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Rankin Gallery hosts Escanaba artist

BIG RAPIDS - Escanaba artist Ingrid Cline will be exhibiting her work in Ferris State University's Rankin Art Gallery Nov. 9 through Dec. 11.

The exhibit, titled "Human Dimensions: The Manifestation of the Sacred," explores how nature always expresses something that transcends it. The mediums and techniques used include drawing, painting, mixed-media, and traditional Byzantine egg-tempera paintings.

A reception is scheduled Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m., with refreshments and live music by Fred Knapp.

Detroit Free Press

November 07, 2004

Highlights from the Detroit Docs Film Festival

The following are capsule reviews of some of the more than 100 movies playing at the Detroit Docs Film Festival running Thursday through Sunday.

For more information, call 248214-6952 or go to www.detroitdocs.org.

‘Go Further’

Spending a week with Woody Harrelson and friends in a hemp-fueled tour bus is my vision of hell. Yet there’s something oddly charming about Ron Mann's paean to modern-day activism, filmed shortly before 9/11 and featuring impromptu musical performances by Natalie Merchant and Dave Matthews. Unrated; brief nudity, language. 90 minutes. (8 p.m. Friday at the Wayne State University General Lectures Auditorium.) *Reviewed by John Monaghan.*

‘Silver Wings & Civil Rights: The Fight to Fly’

A standard-issue tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II, black pilots who fought racism in the ranks, then returned home to become important symbols of civil rights. What the movie lacks in presentation, it makes up for in the stirring stories of Tuskegee veterans. Unrated; nothing objectionable. 90 minutes (5:30 p.m. Saturday at the WSU General Lectures Auditorium.) J.M.

‘Bums’ Paradise’

The denizens of an industrial landfill on the San Francisco Bay face eviction in Tomas McCabe's incisive look at what it means to be homeless in America. A festival highlight will be the homecoming of Robert (Rabbit) Barringer, a Detroit native and Berkeley grad who is the subject of the film, appearing at the screening with the director. Unrated; language. 53 minutes. (8 p.m. Saturday at the WSU General Lectures Auditorium.) J.M.

‘The Boy Who Plays on the Buddhas of Bamiyan’

Eight-year-old Mir lives among the ruins of Afghanistan’s foremost tourist attraction, gargantuan stone statues destroyed by the Taliban in 2001. Filmmaker Phil Grabsky attempts no narrative, instead depicting Mir and other refugees as surprisingly optimistic survivors of 25 years of war. Unrated; nothing objectionable. 1 hour, 36 minutes. In Dari with English subtitles. (9 p.m. Friday at the Birmingham

‘Jim Crow’s Museum’

In a small former classroom on the campus of Ferris State University in Big Rapids, the ugly residue of more than 200 years of American racism is depicted through hundreds of objects that demean, dehumanize and otherwise insult blacks nearly all of which were once sold commercially. Museum curator David Pilgrim leads the sad tour of this collection of once ubiquitous black-face lawn jockey s, butter churns adorned by a smiling Aunt Jemima and Mammy dolls. 29 minutes.

(2:30 p.m. Saturday at the WSU General Lectures Auditorium.) *Reviewed by Terry Lawson.*

‘Girl Wrestler’

Director Diane Zanden Scrupulously avoids making the obvious points about gender inequality in this portrait of 13-year-old Tara Neal, a red-headed, thoughtful Texas middle-schooler who likes to hang out at the mall and obsesses about her weight-not out of vanity but because she fears she could be disqualified in an upcoming wrestling tournament. Tara has never been defeated by another girl and has difficulty finding opposite-sex opponents. No boy wants to face the prospect of being beaten by a girl. And her career could be coming to an end because the state of Texas bans girl-boy wrestling after age 14. 57 minutes. (7 p.m. Saturday, WSU Bernath Auditorium, David Adamany Undergraduate Library. 5155 Gullen Mall.) *T.L.*

‘Hardwood’

Mel Davis, who once played for the Harlem Globetrotters and now coaches youth basketball in Vancouver, fell in love with hoops and a white woman in the 1950s. But when she became pregnant, both concluded racism would make their marriage impossible. In this film that child - director, Hubert Davis -confronts his father about the decisions he made and the effects they had on their family. 29 minutes. (4 p.m. Sunday, WSU Bernath Auditorium.) *T.L.*

‘Other People’s Pictures

Filmmakers Lorca Shepperd and Cabot Philbrook assemble a fascinating album of people who comb New York's Chelsea Flea Market in search of old photographs that have been thrown out or lost by their original owners, The most unusual of which sell hundreds of dollars. One Israeli immigrant collects only pictures of Nazis in every settings; another man scours for what he calls “male affection” photos, nonsexual pictures of men hugging and holding hands. (4:30 p.m. Saturday, WSU Bernath Auditorium.) *T.L.*

‘About Baghdad’

This excellent and informative look at an American-occupied Iraq, filmed over three weeks in July 2003 is credited to Washington, D.C., collective InCounter Productions but most of the dozens of interviews with Iraqi artists, shop-keepers and activists - as well as those American foot soldiers – were conducted by formerly exiled poet and journalist Sinan Antoon, returning home for the first time in 12 years. He is clearly shocked by the extent of devastation, and so are we. The film is decidedly clearheaded, however, while exploring the psychological damage suffered by citizens who were nearly all happy to see Saddam Hussein removed from power but equally distressed with the aftermath. 1 hour, 40 Minutes. (6p.m. Saturday, Birmingham 8.) *T.L.*

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Criminal justice fraternity offers help raking leaves

BIG RAPIDS - Need help raking leaves? Lambda Alpha Epsilon, a co-ed professional criminal justice fraternity at Ferris State University, is willing to lend a hand.

The fraternity is offering its services free-of-charge for area residents in need of someone to handle their raking problems.

Anyone interested in utilizing the fraternity's services may call (231) 591-6518 or e-mail <fsulae@hotmail.com>.

The city of Big Rapids' leaf collection schedule may help determine when residents would like fraternity members to rake leaves. See the schedule to check when city crews will be in the neighborhood collecting leaves.

Crain's Detroit Business

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Biz Groups support scholarships

How do students find internships? Business and industry trade groups can often help. The following is a sample of trade groups and associations that have collegiate chapters or support scholarship and internship programs in Michigan.

Washington-based group offers a national job board with internship postings. Partners with CampusRN.com to offer a comprehensive scholarship listing.

Adcraft Club

www.adcraft.org

(313) 872-7850

Detroit-based group awards approximately \$25,000 in scholarships annually to students in advertising and marketing and hosts annual programs for students interested in advertising careers. Adcraft also hosts a six-month advertising program for students at Northwood University in Midland.

American Institute of Architects - Detroit Chapter & Michigan Society

www.aimi.com

(313) 965-4100

Has a national job board, including internship postings. Student chapters in four accredited schools (University of Michigan, University of Detroit Mercy, Lawrence Technological University and Andrews University) plus Calvin College, Ferris State and Lansing Community College, which funnel students to the accredited schools.

American Marketing Association

www.ama.org

(248) 478-6910, (800) 262-1150

Chicago-based organization has a national job board, including internship postings. Student chapters at Grand Valley State University, Lansing Community College, Northern Michigan University, Northwood University, Oakland University and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Automation Alley

www.automationalley.com

(248) 457-3200

Troy-based group has a job board, including internship postings. Scholarship program includes six educational institutions in Southeast Michigan. More than \$53,000 in scholarships are available to employees of Automation Alley member companies or their family members. No collegiate chapters.

Automotive Women's Alliance Foundation

www.automotivewomensalliance.com

(248) 583-3922

Troy-based group annually awards \$10,000 in scholarships to female applicants pursuing careers in the automotive industry. Quarterly educational dinner meetings are open to students. No collegiate chapters.

Engineering Society of Detroit

www.esd.org

(248) 353-0735

Southfield-based group has an online job board, including internship postings. Southfield-based ESD offers two \$500-\$1,000 scholarships for collegiate applicants annually in engineering, science, architecture and related technical fields. No collegiate chapters.

Marketing & Sales Executives of Detroit

www.msedetroit.org

(248) 643-6590

Troy-based group awards \$10,000 in scholarships to collegiate majors in marketing and sales. Monthly dinner meetings and annual professional development seminars are open to students. No collegiate chapters.

Mich-Bio

www.michbio.org

(734) 615-9670

Ann Arbor-based nonprofit devoted to expanding the life sciences in Michigan. Recently, invited all major research and life-science teaching institutions to set up student chapters to coordinate lecturers and facility visits. Has satellite offices at Tech-Town, Wayne State University's tech park, and plans a second office at the tech development center on Grand Valley State University's life-sciences campus in Grand Rapids. Mich-Bio's Bio-Connections has a job board, with internship postings. Bio-Connections help small life-science companies pay for an intern's salary with a 25 percent subsidy.

Society of Automotive Engineers

www.sae.org

(248) 273-2455

Warrendale, Pa.-based group with its automotive headquarters in Troy has 17 student chapters in Michigan, from Calvin College to Wayne State University. SAE and member companies support engineering major scholarships and collegiate design competitions.

Society of Manufacturing Engineers

(313) 271-1500

www.sme.org

Dearborn-based group has 19 student chapters, from Baker College to Western Michigan University. Since 1998, the SME has provided more than \$1 million in financial aid through its various scholarship programs. The SME Foundation awards scholarships and fellowships to collegiate applicants pursuing degrees in manufacturing and related fields at two-year and four-year colleges and at the graduate- school level.

Business and trade associations with collegiate chapters or programs may be listed in the Crain online database by providing contact information. Send material to:

hiremichigansbest@crain.com.

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November 09, 2004

Honor society collects cans

BIG RAPIDS - Kappa Delta Pi is collecting donated bottles and cans during Operation Cans Can Make a Difference Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Ferris State University Alpha Alpha Iota Chapter of the International Honor Society in Education is collecting the donations at a drop-off site on Morrison Avenue across from Burger King.

All monies from the event will be donated to the Mid Michigan Community Action Agency, Project Starburst, Mecosta Action Commission on Aging, God's Helping Hands and Women's Information Services, Inc. (WISE).

For more information or if you have questions, contact KDP President Victoria Deadwyler at <fsukdp2003@yahoo.com> or (231) 580-9487.

Detroit Free Press

November 09, 2004

College cuts will hurt state, leader says

As Michigan moves from a brawn-to-brain economy, the state's 15 public universities are its most important resource, Gary Russi, president of Oakland University, told more than 700 civic leaders and students at the Detroit Economic Club luncheon Monday at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

But state budget cuts are hamstringing the drive to double the number of graduates and threatening the schools' quality, a problem that will haunt the state's economy for years, he said.

"Nearly a quarter of a billion fewer state dollars are now being spent on educating an even larger number of college students than just four years ago," said Russi, who also chairs the Presidents Council State Universities of Michigan, which represents the schools. "For every dollar a student invested 30 years ago, the state invested \$3. Today, for every dollar the student invests, the state pays 70 cents."

Twelve of the 15 university presidents sat behind Russi on the speaker's platform in a show of unity.

Michigan cannot make the transition from the brawn economy - with low-skilled, high-paying jobs -- to the brain economy -- with high-paying, high-skilled jobs -- without robust universities, Russi said.

In addition to educating workers, the universities also create 50,000 jobs through the \$1.3 billion in research performed annually at the state's campuses, he said. More than 95 companies in the last five years in life sciences, homeland security and automotive technology have been launched after research partnerships with universities.

"Every dollar of state investment in our universities generates \$26 of economic impact," Russi said, citing a 2002 study by the presidents council and the Michigan Economic Development Corp. "The state's \$1.5 billion investment in our public universities produces \$39 billion in economic impact, 12.6 percent of Michigan's entire gross state product," the highest rate of return of any public investment.

Although the schools have slashed 2,000 jobs, reduced health care costs and created purchasing partnerships, declining state support and mandatory tuition caps are threatening the universities' quality just as Michigan is attempting to double the number of college graduates in the next 10 years. Lt. Gov. John Cherry chairs the Commission on Higher Education and Growth, charged with increasing the numbers. A federal report estimates Michigan must nearly double the number of students enrolled 287,000 currently -- to stay competitive with other states.

“It is time for the state to rededicate itself to the invaluable mission of public higher education,” Russi said. “A quality, accessible public higher education is the key to a stronger, brighter future.”

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November 10, 2004

Veterans Day Concert to be performed Sunday

BIG RAPIDS - The Ferris State University West Central Concert Band is excited to present its second concert in support of the community's veterans and active military personnel.

The concert is free to everyone and will take place Sunday at 4 p.m. in Williams Auditorium on the campus of Ferris State University. Free tickets are available in advance or at the door.

The musical selections will include patriotic songs and other pieces composed during the nations various eras of military conflict, as well as pieces specifically prepared to honor those who have served this country.

The band and its director, Richard Scott Cohen, are especially pleased to announce the participation of the American Legion Post 381 Ritual Team from Newaygo, who will open the ceremony with the presentation of colors.

Featured also from Ferris State University will be new University Vice-President of Academic Affairs Michael Harris, vocalist Rachel – Schumann, and narrator Donna Smith.

The community is invited to come out and support area veterans, active men and women in uniform, and our talented and dedicated musicians from throughout West Central Michigan.

The program will include the following works: "Air for Band" by Frank Erickson, "America, the Beautiful" by Samuel Augustus Ward, "Armed Forces Salute" by Bob Lowden, "Big Band Classics" by Eric Osterling, "Cavall de Foc" by Jose Rafael Pascual-Vukaokana, "Chorale and Shaker Dance" by John Zdechlik, "Civil War Suite" by Harold L. Walters, "Fiddle Tunes" by James Curnow, "Hands Across the Sea" by John Philip Sousa, "Irish Tune from County Derry" by Percy Grainger and "The Star Spangled Banner" by John Stafford Smith.

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'School for Scandal' auditions Monday, Tuesday

BIG RAPIDS - Ferris State University Theatre is on the lookout for talented performers for its winter production, "The School for Scandal."

This play is an upbeat comedy of rumors, lies and deceit. Auditions will run Monday and Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. on the Williams Auditorium stage. The performances for this production are scheduled for Jan. 27 through 30.

Set in 1777 London, Sheridan's play about tumors and deceit takes the audience on a journey through London society of the time. Sir Peter Teazle has taken himself a young wife. But when it's rumored that Sir Peter visit may be involved in an affair, the gossips are off and running.

Acting as the social barometers of London, Lady Sneerwell. Mrs. Candour, Crabtree and Sir Benjamin Backbite hiss and spit their way through the play, taking aim at unsuspecting targets and hitting their marks every time.

Katherine LaPietra will be directing this production and is looking for four to six women and ten to twelve men. No preparation is needed for the audition, simply come and have a good time.

The production will be presented in a different format than usual. It will be performed on stage, where the audience sits in special limited seating on the stage, giving them a close-up performance.

For more information about auditions or Ferris Theatre in general, call Katherine LaPietra at (231) 591-2108, email her at lapietrk@ferris.edu or visit the Ferris Theatre Web site at <www.ferris.edu/theatre>.

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Something Corporate in concert Nov. 18

BIG RAPIDS - The Southern California rock band Something Corporate will be in concert on Nov. 18 at Ferris State University, one of eight dates on a two-week tour to promote the quintet's first concert DVD.

The Autumn aLive concert, presented by students of the Ferris Music Industry Management Association, is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Wink Arena. Tickets are \$5 for FSU students (with Ferris identification card) and \$10 for the general public and are on sale at the Timme Center for Student Services, Ewigleben Ice Arena box office and online at <starticketsplus.com>.

Something Corporate features Andrew McMahon on piano and vocals, Josh Partington and William Tell on guitar, Clutch on bass and Brian Ireland on drums. Their current tour also includes dates at colleges in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

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Motor City Soundtrack to perform Nov. 18

Performing: Motion City Soundtrack will be in concert at Ferris State University on Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. in Wink Arena as part of the Something Corporate concert. Tickets are \$5 for FSU students (with ID) and \$10 for the general public. They are on sale at the Timme Center for Student Services, Ewigleben Ice Arena box office and online at <starticketsplus.com>.

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November 12, 2004

Ferris State students hold food drives

BIG RAPIDS - Students in the Ferris State University social work program are hosting a food drive tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Save-A-Lot and Wal-Mart. The food will benefit area families who may not otherwise have a Thanksgiving dinner. The organization is donating proceeds to the Salvation Army and Project Starburst.

Also, students in the Ferris State University Advertisement Group are hosting a food drive tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Wal-Mart. The food will benefit local food pantries and a Grand Rapids' soup kitchen. Raffle tickets also will be available to win gift certificates from local businesses.

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November 12, 2004

Ferris trustees meet today

BIG RAPIDS - Ferris State University's Board of Trustees will conduct a special meeting today at noon in Room 302 of the Timme Center for Student Services.

The Trustees will be participating via teleconference and the meeting is open to the public.

Trustees will consider an exception to board-approved personnel policies and will enter executive session for strategy sessions connected with the negotiation of an amended collective bargaining agreement with the AFSCME Local 160 and to consider the purchase or lease of property.

The Grand Rapids Press

November 12, 2004

The Ferris art professor laid out his vision for the mural, which will be unveiled in January

GRAND RAPIDS - After listening to artist Robert Barnum describe his conceptual process for a 45-foot-long mural slated for unveiling at Grand Rapids Community College in January, four GRCC art students were rethinking their own design for a mural they began painting Thursday at East Leonard Elementary School.

The students were among a couple dozen attending a lecture at the college Thursday where Barnum, an art professor and resident artist at Ferris State University, laid out his vision for the GRCC mural. It's planned for the college's main entrance as part of its 90th anniversary celebration.

Barnum told students he prefers to paint on canvas because it lasts longer than most walls. He also has developed a simple technique - marking sections with tape on the floor beneath his canvasses - to divide larger works into sections to make sure renderings will fit in the allotted space.

"I wish we'd done what he did, putting it on canvas," said Brett Davis, 30, a second-year art student at the college. Davis was joined by Marti Kondracki, 24, Laura Weingartz, 19, and Mark Sheneman, 29, who chose the East Leonard project as part of their final grade.

"East Leonard doesn't have much of an art program," said Weingartz. "They're just so excited that we're there."

The students laid on a first coat of primer Thursday and must have the project finished by the second week in December. Their hope is to get East Leonard students involved.

Barnum cautioned the four not to fret too much about their original design, noting he always is convinced his work could be improved.

His GRCC mural celebrates some of the college's more prominent programs and benefactors, including four of its seven presidents. Original plans called for all seven to be depicted but Barnum resisted, preferring to stay away from what he called "dead-guy art."

"One of the problems I had with putting all the presidents in was that you look at it and all you can think about is, 'I remember when he died,'" Barnum said.

He is working on the canvas in his Big Rapids studio. Once completed, he will roll it up; bring it to Grand Rapids for hanging, where it will stretch for about a week before finally being fixed in place.

Barnum painted a 130-footlong canvas piece for the Flite Library at Ferris that he worked on in a handball court to contain paint fumes.

“A big painting isn't really a painting problem,” Barnum said. “It’s a moving problem.”

The Detroit News

November 12, 2004

Public universities fuel Michigan's economy

If the state invests more in higher education, colleges will continue creating a healthy rate of return that exceeds what taxpayers contribute Gov. Jennifer Granholm herself has said that "Our higher education system is the jet fuel that propels our economy." We couldn't agree more with her.

We are now in an era that demands more mind power from our workforce; an era where a higher level of skill and knowledge - and in many, cases, a college degree -- is the minimum career-advancement credential and passport required for entry into the middle class. Individuals with just a high school diploma are over 40 percent more likely to find themselves standing in an unemployment line compared to those who have earned bachelor's degree.

The earnings gap between high school and college degree completers is equally telling, with those with bachelor's degrees likely to earn on average upwards of 60percent more annually - and the gap is growing. States that fail to provide the workforce for these brain power jobs are going to fall behind.

The development of a highly skilled workforce is only one way in which our public universities serve as a powerful force for economic renewal. Our universities fuel the Michigan economy through the commercialization of research conducted on our campuses.

We are building on an already impressive national reputation for bringing licenses and patents to the marketplace, and for business and new job creation. The transfer of knowledge from our university laboratories to main street was manifested this past year through the start-up of 30 new businesses, 560 new invention disclosures, and 137 new licensing agreements that generated some \$40 million in revenue.

Providing our students with the high-quality education they deserve and that the world economy demands is an expensive undertaking. But our universities have done a commendable job of keeping access to a four-year college degree within reach of our younger generation.

Last fall's average tuition increases were kept well below the Midwest and national averages for public universities, and this fall's increases were kept to the rate of inflation, around a modest 2.5 percent. By way of comparison, the average increase in resident undergraduate tuition at public universities around the nation this fall was 10.5 percent.

The average "sticker price" for tuition at a Michigan public university in Fiscal Year 2003 was about \$5,570 a year. But after factoring in federal and state aid, both merit and need-based, along with financial aid provided by our individual universities, the net tuition cost -- what students and their families actually pay -- for an average student today is less than half of that figure -- about \$2,495 a year.

Perhaps more remarkable is the fact that, after adjusting for inflation and the financial aid and tax credits available today, the average family is actually paying less to send a student to a Michigan public university today than it did in 1998.

The Education Commission of the States estimates that Michigan must enroll 222,000 more postsecondary students to match the higher education participation rates of benchmark states.

This equates to more than doubling our total current undergraduate enrollment. The good news is that enrollment in our universities has been on the rise. Total enrollment now tops 287,000 students, representing our ninth consecutive year of increases at the Michigan 15.

We applaud Gov. Granholm for appointing Lt. Governor John Cherry to chair a Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth. The commission's charge is twofold: To double the number of college graduates in Michigan within the next 10 years and ensure that those graduates have the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the 21st century workplace.

Unfortunately, at this critical time in our state's history -- at a time when enrollment in our universities needs to be growing -- state support for higher education has been diminished severely. Nearly a quarter of a billion fewer state dollars are now being spent on educating an even larger number of college students than just four years ago.

To put this declining support for public higher education in perspective, in Michigan, for every one dollar the student invested 30 years ago, the state invested three dollars. Today, for every one dollar the student invests, the state pays 70 cents.

This dramatic decline in state support, coupled with legislatively mandated tuition caps, has starved our institutions to the point where reductions in quality are becoming apparent.

To retain our world-class reputation for quality and to graduate skilled workers for the knowledge-age economy, this trend must be reversed.

Price controls in the form of tuition caps imposed from Lansing, coupled with the serious erosion of state funding over the last three years, do not make for a sustainable model for growing enrollment and improving quality.

Why should taxpayers care about and even underwrite the college and career ambitions of our younger generation? Because once they're out in the workforce, these men and women will pay far more back to the state than it spent to educate them. And that return on investment will come in many ways beyond property and income taxes.

We remain unwavering in our belief that public higher education is a public good and that the public investment made by the citizens of Michigan is returned many fold and in countless ways.

Higher education benefits:

Michigan's 15 state universities generate \$26 of economic activity for each \$1 invested by the state, according to an SRI International study.

University research this year led to the start-up of 30 businesses, 560 inventions and 137 licensing agreements that generated \$40 million in revenue.

High school graduates are more than 40 percent more likely to be unemployed than college graduates.

College graduates with a bachelor's degree earn about 30 percent more than high school graduates.

The Grand Rapids Press

October 14, 2004

Ferris State names grads

Graduates of Ferris State University, Big Rapids, include Keith Scheiem, Belding; Brian Clark, Christopher Haenisch and Michele Klinge, Belmont; Jeremy Brehmer, Bryan Bremmer, Lisa Metzger and Levi Wilver, Cedar Springs; Brian Balczak, Michael Bekru, James Bockheim, Heather Crossman, Matthew Dayringer, Jennifer Deewaard, Eric DeKorte, Robert Dertien, David DeVroy, Ryan Jarosch, Gregory Kamp, Aaron Knott, Melissa Lane, Jose Lopez, Patrick McAuliffe, Phillip Mooney, Maureen O'Brien, Ryan Rockwell, Benjamin Savoy, Elizabeth Schuelke, Nicole Tabaczynski, Christina Thick and Brandi Willis, Plainfield Township; Amanda Cafmeyer, Ryan Dodd and Corey Smith, Greenville; Daniel Alstead, Jeffrey Andree, Jenny Bazan, Arwen Blunt, Heather Bockheim, Erica Cronin, Brian Farlow, Julie Hikade, Stephen Schmuker, Justin Sweany and Amanda White, Rockford; and Margaret Cole, Darren DeJong, Kurt Middleton, Russell Sanders, Amy Sedine and Jessica Wright, Sand Lake.