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NEWS BRIEFS

Feb. 12 last day to register to vote

The annual village election will take place March 12 and there are three, two-year village trustee positions up for grabs.

The last day to register to vote in the spring election is Monday.

Volunteers help senior citizens with taxes

Volunteers will help seniors with simple tax returns and credits for homestead property, prescription drugs and home heating.

Sessions are scheduled 1 to 4 p.m. Feb 12 and 9 a.m. to noon March 21 at Chelsea Senior Citizen Center. Call 475-9242 for more information.

Local man named director of sales

Michael Rinderle of Chelsea has been named as director of automotive sales for Logica in Dearborn.

A 1990 magna cum laude graduate of Xavier University, Rinderle holds a bachelor's degree in economics. He was previously employed with Applied Data Management and Downs Technology Corp.

Local Republicans named to new posts

Two area residents were named to positions within the Washtenaw County Republican Party.

Rodney Anderson of Lima Township was elected to the State Committee and Warren McArthur of Sylvan Township joined the 8th Congressional District Committee.

Rogers to speak at chamber meeting

U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers will be guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Chelsea Depot.

The meeting, open to all chamber members and employees, will include an explanation of the chamber's goals and provide an opportunity for members to volunteer for committees.

Reserve a spot by calling 475-1145 or e-mailing chamber@chelseaweb.com by Wednesday.

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Magic Carpet Ride



Pupils in kindergarten through second grade at Pierce Lake Elementary School were treated to a Magic Carpet Time Tour assembly on Feb. 5. Shown are actor Mark Van Savage, who played the Genie and the Wicked Queen, magic mirror Jack McDougall, seven dwarfs Emily Shrobbree, Alyssa Young, Sheri Robbins, Danny Best, Kerrie Leonard, Allison Osborn and Wesley Pierson, with handsome prince Josiah Young in front. Actress Frances Calter, as Snow White, stands behind and director Rob Najarian is seated in front. After an hour of storytelling and live theater, pupils took home their own magic carpets and Disney books. The program, part of a new national children's literacy program, was sponsored by Merkel Furniture and Carpet One.

Stepping down

Longtime parks and recreation director retires

By Lisa Allmendinger
Staff Writer

After 16 years as the director of parks and recreation for Washtenaw County, Fred Barkley wasn't in his office last Thursday.

Instead, he was beginning his retirement in Arizona, where he planned to play some golf and "loaf around a little," with his wife, Judy, and another couple.

This is something Barkley said he hasn't done in years, which is understandable considering he was simultaneously overseeing 1,400 acres of recreational land, a \$9 million budget, 33 full-time and up to 350 part-time seasonal employees, as well as several multi-million-dollar building projects.

Barkley said being the director of an agency is akin to being

a CEO of a business.

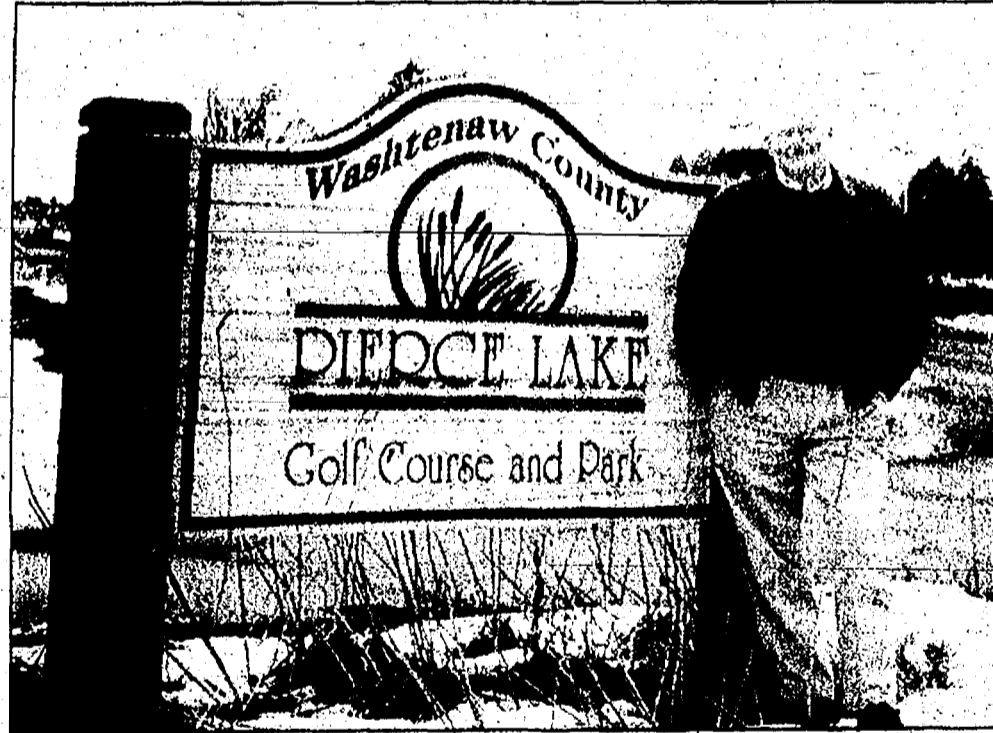
In fact, other than playing golf and doing some traveling, Barkley said he really wasn't sure what he would do now that his official title is director emeritus of the parks and recreation department.

As a retirement gift, Barkley said the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners gave him a lifetime pass to the county's facilities.

When he gets back from Arizona Barkley plans to enjoy those facilities he was so instrumental in building since taking the helm in 1985.

An avid golfer, Barkley would especially like to spend some time on the Pierce Lake Golf Course. He said he was only able to play three times last year.

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Fred Barkley has stepped down from his long-held position as county parks and recreation director. The county interviewed candidates for the position Monday.

Chelsea closer to cityhood

■ The city of the village of Chelsea could become a reality.

By Lisa Allmendinger
Staff Writer

There is a possibility that Chelsea residents could go to bed one night in the near future and wake up the next morning as residents of the city of the village of Chelsea.

Changing from a village to a city means withdrawing from the township and providing, through a new city government, local services formerly provided by the village and the township.

The village is not alone in its quest for more autonomy, from the state and neighboring townships.

More and more villages across the state are heading toward the same change in government. The village of Holly, for example, the second largest village in the state, is ready to break the ties that bind it to Holly Township after 150 years.

Chelsea would be doing the same to Sylvan Township, which means a substantial loss in taxable revenue for the township. Exact numbers can not be determined until new boundary lines are approved.

In other words, residents in Chelsea would no longer pay township taxes. The city of the village of Chelsea would become responsible. The exact revenue lost to the township would be determined by new boundaries between the township and the city.

Not only would Sylvan Township lose taxable revenue, but also a chunk of property as the city's new boundaries would change and take in parts of what is now township land.

Boundary line changes would also take place between Chelsea and Lima Township.

The proposal submitted to the state Boundary Commission shows Chelsea's new boundaries encompassing I-94, just south of Werkner, M-52 to the north, from Sibley to Bush Road, Old US-12 to the west, and Meadowview subdivision to the east.

The committee approved new boundary lines years ago after meetings with officials from Lima and Sylvan townships.

State-mandated petitions
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Pupils celebrate black history

■ School librarian organizes special activities at South Meadows Elementary.

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Chelsea elementary school pupils are celebrating Black History Month with a variety of activities.

Barbara Locks, library media specialist at South Meadows, introduced the Do Something Kindness and Justice Challenge.

"I invited students to honor the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by performing acts of kindness by helping others and acts of justice, standing up for what's right in their school, home and community," Locks said.

The challenge was for two weeks following the Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday on Jan. 15. "I got the idea from a letter to the editor in The

Chelsea Standard," Locks said. "I checked out the suggested Web site and found several ideas that could be used."

Locks brainstormed with each class as they came to the media center to identify acts of kindness and justice, and wrote responses from the pupils on the board.

"Ideas included holding the door for someone, doing chores with a smile, helping a student with a locker and many more," Locks said.

In the following two weeks, several pupils documented their acts of kindness by writing them on slips of paper and putting them in a specially designated box.

"These acts included helping friends find books in the media center, getting a friend's debit card and helping a neighbor out," Locks said.

Pupils were challenged to make King's principles of kindness and justice part of their daily life

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Barbara Locks, media specialist at South Meadows Elementary School, provided a special program for Black History Month. Shown with Locks are fourth-graders from Cynthia Mortensen's class, Jessica Tchoryk, Zack Munce and Heather Boyer, who all wrote about their acts of kindness and justice and placed them in the box.



Local couples share secrets of marriage

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Chelsea native at the wheel of CATS bus

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STUDENTS

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and keep the dream alive.

"Most of the students knew about Dr. King and what he stood for because of what they had learned in their classrooms," Lock said. "That prior knowledge helped a lot with the discussions."

Locks displayed a quote by another famous African-American, Tiger Woods, and his father, Earl. It said: "Everyone deserves the courtesy of kindness."

Locks told youngsters: "If you can do it for a day, you can do it for a week; if you can do it for a week, then you can do it longer."

"It might become a habit we all can live with," she said.

Several fourth-grade pupils wrote a play demonstrating acts of kindness. With the help of Principal Lisa Nickel, the group performed in front of the younger pupils on Feb. 2 and will perform again for those in third through fifth grades on Feb. 9.

Teacher Luman Strong's fifth-grade pupils at North Creek Elementary School have been writing to pen pals at the mainly African-American Peace Lutheran School in Detroit. On Feb. 2, the youngsters visited their pen pals and had plenty of

opportunities to observe similarities and differences between the two schools. They also worked together on a group project.

"This was a great opportunity for students from both schools to get beyond racial, geographic and economic barriers and to reach a little outside our comfort zone to see that kids are still kids," Strong said.

The class is brainstorming ways to earn money so the Peace Lutheran students can visit Chelsea in the spring.

"Having a partnership with Peace Lutheran School provides our students with experiences to know the world outside of Chelsea," said North Creek Principal Sharon Whitmore. "I am thankful that Luman Strong and others look for opportunities to enrich our students' lives."

All three fourth-grade classes at Pierce Lake Elementary School have been reading "Teammates" in teacher Suzanne DeVries' reading class. The story is the history of the Negro baseball league in the '40s.

"Students have been shocked to find how black players were treated 60 years ago, and how far we have come since then," DeVries said. "These kids are so used to cheering for black sports



Pupils in Luman Strong's fifth-grade class at North Creek Elementary School recently visited their pen pals at Peace Lutheran School in Detroit. Shown working on a group project with their new friends are Brian Mooney (left), Michael Kundak-Cowall, Joe Scott and David Case.

stars that they have no idea how things were only a generation ago.

"We've discussed segregation, and also how white players were ostracized for befriending black players."

DeVries continued the theme in her own class by asking pupils to write about discrimination in their journals.

She also demonstrated discrimination on Martin Luther King Jr. Day by favoring a group

of children with particular characteristics, such as red hair or blue eyes.

"Those children felt rather uncomfortable and the other students felt it was unfair," DeVries said. "It gave them a

real-life experience of discrimination and led to a lot of discussion."

Americans have recognized black history every year since 1928, when Negro History Week was launched by Dr. Carter G. Woodson.

Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro History Week in honor of the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two men who greatly impacted the black population in the United States.

The entire month of February later became Black History Month, as February marks several other significant events in African-American history. These events include the birth of Civil Rights leaders W.E.B. DuBois in 1868 and Rosa Parks in 1913; the passing of the 15th amendment in 1870 granting blacks the right to vote; the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1909; the death of militant leader Malcolm X in 1965; the sit-in by black college students at Greensboro, N.C., in 1960; and the anniversary of the first black U.S. senator, Hiram Revels, taking the oath of office in 1870.

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CITYHOOD

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signed by about 250 people were submitted to the state, along with the new boundary maps. Chelsea's new boundary would be a rectangle.

Members of Chelsea's City Study Committee have already made about five trips to Lansing to meet with officials from the Boundary Commission. They are scheduled to meet again Feb. 15 in Lansing.

Officials from Lima and Sylvan townships have said they may attend the meeting.

"If the Boundary Commission approves the maps, then the process will go forward and within six months the commission will hold two public hearings in Chelsea," said Village Manager Jack Myers.

During those times, residents will have an opportunity to comment on the city proposal.

There are a number of steps involved in cityhood, such as an election on two issues, changing the status from village to city and the election of nine charter commissioners.

The charter commission would meet to draft a charter, which would be reviewed by the attorney general and signed by the governor.

The charter then would be submitted to voters for approval. The city would not be incorporated until the charter is adopted and filed with the state.

In cities, all local government activities, both state-imposed duties and local services, are unified in one government.

The change to city status is a move that would allow the village to have more say in how it is ruled, and changes would not be

radical, said Jack Merkel, chairman of the City Study Committee.

"I think there was a general perception by the committee that strengthening of a home rule form of government with incorporation would strengthen the forces that run through us," Merkel said.

A change to city status would give Chelsea a voice in plans that, for example, the Michigan Department of Transportation might have for town.

Merkel cited the traffic light outside the hospital entrance as a perfect example of the lack of authority a village has under Michigan law. MDOT installed the traffic light without input from the village.

"On the totem pole of government strength, a village is at the

STRAIGHT FACTS

A Jan. 25 golden wedding announcement for the Johnsons should have said that the celebration party will be held this April.

An article in last week's Chelsea Standard should have said Margie Rawson-Johnson won the Outstanding Swimmer award for Beach Middle School at the Erie-Mason Invitational in 1980.

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bottom," Merkel said. A change to city status would give Chelsea some autonomy in issues.

"A home-rule city — small 'c' in city — writes its own charter and allows it to upgrade the narrative in the laws enabling it to do things," Merkel said.

In other words, one of the advantages of becoming a city would be in voting. Today, residents vote for local elections in one place and for general elections in another. Residents of the city of the village of Chelsea would vote in one place within the city limits for local, county,

state and national elections.

The city would provide the facility and run its own elections. It would also run its own voter registration through the city clerk's office.

Both the village and the township currently tax village residents. With a change to city status, township taxes would no longer exist.

The city of the village of Chelsea would have its own tax assessor. A city assessor and a city board of review would assess all property for the city, county and schools.

There would be some organi-

zational costs involved in the change, such as hiring an assessor and implementing elections. The village already has its own police and fire services.

"The committee perceives the transition of Chelsea from a general-law village to a home-rule city to be an opportunity for Chelsea to adopt the most autonomous and locally controlled form of municipal gov-

ernment permitted under the Constitution and statutes of the state of Michigan," the committee said in a report to the Village Council.

And as of Feb. 15, Chelsea may be one step closer to opportunity.

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New ice rink draws people to Chelsea

■ Year-round facility offers activities, camps.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand and Will Keeler Staff Writers

A new addition to the Chelsea community will have a wide-ranging effect on the surrounding area.

John Stansik and Ken Brandt of Plymouth recently opened the Arctic Coliseum.

"They were looking to expand and build more rinks," said Don Wright, general manager of the coliseum and the Chelsea High School hockey coach. "They were looking in this general area and learned that Bob Daniels had acreage available behind the lumber yard.

"This is a great location, so close to I-94 and serving a lot of communities," he said.

Construction started last summer on the arena and it has been open for a couple of months.

"When people want the ice, you have to be ready," Wright said. "Our locker rooms are open and we have hockey teams renting ice. Each weeknight we have both sheets rented pretty much solid from 5 or 6 p.m. to 10 p.m."

On Saturday and Sunday, Wright said the ice is usually filled from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The coliseum has hosted one tournament so far and has more scheduled in the coming weeks. Plus, the north arena is the home ice to the Chelsea-Dexter School hockey team, which provides some of the bigger events. Last week's Chelsea-Dexter match up saw 1,000 spectators at the Arctic Coliseum.

"They filled the stands. They were three deep standing along the windows, and they filled the upstairs," Wright said. "It was great."

Open skating is held on a regular basis for both figure skaters and power skaters, and has been

well attended by people from across the area.

"In Chelsea, there is not a community center per se," he said. "Most things are at the high school, so this is a nice added feature for the community. We have a lot of participation in all of our programs, so far."

The Learn-to-Skate program has been popular at the arena as has the Learn-to-Play-Hockey classes offered through the Chelsea Hockey Association.

"We have 90 to 100 kids in the first session, and about 180 have enrolled in our first two Learn-to-Skate programs," Wright said.

The association also offers adult classes for beginners and advanced figure skating classes. Power skating, stick handling for hockey players, and other skill training is offered by the hockey association.

The Youth Hockey Association has about 200 participants from Chelsea and the surrounding area, and Wright said that a cooperative varsity team from the Manchester, Grass Lake, Tecumseh, Dexter and Stockbridge areas could become a reality in the near future.

"With each program we are offering, we have partnered with the surrounding community education or recreation programs, and it has been real nice," Wright said.

Space for a concession stand, restaurant and a game area flank the spacious lobby as people enter the Arctic Coliseum.

Currently, a booth at the coliseum is serving snacks. When construction of a new restaurant is completed it will occupy approximately 3,000 square feet overlooking the north rink.

The restaurant, to be known as Ollie's Coliseum Pizza, will be owned and managed by Chris Moyle, a Chelsea resident who also owns Ollie's Main Street Pizza in Manchester.

The offices for the hockey association and for skating instructor Carrie Keil will be constructed as soon as the restaurant is completed. A pro shop will be opening shortly, as well. It will be the largest of the company's three stores, with 1,700 square feet of floor space.

The two NHL-sized rinks are glassed in and easy to see as customers walk through the door into the lobby. Down the central hallway are roomy locker areas for the clubs and teams that use the arena.

"We've had great compliments on the spaciousness of the locker rooms," Wright said.

A second level overlooking the rinks will provide 10,000 square feet of space available for businesses.

"A fitness center and a sports rehabilitation program have both expressed interest in the space, but negotiations are still under way," Wright said.

One feature unique to the Arctic Coliseum is Skill Tech, a facility developed by former USA national hockey coach Bob Mancini, now a scout with the Edmonton Oilers NHL team.

"Bob traveled in Europe and noticed that they were developing some very skilled hockey teams," Wright said. "He learn-

ed that they were doing a lot of off-ice training. He brought the idea back here and was looking for a place to partner with."

Looking at the largely empty room, there isn't much to see. Some weight equipment on one end and scuffed mats along a wall belie the utility of this room.

"Everything that happens here is hockey-specific," Wright said. "We have weight training, of course, but that isn't the

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Don Wright, general manager of the Arctic Coliseum. Stands in the locker room

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Water main break causes problems

Schools bring in bottled water;

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

Local residents woke up to a headache Tuesday morning after a major water line was accidentally cut in Chelsea.

Village crews worked to repair the break, which occurred near Sibley and Werkner roads around 8 a.m.

"Workers were digging a trench to lay new pipes and they hit the existing water main, and consequently we lost water pressure," said Village Manager Jack Myers.

The village issued a boil water advisory Tuesday. Residents were asked to boil all water for five minutes before cooking or drinking.

Village officials hand delivered notices to residents Tues-

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— Jack Myers
Village Manager

day. "This is just a precautionary measure," Myers said. "We will take several samples of the water and take them to the lab to be tested before we lift the advisory."

The schools had to bring in bottled water from Gordon's Food Service and Sam's Club in Pittsfield Township.

"We brought in 75 five-gallon bottles of water for all the schools," said Superintendent Ed Richardson.

Pierce Lake Elementary School Principal Lucy Stieber said that one-pint bottles of water were purchased for students.

"The cafeteria has made changes to the menu because of the water problems and we'll probably use paper plates so they don't have to wash much," said Pierce Lake Elementary secretary Betsy Elkins.

By noon Tuesday, the piping had been replaced, but the advisory was still in effect.

The advisory was finally lifted at noon yesterday.

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High School High Jinks

Chelsea High School is celebrating its Winter Carnival all this week, with dress up and activities each day. Monday was Pajama Day. Shown are Katie Minnick (left), Alison Sacks, Rebecca Armstrong, Tracy Stetson, Courtney Bentley, Ana Abreu and Julie Mida.

Trustee steps down from Chelsea Village Council

Three residents vie for open council seats.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

For the last nine years, Brian Cashman has been a familiar face on the Chelsea Village Council.

But now he is stepping down. Cashman has decided not to run for another term as a trustee so he can spend more time with his family.

"I decided not to run again so I can spend time with my wife and daughters, and any day now we might be adopting a little boy from Russia," Cashman said.

"A lot of people may think that being on the council means that

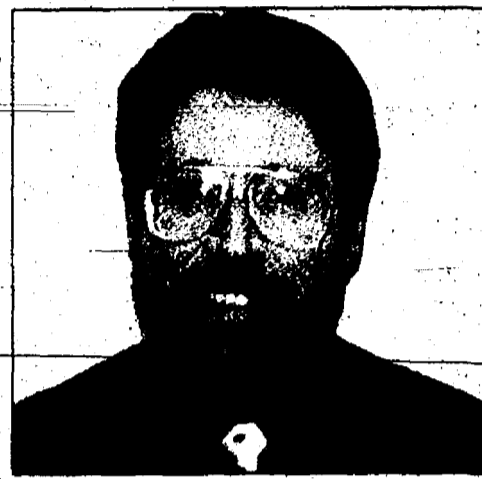
you just come to the meetings every two weeks, but there is a lot of preparation and other meetings to attend."

Over the past nine years, Cashman has served on several committees but more consistently on the recreation council.

During his time on the committee, the council hired a full-time recreation director and the group was instrumental in making Timber Town a reality.

Cashman, 50, also has been involved with Faith In Action and has served as a committee member for the Chelsea Area Transportation System.

"I'm glad I've been on the council. We've made a lot of progress in the past years," he



Brian Cashman

said. Cashman complimented the board on addressing the creation of the master plan and many of the infrastructure plans.

Cashman, who works for Merit, a private nonprofit Internet company, doesn't think he'll be taking on much more outside of his family life.

"I don't see myself in any elected position any time soon, but I'm not opposed to any community activities," he said.

Three council seats are up for grabs. Charles Ritter, and incumbents James Myles and Janice Ortring have filed nominating petitions with the clerk's office.

"With this area growing, we

have a lot to do," Myles said. "And this growth will definitely have an impact on the standard of living for the community."

Myles, who is finishing his second term on the council, said that he was sorry to see Cashman leave. But he said the council will forge ahead and handle issues such as plans for the library and village offices.

Ritter is no stranger to the Village Council. He has served on several committees with other boards.

Ritter said that he hopes to

bring the fire authority back on an even plane for the village.

Janice Ortring could not be reached for comment at press time Tuesday.

Those who want to run as write-in candidates have until March 9 to file a declaration with the village. The election will be held March 12, with voting at the Washington Street Education Center.

Staff Writer Will Keeler can be reached by telephone at 475-1371 or via e-mail at wkeeler@heritag.com.

Fair set for Feb. 17

Winter-weary fiber enthusiasts will find escape from seasonal doldrums at the 15th annual Winter Fleece Fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 17 at Beach Middle School.

Presented by Spinners' Flock, a Washtenaw County-based hand-spinning guild, this popular event will offer supplies and equipment for hand-spinners, knitters, weavers and other fiber artists.

For those interested in learning any of the fiber-based crafts, the fleece fair can provide what is needed.

A wide variety of natural-colored and hand-dyed spinning materials will feature Michigan grown fibers. Handspun yarns and other finished goods made by members of Spinners' Flock also will be available.

There also will be equipment, tools, supplies and books. Demonstrations will take place throughout the day.

Admission is free and facilities are wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 475-2306 or 789-1657.



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Cameron Girard (left), Glen Cobb and Jonathan Thompson enjoyed the fun at the Jan. 26 Family Fun Night held at South Meadows Elementary School.

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ICE RINK

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of course, but that isn't the whole thing."

In the Skill Tech room, players can practice shooting, passing, stick handling and work on their skating slide. Work on muscle development for hockey-specific skills is an important aspect of what happens in the room.

"This is wonderful, and we're one of the only rinks around here that has any of this type of facility," he said.

Every youth team in the Chelsea Hockey Association gets Skill Tech as part of its skills development.

"Other than the rinks themselves, the showcase of the Arctic Coliseum is the Chelsea Bulldogs Hockey Team locker room. A spacious and self-sufficient facility, Wright said that the team is fortunate to have it.

Wright thinks that the entire surrounding community will

benefit from the new ice rink. "We want to provide a lot for the community," he said. "So far, our programs have been well received by all of the schools."

"This type of facility brings things that you would not typically see in the smaller communities."

And those who are traveling great distances to the coliseum don't have to look to Ann Arbor for lodging.

"Chelsea is the only small town in the county that has either a hotel or hockey rink," said Brian

Hamilton, director of Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

Within the last two years, two hotels have been built along I-94, adding to the other new businesses near the highway.

The Holiday Inn Express, which opened in August 1999,

has 65 rooms, including Jacuzzi and family suites.

Tum Newkirk, general manager for the Holiday Inn Express, said he is glad to see the ice rink come to the area.

"Business has been steady," he said. "We have been seeing a lot of squirt (junior) teams stay

with us, most of them from the west of the state or the Ft. Wayne area.

"These teams only stay one night, but they may reserve more than 15 rooms when they are in town," he said.

The young ones like staying in the family suites, which is a suite within a suite, Newkirk said.

"The kids' area has a Playstation, and they love it," he said.

Despite being a typical slow

season for most hotels, the new Comfort Inn & Conference Center is seeing similar success with the new rink in the area.

"Business has been favorable with hockey teams and local traffic from the interstate," said Bill Petty, general manager for the facility.

The 82-room hotel opened two months ago and offers Jacuzzi suites, an indoor pool and fitness center.

The Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau has also played an important part with the ice rink and hotels. The bureau refers travelers to hotels in the area.

"We like to keep travelers close to where their activities," said Mary Kerr, president of the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Jennifer Easterday, group sales manager for the bureau, said that she has hockey tournaments booked at the ice rink for every weekend through late June.



CATS Donation

Michaelene Pawlak (left), director of Chelsea Area Transportation System, receives a check for \$1,000 from Michael Long, president of Chelsea Lions Club. The Chelsea Lions Club raises funds from a number of activities for organizations such as CATS, Faith In Action and Leader Dogs for the Blind. They also host the Seniors Prom and provide scholarships for students and grants for eyecare services. The fund-raising activities include candy and nut sales at Christmas, the Dunk Tank at the Chelsea Community Fair and White Cane in April.

BARKLEY

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because of all the projects he was working on.

There is a \$1.5 million expansion that includes a three-mile hard surface trail and a playground that sprays water is under way at Independence Lake in Webster Township.

In Sharon Mills, there is a \$1.3 million project to restore the mills and build a park, and at Rolling Hills in Ypsilanti there is a \$2.5 million project that includes five miles of hard-surface trails and the addition of a "lazy river ride" at the water park.

Barkley said attendance figures for the county's park and recreation areas exceed 500,000 per year.

"That's just what we can count," he said.

In 1985, when Barkley made the switch from planner to recreation director, he said he had two big dreams for the department. When he was chosen after a national search, he said he wanted the county to have a water park, as well as a top-notch golf course. Both dreams came true.

The county parks and recreation department oversees 12 parks. There are parks in Lyndon, Sylvan, Sharon, Ypsilanti, Webster, Superior, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti townships, as well as the Ann Arbor County Farm.

In addition to the parklands, he water park and the golf course under Barkley's tutelage, the county also built a new 50,000-square-foot recreation center complete with two gyms and weight rooms at the corner of Platt and Washtenaw Avenue.

Barkley, a Sylvan Township resident, took a roundabout path to the director's job after many years as a planner. He started in the Washtenaw County Planning Department

in 1964, spent four years there before becoming the executive director of planning for Region 2, which includes Jackson, Lenawee and Hillsdale counties.

Then he launched his own planning consulting business called Schultz and Barkley Community Planners. As a matter of fact, he said, he planned all the Wendy's restaurants in this area.

Following that, Barkley was the assistant administrator and planner in Chelsea for two years before going back to work for the county, where he was the deputy director of planning for Washtenaw County. He also wrote Chelsea's zoning ordinance in 1972.

"Becoming parks director was something completely different for me," Barkley said.

"The big difference between planning and the parks is in planning. There was always someone who was unhappy in parks and rec, people are always having fun," he said.

The feather in his cap is the Pierce Lake Golf Course in Chelsea, which was crafted and completed in 1996 from a piece of ground that was almost completely covered in trees.

"It looked like solid woods," Barkley said.

The 18-hole, public golf

course is situated on 232 acres and was chosen as one of Golf Digest's top 50 courses in North America for its value.

While Barkley ranks the golf course high in his list of accomplishments, his "shining star" is the system he created.

"It goes a long way to meet the needs of the people," he said.

The system affords people the opportunity to participate in those things that they enjoy most, whether it's walking or hiking, playing golf, weight-lifting or swimming.

"It's the system," he said. "The fact that we developed a system to accommodate the needs of so many people in a quality way. Even though these places are public, they are really nice. And they belong to the people."

Barkley said his 16 years at the helm of the parks and recreation department has been rewarding.

"That's what's making it so hard to leave," he said. "But now I can start using the facilities."

Interviews for the four finalists for the new county parks and recreation director took place Monday.

When Barkley returns from his vacation, he hopes the snow will have vanished from the

golf course and the renovations to the clubhouse will be complete.

Then he'll be able to relax and enjoy the years of hard work he put into his dreams.

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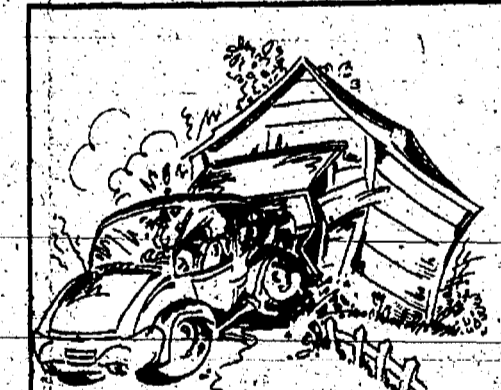
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As I watch the birds eating I think, "What in the world would they do without me? Where would they find food during a winter like this?"

Jesus Himself answered that question 2000 years ago. Referring to the bird of the air, He said: "Your heavenly father feeds them" (Matthew 6:26)

True, the land Jesus lived in was probably never covered with more than a foot of snow over a month and a half. Still, the point is the Lord cares for His creatures.

No doubt there are birds that die of hunger or cold, but how often do you come across them? It's miraculous how many survive from year to year - even without bird feeders.

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Lost Wallet/Credit Card Fraud

A 33-year-old Whitmore Lake man told police he lost his wallet around 7:30 a.m. Jan. 22 while walking into work in the 6200 block of Jackson Road.

The man told police that his wife dropped him off at work and he put his wallet in the outside pocket of his jacket. He believes he might have dropped his wallet near the construction site where his office is located.

The man did not realize his wallet was missing until the following morning when American Express called him about recent purchases made with his credit card. Apparently, the card was being used along with other credit cards in the Oakland County area Jan. 22.

The wallet contained several credit cards, insurance cards and \$8 in cash.

Larceny

A 30-year-old Chicago woman called police around 4:30 p.m. Jan. 28 after she noticed her Gucci watch was missing from her book bag at Planet Rock, 82 April Drive.

The woman said that she put the watch in her bag and stowed it under the open stairwell with other people's belongings at the gym. She said there were no lockers to secure her belongings.

When she was finished exercising, she noticed the \$500 watch was missing.

Someone broke into a truck and stole a pair of blue jeans sometime in the early morning hours of Jan. 29 at the Travel America truck stop, 200 Baker Road.

The truck driver, a 41-year-old man from Louisiana, said that he fell asleep in his truck around 8 p.m. The man said he always keeps the doors locked when he is sleeping.

The man said that when he woke up around 5 a.m., he noticed the light was on in the cab because the front passenger door was ajar. When he went into the cab, he realized his jeans, which were on the driver's seat, were missing.

Inside his jeans was a wallet with a fuel credit card and approximately \$65 in cash. A key ring with several keys was also missing.

Police could not find any evidence of forced entry.

Items totaling more than \$20,000 were taken from a storage trailer at the Victory Lane corporate office, 405 Little Lake Drive, between 6 p.m. Jan. 26 and noon Jan. 27.

The owner said that the storage trailer was left unlocked in the parking lot. The 24-foot storage trailer, worth approximately \$6,700, was taken. Inside the trailer were five car wash vacuums valued at more than \$15,000.

Police searched the area and could not find any further evidence.

Someone stole the front-end assembly off a man's car between 6 p.m. Jan. 18 and 8 a.m. Jan. 19 in the 400 block of Jackson Plaza.

The 42-year-old man said that the car was intact when he left it in the parking lot of the business Jan. 18. When he pulled into the lot the following morning, he noticed the part was missing from his 1994 Chrysler. The missing part is worth \$700.

Property Damage

Someone threw a bowling ball through a truck's back window between 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16 and 4 a.m. Jan. 17 in the 1900 block of Snowberry Ridge Road.

The owner of the 1991 Chevy truck said that he parked his truck Jan. 16 and did not notice any damage until he returned around 4 a.m.

The 53-year-old man said that the back window was completely smashed out, the front window was cracked and the dashboard area was damaged.

Estimated damage to the truck was \$2,000. The man found the bowling ball on the floor of the truck.

Open Intoxicants

An 18-year-old man from Jackson was arrested on east-bound I-94 near Jackson Road around 2 a.m. Jan. 29 for having an open container of alcohol in his car.

Police were travelling east-bound on I-94 when they noticed the man's car traveling in the center lane and weaving in and out.

When deputies stopped him, they realized the driver's license had been suspended. They also could smell a strong odor of alcohol. Police said that the passenger was extremely intoxicated, as well.

Police arrested the driver for open intoxicants.

Warrant Arrest

Police arrested a 63-year-old Ann Arbor man on a civil warrant around 10 p.m. Jan. 31 at I-94 and Zeeb Road.

Deputies initially stopped the man because his left headlight was out. A computer check showed the warrant.

Police took the man to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Police arrested a 23-year-old Ann Arbor woman around 8:30 p.m. Jan. 31 in the 200 block of Zeeb Road on several outstanding warrants.

Someone called the police because they believed the woman was in the car engaging in sexual activities.

When police arrived, they checked for outstanding warrants and found the woman had two bench warrants and a felony warrant. She was taken to Washtenaw County Jail.

Assault and Battery

Police were called to a doctor's office on Jackson Road around 10 a.m. Jan. 27 to help break up a family fight.

The family was attending a court-mandated therapy session with a doctor when two men started physically fighting. The 34-year-old man is currently married to the woman that the 39-year-old man was involved with for three years.

The doctor said that the two men started to disagree with issues and began yelling. The two got out of their chairs and started throwing punches.

The doctor told police that the office walls were marked with black marks from both of the men's bodies hitting the wall.

The two men had minor injuries. The wife and the child of the 39-year-old man were not injured.

Chelsea Village

Hit and Run

Someone hit an unoccupied car in the municipal parking lot and drove off between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Jan. 2.

The owner of the 1994 Buick said that she parked her car in the lot around 8 a.m. and later returned around 4 p.m. to notice

the back passenger door had a dent approximately 8 inches long and 4 inches wide.

Possession of Marijuana

Police were called around 11 a.m. Feb. 1 to Beach Middle School, where a 13-year-old student was caught with a small amount of marijuana and a pipe.

When police arrived at the school, the girl was sitting in the office with her mother. Officers read the girl her Miranda rights and the girl told police that the marijuana was hers, even though she had passed it on to others to hold.

The girl was left in her mother's custody and the school suspended her for five days.

Property Damage

Police were called around 11:30 p.m. Jan. 30 to the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., on a report of a broken car window.

Damage was reported to a 2000 Ford Focus belonging to an 85-year-old resident. The vehicle was parked in the north resident parking lot.

The rear window was completely destroyed, as well as the right taillight.

Police believe that someone threw an empty wine bottle at the window. The bottle was found inside the car.

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



Me and My Shadow

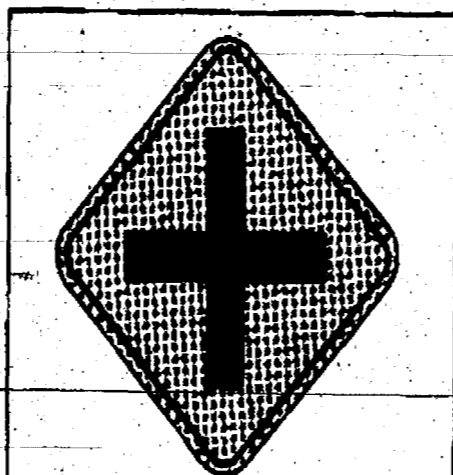
Pupils from teachers D'Ann Gletzen's and Marsha Hansen's second-grade classes at North Creek Elementary School had a chance on Jan. 16 to meet their adopted owl, Shadow, up close and personal. By providing a small donation for food, the classes have adopted Shadow, a great horned owl. Shadow has a damaged wing and cannot be returned to the wild. The owl was rehabilitated and lives at the River Raisin Raptor Center in Manchester. The center, funded by grants and donations, is run by Dody Wyman. Shown are Dylan Schepers (left), Viktor Rozsa, Chris McQuarrie, Rebecca Mattison, Rachel Cooperrider and Raptor Center volunteer Kathy Judge with Shadow.

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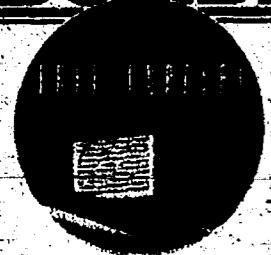
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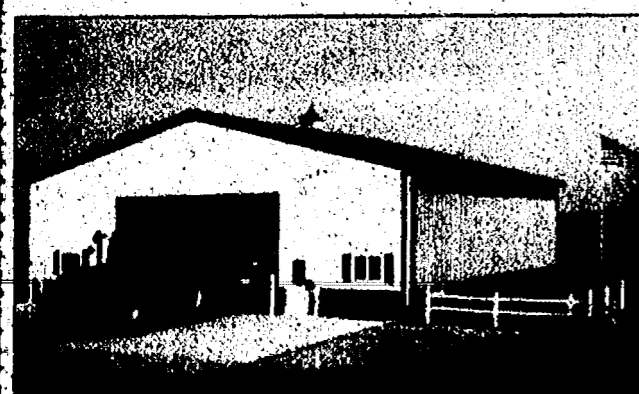
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COMMENTARY

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Street Talk

By Mary Kumbier

"What did you think of the Super Bowl halftime show this year?"



"On a scale of one to 10, I'd give it a five."
Ken Unterbrink
Lima Township



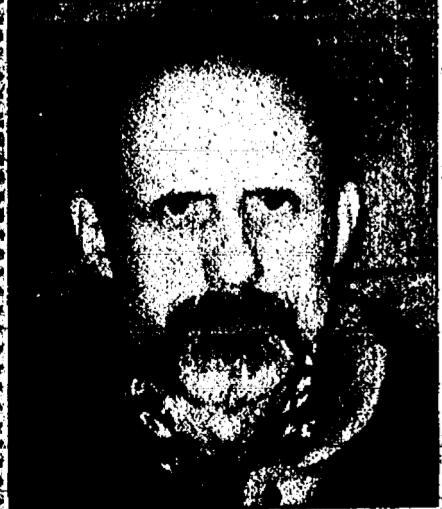
"We don't own a television set so we didn't see it. We heard we didn't miss much, though."
John Lobbestael
Lyndon Township



"You know what? I didn't even watch it."
Jill Kanafi
Sylvan Township



"I didn't watch it."
Ed Haller
Manchester



"I didn't watch the halftime show. I didn't like any of the commercials, though. And the game wasn't that great either."
Mike Dillon
Sylvan Township

BY BILL MANGOLD



Credit card craze contrary to common sense



MARSHA JOHNSON CHARTRAND

AFTER THOUGHTS

Here are my words of wisdom for the New Year. It doesn't pay to have good credit.

I realize that is contrary to what we have heard for years. It's exactly the opposite of what my mother has always taught me. Not to mention that it goes against the grain of common sense.

But I've found that having good credit also has its down side.

Everyone wants to give you

more credit.

I cannot begin to count how many credit-card solicitations arrived at my home in the weeks preceding the holidays. But honestly, I believe that if I had taken advantage of half the offers that were extended to me, we could by now be indebted by several times our annual family income.

And this does not include the many solicitations that were sent to my 20-year-old daughter, my 18-year-old daughter and even to my husband and I on behalf of our 18-year old son. Most of those never even made it past the post office trash can.

Nor does it include the several credit card offers that came in the mail at work - sometimes in the names of people who haven't worked for the Enterprise in several years.

The appeal of these offers was partially in that special feeling of being "wanted."

Capitol One wants to give me a gold Master Card. Citibank wants to give me a platinum Visa. American Express wants me to be a cardholder. Discover Card sends me cash-advance checks because they hope I will reactivate my long-ago cut up credit card.

What a warm and fuzzy feeling - all these people want my business.

Some of the cards were also designed to cater to my supposed special interests.

There are special cards for art lovers, music lovers, animal lovers or nature lovers. I probably don't want to know what other kind of lovers they cater to. Now you can personalize your credit cards just like you can personalize your checks.

Great - you can spend a lot of money you don't have, and do it in a trendy and attractive way. I'll be the first to acknowledge

that we live in a credit-based society. I will also admit to having plenty of credit cards already.

And that's why I know exactly what kind of trouble these little pieces of plastic can get you into.

Over the years I finally have learned that credit cards are not evil incarnate - but neither should they become a way of life. Sort of like a chain saw or a sledgehammer, they are useful tools if managed correctly, but can be destructive if you don't understand how to use them.

And in our consumer-oriented culture, these credit cards encourage us to buy, buy, buy now - and pay, pay, pay until we die, or maybe even beyond.

I'm sure there are many who would testify that you don't have to die to go to credit-card hell.

While I was receiving all of these offers I wondered how to

dispose of them properly. What might happen to these envelopes if they fell into the wrong hands? Could someone conceivably apply for thousands of dollars of bogus credit cards using my name, or the names of my husband and children?

If I merely tossed the envelopes into the garbage can unopened, I thought, someone could fish them out and I could end up in a lot of trouble.

I thought about that for a while and decided at least I would tear the envelopes in half, or quarters. Although who knows whether a taped-together credit card application would raise any red flags to the eager issuing agents.

Then I got a really good idea. I could buy one of those paper shredding machines and run the entire stack of credit card solicitations through the machine. In keeping with the credo of reusing and recycling, I could even use the shredded paper as decorative gift-wrap stuffing.

But then I realized I was out of money after too many Christmas shopping expeditions, and I would have to put a paper shredder on my credit card. Buy now, pay later.

That seemed counter-productive, so right now I'm back to ripping. Maybe that will begin the exercise regimen that ought to be on my New Year's Resolution agenda.

Rules of time do not exist in Ireland



ELIZABETH WAGENSCHUTZ

LETTERS FROM IRELAND

In only three weeks, so much has happened.

I've only been here three weeks and there are only three more until our spring break. Then there's only about six weeks until I return. Yet, I can clearly remember the horridly long and uncomfortable bus ride from Shannon Airport to Tully Cross' our first day in Ireland.

It seems impossible that three weeks has passed, and in less than three months I'll be back home.

Time is such a relative term. It's so drastically over-emphasized in the United States. Living here has taught me that time does not have to be as stressful, as hated and as misunderstood as it is in the United States.

We're always amazed at how quickly time passes, yet all we ever concentrate on is time - using it efficiently, making sure that all the time we have is used as fully as it can be.

Why is that? Is time that all-encompassing, so inherently necessary to our lives that we can't simply let it pass slowly and appreciate it?

Time and, especially, being on time isn't that important here. This is quite an adjustment to make when time is so planned out, so highly structured in America.

Irish time, as one of our pro-

fessors calls it, isn't even aware of the rules of time and certainly doesn't adhere to them. And this concept of time - as not being absolutely important and inherently necessary for life - is at times fairly difficult to accept.

"Early is on time and on time is late" was ingrained into my consciousness through five years of Chelsea marching band.

Changing my understanding of time is proving to be more difficult than I would have imagined. But it's also liberating and relaxing not having to constantly be aware of or worry about what time it is.

We have more free time here than I think I've had in my previous 2 1/2 years of college combined. And what most surprises me is that I haven't yet been bored, despite not having television or the Internet or a car to drive into bigger towns, inasmuch as boredom was a very present aspect of my life back in the United States. Interesting.

Perhaps I'm not bored because I've been traveling quite a bit. I spent last weekend in Dublin, and it was absolutely amazing. We spent three nights in a hostel, which used to be a former recording studio for Van Morrison, U2 and Sinead O'Connor. The hostel was right in the center of town, on the Liffey River, and only a minute walk from Connell Street and Temple Bar.

We were able to visit everywhere, including Trinity College, the Dublin Writers Museum, the James Joyce Cultural Center, the Garden of Remembrance and the General Post Office.

This was my favorite place because the General Post Office is where the Easter Rebellion of 1916 began, and where most of

the fighting took place in one of Ireland's many attempts to gain independence from English rule.

We have studied this event in both our history and literature classes, but experiencing the building after reading and understanding its importance for the Irish people was very powerful. I was disappointed, though, that the statue of Cuchulain, a great Irish hero, was on loan to Belfast until April. Hopefully, I will be able to see it before we leave, though.

The other girls I was traveling with took a tour of the Guinness factory, as well. I have only tried Guinness once, and I can say with definite certainty that I will not be trying it again.

I have been able to go to Lettergesh primary school now twice to work with the children, and I am enjoying it. The children are wonderful, fun and welcoming.

The school system here is extremely different from ours. Religion is not separated from school at all, so the children have morning and afternoon prayers, which includes saying a decade of the rosary.

The Irish language is a mandatory course, along with reading and math (They call it maths), and I have been trying to learn some bits and pieces, but it's very difficult.

The Irish language is not at all phonetic, and the children enjoy asking me to pronounce the letter "s." For example, one girl's name is Niamh. I pronounced it "ne-am," which was hysterically funny to the children because in Irish it's pronounced "neev," with a long "e" sound.

They also think that my accent is very amusing, though I've been told it's not too bad. They insisted upon sharing with me their American accents, and

some of them were surprisingly good, although almost all of them had a very distinctive Texan twang.

We're still enjoying beautiful weather, with only a handful of rainstorms and harsh winds. Some students from Aquinas who went on the program last year have come back to visit for a week, and they've all expressed how lucky we've been to have such gorgeous weather. They had quite a nasty winter last year.

So, we continue to be extraordinarily lucky in our experience of living in Ireland, and I couldn't ask for any more.

Elizabeth Wagenschutz is a 1998 Chelsea High School graduate in Ireland as part of Aquinas College's study-abroad program.

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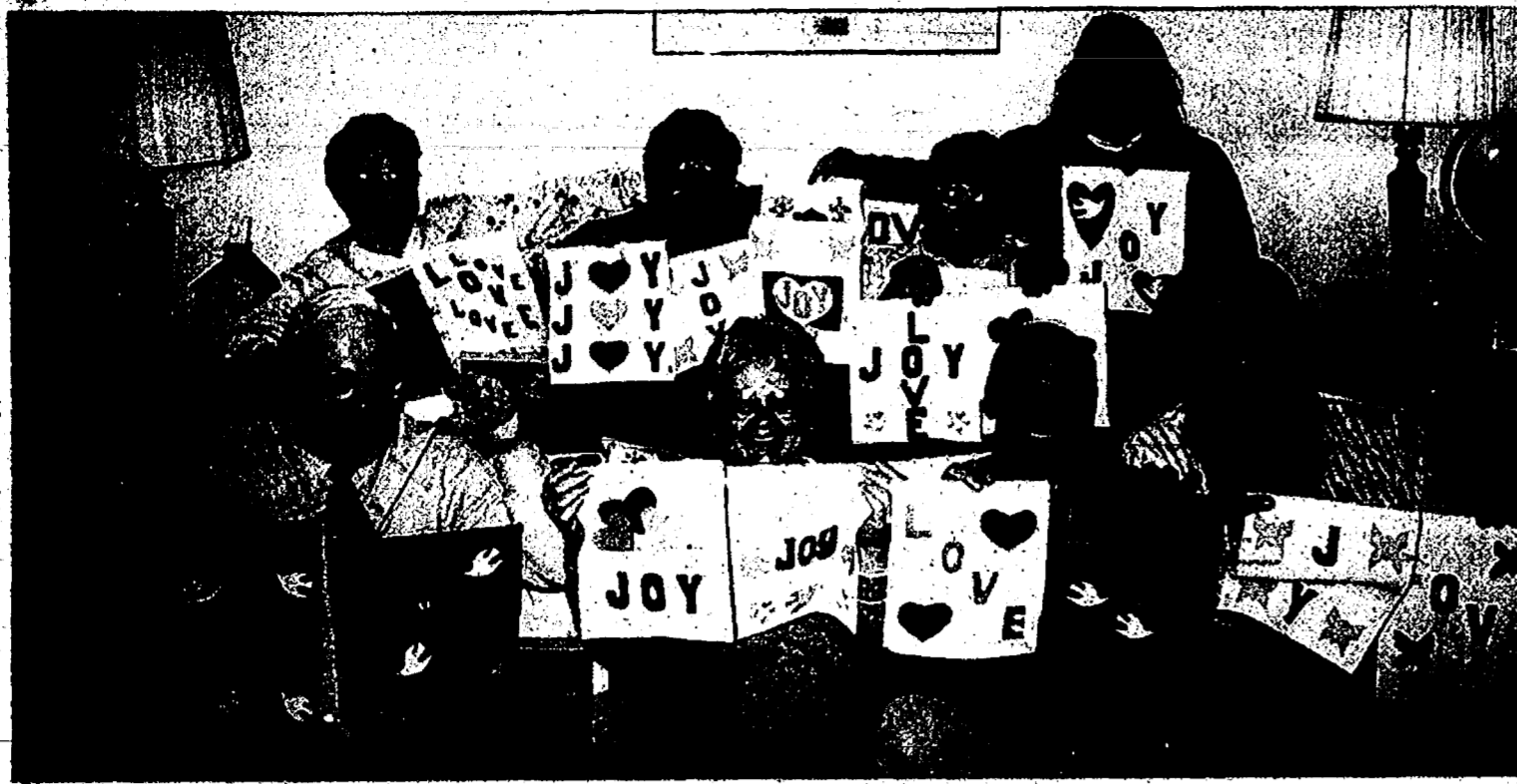
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A group of residents helping to organize the Marriage Encounter Weekend made banners in preparation. In front are Wayne Hawley (left), Bernice Packard, Ken Sharp and David Schaffer. In back are Pam Hawley (left), Gary Packard, Pat Sharp and Darlene Schaffer.

Program set for married couples

A Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held for Chelsea area couples March 9 through 11 at the Youth Haven Ranch in Rives Junction.

Several local couples have been working on preparations.

The weekend is designed to

encourage communication on attitudes and convictions, hopes and dreams, and feelings and needs. Emphasis is on mutual respect and love.

The program is being put on by the United Methodist Church and is open to all married couples.

The weekend starts at 7:30 p.m. March 9 and is completed by 3:30 p.m. March 11. Cost is \$35, plus a donation.

Deadline for registration is Feb. 23. For more information or to register, call David and Darlene Schaffer at 475-9468.

Wagenschutz on dean's list

Elizabeth Wagenschutz of Chelsea has been named to Aquinas College dean's list.

To earn dean's list honors, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying at least 12 hours of graded credit.

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4. Kelly — 1-year-old spayed female, lab mix, black.
5. Princess Faith — 8-year-old spayed female Lhasa and Labrador mix, cream colored.
6. Hope — 5-year-old deaf Springer Spaniel, spayed female. Fenced yard required.
7. Daisy — 5-year-old spayed

female, tan and white beagle, 30 pounds, loving, best as a single dog. Needs a secure fenced area.

8. Heidi — Black female terrier mix, 50 pounds. She is a spayed female, very active. No children younger than 12.

9. Ole Blue — 2-year-old neutered male beagle and blue tie mix. He is very friendly, fenced yard required.

10. Chelsea — 4-year-old spayed female Brittany and English Setter, white with brown head. Well behaved, but very active. Fenced yard required.

CATS

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2. Buttons — 1-year-old neutered male, black and white domestic short hair. Has a black button on his nose. Extremely affectionate, a lap cat.

3. Ellie — Striking 1-year-

medium-length hair, tiger calico, friendly and clean.

4. Toby and Punkin — 7-month-old neutered male orange with white tabby and spayed female orange tabby. They are very affectionate, lap cats. They love to be held and petted.

5. Bucky and Chip — 6-month-old neutered male brothers, black and white with medium-length hair. They are playful loving boys to be adopted together.

6. Marmalade — 6-month-old neutered male, orange with white, tabby. He is very sweet and quiet.

7. Gizmo — 6-month-old neutered male, tiger and white. He is curious and has lots of energy.

8. Millie — 1 1/2-year-old female, tiger and white.

9. Topez — 1-year-old spayed female tabby and torti. She is friendly and nice, a great family pet.

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COMMUNITY

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Marriage is a lifelong commitment that requires give and take. Four local couples share the secrets to their success in

Making Marriage Work

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

When Joyce Boyce met her husband-to-be, she was seeing double.

The couple met at a Grange Dance at Lima Center in January 1940.

Lloyd, a farmer in Stockbridge, was at the dance with his brother, A.J.

"To tell the truth, they looked so similar that I danced with both brothers and didn't realize until the end of the evening they were two different boys," Joyce says.

When Lloyd asked if he could escort her home, Joyce, a student at Dexter High School, thought of her mother's admonishments and declined.

"However, I was afraid I might never see Lloyd again," she says.

When the pair ran across each other a few weeks later at another dance and Lloyd made the same request, Joyce threw caution and Mom's advice to the winds.

"I wasn't going to risk losing him. This time I said 'yes' and let him take me home," she says.

Courtship during World War II wasn't always easy.

"Gas and tires were rationed, and sometimes Lloyd would be driving in a blackout, making him late," Joyce says.

The pair enjoyed movies at the Michigan Theatre and the State Theater in Ann Arbor, when Al Jolson and Judy Garland were big stars.

Joyce doesn't recall any dramatic, romantic marriage proposal.

"He just asked," she says.

The couple married on May 20, 1944, at the bride's home on Dancer Road in Dexter and honeymooned in Niagara Falls.

The Stockbridge farm that the Boyces called home for the first nine years of married life had no electricity or indoor bathroom and shared a party-line telephone.

"We had a lot of fun modernizing the farm," Joyce says.

In 1953, the pair moved to Joyce's childhood home, a farm on Dancer Road. In 1977, their son, Roger, bought the place, and Lloyd and Joyce moved to a home on Dexter-Pinckney Road.

They have called the Chelsea Retirement Community home since last year.

The couple raised three children and now dotes on seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Boyces attribute the longevity of their marriage to the fact that they always enjoyed working

and spending time together.

"We only did two things separately," Joyce says. "Lloyd went to the Dexter Lions Club, and I went to church meetings at the Methodist church."

The couple doesn't pay much attention to Valentine's Day, preferring to celebrate wedding anniversaries.

For their golden wedding anniversary, their children organized a party at the Dancer Road house, recreating their 1944 wedding day.

"They recreated the flower-covered archway, and displayed mementos from the '40s, such as photos and our first checkbook," Joyce says.

Bill Van Riper sums up his 51-year marriage in one word: survival.

"It feels like 150 years," says his wife, Dot. "But I picked a good man, so I'm not complaining."

In their late teens, the pair met at a basketball game, when Bill was in the service, stationed at Fort Monmouth, N.J. The couple hit it off right away.

"I was always very comfortable with Dot. We became really good friends," Bill says.

In 1947, Bill was sent to Okinawa for 18 months.

"I had a week at home before shipping out," Bill says. "I didn't want to lose Dot, so I mailed a ring to her just before I left on a tramp steamer for overseas."

Dot was startled to receive the package.

"I didn't want to be tied down when I was still a junior in high school," she says.

The couple continued a long-distance correspondence. Bill told Dot to continue with her life and let him know when she was ready for him.

When he came back from Okinawa, Bill found the adjustment to civilian life stateside very difficult.

"I was having such a hard time. Our courtship wasn't going well at all," he says.

Things came to a head during one of Dot's visits to the Van Riper family farm near Chelsea. Bill caught sight of a letter she had written to a boy in New Jersey.

"It brought me to my senses, and I realized I was in danger of losing her," Bill says.

Dot claims she "planted" the letter in an effort to jolt her beau into declaring his intentions.

The couple married on Nov. 19, 1949, in Dot's hometown of Long Branch, N.J., and started married life on a farm in Lima Township.

"It was really hard for me, as a city girl, to live on a farm with no running water or inside bathroom,"

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Joyce and Lloyd Boyce



Bill and Margie Miller



Dot and Bill Van Riper



Donna and Erv McDonald

Born to drive

Local man a familiar face at the wheel of the CATS bus

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Gary Koch was born to drive. "I love being behind the wheel," the Chelsea native says.

"I can remember when I was as young as 5, steering the tractor with my dad on our farm. And I was driving pickup trucks around the property when I was 13 or so."

Koch drove a Chelsea school bus for 27 years. He left the position when he had to commute to Warren for the last three years of his career with Dana Corp. after the company closed the Chelsea plant.

"I enjoyed being with the school kids, and it was a great part-time job for me, but there was no way I could do it when I was commuting to Warren and back," he says.

Koch has been driving the Chelsea Area Transportation System bus for the past three years, after retiring from Dana Corp.

He spends four days a week driving around Chelsea. Within a five-mile radius of town, he covers 80 to 130 miles of blacktop and gravel roads a day as he transports senior citizens and the physically challenged to their appointments.

Koch is currently driving a loaner bus, while the familiar blue CATS bus is in the garage for repairs.

"We should have it back in a couple of months," Koch says. "We hope to have a second bus by April, and possibly a van as we expand our services."

Koch is Chelsea born and bred, and grew up on a dairy farm on Fletcher Road with his sister, Lynda, and brother, Ronald, who was killed in Vietnam.

Koch's widowed mother, Helen, still lives on the family farm, while Koch and his wife, Kitty, live nearby. His four children and five grandchildren also live locally, in Ann Arbor, Chelsea and Stockbridge.

Koch's early days were spent at North Elementary School and the old high school on Washington Street. He was a member of Future Farmers of America and 4-H.

Koch has fond memories of school dances, going to soda fountains with friends, and showing animals at the Chelsea Community Fair.

After leaving school, he delivered milk for a while before starting a job with Bliss Elevator on Dexter-Chelsea Road. He worked for Dana Corp. in Chelsea before the plant closed in 1994. He spent the next three years at the plant in Warren before retiring in 1997.

Koch considers one of the biggest perks of his job as a bus driver is meeting and spending time with his many passengers.

They are in safe hands. Last fall, Koch won an award at the 25th annual Small Bus Rodeo in Lansing, posting high all-around scores in three events. The Michigan Department of Transportation sponsored the contest.

"There were about 50 of us taking part," Koch says. "We had to drive through cones and demonstrate other skills and techniques, take a written test and pass a bus inspection. It was the first time I'd done the rodeo, but I'd love to go again. It was a lot of fun."

By now, Koch must know this area — every corner, every gravel road and every pothole — like the back of his hand.

"I thought I knew it all since I'd grown up here, but there are still new things for me," he says. "I never knew there were so many doctors here in town."

Koch gets his passengers to and from their appointments in virtually every kind of weather and road condition, although this winter's big blizzard put a halt to that day's travel.

PERSONALITY



Gary Koch has been behind the wheel of the CATS bus for three years. The Chelsea native won an award last fall at the 25th annual Small Bus Rodeo in Lansing, posting high all-around scores in three events.

The professional driver has some good tips for others on the road.

"Keep your eyes focused on what's happening around you, drive at a safe speed and distance, and take into account the weather conditions," he says.

Koch and his wife, members of the Covenant Church in Chelsea, love to take to the road themselves, and are avid sightseers and travelers.

"Jackson Hole, Wyo., is probably our favorite place, along with Yellowstone and Glacier National Park," Koch says. "We also loved Las Vegas, the Blue Ridge Parkway and Smoky Mountains, Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge."

The pair also enjoys life on the water and has taken cruises to Alaska, British Columbia, Mexico, Key West and the Bahamas. They plan on cruising to the Virgin Islands this year.

In Mexico, the couple rented a Jeep and went off on safari, another exciting experience on wheels.

Koch's fellow teammates at CATS are director Michaelene Pawlak, dispatcher Mary Erskine and part-time drivers Nina Jaques, Arlene Faeth, Tony Dickerson and Lillie Worden.

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WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS



Oakley, Haws marry

Angela Haws, daughter of Shirley Brewer and Terry Morley of Yakima, Wash., and Brian Oakley, son of Bruce and Deborah Oakley of Chelsea, were married July 1 at Mt. Springs resort near Leavenworth, Wash.

The ceremony was held outdoors in a meadow with the Cascade Mountains as a backdrop. Theodore Lanham of Cedar officiated.

Speakers during the wedding included Borek Janik of Chelsea and Danika Walters of Seattle. Bill McNeil, friend of the bride and groom, played guitar during the ceremony.

The reception was held at Mt. Springs Lodge, where family and guests spent several days

before the wedding enjoying river rafting, hiking and horseback riding.

A video highlighting the childhood and young adult years of the bride and groom was shown the night before the ceremony.

The couple honeymooned in southwestern France and now lives in Seattle.

The bride is a geographic information systems manager with AT&T Broadband in Seattle.

The groom is completing his doctorate in plant ecology at the University of Washington. His graduate studies followed two years in Shimizu, Japan, where he helped initiate the Chelsea-Shimizu Exchange Program for middle school students.



Bradbury, Dolislager wed

Karen Bradbury of Plainwell, daughter of Keith and Kathryn Bradbury of Chelsea, and Steve Dolislager of Plainwell, son of David and Peggy Dolislager of Twin Lake, were married Aug. 26 at Dexter United Methodist Church, Dexter, with the Rev. William Donahue officiating.

The maid of honor was the bride's friend, Susan Dooley of Wyoming. Bridesmaids were the bride's friends, Jennifer Pogue of Cummings, Ga., and Teresa Wamsher of Sylvania, Ohio; the groom's sister, Kristen Dolislager of Muskegon; and the bride's nieces, Heather Cook of

Dexter and Rebecca Bradbury of Ypsilanti.

The bride's niece, Courtney Cook of Dexter, was the flower girl.

The best man was the groom's friend, Mark Worffis, of Grand Rapids. The ushers were the bride's nephew, Jeremy Bradbury of Ypsilanti, and the groom's friends, Dan LaPres, Chris Bokma, Tim Bolema and Ross Finner, all of Muskegon.

The wedding reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico.

Calkins ends military training

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Shane Calkins, son of Denise and Shane Calkins of Grass Lake, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Calkins successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Calkins and fellow recruits spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, com-

bat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close-order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Calkins and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values, which are honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Calkins is a 1996 graduate of Grass Lake High School.

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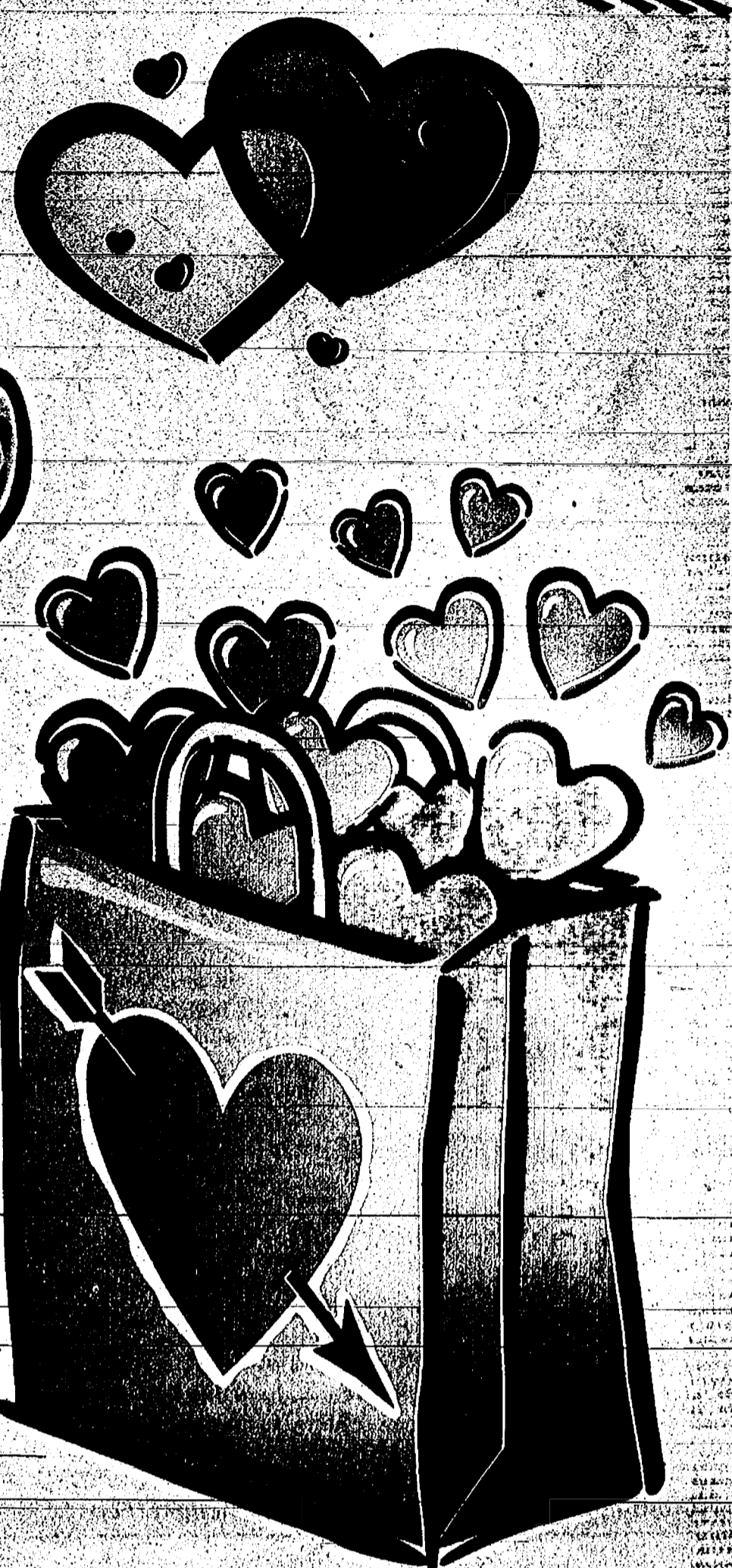


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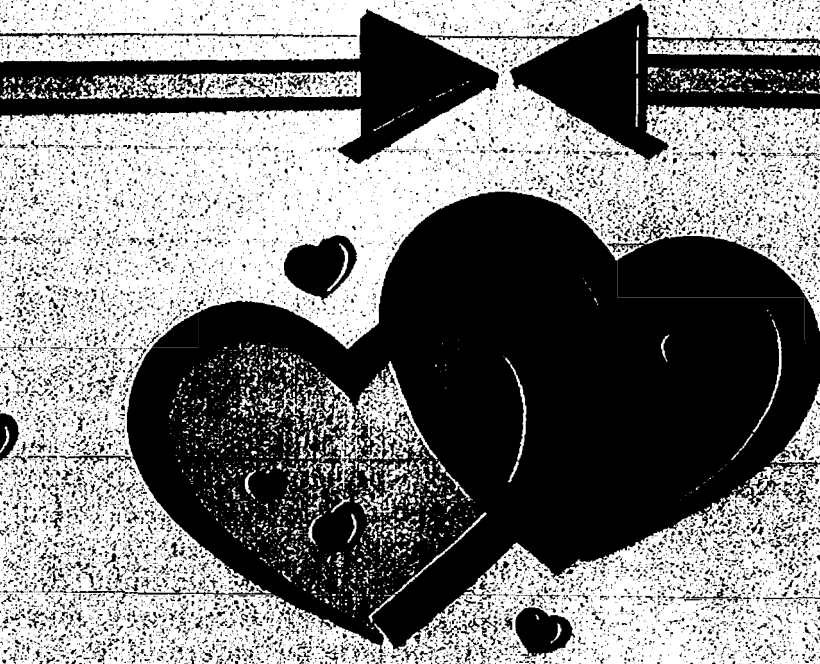
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Frigid Fun

Junior Girl Scouts from Troop 1226 went on a recent winter hike at Hudson Mills and earned their ecology badge. Pictured with the park naturalist are, in back, Stephanie Everard (left), Annika Schwiebert, Melissa Ederle, Audrey Ruikka, Kate Ridley and Alyssa Rodgers. Kneeling in the snow are Cayla Redmond (left), Kristen Angelucci, Robin Stockwell, Kim Eckart and Katie McEachern.

MARRIAGE

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Dot says, "I wasn't used to big animals, or to finding cats in the outhouse."

"A devout Catholic, I asked for help from the Lord," she says.

The couple slowly modernized the farm, with Dot's first request being a bathtub. "That was a luxury, especially after helping with the haymaking," she says.

The farmhouse became home to seven children. The Van Rippers now have 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, most of whom live in the area.

The couple agrees that mutual caring and respect are important in a relationship, and that each partner must pull their weight.

"Any major decisions were mutually agreed on," Bill says.

"We never had much time for romance. We were too busy working hard, trying to pay the bills and survive," he says. "I don't remember ever having a fight, either. We never had the time."

Neither pays much attention to Valentine's Day.

"I'll give him a kiss, and as long as we're together, that's all we need," Dot says.

However, a couple of years ago she bought Bill a Valentine's teddy bear that still graces their TV set.

Bill and Margie Miller celebrated 42 years of marriage on Jan. 31, a marriage that produced three children and five grandchildren.

Margie was 17 years old, newly graduated from St. Thomas school in Ann Arbor, when she met Bill.

"A friend of mine needed a ride to her boyfriend's house in Pinckney, so I acted as chauffeur," Margie says. "When we got there, her boyfriend wanted me to meet his buddy."

The friend was Bill Miller, 19 years old and fresh out of the Marine Corps.

A graduate of Pinckney High School, Bill had just returned from two years in California.

"He'd only been back in Pinckney a month," Margie says. "He had a girlfriend out West, but I guess absence didn't make the heart grow fonder."

"We hit it off really well together right away, even though he was a country boy and I was a city girl."

Margie was employed as a lab technician at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Bill worked at Michigan Molded Plastics in Dexter.

Her parents were none too thrilled with the long-distance phone bills to Pinckney.

"So, I didn't call Bill very much," she says. "Back then, girls didn't usually do the phoning, anyway."

The couple was too young to go to many "adult" places that served liquor or had dance bands.

"We generally hung out with younger people, and double

dated with friends," Margie says.

The Newport Beach Club at Dexter's Portage Lake was a popular spot with a jukebox.

"Those were the days of poodle skirts and doo-wop music," Margie says. "It was the '50s era, made popular by the TV show 'Happy Days.' However, Bill never had a hairstyle like Fonzie. He had a Marine-style brush cut."

Swimming at Portage Lake and Silver Lake was another popular pastime, and watching movies at Ann Arbor's State Theater and Michigan Theatre.

After a 12-month courtship, the couple married on Jan. 31, 1959, in Ann Arbor. They moved to Chelsea nine years later.

They formed both a marital and business union, owning a car dealership in Jackson for 17 years.

"In many ways, marriage is like a business partnership. In our case, we worked at both our marriage and our car business together," Margie says.

The couple believe love, trust, friendship, tolerance and respect are all qualities that make up a good marriage.

"I don't think any marriage is perfect, and if anyone tells you so there is probably something wrong," Margie says. "You go through life as partners and make it work."

"You also need to give 100 percent to your loved one, and give him or her your full attention."

The marriage produced three children and six grandchildren.

The Millers have enjoyed traveling over the years. Two of their favorite places were Hawaii and Spain.

"Hawaii was very romantic, with moonlit walks along the beach and violinists playing at the dinner tables," Margie says.

The couple often celebrated Valentine's Day at their cottage on Houghton Lake.

"We would drive our snowmobiles into the woods, light a campfire and cook hotdogs and enjoy the winter beauty," Margie says.

"I think Valentine's Day is a wonderful time to be romantic and show your love for one another."

Donna and Erv McDonald got engaged on Valentine's Day 1953. Tying the knot the following year, the couple will celebrate 47 years of marriage on June 19.

The pair met in 1949, when they were both students at Central Michigan University.

"My roommate was dating one of Erv's friends," Donna says.

"We were both from large families and modest backgrounds, and had a lot in common. We were working our way through college, so we didn't have a lot of time or money. We went to school dances, and sports events, and sorority and fraternity dances."

After graduation, Erv went into the Army, and was stationed in El Paso, Texas.

"We wrote to each other while I was teaching in Bay City," Donna says. She still has the let-

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While motorists can do little to arrest fluctuating fuel prices, measures can be easily employed to improve fuel efficiency and, ultimately, reduce costs at the pump.

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Before another spike at the pump prompts you to consider thumbing it to work, take control at the pump. Routine car maintenance, simple planning and other energy efficiency measures can be adopted to cut down on costs and trips to the pump.

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• Don't overpay for premium. Less than 10 percent of cars on the road today need premium-grade gasoline. Consult your auto manual and your favorite mechanic before paying premium.

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• Check your tires. When tires are not adequately pressurized, fuel economy is hampered by as much as 2 percent for each miss-

ing pound of pressure. • Keep your engine in tune. This could save up to \$100 a year on gasoline since an out-of-tune car uses 3 to 8 percent more gasoline than an engine that's running in tip-top fashion.

• Slow Down. Driving at 65 miles an hour rather than 55 siphons 15 percent off your fuel economy.

• Use cruise control on the highway to maintain a constant speed.

• Keep your cool. This causes most people to use the accelerator much too often and too hard.

• Aerodynamics is essential to fuel economy. Bike carriers, ski racks and car-top storage bins interfere with a car's aerodynamic profile, impeding efficient gas mileage.

• Save major road trips for the fall. Gasoline prices are usually lowest at this time of year as opposed to the prime driving seasons of spring and summer.

• When purchasing a car, consider fuel efficiency and a manual transmission as opposed to an automatic to save on gasoline.

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The talk begins at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 and will be held at the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, 400 Congdon St.

"This period — the 1600s — saw the emergence of science and the great religious wars," Alexander said. "Rome moved to the forefront as the artistic center of Italy, and magnificent painters like Caravaggio and sculptors like Bernini produced propagandistic art for the popes, kings and princes who ruled by divine right."

"Architecture, sculpture and painting were the means by

which the greater glory of religion and monarchy could be made visible."

Alexander, a docent at the University of Michigan Museum of Art for 15 years, has degrees in history and art history.

In her slide show, she will show the most important pieces of Italian art in detail, explaining their importance.

"The slide show and talk will be both a learning experience and a fun travelog," Alexander said. "I like to put the artists in their historical context, show how they were influenced and how they in turn influenced the art world."

Registration for the lecture is \$20 at the door, or call 433-2787.



Tigers at the Vet

Tiger Cubs from Den 1, Pack 435, visited Lane Animal Hospital on Jan. 18. Dr. Jonathan Lane gave the boys a tour and answered their questions about the animals, surgery and pet care. Shown with Lane are Kody Johnson (left), Bourke Lodwick, Robby Everard, Adam Burman and Austin Sullens.

Carnival winners announced

Mike Wenderlich of Saline took first place in the 10th annual Cavanaugh Lake Chili Cook-off held Feb. 3 as part of the Chelsea American Legion's Winter Carnival.

Sandy Harvey of Grass Lake placed second and Sue Collins of Chelsea came in third.

In the People's Choice Award, which received 112 votes, Mike Harvey was the winner with 32 votes, Sandy Harvey received 24 votes, and Pam Moore and Julie Hinz tied for third place with 20 votes each. Mike Wenderlich and Sue Collins each grabbed 12 votes, and Melanie Wagner and Kevin Frahm got six votes.

Cookie and Barry Hewelt of Lakeland and Colleen and Valisa Thompson of Chelsea were the judges.

Betsy Hackworth and Sandy Stomper of Chelsea helped by selling 628 chili sample tickets.

"The Chili Cook-Off was a

great success," said Larry Doll, chairman. "We raised nearly \$200 for the Sons of the American Legion."

In the Fishing Derby, Paul Bell took first place in the youth panfish, Tyler Ball was second, and Andy Herrst was third. Ed Monaghan was first in the adult panfish, Rod Rodrigues was second and Tom Rudd third. Dave Schiabe took first place in the adult perch, Mike Sayers was second and Fred Bobo was third. Rick Boham caught the best pike, Jessie Sheppard was second and Dave Seyfried took third place.

Stan Litwa was the snowmobile winner.

Winners of the euchre tournament were Rene Richey, Jerry Martel, Colt White, Albert Haffley and Reuben Lesser. Winners of the most loners hand were Brian Ackley, Steve Opal and Don Laier.

BIRTHS

Twin sons, Jacob Robert and Zachary Michael, were born Jan. 27 at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor to Katie and Rob Vetur of Grass Lake. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Barb Kelley of Dexter. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Belinda Vetur of Canton. Great-grandparents are Warren Kurtz of St. Helen, Marge Kelley of Casa Grande, Ariz., and Bill and Jeanette Allen of Wayne. The twins are brothers for big sisters Kayla and Becca.

A daughter, Makenna Norma, was born Nov. 2 at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor to Kevin and Jill Kern of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Betty Kies of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Vickie Kern of Chelsea. Makenna has a brother, Jacob, and a sister, Morgan.

A son, Quinn Thomas, was born Jan. 26 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor to Todd and Beth Starkey of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Ken and Ellie Unterbrink of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are Stan and Sue Starkey of Chelsea.

Great grandparents are Mary Ellen and the late Stanley Starkey of Northwood, Ohio, and Marilyn and the late Robert Kansorka of Oregon, Ohio. Quinn has three brothers, Tanner, Cameron and Drew.

A son, Joseph Richard, was born Nov. 2 at University Hospital in Augusta, Ga., to Richard and Debbie Steele of Martinez, Ga. Maternal grandparents are Paul and Beverley Griffin of Swainsboro, Ga. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Margaret Steele of Chelsea. Great-grandparents are Dorothy McBride of Martinez, Ga.,

Dorothy and Joseph Steele of Kalamazoo and Ed Marshall of Chelsea.

A son, Grigory George, was born Dec. 30 in Moscow to Don and Elena Griffiths. Maternal grandparents are Yuri and Irina Bocharov of Moscow. Paternal grandparents are George Griffiths of Port Mansfield, Texas, and Edrea Griffiths of Dexter. Great-grandparents are Ray and Nancy Scudder of Grandville.



Pearsall Makes Dean's List

Todd Pearsall, a junior at Western Michigan University, recently made the dean's list. Pearsall, the son of Bill and Linda Pearsall, is a 1998 graduate of Chelsea High School. He is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering.



Berg Makes Dean's List

Brandi Berg, a junior at Western Michigan University, recently made the dean's list. Berg, the daughter of Gail Thomas and Robert Berg, is a 1998 graduate of Chelsea High School. She is pursuing a degree in textile and apparel merchandising.



Phillips on Dean's List

Brian Phillips, a 2000 Chelsea High School graduate, is on the dean's list at Michigan State University. Phillips is studying in the James Madison College and is considering a career in international relations or law.

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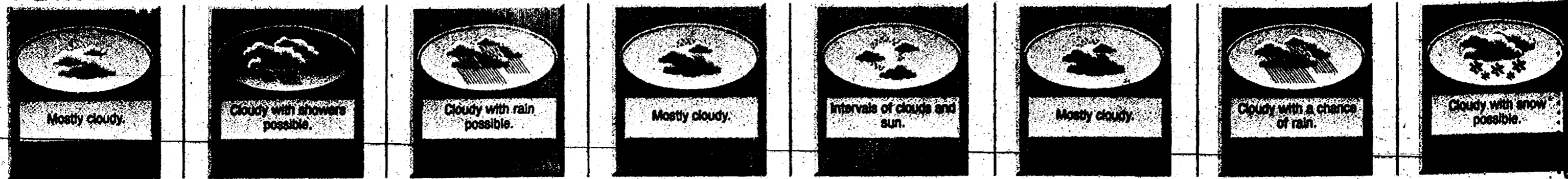
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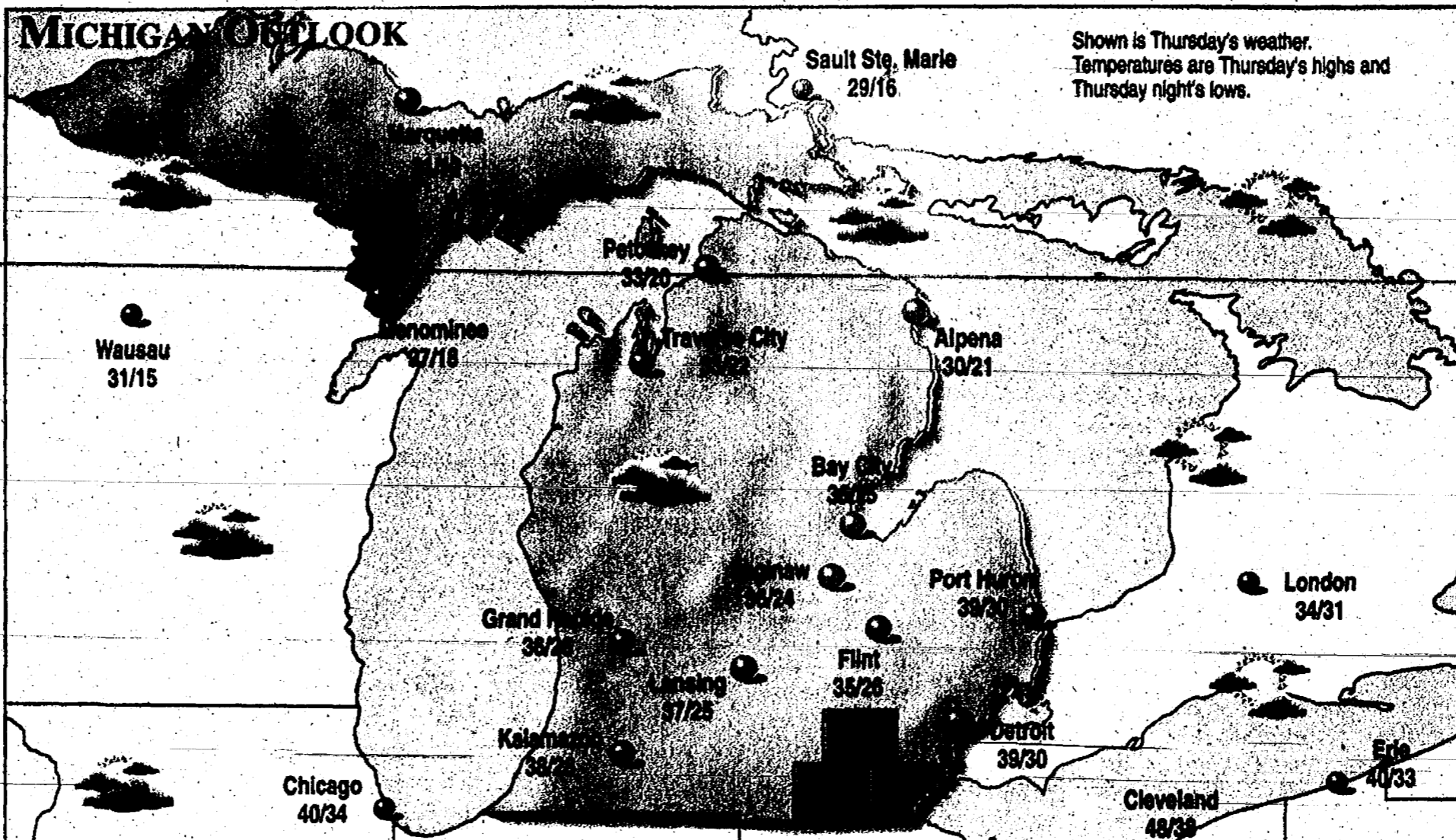
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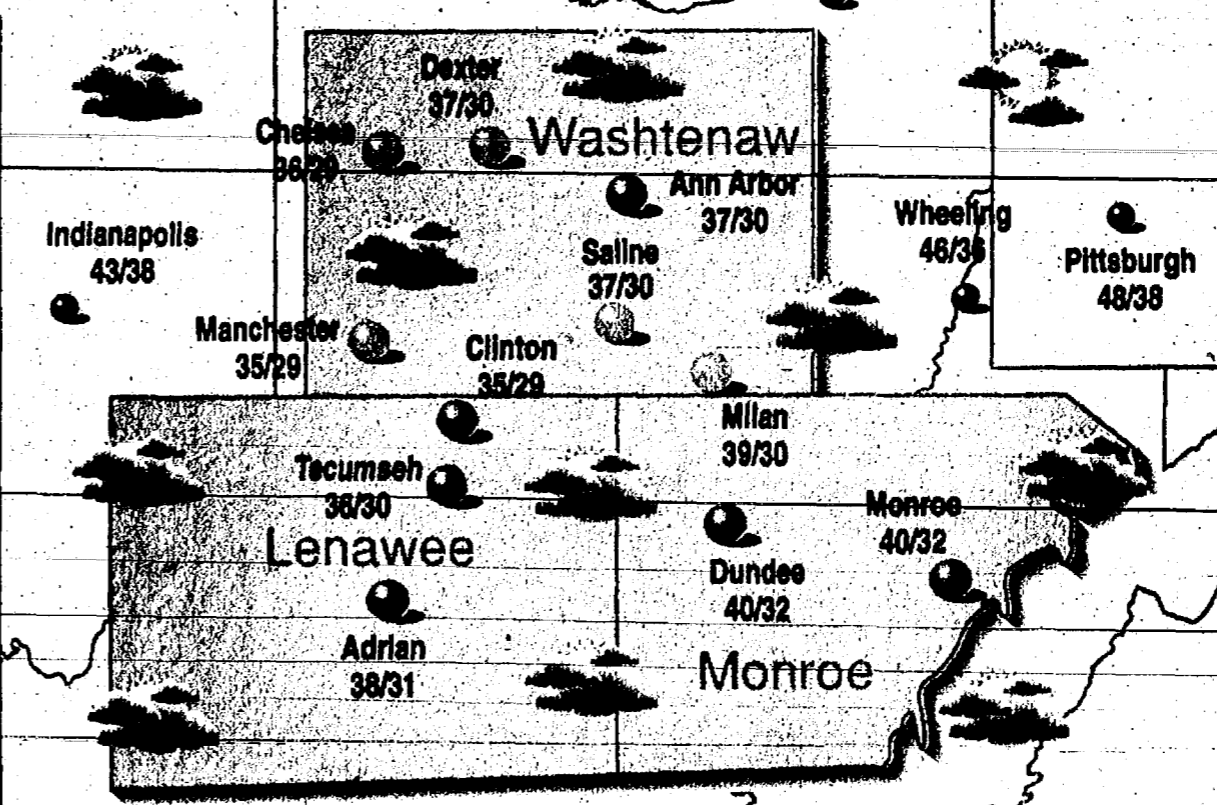
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Dallas	67 42 sh	48 33 pc	54 39 pc	57 35 c
Denver	26 8 c	40 16 pc	44 18 pc	46 22 pc
Des Moines	32 20 pc	30 14 c	34 19 c	37 23 c
Eugene	49 35 c	46 35 sn	47 35 t	47 27 sh
Fresno	54 34 s	58 38 pc	54 34 pc	56 36 c
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Houston	72 58 t	63 38 pc	62 45 c	63 47 c
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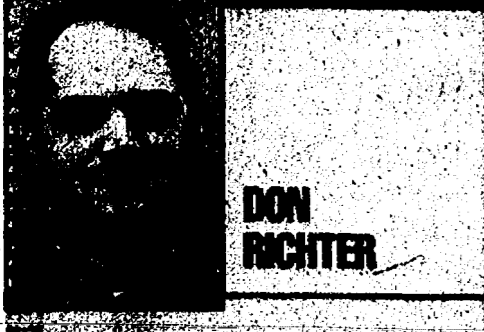
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DON RICHTER

ON THE SIDELINE

Why can't I be a hockey star?

Boy, I'd love to be a hockey star. Country music crooner Toby Keith once sang: "I should have been a cowboy." Well, I should have been a hockey star. I wish that in third grade my parents had let me join the Westland Flyers, along with the other neighborhood boys on my block. I wish my parents wouldn't have said it was too expensive and they weren't going to be getting up at all hours of the morning just to take me to practice. I've played every other sport in the book, but never ice hockey. On Jan. 31, as I watched the Dexter-Chelsea prep hockey war from my position along the wall behind the net at Chelsea's sold-out Arctic Coliseum, I silently rued the day my parents said no to my hockey glory. Thankfully, for Chelsea fans, Dave Poupard's parents said yes to his hockey destiny. With 30 seconds remaining in the game, Poupard scored, tying the game at 4-4 and bringing the packed arena to its feet in ear-splitting celebration. But besides the hard-hitting action on the ice, what struck me most that night was the atmosphere. From a Reuben Soady look-alike Zamboni driver, to the Dexter crowd shouting in unison "Bubby, Bubby, Bubby" every time Dreadnaught senior goaltender Brad Rinderknecht made a stop, to glancing at the overflow crowd taking up every bleacher seat, and standing three deep along the boards ringing the arena. "It was amazing when you looked around," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "The community support added to the overall excitement. It's great for the players."

Also great is the heated rivalry brewing between Chelsea and Dexter on the ice, as well as in other sports. "It's intense," Poupard said. "I hate to say it, but Dexter doesn't like Chelsea and Chelsea doesn't like Dexter. It's just the way it works out. Every sport from volleyball to football - it's just high intensity. After the game, you shake hands and say 'We'll get you next time,' but it's a kind of rivalry where in your season you have to beat Dexter. That's always one of our goals. On Jan. 31, inside the Arctic Coliseum, neither team came away victorious, but that doesn't mean plenty of emotion wasn't spent. The hits are harder and the intensity is full-tilt," said Chelsea player Drew Warren. "Everything is all out." Poupard agreed. "It's harder. Guys go that extra inch to win. They want it. You're on a high all game long. I almost started crying when I scored that (game-tying, last-second) goal. That's something every little kid dreams of."

For Ruth Monteith, secretary of the Dexter Hockey Boosters Club, last week's game signaled the dawn of something special. "The game was the beginning of a new era in high school hockey in this area," she said.

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By Don Richter

Staff Writer

Blame it on Dave Poupard. A lot of sisters living in Chelsea were wiping smooches off their faces Jan. 31 because of the senior captain's late-game heroics.

Because of Poupard's laser shot with 30 seconds left in regulation, host Chelsea (12-6-1, 7-1-1) tied county rival Dexter 4-4 before 1,000 howling fans in boys' hockey action at the Arctic Coliseum.

The game-tying blast came off a seeing-eye assist from sophomore forward Drew Warren.

With time winding down and Dexter standing five up at the blue line, Warren managed to break free along the right boards into the Dreadnaught zone.

With Dexter defenders draped all over him, he found Poupard streaking down the center slot.

"I saw him (Poupard) out of the corner of my eye," Warren said. "We both were skating full out."

With a quick flick of the wrist, Warren fed Poupard, who one-timed it through the five-hole past sprawling Dexter goalie Brad Rinderknecht.

The shot sent the Chelsea faithful, shouting at the top of its Blue and Gold-filled lungs, to its feet shaking the rafters.

"Tying Dexter is like the best thing that's ever happened," Poupard said. "When Drew (Warren) passed (the puck) to me, I was just thinking I hope I get it on net. I just threw up a prayer, you could say."

"Their guy was on me pretty good. When they scored that last goal, I did kind of think, 'Oh, boy, here we go.' But we all knew we couldn't give up."

Poupard's "Oh, boy" came after Dexter's junior all-anything J.J. Daratony brought the Dreadnaught fans to a fever pitch with a goal with 3:51 remaining in the game.

His shot, beating Chelsea net minder Mike Osborne, gave Dexter (17-1-1) a 4-3 lead.

The county ice battle, hard-hitting and close throughout,

saw the visiting Dreadnaughts score first on a Joe Mayer shot four minutes into the opening period. Chelsea regrouped and two minutes later Warren scored an unassisted, shorthanded goal, tying the game at 1-1 as the period came to a close.

To begin the second, Daratony turned the light on for Dexter 2:01 into the period on a shorthanded goal.

The score stayed 2-1 for most of the frame until junior forward Josh Barron tallied a power-play goal with 2:48 left in the period, knotting the game at 2-2.

Warren assisted on the play. In the third period, Dexter once again went back on top.

With 3:23 off the clock, freshman sniper Peter Vollbrecht scored for the Dreadnaughts, making it 3-2.

Chelsea, however, refused to

fold, beating Rinderknecht two minutes later as junior forward Zach Meza scored tying the county tussle at 3-3.

He was assisted by sophomore Ben Daniels and Poupard.

Since it was a regular-season hockey game, neither squad could participate in overtime. Only in tournaments and state playoff games is the extra session allowed.

Chelsea coach Don Wright was

happy with the way his troops never backed down against the high-scoring Dreadnaughts.

"I liked the way we responded," he said. "We played a strong mental game. We didn't get fazed by anything. We stayed focused."

In a rivalry as intense as Chelsea-Dexter, and in front of 1,000 fans, it was easy to stay focused - neither team had a choice.

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All tied up

Last second goal by Poupard ends wild rivalry game



Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Bulldog Drew Warren fights off Dreadnaught center J.J. Daratony. Warren assisted on Chelsea's late game-tying goal.

Bulldog spikers battle state-ranked squads

Chelsea volleyball finishes as runner-up of Pioneer Invitational

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

At the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational, the Chelsea volleyball team advanced to the tournament finals before losing to Class A No. 2-ranked Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern.

The Invite, held Feb. 3, witnessed the Bulldogs (29-6-2), who earned Class B honorable mention in the most recent state rankings, defeat Class A No. 6-ranked Brighton in the tournament semifinals, and a strong Wyandotte Roosevelt squad in the quarterfinals.

In pool play, Chelsea dominated, finishing unbeaten. The Dawgs disposed of Howell, Port Huron Northern and Detroit Communication Media and Arts.

"Our players have really improved throughout the season," said Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland. "The underclassmen have been working to develop their skills and have contributed to the team's success."

"Due to the unusually high number of injuries on the team, other team members have really stepped up and have helped to contribute at critical times during matches and tournament situations."

"We hope to have everyone back healthy this week, including Michelle Dettling, who is coming off a broken leg."

According to Cleveland, senior leadership has been a strong point for the squad this year.

"Lindsay Baker has done a terrific job with the setting

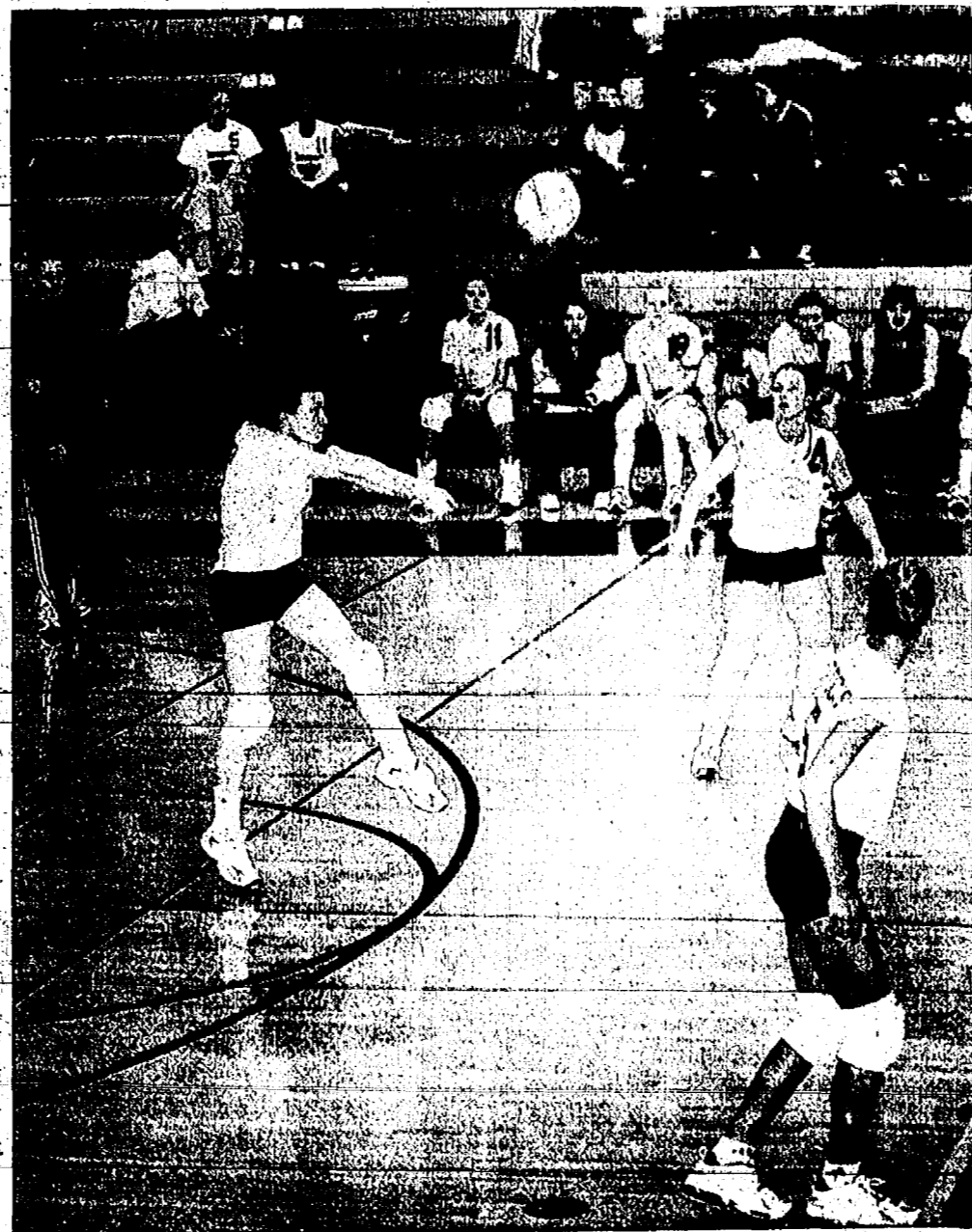


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Bulldog senior Laura Baird returns a shot against Southeastern Conference foe Tecumseh.

responsibilities this season and has led our team defensively with exceptional defensive digging and blocking," she said. "Caitlin Deis has led the way offensively with exceptional hit-

ting, along with Josie Wells and Laura Baird.

"Molly Welton and Amber Mattocks have played consistently and effectively in the back row and have improved steadily

throughout the season on their serving accuracy."

Cleveland said that underclassmen Alison Mann, Anna Arend, Connie Kolokithas, Heather Tanner, Audrey Richardson and Jenelle Vlcek are "playing well while still learning and improving on their skills, and will provide a strong foundation for the future of the program."

On Feb. 1, Chelsea hosted Southeastern Conference rival Tecumseh, defeating the Indians in three games, 15-11, 15-11, 15-13.

"It was an important league win to keep our goal of winning the division alive," Cleveland said.

On Jan. 27, the Bulldogs traveled to Battle Creek Lakeview to participate in its tournament.

Once again, Chelsea reached the finals, losing to Lakeview, ranked No. 8 in Class A, 4-15, 7-15.

In the semifinals, the Bulldogs defeated Mattawan, 15-13, 15-7.

In the tourney quarterfinals, Chelsea swept Comstock, 15-8, 15-6.

In pool play, the Bulldogs finished second with a 3-3 overall record.

Top performers for Chelsea on the day were Deis with 38 kills and 13 aces, and Wells with 24 kills and seven blocks.

Baird finished with 28 kills and Baker ended up with 13 aces and seven blocks.

"The team played well throughout the day, despite having four team members inactive due to injury or illness,"

Cleveland said. "Tanner played well in the middle and added a spark to the team as she replaced Arend during pool play when Anna was suffering from a lower back strain."

Cleveland added that Baker, Deis and Baird played "exceptionally and consistently throughout the day to lead the team to the finals."

Cleveland said Lakeview was extremely talented and strong.

"The caliber of play at the tournament was extremely high and the team played to their capabilities and gained confidence concerning their skills and the role that each team member plays on the squad," Cleveland said.

Besides finishing runner-up at the Pioneer and Lakeview tournaments, Chelsea has fared well in other high-profile invites.

It finished runner-up at the South Lyon Invitational in December and captured its own Invitational in January.

Its only loss in SEC play has been to Class B No. 1-ranked Dexter.

The Bulldogs get a second chance at their top-ranked county rivals today in a match set for 6 p.m.

"We're looking forward to playing them," Cleveland said. "We've improved since then."

After Dexter, Chelsea travels to Class A No. 1-ranked Temperance Bedford Feb. 10 at 8 a.m.

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Bulldog grapplers capture Holly Invitational meet

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

With 201 points, the Chelsea wrestling squad captured the six-team Holly Invitational Feb. 3.

The host Broncos finished second with 199.5 points.

Burton-Bendle placed third with 190.5 points, Byron was fourth with 154.5 points, Milford was fifth with 148.5 points and Warren Mott ended up sixth with 133 points.

The round-robin-type tournament was pleasing for Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel.

"We like that tournament," he said. "The team really came together."

Top performers for the Bulldogs were freshman Ryan Lundquist (103 pounds), who finished 3-2 for the meet; freshman Josh Clark (103), 4-1; Matt Robinson (112), 3-2, who placed third overall; Jeremy Loe (119), 2-3; Randy Ostrowski (125), 5-0, who earned a first-place medal; Mike Kattula (130), 1-4; Ryan Keiser (135), 1-2; Andy Herst (135), 0-2; Mike Steger (140), 2-3, and freshman Ben Rogers (145), 0-5.

In the upper weights, Adam Egeler (152) finished 2-2 overall,

losing to a two-time state qualifier and dropping an injury default match. Kargel said Egeler suffered a shoulder injury, but that he'll be back for Chelsea's next match.

At 160 pounds, senior George Fairley ended up 3-0 for second place. Teammate Eric Lixey (160) finished 1-1.

Sophomore Darl Bauer (171) captured a first-place medal, pinning all five opponents.

At 189 pounds, Robert Herst finished 4-1, earning a second-place medal. Jared Powers (215) was 4-1 and placed second for the Dawgs.

Heavyweight Alex Slocum (231) also ended up in second place for Chelsea.

On Feb. 1, the Bulldogs traveled to Southeastern Conference rival Tecumseh, defeating the Indians, 42-25.

The Bulldogs used a strong beginning to help propel them to victory.

At 103 pounds, Lundquist pinned his opponent in 1:47. Following Lundquist, Robinson (112) decisioned his foe, 9-7.

"That was a good start for us," Kargel said. "After two matches, we were up nine points. I felt good about that."

At 125, Ostrowski won by pin

in 2:34. The Bulldogs dropped the next four matches, falling behind 22-15 heading into Egeler's 152 pound battle.

Egeler pinned his opponent in 2:50, closing the Indian lead to one point, 22-21.

Lixey, at 160 pounds, put Chelsea ahead to stay, 27-21, with a pin in 3:58.

Fairley (171) won by forfeit. Powers (215) pinned his foe in 2:49, followed by Slocum, who decisioned his opponent to close out the match.

In arguably the meet's best brawl, Bauer fell to Tecumseh senior Adam Cox, 9-6, in the 189-pound weight class.

"He's giving up 20 pounds," Kargel said about Bauer. "Cox is a pretty good wrestler. He's a physical wrestler."

Chelsea next travels to Adrian, Feb. 10, to participate in the Southeastern Conference meet at 10 a.m.

The Bulldogs are undefeated in league dual meets this season.

"We'll be ready," Kargel said. Staff Writer Don Richter can be reached by telephone at 475-1371 or via e-mail at drichter@heritag.com.



Photo courtesy of Norm Bauer

Bulldog senior Alex Slocum prepares to pin his opponent during action at the Holly Invitational.



Photo courtesy of Norm Bauer

The Chelsea wrestling squad celebrates after capturing the Holly Invitational. Members include, front row, Matt Robinson (left), Josh Clark, Ryan Keiser and Ryan Lundquist; back row, Karl Wint (left), Ben Rogers, Andy Herst, Mike Steger, Fred Dehn, Jeremy Loe, Darl Bauer, Dave Graff, Eric Lixey, Pat Jolly, Jared Powers (holding trophy), George Fairley, Robert Herst, Joel Powers, Charles Harris, and Alex Slocum.

JV spikers too much for Indians

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

The Chelsea JV volleyball team swept visiting Tecumseh 15-12, 15-3, Feb. 1.

Despite a rocky start in game one, the Bulldogs (28-3-4, 3-2) rebounded in game two.

"The first match started slow," said Chelsea coach Beth Box. "It was a side out game for both teams. The second match was much better as far as serves, serve receive and communication."

"All the girls were able to play and did a nice job."

Katrina Moffett led the way for Chelsea, recording eight assists, seven points, three aces and one kill.

Cynthia Johnson had seven points, five digs, five aces, one kill and one assist. Courtney Bentley finished with seven

points, four digs, three aces and two assists. Catherine Kirkwood had two kills, one block and one assist.

Sarah Kaminsky ended up with three digs and one point. Carri Kuczajda had four kills and two blocks and Lindsey Tye had two kills for Chelsea.

Julie Inwood recorded three points and one dig, Kyrstal

Space had five points and one ace and Allison Sacks had three digs and one kill for the Dawgs.

Box said Jenny Parker played good defense. Savannah Hysonng posted one dig and Stephanie Minzey had one block and one assist for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs next travel to county rival Dexter today for a match at 6 p.m.

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Top Dawg

Chelsea wrestler Fairley one of Bulldogs' best ever, seeks state title

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

The first flickering of the fire now raging inside George Fairley's stomach-ignited one mild afternoon at Chelsea's Beach Middle School four years ago.

"I was in my eighth-grade gym class and a couple (Chelsea) high school wrestlers came to show us some moves," Fairley said. "After they did that awhile, we had a 'King of the Ring-type' thing—a takedown competition."

"I had a blast. I went out there and took down most of the kids. I was like, 'Whoa, maybe I'm pretty good at this.'"

"That season I joined the (Beach wrestling) team." He's been taking down opponents ever since.

Fairley, a senior captain on Chelsea's wrestling squad, is 30-1 this season—his only defeat coming at the hands of Saline's Chris Schuyler, 10-9, in December of last year.

On Jan. 6 of this year, at Jackson County Western's tournament, Fairley avenged that loss, beating Schuyler, who finished sixth in the state last season, 4-3.

According to Fairley, who competes in the 160-pound weight class, he might not have been able to accomplish such a feat last year.

"Last season, I might have gotten psyched out," he said. "But

this year, I've made up my mind before each match to work hard. I'm looking to win no matter what."

"I'm the oldest guy out there, why shouldn't I win? That's the way I look at it."

It's obviously working. This year, Fairley has wrestled three state placers and three state qualifiers from last season.

He's 5-1 overall against all six, wiping the slate clean with his decision over Schuyler.

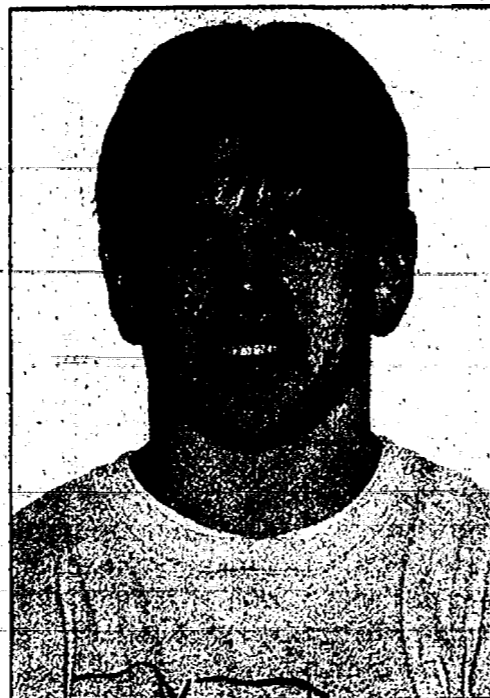
"It's really helped my confidence," Fairley said. "As a senior I'm supposed to win. Everyone expects me to do that. Usually, last year, I could make an excuse, but no excuses this year."

As one of only three seniors on this season's Bulldog team (three others are out with injuries), Fairley said he feels added pressure to perform well and be a leader.

"I'm trying to lead by example," he said. "If I see someone lying down (at practice), I'm not going to yell at them and then later do it myself."

Fairley said holding himself up to higher standards this year has helped improve his performance on the mat.

"It's made me a better wrestler," he said. "I try to work hard so other kids see that. In years past, we took workouts kind of easy. I try to make it so the young guys look up to me and



George Fairley

follow my example. I admire the hard work everyone is doing.

"The younger guys are a great group. They're going to be terrific come their junior and senior year. It's been a lot of fun this season."

Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel agreed Fairley has become an instrumental team leader.

"He's an inspiration to the other young wrestlers," he said. "I hear some of them say they'd like to be like him. He's just an excellent example both in practice and in the classroom."

For Fairley, who has a 3.65 grade point average and cited chemistry and pre-calculus as his favorite school subjects, last

year added up to anything but fun.

With a 27-11 record, he made a quick exit from the state tournament, finishing 1-2 at regionals.

"Last year, I wrestled at 140," he said. "My parents felt that was too low for me. This year, I feel as strong as ever."

When asked how he gained 20 pounds in one year, Fairley said: "It was a combination of lifting (weights) five times a week and eating a lot."

Kargel believes Fairley's added strength has been a key for him this season.

"He's gotten much stronger," he said. "In the off-season, he lifted weights and worked hard. Last year, you could see he was developing. He was determined to get better."

"He's also such a good technician. You can't ask for much more in a wrestler. He has the heart and desire to win."

Fairley's summer job also turned out to benefit him on the mats this season.

"I worked landscaping in Texas," said Fairley, who plans to attend college in Colorado, Wisconsin, Ohio or California

and major in business or psychology. "You would think that would make me lose weight, sweating and all. But it really helped with my endurance."

And endurance is what Fairley will need if he hopes to achieve his final objective as a prep grappler.

"It's always been my goal to go to state," he said of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's state wrestling championships at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena March 8 through 10. "But this year I hope to place. I feel like I can do that. I need to step it up another level, though."

Kargel is confident his prized pupil will rise to the occasion.

"I told him, 'You're on the right track,'" he said. "Part of the battle is to convince yourself you're better than your opponent. George has done that."

Up to this point, Fairley said his most memorable moment came three weeks ago when he captured the 160-pound championship at the Williamson Invitational.

"I had to beat a state qualifier and a kid that was ranked No. 2 in the state," he said. "That felt great."

Last season, the closest Fairley came to glory at Joe Louis Arena was sitting in the stands watching the finals.

"That was kind of a bummer," he said. "I could have been there (in finals). I saw a kid take fourth that I lost to by a couple points. I thought, 'That could have been me.'"

Fairley said the perfect ending for him would be to "walk away from the state tournament with a medal."

Kargel sees no reason why that can't happen.

"I feel he can do it this year," he said. "He can definitely make top three."

Kargel, who's been Chelsea's coach for 18 years, thinks Fairley is not only one of the best grapplers in the state, but one of the greatest he's ever coached.

"I would put him up in that slot," he said. "He's very coachable. He picks up quickly on things. He's one of the top three wrestlers I've coached since I've been at Chelsea."

Michigan has four divisions in prep wrestling based on school population.

Chelsea competes in Division II.

At 160 pounds, only the top eight wrestlers from throughout Division II will emerge from Joe Louis Arena with a medal.

If George Fairley has any say in the matter, he'll be one of the eight.

Let the fire burn.
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— Kerry Kargel
Chelsea coach

Poor shooting hampers Chelsea hoops

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

The Chelsea boys' basketball team just can't seem to find the range.

At Adrian Feb. 2, the Bulldogs finished 13-of-46 from the field for 28 percent.

With a top seemingly on the basket, Chelsea fell to the Maples, 46-31.

"It was one of those nights where we couldn't seem to hit anything," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "The ball just wouldn't go in for us."

Adrian didn't exactly light up the court, either.

The Maples were 18-of-47 from the floor for 38 percent.

The difference in the game was turnovers.

Chelsea (5-7) committed 18 and Adrian seven.

"We had too many turnovers," Raymond said. "We weren't patient enough on offense. Combine that with having a lid on the basket and it was tough."

Senior swing player Tony Scheffler (6-foot-5) paced the

Bulldogs, scoring 12 points and grabbing five rebounds.

Junior post player Joe Tripodi (6-4) had a fine, all-around game, scoring six points and hauling down a team-high 10 boards.

Tripodi also drew praise from his coach for his defensive effort in the paint against Adrian's top player, Jay Threat (6-6).

"Tripodi did an excellent job of denying him the ball," Raymond said. "He hurt us in the first game we played against them. Tonight, he had just six points."

Despite its offensive shortcomings, Raymond is pleased with his squad's effort on the defensive end.

"Defensively, I thought we played well," he said. "Offensively, we need to get back on rhythm."

John Snyder led Adrian with 17 points, followed by Nick Coudron with 13.

Chelsea junior guard Eddie McClendon finished with two points, five rebounds and one steal.

Co-captain Ben Myers ended up with three points and five boards and Nick Gadbury finished with two points and four rebounds.

The Bulldogs outrebounded the Maples 38-21 for the game.

Adrian ended the night with 12 steals, compared to six for Chelsea.

The Maples were 7-of-13 from the charity stripe for 54 percent. The Dawgs finished 3-of-8 for 38 percent.

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Chelsea tankers lose tough meet to No. 1 Dreadnaughts

The Chelsea Bulldog swimming and diving team looked quite impressive Friday, even though it was dunked by the Class B-C-D No. 1-ranked Dexter Dreadnaughts.

The meet was won in the last event as Dexter scored a 101-85 victory.

The Bulldogs knew they had their work cut out for them as they prepared for the contest.

Dexter's depth was going to be the biggest stumbling block for the Bulldogs.

"We knew that we could match up with their top swimmers going into the meet," said Chelsea coach Dave Jolly. "What concerned us most were their second and third swimmers and divers."

As predicted, the "B" relays and third swimmers for both teams decided the meet.

Chelsea got off to a great start as they won the 200 medley

relay. Jared Wacker, Matt Holmes, Andy Hack and Jake Holton combined for the team's fastest medley relay of the season.

Chelsea touched out Dexter with a time of 1:43.77, but the "B" relay fell short, allowing Dexter to earn second- and third-place points.

As predicted, Chelsea was shelled in the next event, the 200 freestyle. Mike Policht placed third in the event with a time of 2:04.77, with teammate Andrew Ceo earning fifth place at 2:09.86.

Chelsea actually scored one point more than expected and was excited to have a chance at upsetting Dexter.

The Dawgs believed that the meet would end in a 93-93 tie.

Hack once again proved that he is the best in the 200 individual medley in the conference, cruising to victory at 2:03.33.

Greg Cook was fourth at 2:18.26 and Tim Wacker was fifth at 2:18.89.

Chelsea split the points at eight each.

The Bulldogs pulled closer as they proved once again their dominance in the sprint events.

Jeff Heydlauff blazed his way past Kevin Vessels from Dexter to win the 50 freestyle at 22.55. Holton was fourth at 23.98 and Zack Christman was fifth at 24.16.

It was now up to the divers to bring Chelsea back into the lead in the meet.

Steve Basar and Gabe McGuinness placed first and second, respectively, putting

Chelsea ahead for the first time since the first event.

The lead, however, would not last long.

Dexter's superior butterfly talent prevailed as Chelsea took second place, with Hack at 55.36 and Mike Bowdish earning fifth place.

It was once again up to the sprinters to come through for Chelsea, and they did.

Heydlauff took first in the 100 freestyle at 50.34, with teammate Jared Wacker close behind for second at 51.90. Greg Cook earned fifth place at 54.71.

This put the Bulldogs back on top by two points. It would, however, be the last

lead Chelsea would hold on the night.

The Bulldogs were bombed yet again in the distance event, earning three points, hurting their chances.

Policht was fourth in the 500 freestyle at 5:44.56 and Ceo was fifth at 5:58.42.

Chelsea's sprint relays kept it close as the team earned first and third place, but it was running out of events to score points.

Hack, Christman, Bravo and Heydlauff won the 200 freestyle relay at 1:33.15. Holton, Tim Wacker, Cook, and Policht came through with third at 1:37.62.

With three events to go and the Bulldogs down by two points, a miracle would need to take place.

All of Chelsea's top guns were used up. It was now up to the young kids.

The 100 backstroke went as predicted with Jared Wacker, earning second place at 58.22, a personal best for him. Christman was third at 1:04.28, but Dexter's depth was too much, as Josh Haynes could not slip in for fifth.

Matt Holmes surprised everyone by winning the 100 breaststroke and Tim Wacker earned fifth place at 1:12.23, just getting touched out by the Dexter swimmer.

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The win by Holmes gave Chelsea one last chance in the 400 freestyle relay. The Bulldogs would have to get first and third in the final event to tie or go first and second to win.

This was a very tall order. Chelsea would have to split the relays to have a chance.

Split the relays it did, but it wasn't enough as Dexter's depth — what Chelsea feared most — proved too much.

The Bulldogs could only earn third place and fell to the Dreadnaughts in one of the most exciting meets of the swimming season.

Chelsea must beat Dexter in the conference meet to have a chance at sharing the title of Southeastern Conference champions.

Both teams are favored to finish in the top four at this year's state championships in March.

Chelsea currently has eight swimmers and two divers primed for this year's state finals.

The Bulldogs next host SEC foe Ypsilanti Lincoln tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Chelsea travels to Ann Arbor Huron for a meet at 7 p.m.

Champion gymnasts excel at Lansing sectional

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

The Washtenaw County-based Champion Gymnastics Club qualified 21 gymnasts for the upcoming state meet to be held later this spring.

On Jan. 27, local gymnasts traveled to Lansing to participate in a sectional meet hosted by Great Lakes Gymnastics.

The new level 7 team all qual-

ified for the state meet at this competition.

The squad, as a whole, finished in seventh place.

In youth gymnastics, levels can reach as high as 10.

Members of the level 7 team qualifying for the state competition are Alex Miller, Lisa Hoeft, Rachel Marks, Ashley Newvine and Marissa Garza.

Miller led the squad with an

11th overall place, finishing with a score of 36.05.

In level 6, three gymnasts qualified for the state meet.

Cassie Coffman, Mari Couason and Brittany Psychas were the Champion threesome to advance.

In level 5, 13 gymnasts qualified for the state finals.

Members qualifying are Chelsea Larsen, Ellissa Black,

Raechel Pape, Christina Coffman, Carly Dalton, Eleanor Stewart, Stacie McCartt, Rebecca Pape, Cassie Vincke, Emily Black, Emily Bednar, Mary Cebula and Sarah Diehr.

On Jan. 20, the level 5 and level 6 teams traveled to Port Huron to compete in the Blue Water Ice Jam hosted by the Huron Physical Arts Center.

Led by Larsen's first-place finish and by Coffman, Dalton, and Ellissa Black, both squads took home third-place trophies.

The Silver Level 5 team competed in the morning's Fun Meet and also brought back a trophy.

Chelsea freshmen split two games

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Despite 10 points from Nick Miller, the Chelsea freshman boys' basketball team fell to Saline, 49-42, Monday.

"We let Saline get out to an early seven-point lead and we were never able to recover," said Chelsea coach Mike Bareis. "George Royce played an outstanding floor game for our team. Saline controlled the game with their inside strength."

Besides Miller, the Bulldogs (9-4) were led by Brian Kinaschuk with nine points, Tony Reifel with eight points and Royce with six.

On Friday, Chelsea traveled to Adrian and posted a 56-42 victory.

Kinaschuk paced the Bulldog

attack with 19 points.

Reifel, with 15, Miller, with 10, and Joel Hohnke, with eight, added to the Chelsea scoring.

The Bulldogs outscored the Maples 15-5 in the second quarter, which was the key to the ballgame.

"We played extremely hard all game and our execution was

excellent," Bareis said. "Our ball handlers did a great job handling Adrian's pressure defense."

Chelsea next hosts Dexter tomorrow at 6 p.m.

On Monday, the Dawgs travel to Ann Arbor Pioneer for a game scheduled for 7 p.m.



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With both squads flying around the ice, one either paid attention or said hello to "Mr. Boards."

"The crowd was huge," Wright said. "That made it more of an exciting game."

Of the last-second, game-tying goal, Wright said: "It was a bang-bang play. We just wanted to get the puck down low in their zone. We wanted to get control and get the puck to the net. You need pressure. Then anything can happen."

For Poupard, scoring the game-tying goal was just one memory he'll take away from the game. He'll also never forget the atmosphere.

"Oh my God," he said. "That was the best game we've had, so far. Our fans are great. We couldn't expect much better. We wanted to win it for the fans."

Though feeling his team could play better, Warren was still smiling afterward.

"I feel good," he said. "It's a great feeling. It was awesome playing in front of the crowd."

For the game, Dexter out shot Chelsea by a slim 22-20 margin.

On Feb. 3, the Bulldogs traveled to Pinckney, a team it had shut out a week earlier, 4-0.

Behind a strong defense, Chelsea prevailed a second time, 3-1.

"We controlled the game," Wright said. "Their goalie did a great job of keeping them in it."

The Dawgs out shot the Pirates, 40-8.

Senior alternate captain Craig St. Clair got Chelsea off to a good start, scoring 6:36 into the first period.

Senior Trevor Maveal assisted on the play.

After a scoreless second period, junior forward Chris White made it 2-0 Chelsea on a goal at 12:01 of the third period.

Junior defenseman Eddie Ameel assisted on the score.

After Pinckney made it 2-1, Maveal turned the light on with 1:15 remaining to sew up the "W."

Warren recorded the assist.

Two weeks ago, Wright said Chelsea had an important six-game stretch ahead of it.

Four games into the stretch, the Bulldogs are 3-0-1.

"Everything's coming together well," Wright said. "In the Dexter game, we made some mistakes on defense. I felt we needed to work on that (against Pinckney)."

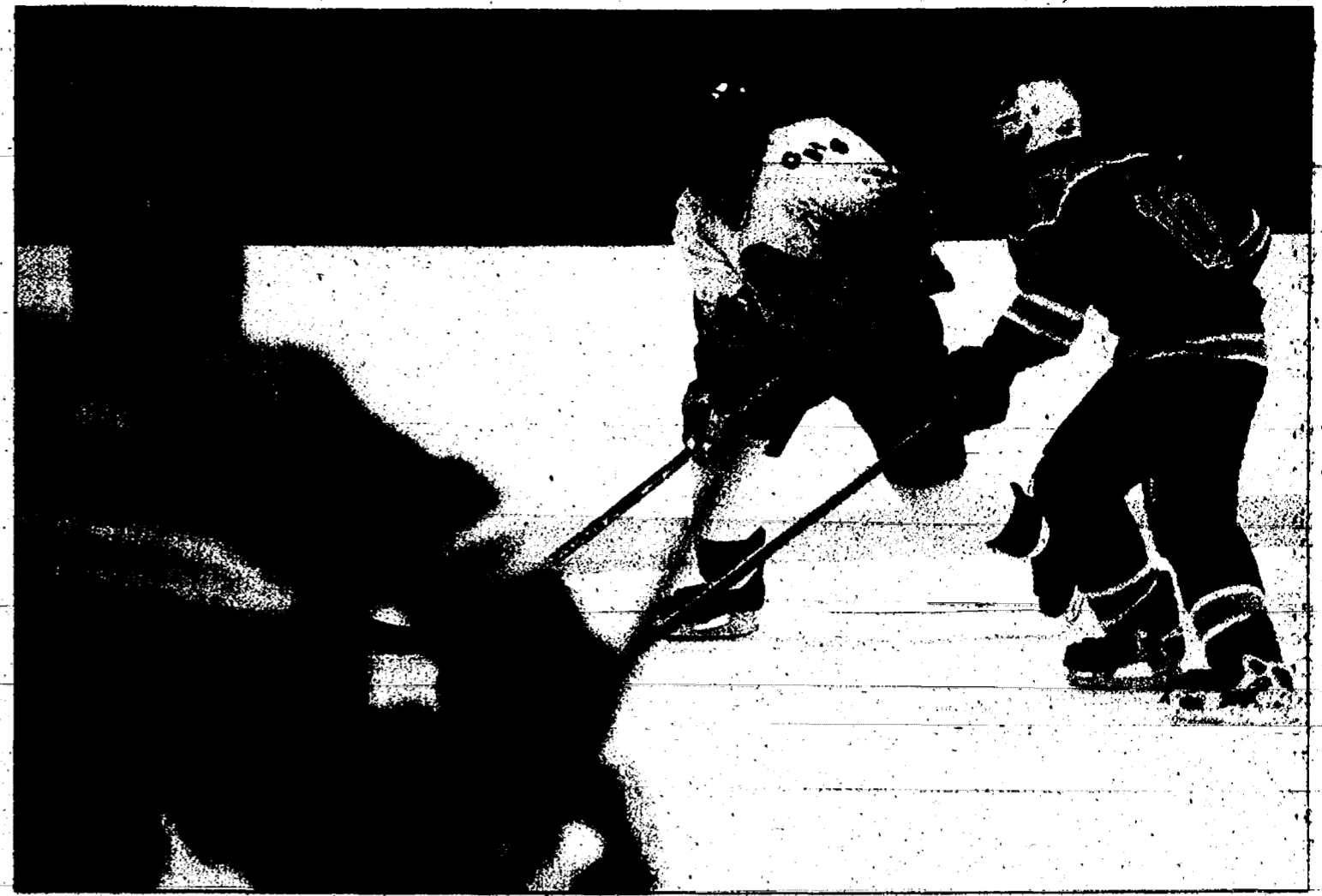
"We improved defensively and limited their (Pinckney's) shots and chances."

Chelsea next travels to the Ann Arbor Ice Cube to battle Saline tomorrow for a game set to face off at 8 p.m.

On Feb. 10, hockey fans are invited to watch the German under-18 national team practice.

The squad, scheduled to play the U.S. under-18 team later this month, will practice from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

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Chelsea senior captain Dave Poupard heads toward the net against Dexter. Poupard's last-second shot helped the Bulldogs tie county rival Dexter. Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Beach spikers fall

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade volleyball team fell to Saline in a five-game marathon, 11-8, 5-11, 11-2, 11-1, 11-5, Feb. 1.

Host Beach had its best serving night of the season, despite the setback, hitting on 80 percent of its serves.

Kimmen finished 18-11 serving and scored 13 points to lead Chelsea.

Jan DeWall added 10 points on 11-of-12 serving and Amanda Mattocks had five points on 8-of-8 serving.

Kelly Kennedy and Megan Kopp clipped in three service points each for Beach.

Pinckney Chelsea in Salina

were DeWall with six and Annie Guertin and Korc with three each.

Kimmen, with four, and Liberty Dickerson, with three, led Beach in kills.

"Saline had good height at the net and when we made passing errors, they made us pay the price," said Beach coach Ann Schaffner. "We will continue to work hard on fundamentals."

Beach next hosts Temperance Bedford today at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, Chelsea travels to Ypsilanti Lincoln to take part in its tournament.

Beach pounds Saline

Behind Rachel Armstrong's eight service points and two aces, Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade volleyball team swept visiting Saline, 11-6, 11-3, 11-5, Feb. 1.

Beach served 86 percent as a team - its highest of the season.

Besides Armstrong, Alex Kesler, who served five points, and Tawny McSweeney and Danielle Smith, who each served three points, paced Chelsea.

Kay Szcodronski, Torre Haynes, Lauren Stock, Megan Nadolny and Jennifer Carty

each added two service points.

Carty, Nadolny and Szcodronski each recorded one ace.

Hannah Myers and Maggie Dusbiber finished with one point each. Dusbiber's point was an ace.

Szcodronski ended up with two assists and Dusbiber had one assist for Beach.

"We are working on attacking the ball more often with a pass, set and spike," said Beach coach Linda Turok.

Chelsea next hosts Temperance Bedford today at 4 p.m.

Aquatics splash Livonia

Three members of the Chelsea Aquatic Club competed in the Clarenceville Swim Club Snowball Splash in Livonia this past weekend.

Danielle Hughes swam in the 13-14 age group and placed third in both the 50 freestyle (27:55) and 100 freestyle (59:51); fifth in the 100 backstroke (1:11:36) and 20th in the open 200 freestyle (2:13:54).

Jessica Lodewyk swam in the 11-12 age group and finished seventh in both the 100 freestyle with a state qualifying time (1:01:14) and in the 50 butterfly (31:99). She also placed 12th in the 100 individual medley (1:11:97).

Kellyn Pagliarini competed in

the 11-12 age group and placed 15th in the 50 backstroke (34:12); 17th in the 100 individual medley (1:13:59); 19th in the 100 breaststroke (1:24:46); and 23rd in the 100 freestyle (1:04:73).

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The atmosphere was outstanding, according to Monteith, whose son, Joe, is a Dreadnaught senior alternate captain.

"It was a great, new facility, with two top teams fighting for first place in a new area league," she said.

For Chelsea hockey parent and Bulldog Hockey Booster Club manager Maggie St. Clair,

attending the battle was a highly anticipated event.

"There has always been a rivalry between Chelsea and Dexter," she said. "This year the hockey rivalry is intense.

"The parents, players and fans came to the rink in massive numbers. All week long, I would run into people who said they were really ecstatic about coming to the Dexter game. We had the biggest crowd so far at our hometown rink."

St. Clair, whose son, Craig, is a senior alternate captain for the

Bulldogs, said besides the students, the Chelsea parents were into the game, as well.

"Most of the player moms stood on the top row of the fan seating — we were just so pumped (that) we couldn't even think of sitting to watch the game."

For Todd Heerema, Artic Coliseum operations manager, and Reuben Soady-like Zamboni driver, just being involved in the night's activities was memorable.

"Holy smokes, the crowd was great tonight," he said. "It was unbelievable. And, they were well-behaved."

Heerema, who decided to crack out his big, somewhat obnoxious, furry hat with the ear flaps down and winged to the

side, said he donned his hat to please the Chelsea team.

"I wear it for fun," he said. "Tonight, I told the kids that I'd wear it. I had pressure from the players to wear it."

As one might expect, just the sight of a grown man in an "Uncle Buck-type" hat such as his drew many a cat-call from the crowd as he Zamboni-ed around the rink between periods.

Not to be outdone, however, fellow Zamboni driver Tom Osborne, whose son, Mike, was in goal for Chelsea, came out dressed in garb Al Capone would be envious of.

"He wears the gangster outfit most of the time," said Heerema, also Osborne's all-black outfit topped off by a white-brimmed

gangster hat John Dillinger would be proud of. "We didn't plan to wear our hats at the same time. It just worked out that way."

Heerema, a Zamboni driver for 12 years, said he'd never seen a crowd so big for a high school hockey game.

"We'd like to see this all the time. The crowd was bigger than I expected. Normally, we don't see people wrapped around the Zamboni doors. This was phenomenal."

And just think, two weeks from now, we can all do it again.

On Feb. 24, Chelsea travels to

Dexter's Veterans Ice Arena for the third meeting of the two squads this season.

On Dec. 16, the Dreadnaughts prevailed in overtime, before tying Jan. 31.

"Everybody is already talking about that game," Wright said. "It should be a fun night."

Oh, to be a hockey star.

First, I guess, I should learn how to skate, eh?

Or, on second thought, I could just be a cowboy.

Staff Writer Don Richter can be reached by telephone at 475-1371 or via e-mail at drichter@heritagage.com.

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Second quarter spurt lifts Bulldogs

The Chelsea JV basketball team used a big second quarter to overtake and defeat host Adrian, 71-54, Feb. 2.

The visiting Bulldogs found themselves down by one, 18-17, after the opening quarter, but a 24-13 second quarter outburst gave Chelsea a commanding, 41-31 advantage at halftime.

James Ballas led the Bulldogs with 17 points.

Jake Freeman added 15 points, Joe Myers had 11 and Scott Dettling chipped in 10 points for Chelsea (12-0, 3-0).

"We turned the game

around in the second when we hit five three-pointers," said Chelsea coach Mark Scheese. "Adrian played us tough in the first half."

In the second half, the Bulldogs continued to build on their lead, outscoring Adrian 8-5 to take a 49-36 margin into the fourth quarter.

A 22-18 fourth quarter closed out the game for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs next host Dexter tomorrow at 6 p.m.

On Feb. 10, the team hosts Howell in a make-up game at 12:30 p.m.

Freshmen sweep Indians

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

The Chelsea freshman volleyball team swept visiting Tecumseh 15-8, 15-3, Feb. 1.

"The entire team played well," said Chelsea coach Terri McCalla. "Our serving was again strong at 86 percent for the evening."

Renee Johnston was 7-of-7 serving with three aces and Heather Cobb 7-of-8, with two aces, to pace the Bulldogs (14-4, 2, 4-1).

"Our passing was also strong with only two missed serve

receives for the evening," McCalla said. "It was nice. We had some good volleys."

"The net-play was excellent and the team was all over the court. The good passing led to good setting."

Chelsea finished 20-of-26 on attacks with eight kills.

Brittany Denison, Ashley Gadbury and Kaylyn Rohkohl, paced the Bulldogs with two kills each. Nicole Collins, Rachel Doison, Missy Morsom and Meghan Reames each added one kill.

Chelsea next travels to Dexter today for a match at 6 p.m.

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Woman's club enjoys talk about flowers

The Woman's Club of Chelsea met Jan. 23 at the Crippen Building with 16 members and one guest present.

Guest speaker Gigi Batsakis, from Gigi's Flower Shop, brought a variety of flowers and demonstrated how to put them together in an arrangement. She also shared facts about various flowers, particularly roses.

Dorothy Greer, Myra Colvin, Shirley Smith and Virginia Johnson won a drawing for four flower arrangements.

A business meeting followed to finalize plans for a Valentine party members will host for residents of the Chelsea Retirement Community.

Janet Fulks and Marion Haug served refreshments.

Residents on dean's list

Three local students were recently named to the dean's list at Adrian College.

Sara Naab and William Hohnke, both of Chelsea, were among 309 students recognized.

Naab, a junior, is planning a major in international business. She is a 1998 Ypsilanti High School graduate.

Hohnke, a junior majoring in music, is a 1998 Chelsea High School graduate and the son of B.J. and Kristyn Hohnke.

Rose Dresner, the daughter of Andrew and Cynthia Dresner, was also named to the list.

Dresner, a junior majoring in psychology, is a 1998 Dexter High School graduate.



Bedrooms in a Box

Teacher Linda Turok's life management class at Beach Middle School recently displayed their bedrooms in a box at Merkel's Furniture store in Chelsea. Pictured here are winners Maggie Dusibier (left), who took first place, Sam Zuccala and Kara Kimmen, second place, and Morgan Ellyson, third place. Not pictured is Adam Beeman, who also took third place.

Comfort foods ease winter doldrums

By Paula Evans Neuman
Heritage Newspapers

The sunlight is choked off again by murky gray clouds, and the air outside is so cold it freezes the inside of your nose. Everywhere you look, you see piles of dirty snow.

Let's face it, the only thing left from the glitter and glow of the holiday season are those dry evergreen needles evading the vacuum cleaner.

You're hitting the snooze button on your alarm clock three or four times each morning, coming down with a cold, and — drat! — the weatherman is calling for more snow.

It's definitely time for some serious, mood-altering, comfort food.

Our completely unofficial and unscientific survey shows that if you're male, that usually means something warm and cheesy. If you're female, hot tea and something sweet probably is closer to the mark.

And chicken soup seems to make everyone feel better.

Comfort food means different things to different people, and it's often tied to childhood memories of something a loving mom or grandma fed you when you were sick or teary.

Bon Appetit, in its February 1998 issue, wrote of comfort food as "dishes so strongly evocative of good, safe and happy times that the mere mention of them raises a warm and cozy glow and enhances our well-being."

For Laurel Plagens, the definition is much simpler.

"In my family, our main source of comfort regarding food is a good cup of tea," she said. "I

think the fact that a Scottish grandma had a big hand in caring for me when my mother was working played a big part in it."

To this day, if someone visits Plagens' home, she feels obligated to make a proper cup of tea. Sometimes, even her dog gets into the act.

"Every time my mum or sister come in, we put the kettle on," Plagens said. "Usually, when my mother comes in, we also try to find a cookie to go with the tea. My dog, usually very well behaved, has been spoiled by the cookie-wielding grandma.

"He gets quite spastic when Grandma comes in, running for the kitchen and looking at the kettle because he knows if we get that boiling, cookies are sure to follow."

Kathy Hogan says tea is right up there on her list of comfort foods, too.

For those rotten winter days when you feel a cold coming on, nothing beats "a hot cup of tea," preferably sipped while you're wrapped up in an afghan watching TV, she said.

And the homemade chicken noodle soup or potato soup her

husband, Michael, makes is warm and comforting, too.

And then there's her mom's chicken and dumplings.

"I've never had anything as good as any she made," Hogan said.

Beverly Carr is a believer in the power of soup.

"Any kind of soup is great when it's cold outside," she said. "And, of course, chicken soup is

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good when you have a cold." She also finds comfort in crackers and milk — and in chocolate.

"I eat chocolate all the time, whether I'm depressed or happy," Carr said.

"Chocolate cookies are just the right thing to devour on down-in-the-dumps days for Blanche King.

"They're just warm, like little, warm buttons going down into your stomach," she said. "It gives you that warm feeling."

"Lesa Wilson likes sweet things, too, when a day goes sour.

"As a child, my baby sitter would give me a get-well card with a stick of Fruit Stripe gum inside," she said. "As an adult, I now prefer Rice Krispies Treats. My boyfriend, however, prefers chocolate chip cookies."

For Janis DeGroat, chocolate is for when she's feeling better. When she's not feeling well, chicken soup and hot tea are the foods that comfort her.

"When I was little, my mother was kind of ill and I was this real live wire, so I spent a lot of time at grandmother's," she said. "She made me chicken soup and hot bread, and then I could sit on her lap and have tea. She spoiled me rotten."

Mary Hickling also subscribes to the tea theory, but prefers clear chicken broth to chicken soup. But Popsicles have a role in her life, too.

"My grandma gave me Popsicles for sore throats," she said. "She gave me those all the time. I still always have a box of them in the freezer."

Paul Eggebrecht has given the comfort food phenomenon a lot of careful thought. Based on our completely random survey, he probably speaks for a lot of guys on the topic.

"Basically, there are a few criteria I have for comfort food," he said. "It has to be warm, quick to make and cheesy."

Still popular is the favorite food of his grade-school days.

"Grilled cheese and tomato soup was huge when I was young," he said. "That's what my mom made me if I was sick at home. And eventually, chocolate milk became involved in that, too."

As Eggebrecht aged, his taste matured.

"When I became a teen-ager, nachos took over," he said.

But they have to be microwave nachos with some salsa, he added. The pattern of tomato and melted cheese is apparently indelibly etched in his mind.

"When I was in college, it was macaroni and cheese or

nachos," Eggebrecht said. "Even noodles with Parmesan cheese with a little bit of oil and butter will do."

These items are still his top comfort foods today, he added.

"They're easy to make and you're good to go," Eggebrecht said.

Without hesitation, News-Herald Business Editor Mark Rutkowski also named tomato soup as his top comfort food.

His mom, Mary Rutkowski, served as a "lunch lady" sometimes when he was going to grade school. And when she was there, she always brought him a thermos of hot tomato soup.

To this day, he associates it with the safe, secure feeling of having his mom at school, he said.

"That's what comfort food is all about.

Here's a comforting recipe for Hungarian-style chicken and dumplings that comes from a little fund-raising cookbook put out in 1984 by the women of St. Ann's Guild of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Carleton. It is by Lillian Chont.

CHICKEN PAPRIKA
1 onion, chopped
4 tablespoons shortening
1 tablespoon paprika
Salt to taste
1 1/2 cups water

2 tablespoons flour
1 4- to 5-pound chicken, cut up
3 tablespoons sour cream

Brown onion in shortening. Add seasoning and chicken. Add water (or chicken broth); cover and let simmer slowly until tender. Remove chicken. Add flour and sour cream to drippings in pan; whisk well.

Bring to a boil and let thicken; add chicken. Serve with dumplings:

Dumplings:
3 eggs, beaten
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup water

Mix all ingredients together and beat with a spoon. Drop batter by teaspoons into boiling salted water (or chicken broth). Bring to a new boil. After a few minutes, drain and rinse dumplings with cold water.

To heat, stir in a little bit of the drippings from the chicken. Serve with hot chicken.

This recipe from the 1997 edition of the "Joy of Cooking" won't meet Eggebrecht's criteria for quick eats, but if you've got time to make it, this macaroni and cheese fills the bill for comfort food, too.

BAKED MACARONI AND CHEESE

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 1 1/2 quart deep baking dish.

Bring to a rolling boil in a medium saucepan:
6 cups water
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
Add and cook just until tender:
2 cups elbow macaroni (8 ounces)
Drain and remove to a large bowl. Have ready:
2 1/2 cups grated sharp Cheddar or Colby cheese
Melt in a large saucepan over medium-low heat:
2 tablespoons butter
Whisk in and cook, whisking, for 3 minutes:
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
Gradually whisk in:
2 cups whole or skim milk

Stir in:
1/2 medium onion, minced
1 bay leaf
1/4 teaspoon sweet paprika
Simmer gently, stirring often, for 15 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in two-thirds of the cheese. Season with:
Salt and ground black pepper to taste
Stir in the macaroni. Pour half of the mixture into the baking dish and sprinkle with half of the remaining cheese. Top with the remaining macaroni and then the remaining cheese.
Melt in a small skillet over medium heat:
1 tablespoon butter
Add and toss to coat:
1/2 cup fresh breadcrumbs
Sprinkle over the top of the macaroni. Bake until the breadcrumbs are lightly browned, about 30 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.



Lion Dance

South Meadows Elementary School pupils recently celebrated the traditional Chinese New Year. Media specialist, Barbara Locks, treated each class to Chinese delicacies and stories about Chinese customs and traditions. On Feb. 3, the Ann Arbor Asian Martial Arts Studio performed the traditional Lion Dance, bringing good luck for the coming year. Shown with the lion are third-graders Michael Heydlauff (left) and Josh Moffet.

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Friday, February 16, 5-7 pm
Free Seated Massage by Judy Taylor-Conlay

Tuesday, February 20, 7 pm
"Daughters of Dignity" author LaVerne McCain Gill
LaVerne Gill will speak and read from two of her three recent publications. "African American Women in Congress Forming and Transforming History," 1997, presents portraits and biographical information about these congresswomen beginning with Shirley Chisholm in 1969. "Daughters of Dignity," 2000, uses stories of African women in the Bible to explain one way African American women "reinvented, redefined, and reclaimed their womanhood in the aftermath of slavery." LaVerne McCain Gill currently is pastor of Webster Church, United Church of Christ in Dexter.

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Tuesday, February 28, 7 pm
"Recipes for Changing: An Autobiographical Cookbook" author Dorothy Ann Coyne
In "Recipes for Changing," Dorothy Ann Coyne shares her life and its connections to food. Her book contains not only recipes but her "philosophy of life, growth, and joy of eating." As a master teacher of yoga, Coyne will also present this aspect of her life/philosophy. Dorothy will recommend books for students (or would be students) of yoga. You may also be treated to a taste of one of her book's recipes. Dorothy and her husband Bernard share living time between Ann Arbor and "Sunnyside" their home and conference center near Brooklyn, MI.

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DEATHS



LORNE G. GREENWOOD SR.
Chelsea

Formerly of Lincoln
Lorne G. Greenwood Sr., 86, died Feb. 1, 2001, at Chelsea Community Hospital. He was born in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, on March 27, 1914, the son of George and Vina (Bell) Greenwood.

Surviving are his wife, Vera; sons, Lorne (Shirley) Greenwood, Jr. and Richard (Chris Adkins) Greenwood; daughter, Gloria (John) Traturyk; stepson, Daniel (Janet) Dueweke; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Greenwood was preceded in death by his first wife, Virginia (Havlena), and his granddaughter, Brenda Traturyk.

Mr. Greenwood grew up in Canada and in Detroit, where he attended Cass Technical High School and began his lifelong love of flying. He worked for many years in the window and door business, eventually establishing the L.G. Greenwood Manufacturing Co., which made first wood and then aluminum windows.

Later in his career, Mr. Greenwood worked for Faigle Tool and Die in Dearborn, retiring from there in 1981.

Among his many accomplishments were flying his own airplane and restoring to mint condition a 1938 Model A Ford Cabriolet. Mr. Greenwood was a gifted woodworker and was highly skilled at electronics. He had a well-deserved reputation as a man who could build anything and fix anything he set his mind to.

Mr. Greenwood will be remembered by his family as a gentle and generous father and grandfather, and a loving husband. They will miss his kindness, his sense of humor and most of all, his wonderful smile.

The family received friends Saturday at Cole Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

DONNA KATHLEEN REYNHOUT
Chelsea

Donna Kathleen Reynhout, 47, died at her home on Feb. 5, 2001. She was born Oct. 4, 1953, in Grandville, the daughter of Virginia (Davis) Thorpe. On Oct. 31, 1997, she married Thaddeus Bombray.

Mrs. Reynhout had lived in the Chelsea area for 16 years, moving from Milan. She attended Grand Valley State University and then received her bachelor's degree in biology from Ferris State University. She was an active beekeeper, and she loved her horses, Brandy, Major and Victoria Rose.

Mrs. Reynhout was a member of the Michigan Environmental Health Association, the Knitting Guild of America, the American Romney Association and the Ann Arbor Fiber Arts Guild. She was past president of the Spinners Flock.

Mrs. Reynhout was also a member of the Chelsea Community Fair Board, and enjoyed judging sheep and goats.

She is survived by her husband, Thad; her son, Benjamin James Reynhout; her stepfather and mother, James and Virginia Post of Byron Center; three sisters, Carolyn Post of Lake City, Nancy Post of Missouri and Jane Clark of Walkerville; and her brother, Doug "Pete" Thorpe of Colorado.

Mrs. Reynhout is preceded in death by the grandfather who raised her, Robert Davis.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. today at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea, with Wil G. Strickland officiating.

The family received friends yesterday. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Benjamin Reynhout Educational Fund.

Special worship service set Sunday

An ecumenical, interfaith Stand for Children worship service will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday at the First Congregational Church of Chelsea, 121 E. Middle St.

The congregation will include people of different ages, stations in life and religious backgrounds. What will bind them together is a mutual concern for children and for those who have responsibility for their welfare and nurture.

The worship service has its origin in the National observance of Children's Sabbaths, sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund.

This year's theme is Leave No Child Behind and seeks to ensure that every child has "A Healthy Start, A Head Start, A Fair Start, A Safe Start, and A Moral Start."

The service will include repre-

CONSTANCE M. DONOVAN
Chelsea

Constance M. Donovan, 69, died Jan. 31, 2001, at Heartland Care in Ann Arbor. She was born July 24, 1931, in Utica, N.Y., the daughter of Frederick and Ellen (Coyne) Cassort.

Mrs. Donovan had been a resident of Chelsea since 1962. She retired in 1962 from the University of Michigan Hospitals. She was an excellent cook and loved to entertain family and friends. She also enjoyed traveling and shopping.

Mrs. Donovan was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church. She married Francis Donovan in Chadwicks, N.Y., on June 14, 1958, and he survives. Also surviving are her son, Brian (Kimberly) Donovan of Whitmore Lake; her brother, John Cassort of Chadwicks, N.Y.; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Ellen, on April 20, 1970, and two brothers, Anthony and Fred Cassort, and a sister, Heleen Cassort Mosher.

The funeral mass was held Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea, with the Rev. Dr. William Turner officiating. The family received friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to American Diabetes Association or Chelsea Community Hospital. Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea.

JOANNA FALKOWSKA
Chelsea

Joanna Falkowska, 86, died Feb. 3, 2001, at the Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born Aug. 3, 1914, the daughter of Boleslaw and Anastazia (Lupienka) Falkowski in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Falkowska had lived in the Chelsea area since 1967, and was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church. In 1926, she and her parents returned to their native Poland.

Following the Warsaw Uprising in 1944, Mrs. Falkowska was taken by the Nazis to a German labor camp and remained there until she was liberated. After her liberation, she was employed by the British military government in Germany. As a nurse, she received the Nursing Knights of Malta Cross by Queen Elizabeth.

Mrs. Falkowska is survived by her sisters, Genowefa Falkowska of Warren, Stanislaw Falkowska of Poland, Valentya Falkowska of Poland, Henryka Grodzanow of Warren and Irena Brennek of Poland; her brother Mieczyslaw Falkowski of Poland, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a sister, Jadwiga Reymont.

A private family mass will be held. Burial will be in Warsaw, Poland. Memorial contributions may be made to the Chelsea Retirement Community. Arrangements were by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

RHEUBENA "Bea" FLETCHER
Chelsea

Rheubena "Bea" Fletcher, 72, died peacefully Saturday, Feb. 3, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born May 22, 1928, in Carver, Ky., the daughter of Dewey and Anna (Watson) Salyer.

Mrs. Fletcher had lived in Chelsea for 45 years and was formerly employed at Rockwell and Ford Motor Co. in Manchester. She married Jess Fletcher on July 24, 1943, in Mason. He preceded her in death in 1982.

Surviving are her three children, Larry J. Fletcher, Sherry L. Fletcher and Sandra K. (Bart) Calloway, all of Chelsea; three grandchildren, Anji (Jeff) Fletcher Boyett, Douglas J. Fletcher and Liam Calloway; three great-grandchildren, Britney Fletcher, Nicholas J. Boyett and Jacob Boyett; and her sister, Rose Risner of Chelsea.

Mrs. Fletcher was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Juanita Caudill.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea with the Rev. Jennifer Williams of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.



Land of the Dragon

Wylie Middle School student Jules Cooch, (front, kneeling) is playing a mouse in the Twin Masks Youth Theatre Co.'s production of "Land of the Dragon." Cooch dances in the performance, is assistant stage manager and also worked on set construction. Standing behind Cooch are Allie Katz (left), Brian Kendall, Elizabeth Kosmicki, Stephanie Peterson, Jessica Roberts and Calla Blackwell. Performances are 7:30 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday, at Jane Tash Theatre, 2130 E. M-36, Pinckney.

Iconographer on 'spiritual journey'

By Dennis Oblander
Heritage Newspapers

Just about any picture is worth a thousand words, according to the old adage.

Now, envision a picture worth a thousand pictures and you'll get some sense of how deeply Sister Nancy-Lee Smith is staring into eternity with every icon she creates as Monroe IHM's resident iconographer.

With the assistance of four apprentices, Smith operates St. Joseph Studio, at 610 West Elm Ave., on the Monroe campus of Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Smith doesn't simply write icons (a term acknowledging the iconographer's debt to calligraphy), she contracts them, envisioning images and refining the vision through fasting and prayer in a process that might take months to begin and nearly a year to complete.

Creating an image of a holy person is "a sacred work... it's a spiritual journey," Smith said, one that might include a visit to the birthplace or burial site of her subject and other research to offer inspiration and clues on how to proceed.

"You need to get to know the saint," she said. The intent, however, is never to come up with too objective a grasp on the subject.

Unlike religious paintings, icons are not realistic depictions of religious figures. They

are "a vessel of the grace that the saint has acquired," according to a doctrine of the Catholic church.

"You are not trying to portray how they actually look," Smith said. "You are trying to capture somebody as they are in heaven."

There are numerous "conventions" and symbols in iconography recognized by artists as distinguishing the form from other religious artistry since its evolution in the early days of Catholicism.

The subject's head, for instance, always is sphere-like. Lines forming the corners of the eyes — always set in a contemplative gaze — are not joined to indicate that love cannot be contained.

Shoulders are rounded and seem to emerge from the work, the result of an inverse perspective that, unlike the vanishing point seen in conventional paintings, serves to draw the image toward the viewer.

Light accents on the lips, brows and elsewhere are consistent with light beamed from overhead.

"The child appears as a little man," Smith said, "a sacred figure, not as a gurgling baby."

"Necks are full of the breath of the spirit and are ready to blow the spirit out on you."

Smith earned a fine arts degree with a concentration on metal sculpture from Wayne

State University in 1975. She also has a master of divinity degree from St. John Provincial Seminary in Plymouth.

A native of Missouri, Smith has served as a hospital chaplain, campus minister and has pastored a priestless parish in Virginia.

Her training in iconography came in Boston at the side of Russian master iconographer Ksenia Pokrovsky, who taught Smith techniques that date to the form's origins in the Byzantine Empire.

One such technique is the egg tempera process that uses egg yolk, distilled water and wine vinegar as the medium instead of oil.

The brush is immersed in the mixture and then dipped into pigments, which often are ground from rare clays and minerals.

The boards on which the icons are drawn are typically solid mahogany. Icons are often enveloped by gold leaves and shaped from multiple panels, some measuring 8 to 10 feet.

Smith also writes smaller

icons, and in her studio gallery sells icon prints as small as note cards.

In contrast to the spiritual imperatives of iconography, the business end of the studio operation is "like an albatross on my neck," Smith said.

She works on a commission basis.

"Everything I start is already sold before I start working on it," she said.

A single work will take the better part of next year. She has 11 icons booked for 2002, and one already is commissioned for 2003.

Those works will join her icons that hang now in Rome, Mexico City, Iceland, Paris, Washington, D.C., and elsewhere.

Two of her icons have been selected to be included in a two-year world tour titled "Window into Eternity: A Rediscovery of Holy Images."

Workdays that sometimes stretch to 12 or 15 hours seem only to strengthen her and to sharpen her spiritual vision.

"I think there is a special calling to it," she said. "I really do."

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But the glossy store-bought red hearts that read "Be My Valentine" we received from our classmates were most coveted. It's funny how impressions from our childhood last a lifetime and color our memories.

As with many modern holidays, the early history of Valentine's Day is colored with various versions of history that contribute to the modern-day celebration.

Do we owe our mid-February celebration of the heart to a Roman celebration honoring Juno Februata, the goddess of love? Or was it one of three different Saint Valentines, each a martyr and one of whom is said to have died on Feb. 14 during the third century?

Today's custom of exchanging cards, flowers and gifts seems to have its roots in Middle-Age England and France where in mid-February the birds began to seek mates. This is noted in Chaucer's "Parliament of Fowles."

Other writings of the time confirm Feb. 14 as the appropriate day for lovers to exchange letters and gifts expressing their romantic feelings.

By the end of the 18th century, commercial cards with hearts, cupids and flowers became available. By the early 19th century, ornately hand-painted works of art, trimmed with lace, silk and satin were sold. Some were decorated with gold leaf, filigrees, or flowers made from rare bird feathers, while a few included perfume sachets. Prior to the penny post most cards were hand-delivered.

In recent times, the tradition of sending valentines cards has reached such a magnitude that only Christmas surpasses Valentine's Day for cards and flowers being sent or given. Mother's Day is a close third for flowers.

There is a language of flowers. Both color and flower type convey different messages. Here are a few:

•Roses top the list of flowers sent on Valentine's Day. The red rose signifies love, passion and desire, white is purity and innocence, pink for happiness or gratitude, orange or peach for a

secret love or desire, and yellow for joy, forgiveness, friendship or a young love. Combinations of colors can express a variety of feelings. Red and white roses together express unity.

•Lilies are for the pure at heart, with white indicating virginity or majesty. The tiger lily sends a message of wealth and pride, while the calla lily stands for beauty. And the Lily-of-the-Valley bespeaks sweetness, a return to happiness, or life's fulfillment.

•Purple hyacinths express regret and ask forgiveness. To send a prayer choose white hyacinths. Jealousy is represented in the color yellow.

•The iris says "my compliments to you" or it can be an expression of sincere friendship.

•If you wish to say goodbye, send a potted cyclamen. If you want to let someone know they will never be forgotten, send pink carnations.

•Orchids speak of beauty, refinement and charm, while orange blossoms are for eternal love, marriage and fruitfulness.

•All tulips have a romantic message and are sent to a perfect lover — red being a declaration of love forever. The aster,

chrysanthemum, globe amaranth, primrose, forget-me-not and daffodil are all talismans of love and the gardenia tells of a secret love.

•The sweet violet, if white, stands for modesty. If the color blue, it is a statement of fidelity and faithfulness.

•Beware of sending a withered bouquet. It symbolizes rejected love.

•If you are a woman and want to wear a flower in your hair, remember

to wear it behind your left ear if you are married, and your right ear if you are single.

In addition to flowers, the scent of flowers in oils and perfumes can send the same message. Or, consider a book about flowers, their symbolism and how they were named. Several books on the subject are available. The book could be given like a large greeting card with a single flower.

For the art lover, a picture or painting with flowers might fill the bill.

If you are looking beyond a week or two, consider a card with a note offering to plant a tree in the spring. This is a particularly nice idea for children. It's a gift they can watch grow.

When my children were

young, ages 4 through 10, they gave me several trees that are now more than 20 years old. Whenever we walk around the yard, there is always a special moment of remembering.

For me, Valentine's Day provides an opportunity to send a message of love or friendship to those I care about. The mid-February coupling of the birds reminds me of the renewal of life that spring brings to my garden.

I was specifically interested to

learn in a poll by one of the nation's largest florists that 42 percent of men said they would be very happy to receive flowers on Valentine's Day.

I know two men whose desks will be brightened by flowers on Valentine's Day this year — my husband and son. A gift of flowers to express my love and gratitude for the many long hours they worked with me on garden projects over the past 25 years.

Charlene Harris is a resident of Chelsea and a Master Gardener.

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Her name is "Mystique" and if you're a boat enthusiast planning on attending the Boat Show at Cobo Hall in Detroit Saturday through Feb. 18, you can catch her and seven other entries from the Antique Classic Boat Society.

Mystique is the 1939 17-foot

Deluxe Runabout Barrel Back Chris-Craft, the pride and joy of her owner Jack Clark of Webster Township.

It took Clark 13 years to restore her to her current beauty, but it's a task well worth the effort.

Clark took the coveted first-place Frank Bronson Memorial trophy for non-professional restoration at the recent Hessel Boat Show out of a field of 21. In the 1- to 18-foot pre-war runabout class, he placed second out of 13 entries.

The Channel Marker, the magazine of the Michigan Chapter of the Antique Classic Boat Association, has Clark's boat on its cover this month and will be giving away copies at the Detroit Boat Show.

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