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Around Town

Icy roads contribute to auto collision

Icy road conditions Monday contributed to a traffic crash that resulted in three people being hospitalized.

Deborah Green, 41, of Jackson lost control of her vehicle southbound on Werkner Road and struck a vehicle head-on carrying Carol MacMillan, 39, and her daughter, Brooke, 7, of Chelsea. All were injured.

The two women were taken to University of Michigan Hospitals by ambulance and were listed in good condition Tuesday. The youngster was transported by helicopter and was listed in critical condition.

The crash occurred at approximately 3:50 p.m. a half mile from Island Lake Road.

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Lt. Brenda Sutton said the crash is still under investigation.

South School holds fitness night Friday

South Meadows Elementary will hold a fitness night from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 16. Students and parents are invited to exercise together.

Tai Kwon Do, gymnastics, yoga, dance arts, basic training, aerobics, folk dancing, square dancing, obstacle course, marine rescue, diving, Middle Eastern dance and a health and fitness education room will be offered. Prizes will be handed out to children upon completion of a 15-minute exercise class.

Children's clinic starts today

The University of Michigan Department of Family Medicine is offering free medical care for children up to age 18, whose outpatient care or immunizations were not covered by Medicaid or other insurance.

The clinics will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of every month starting today at Chelsea Family Practice Center, 14700 E. Old US-12.

Last month for *Standard* surveys

After extending our November deadline, January has become the last chance to turn in *The Chelsea Standard* "What's Bothering You" surveys. Fill out the questions with your community concerns before the end of the month and turn them in to the *Standard* office.

The survey is a way for the newspaper to understand your concerns in the Chelsea community so we can focus our coverage on areas that are important to our readers. We will publish the results in February.

School board accepts early childhood grant

The Chelsea Board of Education accepted a $14,000 grant from the Chelsea Community Foundation, through the Southeast Michigan Foundation to fund the Community Education Parents as Teachers Program. The money will pay for staffing the program, lowering tuition for participants.

Parents as Teachers focuses on education beginning at birth and ending at 3 years old, after which a child can enter pre-school. Organizers of the program said it allows kids to get a head start on learning by giving parents resources for all stages of the child's development.

—Here's Looking at You—

D'Ann Gietzen's second-grade students at North Creek Elementary got an eyeful Monday when they dissected a sheep eyeball. The teacher cut out the retina, lens and other parts of the eye to show the kids how our their eyes work. Pictured are Alex Corser (left) Joshua Couden, Brittany Harmon, Aurora Knopper, Kyle Mills and Brooke MacMillan.

Policy on gays raised at board meeting

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

A question from a Chelsea High School student about the district's lack of a non-discrimination policy for gay students drew little response from the Chelsea Board of Education Monday night.

High school senior Luke Deikis asked the board to include sexual orientation among the protected classes the district is prohibited from discriminating against.

The school district's current discrimination policy gives protection against discrimination based on race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion and disability. Superintendent Ed Richardson said the district follows state and federal law in determining protected classifications in the district.

Richardson said he doesn't believe the board should make changes to the policy to add groups because he thinks the classes should be decided at the state and federal levels, so residents of Michigan can use the legislative process to determine protected groups.

He said that the biggest difficulty he foresees would be that the list of classifications could begin to include a wide variety of different groups not limited to sexual orientation. If each district decided its own guidelines, Richardson said, the protections would vary dramatically across the state.

"There's no end to the potential descriptions of protected classes," Richardson said. "To identify additional ones would create more division than protection."

Board President Jane Diesing said the board has not considered changing the policy, partly because the issue has never come in front of the board. She said that she has thought about the policy recently but has not made up her mind where she stands on the issue.

"I really can't answer that today," Diesing said Tuesday of whether she would support a change. "I'd have to study things a little further."

Though Diesing was undecided, she said the board would likely deal with the issue in future meetings. She said the board would have to review the possibilities of changing the policy.

"I think the door has been opened and the issue is out there," Diesing said. "It's just not anything that we've talked about. It just hasn't come up."

The issue of sexual orientation came to the forefront in a recent Chelsea High School student council meeting and was reported in an article by John Pobojewski in the Dec. 19

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Same-sex couples spur debate at CHS

Editor's note: The following was printed with the permission of The Bleu Print, *the Chelsea High School newspaper.*

By John Pobojewski
The Bleu Print

Student Council had a meeting that turned into a heated discussion over the issue of gay and lesbian rights November 19, an issue that soon became a school-wide debate.

The old system for school dances that caused the problem is that one person was admitted for three dollars, and a couple was admitted for five dollars. The controversy started because the administration was not allowing same sex couples into dances for the couple price. Therefore, a couple of say, two girls, would be forced to pay six dollars (three dollars each) as opposed to the normal couple price of five dollars.

Another problem that some students had with this system is that two friends of opposite sex could go into the dance together and save money, but a real couple of the same sex cannot, or same-sex friends cannot. Students felt they were being discriminated upon on the basis of sex. The council had three possible solutions to vote on. They decided to either eliminate the couple price, decrease all the prices and eliminate the couple price, or keep the policy the same.

The federal and state laws state that students will not be discriminated against based on race, gender, age, religion, and other things, but sexual preference is excluded from the law. Student Council had to change its policy if it felt things were unequal since the administration was not willing to change its policy of not admitting same-sex couples.

At the December 3 meeting, Student Council decided to put the issue to a vote. During open forum, the students debated both sides of the issue, with one side saying that the reduced price would now eliminate both the problems of friends entering the dance as a "couple," and the problems of allowing a same-sex couple in for a different price. The other side stated that the elimination of the couple price would decrease dance attendance and therefore decrease Student Council's budget.

After the debate, members voted on changing the current policy to three dollars per person, thereby eliminating the couple price. They voted in favor, 47-3. Student Council also voted to keep this policy in effect for all dances, including semi-formal dances such as Winter Carnival and Homecoming and decided to have a certain "contest" like bringing canned food to a dance for a reduced entry fee.

Students around CHS are speaking out about the debate. Senior Luke Deikis put up posters supporting gay rights during

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Education Foundation to award scholarships

Once again, the Chelsea Education Foundation will award six scholarships to Chelsea High School students this spring at Class Night.

The scholarships include the following.

- The Joe Piasecki Memorial Scholarship, named for the late superintendent, which goes to a graduating senior who is planning to attend college or trade school;
- The Mary Merkel Memorial Scholarship, which goes to a Chelsea resident who is studying for a degree in a health-related field;
- The Washtenaw Community College Scholarship, which goes to a CHS student who plans to attend the community college;
- Two Chelsea Education Foundation scholarships, which go to seniors who plan

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—Flag Donation—

Veterans of Foreign Wars post 4076 donated American flags to local schools Monday. Pictured are Chaplain Leroy Fulcher, North Creek Principal Sharon Whitmore, and Vice President Robert Reed.

Sylvan passes library pact

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

Sylvan Township Board voted Jan. 6 to approve the amended district library agreement to include Lima and Lyndon townships among the primary members of the district. Sylvan's vote makes Dexter Township the only current member of the district that has not signed the new amendment.

Sylvan Supervisor Jerry Dresselhouse said he thought the new district is the best mix of townships to fund the library. He said Sylvan had wanted Lima and Lyndon townships in the agreement from the start, and he was glad to see the agreement come together over the last year.

"It's the culmination of the original planning," Dresselhouse said. "I'm pleased that the district library is now comprised of the five (municipalities)."

Sylvan's vote on the library agreement was delayed until the new year in order to handle a legal arrangement to allow the township to enter into a new agreement. Dexter Township took a similar delay at its December board meeting.

If Dexter signs off on the amendment at its meeting Jan. 20, the new library board members from Lima and Lyndon townships will begin work immediately. Sylvan and Dexter will each lose one representative on the board, and the board will drop to seven members.

Chelsea will lose one representative at the end of 1999 when the terms of the current appointees expire. Two floating members will be appointed from any township. Chelsea District Library Director Metta Lansdale said Sylvan Township re-appointed Lynn Fox to another term, and the board nominated Sylvan's other appointee, Tom Gerstenlauer, for an at-large office.

A major task ahead for the board is to ask voters within the district to approve an operating millage for the library. Lansdale said planning for the millage is still in the early stages, but the board would likely put the issue to a vote by residents in 1999.

Lansdale said the board will consider the recommendations of a newly formed task force that is studying what services will be needed and how much space the library will require. The task force's recommendations will help determine the size of the millage request.

Lansdale said the board will probably ask voters for a millage to address the space problem at the same time the operating millage is voted on. She said the two issues would be separate votes but would probably happen in the same election. The board has until November 2000 to receive an operating millage, or the agreement will expire.

In other business, the township gave the go-ahead to draft a request for proposals to determine the feasibility of putting in a sewer at Cavanaugh Lake. The request will be sent to engineering firms, which will provide an estimate of the cost for doing the study.

The board will likely include the study in its 1998 budget. The board will hold a hearing on the budget in March and vote on the new budget in April after the fiscal year ends.

Dresselhouse said the township conducted a survey of lake residents and found 60 percent were interested in doing the feasibility study. Dresselhouse said that the township required 60 percent interest because typically 10

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Opening Remarks

By Brian Hamilton

We've received a couple of letters from people who don't like the idea of paving the vacant lot on Park Street next to the Purple Rose to make room for more parking.

Either a parking lot or a parking structure there will certainly change the look of the area, and, as noted, get rid of a small but popular sledding hill. (Perhaps Uncle Apollo's suggestions for underground parking don't seem so unusual after all.)

There's also no question that on play nights, especially on weekends, side streets are jammed with cars. The section of Park Street between East and Main is looking less like a residential neighborhood all the time. And during the day, Middle Street, Park Street, South Street and Orchard Street are holding more and more cars.

I can't say I'm enthusiastically for or against the proposal just yet. But I do question the nature of the "parking problem" based mostly on my own experience.

The "parking problem" used to bother me a lot. When our newspaper office was downtown at Main and Middle, it was often very difficult to find a space *close* to the office, especially in the middle of the day. Yes — I plead guilty — I know downtown employees should not be parking in the prime spots, but it happens all the time, which may be a big part of the problem. On many occasions, I've seen other employees, and even business owners, come out of their store and get into their cars sitting right in front of their building.

Now that we're out by the Wolverine, I have a little different perspective.

I recently had a business lunch downtown. I had to drive around for a couple of minutes to find a spot that was all of 75 yards away from the Grill. I remember commenting at lunch about the "parking problem," which seems so much worse when I'm in a hurry.

But later, when I stopped to look at it objectively, parking was really pretty easy, even at the busiest time of the day. I find this is usually the case, no matter what time of day, especially if I'm not too picky and give myself a few extra minutes.

So, again I have to ask, do we have a general parking problem that's a problem for nearly everyone? Or do we have an employee parking problem, which may be a different animal? Are our expectations so high that we (including downtown employees) believe we have the right to park next to the store of our choice? In other words, are many of us just lazy?

I agree that there are under-used lots and that directional signs are lacking. Many people, for example, either don't know about the lot behind the fire station on West Middle Street or just forget about it or ignore it. Certainly out-of-towners must have a difficult time finding it.

It's interesting that the proposed new lot is really not much closer to Main Street than the fire station lot. Would it be used throughout the day or simply be a lot for the theater? We can only guess.

I'm not sure a new lot in that location is going to do much to solve the problem unless a lot of people decide they're going to walk. It may be as much a public relations problem as a physical one.

Student Editorial

By Kelly Mendenhall
Chelsea High School

All names have been changed in the following editorial to protect the privacy of those involved.

"Chris! Dude! He cut himself bad, man. We got to take him to the hospital. This is not good."

The previous statement was made on what is now known as one of the worst nights of my teen-age life, so far. The person speaking was my friend, Nick, and he was speaking to my boyfriend at the time, Chris. Our friend Justin had just done what we thought to be unthinkable for him to do.

When drunk off beer and hard liquor, he sliced his arm open with a piece of broken glass, cutting right down to his tendons and muscle. Fear that he would lose use of his hand was present, and we knew we had to take him to the hospital.

After this incident, which seemed to us to be bad enough, none of us realized at that point that this would be the first of things to come on his path to self-destruction.

Justin was a quiet boy. He kept to himself a lot of the time, and he was never hostile towards anyone else or himself. He still remains to be one of the sweetest people I know. (Unless he has alcohol in his system.)

Justin grew up in Dexter, which as you all know, is not far from our quiet little town of Chelsea. He grew up in a loving home and was not what you would call a person who lacked advantages in life. His parents divorced at some point, but I don't know that that had too much to do with who he is now. From what I'm told, he was a star football player for Dexter High, and his parents never seemed to have too many problems with him as a child. It was when he grew up and realized what alcohol was that they started to notice changes.

Justin is now 17, but when I first met him, he was still only 16. It was known that he drank, but not that it would ever turn in to a problem. Well, it did.

In the incident mentioned in the beginning of this story, he was very intoxicated and not using his head at all. We should have all known right then that there was indeed a problem, but we just didn't.

So many people in small towns seem to believe that things like this just don't happen to their kids. They seem to shelter their children so much from the time that they're born that they fool themselves in to thinking that nothing bad will ever come in to play in their lives. What we all need to wake up and realize is that no matter how much you try to shelter your children, it doesn't save them from themselves. They can find trouble in rather odd places. Or rather, trouble can find them. (And let us keep in mind; Alcoholism and Drug Addiction are diseases. They are not matters of irresponsibility on the part of the party and/or parties involved. So let us not place blame on those who are victims.)

Justin never meant to become an alcoholic. He was a young guy looking for fun. No one ever expects the worst, and why should he have? When you're a mere 16 years old, you think of the world as your oyster. You're untouchable. Nonetheless, it happened. Within a year's time I saw him go from a happy-go-lucky guy who smiled 90 per cent of the time, to a drunk. I loved him with all my heart, and I still do, but he was a drunk.

Rather then turn my back on him, I was there for him whenever he called upon me. When he was too drunk to think, I tried to think for him, and when he was sober enough to at least listen to reason, I tried to talk all of the sense I could in to him. He was one of the luckier ones, because you see, he wanted the help, and in his own way, he was asking for it. Some people don't want help, and those are the people you just can't do anything for.

Justin finally admitted himself in to inpatient rehab in December and has gone through the follow up day treatment, as well. He is definitely the better person for it. He talks all the time, he smiles constantly, and he couldn't have more of a hunger for life. He has only one problem now. He's a recovering alcoholic, and it's an ongoing struggle to remain that way. No matter how hard anyone tries to paint the picture a prettier color, he will have to live with that for the rest of his life, and he is a mere 17, now.

I shared this story and this experience with you, because I wanted to try and let the parents out there know that it can happen to your kids and will if you're not watching for it to happen. Don't kid yourself about it, for it could mean the quality of life for your son/daughter. And please, if this does happen to one of your kids, don't turn your back on them. It's scary enough to go through it with support, but on your own its Hell on Earth at its worst.

I told Justin something I will never forget saying. We were having a conversation where he confessed to me his fears of not being able to make it and I made the following statement. "Sometimes before things can get better they have to fall completely apart, and sooner or later you have to fall. After you fall, you have to learn to pick yourself back up. (With a little help.) And when you pick yourself up, that's when you have to put the pieces back together. But before things can get better, you have to want them to, and I promise you, things will get better. I also promise to be with you through all of it."

Things are better, and Justin and I are closer then ever before. We're like brother and sister now, and I've kept my promises to him. I'm helping him put the pieces back together, and he's staying off alcohol.

Uncle Apollo

I see where the school's plans for a wireless Internet deal didn't work out so well.

Now I never say I told you so to anyone, but you can refer to my article about this whole idea that I wrote when they first announced the thing. I wasn't consulted, of course, because not many people know I'm a computer expert.

I am, though. I have a Pentium mind, although I'm a bit short on memory, and the years have been chipping away at it. And Auntie has always told me that I need to eat slower because I have this natural tendency to take megabytes when I eat.

Anyway, it seems that even though this system of theirs doesn't need wires, it does need air or it can't breathe. And there's all this junk in the air between the schools, so the thing just sits there gasping and choking so the kids are wading when they're supposed to be surfing. Seems to me it's nothing a laser beam, a screwdriver and a box of lime Jell-O couldn't take care of.

But since they didn't call me, I can't help them, can I? It's mainly because I experiment with the newest technology, just like the school does. And every once in awhile, I take my computers apart, mix up all the pieces, and put them back together again just to see if I can make them work better.

I'll tell you, it's not like the old days with the '57 Chevys. No sir. If you leave out a couple of parts, generally you can tell. Just the other day I was rearranging my chips and had everything spread out on the floor when Arf came up and decided that the microprocessor looked a lot like a doggie treat. Either that or he was mad at me for forgetting to feed him.

Either way, he had significantly increased his processing speed before I could stop him. Eventually I got the chip back, but it doesn't seem to work quite as well as it used to. These computer components are very sensitive to stuff like that.

Anyway, I had a couple of thoughts about how the schools might be able to get things working until they get their wirefull Internet system in place. They could try a radio link, where they bounce the thing back and forth between all of the towers we have around here to find a clear path for these radio waves to travel. If they accidentally pick up a random phone conversation, so what? In fact, depending on the conversation, that could actually be an educational experience for the kids.

There's also another thing they could try that would be even more innovative. Everyone talks about the Internet, but very few realize there's another system that is becoming very popular in some herds. It's called the Uddernet and all you need is a couple of chunks of wood and a carving knife. If the schools are interested, they could give me a call. I have an inside track on this one.

Letters to the Editor

Grateful for hunting, venison on table

I know that nothing I say will change the minds of the anti-hunters like L. Nabozny. However, I felt compelled to express my thoughts.

I have deep respect for the hunters I have known throughout my life. Though I don't hunt myself, I feel privileged to be included when they make their annual trips up north for bow and gun season.

The hunters I know spend a lot of time and effort in preparation for their hunt. They have great respect for whitetail deer and are probably far more educated about the mating and feeding habits of deer and other wildlife than L. Nabozny ever thought of being.

Yes, men miss work and boys miss school and for a few wonderful days they walk in the woods and the fields. They build friendships that last a lifetime. They share stories and experiences that they eventually tell their sons and grandchildren. They learn lessons about trust, companionship, nature and survival. And whether they are successful or not they come back to the corporate, fast-paced world a little more relaxed and a little more in touch with the world beyond our concrete highways.

I find it interesting that L. Nabozny would prefer to control the deer population with chemical birth control. Eating, breeding and surviving are the natural life goals of the whitetail. People like L. Nabozny, it seems, would prefer to throw these animals into our scientific, high-tech world and control them like docile house pets, manipulating their breeding instincts and wild nature.

Perhaps we should herd them up, fence them in, inject them with hormones to make them fat and antibiotics to kill the diseases we've helped to create, feed them grain contaminated by pesticides then ship them off in overcrowded cattle carriers for a terrifying trip to the slaughter house where their screams can be heard while they are slaughtered by the millions.

Personally, I eat very little beef and pork. I am more grateful to my God, who gave man dominion over the beasts of the earth, for the venison on my table. My hunter and I know how this animal lived, we know where it ate, we know for its lifetime it was free and wild. I say a prayer of thanksgiving for the sacrifice of its life and for the right to more fully appreciate the true significance of meat on the table, that life giveth life.

Yes, there is a lot of posturing and boasting over trophy bucks. Superficially, those actions give anti-hunters a lot of unfounded ammunition. But, to truly be a part of the hunt and the work, the knowledge, the respect and the conservation behind it, can put us closer to God, nature and our relationship with the world beyond fast food and grocery stores.

One only needs to look at the appreciation the Native Americans have for the spirits

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of the wildlife they were dependent on to feed their tribes to understand the true, deep feelings beyond the hunt. The anticipation, the exhilaration, the sadness and grief, the appreciation and gratitude, they are the now unspoken elements of the kill and are as old as human nature itself. The ceremonies behind these elements have sadly turned into a crowd around a buck pole because modern day mankind cannot reveal their true nature.

Charlotte Schiller

Let's not pave over paradise

One of the favorable impressions the village of Chelsea made on me some years ago was that the village had the forethought to leave a green space downtown.

I have seen other towns, like Jackson, pave over every conceivable building or corner to create parking lots to serve the downtown. But, in the meantime, anything charming about their downtown was obliterated along with customers.

Chelsea has literally hundreds of parking spaces on the streets adjacent to the downtown. Our streets are beautiful and walkable. When I see East Street, Park Street and my street, Harrison, lined with parked cars, only then I will consider that Chelsea may need a new parking lot. As a community, Chelsea need not buy into the typical mindset that walking a block is a barrier to shopping in the downtown area.

The suggestions in last week's letter to the editor by Ms. Pappas and Pauschenberger were right on. There is not one decent sign in town to advise drivers about public or street parking. I wasn't even aware that the parking lot by the fire station existed until this issue of the parking structure came to light. Chelsea is lucky to have a green space for our children and us. Let's not "pave over paradise to put up a parking lot."

Reid Travis

Wanted: The Perfect Coach

Must be willing to give up: vacations; days off; family, friends, sibling events, spouse and dinner — all to be with a group of loud, boisterous children.

You don't need to know what you are doing because you will be wrong anyway.

Must not be emotional.

Must never raise your voice.

Must have the patience of a saint.

Must be a part-time babysitter for late parents.

Must remember, when you are winning, everybody loves you, and when you lose, you're a jerk.

Coach's wife position also available:

Must like sitting alone.

Must have very thick skin.

Must never need to use the phone in the evening.

Must be able to duck fast when insults start flying.

Must have a very big ear! Because lord knows it will be chewed off if there is a bad fame by either a parent or the coach.

These positions should not be confused with that of The Sideline Coach.

The one who is usually late.

Thinks you are always wrong.

Wonders what the #%$@ you are doing.

Will not make a commitment to actually coach.

Loves to criticize and condemn those who are willing to commit.

Parent Position:

Must always remember that when you commit to sports, it is a team effort. If a couple don't show up, the rest of the team may not be able to play. Winning is not everything. But let's face it. Nobody likes to lose. So practice is sometimes necessary.

There will be good games and not so good games. But if they had fun, what more can you ask for?

You must remember, the coach is human, too. Subject to good and bad days, and will always make mistakes.

Your job is not to criticize at the game, but call that coach at home. That is also part of his job.

And remember, you don't have to play.

L. Jolly

Many help to provide FIA Christmas dinner

On Christmas Day, Faith In Action, Inc., relocated to Our Savior Lutheran Church to host its annual community Christmas dinner.

The purpose of the dinners is to ensure as far as possible that no one in the community has to spend Christmas day alone.

While many families and individuals had already received Christmas baskets of food and gifts, there remain those each year who face the unpleasant aspect of a lonely time. Someone once commented that you can be alone in a crowd, many find themselves surrounded by the crowds of Christmas revelers, yet feeling left out of the joy being expressed. This annual dinner brings together many people of all ages, adding to the fun are the children of the volunteers.

This year, Faith In Action was assisted by the expertise of chief cooks Bob Fisher, Ken Toney and Duane Layher, all of whom are members of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

We deeply appreciate the generosity of many people and organizations for their help, especially Gina's Cafe for contributing food, the Rev. Dale Grimm, the congregation of Our Savior Church for the use of their building and McDonald's restaurant for beverages.

During 1997, Faith In Action provided for the needs of nearly 7,000 people and approximately 8,000 meals were delivered to homes by volunteer drivers. FIA House provided a "home" to the Washtenaw County Senior Nutrition Program, the Chelsea Senior Citizens, CATS Bus and a number of other community organizations.

To all who support our efforts on behalf of others, thank you for your confidence and your generosity. Without the full support of the communities we serve and the loyal efforts of our volunteers, we would not be able to provide the assistance needed by those who face difficulties in their lives.

As we begin a new year, we particularly salute the young people of our communities who conduct the food drives each year that keep our pantry shelves full. As they represent the future of our nation, it is comforting to note that they are learning at early ages to care for people less fortunate than themselves.

The Rev. Dr. Jerrold Beaumont
Faith In Action

Gay couples challenge ticket prices

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the debate and he believes they did some part in convincing people to talk to their student council representative, and helping that person to vote in favor of changing the policy. "The posters were put up for a reason," he says. "I think the posters made a real difference."

Senior Jean-Pierre Mouilliseaux also believes that some change is necessary. "(Gay rights) is an issue that has to be dealt with. Some people believe that because it does not effect many people (at CHS), then it isn't important. However, numbers aren't the issue. It still remains a problem even if it doesn't effect everybody."

On the other side of the issue, some students are against the idea of allowing gay couples into the dances. Senior Sean Stickney says, "I can't understand why (the same sex couple) would want to come to a dance. I think that it should rather be kept a secret than have everybody know, because it makes some people uncomfortable." Senior Kevin Bloomensaat went farther on to comment about gay rights in general by saying, "(Homosexuality) is against the way nature intended. I don't understand how people can think it's right."

Regardless of the same sex couples problem, some people had a problem with the whole concept of a couple price. It gives an advantage to people that are a couple, so that single people are paying more for admission. Some members felt that a couple price was somewhat punishing people for being single.

Foundation to award scholarships

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to attend college or trade school;

• The Walter P. and Helen May Leonard Scholarship, funded by *The Chelsea Standard*, and named for the former newspaper publishers. The scholarship will go to a senior who plans to attend college or trade school but might not be able to do so without financial help.

The scholarships are all valued at $1,000.

Application forms will be available beginning Feb. 2 at the CHS counseling office, Chelsea Community Education office, or any Chelsea school.

Complete applications must be returned by April 15 at 5 p.m. to the Chelsea Education Foundation, P.O. Box 295, Chelsea, 48118.

Gay rights spark debate

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issue of the school newspaper *The Bleu Print* (see related article).

According to the article, the student council decided to eliminate a discount for couples at school dances. The discount was given only to heterosexual couples and some gay couples complained it was discriminatory.

Without a district policy to protect gays, the students were left to ask the student council to make the dance price the same for all students. The student council changed the prices so every student would pay the individual price.

Feasibility study to be done

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percent who are interested decide to vote against the sewer once the cost is known.

Residents of Cedar, Crooked and Spring lakes were also included in the study, but they opted not to have the feasibility study done for their lakes.

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with Joy Leitz

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Proposed English curriculum focuses on core goals

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

Chelsea Schools Curriculum Director Laurie Kotchenruther outlined proposed changes in the English curriculum for the school board Monday night, suggesting changes to the core requirements and adding electives.

Kotchenruther has been working with a committee of teachers to develop the new programs which she said she hopes will bring students' test scores up to higher standards and give students a better grounding in basic communication.

One of the main changes will be the addition of an 11th grade English class offered in three skill levels that will be mandatory for all students to complete. Currently, juniors have no specific classes they must complete, but instead are given a choice of electives to fulfill the required four years of English classes.

The proposal also does away with a basic sophomore English class, moving all students into a general sophomore writing class to be taken for one semester. The freshman English classes that are currently divided into literature and writing will be combined into one year-long course that will address both areas at once.

Several elective courses are also proposed that would add to the array of possible classes students can take. A writers studio, debate and audio production were added among others.

Two new electives, Individual Literature and Interpreting Contemporary Songs, drew the attention of Board President Jane Diesing. Both offer students the opportunity to create they're own reading lists and course of study.

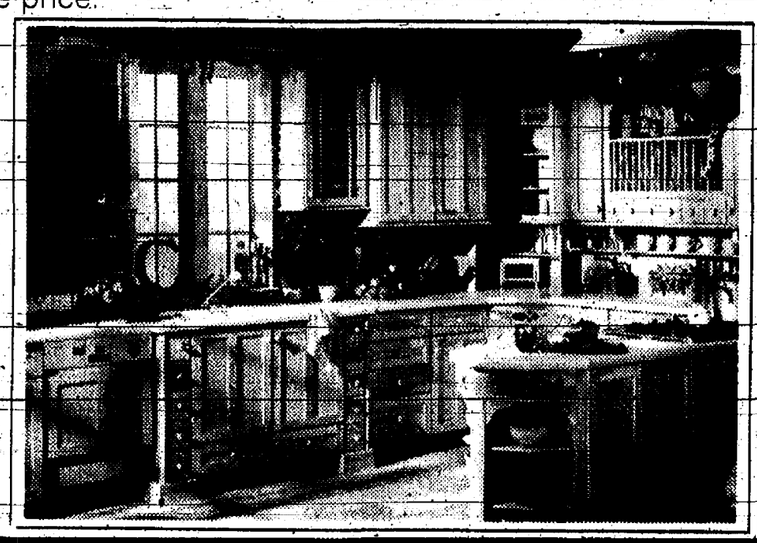
Diesing said she was uncomfortable leaving the decision for reading material up to the students without parental consent.

"My concern is with the structure of the class and who will approve what the students are studying," Diesing said. "If a teacher approves something without parental consent, ultimately the board could end up in the middle."

Diesing said she suggested that any book would have to be approved by parents and teachers in writing before students would be allowed to use them for study. She said she is generally more comfortable with board approval for reading materials, since it indicates community approval of curriculum.

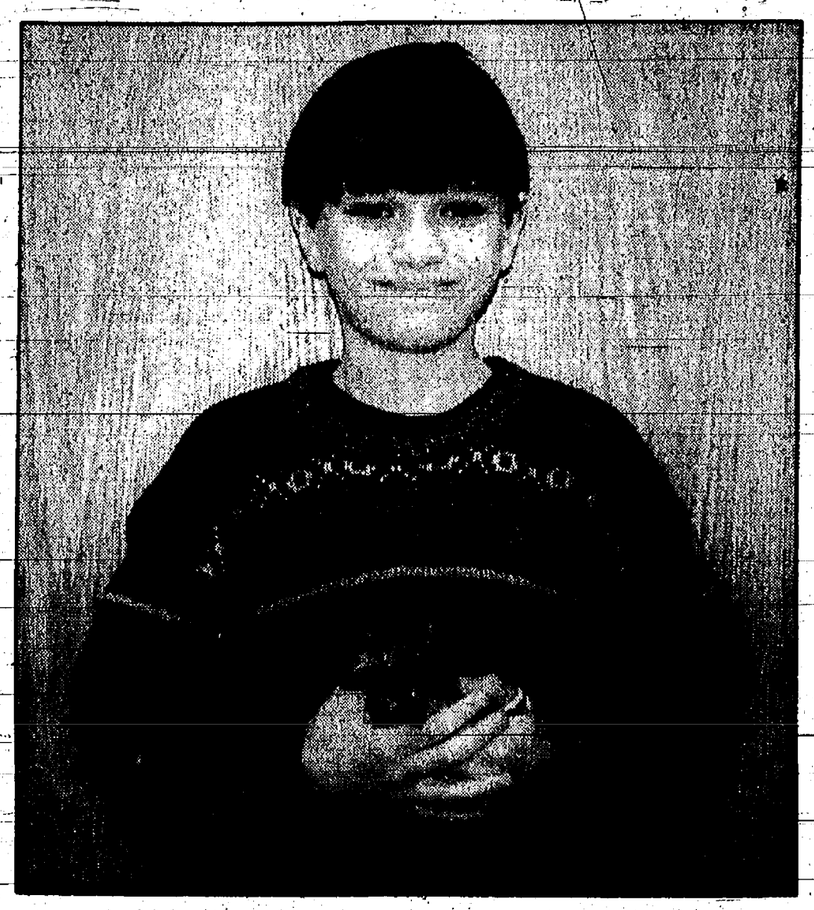
Kotchenruther said she hopes the new curriculum will focus studies on broad standards of English achievement. She said she expects students to communicate effectively in English, both orally and in written form. Students should also be able to evaluate classic and contemporary literature and using problem solving and creativity.

The proposed curriculum also tries to get students interested in reading, and to develop their own voice in writing. Students also will learn how to research using a variety of resources.



—Junior Paleontologist—

North Creek fifth-grader Colin Lenehan won second place in the national Discover Card Junior Paleontologist contest. Lenehan wrote an essay on dinosaurs and won a holiday for his family at Universal Studios in Hollywood. He also received a $500 savings bond and a commendation from the Chelsea Board of Education for the accomplishment. Lenehan is currenlty planning a Prehistoric Night for the school with the help of the PTO.



—Brownie Troop 1722—

Chelsea Brownie Troop 1722 held its investiture and rededication ceremony recently at a family potluck dinner at Camp Hill Top. Brownies pictured are (from left) Natilie Stephenson, Olivia Patrick, Susan Warner, Megan Frame, Ashlee Alverado, Liza Howard and Skye Hillman.

Weddings, Engagements and Anniversaries

Vibert, Acree marry in Texas

Jennifer Ann Vibert and Christopher Scott Acree, both of Arlington, Texas, were married July 5. The Reverend Ronald E. Lund presided over the outdoor ceremony at Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak.

Tracey Kettinger of Auburn Hills, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Anne Degener of Plymouth, sister of the groom; Ann Oliver of Livonia, cousin of the bride; Rachel Vibert of Ypsilanti, sister-in-law of the bride; and Carrie Noatch of Cleburne, Texas, and Nancy Schraeger of Fort Worth, Texas, friends of the bride.

Daniel Degener of Plymouth, brother-in-law of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Brady Vibert of Ypsilanti, brother of the bride, and the groom's friends Robert Marzella of Royal Oak, Kevan Flanigan of Northville, Peter Follett of Dallas and Bryan McCarty of Mansfield, Texas.

Alex Pruitt of Warren was the flower girl.

The reception was also held at the Red Run Golf Club. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica.

Jennifer is the daughter of Brady and Gaile Vibert of Bloomfield Hills. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as a secondary Biology teacher in Cleburne, Texas.

Christopher is the son of Michael and Lynne Acree of Chelsea. He is a graduate of Hillsdale College and works as an outside sales representative for Universal Forest Products in Grandview, Texas.

The couple now reside in Arlington, Texas.

New foundation aims to help children, seniors

The Rosebud Foundation, a new foundation, is interested in funding projects which will help children and seniors in Washtenaw County.

The foundation's goals are to develop the maximum potential of children and improve the quality of life of seniors. Grant are given for education, arts culture, health and human services, and personal development.

The foundation welcomes grant applicants from Washtenaw County organizations that are tax exempt according to Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (excluding private foundations and supporting organizations). Applications for start-up or short-term funding for innovative projects that address new needs or demonstrate new solutions to old problems are encouraged.

Individual grant requests in the $500 - $5,000 range will be considered.

To receive a grant application packet, interested organizations should write to The Rosebud Foundation, 2801 Baker Road, Dexter, 48130. Grant requests should be submitted by 4 p.m. on the deadline date.

The deadlines for 1998 are Feb. 27 for children and Sept. 25 for seniors.

The foundation gives priority to projects that have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Involve or improve the delivery of services
- Facilitate cooperation among organizations and avoid duplication of services
- Are preventive and provide early and sustained intervention
- Develop maximum human potential through culture and the arts, recreation, physical fitness and other productive leisure activities.
- Attract volunteer resources and support
- Support general operations
- Fund sectarian religious programs
- Benefit individuals
- Raise funds
- Hold conferences
- Fund multi-year projects
- Fund research projects, studies or evaluations.

Adopt-A-Pet

Animal Aid has rescued pets for adoption. Volunteers and foster homes are needed. For information call (810) 231-4497. See Animal Aid at its Web page at http:\\members.tripod.com\msisaac\animalaid.html.

DOGS

1. "Hamilton" — Rottweiler mix, neutered male, 1 year, short hair, black and tan, used to older kids, dogs and cats, vaccinated, over 50 lbs., housebroken.

2. "Crinkle" — wheaten Terrior mix, spayed female, 1 year, 50 lbs., cream with tan, housebroken, vaccinated, some obedience training, active, older kids.

3. "Zeus" — Lab., Rottweiler and Doberman mix, housebroken, short hair, neutered male, black, 1 year, older kids, vaccinated.

4. "Radar" — Husky and Lab. mix, obedience trained, 50 lbs., neutered male, vaccinated, long hair, used to older kids, cats and dogs, 2 years, crate-trained, fenced yard only, housebroken, abandoned, black.

5. LAB. MIX PUPPIES — 4 females; 5 males, black, 7 weeks, ¾ black Lab.

CATS

1. "Tasha" — black and gray tiger, spayed female, short-medium coat, used to small kids and cats, vaccinated, abandoned, 1 year.

2. "Shadow" — black with white, female, must spay, 1 year, abandoned, litter-trained, short hair, used to cats, vaccinated, leukemia negative.

3. "Katie" — solid gray, female, must spay, adult, abandoned, medium coat, used to small kids, shy at first.

4. "Cricket" — black and gray, 5 years, spayed female, low stress home — no small kids or other pets, declawed.

5. "Buzzy" — black, 18 weeks, male, must neuter.

6. "Carson" — 8 months, gray and white, neutered male, short hair, declawed, vaccinated, hates other cats.

7. "Violet" — gray tabby, spayed female, 1 year, short hair, used to older kids, a large dog, vaccinated.

—Benefit Helps Sick Girl—

A benevolent spaghetti meal at Our Savior Lutheran Church Dec. 6 helped to raise $22,830 for Megan Krull's medical expenses after Aid Association for Lutherans matched the take. Pictured are Lori and Megan Krull of Dexter with Lori Ruhlig of Our Savior Lutheran Church. Krull was diagnosed in August with leukemia and various organizations have been holding fund-raisers to help with her medical expenses.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
CHELSEA & DEXTER

CHELSEA

Saturday, Jan. 17

"Forbidden Planet" film presented by Chelsea Film Society at the Chelsea Depot, with introduction by Bill Coelius, 7:30 p.m. Tickets sold at the door. Info. (734) 936-3551.

Sunday, Jan. 18

"Ice Age Forest" trail exploration at Park Lyndon North, 10 a.m. Info. Matt Heumann, 971-6337.

"Wilderness Canoe Tripping" slide program at the Eddy Geology Center, with naturalist Tom Hodgson, 2 p.m. Info. 475-3170.

Monday, Jan. 19

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:15 p.m.

Waterloo Area Historical Society Board of Directors meets at the Waterloo Farm Museum, 7 p.m. Info. (734) 498-3395 evenings.

Dayspring Collectors Club meets at VFW Hall. Newcomers welcome, 7 p.m. Info. (734) 475-3153.

Chelsea Area Players Board meeting at KeyBank, 7:30 p.m.

Chelsea Recreation Council meets at the Village of Chelsea offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Chelsea Village Planning Commission meets at Sylvan Township Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Lima Township, Special Meeting of the Lima Township Board, at Lima Township Hall, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Rotary Club meets at the Common Grill, 12:10 p.m.

Lions Club meets at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:45 p.m.

Lima Township Planning Commission meets at Lima Township Hall, work session, and public hearing, 7:30 p.m.

McKune Memorial Library Board meeting at Faith in Action building, 7:30 p.m.

Chelsea Village Planning Commission meets at Sylvan Township Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals meets at Sylvan Township Hall, 5 p.m.

Chelsea Athletic Boosters membership meeting at Chelsea High School media center, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 25

"A Rain Forest Experience" at Gerald Eddy Geology Center. Presentation with live animals (sloth, porcupine, python and more) by the Species Survival Center, 2 p.m. Info. (734) 475-3170.

Monday, Jan. 26

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:15 p.m.

Eating Disorders Support Group for teens and young adults, with anorexia and bulimia and their families meeting at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 7:30-9 p.m. Info. 475-0558.

Chelsea School Board meets in the board room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

La Leche League of Western Washtenaw County meets at First Congregational Church of Chelsea, 10 a.m. Info. (734) 475-8340.

Rotary Club meets at the Common Grill, 12:10 p.m.

Chelsea Amateur Radio Club, Inc. meets at KeyBank, 7 p.m.

Chelsea Village Council meets at Sylvan Township Hall, 7:30 p.m.

DEXTER

Friday, Jan. 16

11th Annual Antique Show at Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, Saline, noon-8 p.m. Info. (734) 429-3164

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Dexter Village Planning Commission special meeting at First of America Bank, 7:30 p.m.

Dexter Community Schools Board of Education meets at the Copeland building, 8 p.m.

Lima Township, Special Meeting of the Lima Township Board, at Lima Township Hall, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Kiwanis Club of Dexter meets at Shooter's, 6:30 p.m.

Lima Township Planning Commission meets at Lima Township Hall, work session, and public hearing, 7:30 p.m.

Dexter Township Board meets at Dexter Township Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Dexter Garden Club meets at the Dexter Area Museum, 7:30 p.m. Info. 426-2372.

Webster Township Board meeting, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Dexter Heritage Guild meets at the Dexter Area Museum, 1 p.m.

Dexter Families Anonymous Support Group meeting at Dexter United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m. Info. 426-8260.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 557 meets at the American Legion Home, 8 p.m.

Webster Township Planning Commission meets at Webster Township Hall, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24

"A Tracking We Will Go" learn and hike at Hudson Mills Metropark at the Activity Center, 10 a.m. Info. and pre-register 1-800-477-3191 or (734) 426-8211.

"End of a Winter Day Hike" at Hudson Mills Metropark. A hike through winter woods and fields at twilight, 4 p.m. Info. and pre-register 1-800-477-3191 or (734) 426-8211.

Monday, Jan. 26

Village of Dexter Planning Commission Site Plan Review Committee, 5 p.m.

Dexter PTO meets in the pool lobby, 7:30 p.m.

Eating Disorders Support Group for teens and young adults, with anorexia and bulimia and their families meeting at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 7:30-9 p.m. Info. 475-0558.

Dexter Village Council meeting at First of America Bank, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Dexter Village Parks Commission meets at First of America Bank, 7 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chelsea Senior Nutrition Program at the Senior Center. To reserve lunch, call Arlene Larson a day ahead at 475-0160.

Dexter Senior Nutrition Program delivers meals M-F to elderly homebound. Serves lunch M-F at Dexter Senior Center, Copeland building. To reserve a lunch, call 24 hrs. ahead, Cindy White, 426-5397.

Volunteers needed M-F from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to deliver mid-day meals to senior citizens in the Dexter area. For info. call Cindy at the Dexter Senior Nutrition Center, (734) 426-5397.

HIV/AIDS Resource Center offering free testing services in Lenawee, Livingston, Jackson and Washtenaw counties. For location and times call 572-9355.

Dexter Jaycees are looking for young adults ages 21-39 to join their club. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at First of America Bank, Dexter. For more Info., (734) 426-1080.

Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O., women's educational support) chapter organizing in Chelsea. Info., Jo, 475-0542 or Ruth, 433-0528.

Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays at First United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Info. 475-4264.

Play-N-Chat, a home-based group for moms and their children under five years old. Meets Wednesdays and Fridays. For place and times call Jackie Esch 426-5437.

Waterloo Natural History Assoc. and State Recreation Area offers programs at the Eddy Geology Center, located on Bush Road, open 9-5 daily. A Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit is required for entry, daily $4, annual $20. Info. (734) 475-3170.

Parents Without Partners, support group for single parents. Youth activities, social events, discussion groups. For membership, call recording at 971-1933.

Home Meal Service, Chelsea. Meals served daily to elderly or disabled. Cost per meal, $3.25 with milk, $3 without milk, for those able to pay. Interested parties call Mary at 475-9494 or Faith in Action at 475-8305.

New Beginnings, a grief-support group for persons experiencing the loss of a loved one. Offered as a community service by the Chelsea Retirement Community, meetings are in the Crippen Building, first and third Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info., Kearney Kirkby, 475-2868.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Dexter, Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Immunizations through Washtenaw County Public Health, the Multi-Service Center in Ann Arbor. Info., (734) 484-7219.

Washtenaw County Health Dept. is offering free and low-cost immunizations, which meet state of Michigan standards for daycare and school settings. Infant and adult immunizations are also available. Call 313-484-7220 for an appointment.

Dexter Family Service, contact Pat Burnett, 313-449-2149, Marian Burgett, 426-2196, Shawn Dettling, 426-4343 or Nellie Naylor, 426-4485.

Domestic Violence Project Safe House Support Group meets every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, Behaviorial Health Services building, 6:30-8 p.m. Info. 426-0369.

Western Washtenaw Domestic Violence Drop-In Support Group meets Mondays at the Behavioral Health Building at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:30-8 p.m. For women who are or have been in an abusive relationship. Info. and 24-hour crisis line, (734) 995-5444.

"Free mammogram and clinical breast exams" through the Washtenaw County Public Health Title XV program. Info. 484-7220 or 484-7200.

"Free Mammograms and Pap Tests" available for many women over 40 through Title XV Program. Info., (734) 484-7220.

New Beginnings, a support group dealing with death and divorce, meets Tuesdays at St. James Episcopal Church, Dexter, at 5:30 p.m. Call Faye Wisely, 426-8931 or the church, 426 8247 for information.

Smokers Anonymous meets Tuesdays at St. James Episcopal Church, Dexter, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call 426-8696.

Hospice of Washtenaw County needs volunteers for clerical support, direct patient care and spiritual bereavement support. Call Barb Wineka, 741-5777 for further information.

Faith in Action House Community Center, open daily. Provides various free services to those in need. Services include food, clothing, financial help, advocacy and many other forms of assistance. Need friendly help? Call from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 475-3305.

Washtenaw County WIC Program provides nutritious foods, free coupons and health counseling for pregnant women, breast feeding women, infants and children up to age five. Info., 971-1300.

Senior Nutrition Program meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. Waterloo Township Hall. For reservations call 475-7439, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunches, cards and fellowship.

Chelsea Together. For more info. call week days 475-4030, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or 475-5935, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Parent to Parent Program in home, friendly, visiting support system for families with children. Call 475-3305.

Demonstration to help Internet beginners

The Ann Arbor District Library will offer a free World Wide Web demonstration on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. No registration is required.

The session, entitled "Beginner's Guide to the World Wide Web," is perfect for those who have been curious about the Internet and its capabilities.

Attendees will learn the basics of the World Wide Web, how to navigate Netscape and basic search skills. While it is not a hands-on class, the material presented will mirror the library's smaller, registration-only hands-on course by the same title.

For information on this, or other library Internet classes and demonstrations (creating Web Pages, and more) contact the library's computer lab at 327-4550. The main library is located at 343 S. Fifth Ave. in Ann Arbor.

Dexter

—New Fire Truck Arrives—

Dexter Area-Wide Fire Department's new ladder truck arrived Dec. 29. The fire board approved the $190,000 purchase in October. Pictured with the truck is Fred Schmid, Dexter fire chief.

Weather affects herd management

The recent unseasonably warm, damp weather in Washtenaw County should be taken into account by local farmers. Failure to manage herds according to weather conditions could result in serious losses. Following are tips from Matt Shane, regional livestock agent, and Mike Score, extension agriculture agent.

Proper ventilation is a must. Well ventilated horse, cattle, hog, and sheep barns should have a good breeze moving through them. Air movement should be such that moisture and odors can move out of the barn.

Another concern with this weather is hoof care. If possible, animals should have access to outdoor areas and dry bedding areas. Care should be taken to keep animals away from mud and standing water.

A constant supply of fresh water should be available to animals. If fresh watt is in short supply animals will resort to drinking from puddles and muddy areas. This can result in poorer herd health.

Animals managed under standard vaccination programs and kept in well ventilated areas with fresh water sources should do well. If signs of pneumonia or other respiratory problems are noticed contact a veterinarian immediately or treat with appropriate medicines.

For more information contact Score, (734) 971-0079.

Your Money Matters

by David Adams

Supermarket checkouts are the latest spot to hand over your credit card. Credit cards are becoming widely accepted at supermarket chains trying to offer more convenience to their shoppers and hoping to win sales from the added service.

Several chains have accepted credit cards for years, but only for non-grocery items like pharmacy and florist purchases. Now you can charge your weekly groceries, too.

Just be cautious. Consumers do spend more when they begin to use credit. If you are used to going to the grocery store with a list of items, continue to shop by sticking to your list. Also, have a certain dollar amount that you plan to spend, and not exceed, if you'll be charging your grocery bill. It would be very easy to go through each shopping aisle and fill your cart with more than you need, knowing you're going to charge it.

As credit-card acceptance in grocery store check out lines is likely to continue in popularity, remain a smart shopper with the following tips:

• Log your credit card purchases like checks. Keep a register for your charges so that you can keep track of each charge amount you make.

• Clip coupons and shop with them. Seek out grocery stores which offer special "double coupon" days. You'll be surprised how much money you can save.

• Don't buy an item just because you have a coupon for it, and don't assume an item is a bargain just because it's on sale.

• Compare brands for the lowest price offered for the same item. Items are easy to compare, just check the list of ingredients if you're not sure.

• Consider trying generic paper products, toiletries, canned goods, etc. If you don't like them you can always go back to your regular brand.

• Seek out a food warehouse in your area. No-frills warehouses are usually located on the outskirts of larger town and are open to members who pay a yearly membership fee. Warehouse-sized supermarkets are usually operations with minimum service and maximum discounts for food, clothing, appliances, toys, etc.

• Make sure the credit card you carry best suits your needs. If you pay off your balance each billing cycle, look for a card with a grace period and no annual fee. If you roll over part of your balance due from month to month, make sure to use a card with a low annual percentage rate. It's worth noting that credit unions maintain low credit card interest rates.

• When you hand over your card when charging items, watch your card after giving it to a clerk. Take your card back promptly after the clerk is finished with the transaction and make sure it is your card.

• Tear up the carbons when you take your credit card receipt.

• Never sign a blank receipt. Draw a line through any blank spaces above the total when you sign receipts.

• Check your credit card bills when they arrive and compare them with your receipts to make sure there are no unauthorized charges or billing errors.

Charging groceries may be a great convenience, but also an expensive way to finance food purchases if you don't keep a handle on your credit card use. It pays to use credit wisely.

Send your financial questions to "Your Money Matters" c/o the Michigan Credit Union League, P.O. Box 5040, Southfield, MI 48086-5040, or stop by our website (www.mcul.org) to learn more about smart money management.

Mutual funds declare capital gains

Q: Each year around this time, I receive notice that my mutual funds are declaring capital gains and dividends. Even though all of these distributions are reinvested, I still have to pay taxes.

I know that this is reducing my overall return. Are there any strategies that can be used to reduce taxes on investments and still give the opportunity for growth?

A: Studies have shown that over the last 30 years, total returns for the average mutual fund have been reduced by over 25 percent because of the effects of taxes. When inflation is taken into account, the average effective tax rate has been over 50 percent.

Even though ordinary income tax rates are not what they once were, and capital gains rates have recently been reduced, we should still evaluate the tax efficiency of investment portfolios in order to maximize our total returns.

Many high-net-worth investors feel they should just invest in municipal bonds in order to reduce or eliminate taxes on their portfolios. Since bonds are not considered a good inflation hedge, this can be a mistake for those investors seeking growth of their portfolios.

Although reducing taxes is an admirable goal, if we can achieve high enough returns on a portfolio, we have the possibility of achieving greater growth even after all taxes have been paid. The real goal therefore is to achieve the proper investment mix that will balance tax efficiency with total after-tax returns.

Some investors attempt to reduce taxes by looking for mutual funds that exhibit a low portfolio turnover rate. The turnover rate is defined as the percentage of securities in the portfolio that were traded within the year. This theory presupposes that high turnover will result in higher capital gains, and therefore higher taxes.

Research has demonstrated, however, that portfolio turnover is not significantly related to higher taxable capital gains. You should look for funds that have low capital gains distributions, regardless of portfolio turnover.

Another technique used to minimize the tax impact of fund investing is tax-lot accounting. Portfolios that utilize this technique seek to sell shares of the same investment that have been purchased at different times and at different prices in a way that will offset gains with losses to enhance the after-tax reforms. When making your fund selection be sure to ask if the manager utilizes tax-lot accounting.

The structure of your portfolio by asset class can also be used to reduce taxes.

Most mutual fund managers who invest in large capitalization (over $1 billion) domestic stocks have been unable to consistently outperform indexes such as the Standard and Poor's 500 on an after-tax basis.

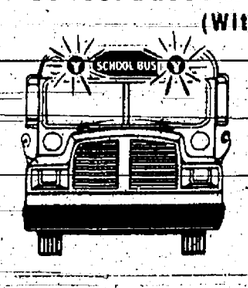
Therefore, for the portion of your portfolio that you choose to invest in this asset class, you might want to consider an "index fund" that seeks to emulate the index and therefore reduce taxes.

Mutual fund managers have had much more success outperforming indexes on an after-tax basis in the domestic small capitalization sector, as well as the developed international and emerging market sectors. In these areas you should seek out managers who have a consistent track record of staying within their specialized markets.

— Michael Ceaser
Heritage Newspapers

School Bus Stops What Every Driver Must Know

School Buses With Overhead Red and Yellow Lights
(With or Without Bus Stop Signs)



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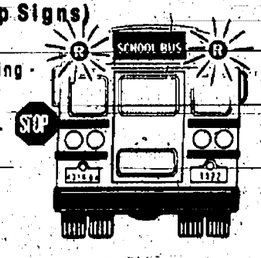

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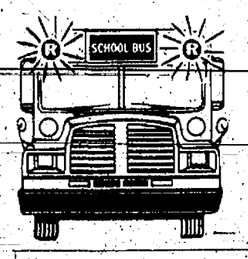

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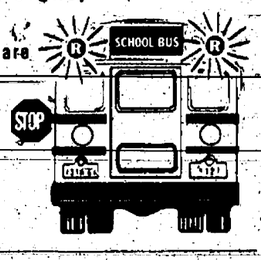

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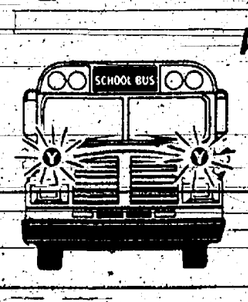

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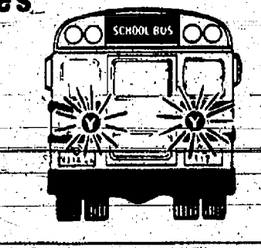

Baton Corps competes in holiday majorette

Members of the Chelsea Baton Corps competed in the Miss Holiday Majorette contest in Milan on Dec. 6.

Kelly Jo Milliken placed third in the Basic Skills Pageant.

Lisa Armstrong placed first in beginning basic strut, second in novice solo and second in pageant best appearing.

Erin Nelson placed first in beginning Miss Christmas, third in special beginning solo, third in pageant beginning best appearing and fourth in pageant beginning basic strut.

Susan Barkman placed second in Miss Christmas and fourth in novice solo. Ashley Brainerd placed second in special beginning solo and novice solo and fifth in military strut.

Ashley Houle placed third in novice solo.

Stephanie Mitchell placed third in open strut, second in pageant modeling and third in pageant strut. Lindsey Kindt placed third in beginning basic strut.

Leigh Stoll placed fourth in beginning basic strut.

Members of the Chelsea Baton Corps recently competed in the Miss Holiday Majorette contest in Milan. In front, from left, are Brenda Newman, Leigh Stoll and Stephanie Mitchell. In the second row, from left, are Tawny McSweeny, Rachel Armstrong, Chelsea Gibbs-Risner, Lindsey Kindt, Ashley Houle, Brittany Bourdon, Lisa Armstrong, Kelly Jo Milliken and Shannon Weeks. In back, from left, are Erin Nelson, Ashley Brainerd and Susan Barkman.

The Intermediate II Dance Twirl group placed first.

The Intermediate I Dance Twirl group placed second and the Chelsea Groovy Girls pompon group placed second.

Brittany Bourdon placed second in advance modeling, second in military strut, first in beginner basic strut, third in novice fancy strut, and third in pageant modeling.

Local Baton Corps holds holiday performance

Chelsea Baton Corps held its annual Christmas recital on Dec. 17 at the North Creek Elementary gym.

Family members and friends were invited to watch the girls show off their twirling skills. A gift exchange followed their performance, along with a punch and cake reception.

Novice Class includes Anissa Gregg, Brittany Hansen, Skye Hillman, Alexandria Keszler, Michelle Mallory, Sara Ann Lozowsky, Robin Olinyk and Rachel Stone.

Beginner I Class includes Dana Feldkamp, Amber Flintoft, Erica Guysky, Krystin Schwartze and Andrienne Wheaton.

Beginner Class II includes Chelsea Gibbs, Nichole Gibbs-Risner, Marissa Guysky, Meghan Reames and Jessica Taylor.

Intermediate I Class includes Rachel Armstrong, Brittany Bourdon, Alisha Jacobs, Lindsey Kindt, Tawny McSweeney, Kelly Jo Milliken and Leigh Stoll.

Intermediate II Class includes Lisa Armstrong, Susan Barkman, Ashley Brainerd, Ashley Houle, Stephanie Mitchell, Erin Nelson, Brenda Newman, Sarah Schwartz and Shannon Weeks.

The Christmas recital program included:

Novice Class – exhibit of basic skills

Novice Class – marching

Beginner I Class – special beginning solo and marching

Beginner II Class – Dance Twirl – "Jingle Bell Rock" – Tricks and Marching

Solo: Marissa, Chelsea, Nicole, Jessica, Megan

Solo: Alisha, Lindsey, Tawny, Kelly Jo, Brittany, Rachel and Leigh

Basic march: Intermediate I and II Classes

Fancy X Strut – Stephanie, Alisha, Brittany, Susan and Shannon; Erin, Sarah, Lisa, Ashley J. and Kelly Jo

Juvenile Dale Twirl – "Can't Stop the Music"

Solos: Sarah, Lisa, Susan, Shannon, Ashley, Erin and Ashley H.

Juvenile Poms: "Shake Your Groove Thing"

Solos: Brenda and Stephanie

Junior Dance Twirl – "Give It Up"

"She's The Best Coach" – award-winning essay by Lisa Armstrong Coach performances by Susan usher and assistant Amie Hatch.

Bookcrafters hires new vice president

BookCrafters Inc. announced recently that the company hired a new Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Donald Ford. Ford will spend his time focusing on relationship-oriented selling, continuity of large and medium accounts and development of new market opportunities.

Ford has more than 30 years of experience in the book manufacturing business. Most recently he worked as National Sales Manager for the Rose Printing Company. He worked for seven years with the Banta Company as regional sales manager, three years with Edwards Brothers, 12 years with Arcata Graphics and seven years with R.R. Donnelley.

Ford holds a bachelor's of science from Northern Illinois University, where he majored in management and finance. Ford and his wife Kathy, who is also a book manufacturing professional, are relocating to Michigan from Tallahassee, Fla.

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—The Tractor Bowl—

Steve Kuebler, owner of S-K Sales in Manchester, can't count the number of times someone has come into his business and asked, "Do you know you have two tractors on your roof?" Kuebler has a little chuckle every time he hears it. The tractors are limited edition Simplicity tractors and they were decorated to mark the rivalry between the University of Michigan and Michigan State. The tractor on the left has a hula skirt and Spartan insignia to depict the Aloha Bowl. The other tractor is decked out in roses and has the Wolverines' logo to mark the Rose Bowl. Spotlights make the tractors easy to see at night and Kuebler says the display has made a good conversation piece.

Family Medicine

By John C. Wolf, D.O.
Associate Professor of Family Medicine, Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Question: My neighbor and good friend convinced me to see the homeopath she goes to. I've been going to him for several months and don't seem to be getting any better. I like this doctor very much as an individual, but is homeopathy a good type of health care?

Answer: To fully answer your question, I need to review a brief lesson in the history of American medicine. By 1870, there were three major groups of doctors — allopaths, homeopaths, and eclectics — who were each quarreling over the correct use of drugs. Graduates from schools with any of these curricula received the M.D. degree.

At this time, allopathic physicians advocated massive doses of drugs that were supposed to produce effects opposite to those of the disease with which the patient was afflicted. Homeopathic doctors used minute doses of drugs that produced the same symptoms as the disease, and eclectics tended to borrow methods from each of the other schools using what they found worked and discarding what they discovered didn't work.

Homeopathy was founded by German physician Samuel Hahnemann (1755-1843). His philosophy was that "like cures like." This meant, for instance, that if a certain drug would produce vomiting in a healthy individual, then very small quantities of that same drug might help cure diseases that produce vomiting. Such reasoning, of course, doesn't differentiate between common "stomach flu" and food poisoning, since both cause vomiting.

In selected cases their treatments might have even worked. More often, though, I think homeopathy worked because the minute dosages of the toxic drugs available at that time were not strong enough to have any effect, thereby leaving the body's usually very effective immune system free to fight off the disorder and restore the individual to health.

Today we know more about the body in both health and diseased states than was known in 1870. I see no rational reason for putting faith in homeopathic treatment theory that is based on an outdated and inaccurate concept.

I need to add one caveat at this point. The subject may not be quite as simple as my blunt answer above appears. This is because there is some interesting work being done at a few German universities testing various homeopathic concepts. This whole "scientific homeopathy" movement, however, is too small and too new to assess if there is any real benefit from its methods.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701.

Local woman selected hospital employee of year

Veronica Capper was recently recognized as Chelsea Community Hospital's Employee of the Year at the Employee Awards Banquet.

Capper is the full-time executive secretary to Kathleen Griffiths, executive vice president, and Kathy Brubaker, senior vice president, and has been employed with the hospital for 14 years.

"Being named 1997 Employee of the Year is a real honor, because most employees of Chelsea Community Hospital are Employee of the Year material. This is why I enjoy working at CCH," Capper said.

Capper, her husband, Jack, and two grown sons, Shaun and Matthew, are long-time residents of Chelsea. Se is a CCH Employee Wellness Program represenative and sets an example of a healthy lifestyle her co-workers describe her as always pleasant, positive and upbeat. She willingly accepts additional work and consistently assists others.

Veronica Capper of Chelsea was honored by Chelsea Community Hospital.

The New Food Label

Nutrition Facts
Serving Size 1 can

Amount Per Serving	
Calories 140	
	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 0g	0%
Sodium 20mg	1%
Total Carbohydrate 36g	12%
Sugars 36g	
Protein 0g	

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

Check It Out!

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—London Bound—

Michelle Craig, a junior in the honors program at Western Michigan University, will be studying at City University in London, England for the winter semester. She is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority and Golden Key National Honor Society. Michelle is the daughter of Rodney and Susan Craig of Chelsea.

Basement renovation workshop set planned

Chelsea Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute, a leader in builders education in Michigan, will offer a eight-hour basement remodeling workshop from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24.

The workshop will be held at Chelsea High School, 500 Washington St.

The course is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling. The instructor will explain the many facets of basement remodeling including planning, meeting building codes, insurance, permits, estimating materials, as well as the basics of home construction. The instructor will also discuss working with subcontractors, finishing techniques, as well as tying into existing electrical and heating systems.

Pre-registration with payment is required by Thursday, Jan. 22, to Chelsea Community Education at 313-475-9830 during regular office hours.

The instructor is a licensed builder. He can answer questions related to all facets of remodeling.

Hospital holds bridge marathon

The January session of the Hospital Bridge Marathon was hosted by Addie and Ernie Laetz of Ann Arbor. Dwight Barstow's birthday was celebrated.

First place winners were Eric and Larry Wiedmayer of Grass Lake with 4,220 points. They were closely followed by Bill and Marlene Rademacher of Chelsea with 3,870 points in second place and the team of Nancy Hadley of Adrian and George Haynam of Saline in third place with 3,160 points.

Proceeds of the evening go to benefit the hospital. New players are welcome. For more information phone Larry Wiedmayer (475-9091).

County Hospice needs volunteers

Hospice of Washtenaw needs volunteers who can offer assistance with direct patient care, bereavement and office support.

There is an urgent need for volunteers who are available to stay with patients during the daytime hours (although any volunteer availability is welcomed).

Training consists of 18 hours, beginning Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the hospice office (806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor). For more information call Gail Marie at (313) 327-3413 to register.

Government proposing 'organic' guidelines

Proposed organic production standards from the U.S. Department of Agriculture will finally establish some rules for farmers wanting to tap the growing organic niche market while also providing consumers added assurances that the products they purchase as "organic" are indeed raised organically.

According to Michigan Farm Bureau Commodity Specialist Bob Boehm, the proposal deals specifically with production practices, while sidestepping the more controversial issues of biotechnology and the use of irradiation.

"What USDA is attempting to do is have one set of standards for the entire country of what can be termed organic," he said. "The proposal identifies production practices for fruits and vegetables, as well as livestock."

Although organic products account for only about 1 percent of U.S. food, sales of organic food have grown by more than 20 percent since 1990 and have totaled $3.5 billion. Boehm says consumers shouldn't interpret the proposed production standards to mean that organically raised food is necessarily safer or nutritionally better than conventionally raised produce, however.

"Tufts University recently compiled about 150 research reports from around the world comparing nutrient levels of organic and conventional crops and concluded there was absolutely no nutritional difference," Boehm said. "The U.S. National Research Council also concluded that natural carcinogens in fruits and vegetables represent a far greater risk than any pesticide residue and that neither of them are at high enough levels to create a health risk. So if you're strictly buying organic for a nutritional value, it may not be worth the additional price."

Currently, more than 40 state and private certification programs exist, according to Boehm. The proposed standards define "organic" as agricultural products produced through a natural versus synthetic process.

Processed foods may be labeled organic if they contain at least 95 percent certified organic ingredients, not counting water and salt. Processed products containing between 50 percent organic ingredients and 94 percent organic ingredients can be labeled "made with certain organic ingredients."

Meat can be labeled organic if the source animals were raised in "living conditions adequate to promote the health of the animal," including outdoor access and "space for movement." Animal drugs and antibiotics may only be used under strict restrictions and for special circumstances. Dairy producers would be allowed to label their milk organic if their cows have been off antibiotics for a specified time period.

USDA will run an accreditation system to aid private and state-run programs to certify organic farms, and the secretary will have the discretion to add synthetic substances to the list of "acceptable" organic substances.

The Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 provided authority for this proposed rule, which was developed from recommendations of the National Organic Standards Board, an advisory board appointed by Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, and in cooperation with the Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental protection Agency. USDA will hold information sessions on the proposed rule around the country on dates and at locations that will be announced later.

Road bureau to remove bridge

The Washtenaw County Road Commission is planning to remove the Bell Road Bridge from its abutments and place it on the east side of the Huron River.

Roy Townsend, assistant director of engineering, made the formal announcement in a Nov. 5 letter to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Land and Water Management Division.

"This letter is to inform you or our plan to relocate this bridge and place the bridge on the east road approach," the letter states. "In the future, when funding becomes available, the bridge could be rehabilitated. Also, as we discussed, we will not be submitting a DEQ permit for this work since the planned work will be done from the roadway area and not in the river or wetland areas."

Townsend further stated that the work is scheduled to be done in early winter.

A copy of the letter was forwarded to Dexter Township Supervisor Robert Tetens, who included it in the Board's packet for the Dec. 16 meeting.

Concert band to perform in Saline

Ann Arbor Concert Band will perform its second concert of the year this Sunday, Jan. 18 at 4 p.m. at Saline High School.

The program will include, "Wine From These Grapes" by W. Francis McBeth, "Westside Story" by Leonard Bernstein, "Brighton Beach" by William P. Latham, "The Cowboys" by John Williams, "Woody Herman in Concert," "Pageant" by Vincent Persichetti, and "Variations on a Korean Folk Song" by John Barnes Chance.

The concert is free and refreshments will be served afterward.

Ann Arbor library to hold Internet demo for kids

The Ann Arbor District Library will offer two free demonstrations for kids on the World Wide Web in February.

The demonstrations are free, require no registration and will occur on Tuesday, Feb. 16, and Friday, Feb. 20, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the youth department of the Main Library. Families are welcome.

For information on this demonstration contact the youth department at 327-8301. The Main Library is located at 343 S. Fifth Ave. in Ann Arbor.

POLICE BLOTTER

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Dexter Village

Found Property

A 39-year-old Dexter woman walking on Edison Street found a mountain bike propped against a tree. She turned the bike into the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department on Jan. 3.

Domestic Assault

Domestic assault and battery was reported on Forest Street, Jan. 5. A 37-year-old woman told police that her 32-year-old boyfriend, whom she has lived with the past two years, assaulted her.

The woman said she came home from work, cleaned their home and then walked to the store to buy some liquor. When she returned, the woman said her boyfriend told her to pack her belongings and leave. The woman said she went to her bedroom and he followed. She said he grabbed her around the neck and threw her on the bed before fleeing the residence.

The deputy investigating the complaint noted that the woman had redness around her neck and her chin was cut. However, she refused medical treatment.

The suspect, who was interviewed when he returned four hours later, denied assaulting his girlfriend. He said that she called 911 after he threatened to pour out her liquor.

Violation of Conditional Bond

A 32-year-old Dexter man was arrested Jan. 5 for violating his conditional bond release after a deputy was called to the 8000 block of Forest Street to investigate a domestic assault.

The man, accused of the assault, returned to his residence at 10:30 p.m. and was arrested after deputies learned he was ordered to have no contact with his victim, a 37-year-old Dexter woman.

Chelsea Village

Warrant Arrest

Jeffrey O. Schantz, 39, of Chelsea was arrested in the parking lot of Polly's Market, 1101 S. Main St., Jan. 1. Schantz was wanted by Ingham County on a paternity warrant. Chelsea Police arrested him and turned him over to Ingham County Sheriff's deputies.

Property Damage

Malicious destruction of property was reported at Bridgetown Condominiums on Moore Drive, Jan. 4. A 39-year-old Chelsea woman told police that someone used a black permanent marker to deface four traffic signs, three multi-family mailboxes, a real estate sign and private drive sign. Damage, estimated at $200, occurred between the late hours of Jan. 3 and early-morning hours of Jan. 4.

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Malicious destruction of property was reported at Perky Pantry, 501 S. Main St., Dec. 29. A 47-year-old manager told police that a motorist pumped gasoline and then pulled away with the gasoline hose still attached to the vehicle. The manager said the hose was damaged but he didn't know to what extent. The suspect, he said, was driving an old Ford mini-van. He was unable to get the license plate number.

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Malicious destruction of property was reported at the Huron Valley Ambulance station on 14500 Old US-12, Jan. 5. A 19-year-old Romulus woman told Chelsea Police that someone slashed her vehicle's tires, causing $360 in damage. The incident occurred between 4:30 p.m. Jan. 4 and 9 a.m. Jan. 5.

Civil Dispute

Chelsea Police were called to a Main Street business to investigate a dispute between a business owner and the husband of an employee. The business owner called police after the suspect, a 45-year-old Manchester man, accused the store owner of hugging his wife twice in the back room. The store owner told police that the woman was distraught over an illness in the family and he was consoling her. He said his wife was present one time and his son, the other time.

Suspicious Incident

A suspicious incident was reported at the Soft Spray car wash, 1186 S. Main St., Dec. 27. A Chelsea Police officer questioned two Scio Township men because they were sitting inside a car behind the car wash at 9:52 p.m.

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A suspicious incident was reported at Timber Town on Sibley Road, Dec. 27. Someone told Chelsea Police a fight was in progress at the playground at 10:30 p.m. However, when police arrived no one was around.

Family Trouble

Chelsea Police were called for a civil standby at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., Jan. 5. A 29-year-old Whitmore Lake woman had a court order allowing her to seize a Ford dump truck parked in the lot. The Grass Lake man who owns it removed his belongings and the woman was able to drive it away. However, the man became concerned later because his license plate was on the vehicle and it's insured by him. The vehicle was awarded to the woman as part of a divorce settlement.

Larceny

Larceny was reported at Chelsea Pharmacy, 1050 S. Main St., Dec. 17. A 21-year-old Manchester woman discovered her license plate was stolen after Chelsea Police called her. The woman's license plate was recovered from a stolen vehicle. She did not know it was missing. The victim said it was likely stolen while her Ford Ranger was parked behind the pharmacy.

Dexter Township

Trespassing

Trespassing was reported in the 3300 block of N. Lima Center Road, Jan. 3. A 55-year-old woman told police that she heard four shots coming from a wooded area behind her residence at approximately 8 a.m. When she looked outside, the woman said she saw a 47-year-old man, whom she has warned to stay off her property, walking across her yard. The suspect denied being on her property. He owns land next door and said he never crossed the property line.

Informational Report

A sheriff's deputy took a statement from a 32-year-old township man Jan. 7 regarding the welfare of his step-children. The man said his step-children's father and step-mother, who they live with, leave them home alone despite orders from a judge not to.

The investigating officer interviewed the children's step-mother, who said the children are left home alone about an hour a day because of their work schedules. However, she said they have access to both parents via the telephone.

Lost/Stolen Property

A license plate was reported stolen from the 6400 block of Scully Road, Jan. 6. It was listed as missing in the Law Enforcement Information Network.

Webster Township

Aggravated Domestic Assault

Sheriff's deputies responded to a residence on North Territorial Road, Jan. 7, after a 29-year-old woman called 911. Police arrived at 11:30 p.m. to find the woman had suffered an apparent broken nose, scratches and bruises, and her lips were swollen and bruised from an alleged assault by her boyfriend, 34.

The victim told police that her boyfriend threw her down the steps, kicked her repeatedly and choked her after they had a verbal argument.

The suspect told police that she attacked him and threatened to jump out a window. He said that she removed the glass, then fell down the stairs, landing on the window. Police found blood stains on the broken glass and on the carpet. The victim had dried blood on her forehead and hands.

Both had reportedly been drinking alcohol at the Eagle's Club earlier that evening.

Police noted that four domestic assault cases have been generated at their address, one in which the woman was the suspect. It also was noted that the suspect has a felony domestic case pending against him.

The suspect was arrested and lodged in jail on a $100,000 bond. The victim was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital for treatment and their children were taken to a grandparent's home.

Freedom Township

Minor in Possession

A 19-year-old Chelsea woman was arrested as a minor in possession of alcohol in the 10300 block of Pleasant Lake Road, Jan. 10. A sheriff's deputy encountered her around 2 a.m. after her vehicle got stuck in mud. A report said she smelled of intoxicants, her speech was slurred and she appeared confused. A test showed her blood-alcohol level to be .11 percent, which is more than the legal limit to drive.

Scio Township

Attempted Larceny

Attempted larceny was reported in the 100 block of S. Staebler Road, Jan. 9. A 17-year-old township boy told police that he saw an 18-year-old Dexter man trying to break into his 1969 Plymouth convertible at 2 a.m.

The teen said he had problems with break-ins in the past so he installed a motion alarm. When the alarm sounded Jan. 9, the boy said he looked outside and saw the suspect standing near his car with what looked to be a screw driver. Another suspect was with him, but the teen could not identify the person.

The investigating officer found pry marks round the vehicle's trunk.

The police report noted that the suspect is wanted by Juvenile Court for failing to appear in court.

Harassment

Harassment was reported at Jim Bradley Pontiac, 3500 Jackson Road, Dec. 30. A 21-year-old Romulus woman told police that a man she met at a bar has been harassing her since she ended a brief relationship with him.

The suspect, a 26-year-old Garden City man, has reportedly called her repeatedly and visited her workplace against her wishes.

The investigating officer told the woman that she could seek a personal protection order from the court. He also put the dispatch center on alert for the suspect and asked Garden City Police for help locating him.

Property Damage

Malicious destruction of property was reported at Bel-Mark Lanes, 3580 Jackson Road, Jan. 8. A 50-year-old Belleville woman told police that she parked her 1997 Ford vehicle in the back parking lot between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. When she returned, the doors and windows had been scratched, possibly by a screw driver.

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Malicious destruction of property was reported in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road, Dec. 31. A 34-year-old woman told police that someone shot a BB at her 1985 Dodge Omni, causing the hatch window to crack. Damage is estimated at $200. The vehicle was parked in front of the woman's residence. She suspects her neighbors.

Violation of a Personal Protection Order

A 26-year-old woman called police Jan. 6, after a 32-year-old Jackson man threatened to kill her and her mother at their home in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road.

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(Compiled by Associate Editor Michelle Rogers based on reports filed with Chelsea Police and Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.)

ON THE HOUSE by Carol Navarre

THE LENDER'S APPRAISAL

Many sellers think that the price of their home is determined solely by what they are willing to accept and what the buyer is willing to pay. There is one more variable that can complicate the sale of a home - the lender's appraisal.

To protect the interest of their investors, the mortgage lender hires an appraiser to give an independent, objective evaluation of what the property is worth. If the appraised value is lower than the selling price, the seller will be glad that he has enlisted the services of a professional Realtor. The agent can give the appraiser information about neighboring homes that have recently sold that support the seller's price. If an appeal to the appraiser is not successful, some delicate negotiations will follow. Both the seller and the buyer may have to make concessions to make the transaction work. The bank may ask the buyers to increase their down payment or ask the sellers for a reduction in price.

If there is a move in your future, Carol is ready to serve you. Call her at 426-1487, or 426-4466 or stop by her office at 3173 Baker Rd.

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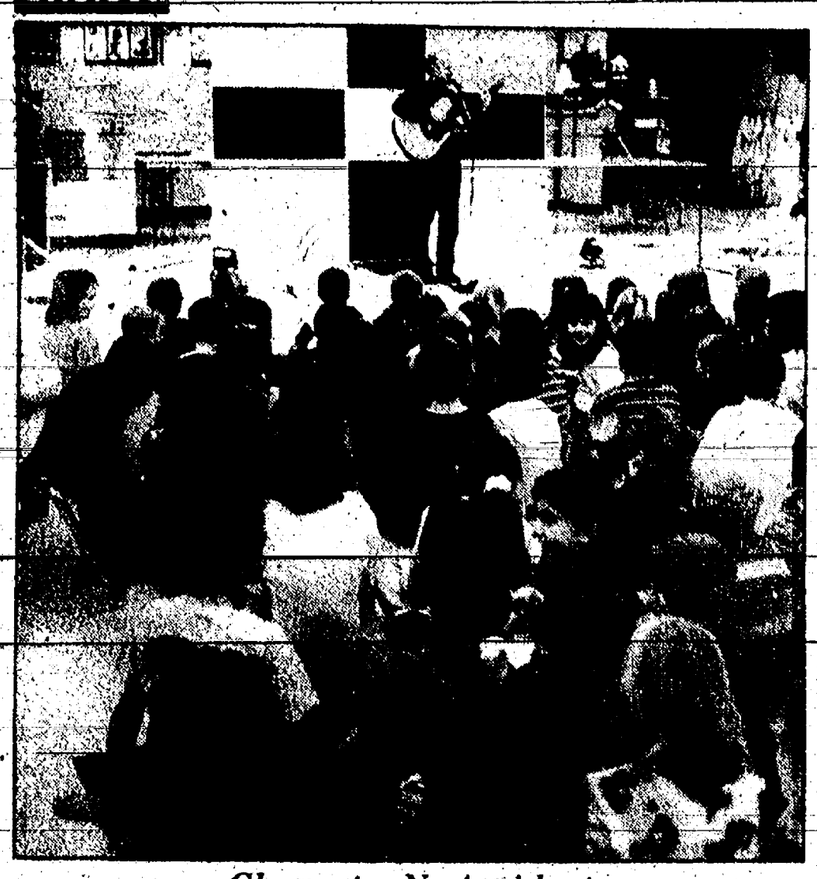

—Character No Accident—

Jerry Jacoby of Lifesong Entertainment performed at an all-school assembly at North Creek Elementary recently. The theme was "Real Character is No Accident." After the assembly Santa (aka. Superintendent Ed Richardson) handed out gifts to the classroom bought by the parent teacher organization.

Holiday sales steady for local stores

With the Christmas lights turning off and the tinsel coming down, stores around Chelsea are figuring up the proceeds from the holiday season. Shop owners said it was a good month overall as local residents were out spreading holiday cheer.

"We feel we had a real good Christmas season," said Lynne Faist, co-owner of the 3-year-old Village Shoppe downtown. "I think the economy was good, and we had more variety than last year."

Faist said Village Shoppe stocked a good range gifts for Christmas this year from bird houses to children's books. Beanie Babies were hot sellers this year, as were snowmen and collectible ornaments, she said.

Faist said the festival of lights helped sales because it was a good atmosphere for shopping. She said gift wrapping helped bring people into the store as well.

At Vogels & Fosters, procrastinating shoppers helped sales in a rash of late-season buying, according to owner Mike Jackson. Mother Nature had a hand in the sales, Jackson said.

"We had our best Christmas Eve that we've ever had," Jackson said. "The weather late in December was warmer, and the timing of Christmas on a Thursday may have made people shop later."

Jackson said an extra shopping day this year didn't raise sales too much, but the store did as well as last year overall. He said sweaters and fleece goods sold well, and casual men's clothes, like Dockers, did well too.

A new Radio Shack helped give Heydlauff's Appliances and Electronics a good season this year, according to owner Mark Heydlauff. The store sold a variety of general merchandise as gifts, though the electronics were the biggest sellers this year.

"We were pleased with the turnout," Heydlauff said. "We had a busy season."

Merkel's Home Furniture and Carpet One had a typical season, with little change from previous years or the rest of the year, Co-owner Fred Zuidveld said sales don't vary much from month to month, but he noticed purchases of accessories, such as lamps and other decorative items in the last month.

Road agency to build light, bridge

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

The flashing light at Freer Road and Old US-12 is scheduled to be taken down in the next year and replaced with a new stoplight to regulate traffic at the four-way intersection. Washtenaw County Road Commission Managing Director Bob Polens said that with the large traffic volume in recent years, the intersection merits a traffic signal.

"We install traffic signals based on criteria set by the state," Polens said. "The intersection does warrant a traffic signal."

Polens said that one of the problems at the intersection is the backup of traffic behind vehicles turning left onto Freer from Old US-12. He said the road will need to be widened to allow for a left turn lane, similar to the one at M-52.

Polens said the commission's board will have to decide whether to proceed with the light this summer. It will consider the cost of the road and the light when making the decision.

Polens said the growth in the area has contributed to the traffic volume on the two roads. He said however, that there are no plans to pave Freer south of Old US-12.

The road commission also has almost completed work on replacing a bridge on Trinkle Road over Mill Creek, which was closed in 1995 after it became structurally unsound, according to Roy Townsend, project engineer for the Trinkle Road bridge. The commission has finished all of the reconstruction of the bridge, but is waiting on the installation of a guard rail so it can go ahead with grading and other finishing touches.

The guard rail, however, is scheduled to be installed by a subcontractor that has laid off all of its workers for the season, Townsend said. The contract states the bridge doesn't have to be finished until June 5, which Townsend said was plenty of time to finish the project. Townsend said the cold weather also makes it difficult to work.

"The bridge is probably about 90 percent complete, but won't be open to traffic until May," Townsend said. "They're finishing up some small bits of work."

Until the bridge comes back into operation, Townsend said residents will continue to use alternate routes, such as Dexter-Chelsea Road or Old US-12. The bridge will be widened and improved to more current standards.

—Soccer Moms No More—

The Chelsea Comets came in second place in local competition. Pictured are (front from left) Julie Young, assistant coach Duff Davis, Jennifer Cole, Kim Parkanzky, coach Ricky Suassuna and Suzie Weber. Back row are Mary Boyce, Nancy Paul, Wendy Tidwell, Nancy Salatia, Nancy Davis, Jeanne Franks, Rita Fulton, Penny Olsen, Lucy Silverio, Rose Manitz and Tracy Heydlauff. Not pictured are Patti Feeney, Mary Lou Severin and Rhonda Carpenter.

Dairy herds producing less milk

Dairy herds in Michigan produced 423 million pounds of milk during November, down 2 percent from a year ago, according to the Federal State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

The daily production rate per cow was 47.0 pounds, an increase of 1.3 pounds from 1996. The dairy herd was estimated at 300,000 head for November, a decrease of 4 percent from 1996.

Milk production in the 20 major states during November was 10.6 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 1996. Daily production per cow was 45.9 pounds, 0.9 pound higher than in November 1996. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major states was 7.72 million head, 51,000 a head less than in November 1996.

Dairy manufacturing plants in Michigan produced 1.25 million pounds of butter in October, 3 percent less than a year ago. Ice cream output totaled 2.2 million gallons, up 14 percent from October 1996. Nonfat dry milk production was 1.1 million pounds, 20 percent higher than a year earlier.

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Retired police dispatcher Lynda Collins has kept herself busy by continuing to work at Big Boy restaurant. She says her 14 years with the department were great, but she needed a change of pace.

Former police dispatcher staying busy in retirement

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

For over 14 years, Lynda Collins was the voice of Chelsea Police Department, both to emergency callers and to police officers and firefighters over the dispatch. Collins' retirement last month ended her career taking calls, directing traffic, and typing warrants and letters as clerk and secretary for the department, while still finding time to work another job and raise 8 children to boot.

"I'm trying to figure out how I had time to work," Collins says. "I love my job, but it was time to make a change and do something different."

Collins now works only at Big Boy restaurant, where she managed the store part-time while working full-time at the police department. She says the Big Boy job allows her time to take breaks and to eat lunch, a luxury often not afforded her at the police department.

Collins also likes the greater interaction with people at Big Boy. Though she often talked to people on the phone, and everyone knew who she was, she says the Big Boy job allows her to be more social and she enjoys the interaction with people in the community.

"Now I get to see all the people I talk to on the phone," she says.

Collins is a 20-year resident of Chelsea, having lived in several places around the village before settling in Lyndon Township. But she says she only became a full-fledged member of the community when she married her husband Chris, whose family has lived in the village since the 19th century.

An active member of the depot association, Collins works tirelessly to maintain one of Chelsea's historical landmarks. She also has coached softball for 11 years.

Collins has had seven girls and one boy between three husbands. She jokes that three kids seems to be the maximum per husband.

"Three seems to be the most," she says. "I only have two with Chris. He's the last husband."

Collins is also the mother of several cats and dogs, which share her house with the occasional grandchild. Collins' pets are mostly stray animals brought in to the police department, which she took pity on and brought home with her.

Collins' penchant for humanitarianism caused her to take in a family of stray humans as well. She says a little girl and her parents were stuck in Chelsea when their car broke down over a weekend. The family was from New York, and without a hotel or auto shop open anywhere in the area, Collins let the three stay in her house for the night.

In addition to taking in homeless families, Collins had a few other adventures during her tenure. She remembers a time when officers nabbed a man found running across M-52. He turned out to be an escaped psychiatric patient who had been missing for a week.

"He was coughing all over me at the desk," Collins says. "I was afraid I was going to get tuberculosis or something."

In another instance, two men had come into the office and started pushing each other around. With an officer

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Sylvan Board hires town hall architect

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

The picturesque grassy slopes of Sylvan Township's property near Sylvan Center will be getting a new look in coming months when the township builds a new town hall. According to Supervisor Jerry Dresselhouse, the township Board accepted a bid Jan. 6 from Ann Arbor architect Ed Wier to design the building, with the anticipation of starting construction this summer.

Wier said he was just getting started planning for the building, going through a process to determine what it should look like. He said the township has a variety of guidelines he will follow, including space requirements and the number of offices needed.

Wier said the building would probably be a brick structure and look fairly residential to fit with the surrounding homes. Wier said the hall will be about 4,200 square feet with a meeting space.

He said the land has interesting hills that he will take advantage of, probably putting in an accessible basement. And its proximity to Chrysler Proving Grounds gives the area a nice tree canopy to complement the building.

"It will be functional in design and layout, and not overly grandiose," he said. "It will occupy the prominent spot on the site at the higher elevations, but I think the building itself won't conflict with the residential atmosphere."

Wier is an Ann Arbor native and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture from the University of Michigan. He worked on the Ann Arbor Public Library renovation with an architectural firm before starting his own company in 1991.

Most of his individual work has been residential property, but he also works on barrier-free design and office renovation.

Wier said he was glad to be working on the project for Sylvan Township. He said he hopes to design the building to be a symbol of the local community.

"The township hall represents the image of a community," Wier said. "It should be a building people are proud of."

With the new township hall moving forward, Dresselhouse said the Board is now looking into selling the current building. The Board voted to pay an appraiser to find out the market value of the township hall on Middle Street.

Dresselhouse expects the appraisal to be finished by next month. The next Board meeting is Feb. 3.

Frisinger Realty sold to Ann Arbor-based Reinhart Co.

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

After 32 years as a real estate broker in Chelsea, Frisinger, Pierson and Associates has sold the family business to the Ann Arbor-based Reinhart Company. Broker Paul Frisinger said the sale will allow the company to offer customers a wider range of services than they could get with his small company.

"Two of the larger companies were after us, and this was the time to do something about it," Frisinger said. "Reinhart has been wanting to expand in this area and we felt it was a real good mesh of the two offices."

Reinhart President David Lutton said the company is strictly a Washtenaw County Realtor, with offices in only Ann Arbor and Saline outside of Chelsea, but the company has the highest sales of any Realtor in the county. Reinhart has been in operation for 27 years, and offers an apartment service, mortgages and property management, in addition to more traditional realty services.

Frisinger said that the merger will give his customers more options when buying or selling a home in the Chelsea area. Reinhart aspires to be a one-stop shopping for houses, giving buyers all the tools they will need to move in as quickly as they can.

Lutton said one of the main markets for real estate lately has been in transfer housing for company employees who are moving and have to find a place to live quickly. The big-three auto makers, for instance, have entire departments dedicated to finding their employees a house, and Reinhart is ready to take advantage of the market for people moving around the country.

Lutton said Reinhart was attracted to the Chelsea area because of its rapid growth, which he said creates an excellent market for real estate. Though his Ann Arbor offices did business in Chelsea, they didn't have people who specialized in the area, and knew the community.

Frinsinger, Pierson and Associates Realty sold out to the Reinhart Company of Ann Arbor. Paul Frisinger (right) said the move will allow his customers access to a wider range of services, from rentals to mortgages. Pictures with Frisinger is Reinhart President David Lutten.

"We understand that Ann Arbor is not the center of the universe for the people of Chelsea," Lutton said. "Once we decided to move into Chelsea, Paul and his team became an obvious choice."

Frisinger said the realty company will continue to employ all the sales people it currently has, plus increase its staff. The new realty company will cover western Washtenaw County and eastern Jackson County, including Stockbridge, Manchester and Grass Lake.

Frisinger said he will get to know the larger role his company will have within Reinhart's operations, but will focus on staying with the hometown feel.

"There's only so much area a Realtor can really know," Frisinger said. "Each area has its own traditions. Selling is still a local business."

School-to-work draw for some Chelsea students

By Michelle Rogers
and Eric Bowen

Tired of just learning from books, Chelsea High School student Gwen Scharphorn decided she wanted to make them, getting her chance in a hands-on school-to-work program in partnership with BookCrafters Inc. in Chelsea.

Scharphorn and other students from around the region are participating in the Graph X Academy, a partnership between business, industry and education that provides students with experience in the printing industry.

"I think it's a lot of fun," Scharphorn says. "One reason why I took it is because you're not stuck in the same building. It's good job experience to find out what you want to do."

Based at Dexter High School, the academy is run through the South and West Washtenaw Consortium and is offered to students in Chelsea, Saline, Dexter, Milan and Manchester.

Dexter High School teacher Dennis Stockwell was hired four years ago as the instructor and coordinator for the program. He came at a time of change, with the retirement of Dexter print and graphics teacher Dan Teare.

The program was restructured in 1994 from a two-week job shadowing program called Partners in Printing to the Graph X Academy, where classroom learning and on-site mentoring occurs over two years.

"They see every aspect of book publishing," Stockwell says about students in the program.

Chelsea student Gwen Scharphorn works at BookCrafters as part of her studies at Chelsea High School.

The first month is spent in the classroom reviewing the basics. Then throughout the school year, each student logs some 200 hours at a local book manufacturing plant, where they work under as many as 60 mentors while exploring every aspect of the industry, from production planning to electronic prepress to bindery operations.

"I'm learning about all the different steps it takes to make books," Scharphorn says. "It's fun, but there are certain areas I don't think I'll stick with."

Periodically, students return to the classroom to cover areas, such as screen printing, letterpress and small offset operations, that they are not exposed to on the job sites.

"It gives them the best of both worlds," Stockwell says. "They can learn on site and then come back as a class and do school projects where they can more readily make mistakes because it's not going to be as costly."

Grades take into account how well each student masters tasks, class projects and a daily log of activities.

"The experience the students get is pretty much tied a lot to their attitude," Stock-

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Dexter Twp. furthers moving Sauer Drive

■ Dexter Township Board grants Sauer Drive Association variance to move forward.

By Michelle Rogers
Associate Editor

Dexter Township Board of Trustees has granted a variance from the Private Road Ordinance that will pave the way for the relocation of Sauer Drive.

At a meeting held Dec. 16, the Board waived the 66-foot right-of-way requirement to 40 feet so the Sauer Drive Association can improve the alignment of Sauer Drive with North Lake Road.

The request was brought forward by local residents concerned over liability issues.

According to a letter dated Aug. 19, 1996, from Yvette Ware, supervisor of traffic and safety engineering for the Washtenaw County Road Commission, residents along Sauer Drive are liable in the event of a vehicle crash or other unforeseen catastrophe.

Members of the association, according to Dexter Township Supervisor Robert Tetens, wanted assurances that a variance would be favorably received by the Board before moving forward with design work and construction documents to relocate the road.

Sauer Drive is maintained as a private road by the Sauer Drive Association. There are 30 property owners served by it.

According to a letter to Tetens from Sheridan Springer, treasurer of the association, a Sauer Drive resident contacted the Washtenaw County Road Commission sev-

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SPORTS

Lets Go Bulldogs!

Dogs win low-scoring game against Richard

By Phil Lozen
Sports Writer

If only for a half, Chelsea stayed right with undefeated Willow Run on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The Bulldogs trailed 17-15 after one and only 39-31 at the half before the Flyers turned up the heat in the second half and maintained their unblemished record with a 78-43 win.

"This was the best half of basketball we played all year," coach Robin Raymond said. "We were excited at the half. This was the longest we have been competitive with a quality team this year."

The Flyers' speed and size took over in the second half, leading to 32 Chelsea turnovers in the game.

Those turnovers led to Willow Run taking 72 shots in the game to Chelsea's 55.

"They had a good trap and the turnovers were the difference in the second half," Raymond said. "This is a good team, I think they are ranked in the top five in the state, and they deserve that honor."

Drew Henson led Chelsea with 11 points and played his best game this season. Vince Scheffler scored eight and Sean Davis, six.

Matt Adams, scored five with seven rebounds and Mike Holloway added five points, as well. Alan Bairley hauled in five boards.

Chelsea shot 31 percent from the floor and hit 9-15 free throws. The teams each grabbed 34 rebounds, a good number for the Bulldogs with such a size disadvantage.

Chelsea bounced back with a 33-30 win over Gabriel Richard in a rare Saturday contest at Chelsea High.

"This was an unusual game," Raymond said. "It was not a slow first half at all, but the score doesn't show that."

Chelsea led 6-4 after one and 9-7 at the half as both teams struggled to find the hoop in the first half.

The Bulldogs were 4-26 (15 percent) from the floor and the Irish, 3-21 (14 percent).

"We played good defense but there were lids on both baskets in the first half," Raymond said. "We were trying to run but nothing fell. The defense rushed Richard into some turnovers and we didn't give them the shots they wanted."

The pace was much slowed in the second half as both teams waited to find good shots.

The Bulldogs opened up a 20-15 lead after three and held off Richard at the end.

Chelsea shot 9-18 in the second half and Richard 8-18.

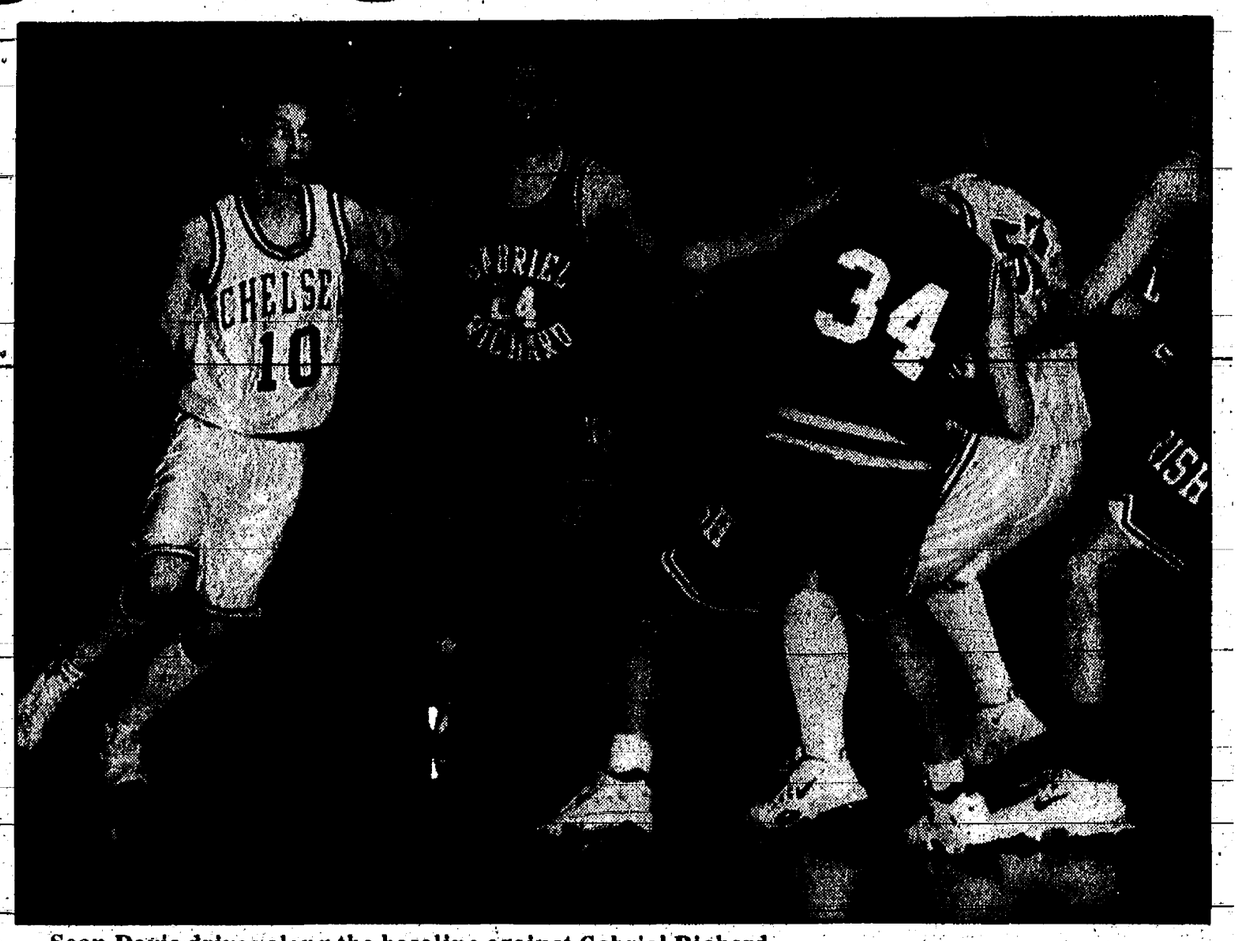
Rourke Skelton played his best game, scoring nine on 4-9 shooting, grabbing five rebounds, dishing out four assists and collecting four steals.

Scheffler and Sam Compton scored four each. Adams had 10 boards and Compton, seven.

Turnovers were way down for the Bulldogs, totaling only 17. Neither team shot well from the line, either, Chelsea, 7-18, and Richard, 8-17. The Bulldogs manhandled the Irish on the boards 44-29, allowing only four offensive boards to 12 of their own.

"We played a very consistent four quarters," Raymond said. "We worked hard on the boards and it showed."

Chelsea (2-4 overall, 1-2 SEC) traveled to Dexter on Tuesday and hosts Tecumseh Thursday night.



Sean Davis drives along the baseline against Gabriel Richard.

Tankers continue fine season

Chelsea's varsity swim team moved its record to 4-0 overall and 1-0 in the conference last week as the Bulldogs continued to prove that they are one of the best teams in the state this year.

Chelsea beat Brighton and Northville on Tuesday, Jan. 6, in a tri-meet. Chelsea scored 73 with Brighton and Northville scoring 29 and 35, respectively.

Chelsea then came back on Thursday and beat Saline in its first conference match up, 98-88. The most impressive part of the Bulldogs' record so far is the fact that all opponents have been Class A schools.

Big swims—for the week were as follows:

Against Brighton and Northville, the 200-yard medley relay of Rob Frayer, Matt Kolodica, Bobby Rohrkemper and Chris Frayer qualified for the state meet with a winning time of 1:47.

The next event saw another state-qualification time as Josh Hack blew the field apart with an impressive 1:49.67 in the 200-yard freestyle.

Brother Andy Hack just missed the state cut in the 200-yard individual medley as he and teammate Rob Frayer placed first and second with times of 2:11.09 and 2:12.79, respectively.

Matt Johns swam an impressive 50-yard freestyle, winning the event with a time of 23.99.

Diver Steve Basar continued to improve as his point total of 131.95 was good enough for third-place honors.

Rohrkemper made a second state cut as he swam a very impressive 57.45 in the 100-yard butterfly.

Christ Frayer won the 100-yard freestyle, stopping the clock t 53.01.

Kolodica had a career-best time in the 500-yard freestyle as he cruised to at 5:28.18.

Josh Hack made his second state cut of the evening, winning the 100-yard breaststroke. His time of 1:03.04 is currently the number one ranked time in the state.

Chelsea finished the meet with an easy victory in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Johns, Josh Hack, Andy Hack and Rob Frayer won the event in a time of 3:37.69.

Against Saline, the goal was to have their best meet so far. The Bulldogs responded with their best performance of the season.

Seven state cuts were made and 18 personal-best times were recorded.

The Bulldogs got things rolling with a season-best time and state cut in the 200-yard medley relay. Andy Hack, Kolodica, Johns and Chris Frayer combined their efforts to stop the clock at 1:46.28.

Kolodica came right back in the 200-yard freestyle to post his best time in the event and win first place honors.

Rob Frayer had his best time of the season as he placed second in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:11.53.

John had his best dual-meet 50-yard freestyle with an impressive 23.91 and first place.

The next event saw something that does not normal happen. The diving squad of Steve Basar and Gabe McGuiness took first and second as they had season-best scores in diving. Basar scored 149.90, with McGuiness close behind with 140.28.

Rohrkemper qualified for state in the 100-yard butterfly for the second time in as many days with his strongest race of the season with a time of 56.89.

Christ Frayer was just off the cut in the 100-yard freestyle but his time of 52.22 was good enough for second place.

Josh Hack had an outstanding 500-yard freestyle as he continued to prove he is the most versatile and valuable swimmer in the Washtenaw County, if not the state. He came very close to breaking

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BOWLING

ANN ARBOR MACHINE

	W	L
The Low Rollers	26	2
Unpredictables	19	9
My Three "Studs"	14	14
Handicaps "R" Us	14	14
Onyz	13	15
Pure Luck	11	17
Ghost Team	8	20
3 Lee's	7	21

High Game: Toni Shore 226; Randy Biddix, 198
High Series: Toni Shore, 649; Randy Biddix, 566

TOWN CLUB

	W	L
Republic Bank	15	6
Bristle Farms	15	6
Dault Construction	11	10
Wild Hare Five	11	10
Chelsea A & W	9	12
Fielder Painting	2	19

High Game: Lynda Collins, 211
High Series: Lynda Collis, 519

SENIORS FUN TIME

	W	L
Go Getters	74	45
Three Muskateers	72	47
Heppy Bowlers	71	48
Pansies	67	52
Steadies	67	52
Keglers	66	53
Polka Dots	63	56
Alley Cats	60	59
G G & B	60	59
Pals	59	60
Gutter Dusters	58	61
Green Ones	57	62
Spare Ribs	55	64
CBs	50	69
Strikers	50	69
Hit or Miss	48	71
Three Cookies	42	77
Good Timers	42	77

High Game: Eileen Godek, 179; Jack Richmond, 215
High Series: Eileen Gondek, 504; Gerald Emery, 566

TRI CITY MIXED

	W	L
Thunder Rolls	12	2
M.T.F.	12	2
Royal Stars	12	2
Hamilton Building	7	7
The Master Hands	7	7
Wolverine Food & Spirits	6	8
Oops	5	9
3.D. Sales	4	10
R.L.M.	3	11
Chelsea Lanes	2	12

High Game: Mary Jo Boyer, 193; Bob Stanley, 245
High Series: Mary Jo Boyer, 513; Rob Lyerle, 609

CHELSEA LANES MIXED

	W	L
Bluebirds	19	2
S.T.D.	17	4
The Go Girls	16	5
Double E	13	8
Sudsuckers	9	12
Looney Toons	9	12
Lima Beans	7	14
Double Trouble	7	14
T-n-T	6	15
Pinbusters	5	16
No Chance	5	16
Chelsea Grinding	0	21

High Game: Cheryl A. Schulze, 188; Tim Schulze, 214
High Series: Cheryl A. Schulze, 457; Tim Schulze, 581

CHELSEA SUBURBAN

	W	L
Chelsea Lanes	7	0
Vogel's Party Store	7	0
Flow-Ezy	5	2
Creative Stitchery	5	2
Office Products Outlet	4	3
Schultz Enterprise	3	4
3-D Sales	2	5
James Bauer Construction	2	5
Hamilton Building & Design	0	7
A&T Painting	0	7

High Game: Mamie Rush, 204
High Series: Karen Tobin, 509

CHELSEA REALTY LEAGUE

	W	L
Fore-Closure	75	58
F.S.B.O.	74	59
The Acres	68	65
All Most	66	67
Quit Claim	63	70
Be Bad	53	80

High Game: Jeanne Perry, 203
High Series: Jeanne Perry, 497

LEISURE TIME

	W	L
Misfits	40.5	23.5
Not Yets	35	29
Early Birds	32	32
Doves	31.5	32.5
Sweetrollers	27	37
Late Ones	26	38

High Game: Ginny Wheaton, 213
High Series: Ginny Wheaton, 534

BIF'S BUMPER BOWLERS

	W	L
Dynamite Strikers	54.5	25.5
Lucky Strikers	46	34
Awesome Alyssas	41.5	38.5
The Strikers	37	23
Bumper Buster	22	38
Munchkins	14	66

High Game: Alyssa Porokos, 63; Tim Schulze, 121
High Series: Alyssa Potter, 104; Tim Schulze, 191

CHELSEA YOUTH MIXED

	W	L
Dukes of Hazzard	74	38
Piggy	71	41
Bushwackers	70	42
The Bulldogs	70	42
Your Mama	65	47
DNA	64	48
Strikers	61	51
GWAR	59	53
Fireballs	58	54
Dancer Fever	58	54
The Bowlers	56	56
M.O.M.	53	59
The Scrappers	50	62
Seminoles	46	66
The Strike Force	42	70
Team #1	39	73
Pioneer Seeds	38	74
Purple Pinguins	34	78

High Game: Valisa Thompson, 167; Nick Parker, 160
High Series: Valisa Thompson, 426; Matt Milazzo, 553

Chelsea swim team

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the varsity record currently held by All America Matt McVittie with a winning time of 4:56.44. Teammate Jeff Heydlauff also had a season-best time in the event, stopping the clock at 5:39.02.

Andy Hack made his state cut in the 100-yard backstroke. he took first place with a time of 59.75.

Kolodica came right back in the very next event and cruised to the No. five rank in the state in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:04.20.

The last event of the evening was the 400-yard freestyle relay. Chris Frayer, Josh Hack, Rohrkemper and Rob Frayer combined to set a new personal best for the team and qualify for the state in the process. The time of 3:30.49 ranks among the best in the area.

Chelsea's next meet is against Tecumseh on Thursday at home. The meet will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Chelsea wrestling captains are counting on youth and enthusiasm this year. From left are seniors Brent Young, Kevin Bloomensaat and Todd Pearsall, tri-captains.

Chelsea wrestlers take fifth place at competitive Athens tournament

Chelsea wrestlers took fifth place at the 16-team Athens Invitational last Saturday, Jan. 10.

Union City won the meet with 194 points, Jackson Northwest was second with 172.5, Harper Creek was third with 167, Lakeview was fourth with 126, and Chelsea finished with 113.5 points.

"I thought we did quite well," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel.

"We wrestled with a lot of younger kids and many of them drew the first or second seed in their first match but wrestled back to place."

Sophomore Derek Egeler at 160 pounds was Chelsea's only champion.

"I was happy we had a sophomore in the finals," Kargel said.

"It's usually juniors and seniors."

Egeler pinned Brian Williams of Lakeview in 1:43 and shut out Will Renner of Coldwater, 15-0, to reach the finals, where he beat Trent Sprague, 11-9. Egeler jumped out to a big, early lead and held on.

Senior Brent Young took second place at 152 pounds. He pinned Brian Porter of Lakeview in 1:52 and defeated Peter Gregg of Haslett, 4-2. In the finals, he lost to Charlie Tuft of Harper Creek, 7-3. Tuft was state champion last year at 160 pounds.

Heavyweight Nate Dawson, a freshman, took third.

"I think it's the first time we've ever had a freshman place in this tournament," Kargel said.

Dawson pinned Ben Fein of Edwardsburg in 2:44 and Shawn Moore of Quincy in 1:18. He got pinned by Matt Starkweather of Lakeview in 1:59, but came back in the consolation finals to beat Nate Thomas of Gull Lake, 6-3.

Derek Egeler was Chelsea's lone champion at the Athens Invitational last Saturday. He wrestles at 160 pounds.

Kevin Bollinger was fourth at 135 pounds. He pinned Myles Watson of Union City in 4:18 and Tom Jasiak of Gull Lake in 3:08. However, he lost to Tim Carlisle of Harper Creek, 7-0, before being edged by Jesse Becraft of Edwardsburg in the consolation finals, 3-2.

Rick Huntington placed fifth at 215 pounds. He was pinned by Mike Seely of Haslett in 3:07. After a bye in the second round, he pinned Paul Walker of Lakeview in 2:46 and John Wheeker of Williamston in 3:12.

Kevin Bloomensaat was fifth at 171 pounds. He opened with a loss in overtime to Jeff Watson of Coldwater. The 7-7 tie was broken by the number of takedowns. He went on to beat Andy Movey of Gull Lake, 11-9, pin Matt Palmer of Harper Creek in 1:55, and decision his first opponent, Watson, 7-4.

Todd Pearsall placed sixth at 112 pounds. He pinned Eric Allman of Harper Creek in :59, lost to Phil Bowers of Lakeview, 10-4, pinned Tom Rogers of Coldwater in 1:18, beat Jeremy Grant of Williamston, 15-7, and lost to Jason Patrick of Jackson Northwest, 11-4.

Other Chelsea wrestlers included Mike Miller at 103 (0-2), Nate Keiser at 125 (1-2), Justin Nadolny at 130 (0-2), Bill Martin at 140 (0-2), Ben Vogel at 145 (0-2), and Chris Wentz at 189 (0-2).

The Bulldogs were supposed to have wrestled Milan on Thursday but the Big Reds had to forfeit.

Chelsea hosts Lincoln tonight and goes to the Williamston Invitational on Saturday.

Hockey team places third in tournament

The Chelsea hockey club took third place in holiday tournament before Christmas vacation.

The Bulldogs stopped Pinckney 5-1 in the third place game. Todd Osborne scored a hat trick. Scott Cooney assisted the first goal, with Steve Williams and Brett Poupard earning assists on the second. The third goal was unassisted.

Also scoring for Chelsea were Jason Zatkovich, unassisted, and Poupard, assisted by Osborne. Ian Skidmore was in goal for Chelsea.

On Jan. 9, Chelsea fell in a close contest 8-7 to Lincoln.

Poupard scored twice for Chelsea, one unassisted and one on an assist from Osborne.

Osborne added an unassisted first period goal. Sean Stickney scored off a pass from Bill Lucas in the first period and Trevor Maveal finished the scoring with an assist going to Osborne.

T.J. Smashey scored an unassisted goal in the second period and in the third, Bill Lucas found Pat Jaynes for the final tally.

On Jan. 10 Chelsea lost a hard-fought 1-0 game against Saline. The Hornets scored midway through the third period.

Skidmore made 41 saves in the game for Chelsea. The Bulldogs host Jackson Central at Optimist Arena on Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.

Chelsea hockey club coach Mark Sylvain, right, and player Scott Cooney pose with Chelsea's trophy for third place.

JV volleyball wins Brighton Invitational

Chelsea JV volleyball team won the Brighton Junior Varsity Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 10.

The team of Mora Arnold, Laura Baird, Lindsey Baker, Lindsey Brink, Jill Drexler, Molly Edman, Carrie Harris, Jenni Martin, Cassi Palmer, Emily Royce, Laura Saarinen, Val Schiller, Missy Smith and Betty Westcott was victorious in the finals against Walled Lake Central High School.

"The team played better as the day went on," said coach Laura Cleveland. "The entire team remained focused throughout the tournament."

The team finished second in pool play to Walled Lake Central with a record of 4-2. Chelsea was ranked fourth going into the championship round. The team defeated Plymouth Canton 15-5, 11-15 and 15-8 in the quarterfinals. Chelsea went on to play Brighton in the semi-finals and defeated the Bulldogs 15-6 and 15-11. Chelsea met Walled Lake Central again in the finals and won, 15-9 and 15-9.

Royce had 24 kills, Arnold had 20 kills and Baird had 14 kills to lead the Bulldog hitters. Baird, Brink, Arnold, Drexler, Baird, Edman and Palmer played strong defensively in the back row throughout the tournament.

"This is an excellent way to start off the season for our team. They played with an intensity and focus that translated into success. Their teamwork was evident and will be the difference throughout the season," Cleveland said.

Freshman basketball maintains perfect mark

The Chelsea freshman basketball team moved its way to a 4-0 record with wins over Saline and Willow Run in its last two games.

In the final game before Christmas break, the Bulldogs stopped Saline 63-53.

After opening a 16-8 lead in the first quarter, Saline came back to within two at the half.

In the second half, however, Chelsea pulled away to win the game.

Tony Scheffler scored 20 points to lead Chelsea and Ben Meyers added 16.

Joel Grimm chipped in seven, Brian Sayers had six, Cory Picklesimer four and Chris Copper three.

Chris Brigham, Randy Peace and Mike Radke scored two each and Derek Klink added one.

"We played a solid team defensive game," coach Brian Burg said. "In the beginning of the fourth we forced Saline into some quick turnovers and put the game out of reach."

In their first game back from vacation, the Bulldogs outlasted Willow Run 56-53.

Chelsea held a 20-7 first quarter lead and was up 34-21 at the half, but Willow Run came back, cutting the lead nearly in half, 46-39.

"In the second half we struggled with Willow Run's zone defense, which forced us to turn the ball over," Burg said.

Scheffler scored 15 to lead Chelsea and Meyers added eight. Brigham, Peace and Picklesimer added six apiece with Copper adding five. Grimm and Brian Sayars each chipped in four and Matt McAtee added two.

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 15

7th and 8th Grade Swimming vs. Brighton, 4 p.m. H

Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 6:30 p.m. A

Wrestling vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 6:30 p.m. H

Boys Swimming vs. Tecumseh, 6:30 p.m. H

Friday, Jan. 16

JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Tecumseh, 6 p.m. H

Saturday, Jan. 17

Varsity Volleyball, Plymouth-Salem Inv., 8 a.m. A

Wrestling, Williamston Inv., 10 a.m. A

Sunday, Jan. 18

Hockey vs. Jackson Central at Optimist Ice Arena, Jackson, 6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 19

Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball vs. Pinckney, 6:30 p.m. H

Freshman Basketball vs. Pinckney, 7 p.m. H

Tuesday, Jan. 20

7th and 8th Grade Wrestling vs. Dundee, 4:30 p.m. H

7th and 8th Grade Swimming vs. Dexter, 4:30 p.m. A

Thursday, Jan. 22

7th and 8th Co-ed Swimming vs. Milan, 4:30 p.m. H

Freshman/JV Volleyball vs. AA Huron at Beach School, 6 p.m. H

JV/Varsity Wrestling vs. AA Huron, 6:30 p.m. H

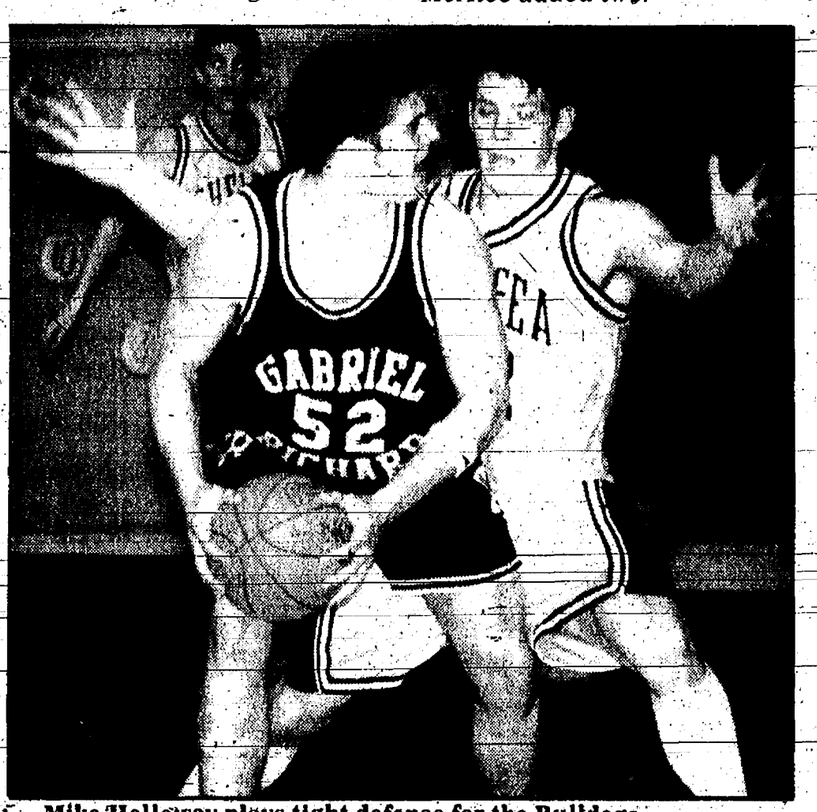
Boys Swimming and Diving vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 6:30 p.m. A

Friday, Jan. 23

JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Pinckney, 6 p.m. A

Saturday, Jan. 24

Wrestling, Belleville Invitational, 10 a.m. A



Mike Holloway plays tight defense for the Bulldogs.

—It's a Whopper—

Dan Hammel of Chelsea caught this 35-inch, 12-pound pike ice fishing on a private lake near Stockbridge. He hopes to have similar luck at the winter carnival on Cavanaugh Lake.

About the Outdoors

by Jerry D. Posey

The hunting seasons have ended for another year in our part of the state. Well, there is still the season for the feisty little cottontail and his close cousin, the snowshoe hare, found in the upper part of the state. But other than a couple of treks into the outdoors for each of them, the balance of my winter will be spent a bit closer to the old wood burner.

Everyone has heard all of our deer-hunting stories more than once, and they may have even believed some of them. I hope so. After all we believed some of theirs, didn't we?

Many parts of the state now have ice thick enough for some early ice fishing, but this is the time of the year to use extra caution when venturing out for a day of challenging the local bluegills to a battle of wits.

Early ice can produce some of the best ice fishing a fisherman (or woman) can find, but it can also be the time of unwanted freezing baths, or worse.

Some of the early cold spells produce ice that may look safe, but care should be taken unless you are sure of the thickness and quality. Dark ice usually means thin ice and thin spots can be found in some areas even when the rest of the lake is safe enough to fish on. These areas should, of course, be avoided.

When ice freezes quickly it will often be clear and the bottom can sometimes be seen in spots. Clear ice, when thick enough, is usually strong ice. White ice is usually strong if it is not honeycombed.

But all early ice should be checked very closely, before venturing onto it loaded down with the necessities needed for a day of enjoyable fishing.

During the early season, fishermen should not bunch up when walking across the ice to their favorite spot. Also, back off on the number of holes you drill in an area keep them spaced out. Each hole will help to weaken the ice, and though this may not be a problem later in the season when the ice is a foot thick or more, it may cause the early ice to weaken beyond a safe condition if too many holes are placed too close together.

Shallow water freezes faster than deeper water, so limiting the first outing of the season to the areas of shallower water may be a good idea. I like the ice between four and five inches thick before I venture onto it. But again, the quality of the ice is just as important as the thickness.

This time of the year it seems as though the bluegills are hungry and waiting and will often grab up any type of bait you may offer. The icy cold water has firmed up their flesh and they seem to be much tastier than the last fish of summer. Some delicious meals can be taken through early ice by those who find the spots where the fish have chosen to hang out for the day.

Early in the season the bluegills, unlike the perch, will often be found in the shallower waters closer to the shoreline. About six feet of water in an area along the edge of the weedline seems to produce best in the smaller lakes in my area.

The perch prefer the deeper water, even at this time of the year. They can often be found in water at the deepest part of the lake. Perch are sometimes hard to find but if the fisherman can locate the deeper water and start about 12 inches off the bottom, they can sometimes be coaxed to hit a lively minnow as he slowly works the depth of his bait upward about 12 inches at a time.

At this time of the year, bluegill baits can be almost any kind of a grub or larvae. Many of these baits are easy to come by if the fisherman has taken the time to gather a supple earlier in the season when they could be found in most farm areas.

The lowly cornborer is one of the most popular. They are usually free for the taking if you can find an available patch of sweet corn stalks. Golden grubs are one of my favorites and they, too, are free, if you want to take the time to gather a few found on many goldenrod stems while you are in the field in search of venison.

Mousies and waxworms, too, will take their share of winter fish and can sometimes be used to coax the panfish into biting when the other offerings don't seem to do the trick.

One other thing: if you find a spot where the ice is safe and the fish are biting faster than you can handle them, give me call. Remember, your mother taught you to share.

SOCCER CORNER

SCORE BOARD - WEEK #3

Division	Team Name	Rank	Coach
U 8 Boys	The Rockets	2	Ricky Suassuna
U 8 Boys	Red Dragons	1	Ricky Suassuna
U 8 Boys	Dynamo Forces	2	Peter Jebson
U 8 Boys	Dark Forces	6	Jack Germain
U 9 Boys	Chelsea Santos	3	Dan Pagliarini
U 9 Boys	Dexter Wolfpack	4	Bill Kuzon
U 9 Girls	Dexter Unicorns	3	Ken Cebula
U 10 Boys	Chelsea Galaxy	1	Tom Girard
U 10 Boys	Chelsea Bulldogs	2	Dennis Hayes
U 10 Girls	Charges	4	Ted Neff
U 11 Boys	Chelsea Hornets	1	Jim Lake
U 11 Boys	Chelsea Sting	3	Bill O'Brien
U 11 Boys	Dexter Inferno	1	Jim Vipcke
U 12 Boys	LJ United	1	Ricky Suassuna
U 13 Boys	Chelsea Rapids	1	Ricky Suassuna
U 13 Boys	Chelsea Bulldogs	1	Mike Gillespie
U 16 Boys	Chelsea Bulldogs	4	Susan Huehl
U 16 Girls	Chelsea Bulldogs	1	Mike Bauer
U 16 Girls	Dexter Gazelles	4	Sal Nati
U 17 Boys	Chelsea Blue	1	John Dohner
U 19 Boys	Chelsea	1	D. Christensen
030 Women	Chelsea Comets	1	Ricky Suassuna
030 Women	Chelsea Comets	2	Ricky Suassuna
040 Men	Chelsea	1	Duff Davis

If you have any questions about the game or any information to share for publication, please submit to:
SOCCER CORNER
P.O. BOX 0134
Chelsea, MI 48118 or e-mail to
RICARDAO@AOL.COM

Farm facts

Scientists have found significant amounts of resveratrol in the skin, pulp and seeds of muscadine grapes. Resveratol is the compound in French wines said to lower cholesterol and the risk of coronary heart disease. Research suggests that two ounces of unfiltered muscadine juice, one serving of muscadine jam, one medium muscadine muffin or one-tenth serving of muscadine sauce give the same dietary amounts of resveratrol as four fluid ounces of red wine.

USDA researchers have discovered three new bacteria capable of fixing nitrogen. The bacteria might someday be used to boost nitrogen levels and improve crop fertility. The bacteria also release hydrogen that could be collected and harnessed as a biofuel.

The 1997 American Dietetic Association's (ADA) Nutrition Trends Survey revealed that 13 percent of Americans think they should eliminate all fat from their diets. However, a new study, reported in The New England Journal of Medicine, reveals that diets too low in fat can be harmful. The ADA recommends a balanced diet with a variety of foods, to maintain good health.

U.S. beef exports to Mexico for the first five months of 1997 exceeded 1996 levels by nearly 80 percent. According to national Cattlemen's Beef Association analysts, further growth is expected as long as Mexico's economy can remain on track. USDA expects overall U.S. beef exports to reach 1.9 billion pounds for 1997.

Restaurant numbers are growing. In 1996 there were 424,000 restaurants compared to 376,000 in 1989 – a 13 percent – according to a recent cooking and eating trends survey.

VILLAGE OF DEXTER PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Michigan Public act 267 of 1976 (Open Meetings Act), notice is hereby given that the Village of Dexter Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on Monday, January 19, 1998, at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the Village of Dexter Planning Commissions will hold a public hearing on the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) at 7:30, on Monday, February 2, 1998.

Both meetings will be held at the First of America Building, 8123 Main Street, Second Floor Meeting Room, Dexter, MI 48130. Information regarding the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is available for public inspection at the Village Zoning Office on the second floor of the First of America Building, 8123 Main Street, Dexter between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Written assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Hall.

VILLAGE OF DEXTER
Donna Fisher, Clerk

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1998 — 7:30PM
SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL
112 W. MIDDLE STREET
CHELSEA, MI

SUBJECT OF MEETING:

A REZONING REQUEST LOCATED AT 800 FEET EAST OF SYLVAN ROAD ON OLD US-12, ALSO KNOWN AS THE NEW TOWNSHIP HALL SITE, TO CHANGE THE PRESENT ZONING FROM AGRICULTURE TO MU-1 (MUNICIPAL USE) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TOWNSHIP HALL.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 POST OF SECTION; THENCE NORTH 733 FEET IN THE WEST LINE OF SECTION FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 550 FEET IN THE CENTER OF HIGHWAY; THENCE SOUTH 685 FEET; THENCE WEST 525 FEET, THENCE NORTH IN THE WEST LINE OF SECTION TO PLACE OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4, SECTION 22, TOWN 2 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST, SYLVAN TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN CONTAINING 7.27 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

A COMPLETE COPY OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK, 112 W. MIDDLE STREET, MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY 9 AM TO 12 NOON.

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Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or service should contact the Sylvan Township Board by writing or calling the following: LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk, 112 W. Middle St. Chelsea, MI 48118 – (313) 475-8890.

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Written comments may be sent to Bob Lange, Chair, Sylvan Township Planning Commission, 17212 Carolina Trace, Chelsea, MI 48118.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING — JANUARY 6, 1998

The regular board meeting of the Sylvan Township Board was held January 6, 1998 at 7 PM in the Sylvan Township Hall, 112 W. Middle Street, Chelsea, MI 48118.

The following board members were present: Supervisor Dresselhouse, Clerk Koch, Treasurer Grau, Trustee Heller and Trustee Lesser.

Also present were Jerry and Cindy Hammerschmidt, Scott Cooper, Jeff and Lynn Dils, Kurt Koseck, Linda Cramer, Irving Feller, Andrew Brenner, and Charles Burgess.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Motion by Lesser, supported by Heller to pay bills as presented. Carried.

Kurt Koseck addressed the Board regarding a bill he received for fire/emergency services. Ask the board to change the system and make this charge in line with other Townships. Motion by Lesser supported by Grau to have the Fire Chief and Dispatcher be present and the February meeting along with Mr. Koseck to further discuss the issue. Carried.

The Lakes Feasibility Study surveys were discussed and a 60% response was obtained by Cavanaugh Lake only. Motion by Heller, supported by Lesser to send out Request for Proposals for a Feasibility Study on Cavanaugh Lake. 3 ayes, 1 nay and 1 abstained. Carried.

Andrew Brenner was present from the Huron River Watershed Council regarding a need for a Special Assessment under the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner. It was requested for Brenner to provide the Board with the benefits to: Sylvan Township and a decision would be made at that time.

Zoning Inspector Burgess reported 3 permits and 6 violations issued in December.

Supervisor Dresselhouse reported on the Fire Authority and Atwell-Hicks as the contractor for the pipeline company requested the use of the Townhall for pre-bid meetings. It was suggested to them to contact the Chelsea Fairgrounds for their meetings. Dresselhouse also reported that the funding for the new Township Hall as been obtained by the Chelsea State Bank on a personal loan and required the Township to provide an opinion that says the interest on the loan is tax exempt.

Clerk Koch reported on the status of liability and workman's compensation insurance for the Township.

Motion by Heller, supported by Grau to sign the Amended and Restated District Library Agreement upon receipt of a certificate of insurance. Carried.

Motion by Lesser, supported by Heller to appoint Lynn Fox as the Sylvan Township delegate to the District Library Board as well as Tom Gerstelnlauer and Tom Bowden as the Townships at-large members. Carried.

Motion by Grau, supported by Heller to re-appoint Pat Merkel and Barb Satterthwaite to a 3 year term on the Planning Commission and Bob Lange to a 3 year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Carried.

Motion by Heller, supported by Koch to deny the rezoning request of Cross Street Investments from AG to LC. Carried.

Motion by Grau, supported by Lesser that if there is a spray program for the Gyspy Moth that the local share be paid by the individual not the Township. Carried.

Motion by Koch, supported by Heller to have Davis Somers Company prepare an appraisal on the existing Township Hall. Carried.

LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk

LIMA TOWNSHIP
11452 JACKSON ROAD, DEXTER, MICHIGAN 48130
JANUARY 5, 1998

The regular meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on January 5, 1998. Present were Supervisor Adams, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees Beller and Trinkle. Also present a number of residents and guests.

Motion by Heller supported by Trinkle to approve minutes of 12/1 and 12/16/97. Carried.

The treasurers report was received.

Zoning Inspector Charles Schauer reported two permits were issued and one new address.

Following are Townhall Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 A.M. Wednesday and Thursday, Zoning Inspector hours 9 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Monday and Thursday, Supervisor hours Monday and Thursday 10:00 - 12:00, Assessor hours 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Thursday.

Motion by Trinkle supported by Heller to accept the report from Fletcher DesAutels to approve the plan for Miracle Drive. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Trinkle to accept the Audit Engagement Letter from Campbell & Kusterer for 1998 and 1999 Audit at a fee of $1200.00 per year. Carried.

Bob Harshberger volunteered to be the Gypsy Moth liason to work with the County Extension Office.

Motion by Trinkle supported by Heller to approve the appointment of Ronald Ziegler to the Board of Appeals and Vicki Connell-Geiss as alternate member to the Board of Appeals term 1-98 - 12-31-2000. Carried.

Supervisor Adams thanked Jim bristle for his years of dedication to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Bareis supported by Heller to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Sensoli to a three year term to the Planning Commission, 1-98 - 12-31-2000. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Trinkle to table the assessor contract to the February meeting. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Heller to credit Landfill Maintenance $1000.00 and debit Miscellaneous Contingencies $1000.00, to cover budget overage for landfill maintenance costs. Carried.

Motion by Heller supported by Trinkle to approve Board of Review Training at a cost of $35.00 per participant, deadline for registration 2/9/98. Carried.

Motion by Heller supported by Trinkle to approve supervisor attendance to the MTA convention in January. Carried.

Treasurer Havens reported approximately 400 surveys are returned. Motion by Bareis supported by Heller to tabulate the results of the township survey after February 28, 1998, date and time to be determined at the March meeting. Carried.

Motion by Heller supported by Bareis to hold a special meeting on Monday, January 19, 1998 at 8:00 P.M., with Attorney Dave Otis to make a decision on the Poljan rezoning request. Carried.

Motion by Trinkle supported by Heller to pay the bills. Carried.

Motion by Trinkle supported by Heller to adjourn at 11:30 P.M. Carried.

Respectfully submitted
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

Chelsea

—Champion Team—

Pierce Lake Elementary students had a Big 10 surprise at a recent assembly. Jon Falk, (left) whose daughter Katie goes to the school, is equipment manager for the then-conference champion Michigan football team. Pictured with Falk are Brian Griese, Chris Floyd, Tai Streets and Jon Jansen.

Wrestling coach outlines weight loss training policies to school board

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

In light of the recent death of a University of Michigan wrestler that was determined to be caused by his training practices, the Chelsea Board of Education asked athletic director Wayne Welton to give the board an update Monday night on how students in the district are trained for high school competition.

Welton said that students in the Chelsea School District are not asked to cut their weight to drop to a lower weight class, and students are urged to maintain good nutrition. Welton said the students are monitored as soon as they begin the sport, and are required to submit to a variety of weigh-in procedures.

Coach Tom Mann told the board that unlike colleges, which are not given guidelines on how wrestlers should train, high school athletes have a strict regimen they are required to follow. Wrestlers are weighed, take a skin-fold test to determine body fat, and take a urine test to determine whether they are dehydrated before they are allowed to compete, Mann said.

Once the tests are complete, the state determines the student's ideal body weight, which is the weight class a student must compete in regardless of whether they weigh less at match-time. Students can petition with parent, coach and athletic director permission, to drop 3 percent from the weight class, or have a doctor show the student's natural body weight is lower than the state has determined.

Mann said that all students must also attend a nutrition program, which is given by nutrition specialists from Chelsea Community Hospital.

Coach Kieran Kargel told the board that in the 33 years he has been coaching, he has never encouraged students to drop weight beyond a reasonable level. He said he thinks students should be healthy when competing and it can affect performance if the student does not drink and eat regularly.

The board was responding partially to a letter from parent Sam Vogel, whose son is a wrestler at CHS. Vogel asked the board to consider allowing students to weigh-in at home, instead of immediately before a meet so students could eat before the matches. Vogel said his son didn't eat for 23 hours before a match in Saline so he could remain at a particular weight class.

In other business, the board reinstated a student who had been expelled from Chelsea High School last fall. After a closed session to discuss the students recent record, the student was allowed to come back to school next semester, provided she sign an agreement that she would maintain a good academic record and behavior.

The board also discussed the recent special education settlement case. Superintendent Ed Richardson said school lawyers recommended the districts take a settlement offer, rather than pursuing an independent lawsuit to recoup underfunded special education costs.

The board also approved three field trip requests from the Washington Street Show Choir for three competitions in Indiana. The choir will perform in late February and March.

LIMA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

If you would be interested in service on the **LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION,** please contact Gary Adams, 13042 Dexter-Chelsea Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118, (734) 475-1591.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
112 W. MIDDLE STREET CHELSEA, MI 48118
PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1998 — 7:30 PM

AGENDA

First hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m.

1. A variance request for side yard, lot size and frontage requirements to erect an addition to existing house at 20370 Jerusalem Rd., Chelsea, Michigan.

Second hearing will begin at 8:15 p.m.

2. A variance request for lot area, lot width and side yard setback to erect an addition to existing garage at 1480 Ridge Road, Chelsea Michigan.

Third Hearing will begin at 9:00 p.m.

3. A variance request for front yard setback to remove wooden support on porch, rebuild foundation and add roof dormers.

Written comments may be sent to Linda Hahn, Secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals, 20232 Scio Church Rd., Chelsea , MI 48118.

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VILLAGE OF CHELSEA FILING OF NOMINATING PETITIONS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF CHELSEA COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that persons desiring to qualify for any elective office shall file a petition therefore with the Village Clerk signed by not less than fifteen (15) nor more than fifty (50) registered voters of the Village not later than 4:00 p.m. on February 2, 1998 which is the fifth (5th) Monday prior to the March 9, 1998 Non-partisan Regular General Village Election. Official blank petitions in substantially the same form as required by State Law for State and County officers, except for reference to party, shall be prepared. All nominating petitions shall have entered thereon in ink the name of the person desiring to become a candidate for office in the Village, or the person in whose behalf the petition is to be circulated, and the name of the office for which he/she is a candidate. No person shall sign his/her name to a greater number of petitions for any one (1) office than there will be persons elected to said office.

Notice is hereby given that February 5, 1998 (4:00 p.m.) being the last day to withdraw written notice required.

THE VILLAGE CLERK SHALL ACCEPT PETITIONS, THEREBY NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES, VIZ:

One (1) Village President	Two (2) Year Term
Three (3) Village Trustee	Two (2) Year Term
One (1) Village Assessor	Two (2) Year Term
One (1) Village Treasurer	Two (2) Year Term

Official Blank Petitions may be obtained at the Village Offices, 104 E. Middle Street.

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA
Suzanne C. Morrison, Village Clerk

Fleece Fair date changes

The Spinner's Flock announced the annual Winter Fleece Fair recently with a change of date. The fair will now be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 7 at Beach Middle School.

The fair will offer wool items, yarn, roving, garments and accessories, along with spinning, weaving and knitting supplies and craft-related books. Demonstrations will be given.

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA

The Chelsea Village Council will meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month during 1998. All meetings are held at the Sylvan Township Hall, 112 W. Middle Street, Chelsea. Any change in this schedule will be published.

Suzanne C. Morrison, Village Clerk

MULTI-LAKE SEWER AUTHORITY

THE MULTI-LAKES SEWER AUTHORITY

WILL HOLD THIER ANNUAL MEETING ON

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1998, AT 8:00 P.M. AT

12088 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, DEXTER, MI 48130

LIMA TOWNSHIP
11452 JACKSON ROAD, DEXTER, MICHIGAN 48130

A special meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order at 7:25 P.M. on December 16, 1997. Present supervisor Adams, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustee Heller and Trinkle.

Supervisor noted sadness at the death of Zoning Inspector Robert Koch.

Motion by Heller supported by Trinkle to approve the nomination of Charles Schauer to the office of Lima Township Zoning Inspector. Carried.

Charles Schauer resigned from the position of representative to WWRA and Washtenaw County Solid Waste Consortium. Motion by Trinkle supported by Heller to approve the nomination of William Van Riper as Lima Township Representative to WWRA and Washtenaw County Solid Waste Consortium. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

DEXTER TOWNSHIP TAXPAYERS 1997 PROPERTY TAXES DUE

TAX COLLECTIONS HOURS:
Monday through Friday 9:00-4:00
Saturday 9:00-12:00 Noon
December 24 9:00-2:00

Tax payments may be made in person, by mail or at 1st America Bank-Dexter.

JULIE A. KNIGHT
6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI 48130
Phone: 426-3767

If this is your market, turn to Chelsea Standard/Dexter Leader...

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Messages

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101-In Gratitude/Memory

THE Family of Edna L. Kuhl would like to thank Don, Linda and Alan Cale for the loving support and services for our wife, mother and Grandmother. We would also like to thank the Manchester Fire Rescue, the Chelsea Hospital Emergency Room and Intensive Care, doctors and nurses and Huron Valley Ambulance Service for all of the help they provided us for mother. Thank you Pastor Dr. Vincent Carroll and Jennifer Clark for providing us with a very special service and special music. A very special thank you to all of our families, neighbors and friends for an abundance of loving support. Mother will be greatly missed by us all. We know she now walks with God and will be with us always in our wonderful memories of her.
Armin Kuhl
Jerry, Jean, Karen & Nathan Kuhl
Howard, Doreen, Craig, Kevin & Kyle McCalla
Gail & Rolla Green

102-Notices (Legals)

DANCE-TRI-COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S LEAGUE
8640 Moon Rd., Saline
Saturday, Jan. 17
8:30 to midnight
Walt Lipiec Band
Welcome

DEFAULT IN RENTAL SALE
#39 Jelapa Best, #71 Eugene Duncan, #255 Marion Montgomery; personal, household, misc. Sale date: February 9, 1998 at 1pm at U-Store Brighton, 5850 Whitmore Lake Rd. Information 734-429-0590

DEFAULT IN RENTAL PAYMENT
#258-Nancy Gustafson, #259-Michael Bell, #311-Mark/Carol Groshans, #316-Glen Conley, #364 Aero Equipment/Charles Williams. Personal, household, misc. Sale date: 2/14/98, 1 pm., U-Store Brighton, 5850 Whitmore Lake Rd. 734-429-0590.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF Washtenaw PUBLICATION NOTICE Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 97-111, 840-SE

Estate of LAWRENCE C. STEIN, deceased.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing.

NOTICE: A hearing will be held on January 28, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. in the probate courtroom, Ann Arbor, Michigan before Judge John N. Kirkendall on the petition of ROBERT L. STEIN requesting Robert L. Stein be appointed personal representative of Lawrence C. Stein, Deceased who lived at 4300 W. Liberty Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan and who died Oct. 22, 1997, and requesting also the will of the deceased dated April 27, 1989 be admitted to probate.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be then be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record.

Dated: Dec. 18, 1997
Robert L. Stein
Personal Representative
4370 W. Liberty Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

Kausch and Flintoft, P.C.
By: Peter C. Flintoft
P-13531
119 S. Main, P.O. Box 187
Chelsea, Michigan 48118
(313) 475-8671

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF Washtenaw PUBLICATION NOTICE Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 97-111, 853-IE

Estate of HILDA B. DOWNING, deceased. Social Security #384-07-4080

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing.

TAKE NOTICE: On December 22, 1997 at 3:00 p.m., in the probate courtroom, Ann Arbor, Michigan, before Hon. John N. Kirkendall Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the petition of David C. McLaughlin requesting that David C. McLaughlin be appointed personal representative of Hilda B. Downing who lived at 2016 Suffolk, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, Michigan and who died 12/17/97; and requesting also that the will of the deceased dated November 27, 1990 be admitted to probate.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be then be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record.

Dated: Dec. 23, 1997
David C. McLaughlin
Personal Representative
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Chelsea, MI 48118
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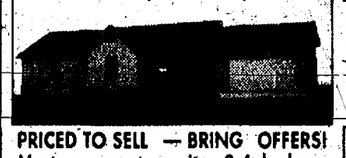

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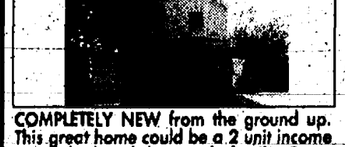

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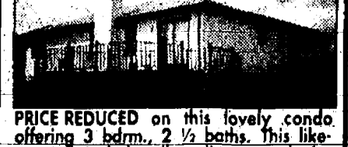

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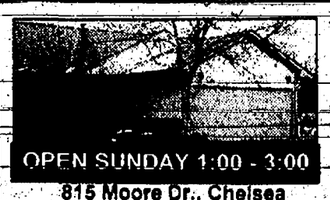

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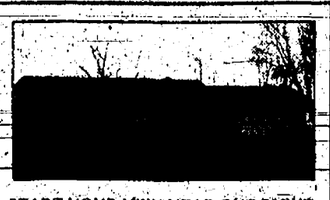

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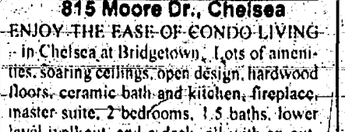

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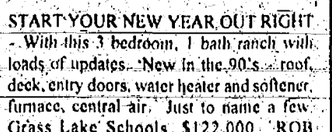

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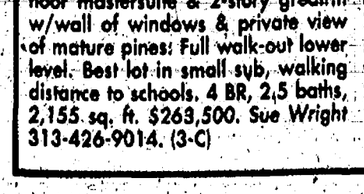

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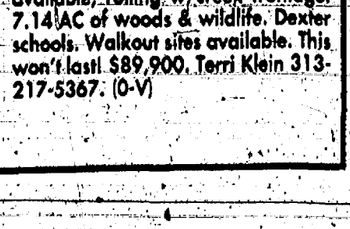

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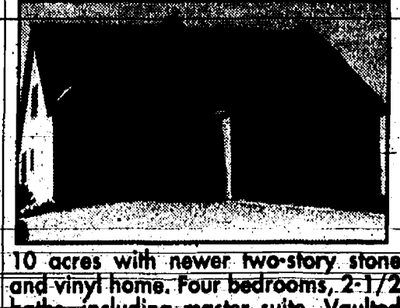

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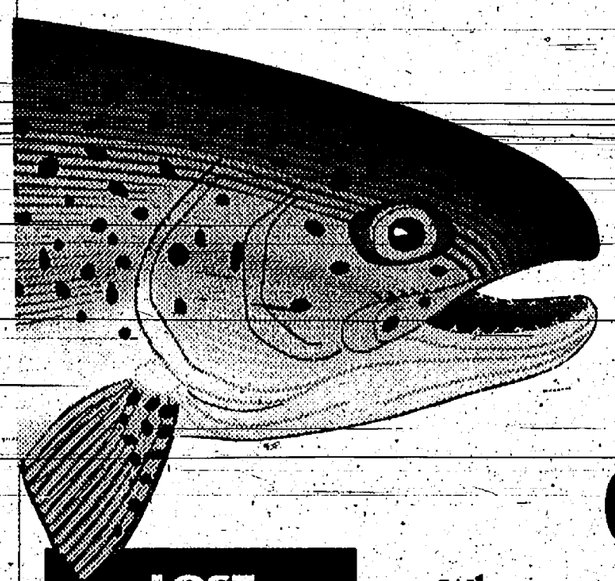

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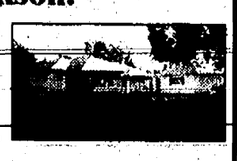

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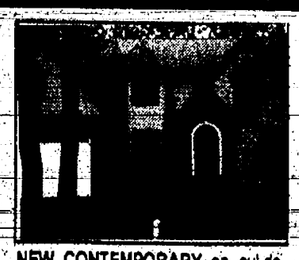

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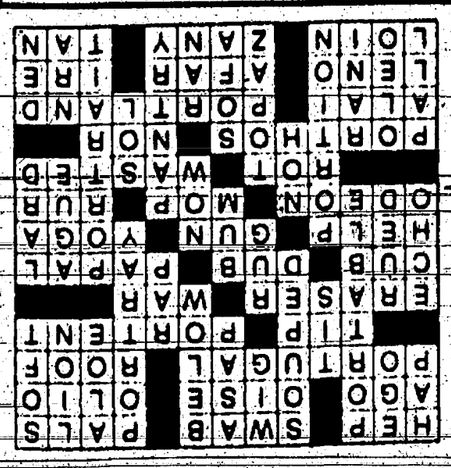

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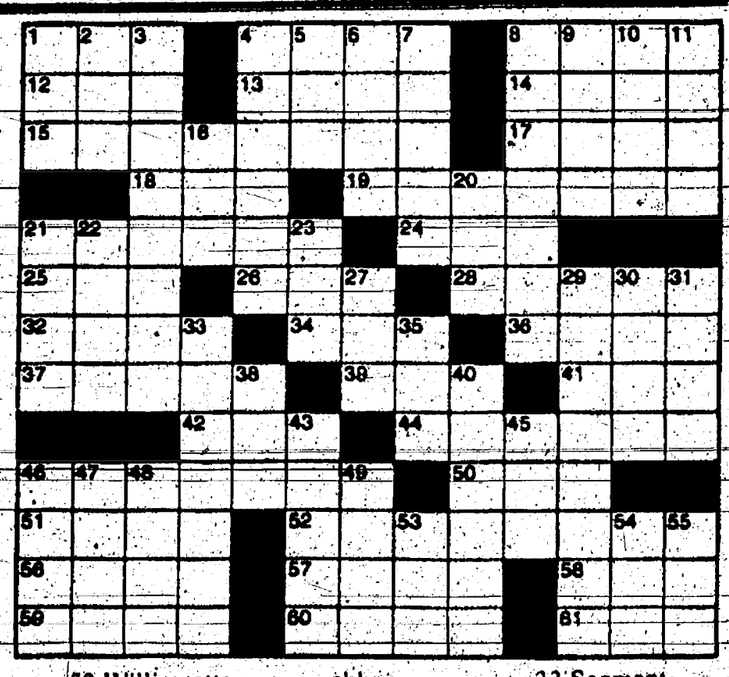

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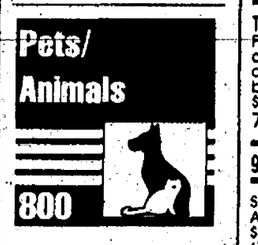

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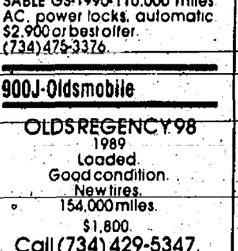

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94 Chevy C1500 Ext. Cab 4x4

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96 Jimmy 2 Dr 4x4 Auto XLT
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90 Marquis Very Clean
94 Lincoln Cont'l Leather
91 Lincoln Town Car Leather
89 Grand Marquis Loaded
96 Crown Vic Extra Clean

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97 Mystique Auto Air
97 Contour 5 Speed, Air
96 Contour Auto, Air
95 Taurus 4 Dr, Auto, Air
92 Sable GS Loaded
98 Mystique Auto Loaded
92 Taurus GL Auto, Air
93 Sable GS Auto White
98 Mystique Auto Air Loaded
96 Olds Ciera 4Dr Auto Air
97 Taurus GL 4Dr Air
97 Taurus GL Auto Air
97 Sable GS Very Clean
91 Cougar V6 Auto Air

Mini Vans
94 Aerostar XLT V6 Auto
95 Villager GS Auto V6 Air
92 Aerostar Ext. Auto Air Eddie Bauer

Small Cars
95 Escort 2Dr 5 Speed LX
97 Tracer 4 Dr Auto Air
96 Tracer 4 Dr Auto Air
96 Escort 4 Dr Auto Air
91 Topaz 4 Dr, Auto, Air
94 Topaz 4 Dr Auto Air
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Baptist

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Sunday: Worship, 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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New Life Baptist
(meeting in
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Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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Catholic

St. Mary's Catholic Church
14200 Old US-12, Chelsea
475-7561
Rev. Fr. Philip Dupuis, Pastor
Saturday: Confessions, 12-1 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.
Sunday: Mass, 8 and 10 a.m.
Weekdays: Mass, 9 a.m.

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Church of Christ

Church of Christ
13661 Old US-12, East, Chelsea
475-8458
Dr. Joe Lorimer, Evangelist
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Bible study, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.

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Church of the Nazarene

Church of the Nazarene
805 W. Middle St., Chelsea
475-2526
Jeff Crowder, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Small groups, 7 p.m. in homes.

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Episcopal

St Barnabas
20500 Old US-12, Chelsea
475-8818
Rev. Dr. Jerrold Beaumont
Sunday: Christian Education, 10 a.m., Services, 10 a.m.
Wednesday: Services, 7:30 p.m.

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Free Methodist

Chelsea Free Methodist
7665 Werkner Rd.
475-1391
Mearl Bradley, Senior Pastor
Nathan Perkins, Associate Pastor
Sunday: Traditional worship, 8:30 a.m. Sunday School, 9:50 a.m. Contemporary worship, 11 a.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Mid-week services

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Lutheran

Faith Evangelical
9575 North Territorial, Dexter
426-4302 or 426-8442
Rev. Mark Porinsky, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship, 10 a.m.

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Our Savior Lutheran
1515 S. Main St., Chelsea
475-1404
Rev. Dale Grimm, Pastor
Sunday: Heritage Service/Communion, 8:15 a.m. Education hour, 9:30 a.m. Celebration Service, 10:30 a.m. Discovery Class, 11:45 a.m. Junior Confirmation Class, 6:30 p.m.

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St. Jacob Evangelical
12501 Riethmiller, Grass Lake
517-522-4187
Rev. Paul Huebner, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School and Bible Class, 9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m.

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Zion Lutheran
3050 S. Fletcher Rd., Chelsea
475-8064
David Hendricks, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m.

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Methodist

Salem Grove United Methodist
3320 Notten Rd.
475-2370
Rev. Jim Paige

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First United Methodist
128 Park St., Chelsea
475-8119
Rev. Richard Dake
Rev. Rebecca Foote
Sunday: Worship, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship (contemporary format) 5 p.m.

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North Lake United
14111 North Territorial Rd.
475-7569
Rev. Wayne Hawley, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Fellowship, 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Bible Study, 7:15 p.m. Choir, 8 p.m.

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Waterloo Village
United Methodist Church
Washington St., Waterloo
Mona Joslyn, Minister
Sunday: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Worship service, 11 a.m.

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Chelsea Retirement Chapel
805 W. Middle St., Chelsea
475-8633
Rev. J. Gordon Schleicher
Sunday: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.

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Mormon

Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-Day Saints
1330 Freer Rd., Chelsea
475-1778

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Non-Denominational

Baha'i Faith
705 S. Main St., Chelsea
475-2718
Monday: Devotional meeting, 7 p.m.

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Chelsea Hospital Ministry
775 S. Main St., Chelsea
475-1311

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Covenant
Anthony Dickerson, Pastor
50 N. Freer Rd.
475-2508
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Communion first Sunday of every month.

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Immanuel Bible
145 E. Summit St., Chelsea
475-8936
Ronald W. Clark, Pastor
Sunday: 9:30 Sunday School, 10:45 worship, 6 p.m. evening small groups
Wednesday: 7 p.m. prayer service.

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Mt. Hope Bible Church
12884 Trist Rd., Grass Lake
(517) 522-8182
Joseph O'Neill, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m., Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday: Prayer Fellowship, 7 p.m.

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New Life Christian Center
Lima Township Hall
11452 Jackson Rd., Chelsea
475-1147
Erik Hansen, Pastor
Sunday: Worship, 11 a.m.

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St. Vladimir Orthodox
9900 Jackson Road
761-7311
Rev. Father Paul Karas
Sunday and Holy Days: Divine liturgy, English and Slavonic, 10 a.m.

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Presbyterian

Unadilla Presbyterian
20175 Williamsville Rd., Unadilla
Joh Qiu, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m.

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Quaker

Michigan Friends Center
7748 Clark Lake Road, Chelsea
Isabel Bliss, 475-9976
Sunday: Unprogrammed meeting every second Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

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United Church of Christ

Bethel Evangelical
10425 Bethel Church Rd.
428-8000
The Rev. Richard Hardy

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First Congregational-Chelsea
121 E. Middle St.
475-1844
Rev. David Cleaver-Bartholomew
Sunday: Informal worship, 8 a.m. Church school, 9 a.m. Traditional worship, 10 a.m.

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St. John's (Roger's Corners)
12376 Waters Rd., Chelsea
(517) 456-7661
Rev. Nancy M. Doty, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School and Worship, 9:30 a.m.

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St. John's
270 Bohne Rd., Grass Lake
Kris Abbey, Pastor
Sunday: Worship and Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Communion first Sunday each month.

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St. Paul
14600 Old US-12
475-2545
Rev. Dr. Lynn Spitz-Nagel, Pastor
Sunday: Church school, 9:15 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

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Catholic

St. Joseph Catholic
Fourth and Dover Streets, Dexter
426-8483
Rev. Bernard L. Tyler, Pastor
Saturday: Weekend Liturgy, 5 p.m.
Sunday: Liturgy, 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Nursery open 10 a.m.-noon.

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Episcopal

St. James
3279 Broad Street, Dexter
426-8247
Rev. David J. Horning
Sunday: Holy Eucharist, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.

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Lutheran

Faith Lutheran
9575 N. Territorial Rd.
426-4302
Mark Porinsky, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.

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Peace Lutheran
6105 Jackson Rd., Birchwood Plaza
313-930-2324
Rev. Larry Courson
Sunday: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Praise, 8:30 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.

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Methodist

Dexter United Methodist
7643 Huron River, Dexter
426-8480
William Donahue, Pastor
Sunday: Worship, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Church School, 9:45 a.m.

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Non-Denominational

Dexter Gospel
2253 Baker Rd., Dexter
426-4915
John O'Dell, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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United Church of Christ

St. Andrew's
7610 Ann Arbor St., Dexter
426-8610
Rev. Gary J. Kwiatek
Sunday: Worship, 8:30 a.m. Coffee time, 9:30. Worship and Sunday School, 10 a.m.

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The Webster Church
5484 Webster Church Rd., Dexter
426-5115
Rev. Dr. John P. Gardner
Kennyon Edwards, Interim Pastor
Sunday: Holy Communion, 8:30 a.m. Church School, 9:15 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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† AREA DEATHS †

SUE LOVE VANDER WAARD
Chelsea

Age 56, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 1998 in her home with her loving family. She was born on Jan. 28, 1941 in Ann Arbor, the daughter of James Samuel and Arlean (Neyer) Love. Sue had lived in Chelsea since 1971. She was a bus driver in the Chelsea School District and received the 1984 Exemplary Employee Award. She was a 1959 graduate of Ann Arbor Pioneer High School, the secretary for the Sharon Township Planning Commission, active in 4-H clubs, and a professional clown. She married Henri Albert vander Waard in 1988, and was previously married to Gordon Burke.

Survivors include her husband, Henri; her stepmother, Marian A. Love of Hamburg; two daughters, Shana Marie Burke of Ann Arbor; one stepson, Henri Albert vander Waard III of Chelsea; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Daniel (Christine) Cobb of Chelsea; Mrs. Douglas (JoAnne) Schrotenboer of North Carolina, and Mrs. John (Monica) Merz of Dexter; one brother, James Frederick (Linda) Love of Texas; one stepbrother, Robert William (Anna) Love of Hamburg; 11 grandchildren, Chauntay, Dan, Katie, Heidi, Ben, Nick, Hans, Heather, Taya, Joe, and Michael; and several nieces and nephews.

A private burial will be held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to Salvation Army. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel.

R. CLAIR BARNUM
Chelsea
Formerly of Unadilla

Age 97, died Friday evening, Jan. 9, 1998 at the Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born May 3, 1900 in Unadilla, the son of Wirt and Sarah (Bunker) Barnum. Mr. Barnum had been a lifelong resident of Unadilla and was a retired farmer. He was a member of the Unadilla Presbyterian Church, the Farm Bureau and a former member of the Unadilla school board and Baseline Cemetery Board.

Clair was married to Thelma Brooks on Sept. 15, 1927 in Unadilla and she preceded him in death on Dec. 16, 1985. Surviving are two daughters, Geraldine Sullivan of Ann Arbor, and Joanne Reid of Altus, Okla.; seven grandchildren, Karen Sullivan Bird, Donald Sullivan, Marie Sullivan Quinn, Craig Pickett, Carol Pickett Crabtree, Karrie Reid Paine and Reenie Reid Schultz; 12 great-grandchildren; and a nephew, Ralph Gorton. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Pickett; two sisters, Lucile Camburn and Esther Gorton; and a brother, Frank Barnum.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, with the Rev. Mary Groty officiating. Burial was in the Baseline Cemetery, Unadilla. The family received friends Monday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Unadilla Presbyterian Church, Chelsea Retirement Community or IHNC Hospice.

MAX DEWEY BROOKS
Jackson

Age 54, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1998 at Foote Hospital in Jackson after a short illness. He was born on Nov. 20, 1943 in Flint, Mich., the son of Clifton and Anna (Lee) Brooks. Max had lived in Jackson for seven years, coming from Manchester. He worked for Double A in Manchester until it closed, and was currently working for Maxable Inc. in Brooklyn. He loved to travel and read.

Survivors include his close friend, Eileen; eight children, Christian A., Grace E. (Craig), Cynthia (Jeffery), Pamela, Michael, Wanda (Brian), Lisa (Mark) and Laura; two brothers, Ralph (Linda) and Tony (Mary); 15 grandchildren, Nicole, Christian II, Miles, Kimberlyann, Jeffery II, Jessica, Jason, Jesse, Erin, Kevin, Stacy, Alex, Jake, Wayne and Caleb; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy; his sister, Barbara; and his parents.

The funeral mass was celebrated Saturday, Jan. 10, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chelsea, with the Rev. Fr. James Shaver officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Chelsea. The family received friends at Cole Funeral Chapel Friday 7-9 p.m. with a vigil service at 7:30. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

BEULAH M. HADLEY
Clare
Formerly of Chelsea

Age 76, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1998 in Clare, Mich. She was born on Aug. 18, 1921 in Bernie, Mo., the daughter of James Albert and Maude Lee (Atherton) Lindsay. Beulah resided in Chelsea from August 1959 to August 1972.

She married Harry Hadley in Pontiac on Oct. 7, 1937, and he preceded her in death on July 9, 1982. Survivors include five daughters, Beverly Barker of Clare, Judy Ferry of Chelsea, Darline Kress of Clare, Penny Blain of Clare and Shelly Hays of Jackson; four sons, Robert of Chelsea, Joe of Grass Lake, Jack of Gregory and Donnie of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; 28 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Richard in 1986 and James in 1992; and one sister, Pansy Chase.

Funeral service was held Friday, Jan. 9, at 1 p.m. at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with Pastor Jack Story officiating. Burial followed at North Lake Cemetery, Chelsea. The family received friends Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

VIRGINIA (WEBB) BERLIN
Hudson, Fla.
Formerly of North Lake

Age 68, died Dec. 18, 1997 of a heart attack. She is the oldest daughter of Dr. Harmond J. Webb and Mildred Webb, who died in 1981. Virginia was a University of Michigan registered pharmacist, as are her two daughters, Karen and Monica, who both graduated cum laude from pharmacy school. She was also a former resident of Petoskey and Detroit.

Surviving are two brothers, Harmond J. Webb, a school teacher who lives in Washington, Mich., and George M. Webb, who retired this year in Beaufort, S.C. affter 40 years of teaching special education. Also surviving is a sister, Joyce A. Grames of Jackson, who is retiring this year from the Department of Corrections as a nursing supervisor and who also retired from the Detroit Police Department in 1981; and five grandchildren. Preceding her in death was a sister, Lucy (Webb) Jacobs, in 1969. Her grandparents were George and Jennie Webb, who had a centennial farm at North Lake.

Funeral service was officiated by Dr. Richard Schmidt on Dec. 24, 1997 at the First United Methodist Church. Burial was at Grace Memorial Gardens in Hudson, Fla.

BARBARA JEAN STOLL
Dexter

Age 60, died Monday, Jan. 12, 1998 in her home surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on Sept. 21, 1937 in Ann Arbor, the daughter of Victor O. and Evelyn (Smith) Sindlinger. Barbara lived in the Dexter area all of her life. She drove a school bus for Dexter Community Schools for 25 years. She was a member of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ. She enjoyed antiquing and camping.

She married Donald R. Stoll in St. Andrew's Church on Oct. 1, 1955, and he survives. Other survivors include three daughters, Brenda (Marc) Aagenas of St. Joseph, Beth (Richard) Losey of Rives Junction, Karen (Charles) Mosher of Ann Arbor; one son, Jeff (Judi) Stoll of Dexter; one sister, Judy (Roy) Steele of Whitmore Lake; two brothers, David (Debbie) Sindlinger of Dexter, Doug (Arlene) Sindlinger of Manton; 11 grandchildren, Jason and Kristin Aagenas, Darcy, Jacob, and Hadley Stoll, Josh, Jessica and Kelli Mosher, and Ryan, Derek and Megan Mosher, and many nieces and nephews. She will be sadly missed by her family and many special friends.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's UCC in Dexter, with the Rev. Gary Kwiatek officiating. Burial followed at St. Andrew's Cemetery. The family received friends at the Cole Funeral Chapel Tuesday 6-9 p.m. and at the church Wednesday 9-11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew's UCC or Arbor Hospice.

❧ AREA BIRTHS ❧

A son, Stevie Jett, born Nov. 22 to Melinda and Blaine Suliman of Grass Lake at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Maternal grandparents are Roger and MaryLou Dittmer of Plymouth. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Colleen Suliman of Grass Lake. Great-grandmother is Norma Dittmer of Plymouth.

A daughter, Holly Marie, born Dec. 16 to Linda and Gary R. McCalla of Munith. Maternal grandparents are Ruth and Leonard Hafner of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are Shirley and the late Raymond McCalla of Ann Arbor.

School-to-work draw for some Chelsea High students

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well says. "They're going to get out of it as much as they put in.

"The majority of the students want to work in the industry — at what level I don't think they know up front," he says. "But we talk about the different choices they can make."

The program is set up so that students gain experience close to home. Dexter students go to Thomson-Shore and Malloy, alternating companies their second year, while Chelsea students go to BookCrafters and Milan. Manchester and Saline students are assigned to McNaughton & Gunn.

The program appears to be more popular in Dexter, largely because Dexter hosts the program and offers introductory graphics classes that catch the interest of students early on, Stockwell says.

Schamphorn's main interest is computer programming, and expects to go into the career like her father. The BookCrafters experience doesn't offer a lot of programming, but she is planning to pursue computer graphics, which is an area she can follow at BookCrafters.

Since the Graph X Academy was started three and a half years ago, 20 graduates of the academy have been hired to fill full-time, part-time and co-op positions in the printing field. In addition, two others are pursuing printing management degrees at Ferris State University.

BookCrafters in Chelsea and Malloy Lithographing in Scio Township have each hired two graduates of the program for summer employment. In addition, BookCrafters has hired two graduates for full-time work.

Hinke Posthuma, human resource representative for BookCrafters, said there is a sense of pride in the company when it's able to hire a student who trained there.

Posthuma said the company takes in two to three students a year to work with employee mentors. The students learn about layout, bindery, shipping, distribution and the press, while working about four weeks in each area.

"We try to make it real hands on," she says.

"I think it has been a really good experience for us. It works for us in the recruiting sense," she says. "We look at it as an opportunity for the students to become familiar with our company and we teach them about work, responsibility and communication."

Stockwell says one of the goals of the program is to help students make the school-to-work transition and at the same time learn job responsibility and communication.

"They learn the responsibility of a career, which could be as simple as showing up every day on time and having a positive attitude with everyone you're involved with at the work site," he says.

Workers who volunteer to be mentors are an essential part of the program. Stockwell says that he stresses to the students the importance of their relationship with the mentors.

"I tell them 'Go greet your mentor with a handshake and a smile and get things off to a positive start.'

"I feel that carries over to every day business," he says. "People who are happy with their careers are positive, happy and communicate with you openly."

Sheri Circele, training coordinator at Thomson-Shore, sees the same enthusiasm at her company.

"I think they like sharing what they know with the kids and showing them what work is about," she says of Thomson-Shore's 65 mentors.

Stockwell says the program is a mutual benefit to the students and the mentors. The employees, he said, get a chance to look at their career from a different perspective and it gives them a sense of pride to share their skills.

Stockwell said the program allows students to explore their interests and succeed, if they choose.

"I try to get across to the kids success doesn't mean you have a job and make lots of money," he says. "Success to me is someone who is happy with what they're doing, good at it and able to share with others."

Former police dispatcher staying busy

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taking care of another person in the back, Collins was stuck handling the situation herself.

"I banged my hand down on the table and yelled, 'You two stop that right now' and they stopped," she says. "I think it was the mother voice that did it."

Collins says the department is usually busy, but not overwhelming. She says has been through an in-house training to be a dispatcher and takes maintenance training to be sure she keeps up her skills.

Much has changed since she started, Collins says, especially downtown and growth in the community. She has seen two chiefs of police, several patrol officers and even officers at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department come and go.

The biggest change in the department, however, was the move to a computerized report system. Collins says when she started she did everything by hand, counting different crimes from hash marks on a piece of paper. It took four hours to make a report for the village council.

That all changed when the office received its first computer. Collins taught herself the controls and had the reporting time down to half an hour when she left the department.

"The chief was the first one to do it," Collins says of the computer system. "No one showed me anything, but I thought if he can do it so can I."

Collins foresees bigger changes in the future, when the fire department moves into a fire authority, with a police authority under consideration. She says putting the two together in one building would enhance service.

The key to the department's success, Collins says, is the personal assistance it provides for the community. She says the police respond quickly and residents are happy to have a local department that is concerned about the village, unlike some other areas covered by the sheriff's department. Collins says sometimes they get calls not even related to police business.

"We get calls asking where is the parade or what time the fireworks are," Collins says. "We should be called Chelsea Information Center."

That sense of community is something she feels she has gained from working at the police department. She says Police Chief Lenard McDougall has always encouraged officers to be fair and he has set an example that she follows.

In one instance the department was cleaning asbestos out of the building and the contractors said it wouldn't affect the working environment. But the chief made sure Collins was moved into the fire department, taking the entire dispatch system down the block for one weekend's work.

She says McDougall is a main reason she enjoyed her time at the department, and she has learned a great deal from his leadership.

For his part, McDougall says he was sorry to see Collins leave.

"I hated to see her go, but all of us reach a time for a different career move," he said. "I enjoy all my employees because all of them bring their own character traits to (the job).

"Maybe she absorbed some of my (traits). She's the only one that knows that."

Sauer Drive OK to move

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eral years ago with concerns about limited sight distance at the intersection of Sauer Drive and North Lake Road.

"After (an) investigation, (the) Washtenaw County Road Commission determined that one of the two large cement pillars protruded six to eight feet into the county right-of-way," Springer said. "The pillars have been removed, however, at that time Yvette Ware, an engineer from Washtenaw County, asked that Sauer Drive be raised approximately six feet for a distance of 600 feet or relocated to another existing right-of-way."

Springer said members of the association voted at their annual meeting to proceed with relocation of the road because raising it appeared difficult to do and would still leave sight distance problems

BRIDES

1998

Any pre- or post-wedding day jitters melt away as the happy couple prepares for a honeymoon getaway.

The final countdown— keep from going crazy

After all those months, and even years, of planning, your wedding day has almost arrived. However, with the wedding almost one month away, the final details must be taken care of. You may be driving yourself crazy trying to remember everything that needs to be done, so the ceremony and reception will go off without a hitch.

To ease the tension you may encounter during the next month, Modern Bride magazine offers some helpful tips to ensure that all tasks will be completed, so you can relax and enjoy your wedding day.

THE MONTH BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

• Develop an orderly system of tracking guests' responses.

• Discuss the bachelor party with your fiance. Suggest the event be scheduled at least a week before the wedding day.

• Call the caterer, and finalize the menu. Be sure the cake has been ordered.

• Give your caterer a reliable estimate of the number of guests expected at the reception.

• Confer with the florist to be sure everything is ordered. Confirm the time that flowers will be delivered and decorations will be completed.

• Arrange the transportation schedule for the wedding party.

• Make certain you are insured against damage or loss in transit.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

• Set a date with your fiance to get your marriage license.

• Be sure all clothing and accessories for the bridal party are in order.

• Submit your wedding announcement and photograph to the society editor of your local newspaper.

• Change your name on your bank account, Social Security card, license, insurance and other documents if you are assuming your husband's last name.

• Call guests who have not responded to their invitation to ask if they'll be attending.

ONE WEEK BEFORE THE WEDDING

• Confirm ceremony vocalists and musicians, and recheck your musical selections.

• Present a small gift or note of appreciation to friends and relatives who did special favors and made the planning run smoothly.

• Add last-minute acceptances, and phone your caterer with the final guest count.

• Do a final check on details with your florist, caterer, sexton, clergy, musicians and photographer.

• Finalize your honeymoon plans, and begin packing.

ONE DAY BEFORE THE WEDDING

• Have a manicure, pedicure and even a massage to pamper yourself.

• Attend the rehearsal. Review all important duties with the principals in the wedding party.

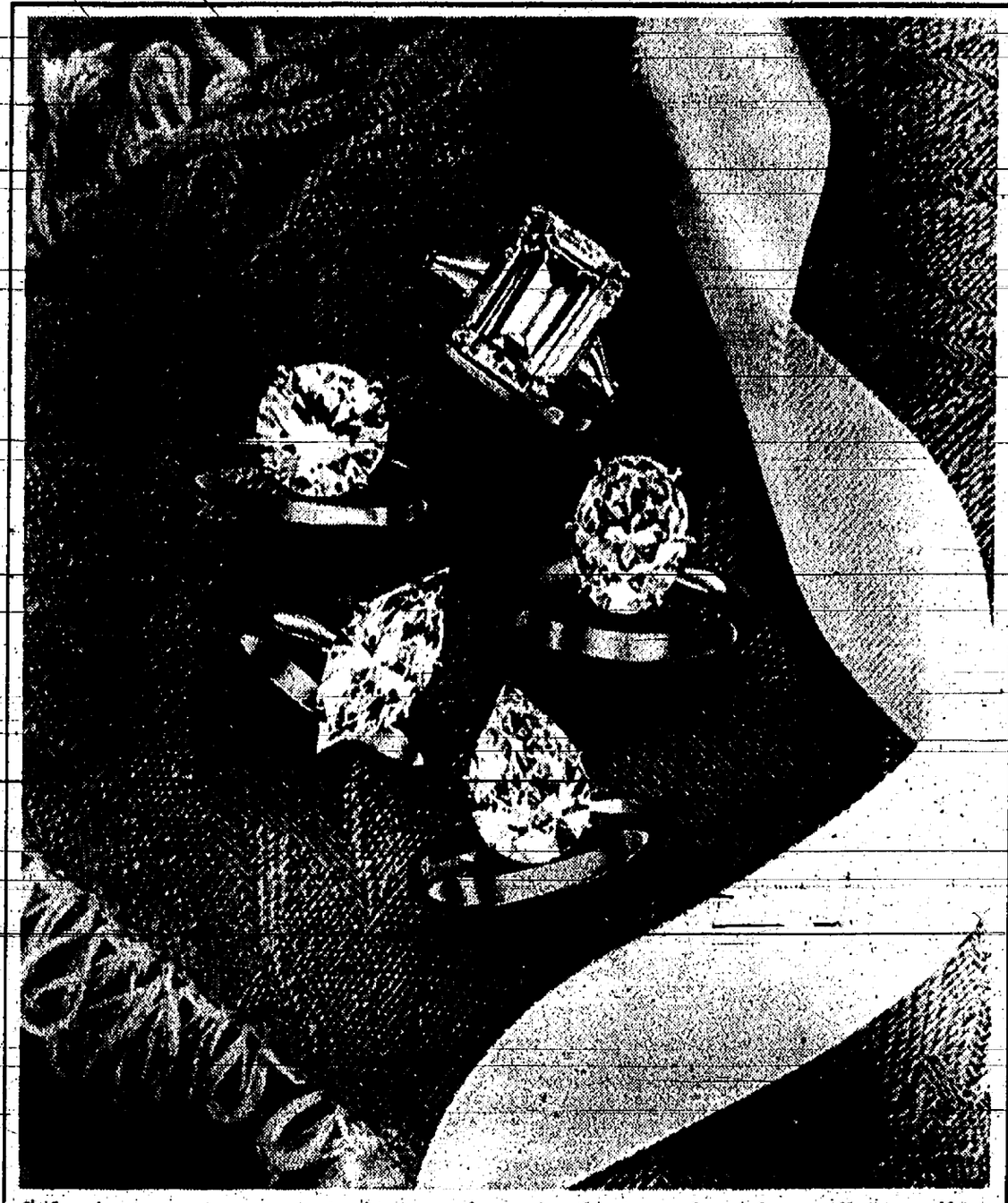
• Give ushers the list of guests to be seated in the reserved section.

THE WEDDING DAY

• Rest and thoroughly relax in a nice, warm bath.

• Allow plenty of time to dress — about two hours before the ceremony, if possible.

• Have a wonderful wedding, and enjoy every moment.



Selecting an engagement ring can be a timely procedure, but will pay off in the end.

The four C's a key to buying diamond engagement rings

The diamond engagement ring has been a symbol of love and romance since 1477 when Archduke Maximilian of Austria gave Mary of Burgundy a gold ring set with a diamond as a token of his love. Today, the tradition of the diamond engagement ring continues. According to a new consumer survey, 70 percent of all brides-to-be receive one.

A diamond is an expression of individuality. Just as love is unique, no two diamonds are alike. Each diamond has its own personality and sparkle. Therefore, when purchasing a diamond engagement ring, it is important to become an informed consumer.

A little knowledge can go a long way to help unearth the best-quality diamond within a budget. Understanding diamonds requires knowledge of the four C's: cut, color, clarity and carat weight. These four variables are key to answering the elusive question as to why two diamonds of equal size may not be of equal value.

• **Cut**— Although diamonds can be cut in several shapes, like oval, marquise, pear or round, it is the quality of the cut that gives the stone its brilliant sparkle. Light is reflected best when all of the facets are perfectly proportioned.

• **Color**— The best color is no color. A totally colorless diamond best allows white light to pass effortlessly through it and be dispersed as rainbows of color.

• **Clarity**— The term "clarity" refers to a diamond's lack of naturally occurring inclusions, often called "nature's fingerprints," most of which are not visible to the naked eye. The fewer the inclusions, the more valuable the diamond.

• **Carat**— Carat refers to the weight of the stone. There are 100 points in a carat. Therefore, a diamond of 50 points weighs one-half of a carat.

Deciding how much to spend on a diamond engagement ring is very personal and obviously depends on income. Most people find the two months' salary guideline to be helpful in determining how much to spend. Most importantly, choose the finest-quality diamond affordable, because a diamond engagement ring is a unique symbol of commitment that will be treasured for many years.

To find out how to get the best diamond, consumers should visit a reputable jeweler whom they know and trust. The diamond engagement ring is an investment in a couple's future and, like love, can grow more precious with time.

A strand of cultured pearls adds elegance and is a traditional bridal accessory that dates back 3,000 years.

Pearls are considered the first wedding gem

Like most glowing brides-to-be, you probably dream of the perfect wedding. An eloquent exchange of vows, a beautiful gown, a scrumptious cake and a handsome groom are all elements of any memorable wedding ceremony. However, as most women who have graced the halls of matrimony will tell you, their wedding ensemble would not have been complete without a lustrous strand of cultured pearls.

Since a cultured pearl necklace often adds a finishing splash of elegance to any wedding gown, they are often a bride's gem of choice on her special day. Although pearls have become synonymous with brides, most people don't realize how and when that special bond was formed, or why pearls have become a staple of any bride's wardrobe.

LOOKING BACK in time, you can understand how the long-lasting relationship between pearls and brides has come about and how it will survive for many years to come.

One of the earliest relationships between brides and pearls is illustrated in ancient Hindu writings more than 3,000 years before the birth of Christ. According to these tomes, Krishna, the most revered god of Hindu worship, dove to the depths of the sea to collect a single, perfect pearl as a gift for his daughter on her wedding day. The gift of a pearl symbolized the purity and truth of the wedding bond.

Other cultures that associated pearls with brides include the ancient Greeks. They believed pearls could prevent brides from crying and would ensure marital bliss. Another story in Greek mythology tells how a strand of pearls was given by Hymen, the god of marriage, to princess Psyche on her wedding day.

During the dark ages, knights returning home from the Crusades often brought back pearl gifts for their "fair maidens" to wear on their wedding day. At the time, pearls were believed to embody the virtues of chastity and devotion.

Throughout the Middle Ages and into the Renaissance, pearls were used exclusively in wedding ceremonies by European nobility. Weddings in the royal families of Burgundy and Tudor were described as being "awash in a sea of pearls." Serving as emblems of regality and honor, the lustrous gems would retain a special place in bridal history forever.

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Planning ahead can help the bride look her best—and most relaxed—when the day arrives.

Pearls are a wedding must

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WITH THE ADVENT of cultured pearls in the 1920s, what had once been a gem reserved for only the powerful and wealthy, now would be available for all brides. According to tradition passed down through the centuries, a gift of pearls usually was bestowed upon the bride by either her groom or his family. This simple token is a wish of love, good fortune and a long, happy marriage.

For those seeking to buy a gift of cultured pearls for the bride, it is important to choose a piece of jewelry that will last a lifetime and bring many years of joy.

Since cultured pearls are products of nature, they are seldom, if ever, perfect. Every pearl grown by an oyster has its own individual identity. However, when choosing a strand of cultured pearls, it is important to keep several quality points in mind.

Probably the most important aspect, as far as quality is concerned, is the luster of the pearl. Luster is the clear shine on the surface of the pearl. It should be clear enough to reflect the images of objects near the pearl.

Another important factor is the surface of the pearl. It should be relatively free of damaging blemishes that appear as cracks, bumps or pits.

FINALLY, all the pearls in a strand should be closely matched in terms of color, size and shape. They should all combine together to give an appearance of uniformity within the necklace.

Choose the correct eyewear during the ceremony

There's nothing more important to a blushing bride than looking her best on her wedding day. From whitening her teeth to spending a small fortune on a wedding gown, a bride-to-be can go to extremes to create precisely the right image. Yet brides who wear glasses often overlook an essential element—the right eyewear can not only eliminate ugly flashbulb glare, it also can add youthful flair. Among the latest innovations:

• Anti-reflective coatings on eyeglass lenses enable a future spouse and wedding guests to see the bride's eyes more clearly by eliminating unwanted reflections. They also reduce glare in wedding photos and can even enhance night vision if an evening reception is planned.

• High-index lenses make individuals of all ages look more attractive, as they reduce the distorted appearance of the eyes that oftentimes accompanies strong prescriptions.

• No-line progressive addition lenses (PALS) can serve as an alternative to bifocals and trifocals (lenses with lines) and give older brides a more youthful, more glamorous look.

A picture-perfect day can be achieved by researching photographers and selecting the right one to preserve the memory.

Create a successful party with lively entertainment

The wedding day is one of the most exciting and memorable days in a couple's life. The bride and groom want everything, from the gown to the flowers to the food served at the reception, to be perfect. Most of all, they want the memories of the big day to be special.

The entertainment provided at the wedding reception is critical in determining the success of the event. The choice of music for the reception can make or break the entire party. Regardless of whether you use a live band or disc jockey, lively music and a personable bandleader or DJ can help build a mood and play songs that can get the guests dancing.

Hiring the right band or DJ for your wedding can be confusing. Asking good questions, knowing the right answers and getting all guarantees in writing will ensure the selection of reliable, reputable vendors. The following questions and answers, courtesy of Modern Bride magazine, can help you hire the best musicians for the reception.

(1) Can I determine the quality of a band's performance by listening to a tape or viewing its video? If you like the sound on the tape and/or the way the band delivers on video, inquire about where you can see the group play at a showcase, an actual wedding or some other place where it is booked.

(2) How can I be certain that the band I book will be the one at my wedding? It is essential to get the name of the band in writing on your contract.

(3) Does the orchestra have liability insurance? A reputable company will maintain such coverage. Most reception facilities require that the orchestra furnish them with a certificate of insurance.

(4) Does the band take breaks? Most bands take a 15-minute break after a 45-minute set. Taped music can be arranged during the breaks or continuous music (at an extra charge) can be planned.

(5) Are there additional charges for traveling time, playing during cocktails and overtime? Probably. Ask about that at your initial meeting, and be sure that those charges are clearly stated in your contract and understood before you sign it.

(6) Is there a surcharge or sales tax? There is no sales tax on musical services, but there may be some surcharges (i.e. payroll, transportation). Be sure to ask.

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The bride and groom typically are showered with gifts prior to the big event, and remembering to pen "thank you's" is an important detail to take care of shortly after the wedding.

Thank those who make the wedding day special

In the weeks prior to the actual wedding ceremony, the bride's house will start to look like it does at Christmas. Packages and boxes of all shapes and sizes from various guests and well-wishers will be arriving daily. In this time of excitement, organization is needed to keep track of who sent what gift.

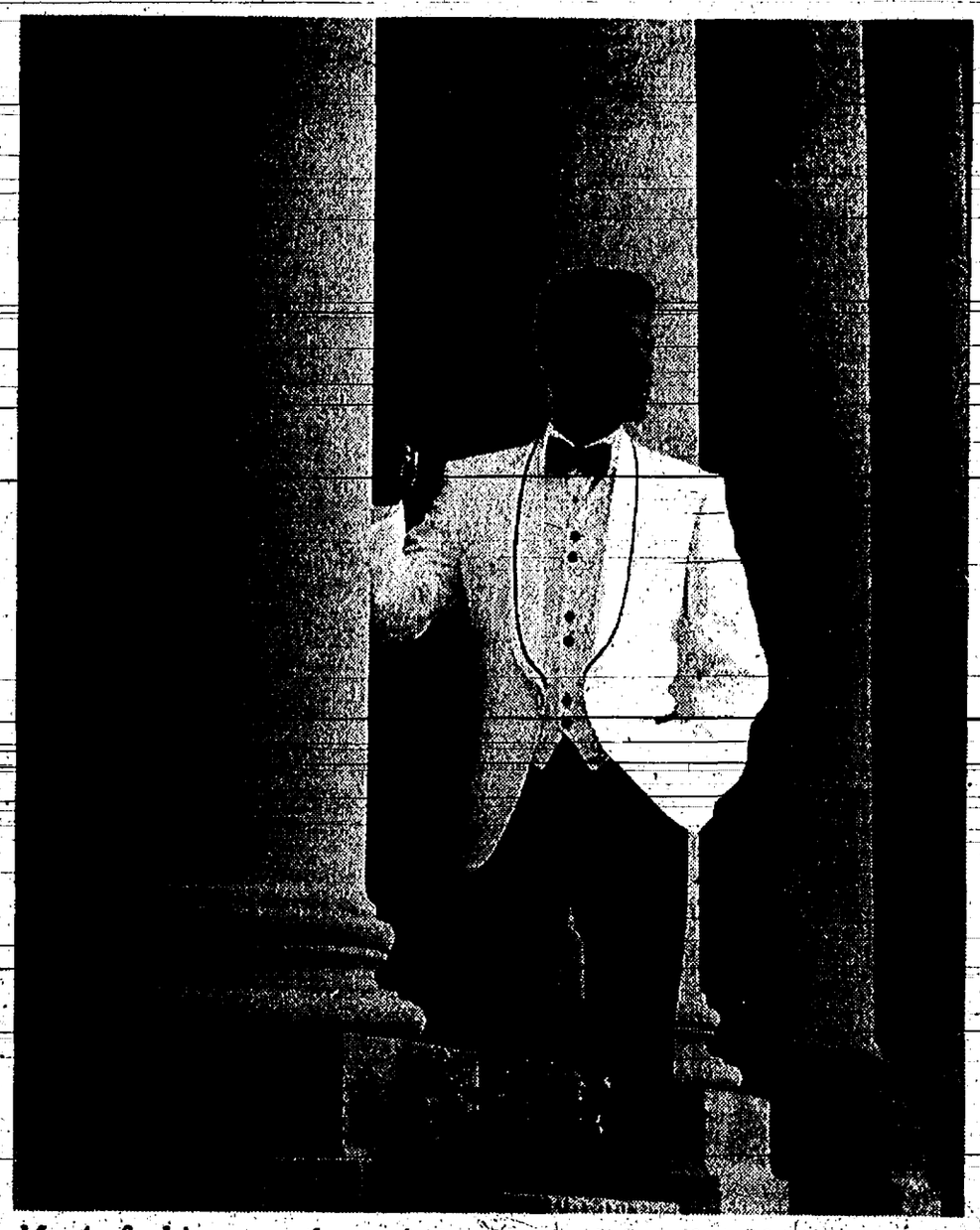
One of the most important tasks that the bridal couple must complete is the overwhelming job of writing thank-you notes to all who sent gifts. The job of sending these notes is so time-consuming, because they must be written; a verbal thank you is not enough. The only verbal note that can be sent is a telegram, which can get costly when sending to a large number of guests.

WEDDING GIFTS are given to both the bride and groom. When writing a thank-you note, be sure the signature reflects both of them. Writing the notes is not just the task of the bride, so be sure to put the groom to work. One idea is for the groom to write to his friends and the bride to hers. It is fine to sign only one name, so long as the writer says, for example, "Tad and I thank you for the wonderful toaster."

Make sure the gift is specifically mentioned in the note, keeping in mind that monetary gifts should never be referred to by dollar amount. A guest should be able to see that the couple appreciated, as well as remembered, the gift that was given to them.

The note should say exactly how the gift will be used. Additionally, if the gift needed to be returned, either because it was a duplicate or it simply could not be used, never inform the sender; a simple thank you is enough.

BE PROMPT in sending thank-you notes. Although it is perfectly acceptable to send a thank you up to three months after the wedding, couples should start writing before the wedding for gifts received in advance. This eliminates a lot of work and informs guests that the gifts were received and not lost during shipping.



Men's fashions are becoming more varied and sophisticated as a variety of options replace the typical tuxedo.

An easy honeymoon option

All-inclusive resorts are one of the most desirable honeymoon choices for couples walking down the aisle today. According to Geri Bain, travel editor of Modern Bride, 31.2 percent of the magazine's readers are looking for an all-inclusive resort for their honeymoon. Travel agents concur. According to Cathy Pelacz, vice president of Liberty Travel, one of the largest travel agencies in North America, all-inclusives are among the "most popular options" for their honeymoon clients.

Why are all these couples seeking all-inclusives? Simple. It's the easiest part of planning one's nuptial celebration and perhaps the most ideal way to spend a honeymoon.

The top all-inclusives cover everything: accommodations, all food and beverages, land and water sports, nighttime entertainment, airport transfers, taxes, and gratuities.

A good band makes the reception

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(7) Does the band have an extensive song list with selections that appeal to a wide range of guests? A good band will be able to play a range of music that spans the decades, from big band to Top 40 to Motown hits, as well as ethnic pieces.

(8) Will the band members wear appropriate attire? Unless otherwise noted, and depending on the formality of the wedding, members should wear black tie.

(9) Is there a way I can be sure the amplification will not be deafening? Tell the bandleader or DJ of your concern, so if this is not a place where the group has played before, he or she can check out the location to prepare ahead for any acoustical challenges that must be addressed to keep the decibels under control.

(10) Does the bandleader or DJ act as master of ceremonies and coordinate the sequence of events at the reception, and if so, should I meet with mine about this before the wedding?

Hand gloves are an added accessory that are becoming more popular on the big day, whether it be the wrist or elbow length variety.

Intimate secrets important for brides to remember

It's the day you've always dreamed of and the day you'll remember for the rest of your life. It's the day you'll spend so much time planning, right down to the last detail. And, it's the day you deserve to look your most beautiful.

While finding the right wedding dress traditionally has been one of a bride's biggest challenges, increasingly, modern brides are discovering that what goes under the gown is as important as the wedding dress itself.

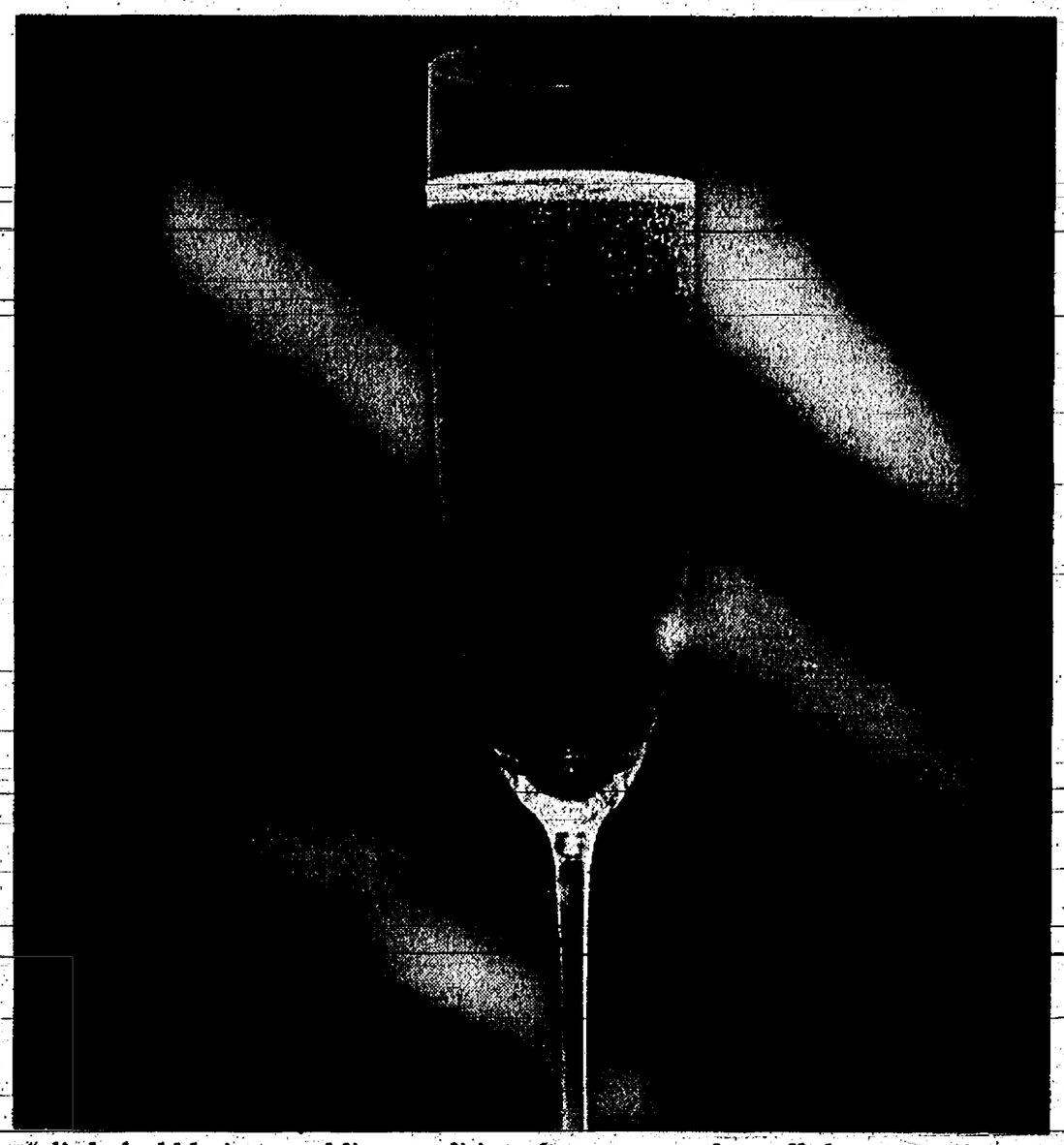
From feminine, lacy silhouettes for the traditional bride who wants to show her romantic side to sleek, simple shapes for the modern bride to body-shaping lingerie for fashion's sheer and body-conscious designs, dressing from the inside out for that special day has never been easier — or more comfortable.

BRIDAL LINGERIE is synonymous with romance, and that means a strong renewed interest in lace. The exquisite beauty and delicate detail of handmade lace has made it much sought after for special occasions since it was introduced in the late 16th century. Lace with not only brings luxuriousness to your trousseau, but also brings a new dimension in comfort, fit and softness. It moves when you move, relaxes when you relax and isn't itchy like traditional lace used to be.

Dressing for your wedding day means selecting your intimate apparel carefully. The right undergarment is the foundation of a beautiful silhouette. And, today's feminine lingerie doesn't have to be constricting, binding or uncomfortable. Revolutionary new lingerie offers intimates and hosiery unprecedented resilience and softness for the active lifestyle of the modern bride. Combining comfortable control that moves with you and a non-binding, non-restrictive fit, shapers made with lycra allow brides to be confident and comfortable and to think about things other than their underwear.

BRIDES ALSO can turn to their lingerie drawer for a solution to fashion's new sleek bridal designs. Figure-caressing camisoles and seamless bra cups made with lycra give brides a natural, supportive second-skin fit and can be paired with panties with lycra, boy-leg shorts, thongs or ankle-length leggings for a smooth, stay-in-place fit.

No matter what your fashion preference, intimate apparel made with lycra gives brides the support and freedom of movement you need to be confident, comfortable and beautiful on one of the most important days of your life.



A little bubbly is a wedding tradition that occurs when all the guests stop to toast the newlyweds.

Champagne adds sparkle to the wedding reception

Champagne is the most romantic of wines, and it's a time-honored tradition to toast the new bride and groom with a shimmering glass of champagne or sparkling wine.

Wedding planners offer the following tips for selecting and serving just the right bubbly for your special day:

• Figure on one bottle of sparkling wine for every six to eight guests.

• Have the tables set with tulip-shaped glasses or champagne flutes. The wide, shallow glass so often seen at weddings is the worst choice for sparkling wines. A tall, slender glass allows the fine bubbles to rise without disappearing too quickly.

• Consider a California sparkler. These native wines have made great strides in recent years, and wine connoisseurs say the quality of many California sparkling wines is equal to their French counterparts from the famous Champagne region. Only sparkling wines made in Champagne can be called "champagne," so California wines with bubbles are called "sparkling wines." Many of the California wineries are owned by French houses.

• If budget is a concern, consider a "two-tier" system—buy several cases of a lower-priced sparkler for the majority of your guests and a few special bottles for the wedding party.

• Want to really make a statement? Don't reserve the sparkling wine for just the toast. Instead, serve sparkling wine throughout the entire meal and enhance the occasion's festive mood.

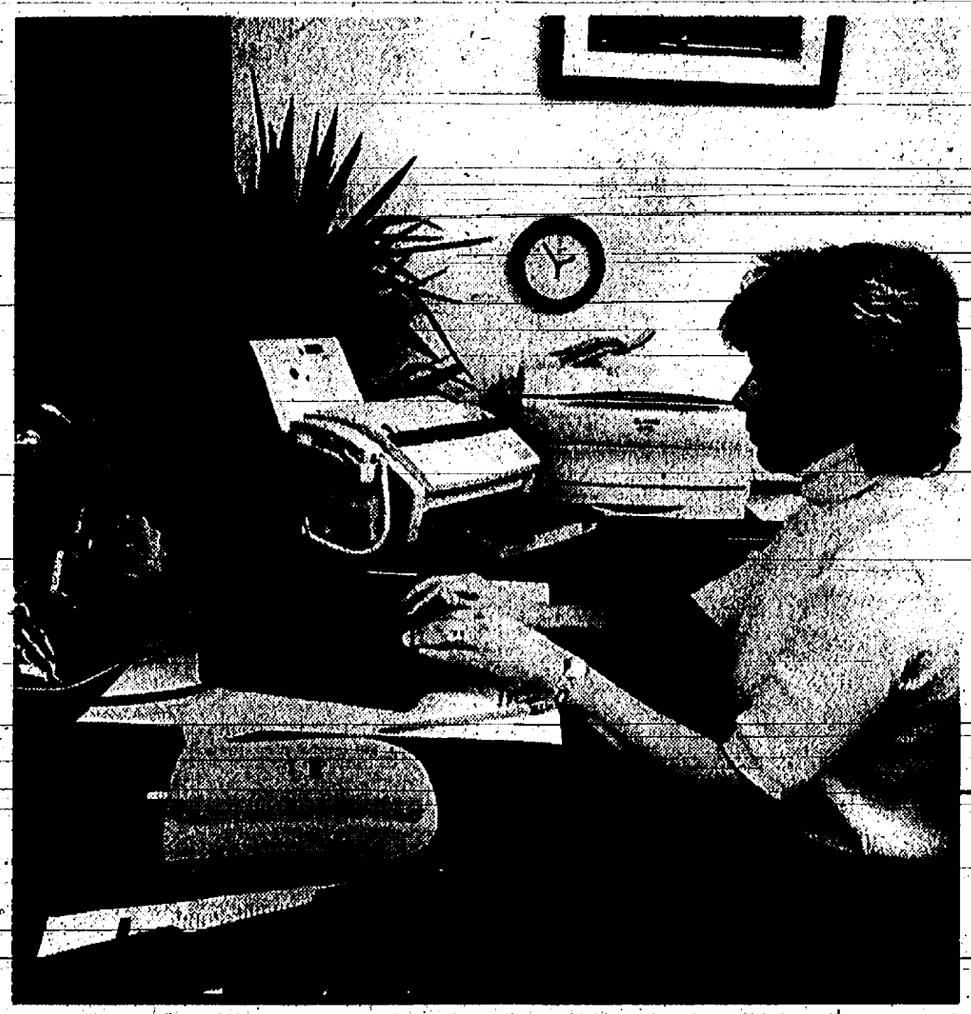
"The French have long known that champagnes and sparkling wines are perfect partners for a wide range of foods," says Roederer Estate winemaker Michel Salgues.

Today's adventurous chefs serve sparkling wines with everything from light fish and poultry dishes with cream sauces to spicy ethnic foods. Ask your caterer for menu suggestions.

• Consider champagne or sparkling wine as gifts for the bridal party and anyone else who helped smooth the way for a perfect wedding day. A bottle of champagne and a champagne bucket will let them relive the happiness of your wedding with their own special someone.

• Give special guests—mom and dad, grandma, and your favorite cousin—corks from champagne popped for the occasion. Mark the corks "Sarah and Mike's Wedding," with the date, for a wonderful wedding memento.

And, when the wedding's over, let the romance live on. Create your own everyday champagne traditions, and keep the sparkle alive.



Topping the couple's registry more and more are supplies for the home office.

Gifts for the home office appear on bridal registry

Move over china patterns, silverware and crystal stemware. Although these traditional wedding gifts still top bridal-registry lists, brides and grooms of the '90s register for items that will help them in their everyday lives.

Changing with the times, bridal registries are starting to reflect these new lifestyle priorities. Today, they have expanded to include more nontraditional items, like sporting goods, artwork, furniture and electronics. Equally surprising is the rise in those items geared towards working from home.

Recognizing this trend, a full line of home-office products are on the market. These include 900 MHz digital cordless phones for crystal-clear connections, digital cameras, personal copiers, plain-paper fax machines, notebook computers, PC companions and multifunction units which combine faxing, copying, printing, scanning and phone functions into one.

NOW THAT an increasing number of professionals telecommute and run home-based businesses, it's no wonder that these types of items are finding their way onto bridal registries. Many young married couples are trading their 9-to-5 jobs for home businesses where they can work together and find more fulfillment through flexible work hours and being their own boss.

Forty-four percent of all U.S. households will support some form of home-office activity over the next year, reports BIS Strategic Decisions, a market-research firm in Norwell, Mass. This means that almost half of all U.S. households conduct business or work-related activities from their home.

This trend is so pervasive that even those people who don't work from home are dedicating space in their homes for surfing the Internet, on-line financing, faxing letters, and e-mailing digital photos to friends and family.

TODAY, there has never been a better time to purchase a home-office product for someone who is getting married. The multifunction unit is one of the fastest-growing categories of the home-office products. These units combine the most important technological tools needed to set up a well-equipped home office.

Look for a multifunction unit that combines a printer, plain-paper fax, PC fax, copier, scanner and telephone. On a comparison basis, multifunction units cost less than the total cost of purchasing all of these products separately. They are also perfect for family members, friends and co-workers who want to purchase and give a joint or group gift.

If you are registering for your future home or looking for a different gift for your favorite bride and groom of the '90s, you may want to consider the nontraditional route.

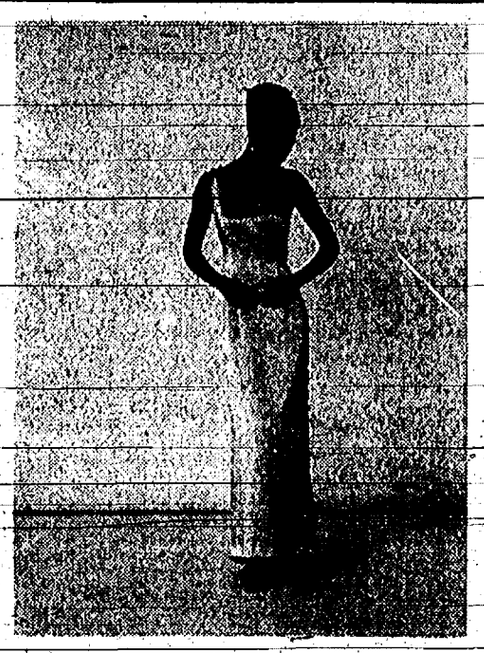
Bridesmaids' dresses can have many lives

You've heard it before: "I know you'll be able to wear my bridesmaid's dress again." Sounds promising, but you're skeptical. That is, until you see that the bride has selected something with just the right amount of fashion and classic detailing, and it's a dress that makes you feel like it's your party she's giving.

How'd she do it? Will it cost a fortune? Will the same people who are going to the wedding be at the club dance—because that's where it's going next. Or, maybe the benefit ball. Not expensive and in the budget. With a change of accessories, this dress even may see the annual board-meeting dinner.

Can one dress really take on a full social calendar? Donna Morgan, the designer behind her namesake label, delivers style which ensures that any dress that's bridal still can be the life of yet another party.

"When selecting dresses for your bridal party, think classic shapes—with trims, but not overly trendy. You want to look back at those pictures and for it all to seem timeless," notes Morgan. "A look that flatters any shape, has detailing that adds interest, with fabric that moves easily—guarantees that your wedding group will feel as good as you do on the big day."



In the past, bridesmaids had one occasion to wear the dress—the wedding. Gowns for the wedding party are becoming more versatile and now can be worn in several settings.

To receive "Life's Special Occasions" dress book, containing highlights from the Donna Morgan collection, which ranges in price from $120 to $180, contact Donna Morgan, 530 Seventh Ave., 14th Floor, New York, NY 10018; telephone: (800) 963-2124; fax: (212) 575-4775.

Organization best cure for 'wedding jitters'

It's normal for the bride to get a case of "wedding jitters" before the ceremony. However, it is vital that all of the last-minute details have been taken care of. Whether it be the bride, herself, or, most likely, a good friend assigned to the tasks at hand, it is important to get everything completed.

According to "The Wedding Organizer" by Abigail Kirsch, creator of Abigail Kirsch Culinary Productions Ltd., one of the most successful wedding catering companies in America, the following are some helpful reminders of tasks that brides might forget need to get done.

• Place a note on the front door reminding the bride and her attendants to take gloves, pocketbooks and bouquets before leaving for the ceremony.

• Assign someone to check out the reception site to make sure that all the flowers have been delivered, the cake has arrived and seating cards have been set out.

• If the bride or family members want centerpieces taken home, tell someone beforehand to be in charge of collecting them before the guests take them and there are none left.

• Give a list of special group photos to be taken, perhaps of cousins, classmates and office mates to the photographer.

• Assign someone to signal the organist that the ceremony is about to begin.

• Make every attempt to be on time. Every minute delayed throws off the next step: the food preparation, the band or disc jockey, even down to the ice in the water glasses. Everyone that day has a schedule; don't complicate it by being late.

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Learn the basics when refinancing your home

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Many mortgage companies are advertising on the television, the radio, and in newspapers promising cash savings by refinancing the current mortgage on your home. "Cash Now" and "Over the Phone Applications" are a big draw toward refinancing your home. The question is, can you gain by refinancing and how does refinancing save money? The answer is that certain homeowners can benefit by taking advantage of the lower interest rates available and the equity in their home to lower their monthly payments.

CONSIDER THE following example. John and Jane Homeowner bought their home in the late 1980s. Their current mortgage has a balance of $59,500. They also have a home equity loan with a balance of $33,000. Together, the payment on these two loans (including a property tax and homeowners' insurance escrow) total $1,102 per month. In addition, they have accumulated some other debt.

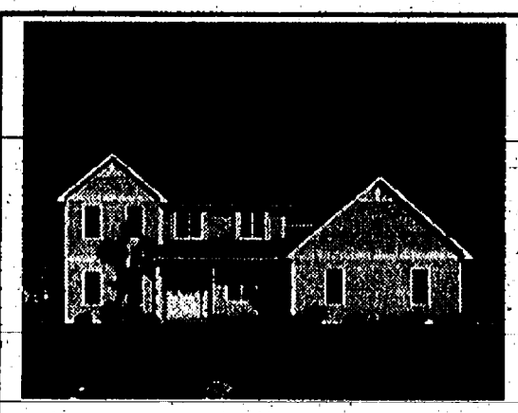
They recently redecorated their home and charged the furniture on a Visa with a balance of $3,500 and a monthly payment of $120. When they added a deck to their home, they paid with their MasterCard, which has a balance of $4,000 and a monthly payment of $130. One of their children is currently in college, and the loan that they have for this is $10,000 with a payment of $50.

The total outlay for their debt and mortgage payments is $1,402 per month. Their home value has increased with other homes in the area. They have a good payment history with their current mortgage.

BY REFINANCING now and taking advantage of the current lower interest rates, they can roll all of their debt into their mortgage and lower their total payments to $923 per month (including taxes and insurance). This gives them a cash savings of $5,748 per year.

To determine if refinancing can save you money, you must check your circumstances:

- Have you owned your home for at least one year?
- Has your home value increased with other homes in the area or have you made improvements?
- Do you have a strong payment history on your current mortgage?
- Are the advertised market rates 1/4 percent lower than your mortgage interest rate?



CHOOSE A MORTGAGE COMPANY WISELY

- Is your income steady and verifiable?

If you answered "yes" to three of the five preceding questions, you would most likely benefit from refinancing your home mortgage. The dilemma lies in choosing the correct lender for your new mortgage.

THE GUIDELINES listed below will help in your search for the right mortgage company for your needs.

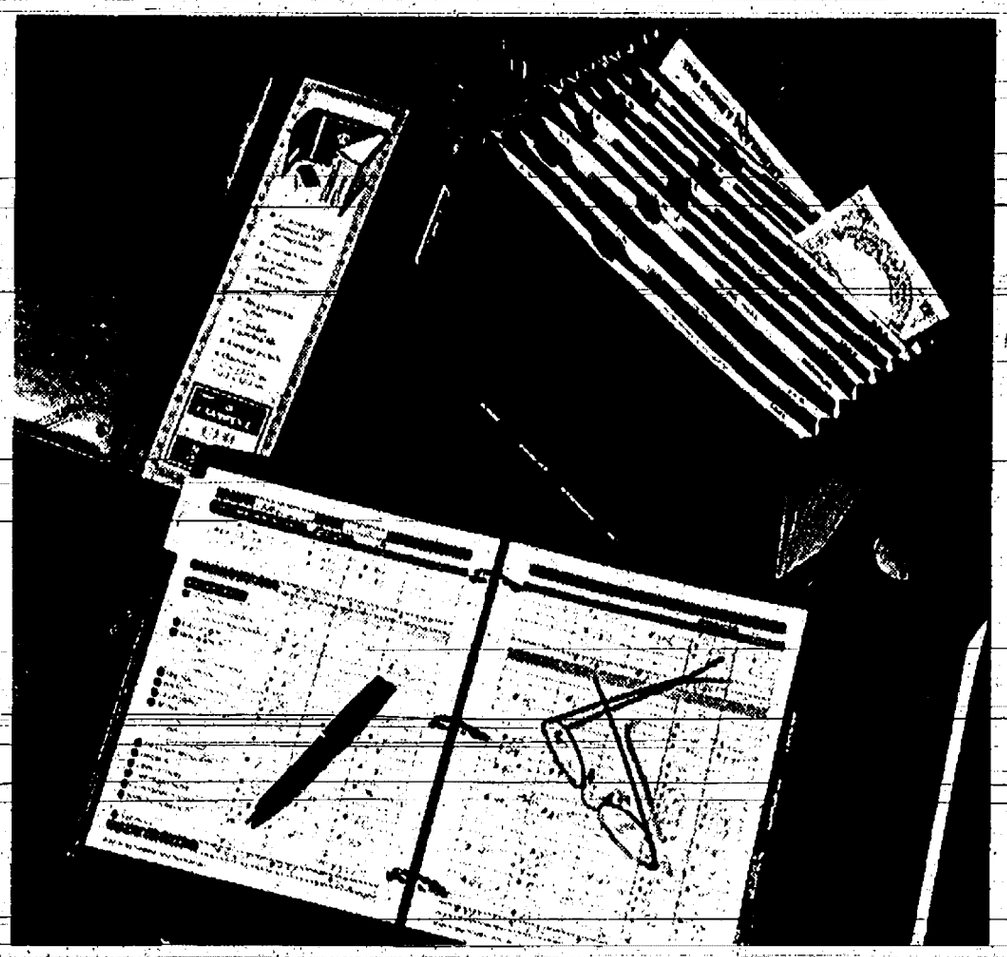
(1) Choose a reputable lender. Remember that a mortgage is a commitment. Ask for references, and call them. Remember that a bigger company is not always better. Smaller mortgage companies can offer more personalized service and individual attention.

(2) Ask for costs up front. Every lender is required to provide a "Good Faith Estimate" to potential borrowers. This estimate lists all of the costs associated with your loan. Compare both interest rates and closing costs. Look for total fees and points required to obtain the interest rate necessary to lower your payment. Does the lender offer a no point and no closing cost option?

(3) Look for additional services. A lender that is committed to their borrowers will have valuable services for their clients. Do they offer financial planning referrals, low or no cost refinancing if rates should drop, and free mortgage counseling? Ask for specific services provided to borrowers.

THE MORTGAGE industry is extremely competitive due to the lowered interest rates available. A good mortgage company will help you to obtain a lower monthly payment and interest rate now and provide you with many valuable services in the future.

Refinancing your home should be a long term benefit for you. Remember to choose a lender that makes you feel comfortable, explains all related costs, and answers any questions that you may have before you sign an application.



Personal organizers can help you get on the right track for tax season this spring.

Key to tax preparation begins with organization

Tax forms. Bank statements. Pay stubs. Extra checks. Warranties. Ever notice that these essential items are never where you think they are when you need them—especially during the hectic tax season?

Sometimes, it seems as if household paperwork comes sprinkled with disappearing dust. When you need the receipt for that on-the-blink television, you find only the vacuum-cleaner guarantee. When the vacuum doesn't work, lo and behold, you find the TV stub. And, it never fails that during tax time the receipts for your deductible items are never where you think they are.

EVEN THE most organized businessperson can have a difficult time keeping track of the mountains of personal information that pile up at home. Here are some tips from experts in organizing:

• Start the new tax season out on the right foot by keeping a list of all your tax-deductible items. Resist the temptation to throw your receipts, pay stubs or credit-card receipts into a drawer. Instead, keep a calendar or diary of tax-deductible items, and file all bills in one central location. A few extra seconds of filing upfront can save you hours of frustration in April.

• Consolidate financial and other personal paperwork in a central location, rather than distributing important documents around the house. That way, you'll save time trying to remember where things are.

• Use file cabinets or banker's boxes to store files—if you have the space to spare. There is also a plethora of personal organizers on the market. These have the advantage of being portable, which helps if you need to take certain documents to work or on the road. They also can be stowed neatly in a desk drawer or on a shelf.

I.I.I. provides insurance advice

College graduates usually leave school ready to take on the world, but, are they really prepared for real-life issues? Insurance for cars and personal possessions are two new worries, and the Insurance Information Institute (I.I.I.) offers some advice:

RENTERS INSURANCE

Renters insurance is really a form of a homeowners policy. It protects personal possessions from numerous perils. It also covers, up to the policy limits, liability for damages that the insured and members of their family (including pets) do to other people.

CAR INSURANCE

In order to save money on auto insurance, they should think about purchasing a low-profile car. Insurance premiums also can be lowered by raising the deductible, installing anti-theft devices or dropping collision if it's an older car.

Ease into investing by 'dollar cost averaging'

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Some investors let their emotions rule their decision-making process as they try to keep up with stock market gyrations. In today's unpredictable market, trying to anticipate the next trend can prove costly for the average investor. Even sophisticated investors and Wall Street professionals don't often win at market timing!

There's a much easier way to ease into the market called *dollar cost averaging.* This time-honored strategy is not only uncomplicated, but it also can smooth out times of volatility, and may decrease your average share price while increasing your average capital gain. It allows you to roll with market trends instead of being caught by them.

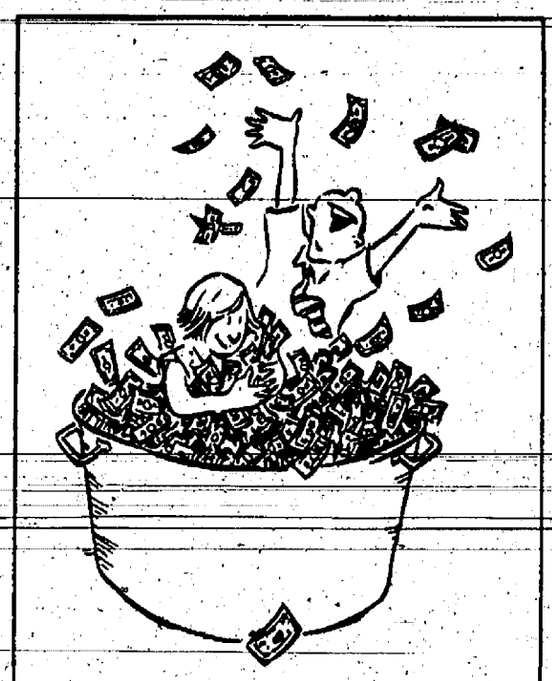
The strategy is simple. You invest fixed-dollar amounts at regular intervals over time, regardless of market fluctuations. You may be able to lower your cost per share by investing this way over the long term, rather than plunking down large sums of money intermittently when market conditions appear to be favorable. If you manage to accumulate most of your shares at below-average prices, you may be able to achieve a higher rate of return than had you purchsed all the shares at a single above-average price.

How it works—

With dollar cost averaging, you put a fixed amount of money into an investment fund, for instance, on a regular schedule, regardless of whether the investment's price happens to be rising or falling. By its very nature, this strategy gives you this guarantee: you will always buy fewer shares when prices are higher and more shares when prices are lower.

For example: Let's say you're interested in buying shares in XYZ mutual fund. Instead of dollar cost averaging, you could buy a fixed number of shares, say a 100-share lot each quarter for a year. With an initial price of $20 a share, then $12, $15 and finally back to $20 a share, your average price would be $16.75 a share. During the year, you would have bought 400 shares for $6,700.

On the other hand, in this example, you could have done even better by dollar cost averaging, and investing a fixed amount of $2,000 each quarter. Using this strategy, and assuming the same mutual fund example as above, you would have bought about 500 shares for $8,000 during the year. Your average price would be $16 a share.



LEARN SUCCESSFUL INVESTING STRATEGIES

What it takes to succeed—

Dollar cost averaging can only be effective if you have the discipline to stick with it in spite of normal market fluctuations and corrections. You must be willing to proceed with your investment plan over a period of several years.

You must have the confidence in your investment to sit back and wait while share prices drop, knowing that you are buying at lower-than-average prices. If your fund rebounds, you will come out ahead due to your ownership of the larger quantities of shares you automatically purchased when prices were low. You should consider your financial ability to continue purchases through periods of low price levels. Stock market investing should only be viewed as a long-term endeavor with a duration of at least 10 years or more.

Since the stock market rarely moves in a straight line, dollar cost averaging is often a good stretegy. It's the perfect approach when you're investing in mutual funds that offer long-term growth, but short-term price fluctuations.

Of course you must understand that dollar cost averaging cannot guarantee a profit and does not protect against loss in declining markets. Dollar cost averaging involves continuous investment in securities regardless of fluctuating price levels of such securities. The investor should consider his/her financial ability to continue purchases through periods of low price levels.

Changes in tax laws offer many benefits

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The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 includes more than 800 new tax sections. Many of these new changes may affect you. Here is a breakdown of changes to five major tax categories:

• HOME SALES:

Overview: Most homeowners whose gain on the sale of their principal residence is $250,000 or less ($500,000 or less on a joint return) will not have to pay taxes on the gain.

Who's affected: Individuals who sell their principal residence.

Who's not: Individuals who don't own a home.

What to expect in 1997: If you sell a home after May 6, 1997, you may be able to exclude from tax up to $250,000 of your profit ($500,000 on a joint return).

What to expect in the future: You can claim the maximum exclusion of the sale of a home every two years, subject to complicated rules based on your filing status, years of ownership and residency, and unforeseen circumstances, such as changes in health or place of employment.

• CHILD TAX CREDIT:

Overview: The maximum child tax credit of $500 is being phased in over a two-year period beginning in 1998. This credit benefits parents (or grandparents) of dependent children (or grandchildren) under age 17. It is allowed in addition to the exemption amount for each dependent child.

Who's affected: Most taxpayers with children, including grandparents raising grandchildren.

Who's not: Taxpayers with no children.

What to expect in 1997: Does not apply in 1997.

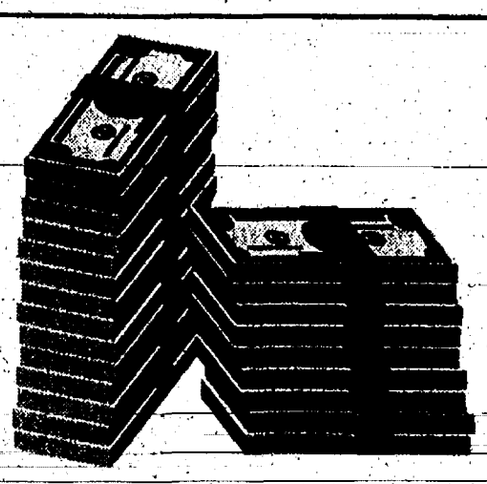
What to expect in the future: A credit of up to $400 per child in 1998, and a credit of up to $500 per child beginning in 1999. The benefits of this very complex credit begin to phase out at $110,000 of adjusted gross income on a joint return ($75,000 for single filers).

• EDUCATION:

Overview: Several new incentives, including two credits, one deduction, and two IRA-related benefits become available beginning in 1998.

Who's affected: Taxpayers who have post-secondary education expenses.

Who's not: Taxpayers who have no education expenses.



Reap the benefits of the Taxpayer Relief Act

What to expect in 1997: Does not apply in 1997.

What to expect in the future: Two credits for post-secondary expenses. The other—up to $1,000 per year per return—is available for higher education expenses paid after June 30, 1998. Special rules apply to both credits. Also effective, beginning in 1998, is an above-the-line deduction for interest on certain education loans, an exception to the early withdrawal penalty for IRA distributions used for higher education expenses, and the availability of an IRA earmarked for education purposes.

• INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS:

Overview: Major changes have been made to the rules for Individual Retirement Accounts. Expanded income limits make deductible IRAs available to more taxpayers, more options for spouses have been added, and tax incentives for making nondeductible contributions have been expanded.

Who's affected: All taxpayers with earned income who have an IRA or who are considering an IRA.

Who's not: Individuals who have no earned income.

What to expect in the future: Beginning in 1998, a new IRA account with no tax deductions for contributions but tax-free withdrawals of principal and earnings is available. IRA investment options are broadened. A spouse's deduction to an IRA is not affected by the other spouse's participation in a retirement plan. For 1998, the income caps for deductions rise to $60,000 on a joint tax return and $40,000 on a single return. Increases in the caps will continue over the next several years until they reach $100,000 for joint filers and $60,000 for singles.

• CAPITAL GAINS:

Overview: Eleven possible capital

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New act reduces tax on capital gains

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Over the last few years, there has been much talk about reductions in the tax on capital gains. These cuts have finally been enacted as part of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.

New lower rates for long-term capital gains apply to gains realized after May 6, 1997. As discussed below, with certain minor exceptions, long-term capital gains rates have been reduced from 28 percent to 20 percent and, for certain lower income taxpayers, from 15 percent to 10 percent. These rates also apply for purposes of the alternative minimum tax.

However, the new law also has extended the holding period rules so that to qualify for these lower rates, you must hold the asset for more than 18 months. A special rule applies to assets sold after May 6, 1997 and before July 29, 1997. If you sold any capital assets during this period, you qualify for the new lower rates as long as you held the asset for more than one year.

With respect to sales after July 28, 1997, there are three different kinds of capital gains with different treatment for each. As under prior law, net short term capital gains remain taxable at ordinary income tax rates—15 to 39.6 percent.

Short term capital gains continues to mean gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset held for one year or less. Mid-term capital gains, from the sale of assets held more than a year but not more than 18 months, are taxed at a maximum rate of 28 percent. And finally, long-term gains, which now means gain on the sale of assets held more than 18 months, are taxed at a maximum rate of 20 percent—10 percent to the extent they would be subject to tax at a 15 percent rate if taxed as ordinary income.

As an example, Tom, a single individual, has taxable income other than capital gains of $80,000 in 1997, putting him in the 31 percent tax bracket. He also has $10,000 of long-term capital gains from sales after July 28, 1997, $5,000 of mid-term capital gains, and $2,000 of short-term capital gains.

Although Tom is otherwise in the 31 percent tax bracket, only the $2,000 of short-term gain is at that rate for a tax of $620. The $5,000 of mid-term gain is taxed at 28 percent—for a tax of $1,400—and the $10,000 of long-term gain is taxed at 20 percent—for a tax of $2,000.

• **Mutual funds.** If you are an investor in mutual funds, you can expect to receive an information return (Form 1099) next January with more information than in the past. The form will have to separately report the different kinds of gain so that they can be properly reflected on your return.

• **Family tax planning opportunity.** Given the 10 percent rate for low bracket taxpayers, if you have appreciated stock or other capital assets that you are thinking of selling, you may wish to consider transferring the asset to children over 13. To the extent their other taxable income is below the 28 percent tax bracket amount ($24,650 this year), they can take advantage of the low (10 percent) rate for net capital gains. For children 13 or under, the "kiddie tax" rules can cause the child's income to be taxed at the parent's higher tax rates.

• **Other rules and exceptions.** For capital gains attributable to collectibles, the tax rate remains at the old maximum rate of 28 percent. And part of the capital gain from the sale of depreciable real property may be subject to a 25 percent maximum rate if certain recapture rules apply.

Although the tax rates have been changed for capital gains as outlined above, those gains continue to be included in adjusted gross income (AGI). Thus, they will still have an impact on any related tax area dependent on AGI. These include itemized deductions for medical expenses, casualty losses, and miscellaneous itemized deductions as well as the phase out of itemized deductions and personal exemptions, and the inclusion in gross income of Social Security benefits.

These new rules provide many tax saving opportunities. However, the rules are extremely complex and contain pitfalls that can cause the unwary to pay more tax than is otherwise necessary.

Check into offers before deciding whether to invest

Americans are investors—and love to purchase stocks and bonds, real estate, antiques, and vacation timeshare units, as well as contribute to savings programs. However, Americans work hard for money and don't want to lose it carelessly.

Investing, whether in a conservative or aggressive fund, involves risk. So, before investing any money it's best to investigate. The following tips, courtesy of the National Futures Association, can help you check out what appears to be an irresistible investment offer.

• Find out whether the local police department or Better Business Bureau has received complaints against the investment company or broker you're considering. Be aware that an absence of complaints doesn't mean the firm or individual is on the up-and-up. It may mean that investors haven't voiced concern yet.

• Make a phone call to the financial editor of the local newspaper. Newspapers don't give endorsements or make investment recommendations, but they may be aware of a fund that is not as good as it is said to be. The paper may have even published a warning article that you have missed.

• If the investment offer isn't local, don't be reluctant to make a few long-distance phone calls. A call to the police, Better Business Bureau or newspaper in the community from where the offer is coming could provide you with valuable information.

Money Matters

The 'Roth IRA'—is it as good as it appears?

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In an uncertain world full of unknowns, the people call out for a champion—a knight in shining armor.

The response was clear and decisive from an unexpected source, the U.S. government. The "Roth IRA" was the hero that answered the call.

The Roth IRA is a newly created 1998 retirement program that has some interesting advantages. "Tax free distributions" is the battle cry for this would-be hero, and they are tax free distributions—sometimes.

THE TAX FREE distributions are for "qualified withdrawals only." Qualified withdrawals are, to name a few, $10,000 for down payment for first-time home buyers, hardship withdrawals under specific circumstances, and after 59-1/2 years of age.

Roth IRAs, if the fat and hype is boiled down, are relatively simple and standard. In looking into a Roth IRA, you will find that contributions are not tax deductible, the growth is tax deferred, and the distributions are tax free under certain conditions.

What this means is, if you are in a 28 percent federal income tax bracket, and you put the same amount of money taken from your gross income, into both a regular deductible IRA and a Roth IRA, assuming you are in the same tax bracket, when you retire, the after-tax balance is the same.

WHAT THIS also means, if your tax bracket is lower at retirement, the Roth IRA is going to generate less money after taxes than a regular deductible IRA. The reverse also is true—if your tax bracket goes up when you retire, the Roth will generate more money for your retirement after taxes.

There is another point that the Roth addresses. In a regular deductible IRA, if your household income is $50,000 or more you can't contribute, or if you have an employer-sponsored retirement plan, based on household income, you may not be able to contribute. In a Roth IRA, you can contribute up to a household income of $150,000, regardless whether you have an employer-sponsored retirement plan or not. This is important because, as previously stated, the after-tax retirement benefit after 59-1/2 is the same for both the regular IRA and the Roth under certain tax conditions.

The question that may be on your mind is, "Is the Roth IRA a knight in shining armor or a wolf in sheep's clothing?" The answer is, talk to an investment adviser about your situation and let them help you choose between the beauty and the beast.

Taxpayer Act outlined

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gain tax rates and three different length of ownership requirements increase complexity and may lower your tax.

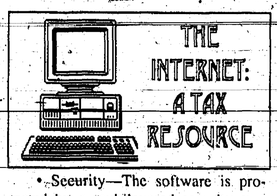
Who's affected: Anyone who owns property that could be taxed at capital gain rates.

Who's not: Individuals who own no property.

What to expect in 1997: If you sold a capital asset in 1997, you may be eligible to benefit from the new, lower capital gain tax rates depending on when you bought and sold the asset. Different rules, rates, and length of ownership apply for assets sold May 6 or earlier, between May 7 and July 28, and July 29 or after.

What to expect in the future: You will benefit from even lower rates if you hold assets more than five years. Assets purchased after December 31, 2000, and owned more than five years will be taxed at a maximum rate of 18 percent. People in the 15 percent tax bracket will pay a maximum rate of eight percent starting January 1, 2001, on sale of an asset held longer than five years, regardless of when it was acquired.

Prepare your taxes using the Internet



After years of hype and hoopla, the Internet is finally proving to be a useful problem-solving tool. One example is a software application that enables PC users to prepare and file their personal tax returns via the Internet. Taxpayers around the world now are logging on to prepare and electronically file their taxes.

If you have Internet access, you can prepare and electronically file your tax returns with these advantages:

• Free tax preparation—Calculate your tax forms using a file tax system, and print them in a nonfileable format free of charge. The numbers then can be handwritten onto approved IRS forms.

• Low-cost filing options—The software will print your federal and state fileable tax forms for around $10. In order to receive a faster refund, you may electronically file your return to the IRS (and states that participate in e-filing) for an additional $4.95. These options combined cost a fraction of what is typically paid for home tax software packages. Users may pay with VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover.

• Speedy refunds—Tax refunds that are filed electronically normally are received within 10 to 18 days, as opposed to the eight to 10 weeks it typically takes for returns filed on paper.

• Security—The software is protected by a multilayered security system, the same type used to protect sensitive military data for the B-1 Bomber program. In addition, you are offered the option of complete anonymity while utilizing the product.

• Certainty—Electronic filing is the only way you receive confirmation from the IRS that your tax returns were received in a valid format.

• Convenience—This software can be used to prepare and file personal taxes whenever and wherever users have access to the Internet. Once you've filed using this program, there is no need to re-enter basic information the following year—demographic and carry-over information is automatically retained from year to year.

• Complete—The program includes more than 950 forms for preparing federal and state individual tax returns. It is the only on-line tax preparation software that provides electronic filing of all state forms.

Get-rich-quick folklore offers money-making tips

People have been trying for a long time to get rich quickly, without having to work hard for it. Whether they buy lottery tickets, play slot machines or bet on horses, people are always looking for an easy way to make money.

Folklore is full of notions about money — how to dress for success, how to marry money and how to get wealthy in your sleep. Here are some folk beliefs compiled by Tim Clark for "The Old Farmer's Almanac Book of Everyday Advice" (Random House), edited by Judson Hale. Some of these beliefs, found in the folklore collection of Harvard's Widener Library, go back thousands of years and may work for you. (The state or ethnic group in which each belief was recorded is listed in parentheses.)

ARE YOU BORN TO BE RICH?

• If your fingerprints make circular lines, you will be able to save lots of money. (Indiana)

• If a baby's initials spell a word, he or she will become wealthy. (North Carolina)

THE EASY-MONEY DIET

• When making a pie, trim the crust all around without changing hands. It's sure to bring riches. (New England)

• The blood of a blacksnake, swallowed warm with whiskey, will give you the power to earn more money than anyone else. (Nebraska)

• If you can swallow the bubbles on your coffee without breaking them, you will earn a fortune. (Maine)

GET WEALTHY WHILE YOU SLEEP

• Dream of emeralds, and you'll inherit money. (Indiana)

• Dreams of snakes, and money will arrive the next day. (Nebraska)

• Red coals in your dreams are a sign you'll become rich. (Alabama)

HOW TO MARRY MONEY

• If your shoes are worn-out on the sides, you will marry a rich man. (New England)