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Hot Happy Traditions Celebrating Independence Day

Gregory's 38th Annual July 4th Celebration

The Gregory Market's annual July 4th pie eating contest was a hot mess of frantic gobbling as three different age groups competed for the title of Pie Eating Champion. In the 12 and under category winners were (pictured on the right) Raymond Loftis, Valen Levaassey, Kristen Ckepyar and Dominic Bickley. The 13-17 year olds had a close battle with former Pie Eating Champion David Parks once again reining as king eater. In 2nd place was Anthony Phillips and Ellie Allen took 3rd. Finally, the adults dove in face first with Shawn Parks emerging as the champ, followed by Heather Szekelly in 2nd and Blake Allen in 3rd place.

Photo by Dawn Miller

Gregory Market supplied all the pies and the event is coordinated by Jeff Boyer of Stockbridge.

Chelsea Legion Post #31 Cooking Chicken for 25 Years

By Lisa Allmendinger
www.chelseaupdate.com

Mike Grambau of Lyndon Township was one of 25 volunteers from the Chelsea American Legion Post 31 who spent 4th of July cooking 600 half chickens (100 more than last year) on a long BBQ pit in 100-degree heat.

"This is probably one of the hottest Fourth of July's I can remember," Grambau said, but members donated tents for a little shade for the cooks and "flippers," who took turns tending to the chickens in the blazing sun.

A crowd of hot chefs braved the sun and cooked chicken all day.
Photo by Lisa Allmendinger - www.chelseaupdate.com

"I cook every piece of chicken like I'm going to eat it myself," added Grambau of the birds that spent two hours and 15 minutes cooking after being sprinkled with a special rub.

Grambau explained he checks every piece of chicken before the call for "black gloves and a pan," goes out to other Legion members who deliver the perfectly cooked chicken to the kitchen where a group of ladies box and serve the $9 meals. "We couldn't do this without them," noted Grambau.

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Village Council Asked to Show Support For Stockbridge Open Air Market & Annual Motorcycle Event

By Melinda Baird

The Stockbridge Open Air Market Manager Suzin Greenway approached village council members Monday evening pleading for their support, preferably in the form of a large, permanent sign advertising the weekly farmers market. Greenway also pressed council members for ideas to promote the market as well as requested their regular attendance as shoppers. "We're failing. The town doesn't come," she told Council.

In its second year of operation the market, primarily funded by the Chelsea Wellness Foundation, accommodates ten to twelve vendors selling plants, produce, bread, herbs, preserves, dairy products, jewelry and artisan crafts. Open Fridays from 4-7 p.m. on Stockbridge Middle School grounds, Greenway estimates slightly less than 100 people come to shop each week.

"I'm concerned about its viability," admitted Greenway, a resident of White Oak Township and long-time active volunteer within the Stockbridge community. "I put the signs up myself on every corner every Friday before the market, and take them down myself afterward. I'm asking for a permanent sign. I'm really looking for help to promote this," said Greenway to Council.

Council members were pessimistic that a permanent sign could be provided due to zoning regulations enforced by the planning commission, but will consider a larger, temporary sign pointing to school grounds from Main Street.

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Sylvan Township Supervisor Candidate Faces-Off With Angry Vets

By Michael Stavola

A June 10 police report filed against Sylvan Trustee Scott E. Cooper for his conduct at Cavannaugh Lake was just the beginning of the negative attention drawn to the trustee.

In 2011, Cooper and the Sylvan Township board gave the Chelsea American Legion Post 31 permission in perpetuity to hold the annual event "Heroes On The Water" at Cavannaugh Lake.

Fast-forward to June 10, 2012 and Cooper reneged on the offer to allow the event to honor wounded veterans.

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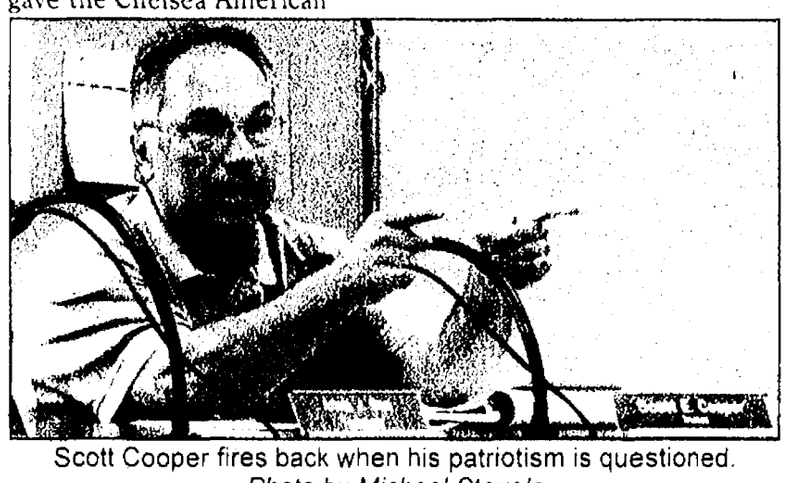

Scott Cooper fires back when his patriotism is questioned.
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Obituaries

Diann Beth Earl Jackson Michigan

1937-2012

Passed away at age 75, Monday, July 2, 2012 at CareLink of Jackson. She was born on May 23, 1937 in Stockbridge, Michigan, the daughter of Emit and Alice (Fizer) Hurdelbrink.

Diann had lived in the Jackson area since 1977, coming from Florida. She was a former member of the Munith United Methodist Church. She loved to read and was a member of the Jackson Public Library Eastern Branch Book Club. Diann was also an avid Tigers Baseball fan.

Surviving are her children: Julie Earl of Jackson, Jill (Mike) Maurer of Denver, Sarah (Mike) Bowdish of Chelsea, and John (Colleen) Earl of Grass Lake; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Iris Oakley of Jackson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Earl, and three siblings: Marion Burmis, John Hurdelbrink, and Myron Hurdelbrink.

A memorial service and interment at Munith Cemetery will take place at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Allegiance Health Cancer Center or to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge. www.mitchellfuneral.com.

Joan Ilah McGee (nee Hadley) Jackson Michigan

1951-2012

Passed away at age 61, Saturday, July 7, 2012. She was born February 5, 1951 in Stockbridge, Michigan, the daughter of Milton R. and Leona (Jaynes) McGee. She was a member of the Jackson Free Methodist Church and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joan was an excellent cook and enjoyed making chocolate chip cookies, gardening vegetables, quilting, and scrapbooking. She also enjoyed traveling, especially going on cruises and "Thelma and Louise" trips with her sister to see lighthouses.

Surviving are her children, Patricia Mae Brown (nee Hadley) of Albion and Jack T. (Heather) Hadley, Jr. of Springport; three grandchildren: James William (Molly) Christie Jr. of Stockbridge, Cody Lynn (Diane) Brown of Albion, and Tyler Thomas Brown of Stockbridge; two great-grandchildren, Remington James Christie and Madelynn Lisamae Brown; and one sister, Jackie (Hardy) Williams of Stockbridge. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother James, and nephew Kevin McGee.

A Memorial Service will take place Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 11am from the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea with Rev. Mearl Bradley officiating.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the University of Michigan Survival Flight or the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association.

Agatha (Scott) Morgan Chelsea Michigan Formerly of Waterford, Michigan and Nashville, Tennessee

1914-2012

Agatha died July 6, 2012 at the age of 97. She was born in Nashville, Tennessee in May of 1914.

In December 1943 she married Grant Morgan. In 1951 they moved to Waterford, Michigan where she lived until 1996 when she and Grant moved to Chelsea Retirement Community.

Agatha earned a B.A. from Vanderbilt University (1939) and a M.S. in Library Science from Wayne State University (early 1960s). She is survived by her son W. Scott Morgan and daughter-in-law Ginny Morgan, of Chelsea and granddaughters Megan Morgan-Finne of Charleston SC and Emily Morgan of Burlington Vermont.

Agatha lived her last four years under the loving care of the Glazier staff at Chelsea Retirement Community.

A memorial service will take place for Agatha Friday, July 20 at 1pm at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel with Rev. Cathy Rafferty officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made in lieu of flowers to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) or Vision Builders (visionbuilders.org). Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.

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Wondering What Went Wrong

I have been reading the coverage of the Downtown Development Authority on the issue of the Longworth Property. I commend the DDA for offering the attractive terms for redevelopment on the site and the subsequent invitation to the Kadushin/Beal redevelopment team for mixed use of the historic buildings.

What happened that caused the team to withdraw their proposal? How could the DDA let the $3.7 million investment in Chelsea slip away?

In addition to the total investment dollars, the construction would generate revenue in Chelsea businesses beyond the DDA area while the redevelopment is underway. I urge the Chelsea leadership–DDA, City Council, City Manager–to make this redevelopment work. In this economy, Chelsea needs to positively pursue business for Chelsea!

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7/2 ~ 6000 Block Sibley Road, while on routine patrol officers were flagged down by a citizen who stated that during the early morning hours of June 29, an unknown subject(s) stole 3 solar powered yard lights from his front yard. The complainant stated that he had no suspects at the time on who may have stolen the items.

7/4 ~ City Of Ypsilanti, Chelsea Police received a call from the Eastern Michigan University Police Department. They stated that they had 22 year old male subject in custody on a traffic warrant out of our department. The subject was able to post bond on the warrant and was given the appropriate court information.

~ 100 Block W. Summit, 400 Block Garfield, Chelsea Police responded to multiple addresses in the 100 Block of W. Summit Street as well as in the 400 Block of Garfield Street for the report of larcenies from garages, sheds, and one pickup truck bed. The suspects took an array of lawn and garden equipment as well as tools. The incidents were believed to have taken place sometime between July 4th in the late evening hours and the early morning hours of July 5th. No suspects at this time, anyone seeing any suspicious activity during that time frame are urged to contact the Chelsea Police Department.

7/5 ~ 100 Block Jackson Street, Chelsea Police responded to the listed location for the report of a damage to property complaint. It was reported that an unknown suspect had broken a 3'x7' window out of the building. No suspects at this time, the building will be secured.

Unadilla Township Police

7/3 ~ Noise disturbance, Kaiser Road

~ Homeowner reported fireworks debris falling on their residence, Woodside Drive

~ Assisted Unadilla Township Fire Department with possible drowning investigation, determined that unattended boat drifted out to lake, Tamara Drive

~ Assisted Unadilla Township Fire Department with traffic control at downed tree, Unadilla Road

~ Assisted Livingston County Sheriff Department with death notification, Dreamcatcher Drive

~ Suspicious men walking on roadway, Webb Street

~ Unlawful entry of person into residence, Williamsville Road

7/4 ~ 35-year-old Stockbridge man arrested for friend of the court warrant, Church Street

~ Ordinance violation, 10-day warning notice issued for unplated motor vehicle, W. Trebesh Circle

~ Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department with medical emergency, Doyle Road

~ 23-year-old Stockbridge Township man arrested and released for driving while license suspended, M-36

~ Homeowner reported possible vehicle damage from falling fireworks, Woodside Drive

~ Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department with medical emergency, Main Street

7/5 ~ Assisted Unadilla Township Fire Department with wires down complaint, Howlett Road

~ Homeowner reported female black Lab hiding under her deck, animal transported to Animal Control, Doyle Road

~ Breaking and entering of foreclosed home, W. M-36

7/6 ~ Sexual assault of a juvenile by an adult, Joslin Lake

7/7 ~ Suspicious vehicle parked on shoulder of roadway, Unadilla Road

Pinckney Village Police

7/1 ~ Loose dog complaint, dog returned to owner, E. Main Street

~ Found purse turned into police, E. Main Street

7/4 ~ Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department with medical emergency, Pearl Street

~ 50-year-old Williamston man arrested on misdemeanor warrant for failing to appear on traffic citation, E. Main Street

~ 22-year-old Willis man arrested for retail fraud of fireworks at Mugg N Bopps, E. Main Street

7/5 ~ Larceny of stolen leaf blower that had fallen off truck, E. Main Street

~ 19-year-old Putnam Township man issued citation for having improper plate, Patterson Lake Road

~ Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department with medical emergency, Haze Street

7/6 ~ Counterfeit bill passed at McDonald's, investigation turned over to U.S. Secret Service, E. M-36

~ Assisted Putnam Township Fire Department with traffic control wires down complaint, S. Howell Street

~ Assisted Hamburg Township Police Department with warrant attempt, Bayview Court

7/7 ~ Attempted credit card fraud at Mugg N Bopps, E. Main Street

~ 18-year-old Dexter Township man arrested for misdemeanor warrant, S. Dexter Street

~ 18-year-old Wayne man arrested and released for possession of marijuana, S. Howell Street

Waterloo Township Police

7/2 ~ Checked an address in Coachman's Cove MHP for a wanted man on two warrants.

~ Respond to an address in Coachman's Cove MHP for a peace officer stand-by while a man collected his personal affects.

~ Assisted the local fire department on a trailer fire on Locust Grove at 8:55 pm.

7/3 ~ Respond to the lakefront beach area of Coachman's Cove MHP to search for a two year old boy seen near the water and no adult around.

~ Did a personal welfare check on a retired gentlemen on Back Forty Drive at 9:40 am.

~ Assisted a MDOC fugitive team at an address on Coon Hill Road at 2:45 pm.

~ Stood by at an address on Back Forty Drive as a woman packer her property and moved out at 5:45 pm.

~ Investigated a report of illegal dumping on Territorial Road at 7:32 pm.

~ Arrested a Jackson man found in Coachman's Cove MHP on two warrants and took him to jail at 8:33 pm.

7/5 ~ Responded to a report of a tree blocking the road on Hannewald Road just west of Mt. Hope at 7am.

~ Responded to a report of trouble with a neighbor at an address on Hinkley Road at 12:40 pm.

7/6 ~ Assisted a Sheriff unit on an unknown trouble call at an address on Sayre Road at 12:25 pm.

~ Performed a VIN Inspection at an address on Hinkley Road at 2:35 pm.

7/7 ~ Handled a domestic violence complaint at an address on Schrah Drive at 2:23 pm.

~ Did a personal welfare check on a man living on Trist Road at 6:00 pm.

~ Investigated a report of shots heard in the area of the 10,000 block of Mt Hope Road at 10:05 pm.

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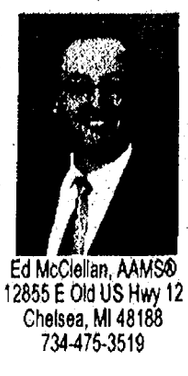
In any case, take your time in choosing the method that's right for you. It's the first step in working toward your financial goals.



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Celebrating Independence Day

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Even though Grambau and the other men spend hours of their holiday cooking chicken at the Legion every year, they credit the hard-working women in the kitchen. The ladies prepare the meals that include half-chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, a roll and dessert.

They hand off each one to those who purchase the special fundraising meal to either enjoy outside looking out on Cavanaugh Lake from under the pavilion at 1700 Ridge Road, or take it home for themselves, their families and friends.

John Beeman of Lyndon Township, chairman of the chicken broil, said members begin arriving at 6:30 a.m. and people are at the post before 11 a.m. to get their chicken dinners.

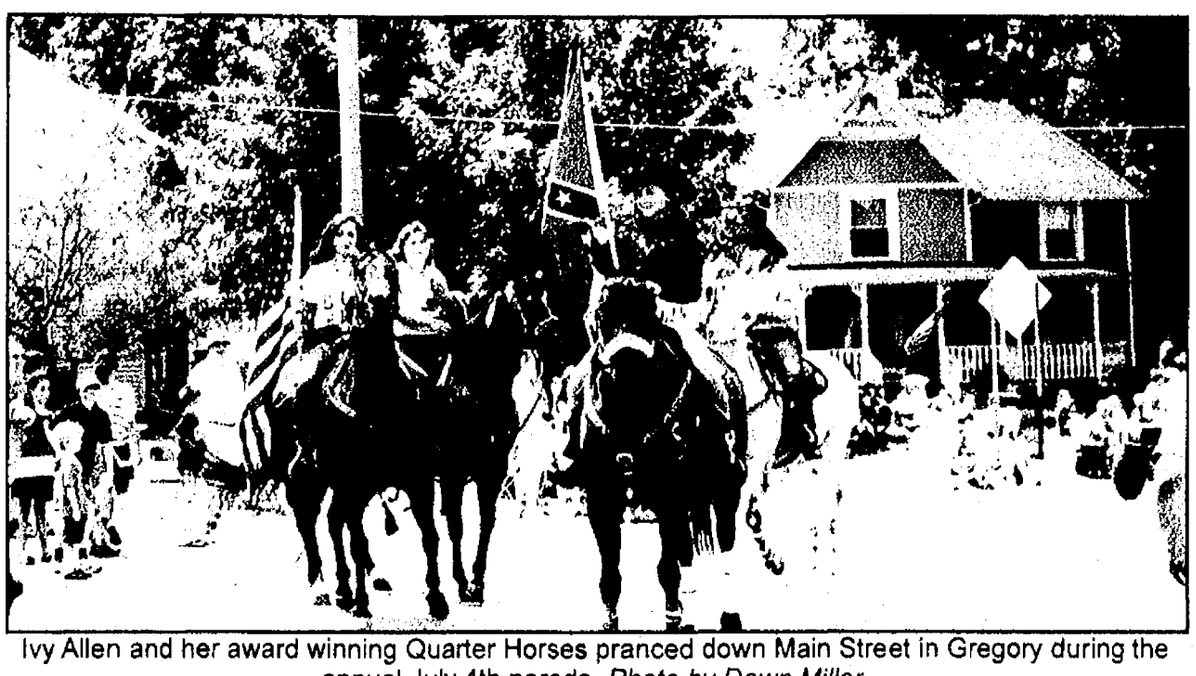
"Once the inspectors were here to check everything out, we were able to begin selling," said Beeman, "Until we run out."

Former Chelsea Police Chief Leonard McDougall, a longtime member of the legion said members originally chose July 4 for the chicken broil more than 25 years ago. "It's our way to celebrate the birth of our country, patriotism and being Americans."

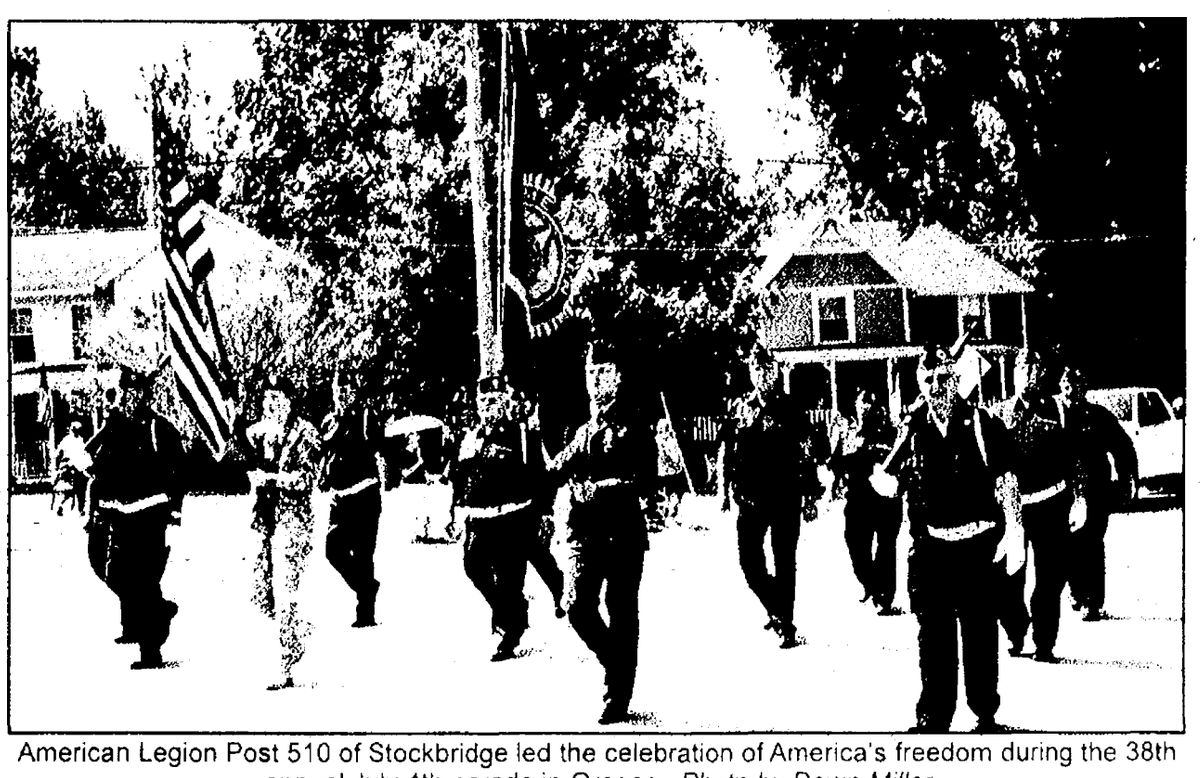
"This event shows the impressive comradery of everyone who comes out and tremendous support we have from the Chelsea community," said Financial Officer Craig Maier of Lima Township.

The chicken broil is one of four fundraisers the Legion Post 31 holds each year that include the Winter Carnival in February and a golf outing explained Chuck Reed of Sylvan Township. "Fundraising events like this allow us to fund programs and community projects as well as veteran's projects."

First Place Pie Eating Contest winner Shawn Parks (right) posed with second place Heather Szekelly and third place Blake Allen. *Photo by Dawn Miller*



Ivy Allen and her award winning Quarter Horses pranced down Main Street in Gregory during the annual July 4th parade. *Photo by Dawn Miller.*



American Legion Post 510 of Stockbridge led the celebration of America's freedom during the 38th annual July 4th parade in Gregory. *Photo by Dawn Miller*

The Chelsea Cub Scouts braved the nearly 100 degree temperature to join in the parade procession honoring American. *Photo by Dawn Miller.*

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Chelsea's Garden Mill Has a New Owner

Seven years ago Trinh Pifer of Chelsea celebrated the grand opening of the Garden Mill during Chelsea's SummerFest. Located next door to the Common Grill on Main Street in Chelsea, the business has grown into a destination with customers coming from as far as Pennsylvania and California. Locals remember the early days of the business when Pifer's young daughters played in the kid's area of the store.

In 2011 Pifer accepted the position of Director of the Chelsea Senior Center and the store was listed for sale. "We were committed to keeping the doors of the Garden Mill open because our customers asked us to preserve the tradition and character that it adds to downtown Chelsea," said Pifer.

On June 29, the Garden Mill was purchased by Jennifer Fairfield, an avid organic gardener and birder. Fairfield has worked in the Human Resources, Payroll and Benefits industries for over 25 years, but has dreamed of owning her own garden store for many years.

"I've often heard the quote 'Life's too short to spend it doing something you're not passionate about' and felt it to be true," shared Fairfield. "With that in mind, I decided to find a way to turn my passion for gardening into my vocation, and when I was writing my business plan, I knew I wanted to be in Chelsea because it's such a vibrant and active community."

Fairfield looks forward to continuing the events that were created and led by the Garden Mill, including the Chocolate Extravaganza in February and the Chelsea Garden Walk. "I plan to continue the Garden Mill's support and involvement in the community because, as business owners, it makes sense for us to give back to the local community that supports us," she said.

Many ideas are already percolating for expanding the Green Thumb Series held at the store that will include canning how-to's, cooking demos, and tips on organic gardening and sustainability. "My dream has come true, and I'm extremely excited to be starting on this new journey. I have many thoughts and ideas for the future of the Garden Mill, and I'm looking forward to putting them in place. We will be adding new items on a regular basis, so be sure to come in frequently. I also want all of the many loyal customers to know that we will continue to carry all of the things they have come to love and rely on finding when they visit the store," said Fairfield. Additionally, anyone holding gift certificates can be assured that they will be honored "I hope you will stop by to say hello - I'd love to meet you and talk gardening," she added.

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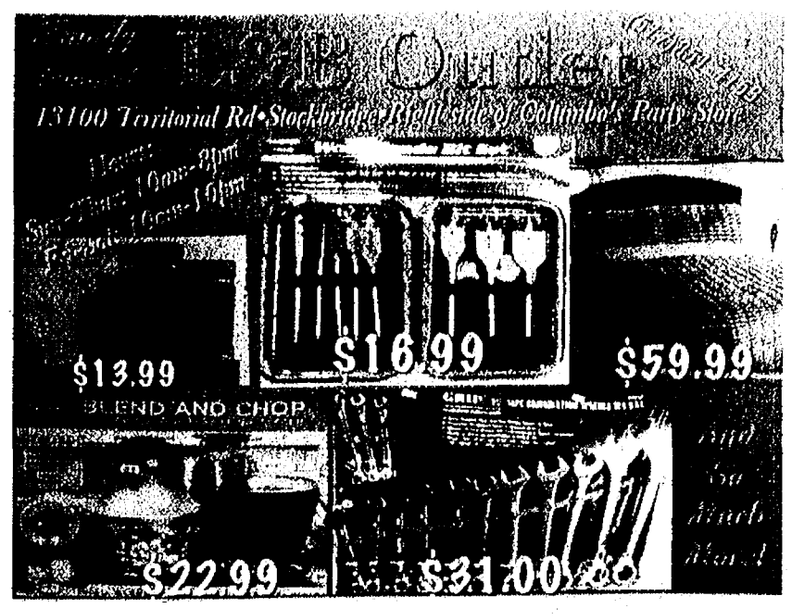

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Stockbridge Village Council Asked to Show Support

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Trustee Chad Quintanilla suggested more produce be made available at the market, perhaps by enlisting wholesale produce suppliers from neighboring cities, like Jackson, to set up booths.

Greenway told council members that Stockbridge Open Air Market requires that all fruits and vegetables be locally grown.

Greenway further reminded council that produce is limited in June, however, customers can now expect new potatoes, broccoli, turnips, beets, squash, zucchini, green beans and peas.

Trustee Greg Uihlein suggested Greenway reconsider hours of operation given residents' work schedules, to which Greenway explained the limitations of vendors' schedules.

Greenway reported the Chelsea Wellness Foundation's $4,500 funding of the project this year was spent largely on brochures as well as redeemable coupons for under-privileged families to use at the market.

"My wish is to have a beautifully painted, two-sided permanent sign at the South Clinton Street wooden bridge," said Greenway in a later interview.

Greenway also approached council with concerns about the sixth annual All Clubs Day motorcycle event to be held September 16 at the town square. As coordinator of the event that attracts approximately 250 motorcyclists and 3,000 spectators to the village, Greenway expressed frustration at lack of communication between council members and herself. "Why didn't you give me the feedback? You've had nine months to explain these things to me?" questioned Greenway upon learning of citizen complaints about non-village officials directing traffic in previous years.

In years past, ten emergency personnel volunteers from the Christian Motorcycle Association manned village streets throughout the five-hour event. However, for liability reasons the council earmarked $300 of the event's $1,500 budget for village police presence, consisting of two officers, several months ago.

Having just learned of the decision, Greenway expressed concern two police officers would not be sufficient to ensure safety as well as frustration over not having been told sooner. Council members emphasized the issue of liability in insisting village police direct traffic rather than non-village officials, but will confer with Village Police Chief John Torres about additional officers.

During an emotional discussion, Village President Don Byrd offered his frank opinion that most village residents would choose not to have the event take place in the village.

"I've poured my heart into this community for seven years," said Greenway. "If I don't have your support, I will take this event to Mason tomorrow."

Ultimately, Council approved local street closings of Elizabeth Street from Wood Street to South Clinton; South Clinton to Center Street; and Center Street from Elizabeth to Main Street for the event.

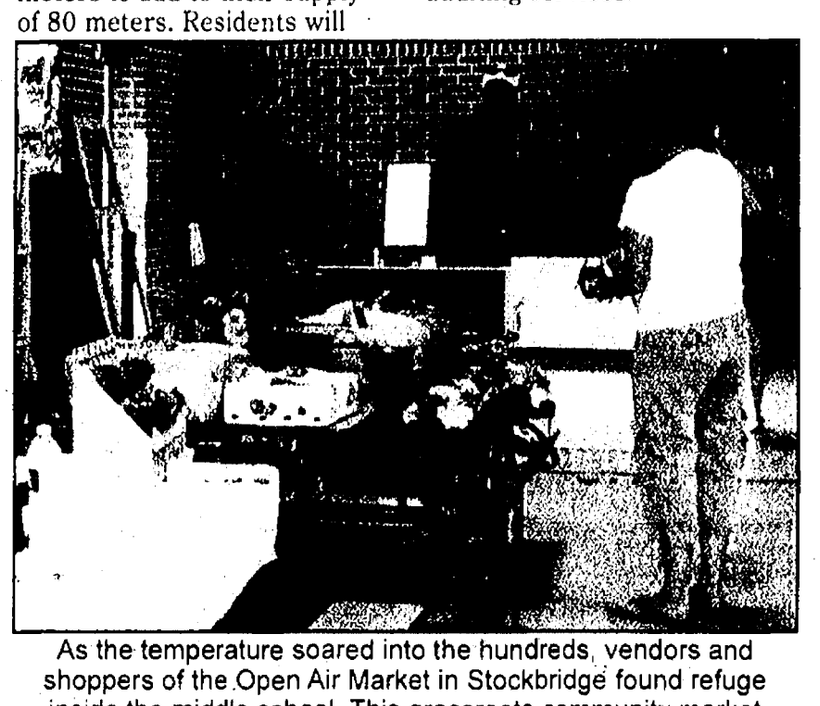
In other news, Council approved a budget amendment for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, anticipating revenues totaling $1,371,285 and expenses totaling $1,349,143 ending in a net income of 1.6%, or $22,142.

Village Clerk Tim Sadowski reported the village sewer fund is facing a $51,000 negative fund balance. Having raised sewer rates by 24% in 2011, auditors reported sewer fund revenue didn't increase, but the fund did avoid going further into the red. "To recoup, we need more houses and more businesses, but at least we won't lose more," commented Byrd. Sadowski advised the village will use $60,000 of restricted sewer funds with the plan of building back up to zero balance over the course of a year.

During the month of June, council spent $450 to repair the chipper as well as $1,800 to repair the $14,000 Grasshopper mower purchased in 2009. In addition, Byrd approved a $3,300 purchase of a Bad Boy MZ48 mower in conjunction with full-time summer employee and operator Fred Ball. "Maybe I'm naive about these things, but shouldn't that have been approved by Council?" questioned Quintanilla, to which Byrd responded other mowers viewed by Department of Public Works were priced in the $9,000 range.

Council members also made clear they would not be purchasing more water meters to add to their supply of 80 meters. Residents will be asked to purchase their own meters for approximately $94.00 once the village supply is fully rented out each year. Sadowski reported having already sold six this summer after running out of the meters May 1. "Should we think about charging $100 for the meters?" offered Uihlein. "We've got to get creative about making money."

Finally, Council accepted the three-year service proposal by certified public accountant Kenneth Berthiaume of Berthiaume & Company, agreeing to pay $7,985 in 2013, $8,100 in 2014, and $8,200 in 2015 in exchange for auditing services.



As the temperature soared into the hundreds, vendors and shoppers of the Open Air Market in Stockbridge found refuge inside the middle school. This grassroots community market funded mostly by the Chelsea Wellness Foundation is in its second year and focuses on locally produced food, plants, art and music. By providing a venue to local farmers, musicians and artists, organizers hope to grow and promote a culture of community supported free enterprise where area gardeners and farmers have a market for their produce and residents can enjoy a tomato that was grown right down the road.

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Repayment Contract Presented as Vote on Millage Approaches Sylvan Township Residents

By Melinda Baird

Washtenaw County is once again poised to assist Sylvan Township in repaying approximately $13.6 million owed to the county, but only if township residents approve a new 20 year 4.4 millage increase at the August 7, 2012 election.

County Commissioner Rob Turner presented a preliminary contract during the regular meeting last Tuesday to both Sylvan Township board members and residents. The contract outlines a bond debt repayment schedule which is virtually identical to the document drafted last November before voters defeated a similar millage. "Only this one will be signed," vowed Turner referring to an oversight resulting in the absence of actual signatures by county officials on the 2011 contract. "I personally want assurance that we will see the final contract signed by both parties before going to the polls," said township resident Jan Carr, whose uneasiness with the lack of signatures admittedly played a factor in her previously voting no to the millage question.

Under the new proposed contract expected to be signed by county officials at the Board of Commissioners Ways and Means Committee meeting July 11, and subsequently signed by township officials at a special meeting, Washtenaw County would use Capital Reserve Fund monies to help the township meet its financial obligations as they are due. Because the millage, if approved, will still not generate enough income to repay existing bond debt, the county has agreed to annually advance funds from the capital reserve to add to the township's millage funds to prevent future default by the township.

According to the contract, the township will pay interest on the advanced funds ranging from 1% to a maximum of 3.43% over the course of repayment scheduled to end 2032.

In addition to repayment of $12.5 million in bonds issued by the county for construction of a water and wastewater system, the millage funds would also be used to repay the County Treasurer approximately $1.16 million which the Treasurer advanced to the township for delinquent special assessments, plus interest on that amount.

If property values increase during the repayment period resulting in additional millage income for that year, the contract states that all additional funds will first be applied to back taxes and interest owed to the County Treasurer, and next applied to bond debt repayment in inverse order of principal installments.

Turner confirmed an increase in taxable value of homes could potentially shorten time of payments or lower the millage rate, which would be reviewed bi-annually at public meetings. "It would take an awful lot of increase, however, to wipe out what will always be behind," reminded township attorney Peter Flintoft.

If the millage fails this August, the contract is invalid.

Two possible reductions in the township's $13.6 million debt were discussed Tuesday night. First, Flintoft said the County Treasurer wrongly voided special assessments worth approximately $300,000. Second, residents questioned whether parcels annexed by the City of Chelsea after 2001 are partially liable for the debt, potentially reducing the township's total debt another $200,000. "A municipality's debt does travel with its properties," offered resident Patrick Zieske in encouraging the board to seek a formal opinion from legal counsel on the matter.

Although Flintoft believes the State Boundary Commission will not hold the annexed property owners liable, he agrees a formal legal opinion is in order. "This is real money at play," said Flintoft, admitting the amount, if collected, would barely impact the overall debt.

Flintoft said his interpretation of law dictates the township assess those properties under roll at the time of millage approval or court judgment, rather than at the time of initial bond approval by the county in 2001. "The township pledged their full faith and credit. It was not a lien on all properties in the township in 2001," he noted.

Turner said the county has not pursued the parallel track of drafting a consent agreement between the two parties should the millage fail, but assured the board a consent agreement would indeed be the next step if needed. "There have been no discussions except the fact the county wants open discussion with the board [if the millage fails]. If the township doesn't enter into discussions, then the county would file a lawsuit to collect what is due," said Turner.

He added that in the case of a failed millage, the Treasurer would have separate legal counsel to handle her $1.16 million delinquent tax claim, and the County Administrator would separately work to collect the $12.5 million bond debt. "The Treasurer is contacting legal representation now," added Turner.

"Once the township defaulted in May, my colleagues were extremely angry–they wanted to go right into court judgment. I told them to give voters another chance, to which they responded, 'Just know if it fails, we don't care what you say. We're going to do what we're going to do,'" said Turner.

Sylvan Township Supervisor Candidate Faces-Off With Angry Vets

Continued from the Front Page

Things escalated at Sylvan Township's July 3rd meeting when the community was given a chance to confront the trustee.

Cooper said he believes the Legion was not in compliance with two township ordinances, and insisted this situation had nothing to do with his patriotism. "A person's character is defined by his actions and not by his words," Legion Commander Tom Zatkovich said. "So I don't believe you Mr. Cooper!"

Tom Caplis, Sylvan Township zoning and ordinance administrator has stated the only ordinance violated was boating regulation 28-53. The Legion did not obtain prior approval to launch more than six boats from the site. No citation was issued to the Legion who agreed to comply with this ordinance in the future.

Cooper said he believes that breaking of ordinances like these will lead the township further into debt. The trustee told Caplis on two occasions that he wants to aggressively enforce ordinances so he can enhance township revenues.

Cooper blamed Sylvan's current debt of nearly $14 million on 3 board members - LuAnn Koch, Arlene Grau, and Reuben Lesser Jr. and their failure to uphold ordinances. The trustee's back and forth resentment of what he called a public lynching against of an official running for public office led to a 50 minute debate.

"I shouldn't have dignified most of it with a response," Cooper said after the meeting.

Cooper was running unopposed for township supervisor, until Monday when current Supervisor Robert Lange submitted his application.

Police to Host Candidate Forum In Pinckney

Pinckney Village Police Officers will host an informational public forum to allow voters to learn more about candidates for office. The meeting is scheduled to take place Thursday, July 12 at 7:30pm. Candidates invited to present their views were all of those running for Livingston County Prosecutor and Sheriff.

The forum will take place at the Village of Pinckney Offices located at 220 S. Howell Street in Pinckney. For questions or more information contact Officer Steve Hart at (734)878-3700 ext 404 or K929@villageofpinckney.org.

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By Bruce Wm Brown
Superintendent of Stockbridge Schools

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DEADLINES FOR POLITICAL AFFILIATION FILING

Upcoming Deadlines for Sylvan Township filings: Candidates without political party affiliation filing Qualifying Petitions 12 noon, July 18, 2012
Write-in candidates other than write-in Candidates for Precinct Delegate for August Primary Election 12 noon, July 25, 2012 - Write-in candidates for Precinct Delegate positions 12 noon, Aug 1, 2012 - Write-in candidates for November General Election 12 noon, October 24, 2012
NOTE: These above deadlines are during Regular Township Business Hours.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST JULY 23 2012

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public accuracy test including the AutoMark Machine for the August 7, 2012 Election will be conducted at 9:30 AM on Monday, July 23, 2012 at the Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118. This accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.
LuAnn S. Koch, Sylvan Township Clerk Publication Date: July 11, 2012
Posted: June 25, 2012

NOTICE
STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
JULY, 2012 BOARD OF REVIEW

The July board of review of Stockbridge Township will be held on Tuesday, July17, 2012 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the offices of Stockbridge Township at 125 S Clinton St., Stockbridge, MI.
The purpose of this meeting will be to correct errors, omissions hardships, PRE's and qualified AG. Any question you may call the Stockbridge Township Office 517-851-7658.
Paul Risner, Stockbridge Township Supervisor

UNADILLA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
BIDS FOR PROPOSALS ON PARK IMPROVEMENTS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS PROJECT: UNADILLA COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS BIDS OPENING DATE: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at 3:00 PM - OWNER: Unadilla Township, 126 Webb Street, Gregory, Michigan 48137 - LOCATION/NAME: Unadilla Township, Michigan - BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Bids are solicited on a unit price basis. Work under this Contract consists of, but not limited to, construction of approximately 1050 LF of HMA non-motorized, shared use path including grading, soil erosion control and restoration. LOCATION OF BID OPENING: Unadilla Township, 126 Webb Street, Gregory, Michigan 48137 - SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
QUESTIONS: Any questions regarding the project shall be brought to the attention of Mark D. Pascoe, P.E. at Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc., in writing by fax at (734) 761-1200 or by email at mark.pascoe@stantec.com. Questions by telephone call are prohibited. Questions will not be accepted after Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 5:00 PM. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL: All bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and shall contain, as a minimum, all of the following: Bidder's Qualification and Experience Statement (QES-1-4), Proposal (P1-3), Designation of Major Subcontractors and Suppliers (MS-1), Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and other Responsibility Matters (DS-1), Legal Status of Bidder (LS-1), Bid Certification (BC-1).
BID SECURITY: Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order or bid bond, payable to the OWNER, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Proposal, as a Bid Security. The Bid Security of the Bidders under consideration will be returned after approval of the Contract by the OWNER. All others will be returned after the Proposal opening. CONTRACT SECURITY: The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Bond, each in the amount of One Hundred Percent (100%) of the Contract.
PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL: Withdrawal of any Proposal is prohibited for a period of 120 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. OWNER'S RIGHTS: The OWNER reserves the right to accept any Proposal, to reject any or all Proposals, and to waive any irregularities in any Proposal, in the interest of the OWNER. NON-DISCRIMINATION: Bidders shall not discriminate against any employees or firm due to origin, race, age or physical conditions. CONTRACTOR shall be an equal opportunity employer. AD-2 FUNDING: The project is being funded through the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources. All relevant State of Michigan requirements will apply to this project.
HOW TO OBTAIN: Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the ENGINEER, Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc., 3754 Ranchero Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108-2771, for a non-refundable fee of $15.00 for Electronic Copies (CD) OR $30.00 for Hard Copies. Document request shall indicate whether request is by: Prospective Bidder, Prospective Subcontractor, Prospective Supplier, or other. Documents may be examined at the following locations: Unadilla Township, 126 Webb Street, Gregory, Michigan 48137
AVAILABLE AFTER: Tuesday, July 3, 2012 DOCUMENT FEES: Non-refundable Fee – $15.00 for Electronic Copies (CD) OR $30.00 for Hard Copies. CONTACT NAME: Mark D. Pascoe, P.E., Senior Project Manager CONTACT PHONE: (734) 761-1010, CONTACT EMAIL: mark.pascoe@stantec.com - APPLICABLE WAGE RATES: All work under this Contract must conform with prevailing wage rates for Livingston County.

Bids Being Taken for Lease on Land In Stockbridge

Stockbridge Schools is accepting bids for the lease of approximately 20 acres of land for agricultural purposes. The land is north of the high school baseball fields and has been fallow for 25 years. Bids are being sought early to allow time for clearing and preparation of the land. A map identifying the parcels is available in the superintendent's office at Stockbridge Middle School. Bids will be accepted for three crop years starting in 2013, and should include the crop rotation and suggested payment schedule. Bids may be submitted in writing to Bruce Brown, Stockbridge Community School District, 305 West Elizabeth Street, Stockbridge, Michigan 49285, or by email, brownb@panthernet.net Bids are due by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2012. Stockbridge Community School District reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.

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Young Eagles Aviation Day is part of the National EAA Young Eagles Program, created to spark aviation interest in young people. Since the program was launched in 1992, volunteer EAA pilots have flown over 1.6 million young people worldwide.

Local Chapter 55 pilots have flown over 2,800 children from the mid-Michigan area. Flights will be on a first come, first served basis; approximately 20 minutes in length. A parent or guardian must be present or provide a signed permission slip. Advance reservations for large groups are encouraged.

Each young person will receive a certificate following their flight and their name will then be entered into the "World's Largest Logbook" which is on permanent display at the EAA Air Adventure Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The Logbook is also accessible on the internet at www.youngeagles.org

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By Michael Stavola

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"Simply shake and pour, no need for more," Steve said.

He described the unique blend of peppers (white, red, black, etc) that creates a foundation of flavors for the garlic and other natural ingredients resulting in a bold spicy sensation that leaves it's enthusiast with a great taste that lingers on the tongue and creates an overwhelming desire for more.

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