

Around Town

High-flying BMX stunt show to be held Thursday

Bicycle manufacturer Trek and local retailer Chelsea Bike and Sports will present a BMX freestyle show at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. today.

According to Chelsea Bike and Sports owner Ray Schemanske, nationally known bikers Mike Kaiser and Jimmy Walker will be among the riders performing their stunts on ramps outside the bike store at 1178 S. Main St. next to Chelsea Lanes.

Schemanske said the freestyle biking has been gaining popularity because of a show on ESPN called the X Games where bikers compete in high-flying extreme sports. As an authorized Trek dealer, Schemanske has access to the professional Trek team that competes in the games. The team will perform today.

Each exhibition will last about 45 minutes. Entrance to the show is free.

Republicans to meet Saturday

The Western Washtenaw Republicans will meet at 9 a.m. July 11 at the Wolverine Food and Spirits.

This month's meeting will feature a candidates' forum for the 52nd District State House seat. Republican candidates Julie Knight and Jane Lumm have been invited to present their platforms.

For more information call Joe Yekulis at 475-3874. The meeting is open to the public.

VFW health fair set for Tuesday

A Health Care Enrollment Fair will be held for all veterans on Tuesday, July 14 from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. (or until all veterans are served) at the Chelsea VFW Post 4076, 105 N. Main St. in Chelsea.

To ensure that veterans receive the best health care possible, the Veterans Administration (VA) must be able to allocate manpower, resources and dollars accurately. So the VA is asking all veterans to submit an application for health care enrollment.

The information from the completed application is sent to the Health Care Eligibility Center at VA Headquarters where the veteran is assigned to one of seven newly-established priority groups and enrolled into the VA system.

To aid the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) in this enormous task, the Chelsea VFW Post will hold an enrollment fair. Enrollment counselors from VAMC will be at the Post to aid in filling out the application.

If you or someone you know needs VA medical services, take a few moments to apply for some of the finest medical care in the area through the new VA health care system. Be sure to bring your DD214 with you.

While you are asked on the application to specify a medical facility, coverage is nationwide. For further information or questions, please contact Bob Reed, commander of VFW Post 4076, at 475-1452, or on the day of the enrollment fair at the VFW Post (734)



Another Fine Legion Barbecue

Chelsea American Legion held its annual chicken barbecue at the post home at Cavanaugh Lake on the Fourth of July and again sold 500 chicken dinners. Above, Bob Rush, left, and Larry Doll work the grill. The barbecue uses 500 half chickens and about 250 pounds of charcoal.

Fireworks show goes smoothly for police, volunteers at parking lots

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

Nothing happened at Chelsea's annual fireworks show Saturday, at least according to Chelsea Police Officer Riley Sumner. Despite thousands of onlookers, the police department had only a few fireworks complaints, but no action during the show.

"This was the first year we had no reports of accidents, no assaults and batteries, and no injuries from fireworks," Sumner said. "The crowd was really well-behaved."

Sumner said that about a dozen officers were on scene to patrol the area, including several reserve officers. Sumner estimated the crowd as about the same, or slightly more than previous years.

Traffic control was aided by about 25 volunteers from Chelsea High School Athletic Boosters. According to Chelsea State Bank Vice President Scott Tanner, area residents who came to see the show got out of the parking lots in record time. The bank sponsored the show.

"Everything went off really well," Tanner said. "Everyone was out in 45 minutes."

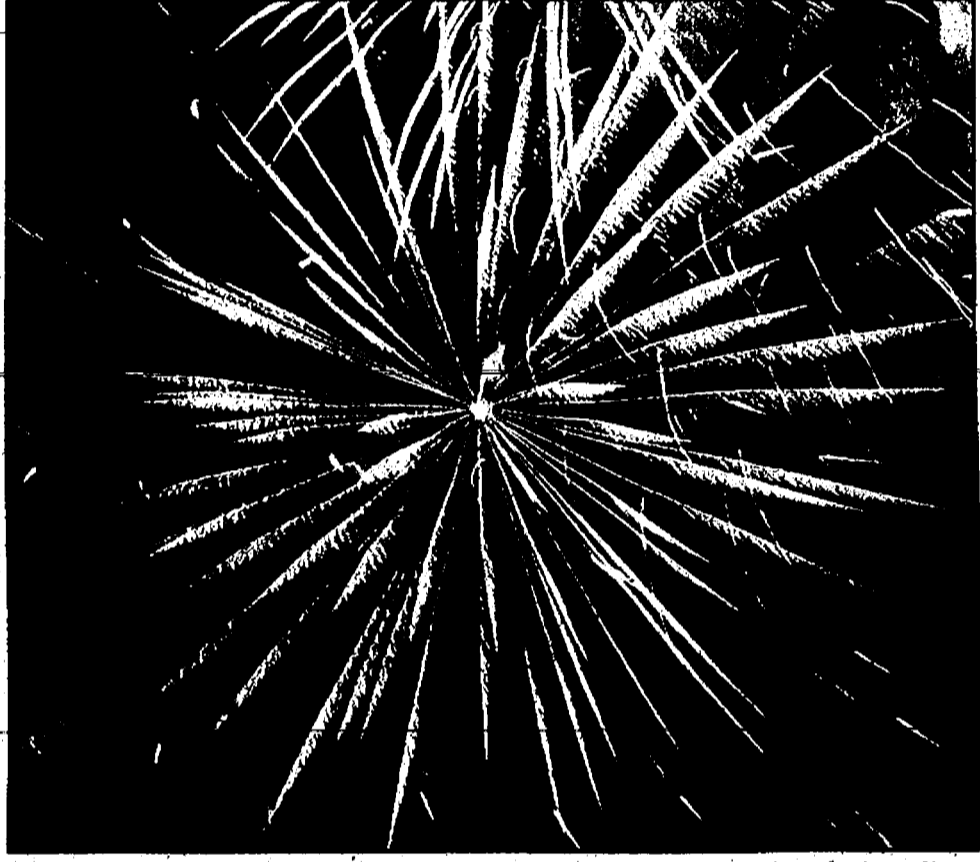


Photo by Pete Frost

Chelsea's Fourth of July fireworks show, again provided by Chelsea State Bank and a number of volunteers, went off without a hitch last Saturday, although earlier in the day it looked as though rain could be a problem.

Sumner gave Police Chief Lenard McDougall much of the credit for the success of the fireworks. Sumner said the chief made a special effort to have enough officers on the job to contain the crowd.

Sumner said McDougall also asked the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department to monitor exits from I-94 to allow for

traffic to flow away from Chelsea. Sumner also gave credit to the reserve officers.

"Our police presence wouldn't be out there without the pro-active steps of Chief McDougall," Sumner said. "And I'd like to give a special thanks to the reserve staff, who came in and made things go smoothly."

Boys, Girls State give insight for local teens

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

The young men and women descending upon Lansing the last few weeks made speeches, called for programs and made decisions about the future of the state. However, these politicians weren't the typical congressional windbags, but members of Boys and Girls State.

Amy McCalla, sponsored by Chelsea Lions Club, said the weeklong government simulation Girls State taught her a lot about the inside workings of the state. She said her job as county commissioner for the fictional Donaldson County was enjoyable.

"I had a blast," McCalla said. "I learned more about the government than I even knew I didn't know."

McCalla said the experience, which ran June 13-20, is modeled after the state government's organization. The more than 400 girls were broken up into 21 cities and seven counties and divided between two political parties, Federalist and Nationalist.

Each city elected representatives to county boards, city council and judgeships, McCalla said. The girls could then run for state offices, such as governor, lieutenant governor and state representatives and senators.

The first two days were spent learning the government trade

from organizers and actual government officials. During the next three days elections were held and the governor's convention decided the parties' candidates for the general election.

McCalla said the convention was the time of wheeling and dealing that goes on in politics. She said each city had to vote to support a particular candidate.

Despite the atmosphere, though, Holfka said the dirty tricks were kept at a minimum.

"The closest thing to dirty tricks was when Gould sued LeFevre for pollution," McCalla said. "Gould had a cherished beach and was blaming the pollution on LeFevre."

Each municipality and county had a unique set of problems that stem from real-life issues, McCalla said. Donaldson County had to deal with a need for post-secondary education, an increase in drunken driving and overcrowding in jails.

The representatives were encouraged to come up with creative solutions to the problems they were given, McCalla said. Her solutions involved putting radio bracelets on criminals, stepping up police patrols of drunk drivers and getting state grants to build a college in the community.

Meghan Holfka, sponsored by Chelsea Kiwanis Club, took a different tack to deal with jail overcrowding in Penning



Seven Chelsea High School students participated in the American Legion Boys State program in Lansing June 21-27. The students were taken in the American Legion Voyager 957 train along with other students from the area. Participants are Kyle Griffith, Aaron Ruhlig, Isaac Rabinovitz, Vincent Scheffler, Adam Knott, Brian Groesser and Joe Mignano. Also pictured are Legionnaires Mark Leidner, Pat Merkel and Jim Knott.

County, where she was a commissioner. Her county board voted to create a boot camp for non-violent offenders similar to Cassidy Lake Technical School near Chelsea.

To come up with the solution, Holfka joined the jail over-

Concert series kicks off with King of Rock

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

With a new name, but the same format, the annual Summer Concert Series opens Sunday at Pierce Park with a performance by Elvis impersonator Dave King. The four-part series, which was renamed from Concerts in the Park for this year's event, will run every other weekend from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. until Aug. 23.

Michigan-born King is billed as "a true re-incarnation" of Elvis, surpassing other impersonators with his mystique and the beauty of his style. He has studied Elvis' voice and movements to perfect his mimicry, donning costumes and jewelry to bring Elvis to life (or back to life for the unbelievers).

King sings all the Elvis favorites from "Heartbreak Hotel" to "Blue Suede Shoes." Continuing the series July 26 will be "Sounds of Germany," by Luke Schaible. The concert will be held at Chelsea Retirement Community.

Returning to Pierce Park Aug. 9, the series will feature Five Guys Named Moe with special guest Counterpoint. Local band The Gigantics will perform Aug. 23 with a special pre-fair presentation of the Chelsea Community Fair queen candidates.

All shows are free. Concessions will be available, including hot dogs, pizza, soft drinks and ice cream courtesy of Chelsea Area Responding to Teens, Cottage Inn Pizza and What's The Scoop. Snow cones

will be sold by Chelsea High School Music Boosters.

This year's series is sponsored by The Chelsea Standard, Chelsea State Bank, Chelsea Retirement Community, Chelsea Milling Company, Pierce Lake Village Condominiums, Chelsea Community Hospital, Palmer Family Ford, The Ann Arbor News, The Meadows at Silver Maples, Village Place Condominiums and Susan Jacobs & Company.

For more information call the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce for a recorded message of the dates and times at 475-1145.

Summer Concert Series Schedule

July 12
Dave King's "Elvis."

July 26
"Sounds of Germany" by Luke Schaible.

August 9
Five Guys Named Moe with special guest Counterpoint.

August 23
The Gigantics with pre-fair presentation of the Chelsea Community Fair queen candidates.

All shows are in Pierce Park from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. except the July 26 concert, which will be held at Chelsea Retirement Community.

Lima Twp. Board designates clean-up day for fall season

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Lima Township Board voted to designate Oct. 10 as Fall Clean-Up Day. This will be the first such day the township has sponsored.

Following the examples set by Sylvan and Lyndon townships, the drop-off location will be at the Jim Kalmbach farm, 476 Pierce Road, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The site was chosen by John L. Edwards, who volunteered his services in helping the township find the most efficient approach to the disposal of its refuse.

Almost any matter of trash will be accepted except propane or pressure tanks, paints and varnishes, building materials, yard waste and fencing.

Edwards estimated that the cost to the township would be between \$2,800 and \$3,000. The money will come out of its recycling fund.

However, there are certain items that will require compensation from the disposer.

While one appliance containing freon per household will be covered by the township fund, each additional appliance with freon will cost \$10.

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crowding committee, which was charged with researching the problem. Holfka said the camp had a research room with large packets of information and she could ask a research specialist to gather information that wasn't included in the

packet. One of the most important areas of research was to look for state grant possibilities, Holfka said. Her county had little latitude for raising taxes so more money had to come

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Chelsea counselors meet state standards

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

In the process of education, children learn a lot more than just reading, writing, and arithmetic. Students have to deal with a wide variety of emotional and physical changes, peer pressure and planning for the future, issues that the Chelsea School District's counselors deal with every day.

An important measure of a counseling staff's effectiveness is the ratio of counselors to students, according to Sue Clay, president of the Michigan School Counselors Association. The more students a counselor has to serve, the harder it is to provide adequate care.

Clay said the state has not mandated the number of counselors needed in each district. However, she said the ideal ratio established by the National Association of School Counselors in 1988 is one counselor for every 100 students in the district. One counselor for every 300 students is the maximum suggested.

Clay said the suggested ratio is designed to allow for a comprehensive counseling program. Students would receive counseling, job planning and classes on peer pressure, drug resistance, goal setting, decision making and communication with peers and parents, among other items.

Clay said the comprehensive plan is a trend in counseling, showing up only in the last 10 years. She said counselors who in the past only dealt with students' problem are increasingly being taught to provide a wider range of services.

Clay said the primary areas addressed in a comprehensive program would be knowledge of self and others, career development and academic achievement. As a middle-school counselor, Clay teaches six classes a year to every student in the school to help kids adjust to middle school life and future plans.

"It's the wave of the future for school counselors," Clay said. "I think (schools are) recognizing that all kids can benefit from a school counselor."

For most Chelsea students, the district's ratios are within Clay's suggested ranges. But the counselor levels do not match the ratio of one counselor for every 100 students that Clay says is ideal for implementing a full-blown education program.

According to Superintendent Ed Richardson, the district's most recent count of students, which was conducted in February, totaled 2,849 in the district. Of those, 856 were in Chelsea High School, 742 were in Beach Middle School and 1,251 were split among the three elementaries.

At Chelsea High School, the district has three full-time counselors and one social worker splitting time at Beach, Richardson said. The ratio at the high school equals approximately 250 students to one counselor. Beach has two full-time counselors in addition to the shared social

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worker, for a ratio of approximately 300 students per counselor.

The elementaries have fewer counselors per student than the upper grades. Richardson said that the district adds teacher consultants and social workers in the counselor ratio at the elementaries, which comes out to approximately one counselor for every building.

With that number of counselors, the ratio is about one counselor for every 400 students in the lower grades. Richardson said that given more money he would like to increase the counselor level.

"Sure, having one to 100 (counselor ratio) would be nice, just as having a principal for every grade level would be nice," Richardson said. "If we had additional money we would have more counselors."

Chelsea's ratios fall within the guidelines set by the North Central Association, an accrediting agency set up by the University of Michigan. Richardson said all of the buildings in the school district have achieved accreditation under the agency's rules.

The association guidelines state that, to be accredited, a school the size of Chelsea High School must have five full-time people employed as principal, assistant principal, counselors and media specialists. However, only one half-time person must be a counselor. A school Beach's size must have four full-time people with a half-time counselor.

Richardson said Chelsea's counselors teach drug resistance, as well as working with parents to help their children. Counselors also provide individual counseling for students.

But, Richardson said, some of the programs have been cut in recent years as budgets have become smaller. The district eliminated a full-time drug counselor the year before Richardson arrived.

Counseling in the Chelsea schools is voluntary for kids, Richardson said.

"We don't force people to do anything they don't want to," he said.



King of Rock

Elvis impersonator Dave King will perform from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Pierce Park as part of the Summer Concert Series.



Community Service Award

Mary Alice Kalmbach, a volunteer at Chelsea Community Hospital for 18 years, was presented with the Washtenaw Community College Recognition Award May 26 at Towsley Auditorium. The award is presented each year in recognition of outstanding service in the community. Kalmbach has been a member of Chelsea Community Auxiliary since 1980, accumulating more than 10,000 hours of volunteer service. She has held the positions of president, president-elect and counselor and she now serves as treasurer of the Michigan Association of Hospital Auxiliaries. Kalmbach also serves as a member of the board of trustees of the Silver Maples senior housing.

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Lima designates clean-up day

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The board will publish a reminder notice, in greater detail, when the date draws near.

The board also approved lesser, but more immediate expenditures.

\$90 was allocated to purchase the 1998 volume of the Public Acts of Michigan. The board admitted that the neglected tomes of previous years are spilling out of their closet and their basement. However, tradition, and convincing themselves that the included text of the Land Division Act could prove helpful, made the purchase all but mandatory.

\$69.50 was also approved to have Washtenaw Farmers Oil Company clean the town hall furnace.

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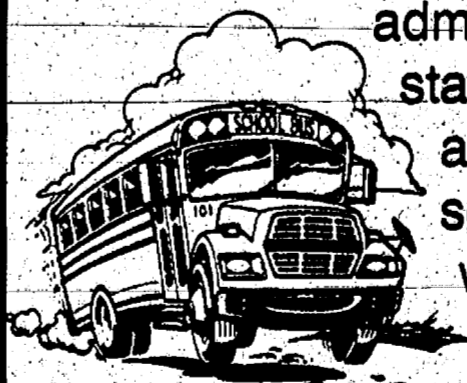
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Albion names awards recipients

Albion College senior Laura E. Carty earned a bachelor's in English from Albion College on May 9.

Carty is the daughter of Kenneth and Judith Carty of Grass Lake and is a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Sarah M. Metzler has been named to the dean's list at Albion for the spring, 1998 semester.

Students named to the dean's list must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester.

Metzler is a sophomore majoring in psychology. She is the daughter of Arlene Seelbach of Chelsea and Michael Metzler of Dexter and is a graduate of Chelsea High School.

achievement. Snyder was also designated an Albion College Fellow for the spring 1998 semester. To be designated a fellow, a student must maintain a 3.7 grade point average for three consecutive on-campus semesters and successfully complete four units of credit during each of those semesters.

Snyder will be a junior next fall, majoring in English. She is the daughter of Thomas and Lizbeth Snyder of Dexter and is a graduate of Dexter High School.

Albion senior Kristen K. Mitchell graduated magna cum laude from Albion College on May 9, receiving a bachelor's degree in biology.

The honor of magna cum laude is given to students who maintain a grade point average between 3.6 and 3.8 out of a possible 4.0.

Mitchell was also named to Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest honorary scholastic society.

Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappans are recognized for obtaining a grade point average of at least 3.5 in the liberal arts.



Scout awards
Dexter Girl Scouts recently participated in a Spring Recognition Ceremony honoring outstanding troops and individuals from the area. Scouts Anna Krecic, Tina Masters, Katie Navarre and Bridgit Rutz were honored, and Cheryl Masters and Sandy Krecic were recognized as Outstanding Leaders by the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. Judy Rich received the Outstanding Volunteer Award. Pictured above are Silver Award winners Jennifer Doop, Laura Beauchamp, leader Jim Beauchamp, leader Barbara Sprague, leader Tara Michelle McCarthy and Tara Armbruster. Also pictured are Darcy Stoll, Rachel Szymanski and Eryn Fenske. They, as well as Caryn Burke, Ame Petry and Angela Thiel, were chosen to serve as part of the Governor's Mackinac Island Honor Guard.

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Student photos on display at Briarwood

Photographs taken by third-grade students at Pierce Lake Elementary School in Chelsea and Bates Elementary in Dexter will be on view at Briarwood from July 15 through Aug. 9 as part of the shopping center's "Picture Your Outdoors" program.

The program, now in its fourth year, is intended to help area schoolchildren expand their creative horizons. In May, Briarwood brought nationally known photographer Monte Nagler to visit the classrooms of six area elementary schools to teach the students about photography. After the class, students were given a free disposable camera and asked to "picture" the world around them. The "Picture Your Outdoors" exhibition presents each student's best photo.

"The creativity and vision of these students is remarkable," says Becky von Zastrow, Briarwood Marketing Director. "Who knows what budding artist may be here among the students?"

"We're opening the exhibition to coincide with the art fairs," she adds. "I think it's a wonderful complement to the art work people will see at the fairs."

To honor the young photographers, Briarwood will host a "Young Artists Reception" for

the artists, their families, and teachers on July 14 in Briarwood's Center Court at 7 p.m.

Briarwood, located at South State Street and Eisenhower Boulevard north of I-94, features 140 shops and services along with Hudson's, JC Penney, Sears and Jacobson's. Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

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Weddings, Engagements and Anniversaries



Maurer, Hancock marry in Williamsburg

Elizabeth Maurer of Williamsburg, Va., and Harold Hancock were married May 24 at a ceremony in Colonial Williamsburg. W.E. Bowen was commissioner of the marriage. Misty Grinstead of Montgomery, Ala., and Linda Mullison of Longmont, Colo., (formerly of Chelsea) were bridal attendants. Sarah Hancock of San Diego, Calif., and Alice Hancock of San Diego, both sisters of the groom, were the groom's attendants.

The reception was held in the Fort Magruder Inn in Williamsburg. The couple honey-

mooned on Chincoteague Island, Va., and now reside in Madison, Wis.

Maurer is the daughter of Dale and Eleanor Maurer of Chelsea. She is a 1987 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 1991 graduate of Albion College. She is employed at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Hancock is the son of Stevens and Barbara Hancock of San Diego. He is a 1993 graduate of the University of California at Santa Cruz, and is now a student at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, law school.



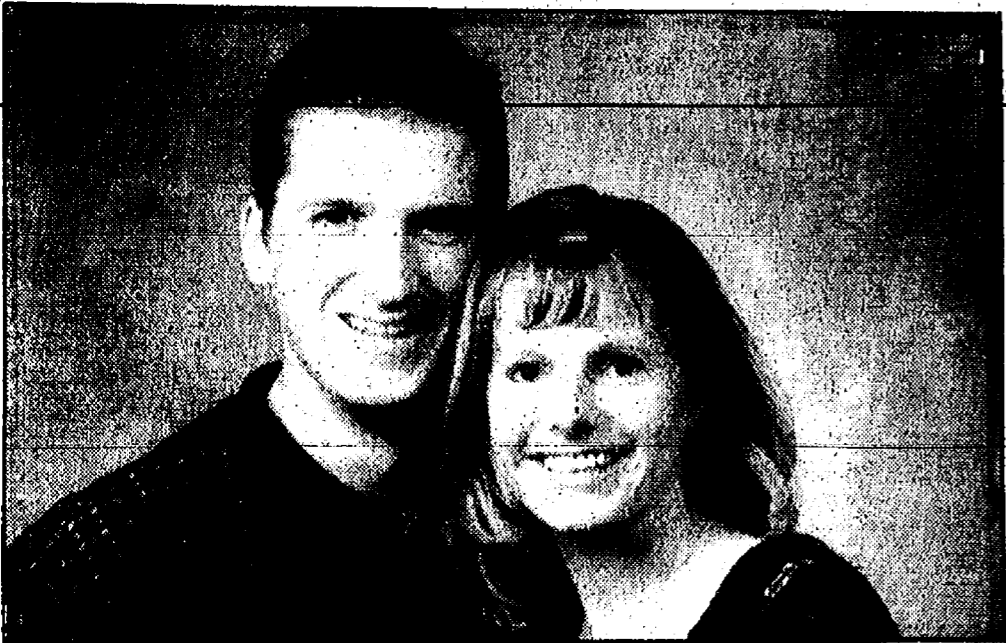
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: Donald and Therese Doll celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 20 at a celebration hosted by their children at Chelsea Community Fairgrounds. Relatives and friends attended, among them Donald's 98-year-old mother, Loretta. The Dolls were married June 19, 1948. Their children are Betsy and Larry Hackworth of Chelsea, Christine and John Meyers of Chelsea, Lawrence Doll of Grand Rapids, Gerald and Kaye Doll of Huntsville, Ark., Kevin and DeAnn Doll of Chelsea and Catherine Doll of Panama City Beach, Fla.



ENGAGED: Jodi Paige Brewer of Ann Arbor and Roy Alvin Kniesteadt of Ann Arbor are engaged and planning an Oct. 3 wedding. Jodi is the daughter of Dennis and Nancy Brewer of Ann Arbor. She graduated from Ann Arbor Huron High School in 1992 and University of Michigan in 1996, and is now employed with the Detroit Tigers. Roy is the son of Donald and Bea Kniesteadt of Almont. He is a 1988 graduate of L'Anse Cruese North school and is attending Eastern Michigan University. He is employed at Brewer's Inc. Jodi's grandmother, Elaine McCalla, lives in Chelsea.



ENGAGED: Ivy Miller and Chad Romine of Dexter are engaged and planning an August wedding. The future bride is the daughter of Terry and Guy Miller of Dexter. She is a 1995 graduate of Dexter High School and does in-home child care. The future bridegroom is the son of Judy and Bill McFarland of Dexter and Chuck Romine of Comer, Ga. He is a 1987 graduate of Dexter High School. Romine attends Washtenaw Community College and is employed at Dexter Stamping Company.



ENGAGED: Melinda Ann Platt and Jason Wyatt Johnson are engaged and planning a July 18 wedding at Church of the Holy Spirit in Highland. Melinda is the daughter of Hugh and Kathy Platt of Highland. She graduated from Grand Valley State University in 1997 with a bachelor's in psychology—special education, and is now employed by the Greenville School District as an elementary special education teacher. Jason is the son of Gary Sr. and Darlene Johnson of Chelsea. He graduated from Grand Valley State with a bachelor's of business administration in accounting. He is employed by Arthur/Anderson, a certified public accounting firm in Grand Rapids.

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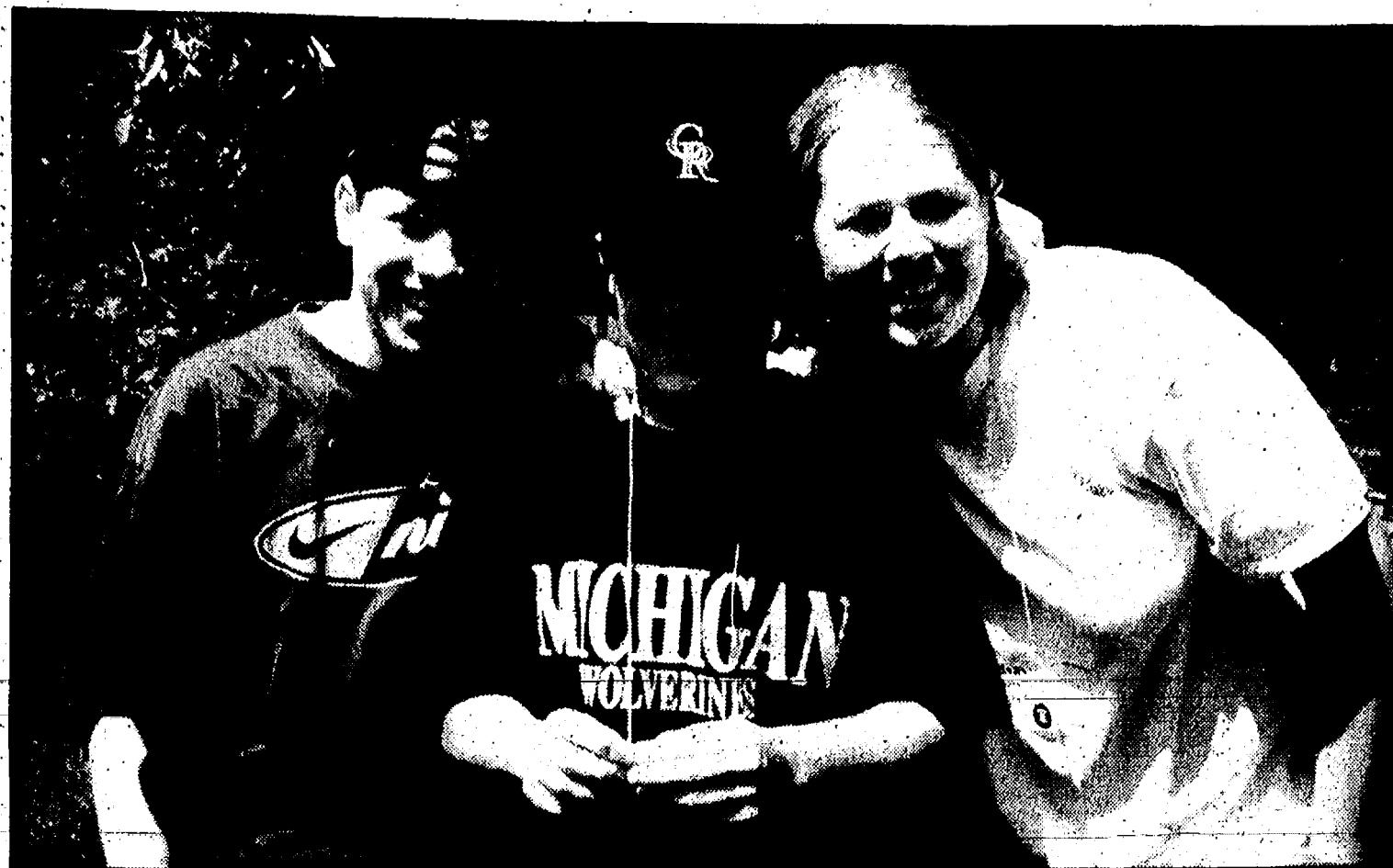
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Washtenaw County students attended the Michigan Farm Bureau Young People's Citizenship Seminar June 15-19. Pictured are Jordan Wahl, David DeVooght and Lindsay Powers. Not pictured is Kate Huehl.

Local youth attend Farm Bureau citizenship seminar

Jordan Wahl, David DeVooght and Lindsay Powers, all of Washtenaw County, attended the annual Michigan Farm Bureau Young People's Citizenship Seminar.

The Washtenaw County Farm Bureau awarded each with scholarships to attend the seminar, held June 15-19 at Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

More than 230 Michigan high school juniors and seniors from 57 counties attended the week-long program. They listened to speakers and took part in activities designed to encourage participation in the political process. Students even ran their own campaigns for a variety of mock political offices. Lindsay Powers of Chelsea was elected as drain commissioner.

In addition to voting for the

candidates of their choice, students also cast their votes on four ballot questions. Students were asked, "If it's proven that the president of the United States has participated in immoral activities during his or her term, should he or she be impeached?" Sixty-three percent of the students approved the ballot question — 133 yes to 76 no.

On the question of whether assisted suicide should be legal in the state of Michigan, the margin was much closer. Just over 53 percent voted to support the measure with 112 yes and 97 no votes.

An overwhelming 92 percent of the students voted in support of the ballot question regarding whether school officials should be allowed to search and seize personal property of a student — if that person is perceived as a threat

to other people — to eliminate the threat of violence in schools. The measure passed by a vote of 192 yes to 17 no.

On the issue of whether the death penalty should be legal in the state of Michigan, 85 percent of the students voted in support of the ballot proposal, with a vote of 178 yes to 31 no.

Young People's Citizenship Seminar (YPCS), sponsored by Michigan Farm Bureau for more than three decades, is designed to do just that. The conference inspires, enlightens and challenges high-school students to become active participants in the political process.

Michigan Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization, boasting more than 150,000 member families.

Motorcycle rally to be held at community fairgrounds

AMA National Championship Poker Run, motorcycle field events, live bands, vendors, 50/50 raffle, food and drink plus a chance to win a 1998 Harley Davidson Buell are just a few of the activities on Saturday, July 25 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., at the Chelsea Fairgrounds.

This year's event is promoted by Chelsea Motorcycle Supply and will be one of the many new activities planned during the Chelsea Summer Festival, formerly the Chelsea Sidewalk Festival. Revenues from the gate fee and raffles will be donated to Faith in Action.

Art Farley, owner of Chelsea Motorcycle Supply, said "This is a first-time event for the Chelsea Fairgrounds, our goal is to raise money for Faith in Action, a local charity. We would like to have a successful turn out."

Sign-in for the 7th annual Run to Hell (Mich.) runs from 9 a.m. to noon at the fairgrounds. This all-brand motorcycle poker run will start at noon and will run approximately four hours, traveling through the scenic country side of Washtenaw and Livingston counties.

Motorcyclists can also participate in field events at the fairgrounds after 4 p.m. Participants can show their cycling talent in interesting skill games like the golf-ball drop, tire toss and balloon toss. Six bands are scheduled for the day, starting at 10 a.m. and running through the evening. Vendors, tattooist, food and drink barn will be open all day.

Other events include a raffle. There is a chance for everyone to win at this charity event. Friends of Chelsea Motorcycle Rally (FOCMR) will

be sponsoring a 50/50 raffle or you can try to win a brand new 1998 Buell, supplied by American Harley Davidson of Ann Arbor. Plus, everyone admitted in the gate will have a chance to win one of the many door prizes.

"Join us for a day of entertainment put on by motorcycle enthusiasts from the surrounding areas and experience a touch of the fun bikers have at rallies," adds Farley.

Gates will open at 7 a.m., at the Chelsea Fairgrounds. There is a \$5 gate fee per person. Saturday night camping, restrooms and shower are available. On Saturday, free sidecar rides will be available inside the gate from 10 to 4 p.m.

Grasses key to survival

The next time you're grumbling about the lawn needing mowing again already, you might take a moment to ponder the role of grasses in not only your well-being, but your very survival.

Grasses, points out Mary McLellan, Master Gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University, are the foundation of the food chain. To put it bluntly, they're all that's standing between humans and starvation.

Think about it — corn, oats, wheat, rice, barley, rye, sorghum, sugarcane — grasses, every one. Every day, directly and indirectly, through the food animals we raise, we depend on grasses.

That's critical, but it's not the only way grasses serve us, McLellan notes. Grasses also prevent soil erosion by wind and water and thus help protect the productivity of the land.

Bamboo, the largest grass, grows faster than any other plants and is utilized in a variety of ways. Certain bamboo shoots are used for food, while the woody, hollow stems are used for everything from furniture to fishing poles to building materials.

Add to all this the ornamental uses of grasses and their

role in recreation and sports — golf, soccer, football, baseball, etc. — and you begin to appreciate how often and to what extent our lives are affected by grasses.

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New Web site offers aid to disabled

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The site has a number of helpful tips and resources available for those with physical disabilities.

The list of tools and aids for use in the kitchen includes such items as a power jar opener, a rack jack (for pulling

out oven shelves without reaching into the oven), one-handed scrubbers and peelers, special eating utensils and oversized knobs.

Also provided on the site are phone numbers and sources for catalogues of kitchen gadgets and many other items designed for the physically disabled. Two on the list are Aids for Arthritis (1-809-654-6918) and Access to Recreation (1-800-834-4351).

One of the sources for those with visual disabilities is Lighthouse Low-Vision Products (1-800-334-5497).

The site also offers travel information, books for the physically disabled, and cooking and shopping tips and resources.

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Ice Cream Social

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Your Money Matters

by David Adams

If the lure of the declining Canadian "loonie" draws you to one of Michigan's international borders this summer, don't forget to pack your calculator.

The Canadian dollar, or "loonie" as it's known for the bird stamped on the flip side of the dollar coin, has been wading south of the American dollar for months, proving a potential price break to conscientious American shoppers, travelers and gamblers. For example, when this column was penned, \$1 U.S. translated to \$.147 Canadian.

However, there is a major drawback to traveling in Canada — those darn exchange rates. Most of us have absolutely no idea how to figure that system out.

But really, how hard can it be? Step into almost any store within 100 miles of a Canadian border town and the merchant immediately knows the current rate and can calculate the difference easily with a calculator. Sadly, in Michigan many merchants even in our border cities can't always compute the currency difference properly.

As one who frequently spends time (and money) in Canada, I've found the following steps to calculating exchange rates helpful.

1. Find the current exchange rate by asking the customs attendant who greets you when you drive into the country. Most major financial institutions in Michigan and Canada will have the day's rates available by phone. When you request the information, be very specific and ask for the rate from U.S. to Canadian. If you don't specify, you take a chance of calculating incorrectly.

2. Exchange money at a bank for the best rate of exchange. The rate fluctuates

daily and not all businesses give the full value. Many visitors exchange a small amount of cash and charge larger purchases.

3. Train yourself to think dollars to dollars, otherwise things can get confusing. Thinking about your numbers as if they were individual dollar bills rather than a huge math problem will be simplest.

4. Take the rate you received in step one, which could be in the form of a percentage or a decimal. If the exchange rate is 34 percent, that means that your American dollar is worth 34 percent more than a Canadian dollar or \$1.34 in Canadian currency. How do you get the \$1.34? It's easiest to think about it in single dollar denominations. If the exchange rate is 50 percent, your American dollar would be worth 50 percent more than a Canadian dollar. Fifty percent of one dollar is 50 cents, so the U.S. dollar is worth \$1.50 Canadian. The same applies to 34 percent. It's equal to \$1.34 Canadian.

If you have a decimal figure to work with, again remember to think in dollars. For instance, when you asked for the U.S. to Canadian currency exchange rate, the number given to you was .745. To find out how much Canadian money one U.S. dollar will buy, divide one dollar by the decimal figure they gave you. (\$1 U.S. / .745 = \$1.34 Canadian)

5. If you are working with credit cards in Canada things are a little different. If using your U.S. credit card in Canada, your purchases will be posted in Canadian dollars.

Now imagine that you've spent \$500 in Windsor and charged it on your VISA. To figure out what you've spent in U.S. currency, you'll need to use the dollar amount you cal-

culated earlier (\$1.34). Divide your purchased amount (\$500 Canadian) by the exchange rate (\$1.34). In this case you would have spent \$373.13 in U.S. currency.

Three key things to remember when you are using credit cards in Canada. Credit card companies charge a 1 percent fee for all foreign purchases; therefore, if you have spent \$373.13 on your trip, exchanged at 34 percent, your statement will reflect something closer to \$376.86.

Secondly, remember that exchange rates fluctuate throughout the day and from location to location. The rate of exchange you will receive will depend on when the merchant posts the sale. If it is a smaller shop, they may not post your purchase until the next day. The rate may change in that time. Your statement is the only accurate way to know exactly how much you've spent.

Thirdly, many ATM cards cannot be used in Canada.

Check with your financial institution before you go to see if and where your ATM might be accepted.

Other helpful information: If you're gone for 24 hours or less, you may bring back up to \$200 U.S. in goods duty-free, but no alcohol or tobacco. For 48 hour stays, you may bring back up to \$400 U.S. worth of goods, including one liter of alcohol and one carton of cigarettes.

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Stars and Stripes
Dressed in stars and stripes, Bernadette Quist and her daughter, Morgan, were among the participants in a Fourth of July parade held Saturday morning in Loch Alpine subdivision. An ice cream social and fireworks capped off the day.

Todd Johnson
The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the kindness and generosity to his family. A special thanks to his niece Jennifer Ann Mull Ganzel for the beautiful song "Amazing Grace" and to Rev. Gary Kwiatek of St. Andrews United Church of Christ. Also thank you to Sarns 3M for their kindness and help in our time of need. We know that our son will be so very missed by his family and many friends.
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MONEY SENSE

By Michael Ceaser

Q: I began putting together my investment portfolio in 1993. At that time, I felt that some of my investments should be in CDs at the bank and fixed annuities.

As I look back, that strategy seems to have been a mistake, since my growth mutual funds have done so well compared to the 5 or 6 percent interest on the CDs and annuities.

I'm thinking of liquidating my CDs and annuities and putting that money into some more mutual funds. Is this a good idea?

A: You are experiencing what investment professionals like to refer to as the pain of regret. This is the regret that accompanies the after-the-fact realization that we could have had a greater return on our investments if only we had invested differently.

Of course, this position assumes that we could have predicted the future direction of the stock and bond markets, as well as inflation and interest rates.

There are several factors that you should keep in mind before you make any significant changes in your portfolio. The first is your ability to predict the future, and the second is the common tendency to compare apples with oranges.

A third factor is the investor's ability to maintain a long-term perspective, regardless of actual short-term performance.

As far as anyone's ability to predict the future of the investment world with any degree of accuracy, this depends in large part on the time frame in question, and the specifics of the prediction. The longer the time frame, the easier it is to predict which investments will tend to outperform others.

Over the most recent 10-, 15-, and 20-year periods, and even longer periods, the broad-based stock market indices have outperformed most other types of investments.

Over shorter periods of time, other types of investments have provided greater returns. Since it is very difficult to honestly say which investments we would have really owned historically, one of the best indicators to use might be the Value Line Composite Index.

This index, which represents a large number of stocks in different industries, is frequently used to obtain a broad picture of how the overall equity marketplace is performing.

For the calendar years 1990 through 1994, the average annual compound rate of return for the Value Line Index was 14.1 percent. A \$10,000 investment would have grown to only \$10,724.

Over the same period, the average three-month certificate of deposit would have returned an average of 5.08 percent (\$10,000 would have grown to \$12,810).

The average fixed annuity over the same period of time would have returned an average of 6.93 percent (a \$10,000 investment would have grown to \$13,892).

These return figures were obtained from the "Chase Investment Performance Digest," an annual publication that lists the performance and rankings of the world's major investments. Based on these figures, is it any wonder that in 1993 you included some CDs and annuities as part of your portfolio?

In the latest five-year period, the Value Line Composite Index has substantially outperformed both the average CD and the average fixed annuity. But could you have predicted it?

Just as importantly, if the stock market had crashed, would you have regretted ever putting any of your money into the stock market? If that crash had occurred just after you had started your portfolio, would you have honestly been able to stay invested, not knowing when the market would rebound?

You should not change your portfolio just because you are experiencing "the pain of regret." You will never be able to consistently predict the No. 1-performing investment, or even the No. 1-performing investment class. Once again, proper diversification based on your objectives is the key to long-term investment success.

Michael Ceaser, a certified financial planner, owns and operates Asset Planning Co. in Taylor.



Karsten Lipiec

Chelsea graduate earns Air Force ROTC honor

Karsten Lipiec, a University of Michigan junior and Chelsea High School graduate, is fully enrolled in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps.

From his participation in to receive the annual Lt. Normal C. Anshuetz II Memorial Sabre, which is given for exemplifying personal standards, character traits, social values and academic excellence of First Lt. Anshuetz.

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Area colleges honor dean's list recipients, graduates

Local students were honored by area colleges and universities recently for their achievements.

A Vanderbilt University, Chelsea resident Sara Mead was named to the dean's list, meaning she received at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Chelsea High School graduates Laura J. Hafner and Matthew J. Montagne were named to the Grand Valley State University dean's list. Dexter High School graduate Betsy Grannis was also named. Dean's list students must receive a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

Hope College announced that Chelsea residents Erin Schiller, Janette Griebel and Joshua Metzler; Dexter resident Kelly Yager; and Gregory resident Lisa Hughes were named to the dean's list. Hope College requires a 3.5 grade point average for the honor.

Western Michigan University announced its graduates for the year. Chelsea graduates are Monica Hansen, Randall Hurst, Lisa Koeniger and Andrew Wetzel. Dexter graduate is Michael McTasney. Pinckney graduates are Dan Demare and Derek Thompson.

Miami University of Ohio students were named to the dean's list for earning a 3.5 grade point average or better. Chelsea resident Stacey M. Gerhard and Pinckney resident Jamison E. Barnes were named to the list.

Concordia College announced that Linda Grimm, a senior at the college, was named to the dean's list for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or better for both semesters of the 1997-98 school year. She is a resident of Chelsea.

Heather Hicks, daughter of James and Deanna Hicks of Chelsea, was named to the Clarke College dean's list for earning a 3.65 or higher grade point average. Clarke is a liberal arts college in Dubuque, Iowa.

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AAA offers tips to keep your vehicle cool

Summer weather can cause temperatures inside a parked vehicle to reach levels that can be dangerous or even fatal, especially to children and pets.

"Temperatures in a parked car can quickly soar to near 200 degrees," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Service manager. "Don't leave children or animals unattended in a car — not even for a short period of time."

Before entering a vehicle that has been parked in high temperatures, Basch says motorists should open the vehicle's doors and let the interior cool for a few minutes.

A sun shield can be used to cover the windshield to minimize heat buildup and to help protect the car's interior.

Cover metal and plastic parts on safety belts and child safety seats to prevent burns. If possible, park in shady areas on warm days.

Some motorists opt to leave a window partially open to keep the vehicle cool. This may be appropriate in some circumstances, but it could make your vehicle "hot" by being an easy target for car thieves.

A properly working air conditioning system also will help motorists keep their cool in summer heat. If needed, have the air conditioning serviced by a qualified technician, using the refrigerant R-12 in older systems or R-134A in new or modified air conditioners. Do not use non-approved substitute refrigerants.

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'Joseph' Set Today

Dexter Community Players will present Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat today through Saturday at Copeland Auditorium. Pictured, front from back, are cast members Wendy Fritz, Bill Quigley, Sean Kifer, John Campbell and Katie Moore; center from left, Paul Hoak III, Dan Ferrario, Tricia White and John Reiser; back from left, Bryan Murphy and Brencken Bachman.

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Chelsea reader shares fortune cookie recipe

DEAR MS. CAIRNS: I read in Kitchen Korner in The Chelsea Standard that someone was looking for a fortune cookie recipe ... I have enclosed one that I have. Actually, I have never been able to find any other recipe for fortune cookies. My son made these fortune cookies a few years ago. They don't come out as "processed" as the ones you buy. They are definitely homemade, but have the taste of a fortune cookie. Hope this is something you can use. — Rowena AtLee of Chelsea.

DEAR ROWENA: Thanks so much, on behalf of Darlene Mar of Southgate, for sharing your recipe. Darlene misplaced hers, and I couldn't find one for her in any of my many Chinese cookbooks. I was surprised to learn that your recipe came from the Better Homes & Gardens

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"Cookies for Kids" Cookbook. I can understand why it was included though: Kids would especially enjoy writing the fortunes, and it is an easy cookie for young children to make, with the exception of baking them on a pancake griddle or in a frying pan.

GOOD FORTUNE COOKIES
(Before making the cookies, write fortunes, wise sayings or wisecracks on strips of paper, then make the cookie, tucking in the fortune before you fold them up.)
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
Dash salt
2 tablespoons cooking oil
1 egg white
1 tablespoon water
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
In a small mixing bowl, stir together flour, sugar, cornstarch and salt.
Add cooking oil and egg white and stir until mixture is smooth.
Add water and vanilla. Stir well.

Lightly grease a skillet or griddle with cooking oil. Make one cookie at a time.
For each cookie, pour 1 tablespoon of the batter in the skillet or on the griddle and spread to a 4-inch circle. Cook over medium-low heat about 4 minutes or until light brown. Turn with wide pancake turner and cook 15 seconds more.
When the cookie is done on both sides, use the pancake turner to lift it out of the skillet onto a pot holder.
Working quickly, while the cookie is still soft, put a fortune in the middle and fold the cookie in half.
Bend the folded side in half over the edge of a bowl. Gently pull on the ends so edges of cookie come together. Put in a muffin pan to cool so cookie will retain its shape.
From Better Homes & Gardens "Cookies for Kids."

Reader offers recipe for inverted stifed noisettes of pork tenderloin

INVERTED STIFFED NOISETTES OF PORK TENDERLOIN
2 small pork tenderloins
12 leaves savoy cabbage (inner green leaves)
For the stuffing:
1/4 cup hot water
1 ounce dried morels or porcini mushrooms (or 2 ounces fresh)
3/4 leeks, chopped
3/4 cup diced (in 3/8-inch pieces) Granny Smith apple
2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
For marinade:
2 cups pure maple syrup
1 onion, chopped
1/3 cup cherry juice
3 cloves garlic
2 tablespoons crushed black pepper
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 tablespoon dry mustard
4 sprigs fresh thyme
1/4 cup water from mushrooms
2 tablespoons lemon juice
Clean the pork by removing all silverskin and fat. Cut the pork into 3/4-inch to 1-inch-thick noisettes. Place in marinade and refrigerate overnight.
In a saute pan, heat the oil and add the morels, leeks and apples. Saute over medium heat for about 3 to 4 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside to cool.
Blanch the cabbage leaves in boiling water and shock them immediately in ice water, being careful to keep the leaves whole. Drain and blot off all the water with paper towels. Using a 4-inch pastry cutter, cut rounds from the leaves.
Remove the pork from the marinade and blot dry. Heat the olive oil in a large nonstick saute pan over medium-high heat. Place the pork in the pan and cook on all sides for about 6

to 7 minutes. Cool.
Place the cabbage leaves down and add about 1 tablespoon of the morel stuffing in the center, place pork on top, then pull up the sides of the cabbage and turn over. Repeat.
Place in an ovenproof dish and bake at 350 for about 15 to 18 minutes or until an internal temperature of 143 degrees is reached.

Did you know...
• True buttermilk is what's left over after cream is churned to make butter. Usually, the leftover is dried and used by the baking industry and never sees grocery store shelves. The buttermilk sold in stores is "cultured" buttermilk. It is made with fresh low-fat milk and dry milk solids. A bacterial culture is added to produce lactic acid, and the end result is a thick, tangy product, usually used in baking.

• Middle-aged men who consume large amounts of fruits and vegetables are significantly less likely to suffer strokes than other men, according to a 20-year Harvard University study. For every increase of three servings of fruits and vegetables per day, there was an approximately 20 percent decrease in the risk of stroke, the study showed.

• Almost 10 quarts of milk are required to produce 1 pound of butter. The milk must be at 80 percent milk fat, and the only added ingredients allowed are salt and coloring.

• The difference between jam and jelly is that jam is made from the fruit itself, while jelly is made from the fruit juices. In jam, the whole product is crushed and used in the end product.

• Eating soy foods could reduce your chances of getting cancer, osteoporosis and heart disease. Soybeans are high in calcium, contain a form of protein that causes less calcium to be lost from the body and are cholesterol-free.

Source for Did you know? items: The Michigan Farm Bureau.

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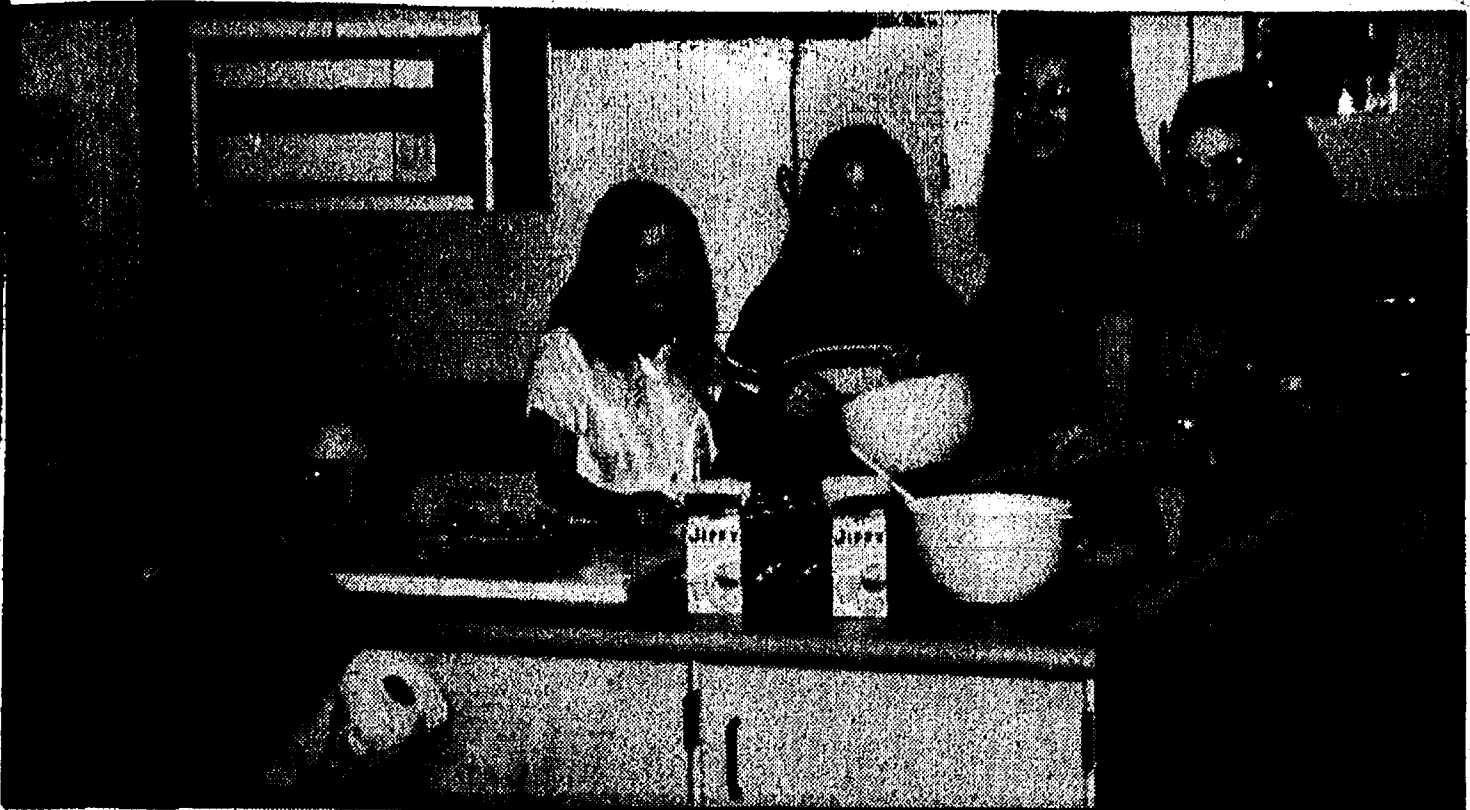
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Active Scouts

Although members of Girl Scout Troop 634 have just completed their first year together, many have been in scouting for nine years as members of other troops. During their first year together, they have earned several patches, performed service projects and taken educational trips. Pictured at the backstage dressing room of Costume Department at Eastern Michigan University are Kate Major, Becky Major, Porscha Doucette, Cynthia Doucette, Laura Luther, Katie Strand-Evans, Jim McLaugh, Kelly Hickman and Heidi Roloff. Also pictured making muffins and brownies for Christmas in April volunteers are part of their community project are Samantha and Brien, Porscha Doucette, Kate Major, Laura Luther and Megan Carroll. Their leaders are Christine Luther, Judy Rich and Sue Major.

Family Medicine

My uncle, who lives in Texas, was struck by lightning last summer. Fortunately, he survived the experience with only minor burns. The injury made all of us in the family aware that the dangers of lightning are real, rather than a remote problem that always happens to someone else. But how common is being struck by lightning?

Lightning is a direct result of a large difference in electrical charge between the clouds and the ground. This difference in voltage ultimately becomes so great that it overcomes the insulating property of the air. Then, a cloud-to-ground lightning strike occurs.

The National Weather Service estimates that there are 100,000 thunderstorms each year causing approximately 30 million lightning strikes. That makes quite a few opportunities for injury!

All areas of the country experience thunderstorms, but they are most common in Florida and along the Gulf coast.

Considering the large number of lightning strikes, it is surprising that there are only about 50 to 100 deaths each year caused by it. (The numbers vary depending on the specific year and also on the way in which the statistics are collected.) There are also about 260 lightning injuries, like your uncle suffered, each year. Ninety-two percent of lightning injuries and fatalities are recorded between May and September — the months most of us play outdoors — and 73 percent are in the afternoon or early evening.

Of those persons struck by lightning, about 30 percent die, most within one hour of the injury. Of those who survive, about 73 percent have some form of permanent disability. Your uncle is among the most fortunate of survivors.

Your uncle's experience with lightning reminds me that there is a need for all of us to be more knowledgeable about

the possible health consequences of this natural phenomenon. These injuries are a consequence of outdoor activities, so pay attention to the weather forecast when going outdoors. Be particularly vigilant when thunderstorms are forecast. Remember also that lightning often precedes rain and that it can strike as far as 10 miles from the storm front. When the storm front moves in or you hear thunder, move indoors.

People who stay out on the beach or golf course when a storm approaches are the most likely to be struck by lightning. If an unavoidable circumstance requires that you

stay outside in a storm, follow one or more of these suggestions to reduce your risk of injury: Avoid standing near tall objects such as trees because the lightning may strike them and also pass through you. Lightning will also strike metal objects such as an umbrella or golf clubs. Get under a permanent shelter or building in a storm, or get into your vehicle; don't stand under your umbrella!

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

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If an ad in the Sunday newspaper supplement offered a perennial plant that would grow in almost any type of soil and in full sun or shade, is totally winter hardy, is easy to propagate and offers a wide range of flower colors and shapes, blooming heights and flowering times, you might say it sounded too good to be true.

But this does indeed describe the daylily (Hemerocallis spp.) And because it does have so much to offer, it's a staple in perennial gardens throughout the Midwest.

The name Hemerocallis means "beauty for a day," says Mary McLellan, Master Gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University. It's appropriate because each daylily blossom lasts only one day. Each plant may produce dozens of blossoms, however, and careful variety selection can give you plants in flower from late May or June through frost.

Flowers may be a single or double, deep or shallow, and petals may be overlapped, crinkly, ruffled, recurved or fringed. Colors range from white through every conceivable shade of yellow, orange and pink through deep mahogany.

Plant heights range from 12 inches to 5 feet. Almost any combination of flower size and type and plant height is possible.

In the landscape, daylilies can eliminate the need to mow steep slopes, accent a pond or

other landscape feature, add clumps of color to the foundation planting or sweeping drifts of foliage and flowers to perennial beds and lawns.

"Daylilies are as versatile as they are tolerant of a wide range of planting conditions," McLellan observes. "Good drainage is the only thing they demand of a planting site."

The best times to plant or propagate daylilies are late summer (mid-August through September) or spring, just as established plants are starting to grow. Plants spread readily, McLellan notes, and may become overcrowded and need dividing every four to six years. Dividing, of course, yields new plants for making new plantings or sharing with friends or family and invigorates the old planting.

To divide, simply lift the old clumps from the soil with a spading fork and cut the plants into sections so that each piece has at least one healthy-looking fan of leaves. Replant as soon as possible so the roots don't dry out. Making planting holes big enough to spread the roots out, cover and firm the soil, and water.

Though daylilies tolerate neglect, they will do even better with an occasional thorough watering during dry spells, especially right after planting, McLellan suggests. Mulching helps slow the loss of soil moisture and discourages weeds, she notes. Any weed that does get a foothold can be easily hand-pulled. Once plants are established, the thick foliage usually shades out most weeds.

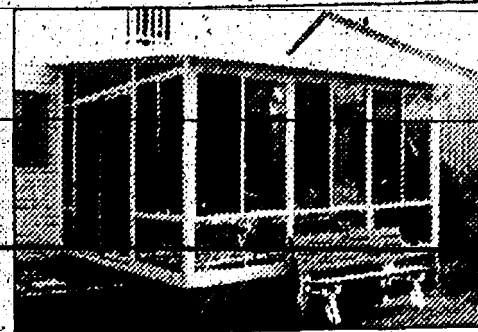
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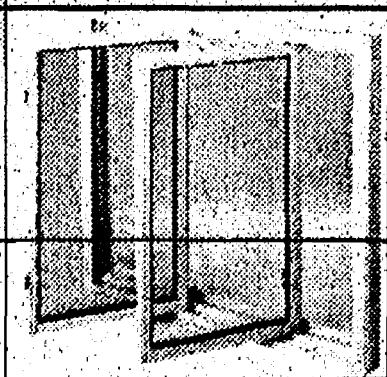
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Your Cat And The Summer cold

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Feline upper respiratory infections usually cause nasal and ocular discharge, coughing and sneezing. Some cats may become very lethargic and may not be interested in eating and playing.

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House passes legislation to benefit historic preservation

The Michigan House of Representatives has approved legislation sponsored by state Rep. Kirk Profit (D-Ypsilanti) to assist owners of historic property.

The House approved legislation to establish a state tax credit for property owners who perform historic restoration on residential and commercial buildings.

"For many years, historic preservation groups have sought a state tax credit to promote historic restoration of landmark buildings and historic homes," Profit said. "Historic restoration preserves Michigan's past, and it also creates skilled trades jobs."

The legislation would allow owners of historic homes and buildings to claim up to 25 percent of qualified expenditures if the taxpayer also receives a federal credit for his-

toric preservation activities. To be eligible for the credit, the person must either own the property or have a long-term lease.

Under the legislation, "qualified expenditures" are defined as capital expenditures that were not paid more than five years after initial certification of the rehabilitation plan was approved by the State Historic Preservation Office and that were paid after Dec. 31, 1996, for rehabilitation of a historic resource.

To be a historic resource, a building must be located within a historic district, designated by the National Register of Historic Places, the State Register of Historic Sites or a locally-designated historic district. A building may also be a historic resource if it is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places or on the State Register

of Historic Sites. "Michigan would become the 39th state to offer a tax credit for historic restoration," Profit said. "A tax incentive to restore historic properties will help revive decaying urban neighborhoods, generate well-paying construction jobs, and strengthen tourism in Michigan."

Profit said that historic restoration is one of the biggest job creators available to the state. Every \$1 million spent on historic restoration creates 12 more jobs than for every \$1 million spent on manufacturing automobiles.

"Recognizing and celebrating our historic buildings bring pride, character and identity to the neighborhood," Profit said. "My legislation approved today will help revive urban neighborhoods."

Organ donor cards available

Organ donor registry enrollment cards will be in all Secretary of State branches, including Chelsea's, by mid to late July.

Also this fall the Secretary of State's office will begin mailing special organ donor registry enrollment cards with driver licenses and personal identification cards. Anyone wishing to place their name on the registry will fill out the enrollment card and place it in the stamped, addressed envelope. The enrollment cards will be formatted for optical

scanning so the names and addresses can be transferred to a computer file and sent to Gift of Life for the organ donor registry.

"Today's bill signing authorizes the Secretary of State to help build an organ donor registry which will be maintained by the Gift of Life Agency in Ann Arbor," Secretary of State Candice Miller said.

Miller added that the new Michigan driver license and personal identification card already provide residents with

a convenient method for making their organ donation wishes known. The new driver license and ID card have space on the back for writing organ donor information, eliminating the need for an organ donor sticker.

With more than 2,400 Michigan residents waiting for an organ or tissue transplant, the need for donors is critical.

In addition to filling out enrollment cards, residents may call the Gift of Life toll free at 1-800-482-4881 to have their name added to the organ donor registry. This number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

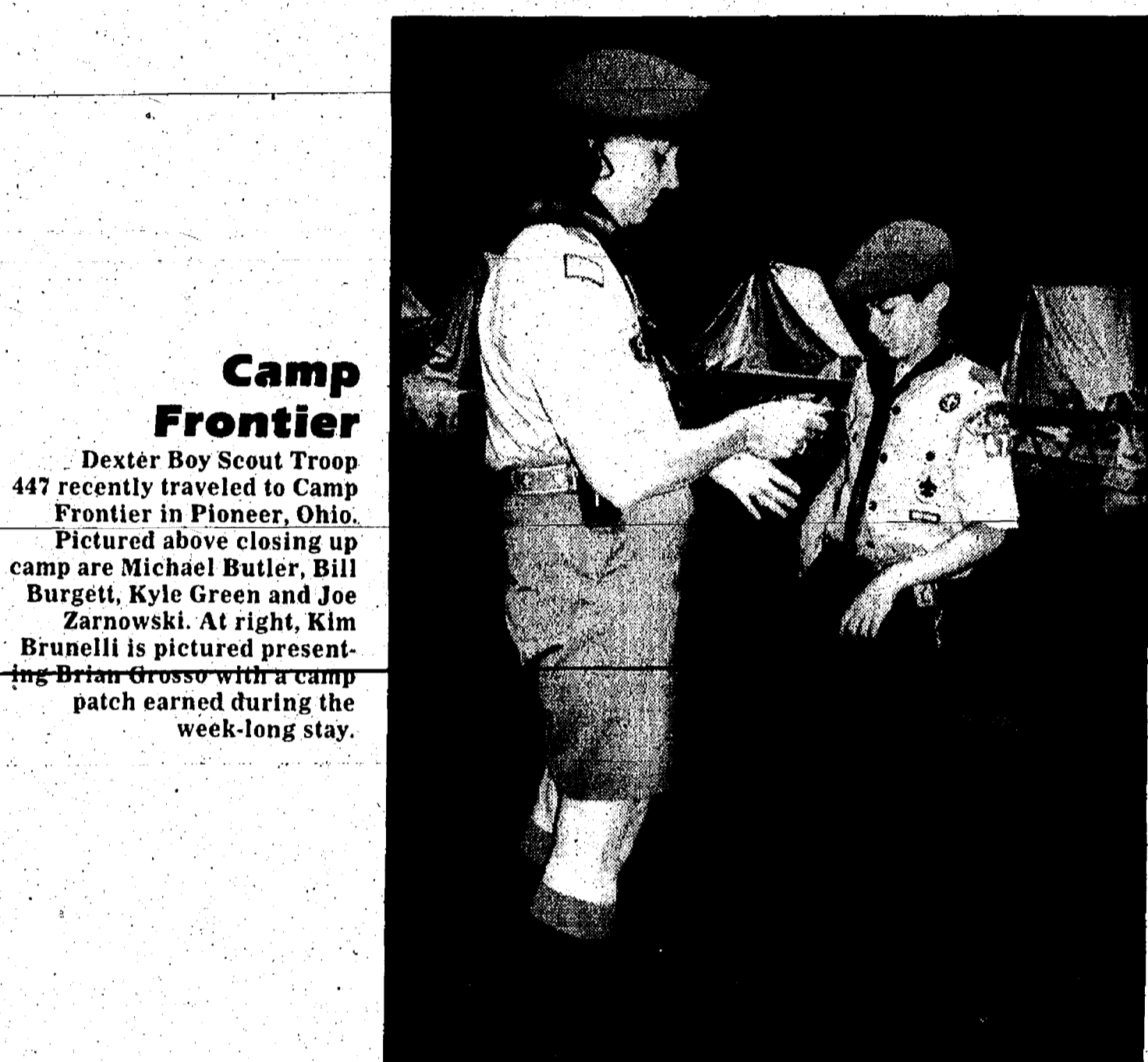
The Organ and Tissue Donor Registry is a confidential 24-hour computerized database maintained by the Gift of Life Agency in Ann Arbor. Registry information is available to doctors and hospitals at the time of death when next of kin are asked to grant permission for organ donation.

For more information, call the Gift of Life at 1-800-482-4881.

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Photos by Mary Kumbler



Camp Frontier
Dexter Boy Scout Troop 447 recently traveled to Camp Frontier in Pioneer, Ohio. Pictured above closing up camp are Michael Butler, Bill Burgett, Kyle Green and Joe Zarnowski. At right, Kim Brunelli is pictured presenting Brian Grosso with a camp patch earned during the week-long stay.

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Dexter Village

Property Damage

Malicious destruction of property was reported on Inverness near Second Street, June 25. A 34-year-old woman told a Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputy that someone broke the rear window to her 1989 Pontiac, causing \$250 in damage. A 1991 Toyota sustained \$250 damage when its rear window was broken out, as did a 1996 Ford Taurus, both owned by neighbors. Police noted that a club or bat was used. Similar reports were made in Webster Township.

Assault and Battery

Assault and battery was reported at Mill Creek Middle School, 7305 Ann Arbor St., June 26. A 14-year-old boy told a sheriff's deputy that a 15-year-old boy attacked him in a field just south of the school on the last day before summer vacation. The officer witnessed the fight on June 5 and broke it up. Several days later, the victim's father said he wanted to file criminal charges.

The deputy, who is the youth officer assigned to Dexter schools, reported that the suspect chased the victim and then hit him over the head with a handful of shaving cream. The victim reportedly tried to get away but the suspect held him back by grabbing his shirt. The deputy then saw the suspect punch the victim several times before he was able to intervene.

The victim told the officer that the incident was unprovoked and the suspect admitted it got out of hand.

Chelsea Village

Littering

A 20-year-old Chelsea man reported a litter bug to Chelsea Police June 29. The man told police that he saw a passenger in a car throw trash in the McDonald's parking lot, 1535 S. Main St. The witness, an employee of the restaurant, said he could not positively identify the suspect but he did provide a license plate number. Chelsea Police sent a warning to the vehicle owner.

Suspicious Incident

A suspicious incident was reported in the 500 block of Arthur Street, July 3. A man told police that a large group of teens was loitering near Wellington Street. Police discovered five teen-agers attempting to launch potatoes into the air using a so-called "spud launcher." Police confiscated the device and the teens were warned such action is illegal.

Larceny

Larceny was reported by a man living in the 11000 block of Dexter-Chelsea Road, July 2. The 61-year-old man told Chelsea Police that someone stole from his vehicle a tool box and tools totaling \$200. However, the victim was not sure where or when the incident occurred.

Larceny was reported at Perky Panty, 501 S. Main St., June 30. A 17-year-old clerk told police that someone pumped \$5 worth of gasoline and left without paying. The license plate number she gave police is registered to a company in Saline.

Hit and Run

A hit and run was reported on the corner of Old US-12 and M-52, June 30. A 49-year-old Dexter man told police that someone hit the back of his van, forcing him to hit another car. The man said he stopped and spoke with the driver who hit him, but the other driver proceeded without stopping.

When the victim went inside Polly's to call police, the driver who struck his vehicle fled the scene. However, the man got the driver's license plate number and police were able to trace the hit-and-run driver to an address in Napoleon.

The suspect was called in for an interview. He admitted to hitting the other man's vehicle. He said the roads were slick and he couldn't stop in time.

A check of the Law Enforcement Information Network showed that the suspect's driver's license was suspended for "unsatisfactory driving record." He was issued two tickets for driving with a suspended license and for failing to stop and identify himself at the scene of an ac-

cident.

Lyndon Township

Escape

Sheriff's deputies investigated an escape from Cassidy Lake Boat Camp, 18901 Waterloo Road, June 26. A 17-year-old boy was discovered missing at 3 p.m. Someone had seen him running toward a lake and his hard hat was found near a fence.

A short time later, a nearby resident returned the fugitive. The man said the boy entered his residence and began talking to his uncle. He said he advised the boy to return to boot camp and then drove him back.

The boy, who was incarcerated for attempted breaking and entering, told police that he climbed a tree and hopped on top of a church, then off the roof and over a fence to make his way out of the boot camp. He ran through a swamp and woods before coming upon the man's home. He then asked for some water and used the telephone to call his mother, who lives in Nashville, Mich.

Assault and Battery

Assault and battery was reported at Bruin Lake campground on Bruin Lake Shores Road, June 28. A 24-year-old Saline woman told a sheriff's deputy that she asked a 31-year-old Belleville man to be quiet because he was disturbing her daughter and the man hit her.

The victim said the suspect was arguing with his girlfriend around 10 p.m. When she asked him to stop yelling, the man allegedly punched her once in the chest with a closed fist. The victim reportedly punched him and he then slapped her face. The victim's boyfriend broke it up.

It was noted in the report that both had been drinking beer and the victim seemed confused about the location of where the incident occurred.

Larceny

Larceny was reported in the 5000 block of South Lake Road, June 28. A 49-year-old man told a sheriff's deputy that someone stole his newspaper box, valued at \$15. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that 10 newspaper boxes were stolen from his neighborhood. A neighbor located 35 of them on Roepke Road.

Scio Township

Warrant Arrests

Robert L. Hill, 21, of Hudson was arrested by a sheriff's deputy on eastbound I-94 near Zeeb Road, June 29. Hill was wanted on a bench warrant for urinating in public. He was taken to Chelsea Police.

Timothy A. Caraway Jr., 31, of Jackson and Lyle-Ray Christian, 20, of Wyandotte were arrested at Fort Knox Self Storage, 3870 Jackson Road, June 30. A sheriff's deputy was initially dispatched to a suspicious vehicle at the business. A computer check of the vehicle's three occupants turned

up warrants for both men.

Caraway was wanted on a bench warrant for driving a vehicle with improper plates and Christian was wanted for failing to appear in court on charges of speeding and not wearing a seat belt.

Larceny

Larceny was reported at Polo Fields Golf Course, 5200 Polo Fields Road, June 27. A 29-year-old Ann Arbor man told a sheriff's deputy that between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. June 10 someone stole three golf clubs valued at over \$500. The victim works in the pro shop and said he set his golf clubs outside the shop and discovered them missing at the end of his shift.

Suspicious Incident

A suspicious incident was reported in the 5000 block of Platt Road, June 26. A 49-year-old man told a sheriff's deputy that he noticed a single paint ball splatter on his kitchen window, which faces the roadway. Initially, he thought it was a leaf from a recent storm. However, upon further investigation he discovered the paint mark on his window as well as one on his neighbor's garage door.

Property Damage

Malicious destruction of property was reported at Baxter's Party Store, 2930 N. Zeeb Road, July 2. A 38-year-old township woman told a sheriff's deputy that around 9 a.m. she pulled into a parking space at the store and then realized she cut off a man in a van who was waiting for the same spot. Then, she said, she felt the back of her car go up as if the man hit her bumper. She said he yelled something as she went inside the store.

While inside, the woman said she saw her son and told him what happened. He

looked at her car and discovered a scratch on the passenger's side rear bumper.

The suspect, a 30-year-old Ann Arbor man, told police that the woman pulled into the parking spot and he told her to slow down or she would get into an accident. He denied hitting her car and his three passengers corroborated his story.

Found Property

A 41-year-old Pinckney man found a purse in the 1000 block of N. Zeeb Road, July 3. The purse belongs to a 42-year-old Pinckney woman. A deputy called Livingston County Sheriff's Department and asked someone to notify the woman that her purse was found.

Stolen Vehicle

While investigating a crash involving a suspected drunk driver on Liberty Road, July 3, a sheriff's deputy discovered the crashed vehicle had been stolen. The incident occurred shortly before midnight.

The deputy responded to a single-car crash on Liberty Road near Knight Road. The driver was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital with facial injuries. But before leaving via an ambulance, the man told police that he took the vehicle without permission. The suspect said he had been drinking alcohol at a party and he could not find his keys so he took a vehicle that had keys in the ignition.

Webster Township

Breaking and Entering

Breaking and entering was reported in the 4400 block of Valentine Road, June 29. A 36-year-old man told a sheriff's deputy that between 4:30 a.m. June 26 and 1:15 p.m. June 29 someone broke into his residence by prying a door off its hinges. The man's bedroom

had been ransacked and someone rummaged through the closet in his weight room. A 12-gauge shotgun, valued at \$600, was reported stolen. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

Property Damage

Malicious destruction of property was reported in the 4800 block of Meadow Lark Lane, June 25. A 39-year-old man told a sheriff's deputy that he awoke to the sound of glass breaking at 4:15 a.m. The victim said he heard male voices outside. But by the time he looked, all he could see was a dark vehicle with its lights off driving away. A total of 10 windows were broken, causing \$3,000 in damage.

Lima Township

Property Damage

Malicious destruction of property was reported at the intersection of Parker and Scio Church Road, June 26. A 33-year-old Saline woman told a sheriff's deputy that someone broke into her vehicle after she left it on the side of the road. The front windshield and rear window were broken and the driver's side door was dented between 6 p.m. June 24 and 11 a.m. June 25. Damage is estimated at \$500.

Warrant Arrest

Malinda R. Brown, 23, of Jackson was arrested on westbound I-94 near Old US-12.

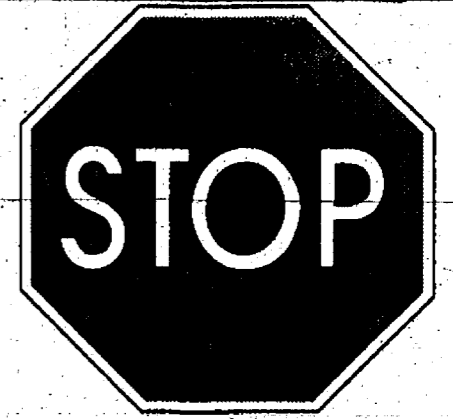
July 1. She was wanted on a misdemeanor contempt of court charge for retail fraud.

Sylvan Township

Property Damage

Malicious destruction of property was reported in the 6900 block of Lingane Road, June 16. A 45-year-old man told a sheriff's deputy that a maple tree sustained some \$400 in damage when someone ripped off all the branches. The victim said he was on his way to work when he discovered the damage.

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



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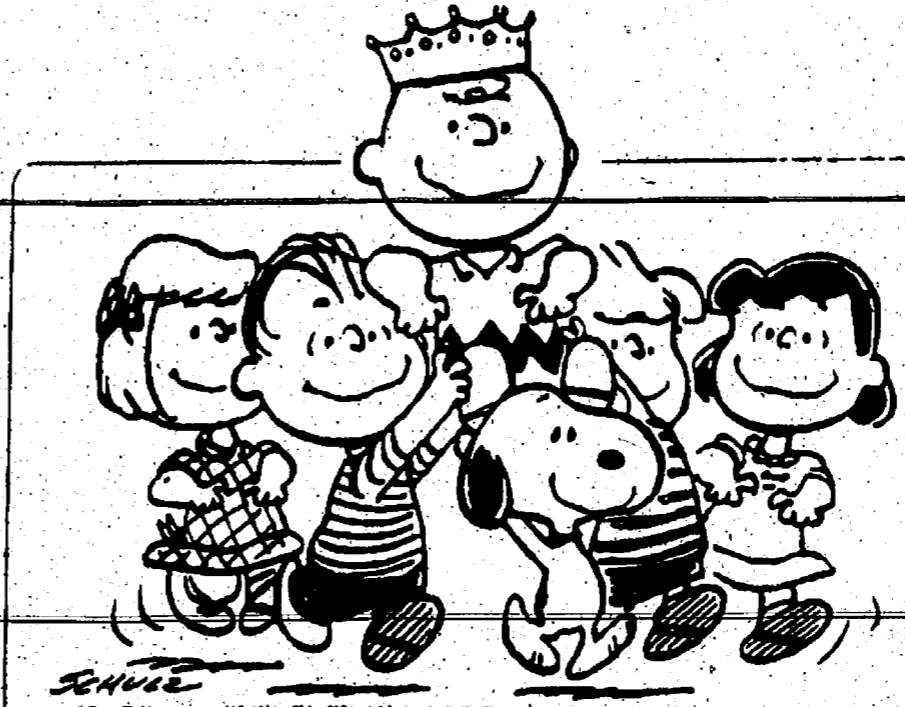
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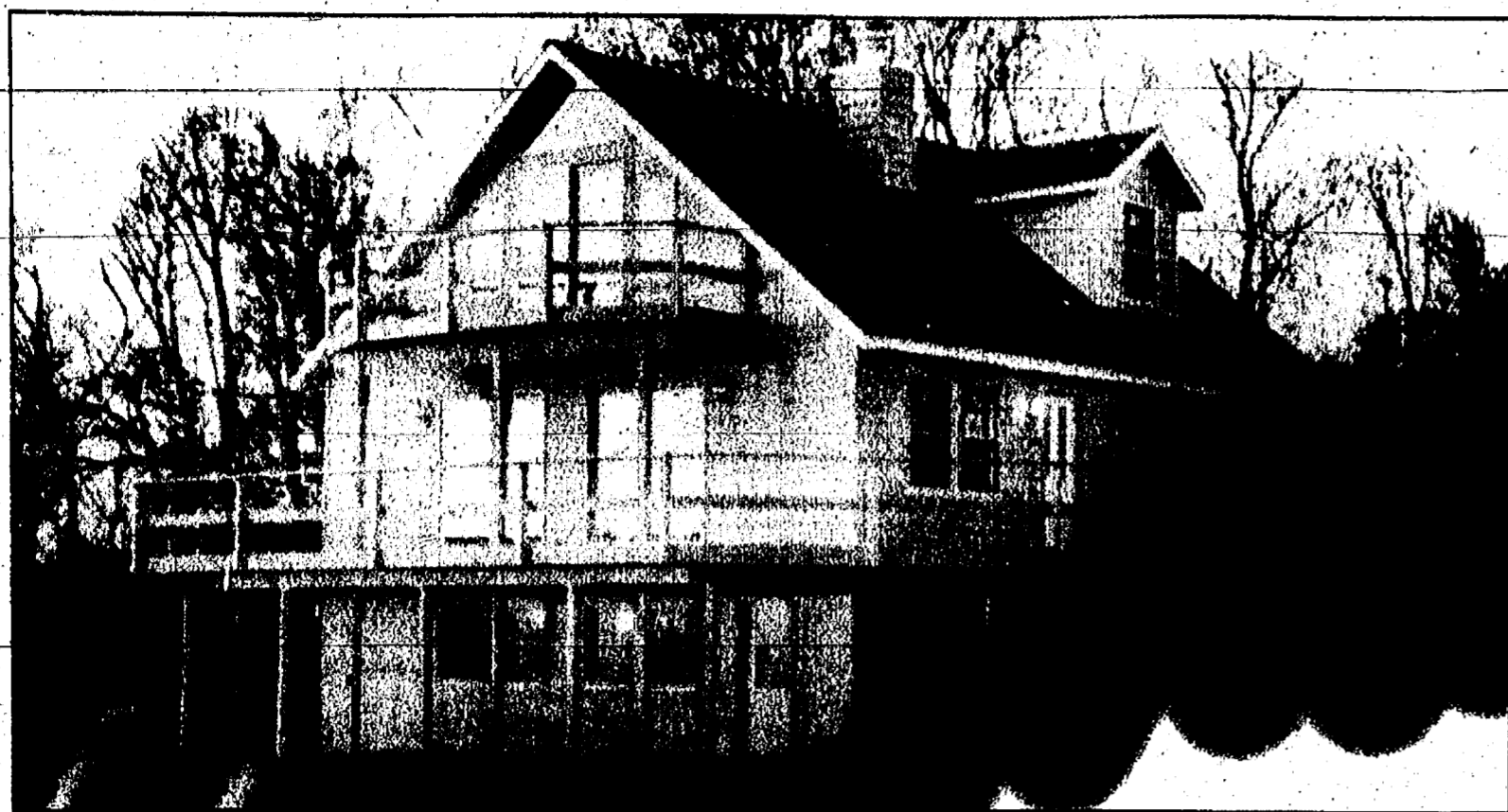


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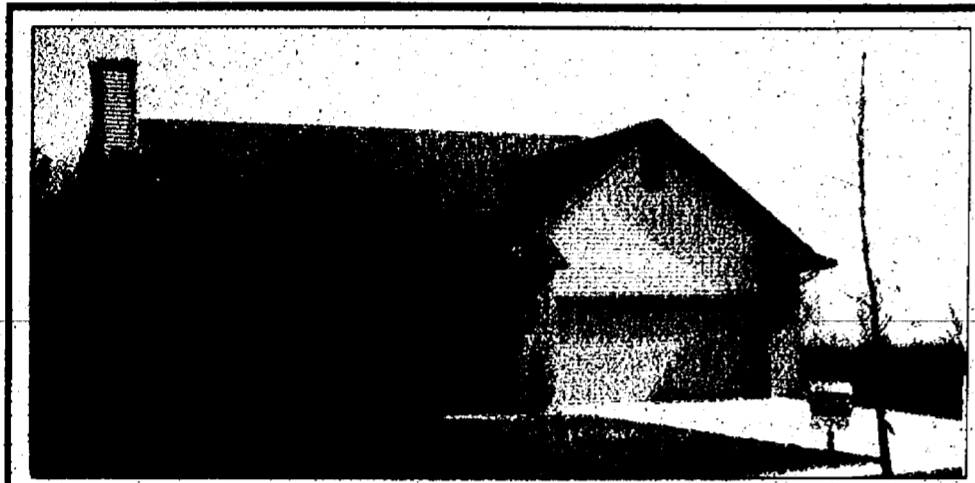
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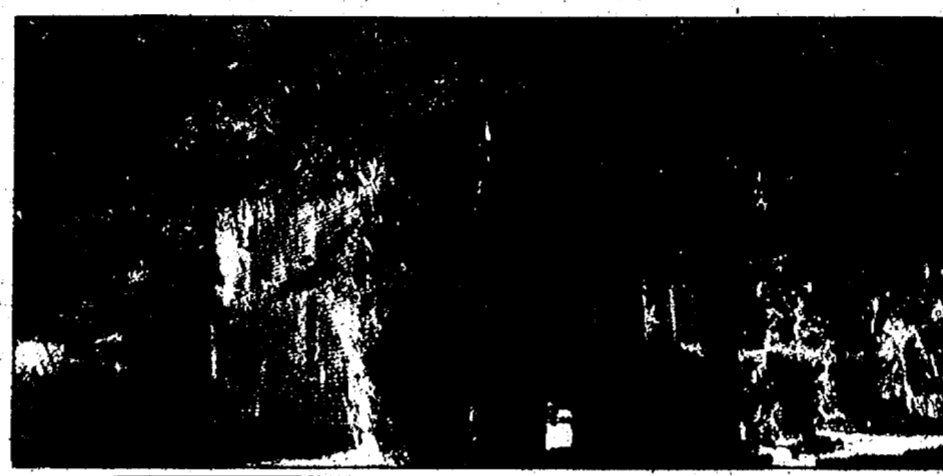


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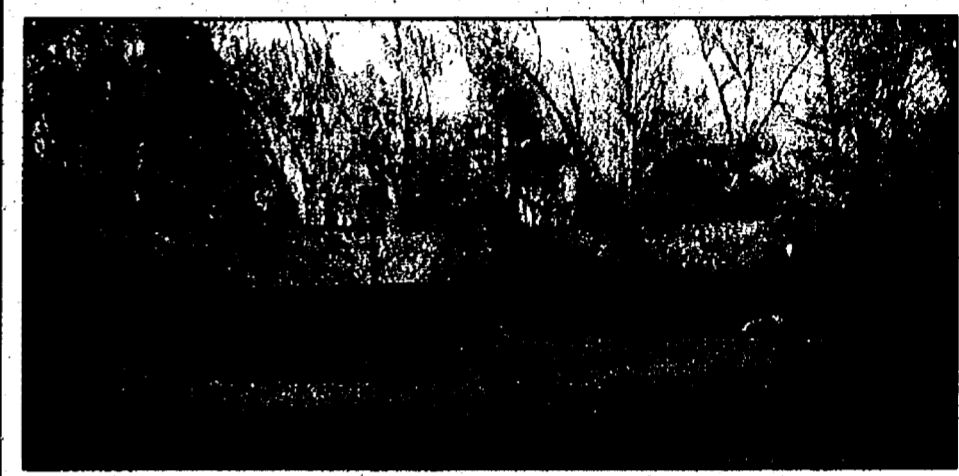


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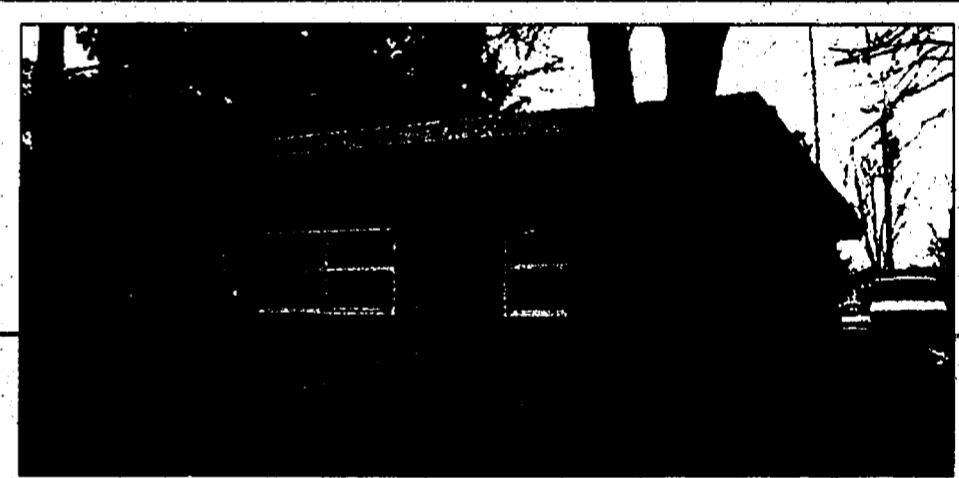
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Experts offer advice on how to avoid foodborne illness

How clean is your kitchen? Food-safety experts believe that home-based food-borne illness may be an even bigger problem — and more common — than restaurant-based illnesses.

The reason, experts believe, could be that today's busy families may be inviting illness by using the same unwashed plate for preparing and serving meat, poultry or fish; using raw eggs in homemade ice cream, mayonnaise and egg nog; tasting uncooked cake batter or cookie dough; not disinfecting countertops; not washing fruits and vegetables before eating them; and not washing the hands thoroughly, or at all, when preparing food.

Here's a quiz originally printed in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Consumer magazine to test your knowledge:

Choose the answer that best

describes the practice in your household, whether or not you are the primary food handler.

- QUIZ**
- The temperature of the refrigerator in my home is:
 - A. 50 degrees Fahrenheit.
 - B. 41 Fahrenheit.
 - C. I don't know; I've never measured it.
 - The last time we had leftover cooked stew or other food with meat, chicken or fish, the food was:
 - A. Cooked to the room temperature, then put in the refrigerator.
 - B. Put in the refrigerator immediately after the food was served.
 - C. Left at room temperature overnight or longer.
 - The last time the kitchen sink drain, disposal and connecting pipe in my home were sanitized was:
 - A. Last night.
 - B. Several weeks ago.
 - C. Can't remember.
 - If a cutting board is used in my home to cut raw meat, poultry or fish and it is going to be used to chop another food, the board is:
 - A. Reused as is.
 - B. Wiped with a damp cloth.
 - C. Washed with soap and hot water and sanitized with a mild chlorine bleach solution.
 - The last time we had hamburgers in my home, I ate mine:
 - A. Rare.
 - B. Medium.
 - C. Well done.
 - The last time there was cookie dough in my home, the dough was:
 - A. Made with raw eggs, and I sampled some of it.
 - B. Store-bought, and I sampled some of it.
 - C. Not sampled until baked.
 - I clean my kitchen counters and other surfaces that come in contact with food with:
 - A. Water.
 - B. Hot water and soap.
 - C. Hot water and soap, then bleach solution.
 - D. Hot water and soap, then commercial sanitizing agent.
 - When dishes are washed in my home, they are:
 - A. Cleaned by an automatic dishwasher and then air-dried.
 - B. Left to soak in the sink for several hours and then washed

with soap in the same water. C. Washed right away with hot water and soap in the sink and then air-dried. D. Washed right away with hot water and soap in the sink and immediately towel-dried.

9. The last time I handled raw meat, poultry or fish, I cleaned my hands afterward by:

- A. Wiping them on a towel.
- B. Rinsing them under hot, cold or warm tap water.
- C. Washing with soap and warm water.
- D. Setting them on the counter.
- E. Placing them in the refrigerator.
- F. Microwaving.

ANSWERS

Refrigerators should stay at 41 F. or less, so if you chose answer B, give yourself 2 points. A temperature of 41 degrees or lower is important because it slows the growth of most bacteria. The temperature won't kill the bacteria, but it will keep them from multiplying, and the fewer there are, the less likely you are to get sick.

Freezing at zero F. or less stops bacterial growth, although it won't kill all bacteria already present.

2. Answer B is the best practice; give yourself 2 points if you picked it. Hot food should be refrigerated as soon as possible within two hours after cooking. Date leftovers so they can be used within a safe time, generally within three to five days.

3. Give yourself 2 points for answer A; 1 point for B.

Drains should be sanitized periodically by pouring down the sink a solution of 1 teaspoon chlorine bleach in 1 quart of water, or by using a commercial kitchen cleaning agent used according to package directions.

4. Two points for answer C. Washing with soap and hot water and then sanitizing with a mild bleach solution is the safest practice.

If you pick A, you're violating an important food safety rule: Never allow raw meat, poultry or fish to come in contact with other foods. Answer B isn't good, either. Washing with a damp cloth will not remove bacteria.

5. Give yourself 2 points for C. The safest way to eat hamburgers is to cook them until they are no longer red in the middle and the juices run clear (at least 160 degrees).

6. If you answered A, you may be putting yourself at risk for infection with salmonella enteritis, a bacterium that can be in shell eggs. Cooking the egg or egg-containing food product to at least 140 degrees will kill the bacteria. So answer C will earn you 2 points. Answer B gets 2 points, also.

Foods containing raw eggs carry a salmonella risk, but the commercial counterparts don't. Commercial cookie doughs are not a food hazard.

If you want to sample homemade dough or eat other raw-egg items, use pasteurized eggs, sold in the grocer's refrigerated or frozen-food case.

7. Answers C or D earn 2 points each; answer B, 1 point. Also be sure to keep dishcloths and sponges clean, because, when wet, they harbor bacteria and may promote their growth.

8. Give yourself 2 points each for answers A and C. When washing dishes by hand, it's best to wash them all within two

hours.

9. The only correct practice is answer C, for 2 points. Hands should be washed with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food, especially raw meat. If you have an infection or cut on your hands, wear rubber or plastic gloves and wash the gloved hands just as often as the bare hands, because the gloves can pick up bacteria.

10. Give yourself 2 points for B or C. Food safety experts recommend thawing foods in the refrigerator or microwave oven or putting the package in a water-tight plastic bag submerged in cold water and changing the water every 30 minutes to ensure that the food is kept cold. Food thawed in the microwave should be cooked immediately after thawing.

WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

20 points: You can feel confident about the safety of foods served in your home.

12 to 19 points: Re-examine your food-safety practices. Some key rules are being violated.

11 points or below: Take steps immediately to correct food handling, storage and cooking techniques used in your home. Current practices put you and other members of your household in danger of food-borne illness.

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Huron Watershed Council receives grant

The Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) has received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a pilot project entitled Advanced Identification of Wetlands (ADID).

The ADID project aims to demonstrate how assessments of wetland functional values can provide land owners and communities important information on the potential benefits of their wetlands. The functional values that are to be assessed are floral diversity and wildlife habitat, fish-

ery and amphibian habitat, flood/storm water storage, runoff attenuation, water quality protection, shoreline and stream bank protection, and aesthetics/recreation.

The council selected the watershed of the North Branch Mill Creek for this project because the watershed has a significant number of high-quality wetlands and is under intense development pressure.

The study area, which also includes the main branch of Mill Creek below the North Branch to the confluence with

the Huron River, encompasses the villages of Dexter and Chelsea, and portions of the townships of Lyndon, Dexter, Webster, Sylvan, Lima and Scio.

HRWC staff have begun field work, and are conducting rapid assessments of wetland functional values through a method developed by Tilton & Associates of Ann Arbor. For the most part staff are assessing wetlands from the roadside, and use supplemental information from aerial photographs and maps.

Land owners who are interested in learning the functional values of their wetlands, and others with questions about the ADID project, should contact Jim Nicita of the HRWS at 769-5123.

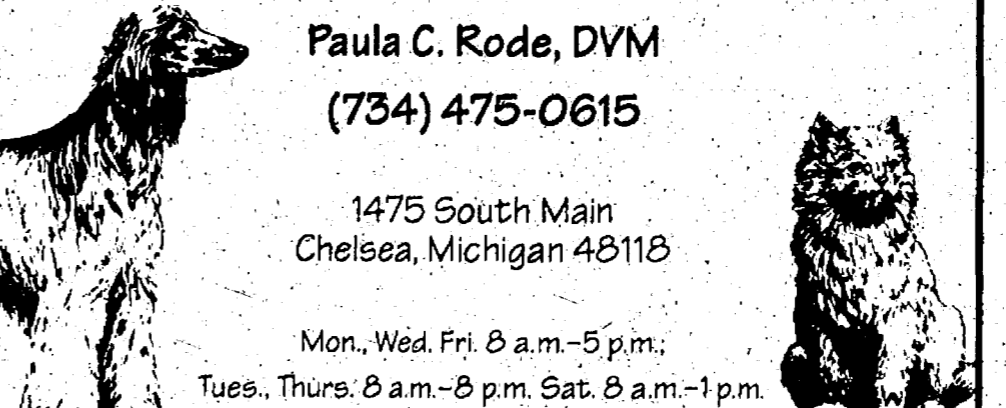
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Army Pvt. Matthew R. Kingsley has graduated from basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

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Bill will provide training for teachers

Congresswoman Debbie Stabenow and Senator Carl Levin recently introduced the Teacher Technology Training Act of 1998. It will provide K-12 school teachers with the ability to receive essential training in the area of computer literacy.

Currently, there are over 2.9 million teachers across the United States, many of whom work in school districts that do not have funding available to provide teacher training in the area of computer literacy and technology.

"Teachers are at the front lines in developing the minds of our children and as we move closer to the 21st century, it's imperative that our teachers have the ability to develop their skills so they can guide our children through the computer age," Stabenow said. "The legislation I am sponsoring with Senator Levin will increase the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit for teachers so they can receive needed training in technology and computer literacy."

"Specifically, our legislation would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit from 20 percent to 50 percent," Stabenow said. "Our new tax credit will cover

any tuition or related expense of a qualified technology that focuses on integrating basic or advanced computer functions into a course curriculum."

Last year, Congress adopted the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit as part of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. This tax credit is targeted to adults who want to go back to school, change careers, or take courses to upgrade their skills. Currently, a 20 percent tax credit has been designated for the first \$5,000 of tuition and required fees and for the first \$10,000 thereafter.

The Stabenow/Levin legislation would expand this credit solely for teachers in an elementary or secondary school and only for technology courses approved by that teacher's local school agency.

In addition to the Stabenow/Levin Legislation, Stabenow also introduced the Teacher Technology Access Act of 1998, which gives every K-12 school teacher the ability to purchase their own personal computer, by providing teachers with a needed tax credit of up to \$2,000 a year for the purchase of personal computer systems, modems, printers and educational software programs.

"Legislation I have introduced today sends a clear message that if we are going to bring technology to our classrooms, we must also support our teachers," Stabenow said. "My two bills are part of a multi-step approach to modernizing our public schools for the 21st century."

"Through efforts I have championed in the last year, such as 'NetDays,' and computer donation tax credits and recycling, we are now providing more children with the tools they need to compete in the computer age. But this is only part of the solution. Improving infrastructure, using high-tech computers, and accessing the Internet are all valuable resources for the classroom, but our students cannot reach their potential without a highly trained, computer-literate teacher."

In previous months, Stabenow has wired over 45 public schools to the Internet in the Eighth District of Michigan by organizing volunteer-based "NetDays," using private donations giving ten of thousands of students Internet access; introduced the Computer Donation Incentive Act, passed last year, which gives businesses an enhanced tax credit for donating used computers to public schools; and ob-

tained over \$60,000 in computer equipment for the Eighth District through a federal initiative called the Computer for Learning Program.

Job promotion

Wendy Weil recently was named vice president of human resources at Zenith Electronics Corporation.

Weil is a 1973 graduate of Dexter High School. She graduated from Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Ill., in 1977. She lives in Elmhurst, Ill., with her husband Leo, an attorney in Chicago. The couple are the parents of three children, Adam, Brian and Erin.

Wendy Weil is the eldest daughter of James and Ardis Bradbury of Dexter.

Retirement community earns honor

The American Association of State and Local History (AASLH) recently announced that the Chelsea Retirement Community has received an AASLH Certificate of Commendation for the renovation of the Heritage Room museum and archives.

The AASLH Annual Awards Program, now in its 54th year, is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of local, state and regional history. Awards for 1998 represent 71 organizations and individuals from the United States.

Award winners will be celebrated at a special banquet during the 1998 AASLH/California Council for the Promotion of History joint annual meeting Sept. 11 in Sacramento, Calif.

The awards program was initiated in 1945 to establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history throughout America. The

AASLH awards program not only honors significant achievement in the field of local history but also brings public recognition of the opportunities for small and large organizations, institutions and programs to make contributions in this arena.

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Fifth-grader Rob Knopper was the top fund-raiser at North Creek this March in the annual March is Reading Month readathon for Multiple Sclerosis. Knopper raised \$230 to help North Creek place fourth in the state. First-grader Hannah Crowder was the top reader, completing 453 books during the month.

TECH TALK



Mike Agemy

Unless you have been living in a cave for the past five years, you should be aware by now of all of the hype regarding the millennium catastrophe that will take place on computers.

When the year 2000 comes around, most corporate systems (mainly mainframes) will be hit harder than Japan when Godzilla comes to town. This will affect tax collections, the New York Stock Exchange and most of commerce itself.

While corporations are spending billions of dollars in trying to solve this problem, what do we do, as personal PC owners, to avoid this problem or protect ourselves from this catastrophe?

In my opinion, most computer owners have nothing

to worry about. Corporations and most government agencies have to fix the programs and databases that contain the heart of their information because they were designed, in some cases, about 20 to 30 years ago.

Back then, most individuals didn't worry about the millennium problem because they figured something better would come out by then and replace what they were currently doing. In addition, there was a huge cost savings and storage cost savings for programmers to use just two digits to identify a year (example: 98 identifies 1998; however, 00 identifies 1900 and not 2000, which is the problem).

When desktop PC's became a widespread commodity in homes and businesses, their programming had the next century in mind. But as I understand the programming, there are still glitches that could be a pain in the neck, but probably still will allow you to use your computer and let it function properly.

The issue is how PCs keep track of dates within their BIOS. The BIOS is the program that is permanently stored in read-only memory and turns on when the computer boots up. The computer's clock is set in a two-digit standard year code, and the BIOS adds the century. When the year comes upon 2000, a few things will happen depending on what operating system you are using and what company wrote your computer's BIOS program and when.

If your PC's motherboard was manufactured in mid-

1995, then you don't need to worry. Most motherboard manufacturers and BIOS programs have been updated to handle the year 2000 conversion. However, if you have an older computer (pre-1995), the conversion date will show as 1900.

However, if you go into your BIOS and reset it at that point in time manually, you may be able to get it reset where you will be OK until 2099. Another way will be software-driven. Windows 95, NT and Windows 98 will fix the problem even on older motherboards. But to be safe, you may want to upgrade that old motherboard for an updated one with an updated BIOS.

The reason for this is that some machines won't respond to any of these changes. As I understand it, the Award BIOS, one of the more popular BIOS on the market today, if manufactured between 1994 and 1995, will reset to 1980 when the conversion takes place. The only way to fix it is to replace the BIOS chips.

In most corporations, however, their year 2000 hassle will definitely involve software. However, most PC applications are not the issue. Microsoft Excel, for example, stores dates with four-digit years. If you put in a two-digit year, it will automatically reset based on the variable of anything greater than 30 years in the 20th century and anything lower is the 21st century.

And if it is incorrect, you can manually override the assumptions simply by typing in the four-digit year.

Other spreadsheet and database programs use similar formats. Most of today's software is like this, so you really shouldn't have a problem.

In the end though, you have to judge for yourself. If you are running an old machine with an old operating system, you may not care since this would only affect your machine itself and not the software you may be running. Or, you can manually change the date every time you start up your system.

But the way I see things, if you have a BIOS that is pre-1995, it may be time for you to invest in an upgrade.

Here is a safe method to see if you have a millennium problem (as recommended by Phoenix Technologies Ltd., a leading BIOS writer):

- Start your computer from a floppy containing just the files needed to boot up the system (also known as a boot disk).

- From the command prompt, use the time and date commands to set the clock to a few minutes before midnight on Dec. 31, 1999.

- Wait until the clock ticks past midnight.

- Then, without running any programs, restart the machine and check the date.

- If it shows Jan. 1, 2000, you're fine. If it doesn't, set the year manually to 2000, and restart again.

- If the year shows either 1900 or 1980, you probably need a BIOS upgrade or a new motherboard.

- Either way, reset the date and time and then reboot.

Note: This is only recommended on pre-1995 BIOS machines.

Mike Agemy is the owner of Plug & Play Inc. in Allen Park.

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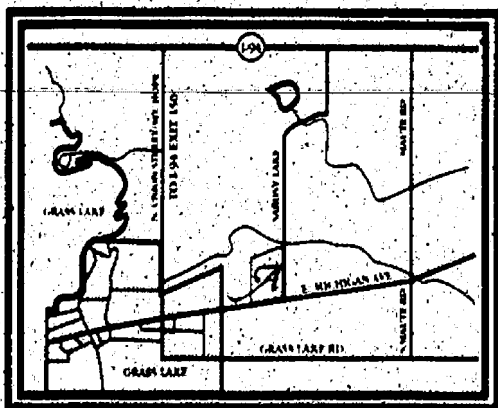


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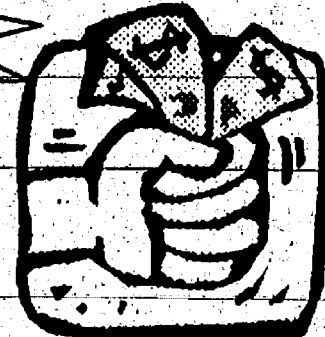
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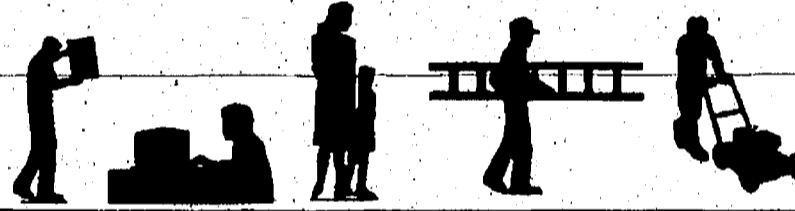


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Answers in Today's Classifieds



Chelsea resident Winnifred Martin celebrated her 101st birthday recently at her home in Chelsea Retirement Community.

Chelsea resident celebrates 101st birthday

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

"You don't worry too much. You don't try to do things that you shouldn't do, and try to live the good life," is the advice Chelsea resident Winnifred Martin has followed throughout her life. Born on July 5, 1897, "on the tail end of a firecracker," as she says, her relaxed attitude has seen her through 101 years of sometimes difficult, sometimes easy times.

Martin was born on her

family farm in Dansville and spent most of her life in the farming community. Her father died when she was a young girl and her mother kept the farm in shape.

Martin learned to play the piano when she was a girl on the family's grand piano. When she was older, she made a living giving piano lessons to beginners around the community, driving several miles each way to people's houses.

When Martin married, she

worked in a dried goods store in Lansing. She quit the store when her first of two children was born.

One of Martin's pastimes has been oratory. She used to memorize speaking pieces and recite them at gatherings. Though she stopped teaching piano when she got married, Martin continued playing until last year.

Chelsea has been a resident of Chelsea Retirement Community for 16 years.

Redesign of Standard nearly complete

A redesigned and easier-to-read *Chelsea Standard* will make its debut later this month.

The new design, modeled after other successful Heritage newspapers, will benefit readers in several ways.

The newspaper will have a consistent style throughout. Gone will be numerous styles

in our standing-column heads.

In addition, news and feature material will be better organized. We plan to stay with our two-section format until the fall sports season begins. Then we plan to move to four sections by adding separate sports and classified sections. The full open front page of the sports section will allow

us to use photography more effectively and improve the overall section.

The new design will also let us make better use of color throughout the newspaper.

Once the changes take place, please let us know what you think.

Brian Hamilton
General Manager

RV Center has anniversary sale

Walt Michal's RV Center in Belleville is holding its anniversary sale through July 11 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The sale features food and refreshments, a free gift for everyone, country music, pony rides, clowns and country radio personalities.

The dealership features 15 different product lines including motor homes, travel trailers, fifth wheels, slide-in campers and pop-ups. There is also a selection of used vehicles as trade-ins are accepted.

The center is located at 44700 I-94 Service Drive. For more information call (800) 697-2500.

Chelsea woman on Northwood list

Erin K. Dougherty, a sophomore at Northwood University in Midland, was named to the dean's list for Spring term. Dougherty is the daughter of Randy and Melinda Dougherty of Chelsea.

Chelsea residents Sarah Hollis Crean, Nathan Friedrich Gillikin, Jonathan Peter McCahey, Amanda Holmes Tarasow, Kelly Marie Totten, Jodi Michelle Weiss and Michael Wolpoff are degree candidates at Michigan State University in spring semester. Dexter resident Patty Jo Hopkins was also named to the list.

County program needs participants

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Residents at The Meadows

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Gardeners to meet for garden tour

Chelsea Area Garden Club will meet for a hosta garden tour at a home garden in Ann Arbor on Monday, July 13 at 7 p.m.

There will not be a daytime meeting at the First United Methodist Church in July. Members and others interested in gardening may call

club president Jean Storey at 475-1240 or publicity chair Jennifer Kundak at 475-2424 for more details and directions.

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Chelsea Summer Festival

July 24th & 25th

Together with the Merchant Association of Chelsea, *The Chelsea Standard* and *Dexter Leader* newspapers, we will be putting together a special insert that will appear in the July 23rd paper. The insert will highlight the entertainment and events that will be taking place during the Chelsea Summer Festival Sales. It will also contain maps which will pinpoint locations and help everyone get around and see everything the Summer Festival has to offer, both Uptown and Downtown.

Extra copies of the insert will be printed and made available at an information booth and other various locations around town. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to advertise your business to the residents of Chelsea and all the visitors that will be coming into town during the Chelsea Summer Festival, July 24th & 25th.

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FOR SIXTY-TWO YEARS Walter and Ruth McWhorter, were seldom apart. "I met Walter at my Dad's roller skating rink. It was a great place for me to keep watch out for all the good-looking boys in town, and I found the best," Ruth says with a shy giggle. Walter insists, "It was actually I who found her!"

After celebrating their 61st wedding anniversary, Mrs. McWhorter had some health problems and was admitted as a patient at nearby Chelsea Community Hospital. Due to the nature of her illness, she was moved to a nursing home in Ann Arbor. Walter moved in with their son, Bob, in Portage.

Together Again. Then, with the opening of assisted living services at *The Meadows at Silver Maples*, the McWhorters were reunited...and isn't that the way it should be? "I like this place very much. There is a sense of security here. I'm an independent guy. I like to take my own shower, make my own bed and have a certain amount of privacy. It's just nice to know if the wheels come off, they are here to help you put them back on," says Walter. "We are very grateful to be here. We enjoy the food, the people and the staff. Everybody here is so good to us," adds Ruth.

Being locally-owned and non-profit with a volunteer community Board of Directors means that resources are dedicated to serving the residents' needs at *The Meadows*.

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