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Area walloped by wicked snowstorm

■ *Local schools close, police respond to fender benders.*

By Sheila Pursglove and Will Keeler
Staff Writers

"Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow..."

Enough already.

And to think, winter doesn't actually arrive until Dec. 21.

Chelsea and Dexter — along with most of the northern tier of the country — were clobbered with Monday's blizzard that would weary even the most die-hard winter sports enthusiasts.

More than 10 inches of the white fluffy stuff fell, leaving roads a mess, businesses closing early, and the following two days off for schools across the region.

Tuesday morning's sunny, blue skies were a mockery of the previous day and evening of snow, sleet, ice, blustery winds and wickedly cold wind chills. Incredibly, there were minimal problems around the area.

By 3:30 p.m. Monday, the Washtenaw County Emergency Management Division had issued a snow condition yellow until 2 a.m. Tuesday, but was later extended to 6 a.m.

A snow condition yellow means hazardous driving conditions exist on major highways with heavy snow or ice, severe drifting and extremely limited visibility.

Road crews were ready when the snow first started to accumulate in the early afternoon Monday.

Washtenaw County Road Commission Director of Operations Ken Nixon said that he had a crew of trucks out from 4 p.m. to about 8 p.m. cleaning county roads. After 8 p.m., he said that he only had four trucks out, most of them on the highways preparing for rush-hour traffic.

"By 4 a.m., the four trucks came in and all 46 trucks were on the road again," Nixon said.

"We didn't use that much salt with this storm because with this much accumulation and with how fast it came down, the snow would have been covered in minutes."

The trucks used the majority of the salt on curves, hills and intersections, Nixon said.

Dave Bulson, superintendent of Chelsea Department of Public Works, was out on the snowplows, with his crew, which includes foreman Craig Maier, Dave Seyfried, Bill Paul, Steve Loveland, Todd Whitaker and Randy White.

"Three of the crew worked a 24-hour shift from Monday morning through to Tuesday," Bulson said. "The rest took a four-hour break and then started plowing again at 2 a.m."

Chelsea Police Chief Lenard McDougall was full of praise for Bulson and his team.

"Chelsea DPW did an outstanding job of clearing the roads and keeping them passable," McDougall said. "Local drivers handled the situation very well. We only dealt with one relatively minor accident on Monday evening."

Deputy Todd Gilvevich at the Washtenaw County sheriff's station in Dexter said there were no significant incidents.

"It's been pretty quiet around here.

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Snow Day



Madison Marable (left) and her brother, Logan, of Chelsea enjoy Tuesday's snow day off from school, climbing and playing in a huge pile of the white stuff. A storm Monday night dumped more than 10 inches of snow across the area.

Special assessment district proposed

■ *Affected property runs from Sibley to Cavanaugh Lake Road.*

By Lisa Allmendinger
Staff Writer

The Sylvan Township Board tentatively adopted a resolution for a special assessment district that includes about 190 acres slated for development. The property fronts Sibley Road and continues south to Cavanaugh Lake Road.

The estimated cost of improvements is $4 million and will be assessed against the seven parcels of land that will benefit from a new water system.

The water supply and treatment system includes two wells and submersible pumps, as well as a wastewater treatment plant. The wells are estimated to cost $120,000, while the water treatment plant is projected to cost $900,000.

The facility will have the capacity to produce 300,000 gallons of water on an average day. The plant will have a capacity of 600,000 gallons, according to documents provided by the township.

It is expected that 10 acres of land will be needed for the plant at an estimated cost of $200,000.

Also included in the project is the construction of a 300,000-gallon elevated water tank at an estimated cost of $550,000, and a 12-inch diameter main that will extend from the water treatment plant to the two areas of service. This cost is estimated at $850,000.

The total cost for the water systems part of the project is projected at $1.7 million, the same amount estimated for the water distribution system.

In all, the project is expected to total $3.738 million. However, Bill Fahey, the attorney for the township, suggested that the board round up the amount to $4 million to cover possible cost overruns and other unexpected expenses.

The proposed costs were determined by Jones & Henry Engineers of Toledo, Ohio.

"The Township Board previously adopted a resolution tentatively approving the construction of water improvements ... and the establishment of a special assessment district to defray the cost of improvements, in whole or in part, by the levying of special assessments against the benefited properties," according to the board's resolution.

The first of two public hearings was held and several resi-

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NEWS BRIEFS

Newspapers set holiday deadlines

Deadlines for The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader have been changed for the holidays.

Editorial copy for the Dec. 28 issue is due noon Dec. 19 and copy for the Jan. 4 issue is due noon Dec. 27.

No stories or photographs are guaranteed to be printed. The decision to publish something is left to the discretion of the editor and is based on space availability.

Classified advertising deadlines for the holidays are 5 p.m. Dec. 21 for the Dec. 28 issue and 5 p.m. Dec. 28 for the Jan. 4 issue.

Display advertising is due 1 p.m. Dec. 20 for the Dec. 28 issue and 5 p.m. Dec. 27 for the Jan. 4 issue.

Library to hold planning session

The Chelsea District Library will hold a community planning session to present plans for a new library 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the board room at the Washington Street Education Center.

The public is invited to meet with the library architects and planners about the development of the corner of Main and Orchard streets.

Students to offer free gift wrapping Saturday

Chelsea Alternative High School students are sponsoring free Christmas gift wrapping, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 16 at the VFW hall.

Teen activities to be held Dec. 15 and 21

Chelsea Area Responding to Teens will present the annual "Spirit of Giving" dance 7 p.m. Dec. 15 at Beach Middle School.

Music will be provided by Aaron Batzdorfer.

Tickets, which are $3, can be purchased during school lunch hours and at the door. All proceeds will be donated to Faith In Action.

CART will present the movie "A Christmas Story" 7 p.m. Dec. 21 Washington Street Education Center auditorium. Admission is free. Punch and cookies will be available.

For more information, call 433-TEEN.

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Officials look at road patrol options

■ *Local group, township officials look for answers about road patrol.*

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

Time is ticking for area residents and township officials as they ponder ideas and solutions on how to handle the discontinuation of police road services by the county beginning Jan. 1, 2002.

Officials from Lima, Dexter, Lyndon and Sylvan townships will continue to meet with the Public Safety Committee of Lima Township in the coming months to consider options for police services.

This past year, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approved a measure to eliminate road patrol in non-contract areas.

Lima Township residents John Edwards and Gary Adams, the former Lima Township supervisor, are members of the safety committee. They were among other officials present at the Dec. 7 meeting at Lima Township Hall.

The goal of the meeting was to study and outline the possibility of uniting western Washtenaw townships to ensure police services.

The county needs to be notified by July 1, 2001, as to whether they plan to contract with the county for their police services.

The county priced each police service unit at $109,000. The county will charge each township $72,000 for one police service unit, the remaining $37,000 will go back to the county and used for remaining police services.

The $72,000 could possibly increase over a two-year period, the length of the contract.

This amount would include one police service unit at 40 hours, one vehicle, supervision, secretarial, and investigative work.

"How far does that 40 hours stretch?" Adams asked.

He said that he is not sure if that 40 hours will be a set schedule, but was mostly concerned with who would respond to a call outside of the 40 hours.

"If the officer is scheduled from noon to 8 at night, what happens if we need their help before or after this shift?" he asked.

"We need to have emergency coverage," Adams said.

If township officials decide not to form a consortium, townships may look to the state police for road patrol.

"If we have a consortium among four or five townships, we could have four to five officers patrolling the townships for a shift," Edwards said.

"The state police would be the most affordable," Edwards said.

> **"If the officer is scheduled from noon to 8 at night, what happens if we need their help before or after this shift?"**
>
> — Gary Adams
> *Lima Township*

According to state police Lt. Beth Moranty, there are 30 troops for freeway and non-contract township area response, with 25 percent of open time.

Other options for the townships to consider include contracting officers through the Chelsea Police Department or establishing an entire new agency.

"We'll just have to wait and see how things turn out," said Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryanne Noah.

Noah said that she still wants to be involved with meetings with other townships because "this isn't a situation that will go away."

Every township has their priorities, but we all have a common goal, said Dexter Township Supervisor Robert Tetens.

Township officials all agreed that more meetings are needed to resolve the road patrol dilemma.

The Public Safety Committee of Lima Township plans to meet again in January and continue discussing further possibilities.

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Chelsea chamber names new board members

Four new members have joined the board of directors of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. Their three-year terms begin in January.

Stacy Klevay has lived in Chelsea for 14 months, having moved here in August of 1999 from Ann Arbor. She and her husband, Hans Newton, have one son, 8-year-old Matthew, who attends South Meadows Elementary School.

Klevay has been with Key Bank for two years. She was promoted in February to assistant vice president and transferred to manage the Chelsea branch office in June.

Klevay is a 1990 graduate of Ohio State University and is a native of Akron, Ohio. She has spent the last decade in sales management. She is also a member of Chelsea Kiwanis Club and is the outgoing chairperson for Key Bank's diversity committee in Michigan.

Steve Daut is a graduate of the University of Iowa, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees. He spent almost 20 years in professional positions in the energy and environmental industries, including three years as president of a computer processing company and seven years as an independent consultant.

Currently, Daut serves as development director for St. Louis Center, a home for developmentally disabled boys and men. There he is responsible for event coordination, grant writing and administration, fundraising and public relations.

Daut is also a consultant to Washtenaw County and is working with others on a startup technology company in Chelsea.

Daut moved to Chelsea in 1987 from Jackson. He has been involved in many community efforts. He has served on Village Council, Chelsea Area Transportation System Board, Huron River Watershed Council Board, Washtenaw County Planning Commission and the Summer Festival committee.

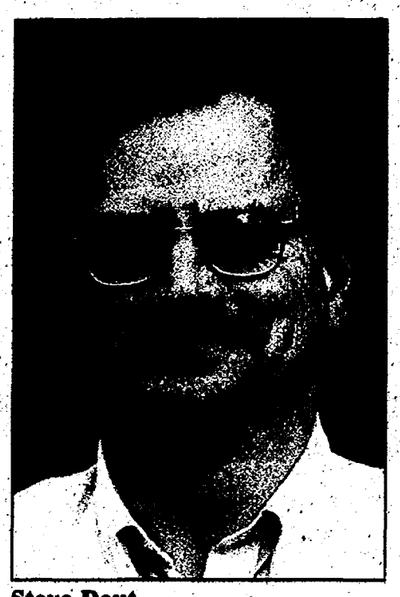
Tom Steele is a Chelsea native who has spent his professional career in the family heating and cooling business started by his father, John, in 1948. Steele went to work in the business in 1969 after returning home from Vietnam, where he earned the Bronze Star, Silver Star and Purple Heart.

In 1975, John Steele retired and his son continued in the business. Tom Steele and his wife, Sarah, have three children. Steele's first full-time employee was their older son, Tucker, who signed on in 1991. Their younger son, Patrick, joined the business a few years later.

The company now has two part-time secretaries, including Sarah Steele, and seven full-time employees.



Stacy Klevay



Steve Daut



Tom Steele



Ruth Shantz

Ruth Shantz is the associate administrator at Chelsea Community Hospital. Her major responsibilities pertain to regulatory issues, including corporate compliance, accreditation and licensing.

Shantz chairs the hospital's Community Health Improvement Council and provides leadership for various special projects.

Prior to joining the hospital administration nearly 10 years ago, she was the hospital's director of outpatient mental health and substance abuse. She has a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan.

In other chamber news, Ric Sauer, owner of Sauer-co., will be the president in January, taking over for Ed GreenLeaf, owner of Chelsea Lanes.

Other officers include President-Elect Art Dils, CEO of Silver Maples; Treasurer Randy Biddix, CFO of Ann Arbor Machine Co.; and Secretary Fran Zatorski, owner of MTF Secretarial Services.

Burgess heads first meeting

■ *New zoning officer chosen.*

By Lisa Allmendinger
Staff Writer

Charles Burgess took the reins in Sylvan Township Dec. 5 after winning the general election for supervisor. This was the first time the former township zoning enforcement officer has run for office.

Burgess will be wearing several hats until Jan. 1 when his successor, Robert Lange, takes over as the zoning enforcement officer. The board unanimously approved Burgess' recommendation to hire Lange.

Lange will replace Burgess on the Board of Review, as well.

The board appointed Reuben Lesser to replace Gerald Dresselhouse, the former supervisor, as its delegate to the Chelsea Area Fire Authority. Dresselhouse will now be the alternate to the board, succeeding Tom Caplis, who stepped down.

The Chelsea Area Fire Authority Board is made up of representatives from the incorporating municipalities of Chelsea, Lima, Lyndon, Waterloo and Sylvan townships.

The Township Board also approved an $85 fee to send Burgess to the Michigan Townships Association meeting for a one-day conference.

Several projects were added to Dresselhouse's duties as an independent contractor for the township. He will oversee submissions to the township for telecommunications projects, a fireworks ordinance and public utilities contracts.

Although Dresselhouse chose not to run for re-election as township supervisor, he has been retained by the township as an independent contractor to help the municipality with special projects.

In his capacity as zoning enforcement officer, Burgess reported that the township had issued four permits for new homes in November.

In other business, there were 92 calls in the township in October for service from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. Of that total, 39 were for traffic accidents.

There were seven calls for car assistance, six calls about parking violations, five calls for alarms and four for suspicious activity. The remainder was for assorted incidents.

STRAIGHT FACTS

A story in last week's Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader should have said the Dexter Township Planning Commission will meet Jan. 23 to consider a site plan application for a gas station on the corner of North Territorial and Dexter-Pinckney roads.

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A story in last week's Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader should have identified Laura Welling as a former Miss Michigan. Also, Dave Black will mark his one-year anniversary as owner of Champion Gymnastics in February.

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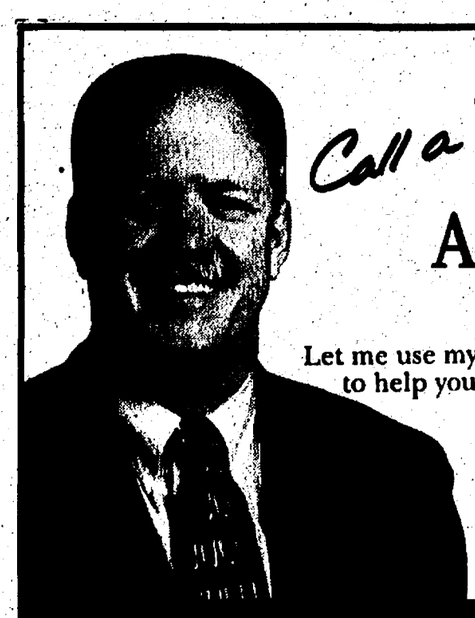
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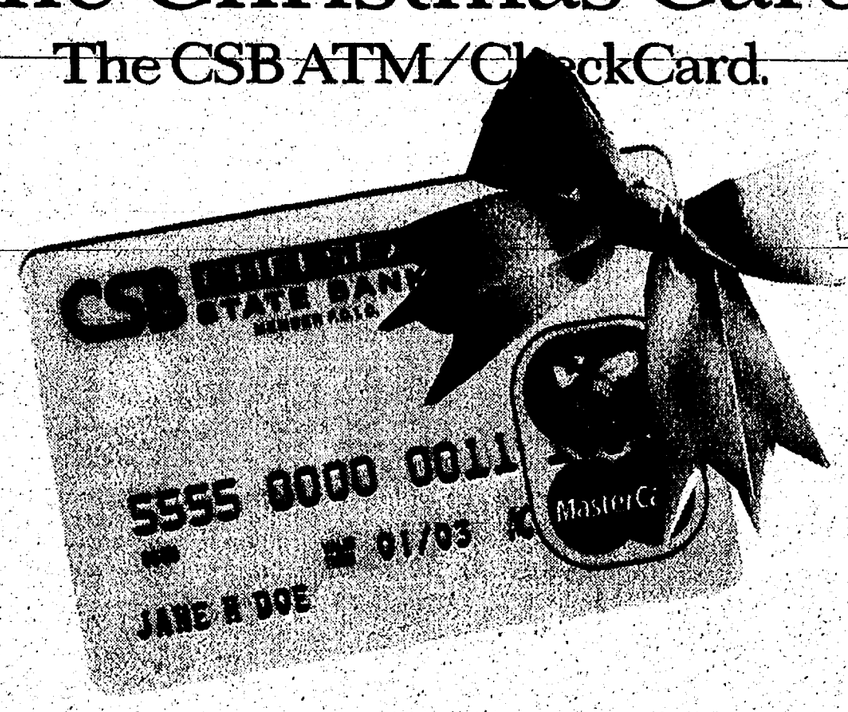


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Residents to meet over trailer park lawsuit

■ *Medallion Homes proposes to build 600 homes.*

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

Concerned Citizens of Lima, a group opposed to a mobile home development on Jackson and Parker roads, plan to hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at Lima Township Hall to consider issues surrounding the project in the light of a subsequent lawsuit.

In October, Lima Township Board voted to deny an application for the rezoning of property for Mill Creek, a proposed mobile home development.

As a result, Steven Karbal and Sidney Moss, owners of Medallion Homes, and Eugene and Jo Ann Thornton, the property owners, filed suit against the township Oct. 24 in Washtenaw County Circuit Court.

The developers' application for mobile home rezoning was for 136 acres zoned for agriculture use. The property is bordered on the south by Jackson Road and on the west by Parker Road.

The township has 38 acres of land zoned for mobile home development.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing to air issues concerning the proposal March 28. After reviewing studies provided by consultants for the developers, the commission voted to recommend the board deny rezoning.

Medallion Homes' lawsuit claims that the township's reasons for denial constitute "an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable exclusion of a legitimate land use ... " and that the township's objective was to "bar manufactured housing projects from the township ... "

The township's decision was described as "plainly a reflection of community opposition to the development of a manufactured housing community in the township."

The developers considered that their project was consistent with the township's master plan, but the township said it was incompatible with the land use and rural character of the surrounding property.

The developers' attorneys interpreted this as exclusionary zoning or a violation of state and local laws, ordinances and practices, as well as a violation of the developers' constitutional rights.

In a Jan. 11 letter to the Lima Township Board, local residents contended that the development could accommodate an increase of 2,000 residents. This would almost double the size of the township's population, currently estimated at 2,700.

Residents are saying health, safety and welfare are at issue.

On March 28, Lima Township Planning Commission held a public hearing to address the rezoning petition that was filed by Medallion Homes.

Medallion had retained Washtenaw Engineering to assist in the rezoning process for the project. This was to be Medallion Homes' sixth manufactured home community development.

In her presentation to the committee, Cheryl Zuellig, landscape architect for Washtenaw Engineering, said the project location contained wetland areas, as well as the Frey Fitzsimmons drain that traverses the property.

Zuellig said the development would consist of a total of 600 home sites, each averaging 55 to 100 feet, at a density of 4.5 units per acre. They would be multisection owned homes with pitched shingle roofs and vinyl lap or simulated brick siding. Prices would range from $40,000 to $100,000.

The development phases would span about eight years. Amenities would include landscaped boulevard entry, swimming pool or sun deck, children's play area, picnic areas, and pedestrian walkway with access to a clubhouse and recreation areas. Mill Creek would be privately owned and maintained.

Karbal, considering some of the issues raised at a workshop on the project, such as resale of the property, indicated in a letter that they have "absolutely no intention whatsoever of selling this property" after obtaining development rezoning.

"If we were to sell the property after rezoning, the purchaser-developer would have to comply with all local ordinances, state laws and any development agreements that we might enter into with the township," Karbel said.

Issues raised included the impossibility of preserving all the trees, especially in the western0 portion of the property, street lighting, the effects on neighbors of an on-site water system, and concern over the effect of a waste-water treatment plant on Mill Creek.

Karbal said that some storm water may be discharged into the Frey-Fitzsimmons drain and into some of the wetlands northeast of the property.

The issue of traffic required an impact study, with results to be supplied to the township on completion.

Also not complete at that time were a study of property taxes and how much the township would receive. Preliminary figures indicated that the revenue from the development would be at least $100,000 a year.

Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner Janis Bobrin said any impact on the two drains requires permits from the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner's Office and from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

With respect to waste-water discharge, Bobrin said the Huron River watershed in Washtenaw County, including Mill Creek watershed, is under a mandate from the MDEQ to reduce the discharge of phosphorous to the river by 50 percent.

Bobrin said that the permit application for the proposed housing community was inadequate, and failed to meet current regulations. She also said the technology to achieve the phosphorous removal is both unproven and required sophisticated operation and maintenance with no current possibility of active compliance monitoring.

Regarding storm-water runoff, Bobrin said that dense of a development, with increased impervious surface areas, translates into greater volumes of pollutant runoff.

Bobrin said that under the Mobile Home Park Commission Act, she has the authority to approve storm-water systems in manufactured home communities.

A permit is required if the system discharges into the county drain. To asses the quality and availability of potable groundwater, the state will require test walls, though no history of contamination had been revealed to render the site unfit for development.

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Lt. Brian Miller said the possible impact of the proposed project on public services. He said that Lima Township is a rural area relying on non-contract deputies for police services and responses, and that any increase in population would impact police services.

Ross Stephenson, deputy superintendent of Dexter Community Schools, said a sudden surge and influx of students as a result of "typical mobile home park construction" could place a great deal of strain on the district's building plans. In short, he said, it would require portable classrooms to be used.

Stephenson suggested a gradual phasing of the project over a period of years would be best.

Stephenson said he was also concerned that the financial impact could negatively impact future building issues given that the debt payment for mobile homes is much less than for single-family residences.

Stephenson added that the school would likely anticipate instructional material and training problems, and transportation inadequacies. This would require a minimum of $170,000 for buses and drivers annually for each additional 200 students, he said.

Resident Ken Meyer addressed fire department response times, and estimated that it took 10 to 15 minutes to respond to the site of the proposed park. Having lived in Scio Farm Estates trailer park, he learned that a fire could destroy a mobile home in about eight minutes, as well as damaging adjacent homes.

Meyer estimated that Lima Township would be paying Dexter Area Fire Department around $85,000 per year for calls. He added that a 1995 Southeast Michigan Council of Governments study showed that manufactured housing parks generated community costs for roads, water, sewer, police, fire and schools.

Resident Ann Bauer offered figures pertaining to Washtenaw County roads from the Urban Area Transportation Study Committee, and estimated that the proposed development would generate an additional 3,000 trips a day on Jackson Road. This, she said, representing a 30 to 40 percent increase in traffic.

Bauer recommended a traffic impact study related to congestion, safety and costs.

Nora Galgan of Chelsea also read from a letter on behalf of the Huron Watershed Council of Ann Arbor. The letter outlined the impact of Mill Creek's contribution of phosphorous to the Middle Huron basin. Phosphorous is a pollutant that causes algae blooms in lakes, wetlands and ponds.

Galgan said that residential development contributes more pollution per acre than agriculture or open space mainly because of storm-water runoff. Pollutants include fertilizer, car oils and sediment.

Galgan maintained that waste-water discharge also presents the township with possible liability. If private waste-water treatment systems within the township fail, the township would be liable for water-quality permit violations, not the developer or park residents.

Further, the area proposed for rezoning includes woodlands and wetlands providing ecological services such as ground water filtering and recharge, flood prevention, stream temperature control, and wildlife habitat. Continuing development, Galgan said, renders such features vital to maintaining the ecological health of the Huron Watershed.

Galgan asked the Lima Township Planning Commission to delay a decision to rezone the Thorntons' property pending an environmental study. She said an environmental expert considered the property unsuitable and inappropriate for high-density development.

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Citizens mount fight

■ *Residents to meet Jan. 18 over lawsuit.*

By Lisa Allmendinger
Staff Writer

A meeting set in Lima Township next month is an effort to inform area residents about a pending lawsuit brought by a developer over the township's denial of a preliminary site plan for a mobile home park proposed by Medallion Homes of Southfield.

Concerned Citizens of Lima hopes to join with the township to fight the lawsuit.

The township turned down a 650-unit mobile home park on 136 acres near the corner of Jackson and Parker roads.

The group was initially formed to do research on the possible affects this large-size development might have on the township and its services.

Resident Nora Galgon said she began knocking on neighbors' doors when she saw stakes sprouting from the ground on Eugene Thornton's property next to the farm she and her husband acquired from an aunt.

According to the 1999 county plat map, Valeria Ferber and Galgon own 99.83 acres next door to the proposed development. Galgon said she does not live there, but the family is planning to build a home there in the future.

"We want to try everything we can to stop this," Galgon said. "I never thought it would have gotten this far."

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Community planning session set Saturday

■ *Public invited to provide input on new library.*

Chelsea residents are invited to participate in a community planning session for the new library 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 16 in the board room at the Washington Street Education Center.

"Residents, business owners, and township and village officials are invited to meet with the library architects and planners to contribute their suggestions, ideas and concerns about the development of the corner of Orchard and Main streets," said Metta Lansdale, director of the Chelsea District Library.

"The library takes the concerns of residential, commercial and municipal neighbors seriously. The planning process, called a Charette, is designed to include all interested parties."

With the information gathered at the event, the library will make final determinations of the positioning of the library building, its look and the properties that will be required for these decisions to be implemented, Lansdale said.

The Chelsea District Library completed a yearlong needs assessment and planning process late in 1998, which is documented in the Planning Task Force report available in the library.

According to the report, the library should utilize the McKune location downtown and additional parking will be necessary.

On the October 1999 ballot, the library requested a millage and an accompanying construction bond request.

The bond, to be paid off in 20 years, was for a building plan that accommodated 20-year growth.

The millage is renewable after 20 years to assure the library's ability to support the building for as long as it would take to pay off the bond. It provides operational income to allow the library to support a building as large as 27,000 square feet.

While voters adopted the millage request, the bond request failed by a narrow margin.

"We're confident that a building size of at least 24,000 square feet will be required to serve the needs expressed to us through this planning process," Lansdale said.

With support of the research in the planning process, the board determined that parking to serve the larger facility would be required.

"We've been advised that 40 to 60 spaces would be sufficient to serve a building in the size range discussed," Lansdale said.

The purchase of the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home and the lot on the corner of Orchard and Main streets by the Downtown Development Authority has made it possible for the library to consider expansion at this downtown location.

"The funeral home property provides space to accommodate the parking needs of the library, municipal and commercial needs," Lansdale said. "The corner lot provides the additional property for library expansion needs."

The effect of property acquisition by the DDA, as well as plans to significantly expand the library, is to virtually surround two residential properties on Orchard Street closest to Main Street.

"The library has formally notified Mr. Staffan, at 115 Orchard, that when he is ready to leave his home the library would like to buy it," Lansdale said.

"The library approached the Riemenschneiders at 121 Orchard about the purchase of their property once it was placed on the market in June of this year."

With the approximate size of the building required and the parking area required for this building, two elements remain, according to Lansdale. Those are the planning event and the construction bond request that will enable the library to return downtown.

"In April 2001, the library will be able to display the design of the building proposed and will most likely know at that time the budget for the project," Lansdale said.

"Our planning process has been proceeding intensively and publicly with full involvement of community residents for three years."

The report documenting this process was published in November 1998.

Planning for building location and approximate size is complete. The specific building size and specifically required properties will be finalized next month, once the community-wide planning process is complete.

"The planning process for services to be provided and an interior that will enable and enhance those services is actively proceeding," Lansdale said.

Lansdale acknowledged that changes impacting a residential neighborhood pose serious concerns for homeowners.

"We know the development of this 'gateway' corner will certainly have an impact on residential and commercial and municipal activities in Chelsea. The library planning process has been designed to assure that the impact is a positive one for all parties," she said.

"If all the concerned parties will attend the Charette event on Dec. 16, we expect that this impact will be a positive one."

Bairley ends training

Alan Bairley recently completed the cadet basic training program at the U.S. Military Academy West Point in New York.

The training is designed to form new academy cadets into disciplined soldier-officers possessing personal pride, confidence, obedience to command orders and dedication to duty.

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After completing the basic training program, the cadet is accepted into the U.S. Corps of Cadets at the academy. Upon graduating from the academy, the cadet receives a bachelor's degree and is commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army.

Bairley is the son of Paul and Susan Bairley of Chelsea. He is a 2000 graduate of Chelsea High School.

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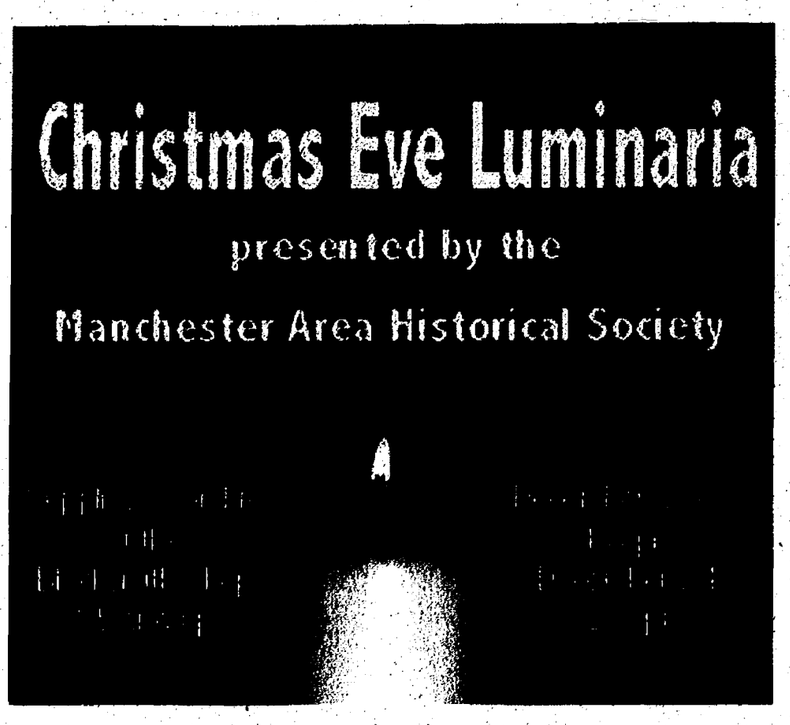
The elephant's trunk has multiple uses — nose, hose and tentacle. Now Australian embryologists believe they have evidence that could point to the trunk's original purpose. The elephant, they believe, was an aquatic animal that moved back to the land. If that's true, then the elephant's trunk may have evolved as a snorkel.

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Hot dots were first introduced to the public at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. But they were called "red hots," and they didn't come on a bun. Instead, a pair of white cotton gloves came with each one to keep fingers cool while eating.

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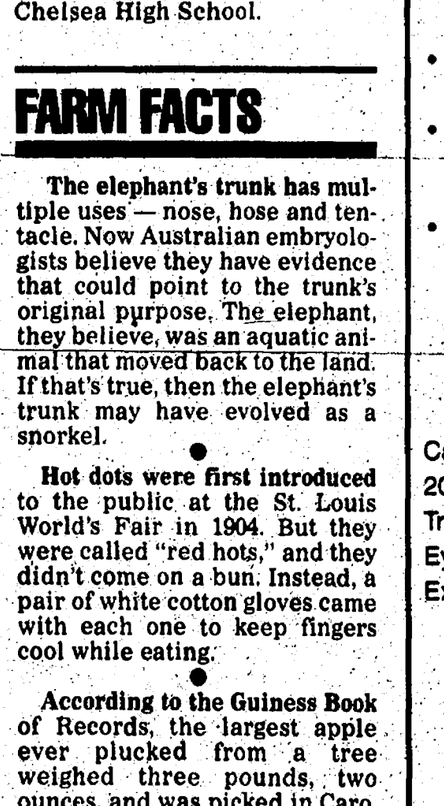
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STORM

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Most of the calls were for problems on I-94 on the on and off ramps," he said.

However, officials at the sheriff's department on Hogback Road in Ann Arbor were busy dispatching deputies out to strand drivers and responding to a number of car crashes.

Sgt. Anderson Brown said there were a slew of calls coming in from all over the county, including 63 crashes, 62 car assists and 15 vehicle road blocks. Of the 63 crashes, most of them were fender benders, with no injuries or fatalities, Brown said. These numbers reflect calls that came in from noon Monday through 7 a.m. Tuesday.

These numbers were not concentrated in any specific area in Washtenaw County, Brown said.

At the Chelsea Fire Department, Officer Cliff Blackford had a similar story.

"It was a fairly quiet day and night, especially considering the size of the winter storm," Blackford said. "We dealt with a car fire, assisted at a house fire in Dexter, and pulled a few cars out of ditches."

Bob Shepherd, electrical superintendent at Chelsea Light and Power, had his team ready for action.

"Everyone was on call, and trucks were fueled up and ready to go," Shepherd said. "We were watching the weather reports and expecting freezing rain, which might have caused major power problems, but it didn't materialize. We got lucky."

Chelsea schoolchildren enjoyed Tuesday off school, but have now used up the two emergency school days allowed by the state of Michigan. The other emergency day was the big power outage in October.

"If we have further emergency days off, the school district will have to extend the school year beyond the last scheduled day of June 7, 2001," said Chelsea Superintendent Ed Richardson.

"Sometimes people ask if we can make up the time during the winter or spring breaks. Our contract with the teachers stipulates that the time must be made up at the end of the school year," he said.

Dexter schools were also closed Tuesday, giving children a chance to enjoy the first major snowfall.

Dexter Superintendent Bill Spargur said that this is the first snow day called this school year.

"We have one more day that we can cancel until we need to start making up the days," Spargur said.

Most area residents said they thought the snow was pretty, but a mess to clean up.

Joyce Hinkley said she and her husband, who are retired and live near Silver Lake, are enjoying the snow before they head South for the remainder of the winter months.

"My husband has been out plowing snow for several hours. That (plow) is his toy. He wants to enjoy it before we leave," she said.

Chelsea resident Pat Minnick woke up and realized his heat was out.

"Ice had covered up the smoke stack and blew out the pilot light," he said.

"I had to get up on the roof today and take care of it."

With everyone digging out, the travel advisories being canceled, and the kids enjoying the mountains of snow, all are hoping the snow will stick around through the holidays.

LAWSUIT

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The development requires a zoning change from agricultural to manufactured housing.

Galgon said the master plan calls for everything south of Jackson Road to remain agricultural, and a development of this size would double the size of the township's population.

Galgon said the group, which numbers about 150 people, understands that development is coming to the township. Although some people said at the public hearings that they don't want any new development, the citizens group would like to have a hand in controlling the township's growth.

This manufactured housing proposal, Galgon said, would have serious effects on the environment of the area, the school district, traffic, police and fire services and the infrastructure of the township.

The group's meeting is set 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at Lima Township Hall.

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SAD

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dents questioned whether there was any risk that township taxpayers would end up paying for the project.

It was explained that a special assessment district applies to those properties directly benefiting from the improvements. Any piece of property in that district will carry the assessment, but not those outside the district.

"It's a special assessment district and, by law, we can create it," former Township Supervisor Gerald Dresselhouse said at the meeting.

"We've had attorneys looking into it, and it's not unusual to get into a development agreement (with the developer). We are trying to control growth here," he said.

The property is owned by Warren Hamill and the developer for the area is Magellan Properties. A formal preliminary site plan has not been submitted to the township.

However, Dresselhouse said he expects detached single-family dwellings will be proposed on a portion of the property and multi-family dwellings on another part of the site.

A second public hearing on the special assessment district is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. Jan. 2.

FIGHT

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Resident Marshall Thompson offered details of an alternative affordable housing plan more consistent with the township master plan than the proposed manufactured housing, and which would be similar in cost per unit to the house owner.

The claim by Medallion Homes that manufactured homes in the western half of Washtenaw County is under-represented was disputed.

Resident Bruce Manny, a farmer, pointed out that the primary focus of the township's master plan was the preservation of agriculture and rural character of Lima Township.

Manny also indicated that it seemed incompatible use to place a mobile home park on land immediately adjoining two of the farms picked by the state of Michigan as the best farmland in Michigan.

Resident Brian Urquhart, an attorney, said that the terms of the exclusionary rule, a 1979 statute pertaining to the building of mobile homes, do not require Lima Township to provide mobiles home parks.

Resident Frank Galgan said that the water and sewer availability cannot be met by a private system. He suggested that once the zoning is approved, the township would lose its authority and control to require the developer to finance studies necessary to determine the relevant facts.

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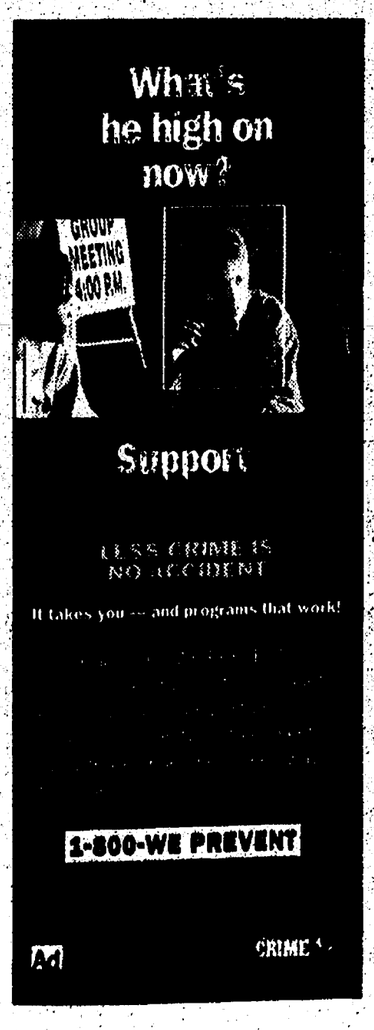
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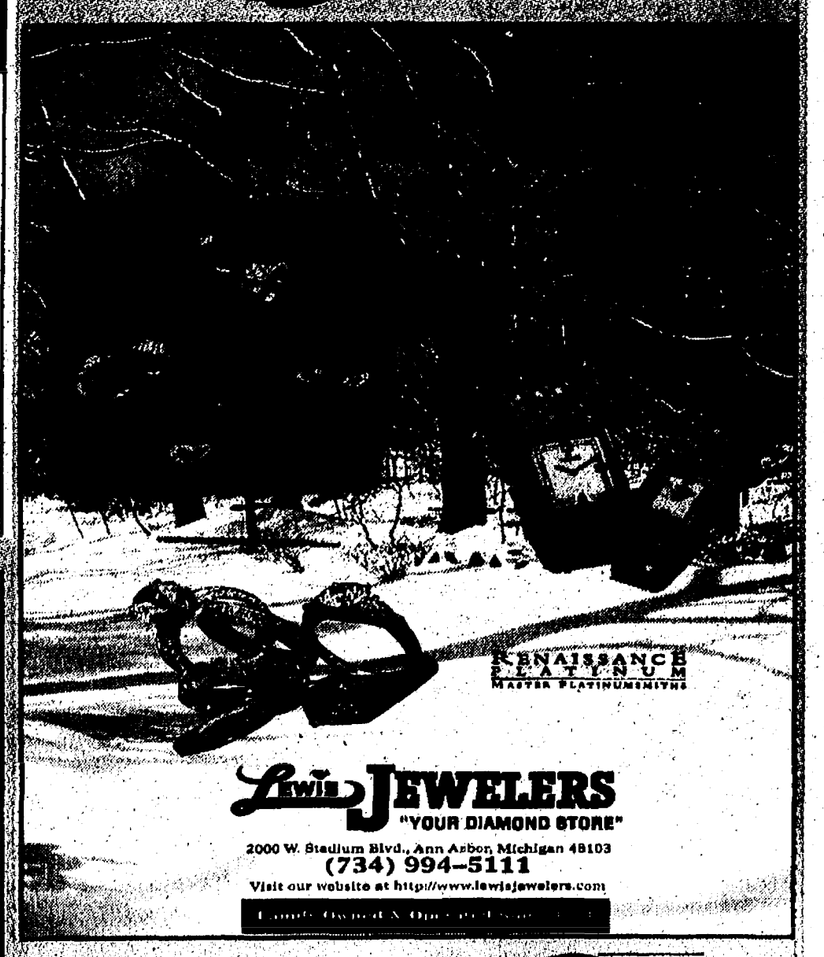
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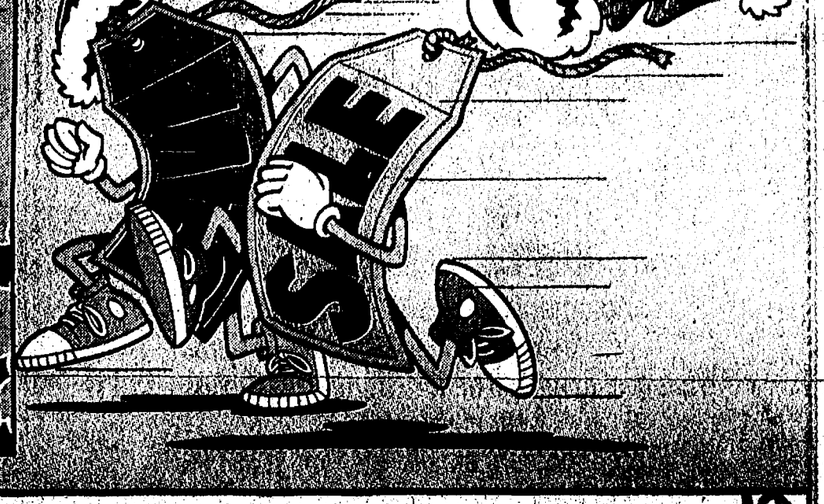
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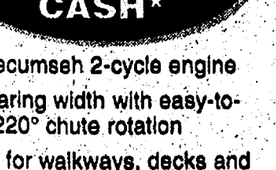
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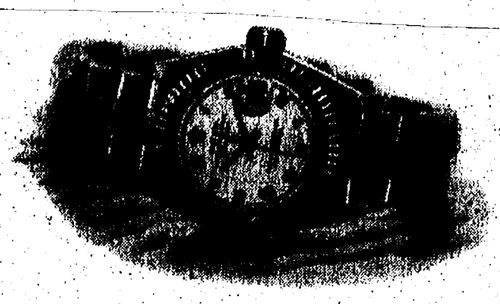


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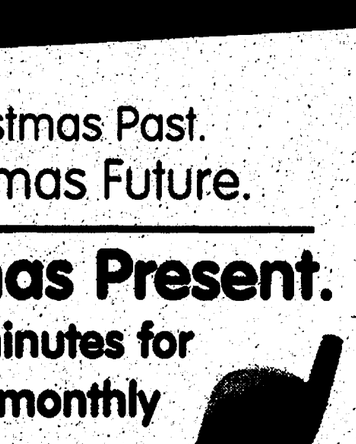
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Street Talk

By Erin Dronen

"What is your favorite winter activity?"



"Staying inside, where it's warm."

Channon Mason
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"Playing hockey."

Sean Fallot
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"Anything I can do indoors: play games and that kind of stuff."

Darlene O'Neil
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"My birthday."

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"Ice skating."

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Let it snow, but let me be 25 years younger



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AFTER THOUGHTS

I'll probably be considered certifiable in most circles, but I have to say I love the snow.

That is, unless I have to drive in it.

I was excited last Thursday to watch from inside a warm building while the snowflakes fell. It was beautiful outside. And it finally started to feel like it might be December. (I will admit to a prayer of gratitude, however, that the snow had missed my regular Wednesday commute to somewhere east of Eden.)

I can't imagine living in a climate that doesn't include snow. I recall once telling someone that I would visit when Florida freezes over, giving you an idea of my lowly opinion of that state (even before the election fiasco). I like to go Christmas shopping, but I found it difficult to get started this fall when the temperatures still skirted the 70s in early and mid-November.

Anyway, when I got home Thursday night, I received an exciting invitation from my youngest son.

"Mom, you want to go out sledding?"

It sounded like a great idea. I have always liked to go out sledding. My husband and I bought a Flexible Flyer before we got married. I'm sure had our relationship ever faltered in the intervening years the Flyer would have been as much a factor in a hypothetical custody battle as the kids. When we bought a house, one of the big attractions of the property was that it was situated on a lovely hill that lent itself to sledding.

So I was eager to join my son on our hill.

Cold weather is not my style ... while I enjoy the outdoors I have to get pretty well bundled up to enjoy it when the temperatures dip below 40 degrees. So bundle I did, and headed outside to play.

Now is when things got tough. Sliding across the deck I was fortunate to keep my balance and make my way carefully down the stairs. Then I had to find the sleds that were tucked back in the back of the shed. Underneath all of the summer toys, of course.

Whew. I was out of breath already and I hadn't even done anything.

The next challenge was trying to situate myself inside a sled to make the initial run down the hill. All I can figure is that somehow I have gotten a lot older since last winter. Because it was darned difficult to plop my body down onto the ground. With somewhat of a thud, I got myself there, feeling a bit sheepish. I was glad that 1) it was dark and 2) the only witness was a 12-year-old.

I got over it when I felt the first rush of speeding headlong down the hill, though. Once again I was 9 years old ... or 19 ... or 29.

Well, until I had to get out of the sled, anyway. When did it get so hard to get up? I felt like the little kid in "A Christmas Story" who was so bundled up that he couldn't move. So I blamed it on all the excess clothing I was wearing. It was a good enough excuse for me. I rolled myself out of the sled and managed to stand up, facing the hill I'd just come down.

Oh, no. It looked a lot steeper going back up. No problem, the toboggan was lightweight plastic so I picked it up and hustled up the hill.

Perhaps "hustled" isn't exactly the right word. Maybe it's "trudged." OK, maybe it's "plodded, huffing and puffing, for the next 10 minutes."

And a cheerful little voice chirps in my ear, "Are you ready to go again, Mom?"

Sure.... why not?

The thrill is just as great the second time, and the third. Flying down the hill at warp speed, I am young once again. The bulky clothes and all the other excess baggage I have somehow accumulated are just a vague memory. That is, until it is time to head up the hill again.

As time went on I started to enjoy the challenge of getting back up there, though, because it meant I could look forward to another swift trip down the hill. Hmm, maybe I was burning off some calories with all this activity and the warm clothes. I should do this more often. Stuart asked me if I'd pull him up the hill on the sled and I said, "Sure." I got a few feet at least, before I realized that was an unwise decision. He was, fortunately, quite agreeable when I asked him to hop out.

His hopping was a lot more agile than my own. But what can I expect? I'm the mother of a 12-year-old, for goodness sake — not a 12-year-old myself.

Pretty soon, though, my fingers and toes — always the first victims of the cold — were starting to get numb and my body was doing more huffing than I was comfortable with. I had to disappoint my son and I probably didn't burn off nearly as many calories as I needed to, but I got a good start.

Stuart then asked if I would go cross-country skiing in the park with him later that evening. I decided that I'd had enough activity for one night and told him maybe the next day. Of course, the next day the snow was not nearly as good for skiing.

They're predicting more snow as I write. In fact, the flakes are already accumulating on the sidewalks and the street. I have a strong suspicion that tonight I'll have another invitation to head outside after supper.

Come and join me — just don't bring your video camera.

Flying down the hill at warp speed, I am young once again. The bulky clothes and all the other excess baggage I have somehow accumulated are just a vague memory. That is, until it is time to head up the hill again.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Come to the library's Charette on Saturday

Charette, charette. What in the world is a charette?

Actually, it is a two-wheeled cart. But for architects, the word implies "taking the show on the road."

The Chelsea District Library is inviting you to help its architect plan and design the new library building. How is this possible? How can the public help an architect design a building? Is this just some sort of gimmick?

"A charette is an intense effort to solve any architectural problem within a limited time. From a creative standpoint, a charette can be divided into three portions: listen, envision and draw fast."

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If you are a resident of Dexter, Lima, Lyndon or Sylvan townships, or the village, you are invited to come on Saturday and help design your new library building.

The charette will take place at the Washington Street Education Center. Drop in anytime between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., and let us listen to your ideas. It should be interesting and a lot of fun.

For more information on the charette you can go to the Web site at http://chelsea.lib.mi.us/charette.html

Kathy Sprawka
Chelsea District Library
Building Committee

Chelsea library is following the law

In response to a letter printed in last week's Chelsea Standard, I want to say: Of course, The Chelsea Standard is always welcome to investigate any and all library business.

Since a reporter from The Standard is usually on hand for all library open meetings, the newspaper would have a very good start on this investigation.

Our library board minutes are also reported each month in The Standard and on the Web at http://che lsea.lib.mi.us/board_minutes.html>.

My main issue here is to repeat, for the benefit, specifically of several Orchard Street residents, the intentions of the library board for the use of 121 Orchard St. Although these residents have attended the last several library board meetings, they continue to ignore the responses to this issue by the library board at each of those meetings.

Under state law, district libraries are permitted to purchase property from the proceeds of the library millage, contingency funds, or by special bond. At the last library board meeting, this information was reiterated by our attorney, Cynthia Falhauber. This was in direct response to a question posed by an Orchard Street resident.

Our intended use of this property is for future library expansion. Exactly what that use is has yet to be determined. It could be green space, as requested in a petition. It could ultimately contain a portion of future library development. This is both fiscally responsible and forward thinking on the part of the library board, which voted unanimously to purchase this property.

As we all know, building sites and properties in and around Chelsea are going for premium dollars. I don't see that trend slowing in the near future. We did not think it fair that a family could purchase this property without knowing the currently unrealized plans to develop the nearby properties.

As we move ahead with our first public forum, the future use of this property will be determined as plans become formalized.

Please join us on Saturday between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., at the school board meeting room in the old high school for your first opportunity to share in the development plans and future of the Chelsea District Library.

Lynn Fox
Chelsea Library
Board President

The library supports access to information

The library stands as a passionate advocate and defender of the right of all citizens to have access to the information they need to establish and maintain their businesses, manage their own health care, educate their children and, importantly, engage in a meaningful dialog with their governmental agencies.

As a public library director, I welcome this opportunity to learn more about the Michigan Freedom of Information Act request process and to develop a set of procedures that will assist all citizens residing in the district served by this library in the use of this very important Michigan law.

Ultimately, I welcome the challenge presented to us that we position ourselves to make public records more accessible to concerned residents.

The Michigan FOIA is misunderstood if it is seen as something we are "forced to use." It is a law that sets into place procedures enabling any resident to see, with few exceptions, the public document they wish to see.

To avoid confusion, FOIA requests must be in writing. By allowing fees on requests that are not in the interest of the general public, this law enables requests on demand while reducing interference with the business activities of that agency.

There appears to be some misunderstanding and confusion surrounding the FOIA request concerning the library's purchase of 121 Orchard St. I will do my best to clarify some of the issues raised in a letter published in the Dec. 7 Chelsea Standard and to correct a position that I took.

At the November Library Board meeting, Judy Smith and Gwen Stubbs expressed a desire to view the requested documents in the library and waived their demand that documents be reproduced and delivered to Stubbs' home address. For this reason, I agreed that we would not charge a copying fee. However, there was no library board action to waive all fees related to this FOIA request.

Under the Michigan FOIA, a government agency may charge fees related to the search of public records and extraction of exempt information from those records if these records are not in the interest of the general public.

Although the requested documents may have been in the interest of the signers of the FOIA request, I did not believe them to be in the interest of the general community.

They are not the kind of documents we normally put out for general inspection or distribution. They withstood the scrutiny of our legal and banking experts.

The original FOIA request was for "all papers concerning the purchase of 121 Orchard St." There were no tax documents related to the purchase of the house other than what was in the package presented to Stubbs and Smith.

Insurance paperwork was not related to the purchase of the house and was not included in this FOIA request. The only financial documents related to the purchase of the house were included in the package presented to Stubbs and Smith.

The paperwork for the Installment Purchase Agreement, which was used to finance the purchase, was included.

Regarding outstanding fees and subsequent requests, I was not completely informed when I made this statement. I recently located a published opinion of the Michigan state attorney general. It states that, while an agency does not have to fill FOIA requests for which a good faith deposit has not been made, subsequent FOIA requests must be filled regardless of whether invoices for previous FOIA requests have been paid.

The library allowed Stubbs and Smith to view the requested documents in person without first requiring the good faith deposit that we had requested.

In compliance with this opinion, while we are not waiving their fees for their public record search, we will indeed fill any subsequent requests without first requiring payment for the search we conducted for their previous FOIA request.

The library is preparing a Web page that explains the Michigan Freedom of Information Act and provides recommendations for the best use of this law in obtaining business documents of the library.

Soon you can find the library FOIA Web page at library Web site address http://chelsea.lib.mi.us/foia.html.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township

Breaking and Entering

Police responded to a breaking and entering around 7 p.m. Saturday in the 4000 block of Park Street. Entry was gained through the front door, which was pried open.

The 53-year-old homeowner said that she left her home around 3 p.m. and returned at 6 p.m. to find that her door had been forced open. She found that a file cabinet and a dresser drawer had been opened in her bedroom. The woman checked the rest of the house but found nothing else had been disturbed.

Damage to the front door was estimated at $400.

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Two men, approximately 25 to 30 years old, broke into a home between noon and 9:30 p.m. Saturday in the 700 block of North Wagner Road.

The two entered the house through the door on the east side, entering into the breezeway between the garage and living room. They entered the house by using force until the doorframe busted free from the wall.

The 47-year-old homeowner said that he and his family were Christmas shopping at the time. When they returned, they noticed the doorframe was broken.

A neighbor reported seeing an unusual-looking vehicle at the house around 6:30 p.m. but didn't look into it.

The homeowners looked around their home and didn't notice anything missing.

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Police responded to a breaking and entering around 3 p.m. Dec. 5 in the 900 block of West Delhi Road.

The 58-year-old homeowner said she was gone from her home between 1 and 2:30 p.m. She said that when she returned, the west door of her home was wide open.

The woman said that she did not see any vehicle or foot tracks. Nothing was reported missing.

Damage to the door and its casing was estimated at $500.

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Someone broke into a home over the Thanksgiving weekend in the 400 block of Little Lake Drive and stole a coin collection of state quarters.

The victim said that he left his glass patio door unlocked when he was away. He said that he noticed muddy tracks leading from the patio basement door, to his basement office, then upstairs to the kitchen. The kitchen faucet handle was broken off.

Damage to the faucet was estimated at $50. The value of the coin collection was estimated at $40.

Property Damage

Someone shot paint balls at a house around 8:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in the 4000 block of Greenook Court.

One 2-foot by 3-foot window was broken. Gray paint and purple fragments were on the window.

The 18-year-old witness said that he was sitting on the couch in the basement watching TV and talking on the phone. He said the blinds for the east window were closed, so he did not see anything. The lights were on in the room, so the suspects could not see the witness.

While moving to the sliding door, the witness heard something hit the east window and the glass break.

Damage to the window was estimated at $200.

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A double-pane glass was smashed out sometime between 5 p.m. Dec. 1 and 12:30 p.m. Dec. 3. at Quest Energy Co., 173 Parkland Plaza.

The office administrator said that the business closed for the weekend at 5 p.m. Dec. 1, and she noticed the smashed window on the south side of the building around 2 p.m. Dec. 3.

Police noticed the 10-foot by 3-foot window was broken with a softball-size piece of asphalt.

The value of the window was estimated at $800.

Webster Township

Livestock Kill

Two dogs killed several chickens around 9:30 a.m. Dec. 4 in the 4000 block of Dexter-Pinckney Road.

The animal owner said that she noticed one of her chickens running loose in her yard. She went outside to investigate and saw two dogs running from the chicken coop. One of the dogs had a chicken in its mouth.

The owner of the chickens said that the dogs belong to a neighbor.

Five chickens were killed and three were injured. The value of each chicken was approximately $5.

The livestock owners said that they did not want to prosecute. They returned the dogs to their owner.

Compiled by Staff Writer Will Keeler based on reports filed with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. Keeler can be reached by telephone at 475-1371 or via e-mail at wkeeler@heritage.com.

Agricultural Preservation Funding Board set up

Michigan Farm Bureau President Jack Laurie, a Tuscola County dairy farmer, was one of five people appointed to seats on the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Funding Board.

The board, set up by Public Act 262, will establish selection criteria and review grant applications from local governments interested in purchasing development rights from willing farmland owners.

The board also will determine the amount of grants and which ones will be awarded.

The board will have seven members, including the director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the director of Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Other members appointed are James Good, executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Sharon Steffens, supervisor of Alpine Township; Gilbert White, a real estate agent from Haslett; and Robert Zeeb, a farmer from Rath.

Two additional members could be appointed but would be non-voting, advisory-only members.

Under the bill's provisions, once the fund board establishes a selection criteria, local units of government may apply for grants to purchase agricultural conservation easements, provided they have adopted a development rights ordinance and a comprehensive land-use plan within the last 110 years, said Jim Fuerstenau, executive director of the Michigan Farmland and Community Alliance.

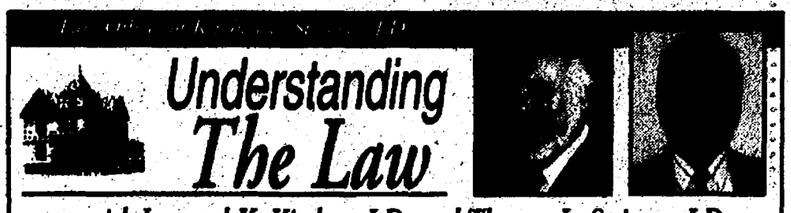
The plan must include provisions for agricultural preservation.

When the local government gets applications from farmland owners, if applies to the Agricultural Preservation Fund Board, which reviews each application.

One of the problems that could limit the board's work, however, is limited funding. Part of the money dedicated to preserve farmland comes from farmland owners who repay tax credits when their land is removed from a P.A. 116 contract.

P.A. 116 was established in 1974 to give farmers tax relief. In exchange for deferred taxes, farmers agreed to keep their property as agricultural land — development is prohibited — until the contract expires, at which time taxes are due under most circumstances.





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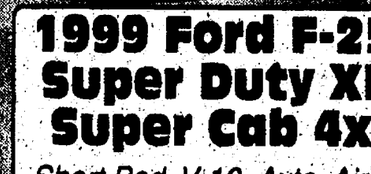
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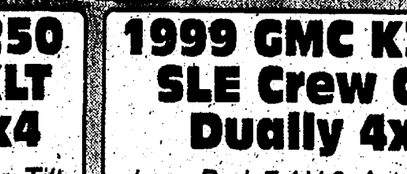
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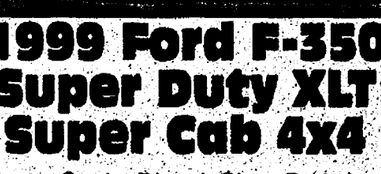
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Heller retires from office, but still has a lot to say

By Charlene Harris
Special Writer

Public service comes naturally to Robert Heller.

Besides having served on the Lima Township Board for more than two decades, he has been a 4-H leader for 33 years and a member of the Zion Lutheran Church Council.

In addition, Heller has served as a board member of the Soil Conservation District of Washtenaw County, the Chelsea Community Fair Board and the local United Way.

In all, he has given 100 years to public service.

But now he has stepped back. Heller, 65, decided not to run for re-election to the Lima Township Board.

"I'm at an age where I think I should slow down and enjoy life a little more," he says. "When I decided to run, I felt everyone should contribute to the community."

Heller and his wife, Else, have been married 41 years. Else Heller has been the Lima Township secretary for 11 years. Together they own and run ELBO Farm on Guenther Road near Sutton Pond in Lima Township.

The farm name is a combination of their names and represents the elbow grease it takes to run a farm.

The Hellers grow a combination of corn, wheat and soybeans on 300 acres, and raise Holstein cattle for market.

"I was born and raised two miles south of here in Freedom Township," Heller says. "My father purchased this farm in 1952, and I bought it from my father in the 1970s. I've been a farmer all my life. It's my work, my life, my hobby, and it's my retirement."

As a board trustee, Heller had one of five votes on decisions. The board has a supervisor, a clerk and a treasurer. All attend meetings, contribute to decisions and help maintain the township hall and grounds.

The township hires someone to cut the grass, but board members cut and remove unwanted brush and sometimes take care of small maintenance items.

Heller knows 10 or more of the past township supervisors and has worked with six: Bob Musolf, Leila Bauer, Carol Stephenson, Bill Van Riper, Andrew Adrian and Gary Adams.

Heller says his work on the Township Board used to be quiet and slow paced. He'd go to the township meetings and take care of business.

But with all of the residential growth in Lima Township, Heller says the trustee's job has become more complicated and time consuming. More people come to township meetings to resolve their problems. Neighbors squabble over their property lines or dogs barking, and developers want zoning changes, he says.

"I think one of the things that satisfied me the most, the highlight of my township service, was when the Lima Township Board decided to preserve agricultural land in the township," Heller says.

"The state of Michigan is losing 10 acres of agricultural land every hour to residential development. And the rate in Washtenaw and Livingston counties is twice that. That's scary."

Heller says there is tremendous pressure on the township as a result of all the growth. He compared the property tax rate with the cost for community services.


Robert Heller, who retired from the Lima Township Board, still has a lot to say about local issues. The local farmer is concerned about development and the impact on agriculture.

Heller says that agricultural land requires 60 cents of services for every dollar of taxes

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Rebecca Edgeworth, a ninth-grader at Chelsea High School, shows off her school spirit in the high school store.

Edgeworth finds time for it all

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Whether dancing or moving house, Rebecca Edgeworth is a mobile young lady.

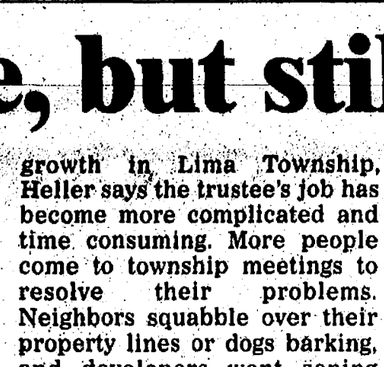
In her 14 years, the Chelsea High School freshman has called 10 different places home, including Atlanta, Louisville, Ky., and several places in her native state of Michigan.

Born in Pontiac, Edgeworth has also lived in Auburn Hills, Lake Orion, Northville, Rochester Hills and Livonia, which she says is her favorite city.

"My dad is an engineer, and we moved around because of his jobs," she says. "Living in other places gave me the opportunity to compare lifestyles. I must say that Chelsea is far and away the best. I like living in a small town."

Edgeworth cites Michigan as her favorite state, but enjoys New York City for its buildings and Broadway shows, and Myrtle Beach, where her extended family meets, for its warmth and beaches.

The teen is the daughter of Richard and Cyndi Edgeworth of Dexter Township. She has lived in the area since fourth grade, when the family moved from Kentucky.



Edgeworth has a sister, Alicia, a high school junior. Her brother, Brad, is a seventh-grader at Beach Middle School. Angel, a black Labrador, rounds out the family.

Edgeworth has been a rising star in the educational firmament, appearing on the honor roll throughout her middle school years. She was in the top 10 students in her eighth-grade class, has received numerous citizenship awards, and earned a 4.0 grade point average in her first quarter at the high school.

Edgeworth was among several students who recently received the Brass Pass from Chelsea High School. The award is based on academic achievement, citizenship and attendance.

"I work hard and try to give my best to everything I do," she says. "I don't really set goals so much as set expectations for myself."

"I strive to achieve at everything I'm faced with."

Edgeworth hopes to make it through high school with high honors, then go to college, where she hopes to follow a career in medicine. She has no particular college in mind, but would like to find one that can provide the best possible medical education.

"My mother is a physical therapist, so she was an inspiration for me to follow her in the health field," Edgeworth says.

"I'd like to be a pediatrician. I've always wanted to help other people, especially young kids."

In the summer, Edgeworth helped people at the other end of the age spectrum — seniors at the Chelsea Retirement Community.

"I enjoyed wheeling patients back and forth to their rooms," she says. "They were so nice, and I learned so much from them.

"In the afternoons, when patients didn't need to be transported, I would take a few down to the ice cream parlor and eat ice cream with them. This was definitely a highlight of the day."

This energetic young lady devotes the equivalent of a full day a week to dance.

"I spend eight hours a week on lessons, and dance for Dance Arts of Chelsea," Edgeworth says. "I participate in dance for both physical and social health.

"In each place that I've lived, I've found a new place to take lessons from a private dance studio."

Edgeworth has strapped on dance shoes since she was a tot, moving to the rhythms of ballet, jazz, hip-hop and modern dance.

Hip-hop is also her favorite music, along with R&B, pop and other similar sounds.

Edgeworth was a gymnast at age 3, and a swimmer from the ages of 1 to 5.

She is also a former Daisy, Brownie and junior Girl Scout.

A member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgeworth's church-related activities keep her busy. She is in a youth group and participates in activities three to four hours a week.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA
Saturday, Dec. 16

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

Tuesday, Dec. 19

La Leche League of Western Washtenaw meets 10 a.m. to noon at the First Congregational Church of Chelsea, 121 E. Middle St. Call 475-2094 for more information.

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Chelsea Community Hospital. The drive is open to the public. Call 971-5300 for more information.

CHELSEA
MISCELLANEOUS
Thursday

Chelsea American Legion Herbert J. McKune Post 31 meets at 8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month. For information, call Pat Merkel, 475-1824.

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the third Thursday of each month. For more information, call 475-1145.

Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors meets on the first Thursday of each month. For information, call Bob Pierce, 475-6081, or the chamber office, 475-1145.

Chelsea First United Methodist Church monthly dinner the second Thursday of the month from 5 to 7 p.m. in Grams Hall at the church, 128 Park St. For more information, contact the church at 475-8119.

Little Professor Reading Group for adults meets at 11:30 a.m. every other Thursday. For more information, call 433-2665.

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

Friday

Chelsea Arbor Treatment Center offers a new Nicotine Anonymous meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Fridays in the center's Community Room, 900 Victor's Way, Suite 310, Ann Arbor. For more information, call 930-0201.

Saturday

Christian Film Ministries will offer a free family oriented film at 7 p.m. the second Saturday of the month at Chelsea Community Hospital, Woodland Room B. For more information, call 433-0902.

Sunday

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets from 1:30 to 4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month. Call 741-9209 or 1-800-852-9781.

Monday

Chelsea Area Garden Club meets at 12:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Summer and holiday season meetings may vary. For information, call Christine Forsch, president, 475-4273, or Jennifer Kundak, publicity chairwoman, 475-2424, or e-mail jak@mich.com

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

Domestic Violence Project Safe House Support Group meets from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, Behavioral Health Services Building. For more information, call 426-0369.

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

Mystery Book Club meets regularly at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the library's new location.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at First United Methodist Church in Chelsea.

Tuesday

Chelsea Amateur Radio Club (rptr: 145.45) meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at Key Bank, 1478 Chelsea-Manchester Road (next to Chelsea Lumber). Holiday season meetings may vary. For information, call Jeff Cowall (N8KPA), 475-2424 or e-mail jcowall@fame.com.

Chelsea District Library Board meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the Washington Street Education Center meeting room.

Chelsea Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays at Chelsea Community Hospital.

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

Euchre Party is 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center in the Faith in Action building. For more information, call 475-9242.

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

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

Wednesday

Chelsea Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4076 meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month. For more information, call LeRoy Fulcher at 475-1448.

Friends of Chelsea District Library meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 E. Washington St. For more information, contact Tom Gerstenlauer at 475-7500 or Jennifer Kundak at 475-2424.

Grief Support Group is for people who have experienced the death of a loved one, offered as a community service by the Chelsea Retirement Community. Meetings are from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Wednesdays. Call 475-8633 for location.

The Evening Primrose Garden Club meets regularly 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea Depot on Jackson Street. For more information, call Helen Brown at 1-517-522-5859.

OTHER

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

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

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 can call 475-9494 or 475-3305.

Parent to Parent Program in-home, friendly, visiting support system for families with children. For more information, call 475-3305.

DEXTER
Monday, Dec. 18

The ChelseaCare Home Health Flu Clinic will be held at the Country Market from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is $10. Call 475-4190 for more information.

Thursday, Dec. 21

American Red Cross blood drive will be held 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Creative Solutions, 7322 Newman Blvd. The drive is open to the public.

DEXTER
MISCELLANEOUS
Thursday

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

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

Monday

Dexter PTO meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month in the media center at Mill Creek Middle School.

Dexter Village Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at National City Bank in Dexter.

Dexter Village Council meets at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at National City Bank in Dexter.

Tuesday

The Dexter Garden Club meets at the Dexter Area Museum at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month, September through June. Call (734) 426-2372 for more information.

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets at Cousins Heritage Inn at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Dexter Touchdown Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the Dexter High School library. For more information, call Patrick Little at 426-3991, Ext. 6407.

Dexter Township Board meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month in the Dexter Township Hall.

Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Dexter Township Hall.

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

Smokers Anonymous meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at St. James' Episcopal Church in Dexter. For more information, call 426-8696.

Dexter Village Parks Commission meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at National City Bank in Dexter.

Wednesday

Dexter Jaycees are looking for adults, ages 21 to 39 to join the club. Meetings are at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at National City Bank in Dexter. For more information, call 426-1080

Monument Park Committee meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month in the basement of the National City Bank (go through the back door of the bank). This is a public meeting. For more information, call Jeff Hall at 426-2883.

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

Village of Dexter Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at National City Bank in Dexter.

OTHER

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

Dexter Family Service, contact Pat Burnett, 449-2149; Marian Burgett, 426-2196; Shawn Dettling, 426-4343 or Judy Wheeler, 426-2160.

Dexter Senior Nutrition Program delivers meals on weekdays to elderly homebound residents. It also serves lunches Mondays through Fridays at Dexter Senior Center, Copeland Building. To reserve a lunch, call Cindy White, 426-5397

Volunteers Needed from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. weekdays to deliver meals to senior citizens in the Dexter area. For more information, call 426-5397.

ANN ARBOR

Alzheimer's Association Transition and Placement Support Group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Individualized Home Care, 3003 Washtenaw Ave., Suite 5 Ann Arbor. The meetings are free and confidential. Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-337-3827 or 667-3081 for additional information.

The Washtenaw Chapter of Learning Disabilities Association offers an informal monthly support group for parents of children with learning disabilities and related disorders. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. throughout the school year at the home of Flora Parker, 3250 Williamsburg St., Ann Arbor. For more information, call 913-9553.

Male Caregiver Support Group for husbands, sons and partners of someone with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the second Thursday of the month at Westside United Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh St., Ann Arbor. Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800- 337-3827 or 677-3081 for more information.

Teens Using Drugs: How To Know and What to Do, is a workshop to help people learn about adolescent chemical dependency, recognize when a teen is harmfully involved with alcohol or other drugs, and learn what can be done to help. The free, ongoing, two-part workshop series will be presented on the first and second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. through June 2001 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 973-7892 for information.

When a Parent has Alzheimer's Disease Support Group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the chapter office, 3810 Packard Road, Suite 240, Ann Arbor. Call 1-800-337-3827 or 677-3081.

Thursday, Dec. 21

Mothers & More will be gathering for a holiday social night at St. Clare's/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard Road, at 7 p.m. All moms are welcome. Call (734) 327-4901 for more information.

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FIA has Christmas traditions

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Faith In Action is gearing up for the Christmas distribution of toys and food baskets.

"Our little elves are busy preparing for what we call our Christmas traditions," said Dick Shaneyfelt, director of Faith In Action.

"Our annual Adopt-A-Family program is going well. This program matches qualified families with various donors, and each donor is given a Christmas wish list of items to buy for a family or individual in the Chelsea and Dexter school district."

The Faith In Action team of volunteers will once again load up food baskets, just as they did at Thanksgiving.

"Our donations come from area churches, Chelsea Community Hospital, various civic organizations, area business owners and local residents.

"All this is coordinated by the head elf, my wife, Nadine," Shaneyfelt said.

Suzie Palmer Weber of the Palmer Ford dealership is accepting gifts for the Toys for Tots and Teens program through Dec. 18.

"These toys are trucked to FIA on Dec. 18 for distribution to area children," Shaneyfelt said.

"For the past few years, we've been able to share with other agencies in Washtenaw County and the city of Jackson to ensure that every toy finds a home."

All gifts and food baskets will be distributed from noon to 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

At 1 p.m. Dec. 25, Faith In Action will sponsor its 14th annual Christmas Day dinner at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

"As always, our goal is that no one should be alone at Christmas," Shaneyfelt said.

"We serve a delicious turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings, a never-ending dessert table with cookies, pies and cakes," he said. "The main course is donated by Gina's Café and prepared by volunteers from Our Savior Lutheran Church and the community.

"We will furnish transportation if needed, and also make home deliveries."

Anyone who would like to attend the dinner or volunteer, should call Nadine Shaneyfelt at 475-3305.

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Phebe is a 4 month old Lab mix. At 49 pounds, she is still growing. Phebe was brought to us stray October 31st. She's pretty young to be out on her own, and we hope either her family finds her and keeps a closer eye on her, or a new family can provide her with a secure and happy home. Phebe has almost her whole life ahead of her, and we'd like to see her have the life every canine dreams of.

Sue Z - Log Number 64049
Sue-Z is confused. Her family left her all alone when they left. Thankfully, this abandoned cat was soon found, and brought to us September 18th. Sue-Z is about 3 years old and eight pounds. All she wants is a family that won't ever leave her to fend for herself.

Sass - Log Number 64251
Sass arrived stray September 25th. For over a month she's waited patiently for someone to claim her or to choose her to be a part of a family. This 3 year old, 7 pound, short-haired kitty has been patient enough. Please help us find her a lasting and loving home.



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Local grads selected to perform

Russell Blackwell and Lillian Sacks of Chelsea, both students at Albion College, have been selected by audition to play in the Albion College Symphony Orchestra.

The orchestra, directed by James Ball, performs for special occasions and concerts throughout the year.

Blackwell is a junior majoring in English and is a member of the Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. He is the son of Frank and Rose Blackwell of Grass Lake and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Sacks is a sophomore at Albion College. She is the daughter of Andrew and Shari Sacks of Chelsea and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

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Study shows economic cost of obesity high

Extra pounds can be expensive for middle-aged women, according to University of Michigan researchers analyzing data on more than 7,000 men and women in their 50s and 60s.

The findings, presented Nov. 19 at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, suggest that the economic cost of obesity is high and that it continues as women age.

Analyzing data from the U of M Health and Retirement Study, funded by the National Institute on Aging, the researchers at the U of M Institute for Social Research, the world's largest academic survey and research organization, investigated labor market and wealth consequences for obese and non-obese women.

They found that in 1992 the individual net worth of a moderately to severely obese women between the ages of 51 and 61 was about 40 percent less than that of her non-obese counterpart, after statistically controlling for health, marital status, and a number of other demographic factors.

In 1998, a moderately to severely obese woman between the ages of 57 and 67 had an individual net worth of about 60 percent less than her non-obese peer, an average difference of about $135,670, again controlling for important demographic and health factors.

The effects of obesity were generally smaller for men and not statistically significant.

"Much of the previous work on the economic effects of obesity has focused on young adults who are just beginning their careers," said Nancy Fultz, a social scientist at the U of M ISR, who presented the study in Washington, D.C., with U of M colleagues Stephanie Fonda, Laura Wheeler and Linda Wray.

In the study, one of the first to examine the economic effects of obesity on mature men and women, the researches examined a wide range of demographic, physical and mental health characteristics to see whether these factors explained the economic differences between obese and non-obese women.

Although these factors were important variables in understanding net worth, they did not explain all the differences between the net worth of obese and non-obese women.

"That an effect of obesity on net worth remains even when we consider these other factors is consistent with the notion that obesity is economically burdensome for women. This may be due to cultural norms of attractiveness, which stigmatize obese women in a variety of ways," the researchers concluded.

Depression more likely in women

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FAMILY MEDICINE

Question: My 15-year-old daughter is moody all the time. She is often cross with me, and she shuts herself into her room. I don't know if she is depressed or just a teen-ager. How can I tell?

Answer: Your question is a fitting topic to discuss at this time because the theme for National Osteopathic Medicine Week is "Girls to Young Women 12 to 24." Females of all ages are about twice as likely to suffer from depression than are males.

Adolescent years are times of significant physical, emotional and social changes. The associated emotional stresses often result in brief periods of melancholy. These periods of "teen-age blues" often coincide with events such as breaking up with a boyfriend or girlfriend. At other times, however, they happen without an obvious cause.

The important characteristic that distinguishes these spells from depression is the duration of symptoms. Feeling blue only lasts a few days while depression typically last for more than two weeks.

Depression is a serious illness that strikes individuals of any age. There are two basic types of depression. One is a condition where the person is in an almost constantly sad mood. The other type of depression is called manic depression and those with this condition have periods of feeling high as a kite and then may have periods of feeling as "low as Death Valley."

Doctors often refer to this condition as bipolar disorder. During the manic phase, these people have difficulty concentrating on any activity for more than a few moments, and their judgment is impaired.

They typically have an unrealistic assessment of their abilities, thinking that they can do things that they really can't accomplish. They also often exhibit irritability and have problems with school, money, sex or drugs. During the depressive phase of their illness, these people experience all of the symptoms of a major depression.

A person in the midst of a major depression, feels said, guilty and worthless. He or she can be irritable, with frequent bouts of anger and or sadness. This causes problems at school, work or home.

Most sufferers also experience a change — either an increase or a decrease — in how much they eat and how long they sleep. Withdrawals from usual activities, such as association with friends, is common, too. The sufferer may even talk about death or consider suicide.

About 4 percent of teens have clinical depression, including bipolar disorder. Since most teens have brief spells of being sad, rebellious and effervescently happy, it can be difficult to determine if your child is one of the 4 percent needing special care.

The most important factors are the severity and persistence of symptoms. Fortunately, the typical emotional swings of a teen-ager are brief episodes, while clinical depression lasts for two weeks or longer. The severity of the symptoms is also greater in depression.

Talk to your daughter about her mood. If either of you suspect depression, then you should seek the opinion of a trained professional. Your family doctor or a psychologist would be a good place to turn for this type of help.

Adolescents with depression are similar to other age groups with this illness. They respond very nicely to counseling, antidepressant medicine or, preferably, a combination of both. Most show improvement in as little as two weeks. Typically, however, it takes four weeks or more to get back to normal.

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, OH 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

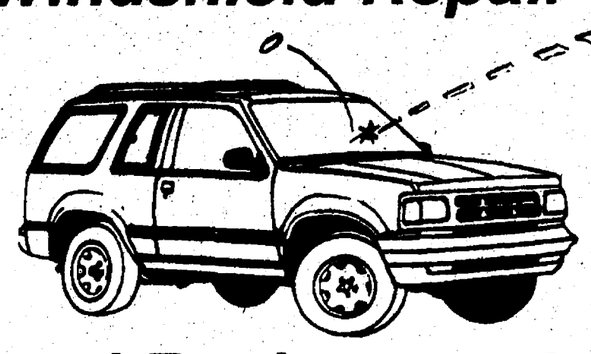
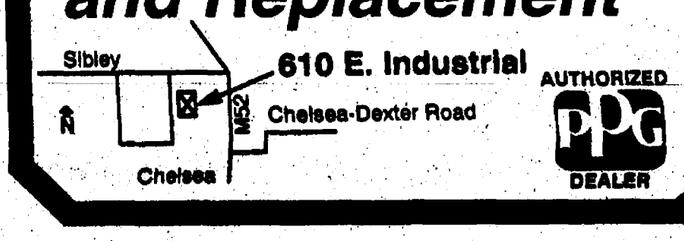


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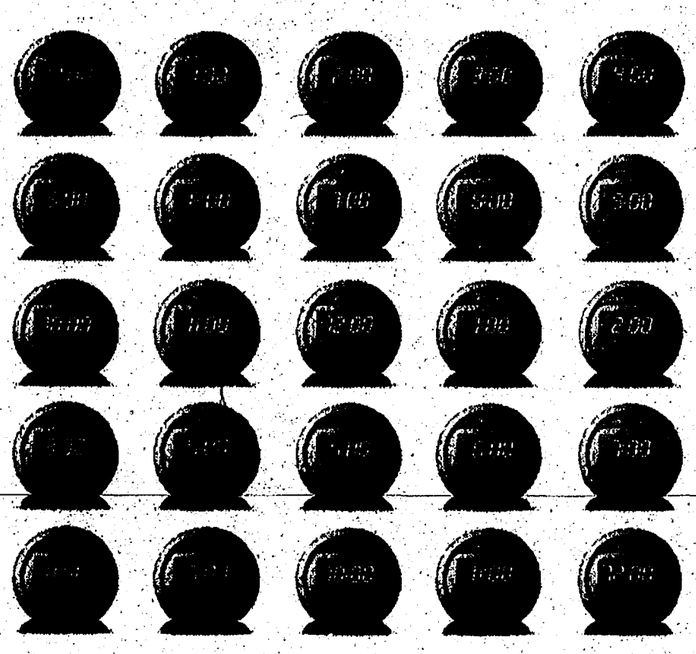
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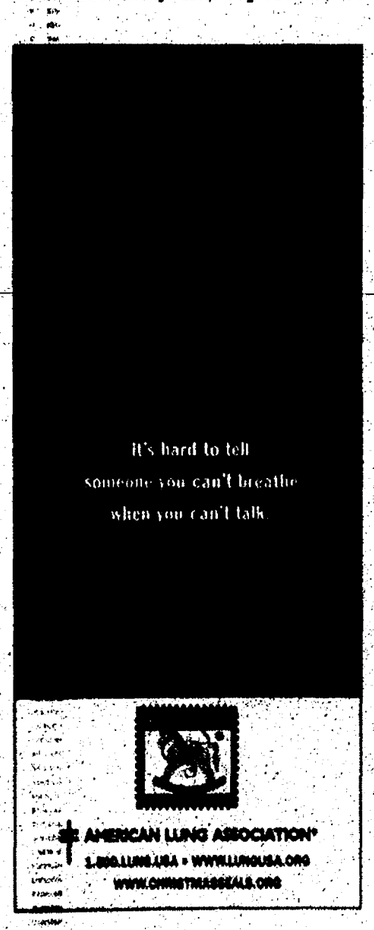
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Baxter's Deli, located on Zeeb Road, features a wide assortment of food and specialty items. Owners Dave and Marge Cornish are pictured with their son, Tom, the general manager.

Deli offers wide assortment

By Connie Makled
Heritage Newspapers

Baxter's Wine Shop, Deli and Bakery opened its doors in September, welcoming customers with its old-world charm.

Its menu of edibles, fine wines and liquor fills the niche for those looking for an upscale shopping experience in the Dexter area.

Located at 293 Zeeb Road at Interstate 94, Baxter's is owned and operated by Marge Cornish and her husband, Dave. Their son, Tom, is general manager.

The family has owned businesses in the area before, but the new location embodies a vision that Marge Cornish has had in mind for many years.

"In our travels, Dave and I would see certain aspects of different shops that appealed to us," Cornish said. "I wanted to combine the best of what I saw into a place that was unique and would provide the kind of shopping experience people would enjoy.

"The wood floors and the fireplace were a must because we wanted people to feel welcome and at home when they visit."

Baxter's certainly does fit the bill with its cozy dining area and elegant decor and huge assortment of quality food and drink.

A full line of high-end wines are kept at a steady 58 degrees with 75 percent humidity in a glass and oak walk-in cooler to maintain the best quality. These wines range in price from $50 to $200 per bottle. Names such as Penfolds Grange, Simi and Opus One line the walls.

The liquors are also the finest names in the industry. Baxter's carries upward of 400 names of liquors and 500 wines.

The deli offers a tantalizing selection of meats, breads, baked goods, sandwiches and pizza. The cheese case if filled to the brim with a wide assortment of gourmet cheeses.

Gift baskets are another specialty Baxter's offers its customers. Debra Keefer is affectionately refereed to as "The Basket Queen" of Baxter's. She creates the most elegant arrangements for just about anyone or any occasion you can think of and at a variety of price ranges.

The Cornish family started construction of Baxter's a year ago.

"This store is five times larger than the one that stood at that location before," Cornish said.

After owning several service stations, the family purchased the property in 1992. A gas station once stood where the 8,000-square-foot Baxter's now stands. The old Baxter's was also torn down to make way for the new state-of-the-art store.

From catering, to gift-giving, to a hot cup of coffee with friends, Baxter's has it all and more.

Store hours are Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Connie Makled writes business news for Heritage Newspapers. She can be reached by telephone at 1-734-429-7380 or via e-mail at cmakled@heritage.com.

Dry trees can lead to home fires



DAN ELLENWOOD
CHELSEA FIRE CHIEF

SAFE HAVEN

As we enter into the holiday season, we at the Chelsea Area Fire Authority would like to pass along a few tips regarding Christmas trees in your homes and businesses.

The greatest number of home fires during this time of year is caused by the family Christmas tree catching on fire from the dryness of the needles, heat from the lights, and lack of water for the tree.

There are regulations against live trees in businesses and restaurants, although an artificial tree may be used.

For the home, it is best to find a tree that has not been cut too long ago. The longer it has been cut, the drier the needles will be.

At least 2 inches should be cut from the bottom of the tree before it is placed in a tree stand. The tree tends to seal the wound from being cut, and this will allow water to be taken in by the tree.

The tree should be placed in an area free from other heat sources, such as a hot water heater, fireplace or wood-burning stoves.

Check your tree lights carefully. Wiring should not have cracks or breaks in insulation, and every socket should have a bulb in it. If you find defects in the wiring, replace the set of lights.

We recommend checking the tree needles for dryness. This can be done by taking a needle and bending it. If the needle breaks, then keep a close eye on the tree as this is an indication it is becoming too dry and needs watering.

If this happens after Christmas Day, it may be better to take the tree down, although many people like to leave their tree up until after the new year.

From all of us at the Chelsea Area Fire Authority, we wish you and yours a safe and prosperous holiday season and new year.

Dan Ellenwood is the Chelsea fire chief. He can be reached by telephone at 475-8755.

Pinckney man graduates

Joseph Katahowski has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Camp Challenge at Fort Knox in Kentucky.

Camp Challenge is a five-week camp designed to qualify college students who have not taken ROTC courses on campus to enter the Advanced Senior ROTC program.

The objectives of the camp are to develop well-disciplined, highly motivated, physically conditioned students, and help improve the cadets' self-confidence, initiative and leadership potential. The cadets receive training in fundamental military skills, basic rifle marksmanship, drill and ceremonies, small arms tactics and communications.

The cadet, a 1998 graduate of Pinckney High School, is a student at Michigan State University. He is the son of James and Mary Katahowski of Pinckney.

Fisher in Alma choir

Alma College junior Georgia Fisher, a 1998 graduate of Dexter High School, sang in Rochester at the University Presbyterian Church with the Alma College choir. The choir, directed by Will Nichols, performed at two services on Nov. 12.

The Alma College choir is comprised of 52 students who are selected through audition. The students travel throughout Michigan, as well as Florida and Europe, to perform during the school year.

Fisher is the daughter of Donna Fisher and Kirby Fisher, both of Dexter.

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Is this just wishful thinking? Or is there a God who placed this feeling inside us? When we look at someone who was living and breathing just a short time ago, it seems impossible that they have ceased to exist.

The Bible leaves no doubt about life after death. The Bible tells us that God is not the God of the dead, but of the living, and in his view *all* are alive. He has created us with spirits which are immortal. But the Bible also warns us that living forever is not in itself a blessing. Those who do not come to faith in the Son of God, Jesus, the world's only Savior, during their earthly lives, will spend eternity in regret.

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Couple ties the knot

Susan Hollister, daughter of James and Linda Hollister of Dexter, and Michael Petit, son of Jay and JoAnn Petit of Westland, were married Aug. 12 in a garden wedding at the summer home of the bride's parents in Sheridan, with the Rev. Jack Harnish officiating.

The matron of honor was Katie Thorsen of Grand Rapids.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister-in-law, Kim Hollister of Hixson, Tenn., the groom's sister, Patty Weber of South Lyon, and two friends of the bride, Elizabeth Brunty of Tecumseh and Amy Rodriguez of Ann Arbor.

The groom's brother, Jay Petit II of Garden City, was the best man.

The ushers were the bride's brother, Todd Hollister of Dexter, and the groom's friends, Ian Wong of Garden City, Bryan Krazel of Jeanette, Pa., James Krazel of Garden City, and Paul DeVito of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The ushers were the bride's brother, Jeff Hollister of Hixson, Tenn., and the groom's friend, Loren Gause of Flat Rock.

Amy Cooley-Higgs of Ann Arbor, a friend of the bride, was the reader.

The wedding reception was held at J.R.'s Castle in Greenville.

The couple honeymooned in the Smokey Mountains, Tenn., and currently resides in Dexter.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Dexter High School, and a 1991 graduate of Washtenaw Community College. She is employed as a teacher at Gretchen's House in Ann Arbor.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, and served in the U.S. Marine Corps. for 6? years. He is employed as a sheet metal worker for S&M Heating & Cooling in Southfield.



Couple exchanges vows

Denise Grissom of Pensacola, Fla., daughter of James and Dinah Grissom of Dexter, and Leon Van Dyke of Montgomery, Ala., son of Gerrit and Laura Van Dyke of Orland Park, Ill., were married July 15 at Dexter Gospel Church. The Rev. John O'Dell officiated.

The matron of honor was the bride's cousin, Jennifer Helmly of Rincon, Ga.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister-in-law, Shelley Grissom of Dexter, and the bride's friend, Angie Soucie of Dexter.

The bridal attendant was Sandra Hadley of New York.

The groom's niece and nephew, Jordan Lynn Van Dyke and Zachary Van Dyke, both of Fremont, served as the flower girl and ring bearer, respectively.

The groom's brother, Les Van Dyke of Fremont, was the best man.

Ushers were the bride's brother, Michael Grissom of Dexter, and the groom's friend, Larry Verhage of Moses Lake, Wash.

The groom's sister-in-law, Patti Van Dyke of Fremont, sang "God Knew That I Needed You" and "Parent's Prayer."

The wedding reception was held at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor.

The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas and now reside in Montgomery, Ala.

The bride is a graduate of Jackson Baptist High School and Pensacola (Fla.) Christian College. She is a third-grade teacher at Calvary Christian Academy in Montgomery, Ala. The groom is a graduate of Chicago Christian Academy and Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Ill., and holds a doctorate degree from Texas A&M University. He is a chemist for General Electric Plastics in Burkville, Ala.



ENGAGED: Julie Weiss of Troy, daughter of Janice and the late Ronald Weiss of Chelsea, and Jeremy Zilkie of Sterling Heights, son of Susan and the late David Zilkie of Shelby Township, have set a Dec. 29 wedding date. The future bride is a 1996 graduate of Hope College, Holland, and is employed by Ikon Office Solutions of Southfield. The future bridegroom spent five years in the Marines, and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in theology at William Tyndale College.

BIRTHS

A son, Noah Andrew Ellery, was born Sept. 27 to Tracy and Joseph Blough of Dexter at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Sandy Arnold of Dexter. Paternal grandparents are David and Eileen Blough of Chelsea. Great grandparents are Marcella Ratliff of Dexter, Melba and the late Ellery Jones of Whitmore Lake, Don Fitzgerald Sr. of Milford and Andrew Blough of Ypsilanti. Noah is a brother for Jeremiah and Luke.

A daughter, Elise McKenna, was born Nov. 11 in Kalamazoo to Matt and Laurie Wolfe of Portage. Maternal grandparents are Joan Dietle of Chelsea and Lauren Boyer of Ypsilanti. Paternal grandparents are Jackie Bowers of Addison and Phil Wolfe of Lansing. Great-grandparents are Lawrence and Virginia Dietle of Chelsea, and Laurance and Lauretta Boyer of Chelsea.



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A photograph taken by Alice Rawson of Chelsea was chosen by a panel of professional photographers as the grand-prize winner of the recent Great Lakes Crossing Grin and Win photo contest. Rawson won a $1,000 Great Lakes Crossing gift certificate. Shown are Shirley Ceely (left), the subject of the photograph, her husband, Richard Ceely, Bob and Alice Rawson of Chelsea, and Julie Nemeth, marketing director of Great Lakes Crossing.

Researchers look at rootworm

When western corn rootworm reared its ugly head in southwest Michigan in 1997, Michigan State University entomologists partnered with the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan to find out why.

This was no ordinary rootworm. This new version of an old pest seemed to pay no attention to typical rootworm habits — it laid eggs in soybean fields as well as cornfields.

According to Chris DiFonzo, MSU field corps entomologist, this behavior, first reported in Illinois in 1987, meant that a simple corn or soybean rotation may no longer effectively control rootworm in first-year corn.

"Farmers in Illinois and Indiana are forced to use insecticides even in first-year corn," DiFonzo says. "We wanted to document whether or not insecticide was necessary in Michigan."

To help with the project, DiFonzo called on graduate student Matt O'Neal, an Illinois native who had studied the problem in his home state while working on his master's degree. Using Pherocon AM yellow sticky traps, O'Neal and DiFonzo partnered with more than 60 farmers, Scouts and extension agents in 25 counties to monitor rootworm in soybean fields.

In the one soybean field with significant rootworm numbers, O'Neal returned in 2000 to determine if egg-laying had occurred. Using emergence cages that allow the corn to grow but trap beetles as they emerge from the soil as adults, O'Neal captured western corn rootworms from a rotated cornfield.

The MSU team worked with the farmer to measure rootworm injury in his rotated cornfield. They say very little injury, in areas of this rotated field both treated and untreated with a soil insecticide.

What it boils down to is a need for growers to be on the lookout for rootworm in first-year corn, but to keep insecticide use in check.

"We saw beetles emerge in a first-year corn, but not at levels high enough to warrant insecticides," O'Neal said. "We think western corn rootworms are laying eggs in soybean fields in Michigan, but not at the same level that they are in continuous corn."

The research team's next step is to determine if Michigan has a variant that allows rootworm to survive on soybean roots or if all rootworm lay eggs in soybeans.

"The variant western corn rootworm may not be as great a problem in Michigan as in Illinois for a number of reasons," DiFonzo said. "Our agricultural crops are more diverse, and we plant at a different time. However, we continue to look for the western corn rootworm variant in Michigan."

While adult rootworm beetles are frequently observed feeding on soybeans, there is no evidence that they affect yields.

"We don't recommend growers use an insecticide to control rootworm in soybeans, even if they see them in the fields," DiFonzo said. "The level just isn't high enough to warrant the expense."

Steele named naval officer

Navy Ensign Douglas Steele, son of Mary and Paul Steele of Chelsea, recently received his commission as a Naval officer after completing Office Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

During the 13-week-long training program, Steele received extensive instruction on a variety of specialized subjects including navigation, ship handling, engineering, naval warfare and management. Steele also completed a demanding daily physical fitness program that involved running, swimming and calisthenics.

In addition, Steele and fellow officer school graduates received leadership training and instruction on the importance of the Navy's core values, which include honor, courage and commitment and how their meaning impacts the personal and professional conduct of the men and women serving in the Navy around the world.

Steele is a 1993 graduate of Chelsea High School. He joined the Navy in January. He is a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan.

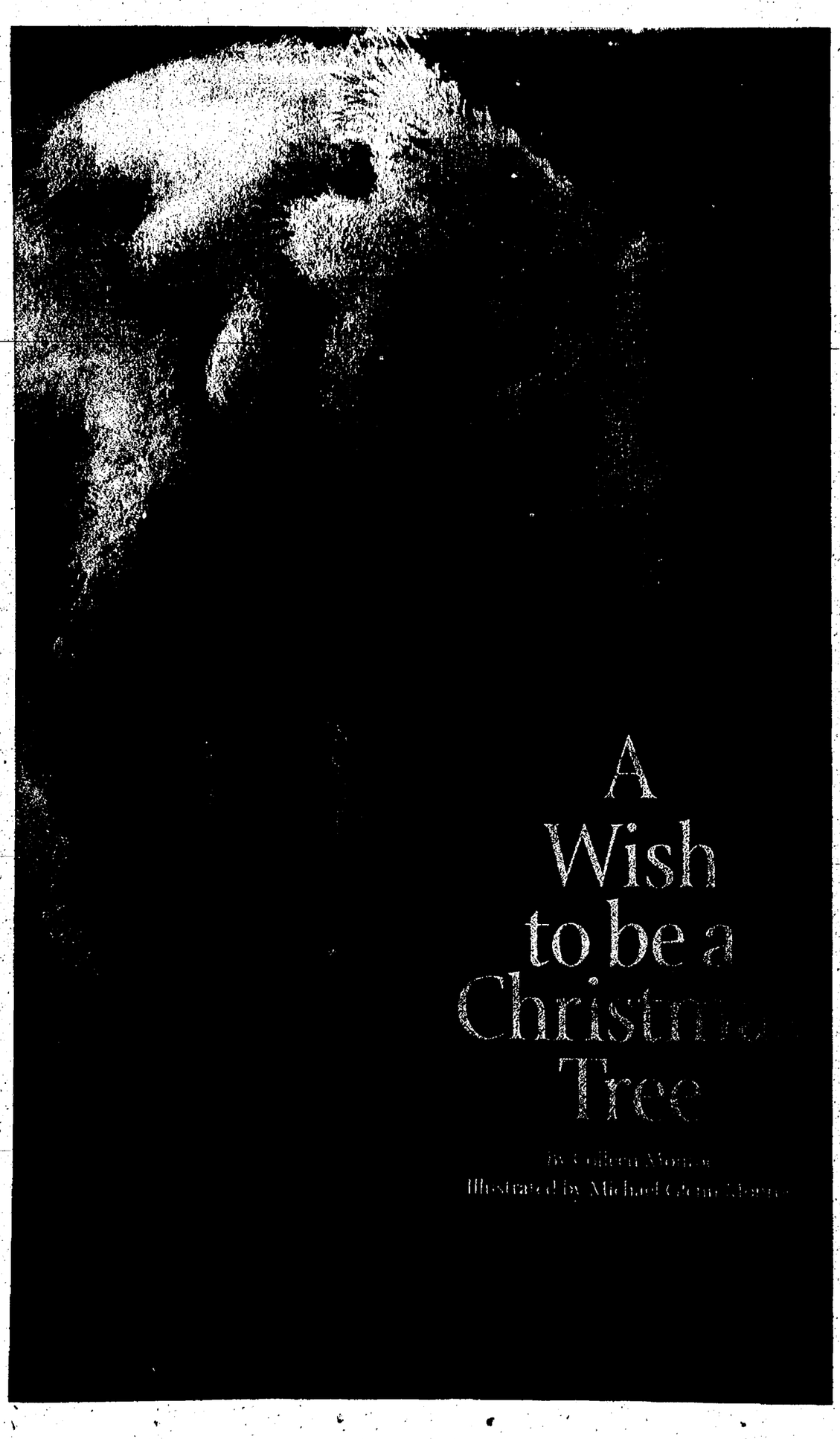
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Communications Badge

Chelsea Cub Scouts in Den 4, Pack 435, recently paid a visit to The Chelsea Standard offices in hopes of earning their communications badge, one of three badges they're seeking to earn the Webelo badge. In front are Joey Hume (left), Mike Goedert and Adam Bauer. In back are Daniel Jackson (left) and Quinn McGuinness. The Scouts are fourth-graders in Chelsea schools.

HELLER

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collected. Residential use requires $1.40 worth of services for every dollar of taxes collected.

As more houses are built, the cost of services will increase and property taxes will go up.

"A 300-acre farm doesn't require as much police protection as 30 homes, which is like a small village," he says.

Thirty homes, he says, could easily have 60 or more vehicles, and possibly 30 to 90 children with parents. The total occupancy could easily be 90 to 120 people on the same land that once supported a single family.

"The township has gone from rural clad to a busy group of urban sprawlers," he says. "The northern township looks like a pile of dominos. All the 10-acre parcels, that's what I call urban sprawlers.

"People from the big city want to live in the country. In the process, they bring a bit of the city living with them. They want to control the byproducts of the farm, the dust, the smell and the noise. They want to live in the country to enjoy the sunshine, beautiful scenery, fresh air and whatever is there.

"Every time someone builds a house, it makes it one step closer to where they came from. They now have 10 acres instead of part of a city block."

Heller believes that farmland should be preserved now. He adds that once an area is built up, it wouldn't be plowed if 50 years from now there wasn't enough land for food production.

Heller suggests a couple of solutions for preserving farmland.

First, make agriculture profitable so farmers aren't pressured into selling their land just to keep going. He doesn't believe it is asking too much for farmers to be able to buy new farm equipment every 10 years, afford a new car, take a vacation one week a year, and pay their bills on time without government subsidy.

Second, he says, let the farmer and the buyer decide on the size and location of the property to be sold and built. Most farmers are not going to sell their best farmland, or any more land than they have to sell.

EDGEWORTH

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"I like to attend church and go to youth group because I believe God plays an important role in my life," she says. "At Youth Group, we talk about God and how religion is a very big part of our lives."

While Edgeworth enjoys all of her extracurricular activities, she occasionally finds it hard to find the time for them, but seems to have figured out a schedule that works.

"Sometimes I think I overdo the social aspects of my activities, but I can keep up with everything," she says. "I have a schedule I stick to and it helps me manage my time effectively."

Edgeworth feels the school district has prepared her well for the future.

"I particularly enjoy participating in the extracurricular activities, learning Spanish, and having the opportunity to go on a class trip to Washington, D.C. Being with all my friends and staying in a hotel was a blast," she says.

"I also think a person has to get out there and make their own mistakes and learn for themselves."

Despite all her mobility around the United States, Edgeworth is still bitten by the travel bug.

"I'd really like to travel to England, or to France. I've always wanted to go to Paris because it sounds so exciting, and is a major center for the arts," she says.

Edgeworth, whose favorite subjects are math and science, enjoys reading, especially short stories and fairy tales.

Edgeworth attributes much of her success to her family, who are always there to support her.

"My dad will explain things to me, and my mom will help quiz me on subjects. They have both always taught me to do my best in everything I attempt," she says.

"My mom is my greatest influence, she is always there to help and is such a hard worker I sometimes wonder how she manages to do it all. She has been a tremendous role model."

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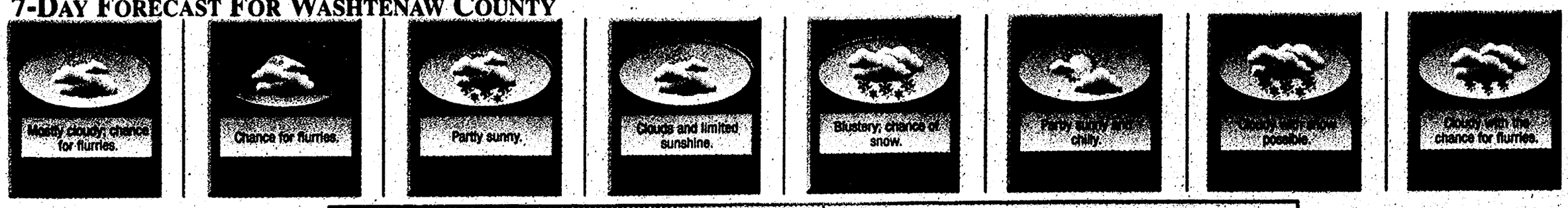
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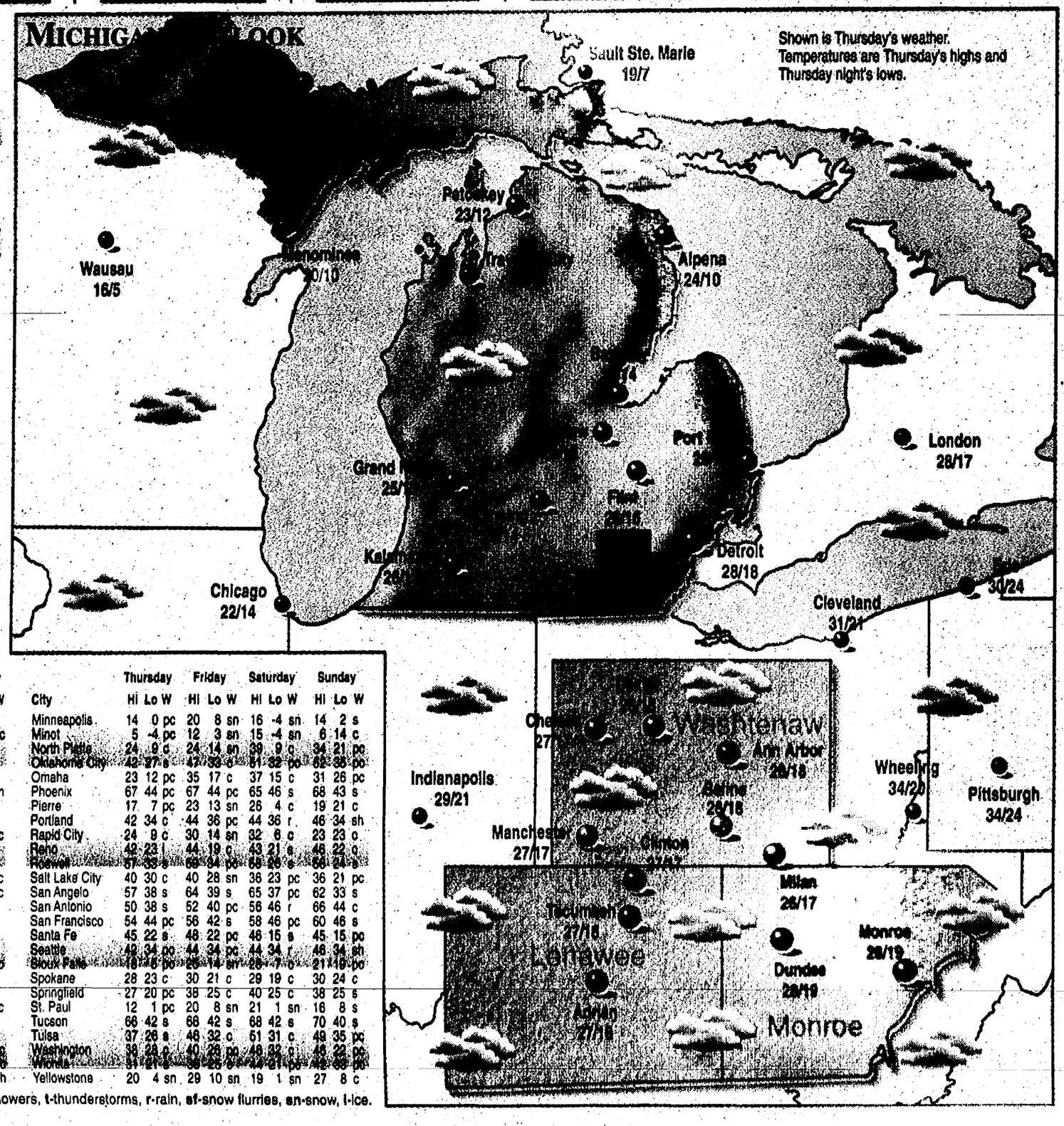
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Ann Arbor	28	18	pc	32	22	s	35	23	sn	36	11	sn
Battle Creek	26	16	sf	30	21	pc	34	22	sn	36	10	c
Bay City	25	14	sf	30	20	s	32	20	sn	34	7	sn
Coldwater	28	17	pc	31	23	pc	37	24	sn	35	12	sn
Dearborn	28	18	c	30	21	sf	36	23	sn	37	9	i
Detroit	28	18	sf	28	20	sf	36	23	sn	37	9	i
Grand Rapids	25	15	sf	29	22	pc	36	23	sn	35	12	sn
Holland	27	19	sf	31	24	pc	34	24	i	36	13	sn
Jackson	27	15	pc	30	21	s	34	20	sn	36	11	sn
Kalamazoo	26	17	sf	30	22	pc	36	23	sn	36	13	sn
Lansing	26	14	sf	29	20	s	33	20	sn	35	9	sn
Livonia	29	19	sf	33	23	s	36	23	sn	37	9	i
Midland	26	16	sf	30	21	s	33	21	sn	34	9	sn
Muskegon	27	19	sf	31	24	pc	33	24	sn	35	14	sn
Owosso	26	16	sf	31	21	s	33	21	sn	35	10	sn
Pontiac	28	18	sf	32	22	s	35	22	i	36	12	sn
Port Huron	26	15	sf	29	20	s	34	21	sn	35	4	sn
Saginaw	25	15	sf	30	20	s	33	21	sn	35	10	sn
Sturgis	28	18	sf	32	23	pc	36	24	sn	38	14	c
Toronto	22	13	c	31	17	c	31	27	sn	28	7	c
Traverse City	25	14	sf	28	19	s	31	20	sn	30	10	sn
Warren	28	18	sf	30	21	sf	36	23	sn	37	9	i
Wausau	16	5	pc	24	12	sn	24	11	sn	20	10	s

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Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.

NATIONAL ROUNDUP

City	Thursday Hi	Lo	W	Friday Hi	Lo	W	Saturday Hi	Lo	W	Sunday Hi	Lo	W
Abilene	48	28	s	56	32	s	60	36	c	58	36	s
Albuquerque	48	28	s	50	30	pc	48	24	s	48	22	pc
Amarillo	34	24	s	40	28	c	44	28	pc	50	28	s
Billings	18	17	c	30	13	sn	25	8	sn	33	20	c
Bismarck	12	0	pc	17	8	sn	21	-1	c	8	13	c
Boise	38	32	c	38	28	sn	38	28	c	38	28	sn
Casper	31	16	c	36	18	sn	29	9	c	32	18	c
Cedar Rapids	21	10	pc	30	16	sn	33	16	sn	31	24	s
Cheyenne	36	16	c	38	20	sn	36	16	c	38	22	pc
Colorado Springs	40	19	c	41	16	c	42	17	c	44	20	s
Columbia	40	22	pc	37	24	c	42	23	c	40	31	s
Dallas	40	30	s	48	34	pc	54	34	pc	58	34	pc
Denver	36	18	c	42	20	c	40	16	pc	38	14	pc
Des Moines	23	13	pc	32	17	sn	32	17	sn	32	25	s
Eugene	46	37	c	46	35	c	45	36	r	48	35	r
Fresno	52	36	c	56	34	pc	56	40	pc	54	40	c
Garden City	29	19	pc	33	23	s	36	23	sn	37	9	i
Grand Island	18	6	pc	24	14	c	36	14	c	33	25	pc
Grand Junction	34	16	c	37	15	sn	35	13	s	35	24	s
Great Falls	15	12	c	25	7	c	12	8	sn	33	23	c
Greeley	39	17	c	42	19	c	40	15	pc	43	24	pc
Houston	48	36	pc	52	36	c	60	46	c	64	48	c
Kansas City	30	16	pc	38	22	sn	40	20	pc	32	26	s
Las Vegas	64	36	c	67	35	c	57	35	s	59	33	pc
Lincoln	28	17	pc	36	17	c	31	14	c	32	28	pc
Miami	83	70	pc	82	69	pc	81	71	pc	81	65	sh
Minneapolis	14	0	pc	20	8	sn	16	-4	sn	14	2	s
Minot	5	-4	pc	12	3	sn	15	-4	sn	6	14	c
North Platte	24	9	c	24	14	sn	39	9	c	34	21	pc
Oklahoma City	42	27	s	47	33	c	61	32	pc	62	35	pc
Omaha	23	12	pc	35	17	c	37	15	c	31	26	pc
Phoenix	67	44	pc	67	44	pc	65	46	s	68	43	s
Pierre	17	7	pc	23	13	sn	26	4	c	19	21	c
Portland	42	34	c	44	36	pc	44	36	r	46	34	sh
Rapid City	24	9	c	30	14	sn	32	6	c	23	23	c
Reno	42	23	i	44	19	c	43	21	s	46	22	c
Roswell	57	33	s	58	34	pc	58	26	s	56	24	s
Salt Lake City	40	30	c	40	28	sn	36	23	pc	36	21	pc
San Angelo	57	38	s	64	39	s	65	37	pc	62	33	s
San Antonio	50	38	s	52	40	pc	56	46	r	66	44	c
San Francisco	54	44	pc	56	42	s	58	46	pc	60	46	s
Santa Fe	45	22	s	48	22	pc	46	15	s	45	15	pc
Seattle	42	34	pc	44	34	pc	44	34	r	46	34	sh
Sioux Falls	18	6	pc	26	14	sn	28	7	c	21	10	pc
Spokane	28	23	c	30	21	c	29	19	c	30	24	c
Springfield	27	20	pc	38	25	c	40	25	c	38	25	s
St. Paul	12	1	pc	20	8	sn	21	1	sn	16	8	s
Tucson	66	42	s	68	42	s	68	42	s	70	40	s
Tulsa	37	26	s	46	32	c	51	31	c	49	35	pc
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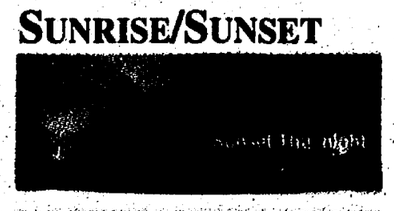
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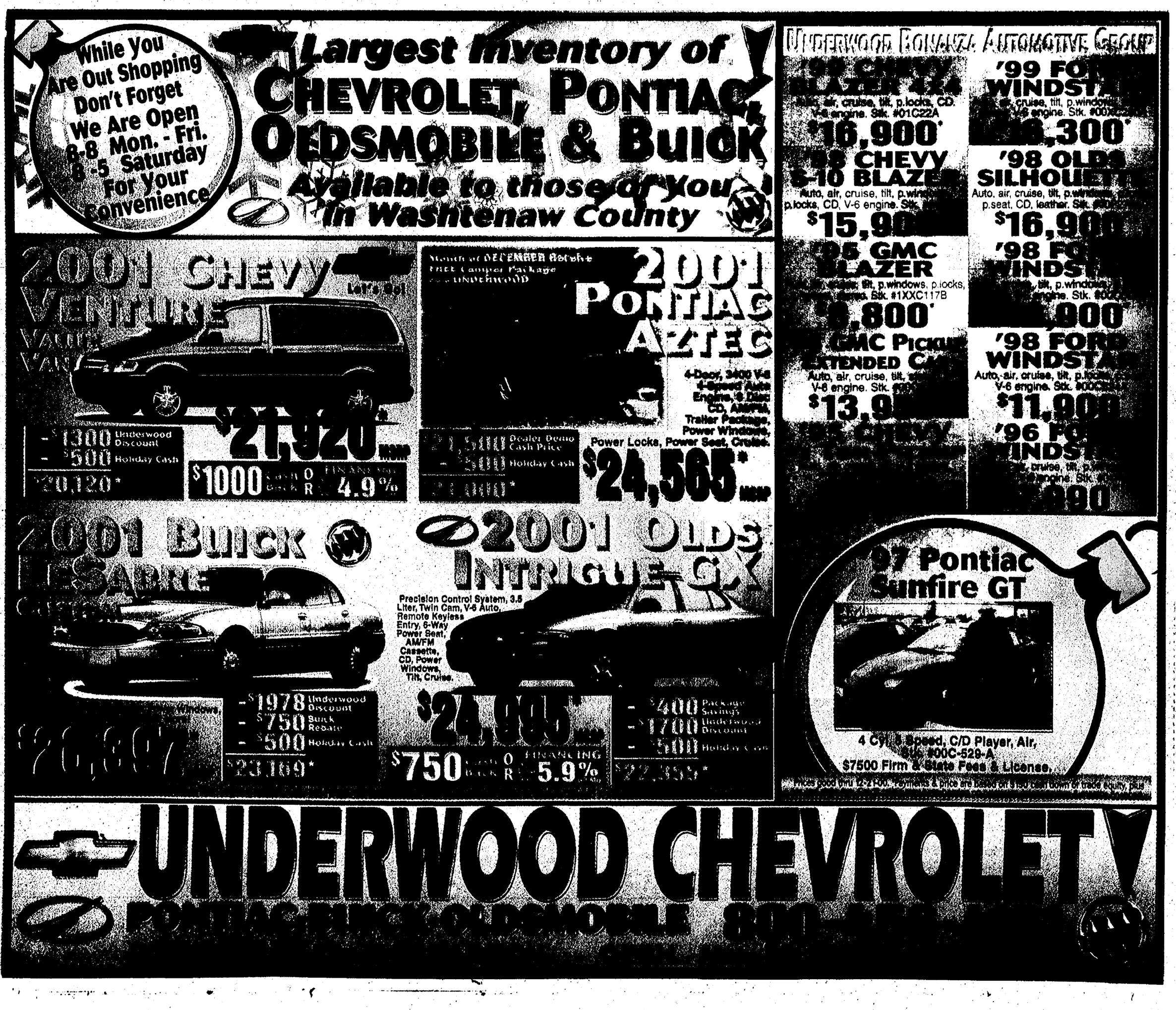


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The Chelsea Standard

SPORTS

Thursday, December 14, 2000

Chelsea icers too much for Saline

Bulldogs pepper 35 shots at Hornet goaltender in blowout win

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

The Chelsea hockey team brought out the big guns last Wednesday night against Southeastern Michigan High School Hockey League foe Saline.

Behind two goals and two assists by senior Trevor Maveal, the Bulldog icers defeated the Hornets, 7-1.

Chelsea out shot the Hornets 35-13.

Despite the offensive fireworks, Bulldog goalie Mike Osborne was solid in net making save after key save.

The first period was a tightly contested affair with each team playing it close to the vest.

Maveal scored unassisted for the Bulldogs' lone goal of the opening frame.

Saline answered with a score of its own and the period ended deadlocked at 1-1.

The second period was all Chelsea.

The host Bulldogs exploded for three goals, while the defense smothered all Hornet scoring attempts.

Maveal recorded his second goal of the game early in the second, giving Chelsea a 2-1 lead.

Craig St. Clair assisted on the score.

Chelsea extended its lead to 3-1 on a goal by Rob Molina midway through the period.

Drew Warren assisted on the play.

Finally, adding insult to injury, Josh Barron scored a shorthanded goal, increasing the Dawgs' lead to a commanding 4-1 as the period came to a close.

Kevin Phillips and Warren assisted on the goal.

In the third period, Chelsea continued to pour it on.

Assistant captain St. Clair scored on a power play, making the tally 5-1 Bulldogs.

Maveal and Warren assisted on the goal.

Kenny Williams was next to turn the light on for Chelsea as he beat the Hornet goalie for a 6-1 Chelsea lead.

Maveal and St. Clair combined for the assist.

Mike Sayers ended the night for the Dawgs, beating the Saline netminder for the final 7-1 score.

Zach Meza and Jeff Jiga recorded the assists.

Despite the slow start, Chelsea coach Don Wright was pleased with his team's effort.

"In the first period, we were a little tentative," he said. "In the second, we played more physical.

"We killed off a couple (Saline) two-man advantages, and once we did that, we were able to pull away."

Last Saturday, Chelsea traveled to Lincoln Park to take on the Railsplitters.

After a scoreless first period, the Bulldogs finally beat the Lincoln Park defense as St. Clair scored.

Chris Tyler and Warren recorded the assists.

Despite the goal, Chelsea (4-2, 3-0) was unable to hold off the Railsplitters as Lincoln Park notched two scores to head into the third period with a 2-1 lead.

A power play goal by Bulldog captain Dave Poupard tied things up at 2-2 midway through the period.

St. Clair assisted on the play.

But, with 18 seconds left in the game, Lincoln Park scored on a breakaway to win, 3-2.

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Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Bulldog senior Trevor Maveal had two goals and two assists in Chelsea's 7-1 win over Saline last week.

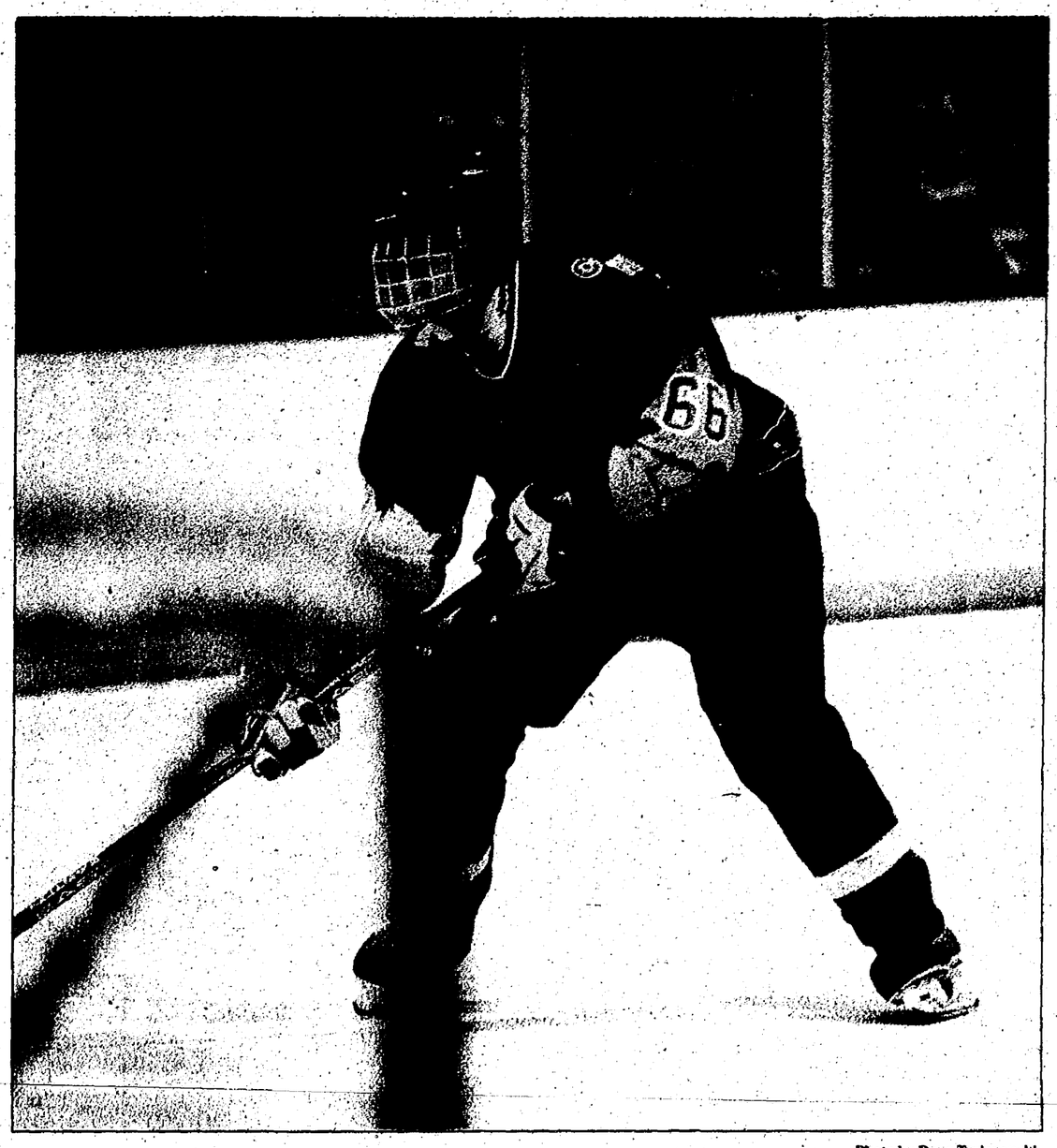


Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Chelsea captain Dave Poupard looks to fire a shot at the net during action earlier this season. Poupard and his teammates split two games last week, but remain unbeaten in the Southeastern Michigan High School Hockey League with a 3-0 record.

Hoopsters slam dunk Williamston in opener

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

The Chelsea boys' basketball team, despite cold and icy weather, tipped off the 2000 season last Tuesday by hosting Ingham County League foe Williamston.

After a sluggish first quarter, mirroring the conditions outside, the Bulldogs regrouped and routed the Hornets 73-49 for victory No. 1 of the season.

"The kids were tight at the start of the game, but we settled down and played better," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "It was the first game."

It showed — at least early.

Chelsea played with little passion in the night's opening moments allowing numerous fast break opportunities for Williamston.

Despite the sloppy play, the Dawgs remained in the game behind the marksmanship of Eddie McClendon.

The junior guard tickled the twines for three 3-pointers, keeping Chelsea close.

By the end of the second quarter, however, the Bulldogs had shaken off the opening game blahs and entered the locker room with a slim, 27-22 lead.

In the second half, Chelsea came out with fire in its belly and dominated Williamston, outscoring the Hornets, 46-27 for the win.

The Bulldogs received balanced scoring on the night as 11 players made baskets.

Senior swing player Tony Scheffler led the way for Chelsea with 18 points and five steals.

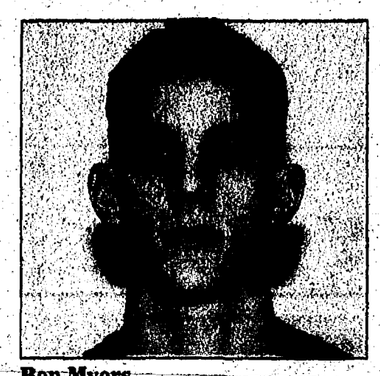
McClendon added 17 points, including three from beyond the arc, with Ben Myers chipping in 12 points and a team-high five assists.

Junior post player Joe Tripodi and guard Tim Bentley each scored six points with Tripodi grabbing a team-high 11 boards.

Sophomore Paul Newhouse scored four points and had a team-high two blocks.

Dan Mueller, Chris Kinaschuk, Joel Grimm, Nick Gadbury and Kyle Pepper each added two points.

Mueller also had four assists, with Pepper recording a block



Ben Myers

and a steal to help pace Chelsea.

Last Friday, in the season's second game, the Bulldogs let a two-point fourth quarter lead slip away falling to Adrian, 49-40.

The Maples outscored Chelsea 17-6 in the final period to pull out the "W".

Raymond said the difference in the game was shooting.

"Adrian was 13-for-18 from the line and we were 3-of-8," he said. "We need to do a better job of penetrating."

In the first half, Chelsea played well.

The Dawgs took a 12-11 first quarter lead and stretched it to 26-18 as the half came to a close.

In the third quarter, Chelsea went cold.

The Maples heated up and outscored the Bulldogs 14-8 to head into the fourth quarter down two, 34-32.

Adrian started the final stanza with a three-point play to take the lead 35-34.

Chelsea (1-1) then responded with a three-point play of its own to retake the lead by one. The Maples, however, followed with four consecutive points to charge ahead 39-37 midway through the period.

With 2:20 remaining in the game, Adrian had increased its advantage to four at 43-39.

A monster dunk by Adrian's 6-foot-6 senior forward Jay Threet gave the Maples a 45-39 lead and much needed momentum.

The late-game play ignited Adrian and deflated Chelsea.

Despite the loss, Raymond came away pleased with his squad's effort.

"Our defensive pressure and weak side rotations were good,"

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Dawgs pin Adrian

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

After capturing the always-tough Haslett Invitational a week earlier, the Chelsea wrestling team continued its winning ways last Thursday.

The host Bulldogs pinned visiting Adrian, 55-24, as Chelsea won nine of the meet's 14 matches.

In the light weight classes, winning for Chelsea were freshman Ryan Lundquist at 103 pounds with a pin in 4:36; freshman Adam Ellis at 119 with a 4-1 decision; Pat Jolly at 130 with a pin; and freshman Ryan Kaiser at 135 with a pin over Josh Henning.

> **"We were kind of hesitant at first since we haven't wrestled Adrian in a couple of years."**
>
> **— Kerry Kargel**
> *Chelsea coach*

"That was an outstanding performance for a freshman," Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel said about Kaiser's win.

In the middle weight divisions, earning victories for the Dawgs were sophomore Adam Egeler at 152 with a pin in 1:14; senior George Fairley at 160 with a 17-0 technical fall over Adrian's Cody Waters and Darl Bauer at 171 with an identical 17-0 technical fall over Ryan Rubley.

In the heavier classes, Chelsea received wins from junior Jared Powers at 215 with a pin in 1:17 and sophomore Ross Davis at heavyweight with a pin in 5:38.

"We were kind of hesitate at first since we haven't wrestled Adrian in a couple years," Kargel said. "Our younger kids were able to win early, which was key. We're hoping for good things from them."

Last Saturday, at the 16-team Jaws Invitational in Jackson, the Bulldogs had a tougher time of things.

In pool play, Chelsea fell to Jackson Northwest, 51-24.

The Dawgs captured just four weight classes.

Earning victories for Chelsea were Egeler at 152 on a pin in 1:30; Fairley at 160 on a pin in 46 seconds; junior Eric Lixey at 171 on a pin in 3:26 and Robert Hurst at 189 on a pin in 2:58.

In its next match the Bulldogs lost to Hudson, 54-24.

Winning for Chelsea were Egeler at 152 on a pin in 2:48; Fairley at 160 with a 9-2 decision; Bauer at 171 on a pin in 1:02 and Powers at 215 on a pin in 3:56.

Against Napoleon, the Dawgs were nipped, 36-35.

Recording victories for Chelsea were Randy Ostrowski at 125 on a pin in 1:23; Jolly at 130 on a pin in 1:24; Kaiser at 135 on a pin in 2:58 and Egeler at 152 in an 11-9 decision.

Fairley continued the winning for the Bulldogs, capturing 160 with an 18-5 major decision; Lixey at 171 won on a pin in 5:05 and Powers at heavyweight won with a 10-1 decision.

Despite losing, Kargel had kind words for Bauer and Hurst who, in an attempt to pull out a win for Chelsea, both moved up in weight to wrestle.

"They both did an excellent job," he said.

Finally, Chelsea dropped a tough 38-29 match to Jackson Lumen Christi.

Winning for the Bulldogs were Lundquist at 103 on a 12-0 decision; Matt Robinson at 112 with a pin in 3:25; Ostrowski at 125 on a 15-0 technical fall; Ben Rogers at 145 with a pin in 51 seconds; Fairley at 160 on a void; and Dave Dault at 171 on a 6-5 decision.

Despite dropping all four matches Saturday, Kargel remained positive about his young Dawgs.

"There was a lot of maturity on those (opposing) teams," he said. "There were a lot of state qualifiers. But (Saturday) proved our kids are not afraid of competition."

Chelsea next competes today at Saline beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday the team hosts Pinckney for a match starting at 6:30 p.m

Baird, Deis lead spikers to Invite finals

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Not a bad beginning.

In her first season as Bulldog head volleyball coach, Laura Cleveland helped lead Chelsea to the finals of last Saturday's 15-team South Lyon Invitational.

The Invite was the first live action for the Bulldogs this year.

In the championship match, Chelsea dropped a three-set heartbreaker to Saginaw Heritage, a team it had already defeated earlier in the tournament, 15-6, 9-15, 15-17.

"That was a terrific final," said Cleveland, who played four years at Alma College and captained the squad her senior season. "It was decided by a few plays. Momentum shifted back and forth throughout the last eight points.

"The team played outstanding and we will use this as incentive to improve throughout the season."

Chelsea began the Invite going 6-0 in pool play.

The Bulldogs recorded victories over Pinckney, 15-5, 15-5; Belleville, 15-6, 15-9; and Saginaw Heritage, 15-9, 15-11.

> **"The team played outstanding and we will use this as incentive to improve throughout the season."**
>
> **— Laura Cleveland**
> *Chelsea coach*

In quarterfinal play, Chelsea beat Warren Cousino, 15-7, 15-9.

In the semifinals, the Bulldogs swept Berkely, 15-6, 15-4.

Leading Chelsea on the day were Caitlin Deis with 28 kills and 53 digs, Josie Wells with 23 kills and seven blocks and Laura Baird with 35 kills and 14 digs.

Michelle Dettling added 15 kills and seven blocks, with setter Lindsay Baker recording 85 assists and 16 digs.

According to Cleveland, the team met many of its pre-Invite goals last Saturday.

"Our goals going into the tournament were to effectively run a quick attack and to play sound defense," she said. "Throughout the day we were effective at both."

Cleveland said Baker had an outstanding day setting and that Wells, Deis, Baird and Dettling all had fine offensive performances.

"I was impressed with the leadership that was demonstrated by our senior core of players and the maturity that our underclassmen showed throughout the tournament," she said.

Cleveland said she expects last Saturday's performance to help her team throughout the rest of the year.

"I am looking forward to the rest of the season and the improvement that will come from the great experience that we received throughout the day on Saturday."

The Bulldogs host Saline today at 6 p.m.

Tuesday the squad travels to Ann Arbor Pioneer for a match at 8 p.m.

Freshmen open season with two wins

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

The Chelsea freshmen boys' basketball team opened the season last week with a 42-38 victory over Williamston.

Joel Hohnke paced the Bulldogs with 11 points. George Royce added nine points and Nick Miller and Tony Reifel each netted eight.

On the boards, Hohnke hauled down seven rebounds to lead Chelsea. Neil Sterling added six and Reifel had five rebounds for the Dawgs.

Chelsea led 19-15 at the half but found itself tied 29-29 at the end of the third quarter.

A 13-9 final quarter secured the victory for the Bulldogs.

According to Chelsea coach Mike Bareis, his squad's defensive performance in the final quarter propelled it to victory.

The squad continued its torrid pace last Friday with a 51-31 blowout over Adrian.

> **"Our aggressive defense at the start of the game set the tempo for the entire contest."**
>
> — Mike Bareis
> *Chelsea coach*

With the lopsided win, the Bulldogs improved to 2-0 on the year.

Behind spirited first half play, especially on the defensive side, the Bulldogs went into the break with a commanding 33-18 advantage.

"Our aggressive defense at the start of the game set the tempo for the entire contest," Bareis said.

Also key to victory, according to Bareis, was the poise and moxie of his guards.

"Our ballhandlers made excellent decisions all game long," he said.

Mark Borders led the Bulldog scoring with 18 points.

Hohnke added eight, Nick Miller seven and Reifel and Jeff Elliot each netted six for Chelsea.

Hohnke cleaned the glass for a game-high 15 rebounds. Reifel and Elliot each added six boards.

The Bulldogs next travel to Saline tomorrow for a game with the Hornets beginning at 5 p.m.

They hit the court Tuesday for a game at Pinckney starting at 4 p.m. before gearing up for Chelsea's Holiday Tournament Dec. 27 and 28.

Bulldogs split two

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

The Chelsea eighth-grade boys' basketball team split two games last week.

The Bulldogs prevailed against Adrian Springbrook and fell to Ypsilanti Lincoln.

On Monday of last week, Chelsea traveled to Adrian and defeated Springbrook, 27-12.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 21-6 halftime lead to take command early.

The second half was evenly played with each team holding the other to single digits.

Brian Seyferth led the Dawgs with eight points. Spencer Daniels and Aaron Parisho each netted four, with Alex Guenther adding three.

Terry Arnold, Dan Keilman, Alec Penix, P.J. Sawicki and J.R. Engelbert each chipped in two points for Chelsea.

Last Thursday, Chelsea dropped a 39-31 game to Lincoln.

Poor shooting and turnovers led to the Bulldogs' demise.

At the end of the first half, Chelsea held a slim two-point lead.

In the third quarter, however, cold shooting and numerous turnovers allowed Lincoln to bolt out to a commanding eight point advantage.

In the end, the third quarter miscues were too much for the Bulldogs to overcome as the Railsplitters held on for the win.

Penix led the Chelsea attack with seven points followed by Guenther with five and Seyferth with four.

Steve Crews added three points and Eric Mathis, Brian Feldkamp, Arnold, Parisho, Keilman and Engelbert each added two points for the Dawgs.

Chelsea next hits the court today at home against Temperance Bedford beginning at 4 p.m.

The Dawgs close out their season with games Monday at Saline and at home Tuesday against Springbrook. Both contests begin at 4 p.m.

Freeman, Ballas lead JV basketball

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Behind 13 points each from Jake Freeman and James Ballas, the Chelsea JV basketball team defeated visiting Williamston, 59-33, last Tuesday.

The season-opener saw the Bulldogs jump out to a 12-6 first quarter lead and increase its margin to 27-11 at the break.

In the third quarter, Chelsea continued the onslaught outscoring the Hornets, 11-7, for a 38-18 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Dawgs outscored Williamston, 19-15, for the final margin.

Besides Freeman and Ballas, Chelsea was paced by Scott Dettling with 12 points and David Garbarkiewicz with seven.

Friday, the Dawgs hosted Adrian and came away with a 54-40 victory over the Maples.

> **"We have played defense very well in the first two games, holding our opponents to less than 10 points in a quarter six out of eight times."**
>
> — Mark Scheese
> *Chelsea coach*

Joe Myers led the Chelsea attack scoring 13 points.

Freeman added 12 points, Kyle Brown had nine and Dettling, eight for the Bulldogs (2-0).

Once again, Chelsea started out strong. The Bulldogs ran out to a 17-6 first quarter advantage before heading into the locker room with a 28-15 lead.

In the third frame, Chelsea outscored Adrian 22-8 to up its advantage to a safe 50-23 margin.

In the fourth quarter, the Maples outscored the Bulldogs 17-4 to close the gap. The damage, however, already had been done and Chelsea came away the victor.

"We have played defense very well in the first two games, holding our opponents to less than 10 points in a quarter six out of eight times," said Chelsea coach Mark Scheese.

The Bulldogs next take the court tomorrow at Saline beginning at 6 p.m.

On Tuesday, Chelsea travels to Pinckney for a game starting at 4 p.m.

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he said. "The kids did a good job rebounding."

The Dawgs out-rebounded the Maples, 29-18.

Scheffler led the way with 13 points, nine rebounds and six assists.

McClendon added eight points and six boards with Myers chipping in six points.

Tripodi scored eight points and hauled down four boards. Mueller dished out three assists.

After opening with two home games, Chelsea hits the road for its next two contests.

Tomorrow, the Bulldogs travel to Saline for a game beginning at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Chelsea visits Pinckney for a battle starting at 4 p.m.

The Dawgs then end the year hosting their own Holiday Tournament scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 27 and 28.

—Chelsea resident Jon Royce helped contribute to the story.

BOWLING

Mid Morning Mixed - 12-9-00

	W	L
Team Bubbles	61	30
Glitter Girls	48	43
The Twisters	46	45
Bumble Bees	44	47
Three Bees	42	49
Team 1	11	80

High game Kristen Coulter - 109 Chris McCoy - 130
High Series Olivia Miller - 273 Justin Green - 245

Chelsea Lanes Youth Mixed - 12-9-00

	W	L
Chelsea Lanes	64	27
Syran Wrap	63	28
The Other Team	57	34
Cro-Magnons	54	37
We Are Family	53	38
Penguins	45	46
"02" Nott Chicks	44	47
Unleased	43	48
Lucky #7	43	48
Slackers	42	49
Millenium	41	50
Best Friends	40	51
Team Rock	39	52
All In The Family	38	53
Quad Squad	37	54
Goyims	37	54
The Hicks	36	55
Timberwolves	34	57

High game Kayla Pepper - 195 Eric Stanley - 213
High Series Beth Wade - 539 Eric Stanley - 579

Century 21 - Northstar - 12-6-00

	W	L
The Acres	63	42
All Most	62	43
50 Grand	53	52
Fore-Closure	52	53
Sisters	48	57
Quit Claim	37	68

High game Linda Landrum - 213
High Series Linda Landrum - 598

Bills Bumpers

	W	L
Family Ties	39	26
Sweethearts	26	39

High game Jennie Mattinson - 79 Jacob Mattinson - 84
High Series Michelle Flaugher - 142 Jacob Mattinson - 167

Sunday Nite Come Ons - 12-3-00

	W	L
Yo Yo's	38	18
BSers	36	20
Waterloo Aces	33	23
St. Stan's	30	26
Fire & Ice	29	27
Team 17	29	27
Screwballs	29	27
Ghostbusters	27	29
Gone Fishin'	27	29
Who Cares	26	30
Pin Busters	23	33
Ma Gs	23	33
The Wild Things	23	33
Wrat's Lift	19	37

High game Pam Piper - 223 Bob Clouse - 258
High Series Patti Vogel - 551 Chip Burns - 647

Leisure Time - 12-7-00

	W	L
Doves	29	23
Not Yets	25	27
Sweetrollers	23	29
Misfits	23	29
Late Ones	23	29

High game Ginny Wheaton - 200
High Series Ginny Wheaton - 509

Junior House - 12-7-00

	W	L
A Purple Rose Florist	64	27
La Jolla Shoppe	63	28
Jenex	55	36
Seitz's Tavern	55	36
Romine's Roofing	54	37
Chelsea Lanes	54	37
Certified Tractor	53	38
Cleary's Pub	52	39
Steele Heating & Cooling	45	46
Mark IV Lounge	45	46
Vogel's Party Store	42	49
Jiffy Mix	41.5	49.5
Centennial Dental	38.5	52.5
Stevick Gravel	36	55
3D Sales & Service	34	57
Associated Drywall	34	57
Norm's Body Shop	27	64
Microwave Communication	26	65

High game D. Gipson - 278
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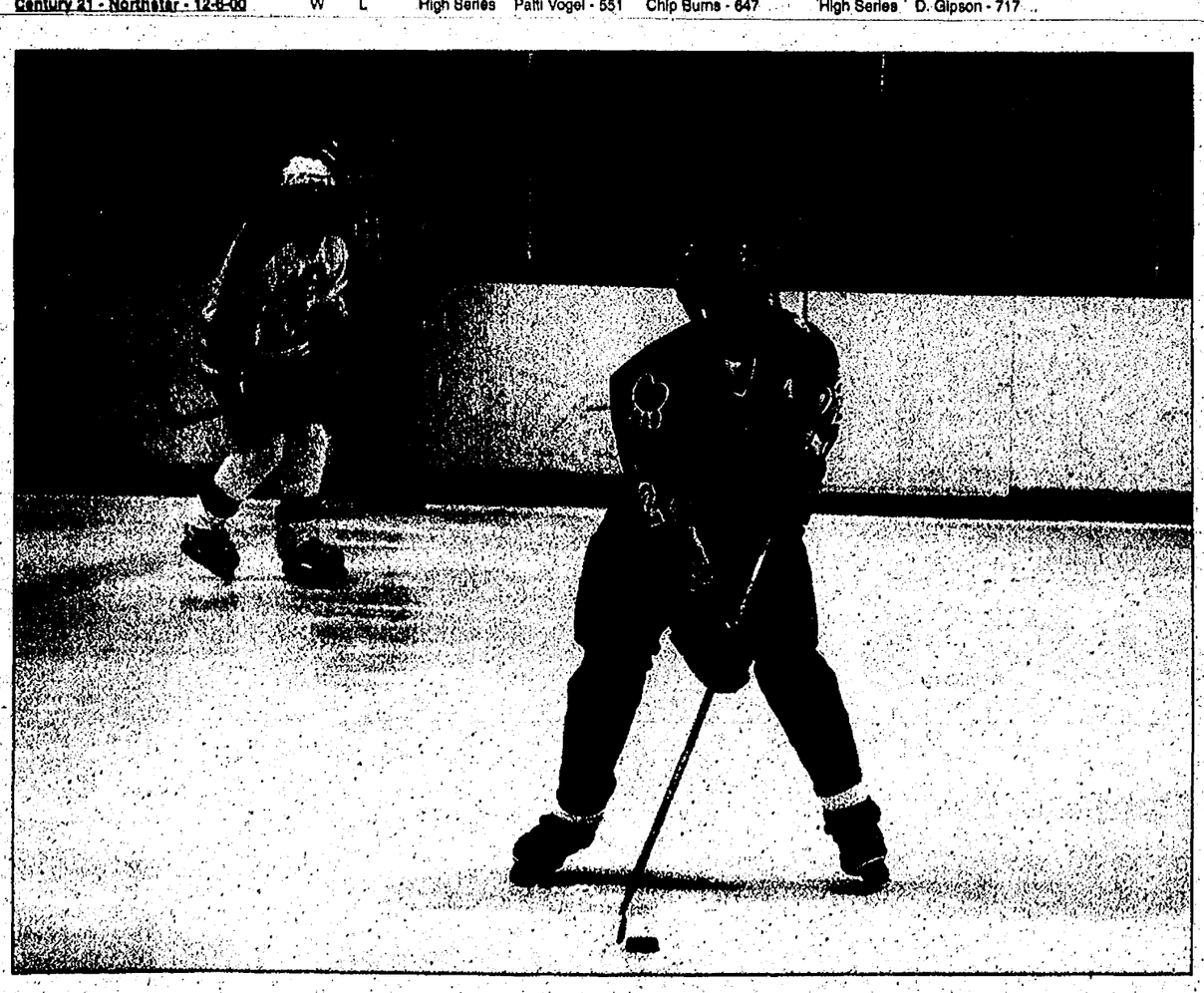


Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Chelsea assistant captain Craig St. Clair looks to pass during recent action.

HOCKEY

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The Bulldogs out shot the Railsplitters 32-29.

The speedy Downriver squad, however, converted Chelsea miscues into scores.

All three Lincoln Park goals came on breakaways.

The uncharacteristic errors had Wright shaking his head.

"In the past, we didn't let that happen," he said. "We made mistakes and they were able to get some breakaways."

The Bulldogs next hit the ice tomorrow and Saturday at the Dexter Holiday Tournament at Veterans Ice Arena in Ann Arbor.

Chelsea is scheduled to play Ypsilanti Lincoln tomorrow at 9:45 p.m.

If successful, the Bulldogs will play in the tourney championship at 9 p.m. Saturday.

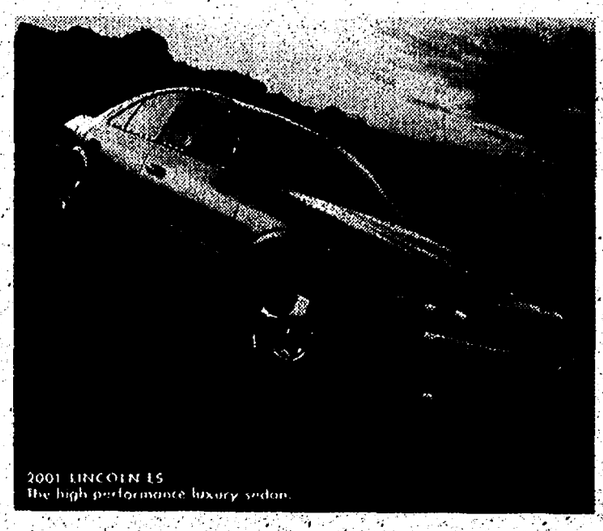
If unsuccessful against Lincoln, Chelsea will play in the consolation game at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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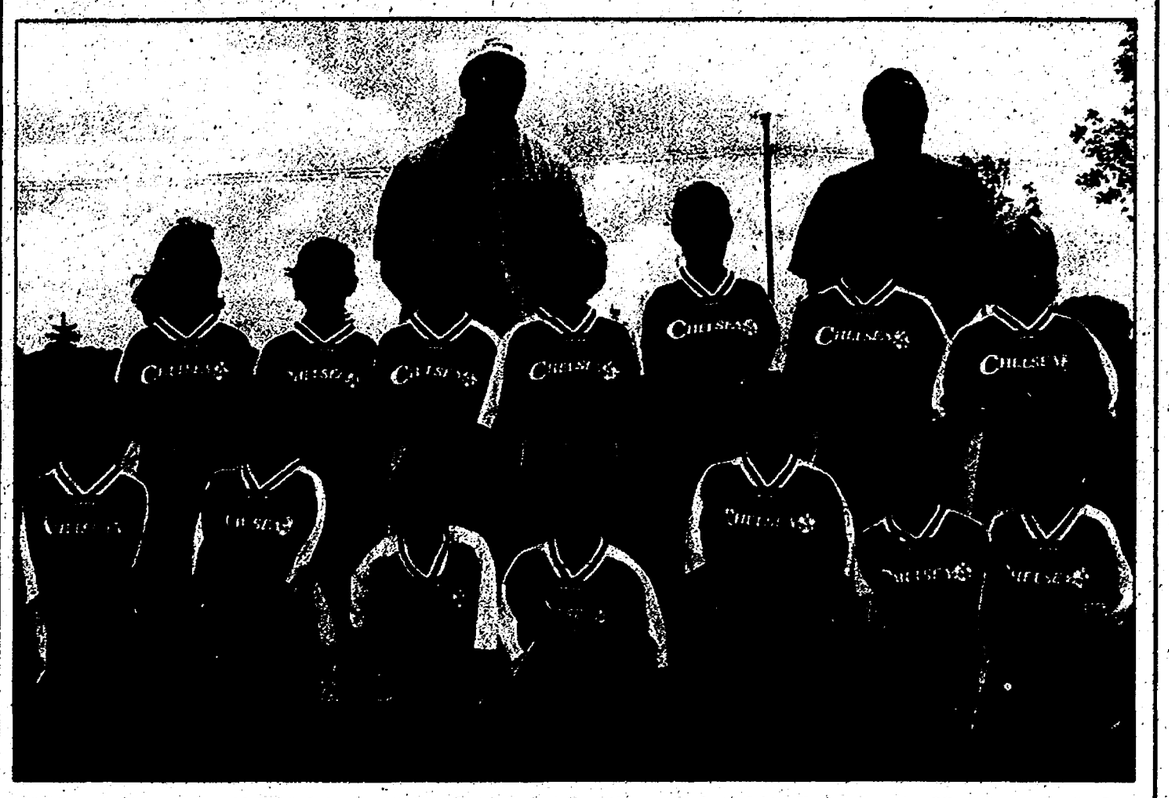
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Chelsea's first-ever U-9 girls' travel soccer team recently completed its first season. Members include, front row, Hannah Boshoven (left), Kelly Fournier, Lucy Drinkwater, Lindsey Rinderle, Christina Coffman, Emma Tinsley and Kaci Friss; middle row, Sarah Bingel (left), Kaley Dixon, Sara Dixon, Olivia Hagerman, Hailey Preston, Alisa Cremer and Katelynn Becker; back row, head coach Mike Rinderle and assistant coach Jim Preston.

Chelsea Seniors



The Chelsea varsity and JV soccer teams held their end- of-the-season banquet last month at the Chelsea Community Hospital. This year's senior class are, bottom row, Mike Miller (left), Greg Kennedy and Robert Huehl; top row, Kyle McKenzie (left), Graham Branson, Craig Forshee, Ben Gunderson, Jeff Jiga and coach Chad Scaling.

Swish hoop tryouts

The Ann Arbor Swish is looking for a few more 10-year-old girls born after Jan. 1, 1990, to participate on its U-10 AAU competitive basketball team.

Officials ask those interested to attend a practice session 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday at Emerson School.

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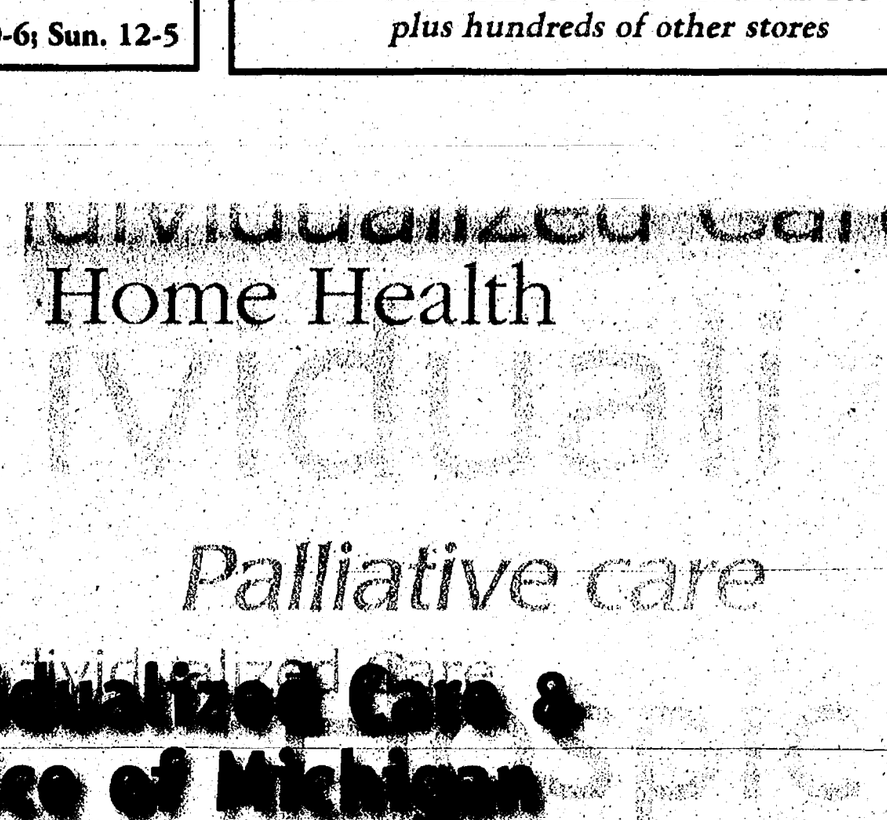
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History Buffs

Fifth-graders Anna Rowland (left) from South Meadows Elementary School, Emilio Tesin from Pierce Lake Elementary School and Will Argiroff from North Creek, have been studying the Underground Railroad in the American history problem-based learning program. This is a three-part program held at Washtenaw Intermediate School District. It utilizes small groups for problem-solving development, Internet research and live performances. Standing behind are Talent Development Coordinators Marilyn Guenther (left) and Rebecca Chamberlain.



Photo by Rebecca Burk

Two American Girls

About 40 area girls gathered at the Chelsea Little Professor Book Center and Nature's Expressions store in Chelsea to meet "Kit," the newest in the American Girl series. The girls learned about Kit's life during the Depression through games, crafts, discussion and refreshments. Many brought their favorite American Girl dolls and some even dressed like their dolls. A "Meet Kit" party will be held on Jan. 6.

LIMA TOWNSHIP

NOTICE TO LIMA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The following Text Amendment to the Lima Township Zoning Ordinance was adopted at the regular meeting of the Lima Township Board on December 4, 2000.

1. Amend Article IV, Schedule of District Regulations, Section 4.03 Schedule of Use Regulations, C. Commercial Districts, by adding the following use to the C-2 Regional Service Commercial District and C-3 Highway Service Commercial District as a Special Use.

(S) Self Storage Facility

Proposed changes to the Ordinance to accompany the proposed above text change.

1. Add the following definition to Article II, Section 2.02, Definitions:

Self Storage Facility: A building or group of buildings, each of which consists of several individual storage units, each with a separate door and lock and which can be leased on an individual basis. Such facilities are typically contained within a fenced, controlled access compound.

2. Delete the following:

Article 5, Supplementary District Regulations, section 5.06 Transition Strip, Paragraphs A., B., C., D.

3. Add the following Section 5.06 to replace the existing Section 5.06.

Section 5.06 Landscaping, Greenbelts, Buffers and Screening:

A. Intent. The intent of this section is to promote the public health, safety, and welfare and improve the visual appearance of the Township by requiring landscaping for each development for which site plan, site condominium and subdivision plat review is required.

It is further the intent of this section to achieve the following:

1. Minimize noise, air, and visual pollution.
2. Improve the overall aesthetics and appearance, divide the expanse of pavement, and define parking areas and vehicular circulation within off-street parking lots and other vehicular use areas.
3. Require buffering of residential areas from more intense land uses and public road rights-of-way.
4. Prevent soil erosion and soil depletion and promote sub-surface water retention.
5. Encourage an appropriate mixture of plant material, such as evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs, to protect against insect and disease infestation and produce a more aesthetic and cohesive design.
6. Encourage the integration of existing woodlands in landscape plans.
7. Protect and preserve the appearance, character, and value of the community.

B. Application of Requirements. These requirements shall apply to all uses for which site plan review is required under Article IX, Site Plan Review of this Ordinance, site condominium and subdivision plat review as required under this Ordinance and the Subdivision Control Ordinance.

No site plan, site condominium plan, or subdivision plat shall be approved unless a landscape plan is provided which meets the requirements set forth herein.

C. Landscape Plan Requirements. A separate detailed landscape plan shall be required to be submitted to the Planning Commission as part of the site plan review, site condominium review and tentative preliminary plat review. The landscape plan shall demonstrate that all requirements of this Section are met and shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following items:

1. Location, spacing, size, and root type bare root (BR) or balled and burlapped (BB) and descriptions for each plant type proposed for use within the required landscape area.
2. Minimum scale: 1" = 50' for property less than three acres or 1" = 100' for property three acres or more.
3. On parcels of more than one (1) acre, existing and proposed contours on-site and 50 feet beyond the site at intervals not to exceed two (2) feet.
4. Typical straight cross section including slope, height, and width of berms and type of ground cover, or height and type of construction of wall, including footings.
5. Significant construction details to resolve specific site conditions, such as tree wells to preserve existing trees or culverts to maintain natural drainage patterns.
6. Details in either text or drawing form to ensure proper installation and establishment of proposed plant materials.
7. Identification of existing trees and vegetative cover to be preserved.
8. Identification of grass and other ground cover and method of planting.
9. Identification of landscape maintenance program including statement that all diseased, damaged, or dead materials shall be replaced in accordance with standards of this Ordinance.

D. Landscape Standards.

1. Installation.

A. All landscaping shall be installed in a manner consistent with accepted planting procedures and the approved landscape development plan. This shall include quantity, size, type and location of plantings proposed. In general, major deviations as to quality, type, size and location of plant materials from the original approved landscape development plan shall require submission and approval in the same manner as provided in this article for the original submission.

2. Material.

A. All plant material shall:

1) Conform to size and description set forth in the current edition of "American Standard for Nursery Stock" sponsored by the American Association of Nurseryman, Inc. and approved by the American National Standards Institute, Inc.
2) Be true to name in conformance to "Standardized Plant names", Second Edition, American Joint Committee on Horticultural Nomenclature, 1942.
3) Be typical of their species or variety, have normal habit of growth, well-branched and densely foliated when in leaf.
4) Be of sound health and vigorous in appearance, free from disease, insect pests, eggs or larvae and shall have health, well developed root systems.
5) Be freshly dug and nursery grown.
6) Be chosen according to soil, climatic conditions and environmental factors for the proposed development.

B. Trees shall have straight trunks with leaders intact, undamaged and uncut.

C. The following trees, because of various problems, shall not be considered as being of a desirable quality, and therefore shall, in most cases, not be permitted. This does not preclude the use of existing trees if it can be shown that the removal of the tree would result in a substantial loss of screen and/or buffering of adjacent lands or public rights-of-way.

1) Acer Negundo - Box Elder
2) Ulmus varieties - Elm varieties
3) Aesculus varieties - Horse Chestnut
4) Populus varieties - Poplar Varieties
5) Salix varieties - Willow Varieties
6) Catalpa varieties - Catalpa Varieties
7) Ailanthus altissima - Tree of Heaven

D. Lawn areas shall be planted in species of grass normally grown as permanent lawns in southeast Michigan. Grass may be sodded or seeded and mulched, except that solid sod shall be used in swales or other areas subject to erosion. Sod or seed shall be clean, free of weeds and noxious pests or disease.

E. Ground covers used in lieu of grass in whole or part shall be planted in such a manner as to present a finished appearance and reasonably complete after one complete growing season.

F. Hedges, where provided, shall be planted, and maintained so as to form a continuous, unbroken, solid, visual screen within one full planting season. Where plants are to be used as a hedge for screening purposes, the maximum spacing will have to be determined by the plant proposed.

G. Minimum sizes of plant material:

1) Deciduous shade trees - Deciduous trees shall have a minimum caliper of two and one-half (2.5) inches diameter at breast height, at the time of planting.
2) Deciduous small ornamental trees - Small ornamental trees shall be a minimum of seven (7) feet in height at time of planting.
3) Evergreen trees - Evergreen trees shall be a minimum of six (6) feet in height at time of planting.
4) Shrubs - shrubs shall be a minimum of two (2) feet in height at the time of planting or two (2) feet in spread if plants are low spreading evergreens.
5) Vines - Vines shall be a minimum of thirty (30) inches in length after one growing season and may be used in conjunction with fences, screens, or walls to meet buffer requirements.

H. Artificial plant material shall be prohibited.

3. Maintenance.

The owner of the property shall be responsible for all maintenance thereon. Landscaping shall be kept in neat and orderly manner, free from debris and refuse. All dead plant material shall be removed and replaced with one year after it dies.

The approved landscape development plan, shall be considered a permanent record and integral part of the Site Plan Approval. Unless otherwise approved in accordance with the aforementioned procedures, any revisions to, or removal of, plant materials will place the parcel in non-conformity with the originally approved landscape development plan and shall be viewed as a violation of this Ordinance and the agreed upon terms of the Final Site Plan Approval.

The developer, at the time of submission of the Final Site Plan Approval, shall demonstrate to the Planning Commission that adequate provisions have been made to supply water to all landscape areas. This may be accomplished by installation of an irrigation system or outside hose bibs of sufficient quantity and location to provide water for the landscape areas where specified.

A contract for maintenance of all landscape areas may be required by the Township.

E. Screening Between Land Uses

1. For those use districts and uses listed below there shall be provided and maintained on those sides abutting or adjacent to a parcel that is in residential use, or a zoning district that permits residential uses, an obscuring wall, screening fence or landscape barrier, at the discretion of the Planning Commission, having a minimum height, as required below:

BUFFERING BETWEEN LAND USES USE	REQUIREMENTS (MIN. VERTICAL HEIGHT)
Commercial use districts, C-1, C-2, C-3, when adjacent to the RR, and RS districts, and the A-1 district, or any parcel in residential use.	6 feet
Industrial use districts I-1, when adjacent to the RR, RS, and A-1 district, or any parcel in residential use.	6 feet
Other institutional, park, school, library, municipal facility, or utility buildings, sub-stations and the like, when adjacent to the RR, RS and A-1 districts, or any parcel in residential use.	6 feet

2. Required walls, fence or landscape screen barriers shall be located within the required yard setback.
3. Such walls, fence or landscape barrier shall have no openings for vehicular traffic or other purposes, except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance and except such openings as may be approved by the Planning Commission. Landscape barriers shall maintain a minimum opacity of at least eighty (80) percent year round. Opacity shall be measured by observation of any two (2) square yard area of landscape screen between one (1) foot above established grade of the area to be concealed and the top or the highest point of the required screen. Opacity shall be achieved within three (3) years of the time of planting. The applicant shall agree in writing to install additional plantings after the expiration of three (3) years, in the event that the landscaping has not screened the view of areas required.
4. All walls and screen barriers herein required shall be constructed in one of the following manner, however the Planning Commission will determine when, in its opinion, a wall, screening fence, planting strip, and/or landscape berm as distinct from a wall will be required.

A. A solid wall shall be constructed of brick or poured concrete panels using a brick pattern form. The solid wall shall be located at the property line with a planting strip six (6) to eight (8) feet wide abutting the base and on the interior side of the wall. The planting strip shall have a minimum of 2.5 inch caliper deciduous shade trees planted thirty-five (35) feet on center.

B. A screening mound or berm shall consist of the minimum specified height with a side slope no steeper than 3:1 (three (3) foot horizontal to one (1) foot vertical). The top of all berms shall have a level horizontal area of at least three (3) feet in width.

The mound or berm shall be graded in a manner which will blend with existing topography, shall be graded smooth, and shall be appropriately sodded, seeded, and mulched, or planted. Included as part of the mound or berm shall be deciduous shade trees, small deciduous ornamental trees and/or evergreen trees planted along the berm area.

C. Evergreen screens shall consist of six (6) foot spruce, fir or pine trees planted 10 to 15 feet on center in two staggered rows ten (10) feet apart. Arborvitae shall be planted no more than five (5) feet apart in staggered rows.

Other evergreen plant material may be considered providing that it will provide, in the opinion of the Planning Commission, the same screening effect.

5. The Planning Commission may waive or modify the foregoing requirements where cause can be shown that no good purpose would be served and that the waiver or modification would neither be injurious to the surrounding neighborhood nor contrary to the spirit and purpose of this section.

F. Parking Lot Landscape Requirements

1. Required Landscaping Within Parking Lots. Separate landscape areas shall be provided within parking lots in accordance with the following requirements:

A. There shall be a minimum of one (1) tree for every eight (8) parking spaces. Required trees shall be planted no closer than 5 feet from the parking lots edge/surface.

2. Required Landscaping at the Perimeter of Parking Lots.

Separate Landscape areas shall be provided at the perimeter of parking lots in accordance with the following requirements:

A. Parking lots which are considered to be conflicting land use as defined by this Section shall meet the screening requirements set forth in Section 5.06, E. and F.

B. Parking lots shall be screened from view with a solid wall at least four (4) feet in height along the perimeter of those sides which are visible from a public road. The Planning Commission, at its discretion, may approve alternative landscape plantings in lieu of a wall.

G. Greenbelts. A greenbelt shall be provided, and is an area established at a depth of the required front yard setback, within a zoning district and landscaped in accordance with the following requirements:

1. The greenbelt shall be landscaped with a minimum of one (1) tree for every thirty (30) lineal feet, or fraction thereof, of frontage abutting a public road right-of-way. Deciduous shade trees, deciduous small ornamental trees, evergreen trees, shrubs and vines shall meet the minimum size requirements set forth in Section 5.06 D.
2. If deciduous small ornamental trees are substituted for either non-ornamental deciduous trees or evergreen trees, they shall be provided at a minimum of one (1) tree for every twenty (20) lineal feet, or fraction thereof, of frontage abutting a public road right-of-way. Deciduous small ornamental trees within a greenbelt shall meet the minimum size requirements set forth in Section 5.06 D.
3. In addition to the required trees within the greenbelt, the remainder of the greenbelt shall be landscaped in grass, ground cover, shrubs and other natural landscape materials.
4. Access drives from public rights-of-way through required greenbelts shall be permitted, but such drives shall not be subtracted from the lineal dimension used to determine the minimum number of trees required.

H. Site Landscaping. In addition to any landscape greenbelt and/or parking lot landscaping required by this section, ten (1) percent of the site area, excluding existing public rights-of-way, shall be landscaped. Such site area landscaping may include a combination of the preservation of existing tree cover, planting of new trees and plant material, grass areas and building foundation planting beds. Site area landscaping shall be provided to screen potentially objectionable site features such as, but not limited to, retention/detention ponds, transformer pads, air-conditioning units, and loading areas.

I. Subdivision and Site Condominium Landscaping. Landscaping for single-family residential subdivisions and site condominiums shall be provided in accordance with the following requirements:

1. Street Trees. The frontage of all internal public or private streets shall be landscaped with a minimum of one (1) tree for every fifty (50) lineal feet, or fraction threreof. Such street trees shall meet the minimum size requirements set forth in Section 5.06.D Landscape Standards.
2. Other Site Improvements. A landscape plan for a subdivision or site condominium development shall also include landscaping details of the entrance to the development, stormwater retention and/or detention areas, community buildings and other recreational areas, and any other site improvement which would be enhanced through the addition of landscaping.

J. Screening of Trash Containers.

1. Outside trash disposal containers shall be screened on all sides with an opaque fence or wall, and gate at least as high as the container, but no less than six (6) feet in height, and shall be constructed of material which is compatible with the architectural materials used in the site development.
2. Containers shall be consolidated to minimize the number of collection sites, and located so as to reasonably equalize the distance from the building they serve.
3. Containers and enclosures shall be located away from public view insofar as possible.
4. Containers and enclosures shall be situated so that they do not cause excessive nuisance or offense to occupants of nearby buildings.
5. Concrete pads of appropriate size and construction shall be provided for containers or groups of containers having a capacity of six 30-gallon cans or more. Aprons shall be provided for loading of bins with a capacity of 1.5 cubic yards or more.
6. For storage of recyclable materials, the enclosure area and pad size shall be increased to amply accommodate the extra materials and their containers.
7. Screening and gates shall be of a durable construction;.

K. Performance Guarantee Required: A performance guarantee as used herein shall mean a cash deposit, certified check, irrevocable bank letter of credit or corporate surety bond in the amount of the estimated cost of the improvements to be made as determined by the applicant and verified by the Township and deposited with the Township Clerk until such time as the required landscaping, greenbelts, buffers or screening shall be installed and/or planted. The required landscaping, greenbelts, buffers or screening shall be installed and/or planted within the time required or the Township Board shall be authorized to use said funds to install the required landscaping, greenbelts, buffers or screening.

In all cases, however, the Township Board shall be authorized to withhold ten (10) percent of the security deposit for a period of three (3) years from the date of issuance of the certificate of occupancy, to insure that dead or dying nursery stock shall be replaced and that the opacity requirements for landscape screening are met. Excess funds, if any, shall be returned to the depositor upon completion of the three (3) year period. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the required landscaping, greenbelts, buffers or screening for their original purpose.

4. Add the following new section to Article V, Supplementary District Regulations:

Section 5.20 Self Storage Facilities

A. Requirements and Conditions. Self Storage Facilities are permitted as a special use in the C-2 and C-3 Districts, and shall be subject to the following requirements and conditions of this section.

1. No activity other than the rental of storage units and the rental of outside storage space for recreational vehicles, boats and watercraft shall be allowed. No commercial, wholesale, retail, industrial or other business use on, or operated from, the facility shall be allowed.
2. Only the sale of incidental supplies and similar material related to the self storage business shall be allowed from the facilities office.
3. The storage of any toxic, explosive, corrosive, flammable or hazardous material is prohibited inside the storage units. Fuel stored in motor vehicle tanks of cars, boats or other motorized devices may be subject to separate regulation by the proprietor.
4. All batteries shall be disconnected from motor vehicles, boats, lawn mowers or similar property to be stored inside a storage unit.
5. Other than the storage of recreational vehicles, boats and watercraft, all storage shall be contained within a building. All recreational vehicle storage shall be screened from the view of neighboring properties and public roads in accordance with Section 5.06, Landscaping, Greenbelts, Buffers and Screening.
6. The exterior design of the storage units is subject to Planning Commission review and approval, and must be compatible with adjacent properties and the rural character of Lima Township. When a building is adjacent to a zoning district that permits a residential use, or the adjacent property is currently in residential use, the Planning Commission may consider the use of a building material that is aesthetically compatible.
7. All storage units must be accessible by safe circular drives clearly marked to distinguish direction (if one-way) and separate from parking lanes. Parking lanes a minimum of 10 feet wide shall be provided for loading and unloading adjacent to all storage units. A combination parking lane-driveways must meet the following minimum standards:
   a. When storage units open onto one side only - 26 feet wide for one-way traffic and 30 feet for two-way traffic.
   b. When storage units open onto both sides - 36 feet wide for one-way traffic and 40-feet for two-way traffic.
8. A residence for a caretaker or watchman is permissible and is subject to reasonable conditions that may be imposed by the Planning Commission as well as the following:
   a. The caretaker or watchman's residence must have at least the minimum square footage of living space to meet the zoning ordinance's requirements for a single family residence, not including the office space for the self storage facility.
   b. Exterior design of the caretaker or watchman's residence is subject to the review and approval of the Planning Commission.
   c. The caretaker or watchman's residence is subject to all area and setback requirements of the district that it is located in.
   d. The maximum height of the caretaker or watchman's residence shall meet the zoning ordinance's requirements for a single family residence.
8. Parking Requirements.
   a. One (1) space for every 150 self storage units with a minimum of three spaces to be provided adjacent to the office.

B. Waiver: Where the Planning Commission determines that compliance with all of the above standards of Section 5.20 is unreasonable, the standards shall be applied to the maximum extent possible. In such situation, suitable alternatives which substantially achieve the purpose of this Section may be accepted by the Planning Commission, provided that the applicant demonstrates that one of the following apply:

1. That architectural and/of structural integrity and quality are not undermined.
2. That any deviations from the standards in Section 5.20 will still provide for a harmonious development and serve to minimize any possible impacts to adjacent properties and residences.

The effective date of the amendment is 30 days from date of this publication.

LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

Christmas trees tradition dates back many years



CHARLENE HARRIS
MASTER GARDENER

GARDENS & NATURE

Each December we cut a Christmas tree on property owned by friends. The property was named The Habitat a few years ago and is part of a local lakeshore.

In early December, we cut a tree for Christmas and the following May we plant a few dozen small trees. We try to select our tree from an area where thinning one out will allow others to grow.

Although finding a tree is the primary task, the day's festivities include wreath making, chatting with old friends and eating. The camaraderie of the event is part of the tradition, and for us it signals the beginning of the holiday season.

A shed on the site houses tables covered with food. The invited guests bring hot chili, casseroles, salads, cookies, pies, and cakes. Hamburgers and polish sausages provided by the host will sizzle on the grill all day.

Folks gather around the bonfire to warm their hands and feet or chat with friends they have made at the gatherings over the years. Nearby a group discusses how the wreath making apparatus works.

The children really enjoy this event, and stand in line with arms filled with tree branches. They collect the extra branches cut from around the base of the Christmas trees.

At 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., a large farm bell is rung to call the group together. Those on hand, gather for a group photo, which is used on the following year's invitation.

Offerings of carrots, apples, seed and suet for the birds and wildlife adorn one large conifer and the bluebird nest boxes are cleaned for next spring's arrivals. The tradition includes a day of festivities and celebration in spring. Those who cut trees the previous winter replant trees the following May.

For nearly 200 years, Christmas trees have been part of the traditional American celebration. Although the Christmas tree tradition in American dates to the early 1800s and is credited to German settlers, homes in Germany and France were decorated with evergreens for Christmas since the 1600s.

Fruit, candies, cookies, nuts, and lighted candles were used as early tree decorations. Garlands of paper roses and gold foil were strung around the tree and hung from doorways. Eggshells with intricate paintings were some of the most treasured decorations, and were passed down through families for generations.

Early Romans decorated their homes in winter with greenery of various types to celebrate holidays honoring their gods. The greenery was believed to shelter the deities who brought with them powers of rejuvenation and longevity.

Fragrant spicy laurel leaves were a particular favorite. In the warm climate of the Mediterranean, the laurel tree grew to 50-feet tall.

To the Romans, holly had protective powers and ivy was an ancient symbol of love. In Middle Age England, ivy and holly were intertwined together. Holly represented the male and ivy the female.

Kissing under mistletoe can be traced to Frigga, the Norse goddess of love in Scandinavian mythology. An arrow made of mistletoe killed her son, Balder. As Frigga's tears fell onto the mistletoe they turned to white berries.

After three days his mother, Frigga, restored Balder's life. Overcome with joy, Frigga began kissing everyone under the tree where the mistletoe grew, and she declared that mistletoe would be a source of love and never again bring death. Those who stood under mistletoe would be protected from harm, and as a token of love receive a kiss.

Because mistletoe, a parasitic plant, grows by twining around other plants and has no roots in the ground, the Druid priests of ancient Britain concluded it must be sacred. In late December, during the celebration of the winter solstice, the Druid high priests would climb the oak trees and cut out the mistletoe.

The crowds gathered beneath the trees, spread their robes and caught the mistletoe. Catching the mistletoe brought fertility to animals. Dropping it brought bad luck.

In the Celtic language mistletoe means "all-heal." The Celtic people believed it brought good luck to those who possessed it. It was credited with numerous powers befitting the times. Animals and humans were thought to be made fertile, it cured illness and diseases, was an antidote for poisons, and protected one from witchcraft and kept homes free of ghosts.

In 18th century England, mistletoe was thought to have magical powers when decorated with ornaments, ribbons and evergreens, and hung as a kissing ball. Young women who stood under a kissing ball could not refuse a kiss. The kiss could be one of love or friendship. Young women who did not receive a kiss would go unwed for the following year.

In the 19th century Victorian era, it became customary to honor the dead at Christmastime. Large wreaths and crosses were placed at the gravesite, and later removed and brought home by the family.

The use of evergreen trees as decoration has it roots in many cultures. The freshness and fragrance of evergreens is a symbol of celebration, vitality, and life in the home.

Charlene Harris is a Master Gardener and member of the Chelsea Garden Club.

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VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Chelsea Village offices will be closed Friday, December 22nd through Monday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, December 26th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Chelsea Solid Waste Facility (Landfill) will be closed Friday through Monday, December 22-25. The Solid Waste Facility will be open Tuesday, December 26th from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.

Curbside Garbage Pick-up will take place as usual on Tuesday, December 26th.

Village Administration

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by **DON COLE** of **111 S. EAST STREET,** for a variance from the requirements of Section 4.05C26 of Ordinance No. 79 (Zoning Ordinance), to **ALLOW FOR A REDUCTION OF THE SIDEYARD SETBACK FROM 5 FEET TO ONE (1) FOOT TO PUT AN ADDITION BETWEEN AN EXISTING HOUSE AND GARAGE, BOTH OF WHICH CURRENTLY ONLY HAVE A ONE FOOT SETBACK.**

The property is described as follows:

TAX CODE: #06-12-186-011
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Pursuant to the procedure for a variance request: A Notice of Hearing shall be given and will be served personally or by mail at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such hearing, upon the party or parties making the request for appeal, and all owners of record of property and occupants of property located within three-hundred (300) feet of such premises in question.

You are herein notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, December 20, 2000,** at 5:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Chelsea Village Offices, located in the Chelsea Bank Building, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 (lower level conference room), to consider objections to said request.

The petition is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
DONALD T. OSBORNE, CHAIRMAN

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS ICE AND SNOW REMOVAL

Ice and Snow Removal is the duty of the property owner or occupant of every parcel of real estate which adjoins a public right-of-way upon which there has been constructed a public sidewalk, within 48 hours after the accumulation of such snow or ice. Ordinance No. 94 (effective 6/21/85).

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING — DECEMBER 5, 2000

The regular board meeting of the Sylvan Township Board was held December 5, 2000 at 7 P.M. in the Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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

Also present: Paul Kalmbach, Bob Shepherd, David Brooks, Scott Cooper, Kurt Koseck, Jerry Dresselhouse, Rene Papo, John Langs, Bill Fahey and Joe Hotz.

Minutes were approved as presented.

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

Public participation: David Brooks stated once again that "the Township Board is an obnoxious government", therefore, Brooks is starting a Study Committee to change the nature of government.

Kurt Koseck requested the Zoning Inspector to tag an abandoned truck in the Cavanaugh Lake area.

Zoning Inspector Burgess reported 4 permits issued in November.

There were no other reports.

Motion by Heller, seconded by Grau to appoint Reuben Lesser as delegate to the CAFA and Jerry Dresselhouse as alternate. Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Heller to appoint Bob Lange to the Board of Review for a two-year term to replace Charles Burgess. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Lesser to assign additional duties to the Independent Contractor. These duties are follow-up work on the Telecommunications Permit Applications already on file and two new ordinances. Carried.

7:15 P.M. the Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Petition and Project for Water District No. 1 was called to order and Attorney Bill Fahey explained what the board had in front of them for this hearing. Comments were then opened to the public. Brooks, Kosack and Cooper all expressed concerns which were addressed by Attorney Fahey. Public comment was closed at 7:35 P.M.

Motion by Heller, seconded by Koch to adopt Sylvan Township Water District No. 1 Resolution No. 2 which included setting the second hearing date to the January 2, 2001 regular board meeting which will hear objections to the proposed special assessment roll. Roll call vote, 4 ayes and 1 abstaining. Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to approve Supervisor Burgess to attend MTA Annual Conference for one-day. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Koch to appoint Bob Lange as the Zoning Enforcement Officer effective January 1, 2001, to replace Charles Burgess. Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Heller to appoint Tom Bareis as the Planning Commission representative on ZBA to replace Bob Lange. Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Heller to adjourn.

LuAnn S. Koch
Sylvan Township Clerk

DEXTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUES., NOVEMBER 21, 2000, 7:30 P.M.

Present: Robert Tetens, Supervisor; Harley Rider, Clerk; Julie Knight, Treasurer; Libby Brushaber, Trustee, Michael Howard, Trustee

Location: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Tetens at 7:34 P.M.

The Board approved the agenda.

The Board approved the minutes of the October 17th Regular Board Meeting.

The Board approved the minutes of the October 31st Special Board Meeting.

Public comment on non-agenda items - None.

Sheriff's report was presented by Sgt. Troy Bevier.

Letter submitted by Barry Lonik supporting PDR applications.

Supervisor Tetens said 1,028 acres of land would be preserved if applications approved.

The Board approved applications to the State of Michigan Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program for Norwin Lesser (453.2 acres in sections 28, 29 & 32); for Jim Poulter (260.89 acres in sections 20, 21, 28 & 29); for Violet Ruhlig (96 acres in section 27); for Grover Colby (217.5 acres in sections 27 & 28).

The Board approved a variance to the Private Road Ordinance to allow a third residence to use the existing private road owned by Tim Klink.

The Board approved the purchase of a new computer and label printer, for a cost not to exceed $2,800.

Supervisor Tetens agreed to replace Bill Eisenbeiser on the Chelsea Fire Board, and appointed Rider to replace Bill on the Dexter Fire Board.

The Board approved the 2001 contract with the Washtenaw County Sheriff in the amount of $38,437.50 plus $.33 per mile.

The Board approved an additional ten hours of computer support with BPI Information Systems for a total of $1,250.00.

The Board approved the addition of Sharon Township to the Chelsea Area Construction Agency.

The Board approved construction of a third residence on Orchard Ridge private road.

Trustee Howard agreed to oversee the Township Hall addition project.

The Board approved an amendment to the personnel policy covering use of Township equipment.

Clerk Rider advised that the request by Guenther Building Company for extension of the Multi Lakes Sewer to 111 acres on N. Territorial Rd. has been withdrawn.

Supervisor Tetens advised the Board of the status of the Stofer/Forest Ct. leaf burning issue.

Clerk Rider advised the Board of the recent area Police Services meeting. Next meeting December 7th at the Lima Township Hall.

Supervisor Tetens advised the Board of the recent Chelsea Area Planning Team meeting. Next meeting December 6th at 7 P.M.

Treasurer Knight submitted the Fund Report for the month of October.

Treasurer Knight advised that the tax roll has been finalized at $6,586,885.77.

Treasurer Knight advised that she had received a request from Data Trace Company to purchase Township property tax information on a monthly basis.

The Board approved a resolution authorizing an Installment Purchase Agreement with Bank One in the amount of $300,000.00, payable over five years, for construction of the addition to the Township Hall.

Clerk Rider advised the Board that he will conduct all Clerk business from the Township Hall, rather than from home and will generally keep office hours on Monday and Friday mornings.

The Board authorized Rider and Howard to attend MTA New Officer seminars.

Trustee Brushaber advised the Board that the Planning Commission will be discussing the proposed gas station at the next meeting, November 28th.

Supervisor Tetens advised the Board that the ZBA meeting scheduled on November 14th did not have a quorum and was rescheduled for the morning of November 16th. Three appeals were heard and granted.

Supervisor Tetens presented the monthly report of the Chelsea Area Construction Agency.

Trustee Brushaber advised the Board that the next meeting of the Chelsea Fire Board was scheduled for December 14th.

Clerk Rider presented the October Ordinance report.

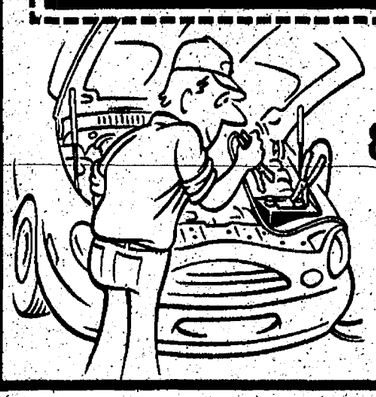
The Board approved payment of the bills in the amount of $49,394.74.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

The Board adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Harley B. Rider, Clerk
Dexter Township

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LIMA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING — DECEMBER 4, 2000

The regular meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on December 4, 2000, and opened with the Pledge to the Flag. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees McKenzie and Laier. Also present Zoning Inspector Charles Schauer and several residents and guests.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Havens to approve the minutes of November 6, 2000. Carried.

The treasurers report was received.

Zoning Inspector reported one permit issued and two new addresses.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to support the Dexter Historical Society in their efforts to place a Historic District Designation on Gordon Hall presently a & of M property. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier that Lima Township accept the withdrawal of McLeod USA application for a telecommunications line through Lima Township, per their letter dated November 9, 2000. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to approve application 00-01 Application for Farmland Agreement Act 116 of the Public Acts of 1974, at the request of Robert and Else Heller, to comply with PDR requirements and forward to the Washtenaw County Planning Commission and Soil Conservation District for their review. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier that Lima Township hereby acknowledges and accepts the addition of Sharon Township to the Chelsea Area Construction Agency. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by McKenzie to approve the text amendment from Kraus/Milan dated October 18, 2000, application number 00-006, Self Storage Facility, Article II, Section 2.02, Article IV, Section 4.03, Article V, Section 5.06, Article V, Section 5.20 replacement and revision. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to accept the Supervisors proposed fee schedule for township hall rentals and maintenance charges and rescind previous motion for food and drink in the township hall and increase the damage deposit to $300.00. Carried.

Motion by Laier, supported by McKenzie to accept the appointment of Terry Wesner to the Lima Township Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to approve the Supervisors attendance at a week long MTA Educational Conference for an amount not to exceed $800.00. Carried.

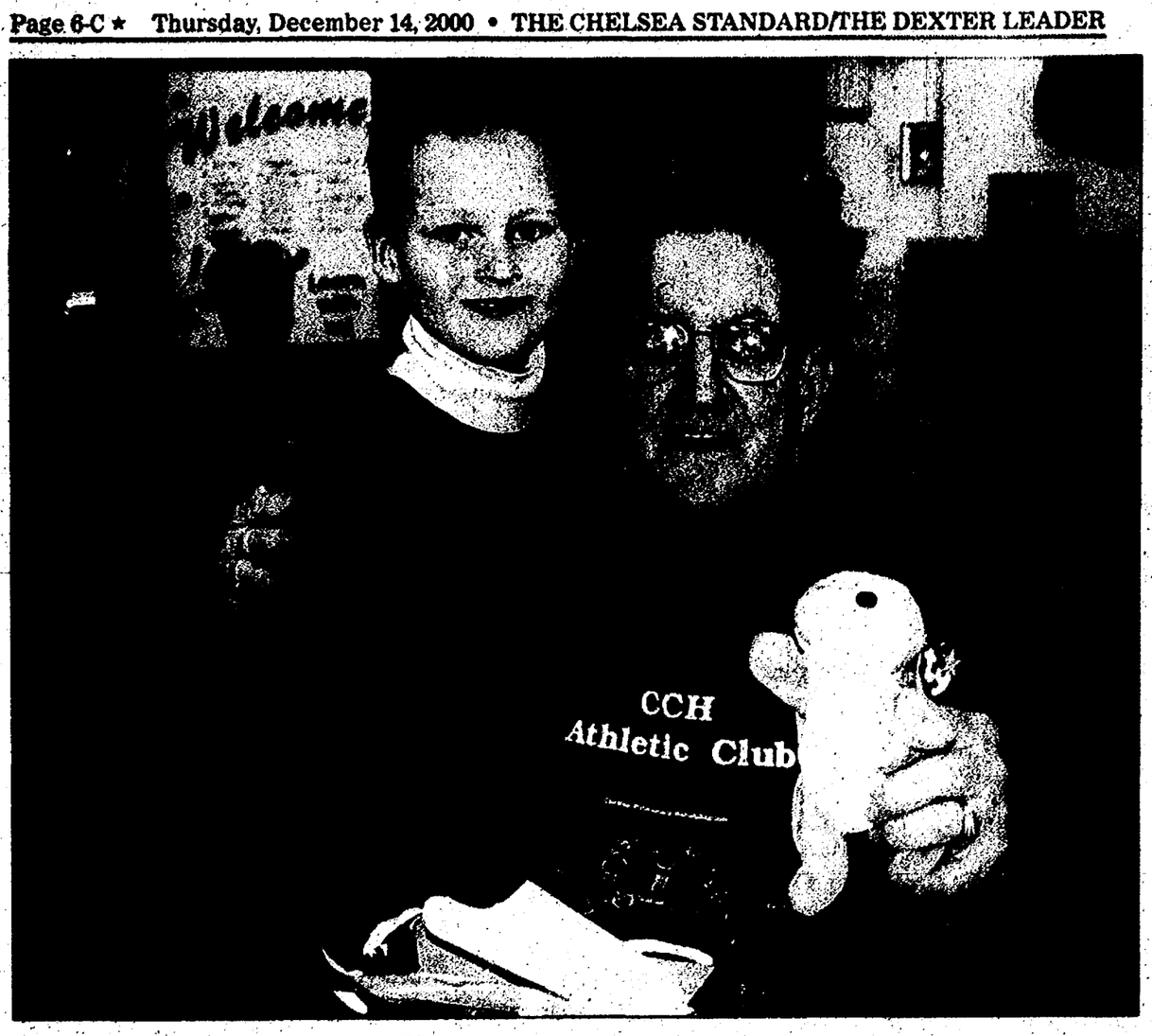
Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to fund up to two other board members to attend the MTA Educational Conference for one day for an amount not to exceed $150.00 each. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie, supported by Laier to pay bills as presented. Carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Bareis to adjourn at 9:40 P.M. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

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Holiday Celebrations

Residents of Silver Maples visited South Meadows Elementary School to do holiday crafts with Nancy McKinnon's third-grade class. Matthew Golden (left) made friends with Earl Klemer.

Builders inducted into HBA Hall of Fame

The Home Builders' Association of Washtenaw County named two new inductees into the HBA's Hall of Fame at a general membership meeting Nov. 1.

Henry S. Landau of H.S. Landau has been a member of the HBA for more than 20 years and served as one of the early advocates for the Ann Arbor Student Building Program. He has been extremely active with Washtenaw Community College.

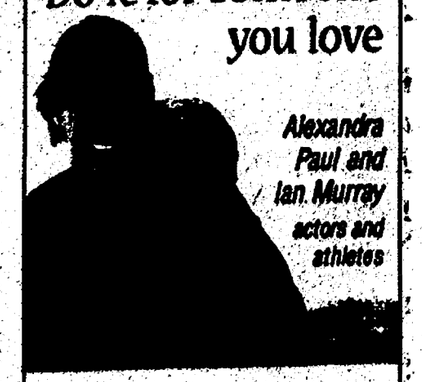
Landau has served in many local, state and national leadership roles in the building industry, including president of the Washtenaw County HBA and president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

Harry Durbin of Durbin Land Company, a member of the HBA for more than two decades, has been an active leader in Washtenaw County building industry and was the founder of the HBA's annual Showcase of Homes in 1985.

Durbin previously served as president of the Washtenaw County HBA and as president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

Landau and Durbin join Harry Dion Sr. in the HBA Hall of Fame.

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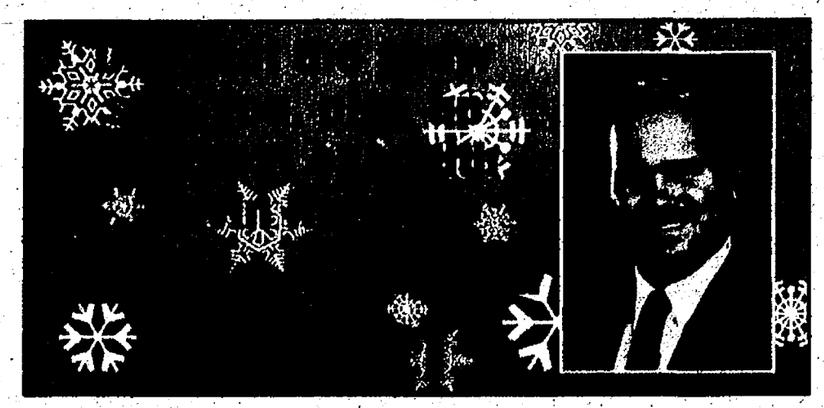
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Homes, streets and shopping malls soon will be decorated with the colorful lights of the holiday season. What is important is that those lights, both interior and exterior, be safety-checked prior to installation.

Claudia Gabay, Detroit Edison's corporate lighting consultant, said when decorating with seasonal lighting, safety should be a priority.

"The hustle and bustle of the holiday season shouldn't prevent people from checking their decorative lights and other trimmings for safety hazards," Gabay said. "Just because your lights worked effectively last year doesn't mean that everything will be OK this year. A few minutes spent checking cords for potential hazards can possibly prevent a fire or worse."

Nearly every year, tragedy strikes during the holiday season because of house fires that start because of faulty or damaged electrical cords and improper use of electrical outlets and electrical decorations.

Lights should be thrown away if they have frayed wires, damaged sockets and cracked or missing insulation. To reduce the possibility of electrical shock or fires, check for an Underwriters Laboratory label before stringing lights and installing decorations.

Gabay warned that some light sets and other decorations may be stamped with fake UL labels and not designed properly for safe operation. If you are suspicious about a low price on light sets, she said, compare the UL label with another on a name brand set.

Home decorators also should make sure lights are used as the manufacturers intended them to be. For example, indoor lights for indoor use only because they can be affected by moisture; outdoor lights should be used outdoors because the burn hotter.

Gabay noted that homeowners can use a simple "touch test" to determine if a light set is potentially dangerous.

"If indoor lights are hot to the touch, I wouldn't use them," she said.

After safety checks are completed, you can decorate your home knowing that seasonal lighting is an inexpensive way to put a sparkle on the holidays.

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Area student earns Eagle Scout award

■ *Local teen-ager cleans up township hall to earn Eagle award.*

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

Gregory Brand has been prepared since the age of 6.

Brand began as a Tiger Scout and was just recently awarded his Eagle award from Boy Scout Troop 477.

Through the years, Brand, a 2000 Dexter High School graduate, worked through the ranks to obtain the Eagle award. To become an Eagle Scout, a boy has to go through seven ranks, which include Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class Scouts, Star and Life Scout and finally Eagle Scout.

Passing through the ranks requires learning some of the basic Scouting abilities, for instance, learning to tie various knots, identify various plants and animals, and learning first aid.

Brand became proficient in these areas and earned his merit badges as a star and life scout. He earned these badges after several hours of community service. He helped park cars and helped set up the Webster Fall Festival.

After completing these final steps, Brand went on to earn his merit badges for his Eagle award. To become an Eagle Scout, a boy must earn many more badges, be one of the main boy leaders in the troop, and plan and lead a major service project.

Brand's service project involved the renovation of the exterior of the old Webster Township Hall.

After getting permission and funding from the Webster Historical Society, Brand proceeded to powerwash and scrape all the paint, grime, and dust off the building.

Brand said that he then checked the building for any repairs needed, and patched holes, nailed loose boards, and caulked around the windows and boards that needed it.

With all of this completed, he then primed and painted the entire building.

He said that he feels happy that he can give back to the community, and that the Scouts showed him the way.

"Other Scout leaders and my parents were the biggest contributors to my success in the Scouts," he said.

Brand said that he would have been as adventurous as a kid if it wasn't for his experiences in the Scouts.

Several years ago, he went on a long backpacking trip through the mountains of New Mexico at Philmount Scout Ranch. He also took a week-and-half-long canoe trip down the Spanish River in Canada.

Brand's younger brother, Matt, 11, recently became a Boy Scout. Brand said that he hopes he can become a positive influence on his brother while he's in the Scouts so he can enjoy some of the same experiences. He hopes that Matt someday can earn an Eagle award.

Brand is finishing his first semester at the University of Michigan, where he is enrolled in the College of Engineering.

The teen said that he hopes to further his German studies by traveling to Germany to intern at a German company that specializes in either computer or mechanical engineering.

Staff Writer Will Keeler can be reached by telephone at 475-1371 or through e-mail at wkeeler@heritage.com.



Dexter's Gregory Brand was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. Brand completed the necessary Eagle project in the spring. He restored the outside of the old Webster Township Hall that was built in 1861.

All star trooper

Local teen cheers with other national finalists

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

When the birds start singing in the morning, Heather Duncan sings along.

By the time the sun rises, she has already started her day.

On most mornings, the teen arrives at Dexter High School by 7 to catch up on some calculus problems or fiddle with a few musical notes for her band class.

Her time is divided among ballet practice, work and other extracurricular activities.

But during these chilly December days, Duncan spends her afternoons warming up with her pompom squad.

Although she gets an early start on her day, Duncan is far from calling it quits when school is over.

By 3 p.m., you can find her and the rest of the pompom squad outside the gym stretching and warming up for practice. The group practices every weekday after school for two hours.

Duncan has been a member since she was a freshman.

The girls cheer at basketball games and other winter sporting events.

Duncan is a standout in a squad of more than 20 girls. She is the only one to qualify for the second year as a member of the Mid-America Pompom AllStars team.

Duncan says that she was interested in joining the squad after going to summer pompom camp several years ago.

"The girls who run the camp really encourage everyone to join a squad," she says.

Girls are eligible for the AllStars team when they are sophomores in high school.

Duncan did not qualify her sophomore year, but was pleased when she was chosen for the first time last year.

"It's hard, and it's a lot of work, but it's worth it," she says.

The AllStar team is made up of 175 girls representing five states. To qualify for the team, judges look at performance, execution, attitude and, of course, a wonderful smile.

"Taking ballet has definitely helped me with my (pompom) routines," Duncan says. "It's helped bring about some ideas for different routines."

Duncan has been taking Russian classical ballet classes at the CAS Ballet Theater in Ann Arbor.

The teen says that ballet helps keep her limber.

The AllStars recently marched in the Detroit Thanksgiving Parade, which was televised on WDIV Channel 4.

The team hopes to be selected to march in the Inaugral Parade in January, and perform at a Detroit Pistons basketball game in February.

Aside from her pompom activities, Duncan is involved in the National Honor Society, Student Council, forensics, roller hockey and Writer's Block. Writer's Block is a student writing organization that was just formed this year. The organization holds different literary competitions throughout the year.

Duncan says she finds time in the late evening to catch up on her homework, but she works her studies around a part-time job Best Buy in Ann Arbor.

"It doesn't give me that much money, but it helps pay for my ballet," she says.

After finishing a busy semester of college-prep classes, Duncan plans to split her school days next semester between Dexter High School and Washtenaw Community College.

Duncan says that she wants to get a head start on college, where she will eventually pursue a degree, either in theater or dance. She is looking at attending either Grand Valley State University or Alma College.

From trying out to the general hustle and bustle of the day, Duncan says, it's all about smiling.

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Dexter High School senior Heather Duncan recently qualified for the Mid-America Pompom AllStars. Duncan, the only student to qualify locally, hopes her and other AllStars will march in the Inaugural Parade in January.

Briggs graduates from training

Ryan Briggs has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Camp Challenge at Fort Knox in Kentucky.

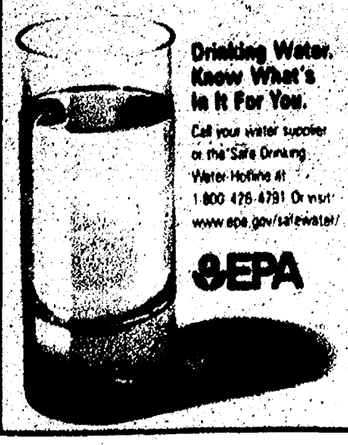
Camp Challenge is a five-week camp designed to qualify college students who have not taken ROTC courses on campus to enter the Advanced Senior ROTC program.

The objectives of the camp are to develop well-disciplined, highly motivated, physically conditioned students, and help improve the cadets' self-confidence, initiative and leadership potential. The cadets receive training in fundamental military skills, basic rifle marksmanship, drill and ceremonies, small arms tactics and communications.

The cadet, a 1998 graduate of Dexter High School, is a student at Western Michigan University. He is the son of Gregory and Theresa Briggs of Dexter.

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Pupils at Lambs of Our Savior Christian Preschool learned about fire safety during a visit from firefighter Lynn Higlemire and her two Dalmatians, Aerial and Apparatus. In the front row are Mack Sullivan (left), Grant Ortbring, Bailey Verardi, Christian Clippert, Tracy Koenn, Alexandra Engler, Katheryn Haroney, Sasha White, Karli Williams and Elizabeth Mawhinney. Shown in the second row are Hannah Kim (left), Brian Wellman, Michael Beneteau, Teddy Darr, firefighter Lynn Higelmire and Molly Turner. Standing in the third row are teaching assistant Laura Drake (left), Kerri Benjamin, Noah Kranz, director Laura Murphy and Nicole Herman.

Preschoolers learn fire safety from office

Each fall, pupils at Lambs of Our Savior Christian Preschool learn about fire safety.

On Oct. 9, firefighter Lynn Higlemire visited with her two canine assistants, Aerial and Apparatus.

Higlemire explained and demonstrated the protective clothing and equipment used by firefighters.

"In the event of a fire, a child needs to recognize what firefighters looks like when they enter a smoke filled home," Higlemire said.

"Children can be frightened by someone who looks rather like Darth Vader and may hide from a firefighter who is trying to help them."

Higlemire allowed pupils to try on the heavy clothing, a big hit with the youngsters who love to dress up.

The visit included a demonstration by the fire department mascots, Dalmatians Aerial and Apparatus.

The two dogs demonstrated crawling along the ground in a smoke-filled room and how to stop, drop and roll if clothing catches fire.

The dogs enjoyed attention from the pupils, who were familiar with the spotted breed from the movie "101 Dalmatians."

"Fire safety is one of the most important study units taught during the school year," preschool director Laura Murphy said.

"If a child is in a house fire or their clothing catches fire, they need to know exactly what to do. Teaching a 3- or 4-year-old child how to react to a fire emergency can save their life or the life of a family member or friend."

Michigan fruit free of virus

Michigan Department of Agriculture Director Dan Wyant recently announced that all samples of Michigan fruit and nursery stock have tested negative for plum pox virus.

MDA collected and tested nearly 11,200 leaf samples from 34,600 peach, plum, nectarine, apricot and cherry trees for the disease.

Plum pox, also known as "sharka," is one of the most destructive viral diseases of stone fruits, including plums, peaches, nectarines and apricots. Cherries are resistant to this particular strain of the disease.

Until its 1999 discovery in two Pennsylvania peach orchards, plum pox was not known to exist in North America. It has recently been detected in Ontario, Canada.

Plum Pox causes serious damage by making fruit deformed and unmarketable. It is spread by aphids and over long distances on budwood and planting stock.

"Thanks to aggressive and thorough testing and the tremendous cooperation from Michigan's fruit and nursery industries, MDA is confident plum pox has not invaded Michigan," Wyant said. "The absence of the disease also means Michigan-grown stone fruit trees will face fewer additional interstate or international movement requirements.

"We will continue our plum pox surveillance and testing in the coming years to ensure that Michigan's stone fruit trees are protected."

The collection of samples was risk and priority based. Propagators of budwood, under a MDA administered virus-free certification program, were tested first, with those not under the certification program next. Importers of peach, plum, nectarine, almond and cherry trees from the infected Pennsylvania county were then tested.

Samples were collected and tested as part of a National Plum Pox Virus Surveillance program, in conjunction with U.S. Department of Agriculture protocol.

Initial staff and funding were provided through a number of sources, including MDA's Pesticide and Plant Pest Management and Laboratory Divisions, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Michigan State University and stone fruit commodity groups.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture is the official state agency charged with serving, promoting and protecting the food, agriculture and agricultural economic interests of people in Michigan. MDA programs serve all sectors of agriculture, which is Michigan's second-largest industry.

FARM FACTS

If you cut your Christmas tree, it's important to take care of it so it lasts until after Christmas. If you have to leave the tree outside for more than six hours, be sure to recut the end. This will allow the tree to absorb water once you have it inside. A tree with a 2-inch diameter trunk will use almost two quarts of water per day — the larger the tree trunk, the more water it needs. Ample water keeps the needles from drying out and dropping off, keeps the branches from drooping and helps keep the tree smelling fragrant. Make sure the tree is away from heating ducts and fireplaces. Not only are these locations fire hazards, but they also cause the tree to dry out more quickly.

The largest giant squid ever recorded was captured in 1878. One of the tentacles measured 35 feet long. It is estimated that the animal weighed approximately 4,000 pounds.

A good portion of the nation's annual cranberry consumption — about 20 percent — takes place during the week of Thanksgiving. Cranberries provide a small amount of vitamin C, but they also contain antioxidants that could help prevent cancer and heart disease. One cup of cranberry juice, however, provides the daily requirement of vitamin C (90 mg), because it takes about 10 pounds of cranberries to make one gallon of juice.

In 1890, an unknown St. Louis physician encouraged the owner of a food products company, George Bayle Jr., to process and package ground peanut paste as a nutritious protein substitute for people with poor teeth who couldn't chew meat. The physician apparently had experimented by grinding peanuts in his hand-cranked meat grinder. Bayle mechanized the process and began selling peanut butter out of barrels for about 6 cents per pound.

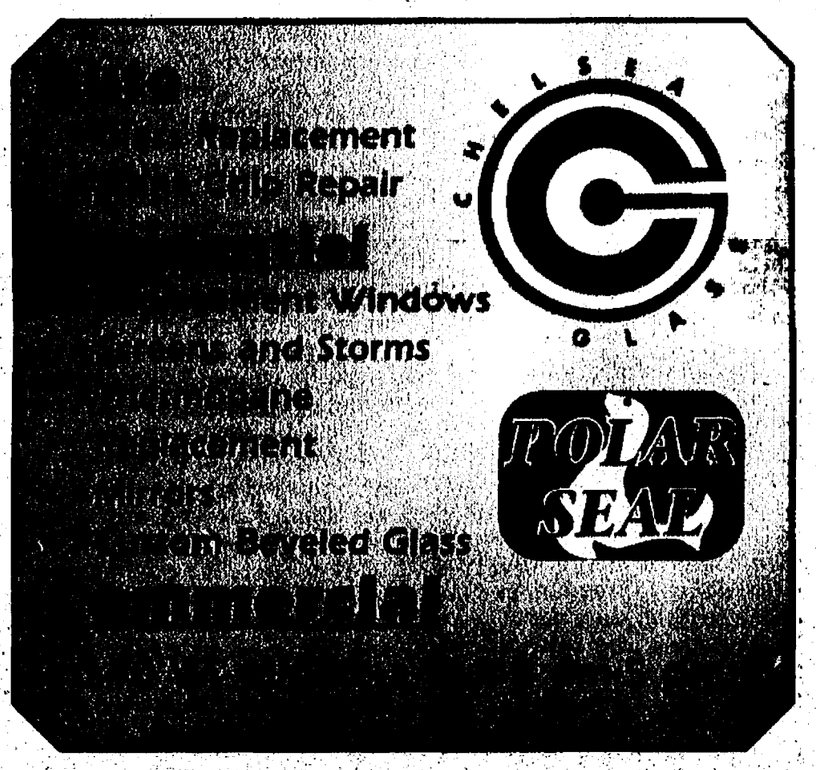
All-day grazing is replacing the more traditional mealtime structure among Americans. Only 24 percent of Americans eat breakfast, lunch and dinner and nothing else, according to a survey by Roper Starch Woldwide. Biscotti at bookstores, turkey sandwiches at movie theaters and a slew of snacks available at the office now are commonplace. Our inclination to reach for "grab and go" foods to eat on the way to work, between innings or in front of the computer is behind the trend.

They may be tiny, but blueberries are big on nutrition. Soft, sweet and portable, the blueberry is emerging as nature's No. 1 source of antioxidants, powerful cancer-fighting agents. Worried about becoming forgetful? While it hasn't yet been tested on humans, new research shows that blueberries actually may reverse the loss of short-term memory.

Sometime in the 1930s, a Massachusetts innkeeper ran out of nuts while making cookies. She substituted a bar of baking chocolate, breaking it into pieces and adding the chunks of chocolate to the flour, butter and brown sugar dough. The Toll House Cookie, so named after the inn in which it was served, was a hit. Historians credit the innkeeper, Ruth Wakefield, with inventing what has since become an American classic — the chocolate chip cookie.

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Master gardeners answer questions

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GARDEN CORNER

Outdoor gardening chores may be on hold in the winter, but the questions never stop. Extension specialists at Michigan State University answer timely queries on vegetable gardening, landscape ornamentals, houseplants and related topics.

Q. Could I grow broom corn in my vegetable garden? Would I have to worry about it crossing with sweet corn?

A. You can grow this historic crop in your garden. Because it's actually a type of sorghum rather than corn, you don't have to worry about planting it near sweet corn. It does grow up to 15 feet tall, however, so you might want to place it where it won't shade sun-loving plants.

It does best in soil that's had a couple of inches of organic matter worked into it. Broadcast a complete fertilizer high in phosphorus before planting and sidedress with nitrogen when plants are 8 to 10 inches tall. Plant after the soil has warmed in the spring. Sow seeds three-fourths inch deep 2 to 3 inches apart in rows 3? feet apart in full sun.

The brush, the part of broom corn used for making brooms, is the pedicel, the stem that holds the male flowers. It's harvested when the flowers begin to fall. Cut the stalk about 6 to 8 inches below the bristles. Then process it by scraping to remove seeds and curing it for two to three weeks in a covered, dry area. It usually takes three or more layers of brushes fastened to a handle with tightly wound cord to make a broom.

Q. Which spring bulbs can be brought to flower in water?

A. Forcing in water is easiest with bulbs that don't require a cold treatment to flower. Paperwhite narcissus and the yellow narcissus Grand Soleil d'Or usually give the best results. Both produce clusters of small, fragrant flowers.

Start with a bowl 2 to 3 inches deep. Add marbles, aquarium gravel, pea gravel or other coarse material. Place the bulbs in the material so that the top half of the bulb is exposed, and fill with water to a level just below the surface of the material.

Replace water as needed to maintain that level. Place the container in a cool (around 60 degrees F), well-lighted place. It will take from four to eight weeks for flowers to appear.

Q. What's that white crusty stuff that forms on my houseplant pots and soil?

A. The crust is accumulated soluble salts from water and/or mineral salts from fertilizer. They can burn roots or plant parts that rest on a crusty pot rim. It's a good idea to remove this material from pot rims and soil occasionally. Accumulations within the soil can be leached out by repeated watering in a short period to flush the soil.

Obviously, pots must have drainage holes for this to work. At regular watering times, discard water that accumulates in the saucers under pots so it and the salts dissolved in it aren't drawn back up into the soil.

Q. As I'm looking through seed catalogs, every variety seems to sound better than the one before. Is there anything in particular I should look for in the variety descriptions?

A. If you're trying to choose between two comparable varieties and one has better disease resistance, go with that one. Using varieties that have been bred to be less susceptible to common garden diseases reduces the potential for disease problems. Healthier plants usually have fewer insect problems and produce higher yields.

Q. I am tired of spending the winter looking at tropical houseplants with brown leaf tips caused by dry air. So I'm grouping all my tropical plants under lights on trays of moist gravel in a small room with a humidifier. The new problem is the bare spaces where plants used to be. What can I grow that will do better in heated dry air?

A. Try succulents such as aloe, sansevierias, jade plant, various echeverias, living stones (lithops) and ponytail palm. Adapted to dry climates, these plants evolved ways of storing water in their tissues to get them through dry periods. The trick in successfully growing succulents is to be stingy with water and generous with light, especially in winter when temperatures may be on the cool side.

Q. Are there any landscape uses for discarded Christmas trees?

A. You can use branches cut from the tree to cover perennial or bulb beds — they'll help trap an insulating blanket of snow and so prevent alternate freezing and thawing that can push plants right up out of the soil. You can also fasten the tree to a stake on the southwest side of rhododendrons or azaleas or newly planted needled evergreens to protect them against drying sun and wind.

Q. What are the best growing conditions for a Norfolk Island pine?

A. This popular plant is native to Norfolk Island, located in the South Pacific near New Zealand, and it does best with two to three hours of direct sun and cool temperatures (60 to 70 degrees F). Hot, dry air and dry soil will cause the needles to turn brown and fall off, leaving bare stems that will not grow new needles.

Q. What's the purpose of a winter mulch?

A. Winter mulches protect against wide temperature fluctuations in the soil, which can heave plant roots right up out of the soil. A thick mulch can also prevent damage to aboveground plant parts. Avoid piling mulch up around the stems of woody plants, however, because this may provide mice a place to hide while they gnaw on the bark. This can seriously damage or even kill plants. To mulch, apply 2 to 4 inches of bark chips, straw or similar material after the ground is frozen. Before that, plants may not yet be dormant and mulching may smother them or promote disease development.

Q. How do I care for a flowering azalea indoors?

A. Place it where it will get bright, indirect natural light or 12 to 16 hours of light from a fluorescent fixture daily. Average to cool temperatures (50 to 60 degrees F minimum at night) are fine. The soil should be kept moist but not saturated. It needs no fertilizer while it's in flower. If you decide to keep it growing after flowering is finished, apply an acid fertilizer every two to four weeks.

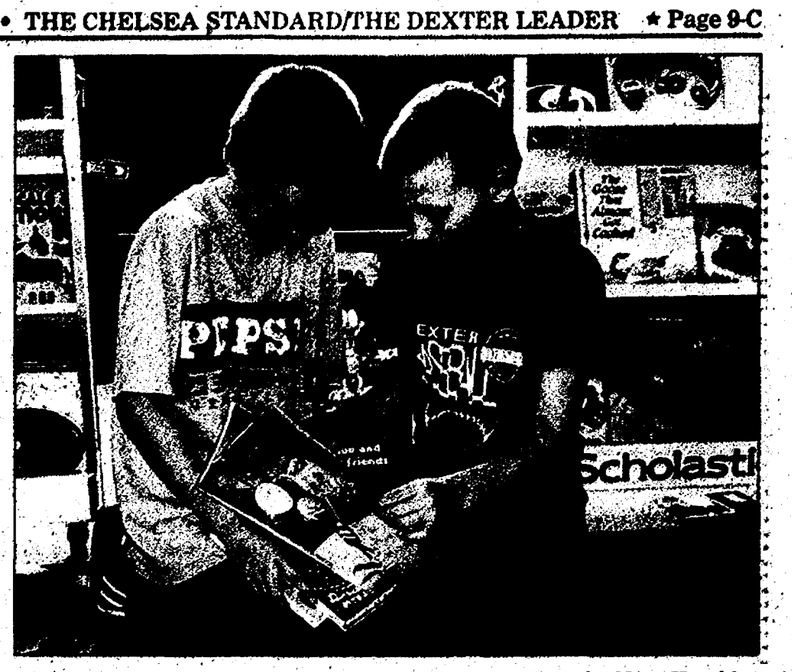


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Book Look

The Dexter PTO sponsored a Book Fair last week at Bates Elementary School. The fair is held annually with proceeds benefiting the school library. Pictured are Mike Kedroske (left) and Nathaniel Singer enjoying a book.

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Safe driving and winter weather can go hand in hand if drivers observe caution as they grapple with winter's tough weather ahead.

The Michigan Department of Transportation and the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning advise motorists to put safety first when traveling Michigan highways this winter.

"Safety continues to be the top priority in our winter maintenance efforts," said State Transportation Director Jim DeSana. "We will be assembling our resources to keep the state's highway system clear of snow and ice in the coming months. We're depending on the motoring public to do its part and assist us in doing ours."

Maintenance crews are prepared for winter's worst. MDOT expects to spend approximately $60 million on winter maintenance this year, more than a quarter of its total maintenance budget. Through direct and contract forces, MDOT can mobilize hundreds of snowplows within minutes of an approaching storm.

"The current warm weather we're having can lull us into complacency," said Office of Highway Safety Planning Director Betty Mercer. "We must remember to use our safe driving habits to keep the state's highways safe and to be prepared for the inevitable blankets of snow and ice we contend with each year."

While MDOT is doing all it can to keep people moving safely this winter, it and Office of Highway Safety Planning remind motorists to:

- Be cautious of bridges because they can be icy when the approaching pavement is clear and dry
- Always wear your safety belt and be sure children are properly buckled up
- Slow down when visibility is low or when road conditions are snowy or icy
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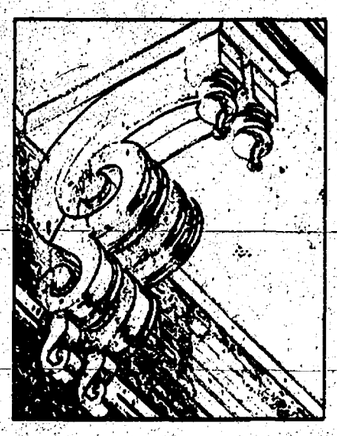
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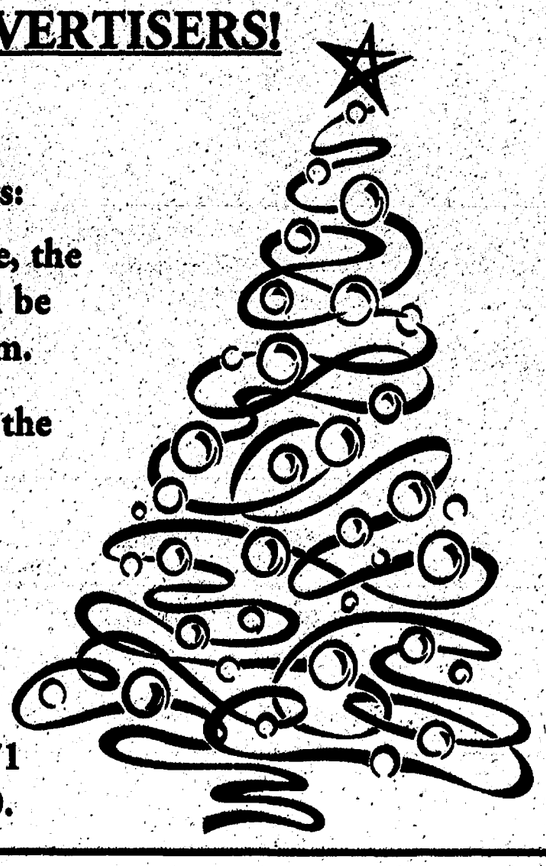
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FAMILY MEDICINE

Question: I've had heartburn trouble for years. I've taken several different medicines, and currently I'm comfortable with Prilosec that I've used for the last two years. I saw my doctor last week, and he wants me to go to a surgeon. He thinks an operation would be better than continuing to take medicine. I haven't made the appointment yet. What do you think about having surgery for heartburn?

Answer: The label "heartburn" covers a wide range of symptoms. Most of us have occasional episodes of heartburn after we overeat or consume foods that don't agree with us. This uncomfortable sensation is actually the result of stomach acid leaking out of the stomach and into the esophagus. If we experience this frequently, we may have what is called reflux esophagitis or gastroesophageal reflux disease.

An episode of heartburn is the result the lower esophageal sphincter — a muscular band around the esophagus just above the stomach — opening at a time other than when you are swallowing food or drink. This can happen when the sphincter relaxes at an inappropriate time or because the pressure within the stomach simply overpowers it. Dietary indiscretions, medicine use, alcohol, anatomical defect such as hiatal hernia, or obesity can all make this scenario more likely.

The consequence of chronic reflux, regardless of the underlying cause, can be significant. The strong stomach acid that causes the heartburn sensation over a period of time damages the lining of the esophagus. This damage can range from mild inflammation to scarring that blocks the esophagus. In some cases it can lead to the development of a precancerous condition that, if left untreated, will lead to esophageal cancer.

Medicines called proton pump inhibitors, including the Prilosec you take, are effective at reducing stomach acid levels and, thereby, reducing the damage it can cause when it backs up into the esophagus. Treatment with one of these medicines is usually sufficiently effective that the esophagus heals.

Diet, weight reduction, elevating the head of the bed and other lifestyle changes are then usually all that is necessary to continue living without the discomfort of frequent heartburn.

Surgery for heartburn typically involves narrowing the opening of the diaphragm through which the esophagus passes. In addition, the junction of the esophagus and stomach is narrowed while simultaneously changing the angle of it.

Surgical treatment for reflux disease is appropriate for those who fail to gain relief with medical treatment. It is also used for those who have significant side effects from medical treatment. An additional group for consideration is those who need continuous use of proton pump inhibitors but otherwise have no discomfort or damage to the esophageal lining. You may fall into this last group.

The surgery for reflux disease is now commonly performed by using high tech laparoscopic methods. This means that the surgeon uses special instruments inserted through several small cuts into the abdomen. This is substantially easier on the patient than the previous surgery that required an incision large enough for the surgeon to get both of his or her hands into the abdomen.

The fundoplication surgery is 95 percent to 97 percent effective at eliminating reflux disease with a similar percent of patient satisfaction at one year.So, I'd suggest you talk to the surgeon. He or she will probably want to do some additional tests such as looking into your esophagus, a procedure called EGD, and also do 24-hour pH monitoring. These tests will determine the effectiveness of your current treatment as well as help predict your risk of future problems.

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



New Gazebo

North Creek Elementary School is sporting a new gazebo, courtesy of proceeds from the "Chelsea Cook's Cookbook" and the North Creek PTO. Shivering in the snow in front of the gazebo are Aimee Mesko (left), Jeffrey Minzey, Isaac Bear, Sarah Wolpoff, Melanie Burchett, Alyssa Potter and Schuyler Adkins, while Peter Beuthin crouches in front.

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2. Hope — a Springer Spaniel. A sweet, spayed female, she was rescued by the pound after being hit by a car. She has since healed. Animal Aid had her spayed. Hope is deaf and does not bark. She is calm and loving, housebroken, and devoted. Because her deafness she will need a fenced yard or frequent leash walks.

CATS

1. Carmel — 2 years old, long hair, orange and white, neutered, male tabby and very friendly.

2. Eliza — 1 ½ year old spayed female, shy, black and white domestic short hair.

3. Jett and Ebony — 2-year-old spayed female sisters. They are all black. They have had a three year rabies shot. Must be adopted together.

4. Jewel — 1 year old spayed female torti, medium length hair.

5. Ling — 10 month old spayed female tabby, very friendly.

6. Mac — 1 year old neutered slate and white male. He is handsome and friendly. He has had all four feet declawed.

7. Minnie Toes — 2-year-old torti calico mix, spayed female with extra toes.

8. Mittens — Neutered male, orange tabby declawed.

9. Muppet — 1 year old black and white spayed female, medium-length hair, very playful and friendly.

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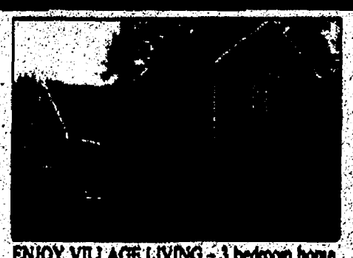
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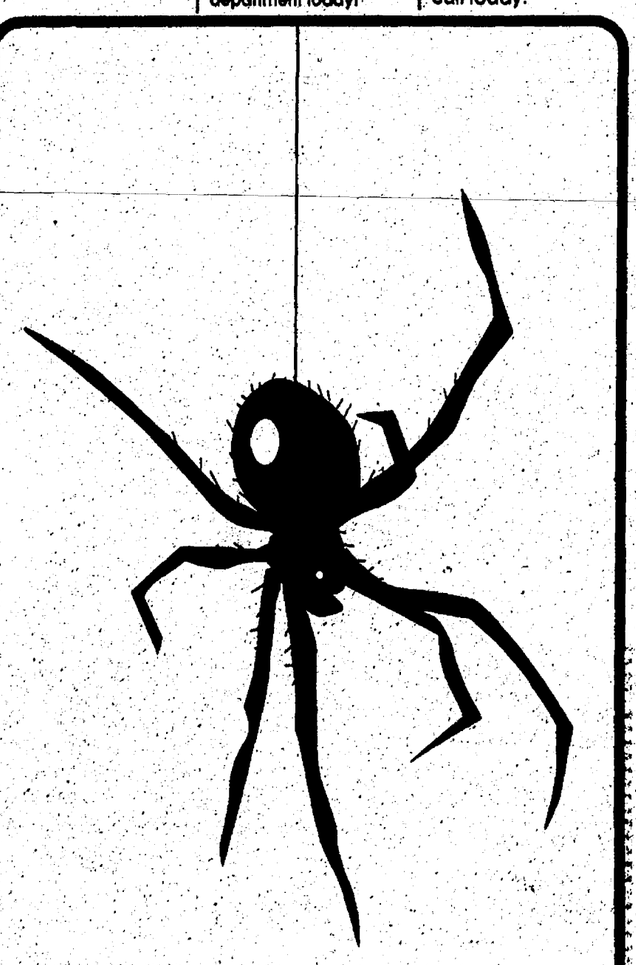
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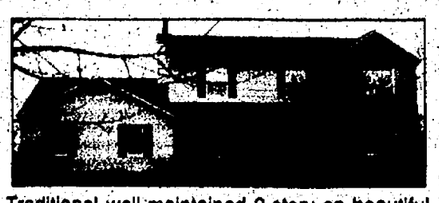
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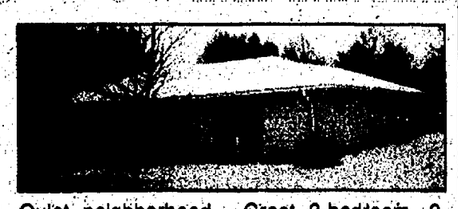
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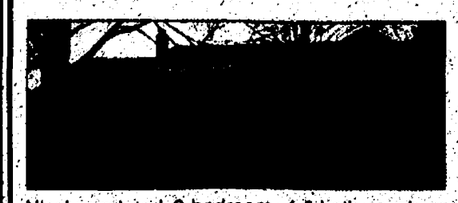
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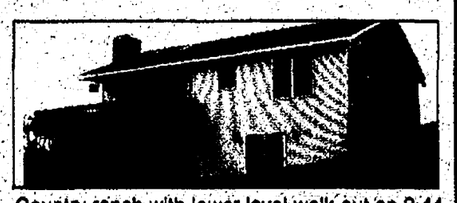
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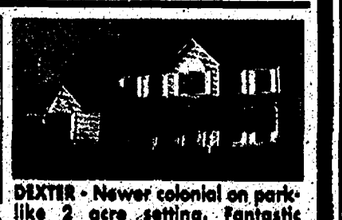
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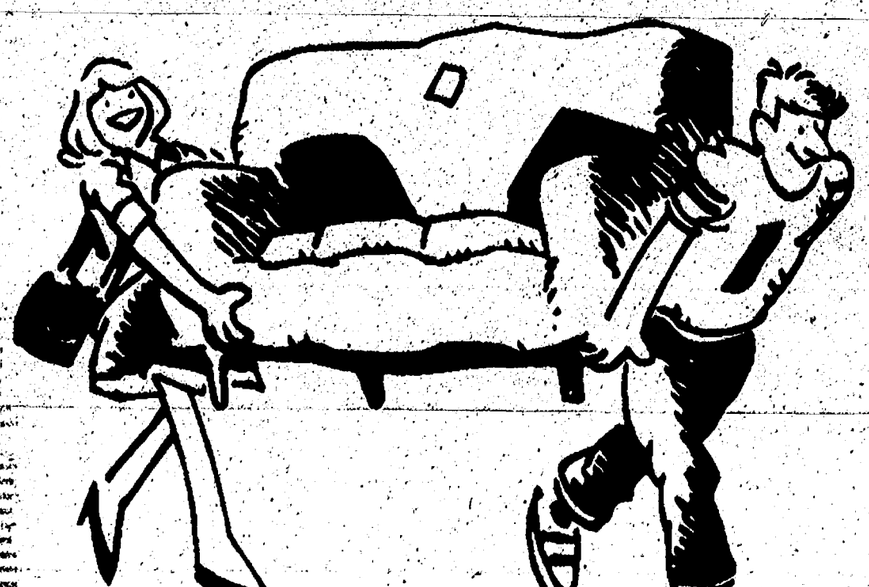
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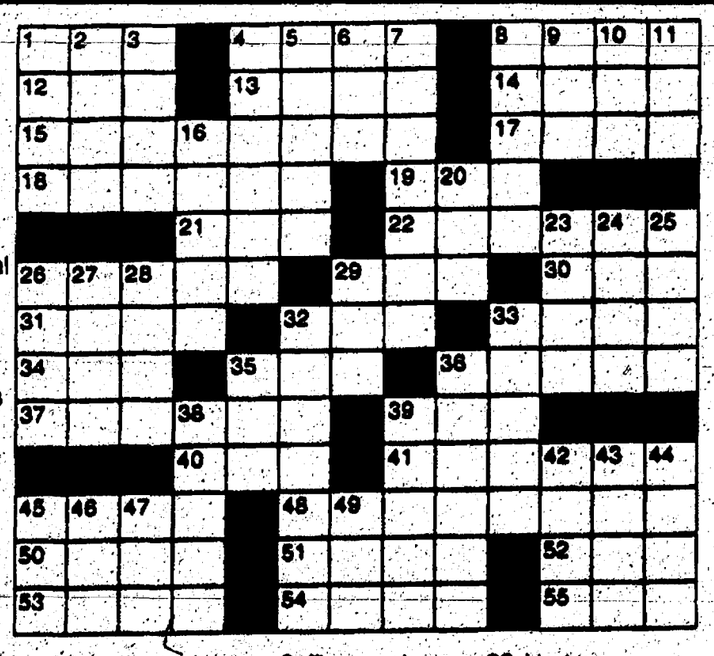
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15 "July's People" author
17 Libretto
18 Sordidness
19 Gorilla
21 Buddhist sect
22 She'll give you a stony look
26 Expectations
29 Bagel enhancer
30 George's brother
31 Saharan
32 It'll get you moving
33 Applaud
34 Born
35 Half a dozen
36 Shucks
37 Gotham City police commissioner
39 Evergreen
40 Give the heave-ho
41 Confidential info
45 Hardly hirsute
48 Not merely pretty
50 In the thick of
51 Narthex neighbor
52 Astaire specialty
53 Unclear
54 "Consarn it all!"
55 __ Khan

DOWN
1 Runs for exercise
2 MP's quarry
3 "__ off to see ..."
4 Game-show loot
5 Oriental noodles
6 Raw rock
7 Ideal
8 Tend the houseplants
9 Thoroughfare (abbr.)
10 "Back to the Future" star
11 Stick with a kick
16 Stunned
20 Plague
23 Breathing organ
24 Examination format
25 Entries on baby's agenda
26 Put up, maybe
27 Sandwich treat
28 Harbor structure
29 Remiss
32 Dressing ingredient
33 Talk a blue streak?
35 Hose
36 Carpentry hardware
38 Pop
39 Earliest
42 Minimal amount
43 Two-way
44 Catch sight of
45 "Humbug!"
46 Doc's org.
47 Violet-eyed actress
49 __Locka, FL

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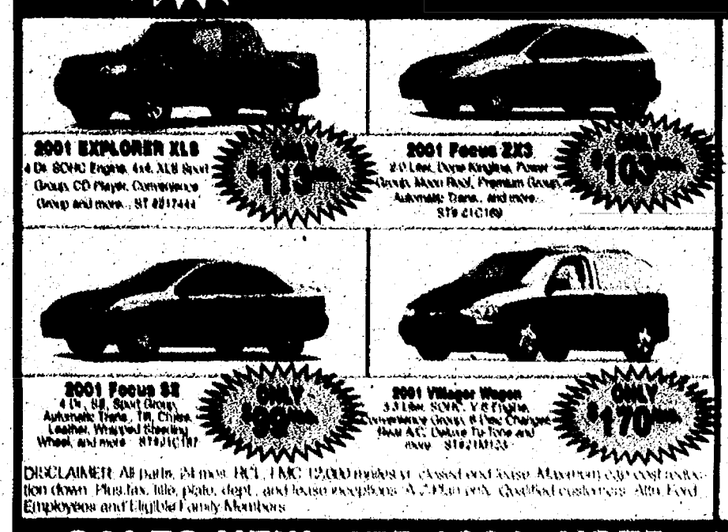
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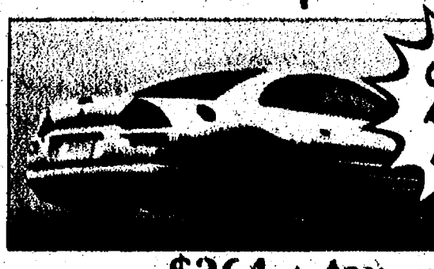
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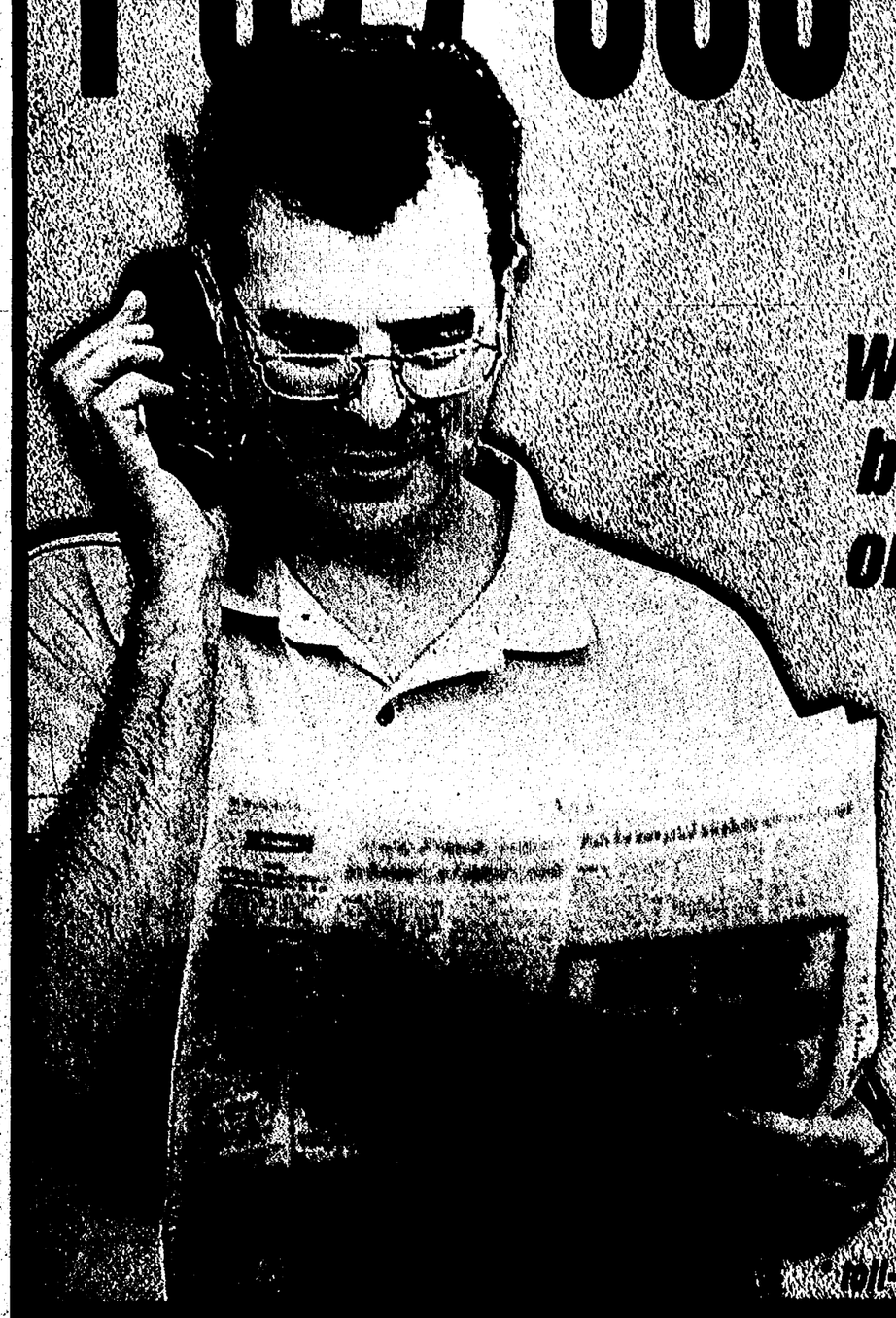


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But the biggest psychological boost, the study shows, comes to those who opt for reconstruction during the same operation as their mastectomy, rather than those who have reconstructive surgery later. Choosing implants or the patient's own tissue makes only small differences.

The result, from the multicenter prospective Michigan Breast Reconstruction Outcome Survey, adds carefully gathered scientific evidence to the mounting argument for reconstruction operations for breast cancer patients.

Published in the October issue of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, it also contradicts past findings that one approach or another is superior.

"We seem to have found a way to cushion the emotional blow of losing a breast, now that technology and surgical technique have advanced to the point where we can create a new breast that is natural looking," said author and study leader Dr. Edwin Wilkins, associate professor in the U of M section of plastic and reconstructive surgery.

"The largest effect seemed to occur in those who came out of mastectomy surgery with a new breast already in place, but even patients who waited experienced a substantial positive upswing."

The study surveyed 250 mastectomy patients at 12 medical centers in the United States and Canada. The surveys were done twice: days before and a year after their reconstructive surgery by one of 23 surgeons.

Most of the women (184) had breasts made from their own tissue, using one of two variations of an operation called TRAM reconstruction. The rest had artificial tissue expanders or implants filled with saline or silicone. Two thirds, or 161 patients, had reconstruction during mastectomy surgery.

The two hour-long take-home surveys evaluated the women's emotional well-being, vitality, general mental health, social functioning, functional and social well-being, and body image. After reconstruction, they were also asked about their satisfaction with their surgery. The results were compared among the groups that chose different reconstruction approaches and timing.

"The results showed once again that breast reconstruction is meeting its goals of improving patients' well-being and promoting their recovery," Wilkins said. "Our finding appear to justify recent efforts by legislators and policy makers to widen the availability of reconstruction after mastectomy."

On the whole, the authors said, the result shows that any kind of reconstruction helps women recover emotionally and psychologically from their illness. But they note that the timing of that reconstruction does make a difference, especially in the size of the psychological improvement.

"Patients who were surveyed before their simultaneous mastectomy-reconstruction operation had much lower scores, most likely because they were more recently diagnosed," Wilkins said.

"Meanwhile, those undergoing delayed reconstruction had relatively higher preoperative scores, because they had completed their cancer treatment and had had several months or years to cope with their experience."

Though they started from mostly lower psychological scores the immediate reconstruction patients made a bigger jump in most scores by the time they reached a year post-surgery than the other group. The one exception was body image, which did not change much in immediate reconstruction patients, probably because the women had never had to live without a breast.

The survey results did show some measurable differences between reconstruction approaches in particular well-being and body image outcomes.

For example, women who delayed reconstruction and lived without a breast for a while experienced a greater jump in body image if their reconstruction used their own tissue rather than an implant. Wilkins suggests this may be due to the more natural feel of a TRAM breast.

But those who got an implant months after their mastectomy reported a greater rise in vitality and social well-being than TRAM reconstruction patients, perhaps reflecting the sometimes long recovery from TRAM surgery.

"For women undergoing mastectomy, what may matter most is whether or not they received immediate reconstruction, rather than which method of reconstruction they choose," Wilkins said. "In delayed reconstruction, procedure choice appears to have a grater effect."

Both kinds of TRAM surgery examined in the study involve the transfer of skin, fat and muscle from the abdomen to the site of the new breast. Free TRAM disconnects the rectus abdominus muscle, while pedicle TRAM keeps one end of the muscle attached and swivels it upward.

The MBROS project began in 1996 at the U of M and institutions in three other states and Canada. It is funded by the U.S. Army's Medical Research and Material Command, and by the Center for Practice Management and Outcomes Research at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Patients are being followed for at least two years post-reconstruction, so Wilkins and his fellow researchers have time to analyze data that will show longer term psychological effects.

Other aspects of the study are looking at functional results, complication rates, aesthetic results and cost. Funding limitations precluded having a comparison group of unreconstructed patients.

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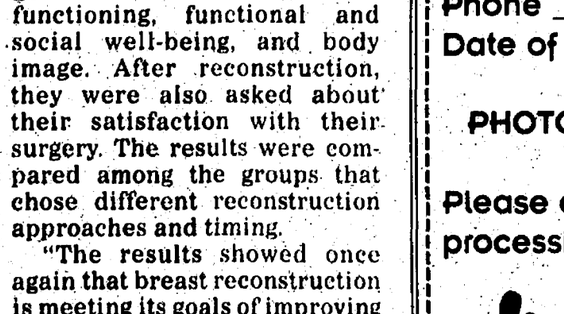


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Jack Story, Pastor
Sunday: Worship, 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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North Sharon Baptist Church
17999 Washburne Road, Grass Lake
(734) 428-7222
Bobby D. Toler, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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Catholic

St. Mary Catholic Church
14200 Old US-12, Chelsea
(734) 475-7561
The Rev. Dr. William J. Turner
Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:30 p.m., Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m.
Weekday Mass: 9 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 12-1 p.m.

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Church of Christ

Church of Christ
13661 E. Old US-12, Chelsea
(734) 475-8458
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.

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Stockbridge Church of Christ
4783 S. M-52
(517) 851-8141 or (517) 851-4334
Sunday: Bible classes, 10 a.m.; Worship Services, 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible classes, 7 p.m.

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Church of the Nazarene

Church of the Nazarene
805 W. Middle St., in the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel (temporarily)
(734) 475-2526
www.chelseanazarene.com
Jeff Crowder, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Small groups, 7 p.m. in homes.

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Episcopal

St. Barnabas
20500 Old US-12, Chelsea
(734) 475-8818
The Rev. Dr. Jerrold Beaumont
Sunday: Christian Education, 10 a.m.; Services, 10 a.m.
Wednesday: Services, 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Services
December 24
Regular Mass 10:00 a.m.
Festival of Lessons & Carols 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Mass follows Lessons and Carols
December 25
First Mass of Christmas Day

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Free Methodist

Chelsea Free Methodist
7665 Werkner Road, Chelsea
(734) 475-1391
Mearl Bradley, Senior Pastor
Larry Lyons, Associate Pastor
Jason E. Boyer, Youth Pastor
Sunday: Traditional worship, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Contemporary worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Midweek services.

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Lutheran

Faith Evangelical (WELS)
9575 North Territorial Road, Dexter
(734) 426-4302 or 426-8442
The Rev. Mark Porinsky
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.

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Our Savior Lutheran
1515 S. Main St., Chelsea
(734) 475-1404
The Rev. Dale Grimm
Sunday: Heritage/Communion Worship, 8:15 a.m.; Education Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Service, 10:30 a.m.
Advent Services
Wednesday Evenings 7:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Services
Normal Morning Services
8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve Candle Light
7:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Service - 10:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve Services
Normal Morning Services
8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
New Year's Eve - 7:30 p.m.

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

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Zion Lutheran
3050 S. Fletcher Road, Chelsea
(734) 475-8064
David Hendricks, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:15 a.m.; Communion Services, first and third Sundays of every month.
Tuesday: Aerobics, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: Aerobics, 6:30 p.m.
Christmas & New Year's Eve
December 24 - Fourth Sunday in Advent - 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School Christmas Program
7:30 & 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candelight Service with Holy Communion
December 31 - 10:15 a.m. Worship

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Methodist

First United Methodist
128 Park St., Chelsea
(734) 475-8119
The Rev. Richard Dake
The Rev. Jennifer Williams
Sunday: Worship Services, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Education hour, 9:45 a.m.

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Manchester United Methodist Church
501 Ann Arbor Road, Manchester
(734) 428-8495
The Rev. Faye McKinstry

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North Lake United
14111 North Territorial Road, Chelsea
(734) 475-7569
The Rev. Wayne Hawley
Sunday:; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Fellowship, 11:30 a.m.

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Salem Grove United Methodist
3320 Notten Road, Grass Lake
(734) 475-2370
The Rev. Carolyn Harris and The Rev. Daniel Harris
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Sharon United Methodist
Corner M-52 & Pleasant Lake Road
Manchester
(734) 428-8430
The Rev. Carter Garrigues-Cartelyou
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Waterloo Village United Methodist Church
Washington St., Waterloo
Georgie Dack, Minister
Sunday: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. country breakfast second Sunday each month. All you can eat. Free-will donation to building fund.

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Chelsea Retirement Chapel
805 W. Middle St., Chelsea
(734) 475-8633
The Rev. J. Gordon Schleicher
Sunday: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.

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Mormon

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Samuel Gines, President
1330 Freer Road, Chelsea
(734) 475-1778
Sunday: Sacrament, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:50 a.m.; Priesthood and Relief Society, 11:45 a.m.

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Non-Denominational

Baha'i Faith
705 S. Main St., Chelsea
(734) 475-2718
Monday: Devotional meeting, 7 p.m.

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Chelsea Hospital Ministry
775 S. Main St., Chelsea
(734) 475-1311

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Covenant Church
Anthony Dickerson, pastor
50 N. Freer Road, Chelsea
For events call: (734) 475-2508
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
Communion first Sunday of every month.

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Immanuel Bible
145 E. Summit St., Chelsea
(734) 475-8936
Theodore Ertle, pastor (Interim)
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45; Evening service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Prayer service, 7 p.m.

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Mt. Hope Bible Church
12884 Trist Road, Grass Lake
(517) 522-8182
Joseph O'Neill, pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Prayer fellowship 7 p.m.

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Christ House of Prayer
Call for location
(734) 475-1147
Erik Hansen, pastor
Sunday: Worship, 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Prayers, Bible Study 7 p.m.

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St. Vladimir Orthodox
9900 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor
(734) 761-7311
The Rev. Father Paul Karas
Sunday and Holy Days: Divine liturgy, English and Slavonic, 10 a.m.

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Presbyterian

Unadilla Presbyterian
20175 Williamsville Road, Unadilla
Joh Qiu, pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

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First Presbyterian Church
On the Square in Stockbridge
M-52 and M-106
Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.
Communion and Potluck
First Sunday of the month

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Quaker

Michigan Friends Center
7748 Clark Lake Road, Chelsea
Isabel Bliss, pastor
(734) 475-9976
Sunday: Unprogrammed meeting at 10 a.m., first Sunday of each month; all other Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

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United Church of Christ

Bethel Evangelical
10425 Bethel Church Road
(734) 428-8000
The Rev. Richard Hardy

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First Congregational-Chelsea
121 E. Middle St.
(734) 475-1844
The Rev. David Cleaver-Bartholomew
Sunday: Informal worship, 8 a.m.; Reg. worship service, 10 a.m.
Nursery provided for 10 a.m. service.

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

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

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St. Paul
14600 Old US-12, Chelsea
(734) 475-2545
The Rev. William Utke (Interim Pastor)
Sunday: Church School for all ages, 9:15 a.m.
Worship service, 10:30 a.m.,
Wednesday, Children's Choir, 6 p.m.
Communion service, first Sunday of the month.

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St. Joseph Catholic
Fourth and Dover streets, Dexter
(734) 426-8483
The Rev. Brendan Walsh
Saturday: Weekend Liturgy, 5 p.m.
Sunday: Liturgy, 8 and 10 a.m. and noon. Nursery open 10 a.m. to noon.

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Episcopal

St. James
3279 Broad St., Dexter
(734) 426-8247
The Rev. David Horning
Sunday: Holy Eucharist, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; nursery and Sunday school, 10 a.m.

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Lutheran

Faith Lutheran (WELS)
9575 N. Territorial Road
(734) 426-4302 or 426-8442
Mark Porinsky, pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.
Worship service, 10 a.m.

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Peace Lutheran
8260 Jackson Road,
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
(734) 424-0899
(734) 424-0481
The Rev. Larry Courson
Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m.
Celebration, 11 a.m.;
Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.
Evening Praise: 7 p.m.

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Shalom Lutheran (ELCA)
1740 E. M-36, Pinckney
(734) 878-6859
The Rev. Kurt Hutchens, pastor
Sunday: 7:45 a.m. Traditional
9:00 a.m. Celebration
10:15 a.m. Education for all ages
11:15 a.m. Family praise
5:02 p.m. Youth night
Advent Vespers and Carols
Wednesday Nite Alive - 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13 & Dec. 20
Children's Christmas Program
"Candy Cane Lane" Dec. 17, 7:00 p.m.
Family Praise Service: Dec. 24, 9 a.m.
Christmas Eve Services of Holy Communion - December 24
5:00 p.m. - Family Service - Nativity procession, Carols and Special Music
6:30 p.m. - Family Praise - Nativity procession, Carols, Special Music and Children's Choir
8:30 p.m. - Candlelight service: Choir, Brass, bells and Special Music
11:00 p.m. - Candlelight service: Choir, Brass and Special Music
(Nursery will be available at the 5:00, 6:30 and 8:30 services.)
www.shalomelca.org

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Methodist

Dexter United Methodist
7643 Huron River Drive, Dexter
(734) 426-8480
The Rev. William Donahue, senior pastor
The Rev. Stephen Bringardner, assistant pastor
Sunday: Worship, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

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Presbyterian

Covenant Presbyterian
5171 Jackson Road, Dexter
(734) 761-1999
The Rev. Mark Vanderput
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Refreshments 10:20 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.

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Non-Denominational

Christian House of Prayer
9949 McGregor Road
Between Dexter & Pinckney
(734) 426-0933
Paul McKelvey, elder
Ron Mannor, elder
Sunday: Worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Bible Study/Youth Group, 7:30 p.m.

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Dexter Gospel
2253 Baker Road, Dexter
(734) 426-4915
John O'Dell, pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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New Hope Christian Fellowship
2207 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor
(734) 761-7303
Tim Wise, pastor
Sunday: Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Scio Community Christian and Missionary Alliance
1293 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor
(734) 662-7351
Steve Murray, pastor
Sunday: Worship service, 9 and 10:30 a.m., Jubilee adventure, 10:30 a.m.

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United Church of Christ

St. Andrew's
7610 Ann Arbor St., Dexter
(734) 426-8810
The Rev. Gary Kwiatek
Sunday: Worship, 8:15 a.m.; Coffeetime, 9:30 a.m.; Worship and Sunday School, 10 a.m.

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Webster United Church of Christ
5484 Webster Church Road, Dexter
(734) 426-5115
The Rev. LaVerne Gill
Sunday: Holy Communion, 8:00 a.m.; Church School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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If your church is in the Chelsea/Dexter area and is not listed here, telephone (734) 475-1371 to submit information. Information about next week's activities should be submitted by Friday.



Craft Makers

Residents of Silver Maples visited South Meadows Elementary School to do holiday crafts with teacher Nancy McKinnon's third-grade class. Julia Cassell (left), Dorothy Tisch, David Poole and John Darr enjoyed making decorations for the Christmas tree.

DEATHS

ETHEL A. FLEENOR
Chelsea
Formerly of Albion

Ethel A. Fleenor, 95, died Dec. 5, 2000, at Chelsea Community Hospital. She was born May 16, 1905, in Middleville. She married the Rev. Dr. Wayne H. Fleenor in Berrien Springs in 1926, assuming the many duties of a minister's wife until they moved to Albion in 1941.

Mrs. Fleenor was a teacher, debate coach and counselor for the Albion school system until she retired. As a debate coach for Albion High School, she won the state championship debate title.

Mrs. Fleenor had lived in the Chelsea area for 23 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Chelsea. She was instrumental in starting the ice cream parlor at the Chelsea Retirement Community. She loved to organize and direct.

Mrs. Fleenor is survived by her daughter, Nancy (Donald) Cuart of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband on Oct. 5, 1955, and her two brothers.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Dec. 29 at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Chelsea Retirement Community, Albion College or Lake Louise Methodist Camp. Arrangements were made by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.

MARY MARIE STALKER
Dexter

Mary Marie Stalker, 82, died Dec. 7, 2000, at Cedar Knoll Care Center in Grass Lake. She was born Nov. 27, 1918, in Webster Township, the daughter of Julius and Minnie (Kamps) Rosentreter. She married Lawrence Stalker on Sept. 9, 1942, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 11, 1989.

Mrs. Stalker was a member of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Dexter and a charter member of the Dexter American Legion Auxiliary Unit 557. She retired from Adair Printing in Dexter.

Mrs. Stalker is survived by a daughter, Marlene (Tom) Griffiths of London, Ontario; a son, Larry Stalker of Dexter; a granddaughter, Katherine (Tom) Diab of Dexter; a sister, Luella Clark of Dexter; and a brother, Walter (Marilyn) Rosentreter of Dexter; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Monday at Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter. Services were conducted by the Rev. Gary Kwiatek and the Rev. Thalia Johnson. Visitation was at the funeral home on Sunday. Burial was at St. Andrew's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew's United Church of Christ.



MARIA C. "RIET" VANDERVOORT
Chelsea

Maria Vandervoort, 63, died Dec. 10, 2000, at her home. She was born April 3, 1937, in Noordwijk, Netherlands, the daughter of Joop and Engelina (Duivenvoorde) Noordermeer. She came to the United States and Chelsea in 1958.

Mrs. Vandervoort had been a receptionist at the Chelsea Clinic, now the Chelsea Family Practice. She had a great love of nature and loved gardening, playing tennis, swimming and walking. She loved to live.

On May 5, 1958, in Noordwijk, she married Antonius W. "Tom" Vandervoort and he survives. Also surviving are her two sons, Harold (Jackie) Vandervoort of Chelsea and Tom (Terry) Vandervoort of Taylor; five grandchildren, Corey, Jason, Elaina, Joshua and Deanna; six sisters, Mein (Piet) Vink, Nel (Jan) Hazennoot, Jos (Frans) van Reavenstein, Lini (George) Sanderson, Annie (Tom) Kokkelkoren, Elly (Hans) van Bohemen; and three brothers, Theo (Ploon) Noordermeer, Cor Noordermeer and Piet (Riet) Noordermeer.

Mrs. Vandervoort was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda E. Vandervoort, on June 15, 1985, and a brother, Joop.

The funeral mass will be held noon today at St. Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. William Turner officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Arbor Hospice. The family received friends Wednesday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea and at the church from 11 a.m. until the hour of service.

EARL WHITNEY
Chelsea

Earl Whitney, 96, died Dec. 10, 2000, at Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born Oct. 1, 1904, in Weston, Ohio, the son of George and Sarah (DeLaney) Whitney.

Mr. Whitney moved to Chelsea in 1940. He was a self-employed plasterer, a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Farm Bureau, and a former member of Chelsea Rod and Gun Club.

On June 1, 1927, he married Mabel C. Wolf in Waltz, and she survives. Other survivors include his nieces and nephews, Don Turner, Stanley Turner, Maxine Masielski, Artith Farris, Jerry and Bill Mittlestat, and Dorothy Olsen.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea with the Rev. William Utke officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul United Church of Christ.

JOHN M. HALE
Jackson

John M. Hale, 78, died Dec. 8, 2000, at Foote Hospital in Jackson after a long illness.

Mr. Hale was born on Sept. 16, 1922, in Royalton, Ky. He retired from Good Year in Jackson after 30 years. He served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Hale is the son of John and Dove (Brown) Hale. He married Ruth (Cole) in 1953 and she survives. Other survivors are son Anthony of Jackson; daughter Joanne (Ed) Bunnell of Trenton, Ohio; brother A.J. of Chelsea; sisters Madeline Martin of Chelsea, Dorothy Burger of Russell Point, Ohio, and Mable (Jim) Henkle of Roundhead, Ohio.

Grandchildren Lance and Tina, several great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews also survive.

Mr. Hale's parents preceded him in death along with his sister, Myrtle, and brothers, Franklin D. and Luther.

Cremation already has taken place and he will be buried in Brown Cemetery next to his parents and brother Franklin in Galdia, Ky., on Dec. 16.

ALICE FRETZ OTTO
Chelsea

Alice Fretz Otto, died Nov. 14, 2000, at her home. A memorial service has been rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday at the West Side Methodist Church, 900 South Seventh St. in Ann Arbor.

Arrangements were made by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.



Holiday Shoppers

South Meadows Elementary School recently held Frosty's Trading Post. Fourth-graders Rachel Grant (left), Nicole Saarinen and Lindsay Parisho enjoyed doing their holiday shopping.



Photo by Mary Kumbier

Holiday Food Drive

Key Club members Rebecca Lewis (left) and Kathryn Thomas have raised the goal for this year's food drive at Dexter High School. Last year, the club collected more than 7,000 items. The group is hoping to gather more than 7,500 items this year during the drive, which lasts through Dec. 14.

Local company offers access to Internet

Chelsea-based Sauer-co Inc. began taking orders for high-speed Internet access Dec. 1.

"Once our national dial-up service was operational, it was time to focus on the needs of our hometown," company president Ric Sauer said.

"There are lots of options available when it comes to fast connections. New technologies and price changes happen every day. Making good decisions depends on knowing what is out there, which is what we do."

Sauer's company has been working closely with village officials in Chelsea, researching and bringing to Chelsea large amounts of bandwidth to meet the growing demands of businesses.

Chelsea Village Manager Jack Myers said that the need for faster Internet connections will only continue to grow.

"High speed connections and support are attractive to businesses looking to locate in the Chelsea area," Myers said.

Over the past three years, Sauer and associates have presented seminars and surveys to help determine what the current and future needs are for technology. The latest is an online discussion board at the Web site Opave.com. Chelsea businesses and residents may drop in and contribute their thoughts.

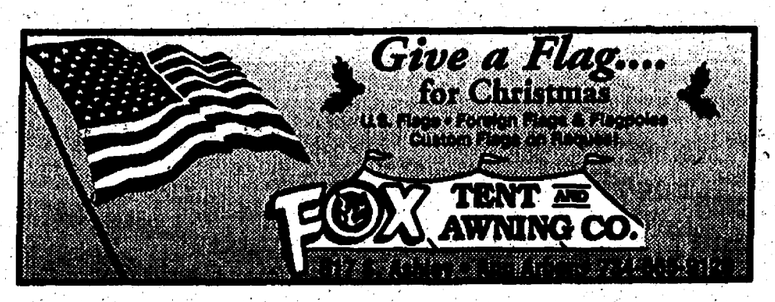
Postal Service won't deliver unless snow clear

With Michigan's harsh winter weather setting in, the U.S. Postal Service thinks this is a good time to remind postal customers to look out for the safety of their letter carrier.

This is the time of year letter carriers battle frigid cold temperatures and deep snow drifts to deliver the mail.

The Postal Service asks customers to make sure to clear accumulated snow and ice from their walkways and steps to ensure daily mail delivery.

Rather than risk injury, letter carriers are instructed to bypass any residence where snow and ice present a hazard to their safety.



Arrests made in local extortion, assault case

Three men could face life in prison.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand and Will Keeler
Staff Writers

On Dec. 4, Michigan State Police troopers at the Sylvan detachment investigated a case of felonious assault and malicious destruction of property in Sharon Township.

The three men accused now face a slew of charges, including extortion, and could spend the rest of their lives in prison.

An 18-year-old Manchester resident reported being assaulted with pepper spray by an acquaintance. After the assault, the victim ran away from his automobile. When he returned later, it was severely damaged.

The victim reported several thousand dollars worth of damage to the vehicle. Windows were broken, the hood was smashed, doors were ripped open and the body was dented.

On Dec. 5, the victim also began to receive threats to his life and extortion demands.

State police detectives then joined the investigation, setting up an extortion trap at a Chelsea fast-food restaurant.

On the evening of Dec. 5, the extortion money was exchanged and state troopers, assisted by Chelsea police officers, arrested three suspects as they exited the restaurant.

The three suspects were charged and arraigned on Dec. 7.

Beau D. Kaufman, 20, of Saline has been charged with assault with intent to rob while armed, conspiracy to assault with intent to rob while armed, extortion and conspiracy to commit extortion.

Jeffery J. Kelley, 20, of Ypsilanti has been charged with assault with intent to rob while armed, conspiracy to assault with intent to rob while armed, malicious destruction of property, extortion and conspiracy to commit extortion.

Roger A. Ehmann, 20, of Ann Arbor was charged with assault with intent to rob while armed, conspiracy to assault with intent to rob while armed and malicious destruction of property.

The suspects were unable to post a $10,000 surety bond and were held over in the Washtenaw County Jail pending their scheduled court appearances.

Convictions on the above counts could bring life imprisonment or any term of years, and up to $10,000 fines. A preliminary exam is set for Dec. 21.

State police Lt. Beth Moranty said that the preliminary examination would be to determine whether sufficient evidence exists to charge the suspects. She said no pleas would be entered at that time.



The Grumpy Shepherd
presented by the youth of
First Congregational Church
121 E. Middle St. Chelsea
Sun., Dec. 17 10:00 a.m.
Child care available



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Washtenaw Community College is looking for people who love to read to participate in Project Genesis, a reading assistance program for adults.

Help for adult readers

Research has shown that adults make the most gains in reading ability and comprehension when they are coached through certain directed reading activities in conjunction with classroom instruction. This is why Washtenaw Community College has added two new courses to its already expansive set of reading and academic skills courses, REA 040 and REA 050, and has built a one-to-one coaching component into each course.



Volunteer opportunities

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