

**ANN ARBOR RADIO**  
**2nd Q 2015 ISSUES & PROGRAMS REPORT**  
**1290 AM – WLBY**

*“Lucy Ann Lance Show” On-Air Guests and Events:*

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**Why Is the A2Y Chamber Supporting Prop 1?** - **Andy LaBarre, VP Government Relations, A2Y Chamber** – A statewide ballot proposal to increase road funding in Michigan is now getting the endorsement of the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce. Prop 1 would raise Michigan’s sales tax from 6% to 7% in a complicated scheme that would also increase monies for schools and municipalities. It’s been estimated that if it passes, taxpayers would incur an additional \$500 in taxes a year.

**Saline Area Chamber of Commerce: Proposal 1** – **Art Trapp, Chamber Executive Director** – The Saline Chamber is choosing not to take a stance on the road tax issue. However, the executive director did do extensive research on the proposal and presented it to his board.

**Wellness Wednesday: Washtenaw Among Michigan’s Healthiest** – **Ellen Rabinowitz, Health Officer, MUP** - Washtenaw County ranks first among Michigan counties in health factors according to the 2015 *County Health Rankings* released last week. Washtenaw ranks ninth among Michigan counties for health outcomes. This is the sixth consecutive year that Washtenaw County has received the top ranking for health factors.

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**Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce: Shred This!** – **Joe Schultz, Chamber Past President; Christine Chessler-Stull, Outreach & Zero Waste Coordinator, Recycle Ann Arbor** – Recycle Ann Arbor is starting up its live secure document shredding service for the season. Whether it’s old bill statements, legal papers, banking information, or any other personal papers, the second Saturday of every month between April and November you can dispose of them safely and securely. In 2013 this service diverted more than 35,000 pounds of paper from the landfill. *Location:*

**Minimum Wage & the Marketplace** - **Michael Saltsman, Research Director, Employment Policies Institute** - McDonald’s plans to boost employee wages by at least \$1 per hour above minimum wage at all corporately-owned stores. Gap, Walmart, Target, and TJ Maxx have made similar moves.

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**Downtown Friday with the Main Street Area Association: Marketing Your Business** – **Maura Thomson, MSAA Executive Director; Rhonda Foxworth, Plaid Fox Marketing** – After guiding marketing efforts for Bank of Ann Arbor, Rhonda Foxworth took the leap and became an entrepreneur by starting her own marketing company. She shares with us how organizations can become socially-relevant in a social media driven society.

**Around the Home: What to Consider When Selecting A Contractor** – **Pete Nowakowski, Marketing & Communications Director, Builders & Remodelers Association of Greater Ann Arbor; David Rhoads, Founder/Owner/President, Homeowner Services of America** - One of the keys to a successful project is clear communication between the client and the professional. As David Rhoads celebrates 30 years in business this year, he shares his experience in home remodeling and additions.

**Downtown Association of Ypsilanti: Hyperion Coffee Co.** – Dave Heikkinen, President, DAY; Dan Kubera & Alex Merz, Owners, Hyperion Coffee Co. – A new coffee shop opening in downtown Ypsilanti plans on bringing a unique experience to its customers. From micro and single sourcing of its beans to providing “cuppings” (think wine tasting), Hyperion Coffee Co. is the ‘coffee lab of the future’.

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**Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce: Wedding Season Arrives** – Margaret Wilson, Sales & Marketing, and Chef Kieron Hales, Managing Partner, Zingerman Cornman Farms – Whether you plan on eloping or hosting an affair for 400, couples are coming up with novel ways to celebrate their nuptials, even growing their own food for the wedding dinner.

**Business Ethos: The Incredible, Edible Egg** – Dr. David Mielke, Retired Dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University – The egg is a relatively inexpensive source of protein. There are efforts underway to tighten regulations of the U.S. egg industry due to concerns about the treatment of chickens. Is this the ‘Right Thing to do’?

**Milan Chamber of Commerce: Advance Care Planning** – Diane London, RN/BSN, Chamber Board Member - Effective planning is the best way to ensure that your views are respected and carried out by loved ones and your health care providers when a medical crisis occurs.

**Think Local First: Investing Locally** – Chris Good, TLF Executive Director – A concept of empowering local Mom & Pop stores by residents investing in them takes the idea of crowdfunding in a different, and potentially more sustainable, direction.

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**Sexual Assaults, False Reports, & Bad Journalism** - Barbara Niess-May, Executive Director, Safe House Center – A purported gang rape at a University of Virginia fraternity has turned out to be false and Rolling Stone magazine, which had published an account, has retracted its article and remains under fire. What does this mean for other victims and sexual assault organizations like Ann Arbor’s Safe House Center?

**Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce: Spear Fishing with Encryptions** - Bob Pierce, Chamber Executive Director; Jeff Morris, Call Your Help Desk – Don’t be lured in by bad email bait encrypted to create havoc with your computer documents. Here’s what to watch for and what you need to do to avoid it altogether.

**Venture Capital in Michigan: Growing & In Demand** – Maureen Miller Brosnan, Executive Director, Michigan Venture Capital Association -Venture capital and angel investment in Michigan continues to contribute to the state’s economic recovery, according to the Michigan Venture Capital Association’s (MVCA) 2015 research report.

**West Washtenaw Business Association: Furniture That Works For You** - Paul Larned, WWBA Board of Directors; Matt Little, Owner, Ann Arbor Office Works – Today’s office space is no longer ‘one size fits all.’ Designers take into consideration disability issues, work flow and habits. Ann Arbor Office Works is a locally-owned company representing more than 30 manufacturers of office furniture, and does everything from project management and design to furniture evaluation and installation.

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**FestiFools** – Wonderfools Productions’ Shary Brown, President, and Mark Tucker, Founder/Creative Director – Get ready for a weekend of foolish fun in downtown Ann Arbor! From the Friday night moonlight event with luminaries to the Sunday afternoon parade of giant papier-mâché puppets, FoolMoon and FestiFools celebrates hands-on creation of public art and the building of community.

**Saline Area Chamber of Commerce: The Rebirthing of Radio Shack** – Art Trapp, Chamber Executive Director; Ray Gammo, Alpha Wireless – Radio Shack is back and rebranding itself as the premier community destination for consumer electronics, including batteries, earbuds, cellphone chargers, and headphones. Alpha Wireless owns both Saline’s Radio Shack and the next door Sprint store, offering both businesses and individuals a unique shopping experience for their tech needs.

**University of Michigan Cancels *American Sniper* Screening** - Grant Strobl, Chairman, Young Americans for Freedom - The University of Michigan Center for Campus Involvement has canceled a screening of *American Sniper* set for this Friday after petitions from the Muslim Student Association (MSA) on campus. The Young Americans for Freedom, a conservative student group on campus, is now calling on the university to overturn the decision.

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**UM Reverses Decision to Not Show “American Sniper”** - Grant Strobl, Chairman, Young Americans for Freedom – In an unusual move for the University of Michigan, an administrator is apologizing for pulling a movie from a student event following protests from a Muslim campus organization.

**Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce: Debut of Film Shot in Dexter** – Joe Schultz, Chamber Past President; Bene Fusilier, President, Dexter Historical Society – A film shot at Dexter’s Gordon Hall last year is set to premiere. “Swing Low” follows the life of a southern slave named Samuel, and explores the lengths one will go to ensure that justice is achieved.

**Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti: How Your Dollars Support the Community** – Forman, Ypsilanti Meals On Wheels; Kelly Savine, Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti – Ypsilanti organizations like SOS Community Services, Growing Hope, Mentor2Youth, and Meals On Wheels, all benefit from Kiwanis Club activities throughout the year. They’re even trying to save the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival, which is sorely in need of funding or it may be discontinued. *The Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 11 from 7:30 AM-1 PM at Ypsilanti’s United Methodist Church on Washtenaw.*

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**Downtown Friday with the Main Street Area Association: Meet the New Owner of Downtown Home & Garden** – Kelly Vore, New Owner, Downtown Home & Garden – This century-old retailer located in the heart of downtown Ann Arbor is an urban emporium for garden supplies, classic housewares, durable outdoor clothing, and gourmet kitchenware. Mark Hodesh was the proprietor for some 40 years, and now under the direction of new owner Kelly Vore (one of Mark’s employees) the legacy of Downtown Home & Garden is ensured.

**Around the Home: Creating the Green Home** – Maureen Sloan, CEO, Builders & Remodelers Association of Greater Ann Arbor; Michael Klement, Principal, Architectural Resource - Green home design and building creates homes that perform significantly better

than conventional homes. Learn about cutting-edge new Green technologies and design strategies from this innovative architect.

**Movement to Repeal the Death Tax** - Phil Kerpen, President, American Commitment - On April 13, 2005 the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly, 272 to 162, to permanently repeal the federal estate tax, also known as the death tax. But in the ten years since, they have all but dropped the issue. Now there is movement to once again try to repeal what amounts to a 40 percent tax on the combined value of all of someone's possessions when they die.

**Telling Tales Out Of School** - Peri Stone-Palmquist, Executive Director, Student Advocacy Center of Michigan; Gordie Wykes, Check & Connect Mentor; Prestine Spratt, Co-Facilitator, Youth Voice Ypsilanti / Senior, Ypsilanti Community High School – A fundraiser for the Student Advocacy Center of Michigan, Telling Tales Out Of School is a celebration of the art and craft of storytelling. The Student Advocacy Center of Michigan has been a voice for students since 1975, working to assist the most vulnerable students to stay in school.

4/13:

**Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce: Branding with A Bang** - Dave Murray, The Big Guy, Maynix Branding – Learn how to get – and stay – in the minds of current and potential customers. The minds behind Maynix Branding say branding is the most important thing you can do for your business.

**Business Ethos: What's In Your Wallet?** – Dr. David Mielke, Retired Dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University – Over the last 30 years, some countries have quit using small bills in lieu of coins. Could the U.S. save money by making the same move?

**Milan Area Chamber of Commerce: Celebrating 80 Years of the Milan Public Library** - Barbara Beaton, Assistant Library Director, Milan Public Library – After decades of serving the community, the Milan Library is even more relevant today. One-on-one computer training, e-books, and free wi-fi, are just a few examples of how libraries are thriving.

**Think Local First: Motor City Copier Crush** – Chris Good, TLF Executive Director; Courtney Peters, Marketing, University Office Technologies – Does your office deserve a brand new copier worth \$20,000? Would you like to see your old copier drop 60 feet from a crane into a dumpster? Enter University Office Technologies contest and you just might see it all happen on Administrative Professionals Day. *Visit:*  
<http://universityofficetech.com/copiercrush/>

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**Speak Up! Michigan: Bystander Intervention** - Mike Dilbeck, National Expert on “Bystander Intervention”; Michelle Carlson, National President, Sigma Delta Tau –A campaign launched this week in Ann Arbor is raising awareness of bystander intervention on campus. “Say Something, Do Something, Tell Someone” is designed to educate incoming freshmen and others on campus on what to do if they are in a situation like what happened at Treetop Resorts, where fraternity and sorority members from the University of Michigan were involved in vandalizing the properties.

**Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce: Tutu Run** - Bob Pierce, Chamber Executive Director; Jane Thompson, President of the Board, Ballet Chelsea – This event featuring

runners in tutus is a fun and lively timed run at Hudson Mills Park in Dexter to raise funds for Ballet Chelsea.

**Re:NEW Michigan: Economic Growth** - Larry Eiler, CEO, Eiler Communications; Dr. Graham Toft, GrowthEconomics – While Michigan ranks high for entrepreneurship, the state needs to do better in the commercialization of what is created here. Dr. Graham Toft, creator of the annual Michigan Entrepreneurship ScoreCard, talks about what works when it comes to growing businesses organically.

**West Washtenaw Business Association: HR & Your Business** - Paul Larned, WWBA Board of Directors; Michelle Vorase, focus! HR, LLC. – *focus!* HR focuses on your human capital so you can focus on your business.

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**Saline Area Chamber of Commerce: Taste of Saline** – Art Trapp, Chamber Executive Director; Saline Main Street’s Jill Durnen & Jeanette Schwartz; Jeff Morris, Call your Help Desk - A unique opportunity to sample culinary treats and hear and see talented musicians, artists, and performers – all from the Saline area. This marks the second year of Taste of Saline. Last year’s sold out two weeks before the event with a wait list of 100!

**Wellness Wednesday: Fentanyl Drug Deaths Spike** – Dr. Jeffrey Jentzen, M.D. Ph.D., Director of the UM Health System’s Autopsy & Forensic Services - So far this year, 58 people have died from drug overdoses involving the prescription painkiller fentanyl in the greater Ann Arbor and Detroit areas. The data comes from the Washtenaw and Wayne Medical Examiner Offices, and now there’s a call for awareness.

**In Her Shoes: Forging Paths at EMU**- Nancy Bryk, Assistant Professor, EMU Historic Preservation; EMU Graduate Student Briannon English - The Eastern Michigan University Historic Preservation graduate students have created their own piece of history at the University by developing and curating an original exhibit that honors the history of women at EMU.

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**Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce: Fromage in the Farmhouse** - Kelly Young, Cornman Farms Herd Manager; Tessie Ives-Wilson, Zingerman’s Creamery Retail Shop Manager – We learn about the goat-milking operation at Zingerman’s new Cornman Farms in Dexter.

**Ann Arbor School Board Bans Guns On School Grounds** - Tom Lambert, V.P., Michigan Open Carry, Inc. – Ann Arbor School Board trustees voted to ban guns on school grounds, but does the district have the right to do so? Michigan Open Carry, Inc. maintains school districts cannot make rules forbidding the lawful carry of a pistol, citing a ruling from the Michigan Court of Appeals.

4/17:

**Save the Bomber Plant: Update** – Dennis Norton, President, Michigan Aerospace Foundation - When the Yankee Air Museum moves into the historic Willow Run Bomber Plant, it will become the National Museum of Aviation and Technology at Historic Willow Run. Construction has already begun, and fundraising efforts have now shifted to raising money to tell the stories of the new Museum.

**Around the Home: Hardscapes** – Pete Nowakowski, Marketing & Communications Director, Builders & Remodelers Association of Greater Ann Arbor; Cosmo Mendez, Owner, Cosmo Mendez Construction – Learn about the common mistakes that are made in a hardscape installation, such as a brick-paved walkway or patio. This expert also gives us helpful recommendations on what to consider if you are thinking of doing this work yourself versus hiring a professional.

**Downtown Association of Ypsilanti: Farmers MarketPlace** – Dave Heikkinen, President, DAY; Growing Hope's Tanya Andrews, Development & Marketing Manager, and Laura Gillis, Redevelopment Manager – A crowdfunding campaign is underway to fund the creation of a permanent, year-round, indoor-outdoor Farmers Market in Ypsilanti.

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**Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce: Go Like the Wind!** – Colette Toquigne, Upper Elementary Teacher; LeeAnn Chamberlain, Preprimary Lead Teacher – This private Ann Arbor school offers a Montessori education in an environment where students become inquisitive, innovative, and self-directed learners. Visit [www.GoLikeTheWind.com](http://www.GoLikeTheWind.com)

**Business Ethos: Turn the Lights Off if Nobody's Home** – Dr. David Mielke, Retired Dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University – Changes in how people are getting their electricity and the approaching closure of several coal-fired plants are leading Michigan's energy providers to question the stability of our electrical capacity.

**Positive Business Conference** - Dr. David Mayer, Associate Professor of Management & Organizations, University of Michigan Ross School of Business - Explore the most inspiring and practical approaches to building positive businesses at this two-day event hosted by the University of Michigan Ross School of Business.

**Milan Area Chamber of Commerce: Cardio Drumming & More** – Ellen Bell, Director, Milan Parks & Recreation – This new exercise being offered at Milan Parks & Recreation will tap your inner musician and get your heart pumping!

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**Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Literary Walk** - Bob Pierce, Chamber Executive Director; Emily Meloche, Adult Services Librarian, Chelsea District Library; Sue Whitmarsh, President, Friends of the District Library - The annual spring Midwest Literary Walk welcomes several critically acclaimed authors from all over the country and from features readings at venues throughout downtown Chelsea. *The event takes place Saturday, April 25, 11 AM - 6:30 PM and is free and open to the public.*

**Re:NEW Michigan: Championing the Entrepreneur** - Larry Eiler, CEO, Eiler Communications; Neil Sheridan, Chair, SBAM Entrepreneurship Committee; Tony Stamas, VP of SBAM Government Relations – What can Michigan do to further encourage entrepreneurs to grow their businesses here? The Small Business Association of Michigan keeps its fingers on the pulse of entrepreneurs.

**Cancer Support Community of Greater Ann Arbor** – Barb Hiltz, Executive Director, Cancer Support Community; Elissa Spangler, Marketing Director, Suburban Cadillac Chevrolet Ann Arbor – A signature event for the Cancer Support Community, the Amazing Race set for this weekend (and supported by Suburban) is already sold out. Learn about the CSC's vast resources and opportunities available to those battling cancer.

**West Washtenaw Business Association: 100 Pounds & Fifty More To Go** - Paul Larned, WWBA Board of Directors; Angelic Sponaugle, Banz 36, a Fitness and Weight Loss Center – Banz 36 is touted as an inexpensive to reach your health and fitness goals, and includes a personal trainer with you at all times, 24 hours access, and availability of meal plans.

**Michigan Governor Snyder...for President?** - Daniel Howes, Business Columnist/Associate Business Editor, *The Detroit News* – With just weeks to go before the election and the distinct possibility that the Michigan road tax proposal will be defeated, Governor Snyder is heading out of state to share our comeback story nationally. Is he getting ready for a presidential bid?

4/22:

**Saline Area Chamber of Commerce: Building Saline as a Destination Brand...Lightly Salted** – Art Trapp, Chamber Executive Director; Jennifer Weaver, President, JenMotion Marketing - The Saline Area Chamber of Commerce is rolling out a new marketing campaign for Saline that is designed to commemorate the town's past, celebrate its present, and create new opportunities for the future.

**Wellness Wednesday: Restoring Lost Eyesight** – Carole Urban, Client, NovaVision – After being injured in a motorcycle accident that was so serious it was first reported as a fatality, Carole Urban ended up suffering neurological vision loss. Today her vision has been restored through a non-invasive computer-based system. NovaVision's Vision Restoration Therapy (VRT) is being touted as the answer for vision loss due to traumatic brain injury and stroke. *VRT is the only clinically-supported FDA-cleared therapy available to restore vision loss due to neurological damage. Visit [www.NovaVision.com](http://www.NovaVision.com).*

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**Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce: Leadercast 2015** - Paula Palmer Burns, President, Palmer Insurance / DACC Ambassador; Dr. Matt Hook, Senior Pastor, Dexter United Methodist Church; Mike Mason, Genesis Service Associates – Leadercast will facilitate the largest convergence of leaders in the world by creating what's billed as an epic leadership experience. The event is live in Atlanta, Ga. on May 8, 2015 and will also be seen via HD simulcast at host sites, including in Dexter. Visit <http://leadercast.com/location/dexter> for details.

**AAPS Bond Proposal** – Ann Arbor Citizens Millage Committee Members Donna Lasinski, School Board Treasurer, & Andy Thomas, School Board Secretary; Dr. Jeanice Swift, AAPS Superintendent – Voters in the Ann Arbor Public Schools district will decide whether to extend the current debt millage for another ten years. If the proposal passes, it would raise about \$33 million for school upgrades.

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**Ann Arbor Goddess 5K** - Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance's Cathy Cieglo, Board Member, and Pam Dahlmann, President – For this founder and board member of Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance, fighting this disease is a very personal mission for each of them. *Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance promotes saving women's lives through the early detection of ovarian cancer and improved treatment outcomes. In addition to community outreach and education, MIOCA provides advocacy, resources and support throughout Michigan. Visit [www.MIOCA.org](http://www.MIOCA.org) and [www.AnnArborGoddess5K.com](http://www.AnnArborGoddess5K.com)*

**Downtown Friday with the Main Street Area Association: Wireless Zone Expands –** Maura Thomson, MSAA Executive Director; Wireless Zone’s Anthony Osborne, New South Main Store Manager, and Kim Birkle, Community Relations Director – Saline resident Debbie Peterson now owns seven regional Wireless Zone stores and maintains a commitment to community engagement.

**Around the Home: Green Communities –** Maureen Sloan, CEO, Builders & Remodelers Association of Greater Ann Arbor; Doug Selby, Owner, Meadowlark Builders – Already known for its green custom home construction, Meadowlark is now taking on an endeavor they are calling “Green Communities.” The idea is where the land use of neighborhoods differs from most modern communities in ways that offer environmental and lifestyle advantages.

**Downtown Association of Ypsilanti: Community Chronicler –** Dave Heikkinen, President, DAY; Mark Maynard, Content Manager, MarkMaynard.com / Host, *The Saturday Six Pack*, AM 1700 – He had a previous career as a historic archaeologist, so it’s no surprise that Ypsilanti’s Mark Maynard likes to uncover the people and places that define his community. Visit [www.MarkMaynard.com](http://www.MarkMaynard.com).

4/27:

**In the Hands of the Enemy -** Colleen Armitage, *Moving Milan Forward* – Five former POWs share their stories of survival at this upcoming event sponsored by Moving Milan Forward. *Monday, May 3 the Milan Senior/Community Activity Center. 1 PM Spaghetti Dinner; 2 PM POW Program. \$3 minimum donation.*

**Business Ethos: Something for Everyone –** Dr. David Mielke, Retired Dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University – Proposal 1 to raise money to fix the roads is seen as a single tax. But it actually is a three part tax increase – sales tax, fuel tax, and registration fees. How will you vote?

**Milan Area Chamber of Commerce: Chili Cook-Off –** George Bennett and Gail Hullstrung - Did you know that 900 Milan residents are below poverty level? Did you also know that 29% of Milan Area students qualify for reduced cost and free lunches? The numbers are surprising to many people. Aid in Milan is a non-profit organization who has been serving the Milan Area’s low-income community since 1976.

**Online Program Teaches Students Financial Skills -** Frank Walton, TCF Bank Regional Manager; Kate Naranjo, EverFi Schools Manager; Monique Uzelac, Washtenaw Alliance for Virtual Education Program Director - Students at Washtenaw Alliance for Virtual Education are learning valuable financial skills during this National Financial Literacy Month. Provided to schools at no cost, the TCF Financial Scholars Program is an interactive, online learning platform that includes courses about savings and investing, identity protection, credit scores, financing higher education and more.

4/28:

**Nepal Earthquake Devastation -** Dr. Prem Bhandari, Assistant Research Scientist, UM Institute for Social Research - Scientists say the earthquake in Nepal moved the earth ten feet, and with it ancient buildings and people in its wake. As rescue efforts are underway to find people still trapped in the rubble, the death toll is now over 4,000 people.



**Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce: 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Sale** - Bob Pierce, Chamber Executive Director; Carol Strahler, Program Coordinator, Chelsea Garden Club - The plant sale is the major fundraiser of the year for the Chelsea Garden Club. The club offers \$5000 in scholarships and grants throughout the year for community efforts, thanks this fundraiser. Visit [www.ChelseaGardenClub.com](http://www.ChelseaGardenClub.com).

**Re:NEW Michigan: Domestic Violence** - Larry Eiler, CEO, Eiler Communications; Barbara Niess-May, Executive Director, Safe House Center – A 2003 study estimated that violence against women costs companies \$72.8 million annually due to lost productivity. Safe House Center endeavors to build a community free of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing a multitude of services to those who are impacted. Visit [www.SafeHouseCenter.org](http://www.SafeHouseCenter.org)

**Pathways to Success** – Tyrone, Weeks, Co-Principal/Director of Adult Education; Beth Carlson, Lead Teacher; Odette Petrini, Lead ESL Teacher – Pathways to Success provides enhanced academic and career high school options for students of all ages. Offered by the Ann Arbor Public Schools, services include Adult Education and English as a Second Language (ESL). *Free spring ESL classes are taking place Tuesday and Thursday evenings on the campus of the Pathways to Success Academic Campus. Starting this fall Pathways to success will become the primary ESL provider for community members in the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area.* Visit: [www.aaps.k12.mi.us/pathways.home/home](http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/pathways.home/home)

**West Washtenaw Business Association: Ann Arbor AutoGlow** - Paul Larned, WWBA Board of Directors; Corey Wallace, Owner, Ann Arbor AutoGlow - Ann Arbor AutoGlow has been in business more than 42 years. Its owner for the last eight years is now expanding his business to additional states. Visit [www.annarborautoglow.com](http://www.annarborautoglow.com).

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**Saline Area Chamber of Commerce: Taking On the Coffee Giants** – Larry Osterling, Retired Chamber Executive Director; Kim Kaster, Owner, Brewed Awakenings Café – This independent, family-owned coffee shop café has become a community gathering space that rivals some of the big-name coffee places. Here’s how they’re doing it.

**Can Middle-Class Workers Afford to Live in Ann Arbor?** - Brett Lenart, Deputy Director, Washtenaw County Office of community & Economic Development – The City of Ann Arbor hopes to add 2,800 new affordably-priced rental units over the next 20 years. This week the Ann Arbor Planning Commission discussed ways to accomplish that goal, including incentive-based zoning, accessory dwelling units, rent control, and tiny houses.

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**Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce: Hudson Mills Metropark** - Joe Schultz, Chamber Past President; Jerry Cyr, Park Operations Manager, Hudson Mills/Delhi/Dexter-Huron/Huron Meadows Metroparks – Hudson Mills in Dexter is a 1,549 acre park offering picnicking, hiking, biking, fishing, golfing, and a host of other recreational sports. It’s also part of the Border-to-Border Trail, spanning the Huron River corridor throughout Washtenaw County. *Saturday, May 2 is the date for the second annual Border-to-Border West River Trail 10K Fun Run/Walk. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The race will begin at 9 a.m. when participants will run/walk from Hudson Mills Metropark to the Village of Dexter. WAVE transportation will return participants back to Hudson Mills Metropark between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.* Visit: [www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com)

**Tech Thursday: Michigan's University Research Corridor Contributes \$16.8 Billion to Michigan Economy - Jeff Mason, URC Executive Director**

- Michigan's economy continues to benefit from the URC universities. The \$16.8 billion net impact in Michigan is up from \$16.6 billion the previous year and \$12.9 billion reported in the first report published in 2007. For every dollar the state invested in the three URC universities, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Wayne State University, it saw \$21 in economic benefits, according to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Impact & Benchmark Report released this week.

**Damian On Design: Creating Community through Landscapes & the Environment - Damian Farrell, Architect, Damian Farrell Design Group; Peter Osler, Associate Professor & Director of Landscape Architecture, Lawrence Technological University** - Since we last spoke with Peter Osler (about his father, the late Ann Arbor architect David Osler), he is now spearheading the creation of a landscape architecture program at Lawrence Technological University. We talk with him about the increasing role landscape design has in managing environmental issues, especially in urban areas such as Detroit. He also weighs in on Ann Arbor's downtown and the Huron River corridor. *First aired on 4/25/15.*

5/1:

**Mayday: A Celebration of Hypocrisy** – Frank Vernuccio, Jr., Editor-in-Chief of the [New York Analysis of Policy & Government](#) – May Day, celebrated on this May 1<sup>st</sup>, has several different meanings. In pre-Christian times it was a celebration of the Goddess of Flowers. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, it became known as the date for [International Workers' Day](#) by the [Socialists](#) and [Communists](#) of the [Second International](#).

**Downtown Friday with the Main Street Area Association: Free Comic Book Day**– Maura Thomson, MSAA Executive Director; Nick Yribar, Manager, Vault of Midnight –

Customers will be lined out the door at Vault of Midnight and other comic book stores across the nation on Saturday, May 3. But this time patrons won't need their wallets.

**Around the Home: Home Asset Management Plan** – Gyll Stanford, Owner, Stanford Enterprises - Gyll Stanford has been remodeling homes in the Ann Arbor, MI area since 1979. His firm is a full service Design-Build Remodeler. He is now starting a new program for his clients for continued maintenance needs, including periodic inspections, consultations, and planning for their home improvements.

**Downtown Association of Ypsilanti: Pure Ypsilanti** – Dave Heikkinen, President, DAY; Deb Locke-Daniel, CEO/President, Ypsilanti Area Convention & Visitors Bureau – As Ypsilanti is now being promoted in the latest Pure Michigan campaign, it's fighting a challenge by the Ann Arbor Area Convention & Visitors Bureau to merge with them. Is it just a money grab?

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**Burns Park Elementary School Students Turn Super Heroes** – Julie Lubeck-Hofer, Parent / PTO Committee Member; Chuck Hatt, Principal - On May 6, Burns Park students will become the newest superheroes in the fight against cancer through their participation in Relay Recess, a youth-focused version of the Relay for Life fundraising event in support of the American Cancer Society. *Instead of just walking or running laps for All Students Exercise*

*Simultaneously (ACES) Day, Burns Park students in grades K-5 will walk for a reason, to raise money to fight cancer. The school is the first in the Ann Arbor Public School district to participate and incorporate a charitable event with ACES Day.*

**Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce: Ypsilanti P.R.I.D.E. Day - Barbara Davenport, Chamber V.P.; Diane Keller, Chamber President** – Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, this event to foster community pride and encourage local business growth by creating a clean and welcoming environment began as a project of the 1995 graduating class of Leadership Ypsilanti. *More than 1,000 volunteers will gather on May 16, 2015 for Ypsilanti P.R.I.D.E. Day. Visit [www.a2ychamber.org/foundation/ypsilanti-p-r-i-d-e-day](http://www.a2ychamber.org/foundation/ypsilanti-p-r-i-d-e-day)*

**Business Ethos: Something For Everyone...Continued** – **Dr. David Mielke, Retired Dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University** – The vote on Proposal 1 is tomorrow and voters will be faced with the choice as to whether or not to raise the sales tax from 6% to 7%. The revenue from the increase is said to be for the roads. Last week we examined the details of the road funding measure. But is it really just to fix the terrible state of Michigan's roads?

### **BCBS with Andy Hetzel**

**The Philadelphia Story** – **Wendy Wright, Director, Ann Arbor Civic Theater** - *The Philadelphia Story* is a classic tale that lampoons high-society and leaves the audience wanting more.

**Milan Area Chamber of Commerce: Fighting Fires, Building Community** – **Lt. Fred Evans, Milan Area Fire Association** – This volunteer fire department provides critical emergency services to the greater Milan area.

**Think Local First: Indie Awards** – **Chris Good, TLF Executive Director** – It's time to celebrate our independent businesses, as nominations are being accepted for this year's Washtenaw Indie Awards.

5/5:

**Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce: Padgett Business Services - Bob Pierce, Chamber Executive Director; Paul Geczy, Owner, Padgett Business Services** - Padgett Business Services is in its 50th year of business and has 400 locally-owned and operated offices in the US & Canada. There are 7 offices in MI. Padgett provides tax consultation, preparation and compliance services for all forms of taxation, financial reporting services, payroll services and business advisory services. All of these services are provided exclusively to small businesses. *Visit [www.SmallBizPros.com](http://www.SmallBizPros.com)*

**Re:NEW Michigan: Economic Gardening** - **Larry Eiler, CEO, Eiler Communications; MEDC's Susan Holben, Economic Gardening Program Administrator, MEDC; Jacob Schroeder, Director of Services, Pure Michigan Business Connect** – We discuss where Michigan stands in terms of helping entrepreneurs, as well as providing more help for existing businesses that need to grow but do not know how. *Visit [www.PureMichiganB2B.com](http://www.PureMichiganB2B.com)*

**Give Local** - **Amanda Uhle, Executive Director, 826michigan; Elissa Spangler, Business Development & Marketing Director, Suburban Chevrolet Cadillac** – 826michigan serves more than 3,000 school-aged students each year with writing and tutoring programs offered at no cost to students, teachers, and families. Gifts to 826michigan during May will be doubled thanks to a generous match from a local foundation. *Visit [www.826michigan.org/givelocal](http://www.826michigan.org/givelocal)*

**West Washtenaw Business Association: Benefits of Having a Local Insurance Agent - Len Pytlak, WWBA Board of Directors; Russ Cornell, Executive Assistant, and Rick Starkey, Agent, State Farm Insurance Agency** – How a local insurance agent can assist you in good times and bad, and what you need to know about life insurance and disability insurance. Visit [www.RickIsMyAgent.com](http://www.RickIsMyAgent.com)

**How Offshore Funds Work - Gordon Casey, Managing Director, Front Shore / Author, The Cayman Edge: How to Set Up a Cayman Fund** – Learn what an offshore fund is and what the benefits are.

5/6:

**Michigan Roads: What's Next After the Defeat of Proposal 1? - Bill Ballenger, Associate Editor, Inside Michigan Politics** – Voters soundly defeated a proposal to fund road repairs in Michigan. 80% of those who voted turned down Proposal 1, making it the greatest one-sided loss for a proposed constitutional amendment in state history.

**Saline Area Chamber of Commerce: Living the Country Club Life - Art Trapp, Chamber Executive Director; Kori Isaac, Director of Membership & Communication, Travis Pointe Country Club** - Travis Pointe is a member-owned private country club located five minutes from downtown Saline. Amenities include a championship golf course, indoor and outdoor tennis, indoor and outdoor pools, fitness center, racquetball court, and both informal and formal dining.

**Wellness Wednesday: Who Benefits from a Catheter – and Who Doesn't? - Dr. Jennifer Meddings, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, UM Medical School** - A new detailed guide gives doctors and nurses information to help decide which hospital patients may benefit from a urinary catheter – and which ones don't. It challenges current practices revolving around catheter use.

**Michigan Auto Insurance Reform – Joe Schultz, Farm Bureau Insurance; Matt Derrenberger, Ann Arbor Insurance Associates** – Michigan lawmakers are trying to overhaul the state's no fault auto insurance system. Senate Bill 248 would address the current problem of medical providers charging no-fault insurance carriers significantly higher than other insurance payers. And, unlimited, lifetime medical benefits for individuals injured in auto accidents will continue. So, why are critics saying otherwise? Contact Joe Schultz at <http://www.myfamilysagent.com/> and Matt Derrenberger at <http://>

5/7:

**A Decade of SPARK - Paul Krutko, CEO, Ann Arbor SPARK** – Ann Arbor SPARK has sparked more than \$200 million in investment and more than 4300 jobs in the Ann Arbor region over the last decade, thanks to the work it has done on more than 100 business retention, expansion, and attraction projects. Yet critics continue to question the effectiveness of the program despite a recent independent audit, which found that SPARK uses reliable and consistent methods to compile and report local job creation numbers. On Monday, May 11, SPARK will celebrate its 10th Anniversary. The sold-out event will include a keynote by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder.

**Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce: Farmers Market Time - Joe Schultz, Chamber Past President; Brenda Tuscano, Market Manager, Dexter Farmer's Market** – This month marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dexter Farmers Market on Alpine Street. Let the celebration begin!

**Former Detroit Dr. Ben Carson Launches Republican Presidential Bid - Henry Payne, National Review** – Henry Payne writes in *The National Review* that long-shot presidential candidate and famed neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson has defied the odds all of his life. *Henry Payne is auto columnist for the Detroit News, an editorial cartoonist with United Feature Syndicate, and a regular contributor to NATIONAL REVIEW, the Wall Street Journal, and other publications.*

**Senior Living Week - Jennifer Bartscht, Director of Marketing & Communications, Glacier Hills; Irina Olgart, Marketing Specialist, StoryPoint; Janet Hunko, Director, Housing Bureau for Seniors** – Explore the variety of senior living, housing, and care options available in the Ann Arbor area during Senior Living Week, May 11-16, 2015. The UMHS Housing Bureau for Seniors hosts this annual event, offered to the public at no charge. *Visit <http://www.med.umich.edu/seniors/events/shaw.html>.*

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**Downtown Friday with the Main Street Area Association: Maura Thomson, MSAA Executive Director; Sarah Bush, Travel Concierge, Bali H'ai Dreams** - Bali Ha'i, that mythic island in the middle of the exotic South Pacific is calling you to a place of perfection, peace, and magic. Everyone has their own Bali Ha'i, the destination of our dreams. Where's yours? Sarah Bush is a Travel Concierge who specializes in crafting unforgettable honeymoons and vacations to Australia, Tahiti, New Zealand, Fiji, and Hawaii. *Visit [www.BaliHaiDreams.com](http://www.BaliHaiDreams.com).*

**Around the Home: Bringing Design Home** – Pete Nowakowski, Marketing & Communications Director, BRAG Ann Arbor; KSI Kitchen & Bath's Jill Johnson, Ann Arbor Sales Manager; Colleen Flynn, VP, Sales & Marketing – A new design center has opened in Ann Arbor. The new location on Washtenaw Avenue is KSI Kitchen & Bath's seventh store within Michigan and Ohio. KSI's vision is to create spaces in the home people will love for life. *Visit [www.KSIKitchen.com](http://www.KSIKitchen.com).*

**Downtown Association of Ypsilanti: A Garden of Song** – Dave Heikkinen, President, DAY; Val Kabat, Ypsilanti Community Choir – It's a spring sing offering bouquets of flowers in song! This year marks the Ypsilanti Community Choir's 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Spring Concert. "*A Garden of Song*" is Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 PM at WCC's Morris Lawrence Building, Towsley Auditorium. *Visit [www.YpsiCommChoir.org](http://www.YpsiCommChoir.org).*

5/11:

**YPT Does Mary Poppins** – Ane Richter, YPT Executive Director; Aiden Kutcher ("Mary Poppins", Sophomore/Skyline High School); Dominic Dorset ("Bert", Freshman/Saline High School); Eva Klayman ("Jane Banks", 4th Grade/Burns Park Elementary) - Young People's Theater is headed to the Power Center stage May 15-17, 2015 with *Mary Poppins*. This production features 99 of our amazingly talented young people.

**Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce: A2SO** Mary Steffek Blaske, Executive Director, Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra - The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra has been compared to musical giants such as the Boston Symphony and the Detroit Symphony Orchestras. This past season the A<sup>2</sup>SO announced its second-largest subscriber base in its 86-year history.

**Business Ethos: College Loan Clawback** – Dr. David Mielke, Retired Dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University – Should universities be forced to pay back the government if students renege on their college loans?

**Milan Area Chamber of Commerce: Program of Academic Exchange** – PAX’s Kathy Westendorf, Community Coordinator; Heidi Spence, Area Manager – This foreign student exchange program enables both young people from around the world and their U.S. host families to share not only their customs, language, and points of view, but also the very essence of what it means to be family. Visit [www.PAX.org](http://www.PAX.org). When you inquire about the program, make sure to mention the Milan Chamber. PAX will donate money to the chamber for each student it places in an area home here.

5/12:

**50 Flag Salute** – Ray Tuck, Organizer – Imagine 50 flag poles with 50 flags representing the U.S.A., Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, & POW/MIA flags. Add 1000 handheld flags waving from the crowd and a 16-foot sign emblazoned with an eagle. Ypsilanti’s Ray Tuck is bringing that image to life as a salute to Veterans at upcoming parades in this summer and he plans on taking the display on tour. But he needs your help.

**Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce: New Mountain Bike Trail** - Bob Pierce, Chamber Executive Director; Kathy Bradbury, Fundraising Chair, Waterloo Trail Project – The Potawatomi Mountain Biking Association and the DNR recently completed an operating agreement to construct what is being called the midwest’s most epic mountain bike trail system. Clearing for the first segment, the Green Lake Loop, will begin on Saturday. This project is supported by the Big 400. Visit [www.waterlootrail.org](http://www.waterlootrail.org).

**Re:NEW Michigan: Michigan Educational Forum** - Larry Eiler, CEO, Eiler Communications; Dr. James Duderstadt, Former President at the University of Michigan – A panel of leading educators and business people, including Dr. James Duderstadt, will present their views and participate in a discussion on educational issues confronting Michigan. The event will focus on the skills young people will need for successful careers in the age of technology and globalization. *The Michigan Educational Forum is May 27, 7-8:30 PM at AADL.*

**Willow Run Stories Project** - John Zajac, Board Member, Michigan Aerospace Foundation – Volunteers with the Save the Bomber Plant campaign are continuing to develop exhibits and programs for the new museum opening in the former Willow Run Bomber Plant in 2017. Now they are asking you to share your recollections, personal snapshots, and family stories online for the Willow Run Stories Project. Visit [www.SavetheBomberPlant.org](http://www.SavetheBomberPlant.org) and click on “Willow Run Stories Project”.

**West Washtenaw Business Association: Obamacare & Business** - Paul Larned, WWBA President; James H. Lewis II of Kokopelli Financial Management. – We have yet to see the full financial impact the Affordable Healthcare Act will have on companies and their employees. James Lewis helps us prepare for what’s to come.

**Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan - Linda Maton, Board Member** – Retired racing greyhounds find loving homes through this non-profit organization.

5/13:

**Win-Win Opportunities with ADA Accommodations - Carolyn Grawi, CEO/Executive Director, Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living** - Learn about ways to improve opportunities for people with disabilities at your own worksite, which in turn can make your business more successful.

**Saline Area Chamber of Commerce: Canines of Hope - Art Trapp, Chamber Executive Director; Leslie Naebeck & Michelle Redies, Co-Founders, Canines of Hope** – Diabetic Service Dogs are trained to smell the changes in a person's scent. They can detect a change in a person's blood sugar roughly 30 minutes before the glucose meter even indicates a problem. Meet the two women behind Canines of Hope, an organization that works to raise money for a diabetic person to be placed with these amazing service dogs.

**LIVE: Big Hearts for Seniors – Rob Reinhart, Emcee / Host & Producer, Acoustic Cafe ; Beth Adams, Director, Ann Arbor Meals On Wheels** - A celebration of the power of music and its ability to revive mind and spirit will benefit several senior organizations. The event on May 28 at the Michigan Theater includes a performance by the Chenille Sisters, as well as a screening of the documentary *Alive Inside*.

5/14:

**Michigan Whiz Kids - Jeremy D'Silva, Gabriel Richard H.S.** - Some of the smartest high school students in the world, including one from Ann Arbor, are gathering in Pittsburgh, PA to compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. The kids are competing for a \$4 Million in prizes and the Grand Prize winner receives \$75,000.

**Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce: Summer Days- Joe Schultz, Chamber Past President** – The Chamber Golf Outing, Summer Concert Series, and Dexter Daze, are just a few of the events that define Dexter during the glorious summertime months.

**Community Support Day - Hank McQueen, Executive Director, Ypsilanti Community Schools Foundation** - Whole Foods will donate 5% of its sales on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 to benefit this foundation which provides scholarships and classroom mini-grants to students in the Ypsilanti Community Schools.

5/15:

**Reversing the Summer Learning Loss – ThinkStretch's Donna Lasinski, President/Founder; Amy Pachera, Director** - ThinkStretch Summer Learning Program was created by concerned parent and education advocate Donna Lasinski to address the achievement gaps between student groups in the Ann Arbor Public School district. The first program was piloted in Ann Arbor in 2009 and has since grown to serve tens of thousands of students in nearly 40 states. More than 100 schools in Michigan use the ThinkStretch Summer Learning Program each year.

**Downtown Friday with the Main Street Area Association: GreenCurrents** - Maura Thomson, MSAA Executive Director; Ha Nyugen, Program Manager, DTE Energy  
**GreenCurrents** – From wind energy to cow power and landfill gas, DTE Energy says being green is easy and affordable.

**Around the Home: Norfolk Homes** – Pete Nowakowski, Marketing & Communications Director, BRAG Ann Arbor; Janet Gilbert-Smith, Sales Manager, Norfolk Homes - Norfolk Homes is nearing completion in several Ann Arbor area communities. They have one site left at Chelsea Fairways in Chelsea, one in West Ridge of Dexter, two condominiums left at Summerfield Glen and a custom home in Legacy Heights in Saline, which will be on the upcoming Parade of Homes.

**Protest Against Circumcision** - Norm Cohen, State Director, NOCIRC of Michigan – Parents of male babies decide whether to have their boys circumcised at birth. In Michigan, 83% of newborn boys are circumcised. NOCIRC of Michigan and Bloodstained Men & Their Friends are urging new parents to reconsider the practice.

**Downtown Association of Ypsilanti: Read Around Ypsi** – Dave Heikkinen, President, DAY; Gillian Gainsley, Communications Coordinator, Ypsilanti District Library – The summer reading theme sponsored by the Ypsilanti District Library is very Ypsi-centric this year, encouraging kids and adults to read around town. We also talk about the free lunch program, the Summer Concert Series, and National Senior Health & Fitness Day.

**A Career in Community Rec & Ed** - Larry Dishman, Coordinator, League & Team Sports, Ann Arbor Rec & Ed - After 40 years the first Coordinator of Team Sports at Ann Arbor Rec & Ed is retiring. Larry Dishman has been involved in recreational sports in Ann Arbor nearly his entire life, having umpired, played, and championed local softball. The school district plans on creating a new position called Manager of Team Sports.

5/18:

**Congress's Bipartisan Obamacare Fraud** - Phil Kerpen, President, American Commitment - Congress is now trying to falsely certify the House and Senate as “small businesses” in order to fund health insurance for themselves and their staff with taxpayer dollars—sidestepping provisions of Obamacare.

**Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce: Data Leaks** - Jeff Morris, Owner, Call Your Help Desk – Did you know that most company data leaks happen due to internal problems? There are measures companies can take to ensure their data remains secure.

**Business Ethos: Is Free Trade Really Free?** – Dr. David Mielke, Retired Dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University – The United States participates in free trade around the world, a practice that began during President Theodore Roosevelt’s administration. President Obama is now promoting fast track authorization of free trade agreements, but Congress is balking at the move.

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**A Degree in Family Life Education** – Concordia Center for the Family’s Professor Ben Freudenberg, Director; Jennifer Freudenberg, Project Manager, Family Life Program - Concordia University Ann Arbor is the only university in the area that offers a bachelor's degree in Family Life Education. The unique program provides professional training to develop and implement programming that equips and supports healthy relationships for marriage and the family.

**Milan Area Chamber of Commerce: Backstreet Cruizers** – Jen Allen, Backstreet Cruizers – This popular car club’s weekly cruises return this week to Milan’s Wilson Park.

**Leaving Dogs Alone** - Darlene Arden, Author, “Rover, Get Off Her Leg,” / Certified Animal Behavior Consultant – Saying farewell to your pooch when you head out for the day can be stressful for both you and your animal. Learn what you can do to make this exit easier on our furry friends and how can we minimize their anxiety until we come back.

5/19:

**“Free” Community College** - Robert Pondiscio, Senior Fellow/VP of External Affairs, Thomas B. Fordham Institute - President Obama has a plan to make community college free for everyone. But there is a \$60 billion cost for free.

**Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce: Fresh from the Farm** - Bob Pierce, Chamber Executive Director; Stephanie Willette, Farmers Market Coordinator / Owner, Two Tracks Acres - The Wednesday Bushel Basket Market, one of two weekly farmers market offerings in Chelsea, has moved downtown. The farmers market coordinator talks about the new season, and shares her own passion for sustainable farming.

**Re:NEW Michigan: Global Advances in Business and Communication (GABC) Tricontinental Conference** - Larry Eiler, CEO, Eiler Communications; Dr. David Victor, Professor of Management & Director, International Business at Eastern Michigan University - The 7th Annual Tricontinental Conference on Global Advances in Business Communication returns to Eastern Michigan University, May 27-30, 2015. It brings together academics and practitioners to consider ongoing scholarly activities and business practices which are impacted by cultural factors and global business. May 27-30, 2015. The conference and its affiliate journal are co-sponsored by the University of Antwerp, the Technological University of Malaysia and Eastern Michigan University.

**Dexter Trout Fest** - Bill Phillips, Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited Unlike other southern Michigan waterways, Dexter’s Mill Creek is a perfect spot for trout. Efforts have been underway to build a trout fishery in this tributary of the Huron River, thanks to Trout Unlimited the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. *The Art & Rhythms of Trout Fishing is Saturday, May 30, 11 AM-2 PM at Mill Creek in Dexter.*

**West Washtenaw Business Association: Golf Club Undergoes New Ownership** - Paul Larned, WWBA President; Nash Pater, Vice President of Development, Vargo Golf Company - Nash Pater of Vargo Golf Company is a community and recreation enthusiast from Grand Rapids Michigan, who is working to help guide golf assets with sustainable strategies in the Metro Detroit area. Vargo recently bought Reddeman Farms, a 6,525 yard challenging layout.

5/20:

**Red-Light Runners** - Melissa Wandall, President, NCSR - More than 3.7 million drivers in the United States ran a red light last year. You may have been one of them. The National Coalition for Safer Roads is releasing new statistics about red-light running, including data on the time and day of the week with the highest risk.

**Saline Area Chamber of Commerce: Bark in the Park** - Art Trapp, Chamber Executive Director; Carla Scruggs, Director, Saline Parks & Recreation; Michelle Redies, Owner, Domino's Pizza/Co-Founder, Canines of Hope – This fun event gives your dog a chance to test out the new agility equipment installed by Eagle Scout Will Fleener and help out a great cause.

**Wellness Wednesday: The Disease of Addiction** - Glynis Anderson, Founder/CEO, Home of New Vision; Dr. Alice Penrose, Medical Director, Washtenaw County Public Health – Overdoses to heroin and fentanyl continue to be a growing concern in southeast Michigan. Now there's a new multi-agency initiative to empower individuals to seek treatment for substance abuse disorders. The Washtenaw County Recovery Advocacy Committee is a grassroots non-profit organization in support of recovery, which aims to reduce stigma and be the voice of recovery in the community.

**House By the Side of the Road** - Flossie Robinson, Volunteer – Started in 1970 as a partnership between the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and area churches, the House By the Side of the Road provides clothing and small appliances to people in need. *The House By the Side of the Road is hosting an all-day Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at St. John Baptist Church in Ypsilanti on Friday, May 22, 2015 from 11AM-6 PM. Cost is \$10.*

**Arbor Hospice Expansion** - Gloria Brooks, CEO, Arbor Hospice - Arbor Hospice is expanding its services offered in Washtenaw and Wayne counties through new partnerships with Glacier Hills Retirement Community, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Henry Ford Village. The Residence of Arbor Hospice will continue to provide residential inpatient hospice services at the current location in Ann Arbor.

5/21:

**Ann Arbor Teachers Contract** - Deb Mexicotte, President, Ann Arbor School Board - When does the contract with Ann Arbor Public School teachers end? That's a matter of intense debate, as the union is not willing to meet with the administration to open up contract negotiations.

**Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce: Memorial Day Parade** - Joe Schultz, Chamber Past President; Steve Feinman, Dexter Rotary - Honor and Country is the theme for this year's Dexter Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dexter.

**25 MPH Speed Limit Proposed** - Mike Anglin, Ann Arbor City Councilmember (D-5<sup>th</sup> Ward) – Neighbors along Ann Arbor's South Seventh Street have been complaining about speeding in their neighborhood, even taking the matter into their own hands by posting signs and clocking motorists with a radar gun. Now Ann Arbor City Council is considering whether to lower the speed limit to 25 miles per hour along that stretch of road, as well as other neighborhoods near downtown Ann Arbor.

**Ann Arbor City Club Car Show** – Greg Fleming, City Club General Manager; Barbara Kramer, City Club Board Member; Dean DeGalan, Co-Chair, Classic Car Show Organizer – Recognized as one of the area’s best events of its kind, the City Club’s Classic Car Show attracts more than 65 rare and interesting vehicles from Michigan and surrounding states. All vehicles are parked, so the viewing public is able to get an up-close and personal view. The *Ann Arbor City Club* is a non-profit, member-owned organization that has been a vital part of our community since 1951. Visit [www.annarborcityclub.org](http://www.annarborcityclub.org).

5/22:

**Economic Impact of Tourism in Washtenaw County** – Ann Arbor Area Convention & Visitors Bureau’s President/CEO Mary Kerr and Board Chairman Sean Duvall – Tourism in Washtenaw County is growing across all major economic indicators. Last year we welcomed 5.8 million visitors to the county, representing \$822 million in spending.

**Downtown Friday with the Main Street Area Association: Taste Rent** - Maura Thomson, MSAA Executive Director; Glenn Bugala, Director, Ann Arbor Civic Theater – Visitors to the upcoming Taste of Ann Arbor will also get a taste of Ann Arbor Civic Theater’s production of *Rent*. Cast members will perform downtown during Taste, as patrons enjoy sampling food from 39 different restaurants.

**Around the Home: Custom Homes** – Maureen Sloan, CEO, BRAG Ann Arbor; Joe Huczek, President, Main Street Homes – Learn what goes into a custom home, as we explore two beautiful homes located in the Preserve of Dexter from custom builder Main Street Homes. These homes will be featured in the upcoming Parade of Homes, sponsored by BRAG Ann Arbor. Visit [www.BRAGAnnArbor.com](http://www.BRAGAnnArbor.com).

**Export-Import Bank** - Christine Harbin Hanson, National Issues Campaign Manager, Americans for Prosperity – The Export-Import Bank provides American taxpayer backed loans and loan guarantees to foreign companies. It has a history of questionable deals and conduct, and is up for legal reauthorization.

**Encore Presentation: Downtown Association of Ypsilanti: Wayfinding** – Dave Heikkinen, DAY President; Melissa Milton-Pung, Project Manager, Washtenaw County Office of Community & Economic Development – A wayfinding project is underway in Ypsilanti to develop better directional signs and make it easier for visitors to find what they are looking for. (*This interview first aired January 16, 2015.*)

**Bag Bans** - David Williams, President, Taxpayers Protection Alliance – Municipalities planning on pushing for a ban on plastic grocery bags may get a push-back from their own states. We take a look at what’s behind the backlash against bag bans.

5/25:

**America Invades - Christopher Kelly, Author of "America Invades: How We've Invaded or Been Militarily Involved With Almost Every Country on Earth"** - This Memorial Day, military historian Christopher Kelly can take you on a global tour of America’s military activity around the world, from the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli and everywhere in between. He reveals many of the little-known triumphs, tragedies and even oddball involvement of American forces.

**Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce: Headline Breakfast with U.S. Senator Gary Peters - Andy Labarre, A2Y Chamber Executive VP & Director of Government Relations** - Learn about the upcoming Chamber breakfast with Michigan's newly-elected United States Senator, Gary Peters.

**Keeping the Supreme Court Busy** – Dr. David Mielke, Retired Dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University – The U.S. Supreme Court continues to hear cases challenging the legality of the Obama administration regulations. The latest revolves around EPA regulations for power plants. *First recorded March 30, 2015.*

### **BCBS with Andy Hetzel**

**Safe Swimming - State of Michigan's Dr. Mary Grace Stobierski, Epidemiologist, and Martha Stanbury, State Administrative Manager** - The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is encouraging residents to maximize the health benefits of swimming with healthy and safe habits. While chlorine and other disinfectants kill many germs within minutes, some germs can survive for days, even in appropriately treated water.

**Milan Area Chamber of Commerce: Milan Community Fair** – Amy Dapprich, Milan Fair Board - Fireworks, carnival rides, a parade, artisans market and more! The Milan Community Fair is 66 years of fun in the making.

5/26:

**Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce: Chelsea/Dexter Chamber Golf Outing - Amythyst Romero, Chamber Events Coordinator; Bruce Szcodronski, VP, Chamber Board of Directors / GM, Comfort Inn & Village Conference Center** – For the last five years the Chelsea and Dexter Chambers have teamed up to offer this golf outing, providing participants with even more ways to connect with the business community. *The Chamber Golf Outing is June 2, 2015 at Reddeman Farms. Visit [www.ChelseaMiChamber.org](http://www.ChelseaMiChamber.org).*

**Re:NEW Michigan: Michigan Education Forum - Larry Eiler, CEO, Eiler Communications** - A preview of this panel discussion focusing on the future of education in Michigan. *"The Future of Michigan Education" is Wednesday, May 27, 2015 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Ann Arbor District Library (AADL), 343 South Fifth Ave in downtown Ann Arbor.*

**West Washtenaw Business Association: Jackson Road Cruise - Paul Larned, WWBA President; Kristine Reed, VP JR Cruise; Todd Bailey, President JR Cruise** – The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Jackson Road Cruise features a Classic Car Parade and a host of other events at the many businesses along Jackson Road. *The Jackson Road Cruise is Saturday, June 20. Visit [www.JRCruise.org](http://www.JRCruise.org).*

**ArborBike - Heather Croteau, ArborBike Operations Manager** – ArborBike, Ann Arbor's community bike share program, is installing its final eight stations this week, bringing the total to 14 stations and 125 bicycles throughout the downtown and university campus areas. *Visit [www.ArborBike.org](http://www.ArborBike.org).*

5/29:

**Downtown Friday with the Main Street Area Association: Taste of Ann Arbor - Maura Thomson, MSAA Executive Director** – Do you find it difficult to decide where to dine in

downtown Ann Arbor? Well, now you can taste nearly every restaurant in one day. Visit [www.MainStreetAnnArbor.org](http://www.MainStreetAnnArbor.org) and click 'Taste of Ann Arbor' under the May events tab.

**Around the Home: Toll Brothers in the Parade of Homes** – Pete Nowakowski, Marketing & Communications Director, BRAG Ann Arbor; Toll Brothers' Sean Thomas, Project Manager at Riding Oaks and Woodlands of Geddes Glen; Melissa McMaken, Sales Manager at Woodlands of Geddes Glen; Kendall Henaughen, Sales Manager at Riding Oaks – Toll Brothers, the largest U.S. luxury home builder, is back strong in the Ann Arbor market. They have two beautiful homes in this year's Parade of Homes, sponsored by BRAG Ann Arbor. Visit [www.BRAGAnnArbor.com](http://www.BRAGAnnArbor.com).

**EVENTS THIS WEEKEND!** - Katie Whitney, Ann Arbor Observer

**Downtown Association of Ypsilanti: School Salute** – Dave Heikkinen, DAY President; Ypsilanti Community High School's ACTech Valedictorian Kristine Green, STEMM Academy Valedictorian Sean Timbs, and Principal Justin Jennings - Ypsilanti Community Schools launched as a new district July 1, 2013. The district model is comprised of project-based learning, Small Learning Communities, International Baccalaureate curriculum and a variety of teaching methods.

6/20:

**If This House Could Talk** - Patrick McCauley, Co-Author, *Historic Ann Arbor: An Architectural Guide* - Learn how to put a story together about the history of your house. Patrick McCauley will be giving a talk on *Researching Your Home's History* on Saturday, June 13 from 2:00 PM-3:30 PM at the Ann Arbor District Library on S. Fifth, Downtown Ann Arbor.

**Saline Area Chamber of Commerce: Rentschler Farm Museum** - Art Trapp, Chamber Executive Director; Agnes Dikeman, Farm Administrator, Saline Area Historical Society – The Rentschler Farm Museum is an historic site within the City of Saline that interprets a family farm in the 1930-1950 time period and is dedicated to all the farmers of the Saline area.

**Wellness Wednesday: Long Term Care Crisis** – U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (D-12<sup>th</sup> District) – Complex, confusing, and difficult to navigate. That's how Congresswoman Debbie Dingell describes the U.S. health care system. She says one area that the overhaul of health care in recent years has not adequately addressed is long-term health care for seniors and the disabled. Current programs leave huge gaps in access to care, and people are forced to rely on a patchwork of private insurance, public programs, and unpaid family caregivers. Dingell is now tackling the issue head-on and has her own experience with the health of her husband, the retired Congressman John Dingell, to guide her.

**Managing Ann Arbor's Deer Herd: The City's Solution** - Jane Lumm, Ann Arbor City Councilmember (I-2<sup>nd</sup>) – After numerous complaints that deer have become a nuisance and even a danger in some Ann Arbor areas, the city is now recommending contracting

**9:40 LIVE: Managing Ann Arbor's Deer Herd: The Humane Society's Response** - Tanya Hillgendorf, President/CEO, Humane Society of Huron Valley – The HSHV is calling for

more educational efforts concerning options available to controlling Ann Arbor's deer herd. The organization is urging public policy makers and residents to find a strategy that is humane for wildlife, does not involve sharpshooters and satisfies those who are frustrated over landscape damage.

6/12:

**Downtown Friday with the Main Street Area Association: A2 Tech Trek** - Maura Thomson, MSAA Executive Director; Bill Mayer, Vice President, Entrepreneurial Services, SPARK – A tour of start-ups, companies and local incubators, aims to connect students and community members to the Ann Arbor tech community today (June 12, 2015.) The event, which involves Ann Arbor SPARK as well as a range of collaborators in the community, will give attendees the opportunity to browse the streets of downtown Ann Arbor, while visiting companies that are driving innovation in the area.

**Around the Home: Student Building Trades Home Features House in Parade of Homes** – Maureen Sloan, CEO, BRAG Ann Arbor; Matt Hagood, Building Trades Teacher, South & West Washtenaw Consortium – A group of 30 students from the South & West Washtenaw Consortium recently finished building a house that is now for sale and featured in this weekend's Parade of Homes. They did much of the rough and finish carpentry, and worked along with trade professionals to learn and gain experience with many different aspects of building a home. Visit [http://www.bragannarbor.com/ezefiles/Parade\\_2015\\_-\\_3.pdf](http://www.bragannarbor.com/ezefiles/Parade_2015_-_3.pdf) to learn more about the Parade of Homes. For info on the South & West Washtenaw Consortium, visit <https://www.salineschools.org/schools/swwc/>

**The Fight to Defeat Isis** – Ambassador Francis Rooney, Author, *The Global Vatican* - In his new op-ed piece, the former U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See argues that the United States must implement a comprehensive strategy of soft power diplomacy and collaborative action with allies, including military force, to defeat ISIS and Islamic extremists in “the Long War”. Ambassador Francis Rooney highlights the important role that religious leaders of all faiths—but especially in the Muslim world—must play to stop recruitment of terrorists and bring cultural modernization to the Muslim world in a way that Christianity modernized centuries ago.

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**Downtown Association of Ypsilanti: Michigan Firehouse Museum & Education Center** – Dave Heikkinen, DAY President; Steve Wilson, Museum Manager, Jon Ichesco, Museum Board Member / Retired Ypsilanti Fire Chief; Max Anthouard, Ypsilanti Fire Chief - Located in the historic district of Ypsilanti, MI, the Michigan Firehouse Museum features an original 1898 firehouse complete with bunk area and brass pole. Exhibits focus on the history of fire fighting in the State of Michigan and fire fighting technology.

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**Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce: Purple Rose Theatre Company** - Bob Pierce, Chamber Executive Director; Purple Rose Theatre Company's Gerie Greenspan, Development Director, and Guy Sanville, Artistic Director – Chelsea's Purple Rose Theatre Company will mark its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. Many in the community point to its success as one of the main economic drivers in the town.

**Auto Talks: Daniel Howes, Detroit News** – Get ready for a bumpy ride with the UAW and auto companies. Strong sales and U.S. profit margins could give the union a good negotiating position, while the automakers can point to an uncertain future.

**Michigan Football Tops in Experience** - Mark Snyder, Detroit Free Press – Michigan football tops the list when it comes to experience, according to football analyst Phil Steele. Next in line after the UM are Navy, Utah State, Air Force and South Alabama.

**West Washtenaw Business Association: Car Lovers Paradise** - Paul Larned, WWBA President; Cathy Franklin, WWBA VP; Skip Anderson, Varsity Ford – It's the show within the show, now that one car dealership's annual car show has been moved to the same date as the upcoming Jackson Road Cruise.

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**Pet of the Week: Cozette** – Wendy Welch, Development Director, Humane Society of Huron Valley, with Dean Erskine – Cozette is a beautiful tortie who has been bounced around quite a bit in the past several years. She was adopted from HSHV and later returned because she has some skin allergies that require monitoring and a course of steroids every so often. But overall, she's a very sweet kitty who would like to find her own home and stay there.

**The Jackson Road Cruise - A Charitable Event** – Kristine Reed, Vice President, Jackson Road Cruise; Paul Larned, President, West Washtenaw Business Association; Gaby Kushmann, Family Program Coordinator, Habitat for Humanity - Have a day of fun and help out a worthy charity at the same time! This year Habitat for Humanity is the cruise-wide charity. Every Prize Drive entry will go directly to Habitat for Humanity.

**Around the Home: Innovations in Appliances** – Pete Nowakowski, BRAG Ann Arbor; Cheryl O'Brien, Market Development, Big George's Home Appliance Mart – Big George's has renovated its show room to feature sleek kitchen vignettes with the latest innovations in appliances.

**A Horse of a Different Power** – Scott Peterson, Owner, 1931 Chevy Independence – In 1931, Chevrolet offered 12 different body types of its Independence model starting at \$475. Ypsilanti's Scott Peterson, who use to own race horses, says he's put in \$45,000 to his Torch Red version that's powered by a Blueprint Corvette engine.

**Healthy Living: Men's Health Month: Hey – Can You Hear Me?** - Tina Miller, R.D./MS, Meijer Healthy Living Advisor – On this Father's Day weekend, we salute dad by encouraging him to eat healthy and visit his doctor.

**Curbing Texting & Driving** – Elissa Spangler, Business Development & Marketing Director, Suburban Cadillac Chevrolet; Rose Winqest, P.E.E.R.S.; Kristine Reed & Edie Huffman, Ann Arbor Insurance Centre – The Suburban Chevrolet Cadillac Family, Ann Arbor Insurance Centre, and Auto Owners Insurance have partnered together to educate the community on the available technology to curb texting and driving. During the Jackson Road Cruise, visit the Suburban Chevrolet Cadillac Checkpoint to see for yourself the dangers of texting and driving. This state-of-the art virtual reality simulator showcases the consequences of distracted driving.

**Travel Michigan – Autopalooza**– David Lorenz, Manager, Industry Relations & International Marketing, Travel Michigan; Brian Yopp, Director of Programs & Operations, MotorCities National Heritage Area – Autopalooza is a celebration of Southeast Michigan's automotive heritage through a series of major cruises, races, and shows during the

summer months. *MotorCities National Heritage Area is an affiliate of the National Park Service dedicated to preserving, interpreting and promoting the automotive and labor heritage of the State of Michigan.*

**11:05 LIVE: Lingenfelter Collection Comes to Cruise - Ken Lingenfelter, CEO, Lingenfelter Performance Engineering** – Well-known car collector and local philanthropist Ken Lingenfelter is the Grand Marshall for Ann Arbor's 2015 Jackson Road Cruise parade. He is the owner of the of the premier car collections in the world, including more than 250 unique and historically significant American muscle cars, Corvettes, and late-model exotics.

**11:18 LIVE: Suburban's Cruise Checkpoint - Elissa Spangler, Director of Marketing & Business Development, Suburban Cadillac Chevrolet of Ann Arbor** – Car dealerships up and down the Jackson Road boulevard are providing checkpoints for the Jackson Road cruisers complete with entertainment, food, and fun.

**11:30 LIVE: Blues Cruise - Laith Al-Saadi, Musician** – Before he performed for the car lovers at the Jackson Road Cruise, the talented Laith Al-Saadi sat down with us to talk about his career. Born and raised in Ann Arbor, by the time he was 18 years old he was opening for Blues greats like Buddy Guy and Luther Allison. His career has taken him all over the world, but it's the Ann Arbor and Detroit music scene that keeps him grounded to his roots.

**11:48-00 LIVE: Modern Cars to Cruise - Mark Young, Internet Manager, Suburban Cadillac Chevrolet** – Sales of these two cars are skyrocketing, but it's this color that has a lot of people talking.

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**Issues Facing EMU and Members of the American Association of University Professors - Professor Howard Bunsis, Treasurer, EMU-AAUP** – Contract negotiations are underway between EMU and its 690 member faculty union. As both sides work toward hammering out a new three-year contract, there are a number of issues to consider.

**Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce: 100 MENtors in 100 Days - Steve Kleiman, Development Specialist, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County; Haley Decker is Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County's Community Engagement Specialist** – A campaign to increase the awareness of our community's need for mentors, especially men, is underway with a goal to connect 200 kids with a caring individual.

**Business Ethos: For or Against Prevailing Wages? – Dr. David Mielke, Retired Dean of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University** – Michigan's Prevailing Wage law covers construction workers employed on state financed or sponsored construction projects. Under this act the Wage and Hour Division establishes wage and fringe benefit rates to be paid construction workers on state projects. That may be changing.

**BCBS with Andy Hetzel**

**Milan Area Chamber of Commerce: Hardware, Hot Dogs, and a Pirate Ship - Shelley Adkins, General Manager, Milan Ace Hardware** – Ahoy, matey! Why is that thar pirate ship in the middle of the Milan Ace Hardware lot?



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**Oxford Buys McMullen: Real Estate Deal of the Year** - Paula Gardner, Editor, *The Ann Arbor News* – Tom McMullen and his family have long been players in the Ann Arbor commercial real estate market, starting with the development of Briarwood Mall in the early 1970s. The McMullen portfolio has now been purchased by Ann Arbor's largest commercial landlord, Oxford Companies, owned by Ann Arbor native Jeff Hauptman. *Ann Arbor News* editor Paula Gardner broke the story of the \$100 million deal this week.

**Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce: Elopements, Weddings, and a Dexter Destination** - Kieron Hales, Managing Partner, Cornman Farms; Joe Schultz, Chamber Past President - A wedding doesn't have to cost tens of thousands of dollars. A \$2,500 "elopement" at one of Dexter's hottest new destinations will seal the deal and give you a one-of-a-kind intimate event.

**Freedman's Bank** – John Hope Bryant, CEO, Operation Hope - In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln established a landmark institution designed to teach former slaves about money. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the creation of the Freedman's Bank, which is long gone. Yet, one man is keeping Lincoln's idea alive today.

**A \$100 Million Buy** – Oxford Companies Andy Selinger, Investment Analyst, and Jeff Hauptman, Owner – It's being touted as one of the biggest real estate deals in Ann Arbor. Here's how Oxford Companies acquired McMullen Properties.

6/26:

**U.S. Supreme Court Decision on Health Care** - Andy Hetzel, VP of Corporate Communications, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is hailing the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to uphold insurance subsidies through Obamacare. About 80 percent of BCBSM's individual membership receives some form of subsidy.

**Downtown Friday with the Main Street Area Association: Alzheimer's Association Michigan Great Lakes Chapter** - Melissa Goodson, Director of Constituent Events and Donor Services; Samantha West, Communications Director; – At the end of July, a top UM researcher will share with the public the latest research presented at the Alzheimer's International Conference. Could this change the course of this mind-robbing disease? *Dr. Bruno Giordani will present his findings on July 30, 2015, 5:30 PM-8:00 PM at Washtenaw Community College. Free. Visit [www.alz.org/mglc](http://www.alz.org/mglc).*

**Around the Home: BRAG's Mission** – Pete Nowakowski, Marketing & Communications Director, BRAG Ann Arbor – The Builders and Remodelers organization isn't just an organization for its members, but it also serves as a great resource for homeowners.

**The Impact of Obamacare** - David Williams, President, Taxpayers Protection Alliance – The Taxpayers Protection Alliance says the Supreme Court deepened the pain of working families as millions of Americans continue to pay for a program that has forced people onto lower quality plans, forced families to lose their preferred coverage, put the privacy of the public at risk, and will cost taxpayers over \$1 trillion in just the next decade alone.

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**Downtown Association of Ypsilanti: 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Ypsilanti Historic Home Tour** – Dave Heikkinen, DAY President; Michael Newberry, Chair, Historic Home Tour - The YHF (Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation) invites you to tour homes that highlight Ypsilanti's wealth of historic architecture. This annual event showcases the historic preservation efforts underway in Ypsilanti.

**The Expense of Obamacare** - Tony Stamas, VP of Government Relations, SBAM - The Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM) says the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on the Affordable Care Act does nothing to address the number one problem facing small businesses and their employees.

**Regular Segments:**

Greg Peters, The Reluctant Networker  
Wendy Welch, Humane Society of Huron Valley "*WLBY Pet of the Week*" Saturdays  
Renew Michigan with Larry Eiler  
Tina Miller, Registered Dietician "*Healthy Living Segment*" Saturdays  
David Lorenz, Michigan Travel "*Traveling the Great State of Michigan*" Saturdays  
Maura Thomson, Main Street Area Association Weekly  
Wellness Wednesday – Local health experts Weekly  
Dr. David Mielke, retired Dean, EMU College of Business – "*Business Ethos*" Weekly  
Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce – Weekly  
Saline Chamber of Commerce – Weekly  
Manchester Chamber of Commerce - Weekly  
Milan Chamber of Commerce – Weekly  
Chelsea Chamber of Commerce – Weekly  
Dexter Chamber of Commerce – Weekly  
BRAG Ann Arbor – Around The Home – Weekly  
Non-Profit Spotlight – Weekly