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Commission unveils master plan

Public comment centers on business district, traffic concerns.

By Jim Silver
 Staff Writer
 Village Planning Commission members held what amounted to a public unveiling of the new Village of Chelsea Comprehensive Plan at a public hearing Dec. 7.

The master plan presents a detailed direction for village government to guide growth, looking as far ahead as 2020 for population projections. The plan presented Tuesday night is the first document to offer development guidance for the village since 1976.

The hearing began with a brief introduction from commission Chair Cathy Carter. She pointed out that the master plan, as opposed to zoning ordinances, cannot provide enforcement on building issues. Instead, it is intended to provide a basis for such ordinances.

Carter then turned the meeting over to Brad Strader and Jennifer Fry from the Strader Group, municipal planning consultants, who outlined the plan and the process through which it was creat-

ed.

Strader pointed out at the beginning of his presentation that the population in Chelsea, as in much of the rest of Michigan, fell between 1980 and 1990, which the plan attributes to economic conditions in the state.

However, housing and population have grown in the state in the last two years. Strader pointed out that there were 75 new housing starts in Chelsea between 1996 and 1998. He also cited projections from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments for a 12 percent increase in village population, reaching almost 4,500 by 2020.

In addition, there would be even greater growth when considering the townships surrounding the village. Population in Sylvan Township is expected to increase by 32 percent, jumping from 2,890 to over 3,800. Population growth for the village and the four townships together is projected at 20 percent, growing from an area population of 16,882 to 20,329.

Housing growth, according to SEMCOG projections, will grow by 33 percent in the village, and 46 percent in the entire area, moving from almost 16,200

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NEWS BRIEFS

Chelsea children's choir set to sing
 The Chelsea Children's Chorus, run by the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, will hold a winter concert Dec. 13, at 7 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church. Susan Wilburn conducts the choir.

The chorus is comprised of children between seven and 13, from all over the Chelsea area. The children were recently seen in the festival of lessons and carols at St. Paul United Church of Christ, held during the Festival of Lights. The concert is free to the public.

Free gift-wrapping service offered
 Students from the Chelsea Alternative High School will offer free gift-wrapping services to the public on Saturday, Dec. 11. The service is offered at the VFW Hall in downtown Chelsea, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Charity requests no outdoor donations
 Faith in Action requests that community donations not be left outside the facility overnight. Inclement weather and wildlife can damage donated clothes or goods. Instead, all items should be taken inside the Faith in Action house, on the grounds of the Chelsea Community Hospital.

Carol service set at CRC chapel
 The Chelsea Church of the Nazarene will be holding a joint service with the Chelsea Retirement Community Sunday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. in the CRC chapel. The public is invited to attend the service, which will include Christmas hymns and carols. Call 475-2526 for more information.

Christmas church service info requested
 Area churches interested in publication of Christmas services schedules should provide information to The Chelsea Standard by 5 p.m. Dec. 13.

Huron system at cross roads

River showing impact of development.

By Dirk Fischbach
 Editor
 From its source in the marshes of Oakland County to its mouth at Point Mouillee on Lake Erie, the Huron River is vital to the health of the communities that dot its banks. But a newly released study on the health of the river system itself calls into serious question the effects of development throughout the watershed.

Members of the Huron River Watershed Council's Adopt-A-Stream program last Thursday released the results of their comprehensive study of more than 45 sites throughout the watershed at a special meeting at Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

The study, which began in 1992, looked at both physical and biological components of the watershed, and provides an important gauge of overall environmental health. Volunteers, who participated in insect collections twice each year, were the principal source of research on the project.

The data, which was analyzed by University of Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment professor Mike Wiley, indicates several areas of degradation, with some sites showing a deficit of nearly 80 percent of the species that statistical models call for.

"I think we know what we have now," said Adopt-A-Stream Coordinator Joan Martin in reference to the results. "I think our best sites show us what the river could be, while the worst show us what it could become."

In general terms, the data shows better water quality and more species, both overall and those considered sensitive, in areas farthest away from heavily developed lands. But, even in many of these relatively pristine environs some degradation has occurred over the study's eight-year time frame.

The critical factor, according to the study, is the amount of impervious land in the catchment. Surfaces such as asphalt, concrete and roofs, which allow

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Alyssa Rodgers, playing a shepherd in the live crèche put on by Zion Lutheran Church, listens to a carol while minding a donkey. The donkey, along with a llama and a miniature Brahma bull, were donated by the Rodgers Family & Church.

Festival draws crowds, profits

Local merchants do brisk business, sell out tour tickets.

By Jim Silver
 Staff Writer
 December weather stayed relatively warm for the 12th annual Festival of Lights. While the evenings turned somewhat chill, the snow held off until Sunday night, creating a perfect atmosphere for festivalgoers to stroll around town.

The weekend festival kicked off with a tree-lighting ceremony at Pierce Park on Friday evening. The crowd seemed small, but children immediately swarmed the park gazebo upon the appearance of Santa Claus.

That crowd was indicative of weekend events in general. Bob Pierce, owner of Pierce's Pastries, needed extra seating at the bakery's Saturday events.

"We had to bring up chairs for the first two shows from Archbishop St. Nicholas," he said, referring to the arrival of the traditional European Yuletide figure, presented by area resident Joe Weber.

While there was no official attendance count for the festival, Pierce estimated that his revenues, and in turn attendance in his café, were up for the weekend by 15 percent from those during last year's festival.

"By far, this was the busiest we have been in the three years we've been participating," he said. "We saw a lot of new faces."

Kim Myles reiterated that sentiment. Myles, of Preservation Chelsea, ran a new event at this year's festival, a candlelight tour of historic homes on Saturday night, and had participants from Canada, Grand Rapids and Toledo.

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Board delays request action

Trustees discuss upcoming move, approve capital expenditures.

By Jim Silver
 Staff Writer
 An agenda item slated for discussion at the Dec. 6 Chelsea District Library Board meeting became an action item at the request of the Village Council, provoking amusement among library board members.

The item proposed a joint work session between the library board and council members to discuss a shared library/village hall facility. The request comes despite Village Council discussion of a bond issue to finance renovation of the Chelsea Municipal Building at the Nov. 23 council meeting.

At that council meeting, discussion of village hall plans centered on the council's desire to move ahead with existing plans. Library board members therefore expressed surprise at the request, citing a report in the Dec. 2 Chelsea Standard that the council was "picking out paint colors" as evidence of the finality of plans.

The request for a joint work session referred to the Americans with Disabilities Act, saying that under present plans designed by architect Scott McElrath 59 percent of space in the village hall would be devoted to ADA compliance, prompting council's interest in potentially "sharing the parking lot, entranceway, stairway and elevator."

The sentiment of library board members while discussing the request was one of amusement. They felt that it was difficult to take the request seriously from a council whose members have been openly critical of, and hostile to, the plans of library trustees in the recent past.

Trustee Carol Rauschenberger openly opposed the recent library millage, and questioned numerous items during a Nov. 16 hearing of the library's budget for fiscal year 2000.

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households at present to 23,685 in 2020.

Later in the meeting, Lima Township Supervisor Gary Adams questioned the numbers. He said that, according to several other projections, area population is expected to increase by more than 20 percent, failing any economic downturn.

Strader stressed that changing economic factors, as well as the growth in development factors effected the need for a new master plan, modernized and tailored to suit the conditions facing Chelsea today.

Strader said the next step for the comprehensive plan began in July 1998. The group started interviewing area residents, including surveying representatives from the business community, about their hopes and concerns about village development. In addition they compiled data about Chelsea conditions, in relation to conditions in other similar-sized municipalities.

Further community input was gleaned from a September

1998 town meeting, held at the Depot, and from a January 1999 open house about the central concepts of the plan. The Strader Group presented a draft of the master plan to the Chelsea Area Planning Team, the Planning Commission and the Chelsea Village Council in October of this year. Comments and revisions from each body were incorporated into the plan, which resulted in the version produced prior to the December meeting.

In addition to the plan, the community input produced a vision statement, which informed the writing of the comprehensive plan. The vision statement emphasized the desire of the community for future development to adapt to the existing land uses and traditional character of the village.

The plan outlines the factors that were used to determine future land use, many of which centered on ease of implementation with a parcel's surroundings, both in terms of property and the natural environment.

Development of the comprehensive plan also included a market assessment, consider-

ing population and financial date, and incorporating interviews with village business owners. The conclusion was that the village will need to focus on development of retail outlets in the area to avoid too great a loss of market share. However, the plan stresses a need for retail outlets appropriate to their setting.

Several different future land uses are emphasized by the plan. The Fairgrounds, currently zoned for Planned Events, would be rezoned for single-family housing, with a provision for multiple family housing. The plan points out that the provision does not "imply that the fairgrounds must be redeveloped," merely supplies guidelines if the fairgrounds are moved to a site beyond village limits.

The area around M-52 from Old U.S.-12 to the interchange for Interstate 94 would be redesignated commercial land in the future. Similarly, zoning for the central business dis-

trict would extend north along M-52.

Village Trustee Jim Myles spoke about this extension during the public comment portion of the meeting, advocating an extension of the district even farther north, up to Dewey Street, to allow for more commercial development.

Area resident Charles Scheiber reaffirmed Myles statement, saying the expansion of businesses north was the inevitable next step in the development of the village, especially following growth of retail space in the Clock Tower complex.

Local architect Scott McElrath also addressed the proposed expansion of the central business district north of the railroad tracks. He questioned the location of what is, at present, a trailer park, saying such a property may not be best positioned at a northern entryway to the village.

Carter said that many of the concerns would be addressed

should the area in question be redeveloped, which would allow for greater space availability, thus allowing more commercial growth in the area. Redevelopment could also lead to a change in land uses in the area.

Strader pointed out that the future land use map in the plan would allow for greater commercial development, but would somewhat ease the future traffic burden on M-52. He stressed, however, that the highway cannot presently handle the effects of projected commercial expansion.

Jennifer Fry, of the Strader Group, addressed street issues in the plan, pointing out that the plan suggests varying street width according to function, providing wider streets for greater mobility, and narrower streets in more residential settings.

She said the plan also considered zoning for areas surrounding an alternate western route for M-52, which would keep land surrounding the

artery from becoming a commercial strip corridor.

The commission skirted controversy on the topic by pointing out that the plan does not specifically advocate any one alternative to the present-day route, but would provide zoning guidelines should the western route be chosen.

While Carter pointed out that, in the event a different reroute is chosen, the commission would need to readdress the specific section of the comprehensive plan, commissioner Doug Dennison pointed out that the existing framework would provide solid guidelines in many different cases.

Fry also discussed the plan's call for a greenbelt surrounding the city. Such a belt would provide public open areas, as well as bicycle routes. Adams spoke in favor of such a provision later in the meeting, expressing interest in township/village cooperation in such an area.

Strader discussed increased aesthetic standards for the proposed Gateway overlay zoning district surrounding the intersection of Old U.S.-12 and M-52. Woody Ulannis, husband of the owner of a business in the Gateway district, challenged the commission on the legality of aesthetic standards. Strader said that such standards were being increasingly supported in courts, but that the Chelsea plan was designed to be more permissive than other communities' plans.

Carter closed the meeting by saying that, while she does not expect another public hearing on the comprehensive plan, the commission would hold a work session on Dec. 21, at which they would discuss public comments and address them as much as possible. She added that the commission has already begun changing ordinances, where appropriate, to adhere to the plan.

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Library trustees said, however, that they were obliged to voters and taxpayers to discuss the request, as well as any possibilities of sharing space with other entities.

The board's discussion then turned to the Downtown Development Authority, as the council request was brought to Library Director Metta Lansdale by DDA Executive Director Anne Feeney.

In addition, the council proposed a building occupy the space between Merkel's and the McKune House. The DDA is currently in negotiations for the purchase of adjacent space, which would be developed as parking.

"This should be a three-way meeting, between the council, the library board and the DDA," said board Secretary Nancy Paul.

Dan Kaminsky, the village representative to the board, agreed with Paul, suggesting a counter-proposal to the Village Council that would include the DDA in any discussion.

Ultimately, the board decided to delay any decision on a joint work session, asking council for Rauschenberger, the council's library representative, to attend the board's next meeting on Dec. 21.

Trustees cited the difficulty of any discussion before the coming library relocation to the Media Center at the Washington Street Education Center as a reason to delay a discussion.

Paul also pointed out the

difficulty of any discussions pending resolution of land deals involving several area municipalities.

Leila Draugelis, in the public comment section closing the meeting, said the request seemed inappropriate, since the council treated the library board as "servants."

Richard Steele, Village Council president, suggested that the proposal might have arisen from discussion amongst individual council members. He added that the council agenda for its Dec. 14 meeting will include an item on language for a bond proposal.

Preceding discussion of the request from council, library board members addressed the mechanics of the upcoming move from the McKune House to the Media Center. Lansdale said the library would be giving amnesty on some late fines, particularly those due in the two weeks surrounding the move, from Dec. 20 to Jan. 4.

During that two-week span, the library will be closed, and movers specializing in libraries will pack books and shelves from the McKune House, transporting them to the site at the former Chelsea High School, where library staff will set up for their three-year residence.

The board also discussed capital improvement purchases, to update the Media Center's phone lines, update and increase the library's public and staff computers, and make the facility more accessible to the public.



Downhill Run

Above, Bourke Lodewyck, 5 years old, a kindergartener at North Creek Elementary School, gets a hand at sledding from his mother, Audrey Lodewyck. At left, Laura Lodewyck, 5 years old, also in kindergarten at North Creek, does her best to control her sled as it speeds downhill. The Lodewycks, and friend Brenna VanSchoick, took advantage of the snow that fell Dec. 5, the first of the season, while it lasted

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She said that many out-of-towners who had bought tour tickets spent the day in Chelsea, shopping in the downtown and eating at local restaurants.

"In addition, a group of ten people from Grand Rapids came for the day, went on the tour, and then stayed at the Holiday Inn for the evening."

Such visitors contributed to the tour's success. One hundred thirty-five tickets, which were being sold in local businesses, such as Zou Zou's and Vogel's and Foster's, sold out.

Myles said she had even gotten calls from business owners hoping to sell more tickets shortly before the tour began.

She thanked local musicians Sarah and Ian Cumming for donating their time and talents, entertaining those waiting to take the tour.

She also expressed gratitude to local artisan Bill Darwin for donating two Tiffany lamps to a featured house, for authenticity.

"He brought those over while running a show at his own studio," Myles said. "They really added a great touch for the tour."

Lynn Faist, proprietor of the Village Shoppe, estimated that her profits stayed roughly the same as those during last year's festival. However, she noticed a lot of shoppers Friday night and Saturday, especially when local wood-carver Marilyn Dusbiber worked in the shop.

"We sold a great deal of her merchandise while she was here," Faist said.

She called the festival a great success, echoing sentiments expressed by Pierce, Myles, and Pam Radcliffe from the Chamber of Commerce.

The only down note for the festival might have been a darkened tree in Pierce Park. The tree was lit Friday, but after that night, vandals stole the extension cord connecting the tree lights to the outlet.

Radcliffe said that village employees replaced the extension cord on Monday, and were reporting the matter to the village police.



Patrick Holloway, Zach Munce and Braden Gladstone explore journalism in their Cub Scout troop's visit to The Chelsea Standard office.

Cub Scouts visit Standard offices

By Jim Silver
Staff Writer

Pack 455, Den 3 of the Chelsea area Cub Scouts visited the offices of The Chelsea Standard on Dec. 2. Scouts Patrick Holloway, Zach Munce and Braden Gladstone saw the progression of a story from conception to execution.

The tour also included information on newspaper production, including design and layout.

The pack produced their own story on a recent visit they had made to the Ann Arbor Recycling Center (See accompanying story and photo).

The scouts and their chaperones also asked questions about the production site for the paper, and the sources for newspaper items.

The trip fulfilled scouting requirements to get information about a local newspaper.

Cub Scouts visit recycling center

By Cub Scout Pack 455, Den 3

The members of Cub Scout Pack 455, Den 3 and Den 12 went to the Ann Arbor Recycling Center on Nov. 9. The scouts' visit included a tour of the center, watching the recycling process for glass, newspaper, plastic and cardboard.

All materials at the center

come from Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. The center compacts recyclable materials into squares and ships the materials to reuse factories around the state.

The scouts discovered that one tree is saved every time the public recycles the equivalent of a three foot-stack of newspaper.

RIVER

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ment. Surfaces such as asphalt, concrete and roofs, which allow for faster runoff of rain and snow than plant-covered soils, lead to a rapid decrease in the representative species in nearby creeks. The data indicates that the threshold level in the basin is around 8 percent.

Those areas in which more than 8 percent of the drainage is impervious experience a marked decline in insect families. Wiley believes that this is due to a two-pronged problem associated with this runoff; it enters the river or creek at a faster rate, thus causing a greater disturbance of the creek bed, and also carries with it a greater load of toxins, such as oil, lawn fertilizer and other chemicals.

"This is significant," Wiley said of the observed threshold, "because in most of the studies of eastern rivers, they talk about a reduction of species when 15 or 20 percent of the land is impervious. Our data shows that the Huron is much more sensitive."

While both agricultural and urban land uses have the potential to degrade aquatic habitat, data from the study indicates that developed lands are twice as harmful to the insect populations. Wiley's statistical analysis shows that one taxonomic family is lost for every 5 percent increase in urban land use in the watershed.

"The single most important factor affecting communities of insects in this river is high density development," Wiley said, noting that the Huron is in many ways "particularly vulnerable" to the effects of development because it has both headwaters and downstream reaches in heavily populated regions.

But while much of the study results provide a cautionary

tale, there was some good news, as well.

Mill Creek at Ivey Road near Chelsea was the best overall site and showed improvement over the course of the study, with an increase in all insects as well as sensitive species.

Other highly rated collection points include three sites in Oakland County and Davis Creek, Portage Creek and West Branch of Fleming Creek. Overall, 10 sites showed improvement while five have declined in quality. Among those experiencing significant losses is Letts Creek in Chelsea's Veteran's Park.

In many cases, the overall number of insects at a site has remained fairly constant, but there has been a loss of sensitive — or indicator — species, those which first show the signs of pollution or habitat degradation.

"It's important to look at all the insect groups," Wiley says. "But we have a pretty consistent trend line that says first the sensitive insects decline, then the rest of the mayflies and stoneflies follow, then everything goes."

Wiley, an aquatic ecologist and entomologist, has served as one of the project's technical advisers since the program's inception. He says that this current analysis is the most-detailed look at the study data he has undertaken to date.

While he eschews any entry into the public policy fray himself, he acknowledged that it was good to see so many people interested in the results of the study. More than 100 people attended the Matthaei meeting.

"There are a lot of people who care and who are willing to do things to help," he noted. Martin concurs enthusiastically.

"This study shows that we have 200 people (the stream monitors) who care enough to stay involved in the project,"

Martin said. "I'm heartened by that."

She also is hopeful that a more-educated public will move to protect the many high quality areas and work to correct the problems at poor quality sites.

Both Wiley and Martin believe that the watershed is at an important crossroads. Decisions made now, they say, likely will impact the health of the system well into the next century.

"When you look at the average physical condition of the river, it's starting to look not so good," Wiley said. "And biological diversity is below the level we should expect. We know from the research that as the physical condition declines, the biological will follow suit."

"If current trends continue, we could be in trouble in the future."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Now through mid-December

1) Interact, a service group at Chelsea High School, is sponsoring a clothes, blanket, coat and book drive. The drop-off places are at St. Mary's church and Zou Zou's Cafe. Donations will go to the Soup Kitchen in Ypsilanti.

2) "Giving Tree" is sponsored by Great Lakes Bank, Faith and Action and the Young Women of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. It is located in the lobby of the Great Lakes Bank. Stop by and help some needy children have a merry Christmas.

Thursday, Dec. 9

Little Professor Reading Group for adults will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the book store. Call with questions (734) 433-2665.

Chelsea First United Methodist Church spaghetti dinner 5-7 p.m. For more info please call (734) 475-8119.

North Creek Gym Tryouts for AAU, 14 year old girls basketball 7 p.m. Contact: Brian Koch (734) 475-3353 for questions.

Saturday, Dec. 11

Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., presents "Mornings, Mochas & Melodies" featuring live folk and acoustic music, Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This week's entertainment is Chelsea House Orchestra. For more information, please call (734) 475-6081.

Sunday, Dec. 12

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County will meet in Ann Arbor at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Building 5305, near parking lot P from 1:30-4 p.m. This is also the Holiday Potluck and second annual White Elephant Exchange. Call Joyce Squires at (734) 971-2321 to RSVP and to talk about what to bring for potluck.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Lima Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 18

CHS National Honors Society is hosting its annual Holiday Babysitting at the First United Methodist Church (across from the Purple Rose Theater). NHS members will watch children for parents who need to do shopping or simply want a night off. Hours are 3 - 10 p.m.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

Cancelled Event

Alzheimer's Assoc. Family Caregiver Support Group in Chelsea, will be canceled until May 2000. Contact the Alzheimer's Assoc. at 800-337-3827 or (734) 677-3081 for additional info or other support group times and locations.

Thursday

Chelsea American Legion, Herbert J. McKune Post 31, will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month, starting at 8 p.m. Any questions call Pat Merkel (734) 475-1824.

Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors meets on the first

Thursday of each month. Info, Bill Stewart (734) 475-1515, or Marcia White, (734) 475-6368.

Little Professor Reading Group for adults meets every other Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Call with questions (734) 433-2665.

Senior Nutrition Program meets Thursdays at noon in the Waterloo Township Hall. For reservations call (734) 475-7439, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunches, cards and fellowship.

Sunday

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets on the second Sunday of the month from 1:30-4 p.m. Questions call (734) 741-9209 or 1-800-852-9781.

Monday

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

Domestic Violence Project Safe House Support Group meets every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, Behavioral Health Services building, 6:30-8 p.m. Info, (734) 426-0369.

Lima Township Board meets the first Monday of the month at 8 p.m.

Mystery Book Club meets at 7:30 p.m., upstairs at McKune House. The group meets regularly at the library on the second Monday of the month.

Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays at First United Methodist Church, Chelsea, 7:30 p.m. Info, (734) 475-4264.

Tuesday

Chelsea District Library Board meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., White Oaks Inn at Chelsea Hospital.

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

Chelsea Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at the Common Grill, 12:30 p.m.

Lima Township Planning Commission meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m.

Senior Nutrition Program meets Tuesdays at noon in the Waterloo Township Hall. For reservations call (734) 475-7439, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunches, cards and fellowship.

Wednesday

New Beginnings, a grief support group for people experiencing the loss of a loved one. Offered as a community service by the Chelsea Retirement Community, meetings are on Wednesdays in the Crispen building, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info., Kearney Kirkby, (734) 475-2868.

OTHER

Chelsea Senior Nutrition Program at the Senior Center. To reserve lunch, call Arlene Larson a day ahead at (734) 475-0160.

Chelsea Together. For more information, call weekdays (734) 475-4030, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or (734) 475-5935, 5-9 p.m.

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Home Meal Service, Chelsea Meals served daily to elderly or disabled. Cost per meal, \$3.25 with milk, \$3 without milk, for those able to pay. Interested parties call Mary at (734) 475-9494 or Faith in Action at (734) 475-3305.

Parent to Parent Program in-home, friendly, visiting support system for families with children. Call (734) 475-3305

DEXTER MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Dexter Rotary Club meets at Cousins Heritage Inn every Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

Village of Dexter Downtown Development Authority meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at National City Bank.

Monday

Dexter PTO meets every fourth Monday of the month (except for December) at 7 p.m. in the media center at Mill Creek Middle School.

Tuesday

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets at Cousins Heritage Inn every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Dexter Township Planning Commission meets on the first and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Dexter Township Hall at 7:30 p.m.

New Beginnings, a support group dealing with death and divorce, meets Tuesdays at St. James' Episcopal Church, Dexter, at 5:30 p.m. Call Faye Wisely, (734) 426-8931 or the church, (734) 426-8247 for information.

Dexter Touchdown Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Dexter High School library at 7 p.m. All supporters of Dexter football, grades 7-12 are welcome. Contact Pat Little, (734) 426-3991.

Smokers Anonymous meets Tuesdays at St. James' Episcopal Church, Dexter, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 426-8696.

The Village of Dexter Parks' Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at National City Bank, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

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

Parents For Safety a non-profit organization dedicated to safety issues within the schools and the village of Dexter. Meetings are open to the public every third Wednesday of the month in the Mill Creek Middle School Media Center at 7:30 p.m. For more information please call Rhonda Hall at (734) 426-2883.

OTHER

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

Dexter-Chelsea Right to Life meets the third Monday each month at 7 p.m. in the Mary Room at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 3540 Dover St., Dexter. Info., Anne Young, (734) 426-5010.

Dexter Family Service, contact Pat Burnett, (734) 449-2149, Marian Burgett, (734) 426-2196, Shawn Detting, (734) 426-4343 or Judy Wheeler, (734) 426-2160.

Dexter Senior Nutrition Program delivers meals M-F to elderly homebound. Serves lunch M-F at Dexter Senior Center, Copeland building. To reserve a lunch, call 24 hrs. ahead, Cindy White, (734) 426-5397.

Play-N-Chat, a home-based group for moms and their children under 5 years old, meets Wednesdays and Fridays. For place and times call Jackie Esch, (734) 426-5437.

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



Craft Show

Dexter Area Historical Society and Dexter Heritage Guild held its annual holiday bazaar and craft show at Dexter Area Museum Saturday, Dec. 4. It was among for craft shows held during Dexter's Victorian Christmas celebration.



Fashion Statement

The Step Above, newly opened on Middle Street, offers area shoppers a wide array of trendy fashions and the handiwork of local artisans. The store was the brainchild of sisters Patty Kinashuk and Kathy Kenney, and features clothing from the markets in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. The sisters also hope to maintain a strong consignment business, and plan to offer resale opportunities for prom and homecoming dresses. They will be open seven days a week through the holidays.

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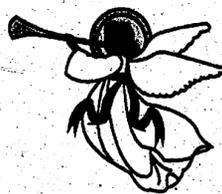
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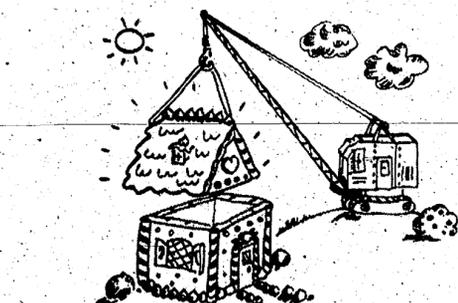
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Wötzel, Bergman wed

Katharina Wötzel of Saarbrücken, Germany, daughter of Simone Wötzel and stepdaughter of Michael Wötzel of Saarbrücken, and daughter of Fritz-Jürgen Schaarschuh of Lepzig, Germany, and James M. Bergman of Baumholder, Germany, son of Mary C. and James C. Bredernitz of Chelsea, were married Oct. 2 at the Dale Fisher Gallery in Grass Lake, with the Rev. Ralph G. Smith officiating.

Maid of honor was Elizabeth M. Nolle of Maryland. Best man was Robert D. Steele III, U.S. Army, of Chelsea, brother of the groom.

Bridesmaids were Heather Clay and Megan Haber. William J. Bredernitz of Chelsea,

brother of the groom, was groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the gallery. The couple spent the weekend at South House of Chelsea, and plan to honeymoon in the future.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Illtal Gymnasium in Illingen, Germany. She works at Bistro and Restaurant Galerie, in Illingen. The groom is a 1995 graduate of Chelsea High School. He is currently serving in the U.S. Army. The couple will reside in Saarland, Germany for another year before returning to the U.S. Upon their return, both plan to attend school and live in the Ann Arbor area.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: Bill and Dottie Van Rippers were married Nov. 19, 1949. Helping them celebrate their 50th anniversary were their seven children, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The family operates the Dottie-O Dairy Farms, an operation begun by Bill and Dottie that now includes their children and their children's spouses.



ENGAGED: Jennifer Jean Smith of Saline, daughter of Laura Rende of Dexter and Tony Smith of Kalamazoo, stepdaughter of David Rende of Dexter and Norma Smith of Kalamazoo, and Russel Hill Terry of Saline, son of Michael and Suellen Terry of Jenison, have announced an April 15 wedding. The future bride is a 1988 graduate of Dexter High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed at American Title Company. The future bridegroom is a 1986 graduate of Jenison High School, a 1992 graduate of Lake Superior State University and a 1996 graduate of Texas A&M University. He is employed at Ducks Unlimited.

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and Emma Lee Turner of Jackson. The baby's siblings include Sabrina and Travis.

A son, Clifford Albert, born Oct. 11 to Heather and David Heydlauff of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Albert and Margaret Schauer of Ann Arbor. Paternal grandparents are Jerry and Shirley Heydlauff of Chelsea. Great-grandparents are Christine Heydlauff of Chelsea, and E. Con-

A son, Cooper Frank, born Oct. 2 at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids to Ann Marie and Todd Bell of Grand Rapids. Maternal grandparents are Dick and Ginny Frank of Dexter. Paternal grandparents are Carol and Bill Bell of Rochester, N.Y. Great-grandparents are Pauline Frank of Ann Arbor, Barbara Coleman of Windsor, Canada, and Ann Clute of Alpena. The baby's sibling is Caroline.

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Americans will spend on average more than \$1,500 per family on holiday purchases this year, leaving a pile of debt that will remain long after the tree trimmings are packed away. In 1998, shoppers spent 16 percent more than they planned on, according to the International Mass Retail Association in Arlington, Va. In fact, many Americans are still paying off debt from last year's holiday spending.

Ho, ho, help! You can survive the season without suffering a fiscal holiday hangover. By planning expenditures prudently, committing to a budget, and keeping an eye to the future, you can rein in your spending and rediscover the joy of the holidays.

How much is too much? Make a list of what you expect to buy this holiday season, and then add up what you think everything will cost. Don't forget to include food and travel, as well as gifts. When you come up with a total figure, think hard about whether or not you can afford to spend that much and where you might cut back. Then stick to your budget.

Cash or charge? If your total monthly debt payments, not including your house payment or rent, amount to more than 20 percent of your net income, you are in danger of being overextended. Scale back, and think about using cash instead of credit this holiday season.

Shop for credit cards, before you shop for gifts.

Shop around for credit cards with no or low annual fees and competitive interest rates. The Consumer Federation of America recently reported that

rates on cards issued from not-for-profit credit unions average about three percentage points less than bankcards.

Consumers using these not-for-profit credit union cards will save about \$160 in financing charges on a \$1,000 debt, if making the minimum monthly payments. Be careful though. Late payments can result in penalty fees and could automatically trigger an increase of up to 15 percent in the bankcard's rate. Also, don't go over your card's credit limit or you'll incur additional fees.

Pay now, save later. Calculate how much it would take to pay off all your holiday bills by the end of March, instead of just paying the minimum each month. Paying more than the minimum payment will result in considerable savings in the long-term.

For example, if you charge \$1,000 this holiday season, you could end up paying over half that amount in interest fees alone just making the minimum monthly payments. However, you'll pay less than \$50 in interest if you pay off that debt in three years.

Think Ahead. In January, open a Christmas club account. Most credit unions and banks offer them. Divide next year's expected holiday spending by the number of pay periods you will have before the date you plan to withdraw the money, and have that amount automatically deducted from your paycheck. It's relatively painless, and when it's time to shop for the holidays again, you'll have all the money you need - plus interest.

Managing your money wisely during the holidays can help you avoid payment problems later. This will give you peace of mind and allow you to more thoroughly enjoy the holiday season without worrying about the consequences of overdoing it.

If, despite your efforts, you are still struggling financially, help is available. Contact your local Consumer Credit Counseling Service listed in the White Pages of the telephone book.

Lori Z. Bahnmüller is director of public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League. Send financial questions to: "Your Money Matters" c/o Michigan Credit Union League; P.O. Box 8054; Plymouth, MI 48170-8054. Or, visit MCUL online at www.mcul.org.



Church Musical Set

Dexter United Methodist Church will present "A Christmas Invitation - Come as You Are" 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 and 5 p.m. Dec. 12. The presentation is described as an uplifting, contemporary musical. Donahue, Bill Gordon, Darcel Tolle and Trey Pfeffer; front from left, Heidi Koch, Sue Teare, Caron Wainwright and Elsi Sly



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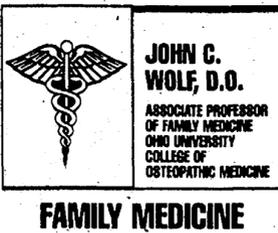
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FAMILY MEDICINE

Question: I have heard about catching "toxo" from skinning and eating wild game. I recently read an article that makes me afraid to hunt deer this season. This is unfortunate because my family enjoys venison meat and jerky. How great is the risk from "toxo" and what should I do to protect my family and myself?

Answer: The illness commonly called "toxo" is more properly referred to as toxoplasmosis. It is caused by the parasite *Toxoplasma gondii* that is the most common parasitic infection in the world. A large percentage of the human population of the United States is infested with this parasite. Estimates range from 3 to 30

percent, with southern parts of the country generally having a higher incidence. Before I address specific information for hunters, I want to explain more about the basic condition.

The organism *T. gondii* can infect most animals and birds. The parasite exists in these animals in either an actively reproducing form or in a quiescent cystic form. This is true for humans as well.

We humans usually acquire an infestation by ingesting a cystic form. This can happen when you eat meat from an infested animal, such as a deer. You can also become infested by eating food that's been contaminated by contact with the feces from one of these animals. Less commonly, you can become infested by breathing the dust from the dried feces of an infested animal. House cats which have had contact with outdoor animals — birds, mice, moles, etc. — are frequently the offending party that brings *T. gondii* into the house.

For most individuals, there are no symptoms from infestation with this parasite. The condition is only detected when a blood test that is specific for it is done. A few individuals may develop fatigue, sore throat, swollen lymph nodes and a fever — a condition that appears much like infectious mononucleosis. Only in very rare instances does initial infestation produce a severe illness in those with a normal immune system. When severe symptoms do develop, treatment with anti-parasitic drugs is usually effective.

One exception to the generally benign nature of this disorder, involves unborn children. If a woman is infested during the first three months of pregnancy, her fetus may develop birth defects or have specific medical problems later in childhood.

Now to address the hunter's risk of toxoplasmosis — the frequency of this parasite in deer varies from location to location, but it is generally fairly high. Therefore, you should assume that any wild game you take, including deer, have this disease. Since the real risk of acquiring the parasite comes from eating the

meat that contains dormant cysts, no special precautions are necessary when skinning or processing the animal. Gloves, on the other hand, provide an extra measure of safety. I always wear them.

Cooking meat until it is no longer pink in the center kills toxoplasmosis cysts. No more rare venison steaks for me! Freezing also kills them. Therefore, if you like your meat less than well done, you should freeze the venison until it is solid before cooking it. You should also first freeze meat that you plan to make into jerky.

Toxoplasmosis is a preventable risk for hunters. Keep in mind that the greatest health risks for deer hunters involve prevention of falls, heart attacks and infection from cuts and scratches. There is also the remote risk of gunshot wound. Go hunting, but be careful.

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



Bottle Drive Helps Orchestras
Dexter Orchestra Booster Club's third annual bottle drive netted the organization \$1,289 to be used for private lessons, music camps, equipment and travel. Busch's Valu Land in Dexter hosted the bottle drive, providing a drop-off point and tables for sorting. Pictured are Dexter High School orchestra students Laura Luther and Susan Kulp accepting the money from Cindy Schwalbach, guest services manager at the grocery store. The Mill Creek Middle School orchestra will perform Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. and the Dexter High School orchestra will perform Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. Both concerts will be held at Dexter United Methodist Church.

BBB cautions against online pharmacies

For thousands of consumers, ordering prescription drugs has gotten a little easier.

Like other e-commerce enterprises, online pharmacies have a certain appeal — no waiting in line, you don't have to leave your home to pick up the product and no embarrassing moments. Click your mouse a few times and you're set.

But is purchasing prescription medication over the Internet safe? Some health care experts say no!

While there are legitimate online pharmacies, there are many other prescription Web sites that could be dangerous to your health. Oftentimes, the quality of the prescription drug you receive from some online pharmacies is unknown. In several cases the drugs are counterfeit — lacking any real similarity to the approved drug. Even if the drug you purchase is authentic, it may be contaminated or its effectiveness outdated.

What can you do to safe-

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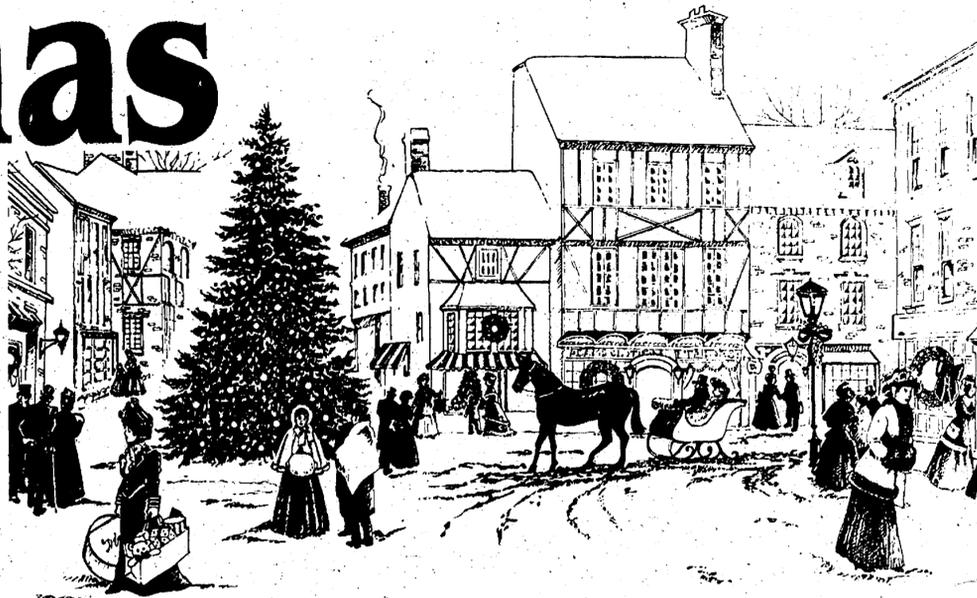
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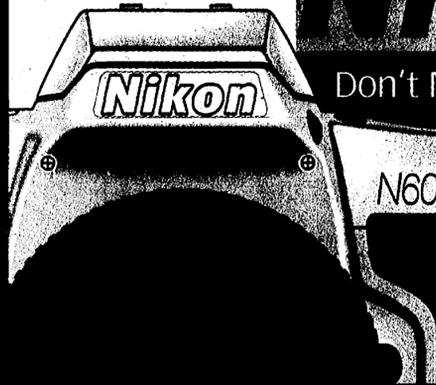
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U-M offers scholarships

The Center for the Education of Women at the University of Michigan has applications for CEW Scholarships for returning women who will be students at the University of Michigan during the 2000-2001 academic year.

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Legislation takes aim at juvenile offenders

State Senator Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield Township) introduced Senate Bills 901-905 which would create state and community youth authorities to offer coordinated juvenile prevention and detention services.

"The story of Nathaniel Abraham's numerous contacts with the authorities before he shot and killed Ronnie Greene are proof that we need better juvenile prevention programs," said Peters. "My legislation will create a system that would target troubled juveniles for prevention services more quickly in the hope of helping them before they graduate to very serious crimes."

Peters' legislation would create a state level Michigan Youth Authority as well as community youth authorities. The state authority would operate state juvenile programs, and could run juvenile boot camps and detention facilities or contract with other agencies to run these facilities. The community authorities would be locally run. They would work with the state to adminis-

ter community-based delinquency prevention programs and alternatives for juveniles who commit less serious, non-assaultive crimes.

"By coordinating juvenile services at the state and local level, we can do a better job of impressing on these young offenders that they are headed down the wrong track and they need to change their behavior," said Peters. "Sending troubled juveniles to treatment programs in their community could save us from having to deal with them later in the state prison system. For serious offenders, the state

authority can send them to a proper, secure facility with the understanding that refusal to change their behavior will result in prison time.

"We can't afford to lose children to a life of crime when they are only 11 years old," said Peters. "And it will become increasingly expensive to keep young offenders locked up for very long periods of time. My plan will still keep the most serious offenders incarcerated, but will also save taxpayer dollars in the long run by reaching those juveniles who can be convinced to change."

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Leelanau is a private, college-preparatory, boarding and day school for grades 9-12 in Glenn Arbor.

While at Leelanau, Dymond has received varsity letters in both soccer and baseball, earning MVP in baseball during the past two seasons. He has also received two major awards — the Ross and Jane Hohn Champion Award and the Mark Maynard Growth and Development Award. Both awards are given to that student who exhibits the greatest advancement during the school year and to one who reaches a goal with great courage.

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Hysterectomy not only choice

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Now they have opened the first clinic in the nation devoted to helping women explore multiple alternatives to having their uterus surgically removed.

More than a half a million hysterectomies are performed each year in the U.S. at an estimated cost of more than \$5 billion, according to the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This makes it the second most frequent major surgical procedure among reproductive-aged women — by age 60, one in four have had it done.

But new surgical approaches and technologies could give many women options they didn't think they had.

"When a woman is told that she should have a hysterectomy, she should ask her physician specifically 'What are

my alternatives?' because we see the hysterectomy as the end of the line," said UMHS gynecologist Dr. Elisabeth Quint. "There are all kinds of other things that you can try first before having a hysterectomy, because having a hysterectomy is a big deal for most women. It is the end of your reproductive time."

Hysterectomy may still be the best choice for many conditions, including cancer, UMHS doctors say. But women with benign, or non-cancerous, problems — most commonly, fibroids and abnormal uterine bleeding — may be able to get relief another way.

Fibroids are non-cancerous tumors that grow in the uterine lining or muscle, often causing pain, pressure and bleeding complications. Abnormal uterine bleeding is bleeding outside the menstrual cycle.

Said U-M gynecologist Dr. Deidre Spicer Maccannon, of the options, "Our hysterectomy alternatives program was founded out of a specific desire to educate women about various conditions that potentially lead to hysterectomy. We explore their desired outcome, educate them about their options, then

support them in their treatment decision, whichever they decide to choose."

U-M's unique clinic offers several different treatments under one roof, depending on a woman's particular symptoms:

- One option is endometrial ablation therapy, a treatment in which the lining of the uterus is cauterized, or destroyed, by such procedures as electrocautery or laser. The latest form of this treatment, which has been developed in the last few years, is endometrial uterine balloon ablation. In this therapy, a balloon is inserted into the uterus and filled with warm water, destroying the lining of the uterus. It is most useful for women with abnormal bleeding that cannot be treated with hormones. This treatment was approved by the FDA less than a year ago.
- Uterine artery embolization is the newest technique available at U-M. Used mainly to treat fibroids, it is done through a catheter inserted into the blood vessels in the groin and fed up to the vessels that supply blood to the fibroid and uterus. Small particles are inserted into the vessel to block the flow of blood to the fibroid to starve and shrink it. The reduction in

size reduces or eliminates symptoms, though the newness of the procedure means that no information on long-term effects is available yet.

- Hysteroscopy is a procedure that allows the gynecologist to visualize the uterine lining and any growths, such as polyps or fibroids, through a hysteroscope — a flexible fiber-optic telescope for viewing inside the uterus. An instrument called a resectoscope is then used to remove the growth.
- Laparoscopic procedures, where a telescope-like instrument is inserted in the abdomen, are also used to remove fibroids located on the outside of the uterus.

So with so many options open, why are hysterectomies still so common? "The major reason that so many women are having hysterectomies is that all the alternative procedures are relatively new," said U-M gynecologist Dr. Gregory Christman. "Many of the techniques that involve removal of growths in the uterus are very difficult to learn and were not taught during residency programs when today's doctors were in training, whereas all gynecologists are very well trained in performing traditional hysterectomies."

Even though the focus of the new U-M clinic is to offer the latest technology in treating gynecological problems, Quint said, "We really try to see the woman as a whole. We take into consideration all the aspects of her life, and how the outcome of whatever treatment or intervention she chooses is going to affect her life. We look at her expectations and help her decide what she thinks is best for her as a woman, as part of her life, her family and everybody around her."



Photo by Mary Kumbler

Student Helps Arrange Visit

Stephanie Copenhaver, a senior at Dexter High School, and her mentor, Bates Elementary School art teacher Roberta Price, were awarded a mini-grant from the Educational Foundation of Dexter for a special program that brings artists to the school. The two wrote the grant together as part of their student-mentor relationship. Copenhaver helped schedule and arrange for Michael Monroe, an illustrator from Brighton, to come to the school. The grant paid for his expenses. He presented his art work from the children's books "M is for Mitten: The Michigan Alphabet Book" and "Buzzy the Bumblebee." Copenhaver is pictured with Monroe and student Shelbi Polidori.

Administrator earns award

The Washtenaw Development Council (WDC) recently announced the winner of the 1999 Jim Hart Award — Robert Guenzel. The Jim Hart Award is given for outstanding volunteer leadership and commitment to economic development in Washtenaw County. Guenzel, Administrator for Washtenaw County, has served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the WDC since 1997. Guenzel was honored for his contributions to economic de-

velopment collaborations throughout the county as well as his dedication to the mission and goals of the WDC.

Past winners of the Jim Hart Award include: 1991-Jim Hart; 1992-John Hochrein; 1993-Polly Miller; 1994-John Lynch, Tom Fegan, John Hochrein; 1995-Mark Ouimet; 1996-Don House; 1997-David Weirman; and 1998-Gunder Myran.

The Washtenaw Development Council (WDC) is a non-profit economic development

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CART dance to be held Dec. 17 at Beach

Chelsea Area Responding to Teens will be sponsoring a "Spirit of giving" dance for seventh and eighth graders on Friday, Dec. 17, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Beach Middle School cafeteria. The cost is \$3 per

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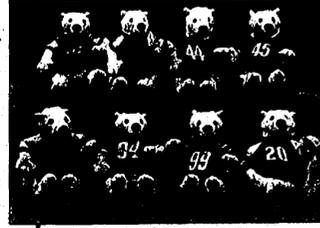
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Sarah Maynard, 1999 Chelsea Fair Queen, reads a Christmas poem before lighting the village tree to kick off the 12th annual Festival of Lights.



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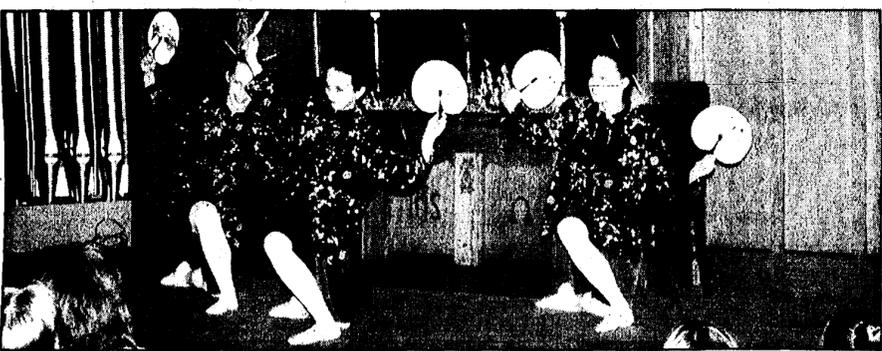
Festival of Lights Winners

First-place winners in the Festival of Lights home-decorating contest won a \$50 certificate to local businesses. Homes were judged in four categories, Best Use of Lights, Most Artistic, Best Religious Theme and Best Period Decoration. Top left, the winner in the Best Use of Lights category, the home of Todd and Janice Orbring, on Railroad Street; top right, the winner of the Most Artistic category, the Russ Lenneman home on Darwin Street; above left, the winner in the Best Religious Theme, the Fred and Carol Hoffman home on West Summit Street; and above right, Jim and Kim Myles' home on East Middle Street, winner in the Best Period Decoration category.



The Cat in the Hat appeared over the weekend as well, at Little Professor/Nature's Expressions. Sweating it out inside the cat is Jessica Timm.

1999 Chelsea Festival of Lights



The Nutcracker

Dancers from Dance Arts of Chelsea performed selections from "The Nutcracker" at the First Congregational Church the evening of Dec. 3. Above, three dancers perform the Tea Dance; the performers are, from left, Emily Leidner, Leah Gerstenlauer and Melissa Payeur. At left, Kaitlyn Kooyers, as the Snow Queen, performs a solo. Dance Arts of Chelsea will present a full performance of "The Nutcracker" at Chelsea High School Dec. 11 and 12, at 2 p.m., and Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for seniors.



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POLICE BLOTTER

Dexter Village

Breaking and Entering

A breaking and entering was reported at Dexter Bar and Grill, formerly Dexter Bowling Alley, 2830 Baker Road, Dec. 1. An alarm company notified the owners and Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department shortly before 3 a.m.

Someone had smashed out a glass front door with a block of cement, causing \$200 damage. A cash register was reportedly pried open with a screwdriver and \$150 was taken. Damage to the cash register is estimated at \$900.

Police managed to lift more than a dozen fingerprints from the scene. The detective bureau has been assigned to the case.

Breaking and entering was reported at the Susannah Keith Gallery and Ronald Sharp attorney office, 8099 Main St., Dec. 1. Someone entered the building through a cellar door that may not have been locked. Both offices and desk drawers were rummaged through but nothing appeared to be missing. Damage to a small safe is estimated at \$150.

Drunken Driving

A 30-year-old Dexter man was arrested on Central Street near Main Street Dec. 5 for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. The suspect was initially stopped for driving a vehicle with an expired license plate. The driver smelled of alcohol and was asked to submit to field sobriety tests.

A Breathalyzer test showed the driver had a blood-alcohol level of .17 percent, which is more than the legal limit to drive. The suspect was taken to jail and his passenger, a Pinckney woman, was told to find a ride home.

A 40-year-old Ann Arbor woman was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol on Main Street near Alpine Street Nov. 28. Police stopped her shortly after 1 a.m. on a traffic violation. The woman appeared disoriented and was asked to take a preliminary breath test. The test showed she had a blood-alcohol level of .15 percent, which is more than the legal limit to drive.

Police confiscated a bottle of bourbon and the butt of a suspected marijuana cigarette from her vehicle. She faces charges of drunken driving, open intoxicants in a motor vehicle, and pending lab results, she could face additional charges of possession of marijuana.

Lost Property

A 36-year-old Pinckney woman reported losing her wallet at the Country Market, 7001 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, Dec. 1. The wallet contained her driver's license, bank savings book, blank checks and \$138 cash. Employees searched the market but could not find her wallet.

Larceny

Larceny was reported in the parking lot at Dexter Bar and Grill, formerly Dexter Bowling Alley, 2830 Baker Road, Nov. 28. A 31-year-old Chelsea woman, said someone stole her purse out of her Chevrolet Lumina mini-van between 9 p.m. Nov. 26 and 2:30 a.m. Nov. 27. The woman said she didn't lock her vehicle's doors because she has always felt safe in Dexter.

Besides the woman's purse, a University of Michigan jacket and jewelry were taken from her van.

Possession of Marijuana

A 19-year-old Pinckney man could face charges of possessing marijuana and driving a vehicle with an improper license plate after he was stopped by police on Main Street near Alpine Street Nov. 30. The suspect was stopped in his 1993 Ford Escort at 1:25

a.m. While speaking to the driver, the officer noticed he smelled of marijuana.

The officer asked the man if he had any marijuana in the vehicle or on him. The man assured the officer that he was "drug-free." However, a search turned up a hash pipe and small amount of plant material, which police suspect is marijuana. More suspected marijuana and four pipes were confiscated from the vehicle.

Chelsea Village

Drunken Driving

A 19-year-old Chelsea man was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol on Main Street Nov. 29. Chelsea Police initially stopped the man for erratic driving. The investigating officer noticed the suspect smelled of alcohol and displayed signs of intoxication.

The driver agreed to take a blood test at Chelsea Community Hospital. He was arrested and taken to jail on suspicion of drunken driving. Lab results are pending.

Assault and Battery

Assault and battery was reported in the trailer park on N. Main Street Dec. 4. A 35-year-old man told police that he was drinking alcohol and playing cards with two women and another man when a scuffle broke out. He said the suspect tried to push him out the door. He also complained that he was struck in the face. The investigating officer, however, did not see any injuries.

The two women were interviewed and one told police that the suspect fondled her breasts. She told him to stop and he did. The woman said the victim came over a short time later and the suspect threatened him with a knife. Police confiscated the knife.

Retail Fraud

Retail fraud was reported at Polly's Market, 1101 S. Main St., Nov. 24. A cashier told police that a customer claimed that she was shortchanged \$20. The cashier gave her the money but later discovered her drawer short \$20. The cashier said she got the woman's name and telephone number but the information turned out to be false.

Threats

A Chelsea man working at W.A. Thomas Inc., 446 Congdon St., told police that he suspects his wife's ex-husband of writing on his window, "Stay away from Kim. She is mine." The suspect resides in Jackson. The victim did not want any action taken against the suspect. He only wanted the incident documented for informational purposes.

Dog Attack

A dog attack was reported in the 200 block of Jefferson Street Dec. 5. A 17-year-old Chelsea boy said he was walking his dog in the neighborhood when a German shepherd ran down the driveway and attacked his dog. The boy said he kicked the dog in the head so it would release his dog. Then he said the dog attacked him, biting his right foot. The victim said the dog's owner then ran outside and took control of the dog.

The boy does not want to press charges but he asked that police talk to the dog's owner. The dog's owner promised police that he would keep better control of the dog when it's outside.

Hit and Run

A hit and run was reported in the parking lot in front of Beach Middle School Nov. 30. A 16-year-old Chelsea boy told police that someone struck his 1989 Mercury Cougar while he was at swimming practice. He said the front fender was damaged. No estimate was provided.

Larceny

Larceny was reported in the 700 block of Taylor Street Dec. 6. A 39-year-old man told police that someone entered two

of his vehicles and stole a cellular telephone valued at \$100, as well as beer and cash. Police suspect an 18-year-old Chelsea boy.

Delinquent Minors

Police were initially called to Jackson Street for a report of a loud party. A group of children, ages 14 to 17, were at the residence. During the interview, the report turned into an investigation of family trouble. Three children at the residence complained about verbal and physical abuse from their father. The father said he feels his children and their friends don't respect him and are taking advantage of his good nature.

The father admitted that he had been drinking alcohol that evening. The children opted to stay with friends the rest of the night.

Dexter Township

Breaking and Entering

Breaking and entering was reported in the 8500 block of Bell Road Dec. 3. A 40-year-old man told police that someone entered his residence through an unlocked window in his basement and stole more than \$5,000 worth of property. Stolen items include jewelry, cameras and cash. The break-in occurred between 6 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. The case has been turned over to the detective bureau.

Breaking and entering was reported at Dr. Barbara Wehr's dentist office, 9477 North Territorial Road, Nov. 28. A 52-year-old woman told police that she arrived at 8:30 a.m. to clean the house and found a broken window. The office had been rummaged through and a video monitor was broken. Damage totals more than \$300. Police were able to get fingerprints from the scene.

Property Damage

Malicious destruction of property was reported in the 7200 block of Webbs-Landing Nov. 28. A 21-year-old woman told police that her 23-year-old boyfriend, an Ann Arbor resident, broke out the windows in her 1998 Toyota. She said he attacked the vehicle after they had an argument and she refused to give him the keys to his own vehicle. Damage totals

\$500. The suspect told police that he would pay for the damage.

Possession of Marijuana/Minor in Possession of Alcohol

A 17-year-old Dexter boy was arrested as a minor in possession of alcohol and he could face charges of possession of marijuana after he was stopped for speeding on Dexter-Pinckney Road near Wylie Road Nov. 18.

During the investigation, the boy admitted that he had been under the front seat of his truck. During a search, police found marijuana in his coat pocket and tobacco products inside the vehicle.

Scio Township

Larceny

Larceny was reported at ADP, 175 Jackson Road, Nov. 29. A 42-year-old Ann Arbor man was caught on videotape stealing a laptop computer valued at \$1,800. He is an employee of Du-Rite Cleaning Inc. and cleans the office after hours.

Several laptops have been taken over the last couple of months. In this instance, the suspect was caught on videotape placing the computer in a garbage bag.

The suspect was arrested and his residence. Deputies obtained a search warrant to search his home but did not find the computer.

Armed Robbery

Armed robbery was reported at the I-94 rest stop off I-94 between Baker and Zeeb roads Nov. 30. A 48-year-old Canadian truck driver told police that on Nov. 12 he was approached by two men at the truck stop and robbed at knifepoint. The victim said \$218 in U.S. currency and \$106 worth of Canadian money was stolen, along with a diamond and sapphire ring, gold pinky ring and wristwatch with a total value of \$500.

The truck driver said he delayed reporting the incident because he has little faith in the police to catch the criminals. He decided to report it during his next trip through the area because his employer needed a police report to file an insurance claim on his behalf.

Larceny

Larceny was reported at a construction site on Scio Church Road near Scio Ridge Road Nov. 30. An employee of Dohany Home Improvements out of Farmington Hills reported \$5,000 worth of siding material and accessories stolen over the Thanksgiving holiday. Police have no suspects.

Larceny was reported at Fort Knox storage, 3870 Jackson Road, Dec. 4. A 31-year-old Ann Arbor man told police that someone stole furniture from a storage area between Nov. 14 and Nov. 30. Two coffee tables, a dressing table, a dresser and four chairs valued at \$1,800 were stolen.

Runaway

A 16-year-old girl was reported as a runaway from her home in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road, Nov. 27. The girl's 35-year-old mother told police that the teen has been refusing to follow house rules, go to school and stay home.

The day before she was reported missing, the girl reportedly wanted to have some older men over. Her mother would not allow it, so the girl called police three times. Police told her to obey her mother. The next morning, the girl turned up missing.

A 13-year-old boy was reported as a runaway from his home in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road, Nov. 25. The boy's 45-year-old mother told police that she last saw him at 3 p.m. Nov. 24. He was supposed to go to an event after school and return shortly after. She learned from a neighbor that her son was at a friend's house until 8:40 p.m. The boy and his friend said they were going to another friend's home but that boy said he never saw them.

Threatening Phone Calls

Threatening phone calls were reported in the 4600 block of Dexter-Ann Arbor

Road Nov. 21. A 52-year-old woman told police that she believes a woman she fired at Heartland Healthcare threatened to kill her. The victim, who is an administrator at Heartland, said she fired a 33-year-old Ann Arbor woman for working with a false nursing license.

On Nov. 21 at 12:15 p.m., the victim's husband said a woman called asking for his wife. He said she wasn't there and the woman asked if she was on her way to work. He told her that his wife was not and asked if there was anything else. The woman reportedly said, "Yes, tell her I am going to kill her," and hung up the phone.

Child Neglect

Child neglect was reported in Wood Chase apartments off Scio Ridge Road at 8 p.m. Dec. 1. A 7-year-old boy was found hanging out with a group of youths at Liberty Sports Club. They were sticking out their middle fingers to customers and acting incorrigible. The 7-year-old boy told police that his mother was not at home and his 11-year-old brother was watching him.

Police took the boy home and tried to page his mother but she didn't respond. Their closest relatives live in Lake Orion. Child Protective Services was notified. The mother reportedly returned around 10:30 p.m.

The investigating officer noted that police have responded two other times to the

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Thanksgiving Celebration

Dexter Co-op Nursery held a Thanksgiving celebration prior to the holiday. Students made pilgrim costumes and feasted on friendship fruit salad, muffins, a snack mix, turkey-shaped cookies and juice. Pictured are Victor Cook, Jack Donevan, David Innis, David James,

Aaron Kelley, Jacob Kelley, Jacob Killan, Matt Mitchell, Graham Northrup, Sasha Vander Bellen, Damon Vanderhoff and Jordan Bose. They are students in teacher Pam Franco's class.

Junior League offers help to non-profits

The Junior League of Ann Arbor Inc. recently announced the offering of a special opportunity for non-profit organizations serving Washtenaw County.

The JLAIA Inc. Community Grant Fund Program has been established in order to provide significant sources of income for those local non-profit agencies whose mission fits with the goals of the league. This one-time grant program has an appropriation for up to \$30,000 in grants and is scheduled to be awarded in March 2000.

Grant applications are available now by contacting the league at (734) 996-8818. To qualify for a grant, a non-profit organization needs to communicate how its own mission

fits with the goals of the league as well as how the grant will be used to help fulfill this mission. Two specific areas of focus for the Junior League of Ann Arbor, Inc. are women and youth at risk.

The league's position statements and other social concerns are explained on the application form. Applications are evaluated on the relevance of the organization's purpose with respect to at least one of these position statements as well as the opportunity for volunteerism on the part of JLAIA. The application form requires proof of 501(c)3 status as well as other financial information. A non-profit organization needs to satisfy all the requirements of the application in order to be considered for a grant.

POLICE

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residence for reports of children home alone.

Family Trouble

Family trouble was reported Dec. 2. Police were initially dispatched when three children reported that their mother had a gun and was threatening to kill them. The woman appeared intoxicated and was asked to take a preliminary breath test. She refused and ordered deputies to leave.

Deputies continued their investigation and spoke with the children. One child said the woman was going to kill her husband's girlfriend and then the children. However, the child did not see a gun.

Police took the children to their grandparents' house and the Department of Social Services was notified.

Drunken Driving/Child Endangerment/Open Indangerment

A 26-year-old Jackson woman was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol on eastbound I-94 west of Baker Road Dec. 3. She was stopped shortly after 9 a.m. for erratic driving after a cellular phone caller notified police of a possible drunk driver. Deputies noted a 3-year-old child was asleep in the back seat of the woman's vehicle.

The woman submitted to sobriety tests. A breath test showed she had a .17 percent blood-alcohol level, which is more than the legal limit to drive.

The woman was arrested and taken to jail and her daughter was released to her parents at 4:30 a.m.

Drunken Driving

A 45-year-old Canadian truck driver was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol on westbound I-94 near M-14 Dec. 4. He was stopped after slamming his semi truck into another vehicle, forcing the other vehicle into a median wall on I-94.

The suspect smelled of intoxicants and was asked to take field sobriety tests. Deputies report that the man had no problem talking with deputies until asked to submit to a breathalyzer. Then the suspect, who is of Russian decent, said he didn't understand what they wanted.

A preliminary breath test showed a blood-alcohol level of .16 percent, which is more than the legal limit to drive. He refused a breathalyzer and, instead, a search warrant was obtained for a blood sam-

ple. A bottle of whisky was also confiscated from his truck and the driver was issued a ticket for having a radar detector.

Property Damage

Malicious destruction of property was reported at Auto Strauss dealership, 501 Auto Mall Drive, Dec. 5. A 42-year-old Whitmore Lake man told police that someone broke two large showroom windows. Damage is estimated at \$1,500. The incident was initially reported by a passerby at 9:30 p.m.

Sylvan Township

Warrant Arrest

Sherry Marie Altwater, 39, of Jackson was transferred into a Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputy's custody on I-94 near Kalmbach Road Dec. 3. She was wanted on a bench warrant for failure to comply with the court.

Christopher C. Barginere, 27, of Ypsilanti was transferred into a Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputy's custody on Clear Lake Road near I-94 Dec. 3. He was wanted on a bench warrant for driving with a suspended license.

Webster Township

Breaking and Entering

Breaking and entering was reported at a home under construction in the 7000 block of Ryan Road near North Territorial Road Nov. 29. A 33-year-old Westland man said between 3:30 p.m. Nov. 26 and 8:30 a.m. Nov. 27, someone entered the home, through an unlocked garage window and stole uninstalled kitchen cabinets and three power nailers valued at \$3,600.

Lima Township

Driving With License Suspended

A 24-year-old Stockbridge woman was cited for driving with a suspended license and for speeding on Jackson Road

near Dancer Road Dec. 2. Her vehicle was clocked at 74 mph in a 55-mph zone. A computer check revealed her driver's license was suspended. She was issued a ticket for both misdemeanor offenses and released at the scene.

Manchester

Larceny

Larceny was reported in the 18300 block of Timber Lake Road Nov. 28. A 38-year-old Brooklyn man told police that someone stole two bows from a home under construction between Nov. 10 and Nov. 12. The bows are valued at \$1,500.

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Dexter Township

"The Christmas presents and seeing my family in Oregon."

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"On Christmas Eve, we go to Grandma and Grandpa's to eat."

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"As a child, my sisters and I got new pajamas to wear on Christmas Eve. I continue that tradition with my kids."

Tom Mullins
Works in Chelsea

"The Christmas show we put on at the VA Hospital for the Vietnam Veterans of America."

Nancy Wilkerson
Waterloo Township

"My family trims the tree and drinks eggnog."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take note of meeting

I would like to represent an opinion to the good people of the Village of Chelsea. It is very important that they be aware of what is to take place at the Village Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1999. The council will be asked to approve the new text changes to the current building and improvement ordinances for the Village of Chelsea. This is a publicized event and may seem routine.

What should be brought to light is that the proposed text changes, which affect all of

Chelsea's building and improvement requests, are very much the same as what is or was proposed for the historic district for downtown Chelsea. As most of us know this was very heatedly challenged by many of the merchants and residents of Chelsea.

Please be reminded that what is proposed for the historic district is possibly going to be imposed on every one owning property in Chelsea.

A question I would like to raise, is when does government become too big and controlling? Don't the citizens of Chelsea have the intelligence

to make responsible decisions? Why should a vocal few have so much control over the future of Chelsea.

It is possible that these changes could drive badly needed businesses away from Chelsea. Many of which are desired and needed in the village. Don't forget that businesses pay taxes and provide services, which add convenience and choices to the people of the community.

Woody Lantis

Small town amenities

There is nothing like a small-town community and its

school system to put your faith back in the goodness of people. On the morning of Saturday, Nov. 13, our phone rang about 8:30 a.m., imagine my surprise when it was the assistant principal of Chelsea High School, Robin Raymond asking for my son David Poupard.

Of course I immediately asked what "was wrong" and he assured me that everything was fine, just that a student had turned in David's wallet that was found in the school parking lot after the dance and thought we would like to know, furthermore

he invited David to stop over anytime that weekend to pick it up.

Not more than 30 minutes later one of David's classmates, Laura Baird, called to say that she had found the wallet and didn't want him to worry. We always knew Chelsea was a great place to educate your children and raise your family, but incidents like this just make it one more reason. Thanks Laura Baird and Robin Raymond for being so honest, thoughtful and kind.

Debi Scroggins
Gregory

Library moves to accommodate community

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LIBRARY NOTES

The Library is moving to temporary quarters! WHERE? The Media Center at the Washington Street Education Center. WHEN? Between Dec. 20 and Jan. 3. WHY? In order to

provide barrier-free access.

The need for barrier-free access is something that will touch us all at some point in our lives. Handicapping conditions are, at the very least, temporary inconveniences. At worse, they can render us unable to earn an income or enjoy the pleasures of a good book.

The Chelsea District Library has made a commitment to the entire community that all residents of the library district will be able to use public information resources with or without handicapping conditions.

The Library Board and the School Board have joined forces in an effort to maximize the use of the public facilities of Chelsea. Together, these two public boards are providing barrier-free public library services for the first time to the Chelsea community.

As a temporary solution to the Library's access issues, the media center at the former Chelsea High School will be put back into use. The School Board understands the need for the Library to provide barrier, free service and the Library Board is excited about using the media center for a

limited time.

School Board President Scott Broshar said, "This is a win-win situation for the schools and the library. We are delighted to make this space available in the short term for the library, and to keep public facilities working for the public."

Library Board President Lynn Fox said, "The library is in the enviable position of having use of a workable facility so that we can fulfill our mission while we iron out the complex details of building a permanent accessible facility downtown."

Once the move is com-

pleted, we will be hiring additional staff to allow us to remain open longer on Saturdays and we will be open Sundays during the school year.

The Library's hours will be expanded as follows:

Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

In the weeks ahead we will provide information on expanded services in the new facility. Talk to our helpful staff the next time you drop into the McKune House, or visit our web site at chelsea.lib.mi.us.

Moving bittersweet experience for families

By Mary Ann Lawrence
Special Writer

There is a photograph of my new 3-year-old son peeking into an empty toy box on the living room floor of our first home — the first one that he ever knew. He is wearing a long-sleeve shirt and a pair of khaki overalls. You can only see his profile, but clearly he is perturbed.

"Where did everything go?" he seemed to be asking. I recently came across this picture as I began a memory book project for Andrew and my 18-month-old, Matthew. It was moving day, 1998. The nightmare I'll never forget. It was the eve of my move from the city to Dexter, or rather Green acres, as I know my family must call it.

I have to admit that I do get allergic smelling hay, but I tried to keep an open mind. (Is that my husband rolling his eyes?) We had been bickering about the move for months — to country or not to country, so to speak. Well, finally I agreed to move there on a temporary basis. My husband and I figured that I needed to "feel it out" first before making any long term decisions on the rural life. So we spent the better part of fall packing our things into boxes that were far too small and packing very large furniture into very tight places.

Matthew was oblivious. He was barely crawling and had no concept of Christmas or presents, staying or moving. Andrew, on the other hand, was very curious and not a little confused. So many changes were coming about! First, he had to deal with a newborn brother. Now, his toys were being put in boxes and shipped out. Poor little soul; he had no clue the changes he was about to bear over the course of the next several weeks.

Christmas came and went. My husband and I did the best we could to make it fun for the kids. Matthew was happy to play with the wrappings, but Andrew loved his new toys and brand-new red bike that Santa brought. Santa had a hard time last year. It was bad enough we didn't have a chimney through which he could sneak into our home, but last year we didn't even have a tree under which to put shiny new bikes and other gifts. The extent of our decorations was a potted plant with a few red bows in it sitting atop an end table covered with our tree skirt. Poor Santa.

We spent the rest of December in the old house. Al-

though it seemed we had been packing and moving for months, there were still several items left. We were down to the last day of our move. If we had stayed any longer, we would have had to pay rent to the new homeowners. As they had taken out a hefty mortgage, we were not eager to stay and make their large payments for them.

HOME FRONT

At the eleventh hour, my husband's friend came to help us move everything. We had three carloads to move. That meant I had to be alone with the boys and a stack of boxes that would block my rear window. It was cold and windy. It was snowing profusely. It was 10:30 at night and very dark.

My husband and I said our last goodbye to our first home. It had been a good one — a pretty little three-bedroom bungalow on a tree-lined street in a historic neighborhood just a few minutes from Detroit. We had moved into it when I was expecting Andrew. I was quite far along and couldn't do much moving. My husband's friends helped him paint until the wee hours of the morning for nearly a week. My husband tore out the carpet and refinished the hardwood floors almost single-handedly. We refinished the kitchen with custom-built oak cabinets and even I pitched in to install a vinyl (very cheap, I might add) flooring.

Everyone who walked through the house commented on how homey it was. Real estate agents loved it. "It shows well," was the official compliment. I was reluctant to leave.

Once we said our good-byes, my husband jumped into his truck and pulled out of the driveway. I followed in our relatively new SUV. We both

stared at the house a few minutes. Snow was covering our meager landscaping and you couldn't see the spot where we had dug out two holly plants. It was a breach of contract to take them, but they had sentimental value and we just couldn't leave them. We wanted to take the small maple tree in the front yard, but we thought they might miss it.

As it turned out, when we drove by several weeks ago, the tree was missing. I suspect they didn't care for it and pulled it right out of the ground. I suppose it hadn't occurred to them how many times I had sat at the kitchen table and looked at it. How my husband and I had made bets on how many leaves there were on it. How I became excited in the fall when I saw the first leaf turning red at the tip. How it had grown from four inches to five inches in diameter over the course of its short life with us.

So one last look at our old maple, one last glance at our charming home and we were off. Down Fort Street we drove, up Southfield and onto I-94 westward bound. The traffic wasn't heavy but the snow made it slow going. I realized somewhere around Belleville that my windshield wipers weren't working. I panicked. I said three Hail Mary's. I tried to signal to my husband and his friend, driving another carload, but in vain.

A tractor-trailer pulled out in front of me, separating my husband and me. As my grip on the steering wheel grew tighter, I peeked in the back seat. Andrew and Matthew were sleeping peacefully; warm in their footed fleece pajamas. Unafraid. Secure in the knowledge that Mommy was nearby and in control.

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Internet allows youths to sign up for Select Service

More than 250,000 men have registered with Selective Service using the Internet since the program's inauguration exactly one year ago.

Agency officials say on-line registrations now account for about one quarter of incoming registrations.

Dec. 2, 1999, marks the first anniversary of the Selective Service System's popular-Internet registration program. Its start-up received worldwide coverage last year.

"Federal law requires men turning 18 who reside in the United States, citizens and non-citizens alike, to register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. About two million men are required to register every year.

Male U.S. citizens reaching age 18 must register regardless of where they live, so Internet registration is especially convenient for American men who reside overseas.

"When Selective Service began the on-line registration

program, it was an immediate success," says Gil Coronado, director of Selective Service. "It is gratifying to see the number of young men who are responding by logging on and registering via computers at schools, libraries, and homes and from overseas location. In fact, no other service we've provided has had more immediate impact than on-line registration. Its popularity surpasses our most optimistic expectations."

To register on-line, a man with a valid Social Security number must connect to the Selective Service Web site at <http://www.sss.gov>. After keying in his registration information, he clicks on the "submit" button and instantly receives his Selective Service number. Additionally, he receives a formal acknowledgment postcard in the mail within two weeks.

Men also can register by returning a mail-back registration form received in the mail,

by registering at any U.S. post office, or by checking a box on government forms such as the student financial aid application. Even so, Coronado points out that the fastest and easiest way to register is through the Internet.

Although late registrations are accepted, a man cannot register after reaching age 26. Failure to register is felony and causes a man to be ineligible for student loans and grants for college, most federal and many state jobs, jobs with the U.S. Postal Service, and federal job training programs. Moreover, male immigrants who are subject to the registration requirement also may be denied U.S. citizenship if they do not register.

Although the United States relies primarily on an all-volunteer military today, Selective Service continues to be a low-cost national defense manpower "insurance policy" that provides the means to reinstate a fair and equitable draft, if necessary.



Photo by Mary Kumbler

Artrain

Students at Bates Elementary School took a field trip to Ann Arbor last week to visit the Artrain. Pictured checking out some of the works are Kendall Chappell, Lauren Wright and Chris Kotsomes.

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Home away from Home



Lynn Harshbarger and her family have taken in German exchange student Agnes Schiperski. The teen attends Chelsea High School. Her stay was organized through the Youth for Understanding program.

Local family takes in exchange student

By Jim Silver
Staff Writer

When Lynn Harshbarger got a call from Youth For Understanding in August, it did not seem unusual. She had gotten a call from the organization, which places foreign exchange students with American host families, earlier this year, to serve as a reference for a friend.

But the phone call turned out to be something of an emergency. Agnes Schiperski, a student in Germany, needed a home, and would be coming to America in a week.

Earlier in the summer, Harshbarger had considered the possibility of hosting a student, but felt that another person in the house could be a problem for her family. But this time, she said yes.

"I thought it was a good idea, but I didn't know if my husband and son would be that excited about it," she said.

"So when I talked to them and they said 'yes,' I thought we should go ahead."

The decision was good news for Agnes Schiperski, who had been preparing for the trip for a year-and-a-half. She was a week away from leaving for America, and was nervous about not having anywhere to stay. So when she was told, five days before her departure, that YFU had found a family for her, she was relieved.

"I thought about calling them, but I didn't want to wake them on a Sunday morning," she recalled.

So she waited throughout the day with her family in Germany. Finally, the call came.

It was Schiperski's 8-year-old brother who answered the phone. He and Harshbarger fumbled with language until Harshbarger recalled the German phrase for "Is Agnes there?" from 20 years before.

Schiperski said her brother gave her the phone, adding, "There's somebody French for you." But when she took the call, she was happy to discover "There's my mom."

Harshbarger was a serendip-



Agnes Schiperski, an exchange student from Germany, has found a second home in Chelsea. She is pictured with her second family, Lynn Harshbarger, Gary Hammerburg and their son, Kris Hammerburg.

itous host mother for Schiperski. She had taken German in high school and college, and had briefly lived in Germany 20 years ago. She had also maintained contact with a pen pal in Poland for some time.

"I thought, when I heard about Agnes, that this was meant to be," Harshbarger said.

Schiperski was born in Poland, and her parents speak Polish to each other. But when she was still very young, the family moved to Flemsburg, the northernmost town in Germany which is about half the size of Ann Arbor.

There was one more hurdle for her to clear once she got to

America: the airport.

"I asked on the phone about getting picked up at the airport," Schiperski said, and Harshbarger told her that the whole family would wait for her at the terminal, and would hold up a sign with her name.

"So I got into Detroit, and I was pretty excited. I mean, I am

here all by myself, but there will be a family waiting for me.

"I get through the doors, and there are a lot of people with a lot of placards, but none of them said my name."

She feared that there was a problem due to her flight's two-hour delay. But in fact, the prob-

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Miller encourages school songbirds

By Michelle Rogers
Associate Editor

Andrea Miller's passion for singing was sparked at an early age. She sang in the fifth- and sixth-grade choirs and grew up idolizing her older brother, whose voice and acting ability graced the high school stage.

Miller cultivated her talent in junior high and was a star vocalist at her high school. As a senior, she was named one of the 10 top solo and ensemble singers across the state.

Entering the University of Michigan, she had aspirations of becoming an opera singer.

"But then I realized the chances of that were slim," Miller says.

"When you leave your small town, you think you're going to do something amazing. But when you get to the big leagues, reality kind of sets in."

Miller's reality became teaching, and she has never looked back.

"I definitely fell into a career just as rewarding or maybe even more so," she says.

For the past five years, Miller has worked as a vocal music teacher in Chelsea schools. She teaches some 500 students a year at Beach Middle School, South Meadows and North Creek elementary schools.

Miller started her career in 1991 at her alma mater in Ypsilanti. She graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1983 and earned a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Michigan School of Music in 1987. Nine years later,

she added a master's degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University.

A year and a half into her career, Miller was laid off from Ypsilanti schools. She worked in Dundee for two years, teaching children in grades 1-12 before settling in Chelsea.

Miller says she was looking for a school district and community more supportive of the arts and she found it.

"In Chelsea, the community is so supportive of the arts and willing to give as much as they can in order to get good results," Miller says. "It's a great place to be a musician and teach kids because they're so supportive."

It was while she was a high school student in Ypsilanti that Miller says she realized her professional calling.

"I decided I wanted to be a music teacher when I was a senior in high school," she says. "I spent so much time doing vocal music and being in choir and singing that I couldn't see stopping."

"I didn't really make a conscious decision. I just never stopped doing it because I loved it so much."

There was a fleeting moment when she thought she would become an opera singer. But after two years of college and a look at the stiff competition that dream faded.

Miller credits her high school choir teacher, William Boggs, and brother for their early influence on her career.

"I got a lot of encouragement," she says.

Boggs gently pushed Miller to improve as a vocalist and pursue her dream. As a member of the high school choir, she was afforded the opportunity to travel across the United States, participating in competitions in New York and other cities.

It was her brother who Miller looked up to, though. He was an actor and singer who shined on stage.

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"Watching him sparked my interest," she says. "He was a great actor and singer, and I followed in his footsteps, as far as the musical end of it."

As a high school freshman, Miller had a minor role in "West Side Story" and played Liesel in the "Sound of Music."

Nowadays, Miller keeps busy preparing Chelsea students for musical performances and recitals. She helps organize four concerts a year. Special performances are occasionally arranged for the senior citizens and other community groups.

Certified to teach students in kindergarten through 12th grades, Miller divides her time between three schools. She spends mornings at South Meadows, afternoons at Beach and teaches two classes at North Creek on Thursdays. She says the range of ages keeps her job interesting.

"I love teaching the elementary because they are so

excitable and generally really happy and excited to be in music," she says. "They're also easily pleased and it's so much fun."

"I like to be silly with them, and that's a good way to get their attention. They love that at the elementary level."

"I like teaching middle school because it's more challenging musically-speaking than the ele-

mentary. Yet they are still excitable musically and very eager to please," she says.

Having taught at the high school level in Dundee, Miller says she misses the relationships teachers can form with older students. However, teaching at that level requires extra time spent after school and in the evening with musical performances. As a mother of two young children, Miller says she has found her niche for now.

Firm but fair is how Miller describes her teaching style. She thinks it's important to lay ground rules but also provide a learning environment where students can thrive.

"I think students feel comfortable enough in my class to be themselves and take risks," she says. "They feel comfortable enough to work on special skills and really learn. But I think they also know guidelines are important."

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Andrea Miller teaches vocal music to students in Chelsea schools.

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The only hard rule in her classroom is respect. Everyone must respect each other.

"When one person is talking it's important to listen to what they say and give them time to say it," she says.

Miller also believes it's important for students to support each other. Whether they accomplished a great feat or need words of encouragement,

students need to be there for one another, she says.

As their teacher, Miller says it's important for her to let them know that she is there for them and that she can help them achieve their dreams.

"It's important they do their best and succeed," she says.

For Miller, the highlight of her career was coming to Chelsea schools.

"It's a pleasure to teach the arts in this community," she says. "We're given lots of opportunities that make our jobs interesting and fun."

Miller says she has found a great place to teach and live, and doesn't plan on giving it up anytime soon.

Currently living in Saline, the Millers are building a home in Waterloo Township and will move to the area when it is completed. Their two sons, 4-year-old Charlie, and 21-month-old Daniel, will go to Chelsea schools.

When she is not in the classroom, Miller continues to use her vocal talent in other arenas. She sings at weddings and funerals and is a member of a

folk group at her church, St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Saline. She also enjoys singing nursery rhymes to her sons.

A collector of antiques, Miller hopes to one day fill her house with old furniture and knick-knacks.

When she is not scouring antique stores, Miller enjoys running, traveling and reading mysteries. She runs 3.2 miles after school with a group of teachers. Europe, Jamaica and Hawaii are among the places she has visited.



Brass Pass

Fifty-four students at Chelsea High School were awarded the Brass Pass in the first academic quarter. The award is given to students who maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average, or who raise their g.p.a. 10 percent from a previous quarter, and entitles students to discounts or free items at local businesses. Students pictured include, Mora Arnold, Katie Bach, Virginia Bailey, Caitlin Biedron, Griffin Biedron, Chloe Chamberlin, Kelly Clement, Lisa Clement, Greg Cook, Jill Drexler, Molly Edman, Erica Forshee, Dana Foster, Joel Gentz, Emily Havens, Ben Hicks, Mary Howlin, Sean Humenay, Katherine Hunt, Katherine Knox, Mike Konieczki, Kaitlyn Kooyers, Erika Malinoski, Sarah Manville, April Marzec, Sarah Maynard, Jamie McConville, James McKenzie, Liz Menge, Zach Meza, Mike Mignano, Lindsey Miller, Sarah Misenheimer, Karl Moyle, Justin Nadolny, Erin Nelson, Kelly O'Brien, Jessica Percha, Katie Personke, Brian Phillips, Audrey Richardson, Jasmin Roberts, Bobby Rohrkemper, Val Schiller, Kirra Sheremet, Amy Sporer, Ryan Stamper, Chris Strahler, Augustine Syrovoy, Sarah Tschirhart, Jeff Walters, Josh Welshans, Betty Weseott, Nicole Williams.

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lem was in miscommunication.

"The lady at YFU told them that I was getting in at 6:30 p.m. when in fact, before the delay, I was supposed to arrive at 1 p.m."

Harshbarger said that, "for some reason, at three o'clock, right when her plane landed, I thought I better look at the airline schedule. I don't know if I got a vibe or what."

"So I pulled out the schedule for the first time in four days, because all I had been doing (since YFU's call) was cleaning house, trying to get a room ready."

When she realized that the flight was scheduled to land at 1 p.m., she corralled her family and made it to the airport in 30 minutes.

Once the difficulties of Schiperski's arrival were past, the focus, for her and her new family, was to adjust to each other.

Schiperski also had to get acquainted with her new hometown. A guided tour of Chelsea with Harshbarger and family moved matters along in both areas.

"We were talking in the truck, and it felt like we had known each other for years and had just met again. I felt at home," Schiperski said.

She began to feel comfortable with the family, quickly, and did not miss her home in Germany very much. She said the feeling continues.

"One thing I will never forget: when we are in church or someplace, and mom is intro-

ducing me, she does not say, 'This is my exchange student for this year.' She says, 'This is my daughter from Germany.'"

Schiperski said that hearing that phrase, "my daughter," went miles toward making her feel at home.

After four months to reflect, she feels that Chelsea and her home in Germany are very similar.

"It's not like it's Florida or California, so the climate, the countryside are a lot alike."

But she has had to get accustomed to Americans being less formal than Germans. She said that during her first months here, in school and on the street would approach her right away, to ask her how she is getting along.

"In a little community, at the high school, as soon as something different happens, people know."

But that casual attitude, and the friends of Harshbarger's son Kris Hammerburg at school, eased her entry into Chelsea High School.

Thanksgiving, while a new holiday for her, was a fun experience, as was Homecoming.

"In Germany, we don't have that many school dances. We can't organize that many people."

For Harshbarger, another person in the house was a return to her past. She helped her husband, Gary Hammerburg, raise four children from a previous marriage. Kris Hammerburg, is a senior at Chelsea High School. So she is used to a busy household.

"I've had a houseful of teenagers for as long as I can remember," she said, "so it was

like Grand Central Station when school let out."

Schiperski has afforded her some new chances to enjoy the teenage perspective. "Usually, your kids are so involved by the time they get to high school that they don't have much time for you."

But because Schiperski does not drive, she and Harshbarger get to spend more time together around the house, particularly in the kitchen. She likes to cook, and contributes to family meals whenever she can.

Harshbarger has also maintained contact with Schiperski's family, writing letters to them in German, and reading letters in Polish.

Schiperski summed up the multilingual nature of the relationship. "My American mom is writing to my Polish dad in German. Doesn't everybody's?"

Kris Hammerburg has enjoyed having another teenager in the house.

"I have half-brothers and sisters but I never got the experience of growing up with them. Essentially, I'm an only child, so it would be something I'd never do."

"Plus, I'm going to college soon, so I figure I'll need to learn to live with someone else."

"We had to organize the times getting ready in the morning, to get to school on time. It used to be, whenever I needed to get up, that's when I would get up and go. Now, we have to organize," he said.

Schiperski visited Ann Arbor soon after her arrival, and didn't know where to look first, with the number of cars and people around her.

"Ann Arbor is crazy by itself, and then just arriving from Germany, it was even crazier."

The trip to Ann Arbor was necessary, as they needed to outfit Schiperski with more casual clothes.

"Germans, when they're traveling, only pack their best clothes," she said. "Coming to America and realizing that everybody's dressing in t-shirts and jeans, I realized I might not have packed the right things."

Harshbarger agreed. "We had to teach her to dress down."

The whole family has also been attending church together. Schiperski, who was raised a Catholic, has spent her Sundays with the family at their Methodist church, allowing for more shared experiences.

The relationship between Schiperski and her American family has been smooth so far. So smooth, in fact, that it almost raised suspicions.

At the end of her first week here, the whole family attended a meeting for exchange students and host families held by YFU. After listening to the troubles other groups were having, she began to have doubts.

When the family left the meeting, she felt compelled to ask them a question.

"Is there anything wrong that you're not telling me?"

But there were no problems, which may have been a surprise to Harshbarger.

"When I told people we were going to be hosting an exchange student, I heard a lot of negative comments," she said.

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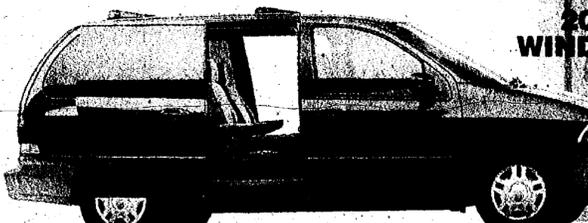
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North Creek students bake up school surprise



From left, Kyle Whitley, Pete Kinsey, Rick Kinsey (in back), Eric Gabbard, Joseph Gunden and Lance Hammer display their gingerbread model of North Creek Elementary School.

Foundation teams up with airline to help cancer patients

Northwest Airlines is giving some extra lift to the inspirational "Cancer & You" magazine by distributing it in all of its 19 WorldClubs, located across the nation.

Designed to foster hope and provide information to cancer patients, their families and caregivers, Cancer & You brings an insider's perspective with feature articles about celebrities and everyday people who are dealing with cancer. These stories of healing and survival are accompanied by practical information on products, nutrition, relationships and coping as well as book reviews.

"The severity of cancer is easy to see — it is the second leading cause of death, claiming the lives of one of every four Americans," said Jay Jennings, Northwest Airlines regional sales vice president. "What is not so easy for us and cancer patients to see is the underlying hope and renewed lease on life that can arise from the diagnosis. Northwest supports Cancer & You's mission to ring that hope to life."

Cancer & You is published by Griffin Publishing Group, LLC and distributed nationwide at all Kmart pharmacies.

A majority of profits from its sale are donated to the McCarty Cancer Foundation to benefit multiple myeloma is a cancer of the bone marrow and blood and is one of the fastest growing forms of cancer. There is no cure.

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The McCarty Cancer Foundation was founded in 1997 by NHL star Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty as a father's day present to Craig, who has multiple myeloma. The foundation is dedicated to raising awareness of multiple myeloma and improving the quality of life for those suffering from the disease while working toward prevention and a

By Jim Silver
Staff Writer

Six North Creek Elementary School students, as part of the Festival of Lights gingerbread house display, created a gingerbread model of their school.

The six friends, Eric Gabbard, Pete Kinsey, Rick Kinsey, Kyle Whitley, Lance Hammer and Joseph Gunden, wanted to surprise their classmates and the school staff, and so did not announce their plans until the gingerbread school was completed.

The project took six to seven hours to complete, spread over the course of two days. The boys baked the gingerbread one day, and then constructed the school the next.

"We traced the school on paper first, then laid it out with construction paper before using gingerbread," Gabbard said.

The boys also replaced the North Creek parking lot with an ice skating rink, made from a mirror. They attributed the

addition to wishful thinking.

The model includes a gingerbread man on the roof, retrieving a chocolate soccer ball, which the boys say they included because the maintenance man at North Creek school performs the same activity almost daily.

Once the model was constructed, it proved to be another task to submit it as a gingerbread house.

"We had to flip it sideways to get it through the front door of the house," said Rick Kinsey.

He added that the boys had to perform the same maneuver to get the model through the door of the Congregational Church, where gingerbread entries were submitted.

All six agreed that the hardest part of the process was not eating the house before they had finished it; but they mitigated the problem by eating candy as the model grew. They have plans for their gingerbread model next year, but want to keep them secret, to maintain the element of surprise.



Above, a jet-powered gingerbread sled for Santa Claus, created by Rick Kinsey.



Key Scholar is Chelsea Grad

Austin K. Jackson, a 1997 graduate of Chelsea High School, was honored for scholastic achievements by being accepted into the Golden Key International Honor Society at Western Michigan University on Nov. 21. Jackson is a senior at WMU, and has plans to graduate April 2000. After graduation, he plans to pursue a master's degree in industrial psychology, and a doctorate in applied behavior analysis. In his senior year at CHS, he was active in the show choir and took part in a "Blues-Brothers" parody skit.

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Fashion Models

Girl Scouts in Troop 245 recently participated in a fashion show at The Limited Too clothing store in Briarwood Mall. They are pictured in the store wearing some of the latest fashions. Pictured are Jamie Valliere, Elizabeth Bell, Tracy Duve, Annie Taylor, Taylor Ricklemann, Brianna Smith, Jessica Young, Alyssa Knope and Kaylee Chappell. They are students at Wylie Middle School.

Nutcracker ballet set

The traditional holiday favorite — The Nutcracker Ballet — is coming to Chelsea.

Dance Arts Performing Ensemble (DAPE) will present The Nutcracker at the new Chelsea High School auditorium on the following dates:

Saturday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. with guest performer Joseph Yekulis, Washtenaw County commissioner.

Saturday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m. with guest performer John Hansen, Michigan state representative.

Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. with guest performer Judge Richard E. Colin.

This is the second year DAPE has performed The Nutcracker under the professional direction of Wendi Dubois, and this year's show boasts wonderful new scenery, costumes, and choreography—all set to the music of Tchaikovsky.

The story is about young Marie's dream of a Nutcracker turned into a prince. Join Marie's holiday party, and then experience with her a rat and soldier battle, the Land of Snow, and the Land of Sweets.

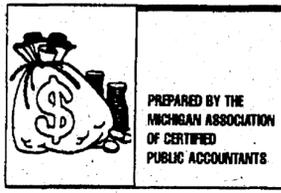
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While they don't make a habit of dancing around the issues, Washtenaw County Commissioner Joe Yekulis and state Rep. John Hansen will be on pointe for this weekend's special performances of the Nutcracker at Chelsea High School.

able at Chelsea Pharmacy, 1050 S. Main St., Chelsea. General admission is \$10, with \$7 for seniors, and children 10 years and younger. The Saturday 2 p.m. performance offers \$7 tickets with 10 percent discounts for groups of 10 or more. For more information, call (734) 475-3070.

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Not so fast, warns the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. Many people, without realizing it, accumulate estates that are larger than they think. Therefore, before you risk subjecting your hard-earned assets to taxes that can range from 37 percent to 55 percent, take a few moments to calculate the net worth of your estate. The following steps will help get you started.

A word on fair market value

The first step in calculating how much your estate is worth is to establish the fair market value of the personal property it includes. For tax purposes, the property's fair market value is how much a willing buyer would pay for the item today — not the amount you originally paid.

Start by running a tally on your assets

• **Your Home** — Begin by determining the market value of your home and any other real estate you own. A real estate broker can help you determine how much your residence is worth. Another approach is to check the selling prices of similar homes in your neighborhood. Once you come up with a figure, deduct the amount that's outstanding on your mortgage. Similarly, don't forget to calculate the value of your other properties, if you own any.

• **Investments** — Next, add in the amount you have in your

savings and checking accounts, in addition to money market funds. Include the current market values of any stocks, bonds, or mutual funds you own. If you have assets held in trust or custodial accounts for which you are the trustee or custodian, you also may need to include these totals.

• **Retirement Benefits** — Retirement benefits make up a large part of most estates, so don't overlook including the current market value of your pension and profit-sharing plans, along with any IRAs you might have. If you're self-employed, don't forget to tally in Keogh assets and money you've contributed to SEP plan.

• **Insurance Policies** — Add to your running total the face value or the death benefit of all life insurance policies you own and have control over. Your policy may include a double-indemnity payment in the case of accidental death. Be sure to also include any group policies you may have received as a fringe benefit from your employer.

• **Business Interests** — Your personal estate also should include the worth of your business, or the value of your share in a business. Interests in a closely held business or a partnership generally must be appraised, taking into account the business's assets, earnings capacity, and other factors. If more than 50 percent of your estate consists of qualified family-owned business interests, check with your tax adviser to see if all or part of these interests may be excluded from your estate.

• **Personal Property** — Next, add in the market value of your car(s), furniture, jewelry, antiques, artwork, and collectibles. If you are unsure about assigning a value, a professional appraiser can help.

• **Future Holdings** — Finally, if you know you will be receiving a large inheritance in the near future, factor this number into the value of your estate.

Calculate your liabilities

Your estate liabilities include funeral expenses and

the estimated costs of settling your estate, along with income taxes, charitable bequests, unpaid mortgages, and your other personal or business debts.

Determine your taxable estate

Finally, subtract the total of your liabilities from the sum of your assets. The resulting figure represents the net value of your taxable estate. If your estate is within the \$650,000 exemption amount for 1999, CPAs recommend that you keep a close eye on its growth and begin to take actions that can minimize tax liability down the road.

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 Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
 Refreshments 10:20 a.m.

DEATHS



REV. DR. LYNN SPITZ-NAGEL
 Chelsea

Age 60, died suddenly on Mon-
 day, Dec. 6, 1999, in his home. He
 was born on Sept. 5, 1939, in
 Rochester, N.Y., the son of Dr.
 Edward L. and Adeline (Bareis)
 Spitz-Nagel.

"Spitz" has been the minister
 at St. Paul United Church of
 Christ in Chelsea since 1994 and
 had previously served at Faith
 Church in Matteson, Ill., from 1982
 to 1994, and at Trinity Church in
 Northport, from 1977 to 1982. He
 was a counselor at Samaritan
 Counseling Services in Ann Ar-
 bor, and had also worked as a
 counselor in New York, and at
 Ypsilanti State Hospital. Spitz
 earned his bachelor's degree from
 Kalamazoo College in 1961, his
 master's of social work from
 Michigan State University in 1963,
 and went on to earn his master's
 of Divinity from Eaton Seminary
 in 1976, and a doctorate of minist-
 ry from Graduate Theological
 Foundation in 1991.

He was active in Chelsea, and
 served on the Faith in Action
 board, United Way, Rotary, and
 the CROP Walk, in addition to
 being a past president of the
 Chelsea Ministerial Fellowship.
 He was passionate about running,
 sailing, and Abbot & Costello movies.

On Dec. 15, 1962, he married
 Lynn L. Larkin in St. Joseph, and
 she survives. Other survivors in-
 clude two sons, Eric (Kelly) of Los
 Angeles, and Mark (Amy) of New
 York City; his cousins, Terry and
 Sue Morris of Dexter, and Phyllis
 Morris of Florida, and his dog
 Pepper.

A memorial service will be
 held Thursday, Dec. 9 at 4 p.m., at
 St. Paul United Church of Christ,
 in Chelsea with the Rev. Dr. David
 Cleaver-Bartholomew officiating.
 The family received friends at
 Cole Funeral Chapel Wednesday
 night, and will receive friends at
 the church Thursday from 3 to 4
 p.m. Burial will be at Omena
 Cemetery, Leelanau County.

Memorial contributions may
 be made to the St. Paul Bell Choir.

JOSEPH CARL WEBER, SR.
 Dexter
 Age 89, passed away Dec. 2,
 1999, at Chelsea Hospital, after an
 extended illness. He is survived
 by his wife of 66 years, Mildred;
 three children John (Virginia),
 Joseph Jr. (Carole), Janice (Jos-
 eph) Brosnan; brother John (Vic-
 toria); sister-in-law Monabelle
 Weber; seven grandchildren;
 seven great-grandchildren; sev-
 eral nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a
 brother Jack; three sisters, Mary
 Betty, and Anna; and a grandson
 Mark Brosnan. Mr. Weber was co-
 owner of Weber Furniture and TV

Service for 47 years, and was also
 engaged in farming for most of his
 life.

Funeral services were held at
 the Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral
 Chapel on Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999.
 Interment was at St. Andrew
 Cemetery. Visitation was held
 Friday, Dec. 3 and on Saturday, Dec.
 4 until the time of service.
 Memorial contributions may be
 directed to Chelsea Hospital or St.
 Andrew's United Church of Christ.

MARIAN GENOVESE
 Chelsea
 Age 81, died Wednesday, Dec.
 1, 1999, at the Chelsea Retirement
 Community. She was born on May
 4, 1918, in Battle Creek, the daugh-
 ter of Karl F. and Bertha (Root)
 Ranger.

Marian lived in Chelsea since
 1956. She graduated from Eastern
 High in Detroit in 1934; University
 of Michigan in 1938, and earned her
 master's from U of M in 1939.
 Marian joined Kappa Phi in 1999,
 and participated in the Choral
 Union Choir. She was a member of
 St. Mark's United Methodist Church
 in Detroit, and was a former mem-
 ber of the American Legion
 Auxiliary in Chelsea. She was the
 co-owner and administrator at
 Genovese's Inc., an avid needle
 crafter, and loved music and ani-
 mals.

In 1951, she married Albert Jo-
 seph Genovese in Ann Arbor, and
 he preceded her in death in 1985.
 Survivors include four children,
 Marge (Larry) Arnet of Dexter,
 Catherine (William) Irby of Jack-
 son, Nebraska, Bob (Jean) Dan-
 forth of Savannah, Ga., Carol
 (George) Kattula of Chelsea; 16
 grandchildren; and 10 great-
 grandchildren. She was preceded
 in death by one grandson, Joseph
 L. Arret II.

A memorial service will be
 held Saturday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m. at
 First United Methodist Church,
 Chelsea, with the Rev. Richard
 Dake and the Rev. Fr. Jerrold F.
 Beaumont officiating. Burial will
 be at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chel-
 sea. Memorial contributions may
 be made to Chelsea Retirement
 Community or Alzheimer's Asso-
 ciation. Arrangements by Cole
 Funeral Chapel.

JUDITH L. WYLIE
 Munith, Michigan
 Age 57, passed away Dec. 2,
 1999, at her home. She was born
 on April 23, 1942, in the Dalles,
 Ore., the daughter of Grant and
 Janet (Hastings) Bolton.

Judy had lived in the area for
 the past six years, coming from
 Pinckney. She had worked for
 Chrysler Proving Grounds for 23
 years, coming to the Chelsea plant
 in 1983.

On Sept. 27, 1991, she married
 Jim G. Wylie and he survives. Also
 surviving are her mother of the
 Dalles; her daughter Jana (Leroy)
 Brooks of Ann Arbor; one step
 child, Genevieve A. Wylie of West-
 land; two sisters, Carol Ann
 (Newell) Warren of Yuma, Ariz.,
 and Terry Bolton of the Dalles;
 three grandchildren, one niece
 and several nephews.

She was preceded in death by
 her father.

A memorial service was held
 Monday, Dec. 6, 1999, at the
 Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home,
 Stockbridge with the Rev. Robert
 Castle officiating. Private burial

will take place at a later date.
 Memorial contributions can be
 made to Hospice of Washtenaw.
 The family received friends at the
 funeral home Monday before the
 service.

ETHEL LUCILLE LEWIS
 Shelby Township
 Formerly of Chelsea
 Age 77, died Friday, Dec. 3,
 1999, at Shelby Township, Michi-
 gan. She was born Jan. 2, 1922,
 in Clay County, Ark., the daughter
 of Jimmie James and Delsie
 (Boshears) Johnson.

Ethel moved to Chelsea in 1957,
 and was recently being cared for
 by her daughter in Shelby Town-
 ship. She married Fred W. Lewis
 in Kennett, Mo. on Sept. 20, 1939,
 and he preceded her in death on
 May 13, 1999. Survivors include
 three sons, Troy (Lola) Lewis of
 Fort Mills, S.C., Fred (Olga) Lewis
 Jr. of Naples, Fla., Willis "Gene"
 (Jeanne) Lewis of Chelsea; two
 daughters, Stella (LeRoy) Simons
 of Shelby Township and Martha
 (Bill) Behnke of Ann Arbor; and
 many grandchildren and great
 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held
 Sunday, Dec. 5 at Cole Funeral
 Chapel, Chelsea, with the
 Rev. Mearl Bradley officiating.
 Burial was at Oak Grove Ceme-
 tery, Chelsea. The family received
 friends Sunday. Memorial contri-
 butions may be made to Spaulding
 for Children.

DWIGHT A. BROWN
 Chelsea
 Age 89, died Friday, Dec. 3,
 1999, at Chelsea Retirement Com-
 munity. He was born on Jan. 2,
 1910, in Burnside Township,
 Lapeer County, the son of Robert
 Allan and Linda (Weaver) Brown.

Dwight moved to Chelsea in
 1991, coming from Lapeer County.
 He was a lifetime member of the
 United Methodist Church, and a
 member of United Methodist Men
 (Ann Arbor District), Burnside
 Planning Commission, Burnside
 School Board, and the Brown City,
 Burnside, and Chelsea Senior
 Citizens. He was a dairy farmer,
 the third generation on the same
 farm.

On Aug. 25, 1934, he married
 Irma Scott in Ontonagon, and she
 preceded him in death on Nov. 12,
 1988. Survivors include one son,
 the Rev. Dale E. Brown of Bay
 City; two daughters, Edythe Lou-
 ise Williams of St. Cloud, Minn.,
 and Carol Jean Margrif of Mar-
 quette; three sisters, Florence
 Gleason of Hartland, Ruth McKin-
 ney of Lake Wales, Fla. and Helen
 Brown of Ann Arbor; seven grand-
 children; and many nieces and
 nephews. He was preceded in
 death by a son, Kenneth, in 1963,
 two sisters, and a brother.

Local funeral services were
 held Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Chel-
 sea Retirement Community Sat-
 urday.

A funeral service was also held
 Monday, Dec. 6, at Brown City
 United Methodist Church, with the
 Rev. Art Stone officiating. The fam-
 ily received friends at the Brown
 City Church Sunday. Burial was at
 Maple Grove Cemetery in North
 Branch.

Memorial contributions may be
 made to Michigan Council on Al-
 cohol Problems, Gideons, or Chel-
 sea Retirement Community. Ar-
 rangements by Cole Funeral Cha-
 pel, Chelsea.

Snow blowers require safety

If the long-range weather
 predictions are on target,
 snowblowers that languished
 unused last year may be in for
 a workout this winter.

The most important step in
 checking out the snowblower
 and getting it ready to go is
 reading the instruction and
 service manual that came with
 it. Howard Doss, Extension
 safety specialist at Michigan
 State University, said reading
 and understanding the manual
 and being familiar with the
 controls and the proper use of
 the equipment are the keys to
 safe operation.

Like so many other ma-
 chines, snow throwers do a
 good job when they're prop-
 erly used; Doss observed.
 Careless use can pose dangers
 to the operator or bystanders.

"Like lawn mowers, snow
 throwers can pick up sticks,
 dog bones, rocks and other
 items and hurl them through
 the air," he pointed out.
 "Ideally, you want to go into
 winter with sidewalks and
 driveways cleared of potential
 unguided missiles."

Keeping pets and bystand-
 ers out of the area and direct-
 ing the discharge away from
 houses, cars and traffic are
 basic precautions, he adds.

Most snow thrower-related
 injuries occur when the oper-
 ator tries to unclog the dis-
 charge chute while the unit is

running. Putting a hand into
 the impeller blade can result
 in serious cuts and even am-
 putations.

"If a snow thrower dis-
 charge clogs, shut the engine
 off and wait for all parts to
 stop moving," Doss advised.
 "Then use a stick or broom
 handle rather than your hands
 to unclog it."

On a gasoline-powered ma-
 chine, remove the key and dis-
 connect the spark plug wire
 before using a stick or some
 other object to remove the
 clog. If you have an electric
 snow thrower, unplug it before
 unclogging the chute.

Always check the fuel level
 before each use and fill the
 tank about seven-eighths full
 (to allow room for expansion
 when the engine warms up)
 before you begin. If you need
 to refuel, allow the engine to
 cool for at least five minutes
 before refilling the tank. Re-
 fuel outdoors, where gasoline
 fumes can dissipate readily,
 wipe off any spills and replace
 the gas tank cap securely.

To avoid the risk of carbon
 monoxide poisoning, never
 run the engine in a confined
 area.

Before operating an electric
 snow thrower, check the cord
 for frayed areas or cuts. Look
 for equipment carrying the
 Underwriters Laboratory (UL)
 seal, and plug it in using a

three-prong extension cord,
 and a grounded receptacle.
 (Newer electric snow throwers
 are double insulated and use a
 standard two-prong plug and
 any extension cord. Doss
 notes.) Keep the cord out of
 the machine's path, and re-
 place it if it's damaged.

Keep hands and feet away
 from rotating parts, and stay
 away from the discharge open-
 ing at all times. Wear appro-
 priate winter clothing and
 footwear. Avoid long scarves
 or other dangling articles that
 could get entangled in ex-
 posed chains and sprockets
 and other moving parts. Safety
 glasses or other eye protection
 is recommended. Be sure that
 all guards and other safety
 protective devices are in place
 and operating before you be-
 gin.

Stop the engine whenever
 you leave the operating posi-
 tion, before unclogging the
 machine, and when making
 any repairs, adjustments or
 inspections, Doss said.

"A snow thrower can be a
 valuable time-, labor-, back-
 and heart-saving device," Doss
 observed. "It can also be a haz-
 ard to the operator and others.
 Being a safe user means being
 an informed user — reading
 and following the instruction
 manual, being aware of poten-
 tial dangers and taking appro-
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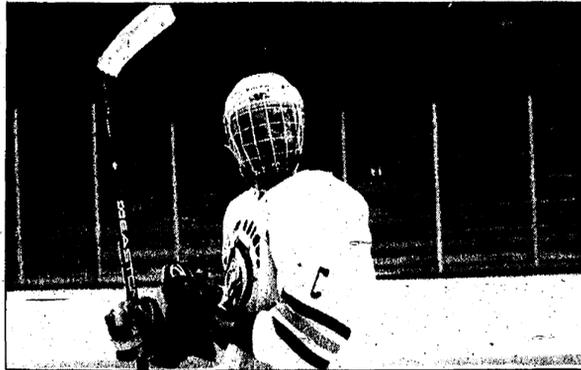
Chelsea hockey squad ties weekend twinbill

By Doug Trojanowski
Special Writer

Over the weekend, the Chelsea Bulldog hockey club played a pair of games on the road and came away with two hard-fought draws. The team traveled to Kentwood High School Saturday and Sunday played at Veterans Ice Arena against the Pinckney High School hockey team.

At Kentwood Saturday, the teams battled through a scoreless first period before Kentwood's Sean Rekeny opened the books at the 5:59 mark of the second period to account for the only scoring in the first 40 minutes of play.

The third period found Chelsea knotting up the score at the 12:39 mark on a goal by Jeff Jiga with assists by Brad Wright and Chris Tyler. Kent-



Chelsea Hockey Club defenseman David Poupard had two goals Saturday.

wood responded with two goals of their own putting the Dogs down 3-1.

With less than six minutes left in the game Chelsea's David Poupard, lit the lamp

twice, with assists from Nolan Ahrens on the first goal and Craig St. Clair on the second tying the game at 3-3.

In Sunday's game with the Pinckney Pirates varsity team, a newly added member of the Kensington Valley League, Chelsea skated to an identical 3-3 score.

Half way through the first period the Pirates' Gregg Howard opened the scoring. Chelsea countered with a pair of goals by senior Steve Williams, with assists from Poupard on the first goal and Ahrens on the second goal.

The second period went scoreless as the Dogs carried a one goal advantage into the third period. The lead was short lived as the Pirates tied the game at 2-2, early in the frame, then went ahead 3-2 on

their second unanswered goal in five minutes.

Chelsea's Trevor Maveal tied the game up again with a goal with just two-minutes left to play in this non-conference match up. Jeff Jiga would get the only assist on the game tying goal, completing the scoring for the contest.

Earlier in the week, the Bulldogs lost at Grosse Isle, falling to the Devils for the second time this year, by a 4-3 count.

Chelsea opened the scoring with a pair of goals by Wright, at the 2:17 and 2:33 mark of the first period. The first goal coming on a power play, with assists from Justin Juntunen and St. Clair.

Grosse Isle got on the board with a second left in the first period, with the tally by Jeff

Zubke.

The only scoring in the second period came on the power play for the Bulldog's Maveal with assists from Wright, for his third point of the game, and St. Clair for his second assist of the night. Despite being outshot 26-5, the Bulldogs were clinging to their two goal lead going into the third period.

The third period, however, was all Devils, as Grosse Isle scored three unanswered goals to top Chelsea for the second time in as many games.

Casey Johnson was outstanding in goal, stopping 46 of the 50 shots on goal. Chelsea was only able to muster 29 shots through the three periods. The penalties were almost even at 8-7 with the extra penalty going to Grosse Isle.

Varsity hoop squad ready for rough-and-tumble SEC race

By Jon Royce
Special Writer

Chelsea's varsity hoopsters suit up this Friday for their first SEC game of the 1999-2000 season. They will be playing the revitalized Saline Hornets who will return three suspended players from last year, making them the Conference favorites.

In their first big conference game of the season head coach Robin Raymond hopes a passionate crowd will be on hand to cheer this year's Varsity Players.

The Chelsea faithful should be in for a treat as the Bulldogs feature the most height they've had in over twenty years. The starting five, senior center Alan

Bairley, forwards Jeff Kolodica and Dennis Price, guard Sean Davis and junior guard Tony Scheffler will average 6-feet-3 inches.

When asked about this team's strengths Coach Raymond responded, "We have height, which will create matchup problems for the other teams defensively. We can send any one of our starters into the post."

With Davis, Scheffler and Price gunning from the outside, Bairley's powerful inside game and Kolodica there to clean up the boards, run and fill the lanes, the Bulldogs shouldn't have any problems on offense.

Raymond is also confident in

the team's depth. Junior Joel Grimm, and sophomore Joe Tripode are post players who can fill if Bairley gets into foul trouble. Junior guards Nick Battistone and Brian Sayers are both quick defensive guards who Raymond could put in when he wishes to turn up the full-court defensive pressure.

With the return of senior guard-forward Ethen Rendell, who has a knack for being in the right place at the right time, Raymond isn't worried about giving any of the starters a breather. Junior guards Ben Myers and Rob Hohnke can both heat it up from outside, providing Raymond with other offensive players if one of his

starters gets cold.

This team's offense should be fun to watch if they play up to their potential.

Raymond says this year's team doesn't have any glaring weaknesses. However, as a whole, the defense is not as strong right now as it could be.

The team lacks overall lateral quickness, so Raymond will run more half-court traps using his team's height, to the best advantage.

Not only will the Bulldogs test their mettle against established conference foes, but three new teams will be played this year. Howell, Jackson Lumen Christie and The Toledo Stars will replace last year's opponents from Gabriel Richard, Jackson Northwest and Dewitt.

The Chelsea varsity basketball team should be able to compete with anyone, providing entertainment and excitement for their fans for the entire season.



Fall Champs

Chelsea Soccer Club Boys U-9 team went undefeated during the fall soccer season in the St. Clair Division of the Great Lakes League. This first-year team worked hard together to boast a 9-0-1 season. Pictured, from left, are, front row, Sam Parkansky, Brian Manitz, Michale Lenneman, Myles Lange and John Zink; back row, coach Kim Parkansky, Alex Mote, Eric Marzec, Zach Peirson, Mike Roberts, Jake Lotz, Michael Palluzzi and coach Patty Roberts. Not pictured is Peter Wilke.

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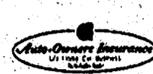


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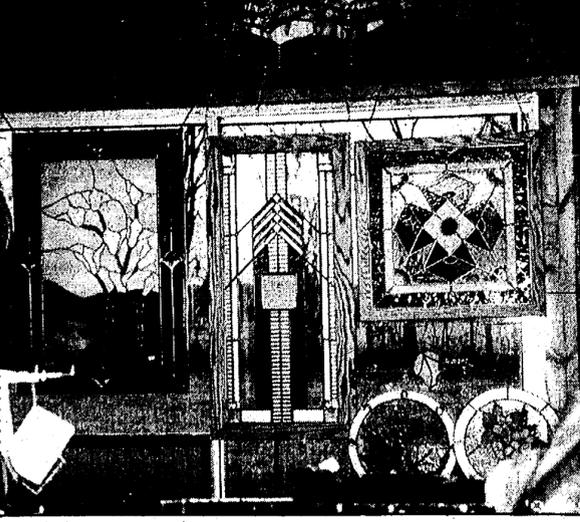
Silver Medal Winners

Chelsea High School's Special Olympic Poly Hockey team competed in the state finals in Lansing, Nov. 19 to 21, with 82 other teams. The team had already won a district tournament at Eastern Michigan University on Nov. 5 At the Lansing competition, the Chelsea team came in second place out of the 83 teams, after defeating teams from Caro and Saginaw. Farmington took the gold medal. Pictured are,

front, goalie Russell Ladd; front row, Ray Stillion, Harold Stillion, Heidi Herrst, Doug Krausman, Chris Moore and Jason Nicol; back row, from left, are Erin Gray, Tim Davenport, Brian Borden, Barron Dotson, Eric Wilson, Jermaine Tillman, Chris Varie and coach Nancy Cooper.

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Local artisan Bill Darwin displayed some of his works at his studio Nov. 28 and Dec. 5. He works in traditional stained glass, as above, as well as creating and refurbishing antique slot machines.



Team #	W	L	Team #	W	L
The Lunatics	48	45	71	20	21
Bushwackers	46	45	72	20	21
The Other Team	46	45	73	20	21
Slick	41	50	74	20	21
Red Dawgs	40	51	75	20	21
Strike Force	40	51	76	20	21
F.W. Express	39	52	77	20	21
Bowl Dogs	38	53	78	20	21
Cro-Magnons	36	55	79	20	21
Millenium	33	58	80	20	21
Quiet Riot	32	59	81	20	21
Regicide	20	71	82	20	21
High Game: Beth Wade, 160; Tony Bowen, 223			83	20	21
High Series: Valisa Thompson, 417; Brian Sayers, 588			84	20	21

Team #	W	L
LEISURE TIME - 12-2-99	28	20
Not Yels	25	23
Misfits	25	23
Doves	22	26
Late Ones	21	27
Sweetoliers	21	27
High Game: Mary Pichan, 178		
High Series: Ilene Draus, 501		

Team #	W	L
CHELSEA SENIOR HOUSE - 12-4-99	64	27
Thompson Farms	63	28
White Pine Graphics	62	29
Steele's Heating	62	29
McCalla Feeds	56	35
Chelsea Lanes	54	37
Herrst Construction	51	40
Kent Electric Service	47	44
Adam's Tree Service	42	49
Shamrock Floors	39	52
Clouse Heating & Cooling	39	52
Village Tap	35	56
Unadina General Store	34	57
Thompson Pizza	25	66
High Game: Frank White, 239		
High Series: Dennis Irish, 622		

Team #	W	L
SUNDAY NITE COME ONS - 11-28-99	36	13
Yo Yo's	33	16
Gone Fishin'	32	17
St. Stan's	32	17
What's Left?	27	22
Fla-Ice	27	22
Screwballs	25	24
Who Cares	22	27
The Wild Things	22	20
Waterloo Aces	19	30
Ghost Team	19	30
Team #17	17	32
Pin Busters	13	29
Ma Gu	12	37
High Game: Joanne Clouse, 189; Bob Clouse, 244		
High Series: Joanne Clouse, 510; Bob Clouse, 619		

Team #	W	L
CHELSEA SUBURBAN - 12-1-99	59	32
S-D	58	33
Schultz Enterprises	55	36
Flow Ezy	52	39
Chart Hits	48	43
Vogel's Party Store	47	44
A&W	45	46
Creative Stitchery	42	49
Gaul Painting	41	50
R.G. Scrappers	40	51
A&T Painting	36	55
James Bauer Const.	36	55
Outkasts	23	68

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Roundup review of car models for year 2000

CHRYSLER

The milk truck-looking PT Cruiser, based on the Neon platform, is likely only a few months away from its debut, and if crowds at the North American International Auto Show in January were any indication, the public should lap this small truck up.

Everything else this time around is pretty much milque-toast, with minor suspension improvements in the Sebring convertible and a larger engine for the hardtop. The Town & Country, Cirrus, Concorde, 300M and LHS remain pretty much the same.

DAEWOO

Although some people still ask "Dae-who?", this Korean automaker is still trying to break into the U.S. market with its offerings, the Nubira, Leganza and Lanos, which are pretty much the same as last year's offerings.

DODGE

Neon and Intrepid each get a version of the sporty R/T package, but otherwise receive only minor tweaks and options this time around after major work last year. Caravan, although basically the same, comes in nearly a dozen versions to suit most any taste.

Avenger gets a new, larger 2.5-liter V-6 as standard, while the Stratus stays pretty much the same. The base Viper only adds another color (gray), but look out for the ACR (American Club Racer), which is a no-nonsense (and no air or radio) race-ready bullet with 0-60 times of 4 seconds and a top range of 190 mph.

FERRARI

The F355 starts at \$130,000; the new 360 Modena at \$135,000; the 550 Maranello at \$208,000; and the 456M at \$225,000. Enough said? OK.

FORD

Contour remains mostly unchanged since last year except for a few new color choices. And for those who like to drive the SVT, it's around for at least one more year. Crown Victoria, the last of the full-size, rear-wheel drive American cars, is still here and it and the Escort/ZX2 remain the same as last year except for a few new choices in colors.

Focus, Ford's new small car, will be available in three different models with two engine choices. Mustang was restyled last year, and the Mustang Cobra will be rated at 320 horsepower, the same as SS Camaros — could be fun on Woodward this year.

Taurus gets new sheet metal, an advanced restraint system, dual-stage airbag inflation, side air bags, power-adjusted pedals and an emergency trunk release system. Changes to the Taurus' audio and climate controls should make them more user friendly. The base power plant has been upgraded to a 153-horsepower 3.0-liter V-6 with a 200-horsepower engine available.

Thunderbird fans will have to wait until later in the year, next year, when it appears as a 2001 model. Windstar gets power-adjusted foot pedals and an optional on-board video entertainment.

HONDA

The big news from Honda depends on whether you are into fuel mileage or top-down driving. For those interested in fuel mileage, Honda will have the Insight, the first hybrid fuel/electric vehicle for sale in the United States. The Insight is reported to get around 70 mpg and is powered by a 1.0-liter three-cylinder engine and a DC electric engine.

Those interested in top-down driving, the S2000 two-seat roadster will feature a front engine, rear-wheel-drive combo. A 240-horsepower engine will spin the S2000's rear tires and with its low weight, it should be more than capable of holding its own against similar higher priced German roadsters.

Accord adds standard side air bags on V-6 models and the Civic, Odyssey and Prelude are left pretty much the same as last year's models. Passport, Honda's midsize SUV gets a face-lift and some other minor updates. The CR-V Honda's compact SUV carries on without any major changes.

HYUNDAI

Accent gets a full makeover, with new sheet metal, power enhancements, increased interior space and a lot of attention to improving the detail items like noise, vibration and general fit and finish. Tiburon

gets a nose job and minor additions while the Sonata, redone in 1999, stays with the status quo.

INFINITI

I30 receives the big changes this year with a revised exterior and a larger power plant in the 3.0 V-6. Q45 stays the same, but will come in a 10th-anniversary version early next year. The G20 entry-level offering gets an improved engine and the addition of a number of standard equipment "toys" to make this low-\$20,000 car appealing to the luxury-minded frugal buyers.

JAGUAR

The S-type sedan was out of the bag earlier this year, and is as sharp a car as any in the Jaguar stable. The XJ Series, XK8 and Vanden Plas all remain relatively the same with the addition of some minor convenience features. Upcoming news will be focused on the XKR, a turbocharged V-8 XK model with a whopping 370 horses.

KIA

Still a bit of an unknown in these here parts, the Sephia and Sportage remain pretty much unchanged, and should get siblings, a GS hatchback and Rio sedan, next year.

LAMBORGHINI

Although it's part of the Volkswagen family now, don't expect this super-car maker to come down on its starting prices of about \$230,000 for its two versions of the 523-horsepower Diablo.

LINCOLN

Continental and Town Car are pretty much the same as last year except for the addition of an inside trunk release. The big news from Lincoln is the all-new LS. The LS rests on the same platform as the new Jaguar S-type and is the first Lincoln to be offered with a manual transmission since the early 1950s. The LS will be available with either a 210-horsepower V-6 or a 252-horsepower V-8.

LEXUS

The ES 300 gets a new look, some interior updates and a few new exterior color choices. The GS Series remains about the same except for the addition of Toyota's new brake system. The IS 300 will show its face in the spring as a 2001 model. Like other Lexus models the LS 400 and SC Series get the new improved brake system and some additional exterior color choices.

LOTUS

Esprit V8 is still street legal in the U.S. and unchanged for 2000 — and at \$86,000, this car is a real bargain.

MAZDA

Unlike many of its minivan brethren, the new MPV has shrunk for the new model year by nearly a foot and thanks to a redesign, is one of the more spiffy-looking minivans. The MPV still has the fold rear seat in the back that folds into the floor when not in use.

The top-of-the-line Millennia, along with the Protege and Miata MX-5 stay the same with some added options, and the 626 gets a freshening-up for the new millennium.

MERCEDES

C-Class sedans get stability control as standard equipment. The limited production CL500 gets a fresh look, and the Advanced Active Body Control System helps to eliminate body roll during corner-

ing acceleration and braking.

CLK receives new seven-spoke wheels, new front and rear aprons along with new rocker panels. E-Class customers will find a different look with a revised hood, new wheels and rocker panels. S-Class remains virtually the same. SL-Class receives the Electronic Stability Control and 17-inch wheels while the SLK 230 still offers top-down fun with hard-top security but stays unchanged.

MERCURY

Cougar was new last year and gets only minor interior tweaks. Grand Marquis, the only other full-size, rear-wheel drive, gets a suspension upgrade, upgraded seat clock and a new rear axle ratio.

Mystique fans will find the same vehicle as last year with a few new choices in paint color and the Sable gets a face-lift and some interior updates for 2000. Villager was redone last year with only minor features added, and a special suspension package for better handling.

MITSUBISHI

Eclipse and Montero got all the attention this year with an all-new Eclipse sans all-wheel-drive and turbo options. Only two engine options are available with the 2.4-liter, 154-horsepower and 3.0-liter, 205-horsepower V-6 engines. Montero gets a luxury Endeavor version and has received an exterior freshening as well as full-scale interior changes to make it more user-friendly.

In a move toward giving more value to buyers, the Diamante, Galant and Mirage all receive more standard equipment "toys."

NISSAN

This eager-beaver manufacturer pretty much took the wraps off all of its new versions some time ago, revealing that the Maxima got a total redesign, while the Quest and Altima took on a "fresher" look. Sentra was pretty much left alone, but the folks at Nissan are sandbagging until this year's North American International Auto Show to show off a new version. Can't wait, it must be big.

OLDSMOBILE

Aurora, one of our perennial favorites, finally gets an update after five years on the road and will be available as a 2001 this spring. It's lighter, more refined and offers a 3.5 V-6 base engine with a 4.0 V-8 optional. Silhouette finally gets dual power sliding doors, the Alero gets a manual transmission on its base model and the Intrigue will roll along, virtually the same.

PLYMOUTH

Neon gets minor tweaks after last year's remodel and the rest; Prowler roadster/status machine, Breeze sedan and Voyager minivan all just get minor cosmetic changes. Sounds like the folks at Plymouth are expecting the rumors of Plymouth's demise to come true.

PORSCHE

Fans of this upscale nameplate will once again be able to purchase a 911 turbo model, which is reported to make more than 400 horsepower and

go from 0 to 60 in less than 4 seconds. Non-Carrera models will stay about the same.

Boxster fans will be happy to know there will be an S model that will be offered with a 3.2-liter flat six.

ROLLS ROYCE

Not that one will ever find its way into our hands, but they are unchanged for 2000.

SAAB

Saab will reintroduce the Aero name as a member of the 9-5 family. The high performance 230-horsepower Saab Viggen will be available in a convertible version in 2000.

SATURN

Bigger is better for this, the newest of automakers, going into the new millennium — enter the L-Series, a midsize sedan and wagon. For the many who thought Saturn was getting old, too small and underpowered, these cars should dispel those thoughts with V-6 engines standard, snappy styling and size to match the Accord, Camry or Taurus.

Then there's still the old ones, now called the S-Series, the ones you remember. Don't worry, they're still pretty much the same as last year with minor freshening-up and fit-and-finish tweaks.

SUBARU

All Subaru come with four-wheel-drive and all models will include 24-hour roadside assistance as standard equipment.

Legacy models have been completely redone, including a new grille, headlights and hood. A 165-horsepower 2.5-liter four cylinder replaces last year's 137-horsepower 2.2-liter engine. The Outback wagon and sedan are all-new for 2000 and offer a reinforced body for structure and a new multilink rear suspension. A redesigned power plant for the Outback offers more low-end punch and improved fuel mileage over last year's model.

The Impreza line of cars includes a new 2.5RS sedan that features a bigger 165-horsepower 2.5-liter engine, new 16x7-inch alloy wheels and rear spoiler. Forester gets some small cosmetic changes and a new viscous limited-slip rear end.

SUZUKI

Base Esteem models will still be powered by a 95-horsepower 1.6-liter inline four. A more powerful 1.8-liter engine that develops 122 horsepower will soon replace that.

The Grand Vitara will be available in a limited edition that features a leather interior, an automatic transmission, tinted windows, and white or black monotone exterior with gold-colored exterior badges and wheels. The Swift econobox is left unchanged for the 2000 model year.

TOYOTA

Avalon was the first car Toyota designed and built in America and it will be Toyota's first car to be classified as a domestic-built vehicle. The all-new Avalon is larger than last year's model and offers more interior space including about an inch additional headroom.

A more powerful three-in-one sound system is now standard equipment on all 2000 Avalons. There are a host of new features and options on the 2000 Avalon.

Camry, Toyota's bestseller, gets a new look and sports a new grille and front and rear bumper fascias. The Celica nameplate once again returns with a vehicle true to its original concept.

The new Celica offers new edge styling and performance at a reasonable price. There will be an upscale GT-S model that develops 180-horsepower and can be teamed with an automatic transmission that can be shifted by buttons on the steering wheel. Corolla was redone back in '98, but gets some engine refinements in its 1.5-liter engine to net five more horsepower.

Echo will take over as Toyota's lowest price car with a \$9,995 base sticker price. The Echo is rated at 41 miles per gallon with the five-speed manual transmission. Toyota will enter the world of the two-seater sports car in the spring with the introduction of MR-2 Spyder. The two-seat mid-engine car will weigh in at just over 2,000 pounds and be powered by an all-new 1.8-liter twin cam 16-valve four cylinder engine.

Prius, Toyota's hybrid, gasoline/electric car will go on sale early next year and the Sienna, Toyota's much-improved minivan continues unchanged.



Marshal Draper

Bob Draper, a 20-year veteran of the Chelsea Area Fire Department, stepped down from being a full-time member of the department to part-time on Nov. 10. He is pictured here as a Marshal of the Chelsea Fair Parade, with his wife Jennie Draper, who helped him in his fire years, serving food at large fires.

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At the Hop

Girl Scout Troop 719, from Chelsea, went to Camp Linden from Oct. 15 to 17. The combined troops held a dance, which was centered on clothing from historic time periods. Some of Troop 719 chose dresses from the 1950s, and also had to bring items specific to the time period for trade with other groups. Pictured above, front, from left, are Allison White, Katrina Stephenson and Margaux Forsch; second row, from left, are Courtney Sullens, Sarah Gilley, and Danielle Seamon; back, from left, are Tracy Steinbach and Mandy Egeler.

Fresh trees last longer

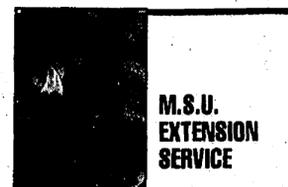
A fresh Christmas tree lasts longer and poses less danger of fire than a dried-out one, so follow these tips from Michigan State University Extension forester Mel Koelling to pick a fresh cut tree.

The first way to check a tree's freshness is to bend a few needles. If the needles on an already cut tree spring back to their original shape, the tree is still fresh. If they break or stay bent, the tree is probably dry.

Another way to check for freshness is to bump the base of the tree on the ground. A shower of green needles means the tree is already dry.

Buying a fresh tree is half the battle — the other half is keeping it fresh, Koelling advises.

The first step is to make a new cut across the bottom of



GARDEN CORNER

the trunk. Remove half an inch or so from the base and immediately stand the tree in a container of water. Making the fresh cut across the bottom removes old sap and dirt that would otherwise block the tree's ability to take up water.

"Evergreens kept indoors will lose moisture through their foliage," Koelling explains. "If they can't take up

water to replace that, they dry out quickly. And the drier they get, the greater the potential fire hazard."

To reduce moisture loss and slow the drying process, place the tree in the coolest spot available and away from radiators, sunny windows, heat registers and heat-generating appliances. Keep it well away from fireplaces, wood stoves, candles and other sources of ignition, and use only UL-approved light strings that are free of frayed wires and other defects.

"It is extremely difficult to ignite a fresh tree," Koelling notes, "but a dry evergreen will flash into flame in an instant. So be sure to buy a fresh tree and keep it fresh to avoid a holiday tragedy."

Legislation targets bogus charities

Legislation giving consumers additional protection against bogus charitable solicitations is one step closer to passage, said state Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Rogers.

Rogers co-chairs the Senate Committee on Gaming and Casino Oversight which recommended adoption of the measure to strengthen registration requirements for charitable organizations soliciting contributions in Michigan.

"Current state law focuses on licensing charitable groups, but a registration-centered system would give individual contributors better protection against potential scams," said Rogers, who was an FBI special agent assigned to the organized crime and public corruption unit in Chicago.

"Often our most vulnerable individuals, many of them senior citizens, are the targets of con artists posing as legitimate charities. Requiring extensive registration information strengthens prosecution

of fraudulent non-profit groups and helps law enforcement shield citizens from these criminals."

The measure, House Bill 4259, also sets registration or renewal fees for charitable groups, establishes criminal

penalties for violations of the law, and empowers the attorney general to file civil suit against groups misrepresenting their intent for use of contributions.

The measure is now before the full Senate for consideration.

LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 Tuesday, December 14, 1999, 6:00 P.M.
 Lima Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road, Chelsea, MI 48118

APPLICATION #ZBA 99-003. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR AN APPEAL FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE LIMA TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, FOR EXPANSION OF NON-CONFORMING BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, WITH RESPECT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8763 Dexter-Chelsea Rd., DEXTER, MI 48130 AND IS PART OF W 1/4 SE 1/4 SECTION 01, LIMA TOWNSHIP, PARCEL #G 07-01-400-013 & -014. APPLICATION FILED BY K & M PRECISION PRODUCTS.

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WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE SENT TO:
 NEIL ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
 LIMA TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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Dan Rosentreter
 Water Department Superintendent

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW
 Tuesday, December 14, 1999, 11:00 A.M.
 5665 Webster Church Rd., Dexter, Michigan 48130

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Frances E. Zatorski
 Village Clerk

DEXTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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 A 14' front yard setback from Silver Drive;
 A 12' rear yard setback opposite Silver Drive;
 (NOTE: Other non-conformities recognized by ZBA 10/13/99, though the above set-backs were incorrectly stated at that time.)

Sincerely,
 Coy Vaughn, Chairman

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Ordinance No. 126A, an Ordinance to authorize the establishment of rates and charges, to require the assessment of connection fees, rates and charges per unit, to provide remedies; to amend the Wastewater System Discharges, Sewer Use and Industrial Pretreatment Ordinance, No. 126; to provide for a Conversion Ratios of Residential Equivalent User (Customer Unit) Factors and Schedules, to repeal any ordinance or provision thereof in conflict herewith; to provide an Appeal Procedure to the application and administration of the Ordinance and the adopted and schedules and Sewer Connection Fees, was adopted by the Chelsea Village Council on October 26, 1999. The effective date is December 29, 1999. A copy of the Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Chelsea Village Office, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, Michigan 48118, telephone (734) 475-1771, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays.

Frances E. Zatorski
 Village Clerk

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING ON
 Thursday, December 16, 1999 at 7:30 p.m.
 Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118

AGENDA
 A variance application has been received for a nonconforming lot, side yard set back, lot width to erect a 2nd story addition at 542 Highland Road, Chelsea, MI.

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

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA). The Sylvan Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers from the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon 14 days notice to the Sylvan Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Sylvan Township board by writing or calling the following:
 LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk
 18027 Old US 12
 Chelsea, MI 48118
 475-8890

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SYLVAN TOWNSHIP
 LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk

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Messages

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101-In Gratitude/Memory

My special thanks to all of you who kept me in your prayers, sent flowers and cards, made visits & telephone calls during my extended hospitalization and since returning home. A heart-felt thanks to my family, my friends, and to all the special people who have helped me. After three months in the hospital, I am very glad to be home. I look forward to talking with and seeing you in the near future. My health is improving and I hope to be working soon. Again, thank you to all. Anne Stevens

102-Notices (Legal)

Request for Bid: Washtenaw County invites bids for site preparation, grading and drainage. Detailed specifications may be obtained at Washtenaw County Finance-Purchasing Dept., 220 N. Main, Room 8-35, Ann Arbor, MI. Bid #5790. Due: Tuesday, December 21, 1999, 2:00 P.M. local time. For more information, please call 734-994-2388.

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103-Personals

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104-Lost & Found

FOUND - Black Lab mix. Friendly, approximately one year old, while on chest. Seems to be house trained. Good with children. (734) 481-2236

FOUND GERMAN SHEPHERD. About one year old. Unleashed male. Found on Meadowlark and near Farm Council Grounds, Saline area. Call 734-429-9332 or 734-429-4289

POODLE Little white female poodle, purple collar, old and slow. Found between Carpenter and US-24 (Judd Rd), Nov. 29th. If found, please call 734-439-3236.

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK Lottos around Macomb rd. between Hack and Arkona. Brown/red. One year old. Micro-chip in neck. Call 617-423-4257

WHITE POODLE-MALE Weaning color, young. No markings. Recently groomed. Found by US-12 and Austin (12-5-99). Call 517-456-8234.

Real Estate For Sale

200

200-Houses for Sale

WEBERVILLE 4200 IOSC RD. Spacious four bedroom, two bath, remodeled farmhouse on one acre, white wainscot kitchen, one car garage and two sheds. Danville schools. \$129,900. Shelly Hall, Real Estate 800-968-3552, ext. 25. shellyhall@shellyhall.com

200-Houses for Sale

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203-Manufacture/Mobile Homes

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204-Lots/Acreage

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Real Estate For Rent

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300-Apartments/Flats

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MANCHESTER One bedroom apartment, electric and heat included. No pets. \$475. 734-428-1190.

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301-Houses for Rent

CHESEA Cozy two bedroom, one bath house in village. Full basement, attached garage, forced heating lots of charm. \$800 per month. Available Jan. 734-433-0006.

HOUSE FOR RENT Dexter Schools. Two-story, four-bedroom, gas fireplace, one car garage. One bath. Shed. 1.15 acre. Central air, paved road. Natural gas. Furnace \$1,400 per month. To see, please call. (734) 475-6028.

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600-General

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Employment

ATTENTION

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Full-time, part-time. Days/evenings.
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Full-time
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Preferred qualifications include:
• Strong secretarial and office management background
• Ability to manage multiple office responsibilities
• Excellent interpersonal skills
• Excellent oral and written communication skills
• Solid computer background (Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher)
• Self-directed strong team player who can make decisions when appropriate.
Please send resume to: Pastor Mearl Bradley, 7665 Werkner Rd. Chelsea, MI 48118

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DIRECT SUPPORT STAFF
We are looking for caring, dedicated individuals to provide support services to individuals with developmental disabilities living in the Milan, Ann Arbor areas. Full time or part time position available. Paid training, optional benefit packages, starting wages from \$7.55 - \$8.30 per hour. Sign on bonus to qualified applicants. Phone inquiries: 734-482-3300.
CRC 107 Ferris St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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Call Chuck at (734) 663-0101 for interview.

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ACROSS

1 Sudden fancy
5 Jackson 5 hit
8 Theater award
12 Proposed continental currency
13 Abb. on a book's binding
14 Blueprint
15 "Mouse"
17 El - Texas
18 Loan star?
19 Herds
21 Solidity
22 Fleetwood Mac hit.
23 Gist
26 Guitar-neck feature
28 Costume
31 Earthenware pot
33 Johnny's band-leader
35 Cupola
36 "Unsolved Mysteries" host
38 Slot insert
40 Yanna's cohort
41 Part of the face
43 Shape shifter?
45 Inuit
47 Bicycle seat style
51 Love too much

DOWN

7 son
8 Anti Use
9 asphalt
10 "All - of You" (song)
11 Eve's grandson
16 Hold on to
20 Schlepp
23 Ph. bk. data
24 Last: abbr.
25 Semi-formal
27 Understood
29 Actress Thurman
30 Favorite
32 Mom in need of a reudown
34 Savoy, e.g.
37 Kipling lad
39 Bric-a-brac
42 Aristocratic
44 Bracket locale
45 Dutch treat
46 To a degree
48 Touch
49 Asta's mistress
50 Skater's jump
53 Depressed

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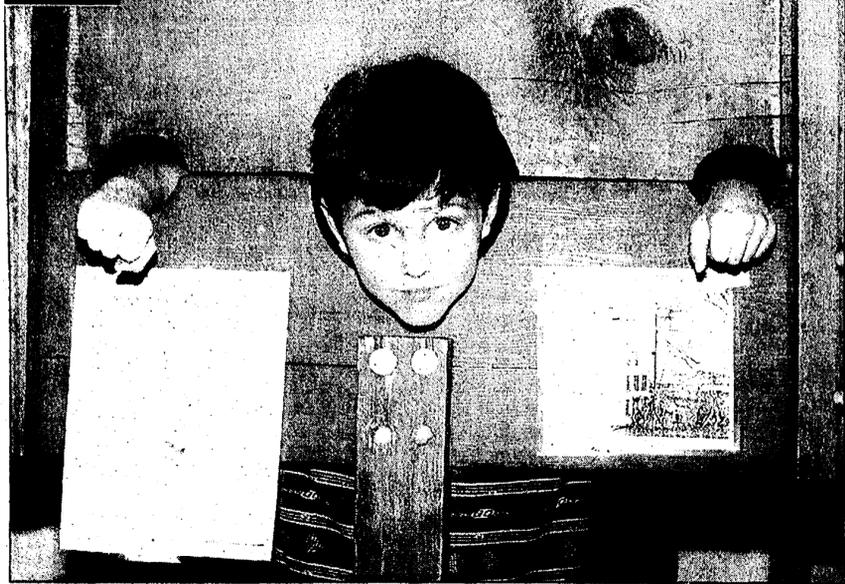
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World Expo Night

Pierce Lake Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization held its second annual World Expo Night, Nov. 19. Countries represented included Switzerland, Greece, the British Isles, India, and individual states from the U.S.A. Visitors to each country enjoyed ethnic foods, artifacts, and music specific to each country, among other events. Special events that evening included a bagpipe performance by Tom Kennedy, Beatle Mania, presented by Jennifer Kundak, and an Irish Jig performance by Katie Bach. Above left, Frederik VanReesma, from Sally Schlupe's third-grade class, experiences punishment in 1800s Vermont; at left, Nick Worthington, from Gina Klink's third-grade class at South Meadows, considers the New England lobster.



Animal Aid has rescued pets for adoption. Volunteers and foster homes are needed.

DOGS

1. Smoky — yellow Lab. and Akita mix, neutered male, 8 months, gold, Akita markings, housebroken, vaccinated, used to school-age kids, dogs and kitten, fenced yard, sweet disposition, over 50 lbs.
2. Shar-pei mix puppy — 5 months, vaccinated, used to dogs.
3. Heidi — terrier and Lab. mix, spayed female, pound rescue, black, vaccinated, used to other pets, 1 year.
4. Daisy — gold Lab. mix, 9 months, female — must spay, used to small kids, semi-housebroken.
5. Kala — red, foxlike dog, medium size, spayed female, 2 years, housebroken, vaccinated, 35 lbs.
6. Annie — beagle, spayed female, shy, pound rescue, fenced yard only, used to dogs, vaccinated, 3 years.
7. Cinni — Shih-tzu and Sheltie mix, spayed female, cream, 20 lbs., vaccinated, housebroken, recently groomed, 1 year, used to other pets.
8. Scooter — tan husky mix, well behaved, male, vaccinated, 3-4 years, pound rescue, used to dogs, recovering from heartworm, large, long hair.
9. Mulan — Pekingese and Jack Russell terrier mix, spayed female, short hair, 1 year, 15-20 lbs., adult home preferred, vaccinated.
10. Domino — small Dalmatian, spayed female, 7-8 years, housebroken, vaccinated, used to dogs, epileptic.
11. Shiloh — beagle, red tri-color, neutered male, 2-3 years, vaccinated, fenced yard only, cute face, used to dogs, housebroken.
12. Fortune — older Britany Spaniel mix, orange and white, neutered male, vaccinated, abandoned, used to dogs, fenced yard only.
13. Zana — beagle, spayed female, 3 years, tri-color, vaccinated, overweight, used to other pets.
14. Delilah — black Lab. mix, very gentle, spayed female, 1 year, abandoned, vaccinated, used to other dogs, 55 lbs.
15. Missy — 10-13 year old Spaniel mix, blond, small, medium coat, pound rescue, peppy, vaccinated, used to dogs.

CATS

1. Sylvester — black and white, neutered male, 1 year,



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2. Pandora — long hair, spayed female, vaccinated, calico-tabby.

3. Puddle and Daisy — 4 months, sisters, short hair, tiger and white, vaccinated, together only.

4. Patches — tortie, 1 year, short hair, spayed female, talkative, vaccinated, lap kitty.

5. Raisin — shy, medium

coat, male, tiger, vaccinated 4 months.

6. Snuggles — 14 weeks, buff and white, male, vaccinated, short hair, very friendly.

7. Carmel — orange and white, vaccinated, neutered male, 2 years, long hair, lap cat, pound rescue, vocal.

8. Darby — long hair, black and white, vaccinated, 1 year, very sweet, pound rescue.

9. Kisha — tan tiger, female, must spay, 1 year, medium coat, used to cats and small kids, vaccinated.

10. KITTEN — black, long hair, male, 12 weeks, mom abandoned.

11. Rachel and KITTEN — black, short hair, rescued, vaccinated, 1 spayed female; 1, 3 to 4 month old kitten, female.

12. Mr. Cat — black and white, neutered male, short hair, vaccinated, abandoned.

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CCH's Brower earns award

Dr. Kirk Brower, executive director of Chelsea Community Hospital's Chelsea Arbor Treatment Center and associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Michigan recently received a Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

The award will cover 50 percent of his salary for the next five years and will enable him to investigate new therapeutic options for patients with alcoholism and alcohol abuse.

Brower is particularly interested in the treatment of patients with alcohol dependence and comorbid insomnia. Earlier work revealed that patients with insomnia were more likely to relapse to drinking than patients without insomnia.

Brower is planning a medication trial to determine if treating insomnia during early recovery can reduce relapse rates in patients. Brower also oversees the Fellowship Program to train psychiatrists in Addiction Medicine at Chelsea Arbor Treatment Center.

Chelsea Arbor Treatment Center provides help for alcohol and other drug problems for all ages. The joint program of Chelsea Community Hospital and University of Michigan Health System offers comprehensive treatment including assessment, outpatient detoxification, day and evening treatment programs, and ongoing outpatient counseling in Ann Arbor and Chelsea. Chelsea Arbor Treatment center is li-

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