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Candidates run uncontested in election

■ Polls open 7 a.m. at the education center.

Barring a write-in campaign, three candidates will run uncontested in the March 12 village election.

Voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

Surveys were sent to candidates Janice Ortring, Charles Ritter and James Myles. The following are their responses.

Name: Janice Ortring
 Age: 31
 Occupation: Director of mar-

keting for Starr Commonwealth and co-owner of Edgar Norman Creative.

Achievements related to work: Several awards in advertising and design.

Education: Bachelor's degree in fine arts from Center for Creative Studies, College of Art and Design in Detroit.

How long have you lived in the village? Four years

Family: Husband, Todd; two sons, Blake, 5, and Grant, 6.

Previous experience in government: One term on Chelsea Village Council.

Other community involvement: Various activities at North



Jim Myles



Charles Ritter



Janice Ortring

Creek and Lambs of Our Savior schools. Many liaison responsibilities involving the Village Council, including serving on

committees involving the library, post office and a community group, as well as the local farmers market.

Why are you running for Village Council?

I decided to run for one more

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NEWS BRIEFS

Resident elected to Green Party

Lynn Meadows, a resident of Lyndon Township, was elected to the Green Party of Michigan Central Committee at the group's quarterly meeting Feb. 10.

Meadows has been active in promoting the Green Party's principles of ecological wisdom, social justice, grassroots democracy and nonviolence.

Country Craft Art Show set for March 10

Chelsea senior citizens will present the 15th annual Spring Country Craft Art Show, featuring 100 craft and folk art artisans, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 10 at the Washington Street Education Center.

Admission is \$2 and children younger than 12 are admitted for free.

Alzheimer's support group meets March 14

The Alzheimer's Association Family Caregiver Support Group will meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. March 14 at Towsley Village, Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St.

For information, call 1-800-337-3827.

Skywarn training set for March 28

Skywarn Spotter training is offered free to anyone 18 years or older interested in being trained in severe weather identification and reporting procedures.

The class will meet 7 to 9:30 p.m. March 28 at Chelsea UAW Hall, Local 1284, 2795 M-52.

Beach school to hold conferences March 8

Beach Middle School parent-teacher conferences are set for 4 to 8 p.m. March 8.

In an arena-style conference format, teachers will be located in the gymnasium, exercise room and cafeteria. Conferencing should last five to seven minutes.

River Gallery to feature local painter

River Gallery will feature photographer Diane Aronoff and Chelsea painter Mary Beth Koeze in an exhibition titled "Otherworldly Gardens," running March 10 through April 8.

An opening reception is slated from 5 to 8 p.m. March 17 at the gallery, located at 121 S. Main St.

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Magic Act



Anna Rode and Taylor Heydlauff, both second-graders at South Meadows Elementary School, served as assistants to kindergarten magicians Eric Newman and Charlie Miller in the school's Feb. 22 Variety Show. Shown are Rode (left), Newman, Miller and Heydlauff.

Board shares frustration over cable

■ Township officials fielding calls.

By Lisa Allmendinger
 Staff Writer

Dexter Township officials are not thrilled with Charter Communications, a cable company serving the area.

Interrupted cable service during Christmas was cause for resident furor.

Now representatives from Charter Communications are being asked to address this and other customer service problems in public. They did so Feb. 20 at the Dexter Township Board meeting.

Aside from service problems, one township official said he waited nearly two months to have his new home hooked up. "I have service and I'm still not satisfied," said Clerk Harley Rider.

He said he was told that cable lines would be buried

two weeks after installation, but he is still waiting, 120 days later.

Company representatives said there were 310 lines that still needed to be buried throughout the service area. Winter weather has reportedly hampered efforts.

Rick Tuttle, operations manager for Charter Communications, said the company has a goal of five days to complete the task after installation.

Township officials are frustrated because they end up fielding complaint calls when customers cannot get through to the cable provider or when residents are not satisfied with the company's response.

The township's number is listed on the cable bill.

"We get more cable calls than tax calls," Rider said at the Township Board's meeting Feb. 20.

Supervisor Robert Tetens,

who is not served by cable where he lives, said he was transferred to a customer service representative in California when he called on behalf of the township.

Tuttle said there are six customer representatives in the office from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. If all of them are busy or if it's after hours, he said the automated system takes over.

"Messages are telephoned or faxed back here," he said.

Board Trustee Mike Howard said he has been trying to get cable service for seven weeks with no success.

"I was on hold for 45 minutes yesterday and on hold for an hour today," he said.

The township has a franchise agreement with Charter Communications that states if there is a 24-hour interruption of service, customers will be credited for loss of service. Township officials were assured that cus-

tomers would be credited for the three-day loss.

Jim Milford, general manager for Charter Communications, said technical issues have caused problems.

"We're working toward that not happening again," he said.

Milford said the company was in the midst of a \$9 million renovation project on the plant, cable and main lines.

"I really hope this will be resolved," said Trustee Julie Knight.

In other business, Knight told the board that the township has collected \$4.8 million in property taxes, which means about 74 percent of township residents have paid. Knight said tax bills on 819 parcels are outstanding so far.

"Normally, we have a 10 percent delinquency rate," she said.

In other business, Tetens,

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Board looks at road projects

■ Road, shoulder work to highlight township projects this year.

By Lisa Allmendinger
 Staff Writer

Three representatives from the Washtenaw County Road Commission presented an annual report and answered questions about road projects in Dexter Township this year.

The report stated that county-wide road improvements were fairly balanced between widening and paving projects last year. Five new traffic lights were installed throughout the county and five bridges were rehabilitated.

"Improving the surface of paved roadways continued to be a high priority of the road commission in 2000, with over 19 miles of county primary roads and almost seven miles of county local roads being resurfaced as part of the county's overlay program," the report stated.

In Dexter Township, projects were completed on Stofer Road and North Territorial Road, west of Dexter Town Hall Road to the county line. Work included paving the shoulders, applying a seal coat and overlay at a cost of nearly \$61,000.

Dust control was done township-wide, while a total of \$61,406 in assorted improvements were made to Stofer Road at Stofer Court, Huron River Drive, Huron Creek Drive, Alice Hill Drive, Stonehedge Drive, Gilbert Drive, Westwind Drive, King Hill Drive, McKinley Heights Drive and McKinley Court and Oak Hill Drive.

Road projects will be affected by new home developments bordering Scio, Dexter and Lima townships. One developer has reserved the future road right-of-way alignment so Parker Road can be extended to Island Lake Road.

Also, the Dexter School District will have a sanitary sewer installed in the spring, so portions of Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter-Chelsea Road and Parker Road will be closed as a result. It will also mean the viaduct will be closed for two to

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Group wants library to waive fee

Residents ask board to address their concerns at a meeting in March.

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

A group of Chelsea residents asked the district library board last week why they were charged \$280 for a request filed under the Freedom of Information Act when the board initially agreed to waive the fee.

Gwen Stubbs said she was dismayed that an apparent verbal agreement to waive the fees had been ignored. The fees were for documentation related to the board's purchase of a home at 121 Orchard St.

Stubbs said that she should have never been charged for the material under the library district's own criteria, which waives such fees if the release of the information is in the interest of the library district.

Cynthia Gillespie also expressed disappointment in the board's refusal to waive the fees.

"You have left me with a feeling of distrust in anything you may say or do," she said in a letter to the board.

Mary Jane Eder presented a packet of e-mails with a letter she wrote. She said the e-mails pertaining to the purchase of 121 Orchard St. were delivered to Orchard Street residents as part of a follow-up FOIA request.

Eder said that the packet contained e-mails between the library director, library board president, some library board members and library administrative staff, as well as staff at

The Chelsea Standard. The subject of some of the e-mails included the Nov. 21 board meeting and the subsequent Nov. 30 article in The Chelsea Standard.

Eder said she thought that the behavior of the library director and the reporter in relation to the matter had been unethical. Eder also said she thought the communication between the two had "substantially subverted the fair reporting of information from a public meeting."

Eder said she thought it was in the interest of free access to public information to share the e-mails with both the library board and the newspaper's management.

"I am disillusioned to find that the library stooped to controlling the press in its efforts to manage public opinion regarding (the library's) purchase of 121 Orchard St. and, in turn, with a long-range goal of winning support for a future bond proposal to build the new library," she said.

Eder asked that board members provide their responses to the contents of the e-mails at their March board meeting. Based on the library board's rules of conduct, the board was not obligated to make an immediate response.

Judy Smith asked board members to either put their comments in writing or discuss the points the group brought up at the board's meeting March 20.

While the newspaper was uncomfortable with what was said in some of the e-mails, the editor said Monday that she stands behind the stories that

were published.

The library board also discussed how to record FOIA expenses, particularly in relation to attorney fees related to the Orchard Street purchase. A sub-account was suggested to track attorney fees.

Some board members were concerned about the cost to taxpayers in dealing with the Orchard Street issue. The library director was asked to report on all costs related to the issue until the matter is completed.

Discussion also centered on the issue of waiving fees for FOIA requests. When the question was raised as to the possibility of waiving fees for the Orchard Street papers, a majority of board members insisted that no exceptions be made to FOIA policy.

The board voted to adopt policies and procedures for the library involving compliance with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. The policy provides that information about government affairs and official acts of public employees is made available to the public.

The policy states that fees, not exceeding \$50 for FOIA requests, may be waived if "provision of the requested material is in the interest of the residents of the entire district."

On the issue of communications with the press and public, Library Director Metta Lansdale and Library Board President Lynn Fox each asked for clarification about how to handle interviews, press communications and statements to the public.

The board discussed the roles

of the library director and board president and to what extent they should act as spokespeople for the board.

It seemed clear to some board members that the job description of the library director included being spokesperson for library operations, while the library board president's job was to act as spokesperson for the board.

Others felt that the situation was not crystal clear and that individual board members can only express personal opinions unless directed by the board to speak on its behalf.

The board voted to designate the library director to act as spokesperson for library operations and for the board president to act as spokesperson for the board in between board meetings.

In other business, the board voted to accept the Open Board Meetings Policy and the Meeting Room Policy.

After reviewing the literature on the Child Internet Protection Act, the board also voted to accept a motion for the Chelsea District Library to participate in a proposal drafted by the law firm the Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone. The proposal involves a response to comments filed with the Federal Communications Commission regarding FCC certification to demonstrate compliance with the act.

No changes were made in board officer positions. Fox will continue as board president and Kathy Sprawka as vice president. Nancy Schumann will continue as Secretary and Nancy Paul as treasurer.



The Principal and the Pretzels

Each year, Lisa Nickel, principal of South Meadows Elementary School, teaches a special German lesson to each grade. This year, the lesson included homemade German pretzels. Nickel is shown with kindergartners Alex Singleton (left) and Hunter Twigg, who are making short work of the goodies.

ROADWORK

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three weeks. In addition, there will be daily closures along the full length of those roads.

Once the project is complete, surfaces will be replaced along Dexter-Pinckney and Dexter-Chelsea roads.

School driveway, turn lane and intersection improvements are also on tap.

The road commission will be

looking for matching funds for other projects in the township. Dexter's share will total \$17,769, an increase of \$3,536 from last year.

The road commission has recommended the following projects for Dexter Township:

- Reshaping the surface, dust control and restoration of Wylie Road, from Dexter-Pinckney Road to the township line, at a cost of \$32,400.

- A new seal coat layer on subdivision streets off Stofer and

Riker roads. This would include Wagon Wheel Court, Red Barn Circle, Hay Rake Hollow, Green Court, Eagle Court and Fairway Drive. The estimated cost is \$26,100.

- Seal coating on Hidden Lake Court and Hidden Lake Circle at a cost of \$15,200.

- Upgrades to Stinchfield Woods Road, from Toma Road to Dexter-Pinckney Road, at a cost of \$43,000.

- Roadside improvements on

Riker and Colby roads to Island Lake Road at a cost of \$13,600.

- Improvements on Madden and Colby roads to Quigley Road at a cost of \$52,500.

The township will also have to make a decision about its dust control options for the 25.45 miles of certified local gravel roads.

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CABLE

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who also sits on the Zoning Board of Appeals, informed the board that he would have to resign from the ZBA as a result of new job responsibilities. He was recently named director of parks and recreation for the

county.

The township is seeking applications for the position. The seat will be filled by board appointment.

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STRAIGHT FACTS

The Beach Middle School honor roll published in the Feb. 15 issue of The Chelsea Standard should have included Christopher Hopkins, Rachel Kaminsky, Jeffrey Squires and Alex Stacy.

Neal Turluck's name should have been included in the photo caption of Chelsea's district championship wrestling team in

the Feb. 22 issue of The Chelsea Standard.

No matter how hard we try to avoid mistakes, sometimes they happen anyway. When that occurs, we rely on our readers to let us know about them. So, please help. To request a correction, e-mail Editor Michelle Rogers at editor@chelseastandard.com or call 475-1371.



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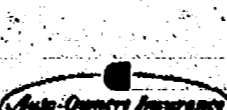

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Reroute still in study stage

Downtown traffic expected to decrease 30 to 40 percent after road relocated.

By Kent Ashton Walton
Staff Writer

The Chelsea Area Traffic Committee met Friday to discuss the proposed Chelsea reroute.

A civil engineer and environmental planner outlined details of the latest study of topographical analysis and vertical alignment for the proposed relocation of M-52.

The vertical alignment refers to the amount of material that needs to be removed or added in grading the road. The consultants said the largest materials were less than 10 vertical feet.

The road meets intersections within a foot of the existing grade. The only exception was at Cavanaugh Lake Road, where the intersection was several feet below grade.

The plan when constructing the road is to balance the site. This requires making the least cut-and-fill to match the existing grade.

The consultants emphasized that the study is at the preliminary engineering stage so that site elevations are not precise.

There may also be slight variations from the road's 120-foot right of way. This would require construction easements, particularly at the two connection points where the reroute meets the existing M-52.

The traffic committee voted in favor of further study.

The transportation and traffic consultants presented a traffic analysis, including a license plate survey, vehicle classification, vehicular delay and crash analysis.

The data on M-52 indicated that the highest percentage of through-town trips was northbound in the afternoon. About 3 percent of all vehicles were commercial trucks. This climbed to as much as 7.8 percent of trucks in peak hours.

North and southbound traffic on M-52 had a failing level of service, indicating that the road was not coping adequately with traffic volume. This failing level also applied to traffic turning right at Old US-12, turning left from Sibley Road and turning

from or onto Dewey and Van Buren streets at M-52.

The crash analysis showed a higher rate of crashes on M-52 between Old US-12 and Middle Street. Half were rear-end collisions. At the intersection of Main and Park streets, 42 percent of collisions were side-swipes, half of which involved parking.

Perhaps most revealing was the anticipated growth of traffic until the year 2020. If the new road were not built, the traffic is expected to double in volume from 15,800 vehicles daily to 31,900 on the south side of town, and from 17,500 to 35,300 on the north side. This would translate into 420 vehicles per hour northbound and 210 southbound during peak hours.

Traffic volume on M-52 during afternoons is projected to exceed roadway capacity by 27 percent and to exceed signalized intersection capacity by up to 50 percent by the year 2020.

Consultants addressed the question: "Will downtown Chelsea lose customers if the M-52 relocation is implemented?"

It was estimated that there would be a reduction of 30 to 40

percent of traffic volume on the existing M-52. However, this also means that levels of service to the existing M-52 will improve.

Improvements would need to be made on the existing M-52, particularly to signaling systems at Sibley Road and Dewey and Van Buren streets.

In addition, a right southbound turn lane onto Old US 12 from M-52 has been recommended.

There were also a number of recommendations for signals and turn lanes on the relocated M-52 at Old US-12, Cavanaugh Lake and Sibley roads.

The existing M-52 would also feature improvements to signals and the addition of turn lanes at the south and north connectors to the M-52 relocation.

The committee made it clear that the reroute is still in the study stage and no actual decisions have been made.

The committee has postponed action on the proposals until all members and other relevant groups study them.

Committee Chairman Joseph Yekulis said any decision would be deferred until the March 23 meeting.



Saying Farewell

Sally Peiter, second-grade teacher at Pierce Lake Elementary School, has retired after 16 years in Chelsea. Peiter is well known for her choice of orange and olive green clothing, and staff members surprised her on her last day, Jan. 26, by dressing accordingly. Shown are Marti Williams (left), secretary at Pierce Lake, Peiter and teacher consultant Sally Weber, while second-grade teachers Sue Yager and Stacie Battaglia are in front.

Residents voice concern about drains

Residents worried that new development will crowd area.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

Residents near the proposed Fieldstone Village condominiums will have an opportunity to talk to village planning commissioners about the development's impact on the Wilkinson Street drain system at a special hearing set for later this month.

Cheryl French, a Wilkinson Street resident, sent a letter to the Chelsea Village Planning Commission requesting a public hearing before site plan review continues.

Residents living within 300 feet of any proposed land development have the right to request a public hearing before land is developed.

The proposed site is approximately 25 acres west of Wilkinson Street and north of Old US-12.

Residents living near the

drain said they are concerned about the potential of flooding if proper drain systems aren't installed for the new condominiums, and the possibility of being crowded in with a lot of new construction.

"I don't think there is adequate space for sewer and water drainage with all these buildings coming into town," said Melva French, a Wilkinson Street resident.

"With all of this concrete surface, where will all the water go?" French asked.

Village Zoning Administrator Jim Drolett said that there are three detention ponds planned for the new development. He said they are centrally located. One is in the center of the development, another is near the entrance and the other is near Old US-12.

The developer's plan for three detention ponds should be enough to hold proposed storm water runoff, said Planning Commission Chairman Chris

Rode. In the past, residents have been concerned about proper water drainage into the Wilkinson Street Drain.

French said that in the last few weeks, with the warm temperatures, there have been large amounts of water lingering around in neighborhood yards.

"One of the puddles near by my house was about 8-feet wide," she said.

French said that she lives within close proximity to the proposed condominium development and it would infringe upon the wildlife habitat.

"We already have The Pines and a nearby church that crowd the area. It's going to start looking like Main Street," she said.

French said that there is already a lot of traffic from those two developments and the addition of the 150 homes would make the area more congested.

Some of the residents are concerned about the removal of trees, but Rode said that the

commission and the developer plan to work with residents to keep some of the existing trees there for a buffer zone.

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Chelsea hospital offers classes

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Fitness classes will run March 2 through May 5, with no classes April 2 through 7.

The hospital also offers Sanchin-Ryu Self-Defense/Karate classes. Adults, families and children can participate in a no contact, non-competitive setting.

The children's session, for pupils in grades kindergarten through sixth runs 6 to 7 p.m., followed by the adult and family session, 7 to 8 p.m., March 7 through April 25, at the White Oak Center.

For more information on these classes, call Chelsea Community Hospital Community Education at 475-4103.

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ELECTION

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term to stay involved with many projects. I want to be part of the decision-making process for the major projects happening in our community, as well as the day-to-day issues facing all village residents.

What do you hope to achieve during your time in office?

To see the successful completion of our new library, post office and village offices. I also need to re-state my plan of prioritizing and planning to better our community.

What issues are you concerned about involving the village?

There are major concerns like growth in population vs. growth of our infrastructure and other services. I want to be able to tell village residents what the council is doing and planning, and how they can be involved. Communication is key.

A "walkable" community is of great interest to me. Our residents, both young and old, deserve safe and clearly marked streets for walking.

Another concern is making sure that our village businesses are involved in both the planning and communication of any process. I want the same for all our residents.

What are some positive steps the Village Council has taken in the past two years?

Our department heads deserve a pat on the back. Electric, snow removal, waste removal, police, fire, water, support staff — what a great group of dedicated people.

Making a decision to address the water is long in coming. While it was a tough decision to ask residents to pay more for water, in the long run it is the only right decision.

Our new ordinances are under way for commercial districts. There are many more to list that would include support clusters of residents and members of our business community to problem solve, and other types of involvement with interested people.

What are some issues you see the village struggling with in the next two years and where do you stand on these issues?

Same reply as concerns for the village.

Why do you think you would make a good public official?

I am interested in the development of our village (one day a city) and am willing to do my part to help out. I am available to meet with and talk to people on a wide array of issues.

I come from a family who has been a part of Chelsea for many generations and get both a new-to-town and old-timer perspective. My children are still young enough, so the evening meetings and the special sessions happen when they're tucked in bed. I know this may not be possible when my family gets older and has more activities.

Goals you have set for the next two years in office?

•Work closely with the library team for an appropriate solution for expansion.

•See the new post office and village hall through to completion

•Work on good communication with citizens.

•"Walkability."

Name: Charles Ritter

Age: No reply.

Occupation: Retired from the U.S. Army and Macdee Manufacturing.

Achievements related to work:

No reply.

Education: No reply.

How long have you been a resident of the village? 61 years.

Family: Two daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Previous experience in government: Village president.

Other community involvement: Veterans of Foreign Wars member, Disabled American Veteran member, a representative for the Chelsea Historic Commission and a member of the retired officers association of the Chelsea Fire District.

Why are you running for Village Council?

I feel every citizen should involve himself or herself in civic duty to some degree. I have chosen to do my part as a trustee on the Village Council. If I am successful, this will be my third term. I am proud to say that of the four years I have served, I have missed only three council meetings.

I am running again to keep involved with the ever-growing demand on the Chelsea community. We are beginning to experience a downturn in the national economy, yet the growth in our area still appears positive.

It will be the visions, feelings and attitudes of our citizens that are on council, the planning commission, the DDA, zoning board and village administration that will determine the current and future standard of life here in Chelsea. I want to be part of that. I want to do my part to protect the uniqueness and character of our town that others before have created.

I am a proponent of growth, but growth in terms defined by the citizens of the village, not in terms of developers from outside our community.

What do you hope to achieve during your time in office?

I believe we need to create a better working relationship with the surrounding townships and they with us. Their growth demands are as important as ours. They need water and sewer. We have to upgrade and improve ours. By helping meet their needs for development in certain areas, not totally surrounding the village, and sharing some of the improvement cost for water and sewer we could have a win-win here.

The townships are in need of police protection. We will be improving ours. Police services are our largest budget item in the village. Providing contract protection for the townships now with possible other options for the future could be a win-win.

The demand and growth of business downtown is another concern. The last few years has seen expansion of our existing businesses and introduction of new businesses. We have seen the old dilapidated industrial Clock Tower building beautifully renovated and reused for the expansion needs of two local businesses.

Conceptual plans for additional retail, office, restaurant and studio apartments are being considered for this complex. The adaptive reuse of the old Sylvan Township Hall has provided space for two new businesses.

There's an upscale jewelry shop in town and we have two new art studios.

With all the above, along with the restaurants and theater, Chelsea is becoming a destination more and more every day.

These and other upscale developments increase the

value of our property and standard of living in our community. This is an element of a healthy, vibrant community. Being a downtown businessman, I strongly support all actions to improve our downtown. The downside is, of course, as values go up so do taxes. This is putting a strain on those in our community with fixed incomes.

Everyone wants the value of his or her investments to grow. A consequence of this type of growth has and will hurt some.

What issues are you concerned about involving the village?

It has been my primary platform that effective communication promotes positive growth and direction. Improvement is still needed. I believe our citizens are intelligent enough to understand the issues and make the right decisions.

The critical component here is getting the information to them. I was saddened when two of the current members on council voted not to provide free information to our citizens regarding the ballot issue on what the citizens should do with their existing village hall.

I am a proponent of hearing all sides of an issue, whether I agree with it or not. I will continue to support any efforts or means to better inform our citizens.

Election time is the one time the public has to judge those wanting to represent them on council. It is another opportunity for information and communication.

I believe a challenged race brings out information on a candidate's position on the issues and the vision they have. It is disappointing we only have three candidates running for three positions. Some feel I should be happy that the position I seek will not be contested.

I believe an active open debate amongst those seeking the same position is healthy for a community and creates more interest and involvement by the citizens.

Who's to blame? I feel the Village Council should set in place a more aggressive policy to promote civic opportunities for its citizens. Putting out a paragraph blurb in the newspaper only gets lost.

With the help of our local newspaper, we should be publicizing and notifying the citizens at least three to four weeks in a row, encouraging citizens to participate and telling them when nominating petitions are due.

How about a notice in our utility bill two months in a row? How about posters or banners? We are missing the opportunity to get more citizens involved in their government. Another case for communication.

There are about 1,000 new residential units approved or being planned for in the village. Without a doubt, this will impact our schools, transportation, infrastructure and revenues. Along with our projected growth, the neighboring townships have put in their master plans high-density manufactured housing up against the village borders. There may be over 800 units of these in place. Tell me that won't impact us?

The Chelsea Area Planning Team has been working for the last year or so to develop a conceptual area master plan for the village and Sylvan, Lima, Lyndon and Dexter townships. The object was to evaluate the expected growth of the municipalities and develop a consensus what would be the best locations of high-, medium- and low-density housing along with industrial, commercial and retail sites.

The intent of the new village master plan was to feather out higher residential density in the village center to low-density development out along the village borders to blend in with the rural conditions of the surrounding townships.

It appears that consensus with

all parties was not achieved here. The surrounding townships have put their high-density projects right on the borders of the village.

What are some positive steps the Village Council has taken in the past two years?

•Revising and updating the master plan.

•Updating ordinances.

•Looking into the traffic situation.

What are some issues you see the village struggling with in the next two years and where do you stand on these issues?

Poor communication gets poor results. No decision is the worst decision. I promise to work on improving communication. I will be decisive and keep the village moving in a positive direction.

Why do you think you would make a good public official?

I will stay in contact with the citizens and business owners, both commercial and industrial.

What goals you have set for the next two years in office?

I was pleased to have been a major player in getting on last year's ballot an opportunity for the citizens to choose what they wanted to do with their existing

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Beach school hosts board meeting

Several students give special presentations.

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

The Chelsea school board was treated to music played by three students at Beach Middle School, host of Monday's board meeting.

The trio of Rebecca Reesman on French horn, Jason Hawley on trombone and Daniel Lewis on alto saxophone played a waltz by Edvard Grieg. The piece earned them a superior rating at the Feb. 3 Solo and Ensemble Festival in Livonia. About 20 Beach students participated in the festival.

Chelsea High School students Janelle Vlcek, Matt Moffett and Mike Mignano discussed their mentoring of eighth-grade Beach pupils. Tracy Carter, Alissa Porter and Stephanie Sannes also participate in the program.

introduction, Iva Corbett, assistant superintendent for instruction and personnel, discussed the fifth-grade music program.

"On several occasions, music staff has requested that instrumental music begin at the fifth-grade level," Corbett said. "Research indicates that the earlier instrumental instruction begins, the more successful the learning."

Recommendations are for fifth-graders to have a choice of band, strings or vocal music, attending two 40-minute sessions at the end of the day at the middle or high school.

However, to recoup some of the additional music time and transportation time, fifth-grade swimming would need to be eliminated.

Corbett also gave a curriculum update on the high school computer program. The programming course may be lengthened from a semester to a full year

and Java programming would be included as a major component.

Beach Assistant Principal Andrew Ingall talked about the recently implemented Starfish program, inspired by the poem about starfish being stranded on the beach or thrown back in the ocean. Two dozen staff members are participating.

"We identified a group of students who could benefit from a more positive connection to Beach," Ingall said. "We provided their names to staff and asked them to choose a student to specifically work with and develop a positive connection with."

Staff members spend approximately 20 minutes a week of their own time with these students.

Participants in the high school Focus Mentorship Program concluded a three-week presentation with the final three of 11 students who took part last semester. Brook Critchfield

studied sales and marketing. Quinn Peyser was mentored in physical therapy and Robert Huehl studied mechanics.

The board approved an agreement to continue in the South and West Washtenaw Consortium, the vocational-technical education program comprising the school districts of Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, Saline and Milan. Chelsea teachers John Ruhlig, who teaches building trades, and health sciences teacher Arlene Kofahl participate in the program.

The next board meeting will be held March 12 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. On March 28, the meeting will be hosted by North Creek Elementary School and will include an informational meeting at 6 p.m. for anyone interested in running for a school board position. Two positions will come vacant in June.



Michigan History

Chelsea Education Foundation sponsored a recent program, "Historic Mackinac Tour," for fourth-graders in all three Chelsea elementary schools. Students had the opportunity to study Michigan history interactively by participating in this hands-on learning venue. Pierce Lake Elementary School teacher Suzanne DeVries (right) enjoyed meeting two members of the Mackinac Tour, with-costumed students Michael Roberts and Cayla Redmond.

Area residents named to dean's list

Several Chelsea-area residents are among 4,493 students included on the dean's list for the fall semester at Western Michigan University.

On the list are Jennifer Azofeifa, daughter of Mark and Jeanne Olinyk, who is majoring in biomedical science; Lori Barnes, daughter of James and Linda Barnes, majoring in psychology and recreation; and Morgan Bauer, daughter of Kenneth and Carol Bauer, majoring in administrative systems.

Also on the list are Brandi Gail, daughter of Robert and Gail Bert, majoring in textile and apparel studies; Jenna Brooks, daughter of Thomas and Jane Brooks, majoring in pre-social work; and Deanna Fulton, daughter of Ronald and Rita Fulton, majoring in elementary group minors.

Also earning the honor are Christine Hodgson, daughter of Thomas and Sharon Hodgson, majoring in special education; Rebekah Knight, majoring in

elementary group minors; Brian Lantis, majoring in aviation flight science; and Nathan O'Connor, son of Daniel and Debbie O'Connor, majoring in university curriculum.

Also making the cut are Todd Pearsall, son of William and Linda Pearsall, majoring in mechanical engineering; Stacey Radka, daughter of Alan and Sharon Lynn Radka, majoring in finance; Ethan Rendell, son of Richard and Sally Rendell, majoring in university curricu-

lum; Melissa Seyfried, daughter of Martin and Susan Seyfried, majoring in art teaching; and Casey Wescott, son of William and Sue Wescott, majoring in history.

Grass Lake residents who made the dean's list are Kyle Harris, son of Albert and Mary Harris, majoring in mechanical engineering; and Ryan Edward Koch, son of Terry and Michelle Koch, majoring in textile and apparel studies.

Sylvan Twp. to discuss police

Sylvan Township residents will have an opportunity to ask questions about options for police protection at a meeting 7 p.m. March 6 at the township hall.

Representatives from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, state police and the village will attend the meeting. Several different scenarios will be discussed.

As of Monday, about 20 percent of the 1,100 surveys regarding police protection had been returned to the township.

An overwhelming majority indicated that they wanted 24-hour, seven-day-a-week coverage for the township.

Thirty-seven respondents indicated they want 16-hour coverage,

seven days a week; eight chose 16 hours, five days a week; and 19 chose eight hours, five days a week. Fourteen respondents weren't sure what they wanted.

No final decision will be made at the meeting. This is a chance for the township to present the options and the costs and for residents to ask questions.

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village hall. As most know, I was in support of renovating what we already own.

Even though it was not approved, we were able to create some movement where there was none before.

For those new to our community, it has been a standing joke of the inability of the Village Council to come to a decision regarding a new village hall. This issue has spanned more than 10 years. Last year was the first time over that period that the citizens had some say regarding it.

It is still an important issue. What is sad about this is that by the time we come to the citizens with another option, we will have spent close to \$500,000 on purchase of previous property, rental space, studies, appraisals and construction designs and drawings. Not a penny of this has gone toward putting one brick in place or a dollar saved for such time we do decide what we want. The purchase of the Palmer Ford lot appears to be our next opportunity. This property, costing \$1.5 million, is projected to provide land for a new post office and village hall, along with substantial parking.

There is talk of the Secretary of State office possibly relocating there. This could be a win-win.

We can keep the village hall downtown, while providing a

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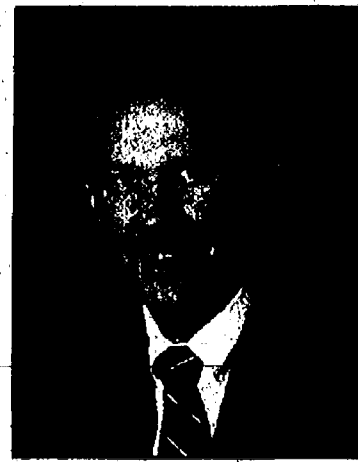
The downside will be the price tag. The cost of renovating

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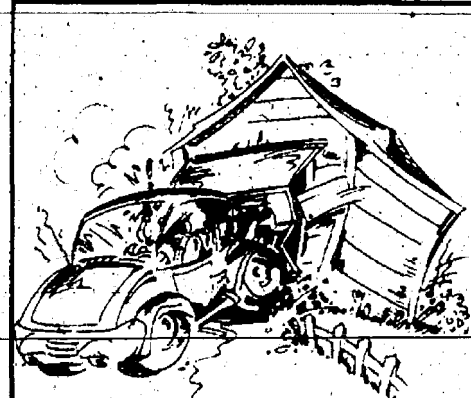
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If only we could see our sin as God sees it. No, on second thought, that would scare us to death. If we could see our sin and ourselves the way God does, we'd be appalled. We certainly wouldn't be talking about our "rights," or our "self-esteem."

Even most of us who are practicing Christians find it so easy to acknowledge our sin with our heads, but rarely to feel it in our hearts. It's easy to come to church and very routinely confess our sins and hear the minister speak God's words of forgiveness, yet have very little feeling.

If we only knew the depths of our sin. We would confess, along with Isaiah, "We have all become like one who is unclean," and all our righteous acts

are like filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6). If we knew the depths of our sin, we'd never argue that it's unfair for our holy God to send anyone to hell. If we knew the depths of our sin, we'd be so amazed and grateful that God made His son, who had no sin, to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21). And we would long for the next worship opportunity, when we could be reminded of God's love.

Please come and worship with us this Sunday, as we consider a man whose sin and its punishment became very real for him—the thief on the cross; and whose forgiveness and acceptance by Jesus seem almost unreal. Our service begins at 10:00 a.m. You're also invited to our second of six Wednesday "Lenten" services at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday.

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Participant's name, age, address and phone number must be on each page submitted. Entries must be received at the Chelsea District Library or Little Professor Book Center by Saturday, March 31.

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The Celebration
Chelsea Poetry Celebration & Competition will conclude with a program at the Washington Street Education Center Cafeteria on Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

Contest winners will read their winning poems and a sampling of elementary-aged poets will read, too! First, second and third place winners in the middle school, high school and adult categories will each receive cash awards of \$50, \$25 and \$10, respectively.

All elementary-aged participants will receive a participation certificate and "honorable mentions" will receive a book from Little Professor.

All participants will have their poems displayed at Little Professor Book Center in April. Winning poems in all categories and a sampling of elementary-aged entries will be published in the Chelsea Standard.

POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township

Larceny
A number of items were taken from a car between 4 p.m. Feb. 18 and 7 a.m. Feb. 19 in the 3000 block of Bellflower Court.

The 35-year-old owner of the car told the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department that she parked her car in her garage when she returned home in the late afternoon. She said she did not go out to the car until the following morning when she left for work.

The woman told police that she forgot to close the garage door that night. She said that a radar detector, a pair of prescription sunglasses and her purse were missing from the car. The items are valued at \$400.

Someone stole two Jet Skis and a trailer between 8 p.m. Feb. 18 and 7 a.m. Feb. 19 from the Harley-Davidson Shop, 5436 Jackson Road.

The two Jet Skis were locked in a fenced-in storage area and were waiting to be repaired.

The watercraft, worth approximately \$5,000 each, belonged to a 30-year-old Farmington Hills man.

The owner of the Harley-Davidson store told police that when an employee went to open the security fence for business the following morning, the employee noticed the lock had been cut.

Police searched the area for

evidence, but could not find any. **Suspicious Incident**

Someone called police after seeing a man around 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20 driving around the back parking lot of Washtenaw Engineering, 3250 Liberty Road.

The caller said that a man driving a Nissan Sentra had parked in the back lot of the business.

The caller said that he approached the man and asked what he was doing. The man said nothing, and asked whether the business was open.

The caller told police that he thought this was odd because it was obviously after hours.

The caller said that the man drove off before he could get a good physical description.

Suspicious Person
Police issued a trespass notice to a 62-year-old Scio Township man around 9 p.m. Feb. 19 for lingering around a number of trailers in the 800 block of River Birch Drive in Scio Farm Estates, 6655 Jackson Road.

A witness told police that she noticed the man walking around a trailer near her home. She told police that he did not look familiar and that there were no lights on in the trailer.

She said that when the man noticed someone was watching him, he ran to the backside of the trailer.

The woman said that she then became suspicious and called the trailer park's Neighborhood Watch representative, who advised her to call 911.

Police said that they were familiar with the description of the man because of prior complaints.

Police questioned the suspect, who said that he was in the neighborhood taking a walk.

The man told police that he once lived in the park and that he was checking on a lot that was for sale.

Police checked the man's background and found that he had been involved in a number of cases involving breaking and entering, and prowling.

Police told the man that if he is found in the park again he would be arrested. The suspect was taken to his home on Marshall Road.

Drunken Driving
A 41-year-old Scio Township man was arrested around 8 p.m. Feb. 21 near Jackson and Zeeb roads for driving drunk.

Deputies were on patrol in the area and initially noticed that the man was not wearing a seat belt.

The officer stopped the man and noticed a strong odor of alcohol on the man's breath. The suspect told police that he had a couple of beers and thought he was all right to drive home.

Police gave the man a Breathalyzer test. The results showed a blood-alcohol level of .14, which is considered legally drunk.

Police arrested the man and took him to the Washtenaw County jail.

Failure to Return Rented Vehicle

The manager of Enterprise Rent-A-Car, 3880 Jackson Road, called police around noon Feb. 22 to respond to a complaint of a rental car not being returned.

The manager said that the car was rented to a 29-year-old Ann Arbor man in early January and that a number of notices had been sent to the man requesting that the car be returned.

Police found the car in a parking lot in Maryland. They could not find the Ann Arbor man. The car was brought back to Michigan.

Fraud
A credit card was used fraudulently around 1 p.m. Feb. 23 to buy two citizens band radios at the Travel America Truck Stop, 200 Baker Road.

The credit card belonged to an Eastern Michigan University professor and was stolen earlier in the day.

The manager of the truck stop said a man bought two CB radios earlier in the day. The radios are valued at approximately \$900.

The manager said that the signature on the back of the card and on the receipt looked similar so he wasn't suspicious.

Chelsea Village Dog Bite

A 14-year-old boy was bitten, by a Golden Retriever around 3 p.m. Feb. 24 at his home in the 14000 block of Fairway Drive.

The boy told Chelsea police that he was taking the dog out of his bedroom and when he grabbed the dog by the collar, the dog bit him.

The boy was bitten on the left arm and hand. He told police that this was unusual behavior for the dog and he does not want the dog destroyed.

Trespassing
An 18-year-old man was caught trespassing around 8 a.m. Feb. 20 on property near the Washington Street Education Center in the 500 block of Washington Street.


Police asked the man for identification and why he was on the property. The man said that he was meeting with a friend, but would not tell police his friend's

name. Police later searched the man and found his identification. The man was told that he was not permitted on the property.

Larceny
Police were contacted around 4 p.m. Feb. 21 about a stereo that was stolen out of new pickup truck from Village Motors, 1185 S. Main St.

Village Motors said that someone broke into a Dodge pickup truck and stole a radio valued at \$400.

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.



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Congressman offers office hours

■ **First office hours held Monday.**

By Lisa Allmendinger
Staff Writer

As part of his quest to help residents in his 8th Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers' staff will hold monthly office hours in the Chelsea Village clerk's office every third Monday of the month.

The next session is scheduled noon to 4 p.m. March 19.

Vicki Geddis, one of three constituent relations officials, was in Chelsea for the staff's first session on Monday. Her main area of expertise is Social Security and Medicare issues.

Geddis said one constituent asked her to look into federal

regulations involving the U.S. Postal Service.

Geddis said she hoped that the next session would result in more drop-in traffic.

"A lot of things are done better in person and people like to talk face-to-face to explain their concerns," she said.

Rogers' staff is able to help people with any number of issues, including tax guides, education questions and grant funding.

"A lot of people don't know all the services that we can per-

form," she said. "We need to let them know that we are here."

Rogers is in the district on Monday and Fridays, Geddis said, and he spends the other days in Washington. He also holds office hours in Fenton and Howell.

Rogers opened his new district office in Lansing on Monday. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The telephone number is 1-877-333-MIKE.

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Renate Debler

The study, commissioned by Ameritech and conducted by Stephen Pociask, President of TeleNomic Research, LLC — a Virginia-based economic research and consulting firm — finds "conclusive, empirical evidence that the long-distance market remains heavily concentrated."

That means the market is dominated by only a few companies — the "Big Three," to be exact: AT&T, WorldCom and Sprint. Furthermore, says the report, this lack of competition is being sustained by regulatory obstacles.

Based on New York's long-distance market, the study concludes that if Ameritech could offer long-distance service here, then consumers could eventually save that \$1.03 billion.

Not only would long-distance competition and prices get better but, following New York's example, competition and costs for local telephone service would also improve.

And it's not only New Yorkers — Texans, Oklahomans and Kansans are reaping the rewards of full competition as well.



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Renate Debler

Renate Debler
Director
External Affairs

*Structure, Conduct and Performance of the Long-Distance Market and Consumer Benefits of Long-Distance Competition in Michigan, January 2001.

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Street Talk

By Mary Kumbier

What is your favorite subject in school?



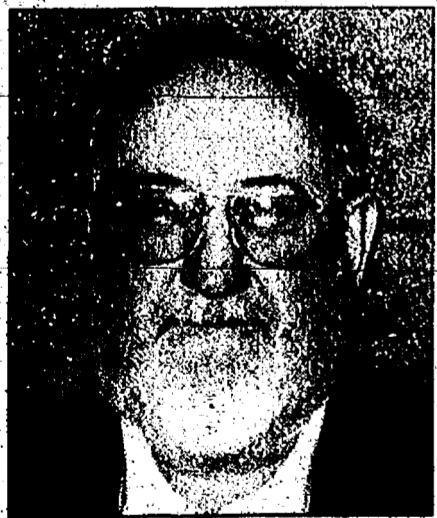
"Economics." Roger Petrullo Chelsea Village



"Mine is science." Kate Bartlett Lima Township



"It was so long ago, but I'd have to say recess." Sally Grandsko Westland



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"Probably English, because it was the easiest." Sandy Young South Lyon



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Spring break offers opportunity to travel



ELIZABETH WAGENSCHUTZ

LETTERS FROM IRELAND

At the moment, I am in Scotland. Edinburgh to be exact. When you read this, I will be in London. As you may have figured out, I am quite joyously on spring break.

We've been on break now for two days, and the two days prior we spent as a group touring Dublin. We have taken in such sights as St. Patrick's Cathedral, Kilmainham Jail, The Abbey Theatre, Newgrange Tomb and the Book of Kells at Trinity College.

All five places were wonderfully interesting, especially in relation to our Irish history course because we've studied these places in class.

I especially liked our tour of Kilmainham Jail. The leaders of the 1916 Easter Rebellion, which eventually led to Ireland's independence from Great Britain, were executed after being held as political prisoners here.

Ireland's history is one of such oppression, despair and hunger, deprivation and turmoil, yet also perseverance, determination, legend and hope that it is impossible not to empathize with the nationalism and pride the Irish have in being Irish.

Newgrange, which is a Neolithic tomb passage, is also

amazing because it is more than 5,000 years old, even predating the pyramids in Egypt. The structure is completely intact, so perfectly built that it has lasted 5 millennia with no interior disintegration or shifting.

After Dublin, I traveled up to Edinburgh. The first part of my time here was wonderfully clear. I took a bus tour around the city, which is the capital of Scotland. As I was walking around the Edinburgh Castle - a gorgeous, extremely large castle atop a hill that dominates the entire landscape of the city - a horrible snow storm (yes, snow storm!) began, and I had to leave early. But it was still beautiful and, after visiting a number of castles, I've decided that in one is really the only place to live happily.

In two days I shall travel to Glasgow, Scotland, spend a day there and then head down to London. This is the part of my break that I am really excited about. There are so many places that I cannot wait to visit, such as Piccadilly Circus and Stratford-Upon-Avon. And since I will be there for 12 days, I will be able to see a lot of these places and fully experience them, rather than try to see the whole city in only two or three days.

However, as thrilling as it is to be off from school, I admit that even after only four days away, I am already feeling ready to go "home" to Tully Cross. The town has become much more of a second home to all of us than Aquinas really was, and it's amazing how open and welcoming the community is. They have unquestioningly allowed us to

become very active members of the town in many different ways.

Another thing I miss about Tully Cross is mail. I'll be almost a full three weeks without until I arrive back home. I am particularly disappointed because I finally won last week's mail race in my cottage, thanks to the valiant efforts of my brother. Not only did he finally write me, but he sent five letters.

Well, not really five letters, rather five envelopes, each containing a piece of a letter he wrote then cut up so I had to piece it back together. But I'm not complaining. I'm just glad I won. And though I miss receiving daily mail, just think of how much will be there when I finally get back. At least, I hope.

I also want to get back so I can stop worrying about money. Apparently, it's quite expensive to travel.

Now, of course, I realize the expenses that are part of traveling, and they really aren't too exorbitant. It's just disconcerting watching my money leave me so quickly. And it's especially hard since the exchange rate in the United Kingdom is even worse than in Ireland.

Perhaps it's because they play (and this is an admittedly biased opinion) much better music here than they do, for the most part, in the United States. But it would make sense, wouldn't it? The music is better, so they can make our dollar worth less.

All right, it doesn't make sense at all, but I do believe it's true - the better music part - at least. There are a huge number of groups and songs extremely popular here that receive little to no airplay, publicity or recognition from American music sources.

There are an infinite number of groups (perhaps not infinite, but quite a lot) that have achieved popularity and received airplay here, many of which are critically acclaimed but virtually ignored at home. The UK-Irish charts seem to be more accepting of a wider range of music than the United States.

One genre that is extremely popular here is techno-dance music, especially because going to weekly discos is a much more common thing here than at home. There are three discos in and around Tully Cross, which is small village. But the prevalence of techno-dance music is something that all of the students have noticed.

Outside of dance clubs such music is not played at home. Here, however, a techno-dance song can be followed by a slow pop song, followed by a hard rock song, followed by a guitar band song - all on 2FM, the most popular channel in Ireland, or Radiol, the most popular channel in the UK. It's an interesting contrast to the fairly segregated, mainstream radio stations that dominate American airwaves.

Television, however, is quite a different story. The airwaves mostly show American, British or Australian shows. There are very few Irish shows that are played, even fewer that are popular. Rather it's "The Simpsons," "Survivor" and "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" that are most regularly viewed and discussed.

At least the sports are completely and uniquely Irish - hurling, Gaelic, football and rugby, especially. I don't understand these sports. They're completely alien to any of the sports

I know, but they are incredibly fun to watch.

You thought football could be physically dangerous? At least they wear pads. Pads are not worn in these sports, and they really should be. Picture a combination of football, soccer and hockey. Then, instead of any of those balls, you have a small, hard ball that you send flying through the air like you would a baseball. You're trying to get it into a soccer-net type goal and there are other players getting hit by this ball that is traveling extremely fast. Yeah, that's kind of what hurling appears to be. I'm not too eager to actually try it out myself.

Which brings me back to Scotland (in a roundabout but effective way) - for Haggis is not something I particularly care to try either. I've heard some good but mostly not so good things about this dish, and I still have three days to decide what to do. If I brave it and try this Scottish delicacy, I will be sure to write about it in great detail. But I wouldn't hold my breath.

Elizabeth Wagenschutz is a 1998 Chelsea High School graduate in Ireland as part of Aquinas College's study-abroad program. She can be reached by mail at Aquinas Study Centre, The Cottages, Tully Cross, Renvyle, PO, Co., Galway, Ireland.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Turn your anger over election into action

I am writing to call on open-minded students who are angry about the death of democracy in our nation.

A coup d'etat has occurred. The U.S. Supreme Court has installed an illegitimate president of the United States while the press looked away and the public remained apathetic.

Please do not forget that voters were purged from registration lists.

Please do not forget that ballots in poorer areas were counted with out-of-date equipment.

Please do not forget that many ballots were not counted at all. So, what can you do about? You can join together with fellow liberals to make your voice heard.

Voter March is sponsoring a march on Washington in May, and we want you to join us.

Turn your anger into action. E-

mail mbowker@umich.edu and ask to receive information about events you can participate in.

If we do not save our nation, who will?

Marianne Bowker Belleville

Employees should not have to pay to park

In last week's article regarding downtown parking, it appears the Downtown Development Authority is identifying employees of the local businesses as the source of the problem.

While it is understandable that the DDA sees the patrons of local businesses as coming first with respect to close, convenient parking spaces, the DDA would be shortsighted in creating a scenario in which employers are forced to sacrifice employee needs.

I do not own a business downtown nor do I work downtown, but after reading this article I feel compelled to say that the DDA should not be blaming employees for this problem. The article mentions the pos-

sibility that in the future those who work for local merchants will be charged to park. Such an approach takes on a punitive connotation, as if to say that charging employees to park will be a deterrent to them using their vehicles as a means by which to travel back and forth to work.

I hope the DDA realizes that employees are the most valuable resource of any business.

Without talented, dedicated employees, there are no businesses, and local commerce becomes a non-issue.

As parking space becomes more coveted, practical solutions must be developed that encompass the needs of the customers who support local merchants, and the employees who loyally service those customers.

Rick Frankhart Dexter Township

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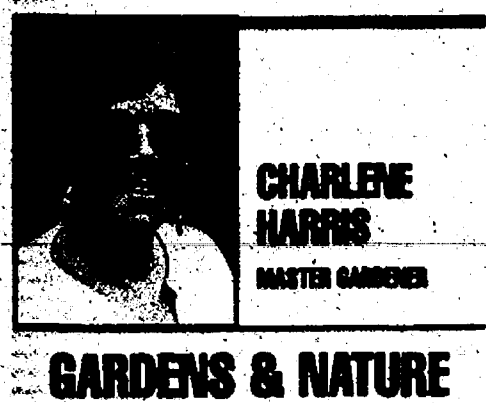
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Shamrock means little clover



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GARDENS & NATURE

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by close to 23 million Americans and many more around the globe. The green shamrocks worn on this day symbolize many things. The word shamrock, actually "seamrog," in Irish means "little clover." Ireland has several native trifoliate clovers, commonly referred to as white clover, yellow clover and hop clover. Over the centuries the three-leaf clover has become a

symbol of good luck in Ireland and around the world. To celebrate the occasion, most florists sell potted oxalis, an indoor plant. The oxalis is a member of the wood sorrel family, a few of which will grow outside and are considered obnoxious weeds. Their flowers vary in color and include white, yellow, red and pink. Most oxalis has green leaves, some with twinges of purple, and one variety has dark burgundy leaves and is very attractive potted. Oxalis open and close their leaves in sync with the daylight. At night the plant folds up its leaves until dawn. A few varieties are used as salad greens and have edible tuberous roots. The early Celts in Wales considered the white clover a charm against evil spirits, while it seems that the yellow-flowered clover best represents the shamrock symbol of Ireland today.

In Irish folklore, the number three is sacred and magical; all good things come in threes. As the symbol of Ireland, the shamrock represents love, valor and wit, faith hope and charity, past present and future, and the sky, earth and underworld. The shamrock also served as an emblem for the Irish volunteers in the 1770s. St. Patrick is said to have used the shamrock in his sermons to explain the mystery of Father, Son and Holy Spirit as separate, but one entity. Originally March 17 was a religious holy day commemorating the death of St. Patrick in 461 A.D. Today it is celebrated around the world. It is Ireland's most important national holiday in addition to being a holy day. In America, two of the first recorded public celebrations of St. Patrick's Day took place in Boston in 1737 and later in New York City on March 17, 1762. The parade of 1762 in New York City was made up of Irishmen serving in the English army. These early American celebrations gave birth to the more secular holiday parades across the nation and around the world. Millions of green cloth shamrocks will be sold around the world and worn on St. Patrick's Day. Even those of us who haven't an ounce of Irish blood will happily join in the celebration and wear a touch of the green. Gardeners should be on the

lookout for leprechauns in their gardens on March 17. As the festivities for celebrating this day spread around the world, so have the leprechauns. The name leprechaun comes from the old Irish word "luchorpan," which means "little body." They are frequently disguised as small old men wearing a cobbler's leather apron. According to legends, they live alone and spend their time making shoes. To locate them, listen for the tapping of their hammers. They are said to know the location of treasure, large pots of gold. They are actually Irish fairies. If you happen to spot a leprechaun, you must maintain eye contact with him. They will try and trick you to look away, and if you do, they will disappear. And you will miss your chance to find the hidden treasure. As a child on St. Patrick's Day, I'd hunt for leprechauns and four-leaf clovers. I have always found four-leaf covers. I remember my mother explaining, one leaf is for hope, the second for faith, the third is love and the fourth leaf is for luck. I still have a few four-leaf clovers pressed in old books. The four-leaf clover continues today to be a symbol of good luck throughout the world. I never have seen a leprechaun myself, but I keep looking. Charlene Harris is a Master Gardener and a resident of Chelsea.



Artist of the Week
Melany Miodusezewski was chosen Artist of the Week at Wylie Middle School in Dexter. In art class the sixth-grader learned about African mud cloth art.
Photo by Mary Kumbler

ZBA OK's private roads

The Dexter Township zoning board gave its blessing for private roads in Inverness Woods, a proposed subdivision to be located on 111 acres off Riker Road. The Township Planning Commission tacked on 13 conditions before approving a final site plan containing 79 homes. The Township Board must now grant permission for shared

driveways on several parcels at the site. The commissioners also asked for a study to determine the availability of water since the homes will have wells and septic tanks. Should any of the lots not be considered suitable for building, the commissioners encouraged the developer to leave those particular parcels as open space.

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Flora, Fauna & Folk Music



Local naturalist spreads his message with music

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Some guys give their dates flowers or chocolates.

When Tom Hodgson — Chelsea performer, naturalist and wilderness guide — met a young lady on a blind date at a summer camp, he handed her a reptile.

"Sharon didn't even flinch when I handed her a 4-foot-long blue racer snake," Hodgson says. "Needless to say, I was impressed and, I guess, so was she since we've been married 34 years," Hodgson says.

As a child growing up in Ohio, Hodgson was fascinated by nature and the outdoors.

"According to my mother, my first word was 'bird,' not mamma or dada," he says.

That may not have gone over really well with Hodgson's proud parents, but it set the stage for his future career.

"When I was young, I was always catching snakes and frogs, and spent much of my free time exploring the woods and caves near my home," Hodgson says.

When the budding naturalist moved to Kalamazoo at the age of 14, he was disappointed to find fewer species of reptiles and amphibians.

"I soon discovered that fishing was great in Michigan compared to Ohio, which more than compensated for the lack of creepy crawlies," he says.

Scouting offered the youngster plenty of

opportunities to camp and spend time in the outdoors.

At 14, the New Jersey native became a camp counselor in the nature area of a Boy Scout camp near Kalamazoo, a position he held for four summers. He then spent two summers as nature director of Camp Rotary, a Boy Scout camp near Clare.

"Sharon and I met while I was working at Scout camp between my freshman and sophomore years in college," he says.

"She was still a senior in high school. It was kind of a blind date arranged by another camp staff member. Prior to the date, we were introduced during Visitors Night at Scout camp, when I was assigned to the nature area."

That is when the reptilian romantic encounter took place.

The couple went on to enjoy more than three decades of married life, during which they raised three children, Mike, Laura and Christine. They have lived on Cavanaugh Lake Road for nearly 30 years, in a home that was once filled with tiny turtles when his daughter left the lid off a box of turtle eggs.

"My family keeps threatening to write a book about the hazards of living with a naturalist," Hodgson says. "When Laura was about 5, she was showing her friends some turtle eggs I had in a box of sand in the bedroom."

"Unfortunately, she left the lid off, and the next thing we knew we had baby turtles in our shoes, in the bedclothes, in the closet, you name it."

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Me & My Shadow

Chelsea High School students learn about life beyond the classroom

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Chelsea High School history teacher Jim Winter likens the school's Focus Mentorship Program to an iceberg.

"Just as you can only see 10 percent of an iceberg, with the other 90 percent staying below the surface, the mentorship experience allows students to see some of that 90 percent," he says. "They get more information and can make better career choices."

It's an opportunity that Winter wishes more students would take advantage of.

Last semester, 11 students participated. They were Denise Arntson, in elementary education; Alyce Barnes in flute performance; Brook Critchfield in sales and marketing; Chris House in computer networking; Robert Huehl in mechanics; Becky Moore in business; Mary Paul in art; Quinn Peysen in physical therapy; David Poupard in nursing; Tod Schlegelmilch in computer programming; and Molly Welton in motivational psychology and behavior modification.

This semester, Jessie Cole is studying sports medicine and Kaitlyn Kooyers is studying dance.

The program originally got under way in 1987 with counselor Chris Dimanin, who wanted to give students experiences beyond the classroom. He took on the responsibility of coordinating the program in addition to regular counseling responsibilities. Initially, the program was limited to six students a year.

Winter joined the program seven years ago, volunteering to help so more students could participate. After Dimanin left Chelsea, Winter took over as program coordinator.

"Principal Ron Mead made this position part of my teaching assignment so we could continue to offer the opportunity to more students," Winter says.

Students receive academic credit for the elective course. An application and selection process takes place during registration. Once selected, students are responsible for finding a mentor in their field of interest.

"I guide them through the process, but they have to make the initial contact and explain the program," Winter says.

He then interviews the potential mentor and approves placement before the project begins.

Mentors and students design a project that approximates the work of people in that chosen

career.

"Often the student is working on a piece of a larger project that the mentor is actually involved in," Winter says.

Students need to complete a minimum of 90 hours of work. They meet once a week with their mentor, reviewing their work, getting feedback and direction for the next step.

They also meet once a week with Winter, who gets together with students in small groups to talk about their projects and issues related to life in the working world. Students also discuss assigned readings.

Winter and his students have no trouble finding mentors to volunteer their time. "I've talked at conferences and find other schools are surprised we're able to find people so willing to give up their time to help students have such a valuable experience," Winter says.

"Everyone involved, from the students to the school board, appreciate the effort the mentors make."

According to Winter, mentors find it a very rewarding experience, taking as much from the experience as they put into it.

"The value of the program for students is incredible. They have the opportunity to see what real people in real-world situations do, and they get to do it," he says.

"This gives them the opportunity to see if this is really the career they want to pursue before they go off to college and spend four years and lots of money."

"Most learn the career is quite different from what they thought, but it's still something they want to do," he says.

Sally Schluppe, a third-grade teacher at South Meadows Elementary School, mentored Arntson by having her in the classroom for an hour a day, four days a week.

The class focused on poetry, working with students on ideas, vocabulary, descriptive language, creativity, revising, editing and publishing a completed project. Each child ended up with a poetry book of their original poetry for which they designed covers and included a table of contents.

"We were amazed with the quality of the work and the kids' enthusiasm," Schluppe says. "Denise felt this was a positive experience, which helped convince her to pursue a career in teaching. The students really loved having her coming in to help and to teach."



Thirteen Chelsea High school students have been involved in this year's Focus Mentorship Program. Pictured in front are Robert Huehl (left), David Poupard, Brook Critchfield and Tod Schlegelmilch; in back are Jessie Cole (left), Becky Moore, Kaitlyn Kooyers, Molly Welton, Mary Paul and Denise Arntson. Not pictured are Chris House, Alyce Barnes and Quinn Peysen.

While Schluppe has had high school tutors in her classroom before, this was her first mentoring experience.

"I think it's a great opportunity for seniors to test the waters," she says. "When I was a senior, I had the opportunity to visit a second-grade classroom as a helper. It was a more informal approach, but it gave me a chance to decide if teaching was the career for me."

High school senior Brook Critchfield accompanied John Knox, regional sales manager for Gleason Cutting Tools, on sales calls in southeast Michigan.

"I gave Brook product information, showed him the paperwork required for sales, and had him help prepare sales calls," Knox says. "He also set up a sales call to simulate a real situation."

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Mast, Hedding wed

Michelle Mast of Chelsea, daughter of Ronald and Marilyn Mast of Chelsea, and Kirk Hedding of Grass Lake, son of Douglas and Mary Hedding of Cement City, were married Aug. 12 at Zion Lutheran Church in Chelsea, with the Rev. David Hendricks officiating.

The maid of honor was Sarah Norton of Toledo, Ohio. The bridesmaids were Susan Hinderer of Caro, Courtney Jones of Dexter, Brandie Fitzsimmons of Belleville, Michelle Schertzing of Chelsea and Elizabeth Schultz of Grass Lake.

Lauren Stanfield was the flower girl and Dylan Stanfield was the ring bearer. Both are from Troy.

Tyler Schultz of Grass Lake was the best man. The ushers were Paul Hedding of Gregory, Mike Hedding of Brighton, Andy Wetzel of Ann Arbor, Tim Mixon of Wixom and Jason Mast of Chelsea.

The reception was held at the Moose Lodge in Ann Arbor. The couple honeymooned in Lake Placid, N.Y., and currently resides in Grass Lake.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2000 graduate of Eastern Michigan. She is employed as a teacher at Avila Child Care Center.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Chelsea High School and is employed as a firefighter in Ann Arbor.



Bristle, Carson marry

Wendy Lynn Bristle of Amherst, Wis., daughter of James and Melody Bristle of Chelsea, and Scott Thomas Carlson of Amherst, Wis., son of Tom and Jean Carlson of Amherst, Wis., were married Oct. 14 at Zion Lutheran Church in Chelsea, with the Rev. David Hendricks officiating.

The matron of honor was the bride's aunt, Linda Gorte of Clinton. Michelle Hurley of Mason was the bridesmaid.

The bride's attendants were the groom's daughters, Stephanie and Leslie Carlson, of Weston, Wis.

John Stonelake, of Wittenberg, Wis., was the best man.

The groom's son, Logan Carlson, of Weston, Wis.

The couple's reception was held at the UAW-CIO Local Union 1284 Hall in Chelsea. The

couple honeymooned in St. Lucia and the West Indies. They reside in Amherst, Wis.

The bride is a graduate of Chelsea High School and Michigan State University. She is currently employed at Olsen's Mill, Auroraville, Wis. The groom is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and is employed as a cabinetmaker at Furniture & More.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: Fredrick and Shirley (Barnes) Meyn of Chelsea celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 13. A family dinner, given by their children, was held at the Fonte D'Amore Ristorante in Livonia. The couple also went on a Caribbean cruise. The couple was married on Feb. 17, 1951, at the First Methodist Church in Ypsilanti. Their children are Deborah (Robert) Baughman of Granger, Ind., Kevin (Cindy) Meyn of Canton and Karen (Kent) Urbanowicz of Livonia.

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A son, Joseph Richard, was born Nov. 2 at University Hospital in Augusta, Ga., to David 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.

Jackson to Karen and Matt Rubert of Jackson. Maternal grandmother is Roxy Fisher of Jackson, formerly of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are Skip and Nancy Rubert of Parma and Sandy Rubert of Jackson. Seth has a sister, Sierra, 5.

A daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, was born Jan. 5 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, to Mark and Colette Hicks of Dexter. Maternal grandparents are Bill and Marilyn Clark of Dexter and Bob and Elke Vogel of Ringoes, N.J. Paternal grandparents are Duane and Sheryl Hicks of Dexter and Leroy and Judy Krull of Dexter. Great-grandparents are Mary Clark of Dearborn Heights and Rose Aaronson of Redford. Hannah is a little sister for Katie, Shannon and Emily.

A daughter, Gracie Ruth, was born Feb. 18 to Sarah and Lon Gerschütz of Greenville, S.C. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Virginia Schaeffer of Alma, formerly of Chelsea, and Lon and Barb Gerschütz of Defiance, Ohio.

A son, Seth Tylor, was born Jan. 17 at Foote Hospital in

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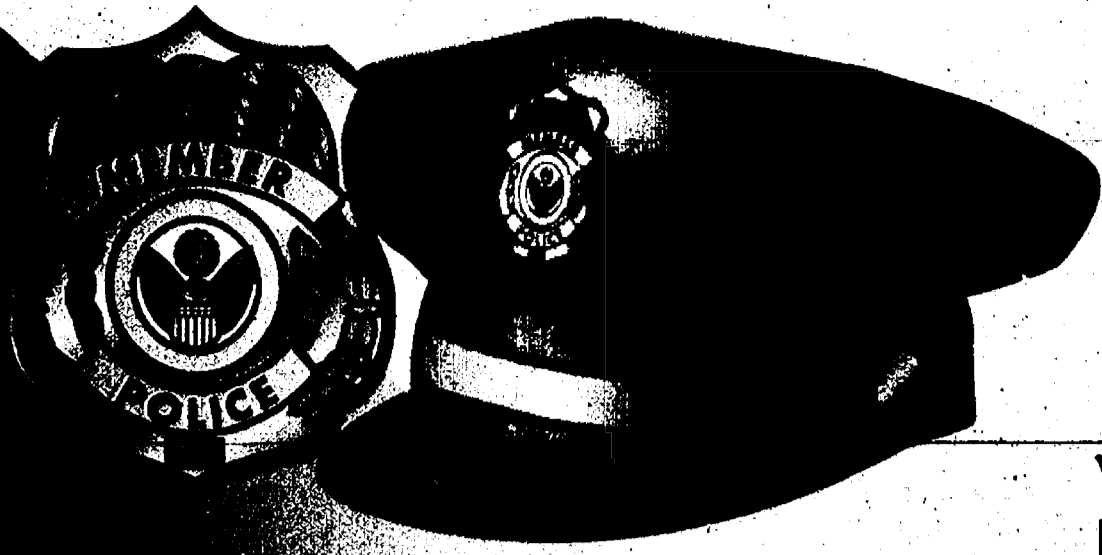
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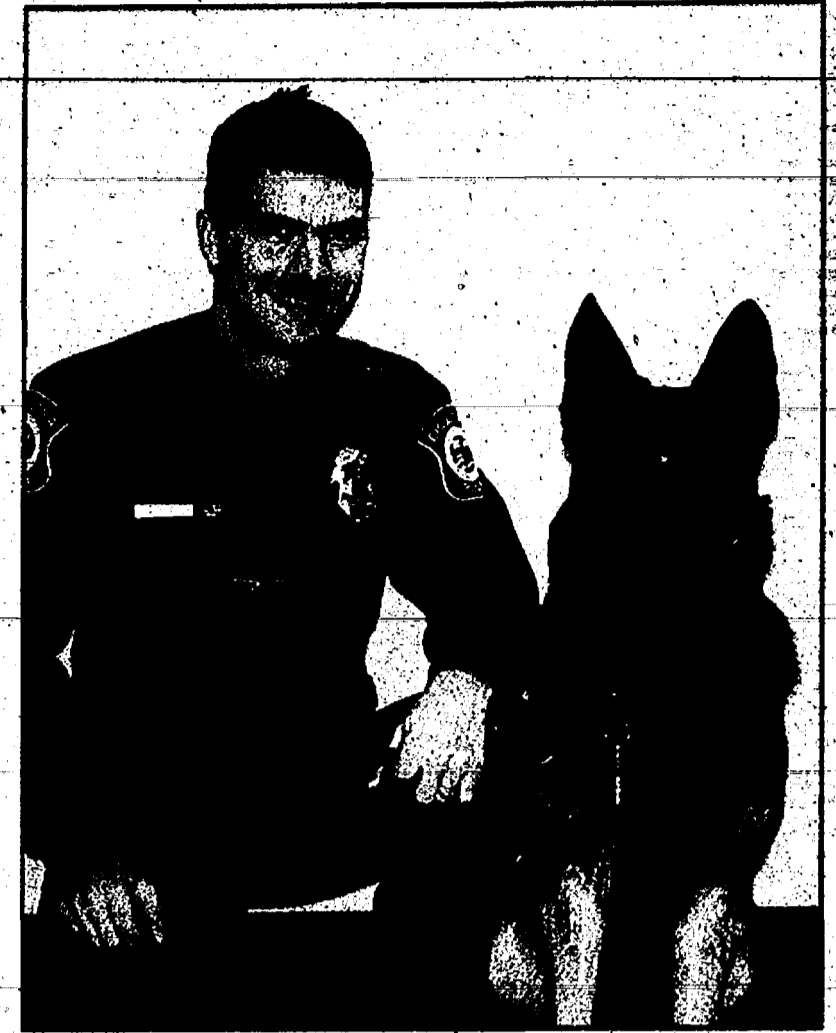
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Norman Paton-Patrolman-Since 10/89. Motorcycle Officer.

Scott Sumner-Rookie Patrolman-212 new kid on the block. 3 years experience with the Detroit Police Dept.

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Chelsea Police Department

Just another day at the station

Just another busy day at work for police dispatcher Vicki Stowe until a trap turned her quick lunch into a life-threatening situation.

While eating some fast-food chicken on Nov. 29 when a piece of meat got stuck in her throat.

"I was in absolute, blind panic," Stowe said. "I've been trained in the Heimlich maneuver, including being able to perform it on myself. But when I found I couldn't breathe, my mind went blank."

Stowe went to the station and called for Chief (Name) who was in the room, but he couldn't get to her. She was alone.

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face was blue and she was close to collapsing.

McDougall sent Stowe for a checkup at Chelsea Community Hospital, after which she returned to work.

"It was an incredibly frightening experience," Stowe said. "If I had been alone, I probably wouldn't be here today."

Reserve Officer Randy Layher teaches CPR to police officers, dispatchers and crossing guards each year.

In addition to a big hug from Stowe, Staebler also received a humanitarian award for life saving from Chelsea Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood in a ceremony at the police station on Dec. 4.

"Everyone should know the Heimlich maneuver," Ellenwood said.

"It's such a frightening thing. In a matter of minutes a healthy human being can die from choking," he said. "We all take breathing for granted, it's terrifying when something blocks your airway."

"The technique takes only a short time to learn. In some parts of the country, state law mandates that CPR is a requirement for high school graduation."

Chelsea Community Hospital offers classes in adult and infant and child CPR.

In Ann Arbor, the Washtenaw Chapter of the American Red Cross also offers CPR classes, with an additional twist. Pet owners can learn mouth to snout resuscitation on dog and cat mannequins.



According to Officer Rod Salyer, Stowe's

John Dettling-Part-time Officer-Fire Investigator-also employed with Hasting Insurance as an investigator. Formerly a full time Officer with the Dept. for over 20 years.

Dennis Hall-Part-time Officer (formerly full-time)-20 plus years. Motorcycle squadron-certified licensed pilot in charge of air wing. Works at Chelsea Community Hospital Materials Management.

David Sprinkle-Part-time Officer-Works full time for Huron Metro Parks as a Ranger. Mounted Division of Police Dept.

David Dettling-Part-time-now formerly full time for 20 years. Works for Huron Metro Parks as a Ranger. Field Officer.

Rick Boham-Part-time for several years, full time with Washtenaw County Sheriff Dept for approximately 20 years. Motorcycle Officer.

Thomas Gilbreath-Part-time-now formerly full time for several years. Field Officer working full-time for Johnson Control in management.

Mike King-Part-time Field Officer-full time for Washtenaw County Sheriff Dept for 20 years. Road Patrol Officer and member of SWAT team.

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Fund-raiser set for March 8

The Chelsea-Shimizu Middle School Exchange is offering treats for parents and families at the Beach parent-teacher conferences on March 8.

Pies, cakes, cookies and fresh bread will be sold. Students participating in the Japanese exchange program will be running the bake sale. The proceeds will be used to help defray the expense of the trip.

Chelsea High School graduate Brian Oakley, who spent a year

in Shimizu as a teaching assistant in English, first proposed the Chelsea-Shimizu Sister Cities Exchange Program.

Struck by the similarities between the two places, Oakley brought together several Japanese school administrators and former Chelsea schools superintendent the late Joseph Piasecki.

In subsequent years, a group of Japanese students have come to Chelsea each October for

weeklong stays in American homes. Each summer, Beach Middle School students visit Shimizu.

Financial support for the exchange has come from private organizations, donations and the fund-raising efforts of students and their families.

The Chelsea school system continues to provide educational support to students from both cities during the exchange.

Host families are needed for Japanese exchange students and teachers visiting Chelsea each October.

Beach students who are interested in being considered for exchange trips to Japan can get information from staff members Patricia Compton or Judy Bareis.

Anyone interested in the program can contact Karen Misenheimer at 475-3017 or Deborah Oakley at 475-1276.

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up a sales call to simulate a real situation.

"Since Brook is a friend of my daughter, I already knew him, and enjoyed mentoring him. Serving as a mentor helps you get a different, fresh perspective on your own career."

Critchfield plans on studying business at either Colorado College or Albion College.

"I enjoyed going on sales calls at companies like Ford, and taking part in business lunches," he says. "It gave me good insight into the sales process."

Molly Welton studied behavior modification and motivational psychology under Darla Johnson in the University of Michigan's M-Pit program.

"I worked on the 'Move, Lose and Maintain' weight loss program," says Welton, who wrote motivational e-mail for participants. "At the end of the project, I created a general PowerPoint

motivational presentation for anyone wanting to make any kind of a change in their life, not just weight loss."

Welton plans to study psychology at the University of Notre Dame or St. Mary College of Notre Dame.

Jennifer Holmes, head emergency room nurse at the University of Michigan Hospitals, mentored David Poupard, who will enter the University of Michigan nursing school this fall.

"I spent time in several departments, but especially in the pediatric unit, which is my particular interest," Poupard says.

Scott Wooster, technology specialist for the Chelsea School District, mentored Chris House, who will be headed for Grand Valley State University this fall.

"Chris had already been working with me as a student helper for three years, which made it easier for me to commit to mentoring him in this program," Wooster says. "He wanted to

learn about the internal traffic on a network, and we have a huge network in this district.

"I wish I'd had this kind of experience when I was in high school in Jackson. It gave Chris practical, real-world experience that he probably won't get even in college."

Artist MaryBeth Koeze mentored a former neighbor, Mary Paul.

"I had worked with Mary before when she was home-schooled, so it was a pleasure to see her again," Koeze says. "I helped her develop her art portfolio, and introduced her to other professionals in the art and design field."

"This is a great program. I would have given my eye teeth to have something like this when I was in high school."

The program has been a great experience for Winter, a teacher for 27 years.

"I'm working with students in a completely different way," he says. "I don't have to try and

teach them how this relates to the real world (because) they are in the real world.

"And I get out into the real world by visiting students at their sites and seeing what they are doing. This is truly an opportunity for the students to teach me, and they do."

The most enjoyable part for Winter is seeing his students grow in confidence and maturity through the semester.

"It's an experience that changes those involved," he says. "They've been to the real world and succeeded."

When Winter was in high school, there were no programs like the Focus Mentorship Program.

"Fortunately, I wanted to be a teacher, so I was able to observe some great models," he says. "They didn't know they were mentoring me, but they were."

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Bingo Winner

Ed Rutherford (left), the lucky winner of a Valentine basket at the recent Bingo Night at North Creek Elementary School, receives his prize from fifth-grader Katy Martin, who was a numbers caller. The event was sponsored by the North Creek PTO.

Bands play tonight

Chelsea High School bands will perform a free concert 7:30 p.m. today in the Chelsea High School auditorium.

The concert will feature the symphony band, wind ensemble, as well as selected chamber ensembles.

Musical works to be performed include "March of the Freeman," "Down A Country Lane," "Fall River Overture," "The President's March," "An Original Suite" and "Prelude and Rondo."

The featured chamber ensembles includes the flute Trio of Caitlin Biedron, Katie Boshoven and Alyce Barnes; the flute quartet of Halley Sissom, Sarah Klink, Melissa Morcom and Kelly Kenney; the brass quintet of Kenny Davis, Chad Carlson, Pieter Boshoven, Neal Turlock and Chris Kolokithas; and piano soloist Shannon Schuyler.

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The 2001 Western Washtenaw Area Relay for Life committee will hold its next meeting 6:30 p.m. Monday in Chelsea Community Hospital's private dining room A.

Anyone interested in assisting with the planning of this year's relay is encouraged to attend.

There is still plenty of time to get together a team, consisting of eight to 12 people who agree to raise at least \$100 each.

All of the teams will come together June 22 to celebrate, honor and remember those who have battled cancer.

In addition to having a team, individuals, organizations and businesses can be a sponsor for the event. There are five levels of sponsorship, ranging from Team Sponsor to Gold Sponsor. All sponsorship levels are avail-

able and provide an opportunity for a group to be recognized in a national event.

Cancer survivors are encouraged to participate in this year's relay. Several activities are planned, including a Victory Lap Dinner and luminary ceremony, which remembers those who have lost their battle with cancer.

The next team captain's meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 2 in the hospital's private dining room A.

The Relay for Life is a community celebration to honor and remember those who have battled cancer. The event helps raise cancer awareness and funding to find a cure for all cancers.

Teams of family, friends, coworkers and neighbors collect

donations prior to the event and then dedicate 24 hours to camping out with teammates and taking turns walking or jogging around a track.

Last year, the Western Washtenaw Area raised more than \$40,000 to support the American Cancer Society's programs of research, patient services, education and prevention programs in this area.

This year's event is scheduled 6 p.m. to 6 p.m. June 22 through 23 at the Washington Street Education Center track.

For more information about the relay, becoming a team captain or sponsor, or on the American Cancer Society and its programs, call Deanna Shackelford at 971-4300.



Soccer Stars

Chelsea Junior Troop 125 participated in a soccer clinic in December, learning what it takes to compete as a professional player. Carrie Maier, assistant coach from the University of Michigan women's soccer team, conducted the clinic. Maier, who has played soccer both in college and as a professional, has coached young people since 1992. Currently, she is involved as an assistant coach to the U.S. Olympic Development Team. Pictured in the back row are Stephanie Becker (left), Nicole Reid, Courtney Tonge, Carrie Maier, Jill McConville and Jenny Squires. Kneeling in the front row are Taylor Fetters (left), Victoria Kingsinger, Kendra Beeman, Nicole Saariinen and Kelli Fountain.

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A bachelor's degree in fisheries and wildlife management from Michigan State University was put to good use in 1965, when Hodgson came to Chelsea as the first park interpreter for the Waterloo Recreation Area.

During his stint there, he appeared regularly in "Scrambled Eggs," a show on Jackson area TV, with a 15-minute segment about exploring the outdoors. He also wrote seasonal articles for the Outdoors section of The Ann Arbor News.

Hodgson is now volunteer program coordinator for the Waterloo Natural History Association, a support group for the Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center. Hodgson helped found the WNHA in 1981.

Hodgson feels the Recreation Area, just west of town, is one of Chelsea's greatest untapped resources.

"During my 15 years working there, I came to know what a wonderful place it is. There is no other natural area in southeastern Michigan that compares," he says.

Hodgson plans to devote as much of his time as possible to supporting and promoting the Waterloo Natural History Association.

"The Waterloo Natural History Association is working to bring this important natural resource to the people of the community," he says. "In a unique arrangement with Michigan State Parks, it's able to use the Eddy Discovery Center and the surrounding trails and natural features as a base of operations to develop and present natural history programs for the local community.

"I like to share my interest in and love of the outdoors with others," Hodgson says. "The Waterloo Natural History Association enables me to do this on a grand scale."

In 1980, Hodgson became director of the Dahlem Environmental Education Center, affiliated with Jackson Community College.

After retiring in 1995, he was invited to teach at Eastern Michigan University, where he teaches a science methods class

for students in elementary education. His classroom critters include a snake, bullfrogs, toad, millipede and hissing cockroaches.

Hodgson's wife teaches third grade at South Meadows Elementary School, where she has been a teacher for 15 years.

For five years, Hodgson and his wife directed WRAP Camp through the Chelsea Community Education Program, an ecology day camp for students from kindergarten through fifth grade held at the Waterloo Recreation Area.

Hodgson served on the Chelsea Board of Education for five years in the 1970s — an experience he calls challenging and rewarding.

Hodgson, known as "The Singing Troubadour," once played the clarinet in his high school band.

"Although I no longer play the clarinet, one thing I learned in band was that it was even more fun to make music than to listen to it," he says.

As part of a high school speech class, he and a buddy performed a duet together.

While his friend went on to become a professional vocalist, Hodgson learned to sing and play guitar, primarily for his own enjoyment.

"More recently, I took some voice lessons in Chelsea from Lisa Hinz-Johnson at the Center for the Development of the Arts," Hodgson says. "She helped me improve my voice and increase my confidence."

Hodgson discovered that most people enjoy singing, and incorporated sing-a-longs in his evening campground programs at Waterloo and at the Dahlem Center Summer Day Camp.

Parents and children enjoy the songs so much that they encouraged him to make a recording.

Hodgson has two cassette tapes for children, "Songs of the Earth" and "Music for Mother Earth." The tapes are being converted to CDs. He also plans to make a recording with an outdoor theme, which has more

general audience appeal.

While at the Dahlem Center, Hodgson developed a musical assembly program for elementary schools called "Music for Mother Earth," which he performed in Jackson area schools.

"After retirement, I took my show on the road to perform in elementary schools, libraries, nature centers and parks in Michigan, northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana," Hodgson says. "I visit between 40 and 60 schools a year."

In 1995, Hodgson, who thrills youngsters with such songs as "Something's Stinking," "The Long Underwear Song," "The Outhouse Song," and "My Brother Eats Bugs," was named Michigan Environmental Educator of the Year.

In Chelsea, he has appeared at North Creek and South Meadows elementary schools and at Little Professor Book Store, and has performed at Cornerstone Elementary School in Dexter.

For the past three summers, he has toured with the Michigan Humanities Council's "Great Outdoor Culture Tour," performing in state and national parks and other outdoor venues in northern lower Michigan and in the Upper Peninsula.

"Last summer, I got to perform on Isle Royal, which was great fun," he says.

Hodgson is busy organizing his 15th annual wilderness canoe trip to Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario, 1,500 miles of trackless wilderness, lakes and streams.

Perhaps his most exciting trip was last year's two-week visit to Alaska, where he and Sharon saw grizzlies, moose and long-horn sheep in Denali National Park. A five-day cruise in Prince William Sound brought them up close and personal with humpbacked whales, sea lions, sea otters and porpoises.

"It was the trip of a lifetime, to a place I've always wanted to visit," Hodgson says.

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Center offers bird program

The Eddy Discovery Center in the Waterloo Recreation Area will present a program on bluebirds 2 p.m. Sunday.

Participants will learn to make, install and care for bluebird boxes.

A limited supply of kits will be available for \$6 each. The program includes a short walk to a bluebird habitat.

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Summer Fest 'fun-raiser' set

Although the Chelsea Summer Fest is still a few months away, festival organizers have been busy planning its second annual St. Patrick's Day Fun-Raiser Party.

"Everyone enjoyed themselves so much last year that we wanted to continue this tradition," said party chairwoman Laurie Gravelyn.

"It provides everyone with an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones while raising money to support the Summer Fest," she said.

This year's party will be held 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 16 in the Clock Tower building on Main Street. The evening's festivities include a cabbage and corn beef dinner, Irish green beer, music by the Chelsea House Orchestra, live auction, bagpipers and more.

Tickets are \$35 a person and can be purchased at the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce office, Dayspring Gifts, Vogel's & Foster's, Pierce's Pastries Plus and The Chelsea Standard office.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Chelsea Summer Fest.

The 2001 Summer Fest will be held July 27 through 28.

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Three Chelsea wrestlers qualify for state finals

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Three Chelsea grapplers qualified for this year's state finals at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena March 8 through 10.

Senior George Fairley and sophomore Darl Bauer captured regional championships during the meet at Ionia High School last Saturday.

Junior Eric Lixey earned a third-place finish to advance. Fairley (160 pounds) won three consecutive matches to capture the title.

In his first match, Fairley pinned Trenton's Paul Flanderfler in 2:40.

In his next match, he decided Lake Odessa Lakewood's Andy Eastridge 8-6.

In the regional final, Fairley pinned Fowlerville's Jason Herbert in 52 seconds.

Bauer (171) pinned all three of his opponents.

In his opening match he pinned Hastings' Jake Friddle in 1:30.

Marshall's Mike McKim was pinned in 1:22 in Bauer's second contest.

In the finals, Bauer pinned Gibraltar Carlson's Rueben Marques in 40 seconds.

Lixey (160) decided Chris McPhail from Gibraltar Carlson 14-9 in his first match.

In his second battle, he was pinned by Fowlerville's Herbert in 5:20.

Lixey regrouped, winning his next two matches 9-2 over Rob Baker from Hastings and pinning Lucas VanEtten of Adrian in 1:15.

Chelsea's fourth wrestler at regionals, Jared Powers lost two



Photo courtesy of Sue Bauer

Bulldog grappler Randy Ostrowski puts a headlock on his Eaton Rapids opponent during team regionals last Saturday. Ostrowski was one of four winners in the meet for Chelsea.

close matches to finish out of the top four.

Only the first four advance to the state finals.

Powers (215) lost 3-2 to Dearborn Divine Child's Phil

Morse in his opening match.

In his second contest, he won by injury default over Jacob Geiger of Gibraltar Carlson.

In his third match, Powers lost a 5-2 decision to Mike Miles from

Jackson Northwest.

"We knew it'd be tough," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "They all have had great seasons."

On Feb. 21, Chelsea competed

in arguably the state's strongest Division II team regional.

Besides the Dawgs, also participating at Ionia were No. 2

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Title Tussle

Chelsea hockey falls in league championship versus Dexter



Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Chelsea senior goaltender Mike Osborne and senior forward Rob Molina guard the Bulldog net. Chelsea fell to county rival Dexter in the Southeast Michigan High School Hockey League finals last Saturday night.

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

In its inaugural varsity campaign, the Chelsea hockey team proved it belonged.

Not that it was ever questioned, but it still was rewarding to play for the conference championship in its initial season.

Despite falling to county rival Dexter 5-1 last Saturday in front of more than 1,000 fans at Ann Arbor's Veterans Memorial Arena, the Bulldogs can hold their heads high.

With the defeat, Chelsea ended up in second place.

"We had some defensive lapses," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "The game was closer than the score indicated."

Chelsea (15-8-1, 8-3-1) out shot Dexter 22-20.

But Dreadnaught senior net minder Brad Rinderknecht was up to the task.

"I felt their goalie played exceptionally well," Wright said. "We had some great chances."

Dexter (19-4-1, 10-1-1) took a 2-0 lead after one period before

Chelsea closed the gap early in the second period.

Sophomore Drew Warren scored off an assist from juniors Josh Barron and Chris White, trimming the Dreadnaughts' lead to 2-1.

But two straight Dexter goals, including one by junior J.J. Daratony with one second remaining in the period, gave the Dreads a commanding 4-1 advantage heading into the third frame.

"That obviously hurt," Wright said.

Dexter added a goal midway through the third period to sew up the "W" and the Southeast Michigan High School Hockey League championship.

"It was just one of those nights," Wright said. "Our goaltender (sophomore Andrew Mossburg) played well."

The Dawgs have played well all year long.

"There wasn't a game we played in all season that we didn't have a chance to win," Wright

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Bulldog tankers finish second in conference meet

The Southeastern Conference swimming and diving championship began with a bang and didn't let up until the end as the meet witnessed some of the strongest swimming in recent history.

Class A No. 1-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer dominated the Red Division by out distancing itself from the field with a total of 601 points.

Saline was second with 376 points, while Adrian finished third with 169 points.

In the White Division, Class B-C-D No. 1-ranked Dexter finished first with 399 points as its depth proved too strong. Chelsea placed second with 352 points.

Tecumseh was third with 208 points and Lincoln fourth with 136 points.

The Bulldogs fell short of beating the Dreadnaughts, but sent a strong message in placing second.

Chelsea, ranked No. 5 in Class

B-C-D, dominated the pool, winning 8-of-12 events. Such a show of strength should spark the Dawgs at this season's state finals March 9 through 10 at Eastern Michigan University.

The Bulldogs got things rolling early in the SEC finals, winning the 200 medley relay.

Andy Hack, Greg Cook, Jeff Heydlauff and Jake Holton cruised to a victory in (1:43.07).

The B relay of Zack Christman, Matt Holmes, Tim Wacker and Andre Bravo placed 10th at (1:48.88).

The next event was the 200 freestyle.

Chelsea's Mike Policht finished 13th, stopping the clock at (2:01.12), a lifetime best.

Hack was unstoppable in the 200 individual medley, winning the Red and White Divisions combined. His time of (2:00.69) was four seconds faster than the next competitor.

Cook was 10th in the event, with a huge time drop, stopping

Swim & Dive Madness

•Diving qualifications, March 6 at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

•Class B-C-D Finals, March 9 through 10, at Eastern Michigan University; swimming preliminaries March 9 at noon followed by diving preliminaries and semifinals; finals for swimming and diving, March 10 at noon.

the clock at 2:16.09. Tim Wacker was 11th with a time of (2:16.92) and Mike Bowdish was 16th at (2:28.65).

Chelsea was dominant in the 50 freestyle, placing first, third, ninth and 10th.

Heydlauff led the way for the Bulldogs, winning both the Red and White Division combined in

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Chelsea swimmers Andy Hack (left), Jake Holton, Jeff Heydlauff and Greg Cook teamed to capture the 200 medley relay at last weekend's Southeastern Conference meet.

DON RICHTER

ON THE SIDELINE

The Madness of March is upon us

You won't hear about it on the evening news.

The networks won't interrupt the Fox TV show "Ally McBeal" with a special report.

And you can bet a front page, banner headline warning its readers of the impending insanity will not appear in USA Today.

But beginning today throughout Washtenaw County Southeastern Michigan and the rest of our great midwestern high school athletes will suddenly be swept up in a euphoria that can only be described in two words: March Madness.

It's a glorious time for both athletes and sports fans.

It's the second season for some teams. It's a chance at redemption for others who, up to this point, might have underachieved. It's an opportunity for athletes to rise up and show the world what they're really made of.

It's a time when dreams come true. Or for dreams to come crashing down.

March is "Championship Month," "Cinderella Month" and "Make It or Break It Month" all rolled into one.

The next four weeks will be the Michigan High School Athletic Association state champions in basketball, competitive wrestling, hockey, volleyball, boys' swimming and boys' basketball.

Whew!

In between, there will be enough high fives, screams, school spirit and tears to last a lifetime — or at least until next March.

It's a time when Class B-C-D No. 1-ranked Dexter and No. 5-ranked Chelsea finally decide who's truly best in the pool.

It's a time when Chelsea grapplers George Fairley, Darl Bauer and Eric Lixey and Dexter's Jeff Marsh put all on the line in front of thousands at the "Big Show" at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena in the state wrestling finals.

Last year, Chelsea's boys' basketball team experienced the thrill of March Madness. The Bulldog hoop squad peeled off 13 consecutive wins before bowing out in the quarterfinals of the state basketball tournament, falling to the eventual champion.

Can it happen again this season? Can lightning strike twice? Or will Dexter be this year's Cinderella squad? Somebody has to wear the slipper — why not the Dreadnaughts?

Tonight, on the frozen pond, both Dexter and Chelsea will test its mettle in arguably Division III's toughest regional.

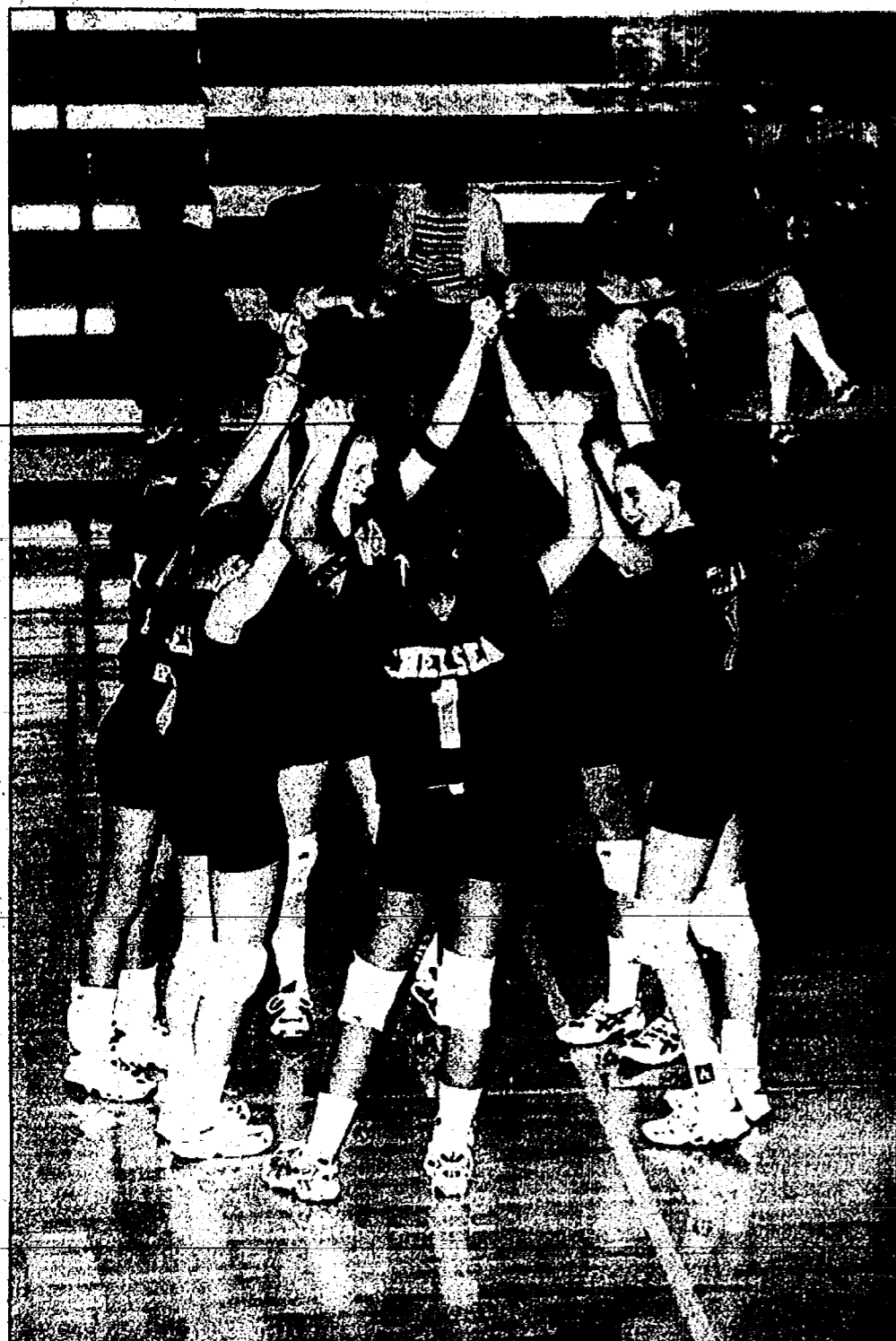
A perfect place for the madness of March to rear its unpredictable head — "Do you believe in miracles?"

It's a time when Chelsea volleyball attempts to slay the Dragon better known as the Dexter Dreadnaughts. Both county squads will participate in the same division. Onsted on March 3. If hopes as planned, the finals will meet in the semifinals.

The Class B No. 2-ranked heads have topped the Class B honorable mention twice already this season.

But that was before the madness. As history has

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The Chelsea varsity volleyball team gathers together before its match. The Bulldogs advanced to the semifinals of the University of Michigan-Dearborn tournament last Saturday before bowing out against state ranked Marysville.

Chelsea spikers third at U-M Dearborn

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

The Chelsea varsity volleyball team finished its regular season last Saturday at the ultra-competitive University of Michigan-Dearborn tournament.

The Bulldogs advanced to the semifinals before falling to state ranked Marysville, 2-15, 3-15.

In quarterfinal action, Chelsea defeated Fraser, 15-12, 15-10.

In pool play, the Dawgs were a perfect 8-0.

Chelsea swept Sacred Heart, 15-8, 15-2; St. Clement, 15-2, 15-4; Rogers City, 15-12, 17-15; and Wayne Memorial 15-4, 15-2.

Caitlin Deis led the Bulldogs with 46 kills and 23 digs.

Alison Mann added 32 kills and 28 digs. Josie Wells had 14 kills and 29 digs and Lindsey Baker had 60 assists.

Karri Kuczajda finished with 13 kills and Anna Arend had 22 digs for Chelsea.

On Feb. 22, the Bulldogs traveled to Tecumseh, losing 14-16, 10-15, 6-15.

"We played a lackluster game that was void of the intensity that has been characteristic of the team all season," said Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland. "The team missed the opportunity to claim second place to themselves."

Chelsea ended the year with a 3-3 White Division record and a 2-0 mark against squads from the

Volleyball Madness

•Districts, March 3 at Onsted - Chelsea vs. Brooklyn Columbia Central, 9:30 a.m.; Stockbridge vs. Onsted, 10:30 a.m.; Dexter vs. Chelsea/Brooklyn Columbia Central winner, 11:30 a.m.; Finals - 12:30 p.m.

•Regionals, March 10 at DeWitt - 11:30 a.m.; Finals - 1 p.m.

•Quarterfinals, March 13 at Chelsea - 7:30 p.m.

•Semifinals, March 16 at Western Michigan's University Arena in Kalamazoo - 7 p.m.

•Class B Final, March 17 at Western Michigan's University Arena - 6 p.m.

•Class D Final - Noon; Class C Final - 2 p.m.; Class A Final - 4 p.m.

Red Division.

Against the Indians, Deis led the way with 12 digs and 10 kills.

Wells added nine digs, Baker had 29 assists and Mann posted 10 kills for the Bulldogs.

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Bulldog JV volleyball reaches tourney finals

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

The Chelsea JV volleyball team concluded an impressive season last Friday, finishing second at the 24-team University of Michigan-Dearborn tournament.

The Bulldogs (37-4, 7-2) fell to Temperance Bedford in the finals 12-15, 7-15.

"We had difficulty with Bedford's quick attacks," said Chelsea coach Beth Box. "That was the only way they were able to score points on us."

"We were very competitive throughout the tournament. (The loss) was part fatigue and (part) Bedford's quickness."

"It was all very exciting." The championship match began at 10 p.m.

In the tourney semifinals, Chelsea defeated Wyandotte 15-12, 13-15, 15-13.

The Dawgs had defeated the Bears earlier in pool play.

"This was not the same team we competed against in pool play," Box said. "They came on much stronger than before and we struggled a bit, but came through."

In quarterfinal action, Chelsea beat Carlton Airport 15-6, 12-15, 15-8.

"During the second game we relaxed and were unable to serve the ball during our first rotation," Box said. "By the second rotation, it was a little too

late. We did make up for it in the third game."

In pool play, the Bulldogs finished 6-0.

Chelsea swept Wyandotte, 15-9, 15-6; Madison, 15-9, 15-4 and Wayne Memorial, 15-9, 17-15.

The U of M Dearborn tournament was added to the JV schedule at the last minute, according to Box.

"Some of the girls were unable to make it, so I brought up freshman player Lindsay Parker," she said. "She played middle and outside (hitter). She did a fantastic job."

Courtney Bentley, with 15 digs, five kills, three assists, 30 points and 13 aces, paced the Bulldog attack.

Katrina Moffett finished with two kills, five digs, 47 assists, 28 points and eight aces. Lindsey Tye had 14 digs, 21 kills, one assist, 19 points and five aces. Parker had five digs, 15 kills, six blocks, two points and one ace.

Cynthia Johnson recorded six digs, five kills, 16 points and four aces. Julie Inwood had eight digs, 11 points and two aces. Catherine Kirkwood had two digs, three blocks and nine kills for the Dawgs.

Krystal Space finished with six digs, seven kills, five points and one ace. Alison Sacks had 12 digs, 12 points and five aces. Sarah Kaminsky recorded six digs, 14 points and five aces and

Stephanie Minzey had 10 kills, three blocks and two digs for Chelsea.

For their second-place finish, the Bulldogs received a trophy and individual medals.

Bentley was honored further with an MVP medal.

"The choice wasn't easy to make," Box said. "All the girls worked hard."

On Feb. 22, Chelsea traveled to Tecumseh, winning 13-15, 15-11, 15-9.

"We started off confident and Tecumseh took advantage," Box said. "We struggled in the first game and had to make a do or die decision on how we wanted to end the season. The answer was to win."

Behind Bentley's 17 assists, one dig, nine points and two aces and Kirkwood's eight kills, two blocks and one dig, Chelsea did just that.

Moffett ended up with two digs, two assists, five points and

one ace. Johnson had five digs, three assists, three points and two aces and Tye five kills, three digs, two assists, three blocks and two points.

Inwood recorded seven digs, 10 points and one ace. Space had six kills, three digs, seven points and two aces. Minzey had six kills, three blocks and one assist.

Kaminsky added four digs and one point. Jenny Parker had three digs and four points, while Anna Marie Cooper recorded three digs and Sacks had nine digs, two kills and one point for Chelsea.

"This year has been a very satisfying season," Box said. "Not only being able to coach these girls, who have developed as a team, but individually as well."

"It's been a wonderful year." Staff Writer Don Richter can be reached by telephone at 475-1371 or via e-mail at drichter@heritage.com.

Frosh end year on high

The Chelsea freshman volleyball team concluded its season on a high note last Thursday, sweeping host Tecumseh, 15-5, 15-4.

"The team played well against a weaker Tecumseh opponent in its last match of the season," said Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland. "The team served extremely well, keeping the pressure on the Tecumseh passers."

Lindsey Parker was 7-of-7 hitting with two kills to lead the Dawgs.

Becky Sprague was 8-of-9 serving with two aces. Nicole Collins finished 7-of-7 serving with two aces to help pace Chelsea.

"The team finished with only one loss to Saline in the Southeastern Conference," Cleveland said. "The talent of the freshmen team will be a great benefit to Chelsea volleyball as they continue through the program."

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You will virtually eliminate the possibility that you will wind up in a dangerous situation. Inconvenient? Maybe. Unfair? I guess. "So what. I value my personal safety more than I mind inconvenience or unfairness."

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said. "I'm real proud of the team and how they've played all year long."
 Wright said it was a goal of the squad to make it to the league title game.
 "We wanted to play for a championship," he said. "But it's frustrating to lose the game."
 On Feb. 21, the Bulldogs hosted Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.
 Chelsea seniors Dave Poupard, Craig St. Clair, Brad Wright, Trevor Maveal, Rob Molina, Jeff Jiga and Mike Osborne were honored before the contest.
 As one might expect, it was an emotional night for the Bulldogs. Lakes didn't stand a chance.
 Chelsea scored three goals in each period to win, 9-1.
 Wright and White each tallied two goals.

Maveal, Poupard, Warren, St. Clair and Barron each added a goal for the Bulldogs.
 Molina and Jiga finished with two assists each to pace Chelsea.
 Eddie Ameel, Chris Tyler, Mike Sayers, Kenny Williams, Matt Eckler, Zach Meza, Barron, Warren and Maveal all recorded one assist.
 Osborne went the entire way in net for the Dawgs.
 Chelsea out-shot Waterford 35-9.
 "All of our seniors had points in the game," Wright said. "That was a good thing. It was a fun game."
 The Bulldogs start the state playoffs today at Allen Park's Civic Arena against the winner of Dearborn Divine Child-Jackson Lumen Christi at 6:15 p.m.
 Both teams are state ranked.
 "We're hoping to pull an upset," Wright said. "It's going to be tough."

Hockey Madness

Regional semifinals, March 1 at Allen Park's Civic Arena - Chelsea vs. Jackson Lumen Christi/Dearborn Divine Child winner, 6:15 p.m.
 Dexter vs. Dearborn Heights - Crestwood/Allen Park Cabrini winner, 8:30 p.m.
 Finals, March 3 at 8:15 p.m.
 Quarterfinals, March 7 at Allen Park's Civic Arena.
 Semifinals, noon March 9 at Flint's IMA Sports Arena.
 Division III Finals, 3 p.m. March 10 at Flint's IMA Sports Arena.

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Turnovers haunt Chelsea hoops

By Don Richter
 Staff Writer
 Chelsea's boys' basketball team fell to host Ypsilanti Lincoln last Friday night, 68-60.
 The Bulldogs committed 23 turnovers to the Railsplitters' 11.
 "That was the difference in the game," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond.
 "Lincoln's style is full court, man-to-man."
 Chelsea's Tony Scheffler had a big game for the Dawgs, finishing with 31 points, 22 rebounds, three blocked shots and two steals.
 Joe Tripodi added six points and eight rebounds and Paul Newhouse had seven points, four rebounds, three assists, two steals and two blocked shots.
 "It was a well-played high school basketball game," Raymond said. "We shot the ball well and we rebounded well."
 Chelsea finished 25-of-54 from the field for 46 percent of 40 percent.
 On the glass, the Bulldogs out rebounded the Southeastern Conference-leading Railsplitters, 45-34.
 "We've been a good rebound-

ing team the whole season," Raymond said.
 Despite its turnovers, Chelsea was in the game until the end.
 The Dawgs were down just two points with a minute left in the contest.
 "It was a much closer game than the score indicated," Raymond said. "It was nip and tuck the entire way."
 What hurt Chelsea more than anything was the absence of guard Eddie McClendon - one of the Bulldogs' best ball handlers.
 "He was out with a sprained ankle," Raymond said.
 "That hurt."
 Junior guard Kenny Gupton paced Lincoln with 27 points, scoring on an assortment of transition baskets and inside buckets.
 The Railsplitters' leading scorer Corey Gupton (6-foot-6) was held to just nine points.
 "We wanted to take away the

Basketball Madness

Basketball districts, March 5 through 9 at Onsted.
 Chelsea vs. Onsted, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.
 Milan vs. Tecumseh, March 6 at 6:30 p.m.
 Dexter vs. Chelsea/Onsted winner, March 7 at 6:30 p.m.
 District Final, March 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Regionals at Riverview, March 13 through 17.
 Quarterfinals at University of Detroit Mercy, March 20.
 Semifinals and Finals at Michigan State University's Breslin Center, March 22 through 24.

inside game," Raymond said. "We did what we wanted to offensively, but the turnovers hurt us."
 Chelsea ends the regular season tomorrow hosting Tecumseh at 6 p.m.
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Beach seventh-graders split matches

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade volleyball team traveled to Tecumseh last Thursday, falling in three games, 6-11, 8-11, 2-11.
 Fori Overpeck led the way for Chelsea with five service points and one ace.
 Sarah Iverson added three points and Maggie Dusbiber and Nicky Lodewyk had two each for Beach.
 Dusbiber recorded an ace.
 Amanda Tremble, Danielle Smith, Jeanne Underwood and Jennifer Carty each had one point.
 Underwood had an ace.
 Iverson finished with three

assists and Kay Szcodronski had two.
 On Feb. 20, host Beach defeated Ypsilanti Lincoln in four games, 8-11, 11-4, 11-8, 11-2.
 Hannah Myers paced the Chelsea attack with 10 points, including two aces.
 Lodewyk added seven points with an ace.
 Smith and Overpeck each served six points, with Smith recording an ace.
 Carty had four points and Dusbiber and Iverson had two each.
 Dusbiber recorded an ace.
 Kaly Coburn, Mandie Egeler, Alex Keszler and Torre Haynes

each served one point.
 Tawny McSweeney led Beach with four assists. Lodewyk and Iverson each chipped in two.
 Rachel Armstrong, Megan Nadolny, Coburn, Smith and Underwood each finished with two spikes.
 "The girls played consistently as a team," said Beach coach Linda Turok. "Serving, receive serve and volleys were all 85 percent for the match."
 Beach next hosts Adrian Springbrook today at 4 p.m.

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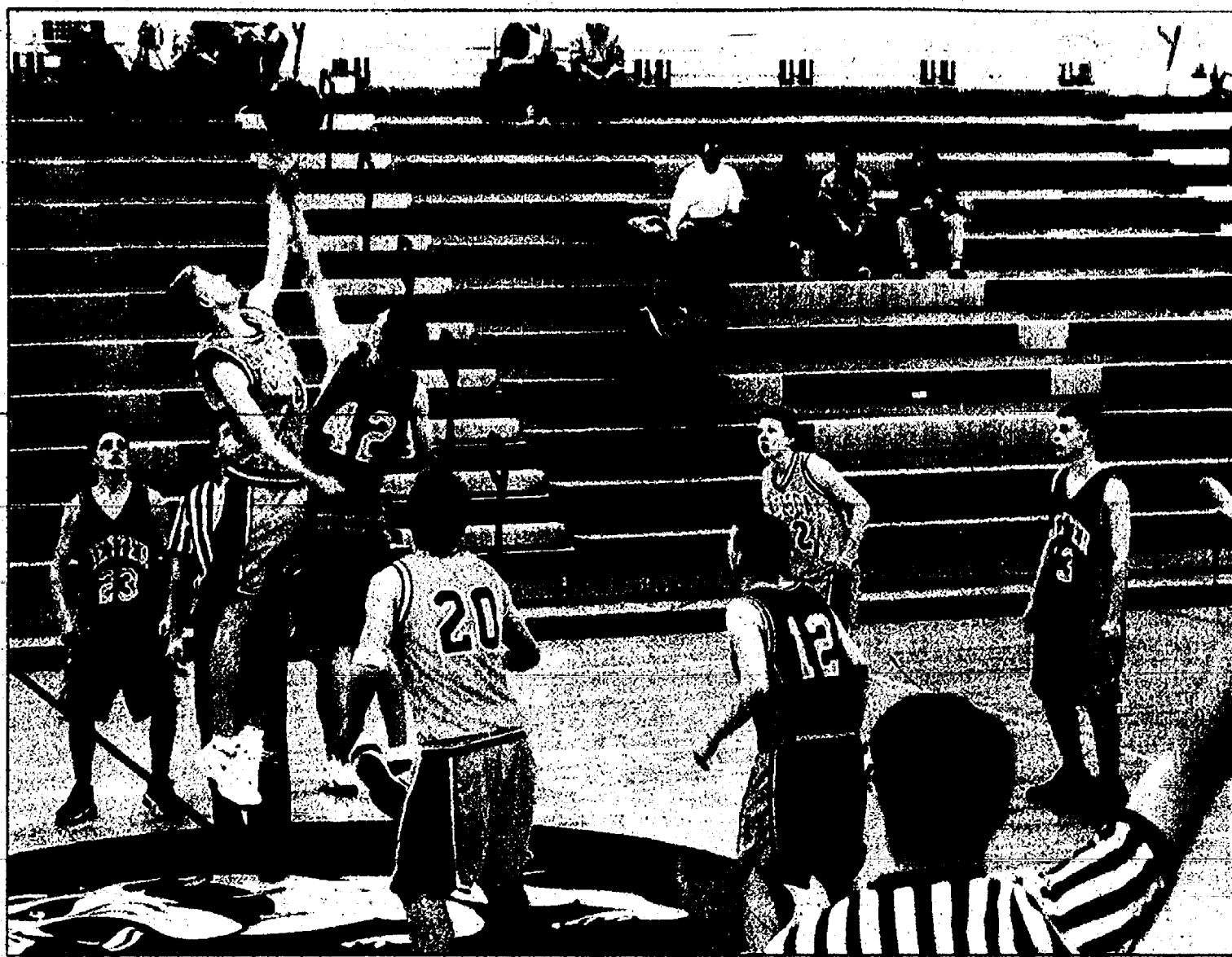
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Chelsea JV basketball player Scott Dettling skies to begin the game versus Dexter earlier this season. Teammates Jake Freeman (20) and David Dels (32) stand ready. The JV squad is unbeaten on the year.

Chelsea JV remain perfect Bulldog hoopsters record 18th victory.

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

With a 25-4 first quarter outburst, the Chelsea JV basketball team defeated host Ypsilanti Lincoln, 67-36, Friday.

Scott Dettling, with 17 points, and David Grabarkiewicz, with 10, paced the Bulldogs (18-0, 5-0). James Ballas added nine points and Kyle Brown had eight for Chelsea.

Behind Ballas and Dettling, who each scored 21 points, and Jake Freeman, who netted 13 points, Chelsea defeated host Fowlerville, 65-48, Feb. 20.

The Bulldogs led 27-24 at halftime. In the third quarter, Chelsea outscored the Gladiators 21-15 to head into the fourth period

up 48-39.

In the fourth, the Bulldogs outscored Fowlerville 17-9 to sew up the "W."

"We played pretty well on the road," said Chelsea coach Mark Scheese. "We look forward to our next two games."

Behind Dettling and Ballas, who each scored 13 points, Chelsea defeated visiting Temperance Bedford, 60-49, Feb. 15. "We were never really threatened in this game," Scheese said. "We played well as a team with nine players scoring."

The Bulldogs handed the Mules just their second loss of the season.

Besides Dettling and Ballas, Brown added 10 points for

Chelsea.

The Bulldogs bolted out to a 17-10 lead after one quarter and entered the locker room at halftime up, 34-23.

Chelsea increased its advantage to 49-30 at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth, Bedford outscored the Bulldogs 19-11 for the final tally.

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Royce paces Bulldog frosh

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

Behind Brian Kinashuk's 18 points, George Royce's 15, Joel Hohnke's 14 and Tony Reifel's 12 points, the Chelsea freshman basketball team beat host Fowlerville, 73-54, Feb. 20.

The Bulldogs canned eight three-pointers against the Gladiators.

At halftime, Chelsea had a commanding 31-16 advantage.

"We executed very well on offense," said

Chelsea coach Mike Bareis.

Behind 26 points from Royce (14 in the fourth quarter) and 19 points from Nick Miller, Chelsea defeated Temperance Bedford, 61-51, Feb. 15.

The keys for the Bulldogs (12-4), according to Bareis, were rebounding and guard-play.

"We rebounded very well against a much larger team," he said. "(Plus), our guards played extremely well on offense and defense."

Chelsea concludes its season tomorrow by hosting Tecumseh at 6 p.m.

Beach volleyball on win streak

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade volleyball team extended its winning streak to five matches with victories over Ypsilanti Lincoln and Tecumseh last week.

At Tecumseh last Thursday, Beach (7-3) prevailed in a hard-fought, four-game marathon 11-0, 13-11, 13-15, 15-13.

"I was proud of the team's determination," said Beach coach Ann Schaffner.

Against Tecumseh, Chelsea was successful on a season-high 46 attacks.

Megan Korc led the squad with 19 assists. Annie Guertin added 16 assists and Kirby Kedroske, 12.

Pacing the team in hitting were Amanda Mattocks with 13 and Christyna Toon and Shannon Kinner with eight each.

Kara Kimmen scored 14 points, with Kelly Kennedy recording 10 and Toon, seven.

On Feb. 20, host Beach defeated Lincoln 11-6, 11-6, 11-3.

Kennedy served 10 straight points, including four aces to

control the final game.

Jen DeWall added eight points and seven assists.

Guertin finished with eight assists.

Mary Kate Setta led with six hits, followed by Liberty Dickerson and Kinner with four each.

Beach next hosts Adrian Springbrook today at 4 p.m.

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Champion Gymnastics' Level 7 team poses with its trophy after competing in the Cereal City Classic. Team members are Marissa Garza (left), Rachel Marks, Alexandra Miller, Ashley Newvine and Lisa Hoef.

Champion 10th at Cereal City

Champion Gymnastics' Level 7 squad competed Feb. 17 at the prestigious Cereal City Classic at Battle Creek's Kellogg Center. The three-day meet, hosted by Branch Gymnastics, welcomed over 1,600 youth gymnasts to Michigan's Cereal Capital. Level 7 finished in 10th place overall. Champion's Level 7 team was led by Rachel Marks and Ashley

Newvine. Marks finished first in all-around competition for the 8 through 11 age group with a score of 35.225. Marks had a first-place on bars and beam and a third-place on vault for Champion. Newvine finished seventh in all-around competition in the 12 through 13 age group with a score of 35.3.

Newvine placed first on bars and seventh on vault. Alex Miller ended up seventh on vault in the 12 through 13 age group for Champion. The ceiling for youth gymnastics is Level 10. The next competition for Level 7 is the state meet March 17 through 18. The meet will be hosted by G.T.C. of Rochester Hills.

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Jared Wacker was close behind with his season best time of 22.65. Holton won the consolation finals with a season best performance of 23.23, while Zack Christman qualified for the state championships, placing 10th in 23.69. The one-meter diving event, which factors big for the Bulldogs in two weeks at the state finals, saw Gabe McGuiness win the event for the White Division at 348.55. Steve Basar was fourth in the division with 318.30 and Ian Rosentreter placed ninth at 235.30. The 100 butterfly was the weakest event for the Bulldogs as Bowdish squeaked in for 15th place overall in 1:05.10 and Holmes was 16th in 1:05.25. Wacker and Heydlauff were tough again in the 100 freestyle as they placed second and third overall and first and second in the White Division, respectively. Holton was tough, as well, winning the consolation finals in 52.18. Tim Wacker was 13th overall with a season best with a time of 54.03.

MADNESS

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proved time and again, anything can happen in March. Finally, the next four weeks will prove if "the Desire Burns within" the highly-ranked Dexter volleyball team. The Dreadnaughts have dedicated their season to former coach Robert Burns who died unexpectedly last November. The team wears T-shirts with the phrase, "the Desire Burns within us" etched across its front. Last season, after a disappointing regional final loss, Burns wondered aloud how he could instill the desire in his talented squad to win a state championship. According to Dexter team members, his passing has more than lit a flame in their collective bellies. Its quest for a state title begins Saturday. As do the hopes and dreams of athletes and teams throughout Michigan. It should be quite a ride - complements of March Madness.

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Ht or Miss	35	11	Quit Claim	66	118	High Series: Kayla Pepper, 581; Edg Stanley, 587		
Agitators	38	14	High Game: Ruth Wackus, 197					
Keglers	24	25	High Series: Irene Nickols, 507					
Squares	22	27						
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Spare Ribs	17	32	E & J	21	19	Team Bubbles	80	74
Green Ones	17	32	J & S	21	19	Bumble Bees	62	92
Three Cookies	6	43	High Game: Jenny Stautz, 110; Jacob Mattinson, 110			Three Bee's	52	102
			High Series: Liz Timozzy, 195; Ryan Stautz, 150			Team #1	35	119
						High Game: Kandice Cook, 119; Brian Seylerth, 130		
						High Series: Kristen Coulter, 296; Justin Green, 335		
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Alley Cats	25	24	The Other Team	90	64	Sweetroll's	48	48
Pala	21	28	Chelsea Lanes	88	67	Late Ones	45.5	50.5
K&C	19	30	Unashed	87	66	Hasty	39	57
High Game: Jeanne Stapish, 189; Jerry Emery, 256			Lucky #7	82	72	High Game: Bea Parish, 193		
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ranked Lake Odessa Lakewood, No. 3-ranked Eaton Rapids and No. 6-ranked Mason. Chelsea fell 51-17 to Eaton Rapids to end its season. Lakewood would go on to capture the regional with one point wins over Mason in its opener and Eaton Rapids in the finals. Earning victories for the Bulldogs against the Greyhounds were Josh Clark (103) with a pin; Randy Ostrowski (125) on a decision; Fairley (160) on a major decision and Powers (215) on a decision. Staff Writer Don Richter can be reached by telephone at 475-1371 or via e-mail at drichter@her-itage.com.

Wrestling Madness

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 Session 2, March 9, Round 2 at 9 a.m.; Round 3 at noon; Round 4 at 3 p.m.
 Session 3, March 9, Round 5 - Semifinals - 8 p.m.
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Shop Till You Drop

Members of Chelsea Girl Scout Troop 108 recently participated in the Girl Scouts of Huron Valley's annual event "Mall Odyssey 2001" at Southland Mall. The girls spent the night at the mall, taking part in shopping, activities and crafts from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Pictured at top are Chelsie Whitesall (left), Fran Trupiano, Sara Myers and Kara Fark. In front are Laura Kaczorowski (left), Erica Guysky, Jessica Schulz and Grace Biller.



New Board Member

Chelsea Community Hospital recently announced the appointment of Judith Nold to the board of trustees. Nold is the executive vice-president, manager, personal insurance at Dobson-McOmber Agency Inc., in Ann Arbor. She has a bachelor's degree and graduate studies in business administration from Eastern Michigan University. She is board chair of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation and a Helpsource and MidWest Financial Credit Union board member. She has been involved in many other community activities in the past. Nold and her husband live in Chelsea, and have three grown children.

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE

The Webster Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to discuss Revisions to the Master Plan on Wednesday March 21, 2001 at the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Rd., at 8:00 P.M. Written comments are welcome prior to the meeting.

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
John Kingsley, Chairman

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2001 AT 7:30 P.M.
AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL,
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD.,
DEXTER, MI. 48130

AGENDA:
1) To Be Determined

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
John Gillespie, Chairman

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan That the Assessment Roll of said Township will be reviewed by the Board of Review on March 6, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL
18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, Michigan

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2001
from 9-12 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2001
from 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.
and additional days if determined necessary by the Board of Review

The Board of Review will be in session. Upon request of any person who is assessed on said tax roll, or of his or her agent, and upon sufficient cause being shown, said Board of Review will correct the assessment as to such property in such manner as will in their judgment make the valuation relatively just and equal. Such assessment tax roll as reviewed and approved by said Board of Review will be the assessment roll of said Township of Sylvan for the year 2001.

STARTING RATIOS FOR 2001 ARE:		
Agriculture	46.54	1.0743
Commercial	48.88	1.0666
Industrial	48.21	1.0371
Residential	47.32	1.0566
Developmental	49.35	1.0132

The Sylvan Township Board of Review will hear appeals by letter or appointment. Appointments may be made by calling 475-8890 on Monday or Wednesdays 9:00 A.M. - 12 Noon, or contacting the Assessor.

CHARLES BURGESS
SUPERVISOR

Dated: February 22, 2001 and March 1 and 8, 2001

Event set at metropark

The Huron River Watershed Council will transform the Kensington Metropark Nature Center into a lively scene of models, displays and live exhibits 1 to 4 p.m. March 11.

Knowledgeable community volunteers will tell stories and perform demonstrations about many water topics, including drinking water, the clams found in the Huron River and the kinds of homes found on the bottom of the creek.

Participants will see river creatures enlarged by the video microscope and learn how the creatures foretell the future. They will also see how a river cuts a channel in a 7-foot-long stream model.

The event is free. Entrance to the metropark is \$3.

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULE

The Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals Board will meet the third Wednesday of each month during 2001. All meetings will be held at the Chelsea Village Office, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 in the lower level conference room. Said meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m. Any change in this schedule or meeting place will be published and/or posted.

Village Administration

LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the Township of Lima that the Assessment Roll of said Township as prepared by Marcel Betts, Township Assessor, will be reviewed by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at 5:00 P.M. at the

LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL
11452 JACKSON ROAD
CHELSEA, MI 48118

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:
Monday, March 12, 2001 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Monday, March 12, 2001 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Tuesday, March 13, 2001 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Thursday, March 15, 2001 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

A resident taxpayer may file his or her protest with the Board of Review by Letter without an appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent. A letter must be received by the first day of the Board of Review. (Monday, March 12, 2001).

The Lima Township Board of Review will hear appeals by appointment. Taxpayers or their agents may set the appointment by calling the Township Hall at (734) 2246, Monday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon. Please call prior to March 12, 2001. DO NOT leave appointment request on the answering machine at the Township Hall.

Ken Unterbrink
Lima Township Supervisor

TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Lyndon Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2001-2002 at Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 on March 13, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

*The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at Lyndon Township Hall, Supervisor's office, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118; phone 734/475/2401.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meeting Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting of public hearing.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Clerk by writing or calling the following: Janis Knieper, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 475-2401.

A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.

Some county offices relocate

As of last week, the Washtenaw County clerk and register of deeds, the treasurer, equalization department and prosecuting attorney have moved to offices at 200 N. Main St. in Ann Arbor.

The new, 42,500-square-foot, five-story building places these interdependent offices under the same roof and consolidates the prosecutor's office into a single, two-floor location.

Designed by Mitchell and Mauat Architects and Archetype

Inc., both of Ann Arbor, the new building sports natural daylighting and energy efficient lighting and incorporates elements of the surrounding buildings, making it more modern and functional at the same time.

There is a user-friendly, three-story lobby that allows easy access between the clerk's first- and lower-floor offices, the treasurer's office and equalization department's second-floor accommodations and the prosecuting attorney's third- and fourth-floor offices.

These offices also have new phone numbers. The clerk and register of deeds number with recording information is 222-6700.

Administration and elections is now 222-6730. The fax number for those departments is 222-6528.

The register of deeds new number is 222-6710.

The vital records' number is 222-6720. The court service's number is 994-2507 and the jury clerk is now 994-2510.

Chamber offers seminar March 14

Chelsea-area business owners and managers will learn how e-mail and other online tools can help them make money at the Business Essentials seminar 7:30 to 9 a.m. March 14 at the Washington Street Education Center.

The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the seminar.

Catherine Juon of Stretch

Media in Saline will give an overview of online technology and how it can help businesses be more productive and save money. Basic marketing techniques also will be discussed.

Participants will learn what works and what doesn't work, and what kinds of investments make the most sense and offer the greatest return.

The seminar is appropriate

for businesses of all sizes but is targeted at smaller businesses that might not fully understand the power, as well as the pitfalls, of online technology.

Cost is \$5 for chamber members and \$15 for non-members. A light breakfast will be served.

Reservations must be made with the chamber office by March 9.

Auction benefits Jackson shelter

Four female artists donated original art works created from dressmaker mannequins at an auction during the Hobby Industries Association convention in Anaheim, Calif., the

week of Jan. 28. Proceeds will benefit AWARE, a shelter for women and children in Jackson.

The donated mannequins and their creators were "Eve's

First Dance" by Susan Pickering Rothamel, "Mood Indigo" by Julia Davenport, "Girlie Girl" by Lori Mason and "Fantasea Flight" by Carol Styles.

VILLAGE OF DEXTER VILLAGE ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an Annual Village Election will be held in the Village of Dexter (Precinct No. 1 and 2) State of Michigan

AT
Dexter Community Pool Lobby - Wylie Middle School, 3060 Kensington St. within said Village on
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2001
FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS, VIZ

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ELECTION LAW, ACT 116, P.A. 1954

SECTION 720. On the day of any election, the polls shall be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be continuously open until 8 o'clock in the afternoon and no longer. Every qualified elector present and in line at the polls at the hour prescribed for the closing hereof shall be allowed to vote.

THE POLLS of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock of said day of election.

Donna L. Fisher, Village Clerk

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2001

Budget work session.
LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES
January 30, 2001

Board met with Township attorney and engineer to discuss private roads.
LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES
February 13, 2001

Meeting called to order and opened with pledge of allegiance to the flag. Consent agenda adopted.

Moved and carried to re-appoint DeVoe, Gutierrez-Mason, and Hopkins to Board of Review.

Moved and carried to appoint DeVoe and Bronson to Board of Appeals.

Offered and carried the Lyndon Township Board approves the proposed 7 members to the Construction Board of Appeals for the CACA.

Moved and carried that a Township policy will be a condition of granting a Private Road Ordinance Variance, is an easement to be dedicated to the public. The Board will take into consideration the engineer's recommendation on easement width that should be dedicated to the public.

Moved and carried to table driveway standards until April's meeting.

Offered and carried by roll call vote to approve elected officials' salaries.

Reports given:
Other Business:
Moved and carried to authorize the purchase of 4 more comfortable chairs for the meeting room and 2 small tables for the meeting room not to exceed \$800.00.

Moved and carried to authorize the purchase of an office chair for the Clerk's office not to exceed \$300.00.

Moved and carried to support the concept of CACA taking on the responsibility of Soil Erosion Control/Enforcement for the Township.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Janis Knieper-Lyndon Clerk

DEXTER TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 7:30 P.M.

Present: Robert Tetens, Supervisor; Harley Rider, Clerk; Julie Knight, Treasurer; Libby Brushaber, Trustee; Michael Howard, Trustee

Location: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Tetens at 7:32 P.M.

The Board approved the agenda.

The Board approved the minutes of the December 19th Special Board Meeting, the January 16th Regular Board Meeting, as amended and the minutes of the January 23rd Special Board Meeting.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

The Board received and discussed the reports from the Sheriff's Department, the Road Commission and the Chelsea Area Construction Agency.

The Board approved the list of Construction Board of Appeals members for the Chelsea Area Construction Agency.

The Board discussed citizen complaints and the franchise agreement with Jim Milford, General Manager, and Rick Tuttle, Operations Manager of Charter Communications.

The Board received the Memorandum from Washtenaw County Emergency Management regarding the adoption of the Amended Enhanced 9-1-1 Plan.

The Board discussed and approved the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Building Fund.

The Board discussed employee evaluation.

The Board approved the modified organizational chart.

The presentation on the Middle Huron Initiative was postponed to the March Meeting.

The Board discussed the cost of the changes to the building addition.

The Board discussed the letter from the Auditor regarding the Portage-Base Lake Sewer Authority.

Reports were presented by the Treasurer and Clerk, as well as for the various other agencies, boards and commissions.

The Board approved the bills and payroll in the amount of \$95,841.57.

The Board authorized the Treasurer to pay the Portage-Base Lake Sewer Debt Service in the amount of \$7,760.33.

The Board discussion a correspondence requesting support for farmland preservation.

Supervisor Tetens informed the Township Board that the Board of Review will be meeting in March.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

The Board adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Harley B. Rider, Clerk
Dexter Township

NOTE: This is a synopsis of the minutes, which are subject to approval by the Township at the Regular Meeting to be held on March 20, 2001.



Photo by Mary Kumbler

High School Chorus Division I

Dexter High School students participated in this year's District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival on Feb. 3 in Livonia. The festival included students from more than 80 schools in Washtenaw, Monroe and Wayne counties. Students who earned first or second division are awarded a medal. Pictured in the front kneeling are Jay Logsdon (left), Brad Snider and A.J. Woods. In the back row are Director Ruth Rollefson (left), Nikki Beaudry, Sharon Axelrod, Elizabeth Redmond, Hannah Gornik, Martha Gornik, Amy Ridenour, Corrina Gause, Kalli Williams, and Meredith Beel-Bates.

Stockbridge graduate ends military training

Marine Corps Pfc. Joseph Parks, son of Alicia and John Parks of Grass Lake, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

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

Parks and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Parks spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat 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.

Parks and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution, which culminated with an emotional ceremony where the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as Marines for the first time since boot camp began.

Parks is a 2000 graduate of Stockbridge High School.

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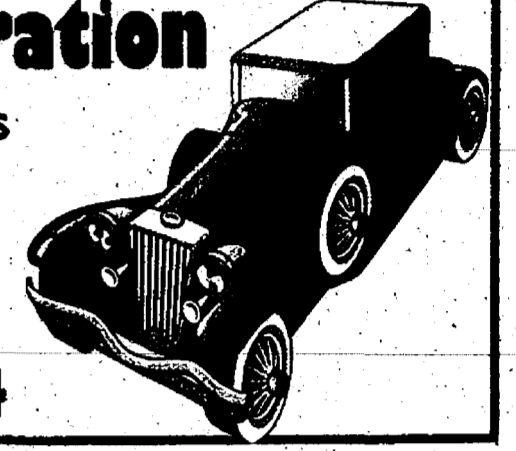
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A rumble in Chelsea

Local bookstore hosts mock poetry contest

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

There was a rumble in Chelsea Friday night. The Chelsea Hicks and The Ann Arbor Naked Toes joined forces at the Little Professor Bookstore to duke it out verse for verse in a mock poetry and prose reading contest to see who is the group laureate of Washtenaw County.

The poets and novelists read their works while facing heckling, laughter and applause from about a dozen people.

Contest judges Lynne Tenbusch and April Rogers offered scores ranging from zero to 2,000, or occasionally a smiley face or a comment such as "Anyone who writes about a puppy being rescued deserves a high score."

Bookstore owner Doug Smith, who dressed for the occasion in galoshes, jeans and cowboy hat, organized the event. On his team were Debbie Clonnan, Rosemary Caruso and Kent Walton. Both Smith and Caruso have had poems published in journals.

The Naked Toes team —

named for the tendency to wear Birkenstocks — included Estoban Reyes, Heather Hain, Michael Hinsky and Jeanine Alexander.

Animals were featured heavily in the readings. There was a poem about a goat boy living in a basement, a poem shaped like an opossum about an opossum, and one about intimacy with a snake.

There was a short story about a dog being rescued. Then there was a piece about the murder of an unfortunate boyfriend.

One poem was read in time to the strokes of a metronome, and there was a failed attempt to

read a poem about being busy in two breaths.

After the rumble each participant was awarded a certificate of survival. No one was hurt, and some new friendships were formed.

The rumble was part of a series of monthly events at the bookstore featuring local poets and writers, dead poets, and often an open mike for new or spontaneous presentations.

Next month, Josie Kearns will read from her book "New Numbers." She is a professor of English at the University of Michigan.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

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This job is challenging and offers lots of opportunity for growth. Full time, employment benefits, and 401K available.

Call Bill Dillingham at (734) 429-7380 for more information.

Scholarships offered

The Chelsea-Dexter chapter of the American Business Women's Association is awarding three \$500 scholarships to men and women pursuing higher education.

Applications are available through the area high schools or by calling Pat Cousins at 428-4765.

The deadline for applications is April 30.

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 Lyndon Township is looking for a part time person for general office duties. Must be flexible and attend some evening meetings. Qualifications include good computer and communication skills. Must be detail oriented. Send resume to Supervisor, Maryann Noah, 12751 N. Terminal Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118 or call (734) 475-2401 or fax resume to (734) 475-2261.

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Office/Clerical Help Wanted 601
IMMEDIATE OPENING
 For Receptionist for modular home retailer, off I-94 in Chelsea. Call 734-433-8462 ask for Steve.
LIBRARY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
 Salary range \$24,267 to \$33,973. Full time, some evenings and weekends. By March 2, 2001, send a cover letter, a resume and three references to: Meta Lansdale, Chelsea District Library Director, 221 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI 48118. http://chelsea.lib.mi.us/board_staff_openings.htm

Office/Clerical Help Wanted 601
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Medical/Dental Help Wanted 602
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VOLUNTEER CORNER
Washenaw Literacy There is a strong need for volunteer tutors for adults who speak English as a second language in Washenaw County. You can make a difference by volunteering just two hours a week as a tutor. A special volunteer orientation is being held March 1 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Nicola's Books/Little Professor on Jackson Rd. in the Westgate shopping center for individuals interested in becoming volunteer tutors. No foreign language or teaching experience necessary! Call our Ann Arbor office at (734) 759-0099 to register. (2-22)
Habitat For Humanity Of Huron Valley needs a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon volunteer to help with administrative support, to assist in reception duties and should be proficient in Microsoft Word. Call (734) 677-1558. (3-1)
Chelsea Retirement Community would love to have volunteers to play piano, or other instrument, for our residents with memory loss. Informal setting, just for fun, any kind of music. For a small group twice a month for half an hour. Also needed are "soda jerks" for the 1950's style cafe located in our memory loss facility on campus, Townsley Village. Serve ice cream and coffee with a partner two Thursdays or one Saturday a month from 1:45 - 3 p.m., tasting allowed! Please contact Bonnie Haist at (734) 433-1000 ext. 433, for more information. (2-22)
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Law to restrict truck passengers

Beginning March 28, a new state law will prohibit anyone younger than 18 years old from riding in the open bed of a pickup truck at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour.

There are notable exceptions, however, for farm uses, parades, military vehicles, emergency vehicles and search-and-rescue operations. "In 1999, pickups were involved in 352 fatal crashes — 17 percent of all fatal crashes in the state," said Richard Miller, manager of Community Safety Services for AAA Michigan.

"Motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of death for children. The bed of a pickup truck just doesn't offer the same level of protection as other vehicles. It's designed to carry cargo, not kids," he said.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, travel in the cargo area of a pickup truck is a major occupant protection issue that disproportionately involves youth. People injured when traveling in the open bed of a pickup are more likely to sustain multiple injuries, injuries of great severity, and have a greater likeli-

hood of death than do passengers riding in the cab.

Neither do enclosed cargo areas provide adequate protection against occupant injury. In 1997, 14 percent of cargo area deaths of children and adolescents younger than 20 were in enclosed cargo areas.

The cab itself can also pose safety issues for young passengers. There are questions surrounding age-appropriate restraint use, appropriate seat location in the cab, appropriate use of rear seating positions in various models of extended cab vehicles and risk

of air bag-related injuries.

In addition, said Miller, restraint use in the cab of pickup trucks has been reported to be lower than restraint use in other passenger vehicles.

"Basically, we're asking that parents consider the safety aspects of any vehicle when selecting the primary mode of transportation for the family," Miller said. "Pickup trucks are becoming an increasingly popular personal transportation choice, but many do not offer the same level of protection for children as do other types of vehicles."



Generous Donation

The Chelsea Pamida store and the Pamida Foundation recently donated \$4,000 to the Washtenaw County United Way. Funds for the grant were made possible by Pamida's first Charitable Golf Outing held last October, which raised more than \$650,000. The local donation will assist in community projects. Pictured is Pamida assistant manager Melvin Bretz (left) local United Way President Matt Merkel, Pamida store manager Dennis Noid and Pamida assistant manager Linda Gallivan.



Pajama Party

Alicia Rey's class at North Creek Elementary School recently celebrated Pajama Day. Each student dressed in jammies and brought a special stuffed animal to learn with them. Students shown celebrating pajama day with Rey were parapro Cathie Simmons, Amanda Simmons, Travis Alcazar, Ashlyn Brinklow, Alaina Weddon, Sarah Bingel, Amanda Craig, Rachel Phillips, Alyssa Prokos, Saige Rutherford, Nickolas Forsch, David Martin, John Stebelton, Megan Hardcastle, Leach Davis, Madelyn DeVoe, Ricky Douglas, Gregory Hughes, Cody Weltschat, Pete Kinsey, Brian Bazydlo, Rachel Hampton, KateLynn Becker, Dillon Rosentreter, Hailey Preston and Aaron Bear.

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Rocky - Log Number 66093
Rocky is a young adult Rottweiler mix. He weighs 48 pounds and is probably full grown. His family turned him over to us December 23rd because they can no longer care for him. We are hopeful that Rocky will be spotted by a family that understands the time and financial commitment of taking him home. Then he can have the lasting and loving home he deserves.

Momma - Log Number 64612
Momma was turned over to us by her former family October 8th of last year. They really didn't give us a reason. She is about 8 pounds and 1 year old. Momma is waiting for just the right family to offer her a loving home for her lifetime. Do you think you can help her?

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This photograph of Hunter Lee Williams was incorrectly labeled in last week's "Born in 2000" supplement. Hunter is the son of Tonya and Steve of Chelsea.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

This photograph of Vincent Edward Patteri was inadvertently deleted from last week's "Born in 2000" supplement. Vincent is the son of Christie and Kevin Patteri of Ypsilanti. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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