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Library to offer low vision center

State-of-the-art equipment will be available for patron checkout

By Daniel Lai
 Heritage Newspapers

The Chelsea District Library and the Chelsea Lions Club are teaming up to provide a new service to benefit individuals with poor eyesight in the community beginning in 2011.

With the help of a \$4,000 donation from the Lions Club, the library plans to install a low vision service center in its first floor lobby.

"This is the perfect marriage between the library and the Lions Club given the club's underlying mission," library director Bill Harmer said.

"We've been working together for awhile to figure out how to come up with a project that would really benefit the community."

After visiting the Plymouth District Library and attending a demonstration on its low vision center, Harmer said he approached the Lions about funding a similar project.

"If you look at our demographics, 25 percent of the population is age 65 or older, and that's expected to rise to 33 percent in the near future," he said.

Harmer said the project would consist of a glass case that would house low vision equipment including a variety

"Instead of making an ill-informed decision, people with low vision can come to the library, test out the equipment, and see what works for them. This equipment is very user friendly, it's not cumbersome, and it fills a huge community need."

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of magnifiers ranging in power, which would then be made available to library patrons to check out and use.

"We're looking at some really state-of-the-art equipment," Harmer said. "We've come such a long way with technology that

assists people who have a hard time reading."

The equipment is lightweight and can be placed on top of a newspaper or book page allowing the user to slide the magnifier across the text.

"Some people with low vision

might also have physical challenges, too, so this gives them an outlet to sample the equipment with ease," Harmer said.

In addition, it allows caregivers to demo the equipment at the library before making an investment to purchase similar magnifiers for their home.

"Instead of making an ill-informed decision, people with low vision can come to the library, test out the equipment, and see what works for them," Harmer said. "This equipment is very user friendly, it's not cumbersome, and it fills a huge community need."

In addition, the library recently received a brand new Merylin machine that magnifies print text onto a large screen for

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Council close to marijuana ordinance

By Daniel Lai
 Heritage Newspapers

The Chelsea City Council approved the first reading of its zoning ordinance Tuesday that would prohibit medical marijuana dispensaries in the city.

The council will approve the second reading of the ordinance at its meeting on Dec. 14.

Though dispensaries are not currently in Chelsea, and there are no applications on file, if passed, the ordinance would prohibit future dispensaries within the city limits.

"The issue of medical marijuana dispensaries have been a growing concern since the use was voted upon in 2008," the city said in a statement included in the council's information packet. "Some communities have attempted to control the spread of the clinics by allowing them only in certain zoning districts, others by prohibiting them as the activity violates federal law. Staff feels this amendment is the preferable method for controlling these types of activities."

Before voting, council member Rod Anderson asked what the process would be if the conflict between state and federal law was resolved concerning medical marijuana.

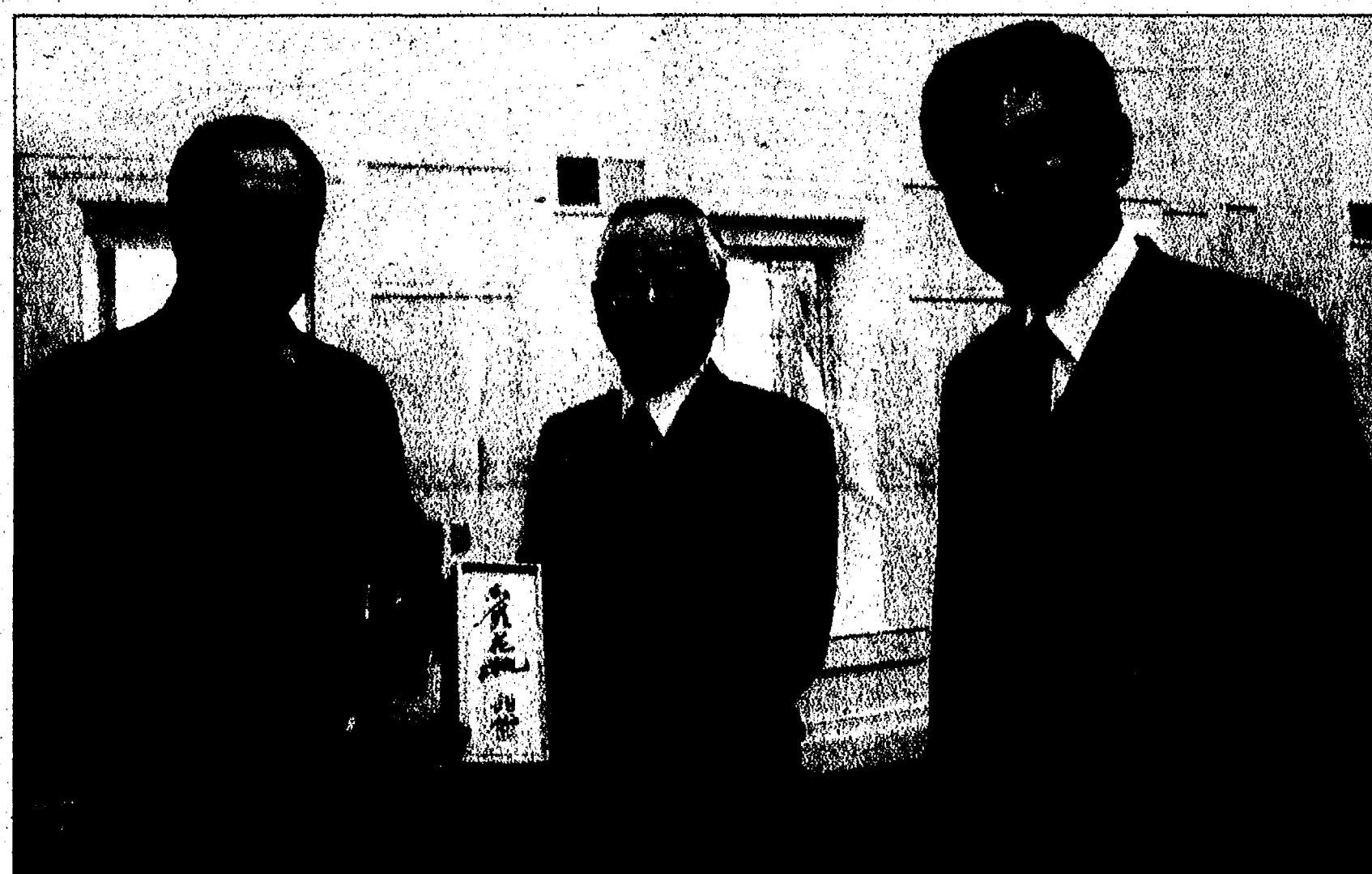
"I agree 100 percent with the basis of this ordinance," he said. "However, we need to remember that two-thirds of the state's voters approved the ballot initiative, and I think we need to keep an open mind if the state comes up with a way to rectify the law. We have to remember that it was strongly approved by the constituency."

On Sept. 28, the city council placed a 60-day moratorium on the establishment of medical marijuana dispensaries to give the planning commission time to develop wording for the ordinance.

In other news:

- The council will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Dec. 14 in

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GUESTS OF HONOR

Chelsea Mayor Jason Lindauer accepts a gift of pottery from Fujio Muramatsu, mayor of Mori Town, Japan, while Junichi Ota, mayor of Kikugawa, Japan looks on.

The Japanese mayors and medical dignitaries were part of a delegation that visited the Chelsea District Library and Chelsea Community Hospital on Nov. 18 to learn more about family practice medicine.

Dance group to perform 'Nutcracker'

Young guest dancers to join teens, adults in classic ballet

By Lori Tucker-Sullivan
 Guest Writer

It's the dream of every little girl who attends a "Nutcracker" performance — to be on the stage herself, dancing with the Sugar Plum Fairy, fighting the Rat King, or attending the festive Christmas party that begins Tchaikovsky's well-loved ballet.

This year, nearly 30 young guest dancers have been given the opportunity to join the teens and adults of Youth Dance Theatre as they present "The Nutcracker" Dec. 3 through 5.

Zoe Patselas, 6, is one of the children who will be featured in the show. Patselas will dance as a small party child who attends the holiday festivities that set the scene for the ballet.

"I get to wear a white dress with a red sash," she said. "I get a present at the party and my pretend dad helps me open it. My favorite part is when I curl up under the Christmas tree and fall asleep."

Patselas began dancing last year, taking a class at the Ann Arbor YMCA. Her mother, Jennifer Patselas, said she heard about auditions for guest dancers in the Youth Dance Theatre performance and decided to audition. Patselas took her place in line with the older kids and danced for Artistic Director Wendi DuBois.

"I've wanted to develop this component of 'Nutcracker'

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Zoe Patselas and Julianna Wise perform in "The Nutcracker."

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Dexter Community Band to perform show Dec. 12

Come join the joyful notes of the Dexter Community Band on Dec. 12. The band's traditional holiday concert will begin at 3 p.m. at the Center for the Performing Arts located in Dexter High School at 2200 North Parker Road.

This year's concert promises to be a fun-filled event. The band will entertain audiences with the "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" by Leon Jessel. A special Dixieland Band, within the band, will do a rendition

of "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" by Johnny Marks. The Dixieland band members are Milford Wolpoff on clarinet, Jan Stevens on tenor sax, Rich Savitski on trumpet, Mike Savitski on trombone, Erick Starnal on tuba and Bill Adams on drums.

The band has purchased four new holiday pieces. "Christmas from the '50s" will feature the melodic voice of Jim Paravantes with the band accompaniment. Paravantes

will also be the featured vocalist in the well-known song, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Larry MacTaggart's "Laughing all the Way" will set the toes a tapping. "Santa's Journey" by Roy W. Kaighin will announce the entrance of a special visitor from the North Pole. It is rumored that he will bring candy canes for the children.

The band will become a bell choir performing "Carol of the Bells" which is a new arrange-

ment by Sean O'Loughlin. The concert will conclude with Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" and the traditional audience Christmas sing-a-long.

The band will decorate the Center for the Performing Arts in a festive way. This year the band will proudly display a new Christmas tree generously donated by Hackney Hardware. After the concert the band members will provide refreshments for the audience. The concert is free and open to the

If you go...

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more information call 426-2734. Handicapped access is available for the event.

Salvation Army still looking for more bell ringers

The Salvation Army of Washtenaw County is looking for community support to help fill remaining openings for volunteer bell ringers during its annual Red Kettle Campaign.

Volunteers are needed to fill shifts at the nonprofit's 49 Washtenaw County kettle locations through Dec. 24, excluding Thanksgiving and Sundays.

Volunteers are asked to

donate a minimum of two hours of time, though longer shifts are encouraged.

"Low volunteer turnout limits the support we're able to provide," said Major John Williams in a news release.

"The more people who volunteer to ring bells, the more money we can dedicate to helping those in need."

New this year, volunteers can visit www.registertoring.com

washtenaw to view and sign up for available shifts. Information also is available by calling 668-8353.

In addition to individual shifts, group shifts are available for those who wish to ring with friends or family, or as part of an organization.

Funds raised during the annual Red Kettle Campaign are used to assist Washtenaw County families and individuals

throughout the entire year.

The Salvation Army has operated in Washtenaw County for more than 100 years. The nonprofit provides various programs and services at centers located in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

TSA-WC uses an average of 82 cents of every dollar donated to provide a food pantry, soup kitchen, clothing, a family shelter, transitional

housing and counseling for veterans, character building for youth, camp programs, emergency and disaster relief, utility assistance and eviction prevention.

For information about TSA-WC, visit www.sawashtenaw.org or call 668-8353. You can also become a fan of TSA-WC or Facebook or follow the organization on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/sawashtenaw>.

SRSly releases merchandise for holidays

Proceeds from sale benefit program events for youth

By Daniel Lai

Heritage Newspapers

Just in time for the holiday shopping season, SRSly, a community coalition established to

prevent destructive behavior in Chelsea youth, has released their new line of merchandise.

"We're very excited about the new SRSly merchandise," SRSly director Reiley Curran said. "Our youth coalition members helped us select and design the items. The T-shirts are still very popular, and now people will have SRSly gear to

wear when it's cold outside."

The clothing line includes black polo shirts with the SRSly logo for \$18, hooded sweatshirts for \$30, black skull-caps for \$10, and zippered fleece shirts for \$40, among others.

"I love the new hoodies. It has a place for my iPod in the pocket, and holes for the earbuds," Cindy Rhodes, CHS psy-

chologist said.

Curran said all of the proceeds from the sale of the items will be used for SRSly programs and activities.

To order products, customers can fill out an order form and bring it with payment to the next SRSly meeting on Dec. 2 at the Washington Street Education Center, or deliver

to the SRSly office at Chelsea Community Hospital.

"Make sure to order early to ensure delivery in time for the holidays," Curran said.

For more information, visit www.srslychelsea.com/home.html.

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"for some time," DuBois said. "Nutcracker" is a ballet and a story which resonates in the minds and hearts of all ages. However, I believe the ballet holds special magic for young dancers. I know that I have many early memories of "Nutcracker" events and to this day, if I hear the music, I'm at least momentarily transfixed by those memories.

By developing special roles for younger dancers, they are able to have this wonderful experience without being expected to maintain the rigorous schedule of the older dancers. Patselas

would like to continue to be in the "Nutcracker" when she's older.

That is a feeling understood by high school dancer Julianna Wise, who will dance with Patselas as she performs the role of Frau Stahlbaum, the hostess of the merry party.

This is Wise's eighth performance, and in addition to being Frau Stahlbaum, she is also a snowflake, jester, and will dance the Coffee Pas. She began her experience at age 9 as a party child, similar to Patselas. In addition, she was also a mouse and a candy petal her first year with YDT. Since that time, she counts 15 different dances that she has performed.

"As Frau Stahlbaum in this year's performance, I help to

entirely funded by the Lions Club.

"We're lucky to have the Lions Club in Chelsea. Without them, we wouldn't be able to afford this equipment," Harmer said.

Lion Keith Bloomsaat said the club has agreed to fund the project but is also looking into ways to offset some of the cost.

"We're committed to the project and we're excited to offer it to the residents of Chelsea," he said.

Mobile demonstrations at the Chelsea Senior Center and Silver Maples will be scheduled to demo the equipment.

keep the children out of trouble, so I get to interact with some of the new guest dancers," Wise said. "I remember the feeling of being in the Nutcracker the first time. It's a little scary just to be in the big studio with so many older kids. Then you get to the stage and it's even more intimidating. I try to help the younger dancers so they feel at ease and excited about the performance."

Wise's poise and professionalism have grown through the years as she takes on bigger and more demanding dances. She knows that, in addition to performing, she and her fellow high school dancers are role models for the younger performers like Patselas who learn from Wise's example of hard work and dedication.

"We encourage people to come in and try the magnifiers once they arrive because we don't want anything sitting and collecting dust," Harmer said.

The library is also planning a recognition ceremony for the Lions Club at a later date.

Daniel Lai is copy editor for

"Children always relate to other children, and I think that's part of the 'Nutcracker' appeal -- by using young dancers to speak (through dance) to other children, we help to facilitate a type of communication and connection to each other, to the ballet and to the performing arts in general," DuBois said.

The show will take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 3, 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 4, and 2 p.m. Dec. 5. In addition, attendees can enjoy a special Sugar Plum Fairy Tea prior to each matinee at 12:30 p.m. on either Saturday or Sunday.

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the Chelsea Standard. He can be reached at 429-7380.

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users.

"Once we have our staff trained on the Meryln, it will be available for the public to use," he said.

Harmer said the low vision center will probably open in the early part of 2011 as funding is awaiting approval from the Lions Club board.

"I submitted my proposal and now I'm just waiting to hear back," he said.

He said the center would be

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THE QUARTER-CENTURY MARK: This weekend will mark the 25th consecutive season for the EMU Invite, as the men's team first introduced the invitational back in its 1985-86 season, which occurred on Dec. 6-7, 1985, and featured men's programs from Michigan, Miami Ohio, Kenyon, and Oakland. EMU placed second behind Michigan after posting a score of 827 points. The then-Hurons were led by Dave Cetlinski's NCAA National Championship qualifying time and pool record mark of 15:22.81 in the 1,650 freestyle. Cetlinski also captured the 200 yard freestyle victory in 1:41.46 and the 500 yard freestyle in 4:30.88. In addition, Cetlinski joined Dan Kieft, Mike Cashman, and Chris Black in winning the 800 yard freestyle relay crown in 6:51.43, edging the Michigan Wolverines by just four tenths of a second. On the boards, diver Tom Michael won the three-meter event with 478.40 points and was second in one-meter action with 475.95 points. Since that season, the EMU men's swimming and diving program has recorded 15 first place finishes in the invite.

LUCKY NUMBER 13: The men's squad will be going for their 13th consecutive first place finish this weekend after capturing their 12th consecutive EMU Invite victory in 2009-10. The impressive streak dates back to the 1997-98 season, where the Eagles scored 1137 points to clinch the top spot.

FOR THE 21ST TIME: On the women's side, this weekend will represent the 21st consecutive run in the invitational. The women's team has captured six first place victories since joining in on the EMU Invitational in the 1989-90 season, where they placed third with 541.5 points. Oakland won the event with 862 points, followed by Wright State at 604.5. The fourth through eighth place finishers were Michigan (535.5), Kenyon (434), Denison (234), Cleveland State (171.5), and Ferris State (122). EMU's Melanie Nelson broke a school record in the 100 breaststroke with her time on 1:05.42.

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Student Katie Grossman shows off her poodle skirt.



Students Lauren Bazick and Morgan Cobb have fun at the Wylie Elementary sock hop in Dexter.



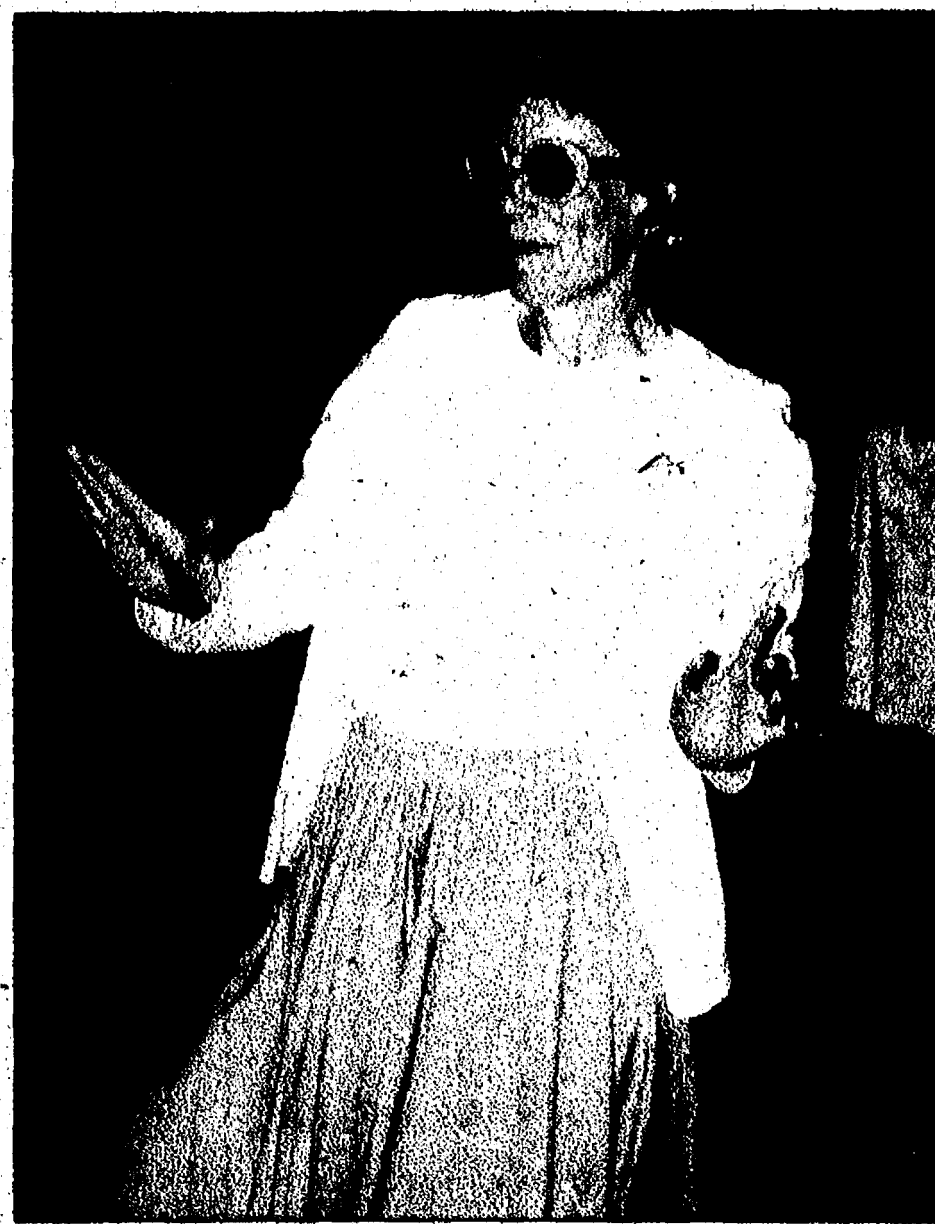
Greasers Drake Bryant, Trevor Elsele, Joshua Aker and Michael Baker mug for the camera at Wylie.

Ransom Duncan
woos students
Nicole France and
Abby McLean.

Do the hand jive!

Photos by Daniel Lai

In honor of its 56th school day students and staff at Wylie Elementary School in Dexter celebrated with a 1950s-style sock hop on Nov. 24. Male students dressed up as greasers and females cheered and screamed as an Elvis impersonator took to the floor to rock out classic hits of the era.



Fourth grade teacher Ann Brill shows off her nifty sunglasses.



Elvis (Scott Bartz, fourth grade teacher) enters the auditorium to the delight of screaming fans.



Nicole France, Mrs. Ava Slemrod (fourth grade teacher), Abby McLean and Noah Rosenzweig take a break from dancing at Wylie Elementary.

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Inexperience is now the word in Lansing

Imagine showing up at work where you have 110 employees and suddenly 65 of them are brand-spanking new and you don't know them from Adam.

Also imagine you get a memo that says a new CEO is on the way and he has never worked in your field, either.

And when these new folks show up, their first assignment is to fix your company budget, which is \$1.6 billion out of whack.

If you have even an ounce of brains you should be going: Gulp!

Welcome to the Michigan Capitol Building, where in a matter of days that exact situation will begin to unfold.

Double gulp!!

Can you say, "inexperienced?"

Let's begin this sorry tale in the Michigan House of Representatives, where about 70 percent of the membership has never been there before. Term limits and the stunning election victory by the GOP combined to send 65 lawmakers into retirement, and with them, a boat load of institutional memory.

Among the new legislators you have a

23-year-old waitress; a 55-year-old trucking business owner; a 46-year-old, self-employed excavator; and a 63-year-old guy who owns a concrete company.

All of which will certainly qualify them to run state government starting on day one.

The loss of hands-on experience in the 110-member House will be painfully evident when you look at the composition of the Appropriations Committee. It is the most important committee.

Get a load of this: There will be at least 15 new members on it, who are just like Gov.-elect Rick Snyder — i.e. hasn't been there, hasn't done that — yet they will be called upon to make critical financial decisions that will shape this state for years to come.

If there is any glimmer of hope in all this, it resides in the 38-member Michigan Senate, where the turnover was great but many of the new folks coming in have served in the House and they bring their experiences to the table.

There is also new leadership, where GOP leader Randy Richardville (R-Monroe)

has a fine record of bipartisan cooperation, unlike Mike Bishop, who steadfastly blocked almost every move Gov. Jennifer Granholm made in that direction.

The new Senate Democratic leader, Gretchen Whitmer, is a veteran and her working relationship with Richardville will be dandy. She and he won't agree on everything, but they have the ability to talk and listen to each other, which is a huge plus.

There's also a new House speaker with two years under his belt. Rep. Jase Bolger (R-Marshall) is a bit of an unknown quantity. His Democratic counterpart is Rep. Rich Hammel of Flint.

At first blush they should be able to get along.

So as we move into the holiday season, things are looking fairly rosy when it comes to potential cooperation.

Yet all the inexperience that engulfs the Capitol will make for some rough going. It's oh so easy to talk about peace, when the war has not yet begun.

Chances are that it is only a matter of time.

Tim Skubick is the host of the TV show "Off the Record" and blogs regularly at the newsherald.com's MiCentral.

GUEST COLUMN



TIM SKUBICK

OUR TAKE: Editorial Government should get out of our personal lives

The debate about how much government is too much has existed since the founding of the United States. There are those who say government — from the federal level on down to local municipalities — is too intrusive in our daily lives. Some people, though, will argue more government regulation is needed in certain areas.

Usually there's a fine, constantly moving line between too much and not enough or just right. The debate goes on endlessly. However, sometimes there seems to be no doubt that government is oversteering its bounds.

One such case is occurring in San Francisco, where a proposed city ordinance would ban McDonald's from putting toys in Happy Meals unless it adds fruit and vegetable portions and limits calories. The proposal would apply to all restaurants, but the focus has been on McDonald's and its Happy Meals.

Supervisor Eric Mar said he proposed the law to protect the health of his constituents. We find it nice that the city is so concerned about the health of its residents, particularly children. But we hope that type of ordinance stays on the West Coast.

Admittedly, people will bring up the state smoking ban in restaurants and say "what's the difference?"

They're both over the top.

The answer is that while eating a high-fat, high-calorie meal may not be good for a person's health, if an individual wants to eat such food, that's his choice and it doesn't affect anyone else.

The same can't be said for smoking because of second-hand smoke and its dangers. We would think that if public officials want to help improve the health of their citizens and children, they should promote such efforts as Oakland County's Count Your Steps program.

Each year thousands of students at hundreds of elementary schools participate in the program, which generally runs from April to May.

Founded by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson to combat the growing epidemic of childhood obesity, it encourages children to walk more and count their steps using pedometers issued by sponsors. At the end of the year, students in classes with the largest combined number of steps win special prizes.

McDonald's and all of the fast-food chains are not pillars of healthy eating.

They never have been. And their advertising budget, which is geared to getting youngsters hooked on their menus, is in the billions of dollars. But in the final analysis, proper eating habits should not be ordered by government, but rather taught by parents.

—Courtesy of The Oakland Press



Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

Writer should have shared more background

I took notice of a guest column in the Nov. 18 edition titled "Congress should end ObamaCare" by Sally Pipes of the Pacific Research Institute. Pipes says the "voters have spoken—they want Congress to scale back ObamaCare."

She writes about two provisions that need to be repealed or adjusted, then at the end of her piece, she writes, "...voters will have the chance to relieve Obama of his veto pen and press for the total repeal of the health reform law in 2013."

So the goal is not to "scale back" or fix the health care bill, it's to repeal the bill.

I bet if you ask most Americans about the following benefits of the bill, they may want to see these benefits continued:

- Adult children may remain as dependents on their parents' policy until their 26th birthday.
- Children under age 19 may not be excluded for pre-existing conditions.
- No more lifetime or annual caps on coverage.
- Adults with pre-existing conditions may buy into a national high-risk pool until the exchanges come online.
- Small businesses will be

entitled to a tax credit for 2009 and 2010, which could be as much as 50 percent of what they pay for employees' health insurance.

- The "donut hole" closes for Medicare patients, making prescription medications more affordable for seniors.
- Requirement that all insurers must post their balance sheets on the Internet and fully disclose administrative costs, executive compensation packages, and benefit payments.

- Authorizes early funding of community health centers in all 50 states. Community health centers provide primary, dental and vision services to people in the community based on a sliding scale for payment according to ability to pay.
- No more rescissions. Effective immediately, you can't lose your insurance because you get sick.

These sound like good, sensible reforms to me. The right and the GOP has done a fine job scaring the American public with the talk of death panels, but have not been clear on how they intend to fix the health care problem, other than to repeal the current plan. That's no plan. America can not continue with a health care system the way it currently is.

Also, let's look at Sally Pipes, your author of the opinion piece from the Pacific Research Institute. Ms. Pipes is

a Canadian citizen (socialized health care) residing in the United States who is the president of the Pacific Research Institute, a right-wing think tank based in California.

The PRI takes right-wing positions on all issues of public interest, and its funding comes from groups such as Altria (Philip Morris Tobacco), Pfizer, Phrma (Pharmaceutical Lobbyists), Exxon Mobil, Chevron Texaco, and foundations led by right-wing corporatists Charles Koch, Richard Mellon Scaife, the Walton family foundation (Walmart), and Kimberly Dennis of the Earhart Foundation, right here in Ann Arbor.

I believe that an opinion page is an essential part of a local newspaper; however, I also believe that long pieces such as Ms. Pipes' should have context and should be transparent in who writes it, why, and who funds the "research" that is done.

Scott Brodie
Saline

Don't be fooled by Pipes' guest column

Once again Heritage Newspapers has chosen to hand over its featured guest editorial column to another right-wing proponent. Sally Pipes quotes several polls to

support her crusade to repeal health care legislation.

I am writing to give voice to the majority of Americans. In framing her crusade around repeal of "ObamaCare," Sally Pipes fails to address the larger picture of our failed health care system and the public's majority support for a single-payer, "Medicare for all" solution.

Sally Pipes quotes polls, but ignores the polls and facts that show the larger picture:

- The United States is the only industrialized country without universal health care. While we are spending 50 percent to 187 percent more per person on health than these other countries, we get far less and many millions go without any coverage at all.

Meanwhile life expectancy in the United States ranks behind 46 other nations and 42 nations have a lower infant mortality rate, including Hong Kong, Slovenia, and Cuba.

- Most Americans are in danger of bankruptcy and loss of their homes due to an illness. A total of 62 percent of personal bankruptcy filings in the United States are due to medical expenses. In 75 percent of those cases, the individuals had health care insurance.

Either the insurance company canceled their coverage when they became ill—a practice that is outlawed under

ObamaCare—or their insurance proved inadequate. The total out-of-pocket medical costs for those who had insurance when they became ill is a steep \$17,749, on average. For those who didn't have insurance, the average debt was \$26,971.

- Since at least 1987, polls have shown the majority of the public favors a single-payer system.

- Medicare operates with 3 percent overhead, non-profit insurance 16 percent overhead, and private (for-profit) insurance 26 percent overhead. Paying 766 percent more in overhead to provide huge profits to private insurance companies is indefensible when we are talking about the life and health of yourself, your family and your neighbors.

Don't be fooled by those who try to divert your attention from the failed health care system and the public's united support for the only reasonable solution:

Warren Kress
Chelsea

Get educated, tested as we mark World AIDS Day

The rate of HIV infection among the poorest Americans now matches that of Ethiopia and Angola.

A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report said HIV was detected in 2.4 percent of American adults living at or below the federal poverty line. That's twice the rate of our general population, equaling the HIV rate among Ethiopians and Angolans.

Dec. 1 is World AIDS Day. And such reports remind us why we need this day.

Americans with the lowest incomes have the most difficulty accessing medical care, drugs and treatment, either because they lack health insurance or have no health care provider.

That's why UnitedHealthcare, through its United Health Foundation and partners in the communities we serve, funds federally qualified health centers that provide free or low-cost HIV testing in a safe and confidential setting. We know that regularly testing people most at risk for HIV and then providing HIV and AIDS patients with the antiretroviral drugs they need — dramatically reduces new infections. Without treatment or education, people will continue to transmit the virus to their partners.

Please get educated and get tested. For out more information, visit worldAIDSday.org. Dr. Sam Ho

Chief medical officer,
UnitedHealthcare

Mentorship program participants give presentation for Board of Education

By Crystal Dunham
Special Writer

Students with the Chelsea High School mentorship program gave a brief presentation to the Board of Education at its meeting on Nov. 22.

Student Bobby Hall has been shadowing physicians at Chelsea Back Care. Through a PowerPoint presentation, he summarized his general observational and learning experiences.

"It (the mentorship program) has brought me closer to my educational and life goals," he said.

Student Steve Lesko did a video presentation, to match with his job shadowing at Russell Video in Ann Arbor. He said that his experience helped him to decide to major in film and video production in college, adding that he has been accepted to Grand Valley State University.

Brad Bush, who runs the program, said that the mentorship job shadowing experiences are planned through a combination of the students' own connections and Bush's help prior to the start of the school year.

In other action:

Navy Seaman Marcus S. Holben, grandson of John W. Holben of Pinckney, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training and was meritoriously promoted to his current rank at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Holben completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment.

Author to sign copies of new book

Chelsea resident Winifred Parker will debut her new book, "Two Pleasantly Scary Stories for Children" at the Just Imagine bookstore in Chelsea on Dec. 4. Parker will be available to sign books from 3 to 6 p.m. at the store, located at 108 E. Middle St.

Parker, affectionately known as "Winn," resides in Chelsea, with her husband, Joe. She has four children and seven grandchildren. Her grandson, Vince, has always asked her to tell a scary story. His request encouraged her to write this book. It is her first publication.

The book is composed of two stories, Book I and Book II. In Book I, the setting is Chelsea. The O'Brien family children and two of their friends help solve the mystery of the missing neighborhood dogs. In Book II, the setting is in the Black Hills of South Dakota at a ranch. The O'Brien children investigate the mysterious happenings at a local cave. The illustrations add to this enjoyable publication for children, family members and teachers.

COUNCIL

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response for a request by Frame Hardwoods, Inc. for an industrial facilities tax exemption.

The council voted to reappoint Chuck Schauer and Richard Bauer for another three-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Schauer and Bauer's terms both expired in September.

The council voted to appoint Mary Schroer to the planning commission to fill a vacancy left by Rita Holmes. The term will expire in June 2012.

Daniel Lai is copy editor for the Chelsea Standard. He can be reached at 429-7380.

The board discussed the eighth grade Washington, D.C. trip planned for May. Requests for financial aid for students to go on the trip are higher than average this year, but scholarship funding is slightly down.

Superintendent David Killips reported current student enrollment numbers are down. He noted that the number of students in the kindergarten class has gone from 173 last year to 144 this year.

"The highest enrollment district-wide was in 2002 with 2,941 students," Killips said. "The 2010 enrollment, which includes students in programs that did not even exist in 2002, is 2,550."

Wayne Welton was voted Athletic Director of the Year for Region 6.

Sarah Conrad was voted the state's 'Students Leading Students' Student of the Year.

Sixth grade student Samantha Dunlap and seventh grade student Gabe Raines won their grade levels at the SEMMLAA spelling bee in Pinckney.

Upcoming events:

Dec. 13: Board meeting at Washington Street Education Center, 6 p.m.

MILITARY NEWS

nize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills



Bruce Sullens, Austin Sullens and Julie Sullens stand behind a new bench that was installed at Veterans Park in Chelsea.

Scout completes project

Austin Sullens, a junior at Chelsea High School, did all the prep work and fundraising for a memorial bench at Veterans Park in Chelsea as part of his Eagle Scout project. He was helped in its final installation by members of the American Legion Post 31, Jeff Gunnis, post commander, and Craig Maier, treasurer, as well as Chelsea Mayor Jason Lindauer.

"I think this speaks to the character and passion of both Austin and his family that he has chosen to honor the service and sacrifice of all American veterans in such a beautiful manner," Lindauer said. "Generations from now Austin's great-grandchildren

will remember him and be forever linked to the words of Gen. Eisenhower and that great period of American history."

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AUTO

Ford Fiesta a comfortable, fuel-efficient subcompact

By Bryan Laviolette
Auto Writer, News Service

The idea seemed preposterous: three people, one medium-sized dog, two sets of golf clubs (minus one of the bags), three duffel bags and all the usual paraphernalia, including 10 pairs of shoes, required for a long weekend at the lake. But how to stuff all that stuff in a subcompact? Yes, we knew there would be complaints, but we undertake this research for you, loyal readers.

Somehow, we crammed it all in. It looked like a clown car with all the people and stuff popping out of this Ford Fiesta upon arrival, but it illustrates a point — it's possible to travel comfortably in a subcompact. We even had room to take home a couple of gifts and knickknacks purchased at the annual crafts fair.

An added bonus was superb mileage: over a week spent with the Fiesta, mostly traveling on rural two lanes, we averaged 39 mpg. This thing doesn't so much sip fuel, it dabs a rag in it and wrings out every last drop.

Following a groundbreaking social media campaign, it seems that Ford's been telling us about the Fiesta for a long time. Now that it's here, it's easy to see what all the fuss was about. The Fiesta has fun styling details, nifty interior touches and some clever features. It's entertaining and easy to drive.

The Fiesta is available in two basic flavors, 4-door sedan and 5-door hatchback. Ford higher-ups apparently had to be convinced that it should offer the hatchback in the U.S. They had so much trouble moving hatchback versions of the original Ford Focus that they now only offer that car as 4- and 2-door sedans only.

Just a thought, maybe if Ford didn't charge a \$800 premium for the smaller (by 13 inches) hatchback, it wouldn't have so much trouble moving them.

And the hatchback doesn't even come in the base S trim. Yes, I know, the hatchback has an extra door and all of the associated engineering, etc., but smaller often means cheaper. OK, I'll get off the soapbox now.

One of the coolest features of the Fiesta is its automated, manual 6-speed transmission. It was so smooth, I thought I'd remembered wrong that a regular slushbox automatic wasn't even an option in this car. It starts off from lights smoothly, shifts quickly and with little fuss.

Expect to see more of these transmissions in the future because they're more efficient than typical automatics with their power-robbing torque converters.

As much as we enjoyed the transmission, there are a few criticisms. Oddly, it was sometimes reluctant to offer a downshift when requested, a surprise because the computer can shift so much more quickly than a driver with a clutch pedal and gearshift. Also, it would be even more fun if it offered manual shifting.

There are two reasons for the lack of manual shifting. First is the obvious one, cost. Second is the computer will

always do a better job choosing when to shift than a human when the goal is efficiency. And this car is about big-time fuel economy.

On that count, Ford did very well. It's rated at 30 city and 40 highway. Want better fuel economy? Buy a hybrid, but don't expect to pay Fiesta prices for a new one.

The Fiesta is powered by a 1.6-liter 4-cylinder making 120 hp. and 112 lb-ft of torque. It may not sound like much, but the little engine has less than 2,600 pounds to drag around via its front wheels.

Acceleration is rather tepid, but the engine revs smoothly.

The Fiesta's electric-assist power steering is sharp and has good feedback. The car handles pavement imperfections superbly. There's no torque steer.

Complaints? There are a couple. First, the rear of the car seems floaty at freeway speeds, particularly when unloaded. Not surprising for a car of this size, because crosswinds tend to push it around a bit.

But the biggest criticism revolves around the Fiesta's convoluted infotainment system. The Fiesta was largely designed by Ford's European group and it shows.

For some reason, Europeans must be willing to accept arcane menus and difficult-to-understand operations. They must enjoy the novelty of buttons that would seem to be designed to perform a task, but don't. For example, after finding my way to one particular screen, I decided to just go back to the radio, believing that pushing the "radio" button would take me there. But it wouldn't.

And why, with 10 buttons on the steering wheel, do none of them control the radio volume? Even the Sync voice button is relegated to the turn signal stalk.

Hey, Ford: Tell the European office that you're taking control of all infotainment design and functionality. Cars like the new Edge show that you're good at it. Don't worry, the Euros will get used to entertainment systems that make sense.

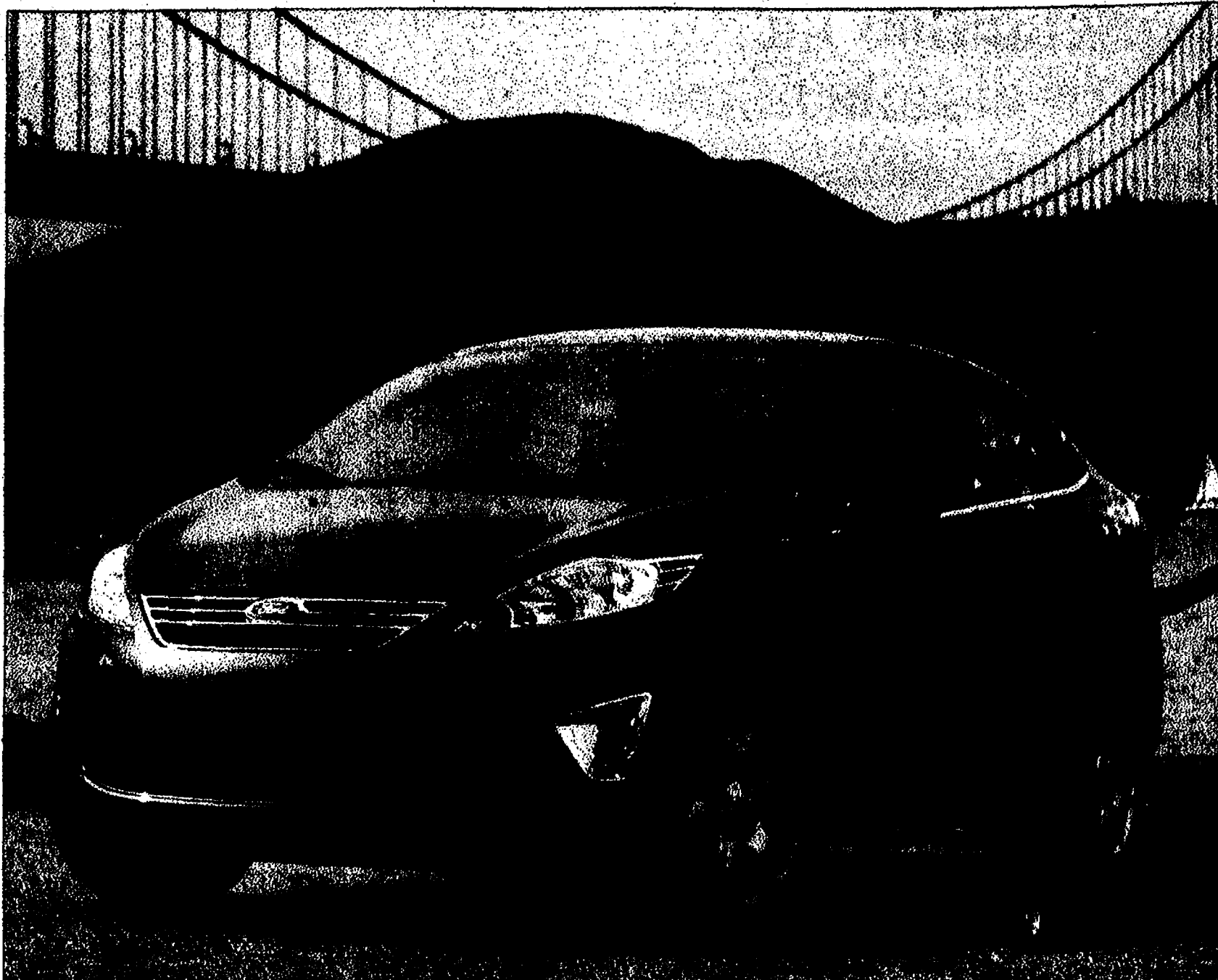
Fiestas start at \$13,995 (including destination), for a base S sedan with a 5-speed manual transmission. The Fiesta Hatch SE — the lowest-priced hatchback available tested here starts at \$15,795. With upgraded stereo, automatic trans, ambient lighting package, Sirius satellite radio, heated front seats and the Super Fuel Economy Package (P195/60 15-inch tires, cruise control, painted aluminum wheels), the as-tested price rang the cash register to the tune of \$18,820.

Typical of cars in this price range, there's no center armrest, which makes long drives less than comfortable because there's no where to rest your right elbow. Surprisingly, Ford doesn't even list one as an accessory, which isn't typical.

The seats are Euro stiff, but they're comfortable. There's plenty of lateral support for the car's cornering ability.

The upholstery in the test car was black with cool blue stitching and accents.

The oversize rear headrests require the front seats to be moved forward to lower the



This thing doesn't so much sip fuel, it dabs a rag in it and wrings out every last drop.

rear seats. Also, those massive headrests block rearward vision, although the center headrests slides into the seat-back.

The Fiesta isn't very wide and those who are a little wide in the beam will find that some parts hang off the sides of the seats a bit. Rear seat riders will find deeply scalloped front seatbacks and decent headroom. Legroom is limited by cooperation from those in the front seats.

There's a surprising 15.4 cubic feet of space behind the second row. Fold the rear seats and that number climbs to a unimpressive 26 cubes. The load floor isn't flat.

Shockingly, the Honda Fit, which is just 1.5 inches longer, squeezes 21 cubic feet behind its rear seats and a station-wagon-like 57 cubes with the rear seats folded.

So if storage space is a priority, the Fiesta isn't the best choice.

But there's a ton of safety technology packed in here, including seven airbags, traction control and stability control.

While this might not be in keeping with the Fiesta's fuel-efficient mission, a sport-minded model might be a fun addition to the Fiesta lineup. Firm up the suspension, give it better brakes and some paddle shifters for that cool transmission and it could be a lot of fun. Extra horsepower is always welcome, but it isn't entirely necessary to increase the Fiesta's fun quotient.

Fewer trips to the gas station are the Fiesta's calling card. And that's the main reason Ford will see a steady stream of customers who are interested in its new little fuel dabbler.

Death Notices

HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

BLAESS, ROXANNE BRITTON, COACH BEEHLER, DON, formerly of Milan, Passed away Saturday, November 20, 2010 at Herrick Hospital, age 74. He was born May 16 1936 in Detroit, MI to Agassiz and Gladys (Cooke) Beehler. On August 19, 1972 he married Geraldine Meek in Southgate, she survives him. Don taught at Milan Middle School for 30 years and was currently the assistant coach for the Milan H.S. girl's track team. He also coached football, men's and women's basketball along with Milan's little league baseball. In the early 80's Coach Beehler took the women's basketball teams to several championships. He proudly served his country in the Army from 1955 to 1957 and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Milan. Survivors include six children: David (Randi Sheldon) of Woodhaven, Duane (Cathy) of Brownstown, Dona of Columbus Ohio, Dawn of Milan, Erik of Belleville, and Tim (Jenna) of Tecumseh; 12 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; and a sister, Barbara Koenig of Belleville. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Tony. Visitation was held at **Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home**, were services on Wednesday, November 24. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Detroit Rescue Mission or Save the Children.

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BYRNE, EVELYN M., Jackson, MI, formerly of Chelsea, age 91, died Monday, November 22, 2010, at Legacy Assisted Living in Jackson. She was born July 2, 1919 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of George and Johanna (Hahn) Mouch. On January 12, 1946, she married Desmond Byrne in Detroit, and he preceded her in death on May 10, 1987. Survivors include two sons, Tom Byrne of Chelsea, Dennis Byrne of Menomonee Falls, WI; a brother, Raymond Mouch; and two grandchildren, Zach and Kevin. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, December 1, 11 a.m. at **Cole Funeral Chapel**, Chelsea, with Visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial will be at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery in Southgate. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Jackson County.

PLUMMER, DOUGLAS MICHAEL "MIKE", 64, of Antioch, CA, Loving son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Plummer, formerly of Dexter, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2010 after a short illness. A 1964 graduate of Dexter High School and a 1968 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. Mike became widowed in 2008 following the loss of his beloved wife, Danuta. Mike is survived by his brother, Joseph P. Plummer of Windsor, CO and his sister, Cynthia S. Trent of Brighton, MI, and their families, and he will forever be their hearts.



HOLIDAY, BETTY J., Dexter, MI, age 79, passed away Tuesday, November 30, 2010, at home under the loving care of family and Arbor Hospice after a courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis. She was born June 10, 1931 in Dexter, Michigan, the daughter of John and Ethel (Slocum) Tanner. Betty was a long-time member of the Dexter Gospel Church. She worked at DAPCO Industries for several years, and made many good friends there. Betty played piano for the family. She enjoyed her children and grandchildren, and family trips. She married Coyne Holiday on March 6, 1951, and they celebrated 59 years of marriage. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, David (Bonnie) of Michigan Center, Donna of Dexter, Daniel (Unson) of Honolulu, Donald (Barbara) of Dexter, Thomas (Marsha) of Dexter, and Timothy of Dexter. Also surviving are ten adored grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a brother, Russell Tanner of Dexter. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers George (Harriet) Tanner, Phillip (Betty) Tanner, and Floyd (Betty) Tanner, and her sisters, Viola (Howard) Manby, Evelyn (Richard) Winchester, Marie (Mark) Kunkle, Edith (Arthur) Meggison, and Virginia (Donald) Britton. Funeral Services will be held Friday, December 3, 11 a.m. at Dexter Gospel Church, with Pastor John O'Dell officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove East Cemetery, Chelsea. The family will receive friends at **Cole Funeral Chapel**, Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., and at the church from 10 to 11 a.m. before the funeral. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice or Dexter Gospel Church.



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Restaurant urges patrons to become organ donors

Paesano Restaurant in Ann Arbor is partnering with Gift of Life Michigan and its Donor Drive 2010 to raise awareness of the need for organ donation.

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Starting Dec. 8 and running through Dec. 17, Gift of Life will sign up donors during lunch at the restaurant from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It's part of a massive statewide campaign to add a million names to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

"We're happy to help this wonderful organization and have had great enthusiasm from our employees to help," said Paesano owner Michael Roddy in a news release.

"I think our customers will also be supportive during the

holiday season and give the gift of life."

Michigan ranks 42nd nationwide in the percentage of registered drivers who have officially expressed their wish to someday become organ, eye and tissue donors.

Last year in Michigan, 288 people donated organs, and this was not nearly enough to meet the need.

Adding a million names to the state's confidential database will bring Michigan in line with the national average of 39 percent.

"There is a critical need for life-saving organs in our state, so Michigan needs more residents to commit to giving organs and tissues," said Roddy.

"It could be the only chance some of us have to save a life, and we want to help in any way that we can."

Part of the reason Michigan lags behind other states is that most residents aren't aware that

signing the back of a Michigan driver's license or state ID isn't enough to be a donor anymore.

Residents now must join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry by going online to www.giftoflifemichigan.org, by calling 1-800-482-4881, visiting the Secretary of State branch office, or coming to Paesano the week of Dec. 8 to 17 during lunch and registering in person.

After joining the Michigan Organ Donor Registry, a red heart logo will be placed on the individual's Michigan driver's license or state identification, indicating that person's wish to someday be a donor. Gift of Life Michigan is located in Ann Arbor and is the state's only federally designated organ recovery organization.

Paesano's Restaurant is located at 3411 Washtenaw Ave. in Ann Arbor. For more information, call 971-0484 or visit www.paesanosannarbor.com.



FROM BRACES TO BOUNTY

Andrea Blankenship (left), Lesley Durney, Zoe Humley, Dashiell and Aidan Carichner of Katherine Kelly's Orthodontic Office, 1020 E. Michigan Ave. in Saline, gather food donations for Saline Area Social Service. Donations will be accepted throughout the holidays. For more information, call 429-7676.

Website developers give back through GiveCamp

Volunteers at Ann Arbor GiveCamp provided new websites or web applications for free to 13 charitable organizations in southeastern Michigan, including Hope Clinic International, Leslie Science and Nature Center, Red Beard Press and Talkin' Proper, all based in Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor GiveCamp was held Sept. 17 through 19 at Washtenaw Community College.

GiveCamp is a weekend-long event where software develop-

ers, designers and database administrators donate their time to create custom software for nonprofit organizations.

Nonprofit groups submitted applications to attend, and their proposed project had to be something that could be completed in a weekend.

Hope Clinic International builds medical clinics and provides free medical care for women and children in Nicaragua.

This organization was given

a new website that president Sheryl Snyder says is more in keeping with the doctors and nurses they need to attract for the work.

"For small nonprofits who can't afford huge amounts of money to do their website, it levels the playing field," Snyder said.

"We have a site that's at a professional level, which helps us increase our donor base and more," Snyder said.

Leslie Science and Nature

Center attended its second GiveCamp this year to finish off a large, complicated project started last year.

The center needed a web-based scheduling program to keep track of the many programs and participants it accommodates each year.

"We were doing all of this work before by paper trail," said Karen Rendell, business manager at the center. The new system saves hours of work, she said.

"With the click of a mouse

we can see what we have available, what staff are available," Rendell said.

This year, a team of developers helped tweak the system to expand its capabilities and make it even more user-friendly.

"Both years have been phenomenal," Rendell said.

Without GiveCamp, Rendell says the center could not have afforded the estimated \$22,000 in work done last year or the additional \$6,000 worth of help received this year.

GiveCamp organizer Michael Eaton estimates that volunteers donated a little more than 1,400 hours.

Using an average rate of \$75 an hour for their work, he said Ann Arbor GiveCamp provided \$105,000 of free service to 13 charities and nonprofit organizations.

Similar GiveCamps are held annually in Grand Rapids and Lansing.

This was the third Ann Arbor GiveCamp.

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Website connects volunteers, nonprofits

The Blueprint for Aging, sponsored by Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County, recently announced its new volunteer website, VolunteerWashtenaw.org.

True to its slogan, "Something Worth Doing," the site connects local nonprofit organizations with people who want to find worthwhile ways of giving back to the community.

An array of nonprofit organizations, including youth, senior, environmental and health-based groups, have already registered and entered their volunteer opportunities on the site.

Advanced matching functionality makes the site easy and helpful to people of all ages looking to find the ideal volunteering opportunities.

With a few clicks of the mouse, users can browse through all organizations posted on the site or they can search by type of volunteering or days or number of hours wanted.

Once users get to the nonprofit sites, they can view the

opportunities available, and, if interested, submit their names so that the nonprofit organizations can contact them.

VolunteerWashtenaw.org is designed for those looking for ways to help their community as well as those looking for ways to fulfill court-appointed commu-

nity service requirements.

It is also designed to give nonprofit organizations a state-of-the-art vehicle to communicate their opportunities.

For more information, call Virginia Boyce at 712-2718 or reach her by e-mail at vboyce@cswastenaw.org.

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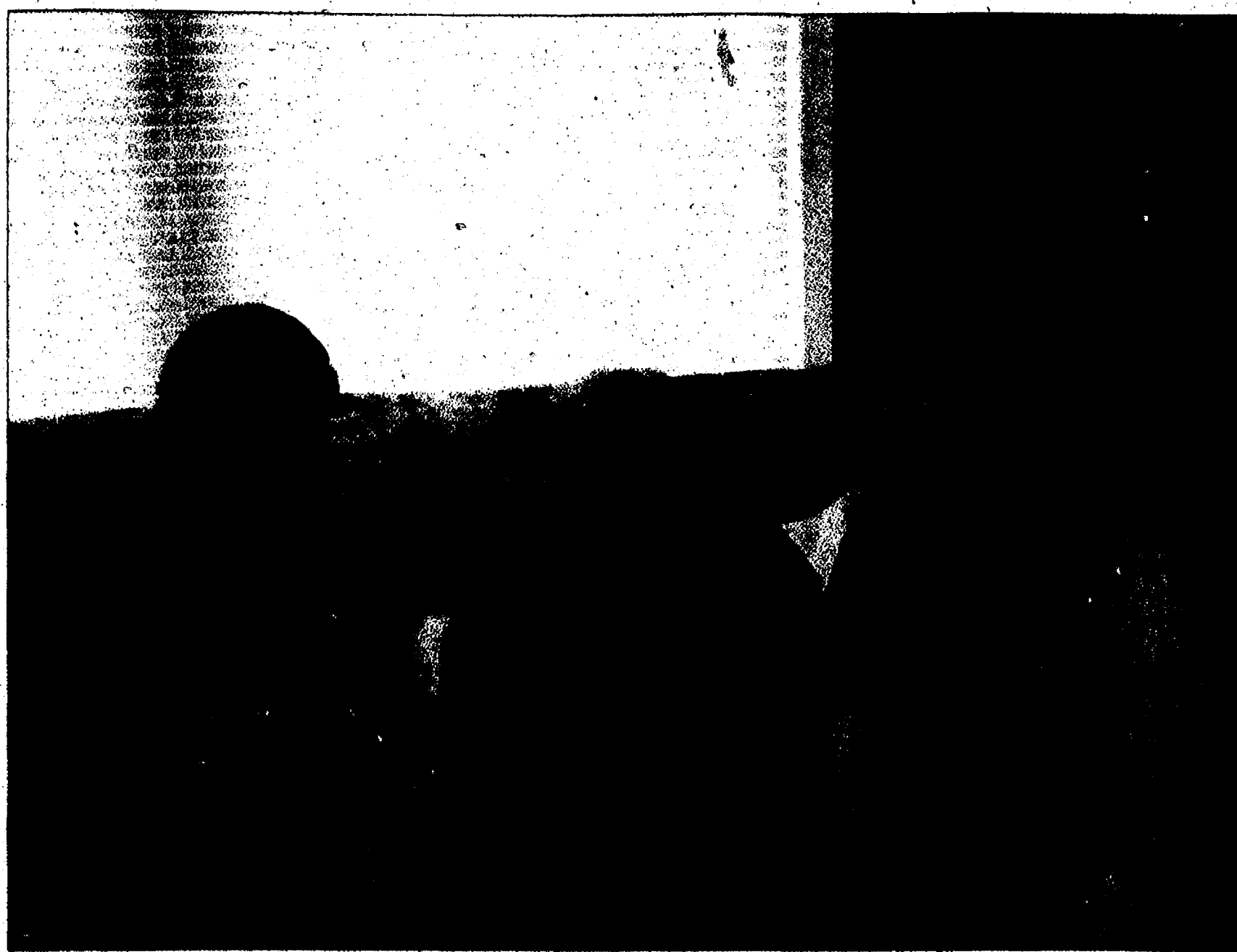
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Ann Arbor residents Dr. Michael Zelenock and his wife, Jean, enjoy a recent visit from Senior Helpers caregiver Katie Herzog.

Local community helps families impacted by Alzheimer's disease

Senior Helpers offers steps to combat affliction

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

November was National Alzheimer's Awareness Month, drawing attention to the progressive brain disease, which is the most prevalent form of dementia and sixth leading cause of death in this country.

But for many Americans, awareness doesn't stop with one month. They and their loved ones struggle daily with problems of memory loss, thinking and behavior that eventually become so severe that sufferers can no longer carry on a conversation or respond to their environment.

Sheila Doeden and Alan Caldwell are only too well aware of the heartbreak caused by Alzheimer's. Co-owners and co-managers of Senior Helpers Ann Arbor, they provide caregivers for non-medical personal home care services, and help seniors keep their minds sharp, engaged and healthy.

"Senior Helpers strongly encourages mental and physical activity for our clients, as much as possible," Caldwell said. "Keeping active mentally and physically is very important, and contributes to delaying the progression of Alzheimer's disease, and dementia in general."

The Senior Helpers team is helping Dr. Michael Zelenock take care of his wife, Jean. The Zelenocks, both 87, live at University Living, an independent and assisted living facility on South Main Street in Ann

Arbor. Senior Helpers, with 300 franchises in 42 states providing in-home senior care, is accredited as an Alzheimer's Association Early Detection Alliance Champion, with innovative in-home programs.

Arbor:

"The most important thing in my life is my wife," Michael Zelenock said. "She doesn't like to be left out. It's very important for her to be a part of the conversation, otherwise she feels left out."

"If she can't be a part of things, she doesn't feel like she's living."

Doeden, Jean has limited functionality, but Senior Helpers does as much as possible to keep her active.

"She enjoys getting out to the dining room, and likes to participate in meal time conversations," Doeden said.

The Zelenock's son, Tom, lives in the area, and frequently visits his parents.

"I bring the dogs to visit, and mom can decide and vocalize what her favorite is," he said. "Small talk is key for mom, talking about things that I'm doing."

"It's hard for my mom, realizing she isn't able to process, and it's hard for me, knowing I can't make it better."

Gertrude Soviar, 91, is another client of Senior Helpers. Stricken with Alzheimer's, Soviar has limited functionality, and lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Jerry Gonto.

Caregivers help the couple take care of Soviar, and work

to keep her physically active, getting her outside on walks as much as possible. They also keep her mentally active, fostering good conversations, reminiscing with old photographs, and reading magazines with her.

"It's very hard for mom that she can't express herself verbally," Linda Gonto said. "She unpacks the groceries, unloads the dishwasher, and folds and puts away the laundry. She tells the time, and reads magazines. Staying active helps her feel like she still has control over certain aspects of her life, and like she still has a purpose."

"I often think, 'Is this for real?' I can't even believe this is happening."

Senior Helpers, with 300 franchises in 42 states providing in-home senior care, is accredited as an Alzheimer's Association Early Detection Alliance Champion, with innovative in-home programs.

"One of the most important things we do is to educate seniors across the area and their families," said founder and CEO Peter Ross.

"There is no cure in sight for Alzheimer's, but research has proven time and time again that exercise for the body and mind are two of the best ways to prevent the onset and progression of the disease."

"We have some great activities and programs in place to help seniors work their muscles and their brains on a daily basis so they can stay healthy and sharp."

Prevention programs include "Brainy Day Activities," a product of HippoCampus Headquarters, offering specially designed games and puzzles; "Life Bio Journal," from LifeBio.com, helping seniors chronicle their life story in a journal that works the memory, verbalizes thoughts and provides a keepsake for family members; and exercise, getting seniors up and moving to increase cardio and muscular health.

"When a loved one develops Alzheimer's, it affects the whole family," Ross says. "Caring for Alzheimer's and dementia patients can be difficult physically and emotionally. Sometimes families need help from a trained, certified professional caregiver. This is especially important for people who can't see their elderly loved ones on a regular basis or for those who live far away."

For more information, visit www.seniorhelpers.com.

Sheila Pursglove is a freelance writer. She can be reached at bingley51@yahoo.com.

Coats sought for needy

The Charles Reinhart Co. is collecting new and gently used coats during the company's 15th annual coat drive.

The coat drive, which kicked off in mid-October, will collect coats to be donated to more than 20 local agencies.

More than 13,000 coats have been collected throughout the company's 14 previous coat drives. Employees of Charles Reinhart Co. said that, this year, they are struggling to collect as many coats as in previous years.

New and gently used winter coats are being collected at all of the Reinhart sales offices, as well as all Sunday open houses.

To see a list of open houses, visit http://reinhartrealtors.com/open_houses.

Capital Cleaners, Chelsea Cleaners and Gold Bond Cleaners have donated their services to professionally wash the coats before they are distributed to local agencies.

"The coat drive is an event

More than 13,000 coats have been collected throughout the company's 14 previous coat drives.

our agents have embraced and the local community has supported for 14 years," said Bill Miller, general manager of the Charles Reinhart Co., in a news release.

"In these difficult economic times, the need for winter coats is even greater. We are working hard, with the support of our community, to provide the warmth needed for those less fortunate in our communities."

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WriteSteps named 'Best of Bootcamp'

Ann Arbor SPARK celebrated the conclusion of its 18th Boot Camp program with participant investor pitches and a reception on Nov. 16 at the SPARK Central business incubator.

At the Ann Arbor SPARK Boot Camp celebration, WriteSteps was selected as the "Best of Boot Camp" winner, based on the quality of its investor pitch and business plan, and will receive \$5,000 in business consulting services.

Ann Arbor SPARK's Boot Camp is a two-day business planning and preparation event designed to help early stage technology businesses. Boot Camp combines hands-on learning and one-on-one mentoring, and the event features noted speakers on entrepreneurship, successful local entrepreneurs and investors.

"The experience at Boot Camp has been invaluable for WriteSteps," said Suzahne Klein, founder and CEO, in a news release.

"Boot Camp provided the tools for us to become more focused and has given us the confidence and knowledge we need to launch our national

efforts. WriteSteps will be the first web-based writing curriculum for elementary teachers that meets the new national standards."

WriteSteps provides elementary school teachers with techniques and strategies to meet National Common Core Standards Initiatives standards for writing, including easy-to-use lesson modules tailored for each grade level.

Each module includes complete lessons demonstrated on video, as well as downloadable lesson material to use in the classroom.

Also at the Boot Camp celebration, Tyler Paxton of Are You a Human was awarded "Best Pitch" by the judges. AYAH is creating and marketing a human authentication applet for use on websites.

Ann Arbor SPARK's expanded Boot Camp program includes "after care" that helps further the likelihood of entrepreneurial success for participating start-ups.

At the conclusion of Boot Camp, every graduating company receives complimentary access to three months of services designed to accelerate

their business and fulfill milestones identified during Boot Camp.

Those services include:
 ■ SPARK Entrepreneur Resource Board.
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 ■ Power lunch.
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The next scheduled Ann Arbor SPARK Boot Camp is May 5 and 6, 2011. Applications will be accepted starting Jan. 11, 2011.

Boot Camp participants that receive early decision admission receive complimentary entrepreneur education programs prior to the spring 2011 Boot Camp.

Ann Arbor SPARK is a nonprofit organization with the mission of establishing the Ann Arbor region as a destination for business expansion, retention and location. The nonprofit helps business at every stage, from startups to large organizations.

For more information, call 761-9317 or visit www.AnnArborUSA.org.



A Good Cause

Auctioneer Chris Aslanian coaxes bids from diners at the March of Dimes Signature Chef's Auction held Oct. 25 at the Four Points Sheraton in Ann Arbor. The event, drawing more than 400 attendees, raised \$132,000 to support March of Dimes in its mission to prevent birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

Study finds model doesn't apply to melanoma

University of Michigan researchers have determined that most types of melanoma cells can form malignant tumors, providing new evidence that the deadliest form of skin cancer does not conform to the increasingly popular cancer stem cell model.

In addition, the researchers found that melanoma tumor cells can change their appearance by switching various genes on and off, making the malignant cells a stealthy, shape-shifting target for researchers seeking new treatments, according to a team led by Sean Morrison, director of the U of M Center for Stem Cell Biology.

Both findings fly in the face of the cancer stem cell model, which states that a handful of rare melanoma stem cells drive the formation, growth and progression of malignant tumors in many cancers.

Some supporters of the model have suggested that melanoma might be more effectively treated by taking aim specifically at these rare cancer stem cells, rather than attempting to eliminate all melanoma cells.

But after conducting an exhaustive search for this elusive sub-population of tumor-forming melanoma cell, the U of M team concluded that it probably does not exist.

The researchers analyzed 44 sub-populations of human melanoma cells, and all 44 had a similar ability to form tumors when transplanted into mice.

"Some have suggested that melanoma follows a cancer stem cell model in which only rare cells are able to proliferate extensively and form new tumors," said Morrison, a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator in a news release.

"Our results suggest that most melanoma cells are capable of driving disease progression and that it won't be possible to cure patients by targeting rare sub-populations of cells," Morrison said. "We think you need to kill all the cells."

The team's findings were published Nov. 16 in the journal *Cancer Cell*. The first authors of the paper are Elsa Quintana of the U of M Center for Stem Cell Biology, based at the Life Sciences Institute, and Mark Shackleton, formerly with the Morrison lab and now at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Center in Melbourne, Australia.

The study found that tumor-forming melanoma cells have the ability to throw a genetic switch that changes the types of proteins expressed on the cells' surface. The study is the first to present evidence for this type of pervasive "pheno-

The Nature article demonstrated that tumor-forming melanoma cells are not rare, as predicted by the cancer stem cell model.

The researchers determined that at least one-quarter of melanoma cells have the ability to form new tumors.

typic plasticity" among melanoma cells from patients.

Patterns of surface proteins are used to identify different cell types and are commonly called cell surface markers.

"The fact that these markers are turned on and off by melanoma cells raises the possibility that melanoma cells may also turn on and off genes that regulate clinically important characteristics like drug resistance and metastatic ability," Morrison said.

"The ability to transition between various states may make melanoma more difficult to treat."

The authors stress that while their results argue against a cancer stem cell model for melanoma, their findings do not invalidate the model. In fact, certain leukemias and other cancers appear to follow the model.

"It will be critical to determine which cancers follow a stem cell model and which do not, so therapies designed to target rare sub-populations of cells are not inappropriately tested in patients whose disease is driven by many diverse cancer cells," Quintana said.

The cancer stem cell model assumes that cells differing in marker expression also differ in function and that only a very small subset of cancer cells displaying the critical marker pattern — less than 1 percent of cancer cells — can form tumors.

The model proposes that most of the cancer cells that compose tumors have little or no capacity to proliferate or to contribute to disease progression.

"The cancer stem cell model says that tumor cells are organized hierarchically, and that only the cells at the top of the hierarchy form tumors. Cells at the bottom of the hierarchy can't," Morrison said.

However, the Morrison laboratory was unable to find any subset of melanoma cells that lacked the ability to form tumors.

"In our model, all these cells can form tumors," he said.

"And they're phenotypically different from each other, not because they're hierarchically organized, but because they're just turning these surface

markers on and off."

The U of M team found that all tumor-forming melanoma cells gave rise to progeny with a variety of marker patterns, and that all of those sub-popu-

lations retained the ability to form tumors.

The marker changes appeared to be reversible, rather than being associated with a transition from tumor-forming to non-tumor-forming states, as the cancer stem cell model would predict.

The *Cancer Cell* paper follows up on work reported by the Morrison lab in the Dec. 4, 2008, edition of the journal *Nature*.

The Nature article demonstrated that tumor-forming melanoma cells are not rare, as predicted by the cancer stem cell model. The researchers determined that at least one-

quarter of melanoma cells have the ability to form new tumors.

Melanoma kills more than 8,000 Americans each year.

The human melanoma cells used in this study were provided — with the patients' permission — from the U of M's Multidisciplinary Melanoma Program, one of the country's largest melanoma programs and part of the U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"These new findings significantly advance our understanding of melanoma," said cutaneous oncologist Dr. Timothy Johnson, director of the U of M melanoma program and a co-author of the *Cancer Cell*

paper.

"This type of groundbreaking discovery achieves our core objective of combining clinical studies with laboratory research to develop new and better treatments for optimal patient care," Johnson said.

In addition to Morrison, Quintana, Shackleton and Johnson, the paper's authors are Hannah Foster of the Center for Stem Cell Biology; Dr. Douglas Fullen, associate professor of pathology and associate professor of dermatology at the Medical School; and Dr. Michael Sabel, associate professor of surgery at the Medical School.

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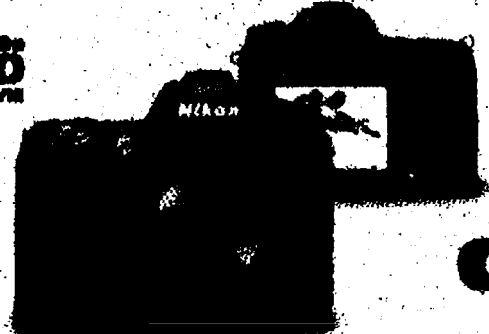
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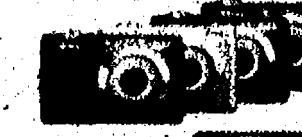
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Foreign student enjoys time in U.S.

Local couple finds joy in teen transfer program

By Krystle Dunham
Special Writer

Sanna Laakkonen has only been living in Chelsea for a couple of months. But the 17-year-old Finnish girl is already finding the small town atmosphere to be quite special.

"Here I feel like almost everyone knows each other. It's a little community," Laakkonen said.

Laakkonen, who is originally from Espoo, Finland, is an exchange student at Chelsea High School this year.

She is currently living with a local host family, as part of the Youth For Understanding USA program.

And as part of the program, she will spend the next year as a senior at CHS and will participate in all of the senior functions throughout the year, including prom and graduation in June.

The program prepares young people for their responsibilities and opportunities in a changing and interdependent world. It has been a leader in youth exchange programs in more than 60 countries since 1951. Each year, more than 4,000 students participate in the programs worldwide.

The goal of the organization is for YFU students to gain skills and perspectives that help them meet the challenges and opportunities of the global community.

Rick Benson of Chelsea and his wife, Joni, who are the host family for Laakkonen, first became familiar with the YFU program a few years ago. The couple had found a notice in their church bulletin from St. Mary's church and decided that they wanted to get involved with the program in August 2008.

Benson said the decision to be involved didn't happen overnight. He said the couple was worried that they might not meet the requirements to be a host family, because their three children are all grown up and have started their own families.

"So many people think that if they don't have a student to send over somewhere, they can't be a part of the organization," Benson said. "This is so not true. There are all different shapes and sizes of families that can be host families through YFU."

Before the couple welcomed Laakkonen into their home in August, they had the privilege to be a host family for three other exchange students. The students were from Germany, Thailand and China.

Joni said in order for her and Rick to become a host family, they filled out an application through YFU. The organization then did a home study, criminal background check and a reference check.

Once that part of the process was successfully completed, the couple decided whether they would like to house a boy or girl from the country of their choice.

The Bensons then started looking at different biographies of students that were enrolled with the organization and decided which teenager would be the best fit for them.

Benson said that the couple wanted to host a student from Finland, and Laakkonen seemed to meet their needs.

Laakkonen's interest in bowling and cheerleading, as well as the letter she wrote to her prospective host family gave the couple a sense of what type of teenager Laakkonen truly is.

"You just get a gut feeling on whether they are a good fit," said Joni, who is now a YFU volunteer area representative for Chelsea.

Laakkonen said the process for a student to be involved with YFU is also just as time consuming, which includes a large amount of paperwork. But, she said it was well worth it.

Since arriving in August, Laakkonen joined the CHS cheerleading team and is a member of St. Mary's youth group.

Benson said the couple wanted to make sure when Laakkonen arrived in Chelsea that she would be able to adjust quickly to the new lifestyle she would have.

They thought the cheerleading team and the youth group would offer her the opportunity to meet other teens and make new friends.

When Benson first dropped off Laakkonen at the youth group, he said she was a bit shy and quiet.



Sanna Laakkonen, an exchange student from Espoo, Finland, is living the life of an American high school senior at Chelsea High School. She lives with Rick and Joni Benson, who are her host family. She is also a member of the bowling team and the cheerleading squad.

But, when Benson picked her up a couple hours later, something had changed.

"It was like night and day when I picked her up," he said. "She made friends."

Laakkonen said she admitted when she first left Finland and headed to the United States, she feared it would be very hard to be away from home.

She said she was concerned she would have a hard time meeting new people and struggling with the English language.

However, Laakkonen said she has adjusted more to the small community feel of Chelsea and has already made so many memories and friends, whom she plans on staying in touch with when she leaves at the end of June.

"I really like the school here, better than back home," said Laakkonen, who had 20 schools to choose from when picking what high school she would attend.

"Chelsea High School has great school spirit," she said.

As the school year continues, Laakkonen said she looks forward to attending the Winter Carnival, prom, and graduation, where she will receive an honorary diploma.

She also looks forward to receiving her varsity letter in cheerleading, being a part of the high school's bowling team, and traveling to Minnesota for Christmas, where the Bensons have family there.

For those who are interested in becoming a host family, contact Joni Benson at 1-248-939-3120.

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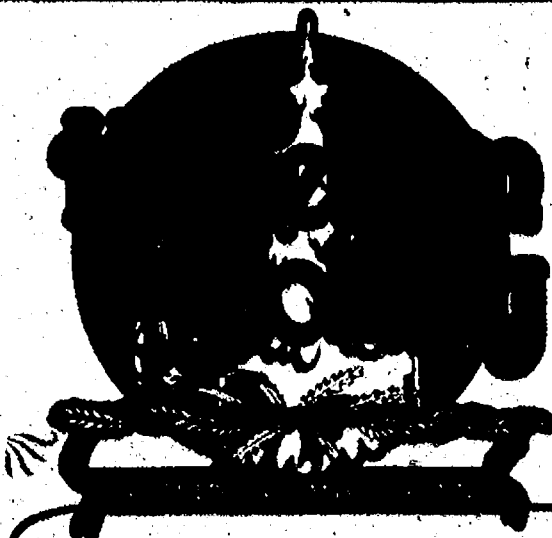
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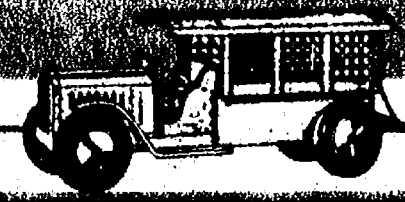
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Zou Zou's Cafe FREE LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT		7:00pm - 10:00pm
Chelsea High School Auditorium "NUTCRACKER BALLET" PRESENTED BY THE YOUTH DANCE THEATRE OF MICHIGAN. SEE WWW.YOUTHDANCETHEATRE.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.		7:00pm



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All day	Various Chelsea Merchants	Gingerbread House Displays
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Chelsea Comfort Inn & Village Conference Center	Christmas Tree Sale - 100% of profits from this sale will be donated to the Chelsea Community Center. Trees are available in 4' and 5' sizes. Call 478-1148 for more information.
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Chelsea State Bank	Holiday Green Sale - sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 428 featuring wreaths, swags, roping, and other specialty holiday greens.
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	West of the Moon Gallery www.bartolotto.com/PortHendrix.html	Holiday Gift Show - Handcrafted gifts from local artists. Open House - 100% of profits from this sale will be donated to the Chelsea Community Center. Trees are available in 4' and 5' sizes. Call 478-1148 for more information.
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Carden Mill	Free live holiday music performance by local students. 100% of profits from this day will be donated to Faith in Action.
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	The Picking Shed	Holiday Green Sale - sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 428 featuring wreaths, swags, roping, and other specialty holiday greens.
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Coop's Flowers www.giftflowers.com	Feed the Birds! - 100% of profits from this sale will be donated to the Chelsea Community Center. Trees are available in 4' and 5' sizes. Call 478-1148 for more information.
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10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Watkins Farm Museum www.watkinsfarmmuseum.com	"Christmas on the Farm" - This re-creation of the holiday's traditions include tours of the farmhouse, adorned in decorations from the period, and the Dewey School Museum. Hand-crafted greens, homemade baked goods, and gift items will be available for purchase. Refreshments & live music on hand. Admission: \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$2 children (5-17).
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	La Jolla Fine Jewelry	Your Jewelry Christmas Tree - 100% of profits from this sale will be donated to the Chelsea Community Center. Trees are available in 4' and 5' sizes. Call 478-1148 for more information.
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10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Vogel's & Potters	100% of profits from this sale will be donated to the Chelsea Community Center. Trees are available in 4' and 5' sizes. Call 478-1148 for more information.
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1:00 PM - 2:00 PM 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	First United Methodist Church	"Gingerbread House Workshop", only 75 places available - please call the Chamber to reserve one (478-1148).
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Chelsea Area Historical Society	Join the CAHS on the porch of their new Historical Museum for hot cocoa, cider and doughnuts. Enjoy a neighborhood gathering with music of the season entertainers.
7:30 PM	George Pinzing Auditorium	"Celebrate the Season" Chelsea Area Youth Players present a Magical Christmas Extravaganza for more information go to www.chelseareplayers.org.
8:00 PM & 7:00 PM	Chelsea High School Auditorium	"The Christmas Ball" presented by the Youth Dance Troupe of Michigan. A "Major Place Too" will be held prior to the ball at 12:30 PM. See www.youthdanceball.org for more information.
7:30 PM	River Gallery	"Collaboration Celebration" by Chelsea Center for the Arts, Chelsea District Library and River Gallery. "The High Strung" dance band.
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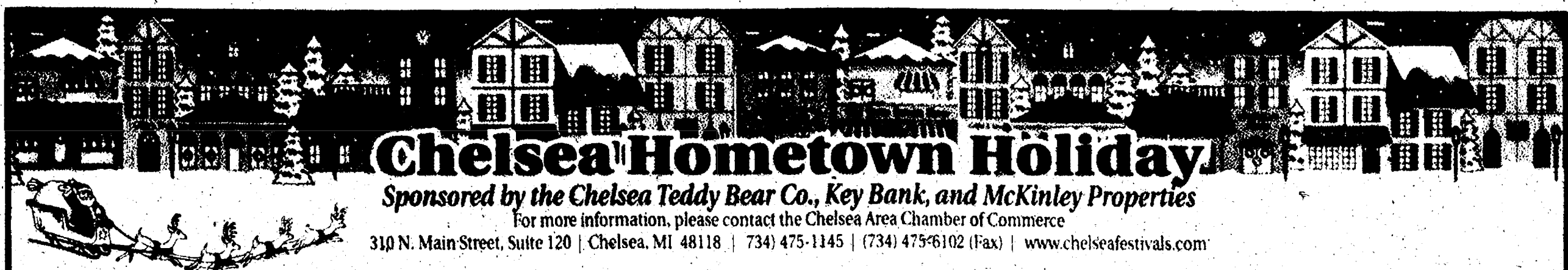
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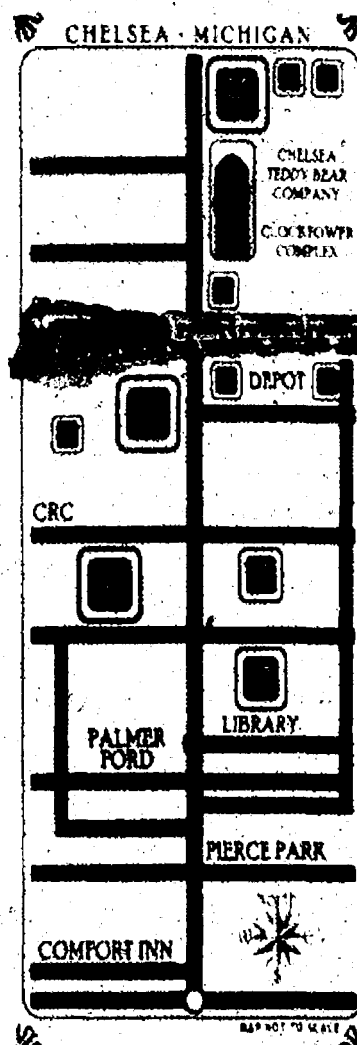
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Waterloo Farm Museum www.waterloofarmmuseum.org		10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Centsible Fashions & Home Décor Resale Shop		10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Vogel's & Fosters		12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
The Mission Marketplace www.themissionmarketplace.org		12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Garden Mill		12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
The Potting Shed		1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
George Prinzing Auditorium		3:00 PM
Chelsea High School Auditorium		2:00 PM
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Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel		6:30 PM



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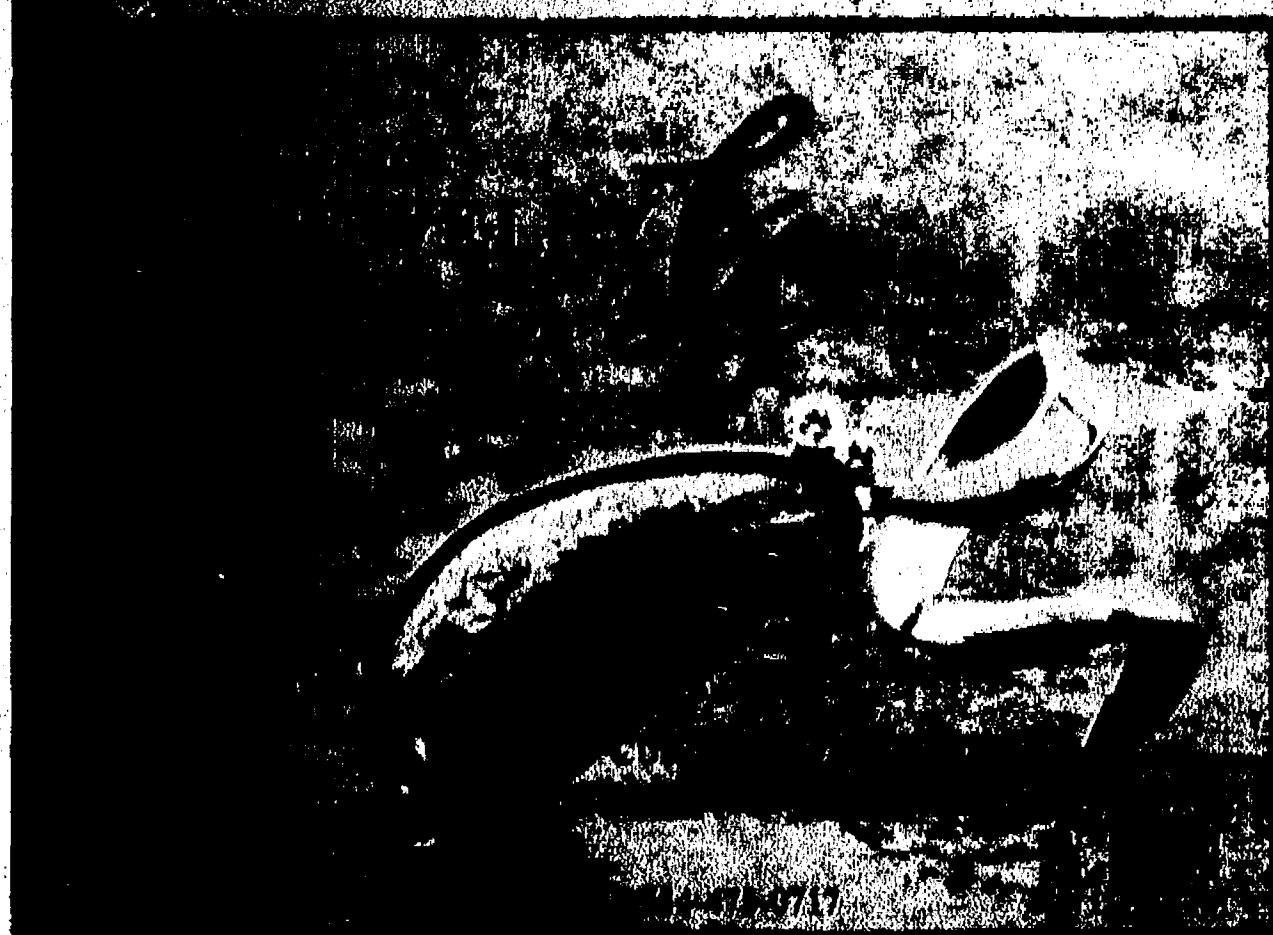
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11:00am-4pm Santa will be at the Gazebo. Children come and visit Santa and don't forget your camera. Surprise visits from other characters as well!

4 pm Holiday Hustle 5k Run/Walk for Charity Register online at www.runholiday5k.com \$5 per entry donated to Think Dexter First

Faith In Action Food Drive will be located at corner of Central Street / Monument Park all day. Please donate.

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December 2, 2010

Local residents featured in holiday craft show

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Pat Simonelli created her first teddy bear in memory of her father. The Saline resident went on to become a "bear artist" who travels to bear shows around the country, and whose critters — they include rabbits, cats and elephants — are featured on collector websites.

Her bears will be on sale at the "All the Trimmings Holiday Show" 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Chelsea Fairgrounds Service Building, 20501 Old US-12, in Chelsea.

An Ypsilanti native, Simonelli has been creative since childhood, with a particular passion for sewing.

After running a home-based dog grooming business for more than 20 years, she turned to interior decorating when her two children were grown. Years of dog grooming and having dogs as pets played an important part of the facial expressions on her bears.

"The bear making has been an extension of my love for animals," she said. "Making bears is so much fun. Each one seems to have its own personality."

Simonelli sews her bears on an antique Featherweight Singer sewing machine. Many are one-of-a-kind creations. She does a lot of hand-dyeing of mohair, creating different looks, and uses mohair remnants for smaller bears.

Known mostly for panda bears, Simonelli mixes fabrics and colors. Her bears are vintage style, from 9 to 24 inches in size, with paws of recycled leather and suede from coats and other clothing.

Chelsea resident and quilt maker Lynn Harris has been sewing and quilting since she was 9 years old, and made her first quilt when she was 12. Inspired to sew by her mother and encouraged by her grandmother, the Virginia native also is an avid knitter, and can crochet, tat, spin and embroider.

An engineering graduate from Virginia Tech, Harris said she loves the geometry of quilts, and finds the blending of fabric, pattern and symmetry a fun process with infinite possibilities.

Her appliqué quilt, "Childhood's End," was included in the national 2002 American Quilt Show, and two of her mini quilts were recently published in "Pretty Little Mini Quilts" by Lark Books.

Harris will display and sell quilts of all sizes, pouches, purses, small bead knit amulet necklaces, children's aprons and oven mitts, note cards, her original knit patterns for socks, and more.

As a child, folk artist Sandra Somers found Victorian houses awe-inspiring. Those images live on in her primitive folk art, rural and small town scenes full of old buildings, barns, young children and



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"I loved those wonderful, big old houses," she said. "Old buildings have such interest. I think they speak to us."

A national leader in the field of country and folk art paintings, Somers has exhibited her scenes of small-town and rural life in several of the historic buildings at Greenfield Village in Dearborn and at the University of Michigan Taubman Center in Ann Arbor, and her work "Around the Hearth" appeared on holiday greeting cards to benefit the Ann Arbor Ronald McDonald House.

She creates her paintings, lithographs and note cards in her farmhouse studio in New Boston, and has won awards for paintings of local scenes.

Somers, who holds a fine arts degree from the University of Michigan and who taught art in Wayne-Westland schools, said her images are very history-oriented, and that costuming the characters is fun. Her paintings are like stories, and her images, often full of animals and children, are very homespun. Several are Victorian.

The most senior artisan at the show is 91-year-old Larry Ogden, a retired geologist who has been doing counted cross-stitch since 1991, designing his own patterns of local birds, and stitching and framing them. He is the father of

the show organizers Marlene Dushiber and Susie Ogden, both artists from Chelsea.

"Susie and I are both optimistic about this year's show since it has grown every year in attendance and sales," Dushiber said. "Many items are purchased as gifts for the holiday season. It appears to be a trend for shoppers to buy hand-made, locally made gifts."

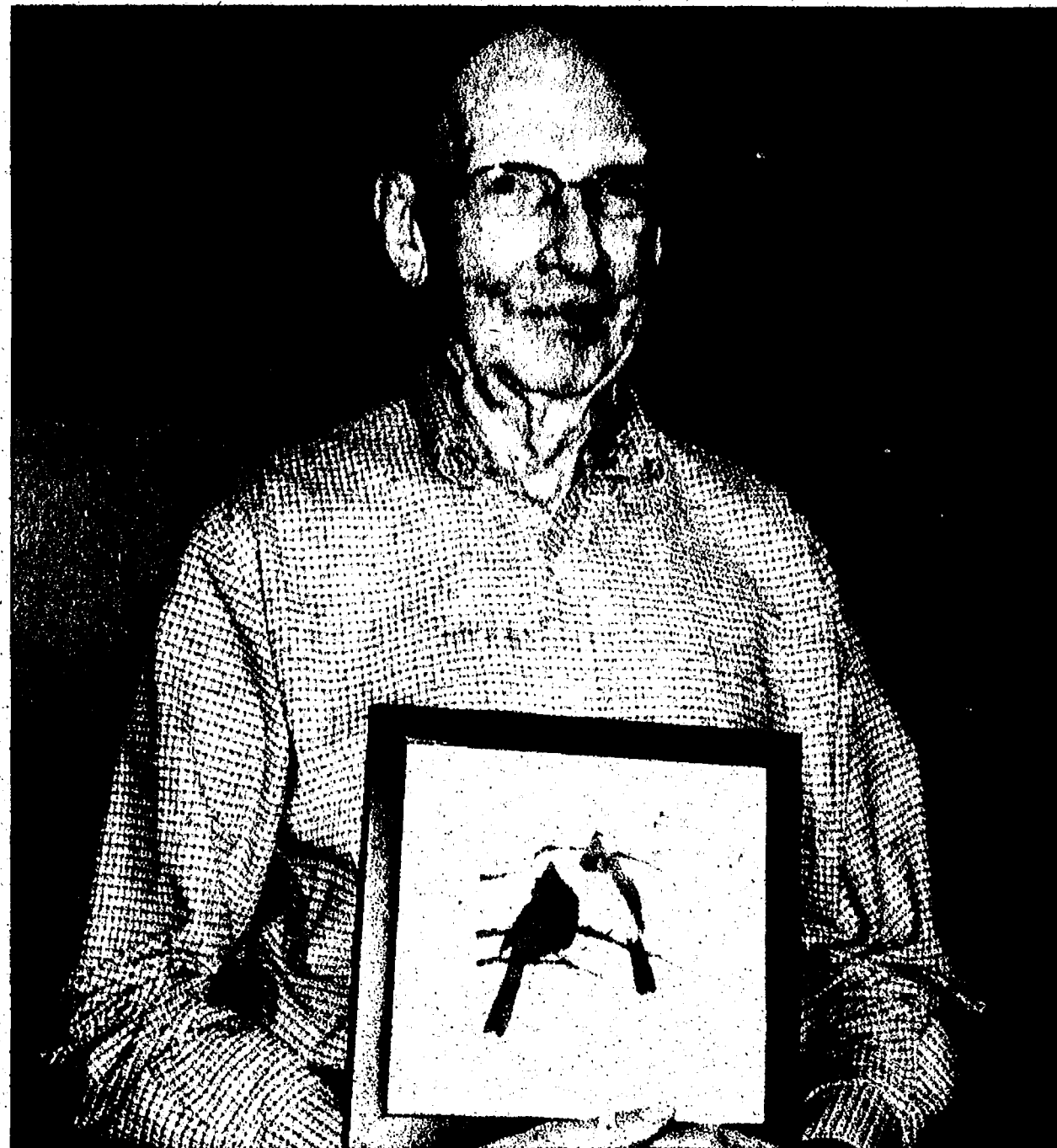
"We have a wonderful group of returning artisans, but also make an effort to find new, aspiring talent to help get them started in a friendly atmosphere."

"We think it's a fun show as most of our customers have also become our friends and return annually for the social atmosphere. The Hometown Holiday connection is beneficial for both show and local merchants. Our customers are often heard asking about the other festivities in town."

Other featured artisans are Jo Kladzyk, Lynn Krawczyk, Deb Kureth, Kris Miller, Chris Purcell, Jan Schmidt, Kay Silkworth, Ginger Sissom, Doug Stevens, Wendy and Larry St. Antoine, and Margaret Stech.

Admission is free, and there is free parking and refreshments. For more information, visit www.allthetrimmingshow.blogspot.com.

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Political cartoonist to promote new book Thursday

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Nationally syndicated political cartoonist and author Ted Rall will visit Ann Arbor to promote his new book, "The Anti-American Manifesto," a manifesto for an America heading toward economic and political collapse.

While others mourn the damage to the postmodern American capitalist system created by the global economic collapse, Rall sees an opportunity. In his view, as millions of people lose jobs and homes, they and millions more are opening their minds to the possibility of creating a radically different form of government and economic infrastructure.

Rall will be a guest speaker 7 p.m. Thursday at the University of Michigan Hatcher Graduate Library Gallery, Room 100.

This is the Ohio native's second visit to Tree Town.

"I spoke at the Michigan Theater a few years ago to my biggest crowd ever — 1,200 people, with my name in lights — amazing," he said. "I loved it and was sad that my main reason for visiting — applying for a job at the University of Michigan — didn't pan out."

"Of course, there is that small matter of the weather. As if Ohio wasn't cold enough, at least global warming is changing that."

Rall, the 2008-2009 president of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists, twice the winner of the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award and a Pulitzer Prize finalist, drew cartoons for local newspapers and magazines while a student at Columbia University. Expelled for academic and disciplinary reasons, he later returned to graduate with honors.

After posting cartoons around the streets of New York



City, he landed a few clients, and was eventually signed for national syndication. His cartoons now appear in more than 100 publications, including the Los Angeles Times, Tucson Weekly, Newark Star-Ledger, Village Voice and New York Times.

Rall, who hones in on issues

important to ordinary working people — un- and underemployment, the environment, popular culture, and political and social trends — has contributed op/ed articles to The New York Times.

He had a weekly syndicated opinion column for Universal Press Syndicate, and has been a staff writer for P.O.V. magazine. A major feature story about Tajikistan appeared in Men's Journal in 2008.

Rall, who hosted a twice-weekly radio talk show in Los Angeles, often broadcast from overseas, airing the first live talk radio shows from Cuba, Uzbekistan and Kashmir Province, and live reports from the war in Afghanistan.

He is currently working on "The Year of Chris," a graphic novel sequel to "The Year of Loving Dangerously."

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Cartoonist Ted Rall will visit Ann Arbor at 7 p.m. tonight to promote his new book, "The Anti-American Manifesto."

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December 2, 2010

'To Kill a Mockingbird' to be staged

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the publication of "To Kill a Mockingbird" with a stage adaptation of the classic novel by Harper Lee.

Adapted by Christopher Sergel and directed by Debra Reichard, "To Kill a Mockingbird" runs Dec. 2 through 5 at the University of Michigan's Arthur Miller Theatre, 1226 Murfin Ave., Ann Arbor. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday. "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view," says Atticus Finch in "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Finch, one of the most iconic figures in American literature, is a gentle, unassuming widower whose goal in life is to teach his children integrity, compassion and courage.

The time is summer, 1935, in a small town in Alabama. Finch, an attorney, agrees to defend a black man, Tom Robinson, who is accused of raping a white girl. Through the course of the trial that hot summer, Atticus' conviction never wavers and his children learn what it means to stand up for what you believe in, no matter what the consequences.

"The play illustrates how our children are always watching and learning from the adults around them," said director Debra Reichard in a news release.

"You see two single fathers — Bob Ewell and Atticus Finch — raising their children and leading by example," Reichard said.

"The way children view and experience the present with the guidance of their parents is what leads to the future generation's convictions and moral compass. In the play, as

the children experience these feelings for the first time, the audience gets to re-experience those feelings right along with them."

The cast of "To Kill a Mockingbird" features Marc Holland as Atticus, Talia Akiva as Scout, Eli Tell as Jem, Lache Williams as Calpurnia, Ian Beijster as Dill and Charlie Newhart as Tom Robinson.

The cast also includes Karen Underwood, Breeda Miller, June Weiland, Richard Sherburne, Jon Elliott, Michael Slaughter, Sean Sabo, Christine Koch, Ben Blaesing, Steven Proehl, Zach Damon, Wendy Fritz, Jim Kane, Todd Young and Steve Stenman.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, \$10 for students and \$15 for all tickets on Thursday. As a part of the educational program Literature Alive!, the Sunday matinee features \$8 tickets for students and teachers followed by a talkback with the director and cast following the performance.

All patrons on Sunday are invited to stay for the talkback. Tickets are available online at www.a2ct.org, by calling the office at 971-2228, at the A2CT office at 322 W. Ann St. or at the door. Special Literature Alive! tickets can only be ordered through the A2CT office.

Additional information is available by visiting www.a2ct.org.

Eli Tell, Ian Beijster, Talia Akiva and Ben Blaesing will perform in "To Kill a Mockingbird" Dec. 2 through 5 at the University of Michigan's Arthur Miller Theatre in Ann Arbor. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday.



Marc Holland (left), Talia Akiva, Lache Williams, Eli Tell appear in "To Kill a Mockingbird" Dec. 2 through 5 at the University of Michigan's Arthur Miller Theatre, 1226 Murfin Ave., in Ann Arbor.



THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Purple Heart Reading Series
10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday, Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. Pre-registration required. 475-8732.

Great Books: Senior Center
1 p.m. Friday, Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Free. Pre-register at 475-8732.

2nd Annual Christmas Holiday
9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, Downtown Chelsea. Free. 475-1145.

Christmas on the Farm
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Waterloo Area Farm Museum, 9998 Waterloo Road, \$4 (age 62 and older, \$3 ages 5 to 17, \$2, age 4 and younger, free). 1-517-596-2254.

All the Yearlings Holiday Art Show
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Chelsea Fairgrounds, West Old US-12. Free admission. 475-2159.

Holiday Show: Mary Prentiss
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays to Dec. 18, West of the Moon Gallery, 112 E. Middle St. (rear entrance). Free admission. 475-0182.

"Calculus for Seniors"
7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Chelsea Area Players Youth Theater, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. \$8.

"The Mockingbird"
7 p.m. Friday, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Chelsea High School, 740 N. Freer Road. \$18 (students and age 60 and older, \$12) in advance at youthdance theatre.org and at the door. Groups of 10 or more, \$10 in advance. 475-3070.

Lake Park Music Theater
2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, West Lake Preserve, meet on north side of Waterloo Road between Werkner and McKinley, east of

M-52. Free. 971-6337.

Laps@Michigan
3:30 p.m. Monday, Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free.

Holiday Celebrations
7 p.m. Tuesday, Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. Pre-registration required. 475-8732.

DEXTER

"It's a Wonderful Life"
7 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Encore Musical Theatre Company, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. \$28 (members and seniors, \$25; groups of 10 or more, \$22) in advance at theencoretheatre.org and at the door. 268-6200.

Music for the Holidays: Senior Area Chapter of Chorus
8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Downtown Dexter. Free admission. 426-0887.

Holiday Dinner: Senior Heritage Club
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dexter Area Historical Museum, 3443 Inverness St., Dexter. Free admission. 426-2519.

Holiday Dinner: Girl Scouts
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, 7610 Ann Arbor St., Dexter. Free admission. 424-9553.

Holiday Dinner: Senior Center
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., Dexter. Free admission. 426-7737.

Senior Book Sale
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. 426-4477.

Senior Book Sale
9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings Road, Webster Township. Free. 971-6337, ext. 334.

Seniors for Music
11 a.m. Saturday, Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. 426-4477.

Holiday Sales
2 p.m. Sunday, Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free.

SALINE

Christmas Wonderland
Noon to 7 p.m. through Monday, Briarwood Mall Sears wing. \$3. 994-9832.

Pizza and Pajamas
Noon Thursday, Sixth through 12th grades, Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Road. Pre-register at 429-5450.

Men's Health Event
6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, St. Joseph Mercy Saline, 400 Russell St., With Freddie Scott, prostate cancer survivor, former NFL wide receiver and College Football Hall of Famer, panel of medical specialists. First 25 guests receive a gift; free giveaways and door prizes. Dinner is provided. Register at stjoeshealth.org or call 1-800-231-2211.

Michigan Joe Frost
6:30 p.m. Thursday, Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Road. Pre-register at 429-5450.

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"
7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, 1 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Saline Area Players, Stone Arch Arts Center, 117 S. Ann Arbor St. \$5 (families, \$25), 355-8898.

Fun Day
7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Ages 5 through 12, Saline Recreation Complex, 1866 Woodland Drive East. \$50 (members, \$40). 429-3502.

Midnight Madness Craft Show
5 to 11 p.m. Friday, Saline Middle School, 7190 N. Maple Road. \$2. 429-5922.

Free Lighting Ceremony
7 p.m. Friday, in front of KeyBank, downtown Saline.

Saline Holiday Parade
5:30 p.m. Saturday, Downtown Saline.

Croch. Island Croch. Croch.
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, St. James United

Church of Christ, 11005 W. Michigan Ave.

Beginners Ballroom Dance
8 p.m. Friday, Come Dancing, School of Ballroom Dancing, 7025 E. Michigan Ave. \$10. 944-1888.

Christmas Car and Boat Sale
11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Freedom Township Town Hall, 11508 Pleasant Lake Road. Free. 995-7384.

Family-Centered Car Racing: Washburn NC Raceway
10:30 a.m. to midnight Saturday, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Saline. Free admission. \$16 in race. 1-313-565-2815.

Pittsfield Open House
3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. 994-9307.

Dance: Parents Without Partners
8 p.m. Saturday, Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium Blvd. \$8 (PWP members, \$6). 578-3664.

Gift-Fest 2010: Ann Arbor Artists' Collective Holiday Show
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free admission. 272-2901.

Saline Holiday Parade
2 p.m. Sunday, Saline High School, 1300 Campus Drive. \$10 (students, seniors, \$5). 994-2283.

New Horizons Band Concert
3 p.m. Sunday, First United Methodist Church, 1200 N. Ann Arbor St. Free. 429-1472.

Special Needs Family Movie
1:15 p.m. Sunday, Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Road. Free. Pre-registration required. 429-5450.

All Community Musical Sing
8 p.m. Monday, Saline Area Schools and EMU Choral Department, Check-in at 6 p.m., rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Saline High School, 1300 Campus Pkwy. \$5 for singers. Free to listen; donations accepted. 429-8000, ext. 2267.

Art of the Cold
Through Dec. 31, "Intrepid" by Keith McGuire and Jean Canavan, My Favorite Cafe, 101 S. Ann Arbor St. Call 944-4054.

212 Arts Center Holiday Sale
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 11 to 18, (closed Sundays) with a reception. 7 p.m. Dec. 10, 212 W. Michigan. Visit www.twotwelvearts.org or call 944-2787.

Quarterly Music Fundraiser
7 p.m. Tuesday, Fundraiser to pay utility bills for spina bifida sufferer Carol Keeler, Local 892 UAW Hall, 601 Woodland Drive. Opens at 6 p.m., bidding starts at 7 p.m. Call 429-7186 or email vrnicamoser@gmail.com or visit <http://http://salineqm.eventbrite.com>.

Saline Variety Show
7:30 p.m. Dec. 10, 11, Holiday Hop, Saline Middle School Auditorium. Advance tickets \$8 or \$10 at the door. Visit www.salinevarietyshow.com.

Artists' Afternoon
3 p.m. Wednesday, Sixth through 12th grades, Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Road. Free. 429-5450.

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Holiday Soule & Craft Sale
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Marble Memorial United Methodist Church, 8 Park St., Milan. Call 439-2421.

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Holiday Art & Craft Market
5 to 9 p.m. Friday, noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St. Free admission. 480-2787.

A Midwinter Night's Dream
7:30 p.m. Friday, Pease Auditorium, West Cross at College Place. \$10 (seniors and students, \$8; under 12, \$6). 487-2282.

Ypsilanti Holiday House Tour
6 to 10 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. \$40 Saturday, \$15 Sunday at Nelson Amos Studio (Dec. 4 tour) and Haab's Restaurant (Dec. 5 tour). \$20 (Dec. 5 only) day of tour.

487-9669.

Opera Workshop: EMU Music Department
7 p.m. Saturday, EMU Alexander Recital Hall, Lowell at East Circle Drive, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

"Pops! Longstanding"
7 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, EMU Theater Department, Quirk Cross at College Place. Free. \$12, 12 and under, \$7.

"The Mockingbird"
2 and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Ypsilanti High School, 2095 Packard Road. \$18 and \$20 in advance at ypsilantiareadancers.com and at the door. 417-2596.

Robert Pease and Helen Dwyer: EMU Music Department
3 p.m. Sunday, Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, West Cross at College Place. Free. 487-2255.

"John E. Chase to Comedy Town"
2:30 p.m. Sunday, Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Bldg., Towsley Auditorium, 4800 East Huron River Drive. \$10 (seniors and under age 12, \$5; up to two adults and 2 under age 12, \$25) at ypsilantisymphony.org and at the door. 507-1451.

Jazz & Percussion Ensemble
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, EMU Alexander Recital Hall, Lowell at East Circle Drive. Free. 487-2255.

Ypsilanti Holiday House Tour
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Free Dawn Farm series, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive. 973-7892.

Photo Exhibition
6 p.m. Wednesday, EMU Alexander Recital Hall, Lowell at East Circle Drive. Free. 487-2255.

Ypsilanti Holiday House Tour
Dec. 11, Bring a new, packaged toy, with a value of at least \$10 and receive a free tattoo. Depot Town Tattoo, 33 East Cross St., Ypsilanti. Call 544-1297.



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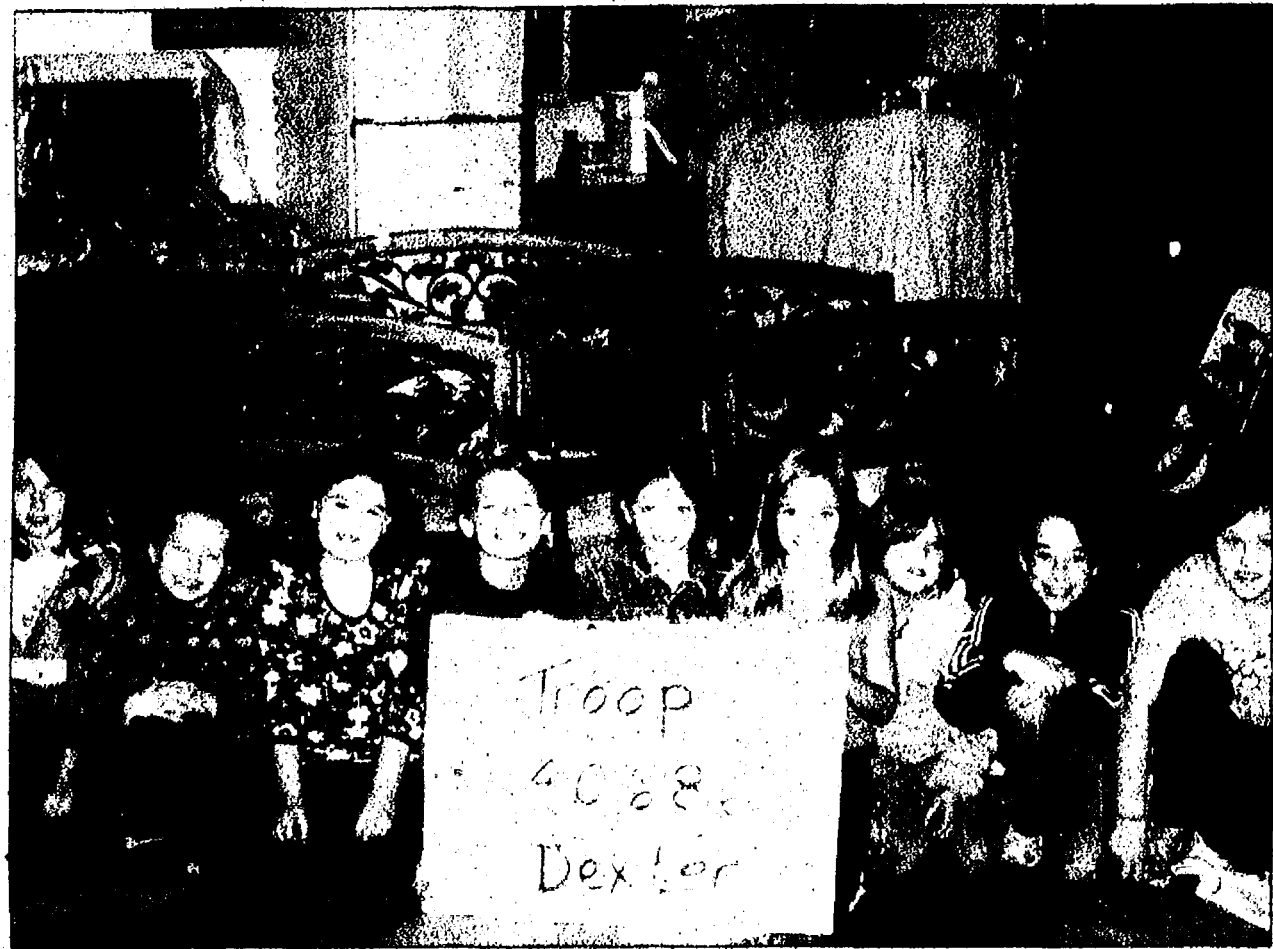
Mary Boyce of Faith in Action is shown with Chelsea Lions Club members Paul Weber (right) and Don Enderby (left) receiving 20 turkeys for Thanksgiving from the Lions Club to provide for the needy in the community.



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GUEST SPEAKER

Lindsay Bacon, executive director of the Chelsea Senior Activities Center, was the guest speaker at a recent Chelsea Kiwanis Club meeting. Pictured are Bacon and Kiwanis member Don Cole.



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SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Junior Girl Scouts from Dexter Troop 40686 completed a community service project by refurbishing benches for the reading garden at Bates Elementary School in October. Pictured are (left to right): Megan Burleson, Nicole France, Paige Monk, Laura Kapanowski, Sage Roberti, Cora Boychuck, Shannon Healy, Kara Rider, and Cosette Ferris.



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CHAMPION SPELLERS

CreekSide students competed against top spellers in a spelling bee competition Nov. 13 in Pinckney. Students Conor Flaherty and Eva Nerys were the top spellers in the fifth grade, competing against 60 other fifth grade students. Louis Judge, Caroline Shoopman, and Caroline Burdick were the top spellers from the sixth grade competing against 54 other sixth grade students. Burdick and Flaherty placed in the top 10 in Pinckney. Pictured are (left to right): Conor Flaherty, Louise Judge, Caroline Shoopman, Caroline Burdick, and Eva Nerys.

Wellness Foundation seeks volunteers

By Amy Heydlauff
Guest Writer

What if a group of people in your town wanted to develop a coordinated, resident-centered plan to help you feel better? What if someone said: "Let's make it easier for people to control their blood sugar or outlook on life or weight, if they want to." What if that group of people said to each other: "How can we help aging residents keep their joints limber and our kids maintain a healthy weight?"

Would you be interested in their ideas? Do you have some ideas of your own? In Chelsea, Dexter and Manchester, there are motivated people organizing to make it easier for the residents of their communities to "move more, eat better, connect with others in healthy ways and avoid unhealthy substances."

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eat better, connect with others in healthy ways and avoid unhealthy substances."

If those goals seem familiar it's because they are the fundamentals of the Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation's vision.

In each town the wellness troops are gathering in the form of a Wellness Coalition. They are talking about the idea of one big plan to address the things that make a community "well."

They are making lists of people who might want to help and talking to friends and neighbors. It is grassroots, community organizing at its best. People who care about their town are talking to other people who care about their town and the people in it.

This sort of thing can't happen everywhere. But in

western Washtenaw County we have a history of getting things done. We have a way of cooperating and an energy that's palpable. Even though these organizing people know western Washtenaw County data shows we are more overweight, less likely to exercise and eat vegetables, or more likely to have a stroke, they are not daunted. Eating better, moving more, connecting with others and avoiding unhealthy substances are options they want all community residents to enjoy.

That has to be good for everyone — especially our children.

If no one has reached you, and you want to help, let us know. We'll put you in touch with the right people in your community. E-mail us at info@5healthytowns.org. Or call our office at 433-4599.

Amy Heydlauff is the executive director for the CAWF.

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Social Security Administration answers common questions

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You may need a new card if you are starting a new job and your employer asks to see the card. For more information about getting a replacement card, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

RETIREMENT
How much of a difference will it make if I defer retirement benefits until age 70?
It can be significant. For example, say your full retirement age is 66 and your monthly benefit starting at that age is \$1,000.

If you choose to defer receiving benefits until age 70, you would increase your monthly benefit amount to \$1,320. That is almost an extra \$4,000 each year for the rest of your life.

This increase is from delayed retirement credits you get for your decision to postpone receiving benefits past your full retirement age.

The benefit amount at age 70, in this example, is 32 percent more than you would receive per month if you chose to start getting benefits at full retirement age. This higher benefit would continue for as long as you live. You can estimate your future benefits at different ages using our Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

I heard Social Security pays Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits to children who were born prematurely. Is this true?

SSI is for people with low income and resources and, in most cases, the income and resources of the parents would be considered for a child.

For children who meet the income and resource requirements, Social Security does provide SSI disability benefits to certain low birth weight infants, whether or not they are premature.

Children who weigh less than 1,200 grams (about 2 pounds, 10 ounces) at birth can qualify for SSI on the basis of low birth weight.

Children who weigh between 1,200 and 2,000 grams at birth (about 4 pounds 6 ounces) and who are considered small for their gestational age also may qualify.

Even if children who were born prematurely do not fall into one of the low birth weight categories, they still may qualify for SSI if the evidence in their record shows that they meet the definition of disability for children for another reason.

For more information, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/apply-disability/child.htm.

I receive my Supplemental Security Income payments on the first of the month. What happens when the first of the month falls on a Saturday?

If you receive an SSI payment on the first of the month, and the first of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, your payment should arrive on the previous banking day.

For more information, visit our Schedule of Social Security Benefit Payments at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/calendar.htm.

Keep the reference handy, and remember, if you have direct deposit, you'll never have to wait for your payment to arrive in your mailbox; it will be directly deposited into your account.

DISABILITY
Why is there a five-month waiting period for Social Security disability benefits?

The law provides for a five-month waiting period to ensure that during the early months of disability, we only pay benefits to persons who have long-term disabilities.

Social Security disability benefits can be paid only after you have been disabled continuously throughout a period of five full calendar months. Therefore, Social Security disability benefits will be paid beginning with the sixth full month after the date your disability began. You are not entitled to benefits for any month in the waiting period. Learn more by reading our online publication, Disability Benefits, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html.

I applied for disability

benefits three months ago and still have not received an answer. When should I expect to be notified of the decision?

The length of time it takes to receive a decision on your disability claim is usually from three to five months. It can vary depending on several factors, but

primarily factors considered are:

- The nature of your disability;
- How quickly we obtain medical evidence from your doctor or other medical source;
- Whether it is necessary to send you for a medical examination to obtain evidence to sup-

port your claim; and

- Whether your claim is randomly selected for quality assurance review of the decision.

The more information you can provide about your disability and medical providers during the initial application, the more likely the process will go faster.

The best way to prepare for a disability application is to use the Disability Starter Kit located online at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits.htm.

MEDICARE
When is open season for enrolling in a Medicare Part

D prescription drug plan?

The Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program Open Season this year runs from Nov. 15 to Dec. 31. To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plan, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-633-4227 (TTY: 1-877-486-2048).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Schools made changes without enough input, research

48 minutes is not enough time

Until now, I have been a big supporter of Dexter Community Schools. Two very important issues are being pushed through the Board of Education without significant public input. First, the current administration wants to change the school day schedule from the current five period day with 70-minute classes to a seven period day with 48-minute classes.

Second, they are making a large monetary commitment (\$9,500 for the first year of the International Baccalaureate diploma program, \$10,000 for the second year plus a non-refundable application fee of \$7,000) that will benefit only 38 students next year.

Why haven't there been public alerts, hearings and meetings about the implementation of these things? International Baccalaureate information was presented but only after the decision to implement the program was made.

The opinions of our community's taxpayers should be heard and honored in a fully advertised series of public meetings. Extensive public forums took place when the district was grappling with the busing situation. Everyone was notified. Is the everyday schedule of our children's high school facility any less important?

Do we have so much money that a minimum financial commitment of \$27,000 for 40 students is no big deal?

Parents received an e-mailed letter from the principal of Dexter High School outlining the board's plan for a change in the school day on Nov. 22. They sent it during Thanksgiving week and required people's input within seven days because they intend to reach a decision within a week. They sent this request for feedback immediately preceding a busy holiday weekend that is well documented as the most traveled of the year. Is that how we want our school administration to function? Requesting important information from people when we know they aren't going to be home?

As a former teacher, I believe that a 60-minute class is the minimum needed to do any real teaching. I understand that budgets and desires rarely mix company. But the only school in our general vicinity that has less than 55-minute class periods is Chelsea. They have 50-minute classes — with an 80-minute fourth hour.

Many area schools have 60-minute class periods or more. The letter from the DHS principal promotes a 22-minute cut in current class times, but he wants to add two additional class periods in a two-semester format.

A seven-period day with 48 minutes per class does not allow our students sufficient daily class time for thorough investigations of important advanced placement and fine arts topics. A 48-minute class time will effectively require our well-respected music programs to offer much less in terms of quality and quantity, thus adversely affecting hundreds of students.

I'm not against having the IB program in Dexter. I'm not against a two-semester schedule. I am against how the expense and ramifications of such far-reaching decisions is being forced on our community without reasonable input.

I am against gutting a music program with hundreds of students in order to benefit 40 students by shortening class times. I have listened to the IB people. More importantly, I have listened to a dozen parents in other school districts in southeast Michigan, and I keep hearing the same thing: The only real benefit of the IB program over our current advanced placement program occurs if your child plans to attend a university overseas. There are only 20 IB schools in Michigan because they are cost-prohibitive with benefits for a very small number of students. I hope Dexter eventually offers the program, but not by means of hidden agendas and a minimal effort to solicit public opinion, and not at the cost of our valued band and orchestra programs.

My confidence in the people who run Dexter Community

Schools has been seriously shaken. These issues — so vital to our children's education — have been handled poorly. Educational policy should reflect the community's beliefs and needs. Not the desires of a few administrators.

Regardless of whether you agree with me, I hope that Dexter's parents will voice their opinions on this issue and not have such things forced upon them without recourse.

Jack Carlson
Dexter

Do we know enough about the IB program?

I am concerned about how a relative few Dexter High School faculty members can seemingly make far-reaching decisions regarding the direction of the curriculum of our school district.

It was only a few short weeks ago when a meeting was held to discuss the interest in moving towards an International Baccalaureate program in Dexter. Many, including myself, walked away from this meeting with more questions than answers. Just last week an article in the Dexter Leader seemed to indicate it was a done deal. How can this possibly happen? It does not seem that all of the facts have been thoroughly researched on this topic.

In the article in the Dexter Leader, one Dexter school official made the comment that the IB program would provide more college opportunities. What does this compare to now? What little I have heard and have the opportunity to research seems inconclusive that IB is any better than advanced placement at providing more college opportunities. In fact in all of the web research I have done regarding the position of colleges on this issue, not one college stated specifically that IB would provide any inherent advantages over advanced placement. What they all said is that either advanced placement or IB would benefit our students over no advanced program. So the question must be asked: Why offer both?

International Baccalaureate has a much fewer number of schools and participants than advanced placement does in the United States, and has not been around as long. What is lacking in AP that IB will offer? What is the relative number of students who have expressed taking IB in Dexter?

If this is a case of a major change to the curriculum at a relatively high cost that will only be participated in by a few select students, how can this possibly be justified? One also must ask the question: how will IB dilute AP and other programs currently offered? It is a simple fact that you cannot offer all things to all people. Something must be sacrificed, as there is a finite amount of money, trained teachers and other resources.

In addition, in a school district where the music program is so strong (the Dexter Band is referred to as 'the pride of Dexter') how can we let this be downgraded because of another program?

In a time in our state where tax dollars are down due to economic issues, is this really the time to commit to spending more taxpayer dollars or stealing them from other popular and successful programs?

One other matter of concern: Since IB is a global program, whose view(s) of history will our students be taught? I maintain that U.S. history is and has been an important subject. I am sure that other countries' views of how the U.S. was founded differ from those in U.S. history books. To loosely quote a contemporary author: "If we do not know where we came from and the circumstances surrounding it, we can not possibly know where we

are going."

The United States fostered our creative and entrepreneurial spirit by allowing people to think boldly and not be constrained by the views of others. The old world views of religion, trade wars, class systems and other once global views is the reason many came to America in the first place. Many think that the power of independence is out of place and needs to be constrained by a more global perspective. One cannot help but wonder how the IB program will support the American perspective.

There may be good answers to these concerns; however I have not heard from anyone in the Dexter School District address them with anything but a broad and political statement that does not address anything specifically.

A decision of this magnitude should be arrived at after careful deliberation and study: What is the rush to make a decision on this? Or has all of the research been done and not shared with the community? Either way, we deserve honest answers before moving forward in any direction.

Joseph M. Zofchak
Dexter

School officials did not show diligence in decision about IB

I would like to know why our Board of Education is willing to turn our high school upside down and gamble at least \$500,000 (that is a budget figure I got from Trustee Michael Wendorf) for an up-and-running International Baccalaureate program most of the board members and people in the community know very little about.

School administrators are painting a picture of a blissful high school where teachers have worked on committees, conducted research and have reached consensus on a program and on a schedule that they feel is best for our students. That is so far removed from reality that it is laughable.

Teachers in the high school did vote, but they were presented with three choices — two plans with seven period days (one with 47-minute periods and one with 48 minutes), and one plan that had trimesters but all classes, including band, orchestra, journalism, yearbook, art and other electives were one trimester and students could choose in which trimester of the elective he or she wished to participate.

The latter plan received four votes.

The teachers never had the opportunity to vote on a plan to keep the current schedule or one that returned to semesters but in a six-period configuration. Teachers in programs most affected by this change were never asked to give their opinions. Everybody on the scheduling committee had a stake in IB. No advanced placement teachers were on the IB committee or the scheduling committee.

There has been no due diligence on this change, or with the IB program.

There has been no cost benefit analysis.

There is no defined budget for IB, or any consideration that this scheduling change will incur costs.

There have been no meetings to solicit community input.

There have been parent forums (only for those interested in IB) where a school employee charged with selling IB to families has oversold the impact of IB on college admissions and has made sweeping and misleading statements.

There has never been any definition of the problem that IB purportedly solves.

There has been no study of the impact of this schedule change, nor of the impact of IB on band, orchestra, choir or advanced placement classes. Yet, it is a fact that these suc-

cessful programs will be cut by 40 percent in order to accommodate the IB schedule.

International Baccalaureate will affect journalism, art, debate, drama, and athletics.

Dexter High School will also be introducing a "recitation" period (in my day we called it study hall) that some teachers have told me may be mandated for all students. This will be unstructured time that is unproductive, wasteful and, of course, supported by taxpayers.

I have been told that we need to pilot IB for at least two years in order to understand if it will work, and that the only way to pilot it is to implement IB in the high school.

A pilot study is, by definition, a small scale preliminary study conducted before programs are implemented in order to check the feasibility or to improve the design. Often, pilot experiments are used to provide quantitative proof that the system has potential to succeed on a full scale.

This is not a pilot program by any stretch of the definition. I don't want my kids to be part of a "pilot" for 50 percent or more of their high school careers.

In the fall of 2009, Dexter published an annual report containing the following statement: "Dexter High School completed its first year of a revised trimester system in which students were afforded greater opportunities for elective courses to round out the rigorous Michigan Merit Curriculum recently adopted by the State of Michigan. The revised school day provided opportunities for staff to update curriculum to assure relevance, continue their work on alignment and common assessments, and spend longer periods making connections to their students."

Now, only slightly over a year later, we are being told that trimesters were a failure and we need to return to semesters — and not even the six period configuration that we had in 2007-08, but a seven period configuration that is new in our

experience.

School administrators have told me that the move to semesters is not connected to the introduction of the IB program, but it seems ironic that IB requires a seven-period day. I have been given no other explanation for the addition of a seventh period. Forgive my skepticism, but my perception is that we were either being misled a year ago or that we are being misled now.

I have seen no empirical data to support the change neither in the high school schedule nor in favor of IB. Where are the statistics that even hint that IB will make Dexter Schools better? I agree that there are problems in the schools. But why is our school board so quick to dismantle what is working in the vague hope that a radical new approach will make Dexter better?

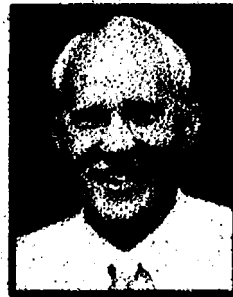
International Baccalaureate will have a marked impact on every single student in DHS. Students with no interest in the IB diploma will be placed into IB classes because those will be the classes available. Eleven IB classes are being added in the high school in 2011-2012 and 10 in 2012-2013. No advanced placement classes are being added. Nor will any non-IB classes aimed at the general school population be added.

Please look into the IB content and judge for yourself if this is the kind of education you want for your student, www.ibo.org. Plans are underway to implement IB in every school building in Dexter in the near term. Please attend the school board meetings. I believe this is the only way to have any impact.

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Local woman to display soaps at art show

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Soaps made by Cyndi Zuccaro of Dexter sound good enough to eat: calendula, rosemary, lavender, rose, green tea and peppermint, carrot, lemon balm, Mindo chocolate coffee, and cream with orange. Her red clover and milk soap is good for those prone to skin cancer, and her cappuccino soap with Mindo coffee, milk and nutmeg helps remove kitchen odors from hands.

Each bar of soap is packaged with a little gift - an adornment such as a shell, dried flower, herb, or twig.

Zuccaro is one of 30 artisans featured at the "More Friends Holiday Shows" in the West of the Moon art gallery at 112 E. Middle St.

in Chelsea. Six themed shows are running Saturdays through Dec. 18, with eight artists featured each week. Zuccaro took part on Nov. 13, and will return on Dec. 18.

Her interest in making soap grew from her passion about eating and buying local, humanely raised food.

"Seven years ago I started raising chickens for eggs. I thought it would be a small operation - I ordered a mix of 25 Heritage-breed laying hens to share with a friend. When they



Photo by Sheila Pursglove

Dexter resident Cyndi Zuccaro enjoys creating all-natural soaps and beauty products.

arrived I fell in love and could not part with them, keeping all 25," she said. "They ranged from pasture and were supplemented with organic feed - they were healthy and multiplied. We now even raise our own meat."

Two years ago, she started studying nutritional and medicinal herbs and began

making her own tinctures and a special skin toner.

Last spring, she had lunch with Barbara Wilson, a friend and the owner of Mindo Chocolate in Dexter, a business that makes a special dark chocolate with selected beans from Ecuador.

"She had some extra cocoa butter and we chatted about

what we could do with it," Zuccaro said. "I love to cook using wild plants and herbs, and I have always bought home-made soap from Amy Lesser in Dexter. So attempting to make soap out of the cocoa butter seemed like a fun fit."

The first stop was the library, to checkout and study several books on soap making.

Her first bars of soap were calendula, one of her favorite herbs, with lemon essential oil. She used cayenne pepper to add an orange color and topped the bars with dried calendula petals from her garden.

"They turned out really nice - not only were they beautiful, but functionally the soap had a very creamy lather and lasted a long time," she said. "I was hooked."

Maintaining the medicinal properties of the herbs and cocoa butter is very important to Zuccaro. Not wanting to add herbs or cocoa butter to the soap during the lye process, she experimented making a simple soap with organic coconut oil and organic palm oil, then let it age and complete the lye process (saponification).

After the simple soap was complete, she melted it in a double boiler then added raw cocoa butter, herbs, and essential oils.

"I poured it into a square mold, let it cool and then cut the bars," she said. "I cut chunks by hand. I like a natural look."

"My soaps are unique in that the herbs and cocoa butter are added after the lye process."

All of Zuccaro's soaps contain local, organic, and wild-crafted ingredients. Only organic essential oils are added for fragrance; she never uses fragrance oils.

She also developed an all-purpose moisturizer good for healing dried, cracked skin, containing raw cocoa butter, organic coconut oil, avocado oil, honey, and Vitamin E.

Each September, Zuccaro coordinates a local products market at the Webster Township Fall Festival. This past September, after making several successful batches of soap for fun that were well received by friends and family, she decided to try her hand at selling soap at the festival.

Folks responded well and were calling for more - so this is how I started making and selling soap," she said.

The "More Friends Holiday Shows" are being held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 18. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.DarwinStudio.com or MoreFriends.html.

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Bauer completes philanthropy training

Deb Bauer, financial advisor in the Chelsea office of Raymond James & Associates, recently completed the Raymond James Academy of Philanthropy, according to Raymond James Trust N.A. President David Ness.

The Academy of Philanthropy is conducted under the auspices of the Raymond James Institute of Finance, which provides financial advisors with knowledge

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Bauer specializes in advising individual and business clients

whose objectives include wealth creation, wealth preservation and wealth transfer.

Prior to joining Raymond James, Bauer was a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Chelsea.

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WEDDING



Leah Sullivan of Dexter, and Stephan Kwapis II of Gaylord, exchanged wedding vows on June 26 at Mission Church on Mackinac Island.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Kathleen Sullivan of Dexter. She is a 2005 graduate of Dexter High School, and a 2009 graduate of Michigan State University.

The groom is the son of Steve and Kimberly Kwapis of Gaylord. He is a 2004 graduate of Johannesburg High School,

and a 2008 graduate of Central Michigan University.

The maid of honor was Heather Garlick, best friend and sorority sister of the bride.

The best man was Shane Kwapis, brother of the groom.

The flower girl was Lauren Guyott, cousin of the groom.

The couple honeymooned at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island.

The couple resides in Gaylord.

BRIEFLY

Cookie Exchange set for Saturday at church

St. James Episcopal Church of Dexter will be hosting its sixth annual Cookie Walk on Saturday. As part of the holiday festivities in Dexter, the church will open its doors at 10 a.m. and will remain open until 2 p.m. or whenever the cookies run out.

There will be a wide selection

of homemade cookies, including traditional sugar cookies, cutouts, bars, shortbreads, decorated cookies, ethnic favorites, biscotti, and more. The cookies will be available for purchase by the pound.

The cookie walk will also feature a raffle of a basket of gourmet cookies created by Amanda Masson, pastry chef at Café Muse in Royal Oak.

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Q&A: Cooney talks about holiday show

It's starting to look a lot like Christmas — at least in theaters all across the state, with the opening of holiday-themed shows. While some are new and others are beloved classics, The Encore Musical Theatre in Dexter has a bit of both: a brand new musical adaptation of "It's a Wonderful Life." Recently Artistic Director Dan Cooney talked about the project and its co-creators.

Q: The Encore Musical Theatre has been quite successful staging some of the most beloved musicals of all time. But for your next show, you're shaking things up by presenting an original adaptation of a familiar holiday classic. Was it always in your business plan to eventually produce an original musical?

A: Yes, producing original musicals was always in the plan. Not necessarily in our second year when we're still finding our legs, but these things have a way of taking on a life of their own once you put it out there.

Q: So why now?

A: It was really a matter of necessity. Due to the rights being pulled for national touring companies and such, the licensing companies denied us rights to the shows we were interested in doing for the holiday season.

Q: With all of the established Christmas shows you could have chosen, why

create a new one — albeit an adaptation of a beloved favorite?

A: There are many established Christmas shows out there, but as you know, we are focused on musicals, and I haven't found many of the existing holiday musicals to be very appealing. The few I thought The Encore could do well were not available.

Q: So how did you go about deciding on "It's a Wonderful Life?"

A: Along with what I've already expressed, one major factor with "It's a Wonderful Life" that made it possible and put it on the fast track: The film script of "It's a Wonderful Life" is in public domain, so this is something I could get started on immediately.

Q: What is it about "It's a Wonderful Life" that makes it the perfect movie to adapt to the stage? And how easy is it to adapt such a familiar tale? What are the concerns your team faced — and the potential pitfalls?

A: Let's start with the pitfalls. I think that attempting to turn "It's a Wonderful Life" into a classic Rodgers & Hammerstein-style musical is a challenge that only Rodgers & Hammerstein should take on — and that's obviously not going to happen, so this brought our writing team back to the basics: a story about a man with big dreams, but who is living a pretty ordinary life focusing greatly on the future and the

"some days," yet still chooses to encourage, support and love in most every situation without realizing the amazing impact this has on others.

What's not perfect about adapting a film that for most who experience it, well up with tears, feel their heart again and are granted the opportunity to understand that the only thing standing between their current life situation and one that would be considered "wonderful" is the choice to practice gratitude, love and enthusiasm. A choice that we all have ability to make, but God alone knows why it's such a daily struggle.

Q: Speaking of the team, you're got quite a powerhouse behind the show: Jon Huffman adapted the book and the music is by John McDaniel, the Grammy and two-time Emmy Award winner who served as the bandleader on TV's The Rosie O'Donnell Show. But an interesting name is among the credits: Kathie Lee Gifford, who wrote the lyrics. How did you pull this team together, and in particular, how did Gifford become involved in the project? Has she been a lyricist before this?

A: Basically, these lovely and talented people are all friends, and as much as I'd like to boast about all the hard work I have done gathering this awesome creative team — the truth of the matter is I just asked them and they said, "yes." Kathie cast me in two of her other

shows, "Under The Bridge" (which played off-Broadway) and "Saving Amy" (which is in the process of being mounted for Broadway), both fantastic shows of which I very much enjoyed being a part.

Based on my experience in both of those shows, she quickly grew to become one of my new favorite lyricists. She was also extremely generous, kind and loving to each and every cast and crewmember on both of those projects.

Q: How long has the team been developing the project?

A: Jon Huffman and I have been working on the project since May. Kathie joined us about three months ago, and interestingly enough, John McDaniel joined the team only five weeks ago.

Q: What process have you used to write it? Have you been spending a lot of time in New York? Or is much of it done via e-mail, phone and other ways of communicating?

A: As for the process, it started with me going through the film script and choosing the moments I felt could best support songs. I then went back, chose song titles and took a stab at about seven of the numbers.

At this point I called my friend, Jon Huffman, and we started talking concept. We quickly agreed that we would not try and write a Rodgers & Hammerstein style musical, but rather stay as close to the original tone of the film as

was possible. Once Jon crafted a shape we liked with songs plugged in, I quickly realized that though the songs fit nicely, I needed help from a much more experienced lyricist than myself. That's when I called Kathie Lee. Similarly, with the music, some friends and I in New York City were off to a good start, but the style of our music, in my opinion, wasn't quite right for the piece. Enter Mr. John McDaniel just five weeks ago and only two weeks before the first day of rehearsal.

Q: You're credited with writing additional lyrics. What exactly did that entail?

A: In all honesty, most of the lyrics at this point are Kathie Lee's, but you'll find a line or two of mine still hanging around. Also, most of the titles and song concepts have stayed in place.

Q: And are you also directing the show? If so, when was the last time you had a full night's sleep?

A: I am in Florida performing in the pre-Broadway production of "Bonnie and Clyde." "It's a Wonderful Life" is being directed by the very capable and talented team of Jon Huffman and Barb Cullen, and I am very grateful to them. We are also very fortunate to have Tyler Driskill music directing and working on additional orchestrations and arrangements.

Q: Besides the cast, what

unique challenges did you face once the show got up on its feet? What's been the most unexpected surprise you've encountered so far? And the biggest problem?

A: Adapting this story from a film, where it seems every few seconds we are in a different place, we had to come up with a set that allows us to move from place to place seamlessly.

So far there haven't been any unexpected surprises or problems. I consider it a little Christmas miracle that we are sailing smoothly through this process. That's what happens when you have so many dedicated and enthusiastic individuals putting energy into something — a little miracle.

Q: As a co-founder of The Encore, how scary is it to produce your first original work? Are there any additional risks you take with an original production that don't apply to a standard musical such as the recent "The Sound of Music?"

A: Producing our first original work I imagine would have been absolutely horrifying if it weren't titled "It's a Wonderful Life." This title is so well known, it may give "The Sound of Music" a run for its money. At this point there are no additional risks. The longevity of the show, of course, will depend on how well it is received.

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Christmas show: Chelsea Area Players' Youth Theatre presents "Celebrate the Season," a magical Christmas extravaganza. The show will take place at 7:30 p.m. 3 and 4: and 3 p.m. Dec. 5 at the George Prinzing Auditorium in the Washington Street Education Center. Tickets are \$8 and are available at the Chelsea Pharmacy or at the door.

Volunteers needed
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Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Book sale
The Friends of the Dexter District Library used book sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 4, at the library. The sale will feature holiday books and a special gift book selection. Prices for gift books range from \$2 to \$10. All other books are 25 cents to \$2. All proceeds will benefit the Dexter District Library. The library is located at 3255 Alpine St., Dexter, Mich. 48130.

Holiday bazaar
The Dexter Area Museum's annual Holiday Bazaar will take place Dec. 4. Handmade holiday gifts, toys, Christmas decorations and household items will be for sale along with delicious homemade baked goods. This year's featured items include wooden angels and toys, vintage hanky pillows, mosquito houses, Victorian lace fans and Christmas "crackers." Santa will visit between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Be sure to bring your camera.

The bazaar is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the museum, located at 3443 Inverness St. in Dexter. All proceeds from the bazaar benefit the museum.

Adopt-a-Family
Is this the year you might be able to help a struggling family with some Christmas cheer? Faith in Action is teamed with Dexter Family Services and is prepared to give you, your extended family, your group of friends, or whoever, a list that will include the ages and genders of a family and a few of their preferred gifts. You'll have a blessed Christmas knowing you've helped a local family who might not otherwise have much for the holiday. If you'd like to participate, please call us at the Faith in Action office at 426-7002 on Wednesdays, or at 475-3305 on other days, or e-mail nancypaul@faithinaction1.org

Live Nativity
The Chelsea hometown Nativity will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. Dec. 3 in downtown Chelsea. It will feature a live

narration and a choir from Mormon, Catholic, and other church congregations.

Art exhibit
Local artist Jaye Schiesinger will feature his exhibit, "Thanks for shopping here," at the River Gallery through Dec. 31. The gallery is located at 120 S. Main St. It is opened Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Faith in Action toy drive
Volunteers with Faith in Action will be accepting donations at Palmer Auto Service located at 222 S. Main St. in Chelsea from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. This year there is an additional drop-off point at Heim Gardens between M-52 and Old Manchester Road (in front of Chelsea Lumber and Key Bank). Donations will be accepted through Dec. 14. Items will be distributed by Faith in Action in

the Chelsea community.

Art and Craft Festival
The Ann Arbor City Club will host an art and craft festival from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 4. Admission is \$3. Sixty vendors will be on hand to sell jewelry, fabric art, photography, jewelry, watercolors, greens, etc. The club is located at 1830 Washtenaw Ave.

All the Trimmings' holiday show
A wonderful holiday show featuring 19 local artisans will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Chelsea Fairgrounds service building, 20501 Old US-12 in Chelsea. Fresh greens and centerpiece, rughooking supplies, jewelry, folk paintings, counted cross-stitch, quilting, fiber arts, pastels, antiques, collectibles, bears, tiles, wood-carving and honey will be available for sale. For more information, call 1-734-475-2159.

To have an item placed on the bulletin board, e-mail dlat@heritage.com.

Free breakfast

First United Methodist Church in Chelsea is offering a free breakfast the second Saturday of every month from 8 to 11 a.m. The meal is open to anyone in the community. For more information call 1-734-475-8119.

Chelsea District Library

For more information, call 475-8732.

Today

International Book Club (7 to 8:30 p.m.): Join us for a lively book discussion of books that address issues that affect the international community. December's selection is "Strength in What Remains" by Tracy Kidder. Copies of the book may be picked up at the second floor information desk. In partnership with Mission Marketplace.

Dec. 3

Great Books at the Chelsea Senior Center (1 to 2 p.m.): Join great discussions of great books led by the library and Chelsea Senior Center staff. This month we are reading books from Ellis Peters' "Brother Cadfael" mystery series. Reserved copies of some of the Brother Cadfael mysteries are available at the adult reference desk.

Volunteer Open House (4 to 5:30 p.m.): Holiday open house for Chelsea District Library volunteers.

Common Chords concert (7 to 9 p.m.): The Common Chords hand bell choir will perform a holiday concert as part of

Chelsea's Hometown Holidays celebration. Join us for music, refreshments and good cheer to kick off a great Chelsea tradition.

Dec. 4

Purple Rose Concert Reading (10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.): Join us for a reading of a new play, "White Buffalo" by Don Zolidis performed by Purple Rose actors. Stay after the performance to share your thoughts on the script.

Hometown Holidays: Teen and tween gifts for the holidays (1 to 3 p.m.). Make your own holiday presents to give to friends and family. Create personalized pillowcases, homemade body lotion, painted rocks, tile magnets, and decorative cards. All supplies are provided.

Hometown Holidays Rock and Roll Party (8 to 9:30 p.m.): Celebrate the holidays and the collaborative efforts of the Chelsea Center for the Arts, the River Gallery and the Chelsea District Library with a performance by The High Strung. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., performance starts at 8 p.m.

Dec. 7

Senior Computing (10 a.m. to noon): Senior computing provides computer volunteers to assist users with either one-to-one or small group help with computer questions. Topics include but are not limited to the Internet, e-mail and Microsoft Office products.

Holiday Centerpieces (6:30 to 8 p.m.): Create a holiday centerpiece to make your holiday table festive and bright. Gigi's Flowers will show you

how. Open to patrons with library cards only.

Dec. 8

Mad Cow Gaming (3:30 to 5 p.m.): Mad Cow Productions presents gaming every Wednesday in McKune with gamer guru Jessica. Each week there will be a different set of games to choose from.

Dec. 9

Historic Church tour (6:30 to 8:30 p.m.): Join the Historic Chelsea Interest Group for a walking tour of our local historic churches, all decorated in their holiday finery. We'll tour the First United Methodist, First Congregational, and Immanuel Bible churches. At the end of the tour, we'll warm up with hot beverages and cookies, generously provided by the Immanuel Bible Church. Meet at 6:30 p.m. in the McKune Room.

Chelsea Senior Center

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

Tomorrow: Water Aerobics, 9 a.m.; Bingo, 9 a.m.; Enhance Fitness, 10:30 a.m.; Pasta with tuna and cheddar lunch at noon; Euchre, 12:30.

p.m.; Book Discussion, 1 p.m.; Movie, "Andre Rieu Christmas," 12:45 p.m.; Wii Fun, 1 p.m.

Dec 6: Bingo, 9 a.m.; Turkeyville Trip to see "It's a Wonderful Life," 10 a.m.; Enhance Fitness, 10:30 a.m.; Chicken lasagna lunch at noon; Hand and Foot, 12:30 p.m.; Writing Group, 1 p.m.

Dec 7: Water Aerobics at Comfort Inn, 9 a.m.; Mah Jongg, 9:30 a.m.; Crafts, 10 a.m.; Wood Carving, 10 a.m.; Blood pressure checks, 10 a.m.; Special pit roasted turkey lunch at noon; Fall Proof Assessment and Education, 12:30 p.m.; Quilting for Charity, 1 p.m.; Red Hat group, 1 p.m.; Euchre, 6:30 p.m.

Dec 8: Stained Glass class, 9:30 a.m.; Enhance Fitness, 10:30 a.m.; Carrot Challenge Kick-Off, 11 a.m.; Chicken Parmesan lunch at noon; Shrink the Tax Bite, 12:45 p.m.; Bowling at Chelsea Lanes, 1 p.m.; Pinochle, 1 p.m.; Scrabble, 1 p.m.; Square Dance, 1 p.m.

Dec 9: Board of Directors meeting, 8:30 p.m.; Swimming at Comfort Inn, 9 a.m.; Chess, 10 a.m.; Computer Club, 10 a.m.; Beef Stew lunch at noon; Bridge, 12:15 p.m.; Knit & Crochet, 12:30 p.m.

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Dexter Senior Center
Located at 7720 Ann Arbor St., Call 426-7737. Luncheons are complete - main dish listed, \$2.50 minimum donation.

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

ROLL CALL: President Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semfero, Smith, Tell, Carson, Smith and Keough. Absent: Fisher.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Motion: Smith, support Carson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 25, 2010.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL WITH TRUSTEE FISHER ABSENT
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion: Smith, support Cousins to approve the agenda with the following change: Addition of additional information for item 3.2, Appointment of Additional Directors for the Economic Development Corporation and calling for a Public Hearing.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL WITH TRUSTEE FISHER ABSENT
CONSENT AGENDA
Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$517,410.46, Holiday Hustle - 2K & 1 Mile Run on December 4, 2010 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Street closures include Central Street from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. and various Village streets during the run as outlined in the included map. Motion: Tell, support Semfero to approve items 3 and 2 of the consent agenda.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE FOR APPROVAL WITH TRUSTEE FISHER ABSENT
NEW BUSINESS Consideration of "and Discussion of": Motion: Cousins, support Semfero that he be resolved that the Village President may make the following appointments to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of the Village of Dexter, and such appointments and terms are hereby approved: 3-year term ending December 31, 2018: Matt LaFontaine, Jim Carson, Dan O'Haver and Tom Covert; 3-year term ending December 31, 2015: Mary Marshall; 4-year term ending December 31, 2014: Rob Tuth; 3-year term ending December 31, 2013: Fred Schmid; 2-year term ending December 31, 2012: Shawn Keough; and 1-year term ending December 31, 2011: Donna Dettling.

AYES: Cousins, Smith, Nays: None. Semfero, Tell, Carson and Keough. Absent: Fisher.

Motion carries.
Motion: Smith, support Carson to approve the resolution appointing Theresa Whitley and Christine O'Haver as additional directors to the Economic Development Corporation and call for a Public Hearing on December 18, 2010 to consider the

United Methodist Retirement Communities Project Plan.
AYES: Smith, Nays: None. Semfero, Tell, Carson, Cousins and Keough. Absent: Fisher.

Motion carries.
Motion: Semfero, support Smith to approve the proposal from Orchard, Hiltz and McInerney for \$48,000 for the Main/Alpine Sidewalk Project for Engineering Services.
AYES: Semfero, Nays: None. Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough. Absent: Fisher.

Motion carries.
Motion: Semfero, support Smith to approve a request to spend and additional \$5,000 to modify the sidewalk ramp in the Main/Alpine Sidewalk Project.
AYES: Tell, Carson, Nays: None. Cousins, Smith, Semfero and Keough. Absent: Fisher.

Motion carries.
Motion: Carson, support Smith to appoint Kurt Augustine as Street Administrator.
AYES: Carson, Nays: None. Cousins, Smith, Semfero, Tell and Keough. Absent: Fisher.

Motion carries.
Motion: Carson, support Tell to approve the contract renewal with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office until December 31, 2011 with a 4% cost increase.
AYES: Cousins, Smith, Nays: None. Semfero, Tell, Carson and Keough. Absent: Fisher.

Motion carries.
Motion: Smith, support Tell to set a Public Hearing for November 22, 2010 on an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 48, Streets, Sidewalks and Certain Other Public Places, to incorporate the Complete Streets Ordinance.

AYES: Smith, Nays: None. Semfero, Tell, Carson, Cousins and Keough. Absent: Fisher.

Motion carries.
Motion: Cousins, support Carson to approve the Resolution for the "Charitable Gaming License for the Friends of the Dexter District Library."
AYES: Semfero, Tell, Nays: None. Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough. Absent: Fisher.

ADJOURNMENT.
Motion: Smith, support Cousins to adjourn at 8:32 PM. Unanimous voice vote, for approval with Trustee Fisher absent. Respectfully submitted,
Carol J. Jones, Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing November 22, 2010. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org.
Published December 2, 2010.

CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing to consider the application of Frame Hardwoods for Industrial Facilities Exemption certificates for real property in the amount of \$524,778.00 for their 730 W. Industrial Dr. facility located in the City of Chelsea. Pursuant to the Plan Rehabilitation Industrial Development District Law (PA 198 of 1974), the City of Chelsea will conduct a hearing on the proposed request. Said hearing has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, Michigan.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the City of Chelsea Administration Office, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, Michigan during regular business hours.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are required to notify the City Clerk (475-1771) no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

Publish December 2, 2010

Synopsis of the CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, November 9, 2010 Washington Street Education Center

Call to Order:
Pledge of Allegiance:
Approval of Consent Agenda:
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Anderson to approve minutes, bills and accounts payable for end of December as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Regular Agenda:
MOVED Freeman SECONDED Martinez-Kratz to approve the regular agenda as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda:
1. Process Results: WWT Construction Project.
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Martinez-Kratz to approve an amount not to exceed \$25,000 with Process Results as the engineering/contractor to assess and evaluate the needs of the existing wastewater treatment plant. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. Appointment of Rita Holmes as Alternate to the ZBA:
MOVED Martinez-Kratz SECONDED Hammer to approve the appointment of Rita Holmes as the alternate to the ZBA through September 2013. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Utility Tax Lien for 2010 Winter Tax Bills:
MOVED Martinez-Kratz SECONDED Hammer to approve the Resolution regarding assignment of delinquent utility invoices from 2009-2010 onto the 2010 Winter City Tax Bills. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT.
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Anderson to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Respectfully submitted,
Laura Kaiser, Deputy Clerk
Published December 2, 2010.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROJECT PLAN AND THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS PROPOSED THEREIN AS SUBMITTED TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER, MICHIGAN FOR THE CEDARS OF DEXTER PROJECT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Act No. 338 Public Acts of Michigan, 1974, as amended, The Economic Development Corporation of the Village of Dexter, Michigan has submitted a project plan to the Village Council for its approval.

Said project plan deals with refinancing projects costs incurred in connection with the construction and equipping of 60 single story independent living homes and common space to be owned and used by United Methodist Retirement Communities, a Michigan nonprofit corporation, located at 8431 Island Lake Road, Dexter, Michigan.

Said project plan details all information required by law relative to said project and its impact on the community. No persons will be displaced from the project area as a result of this project. Said project plan also proposes the issuance of revenue bonds by said Economic Development Corporation in a maximum principal amount not to exceed \$13,000,000 to assist in the refinancing of said project costs for the benefit of United Methodist Retirement Communities.

The Village Council will meet at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Monday, the 14th day of December, 2010, at the Dexter Senior Center, formerly Copeland School, located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan and will conduct a public hearing.

The public hearing shall consider the advisability of the Village Council approving, modifying or rejecting by resolution said project plan and the issuance of bonds as proposed therein.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Sections 10 and 17 of Act No. 338, Public Acts of Michigan, 1974, as amended, and of Section 147.6 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended. The project plan and relevant maps of plats are available for inspection at the Village Clerk's Office.

All interested citizens are encouraged and will be afforded an opportunity at said hearing to address the Village Council concerning said project, said project plan, and the bonds proposed to be issued. Written comments may also be submitted to the Village Clerk prior to said hearing.

Carol Jones, Village Clerk
Published December 2, 2010.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF DEXTER GENERAL CODE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 22, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding amendments to the Village of Dexter General Code, Chapter 48, Streets, Sidewalks and Certain Other Public Places, to incorporate the Complete Streets Ordinance. Amendments include but are not limited to the following:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 48, Streets, Sidewalks and Certain Other Public Places, of the Village of Dexter General Code is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof Article IV, Complete Streets, to read as follows:

Sec. 48.150 Definitions.
"Complete Streets" is defined as a design principle to promote a safe network of access for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists of all ages and abilities.

Sec. 48.151 Complete Streets Improvements.
The Village of Dexter will plan for, design and construct all transportation improvement projects, both new and retrofit activities, to provide appropriate accommodations for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and persons of all ages and abilities, in accordance with the Village of Dexter Master Plan and the Capital Improvements Plan.

(a) The Village of Dexter Master Plan and Capital Improvements Plan shall be referenced and its implementation considered prior to construction or re-construction within the Village rights of way.

(b) The Master Plan and Capital Improvements Plan will include, at a minimum, accommodations for accessibility, sidewalks, curb ramps and cross walks, pathways, signage, bike lanes, and shall incorporate principles of complete streets and maximize walkable and bikeable streets within the Village of Dexter.

(c) The accommodations shall also be designed and built using guidance from the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Guidelines for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, the Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD) (MUTCD), and the American with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) Methods of providing flexibility within safe design parameters, such as context sensitive design solutions and design will be considered.

(d) The Village of Dexter Master Plan will be updated every five (5)

years from the date of its initial adoption and the Capital Improvements Plan will be updated annually.

(e) It will be the goal of the Village to fund the implementation of the Master Plan and Capital Improvements Plan, which shall include expending State Act 51 funds received by the Village annually in accordance with Public Act 135 of 2010, as amended.

Sec. 48.152 Exceptions.
Facilities for bicyclists, pedestrians, transit users, and people of all ages and abilities are not required to provide in instances where a documented exception is recommended by the Village Manager and granted by the Village Council based on findings of one or more of the following conditions:

(a) Where their establishment would be contrary to public health and safety.

(b) When the cost would be excessively disproportionate to the need or probable use.

(c) When the cost would result in unacceptable diminishing of other village services.

(d) Where there is no identified long term need.

(e) Where the length of the project does not permit a meaningful addition to the non-motorized network or

(f) Where reconstruction of the right of ways due to an emergency.

SECTION 2: Repealer.
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3: Severability.
Should any section, subdivision, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the ordinance as a whole or in part shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

SECTION 4: Savings.
All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were incurred.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall be published in a manner required by law and shall become effective 10 days after the date of its publication.

Information regarding the proposed text amendments is available for public inspection at the Village Office, 8123 Main Street, Dexter weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by phone at (734) 426-8033 Ext. 15, or online at www.villageofdexter.org. Written comments regarding the ordinance amendments should be submitted to the Village Office, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 16, 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 Office and on the Village website, www.villageofdexter.org.

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NOTICE OF MODIFICATION OPPORTUNITY Borrower(s): Robert Workkoetter Property Address: 2521 East Morgan Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 Pursuant to MCLA 600.3205a please be advised of the following: You have a right to request a meeting with the 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-SHELTAR. 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 11/30/2010. 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.michiganbar.org/programs/lawyerreferral.htm> 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 have 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 & Associates, PC, 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 313-583-3336 (Loan Modification Dept.) loanmod@millerlaw.biz Case No. 100M101540-1 Dated: December 2, 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# 3832223 12/02/2010

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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 Nettie L. Richard, a single woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for People's Choice Home Loan, Inc. Mortgages, dated January 26, 2006, and recorded on March 24, 2006, in Liber 4547, Page 164, Washtenaw County Records, said mortgage was assigned to HSBC Bank USA, N.A. As Trustee for the registered holders of Nomura Home Equity Loan, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-ME3 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 Eighty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty and 67/100 (\$189,730.67) including interest at the rate of 5.000000% 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 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 December 30, 2010 Said premises are situated in the City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Assessor's Plat No. 7, City of Ypsilanti, according to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 9 of Plats, Page 33, and Washtenaw County Records. Commonly known as: 824 North River Street The redemption period shall be 6.00 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: December 2, 2010 Randall S. Miller & Associates, PC Attorneys for HSBC Bank USA, N.A. As Trustee for the registered holders of Nomura Home Equity Loan, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-ME3 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-335-9200 Case No. 100M100965-1 ASAP# 3828582 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

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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 Tony Williams and Deborah Williams, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Aegis Funding Corporation, Mortgages, dated October 1, 2004, and recorded on October 12, 2004, in Liber 4431, Page 76, Washtenaw County Records, said mortgage was assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust 2004-6, Mortgage Backed Notes 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 Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand One and 80/100 (\$275,001.80) including interest at the rate of 3.950000% 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 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 December 9, 2010 Said premises are situated in the Township of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 46, Silverleaf Subdivision No. 2, as recorded in Liber 31 of Plats, Page(s) 77 through 83, Washtenaw County Records. Commonly known as: 4278 Silverleaf The redemption period shall be 6.00 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: November 11, 2010 Randall S. Miller & Associates, PC Attorneys for U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust 2004-6, Mortgage Backed Notes 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-335-9200 Case No. 100M10089-1 ASAP# 3802631 11/11/2010, 11/18/2010, 11/25/2010, 12/02/2010

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FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION WITH OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE, AS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PROTECTIONS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE YOUR HOME TO: Steve L. Webb and Felicia M. Webb 706 East Clark Road Ypsilanti, MI 48198 County: Washtenaw State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orleans Associates, PC Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling/search), telephone (866) 946-7432. TTY# 1-800-382-4568. If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738. Dated: December 2, 2010 Orleans Associates PC Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 426.2207 ASAP# FNMA3828540 12/02/2010

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 Mary B. Richie, a single woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgages, dated September 1, 2006, and recorded by Affidavit of Last Mortgage on January 26, 2010, in Liber 4770, Page 760, Washtenaw County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I, Inc. Trust 2007-NC1 Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2007-NC1 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 Ninety-Five Thousand Seventy-Eight and 78/100 (\$95,078.78) including interest at the rate of 6.600000% 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 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 December 30, 2010 Said premises are situated in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 52, Devonshire Subdivision, a part of the West half of Section 11 and the Southwest quarter of Section 2, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 6 of Plats, Page 41, Washtenaw County Records. Commonly known as: 254 Devonshire Street The redemption period shall be 6.00 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: December 2, 2010 Randall S. Miller & Associates, PC Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I, Inc. Trust 2007-NC1 Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2007-NC1 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-335-9200 Case No. 100M101415-1 ASAP# 3826445 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION WITH OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE, AS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SPECIAL PROTECTIONS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE YOUR HOME TO: Kim B. Tobin 1115 Clark Drive Ypsilanti, MI 48198 County: Washtenaw State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orleans Associates, PC Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA") website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling/search), telephone (866) 946-7432. TTY# 1-800-382-4568. If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the Notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the Notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's Designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738. Dated: December 2, 2010 Orleans Associates PC Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 200.7336 ASAP# 3827210 12/02/2010

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 Ryan J. Slane, a single person, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. Mortgage, dated May 31, 2006 and recorded June 23, 2006 in Liber 4565 Page 803 Washtenaw County Records; Michigan Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Eighty-Nine Cents (\$152,234.89) including interest 7.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Washtenaw County at 10:00AM on December 16, 2010 Said premises are situated in Township of Lima, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 17, Town 2 South, Range 4 East, Lima Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence South 01 degree 11 mins 00 secs East 112.37 feet along the West line of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of said section to the Point of Beginning; thence South 87 degrees 20 mins 00 secs East 146.55 feet to a point on an existing fence line; thence South 01 degree 41 mins 20 secs East 114.98 feet along said fence line; thence South 87 degrees 20 mins 00 secs East 147.56 feet to a point on the West line of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of said section; thence North 01 degree 11 mins 00 secs West 115.00 feet along said West line to the Point of Beginning; said parcel being a part of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 17, Town 2 South, Range 4 East, Lima Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Also having and granting the rights of ingress and egress over a 16.5 feet wide strip of land having a West line described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of said Section 17, thence South 01 degree 11 mins 00 secs East 553.73 feet along the West line of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of said Section 17 to a point on the Northern right of way line of Old U.S. 12, said point being the Point of Termination; Commonly known as 13212 E Old U.S. 12, Chelsea MI 48118 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 upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(1), whichever is later. Dated 11/18/2010 Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Festivo & Associates, PC 811 South Blvd Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No. 10-32935 ASAP# FNMA3817974 11/18/2010, 11/25/2010, 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Margaret Jenvey, an unmarried woman, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 18, 2007 and recorded February 28, 2007 in Liber 4609, Page 846, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Four Hundred and 74/100 Dollars (\$111,043.74) including interest at 4.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 16, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Augusta, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Being Lot 27, Stoneham Estates as recorded in Liber 17, Pages 47, 48 and 49 of Plats, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 18, 2010. Orsland Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200-7277 ASAP# 3814612 11/18/2010 11/25/2010 12/02/2010 12/09/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terence A. Conway, an unmarried man, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor in interest from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as Receiver for Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., a federal association, Mortgagee, dated June 9, 2004 and recorded June 23, 2004 in Liber 4402, Page 65, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Six and 72/100 Dollars (\$170,856.72) including interest at 3.541% 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 Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Superior, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 106, Bromley Park Subdivision Number 1, as recorded in Liber 34 of Plats, Pages 20-33, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 25, 2010. Orsland Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 362-8742 ASAP# 3823836 11/25/2010 12/02/2010 12/09/2010 12/16/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by LA TOYA HINTON, A SINGLE WOMAN AND BRENDA LEWIS, A SINGLE WOMAN AS JOINT TENANTS, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 22, 2006, and recorded on March 3, 2006, in Liber 4542, on Page 60, and assigned by said mortgage to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS SUCCESSOR INDEBTURE TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2006-1, as assigned, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$142,296.18), including interest at 3.375% 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, inside the Main Lobby of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, Huron Street entrance, Ann Arbor, Michigan at 10:00 AM on December 16, 2010. Said premises are located in Washtenaw County, Michigan and are described as: LOT 151, DEARVILLE PARISH, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 22 OF PLATS, PAGES 92 THROUGH 94, INCLUSIVE, WASHTENAW COUNTY RECORDS. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 12, 2010. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS SUCCESSOR INDEBTURE TRUSTEE UNDER NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2006-1 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 ASAP# 3815313 11/16/2010 11/25/2010 12/02/2010 12/09/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Amber Allard, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2006 and recorded May 12, 2006 in Liber 4557, Page 519, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Four and 18/100 Dollars (\$130,304.18) including interest at 6.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 54, Smoker Textile Subdivision Number 1, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 20, Pages 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 and 58 of Plats, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 25, 2010. Orsland Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 650,0459 ASAP# FNMA3823399 11/25/2010 12/02/2010 12/09/2010 12/16/2010

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MARK A. THOMAS and LISHA THOMAS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 10, 2006, and recorded on March 8, 2006, in Liber 4542, on Page 968, and modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on March 27, 2009 in Liber 4725 on Page 893, and assigned by said mortgage to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2006-2, as assigned, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$280,874.18), including interest at 7.000% 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, inside the Main Lobby of the Washtenaw County Courthouse Huron Street entrance, Ann Arbor, Michigan at 10:00 AM on December 16, 2010. Said premises are located in Washtenaw County, Michigan and are described as: LOT 146, TREMONT PARK SUBDIVISION PHASE NO 2 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 35, PAGE (S) 19 THROUGH 27, BOTH INCLUSIVE, OF PLATS WASHTENAW COUNTY RECORDS. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 17, 2010. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2006-2 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 ASAP# 3823779 11/25/2010 12/02/2010 12/09/2010 12/16/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Antonio Bedolla, widower, survivor of himself, and his deceased wife, Joann Bedolla, to Wells Fargo Financial America, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 20, 2005 and recorded February 10, 2005 in Liber 4457, Page 538, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Five and 43/100 Dollars (\$124,255.43) including interest at 6.12% 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 Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 209, Westwillow Unit No. 1, being a subdivision of part of the East 1/2 of Sections 11 and 14, Town 3 South, Range 7 East, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof in Liber 10 of Plats, Pages 28 and 29 and revised in sheet 2 of 2 sheets as recorded in Liber 10 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 period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 25, 2010. Orsland Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 514,0205 ASAP# 3824242 11/25/2010 12/02/2010 12/09/2010 12/16/2010

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Ware, a married man and Vivian Ware, his wife as to her dower interest, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 19, 2001 and recorded October 24, 2001 in Liber 4061, Page 868, 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 Ninety-Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-One and 98/100 Dollars (\$95,651.98) including interest at 7.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 19 Feet of Lot 412 and the North 37 Feet of Lot 413; Lap-Ham and Howe's Ypsi-Manor Subdivision Number 1, of part of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 10, Town 3 South, Range 7 East, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, Page 18 of Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 25, 2010. Orsland Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 671,1005 ASAP# 3824338 11/25/2010 12/02/2010 12/09/2010 12/16/2010

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by SANDRA D. COOKS and ROGER W. BURNIE, WIFE AND HUSBAND, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 15, 2007, and recorded on December 17, 2007, in Liber 4658, on Page 182, and assigned by said mortgage to FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, as assigned, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Two Cents (\$212,289.02), including interest at 7.000% 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, inside the Main Lobby of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, Huron Street entrance, Ann Arbor, Michigan at 10:00 AM on December 16, 2010. Said premises are located in Washtenaw County, Michigan and are described as: UNIT #177, AMBERLY GROVE, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 3947, PAGE 80, WASHTENAW COUNTY RECORDS, AND DESIGNATED AS WASHTENAW COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 314, TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN SAID MASTER DEED AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 18, 2010. FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 ASAP# FNMA3822500 11/25/2010 12/02/2010 12/09/2010 12/16/2010

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lili V. Stewart by Lynoris Hendricks as attorney-in-fact, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Horizon Home Loan Corporation and its successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 20, 2006 and recorded October 4, 2006 in Liber 4585, Page 237, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Thousand Five Hundred and 58/100 Dollars (\$70,058.58) including interest at 7.125% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 7, Roundtree Oaks, a condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 1458, Pages 355 through 420, inclusive, as amended by the First Amended Master Deed recorded in Liber 1477, Pages 96 through 109, inclusive, and by the Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 1751, Pages 836 through 850, inclusive, together with Consolidated Master Deed recorded in Liber 3930, Page 184, Washtenaw County Records, and designated as Replat Number 2 of Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 22, together with the rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the above described Master Deed, as amended, and as described in Act 22B of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 25, 2010. Orsland Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 650,1016 ASAP# FNMA3823411 11/25/2010 12/02/2010 12/09/2010 12/16/2010

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey J. Altstetter and Lorna M. Altstetter, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 8, 2005 and recorded November 17, 2005 in Liber 4521, Page 719, 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 Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Sixty and 42/100 Dollars (\$252,060.42) including interest at 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Augusta, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 7, Town 4 South, Range 7 East, Augusta Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes 27 seconds East 857.22 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section for a place of beginning; thence continuing along said line South 89 degrees 13 minutes 27 seconds East 321.88 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 25 seconds East 55.45 feet; thence South 71 degrees 03 minutes 45 seconds West 127.01 feet; thence South 01 degrees 51 minutes 25 seconds West 299.33 feet; thence South 71 degrees 03 minutes 45 seconds West 93.35 feet along the center line of Stony Creek Road; thence continuing along said line 134.22 feet along the arc of a 716.90 foot radius circular curve to the left, chord bearing South 65 degrees 41 minutes 55 seconds West 134.01 feet; thence North 01 degrees 22 minutes 55 seconds East 485.38 feet to the place of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 7. Being subject to the rights of the public over the Southern 33.00 feet thereof as occupied by Stony Creek Road. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 25, 2010. Orsland Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 671,0298 ASAP# 3824269 11/25/2010 12/02/2010 12/09/2010 12/16/2010

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS PROBATE/TRUST ESTATE

Deborah K. Lantz, Date of birth 5/23/1954

TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Deborah K. Lantz, who was domiciled at 5229 W. Michigan Ave. Lot 287, Plymouth Township, Michigan 48197 died on October 18, 2010. There is no personal representative of the decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of the decedent and/or the Deborah Lantz Revocable Trust dated November 30, 2006 are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to

Kim Trustover
Trustee
9533 W. Michigan Ave.
Gross Lake, Michigan 49740

within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Kristen R. Gross P56081
Attorney for the Estate of Deborah K. Lantz and the Deborah Lantz Revocable Trust dated November 30, 2006.
SHEA, AIELLO, DOSSIE, CORAO & GURSEL, PLLC
24901 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 715
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 354-0224

publish December 2, 2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Wendy C. Sarna and Patrick K. Sarna, a married man, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. SBM CitiMortgage Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 3, 2006 and recorded July 13, 2006 in Liber 4569, Page 640, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Two and 10/100 Dollars (\$253,962.10) including interest at 4.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 429, Greene Farms Subdivision, Number 5, as recorded in Liber 33 of Plats, Pages 78 through 87, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 2, 2010. Orsola Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 671.1180 ASAP# 3832567 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Margaret J. Jervy, for successor or successors, as Trustee of the Walter C. Jervy, Jr. and Margaret L. Jervy Living Trust, to Fifth Third Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 23, 2007 and recorded February 26, 2007 in Liber 4609, Page 845, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-One and 86/100 Dollars (\$188,631.86) including interest at 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Being Unit 19, Building 10, "Aspen Ridge Village Condominium" a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 4425, Page 366, inclusive, recorded in Liber 4430, Page 785 and amended by the First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 4490, Page 199, Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 464, together with rights in common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the aforementioned Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 2, 2010. Orsola Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.7253 ASAP# 3832310 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Margaret Jervy, an unmarried woman, Margaret L. Jervy, for successor or successors, as Trustee of the Walter C. Jervy, Jr. and Margaret L. Jervy Living Trust, to Fifth Third Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 23, 2007 and recorded February 26, 2007 in Liber 4609, Page 845, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-One and 86/100 Dollars (\$188,631.86) including interest at 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Being Unit 19, Building 10, "Aspen Ridge Village Condominium" a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 4425, Page 366, inclusive, recorded in Liber 4430, Page 785 and amended by the First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 4490, Page 199, Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 464, together with rights in common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the aforementioned Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 2, 2010. Orsola Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.7253 ASAP# 3832310 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Russell R. Sully and Maxine G. Sully, husband and wife, to Wells Fargo Financial America, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 1, 2005 and recorded August 4, 2006 in Liber 4574, Page 109, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-One and 86/100 Dollars (\$140,531.88) including interest at 7.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: The Southeastly 60 feet of Lot 9, Washtenaw Concourse Number One Subdivision, a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 3 South, Range 7 East, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 14 of Plats, Pages 15 and 16, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 2, 2010. Orsola Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 514.0248 ASAP# 3832542 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Philip G. Dahl and Ruth M. Dahl, husband and wife, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 22, 2004 and recorded November 8, 2004 in Liber 4437, Page 499, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bank of America, N.A., as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-11 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ten and 26/100 Dollars (\$269,910.26) including interest at 2% 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 Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 9, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel C, Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 3, Town 2 South, Range 6 East, Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, thence South 1 degree 24 minutes 00 seconds East 1329.57 feet along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 3, as monumented, to the Point of Beginning, thence South 01 degree 24 minutes 00 seconds East 652.06 feet along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 3, as monumented, to the center of said Section 3, thence South 87 degrees 31 minutes 18 seconds West 175.00 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 3, as monumented, thence North 01 degree 24 minutes 00 seconds West 542.32 feet, thence along the centerline of Pontiac Trail (86 feet wide) in the following 2 courses: North 55 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds East 154.94 feet, Northeastly 53.38 feet in the arc of a circular curve concave Southeast radius 2864.79 feet, central angle of 1 degree 04 minutes 05 seconds chord North 56 degrees 08 minutes 04 seconds East 53.38 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 3. Being subject to the rights of the public over the Northwest 33.00 feet thereof, as occupied by Pontiac Trail. This property may be located within the vicinity of farmland or a farm operation. Generally accepted agricultural and management practices which may generate noise, dust, odors, and other associated conditions may be used and are protected by the Michigan right to farm act. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 11, 2010. Orsola Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 356.2576 ASAP# 3807416 11/11/2010, 11/18/2010, 11/25/2010, 12/02/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott J. Filicchia, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 29, 2003 and recorded November 4, 2003 in Liber 4333, Page 128, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank National Association as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston MBS 2004-AR 1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-One and 69/100 Dollars (\$192,271.69) including interest at 5.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 228, Greenfields Number 3 Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 34, Pages 34 through 41, of Plats, Washtenaw County records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 2, 2010. Orsola Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 306.3718 ASAP# 3832346 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Maurice Page, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 22, 2005 and recorded July 26, 2005 in Liber 4494, Page 801, and Consent Judgment recorded in Liber 4785, Page 970, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, NA by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirteen and 1/100 Dollars (\$181,913.01) including interest 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 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 Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 9, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 132, Washtenaw Club View Subdivision, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 5, Page 24 and 25, of Plats, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 11, 2010. Orsola Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 326.3897 ASAP# 3808896 11/11/2010, 11/18/2010, 11/25/2010, 12/02/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph J. Morrow, a married man, to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 16, 2003 and recorded August 13, 2003 in Liber 4297, Page 949, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Six and 90/100 Dollars (\$294,946.90) including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 30, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: The East half of Lot 143 of Assessor's Plat Number 29, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 9 of Plats, Page 20, Washtenaw County Records. (Also known as part of the East half of Lot 5, Block 3 North of Huron Street, Range 6 East, according to the original plat to the City of Ann Arbor.) The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 2, 2010. Orsola Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 650.1079 ASAP# FNMA3831552 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald Rogers, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2005 and recorded April 8, 2005 in Liber 4470, Page 167, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank National Association as Trustee by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Nine and 48/100 Dollars (\$214,969.48) including interest at 6.85% 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 Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: North 1 acre of the East 10 acres of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of section 32, Town 3 South, Range 7 East, Ypsilanti Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 2, 2010. Orsola Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 618.5512 ASAP# 3832590 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan L. Arcalas, a married man and Shauna Arcalas, a married woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 17, 2007 and recorded August 13, 2007 in Liber 4639, Page 717, 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 Ninety-Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight and 36/100 Dollars (\$195,698.36) including interest at 5.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 9, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Northfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 40, North Pointe Estates Number 1, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 26 on Page 82 through 65, inclusive, of Plats, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 2, 2010. Orsola Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 671.0920 ASAP# 3809002 11/11/2010, 11/18/2010, 11/25/2010, 12/02/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Emilia Boloczek, a single female, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 28, 2005 and recorded October 4, 2005 in Liber 4512, Page 177, 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 Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Four and 65/100 Dollars (\$162,554.65) including interest at 2% 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 Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 9, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 84, Woodside Meadows Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 4339, Page 629 and amended in Liber 4432, Page 84, Washtenaw County Records, and any amendments thereto, and designated as Washtenaw County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 437, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in the above described Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 11, 2010. Orsola Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 426.2079 ASAP# FNMA3808988 11/11/2010, 11/18/2010, 11/25/2010, 12/02/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth W. Pearson, Sr., a single man, widower, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 10, 2005 and recorded March 25, 2005 in Liber 4467, Page 52, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by GMAC Mortgage LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five and 62/100 Dollars (\$95,225.62) including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 207, Shady Knoll Estates, Number 5, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 12 of Plats, Page 8, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 25, 2010. Orsola Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 618.6119 ASAP# 3823847 11/25/2010, 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010

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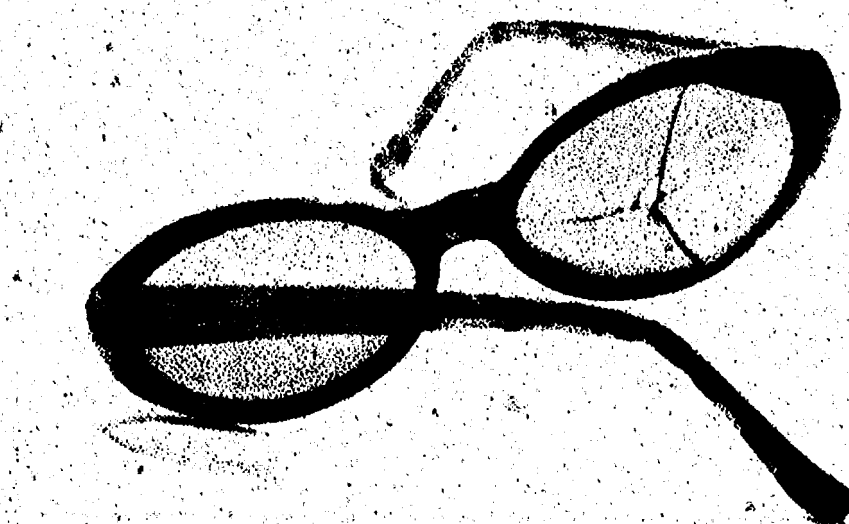
MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rodney C. Nanney and Nanci Nanney, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 16, 2005 and recorded June 2, 2005 in Liber 4482, Page 532, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston ARMF 2005-9 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Four and 79/100 Dollars (\$158,964.79) including interest at 2.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 14 of Assessor's Plat Number 4, as recorded in Liber 9 of Plats, Page 15, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 2, 2010. Orsola Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 306.3726 ASAP# 3832347 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bernard A. Bruckner and Pamela G. Bruckner, husband and wife, to First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank National Association, as successor in interest by merger to First Horizon Home Loan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 19, 2002 and recorded February 10, 2003 in Liber 4217, Page 80, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, NA by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Seven and 9/100 Dollars (\$148,787.09) including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of York, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Town 4 South, Range 6 East, York Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, described as: beginning at the intersection of the West line of Section 16 with the centerline of Jewell Road, distant South 00 degrees 06 minutes 17 seconds West 880.59 feet from the West 1/4 corner of Section 16, Town 4 South, Range 6, and proceeding along the centerline of Jewell Road, South 89 degrees 22 minutes 53 seconds East 469.32 feet, thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 52 seconds West 315.55 feet, thence North 89 degrees 22 minutes 53 seconds West 468.99 feet, thence along the West line of Section 16 North 00 degrees 06 minutes 17 seconds East 315.55 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 2, 2010. Orsola Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 326.3700 ASAP# 3832503 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Trent Sika and Janice Sika, a single man and a single woman, to Fifth Third Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee, dated March 23, 2009 and recorded March 31, 2009 in Liber 4726, Page 380, Washtenaw County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Four Thousand Five Hundred and 23/100 Dollars (\$204,500.23) including interest at 5.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of Northfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Being a part of the Southwest one quarter of Section 35, Town 1 South, Range 6 East, Northfield Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the West one quarter post of Section 35, thence South 1 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds West 458.0 feet in the West line of said Section to the place of beginning; thence continuing South 1 degrees, 13 minutes, 30 seconds West, on the West line of said Section 103.00 feet; thence South 83 degrees 40 minutes 30 seconds East 874.64 feet; thence North 1 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds East 5 minutes 11.22 feet to the place of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 2, 2010. Orans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer, P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041. 248-502-1400 File No. 200.7224 ASAP# 3832308 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

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MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John J. Bogoski and Dea A. Bogoski, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 14, 2006 and recorded December 26, 2006 in Liber 4599, Page 138, Washtenaw County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for SRMOF 2009-1 Trust, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Five Hundred, Thirty-Two and 49/100 Dollars (\$135,532.49) including interest at 7.99% 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 Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the Township of York, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1. Beginning on the north line of section twenty eight, York Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan at a point four hundred fifty three and 29/100 feet east of the north quarter post of said section, thence southeasterly along the center line of the Saline-Milan Road, south 37 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds east eighty two and 81/100 feet; thence south 32 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds east two hundred sixty two and 7/10 feet; thence east parallel with the north line of said section to a point in the westerly line of the premises deeded by Clayton Bissell and Etie Hay Bissell, his wife, to Paul Toth and Magdalena Toth, his wife, recorded in Liber 651 of Records, Page 160, Washtenaw County Records; thence north 32 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds west to the north line of said section; and thence west along said north-line of said section to the point of beginning, being a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty eight, town four south, range six east, Parcel 2. Commencing at the north quarter post of Section 28, Town 4 South, Range 6 East, York Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, thence along the north line of said Section south 89 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds east 453.29 feet for a place of beginning; thence continuing along said north line south 89 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds east 326.54 feet; thence south 32 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds east, 450.18 feet; thence along the center line of Ridge Road or (Stoney Creek Road) south 76 degrees 58 minutes west 281.62 feet; thence along the center line of Saline-Milan Road north 32 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds west 453.70 feet; thence continuing along said center line north 37 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds west 82.80 feet to the place of beginning. Excepting and reserving land sold to Paul Toth and wife by Warranty Deed dated February 20, 1954, and recorded February 26, 1954 in Liber 651 of Records, Page 160, also land sold to Wesley C. Taylor and wife by Warranty Deed dated July 23, 1955 and recorded July 29, 1955 in Liber 706 of Records, Page 574, and Warranty Deed, correcting description dated November 12, 1955 and recorded November 15, 1955 in Liber 720 of Records, Page 644, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 2, 2010. Orans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer, P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041. 248-502-1400 File No. 579.0105 ASAP# 3832560 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

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JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF WAYNE
PUBLICATION OF HEARINGS
CASE NO. 08-077973 PETITION 100129904
In the matter of: **MATTHEW GRAHAM** 308-08/15/1991, AN
DEW BILL 308-09/04/2010, DATED DECEMBER 2, 2010
A hearing on PERMANENT CUSTODY will be conducted by the
court on: **MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011, AT 10:00 A.M.** in
COURTROOM 3-A, LINCOLN HALL
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before Judge: **CHRISTOPHER D. DUNNELL** 40930
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Biological Father of **MATTHEW GRAHAM** personally appear before
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MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patrick S. Grant, married and Laurie A. Grant, his wife, to PNC Mortgage, FKA National City, a division of PNC Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated July 9, 2007 and recorded July 30, 2007 in Liber 4637, Page 266, Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand and Two Hundred Eighty-Three and 37/100 Dollars (\$328,283.37) including interest at 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the or in the Main Lobby of Washtenaw County Circuit Courthouse Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 6, 2011. Said premises are located in the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 191, Alimendinger Heights, Page 21, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 2, 2010. Orans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer, P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041. 248-502-1400 File No. 401.0732 ASAP# FNMA3832643 12/02/2010, 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

Legal Notices

STATE OF MICHIGAN
8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT PROBATE
ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE

Case No. 10-H-27853-DM

100 Main Street
Livonia MI 48146
616 577-5322

Plaintiff: **Crista Garcia**
206 Earle Street
Belling, MI 48809 616 302-6293

Defendant: **Raymundo Garcia**
(His whereabouts are unknown)

Plaintiff attorney:
William A. Van Eck, P.23904
3025 Bridge St.
Belling, MI 48809 616 794-0990

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon the defendant Raymundo Garcia cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, MCR 2.107(b)(1)(b) and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonable calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method:
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Date: 11/2/2010

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2010 ALL-HERITAGE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

It takes 2

Castro, Foote named co-MVPs

Saline senior
leads Hornets
to 45 wins

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

Saline's Cassie Castro has long been known around volleyball circles for her strong defensive play. She was the Hornets' Defensive Player of the Year for the past two seasons.



But the senior goes on the offensive when it comes to commitment and dedication to the sport she has grown to love. Reaching the level of play Castro has achieved requires plenty of hard

work. That hard work has paid off, both for her individually as well as the Saline volleyball program.

"From an individual standpoint, I went into the season training hard and trying to be in the best physical condition and pushing myself 100 percent," said Castro, named Heritage Newspapers All-Area Volleyball Player co-MVP for the 2010 season.

"I was pleased with my performance throughout the year. Of course there were certain times where I would have



Senior Cassie Castro was a dominant player for the Hornets.

liked to have done better, but overall it was a great season."

Her individual commitment helped lead the Hornets to an impressive 45-10 overall record.

"From a team standpoint, we had a great group of girls who worked hard and pushed each other to do our best," she said. "Overall, we had some great

Meet Cassie

School: Saline
Age: 17
Class: 2011
Parents: Christine & Jeffrey Castro
Position in volleyball: Libero
Other sports: None
Other interests: Working out, and hanging with my friends

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Dexter junior
sets up Dreads
for success

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Volleyball is not necessarily dominated by giants. Sometimes, the smaller players come up big in big spots and in big games.

Dexter's Caitlen Foote was never the tallest player on the floor, but she



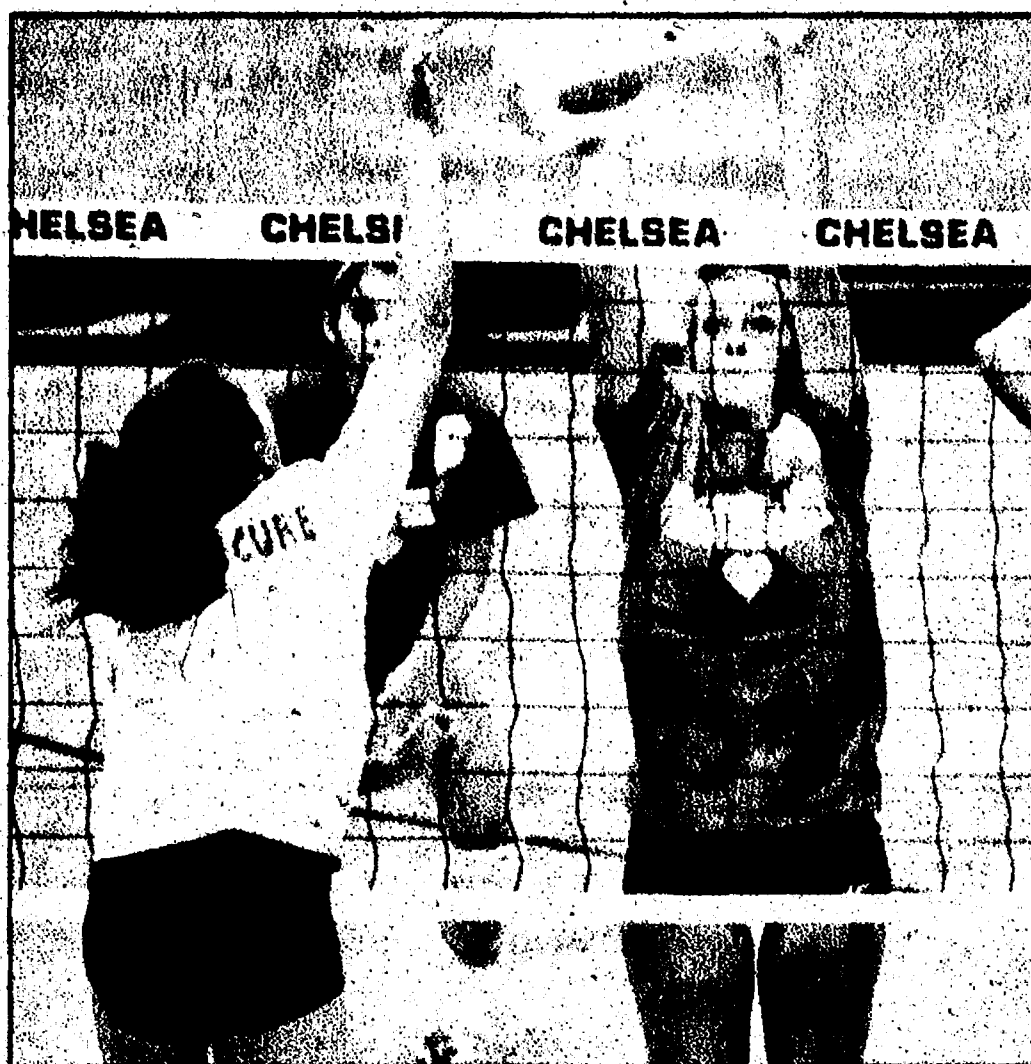
was certainly among the best.

"Caitlen comes in under the radar a bit because of her size, but teams quickly realize she's one of our biggest and most powerful hitters," said

Dexter coach Erin Penin. "Caitlen is very talented, both in the front and back row. She's aggressive in every skill she performs, and she holds the highest standards for herself."

Those standards helped earn Foote Heritage Newspapers All-Area Volleyball co-MVP honors.

"I feel like we had a really good team and we did well," said Foote, who also was named team MVP and helped lead the Dreadnaughts to an impressive



Dexter junior Caitlen Foote (left) delivers a spike in a match at Chelsea.

40-16-6 overall record and a trip to the District championship game. "I think we could have gone further than we did, but I am so proud of everyone for working as hard as they did."

"Overall, we had a great year. I am proud to be a part of Dexter volleyball." Foote, 16, finished the season with 388 kills, 54 aces and 396 digs.

Meet Caitlen

School: Dexter
Age: 16
Grade: Junior
Parents: Susan Foote
Position: Outside Hitter / Libero
Other sports: Volleyball 24/7

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A2's almost native son

Ann Arbor a starting point
for Detroit's Howard



The goalie said that the size of the high school was difficult to get used to at first.

"It was a real culture shock for me," he said. "I went from a school where I knew almost everyone, to being put into a school that was just massive. It took a while to get comfortable."

Howard was born and raised in Ogdensburg, New York, a city of about 12,300, located on the south bank of the St. Lawrence River in the northern part of the state.

"I came from such a small town, coming into Ann Arbor was a big thing for me," Howard said. "I was pretty shy, so I just wanted to keep my head down and get to my classes and everything. I didn't really want to draw too much attention to myself."

Howard might have been able to avoid attention while in classes at Pioneer, but the young goaltender wasn't able to keep out of the spotlight when he was between the pipes.

Howard played nine games with the Under-17 team, and 26 games with the Under-18 team during his stay in Ann Arbor. In that time, he amassed a record of 22-11-1 with four shutouts.

He also managed to curry favor with his coach, Mike Eaves.

Eaves, who is currently the head coach of the University of Wisconsin hockey team and father of Howard's current Red Wing teammate Patrick Eaves, said he was impressed with Howard from the start.

"Jim was a very talented player when he came to us. He

By Mike Larson
A2 Journalist

Jimmy Howard was born in New York, became a collegiate legend in Maine and is currently occupying one of the loneliest and most scrutinized positions in all of professional sports.

But before he set NCAA records and earned the job of starting goaltender for the Detroit Red Wings, Howard spent some significant time in Ann Arbor.

Howard, 26, donned his goalie gear in A2 during 2001, as he suited up and played with the U.S. National Team Development Program.

"It was a great time for me when I was in Ann Arbor," Howard said. "We were really busy with hockey, but I really loved the city."

Howard was 17 when he played with the NTDP, which is headquartered at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube.

While in Ann Arbor, Howard was enrolled at Pioneer High School.

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Detroit Red Wing goalie Jimmy Howard makes a save. Howard played in Ann Arbor with the USA development program.

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2010 All-Heritage Volleyball Team

Coach of the Year: Erin Penn, Dexter High School

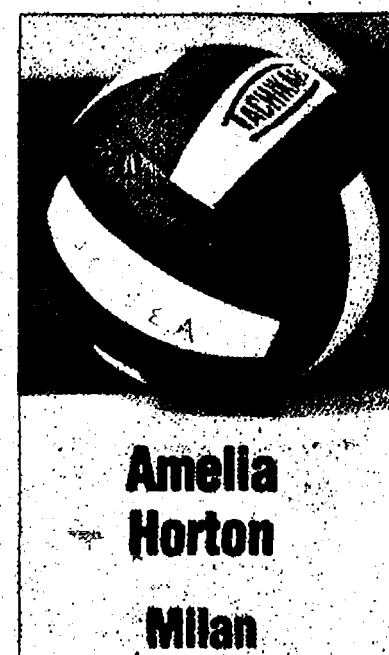
Co-Players of the Year: Caitlin Foote, Dexter HS / Cassie Castro, Saline HS

Player	School	Class	Position
Destiny Hudson	Belleville	Junior	Outside hitter
Talia Wood	Dexter	Sophomore	Outside hitter
Michelle Wellman	Chelsea	Senior	Middle hitter
Ellie Stoffer	Chelsea	Senior	Outside hitter
Tyler Richardson	Ypsilanti	Senior	Outside hitter
Dunla Ismail	Lincoln	Senior	Outside hitter
Halley Cook	Manchester	Senior	Setter
Mckenna Erkfriz	Manchester	Sophomore	Middle blocker
Amelia Horton	Milan	Senior	Middle blocker
Marissa Owen	Saline	Junior	Outside hitter

2010 All-Heritage Volleyball Team



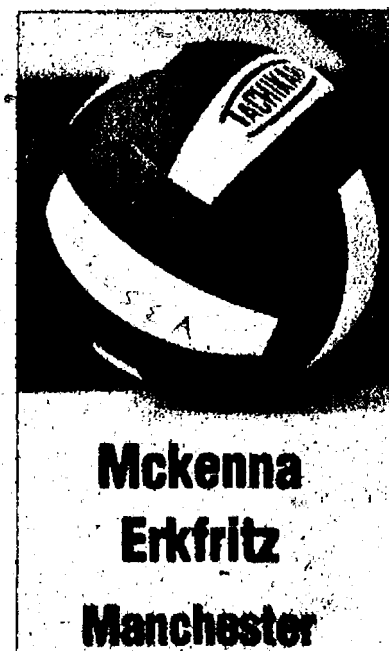
Grade: Junior
Position: Outside Hitter
Overview: One of the best junior players in the area, Owen was a powerful hitter for Saline this season. A strong presence up front at the net for the Hornets, Owen was proficient spiking the ball or blocking this year. Behind Owen, Saline won 40 matches this season.



Grade: Senior
Position: Middle Blocker
Overview: The top player on Milan's squad, the 5-foot-9 Horton was a dominating force around the net this season for the Big Reds. The All-Huron League middle blocker led Milan this year with 197 kills, 37 aces and 84 blocks. She also recorded 177 digs.



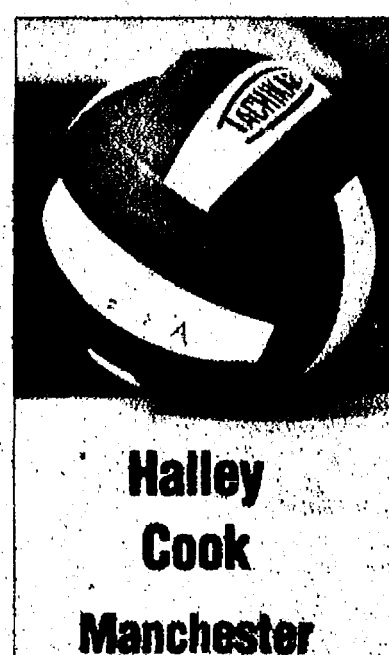
Grade: Senior
Position: MH
Player overview: Wellman led the Bulldogs this season in number of kills (212), blocks (69), assists and 39 solo blocks. "She was a force offensively and defensively for the team all season," Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland said. "Michelle also served at 85 percent this season and improved each year defensively at the net and excelled in her technique as a blocker."



Grade: Sophomore
Position: Middle Blocker
Overview: One of the top sophomores, not only in the area, but in the state, Manchester's Mckenna Erkfriz was a dominant player this year for the Flying Dutchmen. The 6-foot middle blocker finished the season with a team high 287 kills and 110 blocks. She also posted 25 digs and 19 aces.



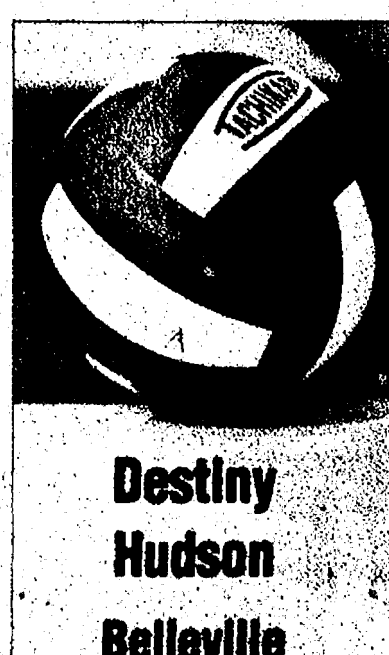
Grade: Senior
Position: OH and Libero
Overview: Stoffer took twice as many serve receptions than any other player on the team and passes at a high efficiency. She led the team with 290 digs and also had 111 kills this season. "Ellie displayed a great toughness defensively and has a great range as a defensive player," said coach Laura Cleveland. "She was always willing to put her body on the floor to dig a ball and keep a play alive for the team."



Grade: Senior
Position: Setter
Overview: The leader and quarterback of the Manchester squad, Cook helped spark the Flying Dutchmen to a 40-23-4 overall record this year. The senior setter ended up with a team high 780 assists this season. Cook also recorded 47 aces, 152 digs, 14 blocks and 45 kills.



Grade: Sophomore
Position: OH
Overview: Wood is a big-time hitter, especially for her age. "She is extremely sound when it comes to technique both in hitting and blocking," said coach Erin Penn. "Most defenses can't stop her even when the whole gym knows we're going to set her. I don't doubt that by her senior year she'll be one of the top players in the state." Wood finished with 413 kills and 57 blocks.



Grade: Junior
Position: Outside Hitter
Overview: Destiny Hudson has been a two year player on the Belleville varsity team. She found herself in the starting lineup for coach Michael Musser this past season. The junior had more than 120 kills this season. "She continues to work hard in the off-season and each year comes back stronger," said Musser. Hudson was an all-league selection this year for the Tigers.



Grade: Senior
Position: OH
Overview: One of Lincoln's captains (along with Ashley Agdorny), Ismail was a force around the net all season for the Railsplitters. Her power hitting helped lead the Rails to several wins during the season, including over rival Ypsilanti in the regular-season finale. The senior, who plays with a ton of enthusiasm, was an honorable mention selection for the all-SEC team.



Grade: Senior
Position: OH
Overview: Richardson, who also is a dominant basketball player, signed to play volleyball at the University of Albany in New York earlier this year. The senior was a Southeastern Conference all-league honorable mention selection. Richardson, who only started playing volleyball as a freshman, earned a full-ride scholarship to play for the Great Danes in the America East Conference.



2010 ALL-HERITAGE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Former U-M standout finds success in Dexter

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

You could certainly call Erin Penn's homecoming a spike of success.

Penn, who grew up in Dexter and played four years on the varsity team, recently returned to the area and became the head volleyball coach just prior to the start of the 2010 season. She helped lead the club to a second place in the SEC White Division and a trip to the district finals at Pinckney. The team's success earned Penn



Coach of the Year

Heritage Newspaper's Coach of the Year honors.

"I came into this season wanting to establish fundamentals and create a mentality within the program that set up strong principles, and I believe we did that," Penn said. "I wanted the girls to buy into the fact that they are representing their school and their community, and that all levels of the program work together to build the best Dexter volleyball team we can at the highest level."

Dexter volleyball is a team effort, on and off the court.

"Our middle school, freshman and

JV coaches all worked hard to do this - it was a concerted effort by all of us," Penn said. "We still have a ways to go when it comes to our win/loss record as well as our competitiveness in post-season playoffs, but we can't expect that to happen overnight."

"My team did a phenomenal job of stepping up to the challenge and doing anything I asked. They worked hard all season and put the best forward themselves. I couldn't have asked for anything more. I'm so proud of all of them."

Penn is a former Dreadnaught. During her junior year, the Dreads won regionals for the first time in school history before losing in the state semifinals.

Penn was named Gatorade Player

of the Year for the state of Michigan and earned her second All-State selection during her senior season. She graduated with a 4.0 grade-point average and accepted a scholarship to Michigan.

After red-shirting her freshman year, Penn was a four-time All-Big Ten Academic award winner and team captain her final two seasons.

"After graduating from U-M with a degree in history, I moved around the country for four years (that was 13 moves, by the way) with my husband, Mike Penn, while he played minor league baseball with the Kansas City Royals," Penn said. "During those four years I was an assistant coach for a varsity team in Columbus (Ohio) and coached a freshman team out

in Arizona. I also became the director of operations for All-American Volleyball Camps in which we ran over 150 satellite camps across the country."

When Mike retired from the Royals in 2009, the family moved back to Dexter.

"I heard the varsity and freshmen positions were opening up at Dexter, and was excited to be a part of the program again and get the chance to give back to the community that I so love," she said. "All those years of moving around made me realize how much I love this area and this town in particular. We have great schools and a wonderful community. My husband and I feel so blessed to be able to come back here to raise our family."

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Penn, in her first year with the Dreadnaughts, had a tough choice when it came to picking the team's most outstanding player. Several girls could have easily gotten the nod.

"Caitlen is our team's MVP because of her steadiness in addition to the fact that she

plays both front and back row for us," Penn said. "Caitlen also adds to the team with her serve receive and defense."

Having to choose out of such an impressive group is a good thing. The Dreads finished with an 8-3 record in the Southeastern Conference, just a game out of first behind Tecumseh. Both Foote and teammate Talia Wood were named to the All-SEC team. Sydney Spicer and

Polly Washabaugh were honorable-mention selections.

Foote began playing volleyball in the fifth grade with the Huron Valley Volleyball Club.

"At the time I was trying out different sports and volleyball was one of them," she said. "Volleyball was the sport I ended up really liking, and stuck with it. I love everything about it. I love the intensity of a close match

and when the team is giving it their all and we win."

Foote is just a junior and is looking forward to her senior season. The Dreads should be loaded again next season.

"I want to continue to get better," she said. "There is always room for improvement. I would like to play volleyball in college, but I don't have a particular college in mind just yet. I'm still deciding."

CASTRO

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games by beating ranked teams. But there were times where we would have liked different outcomes. We had a great record and I was proud of our team."

The 17-year-old also can be proud of her own accomplishments during her amazing run with the Hornets.

After being called up to the varsity team during the districts as a sophomore, Castro became a starter during her junior season. She was a first-team All-Southeastern Conference Red Division selection and first team All-Region pick in both 2009 and 2010.

The Saline team captain this past season, Castro also is a candidate for the 2010 All-State team.

Saline coach Lisa Shea is going to miss Castro when the season rolls around next year.

"I really enjoyed coaching Cassie," Shea said. "She's the most talented libero I have ever coached. Her court coverage kept us in countless points. She was a wonderful teammate and is an excellent role model for our younger players to look up to."

Castro started playing volleyball in sixth grade. She realized she was pretty good when she got the call to join the varsity as a sophomore - at the beginning of district play.

"I go 100 percent all the time and I never give up on a ball," she said. "I play with confidence and I'm a team player."

She also had a solid jump serve, could read the hitter and was a standout defensive player.

"I enjoy volleyball because it's a competitive sport, and it's such a fast pace game when playing a competitive team across the net," she said. "It's very exciting."

Castro hopes to take her game to the next level.

"I would like to continue to play volleyball when I go to college," said Castro, who would like to become a special education teacher when her playing days are over. "Currently, I am being recruited and I am in the process of evaluating my options, what would fit me best educationally and athletically."

Her performance in the classroom is as impressive as her sets and spikes. She currently has all As and is working hard to lay the groundwork for a successful four years in college.

She also is proud of the groundwork she helped put down with the Saline volleyball program.

"I am proud to be a part of the Saline volleyball program," she said. "It's been a great experience. I have had many great opportunities being involved with the team. From middle school through high school the coaching staff has always been supportive and helpful in all aspects."



Jimmy Howard has come a long way since his time in Ann Arbor. Now he is the starting goalie for the Detroit Red Wings.

At a glance: Jimmy Howard

Name: James Howard

Position: Goaltender, Detroit Red Wings

Height: 6-1

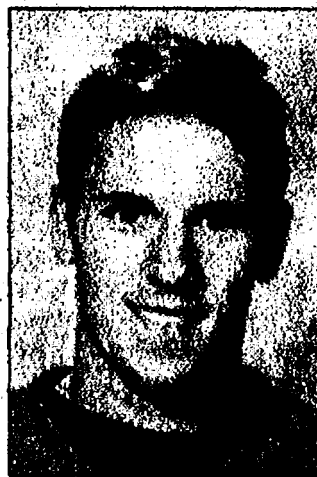
Weight: 204

Born: March 26, 1984

Draft: 2003-2nd round (64th overall) by the Detroit Red Wings

2010-11 Stats: 13-2-2, 2.49 GAA, .914 SV%

Achievements: Holds University of Maine school record for shutouts, goals against average and save percentage; holds single season



Jimmy Howard

NCAA record (2003-04) for GAA (1.19) and save percentage (.964); named to 2005-06 AHL All-Rookie team; nominated for Calder Memorial Trophy.

lot of time in the minors, and for some guys, that can be the kiss of death. For Jim, though, he used it as an opportunity."

Howard started his professional career with the Grand Rapids Griffins in the American Hockey League.

Between 2005 and 2009, Howard spent time bouncing around between Grand Rapids and Detroit, but in the 2009-2010 season, he was finally given a chance to start.

"We knew for a long time that Jim had what it took," Red Wing coach Mike Babcock said. "We wanted to make sure he was ready, and that we weren't getting him in over his head."

Howard proved he was ready. Last season the goalie played in 63 games, going 37-15-10 and was a finalist for the Calder Trophy, the NHL's rookie of the year award.

"Last year things really came together for me," Howard said. "But it helps when you play in

front of such a great team."

Things haven't slowed down for the keeper either.

As of Monday, Howard was ranked second in the league with 13 wins. He also had a save percentage of .914 and a goals against average of 2.49.

"Things are starting to come together for us," Howard said. "We've got a lot of great players and we are trying to bring another Stanley Cup back to Detroit."

And while Howard wasn't born in Michigan, he said there is a very special place in his heart for the Wolverine State, and Ann Arbor in particular. "I'm not originally from here," he said. "But this is my hockey home. I got to play for the Detroit Red Wings and I got to represent my country in Ann Arbor. I kind of feel like my hockey career really took off in Ann Arbor. I'll always feel like my time there was a special time."

HOWARD

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was so competitive," Eaves said. "He just never stopped working. You knew that he was going to put in the time. Nobody was going to outwork him."

Eaves said that Howard's time in Ann Arbor, playing for the NTDP, was defined by his ability to evolve as a player.

"It wasn't easy for a lot of those guys," Eaves said of the NTDP players. "You have to remember, they are still kids, and they are uprooted from their homes and their families. They are put into a program and asked to play their best. It's not easy."

Howard, like most other players in the USA program, came to Ann Arbor and lived with a host family.

"But none of that fazed Jim," Eaves said. "He learned on the fly. One thing about developmental program is that it forces players to redefine what hard is."

"Jim came here and was a great player in his own right. But when you are playing with the best in the country, you can't take anything for granted. And he did that. He really rose to the

occasion." Rising to the occasion has kind of been Howard's hallmark, even after he left Ann Arbor.

After playing with the NTDP, Howard started filling up his trophy case.

In 2002 he led the United States to gold in the IIHF World U18 Championships in Slovakia and was later named the USA goaltender of the year.

The goaltender elected to go to the University of Maine, where he led the Black Bears to the Frozen Four championship during the 2003-2004 season.

The Bears came up short, falling to the University of Denver, 1-0.

While with Maine, Howard was drafted in the second round (64th overall) of the 2003 NHL Entry Draft by Detroit.

It was then when things started to slow down for the upstart goalie.

"He went into the NHL and really had to work hard for a spot," Eaves said. "He spent a

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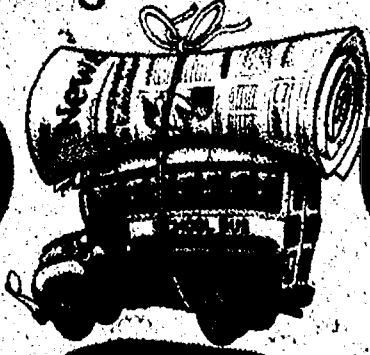
Jimmy Howard wasn't the only future NHL player to show up in the Ann Arbor area to work with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program.

Below is a list of current NHL players who all spent time playing hockey in Ann Arbor. Rick DiPietro (New York Islanders) Patrick Kane (Chicago Blackhawks) Adam Hall (Pittsburgh Penguins) Andy Hibert (New York Islanders) Jack Johnson (Los Angeles Kings) Phil Kessel (Boston Bruins) Brett Lebda (Detroit Red Wings) Brian Rolston (New Jersey Devils) Brian Gionta (Montreal Canadiens) Erik Johnson (St. Louis Blues) Kevin Shattenkirk (Colorado Avalanche)

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Saving the sturgeon

Recreated spawning beds net fish for reintroduction

There are few fish that evoke a sense of awe as the lake sturgeon. They grow to over 11 feet long and can live for decades.

They are the largest fish to inhabit the Great Lakes but rarely seen by most fishermen. I'd never seen one in my lifetime.

Sadly, their numbers have plummeted over the years due to dams that block access to their spawning grounds, impacts from invasive species, overharvesting and habitat destruction, particularly a lack of spawning habitat in the Detroit River.

Their spawning grounds were decimated many years ago from loss of wetlands, industrial pollution and dredging in the Detroit River for shipping channels.

Thankfully, there are people like Dr. Leon Carl who is the Midwest Area Regional Executive of the USGS.

Dr. Carl had a vision that the spawning grounds for Lake Sturgeon and other species like the lake whitefish could be rebuilt.

Dr. Carl's idea was simple and elegant. However, the logistics involved were daunting, to say the least. Just imagine trying to recreate spawning grounds that haven't existed for almost a century with permits and jurisdictions shared by two countries, state, provincial and local governments, as well as an Indian tribe.

There were so many questions that needed to be answered.

For instance, where

TAYLOR MADE ADVENTURES



RICK TAYLOR

were the spawning beds? At what depth were they? How strong were the currents? What kind of substrate (natural river rock) did these fish spawn on? How to create habitat for native species in a way that discourages the expansion of invasives? How do they achieve these goals and not disrupt existing shipping channels? More importantly, how could they be assured their work wouldn't be destroyed by the shipping channels? The questions go on and on.

The work began on forming a multi-jurisdictional partnership called the: Huron-Erie Corridor Initiative. The HEC is the connecting corridor between Lake Huron and Lake Erie you can find more information at huron-erie.org.

The partners began collecting data and using the science and management expertise from multiple federal, state and Canadian agencies.

The data collected was invaluable in finding these elusive spawning bed locations.

Russell Strach, Director for the USGS showed me pictures of the Detroit River back in the 1920's. These pictures illustrated the disregard and ignorance we had for our natural resources.

There were pictures of dredging machines that not only tore up the spawning beds but also put the spoils on the rest of the existing spawning beds.

It took a long time looking through historical documents, but some of the old spawning beds were found and the work had only just begun.

After a great deal of time, effort and money the end was in sight.

Experimental spawning beds were recreated with the help of multiple U.S. and Canadian agencies.

Then it happened. Most locals know of Fighting Island, which on the upper Detroit River just south of Lake St. Clair. Fighting Island is just one of many locations with the newly placed spawning beds.

Scientists were hoping for the best when they went down to check for sturgeon eggs. And they found them!

All their work came down to this moment. Just imagine being the one to find those elusive eggs and absorbing the significance of that moment.

All-in-all there was just a small handful of eggs collected from the site.

The Fisheries Scientists brought the eggs back to the USGS site located in Ann Arbor where they were hatched.

Sixteen lake sturgeon



Several area school children were among those helping to release young sturgeon into the Detroit River. The fish came from eggs harvested from recreated spawning beds.

have survived in captivity; likely far higher odds than in a natural environment.

Not only did the USGS incubate these eggs, they also hoped to release the sturgeon once they got large enough to survive in the wild so scientists could learn more about habitat use by these juvenile fish.

Strach showed me the sturgeon prior to their release and I was truly humbled to see them. Watching those 16 sturgeon swimming in a hold tank at the USGS location was a sight that I'll never forget.

On Oct. 22, Senator Carl Levin, Congressman John Dingell, Canadian

Member of Parliament Jeffrey Watson, Trenton Mayor Gerald Brown, HEC initiative partners, and a group of school kids got to participate and release the young sturgeon.

I remember sitting with Strach afterwards and watching the proud look on his face as he went over the work of Dr. Carl and all the other dedicated scientists with the USGS and other agencies.

Then he looked at me and gestured with his hands to help make his point that "this is a celebration about the restoration of fish habitat of the Huron Erie Corridor (HEC)."

Passion is a funny thing.

Passion made the partners work to reestablish lake sturgeon and lake whitefish spawning habitat. Let us not forget that passion fills every scientist involved in this project.

Passion exudes from Strach as well. I remember how excited he was to show me the sturgeon and his energy is contagious. If there's a common thread among these scientists then it's a passion for nature. I hope their passion puts a skip in your step as it has for me.

For more information, log onto the USGS Web site at www.usgs.gov.

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Battle Creek	34/24/pc	34/22/pc	35/27/pc	Muskegon	34/24/pc	34/25/pc	36/29/pc
Bay City	36/24/pc	36/23/pc	37/23/pc	Pontiac	35/23/pc	36/22/pc	34/25/pc
Detroit	37/25/pc	37/24/pc	36/27/pc	Port Huron	35/23/pc	35/24/pc	36/25/pc
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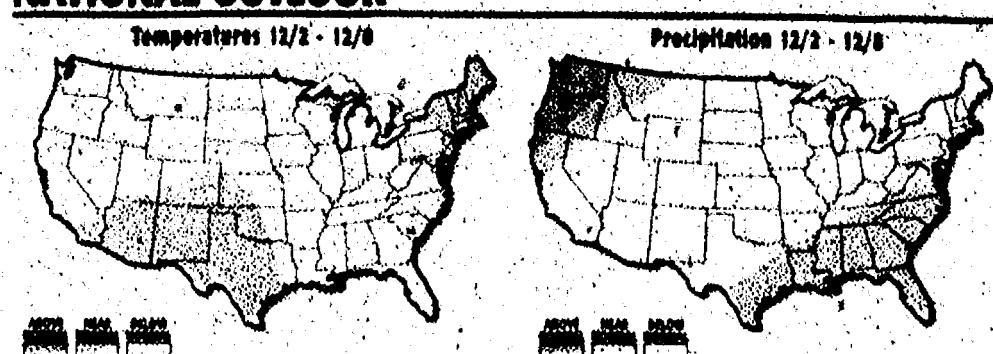
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Athens	75/63/c	74/59/pc	71/50/pc	Montreal	39/27/pc	36/26/pc	33/28/pc
Berlin	18/15/sn	23/15/pc	24/22/pc	Moscow	10/0/s	14/12/c	30/25/i
Buenos Aires	81/62/s	82/57/s	86/64/s	Paris	29/28/pc	35/29/pc	43/42/pc
Cairo	81/62/s	81/60/s	82/61/s	Rio de Janeiro	87/78/pc	90/78/pc	88/76/pc
Calgary	22/3/s	17/4/c	16/7/c	Rome	56/47/r	52/36/sh	48/34/pc
Hong Kong	81/68/s	75/64/s	73/66/s	Seoul	52/13/pc	36/20/s	48/27/pc
Jerusalem	73/52/s	78/51/s	75/51/s	Singapore	85/79/r	85/77/sh	86/78/r
Johannesburg	80/50/pc	70/56/r	81/56/r	Tokyo	76/65/r	75/65/sh	77/64/c
London	36/27/pc	34/28/pc	37/28/pc	Yokohama	59/54/c	63/49/r	59/48/s
Mexico City	75/39/s	75/42/s	74/40/s	Warsaw	22/21/sn	31/22/sn	22/17/s

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Atlanta	54/37/s	56/33/s	52/37/pc	Minneapolis	22/8/pc	24/17/sn	31/20/sn
Boston	49/33/pc	45/32/pc	42/31/pc	New Orleans	64/42/s	66/45/s	64/52/pc
Chicago	33/26/pc	32/22/pc	35/27/pc	New York City	64/42/s	66/44/s	70/48/s
Cincinnati	41/25/pc	38/24/pc	40/31/c	Orlando	66/41/s	66/44/s	70/48/s
Cleveland	36/27/pc	36/26/pc	36/27/pc	Philadelphia	44/32/pc	44/31/pc	42/27/s
Dallas	66/41/s	67/51/s	70/50/c	Phoenix	70/46/pc	72/48/s	73/48/s
Denver	55/30/s	64/33/s	60/25/pc	Pittsburgh	35/26/pc	35/26/pc	37/24/pc
Honolulu	82/71/pc	81/69/c	81/68/s	St. Louis	56/26/pc	56/26/pc	46/36/pc
Houston	66/50/s	72/50/s	74/56/pc	San Francisco	59/49/c	55/44/r	53/42/pc
Kansas City	52/20/s	44/31/s	47/30/c	Seattle	30/30/c	39/30/pc	40/30/pc
Las Vegas	60/43/pc	65/43/pc	62/41/s	Wash., DC	45/30/pc	46/31/pc	44/31/pc
Los Angeles	74/50/pc	70/50/pc	68/48/pc				

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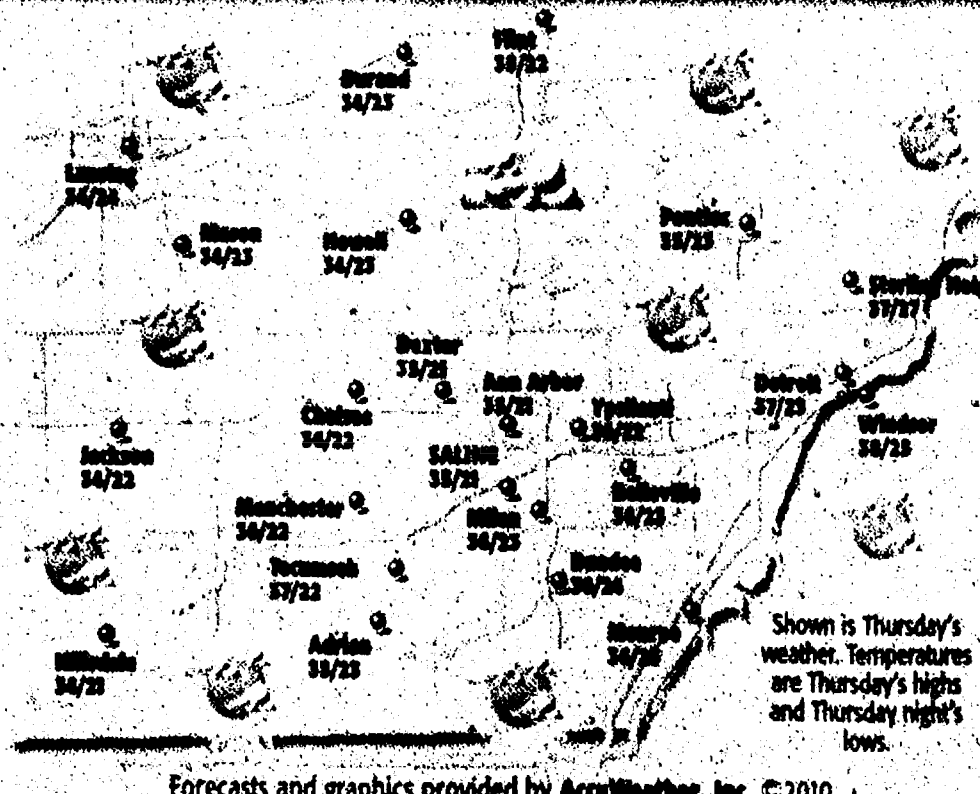
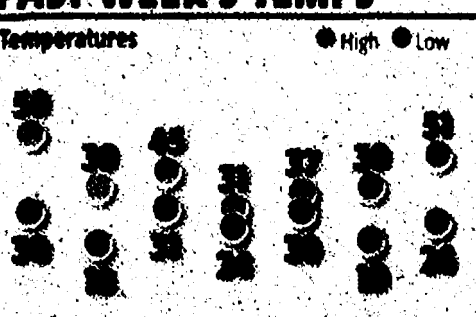


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Statistics for the week ending Monday, Nov. 29

Temperatures:	
High/low for the week	59°/18°
Normal high/low	42°/29°
Average temperature	34.2°
Normal average temperature	35.4°
Precipitation:	
Total for the week	0.80"
Total for the month	2.45"
Total for the year	30.70"
Normal for the month	2.89"
Normal for the year	52.41"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS



SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Thursday	7:45 a.m.	5:04 p.m.
Friday	7:46 a.m.	5:04 p.m.
Saturday	7:47 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Sunday	7:48 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Monday	7:49 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Tuesday	7:50 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Wednesday	7:51 a.m.	5:03 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	4:18 a.m.	2:41 p.m.
Friday	5:32 a.m.	3:19 p.m.
Saturday	6:45 a.m.	4:05 p.m.
Sunday	7:49 a.m.	4:58 p.m.
Monday	8:47 a.m.	5:57 p.m.
Tuesday	9:35 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:15 a.m.	8:05 p.m.

RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday	Flood stage	Current stage
Ecstasy Creek		3.32 ft
Dearborn Heights		
Huron River	16 ft	12.81 ft
Ann Arbor		
Malletts Creek		
Ann Arbor		3.90 ft
Hill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	6.27 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester		3.36 ft

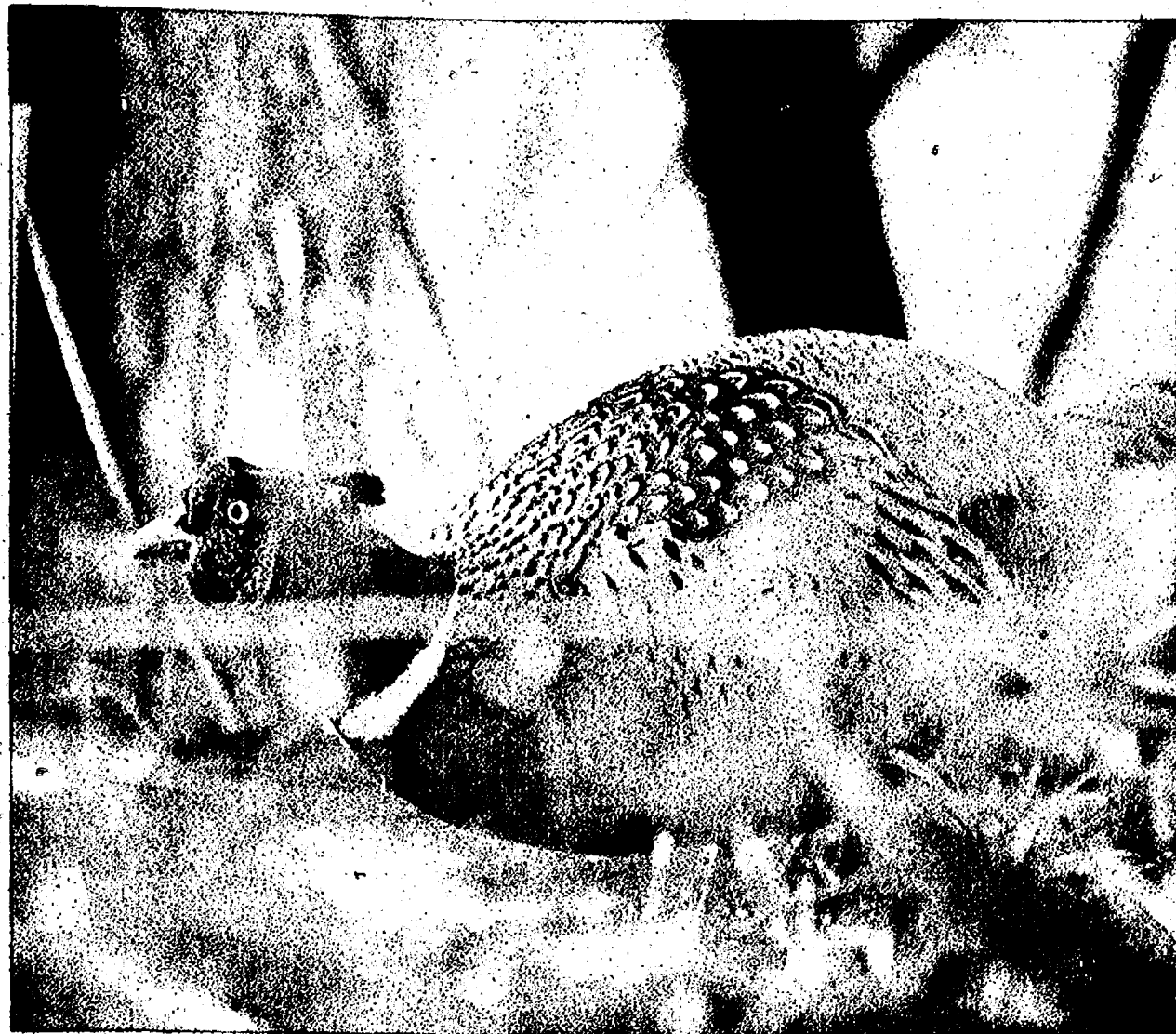
LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	570.70 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	573.14 ft

THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature

Day	UV Index	RealFeel Temp
Thu	2	32°
Fri	2	33°
Sat	2	32°
Sun	2	33°
Mon	2	31°
Tue	2	23°
Wed	2	30°



Pheasants Forever, others take aim

Southeastern Michigan counties on list for habitat improvement

Pheasants Forever, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) and other partners have developed a new Pheasant Recovery Initiative aimed at restoring Michigan's pheasant hunting heritage.

Three three county areas are initially targeted by the initiative for pheasant habitat improvement, including Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties; Hillsdale, Lenawee and Monroe counties; and Gratiot, Saginaw and Clinton counties.

Geographic Information Survey (GIS) was used to identify priority areas in the state based on the potential to positively impact pheasant numbers.

Factors in developing priority areas include: an open agricultural landscape, less forest and abundance of lands enrolled in federal Farm Bill conservation programs (such as the Conservation Reserve Program, or CRP).

The plan calls for identifying 10,000-acre areas where landowners are interested in resurrecting pheasant hunting.

Once identified, the DNRE will study the habitat and work with partners and landowners on habitat restoration. "There are more than 50,000 hunters who pursue pheasants annually in Michigan, and we can do better at meeting their demand for opportunity," says Mike Parker, Pheasants Forever's Regional Wildlife Biologist in the state. "It's a given that when you have quality and quantity habitat, you have pheasants."

"Revitalizing habitat - nesting cover, escape cover and food and winter cover - is the key to revitalizing pheasant hunting in Michigan."

The goal of the plan is to double Michigan's current pheasant harvest. The plan will also have a tremendous impact on hunter retention and recruitment in the state.

The key difference between past efforts and the new Pheasant Recovery Initiative, Parker says, is the broad landscape scale.

"Previous efforts have been successful on small



Pheasants Forever is part of a multi-organizational effort aimed at restoring Michigan's pheasant hunting heritage.

er scales, improving 40 acres for a landowner here, and 40 acres for a landowner there," Parker said. "But to maximize pheasant hunting, we need to broaden the focus."

Parker said the goal will be to restore pheasant habitat on 15 to 30 percent of the landscape within the Pheasant Recovery Areas, utilizing state land where possible.

The long-range objective is to have 200 or so 10,000-acre Pheasant Recovery Areas in the state, or 2 million acres in the program.

Other partners developing the Pheasant Recovery Initiative in Michigan include Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

For participating Pheasant Recovery Area coalitions, the DNRE staff will provide assistance on habitat prescriptions, project part-

ners will aid in securing seed for grass plantings and federal resources may be leveraged to provide financial incentives for participating landowners.

Also, for land that meets habitat restoration objectives, the DNRE may provide seed and/or materials for plantings.

This winter, Pheasants Forever, DNRE staff and project partners will be hosting landowner workshops to discuss the Pheasant Recovery Initiative.

To get involved in the program and for more details, landowners may also contact Al Stewart, DNRE Upland Game Specialist at stewartal@michigan.gov or Mark Sargent, DNRE Private Lands Coordinator at SargentM@michigan.gov.

Michigan is home to 36 Pheasants Forever chapters and more than 7,800 Pheasants Forever members.

For more information about Pheasants Forever in the state, contact Mike Parker at 1-517-896-4178.

Area athletes sign

Last week, Huron basketball players Dante Williams and A.J. Mathew signed their letters of intent to play at Oakland University and the University of Toledo respectively.

Several athletes around the Washtenaw County area have followed suit, as more and more sports stars are signing to play in college.

Dave LaMore of Dexter signed to play basketball at Cornell, while fellow Dreadnaughts Andrew Erber signed with Virginia Military Academy to play lacrosse and Stephen Sobczak signed to swim at Missouri.

Milan's Nena Doran, Kat Hoffman and Vanessa Garcia all signed to play college softball. Hoffman and Garcia will take their bats to the University of Detroit-Mercy, while Doran will take her skills to Cleveland State.

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THE GREAT OUTDOORS: FROM THE DNR

Keeping tabs

DNRE Fisheries Division has a watchful eye on all of state's waters

Most anglers understand that the Fisheries Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment not only manages the fish populations of the state's waters - and protects - and improves fish habitat - but also helps build fish populations by stocking lakes and streams with fish produced in the hatchery system.

But a somewhat lesser-known job of the Fisheries Division is simply keeping tabs on what's going on in the state's waters and trying to understand why.

Fisheries Division's research section tries to get a snapshot of current fish populations, and, by comparing those pictures to past pictures, draw conclusions about what direction those populations are headed.

When fisheries managers change regulations - for instance when the length limit on bass was raised from 12 inches to 14 inches - researchers often follow with surveys designed to figure out how the change impacted the fisheries.

The DNRE maintains a number of research stations across the state dedicated to answering questions about fisheries.

There are stations located in all four of the state's major watersheds - the Great Lakes of Superior, Michigan, Huron and Erie - though sometimes the responsibilities of the station transcend watershed boundaries.

The fisheries research station located on Lake St. Clair, for instance, not only monitors the Lake St. Clair fish community, as well as the lower Great Lakes sturgeon population, and the Lake Erie walleye population, but it surveys the Saginaw Bay fish community, too.

The research station's vessel, "Channel Cat," is the station's "primary work platform," explained fisheries biologist Mike Thomas.

"We know, because of the tagging studies that (fisheries research biologist) Bob Haas started back in the 1980s, that walleye that spawn in Lake Erie tributaries are migratory and contribute to fisheries as far north as Saginaw Bay," Thomas

said. "The management implications of that kind of migration of that sort of species - sought by both recreational and commercial fishermen - are very large."

"That knowledge has fostered the collaborative approach to managing these fisheries among the various agencies that have jurisdiction over these waters."

"If we all had decided to go ahead and do our own thing and ignored the migratory nature of these fish, it could result in a catastrophic impact on these fish."

Anglers can remember a few years back, when Lake Erie's walleye population was at a low point, the seasons were changed and creel limits were cut. The idea was to leave enough fish to be able to repopulate the lake, Thomas said.

"Monitoring year-class and recruitment strength has provided managers with the information that allows managers to make wise decisions," Thomas said. "That's why we manage Lake Erie by quotas."

Phil Schneeberger is the station manager-biologist at Marquette Fisheries Station.

"We have a lot of responsibility on Lake Superior, but we have the northern shores of Lake Michigan and some projects in northern Lake Huron, too," Schneeberger said. "And we do more work on inland streams and lakes than other Great Lakes station, that goes way back to when we first started this station and we hired biologists who had that kind of expertise."

Schneeberger said classifying inland streams and working on lake sturgeon reproduction are a couple examples of the station's inland work.

"On Lake Michigan, we've had a project going on since the late 1980s that looks at walleye, yellow perch and, more recently, the near-shore fish populations with a lot of the focus on the Bays de Noc," Schneeberger said.

"And Lake Superior is the focus of our large vessel program - the Lake Char - and that works mostly on lake trout."

Lake trout research on Lake Superior has led to

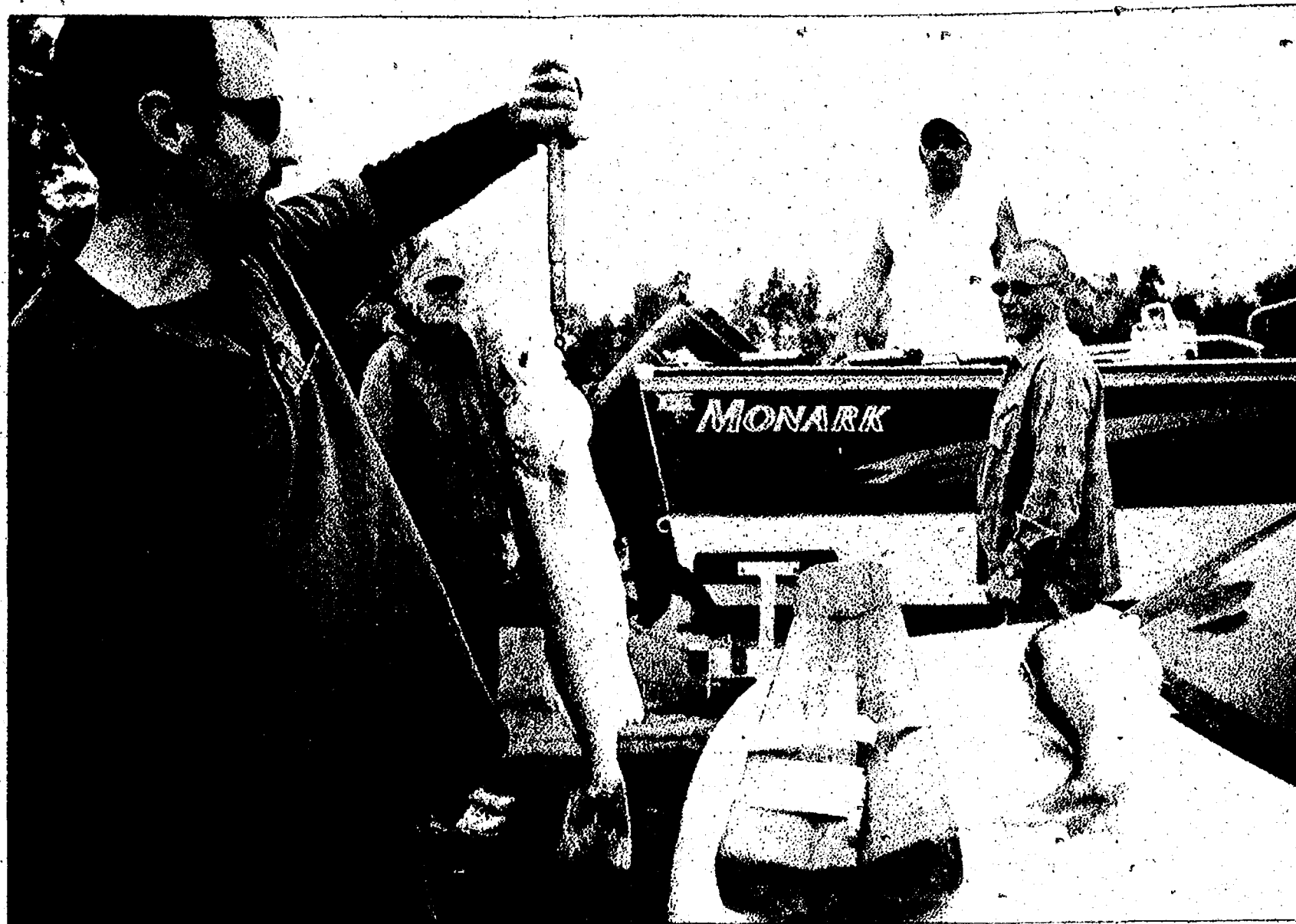


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A DNRE creel clerk (above) collects data on Lake Erie walleye fishing at Sterling State Park.



DNRE research biologist Mike Thomas (left) studies a scale sample to help age fish collected in a survey at the Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station.

the recent changes in recreational lake trout creel limits and has a lot to do with how the treaty waters are managed.

"And I work with commercial fisheries and collect data on whitefish in northern Lake Michigan and all of Lake Superior," Schneeberger said.

Biologist Jim Johnson runs the research station at Alpena, which researches Lake Huron and the St. Marys River.

"The main thrust of this station is to evaluate our restoration and sport fishery enhancement efforts," Johnson said. "It's a thread that runs through everything we do."

"Right now we're assessing lake trout recruitment, which is a serious concern since the alewives disappeared."

"There's not as much prey out there as there used to and we know the fish are not growing as large and as quickly as they used to."

The Alpena Great Lakes Fishery Research Station is also working on new stocking regimens for both trout and steelhead. The old stocking strategy - putting in the trout when they're young and small - isn't working because of predation by walleye.

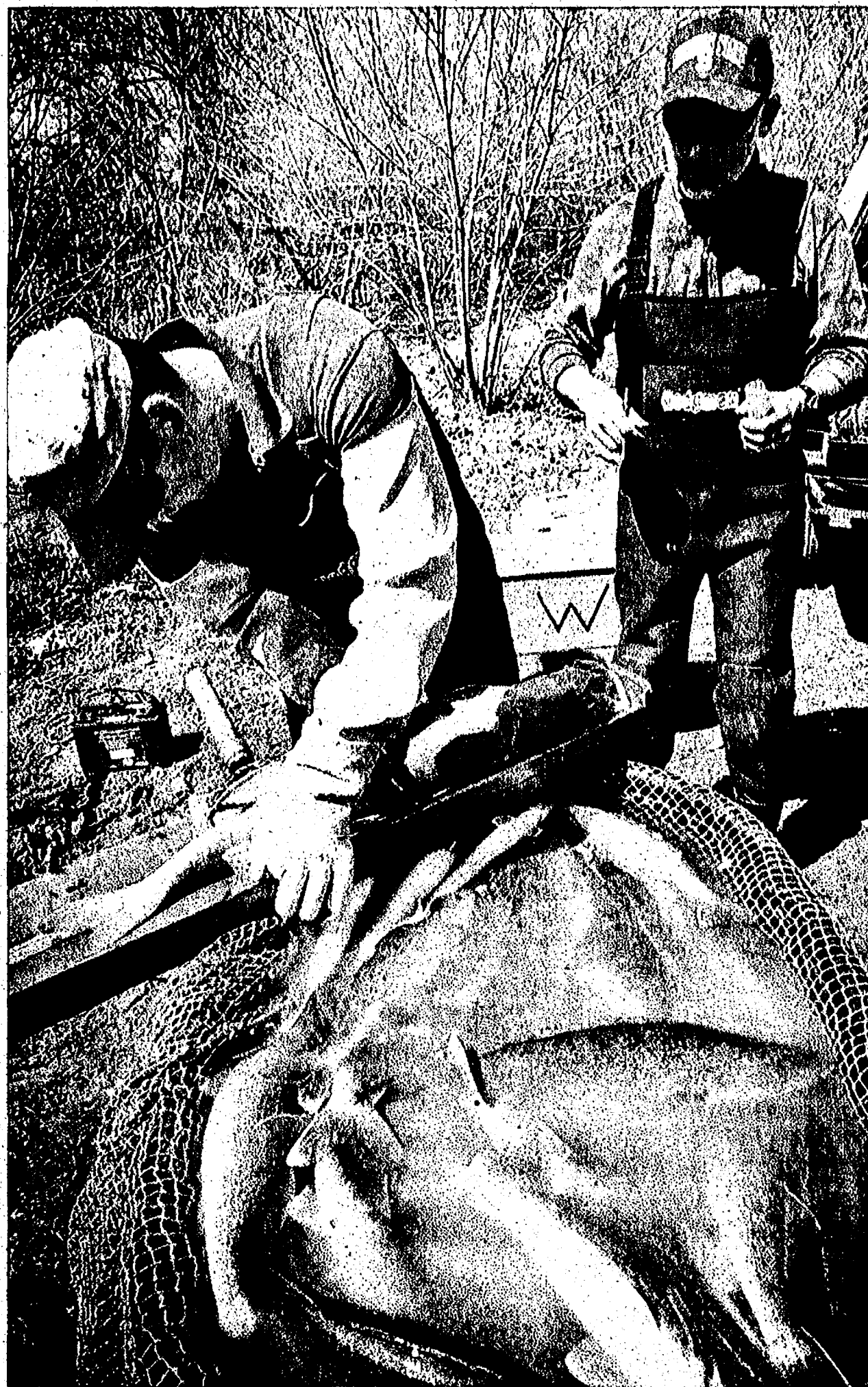
"We have a big investment in the fish that come out of our hatcheries," Johnson said. "We're trying to make sure we're getting the most we can out of that investment."

One unusual project out of the Alpena shop is trying to determine if lake herring - a native species that has been decimated - can be rehabilitated and will it serve as a prey base, as well as a fishery, in a future.

Biologist Dave Clapp, who heads the Charlevoix Research Station, runs a number of projects that have implications well beyond its Lake Michigan base.

For instance, the Coded Wire Tag program involves tagging young Chinook and rainbow trout (steelhead), then retrieving tags from harvested fish.

The coded wire tags gave the DNRE the data to show that many Chinook



Research biologist Mike Thomas works on a walleye recapture study on the Huron River in southeast Michigan.

salmon planted in Lake Huron were caught in Lake Michigan.

The Charter Boat Survey tracks charter boat fishing on all of the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair. The Statewide Angler Survey collects catch, harvest and participation rates for recreational anglers on key Great Lakes tributaries and inland lakes.

As with the other research stations, the Charlevoix facility is headquarters for a large research vessel (the R/V Steelhead).

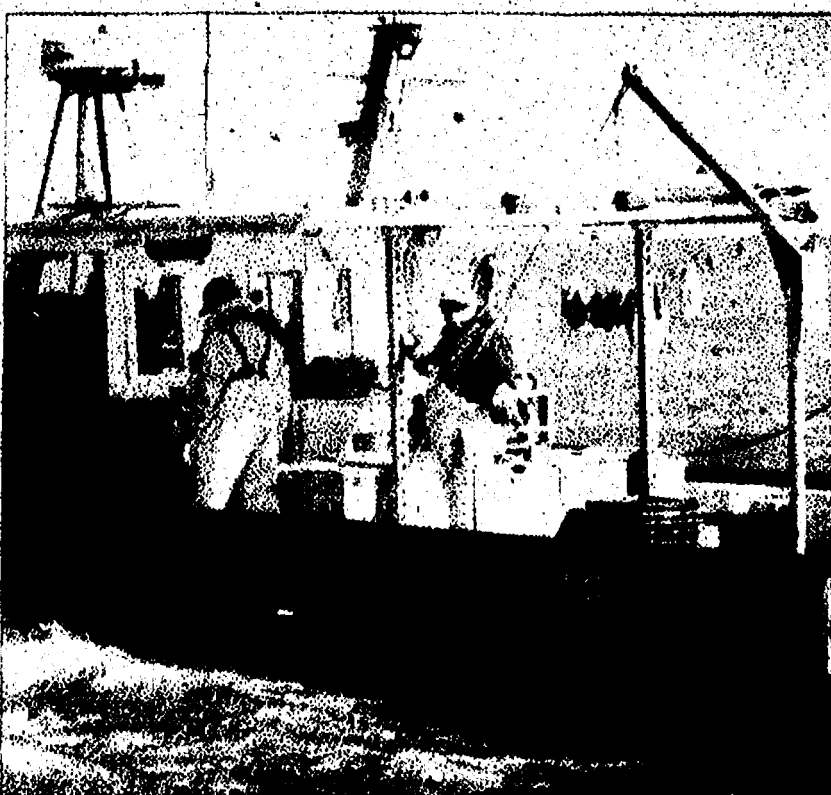
But the Charlevoix station also conducts small-boat surveys, including a cisco survey at Elk Rapids and near-shore lake trout trawling.

Inland, the Charlevoix station is working on a

lake trout travel study in Elk Lake and a muskellunge travel study on the Antrim chain of lakes.

In short, the research stations are in charge of assessing fisheries resources and determining which management practices can enhance them.

They are a vital cog in managing Michigan's fisheries resources.



The DNRE's Channel Cat vessel at work on Saginaw Bay.