



## ROUGHED UP

Pitcher Chris Lambert lasts just three innings in his debut as Indians send Tigers to 10-4 loss

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## ALLEGED GANG MEMBERS ARRESTED

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## MATTEL WINS SUIT FOR BRATZ

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### U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

# Census: More live in poverty

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More than 22,000 Jackson County residents were living in poverty in 2007, according to U.S. Census Bureau numbers released Tuesday.

That number has grown by nearly 1,400 since 2005.

The county's population and

## County's population, median income on decline

median income decreased in that time, while the number of people living in poverty increased to 15 percent.

Local leaders blame the increase in poverty on high unemployment rates fueled by the downsizing of the automotive industry and rising costs of food and transportation.

"It's rough out there," said David Hinckley of Jackson, a father and former factory worker who has been without a job for about two years. "You make it the best way you know how."

Hinckley, 28, said he stays with friends, collects cans and receives food stamps to manage.

The 2007 Census Bureau pov-

erty threshold for one person was \$10,590. For a family of three it was \$16,705.

The median household income in Jackson County in 2007 was

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### Jackson County numbers

	Population	Residents living in poverty	Median household income
2005	152,487	21,173	\$47,053
2006	151,190	22,412	\$42,912
2007	151,632	22,565	\$43,328

Source: American Community Survey

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### DNR ORDER

## Feeding, baiting deer are banned

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The state Department of Natural Resources has banned all feeding and baiting of deer in the Lower Peninsula.

The first total ban on feeding deer in the region was prompted by the discovery Monday of a captive deer with chronic wasting disease in Kent County.

The disease, akin to mad cow disease, previously has been discovered in wild and captive deer in Wisconsin and other states.

"Baiting and feeding unnaturally congregate deer into close contact, thus increasing the transmission of contagious diseases such as CWD and bovine tuberculosis," agency officials said in a news release.

"Bait and feed sites increase the likelihood that those areas will become contaminated with the feces of infected animals, making them a source of CWD infection for years to come."

The ban covers grain, fruit, vegetables, minerals, salt and supplements. Those caught violating the ban will be subject to a citation and a \$100 fine.

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### NO RAIN — AREA SUFFERING FROM LACK OF PRECIPITATION

# All dried up

## Dry August putting hurt on crops

### Jackson County August rainfall

Driest August on record

0.23 inches  
(1976)

Second-driest on record

0.83 inches  
(1984)

August 1992

1.19 inches

Through Aug. 26, 2008

1.22 inches

August 2007

7.41 inches

Source: AccuWeather.com

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Brown, bone-dry lawns and barren crops are the fallout from an August that appears destined to be the driest in 16 years for Jackson County.

According to AccuWeather.com, 1.22 inches of rain has fallen in the county since the month began.

AccuWeather meteorologist Carl Erickson said the area gets an average of 2.88 inches in August. If the month had ended Tuesday, that would be the lowest for an August since 1992.

Erickson said the area's chances for rain in the next week are "few and far between." That's bad news for farmers, who Erickson said have been hurt by recent dryness.

"What the farmers here need right now is a light to moderate rain that's going to soak into the soil," Erickson said. "The last day we had that was July 2, when we got about 1.69 inches."

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## NEWS IN A FLASH

### Wolf-dog or not? — A

Jackson County judge will be asked to decide whether a Brooklyn dog named Breed is part wolf. A county Animal Control officer seized the 130-pound dog last week after it was found roaming in Columbia Township for the second time in three weeks. A3

### Gang indictments

— At least five members of an alleged fledgling gang in Jackson have been arraigned on federal indictments. Three more members of the Evonnie Boyz & Gyrlz gang are still being sought on firearms and drug charges. The 14-count indictment charges the eight with conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and heroin, plus other drug and gun charges. A3

**Sidewalk crackdown** — Anyone who is violating Jackson's sidewalk-replacement ordinance could



soon be getting a bill and a new walkway. Fifteen homeowners were cited and given a deadline of early next month to fix sidewalks before the city repairs them and charges the owners. A3

### Millage requests

— Local governments and schools are asking voters to agree to dip a little further into their pockets by approving millages Nov. 4. The Northwest and Leslie school districts, the Jackson District Library and Norvell Township are all seeking millages. A4

**Still sliding** — The Detroit Tigers got no relief from their pitching problems Tuesday as Chris Lambert, the newest addition from Toledo, was knocked out of his major-league debut in the third inning of a 10-4 romp by the Cleveland Indians. The loss dropped Detroit into fourth place in the division. B1

## THE SKINNY

### No sale for man's million-mile Chevy

CATAWBA, Wis. (AP) — A 1991 Chevrolet Silverado that has traveled more than 1 million miles is still on the market, its owner says, though it failed to fetch the premium price that he had hoped for.

Frank Oresnik said he failed to sell the 1991 truck during a 10-day auction on eBay that ended Sunday. He had placed a minimum bid of \$30,000, and said all he got was a couple of feelers.

The 58-year-old Oresnik said he is going to put the truck back on eBay later this week with no minimum bid.

Oresnik bought the truck 12 years ago when it had 41,000 miles. He used the vehicle to deliver seafood in three states, putting on about 85,000 miles a year. When the odometer hit a million miles earlier this year, the feat brought him national attention.

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