

Around Town

School Board appreciated in January

Chelsea Board of Education was treated to the melodious voice and playing of band teacher Bill Gourley Monday night in celebration of school board appreciation month. Gourley sang his appreciation for the board's dedication to the education of Chelsea's students.

January was declared to be a month of appreciation for school board members by Gov. John Engler in a proclamation. Engler stated his desire to thank all the state's board members for taking their time for the children of Michigan.

South Meadows Elementary prepared a banner for the event, and Beach principal Bill Westcott expressed his gratification from all of the administrators in the district.

CHS students thank mentors

The school board got a chance to see what four students in the district were doing on their mentorship programs Monday. Students worked with community members in psychology, printing, veterinary medicine and interior design in the semester-long course designed to help students explore career goals.

Chamber to hold annual meeting

The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting starting at 5 p.m. Feb. 11 at Silver Maples of P.Ches. The meeting will be for Chamber members to discuss goals and activities.

Achievement test scores mixed

Chelsea students' scores on the California Achievement Test were mixed over the three grades tested. Students were given tests in reading, language, math, science and social studies, with a total battery score given to the students.

Third-graders scored higher in all categories than last year with a general trend toward increasing scores over four years. More students took the test this year as well, totaling 226 students.

At the sixth-grade level, students showed a general five-year trend of score increases, though a decrease in math and science scores from last year's class. Reading scores were judged to be non-significant in the changes, though they were two points higher than last year.

Ninth-graders had scores largely unchanged from previous years. Math scored hovered around the mid- to upper-60th percentile and science was close to 70 over the last five years. Reading scores were up five points over last year, and language scores were up three points.

Dexter Twp. approves vote count system

Punch-card ballots in Dexter Township will become something of the past. Dexter Township Board of Trustees approved the purchase Jan. 20 of three vote tabulation systems from Doubleday Bros. & Co. at a total cost of \$19,317, which includes installation and on-site training.



Jail Break for Muscular Dystrophy

Chelsea Police arrested South Meadows Principal Lisa Nickel and Pierce Lake Principal Lucy Stieber recently for their nefarious deeds as school administrators. The two were given their fair share of phone calls to raise the \$1,000 bail, or one hour of volunteer time necessary to get out of a specially designed cell at Palmer Ford Mercury. All proceeds went to Muscular Dystrophy. Pictured with the handcuffed jail birds are officers Ron Lazo and Terry Parsons.

Lima Twp. Board denies Poljan rezoning request

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

With a court date set for March 3, Lima Township resident Rick Poljan is moving forward with his request to rezone his farm off McKinley Road for development into residential housing. Lima Township Board denied his request at a special meeting Jan. 19, the first time the board has taken formal action on the request since Poljan filed the rezoning petition two years ago.

Poljan said Monday that the board's action makes little difference in his lawsuit, aside from formalizing the township's opposition to rezoning his land. The lawsuit originally contended that Lima Township's failure to act on the petition for rezoning was a de-facto denial, and that it constituted an unlawful taking of his land.

"I don't think it changed anything," Poljan said. "I mean basically the lawsuit is still sound. The point of the

lawsuit is (the board) denied zoning unlawfully."

Lima Township Supervisor Gary Adams said he has made the lawsuit a priority since he started in November after the resignation of Andrew Adrian. He said he reviewed the lawsuit and put together a wide range of data about the area surrounding the farm to present to the board.

Adams said he showed the board information about drainage, soils, impact on waterways and other data from the Department of Environmental Quality at the first meeting in January. At that time the board set the date for the special meeting to consider the petition. The board voted unanimously to turn it down.

"It was something we had to resolve," Adams said. "I talked to all the people and went through the data before I made up my mind."

Adams said he wanted his and the board's reasons for objecting to the rezoning to be

out in the open. In the resolution denying the request, the board outlined the reasons for its opposition to the rezoning.

In the board sites problems with traffic, the site's inconsistency with surrounding housing density and problems with building on soils on the site. A negative impact on the Huron-River Watershed and other fragile wetlands was also mentioned.

The resolution also says that Poljan's land can be developed with the zoning it currently has. Adams said that Poljan has already sold a 10-acre parcel from the land.

Some of the controversy stems from the Lima Township Planning Commission's master plan. When Poljan originally filed his petition, the master plan placed his entire parcel in a rural residential zoning. The master plan does not determine the zoning law, but it is used as a measure of where the township intends to go in the future.

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Cavanaugh Winter Carnival kicks off Friday

The 25th annual Cavanaugh Lake Winter Carnival kicks off at 6 p.m. Friday at the American Legion Post, 1700 Ridge Road. Attendees will be treated to a wide range of events.

The euchre tournament will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and is open to anyone. Partners are not necessary, but a \$5 entrance fee will be charged with cash prizes given away.

The fishing derby begins at 7 a.m. Jan. 31, along with snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. The Chili Cook Off begins at 10 a.m. with tasting at 2 p.m.

The Chelsea American Legion Post 31 and the Knights of Columbus holds Monte Carlo Night at 7 p.m. Saturday this year. Participants will receive a \$1,000 stake, which they can gamble for money to purchase items in an auction of prizes donated by local merchants.

Sunday begins at 7 a.m. with breakfast followed by the continuation of the Fishing Derby.

A free concert featuring Dennis Ruby and the Persuaders with Johnny Weber will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. This concert will be Ruby's final show of his professional career.

Prizes for the events will be awarded at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. The carnival ends at 6 p.m.



Snow Fun

Third-graders at South Meadow Elementary enjoy a recent snowfall on the playground equipment behind the school. Skye Hillman, Beth Guzik and Kirstin Conrad stand on the bridge and Stephanie Dotts and Lee McLaughlin play below.

Board pursues kindergarten discussion

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

Chelsea Board of Education continued discussion on a kindergarten program Monday debating the merits of changing to an all-day class on alternate days of the week. Assistant Superintendent Iva Corbett told the board she had met with parents several times in the last few weeks to get input on the program.

Corbett said many parents said they want to continue the current system, which allows parents at North Creek and South Meadows to choose whether their children go for a half day or all day. Pierce Lake's kindergarten only goes for half a day. Corbett said many parents were worried young children weren't able to handle the longer hours at school.

Corbett said the district would have to choose whether the benefits of offering a choice would outweigh the financial costs from going to an all-day kindergarten program. If the program were put in place, the district would not have to pay for bus driver salaries, gas and maintenance for mid-day driving, saving about \$50,000 per year. She also said that learning is similar or slightly enhanced by an all-day kindergarten.

Corbett said she would continue to get parent input before making a recommendation to the board to change the curriculum. She expected to make a recommendation next month.

At the other end of the age spectrum, students at Chelsea High School received a new English curriculum at the board meeting. The board approved course descriptions for three years of required core classes for freshmen, sophomores and juniors, as well as several new electives.

The new curriculum does not include two controversial individual instruction classes that the board raised questions about at the last board meeting, Jan. 12. The students would have allowed students to choose their own books and music to be studied, limiting board control of the materials.

The two classes are likely to be discussed in future committee and board meetings.

In other business, the board approved two field-trip requests. The softball team will travel to South Carolina from March 27 to April 5 to develop team spirit. And Pam Holmes' class will travel to Stratford, Ontario to see Julius Caesar, by William Shakespeare, whom the class studies.

Developer shows interest in Lima mobile home park

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

It looks like Lima Township will be addressing the issue of whether to put in a mobile home park if Bertakis Development follows through on its interest in rezoning land it's considering buying off Seitz Drive just east of Fletcher Road. Supervisor Gary Adams said the developer has expressed interest in rezoning the land to accommodate the manufactured housing.

"They've led me to believe they're going to submit an application," Adams said. "They weren't ready for the January planning commission meeting."

Adams said the developer has made no formal proposal for the land and he didn't know what it would look like if it were to go in. He did say, however, that 93 acres were being considered and the park would likely have a self-contained, on-site sewage system.

Jim Bertakis, vice president of real estate for Bertakis Development, said he had a preliminary meeting with Adams to discuss the development but that any discussion about it might be premature. His 25-year-old family business has developed several manufactured housing areas in Michigan and all look like a subdivision, except they contain manufactured housing instead of houses.

Though the development is still in the rumor stage, it has already drawn opposition. An unsigned notice was sent to homeowners in the area saying that mobile home parks are a bad deal for residents, and that developers don't care about the local community.

Bertakis said he couldn't comment on the notice without seeing it, but he has heard similar arguments before. He said, however, that many communities welcome the manufactured housing developments once they hear all of the arguments for the developments.

One argument Bertakis said

is important to note is that the developments have advanced dramatically since the old metal wheeled trailers of the 1970s. Bertakis said the homes are set on foundations and 95 percent are never moved.

Bertakis also said an opposition has been that mobile homes pay fewer property taxes to schools. But with state grants paying the majority of the school funding in today's system, that objection no longer is as meaningful.

Bertakis also said the developments were largely self-contained, providing utilities for its residents without affecting other members of the community.

Though developments may be intended to be self-sufficient, Lima Township has on the books a law designed to limit large-scale private developments. The township's zoning ordinance was amended to state that private wastewater treatment centers were only allowed for single units or residences. Adams said it was a task for lawyers to determine whether mobile homes would be exempt from the law because they are regulated by state standards.

Richard Vandermolen, deputy director for manufactured housing at Michigan's corporation, securities and land development bureau, said that any municipal standards that affect manufactured housing have to be approved by the Manufactured Housing Commission, an agency with members appointed by Gov. John Engler. The commission members represent various groups with interests in the manufactured housing arena.

Vandermolen said he didn't know whether Lima Township's sewage treatment law had been approved by the commission, but he thought it was unlikely that such a law would be. He also said any limitations on the number of mobile homes allowed in a development would also have to be approved by the commission.

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Letters to the Editor

Many businesses give to community

I would like the opportunity to thank the Chelsea State

Bank for all it does for our community. Chelsea and all our people are very lucky to have a business that gives back so much to its people.

Chelsea State Bank has always been a great community supporter, but this year I believe it has far surpassed what may be expected of local busi-

nesses.

This year alone I remember Chelsea State Bank donating \$250,000 to Chelsea Community Foundation, an old-fashioned circus to celebrate its 100th anniversary, giveaways like commemorative boxes of our local Jiffy Mix cakes and drawings. The bank also is the sponsor of the Fourth of July fireworks.

Bank officials also remodeled the original Chelsea State Bank building downtown, further beautifying our village. I understand business is business, and the bank no longer needed all the space it was taking in that building. The bank remodeled with the intention of leasing some of the space. The bank did such a spectacular job it not only looks appealing, but the village offices found it to be well suited to their needs and are scheduled to move there soon.

Some may not realize that Chelsea State Bank gave many local contractors the opportunity to be involved with the renovation project and the alterations for the village offices. There are many competent contractors in and around Chelsea, and with the competitiveness of the bids, Chelsea State Bank got quality for its dollar while supporting many contractors in the community.

Understandably, not all work was performed by "locals," but a good amount of work was performed by your neighbors.

Many supportive efforts given by Chelsea State Bank are not even stated here for they are too numerous to mention.

Mr. Lukasiak's letter to the editor (Jan. 8) raises many interesting concerns about Chelsea's growth and future. Chelsea State Bank is just one very good example of a business giving back to its community. Many of our local businesses do give generously to many of our community efforts and we should thank them all and patronize them often.

Cathleen L. Hall



Opening Remarks

By Brian Hamilton

Many people in the Chelsea area might welcome a Farmer Jack grocery store to the neighborhood. The chain has shown an interest in building a store next to Village Motors on S. Main Street.

Polly's Market has been our only local choice forever in terms of all-in-one grocery stores. My guess is that if Farmer Jack can install bottle-return machines that work properly just most of the time, they'll get a decent clientele.

Kidding aside, I assume the Farmer Jack people have done their homework as far as demographics are concerned, and are convinced they can make it work. They scrapped the idea a year to two ago but now believe the Chelsea area has grown enough to the point that their store will

work. I'm not so sure. At least I'm not so sure that two big grocery stores can survive in this market unless Farmer Jack can tap that segment of Chelsea shoppers who go to places like Krogers, Meijer and Sam's Club.

My biggest question, though, is who's going to work in the store? Polly's, as well as many other businesses here who hire unskilled labor, seems chronically short of help. Talk to many merchants here and they'll tell you how difficult it is to find good employees, or any employees for that matter.

Where I grew up, bagging groceries or working in the stock room were jobs teens lined up for. Unless your parents knew someone at the

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Study downtown parking first

We represent a group of concerned Chelsea citizens that would like to call into question how the issue of parking near downtown Chelsea is being managed. We have three requests that we would like to be immediately considered and implemented by the village council and managed by appropriate people or organizations.

We request that a parking committee be appointed that would include persons representing the community, village management, the DDA, the Village Council and the planning commission. This group would go forward to discuss needs and solutions. This is the approach taken by the city of Royal Oak. Because there are some obvious differences of opinion re-

garding the parking needs in downtown Chelsea, this is a more objective approach to the situation and should produce an outcome amenable to all.

Before any consultants are retained, we ask that the DDA coordinate with the planning commission. As we understand it, the Village Planning Commission is in the process of hiring a consultant to help them prepare a comprehensive village plan, which includes issues such as parking, historic character of the village, etc. We also understand the DDA is hiring a consultant to advise them about parking and parking structures. This appears to be redundant efforts and duplicate costs that waste our tax dollars. By their articles of incorporation, the DDA is bound to work with the Chelsea Plan-

ning Commission.

Finally, we ask that there be a moratorium on parking lot/structure construction until a parking committee is formed, the comprehensive village plan is completed and other possible remedies for parking such as signage and marketing are attempted. We foresee that the time frame for this moratorium is at least one year.

We have heard from the DDA that public input is welcomed. Now is the time to listen to the public's input, not after the parking structure blueprints are finished and the construction company hired. The undersigned are available for comment or questions.

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Uncle Apollo

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My e-mail site is flooded with spam, and campaign headquarters had to add another bank of phones just to contain all the excitement. Get your platform suggestions in now if you want your voice to be heard above the crowd. You can send them to Apollo Party campaign headquarters in care of The Chelsea Standard, or e-mail me at:

UncApollo@aol.com.

After the grocery store deal on the south end of town, I've learned a lot about planning. So I've been working with my running mate, Ariotta Moofellow, who has a good vantage point from which to view the community and is actively involved in downtown activity, to create plans for the future of the village. She also knows a lot about grocery stores. We are really the founders of the Apollo Party.

In this issue, I want to discuss a foundation of the Apollo Party's platform: the underground. I'm not talking about the underground with

roots and grubs that you encounter when you are putting in your garden. I'm talking about the huge underground complex planned for Chelsea.

Yeah, I know the council has tried to bury the issue, but I won't let it die! If I'm elected, I vow to dig up the issue and make sure it leads the procession of new initiatives during my administration.

First of all, we'll get the district library underground complex started. And, like they have been doing in Ann Arbor, we could have a coffee bar and underground cafe with it so that people can read and sup in a leisurely setting.

Then there's the underground-by-pass which will take all the congestion off Main Street. We've scrapped the underground airport idea because we ran into some unexpected logistical difficulties, but if we get those worked out, we'll let you know.

Some of the other ideas we have talked about tying in would be a rapid-response, underground emergency corridor with all of these hallways connecting up to Chelsea Hospital. We could have all these gurneys just waiting

along the hallway to rush emergency patients to the hospital facilities. That way, they wouldn't have to worry about traffic and we could probably get a break on our insurance rates.

And we could also have an underground park system. Imagine the beautiful waterfalls we could create if we tunneled under the high school. And we could probably dry out Freer Road at the same time.

Being underground, it would function all year long. We could become the Disneyland of the North. There are so many good ideas in this one, I'll have to talk about the details in a later issue. Send in your ideas.

All and all, when we get this underground idea started, we'll make full use out of the high water table by getting some high-water chairs and having a big celebration. We'll bury our differences, set our sites high and all dig in to make the Chelsea Underground the Best Show in Earth. Vote Apollo!

Poljan rezoning request rejected

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The planning commission later changed its intention and took part of Poljan's land out of the residential zoning area. Adams said the planning commission hadn't given residents a chance to comment on the zoning, and so it had to amend the master plan.

With the change in the master plan, Adams said Poljan's petition is no longer consistent with the master plan's intentions. This note was reflected in the resolution as well.

Poljan discounted the board's reasons for rejecting his lawsuit. He said the various data had been considered before, but the planning commission recommended the rezoning anyway.

"You could apply those same reasons to the entire Washtenaw County," Poljan said. "I think (the resolution) was a non-factor. It makes no difference on the lawsuit."

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Board buys high school furnishings

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

Chelsea School Board spent \$578,945.46 on furnishings for the new high school building Monday night, splitting the money among 13 different suppliers for 118 pieces of furniture.

Reception areas topped the list of big-ticket items at \$16,171. Risers came in second most expensive for a single item at \$15,520.

The music and drama departments received curtains for their performances totaling \$33,976. Two sets of shelves came in at \$12,195.88.

To fill the classrooms, the district bought 886 desks for a total of \$62,002.28, and 852 chairs, at \$26,199. Three executive chairs were also purchased for \$1,140.51.

The furniture is almost all of the furniture, fixtures and equipment the school district

is expecting to purchase for the new high school building. Other miscellaneous items may come in front of the board before the expected finishing date in July, according to Assistant Superintendent Iva Corbett.

Superintendent Ed Richardson said the high school is nearing enclosure, meaning all the outside walls and windows will soon be in place. Enclosure allows the builders to complete the inside work, such as dry wall and furnishings.

Bill Sharp, project engineer for Granger Construction, told the board that a delay in receiving glass has made putting in a curtain wall behind schedule. Sharp said, however, that other projects were ahead of schedule.

The board also approved a motion to grant an easement to the Washtenaw County Road Commission for district land

along Trinkle Road. The easement was necessary for the commission's plans to pave the road up to the school district's driveway out of the new high school.

The motion also included approval for tree removal and property access for the land. Richardson said that the commission talked to property owners along Trinkle about their desires for the land as well.

In addition to giving an update on the high school, Sharp told the board renovations for Beach Middle School have been put out for bid. He expects to receive bids by Feb. 24.

Sharp hoped to have a request for bids sent out by Feb. 12 for renovations to the current high school building. Richardson updated the board on current plans for the board room, in what is now the high

school cafeteria. Richardson said a wall is scheduled to be built with three new doors to cut down on noise from the outer room and to provide for easy access from both sides of the board room.

In other construction news, the board canceled a contract with MayData Inc., which was supposed to provide a wireless Internet system for the district. The system never worked properly, so the district decided to get its money back.


According to Superintendent Ed Richardson, MayData originally said the system could work with little change to the current system. But when the trees blocked the radio signals from the various elementary schools, the company said it needed to install a 75 foot high tower to receive the signals, at which point the school district balked.

The wireless system was in-

tended to provide Internet access a year earlier than the original technology plan called for. The elementary schools will now use telephone lines to connect to the worldwide network. When the high school is built next year, all the schools will be connected with a wire network with a central computer in the high school.

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Opening Remarks

(Continued from Page Two) store, it was nearly impossible to get one of those jobs. Now many kids are so involved in school activities that they don't have the time.

Some employers will tell you that many kids don't need to work because they get enough money from their parents. They say the old work ethic is gone. I'm not sure that it's gone, it's just changed directions.

It's also been interesting to watch how the village has dealt with Farmer Jack. Planners have insisted on many

architectural requirements that will make the building look nicer than the average block grocery store.

But it sure seems like the horse is already out of the barn as far as trying to create a south business corridor that enhances our village's "quaint" architecture. Virtually all the land is developed and, unless we start demolishing what's already out there, one or even two or three, architectural gems aren't going to change the area very much.

In fact, if the store's too nice, it may draw even more

attention to the area's, um, eclectic nature. Imagine lining up a bunch of middle-aged guys like me, then inserting Leonardo Di Caprio in the middle and you sort of get the idea.

The planners' sentiments are noble. They're just about 25 years too late.

All has been quiet lately on the mobile-home front, although it looks like the fun might start again in Lima Township. Someone is interested in the area bordered by Fletcher Road and Seitz Drive.

As with any of these projects, there are a few hurdles for developers to jump such as zoning changes, the township's wastewater ordinance and probably many others.

Although this is probably the most practical of any of the proposed locations because of its proximity to major roads, mobile homes out there would sure change things. Developers want more than 90 acres, which could probably contain more than 500 mobile homes. That's about a third of the number of residences in the entire village. Might as well just let it become its own municipality.

Some day one of these projects is going to stick and a lot of hearts are going to sink.

Local man shoots at car

■ Sheriff's department won't release information regarding suspect's statement to police.

By Michelle Rogers
Associate Editor

A 33-year-old Dexter man was arraigned Sunday on three counts of assault with intent to murder and a separate charge of commission of a felony while using a firearm. He remains in jail.

Scott M. Krull will face a preliminary hearing 1 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Washtenaw County Service Center. A public defender has been assigned to represent him.

Krull was arrested Saturday after allegedly firing a handgun at a vehicle carrying three local teen-agers.

A 17-year-old Dexter High School student was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after the bullet traveled through the car and struck him in the arm.

The incident happened shortly before 11 p.m. while the teens were driving on Broad near Third Street.

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Lt. Brenda Sutton refused to release any information about Krull's statement to police.

According to a preliminary report, the teen was seated in the front passenger seat of a vehicle driven by another Dexter High School student.

The vehicle passed Krull and another man near the railroad tracks who appeared to be waiving their arms. When the driver turned the vehicle around and drove by again, the suspect reportedly fired a handgun. The victim told police that he tried to duck out of the way but his left arm was struck by the bullet.

The victim said his friend drove him to Hop In convenience store to wash and bandage his wound. Later, his father took him to the hospital. However, as of Tuesday the bullet was still lodged in his arm. He is waiting for a specialist to remove it. The driver

and rear passenger, a Chelsea High School student, were not injured.

The shooting drew attention at Monday night's Village Council meeting. Trustee Ray Tell asked Sgt. Dan Minzey to provide more details.

"I do not know the exact details," Minzey said. "We know it's a felonious assault. That's where the case stands right now. Whether more

comes out in testimony in court, I don't know."

Minzey told council that he hasn't seen a follow-up report with the suspect's statement. He said the detective bureau has taken over the case.

Since September, Krull has received thousands of dollars from the community to help in his young daughter's battle against leukemia.

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Library sets story times

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Story times will be held at the library, 8040 Fourth St. in Dexter. Each session will last between 20 and 30 minutes.

Registration is required. To register a child, call the library at 426-4477.

Enrollment is limited to 20 children for each session and

registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents may register their children for either the Monday session or Tuesday session.

Registration for multiple sessions will be allowed only if there are spaces available after the second week of the schedule.

For more information, contact the Dexter District Library.



Alzheimer's group to meet

The Chelsea area evening Alzheimer's support group meets on the second Thursday of each month from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Crippen Building at the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 12. The meetings are free and confidential. Contact the Alzheimer's Association at (734) 741-8200 for additional information.

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Dentist Mark Burye's entire staff was arrested to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. Pictured are (back row) Rita Gaynor, Jann Staake, Sue Gales, Burye, (front row) April Lehr, Sandy Goosby and Kim Tapping.

'Julie Johnson' slated to be next Purple Rose production

The Purple Rose Theatre Company will present the midwest premiere of Wendy Hammond's play "Julie Johnson," as the second production of the 1997-98 season.

Official opening night is Friday, Jan. 30.

Performances for the remainder of the engagement will be Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., with matinee performances on Saturdays at 3 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Set in Hoboken, N.J., "Julie Johnson" tells the story of an uneducated young mother who seeks a better life for herself and her two children. With the help of her best friend, Claire, and a concerned teacher, Mr.

Miranda, Julie faces the joys and sorrows of learning to live her life truthfully.

Acclaimed at the 1994 Actors Theatre of Louisville Humana Festival of New Plays, the play contains adult language and situations and is recommended for mature audiences only. The PRTC production will be performed without an intermission.

The cast features Sandra Birch as Julie's best friend; Clair; Tobin Hissong as Julie's verbally abusive husband; Rick; Ian Kessler and Natalie Knazik as Julie's children; Edward Nahhat as her teacher Mr. Miranda; and Suzi Regan in the title roll of Julie Johnson.

Playwright Wendy Hammond has written many plays including "Jersey City," "The Ghostman," "Family Life: 3 Brutal Comedies," "Wendy in the Wacko Ward" and "Mormons in Malibu." Her work has been produced at theaters such as the Atlantic Theater, Second State, Soho Rep, Charlotte Rep, the London Festival of New Plays and the Actors Theatre of Louisville for the Humana Festival. It developed in the Sundance Institute, the Long Wharf Theatre and Theatre Emory.

Hammond is a recipient of an NEA grant, a NYFA grant, a McKnight Fellowship and a Drama League Award. This past summer her new play, "The Hole," was developed at Carnegie Mellon. This fall she joined the faculty of the University of Michigan as Head of Dramatic Writing.

"Julie Johnson" is directed by Purple Rose Theatre Company Artistic Director Guy Sanville. Set design is by Vince Mountain, lighting design by Daniel C. Walker, costume design is by Mary K. Copenhagen, properties design by Lisa Sodman and sound design by Suzi Regan and Ralph Valdez. The stage manager for the production is Anthony Caselli.

Tickets will be \$20 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday performances and \$25 for Friday and Saturday performances.

Reservations can be obtained by calling the Purple Rose Theatre Company Box Office at (734) 475-7902. Tickets are recommended due to limited capacity.

The PRTC box office is open Monday through Friday from noon to 6, and on performance days beginning one hour prior to curtain.

The remainder of the Purple Rose Theatre Company 1997-98 season includes "Book of Days," the world premier of a new play by Lanford Wilson to be presented from April 2 through May 24, and "Private Eyes," a new comedy by Steven Dietz to be presented from June 18 through Aug. 10.

Family Medicine

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

Question: I'm 81 years old and physically active. I recently had a bicycle accident and sustained a broken collar bone and several broken ribs. I want to get back to riding again and am thinking about getting a three-wheeler. Would these be safer than my bicycle?

Answer: Transportation, whether on foot, horseback, on two or three-wheeled bicycles or by motorized vehicles is potentially dangerous. We don't generally think about these risks because of the number of times we successfully travel to other places without injury.

As you can attest, using a bicycle is not a risk-free activity. The most serious injury, death, occurs to about 800 bicycle riders each year. Most of these tragic events are the result of a bicycle-motor vehicle collision, and many of the victims are children. Often these accidents result from a traffic error committed by the bicyclist, not the operator of the motor vehicle. As you can attest, though, bicyclists can, and often do, sustain serious injuries without the involvement of another vehicle.

A three-wheel bicycle is safer than a two-wheeled one in some situations, while it is dramatically less so in others. Since the broad triangular base makes the three-wheeler hard to tip over, it is, quite obviously, more stable than a two-wheeler when standing still.

The situation can be different, however, when moving. The center of gravity of the bicycle and rider combination is fairly high. When turning a two-wheeled bicycle, the bicycle and rider lean into the turn. This changes the angle at which the bicycle wheel and the forces it carries, interact with the road. This point of balance is constantly changing as the speed and rate of turn changes, thereby requiring moment-to-moment subtle adjustments of the rider. Though this constant balancing act has exacting requirements, it is successfully mastered most of the time.

A three-wheel bicycle doesn't lean in a turn. At slow speeds this is very stable and safe. As the speed increases or the turn becomes more abrupt, however, a potentially dangerous situation develops. The tendency to tip over can't be compensated for by the rider leaning in the appropriate direction.

In this situation, it is relatively easy to exceed the safe limit and tumble off the three-wheeler instead of safely negotiating the turn. In fact, this became such a serious problem with three-wheeled all-terrain vehicles that the federal government created regulations that eliminated them from the market. Three-wheeled bicycles are only safer by the extent to which their riders limit their speed.

If you are presently unable to ride a regular bicycle, then a three-wheeled one may be a useful form of transportation — but it must be used with good judgment and at very slow speeds. If it's use is primarily for exercise, then consider walking, swimming or exercise equipment as a safer alternative.

"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.

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Vibert, Acree marry in Royal Oak

Jennifer Ann Vibert and Christopher Scott Acree, both of Arlington, Texas, were married July 5. The Rev. 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, Anne 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 Gail 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 currently reside in Arlington, Texas.

Rep. Mary Schroer voted top legislator by veterans group

State Rep. Mary Schroer (D-Ann Arbor) was honored as the Legislator of the Year of the Michigan Vietnam Veterans of America.

The recognition came as part of the group's holiday program at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor. Sandie Wilson, president of the organization's State of Michigan Council, presented the award and thanked Schroer for a year of hard work.

"Rep. Schroer recognized the need to service veterans in all areas of the state and fought very diligently to provide equal services regardless of geographic location," Wilson said. "Because of her efforts, veterans across the state now have claim services that were not available before."

Schroer, who serves as chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State Police and Military Affairs, has been instrumental in expanding benefits for veterans this year. Under her leadership, appropriations to Veterans Service Organizations

(VSO) increased by 3 percent for fiscal year 1998. Schroer also argued successfully for tripling the funding to the Vietnam VSO.

"As people of my generation reach positions of authority, we should be seeking ways to reconcile the rift created in America by the Vietnam conflict," Schroer said. "Providing comprehensive services to veterans is one way we can recognize their contributions to our history and our enduring way of life."

Schroer foresees a significant increase in the cost of Vietnam veteran services as the group reaches retirement age over the next several years.

"We need to continue to increase our support of veterans' hospitals and long-term care facilities in anticipation of the growing needs of our largest veteran population," Schroer said.

In regards to the honor she will receive next week, Schroer expressed enthusiastic appreciation.

"I am heartened by this

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Erika Borgeson's poem selected for literary mag

Erika Borgeson, a Hope College junior and Dexter High School graduate, had a work chosen for the autumn 1997 edition of the college's "Opus" literary magazine.

"Opus" gives students an opportunity for expression by presenting their prose, poetry, photography and art work. The magazine's board reviews materials submitted for publication and publishes on a

regular basis. In addition, "Opus" sponsors regular artistic forums throughout the year, giving students and faculty a chance to read their works as well as hear those of others.

Borgeson contributed the poem "A Daughter." She is the daughter of G. Clarke and Nancy Borgeson of Ann Arbor, and is a 1995 graduate of Dexter High School.

Options available for 401(k) program

Q: I am 37 years old and have just started a new job. It will be one year before I can participate in my new employer's 401(k) plan, however, I have about \$40,000 in my former employer's plan.

Recently, I received a letter from my former employer offering several options on what to do with the 401(k) money. Could you explain some of the most common options?

A: Once an employee has terminated their employment with a company, the trustees of the 401(k) plan will notify the employee of their options regarding distributions from the plan.

There is no one "correct" option. The decision should depend upon each employee's individual needs and desires. Care should be taken in making your decision because the tax consequences could be significant.

Generally, the first option offered to employees leaving a plan is the option of having some form of income paid on a monthly basis. Since some of these options are based on life expectancy, you should generally not pick this form of distribution if you are less than 70 years old.

At your age of 37, the life expectancy pay out would be very little because you have a very long life expectancy. Of course, under this option you would be taxed on the income and you might also pay tax penalties on some income op-

tions since you are less than 59½.

A second option would be to transfer the money in the 401(k) to an individual retirement account (IRA). This could be done by establishing an IRA at a bank, mutual fund company, insurance company, brokerage company, or independent trust company.

Once the IRA is established, you could have the funds transferred directly to the new account without actually personally receiving the funds. Many people are under the impression that you can only contribute \$2,000 to an IRA, and that is true for new contributions, but the rule does not apply if you are transferring money from one trustee to another.

You could also choose to do a rollover to an IRA account instead of a transfer. The difference here is that in a rollover, you would actually receive a check for the proceeds of your plan, minus a 20 percent mandatory tax withholding. You would then have 60 days to deposit the funds in an IRA account.

Under this arrangement, you must make up the 20 percent withholding and wait until you file your taxes for the year to get a refund of the 20 percent. If you chose this form of distribution, you would have to come up with \$8,000 (20 percent of \$40,000) to complete the rollover.

Whether you choose to do a

rollover or a transfer to an IRA, you might wish to make this account separate from any other IRAs. This is because you may wish to transfer these funds to some future employer's 401(k).

In order to do this, these funds must not be "contaminated" by any regular IRA money. Only 401(k) funds can be deposited in another 401(k).

You always have the option of keeping your 401(k) with the old employer's plan, as long as your account balance exceeds \$3,500. You might wish to do this if the old employer has investment choices that you feel are superior to the options offered by the new employer's plan.

You will still be able to control your investments within the plan, although you may be charged some minimal trustee fee, usually less than \$50 per year.

Even though you cannot participate in your new employer's 401(k) until you have been an employee for one year, you may still be able to transfer the old 401(k) to the new employer's plan.

Many plans allow this and it

would enable you to maintain control of your funds, including picking the new employer's investment options. You would then begin to make contributions once you had completed your year of service.

The last option generally offered is to take the distribution from your plan and pay the taxes and penalties. Since the lump sum is added to your gross income for tax purposes, for most people this means that you would end up losing over 40 percent of your retirement fund to taxes and penalties.

Consider all of your options carefully since your decision will have a significant impact on your future retirement income.

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SEIZURES IN COMPANION ANIMALS
By Dr. Sharon Altrogge, D.V.M.

A seizure or convulsion is a disorder of the brain resulting in the uncontrolled discharge of nerve cells. One may see a loss of consciousness, excessive or decreased muscle movement, salivation and/or loss of bladder control, and altered behavior in an animal. Pets can develop seizures at any age after trauma to the head or from ingestion of poisons such as lead or, trichloroethylene. Infectious diseases like canine distemper, rabies, feline infectious peritonitis (FIP), Toxoplasmosis, or Cryptococcosis may be involved. Pets under a year of age are prone to seizures if they have developmental problems involving the brain or liver. Older animals may develop tumors or metabolic disturbances causing convulsions.

Idiopathic epilepsy is the tendency to have recurrent seizures with normal periods in between; the cause is unknown. The age at which epilepsy starts is generally between one and five years and it is rare in cats. A diagnostic work-up for seizing dogs and cats generally involves your veterinarian taking a complete history, examining your pet, and performing blood tests and a urinalysis. Additional tests such as a CT scan or cerebrospinal fluid analysis may occasionally be required. In many circumstances an effective treatment can be found to eliminate or control the pet's convulsions. If you have any questions on pet care, please call Westarbor Animal Hospital at (734) 769-5391.

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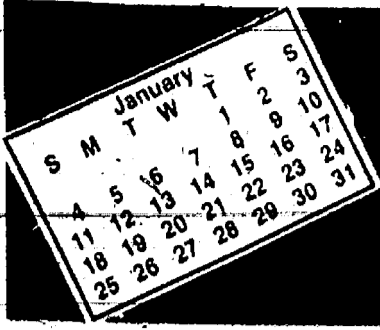
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Monday, Feb. 2
 Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at

Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:15 p.m.
 McKune Memorial Library Mystery Book Club meets at the library, 7:30 p.m.
 Lima Township Board meeting at Lima Township Hall, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 3
 Rotary Club meets at the Conimon Grill, 12:10 p.m.
 Lions Club meets at Chelsea

Community Hospital, 6:45 p.m.
 Sylvan Township Board meets at Sylvan Township Hall, 7 p.m.
 McKune Memorial Library Board meets at Faith in Action building, 7:30 p.m.
 Lima Township Zoning Board of Appeals meets at Lima Township Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 5
 American Legion Post No. 31,

general meeting at the American Legion Hall at Cavanaugh Lake, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 9
 McKune Memorial Library Brown Bag Book Club meets at the library, 11:45 a.m.
 Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:15 p.m.
 Chelsea School Board meets in the board room, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 10
 Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors meeting in the Sylvan Township Hall. The public is welcome to attend, 8 a.m.
 Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets at Chelsea Community Hospital, noon.
 Rotary Club meets at the Common Grill, 12:10 p.m.
 Lyndon Township Board meets at the township hall, 7:30 p.m.
 Chelsea Village Council meets at Sylvan Township Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 Chelsea Rod and Gun Club meets at the clubhouse on Lingane Road, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 11
 VFW Post 4076 and VFW Ladies Auxiliary meet at the VFW Hall, 7:30 p.m.

meets at First of America Bank, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 9
 Reproductive Health Advisory Committee for Dexter schools meets at Wylie Middle School media room, 7 p.m.
 Harmony Rebekah Lodge #460 meets at the Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.
 Webster Township Historical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 Dexter Village Council meets at First of America Bank, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 10
 Kiwanis Club of Dexter meets at Shooters, 6:30 p.m.
 Sons of the American Legion meet at the Dexter Legion Home, 8 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 and serves lunch M-F at Dexter Senior Center, Copeland School. To reserve a lunch, call 24 hrs. ahead, Cindy White, 426-5397.
 Volunteers Needed M-F 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 7:00 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 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 475-3305.
 New Beginnings, a grief support group for people experiencing the loss of a loved one. Offered as a community service by the Chelsea Retirement Commu-

nity. 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 Detting, 426-4343 or Judy Wheeler, 426-2160.
 Domestic Violence Project Safe House Support Group meets every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, Behavioral 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.
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 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 426-8686.
 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.
 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.
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Monday, Feb. 2
 Dexter Library Board meets at the Dexter District Library, 7:30 p.m.
 Dexter Village Planning Commission meets 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 Board meeting at Lima Township Hall, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 3
 Kiwanis Club of Dexter meets at Shooters, 6:30 p.m.
 Lima Township Zoning Board of Appeals meets at Lima Township Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 "Herbal Allies for Childbearing and Menopause" at People's Food Co-op, Ann Arbor, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Info. and registration call Sharon (734) 769-0095.
Thursday, Feb. 5
 "When to call the doctor and other medical issues" presented by the Washtenaw County FEMALE Chapter, a support and advocacy group for women who have interrupted their careers to care for children at home. Program at Genesis Foundation, 2309 Packard Road, Ann Arbor, 7 p.m. Info. Laura, 434-2402.
 Dexter American Legion meeting at the American Legion Hall, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 7
 "Nature Stories for Kids" program about owls at Hudson Mills Metropark. Stories for children ages 4-7, 10 a.m. Info., pre-register, 1-800-477-3191 or (734) 426-8211.
Sunday, Feb. 8
 "Buds, Bark and Skeletons" program on trees at Hudson Mills Metropark. Participants will learn to identify trees without their leaves in winter, 1 p.m. Info., pre-register, 1-800-477-3191 or (734) 426-8211.
Wednesday, Feb. 4
 Dexter Merchants Association

meets at First of America Bank, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 9
 Reproductive Health Advisory Committee for Dexter schools meets at Wylie Middle School media room, 7 p.m.
 Harmony Rebekah Lodge #460 meets at the Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.
 Webster Township Historical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 Dexter Village Council meets at First of America Bank, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 10
 Kiwanis Club of Dexter meets at Shooters, 6:30 p.m.
 Sons of the American Legion meet at the Dexter Legion Home, 8 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 and serves lunch M-F at Dexter Senior Center, Copeland School. To reserve a lunch, call 24 hrs. ahead, Cindy White, 426-5397.
 Volunteers Needed M-F 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 7:00 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 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 475-3305.
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Local travel agencies not charging extra despite lower commissions

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

Major airlines' recent reductions in travel agent commissions have hurt agencies without affecting prices for air fliers, according to local travel agents. But so far, neither Chelsea travel agency has passed on the loss to their customers.

"Right now it hasn't affected the customer," said Andrea Patt, a travel agent with Uniglobe travel. "We're giving the same service we always have. If things get tight, we may start charging service charges, but we haven't felt the need to do that at this time."

Jan Longworth, travel consultant with Accent on Travel, said travel agencies rely on commissions from the airlines for much of their business. Agencies had received 10 percent of the ticket price as payment for booking the ticket.

However, many airlines have dropped commissions to 8 percent in recent months, Longworth said, giving the airline a larger share of the ticket price. A \$50 cap on commissions also means that more expensive tickets don't make up for cheaper tickets.

Longworth said she didn't know why airlines had

changed the commissions, except to make more money. She said the airlines hit a slump in recent years, which has caused them to look for different revenue possibilities.

Airlines also have an increasing business with Internet sales, Longworth said. Many people are also buying directly from the airlines, for which they pay no commissions.

Despite receiving more money per ticket, airlines have not dropped prices, Longworth said. Airlines keep the extra money, leaving travel agencies to come up with ways to make up the slack.

To make up for the shortfall, many agencies are tacking on their own surcharges for their services, Longworth said.

Another avenue some agencies are taking is getting out of the business of doing corporate travel. Though the tickets cost more, the commission cap means the agencies receive the same amount as lower-priced tickets. But corporate travelers need same-day reservations and make a lot of changes that take agents' time.

Accent on Travel is still serving all of its customers. One of the company's strategies is to sell package deals

for cruises and other leisure activities, along with car rentals and hotel reservations. Longworth said though the plane reservations don't pay the high commissions, many of the other parts of the package still pay high rates.

She also said by setting up smaller trips for customers, they are more likely to come back when they need a larger trip. Creating lasting relationships is a good investment and worth the lower commissions, Longworth said.

"If you really give service and make an effort to accom-

modate people they'll come back," Longworth said. "If we save the customer \$200, that person knows what we're doing a good job."



—Clown Cuddles up to Church Kids—

DeDe Ross, alias Cuddles the Clown, joins in on the First United Methodist Church's play group. Ross said the church tries to provide a nurturing environment for children as part of an outreach program. Pictured are Frances Ross on Cuddles' head, Joanna Ross, and Henry Rutherford.

Non-profit groups band together to be remembered in wills

Hundreds of non-profit organizations in Washtenaw County and throughout Southeast Michigan have banded together to announce that they will conduct a campaign throughout the region during March to encourage people to remember a charity in their wills.

The Leave A Legacy campaign is a new collaborative program sponsored by the Planned Living Roundtable of Southeast Michigan, a non-profit organization comprising professional fund raisers, financial planners, attorneys and accountants, in partnership with the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan.

Chelsea Community Foundation is affiliated with the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan. More than 200 volunteers from non-profit organizations, financial and estate planning firms, accounting firms and law firms are promoting the message that giving to charities through wills and estate planning is of great benefit to both the donors and the charities.

The co-chairs of the campaign are J. Kay Felt, a partner in the Dykema Gossett law firm, and John G. Fike, president of Philanthropy Solutions, a consulting practice in Detroit.

Neal Shine, retired publisher of the *Detroit Free Press*, is honorary chair of Leave A

Legacy. "With increasing cuts in government funding for non-profits, it's more important than ever before to have support from individual donors," Felt said. "And while people in Southeast Michigan tend to be generous to charity during their lifetimes, very few people — in fact, less than 3 percent — continue that giving by leaving a charitable bequest in their wills or trusts."

Fike noted that \$11 to 12 trillion will be passed on from the estates of World War II-generation Americans between now and the early 21st century. "Just imagine how much money our charities would gain by merely doubling the number of people who include them in their wills and estate plans," he said.

"We believe the only reason Southeast Michigan lags behind the rest of the nation in planned giving is that people are not aware of the many ways in which they can leave a bequest. It's much simpler than it appears, and it's not just for wealthy individuals," Fike emphasized.

Because no single charity has the resources to educate the general public about the benefits — and the ease — of leaving charitable bequests, Leave A Legacy has devised a plan for its month-long campaign that will benefit all charities in Southeast Michigan.

• It has recruited a council of community leaders to give the program impetus and guide the volunteer effort throughout the seven-county area comprising Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Livingston, Monroe and St. Clair counties.

• It has enlisted a corps of volunteer contractors who are working personally with charities and financial/estate planners, to help them educate their backers and clients about charitable legacies.

• It has organized a volunteer-speaker bureau that will take the message to civic and professional organizations.

• It is asking local media sources to tell the story through editorials, feature articles, interviews and public service announcements.

• It has compiled a list of attorneys and financial planners who are knowledgeable about charitable giving and willing to consult with individuals who do not already have professional advisors.

Leave A Legacy is coordinating educational and training opportunities with the Community Foundation in advocating charitable giving by establishing planned giving programs, bequests and endowments.

The object of the campaign is to convince people to remember one or more favorite charities in their estate plans.

Leave A Legacy will not recommend specific charities that should receive bequests, but will encourage donors to make their own choices.

"One person may choose to remember a local library or school, while another may prefer a religious organization or arts institution," Shine said. "Others might select a medical research effort or a human

services agency."

Shine added that "the possibilities are endless — and very personal to each donor."

The Leave A Legacy campaign is funded by more than 50 individuals, foundations, non-profit organizations, hospitals, arts organizations, banks, brokerage firms, corporations, estate and financial planners, attorneys and accountants.

Clubs, professional organizations and civic groups can schedule a Leave A Legacy speaker by calling Evelyn Gehres at (248) 334-9411 or Sarah Smith Redmond at (248) 354-1300.

Charities that wish to distribute Leave A Legacy materials to their constituencies or otherwise support the effort can call Jean Schneider at (810) 558-0034.

Individuals wishing to volunteer or to obtain more information on the program can call the Leave A Legacy office toll free, at (888) 828-7900.



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Evan has a sister Kaitlyn, 1.

A son, Noah David, Dec. 8 to Kristin and Willem S. van Reesema of Northville.

Maternal grandparents are Gordon and Janis Dabler of Kalamazoo. Paternal grandparents are Dr. Frederik and Carole S. van Reesema of Chelsea.

A daughter, Emma Christine, Jan. 8 to Joey and Susie Long of Stockbridge at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Paternal grandparents are Lawrence and Lila Long of Stockbridge. Maternal grandparents are Dick and Sandle Neff of North Lake, Gregory.

Great grandparents are Alton and Geraldine Gieske of Napoleon, and Floyd and Louise Neff of Ann Arbor.

A daughter, Amy Jean, Jan. 12 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, to Lewis and Jean Gilbert. Maternal grand-

parents are LeRoy and Dolores Jean Buss. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Lila Jean Gilbert, Amy weighed 10 pounds at birth and has a brother, Mark, 3.

A son, Clayton Jeffrey Robert, Dec. 30 to Jeffrey and Charity (Strong) Vanderlaan of Holland, Mich. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Eleanor Strong of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are Raymond and Esther Vanderlaan of Hamilton. Charity is a 1990 graduate of Chelsea High School.



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Toys for Tots, Teens celebrates another successful year

The Toys for Tots and Teens campaign sponsored by Palmer Ford-Mercury in December once again made Santa's job a lot easier and proved to be one of the heart-warming projects of the holiday season.

"I was a bit nervous this year with the addition of a new elementary school and the teachers who have been so supportive of this program being scattered throughout these three schools," said Suzie Palmer Weber.

"I contacted the schools and just kept my fingers crossed. It worked!"

Jacob Hadley, a second-grader at South Meadows was excited about the project, especially because his mom works at Pamida Discount Center, and kids do toy shopping there for the program. However, if every student brought in \$2, Jacob still didn't think that would be enough money so that every one of his classmates would have a toy to do-

nate so Jacob went door-to-door in his neighborhood, called his relatives and raised \$150 more. Students had a toy in their hands when they walked through the door.

"To see their faces when they walk up to the dealership to put their toys in the truck, that's the spirit of the holidays," Weber said. Eleven classrooms participated in this year's drive.

Girl Scout Troop #689 coordinated a Toys for Teens drive with the downtown merchants

and asked the students at Beach Middle School to donate a gift from their own personal Christmas list. This project will enable these girls to earn their silver badge.

The sixth-grade team-teaching group of Jeanie Hicks-Caselli, Joanne Masters, Wendy Nellis and Roger Cox had students choose Toys for Tots and Teens as their community service project, and they raised money through a bake sale, plus their own per-

sonal donations. Also the Chelsea Pediatric Center donated some toys.

Several people wrote checks to the cause so more items could be purchased, including the Waldo Steinaway family, Cookie Bleckman and Professional Marketing Concepts.

The cash can at the front counter at the dealership produced a \$50 bill from a local office.

Returning again this year

were the realtors from The Edward Surovell Company. New realtors were Hometown One from Stockbridge.

Pamida manager Terry Kelcher helped make the kids' shopping experience something special. The staff at Pamida helps groups that are shopping just for this project.

"Thank you to everyone who donated a toy or a dollar," Weber said. "Because of you this project is a success, and Chelsea is the community it is."



Three truckloads of toys were donated to Toys for Tots and Teens by area children, adults and businesses. From left are Suzie Weber, Stephanie Heim, Sarah Schick, Donna Palmer, Matt Weber, John Weber, Amy Cole, Ellen McMurray and Beverly Slater.



Beach Middle School sixth-graders made Toys for Tots and Teens a community service project in December.



Karen Henry's third-graders made the holiday season a little brighter for someone else.



Sally Schlupe's third-graders at Pierce Lake School got into the holiday spirit.



Marsha Hansen's second-graders at North Creek Elementary surround their teacher in the holiday atmosphere at Palmer-Ford.



Martha Piper's second graders at Pierce Lake Elementary made a big effort to help out the less fortunate.

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Crystal Heydlauff's third-graders at North Creek Elementary had fun with Toys for Tots.



Barbara Doolittle's third-graders at Pierce Lake Elementary participated.



D'Ann Gietzen's second-graders at North Creek Elementary donated gifts.



Sarah Slater's second-graders from Pierce Lake Elementary were part of the fun and giving.



Gail White's second-graders at Pierce Lake Elementary pose with their holiday smiles.



Girls Scout Troop #689 donated gifts to the Toys for Tots program. In the photo are Laura Rapai, Grace Rapai, Emily Morgan, Karl Taylor and Ginny Morgan. Not pictured is Jennifer Hafner.

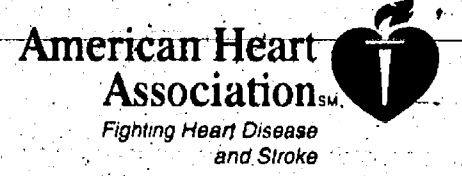


Susan Harris' second-graders at South Meadows Elementary helped out underprivileged children.



Tami Gillingham's third-graders at Pierce Lake Elementary brought gifts.

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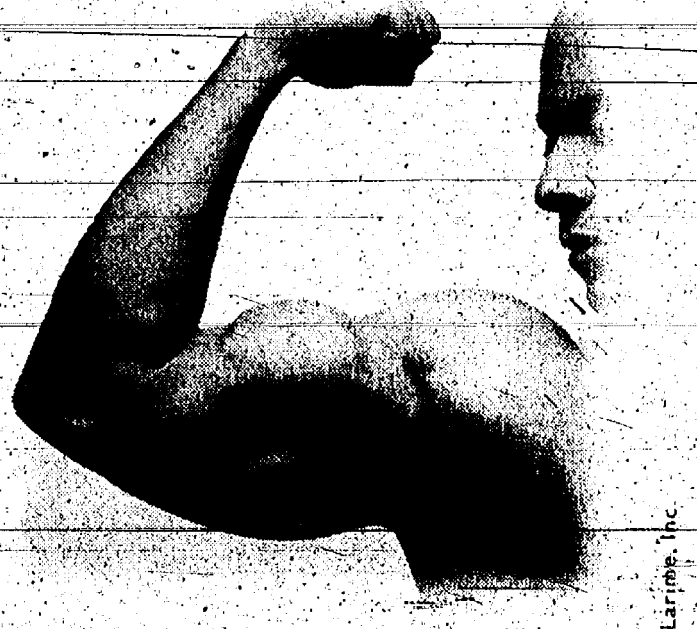


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Local man advocates for nude beaches

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

Matthew Kerwin's home in Lima Township isn't that different from other houses in the area. It's set back from the road on several acres, with open land covered in snow.

But stepping up to the front door reveals that Kerwin's abode might not be quite like the rest in the neighborhood. Visitors are greeted with a sign warning "This is a clothing optional household," and an indication they should knock loudly if they don't want to see the owner in the buff.

"It's sort of a spiritual activity," Kerwin says of his nudism. "I'm able to step back and see myself in a different way."

Kerwin's residence is the headquarters of the Southeast Michigan Naturists, an organization for nudists who live in Chelsea, Ann Arbor, Saline and surrounding areas. The organization has about 70 members in the area with others who have expressed interest, but are not as active.

Kerwin says he enjoys the social interaction with other

people who are nude, because he thinks it makes everyone equal. While many people are caught up in consumption of objects, he says nude people, regardless of their bodies, can relate to each other without interference of outside influences.

Despite popular images of nudists, Kerwin says the naturism is not about sexuality. Like other forms of recreation, he says it is a way to get together with other like-minded people.

Kerwin says there isn't much opportunity in Michigan for nudists to congregate, however. Michigan has five private nudist resorts, but no public beaches or recreation areas.

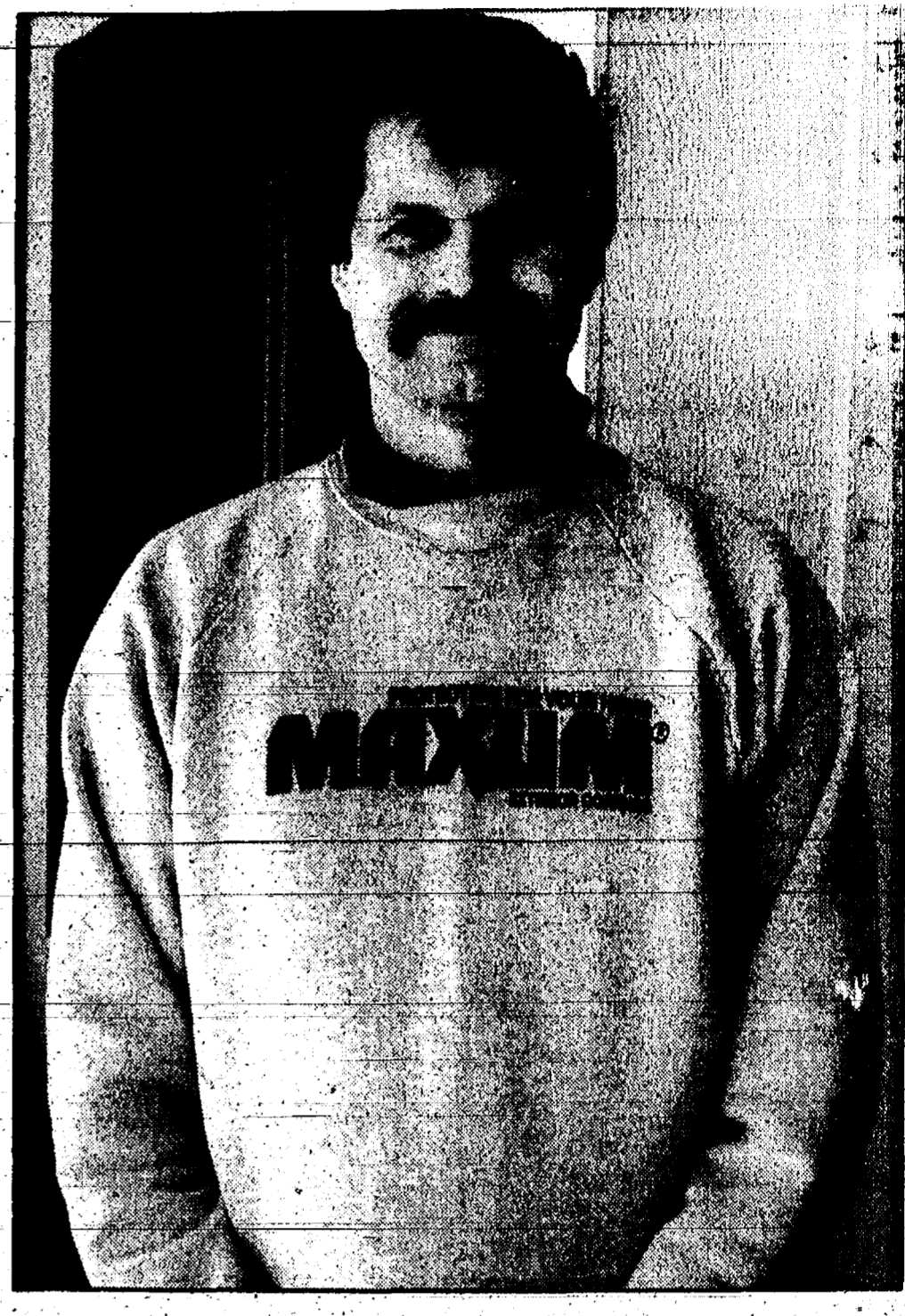
Though the naturist organization has parties and other get-togethers, Kerwin would like to see a public clothing-optional beach in Michigan. He says that many activities, such as biking, off-road vehicles or hunting, have public areas set aside for their use, but nudists have nowhere to go.

Because of the lack of public spaces for nudists, Kerwin helped start Michigan Nude Beach Advocates, an organization that aims to set up public beaches for nudists around the state. The organization has two chapters and is working to increase membership to pressure lawmakers to allow the beaches.

"I want to have a place where the police and the coast guard don't harass you," Kerwin says. "It would be great to have a lifeguard so we could feel safe."

Kerwin's interest in a clothing-optional beach is partially personal. Many of the nudist clubs require entrants to be nude, but his wife is not a nudist. Kerwin wants to create a place where both non-nudists and nudists can both go.

The beach also has a particular draw to Kerwin. He says beaches are places where



Matthew Kerwin is an advocate for nude beaches in Michigan. His home in Lima Township is the de-facto headquarters for the Southeast Michigan Naturists and Michigan Nude Beach Advocates.

people are more prone to take off their clothes, as skinny-dipping is a time-honored practice. He also is a swimmer and enjoys being in the water.

Kerwin says nude beaches would also be a great financial draw for businesses and municipalities that host them. He says that once cities have the beaches others will follow suit because they will get people from all over the region to join in the recreation.

Kerwin would like to see a beach in the Detroit area, as well as on Lake Michigan. He sees the objections to nudism as largely political, but like any stage of dress, from Muslim's veils to nun's head coverings, nudism is something he thinks people should get used to.

"The only conflict of interest is that some people are offended," Kerwin says. "But we just have to get along."



Your Money Matters

by David Adams

A new year begins with many changes. This column has changed as well. After five years of writing this column, Michael Kelly has moved to a new post with Mott Community College in Flint. But "Your Money Matters" will still go on.

OK, the holidays are over and now the bills start arriving. Finding yourself over your head in credit debt doesn't take much these days. Many of us acquire our "wants" by obtaining things on credit. Problem is, the more responsibly you handle credit, the more credit you are offered to achieve the lifestyle you desire. If not careful you can become enslaved by credit — always paying for the past with nothing in reserve for the future.

For many, credit becomes the only way to maintain their current lifestyle. If you find yourself barely meeting your bills, or are already swamped with debt, take control before it's too late.

The first step is to analyze your spending habits. Keep a detailed spending record for

one month, to start. Once you see where your money is going, you can evaluate your habits and make better choices. For example, spending \$4 for lunch each week day costs \$20 a week, \$86 a month, and \$1,032 a year. Brown-bagging a few days a week may not seem like such a bad idea.

Once you get a handle on what you're spending, design a plan to cover all your expenses each month from entertainment to clothing to auto repairs. Remember to include for upcoming expenditures, such as insurance and tuition. As you get better organized, you will set yourself up to succeed.

Within your plan, set attainable goals. Short-term and long-term goals will help you to reduce your debt. For example, set a short-term goal to pay off your credit card debt. Determine a time frame and carry just one card for emergency use only. Another goal could be to refinance debts, where possible, to obtain lower interest rates and reduce your monthly payments.

Make a promise with yourself that you will borrow for productive purposes only, not

non-essentials. Installment credit ideally should take less than 20 percent of your take-home pay. When you include rent or mortgage payments, the ratio should be no more than 40 percent of your paycheck.

It's also important to involve your spouse and children on a regular basis to gain their cooperation and support. Review your plan and make spending decisions and future goals together. A spending plan gives you a way to get a clear picture of your wants and needs and distinguish firmly between them. A plan will also help you to reduce your current debt and gain control of your finances today and into the future.

If you need help setting up a spending plan, ask your financial institution how you can get free financial counseling. Many credit unions and some banks provide financial counseling for members, or call the non-profit Credit Counseling Centers at 1-800-388-2227 for the counseling office in your area.

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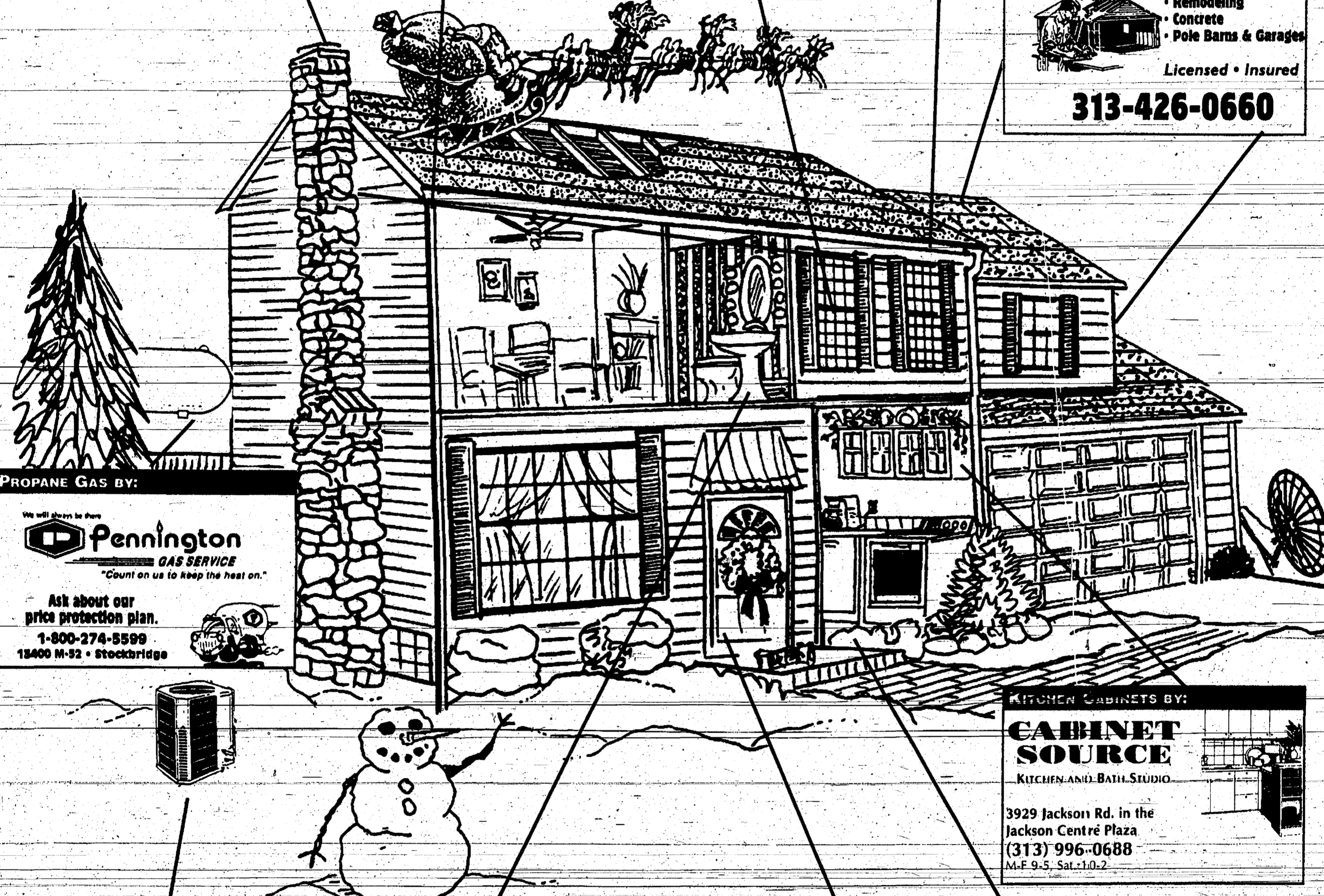
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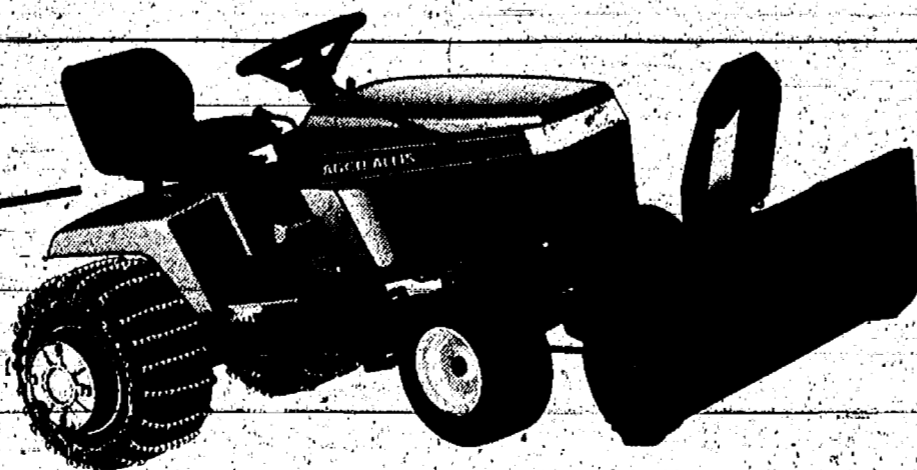
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Dexter Village

Harassing Telephone Call
A harassing telephone call was reported in the 8000 block of Huron Street, Jan. 11. A 33-year-old Dexter man told a Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputy that a 17-year-old boy called and threatened his brother. The complainant said his brother called the mother of his children to arrange a visit. After the telephone call, the woman's brother called the residence and threatened him. The suspect admitted to police that he made the threat. The victim does not want to seek prosecution, however.

Domestic Assault
Domestic assault was reported in Walkabout Creek apartments, Jan. 9. A 42-year-old woman was arrested after she attacked her daughters and her husband during a birthday celebration. The

woman was reportedly intoxicated and began arguing with her 21-year-old daughter. The argument escalated and the woman allegedly grabbed her daughter by the hair and slapped her face.
The woman's husband told police that when he tried to restrain her she bit him. The woman's 17-year-old daughter also told police that her mother grabbed her by the hair and shoved her when she tried to intervene.

Chelsea Village
Open Intoxicants in Vehicle
A 53-year-old Jackson man was cited for having open intoxicants in a vehicle on South Street near Congdon, Jan. 20. A Chelsea Police officer noticed the man slumped over the wheel of his vehicle with the engine running. An open can of beer and several empty cans were seen on the front

seat.
Traffic Violation
A 22-year-old Pontiac woman was cited Jan. 20 for having improper vehicle registration, no proof of insurance and an expired driver's license when she was stopped by police on M-52 near the I-94 entrance ramp.
Fraud
Fraud was reported at Pamida Discount Store, 1040 S. Main St., Jan. 22. Store personnel complained that a 46-year-old Napoleon woman wrote a bad check. The suspect wrote a check Nov. 21 for \$20.14. Police contacted the woman and she agreed to pay the store cash on Jan. 23.
Conservation Violation
A 36-year-old Grass Lake man was cited for littering on Old US-12 near M-52, Jan. 22. A Chelsea Police officer gave the suspect a ticket after witnessing him throw out an empty box of cigarettes.

Drunk Driving
A 44-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol on Dexter-Pinckney Road near Horseshoe Bend, Jan. 16. A sheriff's deputy stopped the man at 10:50 p.m. for erratic driving. The driver reportedly appeared confused and his eyes were glazed and watery looking.
The man admitted to police that he was drinking alcohol earlier at a friend's home. A test revealed his blood-alcohol level to be 21 percent, which is more than the legal limit to drive.
A background check showed the man has been arrested five times since 1976 for alcohol and driving related offenses. His most recent arrest was in 1991.
A 25-year-old Dexter man was arrested for operating a

vehicle while under the influence of alcohol on Dexter-Pinckney Road near Island Lake Road, Jan. 18. The man was initially stopped for speeding 67 mph in a 45 mph zone at 2 a.m. He reportedly smelled of intoxicants and his eyes were glossy and bloodshot.
The suspect admitted to drinking alcohol prior to driving. A test revealed his blood-alcohol level to be .14 percent, which is more than the legal limit to drive.
A 23-year-old township woman was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol on North Territorial Road near Dexter-Pinckney Road, Jan. 24. The woman was stopped at 1:20 a.m. for erratic driving. A sheriff's deputy noticed that she smelled of intoxicants and her speech was slurred.
The woman admitted to drinking alcohol prior to driving. A test revealed her blood-alcohol level to be .16 percent, which is more than the legal limit to drive.

Webster Township
Assault and Battery
Assault and battery was reported in the 7400 block of Huron River Drive, Jan. 13. A 17-year-old boy told a sheriff's deputy that a 19-year-old Whitmore Lake man spat on him and struck him at 8:30 p.m. The suspect told the boy he was relaying a message from a group of people he met in Ann Arbor.
When interviewed by police, the suspect said he was angry because the people who instructed him to pass on the message spat on him, too. He promised it would never happen again. The victim does not want to seek prosecution.


Scio Township
Domestic Assault
Domestic assault and battery was reported in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road, Jan. 15. A 39-year-old woman told police that her husband, 65, threw an ice tray at her, but missed, and threatened her, poking his index finger on her forehead.
The man told police that he threw ice, not an ice tray, and he denied poking her. He said he bumped his wife with his stomach but didn't hurt her.
The altercation occurred at 6 p.m. after the woman's son came to the residence to repay his step-father \$10. The suspect told police that he thought his step-son was going to hit him, so he pushed him. Then, he said, his wife grabbed his waist and pulled him down, while his step-son punched him several times.
Afterward, the woman said she called her mother to come get her. The woman's mother told police that she heard her son-in-law threaten to kill his wife and step-son. The suspect, however, denies threatening his wife but admits to telling his step-son that he is "dead meat."
The suspect was arrested for assault and battery and he later filed a complaint against his step-son for assault.

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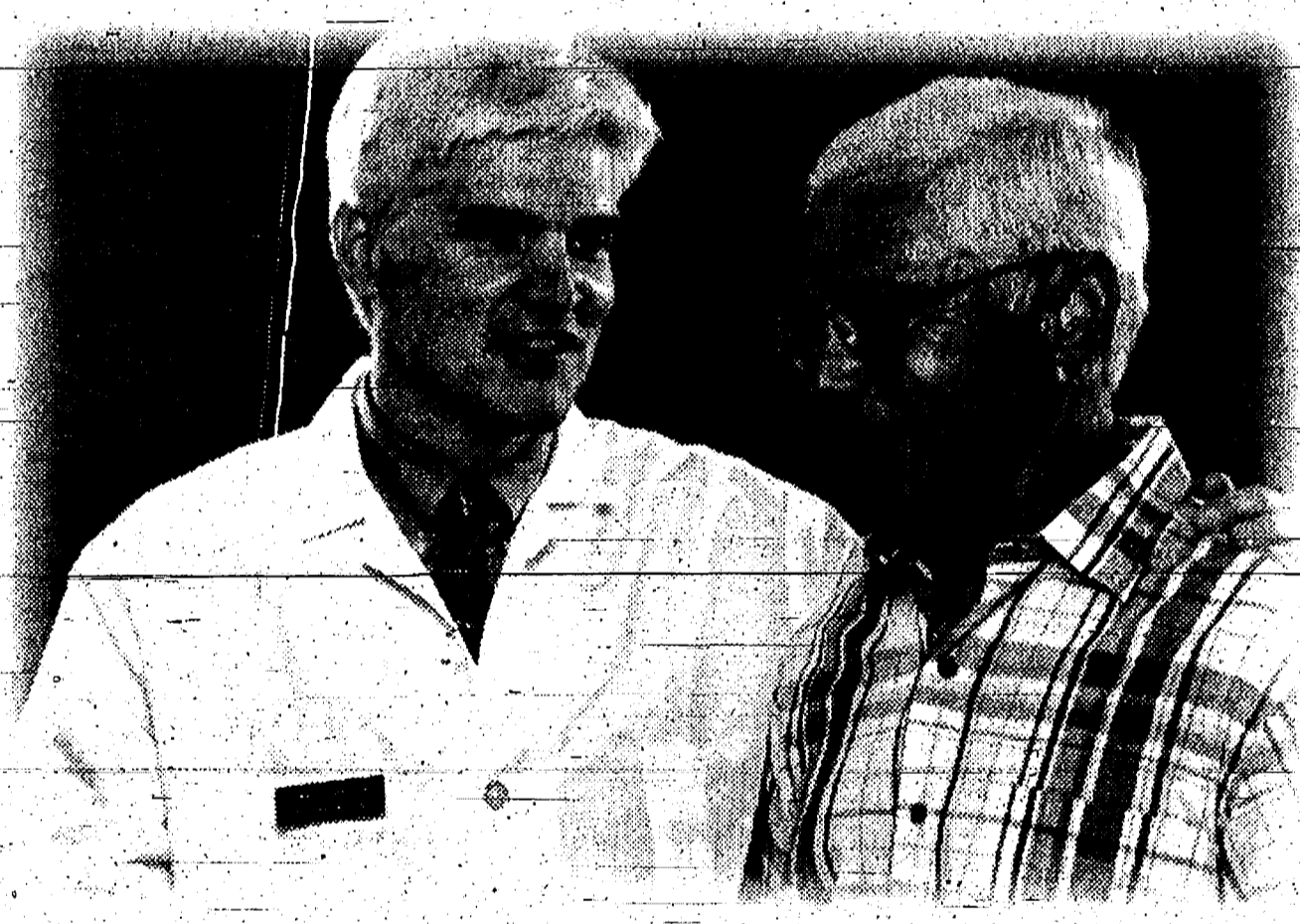
Noise Complaint
A 27-year-old woman was cited for violating the village's noise ordinance when police encountered a loud party at her apartment on Harrison Street, Jan. 22. A neighbor reported the violation at 2:45 a.m. When an officer arrived, music could be heard outside the building. The officer noted in a report that the woman was warned Dec. 30 after neighbors complained of a loud party.

Dexter Township
Juvenile Trouble
Juvenile trouble was reported on Birch Lane near Fleming Road, Jan. 12. A 37-year-old woman called police when her daughter threatened to kill herself. The woman said the girl pulled out a knife and held it to her stomach after an argument over chores. The

man admitted to police that he was drinking alcohol earlier at a friend's home. A test revealed his blood-alcohol level to be 21 percent, which is more than the legal limit to drive.
A background check showed the man has been arrested five times since 1976 for alcohol and driving related offenses. His most recent arrest was in 1991.
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Arson
Arson was reported in the 4300 block of Wylie Road, Jan. 18. A 40-year-old woman told police that someone set fire to her newspaper box between 7 p.m. Jan. 17 and 7:30 a.m. Jan. 18. A note left at the scene was turned over to police. Damage to the box is estimated at \$50.
Larceny
Larceny was reported at Grimes Auto Repair, 9350 McGregor Road, Jan. 19. A 50-year-old Dexter man told a sheriff's deputy that someone stole a Coke machine between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. The machine was recovered on the side of the road near Yankee Lane and McGregor. The supplier, a 38-year-old Pinckney man,

stole a cash register containing \$75. The drawer is valued at \$125.
The theft occurred between 11 p.m. Jan. 15 and 5:27 a.m. Jan. 16. Entry was gained by smashing a glass door with a hammer. Damage is estimated at \$500. Police have no suspects.
Attempted Suicide
Attempted suicide was reported at the I-94 rest stop near Baker Road, Jan. 17. A 41-year-old Dundee woman told a sheriff's deputy that she tried to commit suicide by driving her 1983 Honda off the roadway. She was taken to University Michigan Hospital with minor injuries.
The suspect caused \$1,000 damage to four road signs leading to the rest stop when she drove her car onto the grass. The car traveled about 300 feet and rolled over.
The woman was reportedly intoxicated and told police that she deliberately drove off the road after arguing with her parents.



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Vehicle Taken Without Permission
A 1992 Saturn was taken from Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road, without permission from its owner. A 34-year-old woman told a sheriff's deputy that her 43-year-old live-in boyfriend took the vehicle at 11 p.m. Jan. 22. She thinks he started it with a nail file.
The woman, however, does not want to pursue criminal charges. The vehicle is valued at \$5,000.

Breaking and Entering
A string of break-ins was reported at the Wolverine Truck Stop, 200 Baker Road, Jan. 23. The break-ins occurred between midnight at 3:40 a.m.
Three truck drivers reported falling asleep and waking up to find their money missing. A 43-year-old man from Texas lost \$150, a 51-year-old California woman lost \$100 and a 53-year-old Illinois man lost \$135.
All three semi-tractor trailers were unlocked while their occupants were asleep.

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Property Damage

Malicious destruction of property was reported in the 3600 block of Wagner Ridge Court, Jan. 23. A 52-year-old man told police that someone damaged his telephone line and spray painted a derogatory word on his window. Damage is estimated at \$50.

Drunken Driving

A 25-year-old Ypsilanti man

was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol in the 4800 block of Miller Road, Jan. 24. A sheriff's deputy encountered the man at the scene of a crash. The man apparently drove his vehicle off the roadway, hit a tree and three fence posts, dragging the fence.

Damage to his Ford Ranger is estimated at \$500.

A test revealed the man's

blood-alcohol level to be .13 percent, which is more than the legal limit to drive.

Lima Township

Drunken Driving/ Possession of Cocaine

A 37-year-old Spring Arbor man was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and for possession of cocaine on I-94 near Parker Road, Jan. 17. The man was stopped by a sheriff's

deputy after a cellular phone caller dialed 911 to report a possible drunk driver.

The man was stopped for erratic driving. A test revealed his blood-alcohol level to be .10 percent, which is more than the legal limit to drive.

During a search, a sandwich bag with a half gram of cocaine was discovered in his pants pocket. The man admitted it was cocaine, and it

tested positive in a field test.

The man said he bought it for \$50 at a rock concert. The investigating deputy noted in a report that the suspect is currently on probation for possession of marijuana.

Two Jackson teen-agers were with the man. One was his girlfriend.

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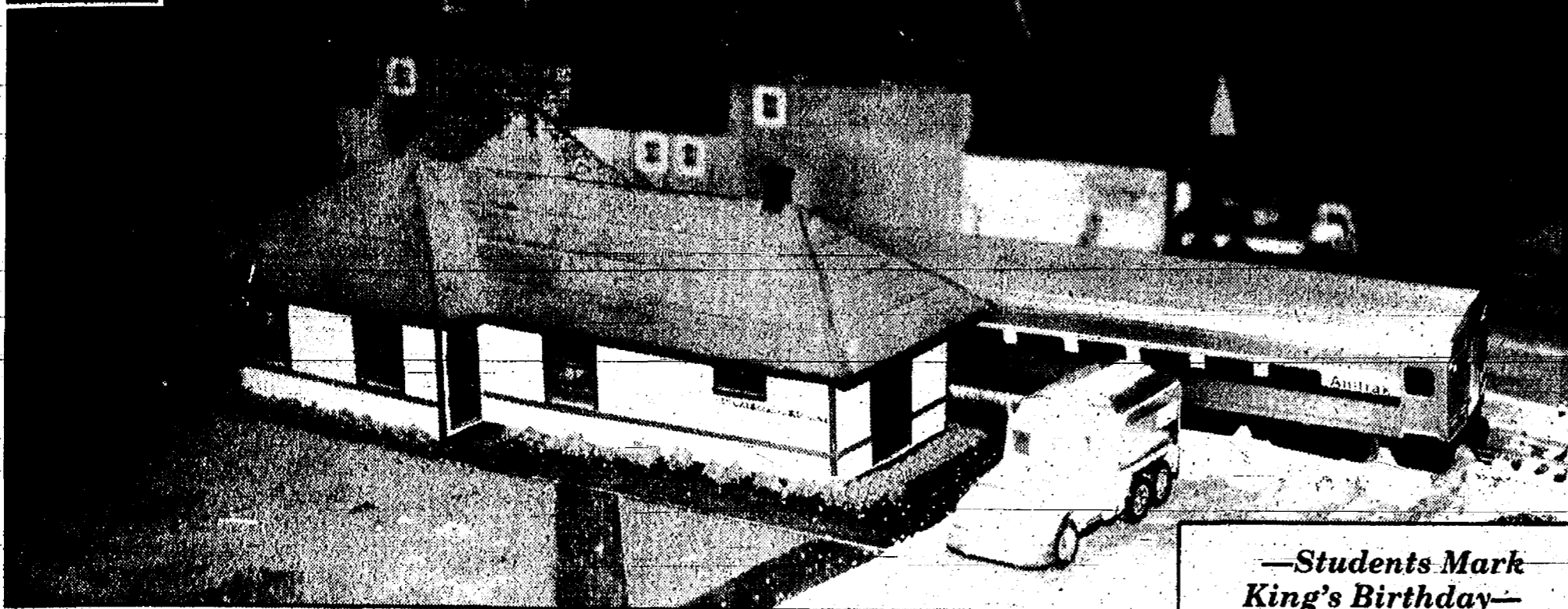
Stolen Vehicle

A 1995 Honda Civic was reported stolen from the 17600

block of Grass Lake Road, Jan. 16. A 40-year-old man told a sheriff's deputy that someone stole the vehicle by hooking it up to a tow truck. The vehicle identification number was entered into the Law Enforcement Information Network.

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


Dexter




—Students Mark King's Birthday—

Fifth-grade students in teachers Sam Skidmore and Shirley Jackson's classrooms traveled to Detroit Jan. 23 to mark civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. They visited the African-American Museum, Detroit Science Center and an underground railroad. They rode the People Mover and took the Amtrak train back to Dexter, where Amtrak made a special stop. It was the first time in many years the train has stopped in Dexter. Regular stops in the village ended in 1953. Amtrak stopped again in 1985 to mark the 70th anniversary of the Dexter Depot. Pictured are students getting off the train, the Dexter Depot and a replica of the Depot and old mill site that is erected inside the depot.





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Letters From Kids

Need more to do for local youth

I'm 13 and very bored. I feel there needs to be a youth facility or recreation center built. Instead of building golf courses, motels, and condos, why not build something where kids can ride their bikes to have fun? If kids want to do something, they need to wait until their parents get home because the only places around Chelsea to do anything are in Jackson and Ann Arbor. Instead of building a recreation center Chelsea can build a mini golf course, with go carts and a mini water park. Building a recreation center or fun park would also help Chelsea's economy. People from other towns would bring their kids to the recreation center to play. Building a recreation center would help in another way by making more jobs for kids in high school.

Andrew J. Baibak

It is hard for teenagers to find many things to do within our community. The available activities that teenagers enjoy are bowling and golfing. These activities are fun the first few times they are done, but maybe it is time for a change. Chelsea is a growing community with lots of teens.

We need the community to provide a wide range of activities for us to choose from. Some examples of the activities the community could provide are a movie house, an arcade, an indoor swimming pool, an ice skating rink, and an indoor arena for various

sports. I think that teens would also like to have a place where they can do stunts on their roller blades, skateboards and bikes.

Adding new activities for teens would make a lot of teens happy. It would also increase the profits of the companies that provide the activities. Although more activities seems like an unimportant matter to most people, it matters to teens. If we are provided with some more things that we can do within the community, it may improve our attitudes towards it, making us more willing to take part in things such as community projects.

Matt Holmes

Chelsea needs more things to do for all ages. Right now all we have is a bowling alley. We need to get things like a movie theater, an ice skating rink, or a roller skating arena. These would help Chelsea a lot because people would have more things to do right here. We all wouldn't have to drive so far to find something to do. Many people are working very hard to get an ice rink in Chelsea, and I support their efforts. I hope that everything will work out.

David Dault

Chelsea needs to build an ice rink. There is nothing to do except bowl and golf. If you don't like those things, you might like to ice skate. Ice

skating is fun and you don't get sick of it after a while.

In the rink there could be open skating, hockey leagues, and drop-in hockey. If you had all those things you would make enough money to pay the rink off and even more. Every time you had open skating, there would be all different-aged people there that just like to skate around. The teens would like to play hockey in the leagues or drop-in hockey.

If you want to go ice skating or play hockey, you have to go to Ann Arbor or Jackson, and parents normally don't want to take you. You shouldn't have to go all of the way to Ann Arbor or Jackson to ice skate or play hockey.

An ice rink would be a very good idea. An ice rink would make more money for the town after it was paid off. It would also be a good idea because it would be fun for all ages.

Tim Schubring

A kid's responsibility

I think that parents shouldn't be punished for kids' actions. They shouldn't be punished because the kids are the ones who created the crime, so they should buy the time.

If kids under age do drugs from peer pressure, why should parents be the ones punished? They are not the ones who made their kids do drugs.

Kari Moyle

Educate hunters

I would like to see more discussion on hunting safety.

Chelsea roads need repairing

The roads in Chelsea don't have just pot holes, they have pits! We repaved our roads one or two years ago and they already have cracks and holes in them! We need the roads to be redone and this time by a decent repair company.

One of the reasons it's so bad is because Michigan doesn't receive much federal tax money for roads. You can tell Ohio gets a lot more because when you cross the bor-

der, instead of bump, bump, bump, it's smooth as glass.

One of the biggest problems on the village roads is the huge hole between the railroad tracks and Vet's Park. That has to be fixed because it will probably grow and soon it will cost thousands of dollars to fix and cause tax increases. You can't leave a problem unfixed because it will be a bigger and more expensive problem to fix in the end.

The ROADS must be repaired!

Nina Kramer

Kids Editorial

By Bill Dehn

Hunting is very popular. Hunting is a citizen's right. I think there is nothing wrong with hunting. It's been a way of getting food for decades.

Before there were grocery stores, people hunted for their food. Hunting was the only way to get food, unless you raised and slaughtered animals, which is basically the same thing as hunting.

It's a person's right as a citizen to hunt. People interested in hunting need to take a hunter safety class and must be at least age 12 to hunt. There are many young and old hunters. To most people it's not the thrill to kill an animal or to get the biggest buck its about getting food for their family.

There are hunting regulations to avoid low animal populations. The Department of Natural Resources is out there to make sure the regulations are followed and to check licenses, which are used to legally shoot at and kill any game animal. Money from the buying of licenses goes to all hunter safety classes and to help preserve our land. Some of the money that guns and

shells are bought with also goes to these things.

Did you know that if there were no hunters, animals would overpopulate and would run out of room to live in and would die anyway?

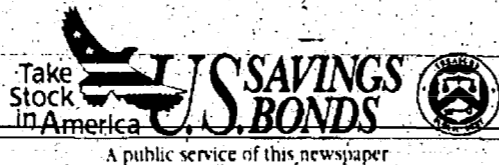
There is one thing that I'm ashamed to admit about hunting, that there are not only good hunters in the woods but bad hunters. These hunters take something away from everybody, even people who don't even hunt. Bad hunters are people who take more than the legal limit, take bad shots only wounding the animal, and people who are not safe in the woods.

How do I know there are unsafe hunters in the woods? My uncle was shot and killed by another hunter. Because of this my grandpa stopped hunting, but this did not stop me. Even though there are bad hunters, there are many more good hunters to make up for the bad.

Many people don't like hunting because it's cruel to animals, but beef, chicken, and pork are also from animals that are killed. Many think it's unsafe, but it's only unsafe if the person behind the gun is unsafe. I like hunting and as far as I'm concerned I'll always be a hunter.

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—Future City—

Beach Middle School eighth-graders Emily Morgan, Sean Hu-menay and Justin Bertke competed against other schools statewide for the best futuristic city recently. The three created their city on the computer program Sim-City, then built a scale model using re-

cycled materials. The city included all the necessities of a futuristic life, from a hydroelectric power plant to a university, plus the ever-present slums of modern cities. The contest was held by the Engineering Society of Detroit at the Henry Ford Museum.

West Lake residents want study

■ Board does not want to commit the township to any funding.

By Michelle Rogers
Associate Editor

Dexter Township Board of Trustees has agreed to consider sponsoring a feasibility study for restoring the water quality in West Lake provided lakeshore residents meet two requests and the township attorney looks over documents required by the federal government.

A handful of West Lake residents attended the Dexter Township Board meeting Jan. 20 requesting that the board sponsor a feasibility study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The study would determine the problem and provide possible solutions.

"That lake is dying. It's going to be no more, a swamp," said Norm Koch, a West Lake resident. "What we want is an Army Corps of Engineers to see if we can save the fish and the water fowl."

"The lake is three feet deep and it's very high in nitrogen and growing weeds. This has nothing to do with accessibility to the lake. It's not for us to go boating or fishing. It's to preserve the lake."

Before the Army Corps of Engineers will study the water quality, however, lake residents must line up a sponsor. According to guidelines, the sponsor must be a government entity—state, county, township or city.

What has Dexter Township officials concerned, said Supervisor Robert Tetens, is that the township could be responsible for 35 percent of the total cost.

"We would have to assume the liability for all claims related to this project," Tetens said in a memorandum to the board dated Dec. 16. "We would also have to operate and maintain the project, per federal standards, at our expense. These costs have yet to be quantified."

"If the board decides to move forward," Tetens added,

it could set a precedent whereby residents of other lakes could ask for the township's help with similar clean-up programs.

"Just about every lake here has problems," Tetens told residents attending the board's January meeting. "It could open a Pandora's box."

The township wants West Lake residents to form a homeowners association and a majority of them to sign a statement saying they want the township to sponsor a study before considering the request further.

Moreover, the board doesn't want to sign any paperwork that will bind the township to paying any costs since West Lake is a private lake. A special assessment district for lake residents is a possibility, however.

Residents attending the meeting suggested the board add to an already drafted letter provided by the U.S. Army Engineer District in Detroit, "No further investigation will be conducted without the local sponsoring government's approval."

Trustee Harley Rider said the attorney should look over any paperwork the township signs before sending it off to the federal government.

"As much as I hate continuing contribution to our legal adviser, I think whatever we send to the federal government we should make sure it's not binding," Rider said.

Clerk Bill Eisenbeiser warned West Lake residents that the board hasn't made a decision yet.

"It's going to take some long, hard thinking and hard work to see whether we'll go into the feasibility study," he said.

There are 14 to 15 property owners around West Lake, which is located off Island Lake Road. All except four are interested in joining a homeowners association and the majority is in favor of the study, according to an informal poll taken at the board meeting.

Cast chosen for Chelsea Players play

There was a big turnout at the auditions for the Chelsea Area Players' winter dinner-theater production of "The Curious Savage." After much deliberation, the cast has been chosen.

Norma Graflund (Ethel Savage) has been selected to play the title role. In the original Broadway production, this part of the curious Mrs. Savage was portrayed by Lillian Gish.

Savage's stepchildren, horrified at her nonsensical uses of the money that they expect to inherit, have the generous Mrs. Savage clapped in a high-class sanitarium. This is no "snake-pit" sort of place. On the contrary, it is such a pleasant retreat from the world that none of the happy "guests" would ever think of leaving.

Other roles have now also been filled.

Christine Lux (Florence), Art Finger (Hannibal), Christine Law (Fairy May), Timm Gillette (Jeffery), and Meriam Sass Zuidveld (Mrs. Paddy) will be seen as the sometimes touching, always heart-warming, and attractive people who are fellow-guests of Mrs. Savage. Each of them is shown to have more kindness of charac-



Chelsea Area Players are preparing for their next production. In front, from left, are Christine Purchis, Timm Gillette, Christine Lux, Jerry Martell, Ric Foytik and Holly Ackerman. In back, from left, are Art Finger, Meriam Sass-Zuidveld, Christine Law and Lisa Neda. Not pictured is Norma Graflund.

ter than is often found outside the sanitarium. Christine Purchis (Miss Wilhelmina) and Holly Ackerman (Dr. Emmett) will be seen as the staff that manages the elegant refuge of illusion.

The guest's unselfishness contrasts with the greed of Mrs. Savage's stepchildren, who are frantic at discovering that their stepmother has

managed to hide the \$10 million fortune they expect to inherit.

The parts of the stepchildren, whose search for the missing bonds provides much of the comedy's hilarity, will be played by Ric Foytik (Titus), Jerry Martell (Samuel), and Lisa Neda (Lily Belle).

"The Curious Savage" will

be directed by Andy Hoag of Saline and produced by Shelly Beaver and Vicky Wurster.

The dinner theater production will be performed at the Chelsea Community Fairgrounds. Shows are at 7 p.m. on March 5-7 and March 12-14, and at 2 p.m. on March 8 and 14. The afternoon shows are dessert only.

Polly's owner in labor dispute over Dexter store

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

Kenco Inc., the owner of several food stores in the area including Polly's Food Service on S. Main Street, has been under the gun of union activists as of late in response to the company's intention to build a Country Market store in Dexter.

According to Susan Matta, an organizer with the Retail Organizing Council, which is an activist office of the United Food and Commercial Workers local 951, union members distributed fliers to Dexter residents outlining their opposition to the store, which they think should be represented by union workers.

Matta said the fliers were left on residents' doors and summarized several health code violations found in Kenco's stores in Jackson and Brooklyn, where local 951 represents many workers. Matta said the fliers were intended to make people in Dexter aware of Kenco's record.

"Dexter: Are you ready for

this?" the fliers ask. "You should be aware of some violations observed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture during inspections of stores owned by Kenco Inc."

The fliers go on to say that inspectors found dead cockroaches and rodent droppings at a SAL store in Jackson and chickens stored at a temperature that would make them unfit for human consumption at a Country Market in Brooklyn. Both stores are owned by Kenco.

Reports of inspections acquired from the Michigan Department of Agriculture corroborate the violations cited in the fliers. They also list infractions of residue in meat coolers, inability to access hand-washing sinks and incorrect measuring of food among others.

Polly's president Kim Kennedy discounts the importance of the citations, saying that it's inevitable that grocery stores will have some kind of violation. Kennedy said that Polly's and other stores buy produce

and other items from all over the world and that insects and other animals are bound to get into them at some point.

Polly's, in fact, had three violations at its last inspection in March, according to documents from the state. Inspectors found product residue on a refrigerator and on an upper beater shaft housing. They also found that Polly's self-serve bakery could be contaminated by customers touching items other than the ones they purchased.

Kennedy said all the stores have contracts with an exterminator to control pest populations. He said one of the stores also put in a new room for bottle and can returns from customers to limit infestation from outside the store.

Despite the violations found at the stores, Kennedy said the union's primary purpose is to induce Kenco to allow union representation for the new Country Market store. Kennedy said because the store in Chelsea is unionized, the UFCW wants to ensure the

Dexter store is as well.

Kennedy said each store's employees have the right to vote on whether they want representation, but the Retail Organizing Council is trying to circumvent that process.

"I'm not going to deny (the inspection reports), but are the stores infested? I would say categorically, no," Kennedy said. "It's done to put pressure on us to say it's going to be a union store before the people have a chance to decide for themselves."

Matta said that the union's primary goal is to ensure union representation for Kenco's workers. She said many employees complain of favoritism and poor working conditions at Country Market stores, and surveillance of union activities.

The UFCW represents about 30,000 retail and food employees across Michigan. Matta said she wants to make sure the union has the ability to hand out information and recruit members when

Chelsea fire dept. makes record number of calls

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

Chelsea Fire Department ran a record number of calls in 1997, Chief Dan Ellenwood reported to the Chelsea Village Council Jan. 13, responding to 640 requests for fire service throughout the eight townships serviced by the department. Last year's total topped the previous year's re-

cord of 625, amounting to a 2.5 percent increase from 1996.

"The runs have been steadily increasing as population in the area has been increasing," Ellenwood said.

Chelsea Village topped the list of calls with 228 for the year with Sylvan falling a distant second with 135. Lyndon Township had 86, Lima had 84

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—Winnie The Pooh Party—

Barbara Locks, librarian for South Meadows Elementary, held a Winnie the Pooh party recently. The first-grade kids painted shirts with the popular characters they had been reading about in the last few weeks. Pictured are Lauren Cooper (left) and Dakota Littlefield.

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SPORTS

Lets Go Bulldogs!



Pirate trap snares Bulldogs

By Phil Lozen
Sports Writer

After a one-week break, the Chelsea varsity cagers tried to continue their improvement against Pinckney Friday night.

Perhaps it was the travel, or just the one week without playing but the Bulldogs came out "lethargic" in the first quarter, digging themselves into a 20-4 hole that they couldn't find their way out of. Pinckney went on to win 58-47.

"Pinckney played an aggressive full-court game, and we knew it was coming but we didn't handle it," coach Robin Raymond said. "We had a hard time with their trap early on."

The Pirates forced 14 first quarter turnovers and were all over the ball in the first half, Raymond said.

Pinckney led 36-16 at the half before regrouping at halftime.

"They (Pinckney) really controlled the game in every aspect until halftime," Raymond said. "But we played strong in the second half. We just didn't respond quick enough in the first half."

Chelsea actually outscored Pinckney by nine in the second half, but the 20-point deficit was too much.

The Bulldogs committed 39 turnovers, more than Raymond ever remembers the team committing in his coaching career.

But the Pirates did not take

great care with the ball either, coughing it up 32 times for a total of 71 turnovers in the game. The teams shot the ball only 89 times combined, meaning nearly every other trip down court there was a turnover.

Chelsea shot 18-43 for 42 percent and Pinckney 21-46 for 46 percent. Neither team was outstanding from the line, Chelsea connecting on 10-15 and the Pirates 14-20.

"We should have gotten to the line more," Raymond said. "As aggressive as Pinckney was on the ball, we should have taken it to them. But we were not aggressive enough on offense."

Chelsea outrebounded Pinckney 37-25.

Mike Halloway scored 10 with five boards. Rourke Skelton had seven points along with three steals and three assists. Drew Henson scored six.

Matt Adams had six points and eight rebounds, Sam Compton five points and Aaron Groesser five rebounds.

Chelsea (2-7, 1-5 SEC) is at Manchester on Tuesday as they are at the midway point in the SEC schedule. They begin league play against Saturday in the SEC Shootout at Lincoln. Chelsea faces Saline at 3:30 p.m.

"We need to improve our offensive execution," Raymond said, referring to the

second half of the SEC campaign. "We are ready as a team to take the next step, but we need to play 32 minutes consistently."

"We talked Friday about being more aggressive with the ball and playing consistently."

We have been in games, now we need to make plays when we have the chance to win games."

Chelsea has improved this season, Raymond said. He feels that with a couple wins this team can do some good things in the second half.

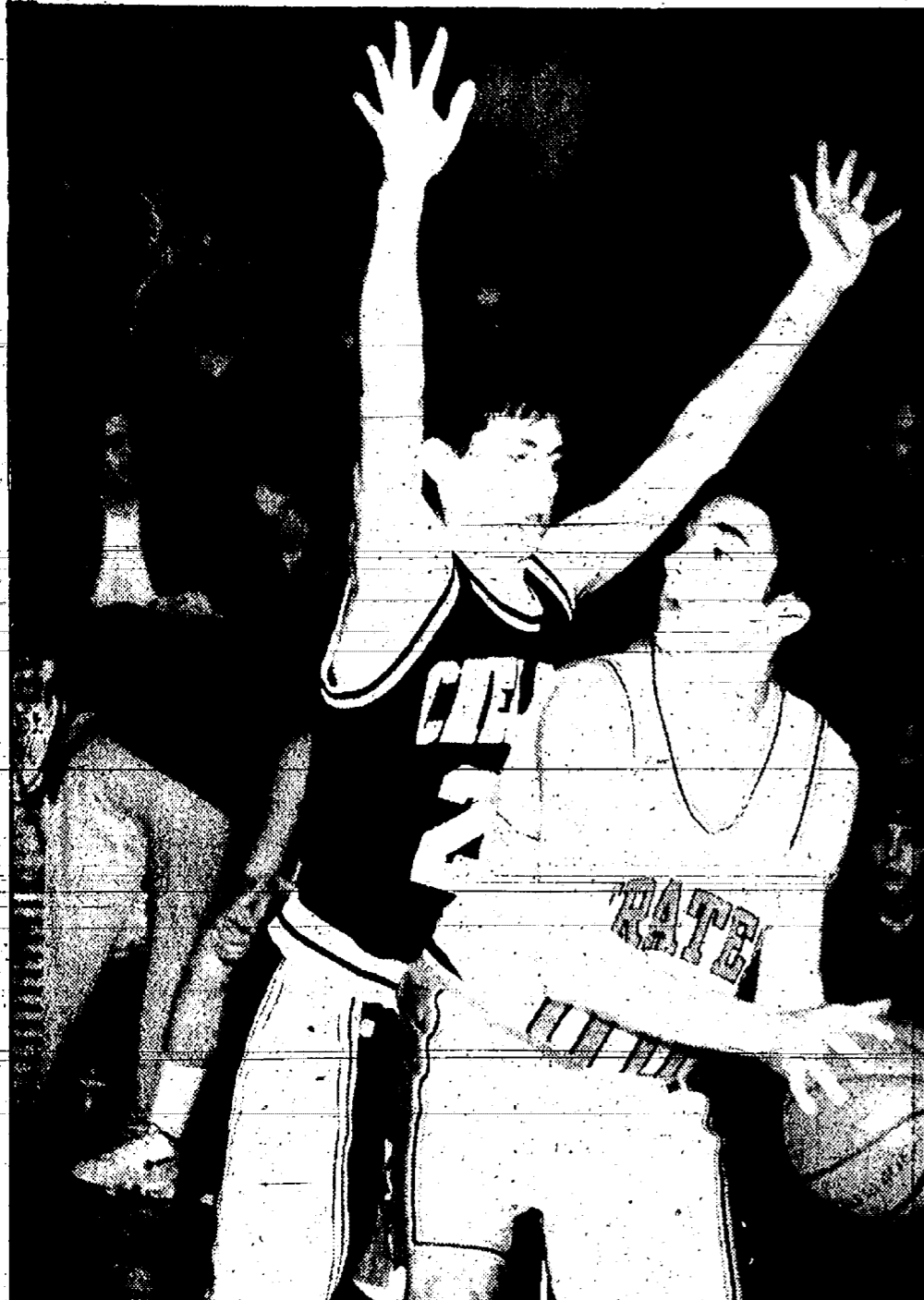


Photo by Doug Houk
Aaron Ruhlig plays tight defense during Friday's game at Pinckney.



Photo by Doug Houk
Brian Groesser keeps his eyes on the ball at Pinckney last Friday.

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Chelsea swimmers took first place at the DeWitt Swimming and Diving Invitational last Saturday.

Swimmers win DeWitt Invite

The Chelsea, men's swimming and diving team moved its record to 6-0 and 3-0 in the conference with a 130-55 victory over the Lincoln Railsplitters Thursday, Jan. 22.

The Bulldogs came right back on Saturday and won the DeWitt Invitational. It was a very successful close to the week. Here are the top performances from both meets.

Against Lincoln, the Bulldogs got things rolling with a one-two finish in the 200-yard medley relay. Rob Frayer, Matt Kolodica, Josh Hack and Matt Johns placed first at 1:46.85 with Jared Wacker, Jared Daniel, Bobby Rohrkemper, and Nathan Zeigler following close behind at 1:58.73.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the Dogs saw their first 1-2-3 finish in the year. Chris Frayer was first at 1:55.67, Jeff Heydlauff was second at 2:07.97, and Greg Cook was third at 2:08.25.

Matt Kolodica cruised to an easy victory as led the way to yet another 1-2-3 finish in the 200-yard individual medley. His time of 2:14.24 was closely followed by Jared Wacker's 2:29.75 and Andy Thiel's 2:30.56.

The Bulldogs' best sprinter came up lame after the 200-yard medley relay and sat out the rest of the meet. This opened the way for Lincoln to

win their only swimming event of the evening. Heydlauff was second in the 50-yard freestyle with Mike Offenbacher placing third and Zeigler placing fourth.

Steve Basar had an off night in diving, only scoring 130.95. He will need to step up his performance against Milan this week if the Bulldogs are to have a chance, said Coach Dave Jelly.

Rob Frayer won the 100-yard butterfly in a state-cut time of 58.38. Thiel was second in the event and Jeremy Bacon was third.

Rohrkemper swam the 100-yard freestyle which is not a normal event for the butterfly. He still won easily at 1:06.51. Cook won his first event of the season with a solid time of 5:39.05 in the 55-yard free.

Hack, Chris Frayer, Rob Frayer, and Rohrkemper came roaring back in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a solid state meet time of 1:34.40.

Hack had a solid time in the 100-yard backstroke at 1:03.33. Wacker was second at 1:06.51. Kolodica had his best time in the 100-yard breaststroke, ranking him among the top four breaststrokers in the state. He stopped the clock at 1:03.88 with Daniels placing second and Rohrkemper third.

The final event of the evening was the 400-yard freestyle relay. Heydlauff, Wacker,

Cook and Kolodica sealed the victory with a win and a time of 3:52.45.

The Bulldogs competed in the DeWitt Invitational this year, and it was the first invitational victory since the early '80s for the Chelsea program.

Competing in this year's invitational was host team DeWitt, Grand Rapids Northview, Lansing Everett, Holt, Mason and Chelsea.

Chelsea won with 216 followed by Northview 211, DeWitt 191, Mason 188, Holt 154, and Everett 135.

In the 200-yard medley relay, Cook, Daniel, Offenbacher, and Thiel were seventh with a time of 2:01.67. Rob Frayer, Kolodica, Rohrkemper, and Zeigler were first at 1:48.46.

Rohrkemper was seventh in the 200-yard freestyle, with Chris Frayer winning the event with a time of 1:56.61.

Rob Frayer was seventh in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:11.25 and Josh Hack was first at 2:03.87.

Zeigler placed 10th in the 50-yard freestyle and Chris Frayer placed third with a time of 24.58.

Thiel placed seventh in the 100-yard butterfly, stopping the clock at 1:04.74. Rohrkemper was second at 58.18.

Zeigler had his best 100-yard freestyle time of the year of

59.41, placing ninth. Hack was first at 49.81.

Cook placed seventh in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:36.12. Kolodica was second at 5:25.29.

Offenbacher, Thiel, Pat Kenney and Daniel were 10th in the 200-yard freestyle relay with Zeigler, Hack, Rohrkemper, and Chris Frayer placing third at 1:36.74.

Thiel was ninth in the 100-yard backstroke at 1:08.74. Teammate Rob Frayer was first at 59.05.

Daniel swam an outstanding 100-yard breaststroke at 1:14.80. Kolodica won the event at 1:04.56.

Cook, Daniel, Jeremy Bacon and Offenbacher placed ninth in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Hack, Chris Frayer, Rob Frayer, and Kolodica swam the 400-yard freestyle relay, and they had to win for Chelsea to take the invitational.

They responded with their best time of the season at 3:27.51 and more importantly first place.

The Bulldogs have their toughest contest of this year as they take on Milan on Thursday at home. Milan is ranked number one in the state with Chelsea ranked number three.

The meet starts at 6:30 p.m. and it is blue and gold night.

BOWLING

Wrestlers nip Huron in classic nailbiter

CHELSEA REALTY LEAGUE	W	L
Fore-Closure	86	61
F.S.B.O.	79	68
The Acres	76	69
Out Claim	71	76
All Most	60	81
Be Bad	58	91
High Game: Rosemary Hummel, 195		
High Series: Rosemary Hummel, 511		

JUNIOR HOUSE	W	L
A Purple Rose Florist	23	5
Cheery's Pub	19	9
LaVoss	10	9
Chelsea Lanes	18	10
Mark IV Lounge	17	11
3D Sales & Service	17	11
Daniels Lyons Dgn	16	12
Wolverine	16	12
Associated Drywall	16	12
Centrifac Tractor	14	14
Stevick Gravel	14	14
Steele Heating & Cooling	12	16
Chelsea Glass	12	16
Vogel's Party Store	12	16
Jilly Milk	11	17
JENEX	9	19
Robert's Paint & Body	4	24
Norm's Body Shop	4	24
High Game: R. Ringo, 265		
High Series: T. Loucks, 647		

TRICITY MIXED	W	L
M.T.P.	22	8
Royal Stars	21	7
Cops	14	14
Thunder Rolls	14	14
The Master Hands	14	14
Chelsea Lanes	12	18
3-D Sales	11	17
Wolverine Food & Spirits	11	17
Barniton Building	11	17
RLM Trucking	10	18
High Game: Kathy Miller, 201; Tim Schultz, 230		
High Series: Kathy Miller, 471; Tim Schultz, 595		

CHELSEA LANES MIXED	W	L
The Go Girls	28	9
Bluebirds	22	13
Double Trouble	22	13
S.T.D.	20	15
Looney Toons	18	17
Double E	17	18
Lima Beans	16	22
Sudsuckers	15	20
T-N-T	15	20
No Chance	14	21
Pinbusters	12	23
High Game: Tami McDougal, 180; Glenn Boyer, 202		
High Series: Tami McDougal, 503; Glenn Boyer, 530		

BIF'S BUMPER BOWLERS	W	L
Dynomite Strikers	58.6	39.6
Lucky Strikers	58	34
Awesome Alyssas	51.5	38.5
The Strikers	42	28
Strippers Busters	22	48
Shamplings	11	78
High Game: Chelsea Maidlow, 92; Blake Lambdin, 72		
High Series: Chelsea Maidlow, 170; Blake Lambdin, 123		

CHELSEA SENIOR HOUSE	W	L
Hurst Construction	28	7
Four Seasons Assoc.	28	9
McCalla Feeds	23	12
Cheery's Pub #4	21	14
Mark IV Lounge	18	19
Steele's Heating	16	19
Hall-Moore's	16	19
Village Tap	16	19
Country Pub	14	21
Stamrock Floors	13	22
White Pine Graphics	12	23
K & N Tile	9	25
High Game: Jim Bauer, 234		
High Series: Ken Sullins, 644		

LEISURE TIME	W	L
Miafis	47.5	24.5
Not Yet's	38	34
Early Birds	38	34
Doves	33.5	38.5
Sweetrollies	30	42
Late Ones	29	43
High Game: Etie Swanberg, 187		
High Series: Ginny Wheaton, 504		

TOWN CLUB	W	L
Republic Bank	27	8
Briella Farms	24	11
Wild Hare Five	17	18
Dault Construction	16	19
Chelsea A & W	12	23
Fisher Painting	9	26
High Game: Michele Mykala, 213		
High Series: Michi Cauvin, 529		

SENIORS FUN TIME	W	L
Good Timers	12	2
Polka Dots	11	3
Gutter Dusters	11	3
Pals	10	4
Happy Bowlers	10	4
CB's	9	5
Spare Ribs	8	6
Panias	7	7
Go Getters	7	7
Three Cookies	7	7
Three Musketeers	7	7
Strikers	6	8
Green Ones	6	9
Knights	5	9
Hit or Miss	4	10
Alley Cats	3	11
Steeds	2	12
GCAB	2	12
High Game: Garnett Puckett, 180; Gerald Emery, 205		
High Series: Garnett Puckett, 424; Gerald Emery, 548		

ANN ARBOR MACHINE	W	L
The Low Rollers	40	2
Handcaps 'R' Us	21	21
My Three 'Studs'	21	21
Unpredictables	21	21
Pure Luck	18	24
Ony	18	24
3 Lee's	17	25
Ghost Team	12	30
High Game: Michelle Myers, 224; Tom McCormick, 247		
High Series: Michelle Myers, 498; Tom McCormick, 573		

CHELSEA YOUTH MIXED	W	L
Dukes of Hazard	81	45
Bushwackers	77	49
Your Mama	77	49
The Bulldogs	75	51
Piggy	71	55
DNA	70	56
Fireballs	68	58
The Bowlers	68	58
The Strikers	66	60
QWAR	64	62
The Scappers	60	66
Dance Fever	57	69
M.D.M.	51	75
Seminotes	47	79
Pioneer Seeds	44	82
Purple Pinguins	42	84
The Strike Force	39	87
Team #1	38	88
High Game: Jennifer Gallas, 168; Matt Milazzo, 190		
High Series: Beth Wade, 406; Matt Milazzo, 531		

CHELSEA SUBURBAN	W	L
Flow Ezy	17	4
Chelsea Lanes	15	6
Creative Stitchery	13	8
Office Products	9	12
Vogel's Party Store	9	12
3-D	12	9
Schulz Enterprises	10	11
James Bauer Const.	8	15
Hemlock Bldg. & Design	4	17
A&T Painting	2	19
High Game: Patricia Vogel, 210		
High Series: Susan McCalla, 592		

Chelsea wrestlers jumped out to a big lead over Ann Arbor Huron then held on to win by a point, 36-35, last Thursday at home.

It all came down to the heavyweight match pitting Chelsea's Ryan Branham against Mario Gordish. With his team holding a 36-31 lead, Branham had to avoid a pin for the Bulldogs to win. He lost a 15-5 major decision.

"I told him he had to stay off his back and not get pinned," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel.

"He was never on his back. He was called for stalling a couple of times. The match was all defensive. There was nothing offensive about it."

Mike Miller led off for Chelsea at 103 pounds and was pinned in 2:58 by Doug Anderson.

After Todd Pearsall won by forfeit at 112, Chelsea's Nate Keiser pinned Oscar Carran in 2:50.

Bulldog Justin Nadolny also picked up a pin in 2:50 over Saman Marzban at 125.

Grant Bollinger lengthened Chelsea's lead to 24-6 by pinning Aaron Breider in 1:07 at 130 pounds.

Huron came back strong from there as John Travis stopped Bulldog Jeremy Price at 135 pounds, 14-1, Jared Babcock pinned Chelsea's Bill Martin at 140 pounds in 3:41, and Ben Gunderson of Chelsea was pinned by Joe Margan in 18 seconds.

Chelsea captain Brent Young won a technical fall at 152 pounds over Joe Martin, 18-1, to give his team a 29-22 lead.

Derek Egeler gave the Bulldogs a win at 160 pounds with a 12-4 major decision over Paul Ricci.

With Kevin Bloomensaat's 7-2 decision over Huron's Nick Mats at 171 pounds, Chelsea held a 36-22 lead.

Freshman Shawn Dyer

nearly put the match away for Chelsea but lost a 9-7 decision in overtime to Huron senior Greg Fisher.

That forced Huron to pin its final two opponents.

Rick Huntington was pinned by one of the area's best wrestlers, Cinque Carter, in 32 seconds.

In other action last Saturday, Pearsall and Young were champions and Egeler took second place at the 17-team Belleville Invitational.

As a team, the Bulldogs finished sixth with 79 points, two places ahead of Southeastern Conference rival Dexter, which the Bulldogs face tonight.

Pearsall, seeded fourth at 112 pounds, had to beat the top seed to reach the finals. He pinned Dexter's Mike Oliver in 1:32, then beat top seeded Kevin Arbuckle of Northville 12-6, before taking the championship with a 12-6 decision over John Gregg of Wayne.

"Todd wrestled really well, with a lot of intensity," Kargel said. Young, top seeded at 152 pounds, needed overtime to beat Matt Johnson of Belleville in the finals, 5-2. He opened with a 15-0 win over Tecumseh's Vince Cox and followed with a pin of Wayne's Rob Theisen in 36 seconds.

Egeler, seeded second at 160, pinned Owen Meston of Belleville in 2:58 and Rick Gipterson of Dexter in 4:39. However, he was pinned by Chris Rollins of Ida in 3:21 in the finals.

"Rollins is really physical, a bona fide rough-houser," Kargel said.

Others Chelsea wrestlers included Miller at 103 (0-2), Keiser at 119 (0-1), Nadolny at 125 (1-1), Martin at 135 (1-1), Bloomensaat at 171 (2-2), Dyer at 189 (1-2), Huntington at 215 (1-1), and Nate Dawson at heavyweight (1-1).



Chelsea placers at the Belleville Invitational were, from left, Derek Egeler, Brent Young and Todd Pearsall.



Todd Pearsall was a champion at 112 pounds at the Belleville Invitational. The photo is from a match earlier this year.

Bulldogs face Saline at first SEC Shootout

By Phil Lozen
Sports Writer

With the SEC schedule half over, all the league teams will gather at Lincoln Saturday afternoon for the first SEC Shootout.

Similar events in football and girls' basketball have been successful this year, and with a gym the size of Lincoln's, the recipe for success is again in place.

Pinckney and Milan kick things off at 1 p.m. Chelsea takes on Saline at 3 p.m. followed by what might be the best matchup of the night, Dexter and Ann Arbor Huron at 5:30 p.m. Lincoln and Tecumseh finish things off at 7:30 p.m.

The football showcase was held at Rynearson Stadium at Eastern Michigan. The girls' basketball teams went to Saline.

Freshman cagers stay perfect with 7-0 mark

Chelsea freshman basketball team ran its record to 7-0 with three wins recently.

The Bulldogs pounded Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 67-21 on Jan. 10.

Tony Scheffler led the way with 15 points. Chris Cooper added 12 and Joel Grimm, 11.

Randy Peace and Cory Picklesimer had six each, while Ben Meyers added five. Mike Radka scored four, with Chris Brigham, Dave Cowen and Derek Klink scoring two each. Bob Honke added a point.

Chelsea handed Tecumseh a 57-36 loss on Jan. 12 after trailing 11-10 at the end of the first quarter.

The Bulldogs came back and held the Indians to three second-quarter points and never trailed after that.

Scheffler scored 17 points for Chelsea. Peace had nine; Meyers, seven; and Cooper five.

Also scoring were Brigham and Klink, with four each, Picklesimer with three, Grimm, Honke and Brian Sayers with two each and Adam Schmid with one.

Chelsea took on unbeaten Pinckney on Jan. 19 and came away with a "huge" 47-37 win.

Chelsea led by only one after the first but held a 21-14

Lincoln's gym offers a taste of playing in a large arena. The Railsplitters play in the community center and the court is in the center of a mammoth fieldhouse. That means lots of space behind the backboards.

"The shooting background blends into the walls and we have had trouble playing there," Raymond said. "The court is the same size as ours so we don't have to adjust to that. We just have not shot well there."

Chelsea turned the ball over 27 times and shot 37 percent from the floor in a loss at Lincoln on Dec. 19.

Saline has been struggling this season. The Hornets are 3-3 in the SEC with two close losses to Dexter and Lincoln. The Hornets won 63-43 in the Hornet gym on Dec. 12.

half-time lead.

Scheffler scored 13 and Brigham added 11. Cooper had seven; Meyers, five; and Picklesimer, four. Sayers had three points and Grimm and Peace added two each.

The Bulldogs (5-0 in the SEC) played Milan Monday night and travel to Dexter Friday.

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Thursday, Jan. 29
Boys Swimming and Diving vs. Milan, 6:30 p.m. H
Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball vs. Dexter, 6:30 p.m. A
Wrestling vs. Dexter, 6:30 p.m. H

Saturday, Jan. 31
JV Volleyball, Clinton Inv. 8 a.m. A
7th and 8th Co-ed Swimming, Erie-Mason Inv., 9 a.m. A
Wrestling, Chelsea Quad, 10 a.m. H

JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Saline, 3 p.m. A
Varsity Volleyball, UM Dearborn Inv., TBA, A
Sunday, Feb. 1
Hockey vs. Dexter, at OIA in Jackson, 6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 2
Freshman/JV/Varsity Volleyball vs. Saline, 6:30 p.m. H
Freshman Basketball vs. Saline, 7 p.m. A

Tuesday, Feb. 3
Freshman Basketball vs. Jackson Northwest, 4 p.m. H
7th and 8th Grade Wrestling vs. Saline, 4 p.m. H
7th and 8th Grade Volleyball vs. Saline, 4 p.m. A

JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Jackson Northwest, 5:30 p.m. H
Thursday, Feb. 5
7th and 8th Wrestling vs. Dexter, 4 p.m. H
7th and 8th Volleyball vs. Dexter, 4 p.m. A

7th and 8th Co-ed Swimming vs. Erie-Mason INV., 4:30 p.m. A
Boys Swimming vs. Pinckney, 6:30 p.m. A
Varsity/JV/9th Volleyball vs. Tecumseh, 6:30 p.m. H
Varsity Wrestling vs. Tecumseh, 6:30 p.m. A

Friday, Feb. 6
Varsity Basketball vs. Milan, 6:00 A
9th and 10th Boys Swimming vs. Dexter, INV, TBA A

Saturday, Feb. 7
Varsity Basketball vs. Milford, 5:30 p.m. H
Varsity Volleyball vs. AA Pioneer INV., 8 a.m. A
JV Volleyball vs. Hartland INV, TBA A

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Dogs stop Pinckney in three games

By Phil Lozen
Sports Writer

Chelsea's varsity volleyball team enjoyed a slow week with just one game scheduled against Pinckney on Jan. 19. However, the Bulldogs got their money's worth out of the Monday night match with the Pirates taking them to three games before Chelsea prevailed. The first game was a clas-

sic. Both team battled back and forth the entire time before Chelsea won 18-16. The game was tied 14-14 and again at 16 with Pinckney serving. Hillary Spooner recorded a tip kill to side out and get the serve back to Chelsea. She then ace'd the Pirates for the 17th points and Emily Arend got the game-winning kill.

Chelsea did not dig the ball well in the second game against a Pirate team that likes to tip. That led to a 15-10 loss and a need for the third game. In the final contest, Pinckney led 4-0 before the Bulldogs got on track and came back to win 15-8. The Bulldogs won the game despite five service errors. Arend led the Bulldogs with 15 kills. Sarah Edman had 10 kills and 14 digs. Jes-

sica McVay had 18 digs and was 11-11 serving with five aces. Spooner had 13 digs and was 20-20 serving with four aces. Emily Sterling also was perfect from the serving line, hitting all 15 of her attempts. Spooner added 28 assists as well. Chelsea is now 8-7 and 2-1 in the SEC. The Bulldogs hosted Milan Monday night and travel to league-leading Dexter Thursday night.

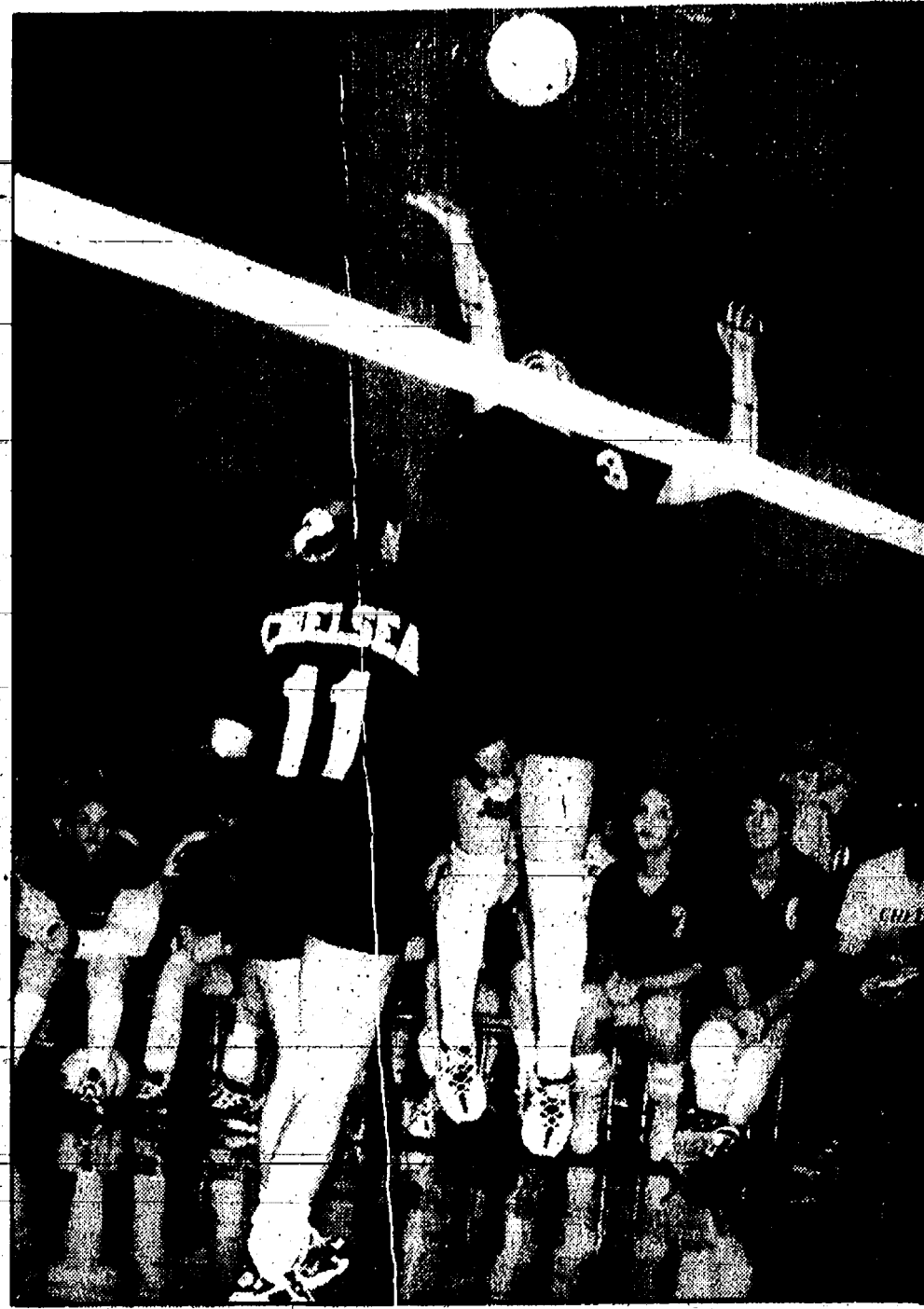


Photo by Doug Houk
Lindsay Powers goes for the kill during a match earlier this year.

Beach swimmers top Milan after loss to Dreadnaughts

Beach Middle School swim team lost to a very tough Dexter team at Dexter last Tuesday, Feb. 20, 121-49, then the team came back to beat Milan at home on Thursday, Feb. 22, 105-66.

In the meet against Milan, the 200 medley relay team of Alexis Jolly, Matt Holmes, Ashley Bartlett and Jimmy Baker took first place, Laura Adams, Sarah Kaminsky, Julie Mida and Rebecca Armstrong were second while Tracy Stetson, Kim Lancaster, Lauren Haroney and Grace Rapai were fourth.

Matt Moffett was second in the 200 freestyle, Zach Christman third and Kelly Varady fourth.

In the 100 individual medley, Adams was second, Armstrong third and Bartlett fourth.

Jolly was second in the 50 freestyle, Baker third and Elena Street fourth.

Chelsea swept the diving event, with Allison Sayers first, Kari Ceo second and Jessica Smith third.

In the 50 butterfly, Mida was third, Moffett fourth and Hardney fifth.

Christman was second in the 100 freestyle, Street was third and Varady fourth.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Jolly, Baker, Bartlett and Moffett, was second, Rapai, Beard, Tim Wacker and Street third.

In the 100 backstroke, Armstrong was first, Adams second and Stetson fourth.

Jolly won the 100 breastroke,

Holmes was third and Kaminsky fourth.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Christman, Jarady, Adams and Moffett was second, Rapai, Wacker, Armstrong, and Street third and Kyle Brown, Katie Minnick, Katie Beard and Kasey Whitney fourth.

The results of the Dexter meet are as follows:

200 medley relay: Jolly, Holmes, Bartlett, Moffett third, Christman, Saran Manville, Hardney Baker fourth, Stetson, Minnick, Kaminsky and Street sixth.

200 freestyle: Jolly second, Adams third and Varady sixth.

100 individual medley: Moffett third, Christman fifth and Manville sixth.

50 freestyle: Bartlett fourth, Armstrong fifth and Baker sixth.

Diving: Smith second, Ceo third and Sayers fourth.

50 butterfly: Bartlett fourth, Minnick fifth and Haroney sixth.

100 freestyle: Moffett third, Adams fourth and Varady fifth.

200 freestyle relay: Baker, Manville, Armstrong, Bartlett third, Street, Varady, Blake Swanson, Adams fourth, Rapai, Beard, Whitley and Wacker sixth.

100 backstroke: Jolly second, Christman fifth and Stetson sixth.

400 freestyle relay: Moffett, Adams, Varady, Jolly third, Street, Wacker, Armstrong, Christman fourth and Rapai, Minnick, Stetson and Whitley sixth.

Chelsea Hockey Club battles to tie against Pinckney Pirates on road

Chelsea Hockey Club tied the Pinckney Pirates 2-2 on Saturday, Jan. 24 at Vets Arena in Ann Arbor.

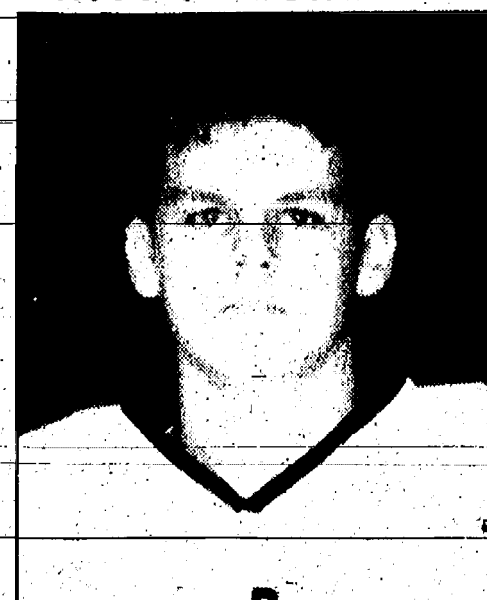
Steve Williams scored Chelsea's first goal in the first period on an assist from Bill Lucas and Sean Stickney.

Lucas scored in the third period with assists from Williams and Trevor Maveal.

The Bulldogs had 27 shots on goal and goaltender Ian Skidmore made 33 saves.

This was the team's first game under new coach Don Wright.

Chelsea plays this Sunday, Feb. 1 against Dexter at Jackson's Optimist Arena at 6 p.m.



Steve Williams scored a goal in the first period for Chelsea.

Chelsea firefighters make record number of calls

(Continued from Page 15) and Dexter had 61 to round out the top five.

Despite the difference in number of calls between Sylvan and the village, Ellenwood said the amount of time spent in both areas is about the same. Calls into Sylvan Township take more time than those in Chelsea, Ellenwood said, usually requiring between one and two hours per call.

The majority of the department's calls are medically related auto accidents Ellenwood said, with about 70 percent of calls falling into that category. The remaining 30 percent is divided among fires and other alarms.

Ellenwood said a major difference between the municipalities is that Sylvan's calls are largely attributed to runs to I-94 in the township's jurisdiction. Many of the auto accidents on I-94 have injuries, which need more time to take care of.

"Sylvan's calls are mostly expressway calls," Ellenwood said. "The man-hours for a personal injury accident is usually one and a half to two hours. Our more severe calls are located in the townships."

Another factor in the increased time for outlying townships is the amount of time it takes to reach the scene, Ellenwood said. Because the department is located in the village, calls can

take twice to three times as long to reach other townships.

Ellenwood said the speed of response is one issue he expects the proposed fire authority to address. Townships included in the authority will have the ability to build substations around the area to give quicker service for all residents. He also said the cost will likely go down for people getting their service from Chelsea.

"We knew we needed to do something different than we have," Ellenwood said. "We looked at what we could do for all the people we serve, and decided the authority was probably the best way to go."

Service will also be improved now that a tanker that was wrecked in a crash last March has been put back into service, Ellenwood said. The truck, called Tanker 65, received a refurbished cab. The tanker will probably be used until the authority is formed, Ellenwood said, at which time it will be used as a backup truck.

In other business, the Council adopted a resolution to accept the fourth in a series of retirement benefit packages for village employees. Full-time non-union-salaried employees received their retirement benefits at the Council meeting.

The Council accepted the bids of two firms for power transformers to be installed at Chelsea Industries and Book-Crafters to convert the companies over to village power. Village Manager Jack Myers said the businesses have been served by Consumers Power up to now.

Myers said the industries will pay for the transformers, which allow energy to be taken from high-voltage lines and converted for use in the buildings.

Polly's Market

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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	7ed Neff
U 11 Boys	Chelsea Hornets	2	Jim Lake
U 11 Boys	Chelsea Sting	3	Bill O'Brien
U 11 Boys	Dexter Inferno	2	Jim Vincke
U 12 Boys	Wild Bunch	4	Tom Neff
U 12 Boys	E.J. 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	2	Susan Hinch
U 16 Girls	Chelsea Bulldogs	3	Mike Bauer
U 17 Boys	Chelsea Blue	2	John Dohner
U 19 Boys	Chelsea	1	D. Christenson
030 Women	Chelsea Comets II	1	Ricky Suassuna
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Frosh netters playing well

By Phil Lozen
Sports Writer

The Chelsea freshman volleyball team is off to a fast start in the SEC.

The Bulldogs are 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the league after beating Huron Thursday night. The frosh bested Tecumseh 15-5, 15-1 in the SEC opener on Jan. 12.

They came back on Jan. 15 and beat Lincoln 15-2, 15-12 and stopped Pinckney 15-6, 15-11 on Jan. 19.

Thursday night Chelsea played Huron in a best-of-five match and won 15-5, 15-10, 15-8.

"The team is playing very well," coach Pennie Ward said. "We are working very hard on defense"

Chelsea got back to action hosting Milan Monday and travel to Dexter Thursday night.

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About the Outdoors

by Jerry D. Posey



Well the deer hunting seasons are over for another year and all that is left are the discussions that are taking place, and will continue to take place, right up until the next deer season starts.

Being an outdoor writer, I talk to, and receive mail from, many outdoor-type people. Most of them are hunters of one kind or another. And each has an opinion as to the amount of good that was done by adding a two-week antlerless deer season to the end of what some feel is a season that is already too long.

On one hand you have the insurance companies who get stuck with the costs of repairing the vehicles damaged in the many car-deer accidents now taking place. There are also farmers who have to absorb the money losses caused to their crops by the hungry overpopulated deer herds.

They both think that the above problems we have been experiencing during the past few years are caused by mishandling on the part of the DNR, who seems to have control of any decision made regarding changes that might affect the numbers of deer allowed to exist in the state.

Then, on the other hand, you have the weekend hunters that see few, if any, deer during the little time they spend in the woods and fields. Many of them feel that there are still not enough deer and that the herds should be allowed to

grow. The manufacturers and sales people involved in the many businesses that profit from the increased deer herds also do not want the herd size to be reduced.

This group includes the motel owners, the gas station operators, and the restaurant workers. It also includes the sales people in establishments that handle items that may be purchased by the increased number of hunters that use these places when they need more business for their operations.

The feeling I get from most hunters is one of satisfaction. They seem to like the lengthened season. It gives many of them more of a chance to get into the field and try their luck.

It also gives some a chance to get in a few days of hunting, where they could not do so before. But many of these same hunters also express the feeling that the lengthened season may hurt the deer herds. Common sense dictates, all things being equal, if more hours are spent in the woods, more deer will be harvested.

Do we really know what the herd will look like after this extended season is over? The answer here is, no, we don't.

But my feeling is, it's a fact that we have to do something, and if the DNR doesn't try to do what seems like the right thing to most of us, sooner or later someone is going to pass laws and regulations that may

really mess up what is one of Michigan's most popular outdoor activities and attractions.

I have read a few other columnists' viewpoints, stating that their feeling is that not enough is being done. That the adding of two more weeks to the end of the regular deer season is only a start toward what should be done.

These fellows may be right, but what do they really expect?

This year was actually the first time that any steps have been taken to drastically reduce the numbers in the ever increasing deer herds, (except when they opened the regular season to include antlerless deer).

Keep in mind, for the past 30 years or more, most efforts were more along the lines of building up the herds, increasing their numbers, so there were more deer available for the many Michigan hunters and the out-of-state visitors that join us during the deer seasons.

Michigan is now one of the top-ranking states, when numbers of hunters and size of deer herd figures are released. Our herd is considered to be as healthy as any in the nation and trophy-caliber bucks are now being taken in all parts of the state.

We may have a slightly overpopulated herd at this time, (how slightly, depends on whom you talk to). But this is

what sometimes happens when an attempt to accomplish something is too successful.

It has long been my feeling that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is doing as well as any government organization can do to alleviate a problem of this kind. Keep in mind, they have kibitzers on either side that they must try to keep happy.

Before we make judgment on the results of a primary experiment in reducing the size of the state's deer herd, we should wait until the final results are in. If the lengthened season did not accomplish at least part of what the DNR set out to do, then we should regroup and try to figure out what we do next.

Personally, I enjoyed the added time in the woods that we got with the extension and I hope that it was not just a temporary situation. I would like to see the added two weeks become a regular, yearly season, as long as the deer herds will support it. I'm not sure if this is what the DNR has in mind, but I think a lot depends on the final figures when they start feeding the deer kill numbers into their computers.

Now if they would just get that law passed that will allow us to hunt from raised platforms and tree stands during the regular firearms season,

Group urges season for nonviolence

A "Season for Nonviolence," Jan. 30 - April 4, is an educational campaign calling on all who value the principles of nonviolence to conduct neighborhood, municipal, national, and even international efforts to commemorate the 50th and 30th memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The men introduced an alternative means of transforming communities. One freed his country from the bondage

of colonialism; the other loosened the bonds of segregation and prejudice. One was assassinated on Jan. 30, 1948, the other April 4, 1948.

In the 64 days between the assassination anniversaries, individuals and groups will be asked to learn and practice the principles of nonviolence in projects and events that honor the dignity and worth of every human being.

These projects and these principles, will be celebrated

in multimedia events such as Jan. 30 presentations at the United Nations Secretariat and in Los Angeles, which may be downlinked by satellite to as many as 200 sites around the world. (Detroit and Jackson CC are currently sites in Michigan.) They will also be marked by days of dialogue between divided peoples, by children's theater and art events, essay contests and symposia.

For more information you

may contact Alice Steinbach, Huron Valley United Nations Association Co-President (475-2060) or A Season for Nonviolence Project Headquarters, 1565 Maple Ave. #204-205, Evanston, Ill. 60201, e-mail, sadra@aol.com, telephone (847) 866-9525, or fax (847) 866-9528.

Road commission chair named

Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissions has elected Norman E. Kennedy as chair for 1998.

A resident of Ypsilanti, Kennedy has been on the board since 1981 and has served as chair for seven years during his 17 years as a road commissioner.

Kennedy said that "1998 will be another active year for

the road commission."

He noted that while the 4-cents-per-gallon gas tax increase last summer still falls considerably short of meeting the county's needs, it does provide the road commission with the opportunity to expand its road improvement program.

Last year, with the help of a special one-time transfer from the state's rainy day fund, the

road commission was able to pave 32 miles of roads, the most since the early 1980s. The commission had a \$6 million bond transportation program.

This year the increase in the commission will allow a paving program.

The \$22 million budget includes funds to overlay about 20 miles of road. If the relatively mild winter continues, the commission may significantly expand this program.

Kennedy also noted that the road commission will continue to oppose Gov. John Engler's takeover of over 150 miles of country roads.

"We strongly feel we can do a better job of maintaining these roads at a lower cost than the state, Kennedy said.

We also are much more responsive to the needs of our residents that live along these roads, as well as the motorists that use them."

Stockbridge church gets new minister

Jon Clifton, who until now has been temporary minister at the First Presbyterian Church in Stockbridge, has agreed to stay permanently.

Clifton has served congregations in Ohio and Pennsylvania but has worked chiefly in Kentucky and Tennessee. He has been active in church renewal, having been an author of the first church growth materials published by the Presbyterians in modern times.

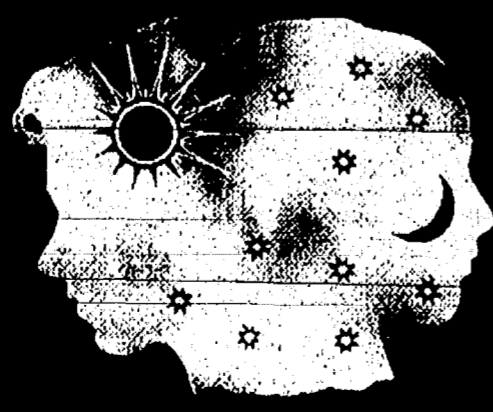
Arriving in Michigan in August 1996, Clifton began work in Stockbridge in November of that year. He has been active in the local ministerial association and in support of "Outreach," Stockbridge's food bank. He was one of the founders of what has become the RIF program and served on the White House Commission on Education Professions Development. He volunteers in several ca-

pacities in the Stockbridge School System.

A graduate of Harvard College, Clifton attended Andover-Newton Theological School (Baptist Congregationalist) and received his degree from Pittsburgh Seminary.

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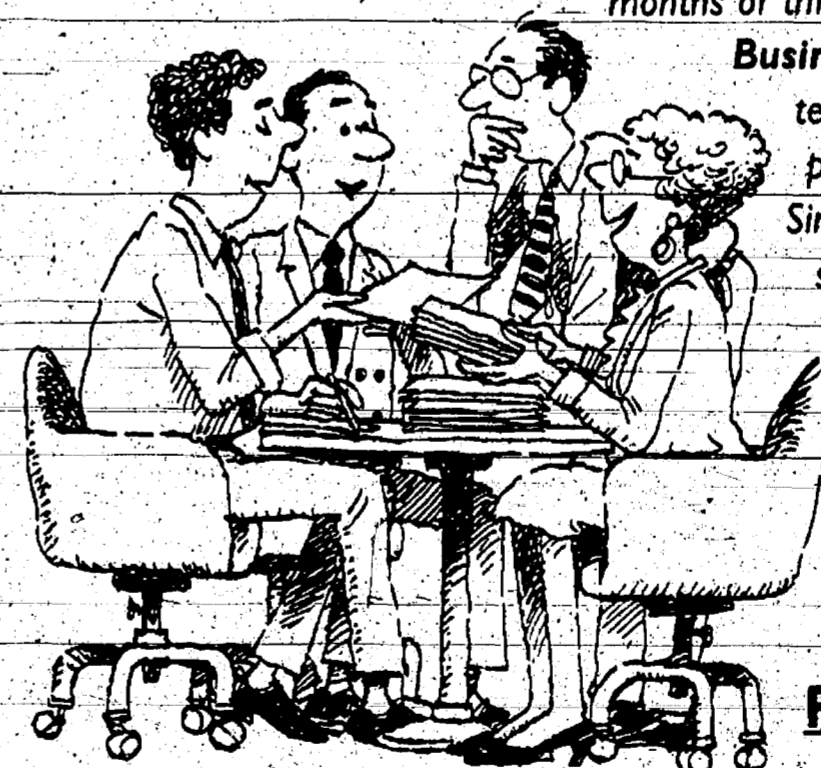
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Present: President Steele, Village Manager Myers, Clerk Morrison... Motion by Hammer, supported by Cashman to approve the Consent Agenda with the following change...

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING Wednesday, February 11, 1998, 7:30 P.M. at Sylvan Township Hall - 112 W. Middle St., Chelsea, MI 48118

DEXTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WILL MEET TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1998, AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL 6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD. DEXTER, MI 48130

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 20, 1998, 7:30 P.M. Present: Robert Tetens, William Eisenbeiser, Harley Rider, Libby Brushaber... Meeting called to order by Supervisor, Robert Tetens...

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To be held on February 18, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. at The Webster Township Hall, 5865 Webster Church Rd., Dexter, Michigan, 48130

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES - JANUARY 13, 1998 Meeting called to order and opened with pledge of allegiance to the flag. Minutes were approved...

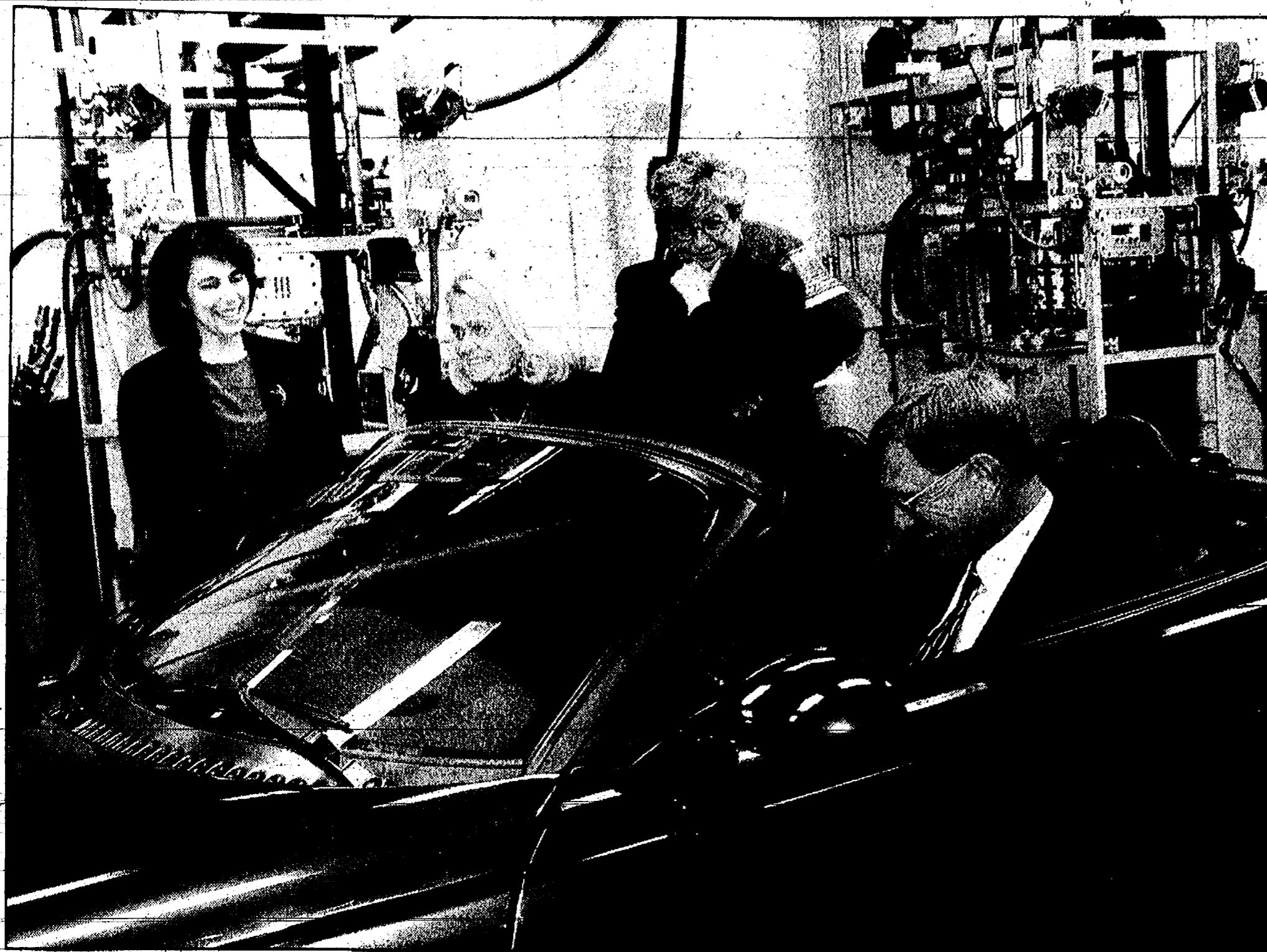
LIMA TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 19, 1998 The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Supervisor Adams and opened with the Pledge to the Flag. Present were Supervisor Adams, Clerk Bares...

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SUMMARY OF THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP LAND DIVISION AND TRANSFER ORDINANCE The Township Board of Dexter Township on the 20th day of January, 1998 adopted the Dexter Township Land Division and Transfer Ordinance, to regulate partitioning, transfers or division of parcels or tracts of land, enacted pursuant but not limited to Michigan Public Act 288 of 1967, as amended...

REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR VILLAGE ELECTION Monday, March 9, 1998 To the Qualified Electors of the Village of Dexter (Precinct No. 1 & 2) COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law," I, the undersigned Clerk, will upon any day, except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Township, City or Village not already registered who may APPLY TO ME PERSONALLY for such registration.

WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning is not consistent with the general trend of density of development in the area; and WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning will allow for development that is not compatible with the existing density of the surrounding uses; and WHEREAS, the site cannot be serviced with municipal water and sanitary sewer facilities; and WHEREAS, the existing zoning provides the applicant with a reasonable use of the property; and WHEREAS, the site cannot be served adequately and safely with regard to vehicular traffic because of the condition and configuration of McKinley Road; and WHEREAS, the site has large areas of soils which are inconsistent with construction of structures and septic facilities; and WHEREAS, the site has significant wetland and other fragile soils; and WHEREAS, the proposed rezoning may have a negative impact on the Huron River watershed; and WHEREAS, the site may not be suitable for potable water wells; and WHEREAS, the process by which the master plan was amended, with regard to a portion of the subject property, was not consistent with the public's right to comment; and WHEREAS, surrounding properties have an average size in excess of twelve (12) acres, excluding the applicants' property; and WHEREAS, the rezoning is inconsistent with the desires of the owners of the neighboring properties; and WHEREAS, it is the Township's desire to encourage development of a higher residential density only on sites with appropriate soils and other attributes consistent with higher densities; and NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF LIMA TOWNSHIP that the Township Board hereby denies the rezoning petition, 96-001 AYES: Havens, Trinkle, Heller, Bares and Adams. NAYS: None



—New Emissions Facility—

The Chrysler Proving Grounds got a visit from several elected officials Nov. 10 to look over a new emissions testing facility. The vapor recovery building tests to be sure gas vapor does not come out of the car when fueling. The air inside the sealed building is

tested for vapor before and after fueling a car to determine how much gas is in the air. Pictured are state Sen. Alma Wheeler-Smith, state Rep. Beverly Hammerstrom, state Rep. Mary Schroer and Russ Harding, Director of Environmental Quality.

Farm Bureau advocates regulatory reform

While economic opportunities abound and farmers are willing to take the risks in developing value-added processing enterprises, it all could be jeopardized by unrealistic state and federal regulatory pressures, according to Michigan Farm Bureau President Jack Laurie.

In comments to 1,200 farmers attending the 78th Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting in Traverse City, the Tuscola County dairy farmer said the drive to establish value-added processing operations in Michigan is facing somewhat of an uphill battle. He says the concept of farmers working together to add value to their raw farm products is essential to the future profitability of Michigan agriculture.

"We are at a crucial crossroads, in moving beyond the discussion stage to the actual research, development, and implementation of value-added processing here in Michigan," Laurie said. "We cannot afford to let the momentum that's been building for value-added processing in this state die."

Laurie expressed concern over the ongoing regulatory battle between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Zeeland Farm Service, which operates the state's first soybean processing plant. In order to qualify for an operating permit, the soybean processing facility had to agree to spend nearly \$700,000 to install air monitors and to construct additional dust-containment structures. Laurie called the demands from DEQ unrealistic and overzealous, saying it sends the wrong message to those considering similar projects in the state.

"Farm Bureau cannot sit idle on this situation. It threatens the very prospect of attracting the additional value-added processing that we're so eagerly seeking here in Michigan," Laurie said. "When I hear of these situations, I often find myself asking, whatever happened to good old common sense? These entrepreneurs don't have the luxury or the security of not being held accountable for their actions or business decisions. They, unlike a lot of our bureaucrats, have bills to pay, payrolls to meet, and loans to repay."

"The bottom line to this issue is the bottom line, pure and simple. The 36,000 tons of soybean meal that was not produced this past fall impacts not only Zeeland Farm Service's profitability, but yours as well, whether you're a livestock producer purchasing soybean or a crop farmer selling soybeans."

Laurie was equally critical of the state Legislature's failure to reform the state's Subdivision Control Act. He said legislators missed a prime opportunity to provide genuine

farmland preservation measures this past year, adding that farmland acres in Michigan will shrink from 10.1 million acres to approximately 8.1 million acres over the next 20 years, according to estimates from the Department of Natural Resources.

"Anytime you destroy the production base for an industry — whether it's farmland for producing crops or an assembly plant for manufacturing automobiles — it has a direct impact on the economy," Laurie said. "I would be willing to bet that if the big three auto manufacturers announced they were shutting down 25 percent of their auto manufacturing capacity in this state, they would quickly have the undivided attention of our legislators. Unfortunately, that's exactly what we have allowed to happen to our farmland base here in Michigan."

"It never ceases to amaze me how lawmakers in Lansing fail to grasp that simple fact. There is a desperate need for wise land-use planning to support an industry that contributes more than \$37 billion annually to this state's economy. Again, where's the common sense in the decisions made by our lawmakers?"

Laurie said the Michigan Farm Bureau would continue efforts to develop local Purchase of Development Rights

(PDR) programs saying the potential is phenomenal.

"PDRs provide an opportunity to maintain the local agricultural land base while keeping the existing farm operations intact and providing revenue to local economies," he said. "It allows residents to decide for themselves whether they are willing to support a local PDR program."

On the national level, Laurie said agriculture and the entire U.S. economy suffered a major blow with the failure of Congress to pass fast-track authorization. He says declining government support to U.S. agriculture makes increased access to international markets all the more necessary.

"Exports represent 30 percent of our cash farm receipts and have more than doubled from \$29 billion in 1985 to \$60 billion in 1996," Laurie said. "Amid all of the legislative rhetoric you will hear on fast-track during next year's election campaigns, remember one vital fact. Fewer than 4 percent of the world's consumers live in the United States, while at the same time, we produce 20 percent of all agricultural and manufactured goods in the world. If there's any hope of continuing economic growth, we need access to the other 96 percent of the world's consumers through trade."

Band to perform Friday

The Dexter Community Band will present the fourth annual An Evening of Ensembles. The 1998 Winter Recital to be held on Friday, Jan. 30, in the Wylie Middle school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

The recital will feature six ensembles, made up mostly of members from the Dexter Community Band.

The program will showcase winds from the Dexter Community Band; Flute Suite, a flute quartet; Three Sisters and a Brother, saxophone quartet; and The Clarinet Continuum, a

clarinet sextet. Also featured will be two duets, one for clarinet and the other for oboe and English horn.

Highlights for the evening will be Mozart's "Serenade No. 10," "Selections from Porgy and Bess," by George Gershwin, "One for Four," by Cynthia Folio and Vivaldi's "Spring Concerto."

The recital is sponsored by the Dexter Community Education and is open to the public free charge. There will be a reception with refreshments following the recital.

Alzheimer's meeting set Feb. 16

The monthly education program, ABCs of Alzheimer's: An Orientation, will be offered on Monday, Feb. 16 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the New Center, 1100 North Main St., Ann Arbor.

The program is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and will provide an orientation to Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, including a discussion of normal aging, possible Alzheimer's disease symptoms, how Alzheimer's is diagnosed, and other common caregiving questions and concerns.

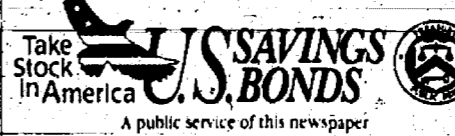
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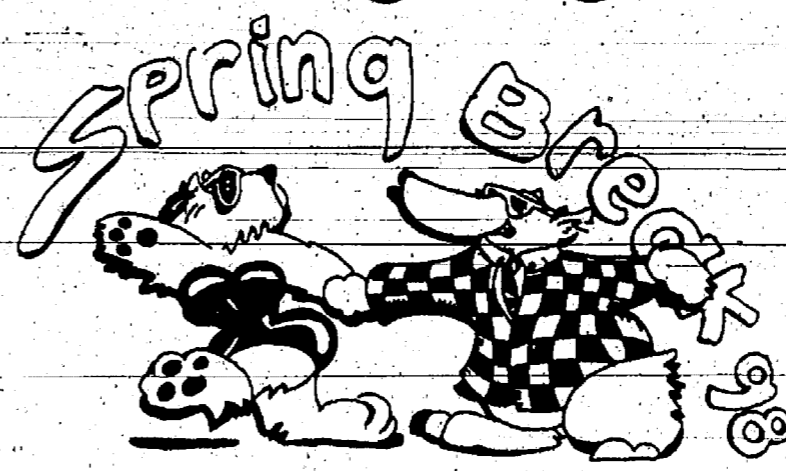


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Newspapers to begin new business section

The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader plan to begin a new feature called Business Briefs.

In it, Chelsea and Dexter-area businesses of all sizes can let everyone know about new product lines or services, new employees, employee promotions and awards, or

other news. Photographs accompanying news items would also be welcome.

Please limit information about each subject to two or three short paragraphs. All information will be subject to editing and will run when space is available. There is no charge for this service.

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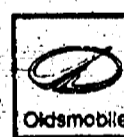
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—Brownie Troop 257—

Dexter Brownie Troop 257 held a special ceremony in December. Pictured with leader Wendy Rea and co-leader Julie Woods are Brownies Audrey Bell, Amanda Casper, Shantal Daratony, Betsy Eber, Cady Hall, Leah Hartman, Lori Jackson, Rebecca Koch, Caitlin McIntyre, Meaghan Mead, Toni Milkey, Lindsay Proskle, Katie Ryan and Jessica Schulz.

Applications available for six Chelsea Education Foundation 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 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.

CHS clarinetist joins honor band

Chelsea High School senior Matthew Kennedy is one of 80 high school students from across the state who participated in the fourth annual Michigan State University High School honors Band and Chamber Music Weekend, Jan. 10 to 11. Kennedy will spend the weekend working to improve his musical skills on the clarinet in master classes with MSU faculty and workshops designed to help shape his musical career.

The event is co-sponsored by MSU's School of Music and Wharton Center for Performing Arts. Students will play a free concert at 3 p.m. Jan. 11.

Pinckney players to hold auditions

The Pinckney Players will hold open adult auditions for Neil Simon's "California Suite" on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 3-4 at 7 p.m. in the Pinckney High School Choir Room.

Parts are available for six women and five men.

California Suite will be presented as dinner-theater on April 17, 18 and 25, at Whispering Pines Golf Club. For more information, please call the Pinckney Players at (810) 220-9332.

'Peter Pan' set this weekend

"Peter Pan or The Boy Who Would Not Grow Up" is being presented at the Jane Tash Theatre in Pinckney this weekend.

Show times are Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

For more information call 426-2926.

Different teaching styles spark confusion

Q: I'm confused!
My first-grade daughter is going to be taught by a teacher who is a strong believer in the phonic approach in teaching reading.

My second-grade son is going to be with a teacher who favors the whole language approach in teaching reading.

It seems there should be some agreement in teaching reading in one building if not districtwide. Frankly, I'm not sure I really understand the difference between the two methods. Which method is best? I heard some school districts that were using the whole language are going to phonics as the primary method. Is this true?

A: California and Texas recently passed legislation that phonics will be the primary method for the teaching of reading. Other states are also considering mandating the use of phonics as the primary methodology for teaching reading.

I don't necessarily agree

with them but I understand why. Texas and California and Arizona have a huge influx of Hispanics coming across the border. I believe the literacy rate is so poor that officials in these states believe that children must sound out words in order to learn English.

Another reason is (as always) the low-test scores on the state-mandated reading tests with the whole-language approach an easy target as the scapegoat.

Let's look at the differences between the whole language and the phonics methodologies.

In phonics, the word cat has what are called three phonemes: (Kuh)-aa-tuh. If you sound out the example you will say "cat."

Or a teacher might introduce the word "sat" by saying "S" and then "at" and have the children combine the two and say the word "sat."

In the '80s, and still used in some districts now, was a

program called Alpha Time, or a phonic approach to reading.

The early elementary teachers would hold up a picture of "Mr. M" who had a Munching Mouth. He went to the Market on a Monday.

My wife, a former kindergarten teacher, said on many occasions how much the children loved the program.

But the whole language advocates who believed it did not enhance reading comprehension forced Alpha Time out of the district curriculum.

I thought it was wonderful while still believing the whole language approach had as great or greater merit.

Whole Language advocates believe beginning readers should use books that are very repetitious such as Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see? I see a Redbird looking at me. Red Bird, Red Bird, what do you see? I see a Yellow Duck looking at me. Yellow-Duck, Yellow-Duck, what do you see ... etc.

While language advocates believe young children should use books that are repetitious so that they can gain practice guessing words and concepts in a higher level of abstraction rather than just repeating sounds.

The whole language advocates also believe reading improvement is best served when it comes from a literature-based focus ("lots of free reading") as opposed to drill and practice.

Yet phonic-based leaders also believe in "lots of read-

ing" providing the "basics" are not overlooked and are mastered.

So the beat goes on. In my opinion, if the district is made up of very poor, illiterate families, sounding out words makes sense.

Judy Cox, a kindergarten teacher in Houston, has children in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods. Most homes have no books.

At least 15 minutes a day, Judy focuses on phonics. Only 72 percent of third-graders in the state passed a recent state reading exam; Judy's kids scored 86 percent on the state reading test.

Since you gave me the name of your elementary school, I talked with the principal and she said your daughter's first-grade teacher and your son's second-grade teacher use both a whole language and phonics approach in a balanced format, which makes sense to me.

Although I favor the whole language philosophy, if a teacher believed the phonic method was necessary for certain students, I supported their effort.

It seems every 10 years or so we move from one thing to another and teachers are caught in the middle. Both phonics and the whole language methods have value. Just keep a balance so one method doesn't ignore the other method.

James "Doc" Doyle is a former administrator and teacher.



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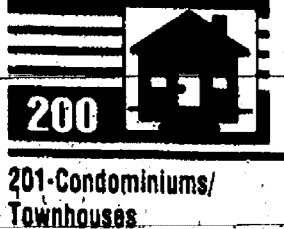
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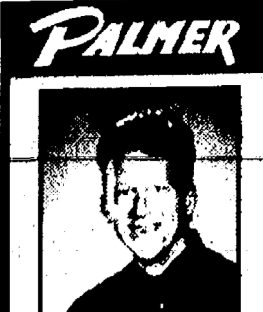
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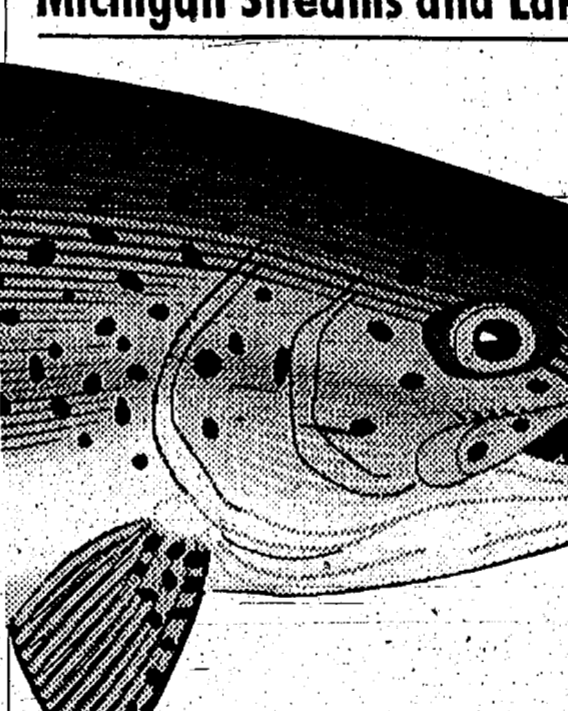
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Retiring Johnson built Chelsea Hospital from scratch

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

For 27 years Chelsea Community Hospital has been building its reputation as a premier health care provider in the region. It has grown from its beginnings as an extended care unit to provide a wide range of services and several specialties, culminating in its being give a Top 100 Hospitals Award in 1994.

Few people have become so identified with Chelsea Hospi-

tal's success as President Willard Johnson, who is retiring from the hospital Friday. In his 23 years at the helm, the hospital has gone from lifeboat to flagship, from being awash in debts to the shipshape financial status of today.

Johnson says he built the hospital with a simple axiom, one that he carried through all his years and hopes will continue to be functional in years to come.

"We're only going to do those things we do enough to do well," Johnson says of hospital services. "And then we're going to do them very well."

Johnson began his career at Chelsea Community Hospital in 1975. At age 30, he was the first full-time administrator of the hospital but he already had eight years of experience in hospital management behind him in administrative positions in Delaware, Nebraska and New York.

Johnson was hired at a time when people with degrees in hospital management were scarce. His graduate school class at the University of Michigan had 12 members, compared with close to 4,000 hospital administrators graduating nationwide today. Though he had no medical degree, he had no trouble finding work, as many places were hiring people in their 20s to head up hospital administrative divisions.

"I came into the field at a time when I was very fortun-

nate," Johnson said.

When Johnson came on board, Chelsea hospital hadn't paid its employees in four months. His initial job was clear — find funding.

He began his monetary search by setting out to use the facilities the hospital already had and to shore up the finances. Johnson spent the first two years of his tenure working to bring in doctor fees and grants from community members.

By 1977, with the hospital in little danger of running aground, Johnson decided to expand the facilities. With the proceeds from a low-cost loan and a community fund drive, the hospital started Burn Care Services, and in 1979, the nationally renowned Head Pain Unit.

With Chelsea's specialties secure, Johnson nurtured relationships with the University of Michigan Hospital and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital that have continued to grow and expand to today. Throughout the 1980s, Chelsea Hospital opened the U-M Family Practice, Kresge House, the hospice program and a women's health center among others.

In the last two years, the hospital has opened the White Oak Center for community education and wellness, purchased a home health care company and allowed Huron Valley Ambulance to build a substation on the hospital campus. The hospital capped off '97 with ground-breakings for Dexter and Stockbridge primary care facilities, an expansion of the head pain center and the opening of Silver Maples retirement community.

The key to Chelsea Hospital's success, Johnson says, has been its ability to specialize in under-represented fields. Burn care, head pain and primary care have been strengths of the hospital in the past and Chelsea Hospital continues to be known for its service in those areas.

Johnson says the hospital has built programs from nothing by recruiting younger doctors, just as the hospital recruited the young Johnson. Dr. Irving Feller was one of the

first with his burn-care unit, followed by other doctors in their specialties.

Johnson says the hospital allowed the doctors to build their own staffs, giving them a lot of freedom to do what they do best.

"Our history has been bringing in young people and turning them loose to do what they want to do," Johnson says. "We invest in people over the long term."

Long-term thinking has been aided by Johnson's long tour of duty. Johnson's 23 years put him well above the three-years-four-months of the average CEO.

Johnson's longevity has enabled him to nurture standing relationships with the other major hospitals in the area. When other hospitals around the country were shying away from joining with other hospitals, Johnson made a great effort to form joint partnerships and to refer patients back and forth between the hospitals.

The hospital also was able to keep a lot of staff intact, adding to strength around the entire complex.

"Continuity adds to the stability at all levels of an organization," Johnson says. "You don't make fast darts and quick retreats."

While building a first-class medical center has been Johnson's goal, he says it has been just as important to become part of the Chelsea community. Johnson says the hospital has encouraged participation in health programs from exercise centers to food service, hosting corporate events and



Willard Johnson

community service groups.

At the base of community service has been participation from employees at the medical center, Johnson says. As one of the first employers in the area to offer on-site daycare, as well as fitness programs for break time, Johnson says the hospital has worked hard to make the facility serve its employees needs.

And with a new director taking the tiller of the number one employer in Chelsea, Johnson says he expects the hospital to continue to make its crew the number one priority.

"When you strip it all away, the core is the people who comprise the hospital," Johnson says. "That's our prized asset, maybe our only asset."

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Local residents receive honors

Fall semester was a big one for local college students. Students from around the area were named to the dean's list and honor roll at various colleges nationwide.

At Western Michigan University, four students from Chelsea were named to the dean's list. Meghan Bragg, daughter of Terry and Carol Bragg, has a major in elementary group minors. Michelle Craig, daughter of Rodney and Susan Craig, is majoring in marketing. Aric Alan Dougherty, son of Randy and Melinda Dougherty has a major in psychology. Jason

Stewart is majoring in anthropology.

At Adrian College, senior Nicole S. Piasecki was named to the dean's list. The daughter of Marlene Piasecki of Chelsea, she is a 1994 graduate of Chelsea High School and is majoring in English writing with a minor in Spanish. Bryan D. Hartman, a 1996 graduate of Dexter High School, was also named to the dean's list. Hartman, the son of Wayne and Elaine Hartman, is a sophomore majoring in business administration management.

At the University of Okla-

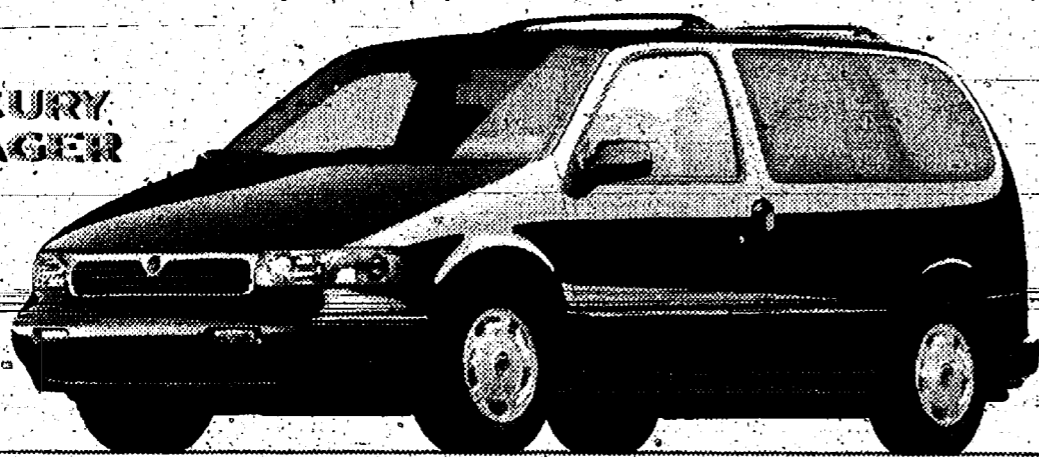
homa, two local students were named to the honor roll. Chelsea resident Kaste Leigh Ruhlig received a 4.0 grade point average to earn her designation. Dexter resident Naomi Elizabeth Sorosh was also named to the list.

Nicholas R. McCalla, a senior in finance, was named to the dean's list at Hillsdale College. Nicholas is a 1993 graduate of Chelsea High School and the son of Richard R. McCalla and Grace L. McCalla, both of Chelsea.

To be named to the various lists, students had to receive a 3.5 GPA out of a possible 4.0.

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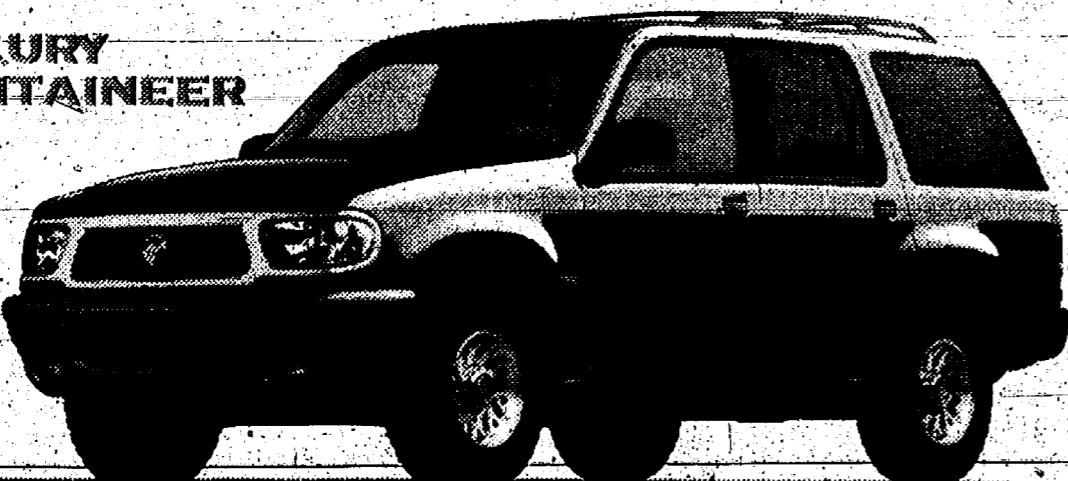
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