off, according to Csicsila, who said the release party went over better than anticipated.

"We got over 200 people to show up," he said.

Aside from selling CDs, the band also collected a small cover charge of which all proceeds went into a book scholarship fund for English students.

"We raised over \$800 for English majors and minors at EMU," he said.

Charles Cunningham plays lead guitar for the band and

is also a professor at EMU specializing in American Modernism.

He said the formation of the group was nothing short of serendipitous.

"We were all sort of complementary parts," he said. "There was a synergy."

Starting to play guitar late in life, Cunningham said being in a band and doing live shows is sort of surreal for him.

"It's so out of the blue," he said, adding that playing in front of people is the rush that motivates him.

"The thing I really enjoy is when we play live," he said. "I want to keep going. It's the effort of getting better."

Cunningham said he leaves the song writing mostly to the other band members, preferring to make it, personally, all about the music.

"My job is all about words," he said. "In the band, I can express myself through music."

Cunningham said he also gets a sense of satisfaction out of the money raised for students, noting the expense associated with contemporary literature anthologies.

"We thought it was a win-win," he said. "It was a good excuse to play and it was not all about us."

James Knapp, who sings and plays guitar and bass for the group, is also an associate professor of English at EMU and director of the Honors College.

Knapp said the group has changed a bit in the time since their first shows.



The Ypsi Mayflies perform live at the Corner Brewery in Ypsilanti. The group is playing at Savoy in Ypsilanti April 17.

"By that time, Jeff Clark had left the band replaced by drummer Brian Smith," he said.

"and we also added a female vocalist, Kristi Renaud, and keyboardist Roz Hingleberg."

With the new band mates on board, all of the members say the Ypsi Mayflies' dynamic is better than ever.

"All in all, it has been fun to

get the music back in my life," Clark said.

It's this shared love for music and performance, perhaps, which has allowed the Ypsi Mayflies to drastically outlive their name.

Csicsila said the group has just announced a live show at Savoy in Ypsilanti April 17.

Details are available on the

group's Web site or MySpace page. For more information on the Ypsi Mayflies and future concerts, visit www.cornell-roadrecords.com or www.myspace.com/ypsimayflies.

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Prison Creative Arts Project to hold exhibit

Artwork done by prisoners in Michigan facilities

By Ellie Falaris Ganelin

The Exhibition of Michigan Prisoners, running in its 15th year, reflects the broad outreach of the Prison Creative Arts Project, featuring the artwork of prisoners from 40 correctional facilities across the state.

The first year that the exhibit took place, 72 pieces by 50 artists were displayed. This year, the exhibit will showcase 420 pieces by 300 artists, making it the country's largest prisoner art exhibit.

"We hope to make arts accessible to everyone," said Sari Adelson, coordinator of membership and special projects at Prison Creative Arts Project. "It's part of the living experience. Interacting with the arts leads to individual growth."

Mary Heinen, coordinator for community and youth programs at Prison Creative Arts Project, points out that

the opportunity for expression through art has been very helpful in rehabilitating prisoners since it's one of the few outlets where they can truly express themselves with what they're enduring. Heinen, herself is a former prisoner and one of the first people to benefit from the program.

"When people come to these art exhibits, they have no idea what prison art would be like," Heinen said. "They expect to see art that's dark and somber and sad. What's really there is a whole universe of human thoughts and expressions. It gives people a new understanding of prisoners who are locked up and a new perspective on the expression of art," she said.

When art gets sold in these exhibits, it enables the prisoners to buy items like soap, stamps and art supplies, which the prisons do not provide, Heinen said.

Prison Creative Arts Project was established in 1990 as an outreach theater program in prisons in Southeast Michigan.

Founder Buzz Alexander, a



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professor at the University of Michigan, led a workshop called Theater and Social Change at Florence Crane Correctional Facility.

The workshop had women in the prison share their stories and then act them out as a group using improvisation.

Heinen, who participated in the workshops, felt it was essential in helping get through her time in prison.

Prison Creative Arts Project has expanded to provide workshops and outreach in prisons with other art forms, as well, including

slam poetry, dance, writing and studio art. For the Exhibition of Michigan Prisoners, curators from the project travel to prisons around the state selecting artwork, including facilities where they don't offer workshops.

Sari Adelson, who leads an art workshop Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility in Ypsilanti, has learned a lot from the experience. Without much formal art training, she has been impressed by the ingenuity the women have in rethinking the use of materials to create their art.

"It's given me a new perspective on my own artwork," she said.

Adelson learns about these women's lives, their fears and their thoughts when they're released from prison.

"One of the things that I've learned most from the women is really how strong the power of the human spirit can be," she said.

After being released from prison in 2002, Heinen started working at Prison Creative Arts Project, where she is currently the coordinator for community and youth programs.

"PCAP really welcomed me into the community and showed me respect and self-worth," Heinen said.

She continues to create art, something she did since she was young. But now she can express herself in outlets that she wasn't able to in prison, such as decorating her home, maintaining a garden and creating art with her nieces and nephews.

"It's a huge period of adjustment," Heinen said. "There's a whole new world out here. The world is so much more technologically advanced and more diverse than it was when I came into prison," she said.

The exhibit runs March 23 through April 7 at Duderstadt Center Gallery on the University of Michigan North Campus at 2281 Bonisteel Blvd. An opening reception will take place from 5:30 to 8 p.m. March 23 from in the gallery. Exhibition hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday through Monday.

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journalist Art Aisner

Former U-M football player, accomplice in drug case appear in court

A former University of Michigan standout football recruit and his accomplice in a botched plan to distribute cocaine on campus were in Washtenaw County Circuit Court last week.

Justin Leotis Feagin, 21, was sentenced to two years probation and fines for his role in a case that ended his once-promising career with the Wolverines.

Circuit Court Judge Archie Brown sentenced him under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, which allows some offenders 21 years or younger who plead guilty to their crimes to have their records expunged upon completion of their probationary period.

The former prospect from Florida who played both

quarterback and wide receiver, took \$600 from Timothy Burke, another U of M student at the time, to purchase cocaine from contacts in his home state last spring, police said.

The drugs never got to Michigan and Burke set fire to a hallway in the West Quad dormitory, where Feagin lived last March.

No one was injured in the fire, but the investigation by the University of Michigan's Department of Public Safety uncovered the drug conspiracy.

Feagin, a sophomore, was dismissed from the football team for undisclosed reasons last summer and was charged with felony counts of conspiracy to deliver less than 50 grams of cocaine, conspiracy to possess more than 25, but less than 50 grams of cocaine, and conspiracy to possess less than 25 grams of cocaine, court records state.

He pleaded guilty to con-

spiracy to delivery of less than 50 grams of cocaine in January and prosecutors agreed to drop the other charges.

Feagin now reportedly plays football at Texas Southern University and will have his probation monitored by officials in that state, court records show.

Burke, 26, appeared briefly at a pre-trial hearing last week and pleaded guilty to one count of possessing a controlled substance. Two other similar charges will be dismissed at sentencing April 21. Burke was already convicted of arson of real property last fall for setting the dorm fire and was placed on probation for three years, court records show.

He was also ordered to pay more than \$17,000 in restitution to the university. Prosecutors agreed not to charge him as a habitual offender in exchange for his plea in the drug case.

Former county employee faces trial for embezzlement

A former Washtenaw County employee accused of stealing more than \$100,000 intended for area residents with mental illness will head to trial.

Debra Ann Ross, 53, waived her preliminary hearing on embezzlement charges in Washtenaw County District Court last week. Prosecutors charged her with felony embezzlement in January after a recent audit showed a significant amount of money for patient care was missing.

Ross worked for the county for more than 20 years, the first four of which were with what is now known as Washtenaw's Community Mental Health Department. Police said the alleged thefts occurred after she was

transferred from that position 16 years ago, but still had access to and authority to cash personal checks for department services.

She has pleaded not guilty to the charges and, through her attorney, consistently maintains her innocence.

She remains free on a \$50,000 personal recognizance bond and is scheduled to appear for a pre-trial hearing April 21.

One-man crime spree results in prison sentence

A man convicted of property crimes in several communities across Washtenaw County was sentenced to prison last week.

Court records show Mark Anthony Cox, 33, was ordered to serve one to 10 years in prison on larceny charges, and one to four years in prison on multiple counts of possessing stolen

property for a crime spree last summer. The sentences will run concurrently.

Cox avoided trial last month by pleading no contest to 14 counts of felonies ranging from home invasion to larceny and weapons violations. A no contest plea is not an admission of guilt, but is treated that way for sentencing purposes in Michigan. Prosecutors did not charge him as a habitual offender as part of the agreement.

He was arrested in late August and investigators linked him to crimes that began June 1 in Chelsea and continued in Northfield and Pittsfield townships through the month of July. He also perpetrated a fraud in Ypsilanti Township in August, court records show.

Cox was already imprisoned for similar crimes in Wayne County at the time of his sentencing last week.

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journalist Art Aisner

Choirs teach skill, camaraderie to students



DongWon Lee, Paige Martindale, Shelby Davis, Sheila Formigen and Lizzie Everett hang out during a small group planning exercise at Chelsea High School.

Chelsea High School offers many exciting choral opportunities for students. Students may participate in classical, curricular, choirs, as well as in the extracurricular Company C, which focuses on non-classical music, theatre and dance.

During the school day, students can sing with either the Chamber singers, which is an auditioned choir, or Cantamos Elegantes. Both choirs consist of students in ninth through 12th grade.

"I love the challenge of bringing new music to my students, that they might not otherwise consider," said Steven Hinz, CHS music director. "We're surrounded by singing at every turn of our day — on the radio, our iPods, computers and in our home. The idea of singing isn't foreign to anybody — everybody sings along with recorded music."

"The exciting part of choir is the unique experience that comes from singing in a group

and there are amazing opportunities to find expression as we study nuance of poetry combined with music of a high artistic level."

Hinz said interpreting poetry is a necessity for any choir.

"As a culture, we may have become a bit complacent when it comes to interpreting poetry and art. To us, in these classical choirs, it becomes a necessary part of our life as we study this music and discover the many possibilities of shading, color, line and the depth of human expression found in art music," he said.

The classical choirs perform several concerts per year.

"CHS has a performance hall that is highly acclaimed for its acoustic perfection for choral music," Hinz said.

In addition to performing in this venue, members of the choirs perform in several community events throughout the year. As its instrumental counterpart, the choir program

has a festival series, where the students benefit from an adjudicated performance in an audition type setting, measuring their performance against established standards.

The information shared by the judge is helpful in refining performance in regards to expression, pitch and rhythm accuracy, beauty of tone production, and other singing details. The festival experience includes solo/ensemble festival at the district and state level.

and choral festival also at the district and state level. The CHS program can be proud of a rich tradition of great success at these festivals.

The Company C program is an offshoot of the classical program. It is an after-school program that is designed to give singers another outlet for singing expression, but it focuses on the genres of popular, jazz, rock and musical theater.

Membership in Company C is not limited to choir students only. Company C trains its members as multi-faceted performers in the areas of singing, dancing and acting. The experience culminates in the production of a full-scale original musical in the spring.

Hinz believes that there are other important benefits that members receive apart from music study.

"I believe that the unique skills gained through choir — including the discipline and the ability to analyze music text and other elements of music, solve problems, communicate and work cooperatively in small groups and sections — are vital for success in the 21st century workplace. I also believe that choir gives students a special place to connect with others."

"We pay a great deal of attention to creating a camaraderie and environment that is safe. The choir room becomes a special home for students and a wonderful outlet for expression to balance other daily academics."

Choir remains an important part of student life.

Sophomore Tiffany Newman can't imagine not participating

in choir.

"Choir is the light of my day. It helps me wake up and become engaged in both my music and my other classes. It's also a nice release from other work where I can just relax and be myself," she said.

Eden Gaiski, a CHS sophomore, agrees.

"Choir lets me be imaginative in ways far beyond just singing notes on a page. It teaches me to look more in depth at the simplest things, and it also brings students of all different types to do nothing but have an amazing time doing the one thing that we all love. Choir really supplies a weird sort of energy that primarily drives me throughout the day," she said.

Junior Brad Stech has discovered additional rewards from involvement in the CHS choir programs.

"Choir isn't just a class at school for me, it's more like a

series of goals. It's something that pushes me to keep striving for perfection, and it really does a lot for my discipline. It's also an expanding community, and I for one am thankful for all the friends and connections I've made through choir and Company C," he said.

Hinz believes that the study of choral music is integral the lives of young students.

"I believe that choir continues to be central to developing our future through its students, who, in their study of music learn to creatively adapt to new ideas, to have the creative skills to take risks, and to feel confident to join innovative teams being well-disciplined, have strong communication skills, understand their part of a vital team, and who have a larger perspective of the world they live in. The human benefits reach far beyond the skills learned in the class," he said.

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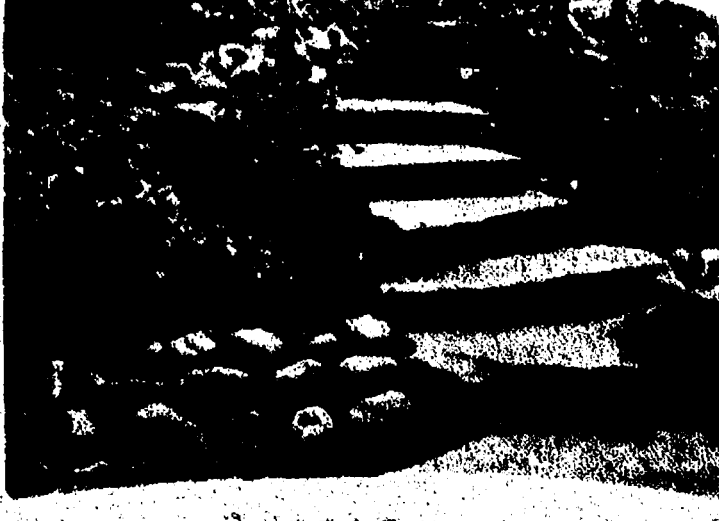
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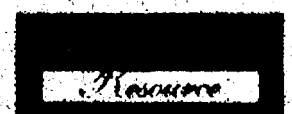
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GUEST COLUMN: By Tim Skubick

Families often call the shots

This is a tale of four fathers with four daughters.
Let's start with Bob Bowman.
For years the former state treasurer worked for Gov. James Blanchard.
"I've always been interested in being governor," Bowman confessed after he left state government.



TIM
SKUBICK

But the interest remained unexplored until Lt. Gov. John Cherry dropped out of the race. Bowman's chance was at hand.

He formed an exploratory committee. But within days, Bowman pulled out before he even got in.

In part the decision was based on the reaction of his daughter. The high school sophomore was two years from graduation and like most kids her age, wanted to finish her high school where she was and not in some "new home" in Michigan with all those old friends at her real home.

To be sure it was not the only reason for Bowman to stay in Connecticut, but the best we can tell, it had an impact on Bowman the daddy, which trumped

Bowman the would-be governor.
He confided, "Maturity sucks." But he picked the kid's wants over his own career.

Rick Snyder started his family discussion about running for governor over a year ago. His wife brought it up first and he and she went to the three children next. He was concerned about his daughter and how she would react when other kids said nasty things about her dad. After all, he is a nerd. She said she could handle it, and as he periodically checks in with her, Snyder reports she continues to handle it. Talk to him two months from now when the nasty segment of the campaign may be in full bloom.

Genesee County Democrat Dan Kildee also was caught off guard by the earth-shattering Cherry announcement. He dusted off his desire to be governor shortly thereafter and went to his family, too.

Kildee said his son was all for the bid for governor. His daughter was not, but when Kildee formed his exploratory committee and said, "I intend to run," he reported his family was on board.

Maybe the daughter said a prayer? Kildee eventually decided not to run.

House Speaker Andy Dillon was standing in the back of the room waiting to say hello to a bunch of business executives. It was the first of what would be a grueling and unending schedule of thumb-sucking events that candidates must endure to

self-promote their candidacies.

As Dillon leaned against the wall waiting to take the microphone, someone noted that he had seen a picture in the newspaper of Dillon and his teenage daughter. It was taken the day before in Dillon's hometown of Redford, where he and his family launched his bid to be governor.

Any man who has a daughter and saw the photo felt the tenderness between the two. "That was a really beautiful picture," the person whispered to Dillon.

He had been so busy, he had not even seen it, let alone had a chance to cherish the moment. Then, without prompting, he whispered, "Yeah, I won't see her again until November."

Voters rarely see the personal sacrifices politicians make in order to serve the public. They never get credit for that from an uncaring electorate. When they are out working a room, daughters and sons, not to mention spouses, are left to keep the home fires burning, wondering when the candidate parent will be home.

You have to wonder how many of those on the home front secretly hope the candidate loses his or her campaign?

For Bowman and Kildee, there are no worries there.

Tim Skubick hosts the TV show "Off The Record" and blogs regularly at www.thenewsherald.com.

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Sign dancers help local business

The use of sign dancers or sign wavers by a business to attract customers is not really new.

But it seems to be growing in popularity and you have to admit, it's not only a good marketing move for many local firms, but it illustrates how being innovative and creative can lead to not only a successful job for the workers, but also a better bottom line for the business.

While some sign holders merely stand at the corner checking their watches, many are making the most of the situation. They are dancing, jumping up and down and otherwise trying to make sure passers-by notice them.

Ironically, the athletics and entertainment features of the job are actually making it more difficult to obtain such positions. Businesses are looking for those outgoing individuals who show some life, enthusiasm and ingenuity. In fact, some firms require their road-side sign dancers to audition to win the job.

Recent examples of a business using sign wavers, who are often in costume, include the Statue of Liberty workers trying to catch the attention of passers-by for the Liberty Income Tax offices. But other costumed sign holders are seen dressed up as animals, such as gorillas or chickens.

It's your basic win-win situation. The business draws more customers because of the antics of their sign wavers. The individuals who are performing those duties also are helping pass the time much more quickly. Obviously, standing or just walking back and forth between a 10- or 20-yard piece of sidewalk can be extremely boring.

But with a little ingenuity, it can become a fun job.

Unfortunately, the pay is not very good. It typically is not much higher than minimum wage, and the duty outside can be much less than attractive in the winter time, when it's bitter cold outside. Most employers change workers every few hours when the weather is not so appealing.

Of course, we have to admit there's not a lot of enthusiasm that can be expressed by individuals holding "Going out of Business" signs. Unfortunately, we're seeing a lot of them, too, during these rough economic times.

But even here, a little originality might just help pass the time a little more quickly.

While we can praise the businesses for being innovative in their marketing, most of the credit needs to go to the individual sign dancers, who are putting forth that extra effort to do a good job and have some fun.

GUEST COLUMN: By Mark Potok

Radicals vs. reality

Egged on by cheers and interrupted by standing ovations, one-time GOP vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin told the first National Tea Party Convention in Nashville that President Barack Obama's spending was "immoral" and amounted to "theft." She said America needed politicians "to proclaim their alliance to our Creator." She opined that the Democrats were "running out of time."

And then she got to the punch line: "America is ready for another revolution."

Presumably, Palin was speaking in metaphors, as she apparently did when she accused the president of trying to set up "death panels" to decide which Americans will live and which will die. But it's hard to say. More than a few tea partiers and attendees of town halls on health care have paraphrased Thomas Jefferson, saying the "tree of liberty" again needs "watering" with "the blood of tyrants."

Palin's provocative comments came as a new Rasmussen Reports poll showed that 75 percent of likely American voters were "angry" or "very angry" at the policies of the federal government, up from 66 percent in September.

The poll also found that 88 percent of "mainstream voters" were angry, but 84 percent of the "political class" was not — another indication at how leaders are widely seen as completely out of touch. Joe Stack's deadly airborne attack on an Internal Revenue Service building in Austin, Texas, serves as a clear example of how deadly that fury can be.

The numbers are harrowing, and hearken back to the period around the 1935 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, when the antigovernment "Patriot" movement was at its hottest.

A few days after that attack left 168 men, women and children dead, a USA Today poll found that fully 39 percent of Americans agreed with the proposition that the federal government was "so large and powerful that it poses an immediate threat to the rights and freedoms of ordinary citizens."

A new CNN/Opinion Research Corp. poll asked precisely the same question and found that 56 percent of Americans now agree with that statement — simply

astounding measure of how angry and suspicious we have become.

The Oklahoma City attack was the culmination of political anger against the government that had been building for years over issues such as gun control, environmental regulation, the outsourcing of jobs and the purported crushing of dissent. Today, the fury is building again, this time over bailouts of banks and the auto industry, health insurance, the economy, government spending and the country's changing demographics.

And that anger has fueled a pervasive rage on the right — a rage reflected, as the Southern Poverty Law Center just reported, in the dramatic growth of radical groups. Hate groups last year remained at record levels, despite the collapse of a major neo-Nazi group. Anti-immigrant vigilante groups soared by nearly 80 percent.

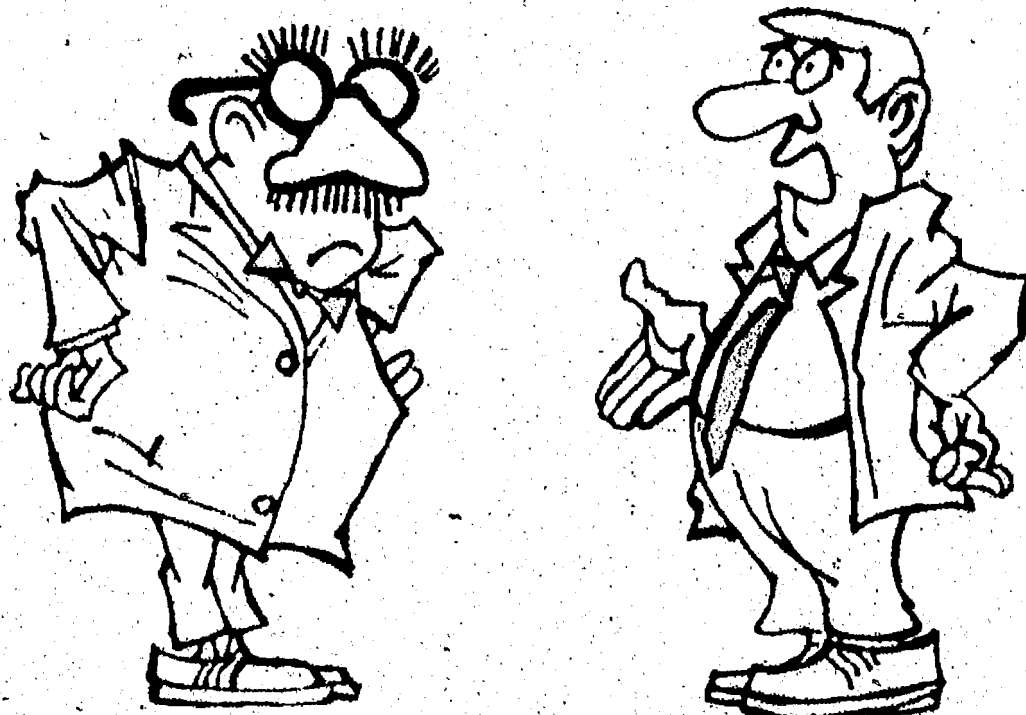
And, most dramatically, militias and the larger "Patriot" movement came roaring back, with 363 new militias and related groups appearing in 2009 for a dizzying 244 percent increase.

These three strands of the radical right — haterunners, nativist extremist groups and so-called "Patriot" organizations — can be the most volatile elements on the American political landscape. Taken together, their numbers increased by more than 40 percent, rising from 1,248 groups in 2008 to 1,753 last year.

It's perfectly obvious that many Americans are unhappy with the way the government is operating these days. And it's equally obvious that our country faces a daunting array of serious problems and challenges. But the way forward isn't to deal with the kinds of vicious attacks, conspiracy theorizing and downright racism — not to mention talk of "revolution" — that we see coming from the radical right. That kind of talk merely ensures that none of those problems will be seriously addressed.

Mark Potok is director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project, which monitors extremist activity across the United States. "Rage on the Right," the organization's new report on the growth of extremist groups, can be read at www.splcenter.org.

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"SORRY, IT'S ALL THE WITNESS-PROTECTION
PROGRAM BUDGET WILL ALLOW..."

HOME FRONT: By Lisa Allmendinger

Fill out census, be wary of scammers

The United States Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration, U.S. Census Bureau, sent me a letter addressed to "Resident" at my address.

Dated March 8, it says "About one week from now, you will receive a 2010 Census form in the mail."

The letter asks me to please fill it out and "mail it promptly."

Maybe I'm wrong, but I thought filling out and mailing back a census form was "mandatory."

And, this isn't the first piece of mail I've received about the 2010 census.

During the summer, a nice census worker knocked on my door and double checked some information. She was legit, with a badge, and didn't ask for any information that could be used in a scam.

However, there are people using this important, statistical information for their personal gain. And, if they did, it could end up costing you money and/or your identity.

There are other pieces of official-looking mail circulating that ask for personal information, but it's not part of the census data. Don't be fooled.

If you have any questions about someone knocking on your door saying they are a census worker, check them out before you give them any information.

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In fact, these numbers determine how more than \$400 billion of federal funding is spent on things such as infrastructure, hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels, and other public works projects and emergency services.

I don't know how you feel about the census, but it's one of those times that reminds me how special it is to live in the United States of America.

There's something somehow patriotic about filling out the census every 10 years. Let's see, this would be the fifth one in which I've been counted and the third one that I've filled out for my "household."

Besides, it's one of the shortest and simplest forms we need to fill out that's created by the U.S. government.

Now I know it's important that the government get accurate numbers, but I also wonder how much all this mail is costing us.

And how effective is it, really?

I guess that's a question for Robert M. Groves, director of the U.S. Census Bureau to answer. That's the signature stamped on the bottom of my letter.

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SRSly presents drug workshop for parents

Angry snowmen, a leaf and holes in your shoes.

These are just a few of the topics Gretchen Nachazel and Cheryl Phillips from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital discuss during Drugs 101, a free event in Chelsea that will take place April 8 sponsored by the SRSly Coalition.

The event is open to parents, grandparents, neighbors, educators, youth group leaders, coaches and anyone who works with or lives around children.

SRSly is hosting the adult-only event in partnership with the Washtenaw Alcohol Reduction Project to help educate adults on the accessibility, symptoms and current trends regarding substance abuse in teens.

"It is really fast paced and full of information," said Nancy Fritzmeier, a member of the SRSly executive committee who attended a similar event in Dexter. "I really learned a lot."

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SRSly executive committee member

numerous facts and myths about substances including marijuana, prescription drugs, inhalants and alcohol, and ask adults to participate by answering questions using an interactive response system.

"They present the information in a way that is engaging and easy to understand," SRSly executive committee member Beth Morris said.

Erin Murphy, Project SUCCESS coordinator for Chelsea Schools, also attended the event in Dexter.

"The information the pre-

senters provided was very beneficial. Working with students, it's always helpful to be educated and aware of the various ways they have access to substances," she said. "However, I feel that after attending this event, I'm even more aware of the influences surrounding teenagers and the importance of consistently talking to them about those influences. I'm glad

I attended."

As adults walk into the auditorium, they will tour a mock teenager's bedroom identifying drug and alcohol paraphernalia.

"Trying to identify the numerous ways teenagers hide, use and promote substance use in a mock teenager's bedroom was impossible. There are so many ways - it's scary,"

Murphy said.

The presentation will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 8 at the Washington Street Educational Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea. While parents attend the

workshop, students are invited to attend SRSly's spring youth meeting in the Washington Street Education Center cafeteria.

Registration for Drugs 101 is required.

To register, visit www.sjmercyhealth.org.

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'Swim Club' presents window to women's lives

Local actors star in comedy about life's lessons

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

Chelsea Area Players' latest production, "The Dixie Swim Club," spans 33 years in the lives of five women who have been friends since college.

The audience is introduced to the 44-year-old friends, traveling with them to view four of their humorous, heartfelt annual weekends at the beach as they get through life's challenges together.

Alene Blomquist plays the part of Vernadette, a teacher with limited finances and a chaotic life, who faces her difficulties with gallows humor.

Blomquist has a special interest in the storyline that goes beyond acting.

"I was interested in doing this play because it depicts the characters aging over time, and relates life transitions and complex relationships among friends and family members," she said.

Blomquist is the second in a line of four living generations in her family, with a 92-year-

old mother, two daughters, and two grandchildren.

"Women's relationships are complex, and 'Dixie Swim Club' shows that they can stay friends even though they are very different and struggle in their friendship at times," she said.

The show exemplifies the relationship between friends who keep in touch and support each other, even though they may not be together very often.

"It's an honest piece," Blomquist said. "In life, there are friends who are just for fun, and then there are friends who are there for you no matter what."

Watching how people relate and how they age is also interesting to Blomquist professionally. She is a clinical social worker at the University of

Michigan Medical Center. Blomquist works with at-risk patients 65 years of age and over through the Hospital Elder Life Program, a delirium prevention program for the hospitalized elderly. She coordinates plans involving family and hospital staff to promote safe hospitalization and maintain patients' normal mental function.

Despite Blomquist's demanding work schedule, she makes time to pursue the theatre.

"I actually started out as a music major in college, but then I decided I didn't want

that to be my work," she said. "I like being able to work with patients and families during the day, and then I do this as my hobby for my release."

From the male perspective, technical director Brian Myers said that "Dixie Swim Club" is a great show for being entertained by women; however, he doesn't feel that the inside look at their relationships will help men to understand women.

"I don't think men will ever understand women," he laughed. Blomquist adds that although the show provides a candid look at women's issues (men, sex, marriage, parent-



Photo by Crystal Hayduk

College friends meet each August at the beach for an extended weekend in "The Dixie Swim Club." Left to right: Carrie Keller, Denene Pollock, Teresa Benedict and Alene Blomquist.

Teams prep for relay

Jamie Lane
Staff Writer

Planning for the 2010 Relay for Life of Chelsea is in high gear. The planning committee is in place and has been meeting since late 2009. Team captain meetings began just after Jan. 1. This annual 24-hour relay is the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society.

The Chelsea Relay currently has 25 teams registered and approximately 120 registered participants with another 300 to 400 expected.

This year's event is set for the weekend of May 22 at Pierce Lake Elementary School. The planners are hoping that a better walking surface will bring more walkers, especially survivors, out to participate in this life-changing event.

The school's location will also make the event very visible to the community as well as any visitors that may be passing through.

Fundraising has already begun. The event planners have scheduled a fundraiser for March 21 at the Allstate in Jackson. The event will take place between noon and 2 p.m. at 1313 W. North St. The cost for each participant is \$10, which includes entry, roller skate rental, pizza and pop. Laser tag is also available for an additional \$2. Anyone is welcome to attend and \$3 of each donation goes to team

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Megan B. Frame, Ann M. Kendzicky, Emma A. Seitz, Drew E. Wint and Taryn N. Zyburt of Chelsea were recently named to the Grand Valley State University dean's list for the fall 2009 semester.

Alex J. Bercu, Matthew S. Brand, Courtney A. Krips, Kayla T. Loeferlein, Scott A. Sarver, Joseph D. Sayre and Alexandra B. Shapiro of Dexter were also named to the dean's list.

The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

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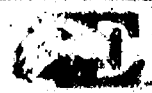
fundraising.

Teams are already competing with the "Pink Flamingos," "Saving the Ta Ta's" and "Team McCalla" leading the event in donation totals.

Many teams raise funds throughout the year with bake sales, garage sales, candy sales, card nights and other fun events. Much of the fundraising is done on a personal level also, and the community of Chelsea has been extremely generous in the past.

The next team captain meeting is set for 7 p.m. April 13 at Pierce Lake School. This meeting will focus on what to expect at the relay, including a walk around the track and discussion about facilities. Team members are encouraged to attend as well.

No matter who you are, there's a place for you at the relay, and you can make a difference. For more information on starting a team or making a donation, visit www.relayforlife.org/chelseami.



AN EAGLE EYE VIEW EMU MEN'S INDOOR TRACK RELAY TEAM EARN A-A HONORS

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YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com) — Four Eagles cemented themselves into the record books as the Eastern Michigan University men's distance medley relay team earned All American honors and took home a fifth-place finish, Friday, March 12, at the NCAA National Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Curtis Vollmar (Grand Blanc, Mich.), Grand Blanc, Mich., Grand Blanc, Mich., Ackem Forde (Haynesville, La.), Barba dos Coleridge & Parry School, David Brent (Monroe, Mich.), St. Mary's, and Blake Figgins (Detroit, Mich.).



DMR RELAY TEAM: L-R: Blake Figgins, Curtis Vollmar, Ackem Forde, David Brent, Interim Head Coach John Goodridge.

(Detroit, Mich.-Mumford-Missouri) ran a time of 9:38.44, less than two seconds behind first place winners and national powerhouse Oregon, to capture fifth place.

Just one week prior, the quartet broke a 15-year-old school record and secured a spot at nationals by posting an NCAA Provisional Qualifying Time of 9:32.72 in the DMR at the Alex Wilson Invitational in South Bend, Ind. The mark is the sixth-fastest in the nation this year.

This foursome has been on fire the past month, gaining increased confidence weekly and culminating the past three weekends with this realization and accomplishment of winning a combined four MAC Championships in the mile, 3,000 meter, 5,000 meter and DMR, said Interim Head Coach John Goodridge. "I'm very proud of these guys for breaking a 15-year-old EMU record, being one of the elite national DMRs in the nation and coming home All Americans."

Vollmar started the race for Eastern as he ran a very smart and tough leadoff 1,200 meters, getting the Eagles positioned extremely well running a personal-best split of 2:56.03. Forde followed up with a personal-record, 46.78-second split in the 400, which gave the team a narrow lead after the two legs.

Figgins set a torrid early pace on his 800 leg, running 1:50.19 before handing off to Brent, the anchor. After a solid start, the lead pace slowed and a tactical race developed, resulting in a mad dash for the final 200 meters of the race. Brent finished his mile split in 4:04.88, and the relay team finished fifth.

"I am very proud of the manner in which these Eastern men have competed and for them to have represented EMU so well, as they now join the elite membership of EMU track and field Record Holders and All Americans," Goodridge added.

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It's lambing season on the Hieber Farm

Hieber family breeds Suffolks with Corriedale

By Daniel Lai
Heritage Newspapers

As the cold weather tapers off and the days grow longer, the first signs of spring can be found at Hieber Farm in Freedom Township.

It's lambing season and the Hieber family has been hard at work tending to more than 100 baby lambs and their mothers.

"We are usually out there eight to 10 times a day checking on the ewes and helping them deliver their lambs if they need help," Ken Hieber said. "We can be out there sometimes until well into the night. It just depends on how many ewes decide to lamb on a particular day."

Hieber said lately the family has been busy caring for eight to 10 baby lambs a day, but has seen as many as 12 to 14.

"You have to keep a close eye on them and make sure they are eating," Hieber's son, Charles, said. "Once the ewes start lambing, you have to keep an eye on them too to make sure there are no complications."

Charles said the lambing process actually began months ago.

"Mating usually occurs in the fall," he said.

The Hiebers have three rams for breeding their 90 ewes.

"You can get by with two (rams), but your lambing season will be longer as a result," Hieber said. "We bring the rams in with the ewes in October and by March we'll start getting baby lambs."

Once the ewes are impregnated, the normal gestation time is 130 to 145 days.

When the ewes are ready to give birth, Charles said they will begin acting differently, moving away from other ewes and resting a lot.

"After doing it for so many years, you can tell when the ewes are about to give birth," he said.

Classic signs include pawing at the ground, becoming restless and nervous and the udders filling out. Once that happens, it's only a matter of time before the lambs arrive, he said.

Ken Hieber said every year the family expects about a 200 percent lambing rate.

"Twins are desirable," he said. "Last year was a good year for us."

Charles Hieber explained that lambs are built to carry twins or triplets with a single fertilization.

"If a ewe gives birth to a single lamb, that's OK. We would rather have two lambs per ewe," he said. "If a ewe gives birth to triplets, we try and pair one of the lambs with a ewe that has a single lamb."

A lot of times the ewe will accept the lamb as her own



Photos by Daniel Lai

Above: A baby lamb relaxes in the barn away from the other ewes and lambs.
Left: Charles Hieber holds a baby lamb that is only a few days old.

if we introduce them to one another right away."

The Hiebers breed sheep that are a crossbred between Corriedale and Suffolks. The Corriedale was developed in New Zealand and Australia during the late 1800s from crossing Lincoln or Leicester rams with females. The development of the breed occurred in New Zealand between 1880

and 1910. The breed is now distributed worldwide, making up the greatest population of all sheep in South America and thrives throughout Asia, North America and South Africa. The Suffolk sheep is the typical "black faced" breed often raised by 4-H and Future Farmers of America groups.

Though uncommon, the actual birthing process can present several challenges.

"Sometimes there is a prolapsed uterus, which can be life threatening to the ewe," said Kara Hieber, a veterinarian at the Veterinary Standard in Pleasant Lake.

A prolapsed uterus can occur within the first 12 hours post-lambing. Frequent causes are hypocalcemia — the presence of low calcium in the blood — combined with irritation

of the birth canal caused by straining. Replacement of the protrusion, which can range from the size of a softball to the hanging of the entire uterus, is done by a veterinarian or a trained farmer.

Other problems include breech birth or other positions atypical to lab birth.

"Lambs come out in a diving position with their feet and head down. If they come out with their butt first, it is wider and could cause problems for the ewe," she said.

Once the lambs are born, they are placed in small pens with their mothers.

"The bonding between ewe and lamb is critical, so the ewes will care for their young," Hieber said. "Within five minutes to a half hour, the lambs are up and bouncing around the pen wanting to play."

Hieber said almost immediately after their birth, the family marks each lamb and ewe with a number.

"It's just a system we use to keep track of all the lambs and ewes," he said. "And if we want to keep one of the lambs to raise as an adult ewe, we'll put a little red mark on their neck."

After a few days, the ewes and their young are moved into a larger area with other sheep to make room in the smaller pens for new lambs.

"The lambs grow fast, so you have to constantly be shuffling them around to make the best use of your space," he said.

It's also important to keep all

the lambs in the barn to avoid attacks from coyotes and wild dogs.

"We used to have problems with coyotes until we moved the lambs into the barn," Hieber said.

The lambs are then raised on a diet of protein pellets for 30 days and graduate to a diet of corn over the next several months.

"They grow pretty quick," Hieber said. "Once we take them out to the pasture, they graze on feed until they reach their finished weight of about 135 pounds. When they are born, they are about eight pounds. By the time August and September comes around, they will be ready to go to market."

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ADAMCHAK, WILLIAM W., age 86, died at his home on Thursday, March 11, 2010. He was a former resident of New Jersey, where he worked as a teacher for 35 years. He moved to Michigan in 1993 and most recently resided in Chelsea. In the early 1940s he served in the United States Navy during World War II. Surviving are his loving wife of 60 years, Julia Adamchak; his son, Rodney Adamchak and his wife, Pamela "Ronald"; two daughters, Helene Everson and her husband, David Everson, and Marsha Vartanian; a brother, Peter Adamchak; two sisters, Lorraine Korello and Mildred Adamchak; three grandchildren, Aleksandr Vartanian, Clifford Adamchak and Audrey Adamchak. The Funeral Service was Monday, March 15, 2010, at St. Vladimir Russian Orthodox Church, Dexter, and Rev. Fr. Gregory Joyce officiated. **Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel**.



ARMENTROUT, JACQUELINE TOOTIE, age 86, of Manchester, passed away March 16, 2010, at Grand Court in Adrian. Jacqueline was born on October 17, 1923 in Weston, MI the daughter of Claran W. Sr. and Edna Hopkins Knauss. She married Robert L. Armentrout on March 11, 1948. Jacqueline was a dedicated Rosie Riveter, wife, mother and homemaker. She was a member of the Manchester United Methodist Church, Legion Auxiliary, Eastern Star, Fireside Heritage Crafters, and was an avid rug hooker. Mrs. Armentrout is survived by her son Tim (Joyce) D. Armentrout of Manchester, grandchildren Jodi C. (Alan) Fredrickson of Adrian, Joelle C. (Eric) Cottrell of Lansdowne, VA, brother Claran W. Doe, Jr. (Mac) Knauss of FL, and many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Jacqueline was preceded in death by her husband Robert, son Tod D. Armentrout, brother Gaylord W. Knauss, Sr. and parents. While at Grand Court in Adrian only a few short months, the family would like to thank the staff and Leanne Hospice for their care and kindness at a difficult time. In honor of Jacqueline, memorial donations may be given to the Manchester United Methodist Building Fund. Envelopes will be available at the **Borck Jennings Funeral Home, Jenter Chapel** where the family will receive friends on Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. A Healing Farewell Service will take place on Friday at the Manchester United Methodist Church beginning at 1 p.m. with Pastor Larry Wik officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery, in Manchester. Please leave a message of comfort for Jacqueline's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign her guestbook at www.borckjennings.com.

CHIZMAR, GRACE IDA, Saline, MI, formerly of Branson, Missouri, age 82, died Thursday, March 11, 2010, at the Saline Evangelical Home. She was born November 13, 1927 in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Ralph and Gladys (Tubs) Hargrave. For many years during the 1970s-1980s, Grace operated the "Hoosier Inn Hotel" in Rensselaer, IN. Under her management, the homeless received full and free holiday dinners, plus a bed and breakfast on bitter-cold winter nights. Survivors include two sons, George D. (Jo Ellen) Chizmar of Ann Arbor and Gregory D. Chizmar of Rives Junction; four grandchildren, Damon G. (Todd) Johannesen Chizmar, Amy L. (Shad) Hose, Eric Chizmar, and Ryan (Kendi) Chizmar; one step-grandson, Jason T. (Kristin) Bowling; eight great grandchildren; her step-mother, Henrietta Hargrave; a sister, Marion Fletcher; and six nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, as well as two sisters, Maxine Manning and Betty Lou Freer. Only Private Services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to the Evangelical Home in Saline. Arrangements by **Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea**.



GEE, ROBERT L. 71, of Ormond Beach, FL, died on March 11, 2010, at Florida Hospital. Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2010, 10 a.m. at Ormond Beach Union Church, 56 N. Beach St. He was preceded in death by his wife, Maria "Yaya" Gee and his son, Robert L. Gee, Jr. He leaves behind two daughters, Lila Parsons, of Ormond Beach and Sylvia Sipes, of Port Orange; five grandchildren, Matthew Hinton, Osra Sipes, Sam Parsons, Bailey Sipes, Levi Parsons; and two sons-in-law, Harry Parsons and Robert Sipes. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in his honor to the Halifax Humane Society, 2364 LPGA Blvd., Daytona Beach, FL 32120.

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HALE, A.J. SR., of Chelsea, MI, age 90, passed away Sunday, March 14, 2010, at his home. He was born on October 4, 1919, in Gauda, KY, the son of John and Dove (Brown) Hale. Mr. Hale had lived in the Chelsea area since he was 16 years old and retired from Federal Screw in 1984 after 32 years of services. He also was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Air Force and being discharged in September of 1949. Favorite pastimes were playing poker (Texas Holdem) and spending time with his dog, Rudy, his family and his grandchildren. On December 24, 1949, he married Priscilla Tootsie Popovich and she survives; also surviving are 4 children, Dianna (David) Roberts of Manchester, Linda Kay (Rick) Westcott of Munith, A.J. (Belinda) Hale, Jr. of Marshall, Alan (Kelly Harness) Hale of Chelsea, and favorite niece, Anita (Mike) Spears of Chelsea; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Dorothy Berger and Mabel (Jim) Henkel, both of Ohio; two sisters-in-law, Ruth Hale of Jackson and Lynne Popovich of Chelsea. He was preceded in death by grandson, Andrew Roberts, and nephew, Michael Spears, three brothers, Luther, John and Franklin Hale, and two sisters, Myrtle Howard and Madeline Martin. Funeral Services were Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. from St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, Manchester with Rev. Father Timothy D. Krzyzaniak presiding. Burial followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Chelsea. Expressions of sympathy can be made to the Andrew Roberts Memorial Fund, c/o Manchester High School Wrestling. The family received friends at the **Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea** Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. with Vigil service at 7:30 p.m.

KOTUS, FRANK, age 88, of Milan, MI, passed away March 10, 2010, at the Evangelical Home in Saline. Frank was born January 23, 1922, in Sumpter Township, MI, to Stanley and Agnes (Rog) Kotus. He married Lydia Graham May 10, 1954, at Toledo. She died in 1993. He retired from the Ford Motor Company Ypsilanti Plant in 2003 after 40 years. He enjoyed bird watching and gardening and was a member of the Milan Kingdom Hall, Jehovah's Witnesses and the London Senior Citizens Center. In accordance with his wishes, cremation has been held with no service being planned. Arrangements are being handled by **Cover Funeral Home in Dundee**. Cremains interment will follow in Marble Park Cemetery in Milan. Survivors include a brother, Edward (Mary Ann) Kotus of Milan; a sister-in-law, Louise Kotus; son, Wallace (Vivian) Graham of Colorado; daughter, Judy (David) DuCharme of Milan; a grand daughter, Alicia (James) Baker of Milan; nephews, David (Christi) Kotus, Larry (Kathy) Kotus and Stanley Kotus; and nieces, Janice (Tom) Pack, Debbie (Jerry) Block, Sharon, Connie, Elizabeth, Diane, Carol, Susan and Patricia; also many grand nieces and grand nephews. He was preceded in death by siblings, John, Walter, Chester, Stella Vince and Mary. Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice or Monroe Humane Society.

KNAPP, FAY, died Friday, February 26, 2010, at Towseley Village, Chelsea after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. He was born in Grand Rapids, MI on June 23, 1927. He graduated from Ottawa Hills High School in Grand Rapids and at 17 enlisted in the U.S. Navy, returning to attend Grand Rapids Junior College and the University of Michigan where he received a BBA and MBA. He was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Fay is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara; three children Tom (Kim) Knapp, John (Rhonda) Knapp, and Cindy (Rob) Baker; seven grandchildren, Jessica (Ryan) Evans, Kristin Nancarrow, Danny (Regan) Knapp, Adam (Holly) Knapp, Sean, Hayley and Mitchell Baker; two nieces, Ann Woodworth, Jane (Fred) Pettit; and a nephew Jim (Ann) Woodworth; three grand nephews, Alex Woodworth, Will Pettit and Matt Pettit. Fay began his business career at the Peerless Cement Company in Detroit and later served as the Executive Director of the Safety Council of SE Michigan. Throughout his life he was an active volunteer for Reading For the Blind, United Fund, teaching Red Cross and CPR to many in the Detroit area. He also was on the Boards of the Dexter Historical Society and The House by the Side of the Road. He was an active member of North Congregational Church of Farmington Hills and First Congregational Church, Ann Arbor. Fay's greatest joy was his wife and family but he loved sailing, tennis and anything involving the University of Michigan. A Memorial Service was held at the First Congregational Church, Ann Arbor on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 4 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Generations Together, in Dexter or Towseley Village (CRC) in Chelsea, MI.

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AUTO

Honda Odyssey a bit pricey, does everything well

By Russ Heaps
Journal Register Newspapers

Honda hit a home run when it redesigned its Odyssey minivan five years ago.

The fact that it's done very little tinkering with it since serves as a tribute to its versatility and appeal. It still holds up reasonably well against recently redesigned competitors like the Toyota Sienna.

At \$27,515, even the entry-level LX trim may turn away cash-strapped families, but for those who need the capacity and have the budget, Odyssey is a great choice.

Honda's been generous with the standard equipment it packs into the base Odyssey. Dual-zone manual air conditioning, full power accessories, tilt-telescoping steering wheel, cruise control, six airbags and a 4-speaker audio system with CD player are among LX standard equipment.

Working your way up through the EX and EX-L trim levels, additions like power driver's seat, triple-zone automatic climate control, power-sliding side doors, leather interior, power liftgate, heated front seats and outboard mirrors, back-up camera, sunroof, upgraded audio system with an in-dash six-disc CD changer, and auto dimming rearview mirror flesh out the standard equipment list.

Finally you reach the \$41,465 Odyssey Touring, like my test Odyssey, that adds a navigation system, Bluetooth accessibility, rear parking sensors, run-flat tires, power adjustable pedals, DVD-based rear entertainment system and a 7-speaker premium audio system with auxiliary input jack.

VCM has a significant impact on fuel economy. Without it, the V6 found in the LX and EX has an EPA-estimated rating of 16 mpg in the city and 23 mpg on the highway. VCM boosts these numbers to 17 mpg in the city and 25 mpg on the highway.

Delivering sufficient grunt to pull Odyssey through traffic, the V6 and 5-speed work well together. Acceleration is smooth

and the shifts timely. Even when piled full of people, it has no problem keeping up with the flow of vehicles around it.

Handling more like a sedan than a van, Odyssey is surprisingly stable and centered in the curves. It's no roadster, but neither does it wallow about in the turns. MacPherson struts up front and a double-wishbone arrangement in the rear are the main elements of its 4-wheel independent suspension. Ride quality is also good even if it's more firm than some competitors.

Capable of seating up to eight, this cabin is roomy and comfortable. The second-row can be configured to seat either two or three. When seating two, the captains chairs can be arranged with a space in between or placed center and left to allow easier access to the third row. Providing for the eighth passenger adds a removable jump seat in the middle of the second row. Called "Magic Seat" in the Honda lexicon, the third-row bench seat folds into the floor.

The instrument panel looks like it was lifted directly from the command center of the space shuttle. Honda's located the shift lever there. A large color monitor dominates the top-center dash with controls for climate control and then the audio system located below it.

A bit overwhelming at first, this bevy of buttons, knobs and switches takes a while to master. Keeping the young'ins entertained on longer journeys has become a key feature of family totes. In that spirit, the EX-L makes available as a \$1,600 option a rear-seat DVD entertainment system.

It includes a 9-inch screen and a household 115V power outlet. It's standard with the Touring package.

Versatility is the big draw for minivans. Not only do they need to carry a bunch of people, but rearranging or eliminating seats to accommodate different load sizes and volumes is also key. Odyssey performs both these basic tasks well.

More tech know-how needed for future talent in car industry

According to the 2010 Edition of the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Handbook, continued growth in the number of vehicles in use in the United States will lead to new jobs for workers performing basic car maintenance and repair, with more entry-level workers needed to perform these services. Additional job openings will also be created by the need to replace retiring baby boomers.

"The real demand is for qualified technicians - those with formal training, good diagnostic and problem-solving abilities and training in electronics and computer skills," says John Hurd, president of the WyoTech campus in Sacramento, Calif.

"In fact, those without the required skills will likely face stiff competition for entry-level positions."

Despite the bright job prospects, finding talented employees with the right skill set is difficult. Hurd stressed that WyoTech makes an important contribution to the automotive industry by training young people for careers in automotive technology. He said that advances in automotive technology do not pose significant challenges for WyoTech. "As far as manufacturing, if you build it, we are going to train our technicians to fix it."

Many of WyoTech's students are entering the automotive industry from other fields and possess a passion for learning new technology. "We're seeing a lot of people entering the field from the construction field looking for opportunities - and finding them in the automotive industry," he says.

Hurd expressed the impor-

tance of reaching out to young people and helping them learn about the options for a career in automotive technology. "We have to introduce them to the industry early and really light that passion in them," he says. "That's the key to getting new people in the industry."

One of the challenges that WyoTech faces is a lack of basic knowledge among entering students. "We get students who don't even know what a screwdriver is, so we still have to start with the basics," Hurd went on to say that as a result, WyoTech adapted its curricula and programs not only to the technology, but also to the realistic needs of students today. "We've had to adjust to current and even advanced technologies so that we can introduce more hybrid technology and advanced diagnostics. You have to know how to tune the engine and chassis to work together, for instance. The adjustments we've made have allowed us to add to the programs. While we used to have a six-month program, we now go through nine, 12- and 15-month programs so that students can raise their skill levels and become better employees."

Hurd stressed the importance of vocational education and technical colleges in helping the industry meet its future talent needs.

"I think that society as a whole has to realize that four-year colleges aren't possible, desirable or necessary for everybody. A focused technical education can teach people the skills that they are going to need for the future they desire," he says.

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AUTO

Mitsubishi's performance rivals other models

By David Schmidt
Journal Register Newspapers

I think I just found a performance car in which I actually prefer the automatic transmission to the manual.

The car is the latest Mitsubishi Evo MR. The transmission is a dual-clutch 6-speed automatic. You can choose to shift it yourself or let the car make the decisions, a switch by the gear-shift chooses either Sport or Normal mode. In the Sport it keeps the revs high, downshifts aggressively, and generally acts like it wants to go fast, even when you aren't.

That means it makes noise, keeps the engine speed up near where the turbo lights off, much like most people who buy one of these screamers would do themselves. Then, when you need to act like a normal person, putting it in Normal mode makes it drive, well, normally.

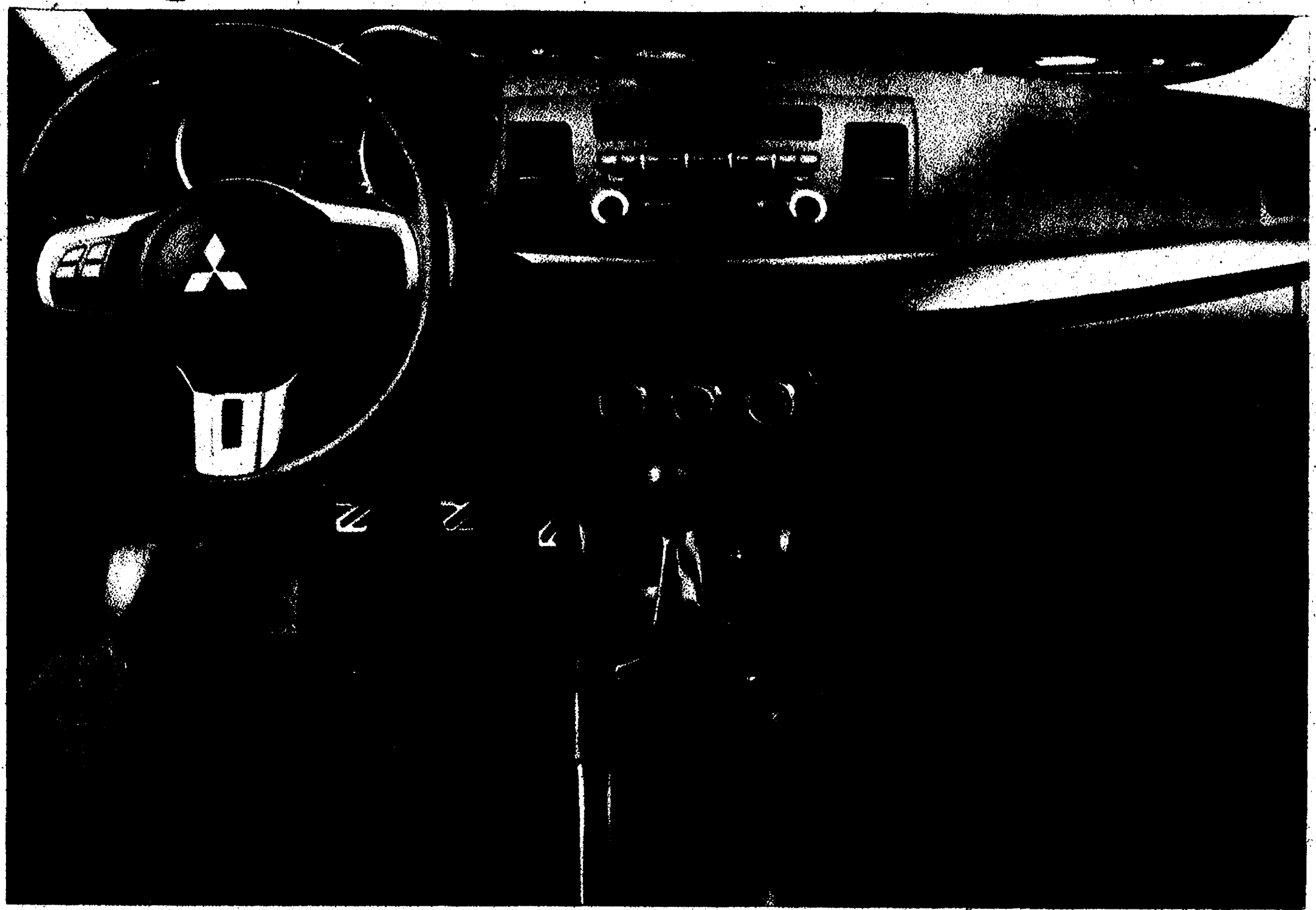
It still has plenty of power, still downshifts as you slow down, but not so aggressively. You never worry about running out of power.

That's because of the Evo's 2.0-liter engine. Yep, that's all, a third of a big V8's displacement. This all-aluminum, DOHC inline 4-cylinder engine produces 300 lbs-ft of torque and 291 turbocharged and intercooled horsepower.

This is a sophisticated engine that evolved out of Mitsubishi's World Rally participation back when they were racing. It uses a direct-acting valve train for reduced weight and MIVEC variable-valve timing is used on both the intake and exhaust camshafts. The rear-located stainless-steel exhaust manifold helps improve weight distribution.

The Lancer Evolution features its own distinct suspension system, including inverted struts in front and a rear multi-link configuration. Forged aluminum components reduce unsprung weight. This is a serious performance setup that allows you to be quite serious about going around corners, more serious than most of us can probably handle.

But this is a good thing.



There's never too much performance capability, even when you really can't take advantage of it normally. It may be what keeps you out of a killing accident. When you jerk the wheel to get out of the way of that semi, that extra capability may actually move the car where you're aiming.

When equipped with the 5-speed manual transmission Mitsubishi's Evolution is the GSR. This is the boy-racer model, with the look-at-me wing on the rear deck. The model I tested was the MR.

The MR has lots to make it special, in addition to that much horsepower in a 3500-lb. compact car. It's got performance Bilstein shock absorbers and Eibach springs and

two-piece front brake rotors. Eighteen-inch Yokohama asymmetrical performance tires are mounted on BBS forged-alloy wheels.

New this year is the MR Touring model, which includes many "comfort" features for everyday use, including things like a power glass sunroof, leather seating surfaces, heated front seats, rear lip spoiler, insulated front windshield glass and improved sound insulation.

This makes me happy. I'm past the age where a huge spoiler is cool. As they really don't do anything until you're approaching 100 mph, they're mostly an emotional statement about the driver, a statement that seems a little silly,

with me behind the wheel.

The Evo MR has a bit of a lip spoiler on the rear deck, and although the car is still very aggressive looking, it no longer screams "boy racer" and causes heads to slowly shake as you drive past. I always thought a little more conservative looks would be a good thing for the Evo, because car guys like it, even if they're, uh, older.

Although you'll be paying upwards of \$40,000 for this car, you're paying for its performance; otherwise, it's a \$20,000 Lancer with a few upgrades. The interior design, for instance, comes from that Lancer and surfaces reflect that car's cost in both looks and feel. The dashboard is

rather plain, and the curve of the instrument clusters just seems a little disjointed with the rest of the dash. But the seats "Recaro racing seats" still let you know that this is a car for people who want to go fast. They hold you very firmly in place, whether you like it or not.

In case you haven't had enough of power and performance, you can opt for a stereo upgrade, the Rockford-Fosgate 710-watt Premium Sound System. It uses a 10-inch subwoofer, plus a 6-disc in-dash CD changer with MP3 capability, and SIRIUS Satellite Radio. It makes Bach sound as great as it does hip-hop.

The cabin is the size it should be for a 4-door com-

pack, and the truck is sizeable thanks to the height of the rear deck. Since the Evo comes from a car that's quite livable, it too will perform all those normal life duties. Other than the cars that are tuned into true racing machines, I'm guessing that this is the only car most Evo owners own.

This car used to require a sacrifice except from the young and hardy, but no longer. From an economics perspective, this car's performance matches that of cars that cost four times as much. Looking at it that way, it won't hurt so much that you'll pay twice the cost of a base Lancer, because you'll know it's worth it, day in and day out.

Can auto safety and loud music mix?

Q: I want your advice on whether I should allow my son to install one of those powerful, pounding bass sound systems in his car. He wants one for his birthday but my husband and I are concerned about the safety aspects of loud music playing inside a car. Aside from the distraction it might cause, I'm worried about any health issues, and I thought you might have had some experience with the subject. What are the pros and cons of these sound systems? Thank you for any advice.

DR. CRANKSHAFT



LES JACKSON

—June in Youngstown, Ohio

A: As with every generation before this one, young people love loud music and a pounding, rhythmic beat. Consequently, electronics companies have worked for decades on new products that produce ever-clearer, ever-louder music. Aftermarket

automotive sound system companies offer incredibly powerful systems with bass reflex enclosures and multiple speakers that produce such low-frequency output that it

literally shakes the vehicle. We've all heard these systems outside in nearby vehicles and wondered how the occupants inside can stand it.

Well, they can't, at least when it comes to their ears. According to EPA researchers and many medical institutions, constant noise levels in excess of 80 decibels (dBA) produce long-term damage to human hearing. Vestibular Meniere's (vertigo, ringing in ears), hyperacusis (hypersensitivity to noise), nervous disorders and deafness result from long-term exposure to excessive noise. I personally know this to be true because I suffer from Meniere's and hyperacusis due to exposure to jet engines, unmuffled engines and loud machinery. It's not pleasant and I have to

be very careful not to expose myself to any noises whatsoever.

I've measured the decibel level inside some vehicles equipped with high-wattage sound systems and levels in excess of 110 dBA are routine. The EPA says that maximum daily exposure to these levels should not exceed 15 seconds — it's that dangerous.

Your son's hearing is going to be compromised if he installs one of these sound systems in his car. Not only that, the distraction aspects of the loud music can't be overstated.

There's no hard data to support it, but automotive safety experts all agree that loud sound systems in vehicles contribute to crashes.

You might wonder why

products like this that have so much potential to do harm are legal. It's the same reason that alcohol, guns, over-the-counter medication and so many other things are legal. We're a free society, but that doesn't mean we're always going to make the right choices.

Q: My Ford Ranger has developed a bad scraping noise on the right rear side. It's not the brakes, because I pulled the wheel and checked that out. The scraping only happens when I go into a hard left turn and it seems to keep up with the speed of the truck. Where should I look from here?

—Dale in Greenwich, NY
A: It sounds like you're describing a failing axle bear-

ing. Under hard left turns, the load on the bearing is much greater, hence the scraping noise. It's probably due to loss of lubricant in the sealed axle bearing. The best way to check this out is to remove the wheel and spin the axle while holding a hollow tube to the end of the axle and putting the other end to your ear. You should hear the scraping sound.

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Journal Register Company gets new leader

Journal Register Co., a leading multi-media company in local news and information, has promoted William Higginson, 54, as president and chief operating officer, effective April 1.

Higginson will report to the company's chief executive officer, John Paton.

"I am very pleased to have a partner in Bill Higginson, to take Journal Register Co. forward from what is now largely a newspaper company to a true multi-platform news media company," Paton said in a written statement. "There is not a part of Journal Register's many operations that Bill does not know intimately, and he is the absolute right person at the right time to lead our company's operations."

Higginson has been with the company and its predecessors for 24 years, serving most recently as its senior vice president of production. He started his career as a pressman for Matzner Publications in 1973.

Higginson has held a variety of progressively more responsible positions throughout

the company in production and operations, including operational responsibility for the company's Connecticut cluster, which includes its flagship property, the New Haven Register.

"It is a privilege to work with

John and our 3,100 talented and dedicated employees as we begin to transform our company," Higginson said. "While there is plenty of hard work to be done, I am confident that we will successfully execute our strategies to grow the com-

pany and create value." Scott Wright, who has held the position of president and chief operating officer of the company since 2007, is leaving Journal Register Co. to pursue other endeavors. "All of us at the company

would like to thank Scott for his leadership and dedication to the company through its period of restructuring. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors," Paton said. Journal Register Co. is parent company of Heritage

Newspapers, which produces The Saline Reporter, The Milan News-Leader, The Chelsea Standard, The Dexter Leader, The Manchester Enterprise, The Ypsilanti Courier, The View in Belleville and A2 Journal.

Grants available to gardeners

The Master Gardener Alumni Association of Washtenaw County is offering grants for gardening projects in Washtenaw County.

The Master Gardener Alumni Association of Washtenaw County is a membership organization comprised of graduates of the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Master Gardener volunteer training program. Funds for these grants are raised by the Master Gardener Alumni Association.

Educational groups, not-for-profit organizations or other groups or people providing horticultural education and horticultural therapy are welcome to submit an application for grants up to \$250.

Complete information, selection criteria and the application form can be obtained at the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Web site at <http://extension.ewashtenaw.org>, or through the MSU Extension Office at 997-1678. Applications must be completed and returned to the Washtenaw County MSU Extension office by March 22.

The group awarded seven grants in 2009 ranging from \$50 to \$250. Projects supported were raised bed vegetable gardens at the Dexter Senior Center, tools for the Hikone Community Garden in Ann Arbor, school gardens at Burns Park, Paddock and Wines schools, as well as the Michigan Islamic Academy, and for the Junior Master Gardener Program.

The primary selection criteria include projects or programs that utilize the expertise of Master Gardeners during development or implementation, or applicants seeking to strengthen existing programs or to develop pilot programs.

A program plan is submitted for review on the project, highlighting the horticultural education and/or horticultural therapy aspects. A detailed description of how the award will be used must be included, as well as a listing of other funding or resources that will be utilized for the project.

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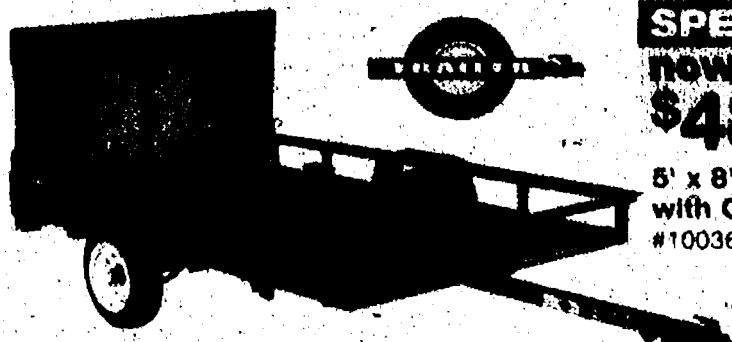
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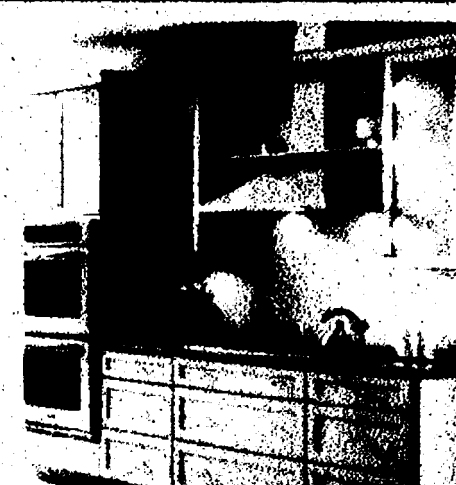
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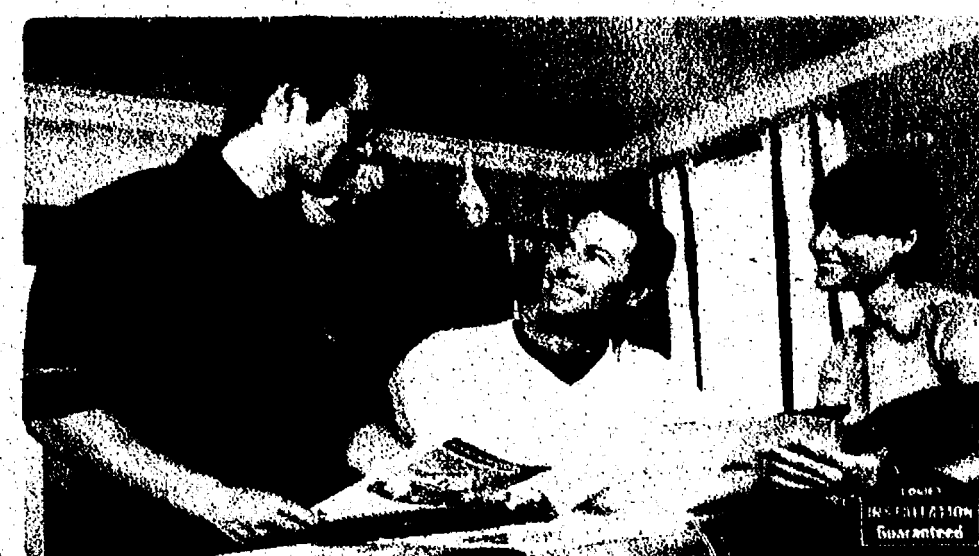
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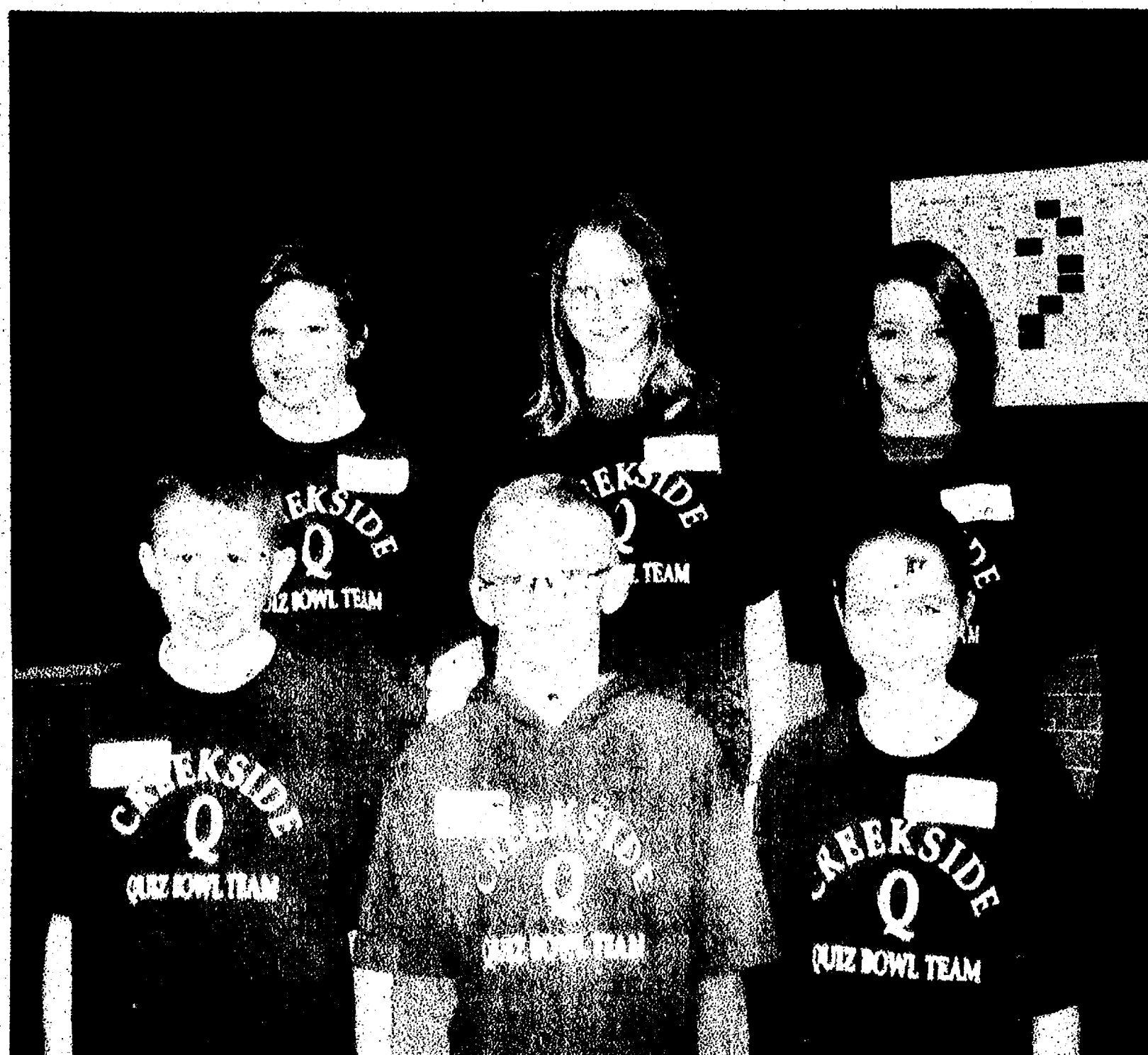
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WINNER'S CIRCLE

Students at Creekside Elementary were recently selected to compete at the SEMLLAA Quiz Bowl in Saline with other students in our surrounding districts on March 6. Pictured are: (front row left to right) Ryan McGinnis, Ryan Burrell and Brianna Wallace. (Second row) Will Wendorf, Elizabeth Orberg and Reed Yalisse.

Chelsea business expands look

The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a grand re-opening ribbon cutting ceremony for C. S. Hearing, LLC on March 15. C. S. Hearing is owned by Rick and Joni Benson. It is located in the Middle Square Professional Building at 134 W. Middle St. in downtown Chelsea.

C. S. Hearing recently completed an expansion and complete remodeling of their existing offices.

Bob Pierce, executive director of the CAC, expressed his excitement that businesses continue to expand in Chelsea.

"The fact that C. S. Hearing has chosen to take on this expansion and remodeling project is very reassuring for our business community in Chelsea. It shows Rick and Joni's dedication to and confidence in the Chelsea community. Their new space is beautiful."

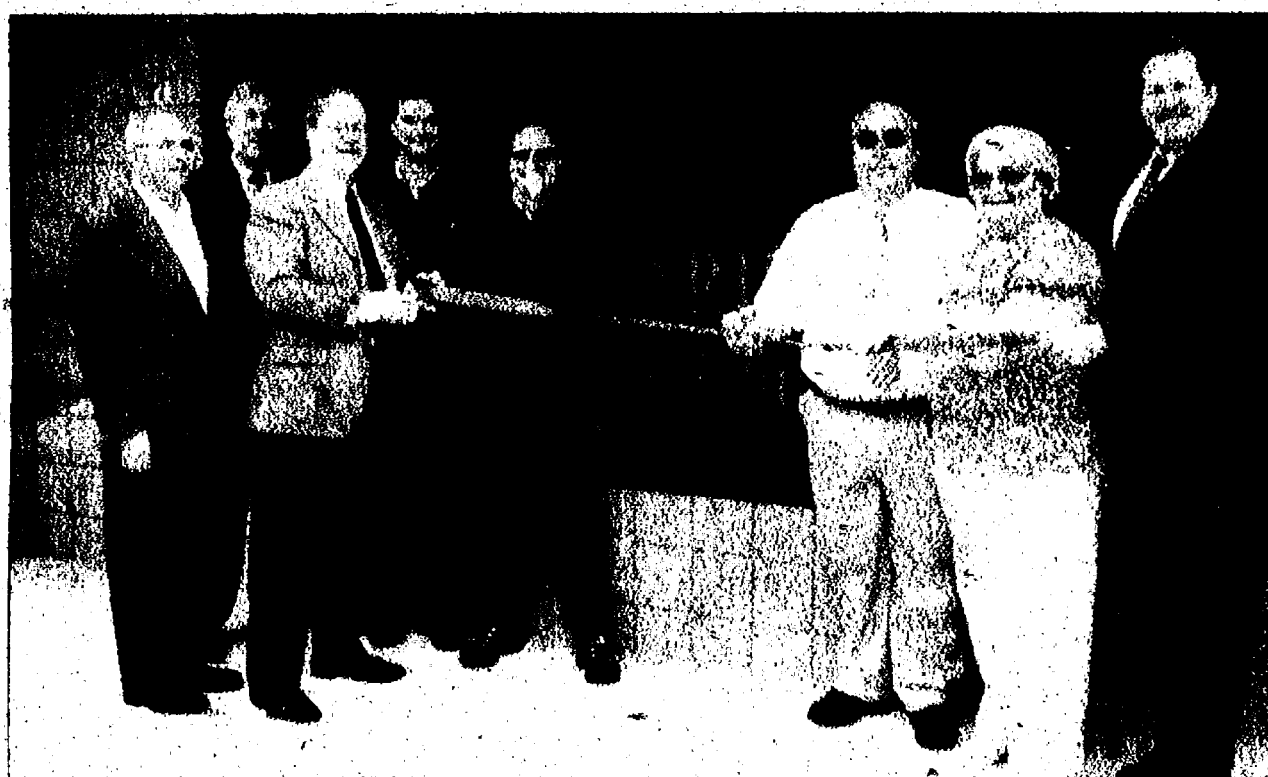


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(Left to right, back row) Jerry Wilczynski, Ken Getzen, John Hanifen and Mike Jackson. (Front row) Bob Pierce, Rick Benson, Joni Benson and Bryan Merillat.

Families sought to host students

The Lions Club of Manchester is looking for some families in the Manchester, Chelsea and Dexter areas that can open their homes and their hearts for a month during the summer to host youth exchange students that are part of the Lions International Youth Exchange Program.

The students will be arriving in June, July or August. There are currently six unplaced students that need host families.

Petteri Juhani Koskinen, a 19-year-old male from Sastamala, Finland will arrive in June for six weeks.

Mergen Naali, a 21-year-old female from Istanbul, Turkey will arrive in July for four weeks.

Isil Ozbas, a 19-year-old female from Istanbul, Turkey will arrive in July for four weeks.

Tommaso Cavicchi, a 17-year-old from Pieve Di Cento, Italy will also arrive in July.

Margherita Nordio, a 17-year-old female from Italy also needs a host family.

Mioko Fujimoto, a 21-year-old from Hyogo, Japan will arrive in August and stay for three weeks.

Manchester Lions Barry and Peggy Allen are hosting two students from Finland during June and July and another two students from Japan in August.

For more information, contact Lion Peggy Allen at 1-734-428-7034 or e-mail PeggyA774@aol.com.

Daisy Scouts celebrate anniversary

Dexter Daisy Scout Troop 40011 capped off this year's cookie sale with a field trip to celebrate all their hard work.

A special invitation was extended to the girls by acclaimed pastry chef and frequent Food Network guest Courtney Clark, owner of Cake Nouveau in Ann Arbor.

Daisy Troop 40011 is comprised of first grade girls who attend Bates Elementary and Cornerstone Elementary schools in Dexter. The girls formed their troop in December, but are already off to a fast start and are enjoying the fun and friendships that Girl Scouting offers.

"Although the girls are just beginning their journey, they are excited to be part of the celebration of the 98th birthday of Girl Scouting," troop leader Meg Potter said.

Cake Nouveau celebrated Girl Scout Week all week long by offering specialty cupcakes made with actual Girl Scout cookies. Flavors included Samoa and Tag-a-Long cookies, in addition to traditional vanilla bean and chocolate truffle cupcakes.

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Dexter Daisy Troop visits the Cake Nouveau in Ann Arbor following their annual cookie sale.

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scores, which don't come out until later in the year.

"It's been a low water area for the state and it's been the lowest area for us in the district," Ingall said. "We've already been doing a lot of work around writing this year in the district to prepare for our English language arts review next year. We're anxious to get those writing scores for the most up to date data."

BY THE NUMBERS

Chelsea's math results starting with third grade MEAP test takers saw only a slight increase in the percentage of students who met the standards at 97.9 percent, up 2 percent from 2008. The number of third graders who placed advanced fell from 71.8 percent to 67.4 percent. 30.6 percent of the 193 third graders who tested in math this year were proficient.

Fourth graders fell in terms of meeting the minimum criteria from 94.9 to 93.9 percent of 181 test takers, while the percentage of students who were categorized as advanced fell from 61.4 percent to 56.4 percent.

The fifth grade students who tested in math dropped slightly across the board. The number of students who tested advanced fell from 73.6 percent of 193 students tested in 2008 to 66.7 percent of 186 students tested this fall. The number of fifth graders who passed by at least meeting the standard fell 9 percent to 90.3.

Sixth grade students improved markedly with an increase from 64.9 percent of 188 students tested last year to 71.7 percent of 191 students tested this year.

The number of sixth graders who met the minimum criteria increased from 87.8 to 94.8 percent.

The students who tested only partially proficient decreased from 8.5 to 4.2 percent, and the percentage of children who were found not proficient fell from 3.7 to only 1 percent.

Seventh graders saw success in math as well, with the percentage of advanced students increasing from 60.7 percent of 173 students tested last year to 72.7 percent of 196 students who took the test this year.

The number of students who at least met the criteria increased by 1.7 to 91.9 percent this year.

Eighth graders declined in the advanced and overall categories. Those who were found to be advanced in math fell by 5.7 to 56.6 percent and the percentage of the tested groups who met the minimum criteria fell from 86 percent of 215 students to 78.9 percent of 175 students tested this fall.

The number of students in this group who were found not proficient increased from 1.9 to 6.3 percent, and those found partially proficient saw less of a decline from 12.1 to 14.9 percent.

The results in the reading category for third graders saw an increase in the number of advanced reading students from 49.7 to 51.8 percent, while the number of students meeting the minimum reading criteria at least increased from 86.4 percent of 177 students to 92.8 percent of 185 students tested last fall.

In this category it's worth noting that the number of children who tested as only partially proficient at reading by MEAP standards was cut in half, going from 13.6 percent to 6.3 percent, although the percentage of third graders who tested not proficient went from zero to 1 percent.

Fourth graders conversely saw a doubling of the number of test takers found partially proficient going from 5.7 percent of 176 students tested last year to 12.2 percent of 181 tested this year.

Advanced test takers in this class increased by 2.1 percent to 48.1. The number of students overall who met or exceeded the reading standard fell from 92.6 to 85.1 percent.

Fifth graders saw improve-

ments in reading with an increase of 5.2 percent to 57.3 percent while 89.1 percent of 192 students tested last year met or exceeded the minimum criteria versus 91.9 percent of 185 students tested at this grade level this year.

Fifth grade students also tested better in the partial proficiency category going from 8.9 percent to 5.4 percent. The percentage of those found not proficient increased from 2.1 to 2.7 percent.

Test takers in the sixth grade class increased the number of minimum criteria meeting or exceeding test takers from 88.3 percent of 188 students tested last year to 94.7 percent of 189 students tested this year, while the number of advanced readers plunged from 44.7 to 30.7 percent.

At the same time, the number of sixth graders found only partially proficient decreased from 10.6 to 3.2 percent, although the number of students in this class who were found not proficient doubled from 1.1 to 2.1 percent.

Seventh graders slightly improved the overall percentage of those who met or exceeded the minimum criteria from 87.2 percent of 172 students tested last year to 88.3 percent of 197 students tested in 2009.

The number of advanced readers increased from 38.4 to 44.7 percent and the number of partial and not proficient kids changed from 8.7 to 6.1 percent and 4.1 to 5.6 percent respectively.

The number of eighth graders who met the minimum requirements decreased slightly from 89.3 percent of 215 test takers to 88.6 percent of 175 test takers in 2009, while the number of advanced eighth grade readers fell from 51.6 to 38.3 percent.

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Businesses vow to 'do better' with undercover alcohol sting

Comfort Inn, Chelsea East Side busted by sheriff

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office conducted an undercover sting of 16 western Washtenaw liquor license holders last week.

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ties and members of the Washtenaw Alcohol Reduction Project joined forces for the investigation, which yielded two fines for a pair of businesses in Chelsea.

Chelsea Comfort Inn at Commerce Park and Chelsea East Side Convenience Store located on Old US-12 provided alcohol to a minor decoy. Both establishments were issued citations.

Both business owners spoke over the phone Monday and both indicated that it was the first time they have been in violation of Michigan's liquor control code with regard to minors.

"It was a very unfortunate situation," said Chelsea Comfort Inn manager Bruce Szcodronski.

He characterized the situation as a "freakish thing" that happened when a brand new employee was on duty and he was not.

WCSO Community Engagement Director Derrick

Jackson said that he hopes for a positive result from the sting.

"We are hoping, holding all establishments accountable, that they will make a habit and card every customer that appears under the age of 30 years old," he said. "We need everyone's help in keeping our teens safe."

Chelsea East Side Convenience Store co-owner Stan Kint said Jackson wouldn't have anything to worry about from him, as he was at a loss for words Monday.

"I'm not sure how to (initially) respond," Kint said. "I've never had this happen before."

He indicated that he almost wouldn't have believed it if the store's video security system hadn't recorded it happening on a tape for him.

Kint said he has been working in one form of business or another for four decades, and that he has always followed the rules and avoided citations for any form of violation.

The convenience store, chiefly operated by Kint's son and brother-in-law, has been in operation for nearly two years.

"We feel like we're a community store, because our family lives here in the community," Kint said. "We have family that works in the store."

He explained that a part-time

employee who only worked a handful of hours per week was in the middle of multi-tasking when the undercover minor came up to the counter to purchase the alcoholic beverages.

Kint said that changes were being made so the situation won't be repeated in the future.

"We're really upset by this - the bottom line is that we're making some changes, personnel and otherwise," he said.

Kint said he's always thought it good policy to check ID even if it offends or inconveniences customers.

"We check people that look like they're 45 or 50 years old," he said. "That's why this is so unusual. Sometimes people get upset, if you're 45 years old and you've got people checking your ID every time you come in ... you've got people saying that they're not going to come back anymore because (they feel they're) being harassed."

Kint said he doesn't like to turn away business in the current economic climate, but if he loses some customers to stop minors from getting their hands on alcohol from his store, he will do what it takes.

"We've got to do a better job, that's what it boils down to," he said.

Szcodronski said that he plans to "move forward" from the sting.

"We got stung, it hurt, and

we learned from it," he said.

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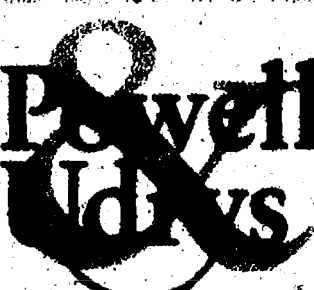


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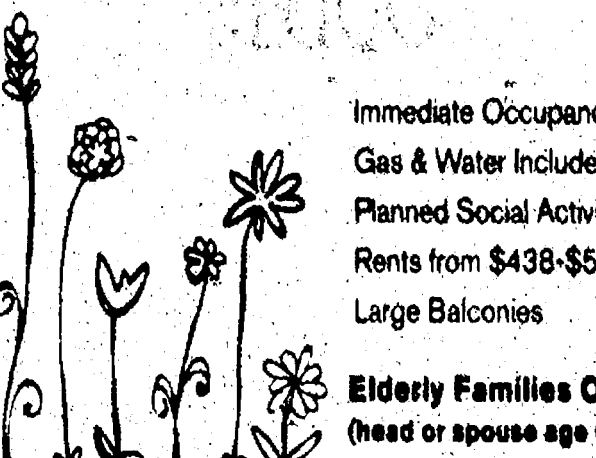
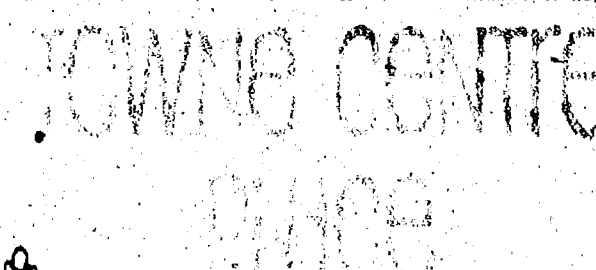
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Marjo Prinzing shows a doll as a toy from the lumberjack era.



(Left) Paul Prinzing as a lumberjack.



(Above) Students watch the lumberjack presentation at Pierce Lake Elementary School in Chelsea.



(Above) Paul Prinzing shows and describes how a lumberjack would use an ax, while the students look on.



(Above) Paul Prinzing demonstrates tools used to move and separate logs.



(Left) Paul and Marjo Prinzing unwrap "church dolls," a tiny family of dolls that would have been used to entertain a youngster during church services.

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Actors bring Holmes to life in play

By Angie M. Lai
Guest Writer

In December 1883, Scottish author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle murdered his most famous literary creation by plunging him off the cliffs of Reichenbach Falls in Switzerland, locked in mortal combat with his arch-enemy, Professor James Moriarty. Shortly after the publication of "The Final Problem," which had been firmly intended as the last of the hugely popular Sherlock Holmes stories, public outcry forced Doyle's reluctant resurrection of the great detective. The result was "The Hound of the Baskervilles."

Drawing on legends he heard from the locals while roaming the English moors, Doyle concocted a tale about a demonic hellhound and a terrible curse brought on the aristocratic Baskerville family. Ironically, Holmes himself scarcely appears in the novel that heralded his return: a reflection, some think, of Doyle's deep disdain for his creation that kept him from more "serious" work. In the absence of Holmes, much of the story's appeal lies in its suspense and evocative atmosphere, and the promise of an exciting conclusion.

The adaptation presented onstage at the Ann Arbor Civic Theater, by playwright Tim Kelly, retains the essence of the original, though there are some differences that would be most noticeable to those who are already familiar with the tale.

The setting has been moved out of the late Victorian era into what appears to be the



Photo by David Lai
Sherlock Holmes (Tom Underwood) listens as Lady Agatha Mortimer recalls the curse of the Hound of the Baskervilles in the play adapted by Tim Kelly.

1940s. All of the action takes place in Baskerville Hall—the seat of the family curse—represented by Chuck Griffin's minimalist set, decorated with antique furniture and the effective suggestion of the forbidding moors in the background.

As might be expected, Holmes (Tom Underwood) gets a little more of the spotlight here. Underwood plays the iconic detective with appropriate aloofness and a razor-sharp intellect, delivering his lines in a clipped and brusque manner reminiscent of British actor Basil Rathbone.

Though when he breaks tragic news to another character, he misses an opportunity to show (as is subtly hinted at in Doyle's stories) that perhaps there is a heart underneath the

analytical façade.

Until recently, stage and film depictions of Holmes' chronicler and companion, Dr. John Watson, have suffered from reducing the good doctor to a bewildered bystander in contrast to his brilliant friend. He subsequently comes across as rather one-dimensional. Such is the case in this adaptation, and it is a pity that this production's Watson (Jon Elliot) did not have more to work with.

He has some wonderful moments, but they are sadly too few.

Nick Boyer infuses Sir Henry Baskerville, the headstrong heir to the family fortune and the curse, with a strong, confident presence. Boyer brings out the character's initial skepticism and does a splendid job

of revealing a bit of nervous apprehension as the play reaches its climax; he is also suitably convincing in his few romantic moments with Kathy Stapleton (Danielle Nichols), a classic femme fatale.

The supporting cast features an interesting array of suspects: there is Lady Agatha Mortimer, who brings the case to Holmes' attention (Sarah Burgin); Charles Sutherland and Breeda Kelly Miller as the mysterious servants, the Barrymores; David Widmeyer as eccentric naturalist Jack Stapleton, and Anna Peone as the unfortunate Laura Lyons. All of them are crucial to the plot in some way and all are adept at maintaining the atmosphere of suspense. It is left up to the audience to decide who among them might be the murderer.

However, the stage belongs to Ms. Brittany Batell in her handful of appearances as Sir Henry's excitable young maid, Perkins. She is a fine example of what an actor can do with even a minor role, and manages to create a fully realized character with only a small amount of stage time.

With skillful direction by David Andrews, "The Hound of the Baskervilles" is an intriguing and entertaining night at the theater, sure to please mystery lovers and perhaps introduce newcomers to a classic story that continues to be revisited time and time again.

Angie M. Lai is a member of the Theater Department at Henry Ford College in Dearborn. She can be reached at fairfaxil@yahoo.com.

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Saturday: Jer Coons, 8 p.m., \$15; contemporary songwriters and groups.
Sunday: The Boxcars, 7:30 p.m., \$17.50.
Monday: The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, 8 p.m., \$35, country/rockabilly.
Tuesday: Take a Chance Tuesday featuring Sweet Talk Radio and Carrie Elkin, 8 p.m., free, contemporary songwriters and groups.
Wednesday: Adrian Legg, 8 p.m., \$17.50, virtuoso.

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Performance Network offers 'Stories Beyond Words'

Performance Network Theatre, in collaboration with OPUS Mime, will present "Stories Beyond Words" 1 p.m. April 17.

This all-ages show, part of the Children's Theatre Network's Saturday Series for Young Audiences, will be followed by a milk and cookies reception.

"Stories Beyond Words" is a collection of stories and sketches with fun costumes and music. Most are hilari-

ous, a few are tender, and there's even a love story. Kids are invited to join in the show as they learn ways to communicate non-verbally with physical acting for a theatrical experience that is both fun and educational.

Michael Lee trained with legendary mime Marcel Marceau and is the director of OPUS Mime. Founded in 1994, OPUS Mime is a professional, nonprofit theater company dedicated to creat-

ing and performing original mime theater, as well as educating people about the art of mime.

Tickets for "Stories Beyond Words" are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children under 16. Tickets can be ordered at the Performance Network Box Office at 663-0681 or online at www.performancenetwork.org. Tickets can also be obtained at Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St.

in Ann Arbor, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday or one hour before a performance.

Children's Theatre Network is a touring program dedicated to awakening creativity, intellect and compassion in youth through live performance. Performance Network presents each of the productions one Saturday a month on its main stage. A milk and cookies reception follows each performance.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

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■ **"Gravity"**
8 p.m. every Wednesday through Sunday ending March 27. Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea. 433-7673.

■ **Chelsea Chamber Players**
3 p.m. Sunday. Family concert. Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St., Chelsea. Free. 475-0433.

■ **"Chelsea Ride"**
9 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society. Meet at Aberdeen Bike and Fitness, 1175 S. Main St., Chelsea. Free. (517) 285-6830.

■ **"Read to the Library Dog"**
3:30 p.m. Friday. Ages 6 and older. Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St., Chelsea. Free. 475-8732.

■ **"Spring Awakening"**
2 p.m. Saturday. A walk along a trail to look for signs of spring. Eddy Discovery Center, Bust Road, Chelsea. Waterloo Recreation Area. Free. \$6 vehicle entry fee. Pre-register at 475-3170.

■ **Orchestra concert**
7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Chelsea High School auditorium, 740 N. Freer Road, Chelsea. Free. 475-4524.

■ **"Vegetable Gardening in Small Spaces"**
2 p.m. Saturday. Garden Fair, 110 S. Main St., Chelsea. Free. Pre-register at 475-3539.

■ **Vernal Equinox Celebration**
5 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Michigan Friends Center, 1448 Clark Lake Road, Chelsea. Donation. Pre-register at 475-0942.

■ **"Saxophonics"**
4 p.m. Sunday. EMU Saxophone Studio and Chelsea High School Saxophone Quartet in music by Bach, Handel, Holst,

Elliott Carter and Michael Bergson. Solo and small ensemble performances. Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., Chelsea. Free.

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■ **"Here's to Your Good Health!"**
1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday. International Neighbors. Westminster Presbyterian Church hall, 1500 Sco Church Road. Free. 995-1645.

■ **Fish Fry**
4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday. Dexter Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall, 826 S. Dexter. Chelsea Road, Dexter. \$9 (age 4 and younger free drive-through). \$40. 426-5558.

■ **31st annual Lenten Fish Fry**
4:30 to 9 p.m. Fridays through March 26. Old St. Patricks Church, 5671 W. Huron Lake Road. \$7.50 (children \$1.50, 11, \$6.50, 4 and younger free). 662-8141.

■ **Draw Doubles Disc Golf**
Nine Saturdays. Play disc golf at Hudson Mills Metroparks 24-hole courses. Beginners paired with advanced. Golf discs available from Hudson Mills Metroparks Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Road, Dexter. \$5 per player. \$5 vehicle fee. 449-4100.

■ **"About Face Art Exhibit"**
Through April 10. "About Face: Recent Portraits by the Whitmore Lake Portrait Group." The Side Door Gallery, 8063 Main St., Dexter. Call 426-1581. Free.

■ **St. Patrick's Feast**
5 p.m. Sunday. Irish dinner and music. Proceeds benefit Father Patrick Jackson House. St. Joseph Catholic Church, 3430 Dover St., Dexter. \$75. 971-9781, ext. 323.

■ **"Secret Hike"**

■ **"Maple Sugaring"**
10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon Saturdays and Sundays through March 27. Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Road, Dexter. \$2. Pre-register at 426-8211. \$4 vehicle fee.

■ **"Better Off Read"**
2 p.m. Thursday. Book Discussion Group, Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St., Dexter. Free. Pre-register at 426-4477.

■ **"Celebrating Spring with a Nature Walk!"**
2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Miller Preserve, Parker Road at Dexter. Chelsea Road, Dexter. Free. 971-6337, ext. 334.

■ **"From Bach to the Beatles"**
4 p.m. Sunday. Boychoir of Ann Arbor. St. James' Episcopal Church, 3279 Broad St., Dexter. Free, donations accepted. 663-5377.

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■ **"Peter Pan" the Musical**
7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Milani High School. Dennis McComb Performing Arts Center, 200 Big Red Drive. \$10. Call 439-7791.

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■ **2010 Home, Garden and Lifestyle Show**
Friday to Sunday. Builders and Remodelers Association of Greater Ann Arbor. 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Washtenaw Farm

Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$5 (age 12 and younger, free). 996-0100.

■ **Third Saturday Contra Dance**
8 p.m. Saturday. Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd. \$10. 426-0241.

■ **"Food, Fun, and Fitness"**
Noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. Food samples from local restaurants, health screenings, and a chance to try various exercise classes. All facilities open for use. Saline Recreation Center, 1866 Woodland Drive, Saline. Free. 429-3502.

■ **Pittsfield Open Band**
3 to 6 p.m. Saturday. Ann Arbor Community of Traditional Music and Dance. Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. 994-9307.

■ **New Horizons Band**
1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday. Adults invited to play music. Bring a band instrument. Instruction for novices during first hour on Tuesday, followed by advanced band, which also practices on Thursday. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Liberty School band room, 7265 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Saline. Free. 429-1742.

■ **Spring Craft Show**
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Juried show and sale of works by 135 crafters from across the Midwest. Also, children's activities and a visit from Peter Cottontail from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. concessions, bake sale, raffle, and silent auction. No strollers. Saline Middle School, 7190 N. Maple Road, Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$2 (age 5 and younger, free). 429-8023.

■ **Scrapbook Crop**
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Pittsfield Elementary PTO, Pittsfield Elementary, 2543 Pittsfield. \$15. Call 572-8805.

■ **Food Information Fair**
1 to 3 p.m. Saturday. Local merchants, farmers and master gardeners talk about their work with food. Tastings and door prizes. Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Road, Saline. Free. 429-5450.

■ **Family Dance**
2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$12 per family. 769-1052.

■ **Saline Woodcarvers**
6 p.m. Wednesday. Carvers invited to work on projects. Knives and block-out and rough-cut patterns for sale. Saline Area Senior Center, 7190 N. Maple Road, Saline. Free. 944-1918.

■ **Grassroots Comedy Tour**
9 p.m. Saturday. Jer-Dog, heard on The Bob and Tom Show and Sir-uXM radio, performs at The Bridgewater Bank Tavern in Bridgewater. Call 429-5875.

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■ **Symphony Orchestra**
8 p.m. Thursday. EMU student ensemble. Pease Auditorium, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255, 484-3237.

■ **Summer Somewhere: Play Ball**
6 p.m. Friday. Alzheimer's Association, Michigan Great Lakes Chapter fundraiser. Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building Atrium, East Huron River Drive. \$35. 1-800-272-8900.

■ **Singles Dance**
8 p.m. Friday. "Surf's Up! Beach Party Dance." Casual summer attire encouraged. Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium. \$8 (Parents Without Partners members, \$6). 433-1668.

■ **"Dreamland Tonight!"**
8 p.m. Friday. Ypsilanti blog.

ger Mark Maynard hosts live talk show. Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti. \$7. 657-2337.

■ **Free Health Fair**
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. U of M Academy of Student Pharmacists chapter. Ypsilanti High School, 2095 Packard Road.

■ **Chili Cook-Off**
4 to 8 p.m. Saturday. Ann Arbor Civic Theatre fund-raiser. The Corner Brewery, 720 Norris St., Ypsilanti. \$20. 971-2228.

■ **Ypsilanti Community Band**
2 p.m. Sunday. Fifth annual Ensemble Concert at Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Building lobby, 4800 E. Huron River Drive. Free. 904-5453.

■ **"The Restoration of 1526 Pontiac Trail"**
2 p.m. Sunday. Washtenaw County Historical Society Preservationist Pat McCauley discusses restoration of his home built in the 1840s. Ypsilanti District Library, 5577 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti. Free. 662-9092.

■ **Kate Prestia Concert**
Flutist
4 p.m. Sunday. EMU Alexander Reptal Hall, Lowell at E. Circle Drive, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

■ **"Child's Play XVIII: Carnival of the Animals"**
4 p.m. Sunday. EMU music faculty pianists Anne Beth Gajda and Garik Pedersen present annual concert for families with young children. Pease Auditorium, W. Cross Street at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

■ **Ypsilanti-Ann Arbor Area Robotics Club**
7 p.m. Wednesday. A2 Mech Shop, 240 Parkland Plaza, 179 Little Lake Drive. Free. 332-1000.

Fathers, daughters enjoy night out on the town



Photos submitted by Kelle Maloney
Natalie and Rich Maloney enjoy the dance.

Chelsea Community Services hosted its annual Daddy Daughter Dance Feb. 6 at the Washington Street Education Center in Chelsea. According to event coordinator Kelle Maloney, the event broke record numbers this year with 223 dads and 267 girls. "Every year since we started the dance it has been grow-

ing," Maloney said. "It's a special event for these girls." This year, the event centered on a Valentine's Day theme and featured music, entertainment, punch and cookies. "A lot of times, the fathers take their daughters out to dinner afterwards and make an evening out of the entire thing," Maloney said.

The girls in attendance ranged from preschool through sixth grade, she said. "It's our own little Valentine's Day event," she said. "The moms at the preschool help out with decorations and planning. "It's a great way to keep the community together with a cost effective event."

'Jesus Christ Superstar' coming to Encore Theatre

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

The Encore Musical Theatre Company will be celebrating the Easter season with their next production, Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Jesus Christ Superstar," directed by Broadway's Dan Cooney.

"It seems especially fitting that the first rock opera, created as a concept album at the end of the turbulent '60s, should have at its center a social and political rebel," Encore spokesman Steve DeBruyne said. "Jesus' meteor-like rise in renown provides, as the title suggests,

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a parallel to contemporary celebrity worship. As his radical teachings are evermore embraced, Judas increasingly questions the enlightened motives of this new prophet, resulting in betrayal."

Christ's final days are dramatized with emotional intensity, thought-provoking edge and explosive theatricality, DeBruyne said.

"Propelled by a stirring score, 'Jesus Christ Superstar' illuminates the transcendent power of the human spirit with a passion that goes straight to the heart," he said.

"Jesus Christ Superstar" will feature New York's Aaron LaVigne as Jesus. LaVigne appeared at the New York Singer/Songwriter Circle event presented at The Encore's concert series last year. The production will also feature Broadway's Dan Cooney ("Les Misérables," "9 to 5") as Judas. Cooney also appeared in The Encore's production of "Evita" as Che and recently completed the first production of "Frank Wildhorn's new musical 'Bonnie & Clyde' at La Jolla Playhouse in California.

"Jesus Christ Superstar" will be presented for three weeks only: April 2 through April 18. There will be one preview performance at 7 p.m. April 1, as well as one Thursday matinee at 3 p.m. April 15. The Encore will continue to present their popular "Cabaret Night" after the 8 p.m. performance on April 17.

Tickets for all performances are on sale now and may be purchased by visiting The Encore's Web site at theencoretheatre.org or by calling 1-734-268-6200.

Sean Dalton is a reporter at

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Chelsea Hospital elects board members

Chelsea Community Hospital has appointed two new members to its Board of Trustees.

Dr. Russell Keinath is a practicing physician at CCH and a member of Huron Valley Gastroenterology Associates, PC in Ann Arbor. Keinath has been an active member of the CCH medical staff for over 23 years. He lives in Dexter. He serves on the Institutional Review Board at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, and is a reviewer for Peer Review Organization of Michigan, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, and the Board of Licensing for the State of Michigan.

Keinath received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School. He has been published in several articles and books and has received many honors and awards.

Dr. Paula Rode is a veterinarian and owner of Chelsea Animal Hospital in Chelsea. She is the current president of Michigan Veterinary Medical Association and a member of the Chelsea Rotary Club and Chelsea Education Foundation.

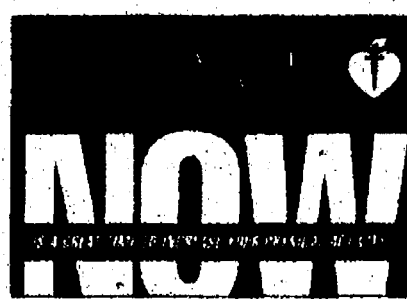
Rode received her Bachelor of Science degree from Aquinas College and her veterinary medicine degree from the Michigan State University College of

Veterinary Medicine. She lives in Chelsea, is an active member of the community and long time supporter of CCH.

"Our new trustees offer broad knowledge and experience in many key areas," said Kathleen Griffiths, president and CEO of Chelsea Community Hospital. "They will be a valuable assets to our Board as we work to ensure the long term success of our hospital."

Keinath and Rode will fill the seats previously occupied by Douglas Portz and Paul Bishop, who completed 10 and seven year terms, respectively, on the Board.

The 2010 Chelsea Community Hospital Board of Trustees officers are James Woods, (chairman); David Killips (vice chairman); Erik Stalhandske (secretary); and Todd Clark (treasurer).



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Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader are now on Twitter. Follow the Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader's "tweets" at www.twitter.com/ChelseaDexter

'Around Town with Linda'

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Palmer Morel-Samuels, research psychologist, business owner and inventor. "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.

St. Barnabas Lenten Series to be held on Thursdays

The St. Barnabas Lenten Series, "Tuning in to God's Call" begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evenings with dinner and the discussion. Homemade soup, crusty bread and fresh fruit will be provided. Following the meal, participants will adjourn to the nave for the daily office of Compline, traditionally the last monastic prayer before bed. For more information, call 1-734-475-8818.

Basket workshop

Cherilyn's Basket Shop in Dexter will hold a special Saturday workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 20. Participants will learn how to make a melon basket that is the perfect size and shape for an introduction to rib basketry. Participants will learn how to weave a God's Eye, create a rib frame, weave the basket and add secondary ribs, as well as tips about rib basketry. The fee for the class is \$40.

To register, e-mail cherilynbraun@basketweaving.biz or call 424-9225.

Music workshop

California Guitar Trio will be on hand March 31 at the Chelsea Center for the Arts to entertain guests with tales of life on the road. Space is limited to 40 participants.

Paul Richards and Hegeya Moriya of the California Guitar Trio will give a special presentation sharing their experience of over 19 years of touring and playing music together. The CGT will perform a variety of arrangements and original works in an open format including discussion with the audience.

The event takes place from 7 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$20.

Faith in Action

The Faith in Action food pantry in Dexter is relocating to

another building just to the north of its current location. This is the site where AR Brouwer is constructing the new Dexter Pharmacy store, and the FIA pantry will be in the building at the rear of the property. FIA will reopen in its new location on April 7 at noon.

Bluegrass Gospel Concert

The Unadilla Presbyterian Church in Gregory will host a Bluegrass concert from 7 to 9 p.m. March 20. The concert is free. Donations are being sought to help repair the church's roof. A homemade pie sale will also take place. The church is located at 20175 Williamsville Road in Gregory. For more information, call 1-734-417-5193.

Wine tasting event

Women Making Connections is hosting a wine tasting event from 5 to 7 p.m. March 24 at Vinology. Come join other businesswomen while John Jonna, proprietor, leads the discussion and tasting seminar. This is a great opportunity to make new contacts and new friends or catch up with old ones. The cost is \$25 and registration is required. For more information, visit <http://womenmakingconnections.com>.

Chelsea Education Foundation Gala

The Chelsea Education

Foundation will host its annual gala March 20. This year's theme is a Hawaiian luau.

The event is at 6 p.m. at the Comfort Inn & Village Conference Center in Chelsea, and costs \$60 per person or \$100 per couple. The ticket deadline has already passed. To buy a ticket, contact the Foundation at www.chelseaeducationfoundation.org.

"Dixie Swim Club"

The Chelsea Area Players will present "The Dixie Swim Club" at 6:30 p.m. March 26-28. Performances are at 1:30 p.m. Catered dinner, dessert and the show is \$28 at the Chelsea Community Hospital dining room.

Concert

The River Raisin Ragtime Revue will present a concert at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ann Arbor at 3 p.m. April 11. The church is located at 1400 W. Stadium Boulevard. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 for senior citizens, and \$10 for youth ages 18 and under. Tickets are available in advance by calling Trinity Lutheran at 1-734-662-4419 and are also available at the door.

134th Egg Supper

North Lake United Methodist Church in Chelsea will host its 134th annual egg supper from 5 to 7:30 p.m. March 26. The meal is a free-will offering and includes omelets, salads, potatoes, baked beans, deviled

eggs, rolls, pies and drinks.

The event is a fundraiser for camp and mission scholarships.

North Lake United Methodist Church is located at 14111 North Territorial Road.

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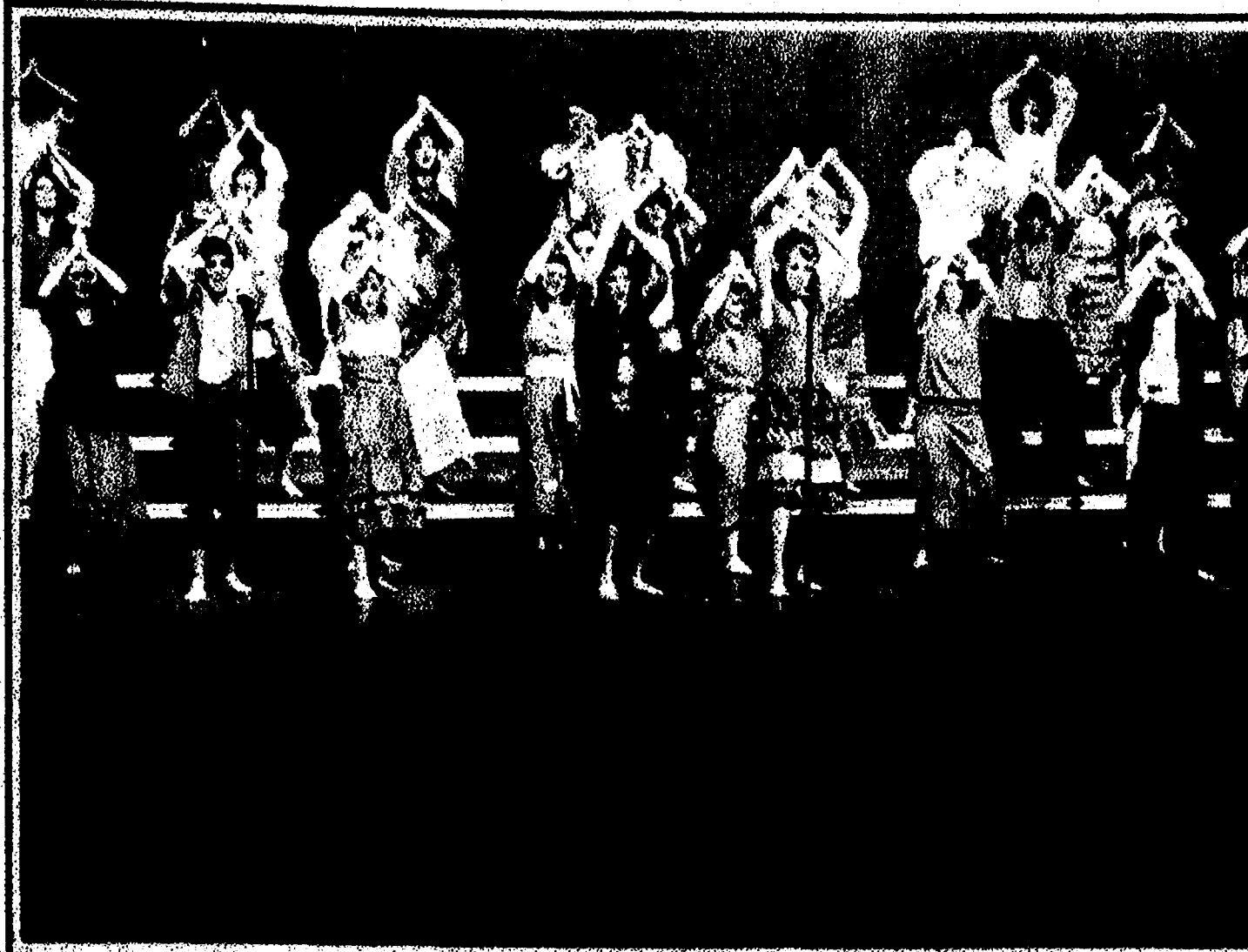
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Chelsea's Company C will perform a preview of their upcoming show "Shoes" from 5 to 6 p.m. March 24 at the Arctic Breakaway Restaurant located above the Arctic Coliseum. The Breakaway will donate a portion of the proceeds to Company C, and there will be an opportunity to become a sponsor for the show for \$25. A silent auction and T-shirts will be available for purchase. Members of Company C will sing and dance numbers from "Shoes," an original musical written by Lisa Hinz Johnson.

Sculpture walk set to begin

Creative entries are being sought for this year's SculptureWalk in downtown Chelsea.

SculptureWalk Chelsea is a year-long community arts project sponsored by the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority, City of Chelsea, Chelsea Center for the Arts, Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights and the River Gallery.

Ten sculptures will be juried into the exhibit and installed outside, on concrete pads in high profile locations downtown. Online and print brochures will be provided to the public for self-guided walking tours of the exhibit.

A reception is planned for June 17 at the River Gallery in Chelsea. The postmark deadline for submissions is April 30. Freestanding and wall-

mounted sculptures will be considered for the exhibit. Entries will be critiqued on artistic merit and originality. All finalists will have to meet public safety standards and durability of design and materials.

The event is open to all artists 18 years old and older. Artists can submit up to three original sculptures. The entry fee for each application is \$25. Checks can be made out to the River Gallery.

Applications can be downloaded online at www.chelsearivergallery.com.

Artists will be notified of the results of the jury process by May 12.

For more information about the event, call the River Gallery at 1-734-433-0826 or e-mail sculpturewalk@chelsearivergallery.com.

Music camp open to students

By Daniel Lai
Heritage Newspapers

The Ann Arbor Piano Teachers Guild is bringing their love of all things music to area youth for the 16th annual "Mostly Music Camp" on Aug. 16 through Aug. 20 at Grace Bible Church in Ann Arbor.

The camp is open to all youth in the Ann Arbor and surrounding areas ages 4 through seventh grade.

"We have workshops that are tailored toward specific age groups so that everyone can enjoy music and music-related activities," camp director Merilee Magnuson said. "There's only one piano class that requires some prior experience with the instrument, everything else is open to all skill levels."

"The camp isn't just about music either. Anyone who wants their children to experience the arts is welcome."

Workshops at the camp are taught by trained members of the AAAPTG and include: Adventures in Music (age 4 through kindergarten); Fun with Music (first and second grade); Movin' and Groovin' (age 6 through third grade); Get Ready, Get Set, Go! (second and third grade students); Creative Music Exploration (third through sixth grade); Puppets Alive! (fourth through sixth grade); and Discovery at the Piano (fourth through seventh grade).

Adventures in Music will feature instruments from all over the world and will focus on the development of vocal, rhythmic and listening skills while using singing and rhyme games and creative movement workshops.

Fun with Music helps students develop their music skills through singing, rhythmic movement and tonal and rhythm pattern activities.

Movin' and Groovin' is a dance-based workshop and will feature a new dance style every day. Dances will include jazz, ballet, hip-hop and musical theater dance.

Get Ready, Get Set, Go! will introduce students to the piano and teach simple songs on an electronic keyboard.

Creative Music Exploration teaches students about music through improvisation, experimentation, and music composition activities.

"Our camp is structured a little different than most summer camps," Magnuson said. "Attendees choose one class they want to attend and they are in that class for the entire week. At the end of each day, we have a special presentation."

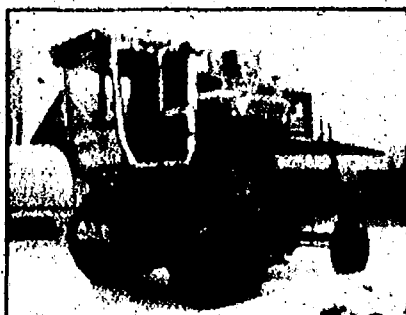
The camp is also only a half-day event and runs from 9 a.m. to noon every day.

The fee for the camp is \$140 if postmarked by June 1, and \$155 after June 1. Proceeds from the camp benefit the AAAPTG Foundation Awards Fund.

Since its founding in 1994, Magnuson said interest in the camp has grown every year.

"When we started the camp, there was nothing like it in the area," she said. "After a few years, word started to spread and we have had pretty good attendance every year."

For more information, or to register for the camp, visit www.aaaptg.org or call 1-734-426-8337.



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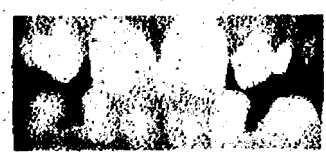
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Hollywood comes to Chelsea

Exciting displays, events at the district library

By Anna Cangialosi
Guest Writer

For those who would like to walk in the steps of stars, the Chelsea District Library will display the John Voelker Collection, "Hollywood Comes to Marquette County," a fabulous collection of facts and photographs from the movie "Anatomy of a Murder," filmed in the Upper Peninsula in 1959.

The Voelker Collection is a triumph of detail and authenticity. On loan from Northern Michigan University, the exhibit celebrates the 50th anniversary (in 2009) of the making of the film "Anatomy of a Murder," based on the book written by Voelker.

A movie that was controversial for its time, "Anatomy of a Murder" has been selected by the American Bar Association as one of the top courtroom movies ever made. Exhibit panels include the history of the movie, the participation of its stars, locales and quirky facts. One

quotation describes how a young nurse from the Upper Peninsula needed smelling salts after bringing lunch to actor Jimmy Stewart.

An interesting panel is about Joseph N. Welch, the famous lawyer who represented the U.S. Army in the Joseph McCarthy hearings of the '50s.

Welch plays the judge in the movie, and is most famous for asking Sen. McCarthy, "Have you no sense of decency, sir?"

Viewers of the display have enjoyed the Michigan connection to a well-known movie. Several patrons have reminisced about dining at the tavern where the movie took place.

"My favorite photograph is one of those old Hollywood posed candid," John Voelker and Lee Remick dash off from the courthouse to go fishing, with Lee Remick complete in narrow skirt, high heels and fishing net over one shoulder," Lisa McClure, youth and teen librarian said.

The collection is on display through March.

On March 20, the library will host a program that will feature jazz music from the movie, a documentary short on Voelker, and a talk by Sue Marx, Academy Award-winning documentary filmmaker. These two events are highlights of the "Chelsea Reads Together" month-long series.

The pre-gala reception will be held at the River Gallery from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Participants can enjoy the music of pianist Glenn Persello-Seefeld and mingle with Marx, and view her Oscar statuette up close.

The gala finale will be held at the library from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., complete with an actual red carpet and velvet ropes, photography by Mark Bogarin, catered hors d'oeuvres, "mocktails," costumes and special guests.

Participants should come dressed up, or try on feather boas and tiaras, or tux jackets supplied by Vogel's & Foster's to be photographed by the

"paparazzi."

Participants will listen to pianist Brian Brill, who will play Duke Ellington music from "Anatomy of a Murder," and speak on scoring music for the movies. Marx will present a short documentary about John Voelker and speak about making award-winning films in Michigan.

"I think we are providing some unique experiences during our pre-gala reception and gala finale. After all, how often do you get a chance to have some 'up close and personal' time with an Oscar-winning filmmaker? And I'm really looking forward to experiencing a bit of Hollywood during our gala finale, from the red carpet walk to 'paparazzi' to viewing a real Oscar; it should all be fun," librarian Karen Persello said.

For a full listing of events, visit the library's Web site at <http://www.chelsea.lib.mi.us/WheelsToReels.htm> or pick up a brochure at the library.

New truck joins fire fleet

By Lisa Allmendinger
Staff Writer

With more than half of the Scio Township Fire Department's emergency calls

involving medical situations, the department has a new vehicle to make those runs.

The cherry red 2010 Chevy Tahoe, dubbed "Rescue 1," is equipped with "a special emergency package," said Scio Township Fire Chief Carl Ferch.

It has a heavier suspension and literally all the bells and whistles of a larger fire engine.

"Rescue 1 has everything needed for medical runs from

difficulty breathing to cardiac arrest," Ferch said.

With about 900 calls a year, more than half of them are medical runs to homes, the chief said.

In the township, the firefighters say, there are a lot of properties with narrow, winding driveways that the fire engines can't easily maneuver.

"We park as close as possible, sometimes at the bottom of a driveway, and carry equipment to the house," firefighter Brian Koch said.

Firefighter James Jorah said Rescue 1 has a custom-built equipment box in the back for

medical first responses.

The box, designed and built by Koch and firefighter Chris Steeb, allows Rescue 1 to have compartments for everything from AEDs to fully stocked first aid kits and hand tools.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION LIMA TOWNSHIP 11452 JACKSON ROAD

The Lima Township Board adopted the Lima Township Zoning Ordinance, Amendment Number 22R, on March 8, 2010, to add Section 2.2 and 5.50, which amends the Lima Township Zoning Ordinance, adding Small Wind Energy System. A small wind energy conversion system consisting of a wind turbine, a tower, and associated control or conversion electronics, which has a rated capacity of not more than 100 kW and which is intended to primarily reduce on-site consumption of utility power. Small wind energy system height is measured by the height above grade of the fixed portion of the wind energy tower, including the wind turbine itself.

This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its publication, as required by law.

Complete copies of Section 2.2 and Section 5.50 Small Wind Energy Systems, are available at the Lima Township Office. Business hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

Ariane R. Barela
Clerk, Lima Township

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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, April 5, 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 17 - RD Research and Development of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance.

Article 17 - RD Research and Development District-Proposed amendment would change Section 17.03E from Recreation Center to Personal fitness center as defined by Article 2 of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance. The following text would also be added as a permitted use to Section 17.02, Retail/Showroom for goods manufactured on site or in conjunction with site operations, maximum 15% of total gross floor area.

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, April 2, 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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SCIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS MARCH 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supr. Clark at 827 N. Zeeb Road. Present: Clark, Hedberg, Palmer, Green, Read. Absent: DeLong, Knowles. Approved Barn Lease. Approved March invoices to be paid as presented. Adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Nancy C. Hedberg,
Clerk
Scio Township

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SYLVAN TOWNSHIP WATER USE ORDINANCE

This following is a synopsis of the Water Use Ordinance adopted by Sylvan Township. The entire copy is available for inspection in the office of the Clerk.

An Ordinance to provide for the public health by operation of the Sylvan Township Water Supply System on a public utility basis under the provisions of Act 49, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended and to prescribe the charge rates for the use of said facilities and to provide for other matters pertaining to said system.

A full copy of the Water Use Ordinance is available at the office of the Township Clerk, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118. Office hours Monday and Wednesday 9AM to 12 Noon.

Adopted 12/04/07, effective 01/04/08, amended 3/2/10 effective 4/2/10.

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- 1) Proposed Amendment to section 13.01 (B)
- 2) Kempf Shared Driveway
- 3) Servants of the Word Amended Site Plan
- 4) Review Annual Report to the Township Board of Trustees
- 5) Review Master Plan
- 6) Review 34-9 Zoning Ordinance Amendments

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Synopsis of the CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, February 23, 2010 Washington Street Education Center

Call to Order
Present Council Members
Present Mayor
Landauer, Albertson,
Feeney, Martinez-Kratz,
Anderson, Holmberg,
City Manager Hanifan,
and Clerk Royal

Absent
Others
Present: Nancy Anderson, Susan Myers, Diane Daniel, Pat Kaminsky, Robert Daniel, Dennis Hall, Darrin & Judy McArthur, David Dettling, Tim Scrivner

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Consent Agenda
MOVED: Hammer SECONDED: Anderson to approve minutes and bills as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Regular Agenda

MOVED: Albertson SECONDED: Feeney to approve the regular agenda with the addition of Item 6. Road Improvement Agreement. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Council Business

1. Bio Solid Contract Renewal. MOVED: Hammer SECONDED: Anderson to approve the five year contract with Synargo for Bio-solids hauling from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Six Ayes. One (1) Nay. (Anderson) Motion Carried.

2. Water Department Authority Board Vacancy Appointment. MOVED: Holmberg SECONDED: Albertson to extend the time frame and reduce the monthly payments of the Water department loan repayment to the Electric Department. The new terms will allow for repayment of \$36,000/month from February 2010 to June 2010. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Downtown Development Authority Board Vacancy Appointment. MOVED: Holmberg SECONDED: Feeney to appoint Pat Cleary to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for the four year term of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Police Department Record Retention & Disposal Schedule Policy. MOVED: Albertson SECONDED: Hammer to adopt the Chelsea Police Department Record Retention Schedule which supports the guidelines and approved retention and disposal schedule for Cities and Villages Schedule #11 from the State of Michigan. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

5. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Renewable Energy Credits. MOVED: Albertson SECONDED: Martinez-Kratz to adopt the resolution authorizing the purchase of renewable energy credits. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

6. Road Improvement Agreement. MOVED: Hammer SECONDED: Hammer to approve the road improvement agreement with Washtenaw County Road Commission. And to fund \$14,000 which will be split into two budget years of \$7,000 each, not to exceed \$14,000. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

MOVED: Hammer SECONDED: Albertson to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of real estate at 8:05 pm. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Closed session ended at 8:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: Anderson SECONDED: Hammer to adjourn at 8:30 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approved, March 9, 2010.

Jason F. Landauer, Mayor
Teresa Royal, City Clerk

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DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan.

ROLL CALL: President Keough, Carlson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Smith, Tell.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion Smith, support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Work Session of February 8, 2010 and the Regular Council Meeting of February 8, 2010 with the following correction: Page 1, correct the location of the work session meeting from the Board Room of the Copeland Building at 7714 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. to the Dexter Senior Center at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. Unanimous voice vote for approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Smith, support Semifero to approve the agenda with the following additions: 1-4 ADD Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Project Update Notes - February 18, 2010. 1-4 ADD Drinking Water Revolving Fund - Testing Services. Unanimous voice vote for approval.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$365,999.10. Consideration of: Request from the Dexter Ann Arbor Club to hold the Dexter Ann Arbor Run on June 6, 2010 including the temporary closures of a portion of Baker, Main and Central intermittently from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Motion Fisher, support Semifero to approve items 1 and 2 of the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous voice vote for approval.

NEW BUSINESS: Consideration of and Discussion of:

Motion Cousins, support Semifero to provide a letter of support for the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant application for funding for Phase 2 of the Lake Rike Trail.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carlson and Keough. Nays: None.

Motion carries

Motion Cousins, support Cousins that the Village of Dexter approves entering into MDOT Contract No. 10-5094 and authorizes Shawn W. Keough, Village President and Donna Dettling, Village Manager to execute MDOT Contract No. 10-5094.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carlson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough. Nays: None.

Motion carries

Motion Carlson, support Semifero to accept the framework plan for Economic Preparedness.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carlson, Cousins, Smith and Keough. Nays: None.

Motion carries

Mr. Semifero left the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Motion Carlson, support Fisher to approve the recommendation from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment to accept the bid not to exceed \$25,000 from Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc. (SME) for testing services for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund project.

Ayes: Tell, Carlson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher and Keough. Nays: None.

Absent: Semifero

Motion carries

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Cousins, support Fisher to adjourn at 10:01 pm.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Semifero absent. Respectfully submitted: Carol J. Jones, Clerk, Village of Dexter.

Approved for Filing: March 8, 2010. The minutes of this meeting may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter, MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org. Publish March 18, 2010.



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC NOTICE

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners is looking for citizens to volunteer for a slate of positions with the various Boards, Committees and Commissions. The Board of Commissioners will make these appointments at their upcoming session on May 5, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Individuals interested in applying should submit a letter of interest and resume, including a home address, to Jason Brooks, County Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107. Letters and resumes may also be submitted via email to jbrooks@washtenaw.org via fax (734) 222-6528 or apply online at www.washtenaw.org.

Those resumes received by April 2, 2010 will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for its consideration on May 5, 2010. The appointments will become effective immediately. These appointments include:

Accommodations Ordinance Commission - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill two positions to represent the general public for the remainder of one year terms expiring December 31, 2010. The Accommodations Ordinance Commission was established in 1975 with the purpose of enhancing the economy of Washtenaw County through promotion of the area as a destination for overnight visitors.

Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill one position representing the real estate development interest for the remainder of a term expiring December 31, 2012. The purpose of the Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee is to assist the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners in determining whether it should purchase the development rights on a particular parcel as well as how much the County should pay for those rights according to the Washtenaw County Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill three positions total, as follows: one representing a non-profit environmental group, one representing a municipality located within Washtenaw County that is a member of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and one representing a county wide development organization, each with the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2012. The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was established in 1999 in conformity with Act 381 of 1996, as amended. The purpose of this Authority is to facilitate the redevelopment of previously developed sites, consistent with the community's commitment to sustainability and its vision for the future.

Building Code/Construction Board of Appeals - The Board is looking to fill one position representing architect for the remainder of a term expiring December 31, 2010. The Building Code/Construction Appeals Board was established in 1974. A member of the Board of Appeals should be qualified by experience or training to perform the duties of members of the Board of Appeals.

Emergency Medical Services Commission - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill three positions representing the American Red Cross, Mutual Aid Association, 2) consumer (2) City of Ann Arbor disaster preparedness, alternate, criminal justice association (3) for three year terms expiring December 31, 2012. The Emergency Medical Services Commission was established in 1978 with the purpose to plan, monitor and evaluate the Washtenaw County Emergency Medical Services system in concert with the Washtenaw Livingston Medical Control Authority Board. In addition, to plan, monitor and evaluate the pre-hospital aspects of the County Emergency Action Guidelines Operations Plan.

Historic District Commission - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill four positions representing the general public (3) and attorney (1) for the remainder of three year terms expiring December 31, 2012. The Commission ensures that efforts are made to safeguard the heritage of Washtenaw County by identifying and preserving sites, structures, objects and other resources of historical, cultural, archaeological, economic, political or architectural significance. The Commission seeks to promote the establishment and use of historic districts, markers and other programs for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people of this county. Individuals who have demonstrated their interest in Washtenaw County's history and their ability to render valuable services in historical and civic matters, especially representatives of educational and civic organizations are invited to apply.

Local Emergency Planning Committee - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill 13 positions representing the following: Agriculture (1), Agriculture (Farm Bureau) (1), Community Groups (1), Education (1), Elected Local (3), Law Enforcement (2), Local Environment (1), Owner/Operator of Title III Facility (1), American Red Cross (1) and transportation (1) for three year terms expiring on December 31, 2012. The Local Emergency Planning Committee was established in 1986 to serve as an emergency planning district under Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1980. The purpose of this committee is to report on hazardous and toxic chemicals in the community as it pertains to the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986.

Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee - The Board of Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants to fill two positions as follows: one (1) representing professional real estate or development practice, and one (1) representing land trust/conservation for the remainder of two year terms expiring December 31, 2011. The Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee was established as an advisory body to assist the Parks and Recreation Commission in prioritizing natural areas nominated by property owners for the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program. Applicants must be residents of Washtenaw County.

Public Works Board - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill one position representing the general public with the term expiring on December 31, 2011. The Public Works Board was established in accordance with MCLA 123.732 to assist communities in the construction of infrastructure improvements and provide planning and coordination of solid waste, water, wastewater, lake improvements and recycling issues with Washtenaw County.

Workforce Development Board - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill five (5) positions. One (1) position representing rehabilitation with the term expiring December 31, 2011 and four (4) positions representing the private sector, with two (2) terms expiring December 31, 2010, one (1) term expiring December 31, 2011, and one (1) term expiring December 31, 2012. Individuals interested in appointment to a private sector position MUST SUBMIT RESUMES THROUGH THEIR LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND MUST BE SELECTED FROM THE TOP TEN EMPLOYERS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY. OR REASONABLY REPRESENT THE INDUSTRIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WITHIN WASHTENAW COUNTY. Nominations received for appointment in the private sector must also total 15% of the positions vacant in order for valid appointments to be made to the private sector. The Workforce Development Board was established in 1995 to provide oversight and management of employment training initiatives and programs within the community.

For additional information, please contact Jason Brooks, Washtenaw County Clerk's Office, Phone: (734) 222-6655, email: jbrooks@washtenaw.org. Publish March 18, 2010.



Photo by Lisa Allmendinger

Scio Township Fire Department will use its new Rescue 1 vehicle for medical runs in the township. Pictured with the new vehicle from left are firefighters James Jorah and Brian Koch.

TRUCK

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"This is primarily for house medical calls," Ferch said.

Rescue 2, one of the department's engines, will still be used for car accidents and emergency calls on I-94 as well as for fire calls, Ferch said.

Rescue 1 is expected to save the department money because it uses regular gas, rather than

the diesel that fire engines use. In addition, Koch said, the new vehicle allows firefighters greater accessibility to traverse tight driveways.

"We can take this right up to someone's house," he said.

Plus, the four-wheel drive vehicle will save on the wear-and-tear of the larger fire engines.

And, it will decrease the amount of time it takes firefighters to get to patients, Ferch said.

Rescue 1 cost about \$40,000, while a fire engine costs upward of \$400,000, Ferch said.

The new vehicle was also painted to match the other red-and-white Scio Fire Department vehicles.

It's been in service for about two weeks, Ferch said.

Lisa Allmendinger can be reached at 1-877-995-NEWS (6397) or at lallmendinger@heritage.com. Check her daily blog at www.A2Journal.com.

Rotary Club holds food drive

The Rotary Clubs of Ann Arbor, Dexter, Saline and Ypsilanti are partnering with the Food Gatherers in Washtenaw County to sponsor a food drive from March 15 to March 27.

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More than 100 local businesses and organizations will be working with the Rotary Clubs to collect non-perishable food items to be distributed to the 150 non-profit programs Food Gatherers works with to alleviate hunger in the county.

"The faces of hunger in our county include the elderly, homeless, long-term and newly unemployed workers, individuals and families with incomes below the federal poverty level and the working poor," Todd Kephart, a member of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor said.

Currently, more than 43,900 individuals in Washtenaw County — including more than 14,000 children and 6,500 seniors — receive emergency food each year through Food Gatherers' distribution to local food pantries and meal sites. This represents an 138 percent increase since 2006.

"Food donation programs in our county have become increasingly important as the economy continues to force individuals to make painful choices between shelter, healthcare, utilities and food," Kephart said. "This food drive is particularly timely because it comes just as food collected from the community during the holidays begins to dwindle. Also, as the end

of the school year approaches, families face the end of school breakfast and lunch programs which disappear during the summer months."

Of particular need are high protein items such as peanut butter, tuna, canned meats, beans, hearty soups and stews, chili, baby food and formula and Ensure or other nutritional supplement drinks. Unopened personal care products are also welcome such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, diapers, etc.

Though the main goal of the drive is to collect food, checks made out to Food Gatherers will

also be accepted.

"Response from local businesses and organizations has been enthusiastic," Kephart said.

Donations can be dropped off at participating businesses during their regular business hours and placed in the project collection bin.

Participants in Dexter include: AAA Insurance, Busch's, Dexter Community Schools (Copeland Administration Building), Dexter Flowers & Gifts, Dexter Pharmacy, Peace Lutheran Church and United Bank & Trust.

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Dominic Aquilino, Pastor

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2nd Service 10:30 a.m.
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John O'Dell, Pastor

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Independent Fundamental Baptist
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Awana September till May

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Dexter, Michigan
Dr. Bob Summers, Pastor
734-426-8610

Sunday Services
8:10am Worship Service
9:10am Adult Sunday School
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Hollywood comes to Chelsea

Exciting displays, events at the district library

By Anna Cangialosi
Guest Writer

For those who would like to walk in the steps of stars, the Chelsea District Library will display the John Voelker Collection, "Hollywood Comes to Marquette County," a fabulous collection of facts and photographs from the movie "Anatomy of a Murder," filmed in the Upper Peninsula in 1959.

The Voelker Collection is a triumph of detail and authenticity. On loan from Northern Michigan University, the exhibit celebrates the 50th anniversary (in 2009) of the making of the film "Anatomy of a Murder," based on the book written by Voelker.

A movie that was controversial for its time, "Anatomy of a Murder" has been selected by the American Bar Association as one of the top courtroom movies ever made. Exhibit panels include the history of the movie, the participation of its stars, locales and quirky facts. One

quotation describes how a young nurse from the Upper Peninsula needed smelling salts after bringing lunch to actor Jimmy Stewart.

An interesting panel is about Joseph N. Welch, the famous lawyer who represented the U.S. Army in the Joseph McCarthy hearings of the '50s.

Welch plays the judge in the movie, and is most famous for asking Sen. McCarthy, "Have you no sense of decency, sir?"

Viewers of the display have enjoyed the Michigan connection to a well-known movie. Several patrons have reminisced about dining at the tavern where the movie took place.

"My favorite photograph is one of those old Hollywood posed candids. John Voelker and Lee Remick dash off from the courthouse to go fishing, with Lee Remick complete in narrow skirt, high heels and fishing net over one shoulder," Lisa McClure, youth and teen librarian said.

The collection is on display through March.

On March 20, the library will host a program that will feature jazz music from the movie, a documentary short on Voelker, and a talk by Sue Marx, Academy Award-winning documentary filmmaker. These two events are highlights of the "Chelsea Reads Together" month-long series.

The pre-gala reception will be held at the River Gallery from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Participants can enjoy the music of pianist Glenn Persello-Seefeld and mingle with Marx, and view her Oscar statuette up close.

The gala finale will be held at the library from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., complete with an actual red carpet and velvet ropes, photography by Mark Bogarin, catered hors d'oeuvres, "mocktails," costumes and special guests.

Participants should come dressed up, or try on feather boas and tiaras, or tux jackets supplied by Vogel's & Foster's to be photographed by the

"paparazzi."

Participants will listen to pianist Brian Brill, who will play Duke Ellington music from "Anatomy of a Murder," and speak on scoring music for the movies. Marx will present a short documentary about John Voelker and speak about making award-winning films in Michigan.

"I think we are providing some unique experiences during our pre-gala reception and gala finale. After all, how often do you get a chance to have some 'up close and personal' time with an Oscar-winning filmmaker? And I'm really looking forward to experiencing a bit of Hollywood during our gala finale, from the red carpet walk to 'paparazzi' to viewing a real Oscar; it should all be fun," librarian Karen Persello said.

For a full listing of events, visit the library's Web site at <http://www.chelsealib.mi.us/WheelsToReels.htm> or pick up a brochure at the library.

New truck joins fire fleet

By Lisa Allmendinger
Staff Writer

With more than half of the Scio Township Fire Department's emergency calls

involving medical situations, the department has a new vehicle to make those runs.

The cherry red 2010 Chevy Tahoe, dubbed "Rescue 1," is equipped with "a special emergency package," said Scio Township Fire Chief Carl Ferch.

It has a heavier suspension and literally all the bells and whistles of a larger fire engine.

"Rescue 1 has everything needed for medical runs from

difficulty breathing to cardiac arrest," Ferch said.

With about 900 calls a year, more than half of them are medical runs to homes, the chief said.

In the township, the firefighters say, there are a lot of properties with narrow, winding driveways that the fire engines can't easily maneuver.

"We park as close as possible, sometimes at the bottom of a driveway, and carry equipment to the house," firefighter Brian Koch said.

Firefighter James Jorah said Rescue 1 has a custom-built equipment box in the back for

medical first responses.

The box, designed and built by Koch and firefighter Chris Steeb, allows Rescue 1 to have compartments for everything from AEDs to fully stocked first aid kits and hand tools.

PLEASE SEE TRUCK 7-B

NOTICE OF ADOPTION LIMA TOWNSHIP 11452 JACKSON ROAD

The Lima Township Board adopted the Lima Township Zoning Ordinance, Amendment Number 22R, on March 8, 2010, to add Section 22 and 5.50, which amends the Lima Township Zoning Ordinance, adding Small Wind Energy System. A small wind energy conversion system consisting of a wind turbine, a tower, and associated controller/conversion electronics, which has a rated capacity of not more than 100 kW and which is intended to primarily reduce on-site consumption of utility power. Small wind energy system height is measured by the height above grade of the fixed portion of the wind energy tower, including the wind turbine itself.

This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its publication, as required by law.

Complete copies of Section 22 and Section 5.50 Small Wind Energy Systems, are available at the Lima Township Office. Business hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

Arlene R. Barela
Clerk, Lima Township

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SYLVAN TOWNSHIP WATER USE ORDINANCE

This following is a synopsis of the Water Use Ordinance adopted by Sylvan Township. The entire copy is available for inspection in the office of the Clerk.

An Ordinance to provide for the public health by operation of the Sylvan Township Water Supply System on a public utility basis under the provisions of Act 49, Public Acts of Michigan 1943, as amended and to prescribe the charge rates for the use of said facilities and to provide for other matters pertaining to said system.

A full copy of the Water Use Ordinance is available at the office of the Township Clerk, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118. Office hours Monday and Wednesday 9AM to 12 Noon.

Adopted: 12/04/07, effective 01/04/08, amended 3/2/10 effective 4/2/10

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NOTICE DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday,
March 23, 2010

AT 7:00 P.M.
AT
DEXTER
TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER-
PINKNEY RD.
DEXTER, MI. 48130

AGENDA

- 1) Proposed Amendment to section 13.01 (B)
- 2) Kempf Shared Driveway
- 3) Servants of the Word Amended Site Plan
- 4) Review Annual Report to the Township Board of Trustees
- 5) Review Master Plan
- 6) Review 34-9 Zoning Ordinance Amendments

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Synopsis of the CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, February 23, 2010 Washington Street Education Center

Call to Order

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Feeney, Martinez-Kratz,
Anderson, Holmberg,
City Manager Hanifan,
and Clerk Royal

Absent

Others
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MOVED: Hammer SECONDED: Anderson to approve the five year contract with Synargo for Bio-solids hauling from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Six Ayes, One (1) Nay, (Anderson) Motion Carried

2. Water Department Authority Board Vacancy Appointment
MOVED: Holmberg, SECONDED: Albertson to extend the time frame and reduce the monthly payments of the Water department loan repayment to the Electric Department. The new terms will allow for repayment of \$36,000/month from February 2010 to June 2010. All Ayes. Motion Carried

3. Downtown Development Authority Board Vacancy Appointment
MOVED: Holmberg SECONDED: Feeney to appoint Pat Cleary to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for the four year term of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013. All Ayes Motion Carried

4. Police Department Record Retention & Disposal Schedule Policy
MOVED: Albertson SECONDED: Hammer to adopt the Chelsea Police Department Record Retention Schedule which supports the guidelines and approved retention and disposal schedule for Cities and Villages Schedule #11 from the State of Michigan. All Ayes. Motion Carried

5. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Renewable Energy Credits
MOVED: Albertson SECONDED: Martinez-Kratz to adopt the resolution authorizing the purchase of renewable energy credits. All Ayes. Motion Carried

6. Road Improvement Agreement
MOVED: Feeney SECONDED: Hammer to approve the road improvement agreement with Washtenaw County Road Commission. And to fund \$14,000 which will be split into two budget years of \$7,000 each, not to exceed \$14,000. All Ayes Motion Carried

CLOSED SESSION
MOVED: Hammer SECONDED: Albertson to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of real estate at 8:05 pm. Roll Call Vote All Ayes. Motion Carried

Closed session ended at 8:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: Anderson SECONDED: Hammer to adjourn at 8:30 pm All Ayes Motion Carried

Approved: March 8, 2010

Jason F. Lindauer, Mayor
Teresa Royal, City Clerk

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DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan.

ROLL CALL: President Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Smith, Tell

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion Smith, support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Work Session of February 6, 2010 and the Regular Council Meeting of February 8, 2010 with the following correction, Page 1: correct the location of the work session meeting from the Board Room of the Copeland Building at 7714 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. to the Dexter Senior Center at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Smith support Semifero to approve the agenda with the following additions: 1-4 ADD Orchard, Hiltz & McClement Project Update Notes - February 18, 2010. 1-4 ADD Drinking Water Revolving Fund - Testing Services

Unanimous voice vote for approval

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$365,890.10
Consideration of Request from the Dexter Ann Arbor Track Club to hold the Dexter Ann Arbor Run on June 6, 2010 including the temporary closures of a portion of Baker, Main and Central intermittently from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Motion Fisher support Semifero, to approve items 1 and 2 of the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous voice vote for approval

NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:



WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC NOTICE

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners is looking for citizens to volunteer for a state of positions with the various Boards, Committees and Commissions. The Board of Commissioners will make their appointments at their upcoming session on May 5, 2010 at 9:45 p.m. in the Board Room Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Individuals interested in applying should submit a letter of interest and resume, including a home address to Jason Brooks County Clerk's office, P.O. Box 6645, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107. Letters and resumes may also be submitted via email to jbrooks@washtenaw.org via fax (734) 222-6528 or apply online at www.washtenaw.org.

These resumes received by April 2, 2010 will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for its consideration on May 5, 2010. The appointments will become effective immediately. These appointments include:

• Accommodations Ordinance Commission: The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill two positions to represent the general public for the remainder of one year terms expiring December 31, 2010. The Accommodations Ordinance Commission was established in 1975 with the purpose of enhancing the economy of Washtenaw County through promotion of the area as a destination for overnight visitors.

• Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee: The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill one position representing the real estate development interest for the remainder of a term expiring December 31, 2012. The purpose of the Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee is to assist the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners in determining whether it should purchase the development rights on a particular parcel as well as how much the County should pay for those rights according to the Washtenaw County Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance.

• Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill three positions total, as follows: one representing a non-profit environmental group, one representing a municipality located within Washtenaw County that is a member of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and one representing a county wide development organization, each with the remainder of a three year term expiring December 31, 2012. The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was established in 1999 in conformity with Act 381 of 1996, as amended. The purpose of this Authority is to facilitate the redevelopment of previously developed sites, consistent with the community's commitment to sustainability and its vision for the future.

• Building Code/Construction Board of Appeals: The Board is looking to fill one position representing architect for the remainder of a term expiring December 31, 2010. The Building Code/Construction Appeals Board was established in 1974. A member of the Board of Appeals should be qualified by experience or training to perform the duties of members of the Board of Appeals.

• Emergency Medical Services Commission: The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill nine positions representing the American Red Cross, Mutual Aid Association, consumer, City of Ann Arbor disaster preparedness, alternate, criminal justice association, for three year terms expiring December 31, 2012. The Emergency Medical Services Commission was established in 1978 with the purpose to plan, monitor and evaluate the Washtenaw County Emergency Medical Services system in concert with the Washtenaw Livingston Medical Control Authority Board. In addition to plan monitor and evaluate the pre-hospital aspects of the County Emergency Action Guidelines Operations Plan.

Motion Cousins support Semifero to provide a letter of support for the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant application for funding for Phase 2 of the Hike Bike Trail.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Semifero support Cousins that the Village of Dexter approves entering into MDOT Contract No. 10-5094 and authorizes Shawn W. Keough, Village President and Donna Dettling, Village Manager to execute MDOT Contract No. 10-5094

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Carson support Semifero to accept the framework plan for Economic Preparedness

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Mr Semifero left the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Motion Carson support Fisher to approve the recommendation from Orchard, Hiltz & McClement to accept the bid not to exceed \$25,000 from Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc. (SME) for testing services for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund project.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

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• Historic District Commission: The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill four positions representing the general public and attorneys for the remainder of three year terms expiring December 31, 2012. The Commission ensures that efforts are made to safeguard the heritage of Washtenaw County by identifying and preserving sites, structures, objects and other resources of historical, cultural, archaeological, economic, political or architectural significance. The Commission seeks to promote the establishment and use of historic districts, markers and other programs for the education pleasure and welfare of the people of this county. Individuals who have demonstrated their interest in Washtenaw County's history and their ability to render valuable services in historical and civic matters, especially representatives of educational and civic organizations are invited to apply.

• Local Emergency Planning Committee: The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill 13 positions representing the following: Agriculture (1), Agriculture Farm Bureau (1), Community Groups (1), Education (1), Elected Local (3), Law Enforcement (2), Local Environment (1), Owner/Operator of Title III Facility (1), American Red Cross (1), and transportation (1) for three year terms expiring on December 31, 2012. The Local Emergency Planning Committee was established in 1986 to serve as an emergency planning district under Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986. The purpose of this committee is to report on hazardous and toxic chemicals in the community as it pertains to the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986.

• Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee: The Board of Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants to fill two positions as follows: one (1) representing professional real estate or development practice, and one (1) representing land trust/conservation for the remainder of two year terms expiring December 31, 2011. The Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee was established as an advisory body to assist the Parks and Recreation Commission in prioritizing natural areas nominated by property owners for the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program. Applicants must be residents of Washtenaw County.

• Public Works Board: The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill one position representing the general public with the term expiring on December 31, 2011. The Public Works Board was established in accordance with MCL 123.732 to assist communities in the construction of infrastructure improvements and provide planning and coordination of solid waste, water, wastewater, lake improvements and recycling issues with Washtenaw County.

• Workforce Development Board: The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill five (5) positions. One (1) position representing rehabilitation with the term expiring December 31, 2011 and four (4) positions representing the private sector, with two (2) terms expiring December 31, 2010, one (1) term expiring December 31, 2011, and one (1) term expiring December 31, 2012. Individuals interested in appointment to a private sector position MUST SUBMIT RESUMES THROUGH THEIR LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND MUST BE SELECTED FROM THE TOP TEN EMPLOYERS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY OR REGIONAL AREA REPRESENT THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY OF THE BUSINESS WITHIN WASHTENAW COUNTY. Nominations received for appointment to the private sector must also total 1/3 of the positions vacant in order for valid appointments to be made to the private sector. The Workforce Development Board was established in 1995 to provide oversight and management of employment training initiatives and programs within the community.

For additional information please contact Jason Brooks, Washtenaw County Clerk Office Phone: (734) 222-6634 email jbrooks@washtenaw.org

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Photo by Lisa Almendinger

Scio Township Fire Department will use its new Rescue 1 vehicle for medical runs in the township. Pictured with the new vehicle from left are firefighters James Jorah and Brian Koch.

TRUCK

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"This is primarily for house medical calls," Ferch said.

Rescue 2, one of the department's engines, will still be used for car accidents and emergency calls on I-94 as well as for fire calls, Ferch said.

Rescue 1 is expected to save the department money because it uses regular gas, rather than

the diesel that fire engines use.

In addition, Koch said, the new vehicle allows firefighters greater accessibility to traverse tight driveways.

"We can take this right up to someone's house," he said.

Plus, the four-wheel drive vehicle will save on the wear-and-tear of the larger fire engines.

And, it will decrease the amount of time it takes firefighters to get to patients, Ferch said.

Rescue 1 cost about \$40,000, while a fire engine costs upward of \$400,000, Ferch said.

The new vehicle was also painted to match the other red-and-white Scio Fire Department vehicles.

It's been in service for about two weeks, Ferch said.

Lisa Almendinger can be reached at 1-877-995-NEWS (6397) or at lallmendinger@heritage.com. Check her daily blog at www.A2Journal.com.

Rotary Club holds food drive

The Rotary Clubs of Ann Arbor, Dexter, Saline and Ypsilanti are partnering with the Food Gatherers in Washtenaw County to sponsor a food drive from March 15 to March 27.

More than 100 local businesses and organizations will be

working with the Rotary Clubs to collect non-perishable food items to be distributed to the 150 non-profit programs Food Gatherers works with to alleviate hunger in the county.

"The faces of hunger in our county include the elderly, homeless, long-term and newly unemployed workers, individuals and families with incomes below the federal poverty level and the working poor," Todd Kephart, a member of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor said.

Currently, more than 43,900 individuals in Washtenaw County — including more than 14,000 children and 6,500 seniors — receive emergency food each year through Food Gatherers' distribution to local food pantries and meal sites. This represents an 138 percent increase since 2006.

"Food donation programs in our county have become increasingly important as the economy continues to force individuals to make painful choices between shelter, healthcare, utilities and food," Kephart said.

"This food drive is particularly timely because it comes just as food collected from the community during the holidays begins to dwindle. Also, as the end

of the school year approaches, families face the end of school breakfast and lunch programs which disappear during the summer months."

Of particular need are high protein items such as peanut butter, tuna, canned meats, beans, hearty soups and stews, chili, baby food and formula, and Ensure or other nutritional supplement drinks. Unopened personal care products are also welcome such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, diapers, etc.

"Though the main goal of the drive is to collect food, checks made out to Food Gatherers will

also be accepted.

"Response from local businesses and organizations has been enthusiastic," Kephart said.

Donations can be dropped off at participating businesses during their regular business hours and placed in the project collection bin.

Participants in Dexter include: AAA Insurance, Busch's, Dexter Community Schools (Copeland Administration Building), Dexter Flowers & Gifts, Dexter Pharmacy, Peace Lutheran Church and United Bank & Trust.

Everyone is invited to:

North Lake United Methodist Church

134th Annual Egg Supper

Friday, March 26, 2010

5:00PM - 7:30PM

14111 North Territorial Rd. Chelsea, MI 48118

Omelets
Salads
Potatoes
Baked Beans

Deviled Eggs
Rolls
Pie
Drinks

Annual fundraiser for
Camp and Mission scholarships
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Eggs donated by Polly's Market



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Chelsea, MI 48118
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Worship 10:30 am
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www.zionchelsea.org

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128 Park Street, Chelsea, MI
734-475-8119
8:30am Daybreak Worship
9:30am Renew Worship
11:00am Mosaic Worship
9:30am Sunday School for all ages
The Rev. Joy Barrett
The Rev. Barbara Lewis-Lakin
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9575 North Territorial Road
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www.faithdexter.org

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145 E. Summit St.
(734) 475-8936
Dominic Aquilino, Pastor
1st Service 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
2nd Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
AWANA Club 5:30 p.m. Sundays
www.immanuelbiblechurch.net

CHELSEA NAZARENE
12126 Jackson Rd.
Exit 162 off I-94
(734) 475-2526
Sunday: Worship Services, 11:00 a.m.

Dexter United Methodist Church
7643 Huron River Dr.
Sunday Worship
8:30AM Spirited Traditional
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9:30AM Contemporary
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Chelsea, MI 48118
(Next to McDonald's)
734.475.1404
8:15am Heritage Service
9:30am Education Hour
10:30am Celebration Service & Childrens Church

Webster United Church of Christ
5484 Webster Church Rd.,
Dexter, MI
(734) 426-5115
SUNDAY:
First Sunday Communion
Church School, 10:00 a.m.
Worship, 10:00 a.m.

WATERLOO VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8110 Washington St.
Service:
Sunday 11:00 a.m.
(734) 475-1171
Breakfast-2nd Sunday
Sept. to May

Dexter Gospel
2253 Baker Road, Dexter
(734) 426-4915
John O'Dell, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
Independent Fundamental Baptist
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Awana September till May

St. Thomas Lutheran Church
On W. Ellsworth at Haab
between Parker & Fletcher
Sunday Worship 10:00am
Pastor Charles R. Schulz
734-663-7511
StThomasFreedom.org

St. Andrew's United Church of Christ
7610 Ann Arbor St.
Dexter, Michigan
Dr. Bob Summers, Pastor
734-426-8610
Sunday Services
8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
Sunday School K-12
Youth Group - Wednesday Evenings
www.standrewsdexter.org

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14600 Old U.S.12
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Rev. Curtiss DeMare-Johnson, Pastor
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Third Sunday
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8:30 am
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Area

The Ann Arbor Civic Theatre will hold auditions for "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." Auditions will be March 27 and March 28, at 2 p.m. for men and 3:30 p.m. for women, both days.

Callbacks will be at 7 p.m. March 31. Actors should prepare to bars of a show tune that showcases range and talent.

Auditions will also consist of dance and cold readings from the script.

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.

Chelsea Reads Together: Books and Bites
Join Michaela Brown for a friendly book discussion. The book for March is "Anatomy of a Murder" by Robert Traver. Reserved copies of books are available at the Adult Reference Desk. Call 475-8732. Ext. 219 to register.

Chelsea Reads Together: The Craft of Costuming
(6 to 7 p.m.) Corey O'Sullivan, period clothing and textile reproduction specialist, will talk about her participation in costuming for local films, and teach a costuming activity.

Basics of Microsoft Excel 2007
(6:30 to 8:30 p.m.) This workshop is a basic introduction to the number crunching Excel spreadsheet program, with emphasis on the new Ribbon and menu features in the 2007 version.

March 19
Chelsea Reads Together: SRSLY

Scary Cinema (3:30 to 5:30 p.m.)
Teens and tweens will work with filmmaker Liam White to create mini-movies for SRSLY with scripts written by local teens. Teens will do the filming, acting and help edit the final product. Students who sign up must participate in at least three of the four sessions.

March 20
Chelsea Reads Together pre-gala finale (4:30 to 5:30 p.m.) Join us for music, mocktails and mingling at the River Gallery (120 S. Main St.) before the red carpet walk at the Chelsea Reads Together gala finale at the library. This is your chance to see the "Anatomy of a Murder" 50th anniversary display up close and personal.

Chelsea Reads Together finale
(5:30 to 7:30 p.m.) Join us as we celebrate the grand finale of Chelsea Reads Together. Hollywood-style Special: guest Academy Award-winning filmmaker Sue Mark will show and discuss her film short, "Anatomy of a Murder" about John D. Voelker, the author of "Anatomy of a Murder." Pianist Brian Brill will also be on hand to play some "Duke" from the film and discuss the technique of scoring music for the movies.

March 21
Chelsea Reads Together: Glamour and Gore (11 to 3 p.m.) Join us at The River Gallery (120 S. Main St.) for a one-of-a-kind interactive, hands-on workshop for young people ages 13 to 17 focusing on the creation of character for camera and film through the application of makeup and hairstyling. Participants will learn how to achieve the effects of "glamour" and "gore" using makeup and hairstyling techniques.

Professional makeup and hair artists Jenna Drudi and Elaine Karoleff will train teens in "glamour" ways to highlight the face for red light camera, how to apply false eyelashes, tricks with highlighting face, how to make the makeup last through layering techniques.

for film continuity, how to create a hair foundation for any glamorous style, techniques for curling hair with curling iron.

In the "gore" part of the program participants will learn how to be creative with makeup to construct fake bruising and wounds, learn how to create the perfect villain or monster with hair powder and techniques in brushing.

The workshop is open to the first 12 people to register.

Chelsea Senior Center
Located at 512 Washington St. Call 475-3242 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. Entrance listed, lunch includes salad bar and dessert.

Tomorrow: Bingo, 9 a.m.; Spanish, 10 a.m.; Enhance Fitness, 10:30 a.m.; Grilled cheese and tomato soup lunch at noon; Euchre, 12:30 p.m.; Wii Fun, 1 p.m.; "Anatomy of a Murder" movie and discussion, 1 p.m.

March 21: Detroit Symphony trip departs at 1:30 p.m.

March 22: Bingo, 9 a.m.; Paint with Steve Wood, 9:30 a.m.; Enhance Fitness, 10:30 a.m.; Grilled ham lunch at noon; hand and foot, 12:30 p.m.; food and culture, 2 p.m.

March 23: Swimming at Comfort Inn, 9 a.m.; Mah Jongg, 9 a.m.; Crafts, 10 a.m.; Wood Carving, 10 a.m.; Sloppy Joes lunch at noon; Quilting for Charity, 1 p.m.; Wii, 1 p.m.; Euchre 6:30 p.m.

March 24: Stained Glass class, 9:30 a.m.; Free Enhance Fitness, 10:30 a.m.; Roast turkey and gravy lunch at noon; Drive-In movie reminiscing, 1 p.m.; Pinochle, 1 p.m.; Scrabble, 1 p.m.; Bowling at Chelsea Lanes, 1 p.m.

March 25: Swimming at Comfort Inn, 9 a.m.; Computer Club, 10 a.m.; Chess, 10 a.m.; Italian lasagna lunch at noon; Chelsea Area Bridge, 12:15 p.m.; knit and crochet, 12:30 p.m.

Clogging, 6:30 p.m.

Dexter

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.

Swimming is cancelled until further notice due to pool repair.

March 22: 9:15 a.m., walking; 10:30 a.m., exercise; Pork chops and gravy lunch, 11:30 a.m.; 1 p.m., Guided Autobiography.

March 23: 10 a.m., Lifestyle Fitness or Rug hooks; Chicken divan lunch 11:30 a.m.; noon, French, 1 p.m., Senior Brigade presentation on identity theft.

March 24: 9 a.m., Medicare assistance or blood pressure check; 10:30 a.m., exercise; Veal parmesan lunch, 11:30 a.m.; 1 p.m., Watercolor painting/Yoga.

March 25: 9 a.m., Spanish or tax assistance; 10 a.m., Lifestyle Fitness; 11 a.m., Sip and Stitch; Country fried steak lunch, 11:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m., Scrabble, 1 p.m., Mah Jongg.

March 26: 10:30 a.m., exercise; macaroni and cheese lunch, 11:30 a.m.; 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.

Today
The "Better Off Read" Book Club for Adults, 2 p.m. Registration is required.

March 19
Muffins & Movies for Adults, 2 p.m. Participants will screen the movie "Seabiscuit."

March 23
Microsoft Excel 2007 Part I, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Registration is required.

March 24

MUSIC REVIEW

'Punk' album falters, 'soul' effort shines

By Lee Copley
Guest Writer

Artist: Alkaline Trio
Album: This Addiction
Label: Epitaph

During the 1990s, punk music completely changed. Before this decade, punk was reserved to the hardcore, like Black Flag or The Misfits, or iconic punk, such as The Clash or The Ramones. There were very few bands that differed more than being a little. But pop punk was about to hit the scene.

Pop punk was a more friendly form of punk, with softer music, lighter lyrics and less rough vocals. Some of the first pop punk bands included The Offspring and Green Day, but Alkaline Trio gained a strong following under the radar of the major bands.

Alkaline Trio created a more heartfelt sound than most other pop punk bands. They often sing of love and loss. Their lyrics and the contrast between

the two vocalists have gained them a fair bit of fame over the last 10 years.

They appeal to the teenage fan base, usually because their lyrics are usually focused on the angst that plague a teen's life, at least in their eyes.

The band's seventh album, "This Addiction," came out in a sea of other pop punk albums, but fails to stay afloat for long. Alkaline Trio gave up their more iconic sound for something a lot more common and popular, but in doing so made the tracks on "This Addiction" very boring.

"Draculina" starts with edited vocals and progresses in a boring way, ending with a mediocre song, "Dine, Dine My Darling," is simply boring in all ways. There is nothing redeeming about the song at all. "Lead Poisoning" has a very typical pop punk beat, and a random attempt at a ska sound with

a short trumpet section. The horns can't save the song.

"The American Dream" suffers only because the vocals seem to be at the same volume as the music, and because of that both are difficult to hear.

Blues, jazz and classic R & B have long been the definition of heartfelt soul music.... One of the best new acts in this scene is Citizen Cope...

or understand. The only passable song on "This Addiction" is "Eating Me Alive." It has a more old school Alkaline Trio sound, and that sense of the old makes the song much better.

Some bands can shift genres and experiment successfully, but Alkaline Trio is not one of those bands. They've sounded almost the same for over 10 years, and they've lost the ability to play anything different.

Alkaline Trio needs to shift back to their classic sound. "This Addiction" gets a D-

Artist: Citizen Cope
Album: The Rainwater LP
Label: RainWater

Recordings
Soulful music seems to be becoming more and more rare as the years pass by. The older singers, such as BB King, and upstart bands, like The Black Keys, have kept the soul flowing in recent years.

Blues, jazz and classic R & B have long been the definition of heartfelt soul music. Those genres have a great deal of feeling behind the music and lyrics.

One of the best new acts in this scene is Citizen Cope, and his fifth album was recently released.

"The Rainwater LP" is Cope's first independently released album after founding his own record label. Almost every track on "The Rainwater LP" is a near perfect example of what it means to have soul and what it means to have a heartfelt voice.

"A Father's Son" has an almost funk feel to it in the beginning and it never loses the chill vibe it creates. "Lifeline" is overflowing with soul and heart. Just listening to it could bring a tear to the eye. "I Couldn't Explain Why" is a great song minus the edited sound on some sections on the vocals. Cope's voice doesn't need to be edited.

The worse song on the album is "Jericho." It has an almost

house music or trance hop feel to it, and that sound doesn't mix well with Cope's natural sound.

"Healing Hands" showcases Cope's amazing voice and style. No one else sounds like him. The song is amazing in all aspects and never gets boring no matter how many times it's played. With the exception of "Jericho," "The Rainwater LP" may be a contender of album of the year for 2010.

Citizen Cope has become the modern king of soul. His voice is nothing short of epic for today's music scene. His music almost sounds like something recorded in a different decade. The only downside to "The Rainwater LP" is the one sub-par track, "The Rainwater LP" gets an A.

Lee Copley is a resident of Chelsea and a frequent columnist for the Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader.

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| Thursday | Thurs. night | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 35° to 41° | 35° to 41° | 31° to 37° | 19° to 25° | 20° to 26° | 30° to 36° | 20° to 26° | |

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Statistics for the week ending Monday, March 15

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|----------------------------|---------|
| Temperatures: | |
| High/Low for the week | 63°/24° |
| Normal high/low | 44°/26° |
| Average temperature | 45.2° |
| Normal average temperature | 34.6° |
| Precipitation: | |
| Total for the week | 0.82" |
| Total for the month | 0.82" |
| Total for the year | 2.30" |
| Normal for the month | 1.24" |
| Normal for the year | 5.52" |

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures High Low

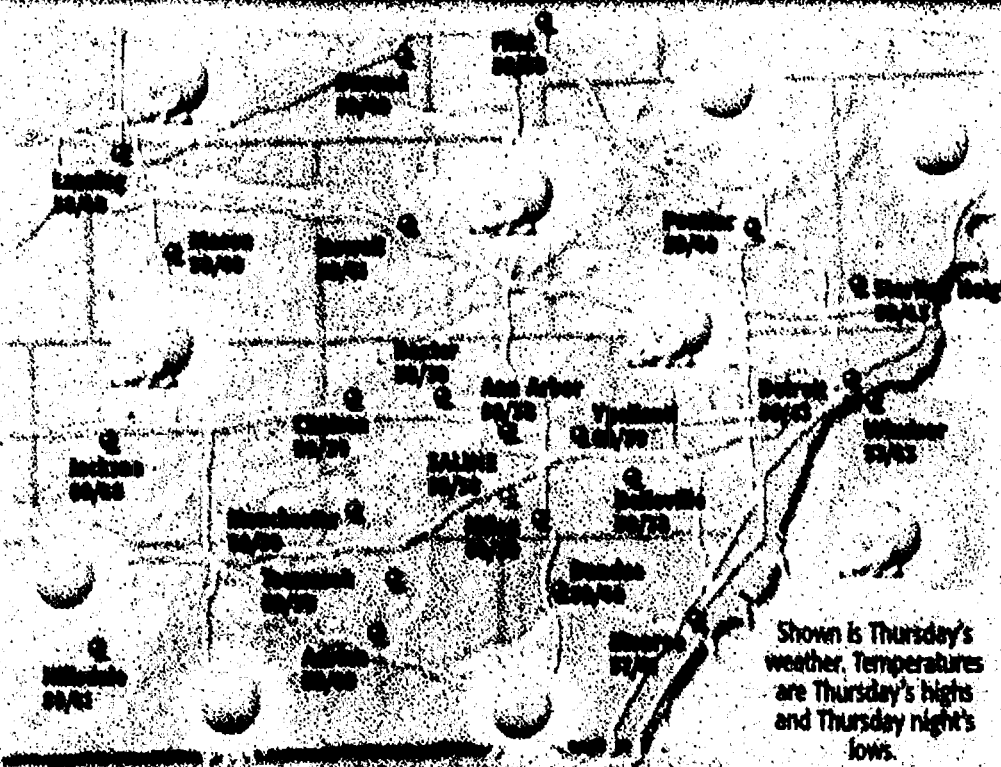
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|---------|---------|-------|-------|------|
| Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. | Mon. |
| 63°/24° | 44°/26° | 45.2° | 34.6° | |

THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| UV Index | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| RealFeel | 38° | 41° | 44° | 47° | 50° | 53° | 56° | 59° | 62° | 65° | 68° | 71° |

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SUN AND MOON

| | Rise | Set |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| The Sun | | |
| Thursday | 7:42 a.m. | 7:43 p.m. |
| Friday | 7:41 a.m. | 7:46 p.m. |
| Saturday | 7:39 a.m. | 7:47 p.m. |
| Sunday | 7:37 a.m. | 7:48 p.m. |
| Monday | 7:35 a.m. | 7:49 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 7:34 a.m. | 7:50 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 7:32 a.m. | 7:52 p.m. |
| The Moon | | |
| Thursday | 8:31 a.m. | 11:03 p.m. |
| Friday | 9:01 a.m. | none |
| Saturday | 9:37 a.m. | 12:10 a.m. |
| Sunday | 10:22 a.m. | 1:16 a.m. |
| Monday | 11:17 a.m. | 2:18 a.m. |
| Tuesday | 12:21 p.m. | 3:14 a.m. |
| Wednesday | 1:52 p.m. | 4:03 a.m. |

RIVER LEVELS

| | Flood stage | Current stage |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| As of 7 a.m. Monday | | |
| Dearborn Creek | 16 ft | 14.38 ft |
| Dearborn Heights | | |
| Harmon River | | |
| Ann Arbor | | 5.38 ft |
| Maumee Creek | | |
| Ann Arbor | | |
| Maumee Creek | | |
| Dexter | | 12 ft |
| River Raisin | | 4.87 ft |
| Manchester | | |
| LAKE LEVELS | | |
| Lake Erie | 580.11 ft | 571.25 ft |
| Lake St. Clair | 575 ft | 574.00 ft |

REGIONAL CITIES

| | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. | | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| City | H/L/W | H/L/W | H/L/W | City | H/L/W | H/L/W | H/L/W |
| Adrian | 59/40/s | 59/40/s | 58/37/pc | City | 56/36/pc | 52/33/pc | 41/26/s |
| Ann Arbor | 59/38/s | 59/38/pc | 55/34/pc | Midland | 58/36/pc | 55/33/pc | 43/28/sh |
| Battle Creek | 59/40/s | 59/40/s | 53/32/sh | Muskegon | 58/36/pc | 52/33/pc | 45/30/c |
| Bay City | 59/39/pc | 59/36/pc | 44/28/sh | Pontiac | 59/40/s | 58/40/pc | 51/33/sh |
| Detroit | 58/43/s | 59/43/pc | 53/36/pc | Port Huron | 57/36/s | 57/36/pc | 50/33/sh |
| Flint | 58/39/s | 59/38/pc | 49/31/sh | Saginaw | 58/39/pc | 56/36/pc | 43/28/sh |
| Grand Rapids | 58/40/s | 58/39/pc | 48/31/sh | South Ste. Marie | 47/32/pc | 43/27/pc | 40/21/sh |
| Kalamazoo | 60/40/s | 59/42/pc | 52/33/sh | Sturgis | 59/42/s | 57/42/pc | 55/36/sh |
| Lansing | 58/40/s | 58/40/pc | 49/32/sh | Traverse City | 57/37/pc | 53/32/pc | 41/25/sh |
| Livonia | 59/43/s | 59/43/pc | 55/37/pc | Warren | 59/43/s | 59/43/pc | 53/38/pc |

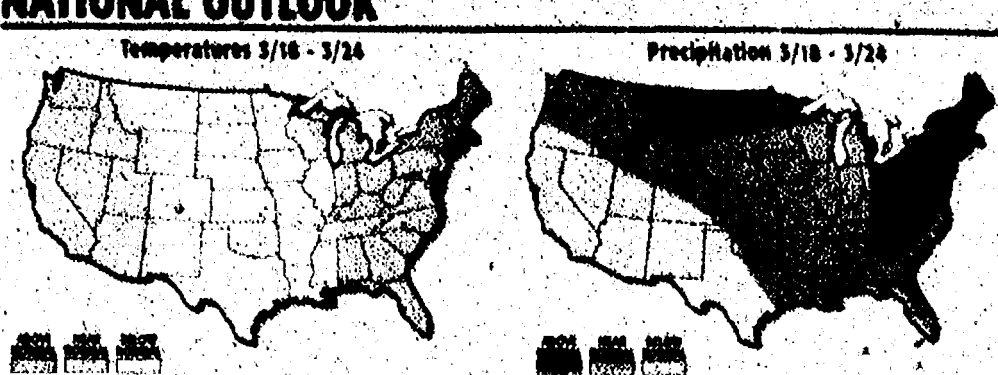
WORLD CITIES

| | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. | | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| City | H/L/W | H/L/W | H/L/W | City | H/L/W | H/L/W | H/L/W |
| Athens | 54/43/s | 61/49/s | 64/50/s | City | 59/36/c | 54/33/c | 54/41/pc |
| Berlin | 55/43/c | 54/49/s | 61/46/r | Montreal | 23/18/pc | 35/30/sn | 35/32/sn |
| Buenos Aires | 75/64/r | 84/66/pc | 81/61/s | Moscow | 60/40/c | 55/48/r | 56/57/r |
| Cairo | 64/49/s | 70/47/s | 71/49/s | Rio de Janeiro | 80/73/s | 84/73/s | 84/72/s |
| Calgary | 56/11/c | 31/20/pc | 45/25/pc | Rome | 58/37/s | 58/43/pc | 58/53/c |
| Hong Kong | 79/70/s | 79/72/s | 83/74/s | Seoul | 41/23/s | 33/33/pc | 43/26/r |
| Jerusalem | 52/38/sh | 56/35/s | 61/43/s | Singapore | 86/76/sh | 86/77/sh | 85/77/sh |
| Johannesburg | 74/56/r | 74/57/r | 68/49/r | Sydney | 84/61/s | 86/63/s | 88/64/s |
| London | 57/46/sh | 59/45/pc | 55/45/r | Tokyo | 58/42/s | 56/50/pc | 68/46/s |
| Mexico City | 75/48/pc | 78/43/pc | 78/44/s | Warsaw | 43/39/sh | 52/44/c | 53/45/r |

NATIONAL CITIES

| | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. | | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| City | H/L/W | H/L/W | H/L/W | City | H/L/W | H/L/W | H/L/W |
| Albany | 64/45/c | 70/48/s | 71/50/pc | City | 53/35/pc | 44/26/sh | 42/25/pc |
| Boston | 59/42/s | 58/44/pc | 62/46/pc | Minneapolis | 64/48/s | 71/52/s | 72/54/c |
| Chicago | 60/41/s | 60/43/pc | 69/34/c | New Orleans | 63/47/s | 63/49/s | 67/52/s |
| Cincinnati | 64/44/s | 65/46/s | 65/47/pc | Orlando | 70/47/pc | 74/48/s | 78/56/s |
| Cleveland | 58/44/s | 61/44/s | 58/43/pc | Philadelphia | 66/42/s | 69/44/s | 70/47/s |
| Dallas | 66/48/s | 72/51/s | 57/39/r | Phoenix | 82/52/s | 78/49/s | 79/50/s |
| Denver | 67/28/c | 30/10/sh | 33/14/c | Pittsburgh | 63/38/s | 65/44/pc | 68/46/pc |
| Honolulu | 79/67/sh | 80/67/pc | 79/68/pc | St. Louis | 63/48/s | 67/46/pc | 57/40/c |
| Houston | 72/47/s | 72/57/s | 72/43/c | San Francisco | 66/49/s | 65/47/s | 66/47/pc |
| Kansas City | 65/42/s | 64/38/pc | 43/27/r | Seattle | 58/42/s | 57/38/pc | 57/39/pc |
| Las Vegas | 75/55/pc | 66/48/pc | 68/46/s | Wash., DC | 65/47/s | 72/47/s | 71/49/s |
| Los Angeles | 74/54/s | 72/54/pc | 79/56/s | | | | |

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IS EVOLVING EDUCATION

Proposal A

A decade-and-a-half later, funding system breaks down

By Ben Baird
Heritage Newspapers

Education is in the midst of a crisis being felt by school districts statewide as per-pupil spending declines more and more. Administrators say last year was difficult and this year isn't any better as they are forced to make painful cuts.

Proposal A, the most recent major change in how education is funded in Michigan, could get more attention as discussion continues.

In 1994, Proposal A passed with two main objectives — to provide property tax relief for homeowners and to reform per-pupil spending.

The legislation shifted education funding from local property taxes, which were becoming burdensome to many, to various statewide taxes, including the state sales tax, which was increased from 4 percent to 6 percent.

Current and former state legislators were asked recently about Proposal A and how well it's doing. Many agreed it was a good solution in 1994 — but that was during a strong economy.

State Sen. Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) said Proposal A served the state well when it passed.

The proposal was attractive to voters because it promised to reduce property taxes, he said, and he believes it was successful in doing so. He said he has been told by a number of people that they would have been forced out of their homes if not for Proposal A.

Hoon-Yung Hopgood, a former state representative and now a Michigan Senate candidate, said Proposal A offered a right combination of fixes for voters in 1994.

Its impact was wide ranging, he said. He said it didn't fix everything, but it did some positive things.

State Rep. Edward Clemente (D-Lincoln Park) said that to determine whether Proposal A was successful people have to look at its mission. He believes it was a more consistent formula and created more equal funding.

"Obviously, it's not perfect," Clemente said.

Wayne County Commissioner Joseph Palamara (D-Grosse Ile Twp.) was a state representative when Proposal A passed. He said that in 1993 Michigan was among the 10 states in the country with the highest property taxes.

The state eliminated local property taxes as education funding, he said, and the question then was where funding would come from.

Palamara said the question went before voters. If it hadn't passed, he said, a statutory plan was in place to fund education by raising the income tax.

Palamara believes that was the unpopular option because the public was mindful of an income tax increase 10 years earlier.

Kathleen Law of Gibraltar, a former state representative who now is a Senate candidate,

believes Proposal A has been a disaster.

She said she didn't believe it was a secure form of funding then and still doesn't. At the time it passed, she said, her impression was that voters thought it was going to be funded by revenue from the state lottery.

Now, the property taxes Proposal A reduced are right back up and funding for education still is a problem, she said.

"There's something wrong with the system," Law said.

With the financial difficulties shared by school districts throughout the state, one question is whether the state should do something to change Proposal A.

"I don't think there's a silver bullet for the question," Hopgood said.

The issue is getting people back to work and property values back up, he said. He said doing that would increase funding ability.

Regardless of what is done, it's important to have ongoing debate for legislation as far reaching as Proposal A, Hopgood said.

Basham said knowing what he knows now, he believes Proposal A could have been tweaked differently.

Michigan needs more revenue to fund education, he said, but the source is in question. Basham said he would support an increase in the state sales tax if it was done fairly.

The question of, whether or not there is a problem with how the state funds education seems more like a symptom of the economic downturn, Clemente said. He said that until the economy levels off, it will be hard to predict what funding formula would be best.

This is about the worst time for Michigan when it comes to how to provide public services, Clemente said. There are lots of problems with the tax structure, he said, and the state needs to build a budget around decreasing revenue.

Law said it's time to look at something besides Proposal A to do the job, but because it was constitutional a major change would have to go before the voters. That could be risky, she said, because it's hard to know what you'll get.

If it can be tweaked to better use what's there, she's in favor of it.

Law said the state needs to look at how other states and countries pay for education and find what works. She said she doesn't want Michigan to be unique, meaning she doesn't want it to do something that doesn't work that nobody else is doing.

Nobody anticipated the economic downturn of the last four to five years, Palamara said, and nobody is enjoying long-term success. Now, property taxes are up and funding is again difficult, he said.

"It's like we're almost back to square one," he said, adding that residents can't take any more



tax burden.

"The public is maxed out as far as they're concerned," Palamara said. "It breaks down when you get to the specifics of how are you going to pay for it."

Residents will say they want good schools, but he doesn't believe they will want increased taxes in the process. Instead, he believes the public would prefer that the state reprioritize spending and live within its means.

One way to address funding would be to do another ballot proposal and ask what residents prefer, Palamara said.

However, he believes that whatever is done will keep funding within the framework set by Proposal A because residents appreciated the property tax cut it created.

"I don't think there'll be any going back," Palamara said.

By moving education funding from the local to the state level, Hopgood said Proposal A did help even out disparity among districts.

The formula of Proposal A got every district to a base level of per-pupil spending, he said, but disparity still is a problem and something should be looked into. He said there are differences of \$1,000 in per-pupil spending between neighboring school districts. However, it would be hard to get base funding up with current budget difficulties, he said.

Besides addressing funding, Palamara said Proposal A included various education reforms.

One was schools of choice, which allowed parents to send their children to other school dis-

tricts, he said. Another change was a 50-cent tax increase on packs of cigarettes.

Proposal A brought Michigan's sales and property taxes more in line with the rest of the country, Palamara said, so that part of it worked. It also helped equalize spending, he said.

Over the years, legislators have tinkered with Proposal A, and Hopgood said there still are things that need to be addressed. One issue is improving the infrastructure of schools, which Proposal A doesn't address.

Some school districts just aren't able to make the improvements they need, he said, though others get support from residents through local bond elections.

Another problem with Proposal A is how property tax is managed when a house is sold to new owners, Hopgood said. The property tax decrease was a good deal for residents who stayed in their houses, but there needs to be some mechanism to manage the pop-up impact of property taxes when property is sold to keep increases from being unreasonable. With property taxes getting high again, it might be time for that discussion, he said.

Both of Hopgood's parents were educators, he said.

"Education is something I strongly value," he said.

Hopgood said high standards are needed for schools. Education is the way to a better life for residents, he said.

"If we want a civil society, we have to fund education," Basham said.

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Early preparation more important now than ever

By Katie Hetrick
Heritage Newspapers

DEARBORN — Preschool does more than teach children about the letters and colors.

It also provides the social and emotional development they need to start elementary school, experts say.

"We prepare children to better transition into kindergarten," said Intissar Harajli, director of Dearborn Public Schools' Great Start Readiness preschool program.

That preparation is even more important now that most districts have switched to all-day kindergarten, she said.

"Whatever they are doing here in preschool relates to what they are doing in kindergarten," Harajli said.

She taught kindergarten for five years and had students with and without preschool backgrounds.

From day one, you were able to realize the difference between those who had preschool and those who didn't, Harajli said.

Students who attended preschool had better social and emotional skills, she said. They also were better at listening to the teacher, working in groups and getting along with peers.

"It makes up for things the kindergarten teachers have to deal with later," Harajli said.

Studies have shown the benefits of preschool, said Janice Cataldo, early childhood supervisor for Dearborn Public Schools and Henry Ford

Community College.

"The research shows it gives children the educational base they need to start kindergarten," Cataldo said.

But a good preschool will not feel like work for the kids. Good programs have a play-based approach where children learn through games, songs and other activities.

"It's fun that way; it doesn't feel like learning," Cataldo said.

Parents looking for a preschool should look at the classroom environment, teacher-to-student ratio and the school's classroom philosophy, she said.

Certified staff also is a consideration. The certification for preschool teachers is different from what elementary school teachers receive, Cataldo said. And some good programs have passionate, experienced staff, even if those teachers do not have bachelor's degrees.

Most children now start kindergarten with some preschool experience, she said.

"If they are coming without that, they are at a disadvantage," Cataldo said.

Even if parents have worked with the children on the academics, it is difficult to teach the same social skills at home that children learn at preschool, such as sharing and dealing with peers with different personalities.

"The social skills are so important when they get to kindergarten," Cataldo said.

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Sandra Kennard of Redford is excited to see her granddaughter Erynn Miller during the Grandparents' Tea at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Early Childhood Education Center.

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Mango Languages offers new way to create global village

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Nelson Mandela

By Paul Kesman

Bonjour... Hola... N' Hao. Most people know that each of these words is a form of greeting in its respective language — French, Spanish and Chinese, in that order, to be exact.

The same people probably wouldn't know how to say much else. Here is another thing they probably don't know: Internationally, nearly 70 percent of people are bilingual. In the United States, that number is only 9 percent.

So, why is that number so low?

It's not because people don't want to learn a second language. Instead, it's because people think it's too hard, or will take too much time or will cost too much money.

They are wrong in each case, thanks to Mango Languages.

Mango realized that more and more people are deciding to learn a new language for a variety of reasons. Generally speaking, the ability to communicate fluently and comfortably with someone who doesn't share your linguistic background is the most effective way to make an authentic and powerful connection.

And, in today's world, international borders are defined less by passport checkpoints than by linguistic barriers. The importance of clear, direct, and easily understood communication is critical.

As a result of this growing demand, a variety of language-learning systems and programs have been created. And as Nelson Mandela acknowledges with eloquent words, the best are those that do more than teach the ability to ask directions in a foreign country and read street signs when on vacation.

It was with this in mind that Mango Languages was born. The company's founders, Chief Executive Officer Jason Teshuba, Chief Marketing Officer Ryan Whalen, Chief Technology Officer Mike Teshuba and Chief Operations Officer Mike Goulas, researched the existing language learning products on the market and determined that each had deficiencies that could be solved.

The company's products "Mango Basic" and "Mango Complete" are a long way from the "repeat after me" repetition and rote learning style of the past.

They are the first of a new generation of language-learning systems providing an engaging and interactive way to learn a new language.

"Language learning is a creative endeavor," Teshuba said. "By combining a conversational approach to grammar with memory-building exercises and cultural context that helps students appreciate, articulate and assimilate new ideas quickly, we provide motivated individuals with the tools to apply the vocabulary, grammar and culture they've learned where it really matters: a real-world environment."

Increasing broadband penetration has accelerated the rapid evolution of new language-learning concepts and materials. The most popular and effective new language-learning systems are media-rich applications well suited — and, in fact, dependent upon — the power of online resources to maximize their effectiveness and availability.

Mango takes advantage of this to make its complete menu of courses available to the masses through public library systems. Today, over 2,000 (one in five) public libraries in the United States, including many here in Michigan, offer the Mango suite of courses to library users at no cost. And that number continues to grow.

The courses also are available online for a fee for those whose libraries do not offer the program.

"Mango is a quick and easy resource for people who don't have the time to spend inside a classroom," said a local library administrator. "And the importance associated with speaking a second language has become apparent by the amount of people who come in asking for our language-learning software."

As Mandela reminds us — language learning can not only open doors, but also make us feel more comfortable once we are in the room. The new kindergarten-to-boardroom emphasis on languages and communications — paired with the profound social, cultural, professional and technological changes in recent years — has brought language learning into the spotlight and led to one inevitable conclusion: Language learning is the way of the future. And as an increasingly interconnected global community is discovering, the future is now.

For more information on Mango Languages, click on www.mangolanguage.com or call 1-877-626-4611.

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**Mary Vardy,
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JOB RETRAINING

**Recession offers a chance not to wait it out
but to turn in completely different direction**



Photo by E.L. Conley

Mary Vardy of Brownstown Township considers herself a success story through the No Worker Left Behind program. After losing her cashier job at Farmer Jack in 2007 when the company left Michigan, she sought training at Athena Career Academy in Toledo, Ohio, to become a licensed practical nurse. She had worked at Farmer Jack 23 years. Holding her dog, Schaefer, Vardy proudly shows off her graduation certificate from Athena Career Academy. She started a new job March 1 at Oakwood Commons, a rehabilitation center in Dearborn.

do — go back to school to train for a new career.

In October 2008, through Michigan Works!, Vardy enrolled at Athena Career Academy in Toledo, Ohio, to become a licensed practical nurse.

She took a one-year accelerated program at Athena, graduated Nov. 11 and began a new job March 1 at Oakwood Commons, a rehabilitation center in Dearborn.

Vardy, 58, worked at Farmer Jack for 23 years, working her way up to a cashier.

She was stunned in July 2007 when the company pulled out of Michigan. She was one of about 5,000 employees who lost their jobs when the grocery store chain closed.

Initially, she felt a sense of disbelief that she no longer had a job.

"It was hard," Vardy said. "I did it so long it was my life. I planned on retiring from that job. It was good pay, real good benefits, three miles from home and it was the coolest job in the world."

"You would stand around all day, talking to people. The same customers would come in and you would talk with them and get to know them and their kids."

When the grocery chain pulled out of Michigan, Vardy was 55 and wondering what she would do next. She started looking for another job and got no offers, not even at another major grocery store chain.

After applying at Lowe's when it was opening a new store, she realized she had to pursue a different path.

"I had four interviews and was offered a temporary position to stock store shelves for the opening," she said. "When I asked if it would lead to a permanent full-time job when the store opened, I was told they couldn't promise that."

"I didn't take the job. I couldn't pay the bills on a job like that."

It was then, she said, that she knew she had to do something else.

Because she was receiving unemployment compensation, Vardy had to go to Michigan Works! and have her resume online.

She went to the Downriver Community Conference in Southgate, which operates as a separate site for Michigan Works! facilities through the SEMCA office. The DCC offers an array of services from brushing up on basic skills to job searches and career guidance.

There, she learned about the No Worker Left Behind program and spoke with a counselor.

After looking through some career options, she settled on a licensed practical nurse program, in part because it was a one-year accelerated program and also because when she was much younger she thought about being a nurse.

"At my age, you don't want to spend too much time in school," she said.

"The first week I thought 'What was I thinking?'"

Vardy said that after classes began she felt "overwhelmed" for the first week or two.

"It had been years and years since I was in school," she said. "A couple of times I was thinking I was not going to make it."

Her teachers, family and friends motivated her to continue, she said.

She persevered for one reason: She needed a job.

"I didn't think failure was an option," she said. "Michigan Works! was paying for me to go to school."

"I just kept going. I would study, and when I went to take the test I would pray that I pass and I would study for the next class. It was like that the whole time."

There was one other older student in her class of 15, she said. The rest were younger, some, much younger. When graduation day arrived, Vardy was one of eight students who completed the program and received a certificate.

Her family was there to cheer her on.

"You just have to look forward," she said. "I just figured there is something else I'm supposed to be doing. When I went to school and everything fell into place, I felt confident I was where I am supposed to be. I am very happy."

If it weren't for the No Worker Left Behind

program, Vardy said none of this would have happened.

She had to juggle raising three children, a single mother with three children, and three grandkids. She had to go to Patrick Schaefer, a local attorney, to get her name on the deed for her house.

She hesitated to enroll in the program in 2008 because she was worried about having an operation and not being able to work and see how things were going.

When her son, Patrick, told her Vardy said she would have to get it. She decided that she enroll. And she did.

"I'm trying to be there for him," Vardy said. "At one point, I thought, 'If she can fight cancer, I can do this.' So we are just kind of supporting each other."

Vardy also began a part-time job working as a nurse's aide on the night shift Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at Oakwood Southshore Medical Center in Trenton so she would have time to go to school.

Because she was making such an abrupt career change, Vardy said she thought she should start working in the medical field to see if she would like it.

The job was fascinating to her. "I would learn something in school and come to work and see it done right there in the hospital," she said. "I would think to myself, 'Wow, I know about that.'"

Through all of this, she said, her fiancé was very supportive.

"When I'd come home, he'd have dinner ready," she said.

Thursdays were her roughest days. She'd wake up at 3:30 a.m. to go to Perrysburg, Ohio, for clinicals for school. She'd get home at about 6 p.m. and have to be at her job at Southshore at 11 p.m.

"It wasn't easy," she said. "When I think about where I may have ended up ... I don't know."

School was the focus of her life for that year, Vardy said.

"I carried books around with me everywhere," she said. "Anytime I had 10 minutes I'd open up a book and start to read."

Now, she isn't sure if this is the end of the road for her schooling or just a corner she has turned. She is considering going back to school to become a registered nurse.

"As hard as it was, I really enjoyed being in school," Vardy said. "After graduating, I missed it. That sounds crazy, but I really did."

What made the most difference to her was the dedication of the teachers and the support she received from her family and friends, Vardy said.

"My daughter would call me after every big test to see how I did," she said.

When her typewriter broke, her daughter and son-in-law told her to come over and use the computer. A friend loaned her a car when her vehicle was in the shop, so she could make it to school.

Now she sees how her hard work paid off.

Vardy is not alone in her journey to return to school and to be trained for a new career.

Students are packing the classes at Wayne County Community College at all of its campuses in a way Vice Chancellor George Swan hasn't seen in the 20 years he's been with the college.

And it's not all the traditional college student. Many older adults are enrolling. Swan said. The average student is a 32-year-old woman, he said. But enrollment runs the gamut from high school students dually enrolled to retirees.

Five convergent technologies programs geothermal technology, alternative fuels, water and environmental technology, sustainable site and building design, and health care renewable energy — are a hit with students, Swan said.

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So are nursing, medical and dental programs.

"In many cases, people are looking for a fast turnaround," he said.

They are seeking certificates that can be completed in one or two semesters, enabling them to secure employment or better jobs.

"People come for different reasons," Swan said. "Some are looking to transfer skills they had in the auto industry to another job."

"Others need basic skills developed. We take people where they are and, hopefully, help them attain their aspirations, whether it's one class or a series of classes."

About 60 percent of the students enrolled are in a career program, he said. Part of that is because of the economy—people are seeking skills employers are looking for; others are looking for the convenience, he said.

"People look at access, affordability and outcomes," Swan said.

The college offers all that, residents realize it and that is why enrollment in the winter term is at capacity and the college had to stop accepting students.

"Often you find that people understand the need to be educated when we're in a very competitive (environment) and the economy is challenged as it is currently," Swan said. "It is a great time to take advantage of the resources in regions. Certainly education is key to the region becoming vibrant."

Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti also has seen an influx of adult students.

A university with a reputation of being "adult friendly" now has two programs aimed at returning students, said Kathryn Orscheln, director of admissions at the university for 30 years.

"Return to Learn" is aimed at undergraduate students who might have started a bachelor's degree but never finished and now want to, Orscheln said.

Two years ago the college started a graduate open house program to attract graduate students, she said. The university is enrolling students with

bachelor's degrees who may have lost their jobs or are recent college graduates who can't find jobs.

"People are coming back for master's degrees, Ph.D.s or certificates to get extra training to be marketable or marketable in a different way," Orscheln said.

"Some know exactly what they want and ask, 'If this is the job I want to be ready for, what do I need?' and others don't know and need more counseling."

About 250 people came to a January graduate open house, she said.

"It's a very individual interaction," Orscheln said. "You couldn't find two people with the same situation. It is real-life help for real-life people in real-life challenges on real-life deadlines."

The college has 23,000 students, with 6,000 of them graduate students.

The average age of an undergraduate student is 24; the average age of a graduate student is 33. Based on enrollment, that makes the combined average age 26, Orscheln said.

"Most of these students want to get started as soon as possible," she said. "It's not like the typical freshman who applies to six colleges, goes to visit and then reads literature. Adults come because they want to be here."

The programs that attract the adult students vary, said Joy Dockham, manager of programs and catalog maintenance at Eastern.

About 100 programs have been submitted through No Worker Left Behind. She is not aware of any that were refused.

Orscheln has heard countless stories of why people decide to return to school. With nearly all returning adult students, she said, they have made up their minds to do it and are ready to do it now. And they want to do it at Eastern.

Part of it might be that the university has five satellite sites in addition to the main campus in Ypsilanti, so classes can be taken close to home.

"Some come in and say, 'I have been meaning to do this for years,'" Orscheln said, "and others just learned their job was eliminated and want to use the time wisely."

There is at least one adult returning student in every class, something the university considers a strength, she said.

"Adult stu-

want to know what they can do next with the skills they have."

Most of his clients are in their 40s, Synko said.

"Some might call it a midlife crisis," he said. "I prefer to call it a midlife awakening. Either way, it's a major shift in life."

Some take a career assessment test and don't know where to go with the results.

That is

engineering student who really wanted to pursue a career in psychology, but didn't want to disappoint his father, who wanted him to be an engineer.

His client respected his father's mature opinion and thought he was right even though he was unhappy, Synko said. And, his father was paying the tuition.

"I had an engineer who absolutely hated his job and wanted to have 'the conversation' with his wife," Synko said.

The man told Synko he "desperately wanted out of the job."

"He said, 'I can't convince her this job is killing me. She thinks I should

hang in for the pay and benefits. I don't want to have a breakdown to convince her.'"

The key to being happy in your work is to enjoy what you do, Synko said.

There are many factors to weigh, and economics is one of them, when considering a career change, he said.

"Money is never automatic," he said. "Once people figure out what they want to do, they also have to work out a financial strategy."

He had a client who gave up a successful career as a musician to go to law school, he said, and now is a happy and successful lawyer.

"I think it is really his passion," Synko said of the law career.

In working with the musician through his career discernment, Synko said, the man told him how he always watched politics, read and listened to the news, especially things involving law.

"Skills sell," Synko said, "but nothing sells like passion; nothing sells like authenticity."

To get a job, it is essential to convince an employer to hire you because you bring to the job something no one else has, he said.

"Too many people go into an interview looking for a job, and just present qualifications," Synko said. "A lot of people are qualified. What do you bring that no other person does?"

That's what you need to focus on.

And keep expanding your personal contacts, he said.

Volunteering is a good way to network to a job opportunity, especially for those out of work.

A big mistake people make is they think the next job will come from Internet job boards, Synko said. Although there are jobs posted in cyber space, it is not the best way to connect with people and get a job, he said.

"You need to get face to face with people," he said. "That's where things happen. People hire people they know and like. You can call it the likability factor."

Unlike some free options for finding a new career, meeting with a career counselor is not free. The first appointment might be free, but most charge \$100 to \$200 an hour, he said.

When assessing whether it is affordable, he said, people need first to determine what it is costing them to be out of work.

To do that, figure out what your monthly salary was and add 25 percent for benefits, he said. That is the cost of being unemployed.

"If you're making \$50,000 a year, it costs you \$4,000 a month, plus 25 percent for benefits, to be unemployed," he said.

It's not just the money coming out of your pocket, it's also the money not going in, he said.

Some people don't have the cash flow to see a career counselor, Synko said.

To address that, he started Careers through Faith, a career ministry program, where he puts on workshops at churches, charging only the cost of materials.

Synko, a Saline resident and member of St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, said he got a call one day from his pastor, saying something needed to be done to help people find jobs.

Many churches offer job networking programs from e-mail contacts to speakers and monthly meetings.

Synko has given presentations at many churches, including Zion Lutheran in Ann Arbor, Keystone Community Church in Saline, Clarkston Community Church and Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington.

Information about the workshops can be found on the Web site www.careersthrroughfaith.org.

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dents raise the bar," Orscheln said.

"We are very aware that the demographics in the state are changing. There were fewer high school seniors in 2009, and we expect the numbers to be fewer for the next 10 to 12 years."

Michigan has seen a 9 percent decline in the number of high school seniors, she said, and Ohio and Illinois also have seen drops.

Some people have the skills and education they need and are looking for a new way to use them, said Nick Synko, a career coach and owner, with his wife, Cathy, of Synko Associates LLC, a career counseling company in Ann Arbor.

"Many people are in careers not of their own choosing," Synko said.

However they got there, people are seeking career coaching to determine if they should make a career change.

The reasons differ, he said, but in most cases people realize they are not happy in their jobs.

One person might have taken the first job that came along and never really liked it and now can't see doing it for another 25 years, Synko said.

For another, it might have been the right job at one time but isn't anymore. Others fear their jobs are going away and

because the test doesn't give the whole story, he said.

"My daughter, Beth Anne, took a career assessment test in high school and she was told to be a poet or an army drill sergeant," he said.

On the surface, those career options are polar extremes and not very helpful, he said. But it actually was a good match to her personality.

"She is a strong-willed lady and a word smith genius," he said.

But it takes greater knowledge of the person to guide her to a career that is well suited to her.

That's what career coaches can do, he said. It can take a few sessions or several visits to determine the right career path.

Once determining a career path, Synko said, not everyone chooses to pursue it for a variety of reasons.

"You could be someone with a six-figure income who always wanted to be an elementary school teacher and can't see making the change," he said.

If you choose not to make the change, at least you know what your heart's desire is in a career and have made the decision not to pursue it.

"I had a 40-year-old engineer who just couldn't see going back to school to become a registered nurse," he said.

He also worked with an



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Heritage Newspapers

When it comes to advanced education, the one thing institutions are fighting to give potential students is options.

Traditional four-year colleges are one of many paths that lead to a degree in a desired field of study.

Online degrees, degrees from community colleges, technical and business schools and getting college credit even before leaving high school are options that are becoming more popular with students.

If attending a community college or technical school is a preferred direction, Michigan residents have access to hundreds of different school establishments.

The more popular ones in southeastern Michigan include Dorsey Schools, the Michigan Career and Technical Institute, Schoolcraft College, IIT Technical Institute, Wayne County Community College District, and Henry Ford, Monroe, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw community colleges.

Henry Ford remains a popular destination for students who are budget conscious, yet are looking for a degree from an accredited institution.

With a campus in Dearborn, enrollment numbers from the region, particularly in the Downriver area, are on the rise.

Sue Brown, publicity manager for HFCC, said two overwhelming factors have made the college a first choice for many — affordability and job training opportunities.

Brown said many people are finding themselves needing additional training for their jobs and some are finding it necessary to come back to school for retraining to work in another field.

Brown said HFCC has been an attractive choice in that respect, but also for students who need to attend school closer to home before moving on to a larger university.

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• The college guarantees that all students will leave prepared to work in a professional environment within their field of study.

"Over the past three years, HFCC's enrollment has increased about 33 percent," Brown said. "More people are choosing HFCC because of lower tuition costs, easy transfer of credits to four-year universities and associate degree and certificate programs that lead directly to employment."

"Some of the most popular programs are nursing and other health care programs, computer information technology, business, alternative energy and culinary arts."

With more than 70,000 students enrolled in WCCCD, it has continued to be among the top picks for students looking to pursue a career path.

The school has six campuses, including one in Taylor, and has widely recognized academic and nonacademic programs.

WCCCD was established in 1967 and has maintained a focus to expand programs and courses based on market needs and student demands.

One student, Stephanie

Covington, has a personal testimony posted on the college's Web site that exemplifies one of the reasons community colleges in general have such a solid ground in the field of secondary education.

Covington is a mother of five and works full time.

"The only school that met my needs was WCCCD — an accredited institution, highly reputable, diverse and marketable for gaining employment," her testimony says. "The school was also accessible, affordable and came with knowledgeable and supportive teachers and instructors."

Online education has soared in popularity over the past

several years. The convenience of taking classes without being confined to a campus classroom has found enormous appeal for busy students.

Young parents, older adults, businessmen and women and others have taken advantage of the flexibility online classes offer.

Students are able to maintain their class work as long as they have access to a computer. Unexpected out-of-town trips, vacation opportunities and difficulties finding a baby sitter or transportation no longer are problems for "getting to class."

Many who don't have a problem working outside the traditional classroom setting

without a visible teacher-instructed lesson have found online options ideal.

Although a good deal of time and effort remains a requirement for obtaining a credible online degree, getting work completed at home and at the student's convenience has paid dividends for some.

Students who can't attend a traditional college for whatever the challenge can seek a degree in a wide range of career fields, such as business, education, criminal justice, nursing and health care, psychology, information technology and more.

They can earn associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, along with certifications through online classes.

The country's largest private university is the University of Phoenix, an online and campus-based institution. According to the university, degree programs are designed in collaboration with academic and industry professionals to ensure quality, relevance and rigor.

Janice Cardwell, vice president and director of the Detroit campus, believes she knows exactly why online learning has become a major part of higher learning.

"This is a busy world," she said. "Many people are working two and three jobs."

Cardwell said added family responsibilities are keeping some students out of the traditional classroom setting.

Three of the top majors are criminal justice, health care and business management. Cardwell said the area of human services also is popular.

She said many online institutions are taking a look at Phoenix's program and incorporating online learning into their programs in various ways.

While Phoenix has online students across the country, there also are established campus locations. Ten Phoenix learning centers are in Michigan.

As of November, there were 455,600 students enrolled in classes through Phoenix. The average class size on campus is eight and the average class size online is 13.

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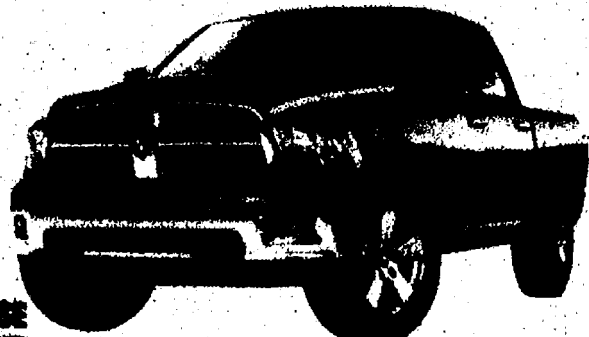
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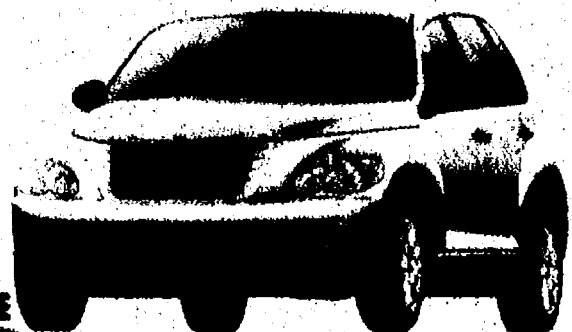
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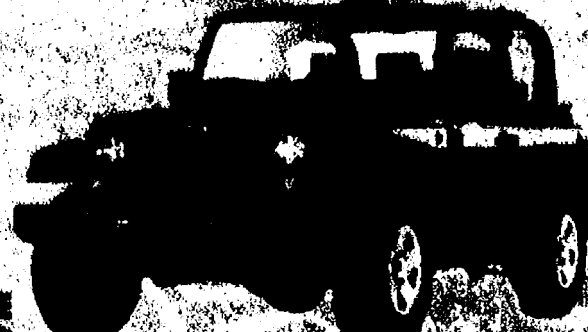
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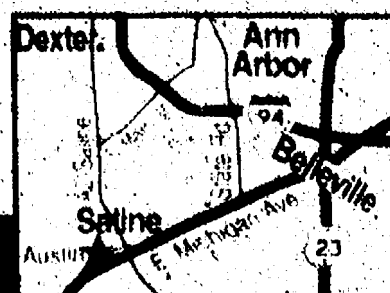
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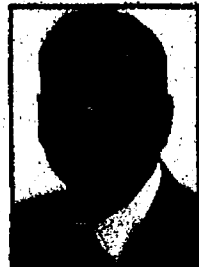
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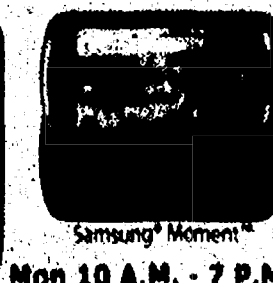
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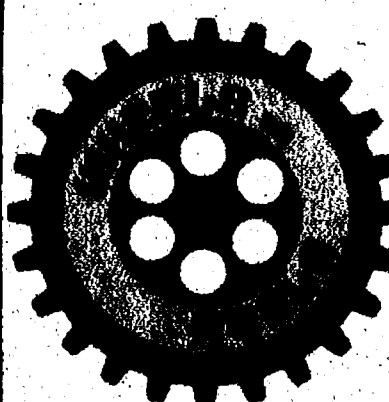
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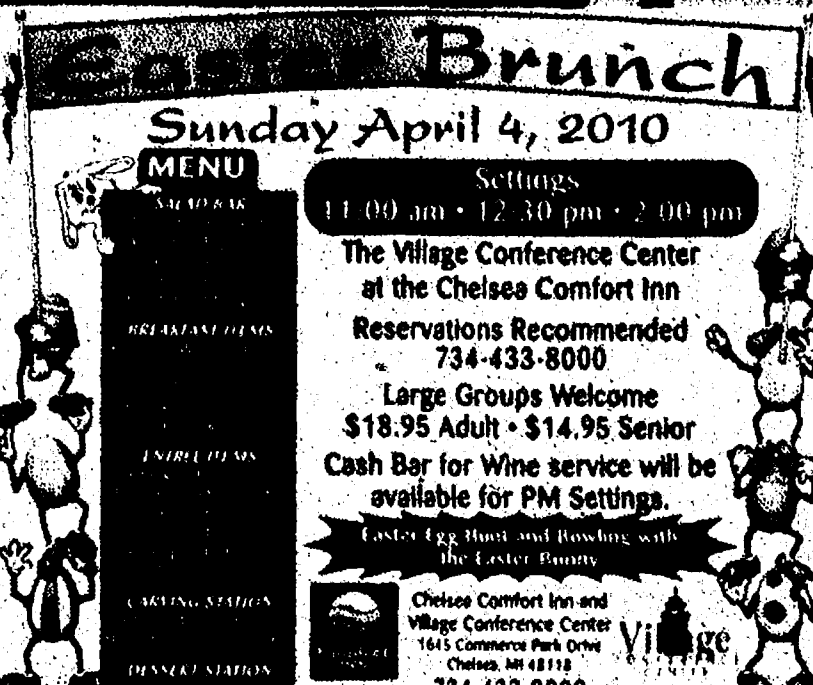
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Newest fact of life is big deficits

By Anne Pilon
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The state of public schools today is drastically different from five, 10 and 15 years ago.

Every year, public schools are forced to increase class sizes, cut programs and come up with new ways to save money. Every district in the area has been forced to make cuts. Whether laying off teachers or closing buildings, the picture is bleak for public schools in southeastern Michigan.

"If there's anyone who is doing well right now, I'd like to meet them," Southgate Supt. David Peden said in February. "We declared a financial emergency about a month ago, so our financial situation is not good at all, just like everyone else."

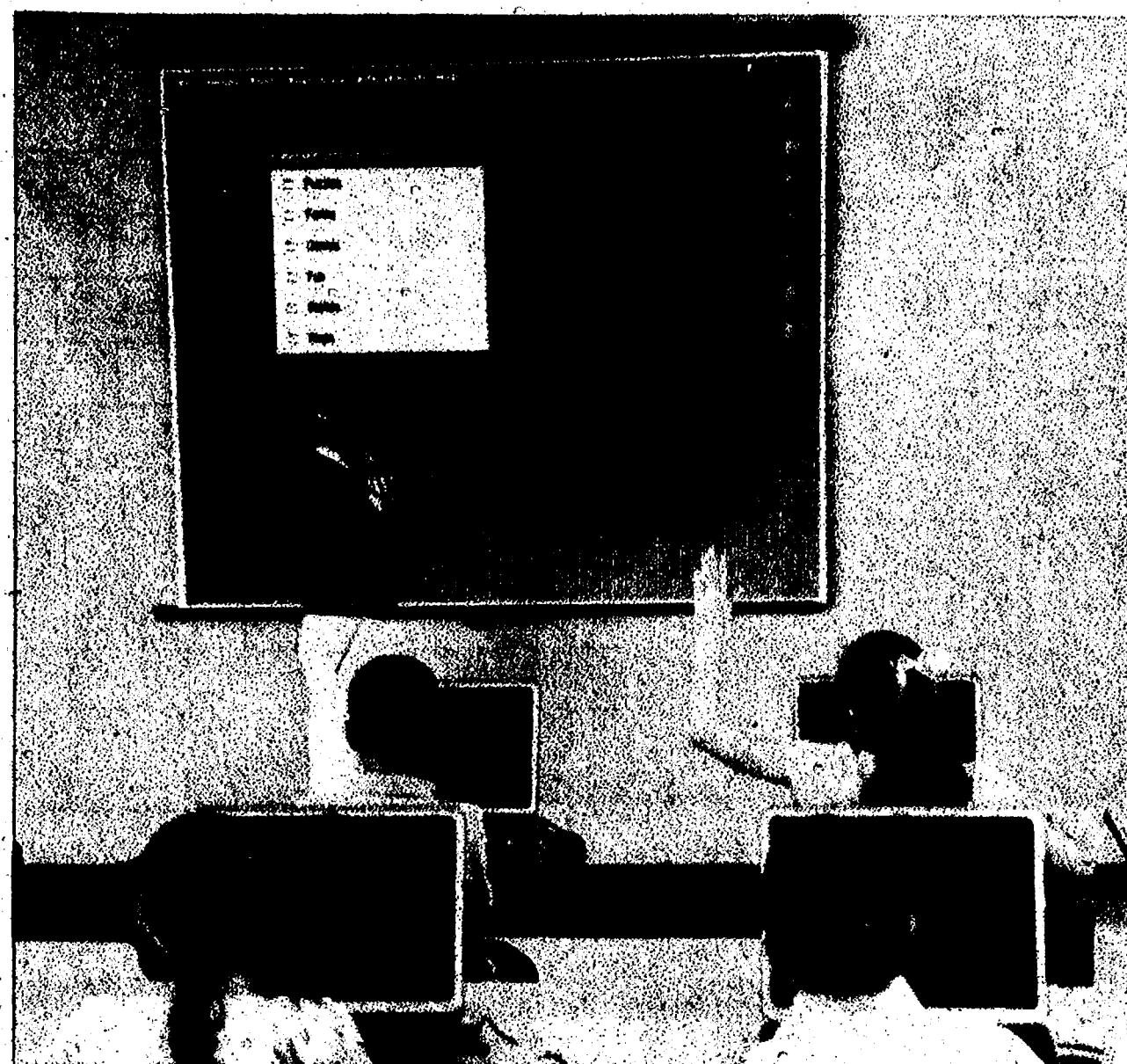
Many districts are facing deficits and several — including Saline, Wyandotte and Trenton — have resorted to closing schools to cut costs. Other districts such as Ypsilanti are in the process of making similar decisions.

While not every district has declared a financial emergency or has had to close schools, and not every district is necessarily in a deficit, all districts in this area are struggling to make ends meet and minimize layoffs while still striving to help students in every way possible.

"We'll continue to do our best to improve programs while cutting costs," Trenton Supt. John Savel said. "It's going to be difficult, but we've done it for the past several years and we'll do whatever we can to create the best possible opportunities for our students."

So what exactly are these districts doing to try to secure the financial futures of their districts?

For many, it has been com-



ing up with creative solutions to save money and increase revenue.

"So, in this situation you can do two things," said Jeffrey Bartold, superintendent of Dearborn Heights District No. 7. "First, you can cut programs; but if you do that, you have to think about who will want to go to your school if you don't have any programs to offer. Alternatively, you can try to generate revenue."

"Ninety percent of our funding comes from the state, so we don't really have much of a say in that. But we just approved an unlimited schools-of-choice program, so we'll accept any kids who want to attend school in our district. Any extra kids who come to our district generate extra revenue, so that's really the biggest thing we're doing to try to get some extra funding for our students."

Because the overwhelming

bulk of educational funding is from state government, there isn't much administrators can do to generate revenue without some kind of state support. And that support has not come through to their satisfaction in recent years.

"In general, the problem Michigan is facing is an extremely poorly crafted school funding plan," said David Houle, treasurer and chief financial officer for Ypsilanti Public Schools. "When it was passed, the public had a couple of options, but, unfortunately, they were both bad choices. So we disconnected school funding from a relatively stable property tax base and attached it to sales tax, which is extremely volatile."

"So, we basically took kids and their future and their education and tied it to something that has the caprice that tax revenues off sales tax can have. Of course, this was a relatively

easy choice back in 1994 when the economy was booming, but it was no plan for the future."

The funding plan he speaks of is Proposal A, which voters approved statewide in 1994. Proposal A was designed to change the way public schools were funded by taking the revenue from sales taxes rather than property taxes, which were becoming burdensome for many.

Since the economic downturn of the past couple of years, however, revenue from sales tax has decreased dramatically, taking public school funding down with it.

"All these districts are failing, so you can see that it hasn't really done what it was supposed to do," Bartold said. "Our revenue is supposed to be generated mainly by sales tax; but when people are out of work, they're not really going to buy things, so that hurts us."

Some say it's not the proposal

itself that's the problem, but that it's just another result of a failing Michigan economy.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with Proposal A itself," Dearborn Supt. Brian Whiston said. "It's just that it's not being funded like it was supposed to."

"If the state doesn't start to fund it, then they're going to need to come up with something else or we're all going to be in a lot of trouble. Lansing just needs to come up with a new funding structure to smooth out the education funding in this state."

But not everyone is so understanding when it comes to Proposal A.

"We've hated it since day one," Wyandotte Supt. Patricia Cole said. "We've had to make cuts every year since 1994."

"We're hoping the state or federal government passes legislation to help us so that we won't have to make such devastating cuts. We really don't have many more places where we can make cuts."

When the proposal was passed, the goal was to even out funding for schools throughout the state, so that some districts would not receive so much more than others. However, attaching school revenue to the sales tax, which is 6 percent, instead of property taxes has made the funding structure volatile.

"The instability (of Proposal A) has been really tough to deal with," Saline Supt. Scot Graden said. "I know this downturn has been difficult for everyone, but it's been really tough for us to not know what our finances look like because they're based on tax revenue that's completely unstable."

This instability caused major problems with the state budget last year, in turn forcing districts to start the school year not knowing how much money they had to work with.

"We need to hold legislators accountable for passing the budget on time before the school year starts," Wyandotte's Cole said. "Last year, they didn't pass it until October or November, and our school year starts July 1."

"So, it's very difficult for us to begin operating on what we think we're going to get, and then we find out we don't have it. It's scary. We're very worried

for next year especially. It could be devastating."

Many superintendents share Cole's worries for the coming years. With most financial decisions out of the districts' control, their fates lie with state lawmakers — and that's not giving them a lot of confidence.

Ypsilanti Public Schools' treasurer is among those with concerns — but he has confidence, as well.

"In my opinion, there's this mania to reduce taxes," Houle said, "and because of that we've set up this financial catastrophe where there's not enough revenue to support public services, but we still want those public services. We just want the money to come from somewhere else."

"We as a society really need to re-evaluate how much we value public education for our children. If it's anything as meaningful as many people profess it to be, then we need to walk the walk and come up with a way to adequately fund schools."

But a total transformation is not going to happen overnight. Educators agree that it will take a lot of time, hard work and sacrifice from all parties involved.

"I'm very confident that we'll come out of this," Houle said. "It will take a lot of difficult decisions and a modest amount of shared sacrifice. By that, I mean the kinds of things in our plan such as 3 percent wage decreases."

"But those are things that people in other industries have been doing for years. I know it's definitely a different situation for some of the staff, but all in all a 3 percent wage decrease is a much more acceptable sacrifice than driving this district into ruin."

Even with the problems in Lansing and the overwhelming deficits many districts are facing, superintendents remain confident that their districts with come out of this downturn just as strong and effective in educating their students.

"Long term, I know we will continue to be a great district," Saline's Graden said. "Achievement will remain high and the staff will remain dedicated to helping students. Right now, we just have to try our best to manage our finances and keep looking forward."

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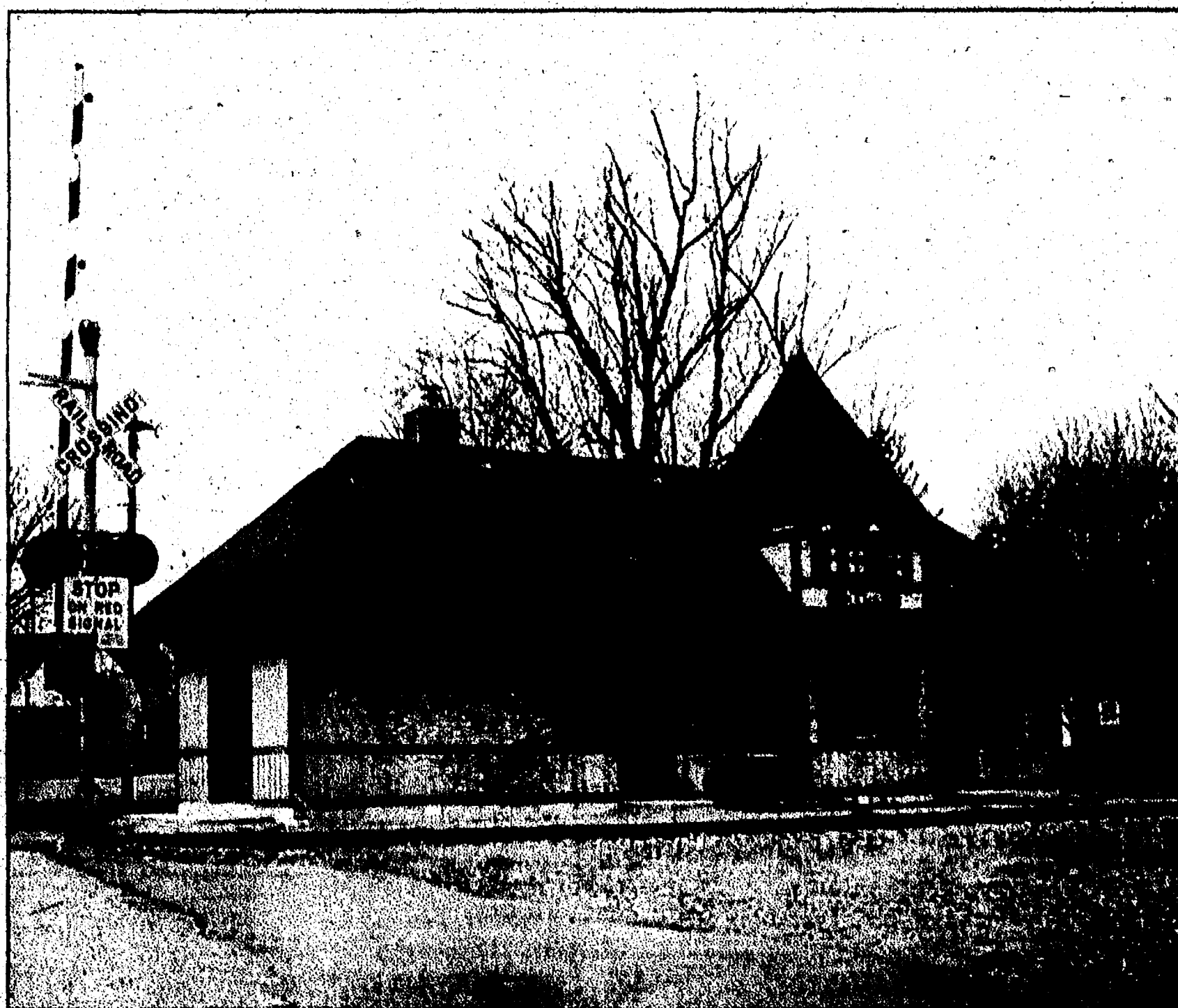
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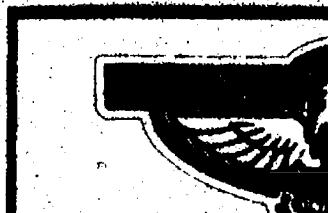
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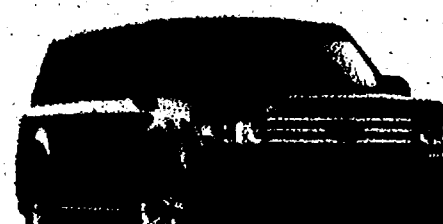
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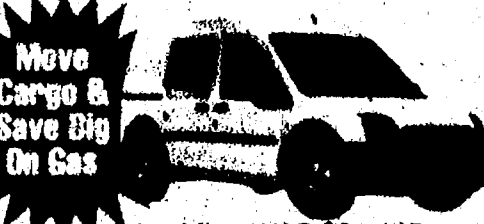
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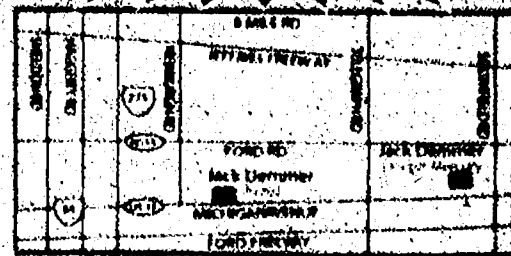
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HAVING A BALL



BY TERRY JACOBY

It was still a good Friday for Chelsea HS sports

Matt Darr and Dan Hudson took a seat Friday afternoon behind a table underneath Compuware Arena. Their jerseys were blue, their faces a bit red and their expressions gray.

A few hours later in Chelsea, Brennan Darwin sat alone on the Bulldogs' bench. He didn't want to leave because he knew this would be the last time he would ever sit in this gym wearing a basketball jersey.

Chelsea hockey and basketball players were dealing with losing the best they could on Friday.

Same feeling, but different circumstances.

It would be easy to say that as good as Wednesday was for Chelsea sports, Friday was the opposite. On Wednesday, the hockey team rallied from a 3-1 deficit to beat Riverview Gabriel Richard in a state quarterfinal game. That same night in Chelsea, the boys' basketball team upset Ypsilanti Willow Run in a district semifinal game.

It was a great day for the Bulldogs.

And even though both teams lost on Friday, one must consider that the hockey team went much further in the state playoffs than anyone would have thought when the season started. So as disappointing as it is to lose, the hockey players can hold their heads high after a tremendous year.

And the basketball team?

Same result, different circumstances.

The Bulldogs came into Friday night's district final with Milan playing the role of favorite. Sure there is no line in high school sports, but Chelsea came in with a better record, a more experienced team and confidence after knocking off a talented Willow Run team two nights earlier. Milan came in after beating Ann Arbor Skyline, a team with no juniors or seniors on the roster.

Few people gave Milan a chance. Then again, the Bulldogs didn't have to look far to see that upsets happen in high school sports. All they had to do was look in the bleachers and see the hockey players sitting there. "Few people gave them much of a chance against Jackson Lumen Christi or Riverview Gabriel Richard and we know how those games turned out."

And that's why we play these

Milan knocks out Chelsea Bulldogs let 12-point lead slip away

By Terry Jacoby
 Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea's Charlie McCalla opened the fourth quarter against Milan the same way he opened the first quarter and second quarter - with a three-pointer. His triple to start the final period gave the Bulldogs a 40-28 lead Friday night in a district final at Chelsea.

What happened after that didn't just surprise about everyone in the gym, it sent a young basketball team to the regionals and helped revitalize a program that was 3-39 over the past two years.

"Tonight, we were better at what we do than they were at what they do," Milan coach Josh Tropea said. "Chelsea is a program we aspire to be like, and I'm a young coach who someday hopes to be like (Chelsea)

coach (Robin) Raymond. This was a big win for our program and our kids deserve all the credit."

Over the course of the final 8 minutes of basketball, the Big Reds showed that the future was now and that the Bulldogs could do little to stop a group of young men ready to throw a coming-out party.

Chelsea may have started the quarter with a commanding lead, but when the dust settled, it was Milan celebrating a 53-50 district championship. The Big Reds scored 25 points in the fourth quarter - after scoring 28 in the first three quarters - to pull off the upset and win the school's first district title since 1995.

Andre Duffin (30 points) and CJ Luvene (17) combined for 47 of Milan's 53 points, including 23 of

Milan's 25 fourth-quarter points.

"I knew it was going to be a tough game so I knew I had to play hard," said Duffin, a 6-foot sophomore. "Everybody was telling me to do it (take over the game), so I just did it."

Duffin, who played freshman basketball last season, showed that he has adjusted to the varsity game.

"The game here is a lot faster and it took me some time to get used to it," he said. "But I've been getting better and better as the season went on."

He was certainly better than anyone on the floor Friday night.

The Big Reds went to the free-throw line 23 times during the



Photo by Burrill Strong

It was a tough loss for Charlie McCalla and Chelsea.

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'It was a great run'

Bulldogs reach semis before losing to Powers



Photos by Burrill Strong

ABOVE: Chelsea players celebrate a goal last Wednesday in a comeback win over Riverview Gabriel Richard at the Allen Park Ice Arena. **RIGHT:** Goalie Matt Darr makes a save in the semifinal game Friday at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.



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With a little more than 10 minutes left in the second period, the lights at Compuware Arena went out during the Division 3 hockey semifinal game between Chelsea and Flint Powers Catholic. Unfortunately for Chelsea, the lights on the scoreboard didn't go out.

Flint Powers Catholic showed what the power stands for in a 4-0 victory over the "Cinderella" story Bulldogs Friday afternoon in Plymouth. Flint Powers, ranked among the best all season, came in sporting a 23-2-3 record and won their three regional games by a combined score of 21-3.

"They came out playing a lot more physical than we expected," Chelsea's Dan Hudson said. "We tried to come out and play physical, but I think they came out and hit us a little harder than we expected. They played a great game."

Chelsea won each of its last two games by one goal after comebacks in the third period. The Bulldogs finished a historical season with a 14-13-2 record. But they peaked at the right time - playoff time.

Chelsea won the pre-regional with a 6-1 victory over Gabriel Richard and a 4-3 win over rival Jackson Lumen Christi to advance to the regional.

In an amazing game that featured five goals scored in the final 5:33 of regulation - including one by each team in the final 38.7 seconds - the Bulldogs rallied for a 4-3 win over the Falcons in a Division III Regional final at the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea.

For the first time in school history, Chelsea was regional champion and headed to the state quarterfinal. It was the Bulldogs' fifth time in 10 years to reach the regional final - the other four times the season ended there.

But the Bulldogs were not content on winning a regional. In the state quarterfinal game on Wednesday (see

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CHELSEA BULLDOGS HOCKEY TEAM'S 'GREAT RUN'



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story). Chelsea rallied from a 3-1 deficit to beat Riverview Gabriel Richard 4-3 to advance to Friday's quarterfinal game with Flint Powers.

"People were doubting us at the start of the season because of how many guys we had lost from the previous year," said Hudson, a senior captain. "One of our team goals we made at the start of the season was to win a regional final and we did that. The record might not show it, but to overcome the adversity we faced and to reach a state semifinal proved that we had a great season."

Senior goalie Matt Darr, who was outstanding during the playoffs, agreed with Hudson.

"After we lost our top two lines from last year, no one thought we would come out and have the season like we did," Darr said. "It was a great season."

The Bulldogs, who lost to Powers 5-2 earlier in the season, played a strong first period. Darr made several nice stops and the game was fairly even, back-and-forth hockey.

But with 3:43 to play, Nik Keene took a shot from just inside the blue line that hit Darr's glove, but trickled out and bounced into the net for a 1-0 Powers lead.

The Chargers outshot the Bulldogs 11-4 in the period. The second period is when Powers flexed its muscle. Penalties on the Bulldogs didn't help Chelsea's cause. Darr made a great stop on a hard shot by Brendon Szczepaniak, but a few seconds later Spencer Spurlin scored to make it 2-0 with 12:17 to play in the period. Just 32 seconds later, Andrew Lay scored to make it 3-0.

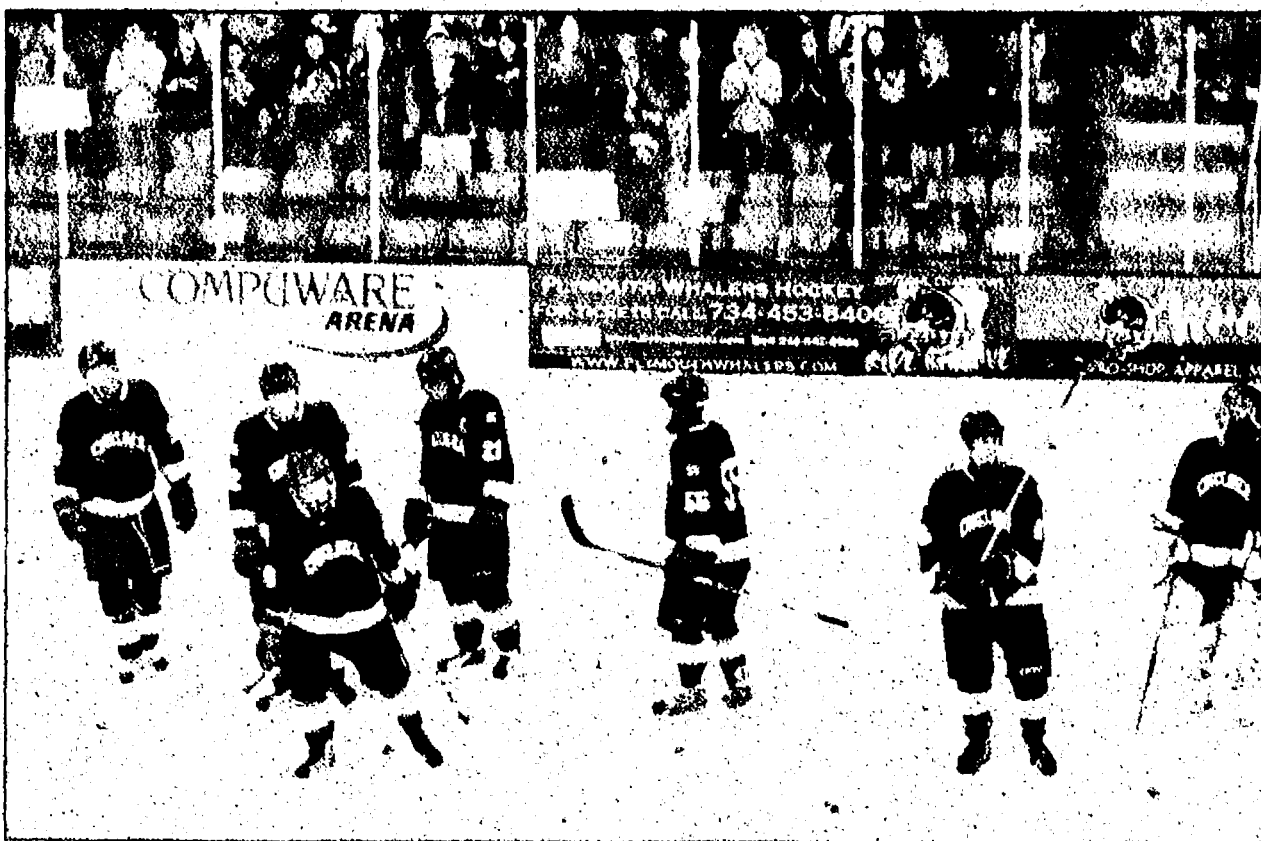
On Lay's goal, a Chelsea defenseman fell down giving the senior a clear path to the net and he ripped one past a defenseless Darr. After a 15-minute break because of problems with the lights inside the arena, the Chargers lit up the scoreboard again with a goal from Spurlin. The Bulldogs had just killed a penalty, but before their player could get back on the ice, Spurlin beat Darr for his second goal of the game.

There would be no Chelsea comeback this time as neither team scored in the third period. Powers outshot Chelsea 30-9 for the game.

Chelsea coach Don Wright was proud of how his team responded to one tough chal-



TOP: Chelsea celebrates the game-winning goal against Riverview Gabriel Richard. ABOVE: Chelsea's Dan Hudson heads off the ice after losing to Flint Powers. BELOW: The seven seniors from the Chelsea hockey team thank the fans for the last time on Friday afternoon in Plymouth.



enge after another.

"The last four games of the season, we only scored three goals," he said. "We were going along good up until that point and then for some reason, we couldn't score. I have never seen anything like that before. So we focused a lot on putting the puck on net and also playing as

a group, instead of as individuals."

That team concept obviously paid off.

"Last year, we had the two leading scorers in the state and have had some really talented players the previous years," Wright said. "But this year we had more of a team, and I

really think that's what made the difference in our run here. We've been getting goals from different lines, from freshmen, sophomores and seniors. We just played as a team and everyone contributed."

Everyone contributed to a great and historical run for the Chelsea hockey program.

Wild win sends Chelsea to semi's

By Terry Jacoby

Heritage Newspapers

The Chelsea Bulldogs may have used the same script from the regional final, but there is nothing boring about the show these Bulldogs are putting on during their amazing run through the Division 3 hockey state playoffs.

Not only were the comeback kids trailing 3-1 with a little more than seven minutes to play against Riverview Gabriel Richard in Wednesday night's quarterfinal game at Allen Park, they were trying to kill off a penalty. While the Richard fans may have been looking forward and texting directions to Compuware Arena for Friday's semifinal game, the Bulldogs were looking back, remembering Saturday's incredible comeback.

The Bulldogs reached this game by winning a game they had trailed in not once, but twice during the final five minutes. Chelsea doesn't stop playing when there is 38 seconds left on the clock. Just ask Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

So, seven minutes is a lifetime. Just ask Gabriel Richard.

The Bulldogs, which is proving to be more than just a nickname for this group of young men, ended up scoring three goals and killing a power play in the final few minutes to knock off Richard 4-3 and advance to Friday's semifinal game against Flint Powers Catholic (see preview story).

Despite the basketball team playing at the same time, the Chelsea bleachers were packed and loud throughout the game.

"We let them get the momentum in the second period,"

Chelsea coach Don Wright said. "They really took it to us in that second period. What we talked about before the third period was that we had to get back that momentum that I thought we had in the first period."

The Bulldogs did start to play better midway through the third period, but didn't fully get the momentum back until they scored their second goal. Often times you can point to one play as a turning point and there was little doubt that Jacob Ryan's goal with 7:02 to play was that moment in this game.

"They were really trying to shut things down in the first half of that third period," Wright said. "The play Jacob Ryan made really turned this game. They were calling a penalty at the time and Jacob just kept going, he didn't stop and getting that goal was big."

Down 3-1 and playing short-handed, Ryan split two defend-

ers and somehow got off a shot that beat Richard goalie Micah Collier to his glove side, finding the top corner. Dan Hudson picked up the assist on the goal.

The Bulldogs were now down only one goal. They were down one goal with 38 seconds left to SMCC and scored to force overtime on Saturday. But this wasn't going to be easy, and less than a minute later, things got even tougher when Chelsea was called for a second penalty and forced to play two men down for 31 seconds.

They were able to kill the first one and Hudson even got off a great shot playing short one man with 5:21 to play. At 5:10, Richard was called for a holding penalty and the teams would play four-on-four for more than a minute. Thirty seconds later, the game was tied when Chelsea sophomore Anthony Catalina scored on a pass from Jason Doyle.

The goals and penalties were now coming at a brisk pace.

After the Chelsea penalty had expired, Richard was called for hooking, giving the Bulldogs a two-man advantage for 43 seconds. They didn't waste the opportunity.

With 3:26 to play, Chelsea's Brad Hepler raced down the left wing, skated in front of the Richard goalie and fired a point-blank shot to the left of Collier, who had no chance on the play. The Bulldogs had come all the way back, erasing a 3-1 deficit to take a 4-3 lead in less than four minutes.

But the time on the clock was now Chelsea's opponent and when the Bulldogs were called for hooking at 3:05, the Richard faithful roared with excitement. Richard still had a player in the penalty box, but would have a man-advantage for 1:11 heading down the stretch.

Chelsea goalie Matt Darr made a terrific save on a slap shot from the point and the Chelsea defense did the rest, fighting off the penalty to cap off another incredible comeback.

The Bulldogs started off a little sluggish in the opening minutes, but took control and really dominated the first period. After Darr made a great save on a two-on-one break with 40 seconds left, Ryan, who is only a freshman, scored his first goal of the game with just two seconds left in the period to give Chelsea a 1-0 lead. Joe Hewitt earned the assist.

Joe Skrzynski tied the game 1-1 midway through the second period. Richard took a 2-1 lead on a goal by Jake Somenauer with 5:40 left in the second.

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Bulldogs upset Willow Run in semis

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

What a difference a few days can make. On Monday, the Chelsea varsity basketball team struggled with Ida in a district opener and looked nothing like a team ready to make a long run in the state playoffs. And for those who stuck around and watched Ipsilanti Willow Run play in the second game, the outlook for Chelsea looked even worse.

After holding off Ida in a sloppy game, Chelsea coach Robin Raymond stepped up to the microphone - and the plate - and said, "We can win the next game." Raymond's prediction ended up being a home run.

The Bulldogs set the tempo early, played solid defense and knocked off Willow Run 71-63 Wednesday night. Willow Run cut the lead to 58-56 in the fourth quarter, but like they did all game, the Bulldogs answered with a run of their own to take back control. "We wanted to slow them down but not slow us down," Raymond said. "We felt it was very important to get off to a good start and show Willow Run how the game

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was going to played and not let them set the tempo." The Bulldogs did that, especially on defense.

"We wanted to stop the dribble-drive and force them to kick it out to the wing," Raymond said.

Chelsea led 11-9 after the first quarter and had a 12-point lead at halftime, holding the high-scoring Flyers to just 19 points at the break. Willow Run cut the lead to 46-40 after three quarters, but Chelsea answered the challenge in the fourth quarter.

"They never made a run that we didn't answer," Raymond said. "We always say that if we can control the tempo for 75 percent of the game, we like our chances. And I thought we did that (Wednesday). We did a great job on defense for most of the game. On offense, we did a great job of moving the ball and getting good shots."

Raymond praised Patrick Roberts for taking care of the basketball, something

not easy to do against the kind of pressure Willow Run likes to bring.

"Pat really helped us beat their press," Raymond said. "When he has the ball in his hands, good things usually happen."

Roberts finished with eight points and seven assists - all "good things."

There were several standout performances for the Bulldogs, including from the big men, who came up big in a big spot. "I give a lot of credit to our assistant coach Nick Dyer," Raymond said. "He has spent a lot of time working with our inside guys."

And it paid off on Wednesday.

Jake Steinhauer, who missed a few inside shots on Monday, responded with one of his best games of the season. The sophomore was dominant inside, finishing with 16 points and 15 rebounds. But he had some help underneath. Junior Spencer Mykala had 14 points, and seniors Brennan Darwin and Colton Waterbury each had six points.

Charlie McCalla continued to shoot lights-out. The junior guard made three triples and finished with 13 points.

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games, because you never know. No one really knows.

I will never forget a line my dad said to me one day when we were playing golf. He made a long putt that broke about three different ways. I couldn't believe it. I said, "You have to be kidding me."

He walked up to get his ball and said, "Well, I was trying to make it, you know."

He lined up his putt, took his best shot and made it. He wasn't just going to pick it up and not even try.

The Milan basketball team wasn't about to call Chelsea and say they weren't coming. They showed up, took the court and tried to win. They didn't come thinking they were going to lose. They came thinking that they would at least try to win.

Did Chelsea take them lightly? Were they looking ahead? Were they not prepared?

No. No. And no. Chelsea's longtime and successful coach Robin Raymond wouldn't have allowed for any of those things to happen. So what exactly happened?

The Bulldogs lost to a team that played better than they did on that night. The Big Reds refused to quit. They hung around long enough to

make a run. They had two players who happened to be playing at the top of their game in the second half. The Bulldogs simply couldn't stop them.

Chelsea made some costly mistakes down the stretch. The Bulldogs didn't play one of their better games. Milan played perhaps its best game. And that was the difference. That's what happened.

Earlier in the day, the Chelsea hockey team needed to bring its best game just to stay in the game with Flint Powers. The Bulldogs played well in the first period, but were simply outplayed in the second period by a team that has dominated opponents all season.

There would be no great comeback this time. Not on this day. Not against this team.

But the Bulldogs deserve credit for not only reaching the semifinals, but the way they played against Flint Powers. They came out in the third period and played hard despite the score, the opponent and the situation. It would have been easy to throw in the towel. They did no such thing.

Chelsea hockey and Chelsea basketball. Both teams lost on Friday. Both teams stood there and watched the other team celebrate. Then they went and shook their hands.

Two great programs. Two tough losses. Two class acts.

HOOP

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game, compared to only twice for the Bulldogs. Proof that Milan was simply more aggressive on the offensive end.

"We felt that we controlled the game for three quarters," Raymond said. "Milan was playing to us. They stayed in the game, but we were controlling the tempo."

"Milan got more aggressive on offense in the fourth quarter and we let up on defense. When they got the momentum in the fourth quarter, we were never able to get it back. For the last seven minutes of the game, we were chasing them."

The Big Reds' fourth-quarter comeback began right after McCalla's triple when Duffin knocked down a three at the other end and then hit a jumper to cut the lead to 40-33. The Bulldogs answered with a basket inside from Jake Steinhauer and a layup by Patrick Roberts to push the lead back to double digits.

Duffin capped off a 7-2 Milan run to make it 46-42 with 2:50 to play. After McCalla hit a jumper, Luvene hit a floater inside to answer for Milan. The Bulldogs then turned the ball over and Luvene hit a tough, spinning shot inside and was fouled for a three-point play to cut the Chelsea lead to 48-47 with 1:22 on the clock.

Duffin hit two free throws with 51.9 seconds left to give the



Chelsea players watch the postgame ceremonies Friday night after losing to Milan.

Big Reds their first lead of the game at 49-48. After a Milan free throw, Luvene's steal and layup gave Milan a 52-48 lead with 5.6 seconds left in the game.

Steinhauer scored for Chelsea with 3.1 seconds left, but a desperation shot by the Bulldogs was off the mark as time expired.

"Those two (Duffin and Luvene) did whatever they wanted to do," Raymond said. "I don't want to take anything away from them and they hit some tough shots. But we didn't play very good defense trying to stop them."

Staying close was a key to McCalla helped lead the Bulldogs to a 7-0 start with a

three-pointer and jump shot to open the game. A three-pointer by Duffin helped Milan cut the lead to 13-8 after one quarter.

Duffin helped keep the Big Reds in the game in the second quarter. He scored 11 points in the quarter as Milan trailed 29-22 at halftime.

In a sloppy third quarter by both teams, the Bulldogs finally got things going. A basket underneath by Colton Waterbury gave Chelsea a 35-22 lead. Duffin ended Milan's scoring drought with a jumper with only 2:10 left to go in the period. A nice pass from Mason Borders set up Waterbury inside for an easy layup to give the Bulldogs a 37-28 lead after three quarters.

The game kind of summed up Chelsea's season.

"We played really well at times," Raymond said. "We were young, but we still had quite a few players with varsity experience. The biggest problem we had all season was that when the other team made a run, we couldn't get the momentum back."

And that's exactly what happened Friday night.



Photo by Burrill Strong

Chelsea fans packed the Computware Arena on Friday afternoon.

Swimming & Diving

Bulldogs 29th at states

The Chelsea men's swimming and dive team placed 29th in Division III finals.

The Chelsea boys' swimming and diving team was led by the outstanding performance of Colby Wrathall at this year's swimming and diving state Division 3 finals at Eastern Michigan University this past weekend.

Colby Wrathall exceeded his goal of placing at this year's state championships placing ninth overall. "The junior dove exceptionally well under the pressure of the meet putting himself amongst the state's elite divers," coach Dave Jolly said.

Wrathall scored 334.95 points in the 11-dive competition.

Chelsea's 200 medley relay team of Nick Deppner, John Skidmore, Andrew Wickens and Nick Burris improved on their SEC championship time dropping to 1:47.24 and placed 18th overall just outside the top 16 which earns swimmers the honor of competing the second day.

Burris was back up in the 50 freestyle where the freshman got a taste of the high caliber sprinters across the state. Burris placed 27th overall with a solid time of 23.62. Andrew Wickens also did a nice job swimming a 59.61 in the 100-butterfly which earned him 34th place.

John Skidmore was the last individual event swimmer for the Bulldogs. His time of 1:07.50 was a solid time as well earning the

senior a 35th place overall. In the 200 freestyle relay, Chelsea's Burris, Wickens, Jacob Bogarin and Logan Simpson swam to a respectable 1:35.16 which earned the quartet a second overall finish.

The last of the events that the Bulldogs participated in was the 400 freestyle relay. Burris, Bogarin, Wickens and Deppner combined for a 3:32.73. Their time was a season best and earned them 23rd overall.

Chelsea finished the meet in 29th place overall as a team. Michael Heydlauff and John Skidmore are the only graduating seniors from this year's state meet team. The rest of the athletes will be back which bodes quite well for next year's squad.

Divers experience up, down state meet

Last Tuesday senior diver Michael Heydlauff, junior diver Colby Wrathall and sophomore diver Rob Everard competed in the MHSAA regional diving qualification meet at Haslett High School. Placing in the top 12 qualifies a diver for the state diving meet.

Heydlauff finished as regional runner-up with an All-American diving consideration score of 426.95 points while Wrathall finished fifth with 333.30 points and Everard finished in 19th place with 141.40 points.

"Both Michael and Colby had a goal to be in the top 12 and Robby wanted to make the first cut. All the divers had an outstanding day in accomplishing their goals," said Bulldog diving coach Eric Burris.

Everard, a first year diver, ended his season with the unbelievable, by making it to regionals.

"Rob had a great year," Burris

said. "When he started diving, I never would have thought that he would get 11 dives, let alone make it to the regional meet. Making it that far into the season is a great accomplishment for him."

On Friday at the MHSAA Division 3 state swim and dive meet, divers complete five dives before the field of 36 is cut down to the top 20 divers by score. The remaining divers do their next three dives and the top 16 come back on Saturday.

Wrathall placed ninth with a score of 334.95 points.

"Colby had a great first day to put himself in a position to accomplish his goal of making it to Saturday," Burris said. "He was surprised with how well his first few dives went and from there he continued to dive like he belonged at the state finals. His goal went from making the finals to making All-State honors, but just fell a little short. This will be a great motivator for his upcoming senior season."

Placing in the top eight at the state meet earns All-State

honors.

Heydlauff did not fair as well, placing 25th with a score of 130.25 points.

"Michael had an off dive early as did many of the diving favorites for the state championship," Burris said. "His day just ended a little earlier than expected. Michael will learn from this and use it at the college level. His diving days are not over; but we are both disappointed that his hard work the last four years will not be ending on a high note."

Heydlauff ended his high school diving career with the Chelsea varsity and pool record. He also was a four-time state qualifier, regional champion and SEC white division champion all four years.

"His leadership and work ethic will be missed on the diving team next year," Burris said. "Michael is a great person and will be successful in all of his endeavors in life. I look forward to watching his future diving career."

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from property tax under section 203 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 207.1, please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Thongphet Keomankhoth and Bouachanh Keomankhoth, Husband and Wife and Sone Sadakorn and Chundra Johnson, as Husband and Wife and Phet Sadakorn, a single man, to LNB Commercial Capital Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 27, 2007 and recorded May 7, 2007 in Liber 4623 Page 559 Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment dated June 29, 2007 and recorded August 17, 2007 in Liber 4640, Page 760, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$384,473.87) including interest 4.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in this 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, Circuit Court of Washtenaw County at 10:00AM on April 15, 2010. Said premises are situated in City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 374 and 375, College Heights Subdivision Number One, a part of the south half of Section 5, Ypsilanti Township, (now City of Ypsilanti), Washtenaw County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 6 of Plats on Pages 43 and 44, Washtenaw County Records. Commonly known as 1512 Washington Ave., Ypsilanti MI 48197. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241(c), whichever is later. Dated: 3/18/2010 Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys: Polastivo & Associates, PC 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 10-22328 ASAP# 3490114, 03/18/2010, 03/25/2010, 04/01/2010, 04/08/2010

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION OPPORTUNITY Borrower(s): Sherman Beach Property Address: 140 Milan Oakville Road, Milan, MI 48160 Pursuant to MCL 600.3205, please be advised of the following: You have a right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The name of the firm designated as the representative of the mortgage servicer is: Randall S. Miller & Associates, PC, and designee can be contacted at the address and phone number below. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or by calling 1-800-A-SHELT-ER. 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round. If a meeting is requested with the designee shown above, foreclosure proceedings will NOT be commenced until 90 days after the date the notice mailed to you on 03/12/2010. If an agreement is reached to modify your 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. The website for the Michigan State Bar Lawyer Referral Service is: http://www.michbar.org/programs/lawyerreferral.cfm and the toll free number is 800-968-0738. You may bring an action in circuit court if you are required by law to be served notice and foreclosure proceedings are commenced, without such notice having been served upon you. If you have previously agreed to modify your mortgage loan within the past twelve (12) months under the terms of the above statute, you are not eligible to participate in this program unless you have complied with the terms of the mortgage loan as modified. Notice given by: Randall S. Miller, Randall S. Miller & Associates, PC, 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 313-583-3336 (Loan Modification Dept.) loanmods@millerlaw.biz Case No. 100MI00344-1 Dated: March 18, 2010. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS OFFICE MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 3485711 03/18/2010

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Gerald F. Danforth and Vanessa A. Danforth, Husband and Wife to CitiMortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2004 and recorded December 6, 2004 in Liber 4442 Page 934 Washtenaw County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Dollars and Seventy-Cents (\$231,970.74) including interest 5.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in this 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, Circuit Court of Washtenaw County at 10:00AM on April 8, 2010. Said premises are situated in Township of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the corner common to the sections 30 and 31, town 3 south, range 7 east, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and sections 25 and 36, town 3 south, range 6 east, Pittsfield Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, thence north in the section line common to said sections 25 and 30, which is also the centerline of Munger Road, 155.82 feet to the Place of beginning, thence south 80 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west 264.62 feet (previously and erroneously shown as 231.11 feet), thence north 90 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds east 260.60 feet to the east line of said section 25, thence south along said east line 144.18 feet to the place of beginning, being a part of the east one half of the southeast one quarter of said section 25. Commonly known as 6980 Munger Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241(c), whichever is later. Dated: 3/17/2010 CitiMortgage, Inc. Mortgage Attorneys: Polastivo & Associates, PC 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 10-21021 ASAP# 3479452, 03/17/2010, 03/18/2010, 03/25/2010, 04/01/2010

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, PC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Linda Rose Carnick, A Single Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Home123 Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2007 and recorded on February 28, 2007 in Liber 4609, Page 912, Washtenaw County Records, said mortgage was assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2007-HE4, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates by an Assignment of Mortgage which has been submitted to the Washtenaw County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty and 62/100 (\$142,260.62) including interest at the rate of 8.72500% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in this 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 place of holding the Circuit Court in said Washtenaw County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on March 25, 2010. Said premises are situated in the Township of Augusta, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Northeast Corner of Lot 1 of Gott's Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 11 of Plats, Page 64, Washtenaw County Records, thence South 89 Degrees 52 Minutes 20 Seconds East 116.80 feet to the West Line of a 33 Foot wide street, thence along the West line of the street South 0 Degrees 40 Minutes 00 Seconds East 127.00 Feet, thence West 116.35 Feet to the East line of Gott's Subdivision, thence along the East line of said Subdivision North 0 Degrees 51 Minutes 00 Seconds West 127.27 Feet to the Point of beginning. Commonly known as: 9066 Augusta Street. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: February 25, 2010. Randall S. Miller & Associates, PC Attorneys for HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust and for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2007-HE4, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-335-9200 Case No. 100MI0085-1 ASAP# 3461855 02/25/2010, 03/04/2010, 03/11/2010, 03/18/2010

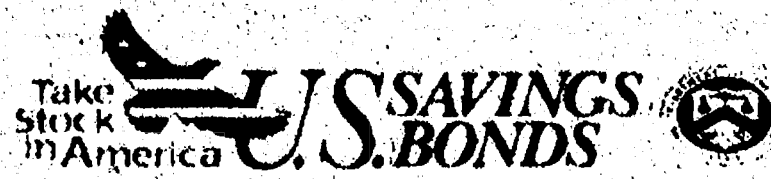
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
LEARMAN, SAROW, BIRCHLER, FITZHUGH & PURTELL, PLLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
The mortgage described below is in default.
Mortgage made by Dionigi G. DeLuca and Sharon J. DeLuca, husband and wife, to GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA mortgagee in a mortgage dated February 21, 2007, and recorded in the office of the Washtenaw County Register of Deeds on March 23, 2007, at Liber 4815, page 878, of Washtenaw County Records. The balance claimed owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is One Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-one and 90/100 (\$192,941.90) 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, April 15, 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 9%, 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 Northfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan and described as follows: to-wit:
Commencing at an iron pipe monument in the E line of Section 19, Town 1 South, Range 6 East, Northfield Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, 150.88 feet North of the East 1/4 post of said Section thence Westerly deflecting 90 degrees 13 minutes 40 seconds to the left from the section line, 156.45 feet to the centerline of U.S. 23 and the arc of a circular curve concave to the West of radius, 8594.42 feet, thence Northwesterly along the centerline of U.S. 23 and the arc of said curve subtended by a chord that deflects 50 degrees 50 minutes to the right from the last mentioned course 148.55 feet, thence Easterly 250.54 feet to a point on the East line of said Section 115.61 feet North of the place of beginning, thence South 115.61 feet along the East line of said Section to the place of beginning and being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of section
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 March 11, 2010
GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, Mortgagee
Drafted by
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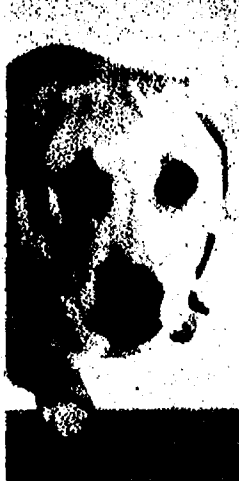
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made
in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kirk
Findlay and Karen Findlay, husband and
wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a
California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated Au-
gust 10, 2006 and recorded August 14, 2006
in Liber 4575, Page 747, Washtenaw County
Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now
held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for
ABFC 2006-0PT3 Trust, ABFC Asset-
Backed Certificates, Series 2006-0PT3 by
assignment. There is claimed to be due at the
date hereof the sum of One Hundred
Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-
Four and 14/100 Dollars (\$193,764.14) in-
cluding interest at 8.9% per annum. Under
the power of sale contained in said mortgage
and the statute in such case made and pro-
vided, notice is hereby given that said mort-
gage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mort-
gaged premises, or some part of them, at
public venue 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 APRIL 8,
2010. Said premises are located in the City
of Chelsea, Washtenaw County, Michigan,
and are described as Lot 13, Glazier, Wilkin-
son and Tuttle Addition to the Village (now
city) of Chelsea, according to the plat there-
of, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 48,
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 PUR-
CHASERS: The foregoing 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: March
11, 2010. Orsani Associates, P.C. Attorneys for
Servicer, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041.
ASAP# 347904 03/11/2010, 03/18/2010,
03/25/2010, 04/01/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made
in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ar-
thur B. Chubb and Bonita A. Chubb, husband
and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and
lender's successors and/or assigns, Mort-
gagee, dated June 6, 2006 and recorded
June 19, 2006 in Liber 4564, Page 806,
Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said
mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Na-
tional Trust Company as Indenture Trustee
for American Home Mortgage Investment
Trust 2007-A, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Se-
ries 2007-A by assignment. There is claimed
to be due at the date hereof the sum of Nine
Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Eight Hun-
dred Five and 17/100 Dollars (\$947,805.17)
including interest at 7.625% per annum. Un-
der the power of sale contained in said mort-
gage 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 venue 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 APRIL 8,
2010. Said premises are located in the Town-
ship of Webster, Washtenaw County, Michigan,
and are described as Parcel A, a parcel of land in the Southeast-
quarter of Section 33, Town 1 South, Range 5
East, Webster Township, Washtenaw County,
Michigan, described as Commencing at the South
one-quarter corner of said Section 33, thence
North 89 degrees 56 minutes 02 seconds
East 740.83 feet along the South line of said
Section 33 and the centerline of Joy Road to
the Point of Beginning, thence North 01 de-
grees 27 minutes 53 seconds East 994.57
feet, thence North 86 degrees 40 minutes 51
seconds East 157.41 feet, thence South 00
degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds West
1003.28 feet, thence South 89 degrees 56
minutes 02 seconds West 167.50 feet along
said South line and said centerline to the
Point of Beginning. The redemption period
shall be 12 months from the date of such
sale, unless determined abandoned in ac-
cordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case
the redemption period shall be 30 days from
the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS:
The foregoing 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: March 11, 2010.
Orsani Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer,
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made
in the conditions of a mortgage made by
Wylean Y. Lewis, a single woman, to Emi-
grant Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated
February 24, 2006 and recorded March 23,
2006 in Liber 4547, Page 21, Washtenaw
County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is
now held by Retained Realty, Inc. by assign-
ment. There is claimed to be due at the date
hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-
Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and 23/100
Dollars (\$178,077.23) including interest at
9.125% 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 fore-
closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises,
or some part of them, at public venue at the
or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County
Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Ar-
bor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at
10:00 a.m. on APRIL 1, 2010. Said premises
are located in the Township of Ypsilanti,
Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are de-
scribed as Lot 17, Ford Lake Heights Subdi-
vision, as recorded in Liber 22 of Plats, Page
11 through 13, Washtenaw County Records.
The redemption period shall be 6 months
from the date of such sale, unless deter-
mined abandoned in accordance with MCLA
600.3241a, in which case the redemption pe-
riod 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 prop-
erty, please contact our office as you may have
certain rights. Dated: March 11, 2010. Orsani
Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer, P.O.
Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041. ASAP#
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made
in the conditions of a mortgage made by
James Kwiatkowski and Stephanie Kwiat-
kowski, husband and wife, to Emigrant Mor-
tage Company, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July
16, 2003 and recorded July 28, 2003 in Liber
4289, Page 783, Washtenaw County
Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now
held by Retained Realty, Inc. by assignment.
There is claimed to be due at the date hereof
the sum of Three Hundred Sixty-One Hun-
dred Seven Hundred Twenty-Two and
31/100 Dollars (\$361,722.31) including inter-
est at 5.375% 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 fore-
closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises,
or some part of them, at public venue at the
or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County
Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Ar-
bor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at
10:00 a.m. on APRIL 8, 2010. Said premises
are located in the Township of Ypsilanti,
Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are de-
scribed as Parcel Number 8, Commencing at the North 1/4 corner
of Section 14, Town 4 South, Range 6 East,
York Township, Washtenaw County, Michi-
gan, thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 36
seconds East 2638.48 feet along the North-
South 1/4 line of said Section 14 to the center
of said Section 14, thence South 89 de-
grees 24 minutes 11 seconds West 60.72
feet along the East-West 1/4 line of said Sec-
tion to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence
continuing South 89 degrees 24 minutes 11
seconds West 579.39 feet along said East-
West 1/4 line, thence North 00 degrees 16
minutes 30 seconds West 1616.06 feet to a
point on the Right-of-Way line of a 107 foot
radius cul-de-sac, thence North 00 degrees
04 minutes 03 seconds West 107.00 feet to
the center of said cul-de-sac, same being the
point of termination of a 66 foot wide Private
Road Easement, thence South 35 degrees
59 minutes 40 seconds East 112.39 feet,
thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 30 sec-
onds East 350.00 feet, thence South 22 de-
grees 09 minutes 06 seconds East 1377.78
feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a
part of the East 80 acres of the Northwest
1/4 of Section 14, Town 4 South, Range 6
East, York Township, Washtenaw County,
Michigan. TOGETHER WITH AND SUB-
JECT TO a 66 foot wide non-exclusive Private
Road easement for ingress and egress
having a centerline described as follows:
Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Sec-
tion 14, Town 4 South, Range 6 East, York
Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan,
thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 30 sec-
onds West 400.00 feet along the North line of
said Section and the centerline of Judd Road
to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence South
00 degrees 16 minutes 39 seconds East
500.00 feet, thence Southwesterly 227.08
feet along the arc of a 327.00 foot radius cir-
cular curve to the right, through a central
angle of 39 degrees 47 minutes 03 seconds,
having a chord which bears South 19 de-
grees 37 minutes 01 seconds West 222.52
feet, thence South 39 degrees 30 minutes 33
seconds West 272.94 feet to the center of a
107 foot radius cul-de-sac, same being the
point of termination of said Private Road
Easement. 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 redem-
ption period shall be 30 days from the date of
such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The fore-
closing 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: March 11, 2010.
Orsani Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer,
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made
in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ar-
thur B. Chubb and Bonita A. Chubb, husband
and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and
lender's successors and/or assigns, Mort-
gagee, dated June 6, 2006 and recorded
June 19, 2006 in Liber 4564, Page 806,
Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said
mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Na-
tional Trust Company as Indenture Trustee
for American Home Mortgage Investment
Trust 2007-A, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Se-
ries 2007-A by assignment. There is claimed
to be due at the date hereof the sum of Nine
Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Eight Hun-
dred Five and 17/100 Dollars (\$947,805.17)
including interest at 7.625% per annum. Un-
der the power of sale contained in said mort-
gage 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 venue 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 APRIL 8,
2010. Said premises are located in the Town-
ship of Webster, Washtenaw County, Michigan,
and are described as Parcel A, a parcel of land in the Southeast-
quarter of Section 33, Town 1 South, Range 5
East, Webster Township, Washtenaw County,
Michigan, described as Commencing at the South
one-quarter corner of said Section 33, thence
North 89 degrees 56 minutes 02 seconds
East 740.83 feet along the South line of said
Section 33 and the centerline of Joy Road to
the Point of Beginning, thence North 01 de-
grees 27 minutes 53 seconds East 994.57
feet, thence North 86 degrees 40 minutes 51
seconds East 157.41 feet, thence South 00
degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds West
1003.28 feet, thence South 89 degrees 56
minutes 02 seconds West 167.50 feet along
said South line and said centerline to the
Point of Beginning. The redemption period
shall be 12 months from the date of such
sale, unless determined abandoned in ac-
cordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case
the redemption period shall be 30 days from
the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS:
The foregoing mortgagee can rescind the sale
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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
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made
in the conditions of a mortgage made by
Shatha K. Kenbar, a single woman, to Mor-
tage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.,
as nominee for lender and lender's successors
and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 22,
2005 and recorded July 28, 2009 in Liber
4745, Page 198, Washtenaw County
Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now
held by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assign-
ment. There is claimed to be due at the date
hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Four
Thousand Two Hundred and 15/100 Dollars
(\$164,215.15) including interest at
6.5% 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 fore-
closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises,
or some part of them, at public venue at the
or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County
Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Ar-
bor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at
10:00 a.m. on APRIL 1, 2010. Said premises
are located in the Township of Ypsilanti,
Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are de-
scribed as Lot 527, Greene Farms Subdi-
vision Number 6, as recorded in Liber 34, on
Pages 42 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 redem-
ption period shall be 30 days from the date of
such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The fore-
closing 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: March 4, 2010.
Orsani Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer,
P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041. ASAP#
347902 03/04/2010, 03/11/2010, 03/18/2010,
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made
in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lar-
ry E. Frye and Larry E. Frye and spouse, Late-
sha Frye, to Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and
lender's successors and/or assigns, Mort-
gagee, dated December 18, 2006 and
recorded December 22, 2006 in Liber
4598, Page 856, Washtenaw County
Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now
held by Nationalstar Mortgage LLC by assign-
ment. There is claimed to be due at the date
hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Six
Hundred Forty-Two and 06/100 Dollars
(\$82,642.06) including interest at 7.375% 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 venue at the or in the
Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Court-
house Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor,
MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00
a.m. on APRIL 8, 2010. Said premises are
located in the Township of Ypsilanti,
Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are de-
scribed as Lot 8, Westlawn Unit 1, accord-
ing to the Plat therefor, as recorded in Liber
12 of Plats, Page 28 and 29, and revised
Sheet 2, 2 as recorded in Liber 40 of Plats,
Page 37, 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 pe-
riod 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 prop-
erty, please contact our office as you may have
certain rights. Dated: March 11, 2010.
Orsani Associates, P.C. Attorneys for
Servicer, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made
in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ar-
thur B. Chubb and Bonita A. Chubb, husband
and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and
lender's successors and/or assigns, Mort-
gagee, dated June 6, 2006 and recorded
June 19, 2006 in Liber 4564, Page 806,
Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said
mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Na-
tional Trust Company as Indenture Trustee
for American Home Mortgage Investment
Trust 2007-A, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Se-
ries 2007-A by assignment. There is claimed
to be due at the date hereof the sum of Nine
Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Eight Hun-
dred Five and 17/100 Dollars (\$947,805.17)
including interest at 7.625% per annum. Un-
der the power of sale contained in said mort-
gage 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 venue 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 APRIL 8,
2010. Said premises are located in the Town-
ship of Webster, Washtenaw County, Michigan,
and are described as Parcel A, a parcel of land in the Southeast-
quarter of Section 33, Town 1 South, Range 5
East, Webster Township, Washtenaw County,
Michigan, described as Commencing at the South
one-quarter corner of said Section 33, thence
North 89 degrees 56 minutes 02 seconds
East 740.83 feet along the South line of said
Section 33 and the centerline of Joy Road to
the Point of Beginning, thence North 01 de-
grees 27 minutes 53 seconds East 994.57
feet, thence North 86 degrees 40 minutes 51
seconds East 157.41 feet, thence South 00
degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds West
1003.28 feet, thence South 89 degrees 56
minutes 02 seconds West 167.50 feet along
said South line and said centerline to the
Point of Beginning. The redemption period
shall be 12 months from the date of such
sale, unless determined abandoned in ac-
cordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case
the redemption period shall be 30 days from
the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS:
The foregoing 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: March 11, 2010.
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made
in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jac-
queline Cook, a single woman, to Mortgage
Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as
nominee for lender and lender's successors
and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 22,
2005 and recorded April 29, 2005 in Liber
4474, Page 764, Washtenaw County
Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now
held by Citimortgage, Inc. by assignment.
There is claimed to be due at the date hereof
the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand
Two Hundred Seventy-Eight and 43/100 Dol-
lars (\$156,278.43) 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 fore-
closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises,
or some part of them, at public venue at the
or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County
Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Ar-
bor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at
10:00 a.m. on APRIL 1, 2010. Said premises
are located in the Township of Superior,
Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are de-
scribed as Lot 215, Woodland Acres Subdi-
vision Number 4, as recorded in Liber 18 of
Plats, Page 50 and 51, 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 redem-
ption period shall be 30 days from the date of
such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The fore-
closing 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: March 4, 2010.
Orsani Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer,
P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041. ASAP#
347903 03/04/2010, 03/11/2010, 03/18/2010,
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made
in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jer-
ry P. Bue, a single man, to Mortgage Elec-
tronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for
lender and lender's successors and/or assigns,
Mortgagee, dated December 18, 2006 and
recorded December 22, 2006 in Liber
4598, Page 856, Washtenaw County
Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now
held by Nationalstar Mortgage LLC by assign-
ment. There is claimed to be due at the date
hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Six
Hundred Forty-Two and 06/100 Dollars
(\$82,642.06) including interest at 7.375% 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 venue at the or in the
Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Court-
house Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor,
MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan at 10:00
a.m. on APRIL 8, 2010. Said premises are
located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw
County, Michigan, and are described as
Unit 51, Building 13, Wingate Park Condo-
minium, according to the Master Deed re-
corded in Liber 1714, Page 908, Washtenaw
County Records, and any amendments
thereto, and designated as Washtenaw
County Condominium Subdivision Plan Num-
ber 212, together with rights in general com-
mon 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 redem-
ption period shall be 30 days from the date of
such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The fore-
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made
in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ar-
thur B. Chubb and Bonita A. Chubb, husband
and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and
lender's successors and/or assigns, Mort-
gagee, dated June 6, 2006 and recorded
June 19, 2006 in Liber 4564, Page 806,
Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said
mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Na-
tional Trust Company as Indenture Trustee
for American Home Mortgage Investment
Trust 2007-A, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Se-
ries 2007-A by assignment. There is claimed
to be due at the date hereof the sum of Nine
Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Eight Hun-
dred Five and 17/100 Dollars (\$947,805.17)
including interest at 7.625% per annum. Un-
der the power of sale contained in said mort-
gage 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 venue 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 APRIL 8,
2010. Said premises are located in the Town-
ship of Webster, Washtenaw County, Michigan,
and are described as Parcel A, a parcel of land in the Southeast-
quarter of Section 33, Town 1 South, Range 5
East, Webster Township, Washtenaw County,
Michigan, described as Commencing at the South
one-quarter corner of said Section 33, thence
North 89 degrees 56 minutes 02 seconds
East 740.83 feet along the South line of said
Section 33 and the centerline of Joy Road to
the Point of Beginning, thence North 01 de-
grees 27 minutes 53 seconds East 994.57
feet, thence North 86 degrees 40 minutes 51
seconds East 157.41 feet, thence South 00
degrees 51 minutes 40 seconds West
1003.28 feet, thence South 89 degrees 56
minutes 02 seconds West 167.50 feet along
said South line and said centerline to the
Point of Beginning. The redemption period
shall be 12 months from the date of such
sale, unless determined abandoned in ac-
cordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case
the redemption period shall be 30 days from
the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS:
The foregoing 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: March 11, 2010.
Orsani Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer,
P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041. ASAP#
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made
in the conditions of a mortgage made by
James Cornelius Van Spronsen, a married
man and Kimberly Jo Van Spronsen, his
wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and
lender's successors and/or assigns, Mort-
gagee, dated April 18, 2003 and recorded
May 8, 2003 in Liber 4255, Page 636, Washtenaw
County Records, Michigan. Said mort-
gage is now held by Bac Home Loans Ser-
vicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Ser-
vicing, LP by assignment. There is claimed to
be due at the date hereof the sum of One
Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Thirty-Four
and 63/100 Dollars (\$147,034.63) 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 pre-
mises, or some part of them, at public venue
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 APRIL 1,
2010. Said premises are located in the Town-
ship of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan,
and are described as Lot 134,
Streamwood Subdivision Number 3, accord-
ing to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber
29, Pages 10 through 13, 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 redem-
ption period shall be 30 days from the date
of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS:
The foregoing 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: March 4, 2010.
Orsani Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer,
P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041. ASAP#
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03/25/2010

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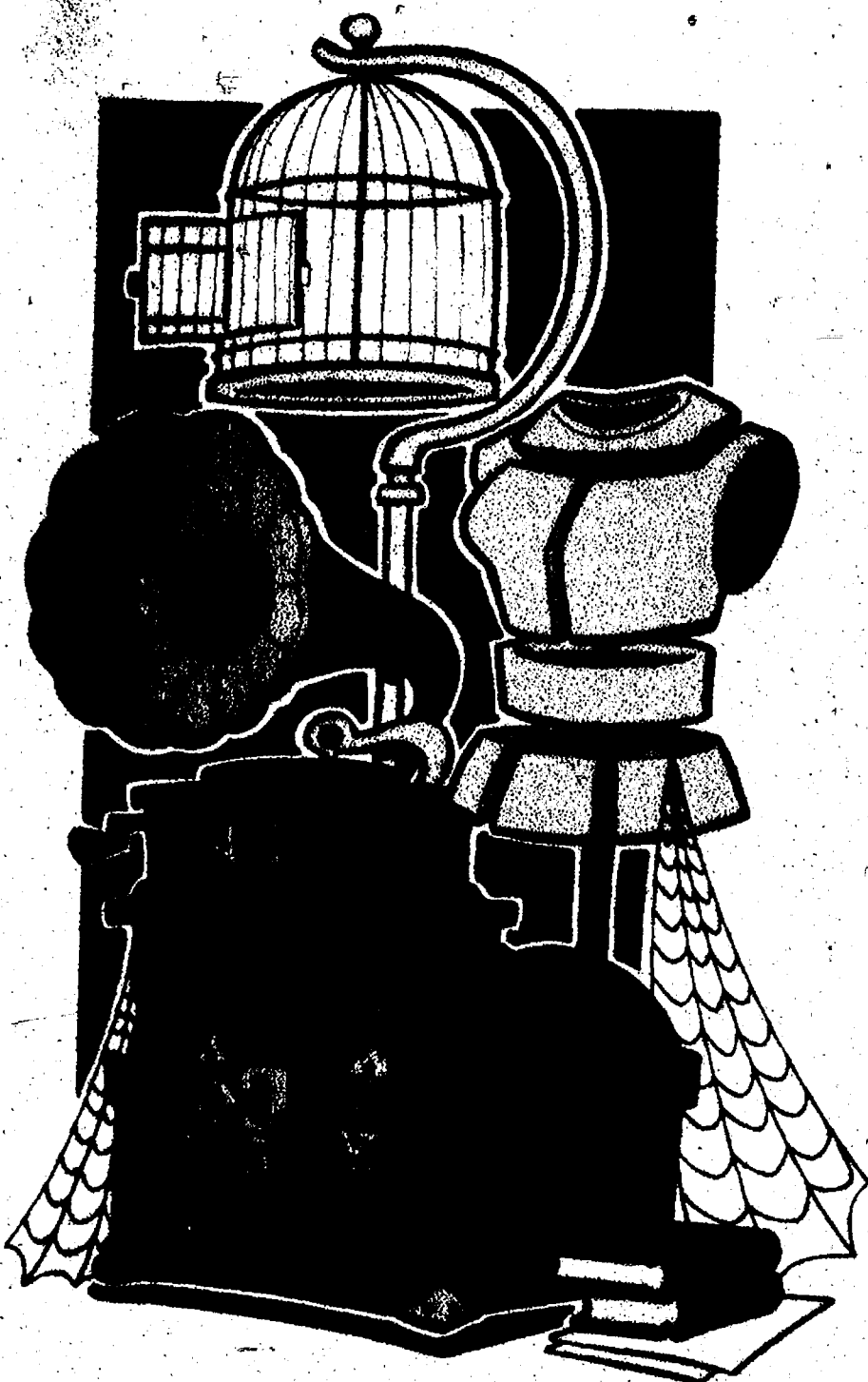
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Public Lecture Series

- **"Skin Cancer: Are you at Risk?"**
Learn how to protect your skin from the sun, as well as the signs and symptoms of skin cancer.
Jona Giff, MD, Chelsea Dermatology
Monday, April 26

- **"Hypertension Treatment and Home Blood Pressure Monitoring"**

Join Steven Yarows, MD, for an informal discussion about why this problem occurs, what can be done to prevent it and the benefits of home monitoring.

Steven Yarows, MD
Chelsea Internal Medicine
Monday, May 10

Both lectures are held from 7-8 pm
at the Chelsea Wellness Center,
Conference Room

Registration is required: (734) 214-0220

Mindfulness

Meditation Workshops

An age-old practice used in everyday life to soothe, heal, and enhance well-being.

Martha Kimball, MSW, ACSW, BCD

- **Introductory Series:**

Mondays, 6:30-8 pm, April 12-May 3
Fee: \$80

- **Deepening Series:**

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm
May 17-June 14 (no class May 31)
Fee: \$100

Chelsea Wellness Center,

Conference Room

Call (734) 214-0220 to register

Childbirth Education

Register for you, support person is free!

Labor and delivery preparation class for expectant mothers and their labor support coach. Information regarding natural childbirth techniques, relaxation exercises, medical intervention, and caesarean births is included. Bring 2 pillows and a towel or blanket to use on the floor during breathing exercises. If you desire, bring personal snacks and drinks. Reimbursed by some health insurances. Class space is limited.

- **Session 1: Tuesdays**
May 4-25, 6:30-9 pm

- **Session 2: Saturday**
August 7, 9 am-4 pm

Fee: \$75

White Oak Center, Great Room
Call (734) 475-4103 to register

Guiding Good Choices

A 5-week program with one 2-hour workshop per week, for parents of 9 to 14-year-olds, or any adult who wants to help the kids in their lives make healthy decisions and say no to drugs and alcohol. Refreshments are provided, child care can be arranged if necessary, and the skills you learn are proven effective at reducing youth drug use.

Sponsored by SRSIS

- **Tuesdays, April 6-May 4, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Chelsea District Library, KidSpot

Pre-registration is required:

(734) 475-4078

Babysitter Training

American Red Cross course for 11-13-year-olds that includes First Aid and CPR skills.

Saturday, June 12, 9 am-3:30 pm

Fee: \$60

White Oak Center, Great Room

Call (734) 475-4103 to register

Heart & Sole Run/Walk/Bike Race

This annual family event consists of a 2-mile, 5K, and 10K runs, a 2-mile and 5K walk, and NEW 13.4 mile bike race. **Saturday, May 15, CCH Campus**
Pancake Breakfast 6:35-9:35 am
hosted by the Knights of Columbus

- **Bike start 8:15 am**

- **Run start 9:30 am**

Bike walk start immediately following

Community Spaghetti Dinner and Friday night registration Friday, May 14, 4-7:30 pm CCH Dining Room

All proceeds to benefit the Grace Clinic. Register at: chelseahheartandsole.com

American Heart Association Classes

All certifications good for two years

- **Adult Infant Child CPR**

(for Lay Responders): 6-9 pm

Tuesday, April 13

Thursday, May 13

Thursday, June 3

Fee: \$40. Recertification: \$10

- **Basic First Aid: 6-9 pm**

Tuesday, June 8

Fee: \$42. Recertification: \$3

- **BLS CPR for Healthcare Providers**

6-10 pm Tuesday, June 15

Fee: \$54. Recertification: \$15

White Oak Center, Great Room

Call (734) 475-4103 to register

Senior Supper Club

Play Cards: 2:30-4 pm (Optional)

Speaker: 4 pm (Free). Supper: 5 pm - \$8

- **"Music By Luke Schubert"**

Tuesday, April 13

- **"Try It The Vegetarian Way"**

Ben Vermeulen, Chef, CCH and

Emily Sease, MS, RD, CCH

Tuesday, May 11

CCH Main Dining Room

Call (734) 475-3913 to register

LiveWell Programs Continued

Diabetes Sharing Group

Join us for our monthly discussions held the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 3:30-5 pm at the White Oak Center Atrium. Call (734) 475-4103 for information.

- *"The Gift of Laughter"*
Elaine Yeglic, RN,
Behavioral Health Services, CCH
Tuesday, April 13
- *22nd Annual Luncheon*
Woodlands Room A, RSVP by May 5
Tuesday, May 11
- *Learn What is New In Diabetes Research*
Kayla Cohen, RN, CCH
Tuesday, June 8

Food For Life

Classes focus on nutrition information for cancer prevention and survival, healthy weight control, and prevention of other chronic illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease. You will also experience live cooking demonstrations and sampling of delicious recipes.

Sponsored by The Cancer Project
Jan Kemp, M.S.

- *Session 1: Mondays*
April 5-26, 6-8 pm
- *Session 2: Wednesdays*
May 5-26, 11 am-1 pm

Fees: \$80
White Oak Center, Great Room
Call (734) 424-2884 to register or online
at www.cancerproject.org/classes

Sanchin-Ryu Self Defense/Karate

Non-competitive martial art that instructs physical and mental techniques to enhance coordination, self-confidence, and self-defense awareness.

Session 1: Wednesdays, May 12-June 23
Session 2: Wednesdays, June 30-Aug. 11
Session 3: Wednesdays, Aug. 18-Sept. 29
For Kids! (Ages 8-8): 6-7 pm \$25
For Families! 7-8 pm \$50
For Adults! (Ages 14+): 8-9 pm \$25
White Oak Center, Great Room
Call (734) 475-4103 to register

"Look Good... Feel Better"

A Free American Cancer Society Program. Certified cosmetologists help female cancer patients improve their appearance and self-image by teaching makeup and proper care of skin and nails made fragile by cancer treatments. Learn how to disguise hair loss and receive a make-up kit.
Last Monday of every month, 1-3 pm
White Oak Center, Atrium Room
Call (800) 227-2345 to register

LifeLine

An in-home personal response service to provide you and your loved ones peace of mind. Call (734) 475-4074 for information.

Chelsea Wellness Center

- *Golfers: Get your Posture On Top of Your Game!* - Elaine Economou
Good posture and a strong core equal good form and good form is essential to great golf. Join Elaine in a two-hour workshop that will teach you the basic principles of Pilates, take you through a vigorous workout designed by Scott Pilates, and master golf instructor Michael Hunt, lead Master Instructor of the Jim McLean Golf School, and gain insight into your own postural target areas.
Saturday, March 27
Men: 12:30-2:30 pm
Women: 3-5 pm
Fee: \$95 / Members: \$85
- *Gentle Yoga* - Michelle Massey
Open to all levels. Instruction is offered on postures and breathing techniques. Classes will focus on flexibility, strength, and balance.
Mondays, 4:30-5:30 pm or 5:30-6:30 pm
Session 1: May 3-June 28
(no class 5/31 in 8 weeks)
Fees: \$48, \$32 (\$55+) / Members: \$33, \$0
Session 2: July 12-Aug. 16 (6 weeks)
Fees: \$36, \$32 (\$55+) / Members: \$25

Tai Chi - Greg Knollmeyer

Ancient mind/body discipline to help strengthen and improve balance.
Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm
Session 1: May 4-June 22 (8 weeks)
Fees: \$72, \$64, \$0 (\$55+) / Members: \$50
Session 2: July 13-Aug. 17 (6 weeks)
Fees: \$54, \$48, \$0 (\$55+) / Members: \$37, \$0

Aquaize with Arthritis - Stacy Sheets

Warm-water exercise class.
Sessions 1: 8 Weeks
Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, May 5-June 23
Fridays, 12-1 pm, May 7-June 25
Fees: \$56, \$50, \$55+ / Members: Free
Sessions 2: 6 Weeks
Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, July 14-Aug. 18
Fridays, 12-1 pm, July 16-Aug. 20
Fees: \$42, \$37, \$0 (\$55+) / Members: Free

Line Dancing - Susan Bauer

Learn line dance routines to fun, upbeat music.
Tuesdays, 1-2 pm

Session 1: May 4-June 22 (8 weeks)

Fees: \$48, \$43, \$55+ / Members: Free
Session 2: July 13-Aug. 17 (6 weeks)
Fees: \$36, \$32, \$55+ / Members: Free

SO's - Stretch Out Stress

Nancy Schumann

A gentle stretch/yoga class designed for people with special needs. Gentle chair & standing exercises comprise the first 45 minutes of class followed by more challenging exercise during the last half of class. Will accommodate all levels of fitness and those with arthritis, chronic pain or other conditions.
Thursdays, 10:30 am - 11:45 am

Session 1: May 6-June 24 (8 weeks)

Fees: \$72, \$64, \$0 (\$55+) / Members: Free
Session 2: July 15-Aug. 19 (6 weeks)
Fees: \$54, \$48, \$0 (\$55+) / Members: Free

Pilates Healthy Spine Program

Elaine Economou

Participants will learn exercises to support proper alignment and build strength in their trunk, pelvic floor, and back to support the spine.
Mondays & Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30 pm
April 12-May 19
Fee: \$160

Registration required for above classes. Call
(734) 214-0220 or chelseawellness.org
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