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Low voter turnout marks election

■ Voters re-elect two incumbents, retiree to council.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

Voter turnout Monday was as gray as the day. Less than 3 percent of the registered voters in Chelsea voted in the annual Village Council election.

In an uncontested race, James Myles and Janice Ortring retained their council seats and Charles Ritter filled a seat vacated by Brian Cashman. All three will serve two-year terms.

A total of 77 votes were cast in both precincts. Of that number, 46 were cast in precinct 1 and 31 in precinct 2. Ten of the total votes were cast via absentee ballot.

Ortring captured the most votes in precinct 1 — her home precinct — with 38. Myles had one less vote in his home precinct, while Ritter garnered 25.

Ritter grabbed the most votes in precinct 2 — his home precinct — with 22. Myles received 21 votes and Ortring gathered 17.

"It wasn't a very challenging election, and it made for a long day," said Village Deputy Clerk Georgia Beeman.

She attributed the low turnout to the fact the

race was uncontested and there were no proposals on the ballot.

Last year, there was a bond proposal on the ballot to build a new village hall.

Beeman added that this is the first election where there has been a divided precinct. She said there are two precincts in the village now because of the influx of registered voters. The village has approximately 2,981 registered voters.

"This is also the first election that we are using AccuVote, an electronic system," she said.

The new system replaced the punch card voting method.

All three candidates said they weren't surprised with the low voter turnout.

"The voting turnout was quite disappointing," Myles said.

Myles was also disappointed with the lack of challengers. He said he was hoping other residents would have been interested in becoming involved in local government.

"I guess we can focus on the next election and create some interest," he said.

Myles, 50, is an innkeeper and owner of Chelsea House Victorian Inn. He is originally from Virginia, but has called Chelsea home for the past

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Village Manager Jack Myers (left) casts his vote at Monday's Village Council elections assisted by election inspector Fran Manzel and Deputy Clerk Georgia Beeman (far right).

NEWS BRIEFS

'McFun-raiser' set for tomorrow night

The second annual St. Paty's "McFun-raiser" for the Chelsea Summer Fest will be held 5:30 to 8:30 tomorrow night at the Clock Tower Building in downtown Chelsea.

The event will include Celtic music, an Irish feast, auction, door prizes and raffle.

Tickets are available at Pierce's Pastries Plus, Vogel's & Foster's, Dayspring Gifts, the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce office and The Chelsea Standard office. Call 433-0354 for information.

Washtenaw baseball team to hold tryouts

The Washtenaw Wildcats baseball team will hold tryouts for an 8-year-old travel team March 24 and 25 at the Saline Recreation Complex, 1886 Woodland Dr., Saline.

Players must have a birthday between Aug. 1, 1992 and July 31, 1993. Parents can participate in practices.

Call (734) 429-3483 for information.

Athletic Boosters to host dinner dance

Chelsea Athletic Boosters will host a fund-raiser dinner dance 7:30 to midnight March 24 at the Comfort Inn Conference Center.

The theme is tropical but tropical attire is optional. Music will be by the "Sea Cruisers." Dinner will include a buffet of American, oriental and Italian cuisine.

Tickets are \$75 a couple or \$40 a person and dinner, dancing and one drink voucher per person. A cash bar will be available.

Call 475-2494 for more information.

Movie night for girls slated Saturday

Chelsea Area Responding to Teens has organized Girls Night Out at the Movies. The movie, "Clueless," will be shown 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

Refreshments are available at a concession stand. Call 433-TEEN for more information. qwer

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Chelsea school bus drivers and monitors have been without a contract since the last one expired on June 30. Members voted down a proposed contract put to them on Jan. 11. A state mediator has been called in. Shown here with their familiar yellow vehicles are Denise Battistone, Teresa Burman, Dennis Carpenter, Connie Cook, Arlene Faeth, Lynda Gladstone, Paul Hoffman, Laurie Maloney, Vicki Murdock, Marcia Rautenkranz, Sue Rodgers, Arlene Seelbach, Larry Skrdla, Brenda Smyth, Anita Spears, Carol Sprinkle, Paul Tschirhart and Tina Valchine.

School bus drivers reject contract

■ School board listens to concerns, but says negotiations should be done in private.

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

A group of Chelsea school bus drivers came to Monday night's Board of Education meeting to make their views known and ask for support in coming to a fair resolution to their contract negotiations.

Connie Cook, a Chelsea bus driver for six years and a driver trainer, spoke on behalf of the group of drivers and bus monitors.

"Since the board's goal is to improve communication, that's why I'm here," Cook said.

She is part of a team that has been negotiating a new contract since the last one expired on

June 30. The two sides have had several meetings since July 26 and a final meeting was held before drivers rejected the proposed contract on Jan. 11.

"The next step will be mediation," Cook said. "One of the main reasons we voted it down is we would like to be fairly compensated and would like to ask for your support in the resolution of a fair contract."

Bus driver Vicki Murdock passed out a flier listing nine statements that she had previously reviewed with most of the bus drivers and monitors, as well as their union representative.

The list includes statements that the bus drivers take a lot of care getting children to and from school safely each day, and they have an enormous amount of responsibility and liability.

It goes on to say that most drivers live in the community and

have children or grandchildren enrolled in Chelsea schools. Furthermore, they said they feel close ties to the district and want to continue working with the Chelsea Transportation Department.

The main sticking point is the group thinks that most surrounding communities offer more benefits to their employees. The Chelsea bus drivers would like to receive similar benefits.

"We realize it may take several contracts to move us up to (a level with) the other districts, but we would like to move in that direction," Murdock said.

Bus driver Paul Tschirhart, who entertains his student passengers each day with his poems, made his views known in rhyme, reading his verse about being a bus driver.

Board members expressed their appreciation of the good

job the bus drivers do, and thanked them for coming to the meeting and sharing their thoughts.

However, Sandy Merkel, Jan Roberts and Jane Dising each pointed out that the process of negotiation and mediation should be followed and that it was not appropriate for the board to enter into dialog during the meeting.

"I understand where you are coming from and I do hear you, but we do have a process and we do need to follow that process," board President Scott Broshar said.

School Superintendent Ed Richardson said he was disappointed the contract had not been settled.

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Residents ponder police protection in Sylvan

■ Surveys did not give enough information to township residents.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

There wasn't enough information.

That was a common thought among many Sylvan Township residents.

The Sylvan Township Board wanted to know what type of police protection residents preferred.

More than 50 people filled the meeting room at Sylvan Township Hall March 6 to speak to board members and local police officials about the survey and options for police protection.

Sheriff Dan Minzey, Chelsea Police Chief Lenard McDougall, Michigan State Police Lt. Wynona Sturdivant and Michigan State Police 1st Lt. Beth Moranty were among the police officials present to answer questions.

Last year, Washtenaw County Commissioners voted to end general road patrol in non-contractual areas beginning Jan. 1, 2002.

Township residents could choose from among four different options.

The options include 24 hours, seven days a week; 16 hours, seven days a week; 16 hours, five days a week (Monday through Friday); and eight hours, five days a week (Monday through Friday).

For 24-hour service with the sheriff's department, it would cost \$434,000 for five officers; for 16-hour service, seven days a week it would cost \$325,000 for two officers; for 16-hour service,

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Students raise money for worthy cause

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Local man plays the bagpipes

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Board hears presentation

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Brian Kissman, director of curriculum for Chelsea schools, gave a presentation at the Board of Education Monday about the Michigan Department of Education's Career Preparation System.

To become eligible to participate in the next three-year round of the program, school districts must formally commit to fully implementing two activity categories: Career Pathways and Educational Development Plans. In doing so, they will benefit from funds, resources and consulting support.

Kissman said a pilot group of eighth- and ninth-graders will establish their own Educational Development Plans this spring.

"Only through participation will they know if it will work," Kissman said. "We're going into uncharted territory and learning as we do."

Chelsea High School Principal Ron Mead felt the career preparation system would let students learn and explore, with the goal of scheduling choices that would eventually lead to good career decisions.

The idea is for students to have a broad focus at eighth grade and narrow it down as they progress through school.

"Chelsea School District has gone forward with a trial, partial implementation of these two activity categories over the past three years," Kissman said. "We feel the benefit to our students is worth the formal commitment by our board to continue participation."

In other business, the board approved the changes to the high school computer curriculum, increasing the length of the

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— Brian Kissman
Chelsea schools

computer programming course from one semester to a full year, and including Java programming as a major component of the course.

The board also approved changes to the fifth-grade music, band and orchestra program. Fifth-grade pupils will be provided with a choice of band, strings or vocal music, and will attend two 40-minute sessions a week scheduled at the end of the day.

Assistant Superintendent Iva Corbett gave a presentation at the previous board meeting outlining the benefits of starting instrumental music at the fifth-grade level, a practice consistent with many neighboring school districts.

"I think this will be a benefit and help with middle school scheduling," Broshar said.

In other action, the board adopted a resolution to co-operatively explore ways to accommodate the long-term needs of Chelsea senior citizens while fulfilling their primary mission to provide a K-12 education for

the community.

"I feel real good about recommending that we adopt this resolution," Richardson said. "I recently visited South Lyon, where they have a senior citizen center in front of the high school. It's nice to see intergenerational activities. I'm excited about the possibilities."

Richardson also presented information on the Alternate Program for Suspended and Expelled Youth offered by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District and run by Patricia McQuarrie.

While the law does provide for allowing alternative sites and programs for expelled youth, there are few of them.

Richardson asked the board to commit to participating in a pilot program.

"This is for 10- to 16-year-olds suspended through mandatory expulsion laws," Richardson said. "While we hope we don't need it, when you need it, you need it real badly."

Also Monday, Richardson passed out letters to board members from the Michigan Association of School Boards, commending them for meeting the standards of excellence set by the association.

The board also recognized high school music Director Rick Catherman, and the band and orchestra members for their superior performance rating earned at the recent music festival.

They also commended the recent winning performances by Chelsea High School swimmers and wrestlers at the state championships.

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The Littlest Voters

Pupils from Chelsea Children's Co-operative Preschool checked out the political process during Monday's Village Council elections. The group, shepherded by Chelsea Alternative High School student Shawna Loe, includes James Gaken, Aidan Hochrein, Reeve Segrest, Alex Duncan, Mitchell Lear, Anna Myers, Bradley Scott, Ryan Knight, Dakota Merida, Corynne Eder, Daryn Hammel, Kendra Schleede and Aaron Fojtik.

Gallery exhibits local art

River Gallery in downtown Chelsea will feature photographer Diane Aronoff and Chelsea painter MaryBeth Koeze's intimate examinations of the intricate shapes of flowers in an exhibition titled "Otherworldly Gardens" through April 8.

There will be an opening reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on March 17.

Both artists explore the complex shapes, colors and textures of flowers, creating compositions that are sometimes close to abstractions.

Aronoff's color photographs are composed of blooms from

her own garden in reconstructed settings.

Koeze's large-scale pastel paintings explore the interior life of the flowers that are her subjects. Her studies of flower buds, the undersides of leaves or the stamens and petals of a lily render the small and delicate bold and monumental.

Koeze's interest is in the play of strong, angled light as it reveals the texture and sensuous color of her subjects.

Her work has received numerous awards and has been featured in "200 Great Painting Ideas for Artists," Art Calendar

and The Artist's Magazine.

River Gallery, which opened last fall in a loft space on Main Street over the Chelsea Market, also carries the work of Ann Arbor artists Gerome Kamrowski, Mignonette Yin Cheng and Greg Sobran, as well as other established artists and emerging talents.

The gallery, which is open 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and Saturdays from noon to 8 p.m., is located upstairs at 121 S. Main St. at the corner of Park and Main streets.

Call 433-0826 for information.

Local residents earn honors

Chelsea residents Thomas Begres, who is studying nursing, and Beth Gleespen, who is studying pastoral ministry, were named to the dean's list at Madonna University in Livonia.

Both were recognized for superior academic achievement during the past term.

Ronald Montange of Chelsea earned a degree in general studies from Madonna University.

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Pharmacy snafu causes scare

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

A small typographical error recently created a health scare for a Chelsea boy and his family. In early February, Tammy Quinn filled her younger brother's prescription for Adderall at the CVS Pharmacy, 1125 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

It was the first such prescription for Ronnie Wallace, for whom Quinn has legal custody. He is a patient of Dr. Martha Hasimoto at Behavioral Health Services at Chelsea Community Hospital.

Wallace was prescribed the drug for treatment of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder. Adderall is one of the most widely prescribed medications for the treatment of ADHD.

The instructions on the label should have read that one tablet was to be taken in the morning and one at 2 p.m. Instead, the label read one tablet to be taken in the morning and two in the afternoon.

Staff at South Meadows Elementary School, where 8-year-old Wallace is a first-grader, followed the directions on the bottle label and gave the boy two tablets in the afternoon.

"We noticed Ronnie was acting strangely in the evening, and during the night he was hallucinating, seeing flying pigs and cows," Quinn said.

Hallucinations can be a side effect of the drug, resulting from

over stimulation of the central nervous system.

At 7:30 the following morning, the Quinns called Behavioral Health Services to inform doctors of the situation.

"Dr. Hasimoto wasn't there, but the nurse said we should be able to send Ronnie to school because the drug should be out of his system," Quinn said. "I kept in touch with his teacher, who said he had calmed down."

Quinn said she called Behavioral Health Services later and the nurse checked the original prescription against the label instructions.

"She called me back five minutes later and said I should pick Ronnie up from school and take him to the hospital," Quinn said.

Wallace was given a thorough check up at Chelsea Community Hospital, where he was found to have recovered from the overdose.

Quinn's husband, Patrick, called the CVS pharmacist. The Quinns said the pharmacist apologized for the mistake and said he had read it wrong.

Tammy Quinn called CVS corporate headquarters in Woonsocket, R.I., and spoke with a customer service representative. At a later date, CVS Regional Health Care Manager Amit Patel called her.

Todd Andrews, spokesperson for CVS Pharmacy, said in a statement released Friday that

the drugstore regretted the incident and he apologized.

"We wish to extend our most sincere apologies to the (family) and have taken steps to ensure that this type of incident does not happen again," he said.

"CVS pharmacists work hard to safely fill prescriptions for all their patients and follow rigorous safeguards designed to protect the well-being of our customers."

Andrews also said the drugstore strives to ensure patient safety through continuing education and training for pharmacists, and technology enhancements in the pharmacies.

The family received a telephone call from CVS corporate offices on March 9 and is hopeful the company will make good on the mistake.

"They were going to send a release form so they can get Ronnie's medical records and said they would go from there to rectify the situation better," Quinn said. "Between us my husband and I lost about \$400 in wages by taking time off work and also had to co-pay the insurance."

"I don't care about that. I just want to make sure safeguards are in place and this sort of mistake doesn't happen again."

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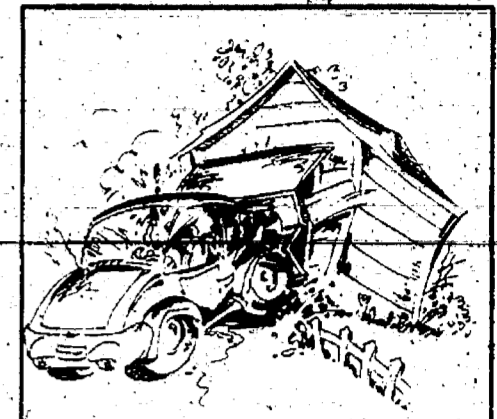
Triumphant Trio

The Chelsea High School trio of Daniel Lewis (left), Rebecca Reesman and Jason Hawley earned a superior rating, the highest honor available, at the Feb. 3 Solo and Ensemble Festival in Livonia. The trio played a waltz by Edvard Grieg, and later treated the school board to a rendition of the winning piece at the Feb. 26 board meeting.

Joslyn earns college honors

Robert Joslyn of Chelsea, a student at the Jackson program of Siena Heights University, has been named to the academic achievement list for the first semester 2000-2001.

The honor, similar to the dean's list for full-time students, recognizes part-time students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average.



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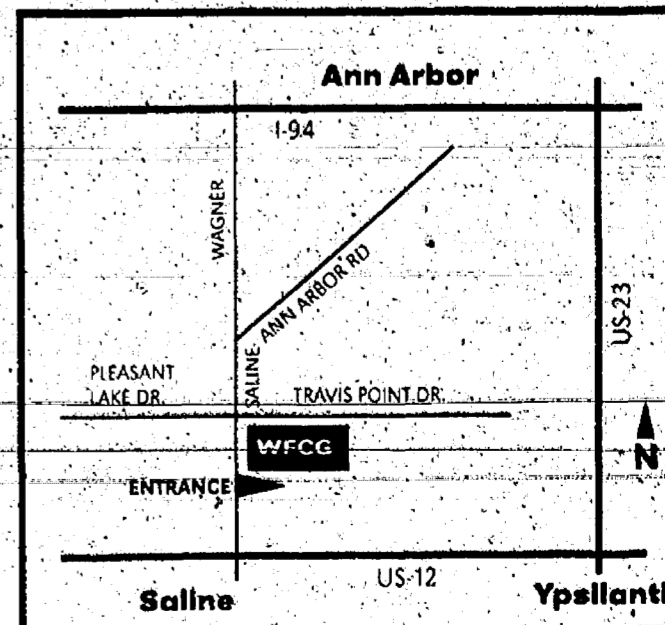
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five days a week it would cost \$144,000 for two officers; and for eight-hour service, five days a week it would cost \$72,000 for one officer.

The figures are based on this year's sheriff's contract. Actual rates for 2002 will be supplied in June based on the following year's costs.

If the township decides not to contract, then the state police would respond.

However, residents wanted more information about the options.

Chris Ostrowski, a township resident, said she liked the idea of surveying residents. She supports having round-the-clock police protection.

But after attending the meeting, Ostrowski said that it probably would have been a good idea to include costs and timelines in the survey.

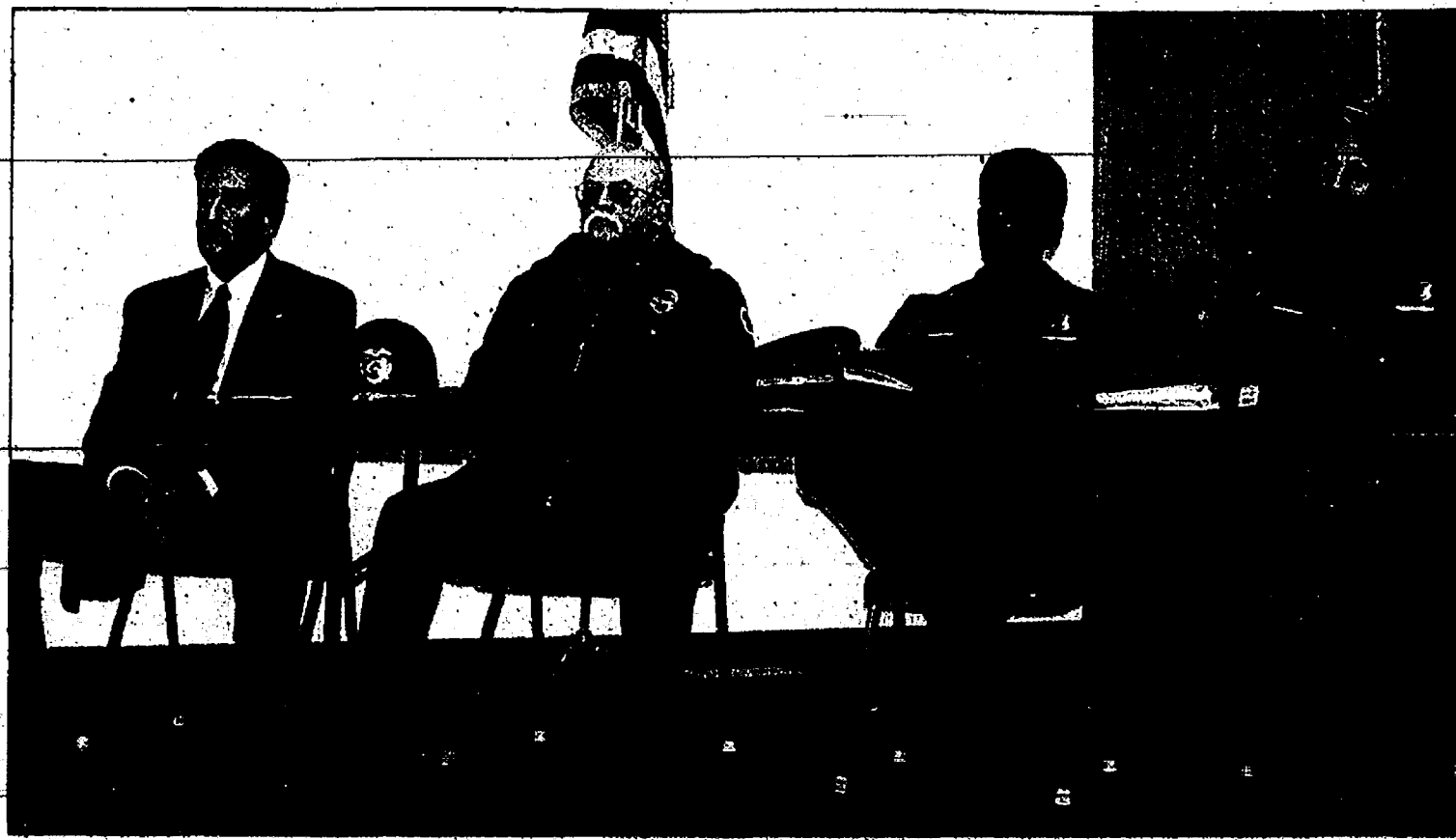
"After some of the police officials spoke, I was getting a clearer idea of some of the costs and who was responding to the township," Ostrowski said.

Washtenaw County Under-sheriff Herb Mahoney said that in 2000, deputies were sent to Sylvan Township 1,008 times. Of that number, the sheriff's department handled 498 calls. State police troopers handled 398 of the calls and approximately 100 were canceled or were false alarms.

Mahoney said that 382 of the 1,008 calls were traffic crashes, most of which were probably along I-94.

Moranty said that her team of 31 state troopers patrols the highways, trunk lines and non-contractual areas of the county.

"Four of those troopers are stationed here in Sylvan Township," she said. "They report



A number of police officials representing Sylvan Township were on hand at a public hearing for residents last week. Residents were at the public hearing to speak about police protection when services end next January. Pictured are Washtenaw County Sheriff Dan Minzey (left), Chelsea Police Chief Lenard McDougall, Michigan State Police Lt. Wynona Sturdivant and Michigan State Police 1st Lt. Beth Moranty.

here (at the Sylvan Township Hall) to begin their shift and they end the shift here, too."

Jim Hoffmeyer, a retired Sylvan Township resident, said that he would have liked the Township Board to have included costs on the survey.

"Residents need to know now how much they might have to pay while it's still in the discussion stages," Hoffmeyer said.

Ostrowski said that she is not only concerned about the costs, but also the peace of mind that comes with police coverage.

Minzey said everyone probably prefers full-time coverage, but asked, "Do you need coverage during some of the non-peak times?"

Ostrowski said that she was involved in the multi-car crash on I-94 near M-52 March 6 and

waiting for police help took longer than she thought it should have.

She said that when she called police for help, she was told to call back in a couple of hours if the situation wasn't life-threatening because a number of officers were already responding to other crashes.

Ostrowski said this is the second incident in the past two years where, in her mind, there has been a delay in police response.

"Two years ago, I walked into my house with my two kids and there were guns on the floor and everything was a mess. Someone had obviously broken into our house," she said.

Ostrowski said that when she called police, she was told to wait at the end of her private

drive for an officer.

"I had to wait a good three to four hours for someone to show up," she said.

No one wants to pay the big bucks. But for the security of myself and my family, it's worth it," she said.

County Commissioner Joe Yekulis said that one way to help curb costs would be to join forces with other townships that are in the same situation. Lima, Lyndon and Dexter townships are also looking for answers.

Township residents left the meeting hoping another public hearing will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Many would like to see costs broken down for individual homeowners.

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ELECTION

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seven years.

Myles thinks the Village Council has taken great strides in the past two years by revising and updating the master plan, as well as updating several ordinances and looking into solving traffic problems downtown.

He said that in the next two years he hopes to focus on some of the existing issues, such as finding a solution to space constraints at village hall.

Myles is married to Kim and they have a son, J.J., who lives in Frederick, Md.

On Tuesday afternoon, Ritter said he didn't care to comment on the election. He said he was busy reviewing the agenda for that evening's Village Council meeting.

Ritter said that he is on the council for the benefit of the village residents.

"I don't want to see village residents taxed for the needs of other townships. The townships are on their own," he said.

Ritter, a Chelsea resident for the past 61 years, is retired from the U.S. Army and Macdee Manufacturing.

He said that he hopes to help get the Chelsea Area Fire

Authority on stable ground while he serves his two-year term.

Ritter has two daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ortbring said she was also disappointed with voter turnout and the lack of challengers in the contest.

"I was really hoping that more people would have become more involved with our municipality," she said.

Ortbring will begin her second term of office as a trustee.

She is director of marketing for Starr Commonwealth and co-owner of Edgar-Norman-Creative.

Ortbring said she sought another term because she wanted to stay involved with the many community projects in the works.

Ortbring said that she wants to see successful completion of a new library, post office and village offices downtown.

Ortbring is married to Todd and has two sons, Blake and Grant.

The three candidates were sworn in at Tuesday night's meeting.

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Severe weather training offered to area residents

Washtenaw County Emergency Management Division is offering Skywarn Spotter training free of charge to anyone 18 years or older who is interested in being trained in severe weather identification and reporting procedures. The basic course, presented by Carl Ojala of Eastern Michigan University, is 2 1/2 hours long. Identification codes are issued to all who complete the training.

Basic and advanced level

spotter courses are also available April 14 at EMU.

Training will be held 7 to 9:30 p.m. March 28 at Chelsea UAW Hall Local 1284, 2795 M-52, located just south of Chelsea.

"The course is interesting for anyone who wants to learn what to do during severe weather, not just those who want to become Skywarn Spotters," says Denise Wirtz, executive secretary of Washtenaw County Emergency

Management.

Wirtz encourages people to visit the Web site www.co.washtenaw.mi.us for information on the classes, severe weather preparedness, family preparedness, information on winter

storms, tornadoes and thunderstorms and other emergency links.

To register for the course, or for more information, call the Emergency Management Division at 971-1152.

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Seio Township

Possession of Marijuana
Police arrested a 28-year-old Belleville man around 2 p.m. March 1 near Jackson and Baker roads for possession of marijuana.

Police noticed the man driving eastbound on Jackson Road with a cracked windshield. When officers stopped the man, they noticed that he had a pack of Zigzag wrapping papers in his front coat pocket. Officers asked the man if he had any illegal items in his possession and he admitted to having a small amount of marijuana.

Police placed the man under arrest and took him to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Retail Fraud

Three people stole a microwave around midnight Feb. 28 from the Travel America Truck Stop, 200 Baker Road.

The 41-year-old truck stop manager said he noticed the microwave was missing after he came in to work the following day and took an inventory.

The manager said that there is no evidence that a microwave was sold on that day. Furthermore, after looking at the surveillance tapes, he noticed that three people walked out of the truck stop with a microwave.

The manager said that he could probably identify one of

the suspects from videotape if he saw him again.

The following day, the manager told police that the suspect came into Travel America again. When the man left the store, the manager wrote down the suspect's license plate number and gave it to police.

Carrying a Concealed Weapon
A 22-caliber-Magnum was found in a man's car around 8:30 p.m. March 5 near I-94 and M-52.

Police were clearing cars in the area from an earlier multi-car crash.

Police were in the man's car looking for the vehicle registration and paperwork when they found the gun.

The owner of the car had been taken to Chelsea Community Hospital earlier in the day to be treated for injuries.

Police went to the hospital and questioned the man. The man said that he had the pistol in the car for his protection.

The man said that he was from Alabama and was unaware of gun laws in Michigan.

He was not arrested, but police advised him of the state's gun laws.

Suspicious Incident

A number of bones were found near a Dumpster and compactor around 10 a.m. March 9 behind the Quality 16 Theater, 3686 Jackson Road.

A theater employee said that he was taking garbage to the Dumpster when he noticed the bones in the compactor.

Police believe that the bones are remains of a human vertebrae column. Police said that 10 vertebrae were still together.

Theater manager said that a key is needed to open the

Dumpster

Police searched the area for further evidence, but did not find anything else.

Webster Township Animal Cruelty/Neglect

Police found several dead animals in a chicken coop around 3 p.m. March 7 at a home in the 9000 block of South Hamburg Road.

The owner of the pets was home waiting for some of her husband's coworkers to stop by the house to pick up his tools.

A court order prohibits the woman's husband from being on the property.

Police came to the house to keep things orderly, while the men were on the property. The woman said that she did not want anyone near her animals in the backyard.

A neighbor stopped by to help retrieve some of the tools. The neighbor said that he went to the back near the chicken coop to get a ladder and noticed several dead animals in the enclosure.

He said that he found a rabbit, goat, sheep and several chickens dead in the coop. A goat and two chickens were still alive.

The woman told police that doesn't have enough money to feed the animals and has barely enough money to feed her children. She said she has been short of money because her husband hasn't been paying child support.

The woman said that she last fed the animals two days ago and she noticed a month ago that some had died.

The woman signed a release to give up ownership of the animals to the Humane Society of

Huron Valley

Dexter Village

Larceny
Several compact discs and a cellular phone were taken from a car between 10:45 p.m. and midnight March 2 in the 1200 block of Shady Oaks Court.

The owner of a 1999 GMC truck and 1995 Ford car said that someone took more than 70 CDs valued at approximately \$1,000 and a cellular phone valued at \$100.

The woman said that the two vehicles were parked unlocked in her driveway when the theft occurred.

Chelsea Village

Suspicious Incident
Four large paintballs were splattered on the back of a condominium building around 11:30 a.m. Feb. 19 in the 800 block of Moore Drive.

Police said that several other paintballs were splattered on the rear walls of other condominiums in the area. Officers said that the condo residents had been out of town for several months.

Chelsea Police Chief Lenard McDougall said that paint balls are considered firearms under the village ordinance, and it is illegal to shoot them in the neighborhood.

Illegal Dumping
Several garbage bags were found in a recycling bin around 1:30 p.m. March 6 at the Western Washtenaw Recycle Center, 8027 Werkner Road.

Police said that they were able to find two names on documents in the bags. Both names had the same address in Grass

Lake

A letter was sent to the people who left the garbage at the center. They were told that they owe \$14 for dumping the bags. They also face possible criminal charges for illegally dumping.

Burglary

A home was broken into between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. March 6 in the 500 block of Chandler Street.

The 46-year-old homeowner said that when he returned that day he noticed his home was in

disarray.

A candle that was on top of the refrigerator was now on the counter top and a large jar of coins was missing from the kitchen. More than \$50 worth of coins was in the jar.

The man said that he noticed a rear window was left open and there were footprints in the snow below the window.

Compiled by Staff Writer Will Keeler based on reports filed with Chelsea police and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

Campaign needs help

This year's Tell-A-Friend program is still going strong as volunteers from local businesses and organizations come together to show their support.

But more volunteers are needed.

"Tell-A-Friend is a great opportunity for women to share with each other the importance of getting regular mammograms," said Deanna Shackelford, project coordinator for the American Cancer Society.

"In addition, if a woman notes that she hasn't gotten her mammogram because her insurance doesn't cover one and she can't afford one, she'll be directed to local facilities that provide low-cost or free mammograms through our office," Shackelford said.

Tell-A-Friend's purpose is simple: educating women on the importance of getting regular mammograms and assisting women, who qualify, with getting mammograms. Currently 66.6 percent of women in the state are getting mammograms.

"By 2008 we (the American Cancer Society) would like to see that rate increase to 80 percent," Shackelford said. "Since breast cancer is the most common form of cancer and the second major cause of death in women, mammography is the best way of detecting breast cancer in the earliest stages. And early detection is the best opportunity to reduce breast cancer mortality."

Tell-A-Friend works by having women contact five of their friends, age 40 or older, and asking them if they have gotten their mammogram in the last year. The calls made are documented and forwarded to the American Cancer Society office in Ann Arbor.

Follow-up is done for those women needing assistance with locating low-cost or free mammograms in their area. All information collected is kept confidential, and information will not be used to solicit donations.

In the past two years, the program has reached more than 11,000 women in Michigan and Indiana. The goal this year for Washtenaw County is to reach 2,636 women.

For more information on the Tell-A-Friend program or to have a calling kit sent to you call 971-4300.

Brink on list

Lindsay Brink, daughter of Douglas and Patrice Brink of Chelsea, has been named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 2000-2001 school year at Hope College in Holland.

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Going to the dogs

Local woman to show dogs at Cobo Center this weekend

BY SHEILA PURSGLOVE
STAFF WRITER

Norma Smith's life went to the dogs in a big way. The local resident is a professional dog handler who has been breeding and showing dogs almost her entire life. She will participate in this weekend's Detroit Kennel Club Dog Shows at Detroit's Cobo Center.

The Ypsilanti native showed her first dog, a black cocker spaniel named King, when she was 11 years old.

"Our family had a horse boarding stable on Textile Road in Ypsilanti, so I was used to showing animals from an early age," Smith said.

"Once it gets in your blood, you just want to keep doing it for your love of animals."

Smith was an assistant handler for nine years, starting at the tender age of 12.

"At the age of 16, I dove head first into this career and never looked back," she said.

Smith studied business for 18 months at Eastern Michigan University before realizing that was not her career path, although it gave her a good grounding in business for running a kennel.

Before moving to the Chelsea School District two years ago, Smith owned and operated AMRON Kennels in Saline for 15 years, where she bred Bouviers and French bulldogs. She now co-breeds bull mastiffs with Alan Kalter and Chris Lezotte of Happy Legs Kennel in Ann Arbor.

"Dogs have been my life for 26 years," Smith said.

For 20 years, she has owned and bred the No. 1 and No. 2 Bouviers in the country, and has won awards as the top female handler in the United States.

During her career, Smith has won more than 70 Best of Shows with different breeds and she has shown almost every breed of dog on the planet.

Several celebrities have bought dogs from her, including Olympic swimmer Greg Louganis, whose Bouvier bears the moniker "Speedo."

As a professional dog handler, Smith is paid by dog owners to handle their dogs at shows.

Last year, she finished championships on 28 dogs. Smith estimates she has finished close to 3,000 dogs in her career.

Smith, who has ranked in the top 2 percent of professional dog handlers, has shown dogs throughout the United States and in Europe, at shows in Denmark and Germany. She has judged at shows in Mexico.

"There's a lot of travel involved," she said. "In one year, I did 154 shows."

Since many of the dog shows are televised, Smith is used to performing with dogs in front of the cameras. She has appeared on ESPN, done TV

interviews and appeared on The Martha Stewart Show.

Smith, a Sharon Township resident, will teach owners how to groom their dogs, an area in which she has a lot of experience. For instance, one Hungarian breed of dog, Komondor, with naturally corded hair takes nine hours to dry, and grooming starts three days ahead of any dog show the pooch appears in.

Smith also prefers to hand strip Bouviers, what she calls the "old school" method of grooming.

"You literally pull the hair out by hand, or use a stripping blade," she says. "Some people like to take the short cut and just cut the hair."

Smith believes food and nutrition are very important to a dog's appearance and attitude. She offers saliva analysis to determine individualized nutritional programs that naturally balance the animal's glands and organs.

Smith will be showing between 15 and 20 dogs at this weekend's activities, joining more than 2,000 dogs from nearly 150 different breeds expected to compete for honors.

"I've done some of my best winning at the Detroit shows," she said.

The Detroit shows are recognized as one of the largest one-day, all-breed benched dog shows in North America.

The benched format is ideal for spectators to see the dogs in the 600,000-square-foot show floor. Except while being judged or groomed, dogs entered in the competition are stationed on benches, providing an opportunity for visitors to ask questions about the different breeds.

Each day, dogs of every breed will be judged in six different classifications: puppies, novice, American-bred, bred-by-exhibitor, open class and best-of-breed competition.

Group awards will be determined in the categories of sporting, hound, working, terrier, non-sporting, toy and herding. The seven group winners will then compete for the Best in Show prize awarded daily.

Demonstrations and feature events will run continuously throughout both days.

An information center, stocked with literature, will be staffed with qualified judges and breeders and veterinarians from Michigan State University. A dog psychologist will be on hand to answer questions, as well.

The Detroit Kennel Club Dog Shows will be held 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Cobo Center in Detroit. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children younger than 12 and senior citizens.

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Sharon Township resident Norma Smith is a professional dog handler with many wins and awards to her credit. Here she and Stella, a champion French bulldog, receive ribbons from a judge.

Program seeks volunteer

Starting in April, a new position to focus on after-school programming will be filled in the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office.

Washtenaw County is one of 11 counties in the state to receive a VISTA position in this funding cycle.

VISTA is a full-time volunteer position where the individual works in his or her county engaging youth in positive out-of-school activities.

The project will focus on meeting the needs of young people during out-of-school time, specifically from the hours of 3 to 8 p.m.

The program emphasizes character education, communication skills, community service, conflict resolution, and tobacco use prevention for youth ages 5 to 19.

Even though this is a volunteer position, the workers do receive a living allowance each month, in addition, to receiving health insurance and an educational or monetary stipend. This stipend can be utilized to further the individual's education after the year of service is completed.

"This position really focuses on the needs in the communities during the after-school hours. It is a great way for the community and the Extension office to work

together in focusing on some key after school issues," said Erica Stevans, MSU Extension 4-H youth agent for Washtenaw County.

VISTA is a partnership between Michigan State University Extension and the Corporation for National Service. Throughout the past two years, of the partnership,

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There are many other examples of people who sinfully took matters into their own hands instead of trusting in God, yet He used their actions for good.

This does not mean that it's ever OK to ignore God's will and do as we please. People who get impatient and rely on their own resources invariably end up paying for it.

Nor does this mean that God approves of human sin. Instead, it is a tremendous tribute to God's love and greatness, and His patience, that He is willing and able to take a situation that we humans have made a total mess of, and create something beautiful out of it.

You may have made a mess of some area of your life. We all have, or will someday. Maybe you've made a mess of your whole life. God might not undo the mess, but He is able to take you from where you are, and make something beautiful out of your life, and through the forgiveness won by His Son Jesus Christ, give you a perfect eternity.

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The wearing of the green

Volunteers are the heart of Chelsea Community Hospital

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

"On Saturday, everyone celebrates 'the wearing of the green' on St. Patrick's Day.

But Chelsea Community Hospital celebrates it year round.

The hospital's team of auxiliary volunteers, sporting familiar dark-green jackets, forms the heart of the hospital. They can be found in almost every area of the hospital, including the shuttle service, information desk, surgery waiting room, patient care areas, ancillary departments, and sites off campus such as the Older Adult Recovery Center.

The history of the Chelsea Community Hospital Auxiliary is a fine example of how small efforts can grow.

It was started in 1970 by seven women who wanted to volunteer their time and efforts to the hospital, with the goal of providing services to patients.

From the original seven, the group has grown to 193 strong. Of that number, 125 are active all of the time.

In the first eight years, volunteers contributed a total of 33,400 hours. Last year, they racked up 43,380 hours, providing nearly the equivalent of 21 full-time employees. They handled more than 400 requests for assistance from hospital departments.

"I came to realize our volunteers are an essential part of the

hospital," said Diane Fenske, who has been director of volunteer services for three months. She is also clinical coordinator of the Chelsea Brain Injury Program.

"They are a perfect example of what volunteerism is about," she said. "Their whole mission is to serve our patients and the hospital."

Members of the auxiliary have proved to be wizards at raising funds for the hospital.

In 1998, they opened the Emergency Room Renovation Project with a \$200,000 pledge. Only a quarter of their pledge remains to be filled.

Another big fund-raiser is the Arbor Nook Gift Shop, which opened its doors in 1980. Last year, the shop, manned by volunteers, contributed nearly \$42,000 to the hospital.

The gift shop is open to everyone and has a great selection of jewelry, Chelsea T-shirts and sweatshirts, cards and unique gifts," Fenske said.

The Tree of Love, another fund-raising project, was started in 1997, giving employees and community members a chance to honor their loved ones and friends. Donations are made in honor of, or in memory of, relatives, friends and colleagues. An angel with that person's name is placed on a beautifully lit Christmas tree in the lobby of the hospital.

Some volunteers get behind the wheel to help out.

In 1991, a shuttle service was born, with auxiliary members serving as drivers. This year, two women and 19 men take the wheel to drive patients, families, guests and employees to and from their vehicles.

Drivers also provide a mail service for departments outside the main hospital building. Last year, the shuttle carried 7,200 passengers.

In 1996, the auxiliary took over the Kresge House, previously the hospital's inpatient substance abuse facility, and the following year began the Hospitality House, now known as the White Oak Inn.

The day-to-day operation of the facility is now done by hospital employees. Until recent years, all the hosting duties and management was provided by the volunteers and auxiliary members.

Following on this success, in 1999 the auxiliary renovated, furnished and opened the Dorothy Miller House, named for the woman who began the volunteer program. The house, on the campus of the hospital, sleeps eight people and can be rented by the families of patients and other visitors to the community.

The auxiliary has participated in several projects in the Chelsea community, including the presentation two years ago



Members of the Chelsea Community Hospital 2001 Auxiliary Board are pictured in their familiar green volunteer jackets. In front are Audrey Satterthwaite (left), Monica Hanna, Alma Bershas and Audrey Marshall. Standing behind are Pat O'Connor (left), Fred Wild, Betty Wild, Mary Alice Kalmbach and Margaret Kuhl.

of a beautiful bird aviary to the assisted living unit at Silver Maples retirement home. They also provide college scholarships to high school students.

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Links of Love

Links



Beach Middle School Student Council members organized a fund-raiser to help University of Michigan student Carmen Dolan, who needs \$3,600 to participate in the annual marathon sponsored by the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Pictured here, draped in paper chains, are members of Beach Student Council and students who raised more than \$20: Jamie Franks (front, kneeling), Kolton Niesen, Winston Dickerson, Billy Hayes, Nicole Bougher, Arielle Burg and Skye Hillman. In the middle row are Cameron Hawkins (left), Anna Emmerling, Sarah Gilley, Meg Wheeler, Hanna Taylor, Joe Welton, Matt Weber, Robbie Moffett and Colin Blocksma. In the back row are Student Council adviser Dennis Strzyzewski, Brian Czerwinski, Max Wineland, Taft Richardson, Lucas Daniels, Sye Hickey, Annie Guerting and Student Council adviser Nancy Zyzelewski. Not pictured are Student Council members Kylee Grenis, Nicole Hogan, Katrina Stephenson, Kelly Toon, Allison White, Ashley Wiseman and Alex Wood.

Middle school students raise money for worthy cause

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Every five minutes, someone in the United States learns they have leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma.

Last September, University of Michigan junior Carmen Dolan lost her best friend, Lyndy Renee Fuller, to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Fuller, who was first diagnosed in October 1999, would have celebrated her 21st birthday last Saturday.

To honor her friend's memory, Dolan has decided to run in the "Rock 'N' Roll Marathon" sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. And pupils at Beach Middle School are helping.

The marathon, which will be held in San Diego this summer, raises money for research. Although Dolan says she is no athlete — she suffers from exercise-induced asthma — she says it's a worthy cause and she has to do it.

"I've always hated running, so this training is very hard for me," she says. "But I really hated sitting there in the hospital room with Lyndy and not being able to do anything for her. It's an awful feeling."

"So by running this marathon and raising money, I feel that I am actually doing something to help."

Dolan is finding fund-raising far more difficult than she had anticipated. Each marathon participant needs to raise a minimum of \$3,600. She needs \$1,500 by March 22. If that goal is not realized, she will not be able to take part in her dream.

Thanks to the generosity of pupils at Beach Middle School, she is almost \$700 closer to her goal.

"I met Carmen at a mutual friend's house a few weeks ago," says Beach teacher Nancy Zyzelewski, a Student Council adviser. "She was doing some fund-raising on her own to help get the money she needs to participate in the marathon."

"I listened to her explain to our friends what she was doing. When she was all finished, I asked her if it would be alright with her if I could get Beach Student Council to help her in her task."

Zyzelewski presented the idea to teacher Dennis Strzyzewski, also a Student Council adviser, whose answer was "Let's do it!"

"We told our council members about Carmen's

purpose and they couldn't wait to get started," Zyzelewski says.

The Student Council held a competition between the three lunch periods at school. For one week, all students were able to buy pieces of construction paper to make chain links for 10 cents each.

Each lunch had an assigned color — yellow for "A" lunch, blue for "B" and red for "C."

Each day the links were hooked together and hung in the school cafeteria so students could see who had the longest link.

One pupil donated all of her birthday money. A group of boys got together and donated more than \$50.

"It was incredible to me to see how many kids participated and made contributions," says Andrew Ingall, assistant principal. "At least one student made a contribution of \$20 himself."

"This is the type of thing that gives me some hope that in spite of the bad news about what some kids are doing in schools that there are a lot of great kids out there willing to step up for a great cause."

In the spirit of friendly competition, Student

Council also kept a large graph on display in the cafeteria charting how many links had been purchased by each lunch period.

"This way, the students could see who was ahead or who needed to catch up," Zyzelewski says.

All the pupils were working toward the reward for the lunch that had the longest link — a can of pop for every student in the winning lunch period.

"Several students donated over \$20 to Carmen's cause," Zyzelewski says. "Student Council gave them a T-shirt for their generosity."

"Students here at Beach are amazing. It was an awesome fund-raiser for an awesome cause."

Strzyzewski is proud of the way the pupils came together to help out.

"Our Student Council kids put in a lot of time keeping things running smoothly, and the rest of the student body stepped up and made the fund-raiser a great success," he says.

"It's wonderful to see young people like this involve themselves in causes that positively impact the world around them."

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Amazing grace

Local man shares his musical talent on the bagpipes

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

If you've heard the wailing of bagpipes wafting over the local landscape, it's likely Tom Kennedy, a self-styled "Stealth" piper.

"Piping is a very nice way to enjoy the scenery," says Kennedy, a Sylvan Township resident. "Sometimes I'll head out to a location in the local area, find a view and practice there."

"It kind of spreads the culture around to areas and ears where the pipes are never heard. So, I'll pop up somewhere, play for an hour, then leave."

Kennedy will don his kilt and provide tomorrow night's Celtic entertainment at the St. Patty's 'McFun-raiser' in the Clock Tower building. The Chelsea House Orchestra will join him in entertaining guests.

While bagpipes are traditionally associated with Scotland or Ireland, Kennedy learned to play them in — of all places — East Africa.

After graduating from the University of Michigan and going to work for a university research facility, he jumped at the opportunity for a long-term assignment in Kenya.

"It was there that I met a schoolteacher from Scotland who came over to the house one evening with his bagpipes and put on a very outstanding performance for us all," Kennedy says.

"In response to my excited interest, he graciously offered the loan of his learning materials for the duration of my stay. These consisted of a tutor book and a 'practice chanter,' a very quiet instrument which is used to learn on so that the neighbors don't complain."

The electrical engineer's zeal for the pipes gradually died away, remaining dormant for almost two decades, until he happened by chance upon a piping teacher in Ann Arbor.

Kennedy calls the last 11 years a constant learning experience that continues.

"They are not the easiest of instruments to play well, requiring a combination of light fingered precision and, at the same time, an athletic blowing and squeezing of the bag," he says.

In effect, a piper is playing four-wind instruments simultaneously. The pipes are comprised of a "reeded" chanter that is used to play the tune, and a set of three drones that pro-

vide a chord accompaniment, each having their own individual reeds.

"Like most people, I never really had much contact with bagpipes when growing up other than the occasional Christmas or Thanksgiving parade," he says. "But, like with most people, they made a lasting, albeit a latent impression on my mind."

To keep from losing ground, Kennedy practices at least a couple of times a week. His wintertime practice is indoors with earplugs.

"When the air turns warm, the backyard has a much better feeling to it and the sound carries so nicely, especially if there's a fog," he says.

His bagpipes were made in the late '80s by the R.G. Hardy Co. in Scotland. According to Kennedy, most pipes come from Scotland, but there are a number of excellent pipe-makers this side of the pond.

The local musician sports the Kennedy tartan, which is mostly green with thin yellow and violet stripes.

"Although this tartan is of the Scottish Kennedys, it's believed that this clan initially came from Ireland to do missionary work in Scotland," he says.

After reaching a certain level of proficiency, a new piper starts looking for fellow enthusiasts.

"When I first started looking around, I knew of absolutely nothing and no one outside of my teacher and a few students," Kennedy says.

After several days on the phone, following up on leads to pipers, pipe majors and bands across the state, Kennedy gradually became aware of what he calls the "bagpipe subculture."

"I discovered that there are bands and pipers all over, but just so spread out that you don't normally come in contact with them except on special occasions," he says. "Their neighbors know who they are, though."

Kennedy finds that people either love the pipes or hate them.

"There's no middle ground," he says. "My wife, Debbie, doesn't complain. It must be the Scottish blood in her. She's still here, so she must like them."

The couple has called Chelsea home for 25 years and raised their sons, Michael and Matthew, here.

Kennedy's favorite pieces of

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Sylvan Township resident Tom Kennedy, a longtime bagpipe player, will perform at tomorrow night's St. Patty's 'McFun-raiser' at the Clock Tower Building. Kennedy, of Irish heritage, was first introduced to the pipes in Kenya, East Africa. A regular performer in parades and festivals, Kennedy is a member of the Glen Erin Pipe Band from the Lansing area.

ENGAGEMENTS

My heart will not forget Grandmother

The four-story red brick home sprouted like corn in the fields of rich, flat farmland in Michigan. Barns, fields, crops, huge elms and scarlet oak trees surrounded the Methodist Home, now Chelsea Retirement Community.



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MY VOICE

I remember an alabaster fountain in the middle of the circular brick driveway, the grape arbor with swollen bluish purple grapes in the backyard, and the enormous weeping willow tree, its branches sweeping the ground.

One hundred miles from our home, over months and between years, family visits grew few. On those special occasions, those delicious days I spent with my grandmother, I drank in the sounds, sight, and smell of my experience and tucked memories away against the drought that I knew, even at 10, would come all too soon.

On the second floor in the library, Grandmother and I sat together on those pleasant afternoons. The gentle creak, creak, creak of the rocking chair sent a steady hum through the room. She told secrets about other residents, and recounted stories about how Mrs. Forsythe lost her false teeth and had to go to dinner without them.

Accounts of the World's Fair in Chicago and how she had taken the stage with other actors to perform skits and plays. On a

stool, mesmerized by her voice, I sat hushed in anticipation, and waited her next marvelous adventure, as Grandmother painted picture after picture of her amazing life.

Now her love of flowers and gardening had taken the place of her days on the stage. She told me tales about winning first place for the tallest sunflower and how her tomatoes were the biggest and juiciest at the town fair. She loved her little garden plot, but most of all, she loved me, her youngest grandchild.

On days when no stories came, grandmother sat at her bird's-eye maple desk, in the corner of her sitting room and wrote to her friends on cream-colored embossed stationary. Brown ink merged with elegant linen paper as she signed her name with flair and style.

I would sit in the high-back cane chair next to Grandmother and arrange her cards and let-

ters from her friends, newspaper clippings from another era, and her keepsakes wrapped in tissue paper into the pigeon-holes in her desk.

When we walked down the hall together, Grandmother used her wooden cane for balance, her other hand held mine.

Grandmother and I would stop at her friend's room and with her cane she gently rapped on the door. Ushered into a sitting room where the light filtered through gauze curtains and an old woman with thin skin and the smell of talcum powder patted the top of my head. While time seeped underneath the door, I counted the minutes to escape down the hall with grandmother.

We walked outside to the garden, near the grape arbor and the old willow tree. Grandmother showed me her prized corn and sunflowers, and I would pick tomatoes to take home. We spent what seemed like hours in the garden as the air became hot. We went inside to the coolness seeking refuge in paneled walls, high ceilings and cold tile floors.

Into the dining hall through the shiny, silver double doors, with tables set for dinner, water goblets and linen tablecloths, Grandmother would pour me a drink from a crystal pitcher and we lingered over a plate of Lorna Doone cookies.

One day, Mother received a call from the home telling her Grandmother had been ill. The next morning, without a call from the home, mother awoke to tell me Grandmother had died. This shadowy form had stood at the foot of mother's bed during the night to say goodbye.

When Mother called the home, she found it was true. Grandmother died during the night.

When Grandmother died, I was 12 years old. Mother alone rode the train to Chelsea for the funeral. She said I was a child and funerals were not for children. Too young to say goodbye in public, in my room alone, I took out the satin box and read all of Grandmother's cards and letters she had sent me over the years.

My heart remembers the twinkle in her eyes, that slightly impish crooked smile, her treasured family pictures in gilded frames, hair pins that held her braided silver streaked chestnut hair, that well-worn mahogany cane and the fragrance of lilac toilet water.

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AAA offers tips on escaping home fires

Home can be a safe haven — or a deadly trap — in fire emergencies where smoke or security bars block exits.

Once a fire starts, a person has about three minutes to escape the overwhelming effects of smoke, poisonous gases or superheated air. On such short notice, residents of a household need to be prepared and even rehearsed to act fast in this terrifying situation. AAA Michigan advises.

"When trapped, rational thinking and calm action are the keys to a safe escape," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager, who offers the following guidelines. They are based on the importance of preparing for fire emergencies with planning and practice.

• If smoke is present, crawl to the door and keep as close to the floor as possible. If necessary, hold your breath and close your eyes.

• Feel the door with the back of your hand. Before opening a cool door, face away, brace and open it slowly to escape.

• If it is hot, do not open it. If there is heat and smoke, seal

off cracks around doors and vents with cloth or rugs.

• Signal for help by hanging a sheet or other light-colored article on the window ledge. If the window has security bars, weave the sheet through the bars. Make sure the door is closed before opening the window.

"To avoid being locked in by a security door, plan ahead by placing a key at arm's length from the door so that you can get it quickly," Basch said. "Put the key safely on an object near the floor because if you are caught in smoke, you'll need to crawl as close to the floor as possible because smoke rises."

Last year, 143 fatal fires occurred in Michigan homes. Moreover, 44 children younger than age 10 died as a result of a fire, representing 18.3 percent of all fire deaths — the most for any age group.

Because of their vulnerability, adults should emphasize to children the danger of trying to hide from a fire. Review and practice emergency plans with youngsters regularly. Plans should include a safe meeting place outside for the family.

Smoke detectors are your best protection in a home fire. Install them on every level of your home and especially outside every sleeping area. Test smoke detectors monthly by pushing their test buttons, and install new batteries twice a

year when you change your clocks for daylight savings time.

"Tragically, last year 77 percent of fatal home fires in Michigan occurred in homes without detectors or with ones that failed," Basch said.

ENGAGED: Michelle Clarisse Smith, daughter of Michael and Clara Smith of Chelsea, and Thomas Vaughn Schroeder II, son of Jacqueline and the late Thomas Schroeder of Kalamazoo, have set a May 12 wedding date. The future bride is a graduate of Chelsea High School. She received a business degree from Michigan State University. She is a management trainer for Talbots stores and store manager at the Starwood Mall Talbots store. The future bridegroom is a graduate of Lakeshore High School, Stevensville and Southwestern Michigan College. He owns his own business, Great White Customs, located in Baroda.

ENGAGED: Deb Gerstler of Milan, daughter of Gene and Jean Gerstler of Chelsea, and Randy Schreck of Ann Arbor, son of Tim and Barb Schreck of Milan and Sharon Schreck of Adrian, have set an Aug. 11 wedding date. The future bride is a 1990 graduate of Chelsea High School a 1996 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is an elementary school teacher with Tecumseh Public Schools. The future bridegroom is a 1990 graduate of Huron High School in Ann Arbor and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. He is a manager with Home Office Creations in Ann Arbor.

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- lock our keys in the car
- we run out of gas
- we get lost
- somebody comes to the door, late at night

None of these situations are difficult to handle...if you've prepared in advance. Here is one of the simple "StreetSmart" truths: We are vulnerable when something happens to knock us out of our usual way of doing things.

Mistakes are made when you are caught off guard. When something unexpected happens, caution and safety are lost in the commotion.

For example: You return to your car, late at night. You can't find your keys in your purse, because they are in your ignition. And you don't have a spare. You can't get to your car phone. So you find yourself walking, alone, through a bad part of town, trying to find a pay phone.

Get the idea? Guess what? So do the "bad guys." They have a built-in radar. Always on the lookout for somebody in distress, somebody lost, somebody unprepared.

Let's consider the above example again. The "StreetSmart" woman says, "Rats, I locked my keys in the car. Good thing I

always keep a spare in my purse." And happily, safely, drive home.

So here is your homework. List as many possible "emergency" situations as you can. Like the ones I've mentioned above. Include ones that are particular to your own situation. Then write down your "Preparation Strategy" for each possible situation. Follow through on your plan. Remember, these are usually easy problems to solve. In advance! So — DO this exercise. Get your pen and paper right now! You will enjoy the confident, capable state that it puts you in. You will feel safe and empowered!

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A busy schedule can accommodate a fitness program

By Lisa Vidaurri Bowling
Heritage Newspapers

What can you do when you have no time to exercise? Everything! Cut your routine in half with these four time-sparing, muscle-toning moves.

eFit.com — In an ideal world, we would all have enough time to exercise for as long as we needed to reach our goals. In the world we all live in and have come to accept, however, that rule only applies to those rich enough to afford that freedom.

For the rest of us time-pressed, overworked exercisers, it's hard enough finding any time to exercise, let alone enough time. That's why it's important to make the most of those spare minutes we do take. These few tips can help you eke out more from your next workout to get the results your body deserves.

Don't spend any more time between each set than necessary. Creatine phosphate, the fuel that muscles need to contract for lifting weights, flushes back into the muscles after 60 seconds. After one minute, the muscles you've been working have as much creatine phosphate as they need to move onto the next set, despite what your body may be telling you. Time yourself immediately after you finish each set and make a point to start your next set exactly one minute after the last one.

Exercise in between your routine. Instead of waiting until the end of your workout to do abdominal exercises, try slipping a set in between each set of your weight workout. While you're waiting for certain muscles to recoup from lifting weights, you'll be working your midsection. Doubling up not only saves time but transforms your routine into a circuit program that raises your heart rate and burns additional calories.

Flex when you can. When you can't hit the weight room because of time, try a few isometric moves. Pushing and pulling against an immovable object can tone and strengthen muscles almost as effectively as weight training. Find a sturdy wall or even the sides of your desk and gently push or pull against them, increasing your effort slowly (to make sure the object remains in place as you go) until you're exerting all your effort. Hold this position for 8 to 10 seconds; then rest and repeat the move three more times.

For example, place your hands flat underneath the top of your desk and gently press upward. Your biceps should be contracting to compensate, as if you were doing a biceps curl.

Run the rack once in a while. This exercise technique looks like it takes a lot of time, but it actually lets you shave time by pushing your muscles through a fast-paced workout. All you need is a full rack of dumbbells of all different sizes (found in any gym).

For example, if you were doing dumbbell presses, you would start with a light weight in each hand (about 50 percent of what you usually press for 10 repetitions). Don't worry if the weights feel too light; you'll feel the exercise as you go along. Press the weights over your head 6 times; then quickly grab the next highest weight on the rack. Press the weights over your head for another 6 reps, grab the next highest weight and continue pressing and raising the weights until you can barely do 6 reps.

Once you reach this point, reverse the exercise by grabbing the next lightest weight and performing as many reps as you can. Continue to move down the rack to the next lightest weight, doing as many reps as you can until you're left holding the lightest set of dumbbells in the gym (1 to 2 pounds).

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March Madness has hit the local Saline Jazzercise Class.

Instructors Sally Twist and Patti Rukkila recently announced the launch of their March Madness Fitness Challenge to attend 12 Jazzercise classes in 30 days.

"Despite the educational campaign spearheaded by the U.S. Surgeon General's Office to create an awareness that physical inactivity is dangerous to your health, 25 percent of Americans are still not active at all," said Twist. March Madness is designed to spread fitness excitement by creating added fun for our current students, and also to invite new people to class so they see how enjoyable fitness can be."

March Madness at Saline Recreation Center on Woodland Drive runs from March 1-31. Those who participate in and complete the Fitness Challenge receive a March Madness sipper-cup and are eligible to win a March Madness T-shirt. New customers receive a special March Madness offer of four weeks of unlimited classes for \$20.

Jazzercise, created by Judi Sheppard Missett, is the world's largest fitness program with more than 19,000 classes taught weekly to 450,000 students in 38 countries by upward of 5,000 instructors around the globe. Twist has been an instructor in the Saline area for 13 years. Classes are available Tuesday and Thursday night at 7:25, Wednesday night at 7:15, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning at 9:15 and Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Childcare is available at most classes.

For more information on the March Madness Fitness Challenge or local Jazzercise class information including additional night and weekend classes available in Washtenaw County, call Patti Rukkila at (734) 480-3321, or visit www.jazzercise.com.



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Seeking The Sleep That Refreshes

Charles M. Wylie, M.D.

In all aspects of health, it worries more to know nothing about it than to have some valid information. The activity called sleep takes 30% of the time of our lives, but its powerful mystery seems to eliminate sleep as a subject for review during medical examination. We loose sleep worrying about not sleeping long enough, but label that problem as "sleep deprivation." We fear also the drugs which usually improve sleep. Textbooks warn physicians to use sleep producing medicines for two weeks or less. Using a hypnotic for long periods now enters the fashionable label of medical errors. Patients view with caution any recommendation to use a sleep medication, even when it eases the problem of waking early in the morning because of depression. If patients take these medications, they often underreport its frequency, as if confessing sinful behavior to listeners who are not priests.

Never-the-less, older persons are unhappy that their sleep has become less refreshing with the passing years. Sleep is therefore

the focus of this article, giving some information which is poorly understood, and some practical steps which raise the quality of sleep in later years.

PAST AND CURRENT KNOWLEDGE

The Old Testament insists that "the sleep of a laboring man is sweet". The fatigued workers, in young and middle years, usually enjoy a refreshing sleep; it raises comfort, energy, and optimism in their lives. The elderly are not "laboring men", and the biblical comment might warn them to have lower expectations about the quality of their sleep.

Sleep is universal, effecting all living organisms. Society agrees that sleep is needed for survival; we have no consensus on why it is needed. Healthy humans very widely in their requirements, ranging from 4-10 hours every day. Falling asleep requires no conscious effort and involves no obvious decision. Sleep needs an unconscious, coordinated series of change in body and mind. For example, our temperature must fall for drowsiness to occur. Located at the base of the brain, the pineal gland releases melatonin into the circulation, apparently forming part of the endocrine signals to go to

sleep. We all experience two types of sleep. One type is labeled "non-rapid eye movement" sleep, often abbreviated as NREM; this forms 75% of all sleep. The second type, labeled "rapid eye movement" sleep and abbreviated as REM, occurs cyclically during the night. REM sleep is accompanied by dreams and occurs about every 90 to 120 minutes. Healthy humans wake up briefly between 4 and 6 times during the night. Often the elderly sleeper uses one or more awakenings to empty the bladder. The length of sleep shortens with advancing age; deep sleep will often vanish from the night of older persons. Although dissatisfying, these changes are normal. They may not interfere with physical health, but do raise emotional distress in the elderly.

SLEEP AMONG THE FAMOUS

Since we all sleep, we have to admit at least a passing acquaintance with it. Some of the famous have claimed to be more expert. In the first century AD, a Roman poet named Juvenal wrote that "unbroken nights are a rich man's privilege". We can only guess whether the wealthy had quieter or more comfortable environments to

produce this comment.

Ever the loquacious expert, Winston Churchill supported a modern view that short afternoon naps produce positive health. "You must sleep sometime between lunch and dinner. . . Don't think you will be doing less work because you sleep during the day. That's a foolish notion held by people with no imagination. You will be able to accomplish more. You get two days in one — well, at least one-and-a-half". Other famous nappers have been Napoleon Bonaparte, President Kennedy, Reagan, and Clinton.

What happens to the less famous, including the many who are late to bed and who refuse to nap? "Cheating sleep" is one description of that habit, but "sleep deprivation" is the modern and polite phrase. Reasonable authorities, such as the National Sleep Foundation, publicize that sleep deprivation causes low efficiency and performance, some serious disease and tragic deaths. Giving a different view is Nobel Prize winner Gary Becker, who suggests "we sleep less because we choose to spend our time doing other things". An economist by profession, Dr. Becker infers that we act logically when we deprive ourselves of sleep;

he makes no value judgment about sleep deprivation. Writing a very different view is Wesley Seidel, a biological researcher who infers that voluntary sleep deprivation is a form of irresponsible behavior that needs better control. However, most medical advisors regard inadequate sleep as being outside our voluntary control, harmful, and worthy of good health care for its correction.

NATURAL WAYS TO IMPROVE SLEEP

Sleep hygiene is a phrase which suggests that we can devise simple steps to cleanse unhealthy sleep. A typical list involves the following, which combine to help many who are dissatisfied with their sleep:

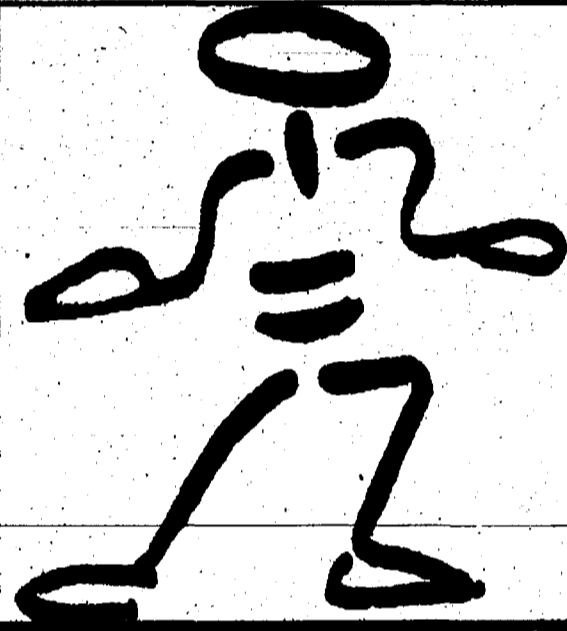
1. Follow a seven-day-a-week schedule, which sets the same time at night for bad and in the morning for daytime activity.
2. Have a conscious routine of satisfying and relaxing activities in the 90 minutes before sleep.
3. Sleep in an environment which facilitates your physical and mental relaxation. Usually dark and quiet surroundings are best.
4. Minimize pain and other discomfort. For example, pillows between arthritic knees improve the sleep of many older individuals.
5. Eliminate the evening consumption of caffeine-containing drinks, and of excess alcohol.
6. Follow a healthy lifestyle while awake. The physically active day gives a feeling of "healthy fatigue" and reduces stress.

ON MUSIC AND MELATONIN

The enigma of music resembles our views of sleep — we know it exists but we don't know why. Recent studies and some experience confirm that appropriate music can foster happy memories; it reduces those stressful thoughts which may be carried into the night. We are likely to see increased use of music to reduce human problems with sleep.

In the biologic area, the body's own production of melatonin seems essential for good sleep in healthy humans. However, current knowledge about oral melatonin, sold over the counter as a nutritional supplement, gives no agreement on its effect. When used at all, melatonin is often consumed in high doses about 3 mg. This weakens the argument that it is natural and harmless.

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Are you or do you know of someone who is always stressed out? You know the one with 50 things to do by 2 p.m., racing to get to piano lessons, ball practice, church, parties, has the worst boss in the world, never seems rested, on edge all of the time, angry with their children or spouse, and the list goes on? What are you doing for your body so that it can adapt to the numerous chemicals that are released into your blood stream due

to stress?

When we are stressed our body makes an abundance of cortisol. Cortisol decreases the immune response and leaves your body susceptible to attack. In addition, natural killer cells' production is slowed when our children or we are locked in "stress mode." In addition, disease processes are accelerated during periods of high stress.

So you are probably wondering, how do I insulate my children from the deleterious effects of stress and myself? I am glad you asked. First and foremost, identify and acknowledge the problem. How do you know if you are a high stress candidate? Simple, do you commonly say, "I'm stressed. I need a break." Or do you hear your children saying something similar to this? Do you suffer from frequent colds, pains, discomfort, fatigue? It's time to put an end to this sickness process.

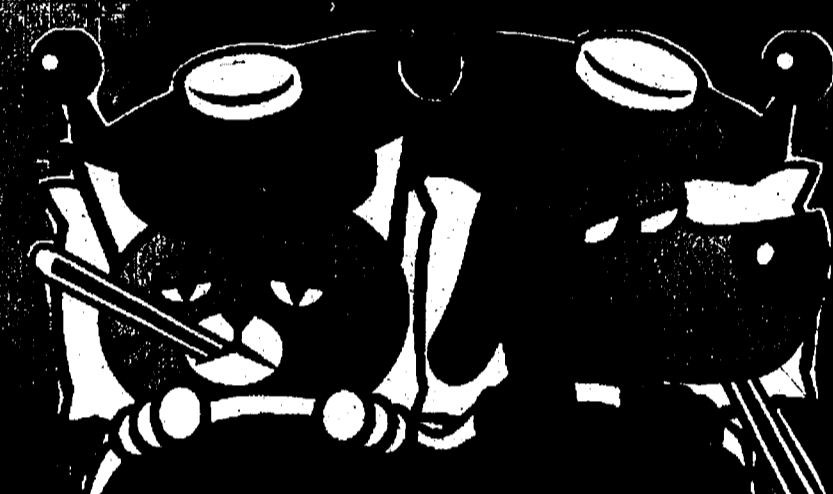
First, commit to taking complete responsibility for your health and wellness. Second, identify what you can eliminate from your schedule to allow for more peace and tranquility in your life. Third, choose an exercise regimen that you really love. Better yet, choose one that you and your spouse, (friend, child, co-worker) love and commit to doing it 4

days per week for the next 6 weeks. Start with 30 minutes per day and stick to it. Hold one another accountable. Fourth, select healthy, nutritious foods. Opt to take your lunch to work instead of eating out. Or instead of grabbing dinner "on the fly" after work, plan for a successful meal when you get home. There are some excellent selections in your grocer's freezer.

Fifth, seek alternative medical choices first. More Americans are visiting alternative care providers than allopathic (medical) ones.

Sixth, if you seek medical treatment, ask if there are non-chemical/drug alternative choices. Perhaps they can recommend an alternative care provider or various breathing exercises to reduce stress, or a myriad of other options.

Your first sign of a problem may be a fatal heart attack or the diagnosis of terminal cancer. Don't just make a change in your life to prevent the threat of disease but also do it because you are worth it.



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Stretching can improve muscle flexibility and health

Kathryn Merrow
Special Writer

Most folks think old age is inevitable, but most of what we call old age is being out of balance and letting gravity win the fight. When we are in balance, in every possible way, we will have the optimal health and movement.

We are built to have supple, flexible movement, with fluid muscles which don't bind or constrict our movement. But sometimes we get stuck. We get stuck when we stop moving. We get a job that requires repetitive movement, or we lift things improperly or which are too heavy for us, and we end up with muscle imbalances.

Sometimes pain causes us to compensate and use muscles incorrectly, so we can function while we hurt. Sometimes incorrect movement patterns remain long after the initial pain is gone, and those incorrect patterns cause more pain later.

Think of a toddler and how that toddler moves. She doesn't sit on a couch for hours at a time (rarely for a minute!) nor does she sit at a desk. She rarely walks. Instead, she crawls, jumps, climbs, runs, tumbles, swings and hangs. She uses all of her muscles. She uses all of her body. Even when a toddler cries, she doesn't cry with only her eyes, but with her whole body.

We have several hundred muscles in our body, and the problem is that most of us use the same 50 over and over and over again.

I like to say the problem begins when we begin kindergarten, and have to start sitting still so we don't get into trouble with the teacher. Inhibitions also keep us from using our whole bodies. We don't want to be embarrassed or call attention to ourselves, so we stop moving, riding bikes, laughing

out loud and throwing rocks into lakes.

We become grownup. We get into trouble with ourselves. We start to get into even more trouble when much of our movement is repetitive. And, in our culture, 90 percent of our day is spent in physiologically efficient postures. We hold our heavy heads and arms in front of our bodies whether we are driving, working or sitting on the couch.

The poor muscles in the back of head, neck and shoulders get overstretched and they don't like that at all. They compensate by developing knots and pain and call our attention to the problem. Frequently, we don't understand what they are saying. They are screaming at us, "Stop stretching me! I don't like it!"

At the same time, the muscles in the front of our body shorten. Since we don't extend or stretch them fully, those muscles just tighten up. Unless touched, those muscles usually don't hurt, but they do prevent us from moving properly. They keep our head forward from the neutral body plane and they cause more stress on the muscles on the backside of our body. And that causes more back, neck and head pain for us.

Now, since our head weighs about one-tenth of our body weight, and it is out in front of our body instead of where it belongs, it pulls us forward and down. Now, our back loses its natural curve, and it starts complaining too!

How do we get out of this mess? All we have to do is straighten up, right? Well, after your body has been stuck in that forward position for years, your muscles have become used to that position. Each time you straighten up, your muscles will pull you back down again, but there is a solution.

If you strengthen the muscles in your back, they will hold you upright. It is also very helpful to do or have muscle release therapy or massage on the muscles of the front of your body.

The muscles on the chest wall, abdomen and front of the neck and shoulders may have shortened so much that they make it difficult to regain the neutral posture you had as a toddler, but you can do it!

An easy way for most people to strengthen the back muscles between the spine and shoulder blades is to lie flat on your back.

You may put your feet on the floor and your knees up to the sky. Move your shoulders toward your hips, sliding them against the floor. Now squeeze your shoulder blades toward your spine and hold for five to ten seconds. This movement should cause your chest to move toward the ceiling. This movement opens the chest while strengthening between the spines and shoulder blades.

Do this more than two times a day for the next several days while your body adjusts. Then you may begin to increase the repetitions until eventually you are doing 10 repetitions twice a day. It is also possible to bring your shoulder blades to your spine while your standing or sitting, but if your laying down on your back, your head will be in a neutral position.

Let's face it. No one will ever take as good care of you as you can. The best time to start taking better care of yourself and starting new habits is right now — today. And if you need to start again tomorrow or next week, that's OK.


In Star Wars, Yoda said, "Try? There is no try. Do or do not." But for humans among us, trying is very often the best we can do. It takes many repetitions to replace old bad habits with good new habits. It does take effort, but you can reach your goal of feeling good and be satisfied with yourself and your health. You can feel better.

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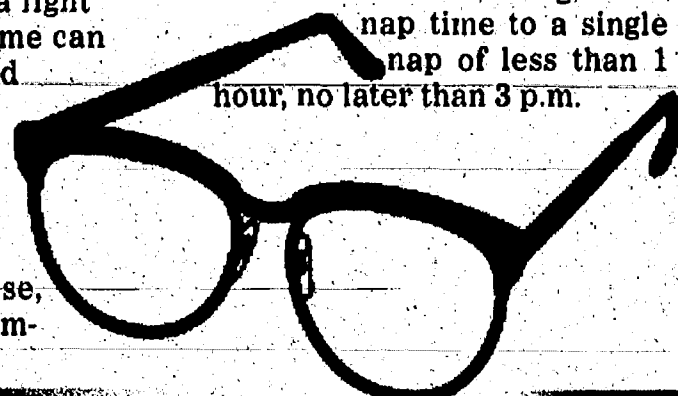
Sleep is not a simple process. Many parts of the brain control it and influence its different stages. These levels or stages of sleep include drowsiness, light sleep, deep sleep, and dream sleep. It is possible to identify which stage of sleep a person is in by measuring different activities of the brain and body.

For most people, falling asleep and staying asleep are parts of a natural process.

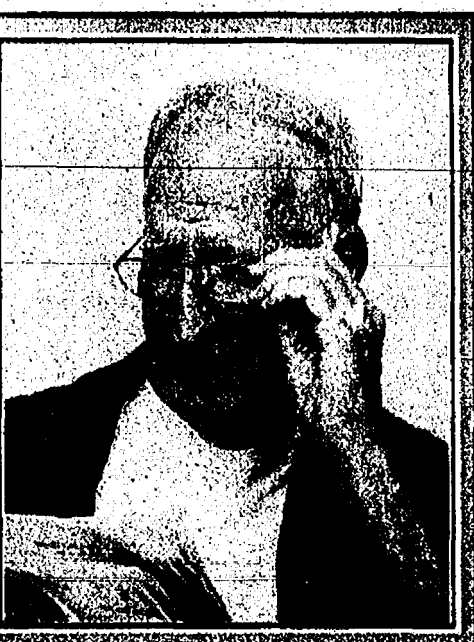
Good sleepers are likely to have developed certain lifestyle and dietary habits that promote sound sleep. These habits or behaviors — known as sleep hygiene — can have positive effects on sleep before, during, and after time spent in bed.

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Avoid caffeine within four to six hours of bedtime. Avoid the use of nicotine close to bedtime or during the night. Do not drink alcoholic beverages within four to six hours of bedtime. While a light snack before bedtime can help promote sound sleep, avoid large meals. Avoid strenuous exercise within 6 hours of bedtime. Minimize light, noise, and extremes in temperature in the bedroom. Try to sleep when you are drowsy. If you are unable to fall asleep or stay asleep, leave your bedroom and engage in a quiet activity elsewhere. Do not permit yourself to fall asleep outside the bedroom. Return to bed when — and only when — you are sleepy. Repeat this process as often as necessary throughout the night. Maintain a regular arise time, even on days off work and on weekends. Avoid napping during the day. If daytime sleepiness becomes overwhelming, limit nap time to a single nap of less than 1 hour, no later than 3 p.m.



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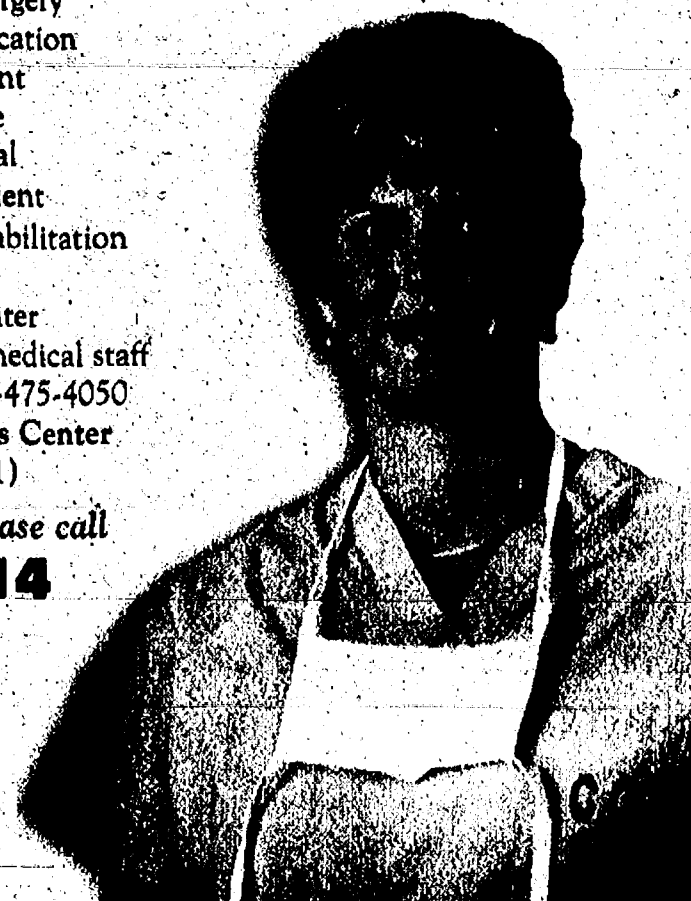
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BAGPIPES

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Music are those that most people have never heard of. "Probably the most requested tune of all is 'Amazing Grace,'" he says. "On St. Patrick's Day, a lively tune that everyone enjoys is 'Garry Owen.'" Kennedy has been a longtime member of a Lansing-area band, the Glen Erin Pipe Band. Members wear the Douglas clan tartan, a mix of muted green and blue. "This is a Scots and Irish band that plays mostly parades, an occasional concert and generally has a lot of fun," he says. "Most of my playing is done in parades with them." For a number of years, Kennedy was doing solo competitions at area Highland games, including the Saline Celtic Festival. "I can usually be found at Cleary's Pub on St. Patrick's Day and one might also hear me at other times playing for a wedding or a party," he says. Kennedy also played a couple of seasons with the Ann Arbor Pipes and Drums, a group mainly involved in piping competitions at the various highland games that go on during the summer. Kennedy found the practice schedule of the Ann Arbor band

too much of a demand on his time after deciding this past year to take up the Irish Uilleann pipes. "I consider the Uilleann pipes to be an order of magnitude more difficult than the Highland pipes," he says. "Now they are putting a demand on my time." A couple of summers ago, Kennedy took both his wife and his bagpipes to Scotland and Ireland. "I took the pipes with me and played them at every scenic overlook there was to enjoy," he says. "It's a trip I would highly recommend to anyone, with or without pipes. There's plenty of good folk music, especially in Ireland." Of course, Kennedy might be biased. His own roots are mostly Irish, but he has a love for Celtic music in general. "My ancestors, like many Irish of the mid-1800s, came out of the famine in search of better potatoes, among other things," he says. The St. Patty's "McFun-raiser" will be held 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Clock Tower Building. Proceeds will help support the Chelsea Summer Fest. Staff Writer Sheila Pursglove can be reached by telephone at 475-1371 or via e-mail at spursglove@heritage.com.

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Beach Principal Bill Wescott says the fund-raiser was an incredible experience for his students. "The kids had a lot of fun with it, but also gained a lot themselves from helping support Carmen in raising money for a cure," he says. Dolan, who will run 26.2 miles to help cure the deadly disease, will join more than 30,000 runners, walkers and cyclists participating in the world's major marathons this year on behalf of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Team in Training raises millions of dollars annually toward finding cures for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. Leukemia is the No. 1 disease-killer of children younger than 15, and lymphoma is the leading killer of men and women younger than 35. Dolan was surprised to learn how much the Chelsea pupils raised. "When Nancy called and told me how much had been raised, I about fell off my chair," Dolan says. "I was so excited I started crying." "I was really beginning to worry that I wasn't going to be able to run this marathon and I would have felt like such a failure to Lyndy. It's very important to me that I finish this." Dolan came to Beach Middle School March 6 to deliver her gratitude in person. She joined pupils in all three lunch periods to share her story and thank them.

"I was so excited to go to the middle school and meet all of the kids in person, to thank them and to try and show them just how much I really appreciate what they did for me," Dolan says. "It's hard to put into words how grateful I am to all of the students at Beach. I am just so amazed that all of those students were so giving and so generous with their money to someone they don't even know. They didn't know me and they didn't know Lyndy and yet they still donated a huge sum of money to such a great cause." Dolan says she called her friend's parents as soon as she found out how much the Chelsea pupils had raised. "They were so excited they

wanted to send their thanks with me to all of the students for doing such a wonderful thing for the memory of their only child," she says. Dolan says her experience with the pupils at Beach was with a good feeling. "Through this fund-raiser they have helped me to take a very tragic experience and try to take from it something positive," she says. Dolan is still accepting donations. She can be reached at 1-734-222-8199, or by e-mail at dolanm@umich.edu. Donations, payable to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, may be mailed to her at 631 South Forest St., Apt. 12, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Library presents folk singer

The Chelsea District Library will host "Lighthouses & Legends," with Kitty Donohoe, a nationally recognized folk singer and storyteller, 7 p.m. March 21. Accompanied on guitar, concertina, and mountain and hammered dulcimers, Donohoe

explores through story and song the traditions and lore of the Great Lakes region, the shipping industry and the beautiful lighthouses, including their hauntings. Donohoe has been a performer for more than 20 years and has appeared in three pub-

lic television documentaries. She has also performed at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C., and in an annual swing through the Upper Peninsula with Michigan's Great Lakes Culture Tour. The performance is free and is appropriate for individuals age 8 and older. No registration is required. For more information about this or other library programs, call 475-8732.

Bookmark Contest under way

The Chelsea District Library's annual Bookmark Contest is in full swing, with this year's theme, "Our Public Library: A Garden for My Mind." Children in four age categories (4 to 5, 6 to 8, 9 to 11 and 12 to 14) may design a bookmark using the theme and submit it to the library by March 30. Bookmarks will be judged on creativity, artistic skill and how

well the theme is illustrated. Volunteers at the Chelsea Retirement Community will do the judging. Winners will be announced during National Library Week, April 1 through 7, and will receive a supply of their winning bookmark, a framed certificate and a balloon bouquet. For more information call 475-8732.

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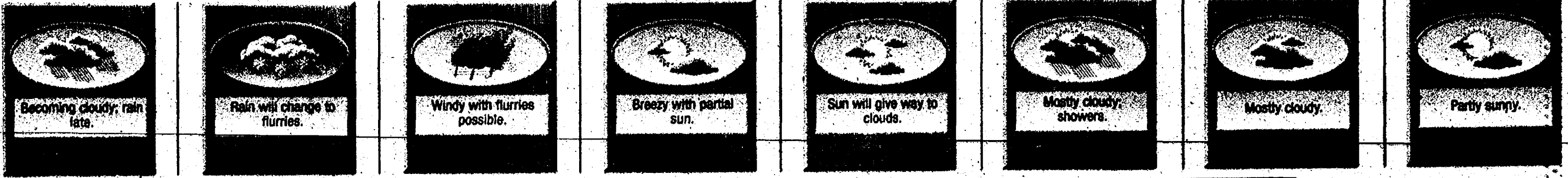
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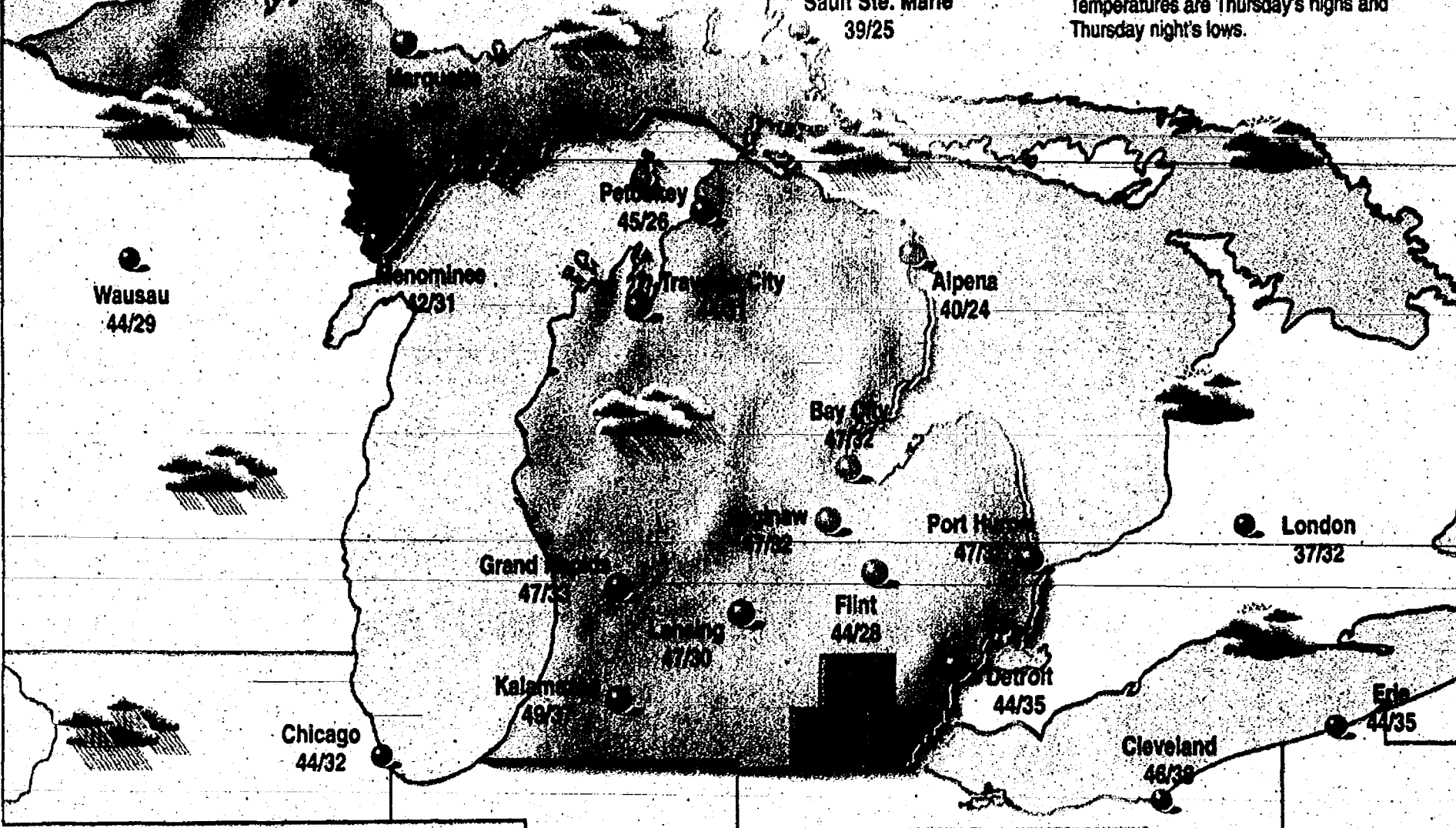
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Chelsea tankers fourth at state meet

Hack named Class B-C-D Swimmer-of-the-Year to help lead Bulldogs



Chelsea senior Andy Hack competes in the 200 individual medley at this year's state swimming and diving finals. Hack placed first in two events and was named the Class B-C-D Swimmer-of-the-Year.

The 2001 Class B-C-D swimming and diving state championships will be remembered as the fastest meet in history after the unbelievable performances turned in at Eastern Michigan University last weekend.

The times recorded by athletes around the state rivaled that of this year's state class A meet.

Aima captured the state title with a combined total of 206 points, showing a dominance that no other team in this year's competition could contend with.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood was second with 196 points. Milan was third at 156 points and Chelsea was fourth with a total of 139 points.

Plainwell was fifth with 108 points and Dexter was sixth with 102 points.

The state preliminaries began at noon March 9.

Chelsea figured if it was going to be in the hunt, it would have to place all three relays in the top six.

The 200 medley relay was the first test for the Bulldogs.

Andy Hack, Matt Holmes, Greg Cook and Jake Holton got into the elite six with a solid performance with a time of 1:42.21.

Hack, a senior, came back in the 200 individual medley and swam away from the crowd. His time of 1:56.15 was a personal best by nearly four seconds and seeded him first going into the finals.

The 50 freestyle event proved to be the toughest event at this year's state championships.

Junior Zack Christman was the first to compete in the event for the Bulldogs. Christman dropped his time, stopping the clock at 22.72, but it was not quite enough to make this year's final. He ended up 18th.

Proving how fast this season's state finals were, Christman's time would have placed him 9th in last year's meet.

Sophomore Jake Holton was next up for the Chelsea squad.

Holton also dropped his time to a personal best of 22.65, but again it was short of making the field of 12 for the finals.

Holton finished in 15th place, leaving much anticipation for next year.

Senior Jared Wacker advanced into the finals, however, with a time of 22.26. And with a chance to swim in the championship, hopes were high to move up considerably.

Senior Jeff Heydlauff was the

last Chelsea representative in the sprint event.

Heydlauff was fast enough to move into the championship heat. He clocked his personal best, stopping the clock at 21.75, just shy of the varsity record, which was held by Matt McVittie.

The 100 freestyle was the next event to have representation.

Wacker proved he was up to the task, placing fifth for the finals. He swam a superb race stopping the clock at a personal best time of 48.61.

Heydlauff was sixth (48.64). Both swimmers were primed for the finals.

The next big challenge for the Bulldogs was in the 200 freestyle relay. Once again, Chelsea had to finish in the top six.

Wacker led off for the team, followed by Christman, Holton and anchored by Heydlauff. The foursome combined for a fifth-place finish, advancing into the finals at 1:29.42.

Hack was next up for the Bulldogs.

He was the lone competitor for the team in the 100 backstroke and blew the field away, setting a new varsity record and

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Fabulous Fairley

Chelsea senior captures state championship, Bauer fourth, Lixey seventh

By Don Richter

In front of thousands of screaming fans, the 2001 Michigan High School Athletic Association state wrestling finals were held at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena March 8 through 10.

The event, one of the largest the MHSAA coordinates, had an estimated crowd of 10,000 show up for last Saturday's championship round.

Washtenaw County fared well. Chelsea's George Fairley captured a state championship in Division II at 160 pounds. The senior grappler defeated Matavan's Luke French on a 9-1 decision.

"I feel terrific," Fairley said. "I've never felt this way before." Also making Saturday's championship round was Saline's Bobby Everett at 189 pounds.

Everett came into the finals with a perfect 47-0 record. Despite a spirited effort, the senior, who's headed to Harvard next fall, fell to rival Clint Salisbury (53-3), a junior from Temperance Bedford, on a 3-2 decision.

"I just wasn't ready," Everett said. "But I'm proud to finish second."

Everett had previously beaten Salisbury twice earlier in the season at the league meet and in districts.

"He's a worthy opponent," Everett said. "He did the same stuff (as usual)."

Chelsea sophomore Darl

Bauer finished fourth overall in the 171-pound weight class.

"I'm pretty pleased with how I did," Bauer said. "My goal was to place at states. I placed a little higher than I thought I was going to."

Bulldog junior Eric Lixey placed seventh overall at 160 pounds.

"I felt I could have done better," he said. "I need to get stronger."

Dexter sophomore Jeff Marsh finished fourth in Division II at 119 pounds.

"I'm pretty happy with it," he said. "I wish I would have won my third- and fourth-place match (lost 14-1 decision to Ferndale's J.P. Morgan). It was the same guy I lost to last year for third and fourth."

When asked how Morgan beat him, Marsh said: "With the legs. The same thing happened last year. I have to work on that."

Marsh finished fourth at last season's meet at 103 pounds.

"It helped that I wrestled here last year," Marsh said. "Last year, I was a lot more nervous. I wasn't that nervous this year. I was nervous until I won my match to place. And from there it was like, 'All right, from here we're going one match at a time.'"

Marsh finished 39-6 overall.

Two Milan grapplers placed third overall in Division III.

Senior Steve Borso competed at 119 pounds, while fellow senior Larry Russell battled at



Chelsea senior George Fairley battles an opponent at this year's wrestling finals. Fairley won a state championship in the 160-pound weight class for the Bulldogs.

171 pounds.

Borso (32-4) decided sophomore Gary Lockwood (49-7) from Three Rivers, 4-0, to earn third place.

"I'm pretty proud of it," Borso

said, about finishing third. "I gave it all I had."

Winning the weight class was Williamston senior Nick Simmons, one of Michigan's all-time prep greats.

Simmons (51-0) is a four-time state champion and holds state records for pins in a season and career.

In winning his state title, Simmons, who's headed to

Michigan State University on a wrestling scholarship, pinned all four of his opponents.

Borso gave Simmons his toughest match of the championship round, getting pinned in the semifinals in 3:07.

"I tried everything I could," Borso said. "He's just awesome. Before the state meet I was hoping I was on the other side of the bracket so I'd meet him in the finals. But there was nothing I could do about that."

Russell (43-3) decided Montrose junior Aaron Rush (36-15), 9-7 to place third.

"In a way I'm happy," Russell said. "I lost by one point in the quarterfinals. That was kind of a bummer. But other than that it was pretty good."

Russell holds Milan school records for most career wins and most wins in a season.

"It was my senior year," he said. "There was nothing to hold back."

Other county wrestlers competing in the state finals, but not placing, were Saline's Marc Malecek and Manchester's Will Slocum.

Malecek (38-9), a senior, competed in the Division I 145-pound weight class.

Slocum (35-9), a senior, competed in the Division IV 130-pound weight class.

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Bulldog cagers end tournament run against Dexter

By Don Richter

Despite a season-high five three-pointers by junior guard Eddie McClendon, the Chelsea boys' basketball team fell to county rival Dexter, 62-49, Feb. 7 in district semifinal action at Onsted.

With the loss, the Bulldogs (10-12) concluded their season. McClendon finished with a team-high 17 points and added two steals.

It wasn't enough, however, to offset the tenacious Dexter defense.

"Their defense won the game for them," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond.

The Dreadnaughts held the Bulldogs to 38 percent from the floor on 20-of-53 shooting.

Besides McClendon's 17 points, only one other Chelsea

player reached double figures.

Senior co-captain Ben Myers scored 10 points, including two three-pointers. Myers also had three assists.

Senior co-captain Tony Scheffler was held to eight points.

"Brian Caldwell guarded Scheffler," Raymond said about Dexter's 6-foot-3 sophomore defensive stopper. "That's all he was concerned about."

Though not scoring, Scheffler refused to hang his head, leading the Dawgs in his final game with seven rebounds and five steals.

Sophomore Paul Newhouse added four points and a team-high five blocked shots and four assists.

Chelsea found itself trailing by eight points at halftime.

To begin the third quarter, however, the Bulldogs came alive.

Chelsea outscored the Dreadnaughts 12-4 early in the period, tying the game at 35-35.

"We wanted to get the ball and go," Raymond said about his squad's second-half strategy. "We had a chance to take the lead, but committed a turnover. They went down and

hit a shot. After that, we couldn't make a run at them."

It wasn't for lack of effort, though. The Bulldogs had numerous opportunities to get back in the contest.

"We had six or seven really good shots at the basket, but it wouldn't fall," Raymond said. "We were getting the shots we wanted, but they weren't going in."

Since a lid was on the basket, Chelsea was forced to gamble and foul to try and get back in the game.

Because of that, Dexter shot 33 free throws on the night, making 26.

"Obviously, the free throws were a big difference," Raymond said. "They shot 14 out of 16 in the fourth quarter. We were trying to come back."

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Bulldog junior Eddie McClendon guards a Dexter player in action earlier this season. McClendon led Chelsea with 17 points in a district semifinal loss to the Dreadnaughts.

SWIM

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making All-America automatically with a time of 51.69. Hack was, once again, comfortably seated first for the finals.

The biggest surprise of the meet was in the 100-breaststroke as senior Greg Cook and sophomore Matt Holmes had massive time drops.

Cook just missed the finals by placing 15th at a career best time of 1:04.78. Holmes, however, made the finals, logging his best time at 1:03.73. He was seeded 10th for the finals.

The last event of the prelims was the 400 freestyle relay.

Wacker, Holton, Heydlauff, and Hack qualified third for the finals with a season best time of 3:17.45.

The divers were up next.

Seniors Steve Basar and Gabe McGuinness both made the meet after qualifying at regionals.

Their combined points could play a big role in helping the Bulldogs move up in the final state standings.

On March 10, the finals began and the pool environment had an electrifying edge to it.

Every one of the coaches knew the times that were posted during the prelims were the best that the state had seen in years.

Who would come out on top was the question.

The 200 medley relay was first up.

Hack swam an impressive backstroke leg to put the Bulldogs out in front.

Holmes hit the water and swam an awesome leg of the breaststroke.

Cook was next and his butterfly was nothing less than incredible.

When Holton hit the water in the anchor leg swimming freestyle, the Bulldogs were tied with two other schools. Holton touched in third place, stopping the clock at 1:39.37.

The group's time broke the existing varsity record, which was held by Andy Hack, Josh Hack, Andy Thiel and Matt Johns.

The foursome's time also qualified them for All-America honors.

Hack was now poised for something special in the 200 individual medley.

He hit the water and never looked back, dropping his prelim time to 1:55.73. Once again, a varsity record fell. Hack broke the existing record, which was held by his older brother Josh. Andy's time was an All-America

qualification time, as well.

Heydlauff and Wacker were ready next to do something special.

Wacker, in the outside lane almost shocked the field in the consolation finals by placing eighth with a time of 22.02, yet another personal best for the meet.

Heydlauff missed his turn poorly, but fought hard all the way to the finish, touching out three of the championship finalist. His time was 21.90.

Heydlauff wouldn't be satisfied with that time, however. He wanted the varsity record. He would get one last chance in the lead-off position of the 200 freestyle relay.

McGuinness was the only diver to make the finals for the Bulldogs.

As he had done the past two years, he finished 12th with a total of 314 points. Those points would prove important as the meet moved on.

Basar did not make the final cut, but did finish in 30th place.

Heydlauff and Wacker combined again in the 100 freestyle final.

Wacker finished in sixth place with a time of 48.85 and Heydlauff moved up to fifth place with a season best time of 48.34.

It was quite an accomplishment for both swimmers, considering this was their first time swimming in the state championship finals.

The 200 freestyle relay was unbelievably fast as all six teams posted times in prelims that could have won the state championship every other year.

Heydlauff led off the relay. He had only one more shot at the varsity record in the 50 freestyle. It was now or never.

Heydlauff exploded off the blocks and blasted to the fastest 50 freestyle time in school history, stopping the clock at 21.63.

Heydlauff eclipsed the old record McVittie held by nearly a second.

Christman hit the water second and swam an incredible leg, keeping Chelsea out in front.

Holton was next and he had a personal best time, as well.

The anchor was Wacker. He sprinted all the way to the finish and touched the wall to give the Bulldogs yet another varsity record and All-America time standard. The clock read 1:28.49.

Hack cruised to yet another victory, out distancing himself by nearly two seconds in the 100 backstroke.

Holmes proved to himself that



Chelsea's fourth-place swimming and diving team gathers outside the pool at Eastern Michigan University. Members of the squad include, front row, assistant coach Mike Zientel (left), diving coach Tom Ceo and coach Dave Jolly; middle row, Jake Holton (left), Steve Basar, Greg Cook, Andy Hack, Jeff Heydlauff, Gabe McGuinness and Jared Wacker; back row, Tim Wacker (left), Matt Holmes, Andre Bravo, Matt Kellogg, Mike Policht, Zack Christman and Mike Bowdish

he was a quality breastroker, as he equaled his time from the prelims.

Holmes swam to an 11th-place finish in the 100 breaststroke, stopping the clock at 1:03.90.

The last event of the season would be the 400 freestyle relay.

Heydlauff, Wacker, Holton, and Hack would not be satisfied until they broke yet another varsity record.

And break it they did. The relay combined for the fastest time in school history at 3:16.40.

The team's time also qualified them for another All-America award.

The last award of the meet was given to Hack for being named the 2001 Swimmer-of-the-Year. This is the most prestigious award an individual swimmer can receive.

"This year's team proved that hard work and commitment to one another is the key to success," said Chelsea coach Dave

Jolly. "It was an incredible season to behold and one that will most likely not be duplicated for years to come."

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He has orders to report to Lemoore Naval Air Station in California on March 29, where he will receive further training on F-18 fighter aircraft.

Nick sends best wishes to all of his friends and faculty from Chelsea High School and especially to Barb Fisher and the entire staff at Chelsea Alternative Ed.



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Lixey learns from champion, waits for next year

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

After a successful sophomore season in which he qualified for the state finals, Chelsea wrestler Eric Lixey was looking forward to an even better junior year.

After competing in the 160-pound weight class last season, Lixey had high hopes for returning to Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, site of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's wrestling championships, and bettering his performance.

Lixey figured to stay at 160 pounds and be the Bulldogs' representative in that spot at the finals.

But there was one problem: Teammate George Fairley, who competed at 140 pounds last season, had bulked up over the summer and now weighed in at 160, which is Lixey's domain.

Last Saturday, at this year's finals, Fairley captured a state championship at 160 pounds with a convincing 9-1 decision

over Mattawan's Luke French. Lixey, who qualified for the finals a second time, finished seventh in the same weight class.

In practice during the regular season, Fairley, a senior, had beaten out Lixey and won the coveted 160 pound position in the Bulldog line-up.

The setback came as a surprise to Lixey.

"First, it was a total shock," he said. "After qualifying for state as a sophomore, I was pretty confident coming into this season."

"I had never wrestled George before. He was always lighter than me. It was a total shock to come in as a state qualifier and not even make the varsity."

Despite the disappointment, Lixey (28-11) wrestled enough on varsity throughout the season to qualify for this year's state meet.

As a result, Chelsea had two grapplers in the 160-pound weight class.

It's a testament to the strength of the Bulldog wrestling program that it has two of Michigan's top eight grapplers at 160 pounds.

"I'll tell you, Eric had a successful season coming up here and placing seventh," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "I told him seventh is good. A lot of people would like to be seventh in the state. A lot of people didn't make it here."

Saturday, that fact really hadn't sunk into Lixey yet.



Eric Lixey

"I thought I could have gotten to the finals," he said, "especially after there were some upsets. George was sitting in a lot tougher brackets than I was."

Lixey said he needs to hit the weights during the off-season to improve his performance next year.

"I want to win the whole thing next year," Lixey said. "I need to get stronger. That's real important. I feel anybody that I'm as strong as I can just dominate. But that's where I'm lacking right now."

"That's where George really picked up this year from last year. He added 20 pounds. He went from a regional qualifier to a state champ. I was pretty discouraged being out muscled this year."

Lixey said his performance at this season's state championships has motivated him for next year.



Chelsea junior Eric Lixey has the upper hand in his bout at the wrestling state finals this season. Lixey placed seventh overall at 160 pounds.

Mite tryouts announced

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Tryout dates and times are 4:45 to 6:05 p.m. March 17, 8:15 to 9:35 a.m. March 18 and 6:30 to 7:50 p.m. March 19.

All tryouts will be held at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube.

For more information, contact coaches Doug Trojanowski at 734-475-0264 or 734-507-0966, or Adam Hieber at 734-433-9153.

Baseball tryouts set

The Washtenaw Area Baseball Association 9- and 10-year-old division is holding spring tryouts 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. March 25 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

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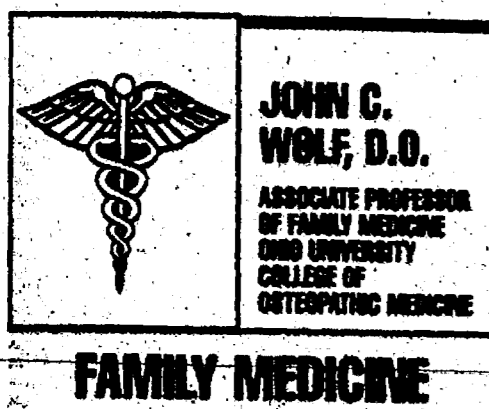
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have shown that up to 40 percent of men in their 50s have microscopic amounts of prostate cancer. This increases to almost 100 percent by age 80.

If a prostate tumor increases in size it can produce a decrease in the force of the urine stream, difficulty initiating urination and other symptoms that are indistinguishable from the far more common non-cancerous enlargement of the prostate called benign prostatic hyperplasia.

The normal course of prostate cancer is a slow, decades-long growth. Many men with it die from other conditions not related to the cancer. Unfortunately for about 37,000 men each year who die from it, the cancer can display a much more aggressive nature. This is more likely for those who are diagnosed with it when they are younger.

The problem we face is how to diagnose the condition when it is small and curable with surgery. Unfortunately, so far there is not perfect solution for this dilemma. The current recommendations are for all men 50 and older to have a yearly digital rectal exam.

In this procedure, the doctor feels for the changes in the gland that are typical of cancer. Unfortunately, only part of the gland is located where it can be easily examined, and also adding to its inaccuracy, very small cancers don't make a lump large enough to be felt.

Another tool for identifying those with prostate cancer is a blood test called prostate specific antigen or PSA. This test is also not perfect in that PSA blood levels can be abnormally elevated by several non-cancerous conditions. Also, about 25 percent of those with early prostate cancer do not have an elevation of PSA.

Transrectal ultrasound is an additional test that is often used to help evaluate individuals who have some abnormality on digital rectal exam or PSA. It utilizes sound waves and a special computer to create an image of the gland. This can identify areas of the gland that seem suspicious for cancer. Then a fine needle is passed into that area to obtain a sample of tissue for study under the microscope.

Determining who should have which test and when it should be done is still an issue that is debated by physicians, researchers, insurance companies and patients. I'd suggest that if you are older than 50 or if you have a blood relative who has had prostate cancer, you talk to your doctor this year about the best choice for you.

Family Medicine is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, OH 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.



CATS Receives Donation

Bob Pierce (left), owner of Pierce's Pastries Plus, presents a check for \$175 to Michaelene Pawlak, director of the Chelsea Area Transportation System. The donation was part of the proceeds from the sale of pastries at the bakery on "Fat Tuesday." The downtown coffeehouse and bakery donated 50 cents from every dozen paczki sold to the CATS bus, and sold out of a record 330 dozen of the pre-Lenten treats. The CATS bus is a nonprofit organization providing affordable transportation for older and special needs individuals in the Chelsea area.

Question: What are the signs of prostate cancer, and how do you check for it?

Answer: The prostate gland is an important part of the male reproductive system. It is located next to the urinary bladder, and it actually surrounds the urethra, the tube that empties urine from the bladder and at times also carries semen.

The gland's principal function is to make fluid that is mixed with sperm and other fluids to make semen. In a 20-year-old man, the gland is about the size of a walnut. Thereafter, it slowly enlarges.

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in men, striking about 8 percent of the population. It develops twice as frequently in African-American men than in Caucasians and is relatively uncommon in Native Americans and Hispanics.

There are about 180,000 American men diagnosed with it each year, and 37,000 die from it. This cancer is quite rare before age 40 and uncommon before 50. However, studies done at autopsy

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Seniors can work without penalty



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YOUR MONEY MATTERS

There's good news for most retired workers, says the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. Now many retirees can work all they want and still receive full Social Security benefits.

The Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act of 2000, signed into law earlier this year, allows

seniors between the ages of 65 and 69 to earn a paycheck and claim Social Security benefits without penalty. The change is retroactive to Jan. 1.

Under the new law, your annual earnings affect the amount of your Social Security benefits only until you reach full retirement age, which is 65. Once you reach age 65, you can receive your full benefits no matter how much you earn.

For those below the full retirement age, the earnings test still applies. In 2000, individuals taking reduced benefits at ages 62 to 64 will lose \$1 of benefits for every \$2 of benefits over \$10,080.

For individuals reaching age 65 this year, the earnings limit is \$17,000 for the period before

reaching age 65.

What you can expect

While those who have reached full retirement age no longer need to worry about the earnings limit, there are issues to consider in deciding when to start collecting benefits. Before you can make a knowledgeable decision, you should understand how your benefits are calculated and how much you can expect to receive.

The size of your monthly retirement benefit is based on a number of things, including how much you have earned during your lifetime and how much you paid into the Social Security system.

If you earned higher wages and paid more into the system, you will receive a higher monthly check at retirement than if you had lower earnings.

The best place to calculate your benefits is to go to the Social Security Administration's Web site at www.ssa.gov/retire. This site features an online retirement planning calculator to estimate your benefits based on your projected earnings and other information. All online benefit estimates are based on your input.

Also, the Social Security Administration is now automatically mailing out statements showing projected benefits at age 62, your full retirement age, and age 70. Expect to receive your first statement about three months before your birthday.

The choice is yours

Keep in mind that you decide when to start collecting Social Security benefits. Basically, you have three options.

The earliest you can start collecting monthly checks is age 62, and that will not change as the normal retirement age increases. However, if you start collecting this early, your benefits will

be reduced for life.

The exact amount of the reduction depends on how early you begin collecting. Bear in mind that although starting early means you'll get smaller checks, it's likely that you will be getting more of them.

At your full retirement age, you can begin collecting full benefits. Although the current age for full retirement is 65, this age will gradually increase to age 67 by the year 2022.

If you delay applying for benefits beyond full retirement age, you'll receive significantly larger monthly checks when you ultimately decide to call it quits. Social Security benefits are increased by a certain percentage each year up to age 70, depending on a person's date of birth.

For example, people born in 1943 or later, who must be 66 in order to retire with full benefits, will get an extra 8 percent a year of their full benefit amount for each year they delay claiming benefits. However, once these individuals reach age 70, there are no benefit increases.

A word of caution: If you decide to delay collecting Social Security benefits, be sure to sign up for Medicare at age 65. In some circumstances, medical insurance costs more if you delay applying for it. When it comes to paying taxes on your Social Security payments, age is not a factor.

According to the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, the amount of benefits that is taxable depends on the total amount of your Social Security benefits and other income.

Some people will not need to pay tax on their benefits. However, if your income exceeds certain base amounts, up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.



Making Chain Mail

"Princess" Emily Boucher, a third-grade pupil in teacher Sharron Hodgson's class at South Meadows Elementary School in Chelsea, enjoyed making medieval chain mail at the recent Reading Revels activity at the school. The event, sponsored through grants from the Chelsea Education Foundation and the South Meadows PTO, was to promote reading and to learn about the Middle Ages.



Photo by Mary Kumbler

Artist of the Week

Camille Hanks was chosen as Artist of the Week at Wylie Middle School in Dexter. The sixth-grader learned that placing lines at different angles on a two-dimensional piece of paper can create the feeling of movement. Pupils also learned that using negative space helps create motion in the designs.

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Sometimes certain hormonal changes that occur during pregnancy may lead to puffiness and bleeding of the gums. This usually subsides after the baby is born. But it should not be ignored when it happens. Nor should any other dental problem during pregnancy. Regular physical checkups to help you stay as healthy as possible, for your own sake as well as your baby's, are especially important during pregnancy. That should also include dental checkups so any decay or infection can be treated. See your dentist for a checkup so any dental problem you have can be treated to help keep your teeth and your body in good health.
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Pieces for a cure

Local firefighter donates handmade quilt

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

As a paramedic with Huron Valley Ambulance, Lynn Higel-mire uses her hands to heal.

She used those same healing hands to sew a quilt, "Pieces for a Cure," and recently donated it to the 2001 Western Washtenaw Relay for Life auction to be held on June 23.

"My mother taught me to sew as soon as my arms were long enough to guide the material through the pressure foot," Higel-mire says. "I have been doing some kind of handcraft since."

In addition to quilts, Higel-mire does cross-stitch and crochets.

Higel-mire borrowed the idea for the quilt from one donated last year by Diana Ramsey.

"While going on a 'shop hop' at quilt stores across southeast Michigan, I saw the material for Quilt for a Cure," she says. "I picked up the different materials a little at a time and put the idea together later."

Proceeds from the sale of the materials are used to promote breast cancer awareness.

"The quilt top itself is in a pattern called 'primitive pieced hearts' and the pink material is just something I found that matches," Higel-mire says. "While putting the top together, I placed the dark pink hearts to form the breast cancer ribbon within the quilt top."

After completing the piece-work, Higel-mire had it quilted

by Rose Reinhardt in a pattern she designed like a ribbon. Bill Paul, an assistant fire chief with the Chelsea Area Fire Authority, helped.

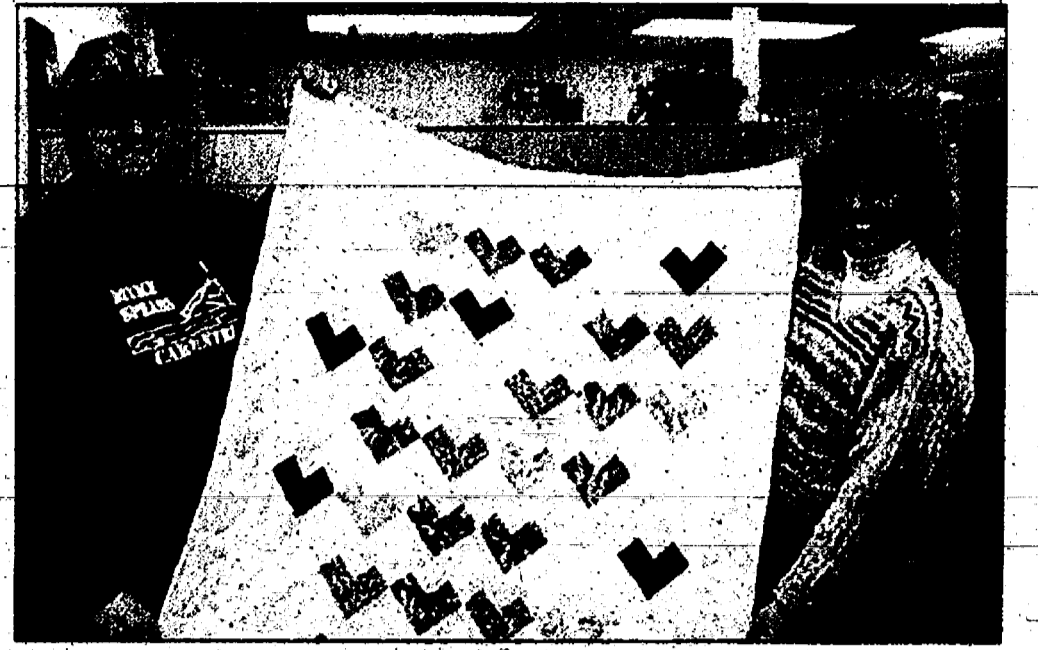
The quilt is dedicated to Higel-mire's father, Ford Higel-mire, who died from lung cancer when she was 2 years old. It is also in support of cancer survivors Cynthia Layher, Nellie Cobb Wisniewski, Shirley Blumentauer and Connie Woodruff.

Higel-mire will be part of the Chelsea Fire Walkers team in this year's Relay for Life on June 22 and 23. The team's motto is: "We would walk through fire to find a cure for cancer."

Higel-mire is a firefighter and medical first-responder with the Chelsea and Dexter fire departments. She has been an active member of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority since 1993 and part of the Dexter Area Fire Department since a joint substation opened on North Territorial Road.

Besides her participation in the relay, she will be part of the medical team that will be on standby.

Staff Writer Sheila Pursglove can be reached by telephone at 475-1371 or via e-mail at spurs-glove@heritage.com.



Lynn Higel-mire (left) is shown with her handmade quilt, "Pieces for a Cure," which will be on display at Accent on Travel in downtown Chelsea. Higel-mire, who will participate in the relay this summer, is donating the quilt to the 2001 Western Washtenaw Relay for Life auction, slated June 23. Pictured on the right is relay co-chair Laura Seyfried.

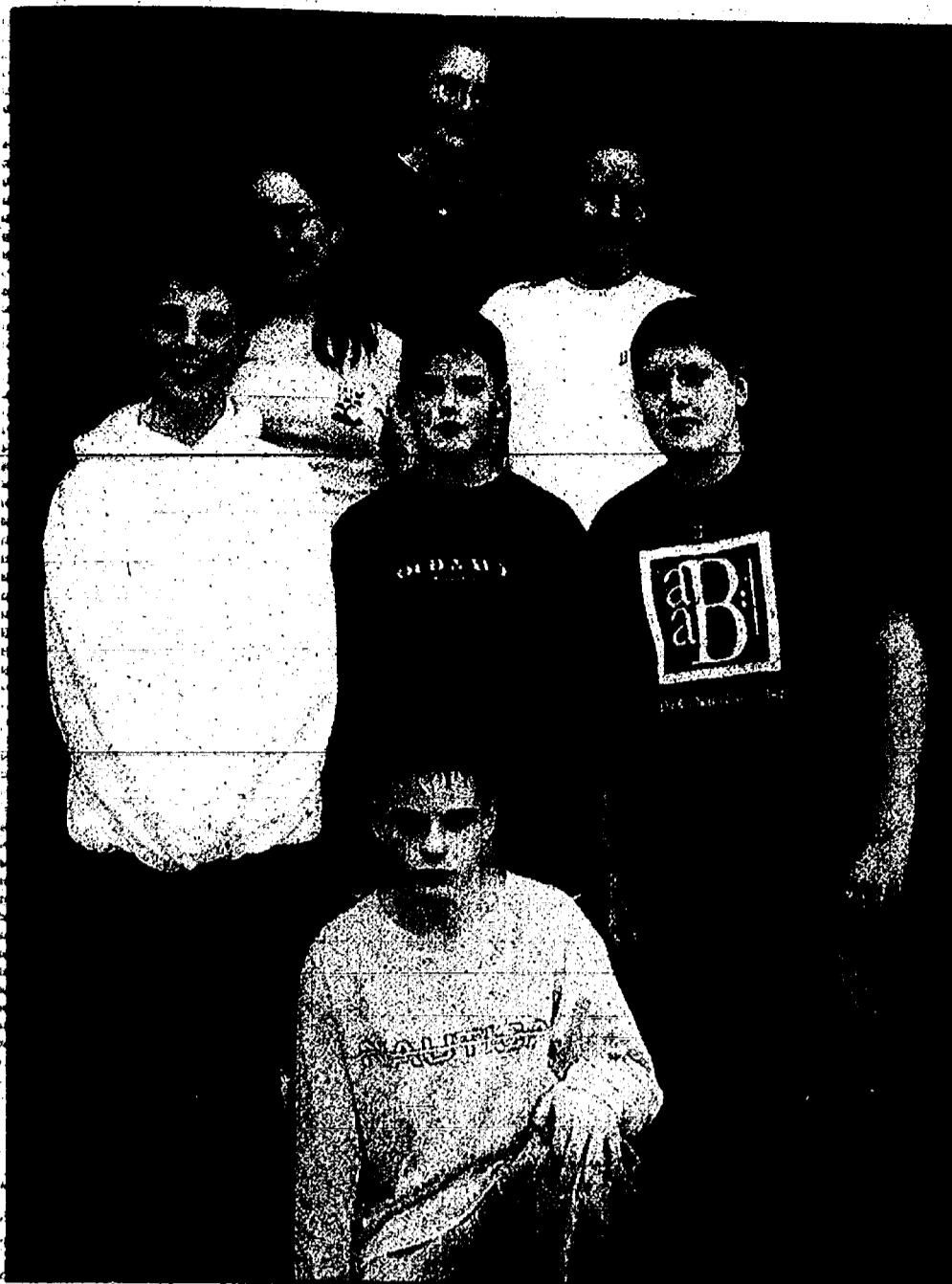


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Seventh & Eighth Grade Chorus

Mill Creek Middle School pupils participated in this year's District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival on Feb. 3 in Livonia. The festival included schools from more than 80 schools in Washtenaw, Monroe and Wayne counties. Pupils who earned first or second division ratings are awarded a medal. Pictured in the front row is Jacob Lavalli. In the second row are Jeff Ziegler (left), Matt Gucker and Marshall Simons. In the third row are Erin Hoyer (left) and Amanda Patridge. In the back row is Leigh Rudner. Not pictured are Noelle Gornik and Director Ruth Rollefson.

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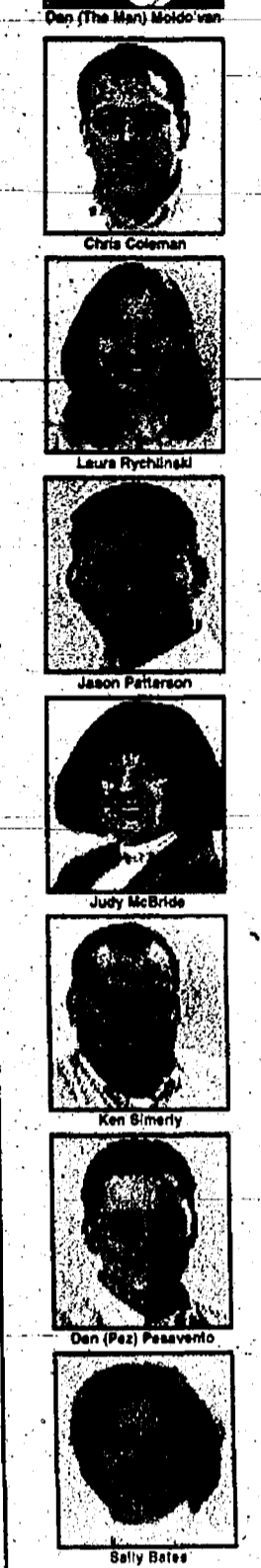
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An advertising feature

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By Linda Jones
Special Writer

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Having set up shop in a small Main Street storefront in 1994, Miller and Gough recently moved La Jolla into larger quarters, two doors south of its previous location.

The pair reopened their store Feb. 2 intent upon creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere for their clients.

Passing under the dark green awnings, one enters the new store at 111 S. Main St., and immediately notices the spacious interior. Unlike more modernized jewelry stores that are designed so the first thing the customer notices is the display cases, La Jolla gives clients a sense of space.

The front part of the store contains chairs, tables and plants. Art works enhance the interior brick walls that have been painted a creamy white.

When one turns to look out onto Main Street, the eye immediately focuses on the original woodwork that frames the door and display windows. The light oak has been restored, adding to the warmth of the interior. The display cases are placed approximately 20 feet from the entrance, and a doorway leads to the back work areas.

"The move definitely gives us more space," said Gough, master jeweler. "The customers have more room in the front and it allows us more room in back to work."

"We do everything in-house. I have work space and there is an area where I am training an apprentice. We now also have room so my mother can work at a bench again."

Fine jewelry with a personal focus defines this family-owned



Curtis Gough and his mother, Gloria Mitchell, operate La Jolla Fine Jewelry in Chelsea. They recently moved into new digs on Main Street.

enterprise. Miller resides in Pinckney and has been involved in the fine jewelry business for more than 30 years.

Everything started in a small store she opened in Muncie, Ind., where Gough, one of five children, was born and raised. That store is still open, now operated by Gough's uncle.

Gough lives in Chelsea and became interested in the business at a very young age. By the time he was 12 years old, he was spending hours learning and working with his mother. At 14, he began spending summers apprenticing with a master jeweler in Cincinnati. Following high school graduation, he continued studying at schools in Ohio and California.

"I love what I do," Gough said. "I knew my direction early, but I didn't really understand until I was a senior in high school when all of my friends were questioning what they wanted to do."

"I am very thankful that I found my occupation so easily."

Besides experience, knowledge and skill, Gough emphasizes that to be s

ter jeweler must also have patience, understanding and good listening skills.

"A master jeweler is not a specialist in one specific area. I

work on everything from setting stones and designing and crafting new jewelry to restoring and repairing jewelry, antiques and other family heirlooms.

"You have to know something about precious stones, design, history, engineering and metals, as well as being able to work with your clients and understand their vision."

Gough enjoys all aspects of his job, especially new challenges and creating pieces that will become part of a personal or family legacy.

"For instance, there is something about designing a wedding ring set that is very special," Gough said. "The client is putting their trust in you and by asking you to design the rings is asking you to be part of their wedding."

"By creating pieces, we also create dreams. I enjoy seeing the customers' faces and reactions when I show them the final design or fully restore something they thought would be impossible to repair."

The store is closed on Sundays and Mondays. Operating hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays; and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

Private appointments are scheduled during the day and evenings, as well as on Sunday and Monday.

"By having an appointment, I am able to sit down and take time with the individual client," Gough said. "It is a time for understanding and listening. We can discuss their visions and I can offer ideas for their consid-

eration."

In addition to Miller and Gough, La Jolla has two full-time employees and an apprentice.

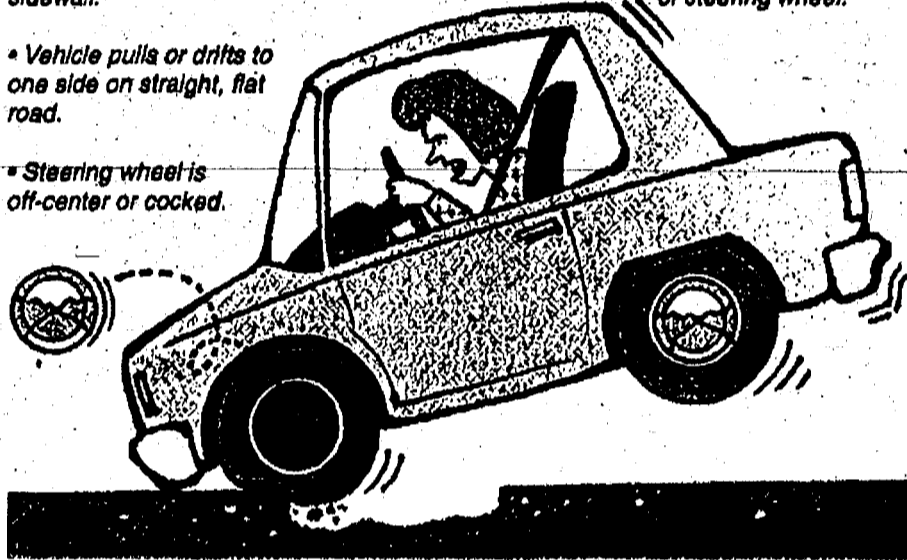
In the next five years, while Gough expects the business to prosper and grow he said it will continue to be a family operation. "This is a family business and we want it to remain one," he said. "We want the business to reflect the style of the village of Chelsea, but I don't anticipate growing too large. This is what we love doing. This is our life and this is our home."



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