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NEWS BRIEFS

Moonlight Madness set for Saturday

The annual spring Moonlight Madness Extravaganza, sponsored by the Merchants Association, is set for 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. this Saturday. The one-day event features artist exhibitions, bargains, prize giveaways and more. For information call 475-1145.

School nominating petitions due April 9

Nominating petitions for the school board elections are due by 4 p.m. April 9. Nominees require the signatures of 20 voters who are registered in the Chelsea School District.

Voters must register by May 14. The election is June 11. Two four-year terms are up. An informational meeting will be held 6 p.m. Monday at North Creek Elementary School. An informal hour follows at 6:30 p.m. The school-board meets at 7:30 p.m.

Rain Forest program to be held Sunday

The Species Survival Center will present "A Rain Forest Experience," featuring live rain forest animals. The hour-long program is set for 2 p.m. Sunday at the Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center on Bush Road in the Waterloo Recreation Area. All Waterloo Natural History Association-sponsored programs are \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Members are admitted at no charge. Advanced reservations are required. For more information, call 475-3170.

St. Louis Center wins health-care award

On Saturday, the St. Louis Center will be given the St. Camillus Award, presented to the person or organization that best emulates St. Camillus, the patron saint of health care workers.

Candidates are nominated and voted on by members of the Lansing Guild of the Catholic Medical Association. The award will be presented at a dinner at Barton Hills Country Club following a Rose Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

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Laboring Leprechauns



More than 200 people enjoyed a traditional Irish dinner at last Friday's "McFun-raiser" at the Clock Tower Building in Chelsea. Proceeds will help support the 2001 Chelsea Summer Fest. Pictured here are volunteers Rick Sauer (left), Rhonda Haines of The Chelsea Standard and Bob Pierce of Pierce's Pastries Plus. Sauer is the coordinator of this year's Summer Fest and president of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

Lyndon surveys residents

Officials want to know residents' views on police, new township hall.

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

Lyndon Township Board wants to know what you think. On March 13, the board talked about distributing a survey to residents to find out their thoughts on expanding the township hall and contracting for police services.

Officials said the township hall is badly in need of repair. The structure does not meet federal standards. It is also limited in space for holding elections, meetings and records.

The hall is situated on less than one acre and is adjacent to several acres of state-owned land.

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Boundary commission examines petition

Townships dispute signatures on petition.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

While the battle continues between Chelsea Village and its neighbors over police protection, another heats up over the village's quest for cityhood.

Chelsea's petition to become a city is pending before the State Boundary Commission.

On March 8, attorneys hired by Lima and Sylvan townships met in Lansing with Chelsea officials and the boundary commission to determine if the petition is sufficient.

The attorneys believe that the petitions were flawed in the number and validity of signatures.

A Michigan law enacted several years ago requires that petitions must be signed by at least 5 percent of registered voters and freeholders.

The population in the area proposed for incorporation is approximately 4,126, which requires 206 signatures for a valid petition.

By Feb. 6, the State Boundary Commission said that it had verified 153 signatures.

Officials said that by Feb. 27, a petition-

er sent 57 signatures to the commission to be validated. A week later, an additional six were sent in.

William Fahey, the attorney for Sylvan Township, said that the village has come up with a very slim number of signatures on the petition. He wants to challenge 14 of them.

But the boundary commission said that those signatures appear to be valid, and the village has 210 of the 207 required.

Fahey said that there are inconsistencies between the addresses of some of the people who signed the petition compared to addresses on assessment records.

"What the village has tried to do is to prove ownership of some of these people," Fahey said. "Some are on the village owner address list, but what they don't tell you is that there are discrepancies between the list and on the petitions."

Fahey told the board that assessment rolls aren't good evidence of ownership when there is not a match of two parcels a person owns and the piece of property he owns on the petition.

"We used standard procedures to determine ownership, which was the tax roll," said Village Zoning Administrator Jim Drolett. "The tax roll does not require a husband and wife need be there."

"As long as the taxes are being paid, the municipality doesn't go and check that

both parties are on the parcel," he said. Drolett said he hopes that the village isn't held to a different standard in verifying signatures.

One of the signatures in question might be that of Sylvan Township Supervisor Charles Burgess, who said he doesn't recall signing the petition.

Burgess told the board that he has been opposed to the proposal from the day it was conceived.

"Like my attorney Mr. Fahey said, there are two ownerships to each parcel in that village, and my name is the only name on it," Burgess said. "My wife's doesn't appear."

Village officials found what they thought was his signature on page 12 of the completed petition. Burgess said that the signature appears to be his, but said, "It looks like a real good forgery."

Burgess then said that he wasn't told what the petition was for at the time.

"Why would I sign something like that?" he asked. "That was during the time I was running for township supervisor."

Ann Feeney, a member of the petition committee, said that she and other members on the committee spent several hours gathering signatures for the petitions.

"Each one of those signatures, more

than 230 signatures, represents a great deal of time explaining the situation and the boundary map," she said.

Feeney said that each committee member spent approximately an hour with each resident.

But Burgess said that he doesn't recall anyone spending an hour explaining the situation. He said that he thought he was signing a nominating petition.

Fahey said that there is another signature in question besides the supervisor's. On another, the only proof of land ownership was with the husband and it was the wife who signed the petition.

"Clearly there has to be separate independent proof of ownership with those who sign the petition and not someone else," Fahey said.

Lima Township attorney John Etter agreed. He said that if a husband and wife own a piece of property and if the husband signs the petition, then the wife needs to sign it to show validity of property in favor of the petition.

Beyond the issue of signatures, local officials and the boundary commission disputed land.

Two pieces of land etched on the proposed map for consolidation were listed as being in the village but are located in

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Group expands Farmers' Market

Volunteers needed to help make it successful.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

Spring has been knocking at the door, and many have been waiting to welcome it.

And with spring comes the reopening of Chelsea Farmers' Market.

But many will be surprised with the new changes the market has undergone when it opens in May.

The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Development Authority and the village currently maintain the market.

Chelsea residents Janice Ortbring and Elaine Economou have joined forces to help the market grow and reach its full potential by building a group of community volunteers to help manage it.

"For the past 11 years, the

Chelsea Farmers' Market has served the community by providing quality produce, plants, crafts and home-baked goods in an outdoor market setting," Ortbring said.

Organizers hope to draw the community together to make downtown Chelsea a place to go with the family on Saturday mornings.

This year, the market will have 13 vendors, up from the eight it had last year.

"After talking to local farmers, we've come up with a business plan for the next few years to see the market expand," Economou said.

Vendors will be located along Park Street near the sidewalks, like last year. However, the market hours will be shortened, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Ortbring said that vendors will sign up for a two-month time-share rotation. With this type of rotation, the community

will see an assortment of produce and crafts.

Vendors can occupy space May through June, July through August or September through October.

Ortbring said that people can enjoy flowers and spring produce in the first period and vendors coming in the second half will have a wide variety of summer produce. Those coming in the fall months would be selling items like pumpkins and other seasonal goods.

Economou said that by rotating vendors she hopes to see the annual attendance increase, as well as the number of participants, by a minimum of 20 percent over the next three years.

With any expansion comes the need for more people. Economou and Ortbring have held meetings the past few weeks to introduce their ideas and concerns for the market.

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Janice Ortbring (left) and Elaine Economou are helping to coordinate this year's Farmers' Market in Chelsea. The opening celebration is slated for early May.

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Local man writes his first novel

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Roberts won't seek reelection to school board

Trustee says she learned a lot during her eight years in office.

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Trustee Jan Roberts formally announced March 12 that she will not seek reelection after two terms on the Chelsea school board.

"I have grown from my time on the board and learned from it, but other things must take precedence in my life right now," Roberts said.

She is finishing a master's degree in clinical psychology at Eastern Michigan University and recently was accepted to EMU's new doctoral program in psychology.

"That's one reason I need to retire from the board at this time," Roberts said. "The other reason has to do with a desire to see more people with children still in school serving on the school board."

"Most of my colleagues on the board have been there for some time, and many of our children have graduated."

"The collective wisdom and experience on the board is great, but needs to be tempered by the presence of parents who are closely in touch with the day-to-day activities in our schools," she said. "It is my hope that a parent of younger children will be elected to replace me."

Roberts was elected in June 1993, when her children — Daniel, Sonia, Christopher and Jesse — were young.

"As many local residents will recall, Chelsea School District's



Jan Roberts

superintendent at the time, Joe Piasecki, was murdered in December 1993," she said.

"Much of the board's energy during my first two years was focused on trying to help our school community cope with the tragedy and events that followed."

Roberts feels one of the best decisions the Board of Education made during her tenure was to hire Superintendent Ed

Richardson in 1994. "Because Ed had stepped into the superintendency of Olivet Community Schools in 1991 after the rather sudden illness and death of their superintendent, he had an understanding of the difficulties we were facing," she said.

"He also brought to Chelsea schools amazing organizational and fiscal management skills, a vision that focused on student needs, an abundance of energy and a willingness to tackle difficult problems. He has not disappointed us during his seven years as our school's leader."

"The board has been kept extremely well informed about

all aspects of school operations during his superintendency," she said. "We have been able to make better decisions as a board because of his willingness to share information with us."

Roberts said the other big accomplishment during her tenure on the board was the passage in 1995, of the \$45 million bond issue, resulting in the building of a new high school, new elementary school, renovations of other district buildings and the addition of \$3.5 million in technology.

"Focusing on what the community wanted and would support, via community surveys and focus groups, was probably the key to passing the bond," she said. "Subsequent rigorous fiscal management ensured that Chelsea received the best value possible for the dollars spent."

According to Roberts, the board's mission statement, "achieving educational goals one student at a time," truly defines what the board believes its focus should be as a district.

"I have been only one of seven people on the board," Roberts said. "We do not, and cannot act alone."

"This is important for anyone who wishes to serve our community in this capacity to understand. As a board, we create the policies and hire the people to carry them out. We do not manage the day-to-day affairs of the district."

Roberts said anyone serving in this capacity needs to have a broad vision — and sometimes a thick skin.

But she believes the rewards are great.

"I have learned as much as a college education might provide and have personally grown from the experience of serving our community in this way," she said.

Roberts finds one of the most gratifying jobs is handing stu-

dents their diplomas. "This act represents the culmination of our efforts to educate students in the best way we can find. Their success is our success," she said.

Roberts is grateful to her colleagues on the Chelsea Board of Education for the manner in which they have served with her.

"They are professional, courteous, unselfish, and devoted community leaders who often do not receive the recognition they deserve for the sometimes extremely difficult job that they are asked to do," she said.

"I trust that an equally qualified and caring person will choose to give their time and

energy to this most important role. I know that my successor will not regret their service."

Two positions will open up on the school board in June. An informational meeting for anyone interested in running for the school board will be held at 6 p.m. March 26 at North Creek Elementary School.

Nominating petitions, which must have 20 signatures from voters registered in the Chelsea School District, must be in by 4 p.m. on April 9. School board elections are on June 11. Voters must be registered by May 14.

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STRAIGHT FACTS

A story in last week's issue should have said Judith Stock is a writer who lives in California. She can be reached via e-mail at writestock@earthlink.net.

A photo caption in last week's issue should have identified Curtis Gough and Gloria Miller.

A story in last week's issue should have said that this was the second time the Accu-Vote

machine was used in village elections.

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Opportunity knocks

Brian Kissman to leave Chelsea schools for new position in Malaysia

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Brian Kissman, director of curriculum for the Chelsea School District, who has taught in International American Schools in France, Switzerland, Spain, Japan and West Africa, will be packing his bags and leaving for Malaysia this summer.

Kissman will take up a new position as curriculum director of the International School of Kuala Lumpur, a private institution. It serves expatriate students from all over the world, the children of diplomats and corporate employees working abroad.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I couldn't pass it up," Kissman said. "It's a two-year contract; however, we will be there four to seven years for our girls to complete high school in one place, not to mention the sunshine."

While he will officially leave his post in Chelsea on June 1, a position he has held for a little over a year, Kissman will help with the transition until he leaves.

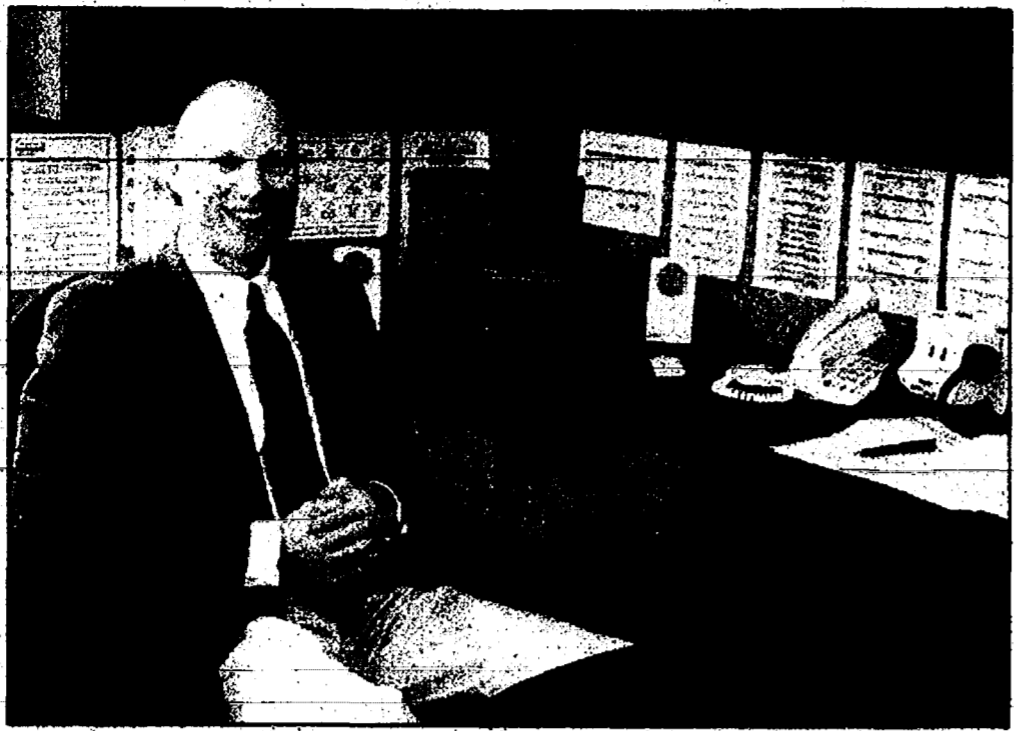
"Chelsea is a very good district and will attract outstanding candidates," he said. "The posting will go out in June and I should be able to spend quality time with my replacement and help make the transition smooth."

Kissman and his family — wife Simendea and daughters Ashly and Amanda — will then board a plane for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on July 20. The 20-hour flight will include a layover for a day or so in Honolulu.

The family will live in a new house close to the school in an expatriate community.

Kissman's new school, serving 1,500 students in kindergarten through 12th grade, has two campuses for elementary and high school students, each with an Olympic-size swimming pool.

"The school has phenomenal facilities, and advanced technology, including 800 computers for 1,500 students," Kissman said. "They have great programs in



Brian Kissman, director of curriculum for the Chelsea School District, is leaving this summer for his new position as curriculum director at an international school in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

drama, dance, music and athletics.

"It's also air conditioned for the sticky tropics."

Thirty percent of his students will be American, 20 percent from English-speaking countries such as England, Australia, Canada and New Zealand, 10 percent are from Japan and the remaining 40 percent are from other countries around the globe.

Kuala Lumpur — K.L. as it's commonly called — is a three-hour expressway drive to Singapore, two hours by air from Bali and a three-hour flight from Hong Kong.

"So, it's a pretty good jumping off point for some great places to visit," Kissman said.

While this will be his first time in Malaysia, Kissman spent time in neighboring Thailand. He has been reading up on his new home and surfing the Internet for information.

"Kuala Lumpur is a modern city, and has been very stable for 20 years," he said. "In the last decade, it's been considered one of the strongest Asian economic tigers."

The city of 1.4 million inhabitants, an ethnic mix of Malays, Chinese and Indians, is home to

and Tokyo. While the girls are sad to leave their friends, Kissman said they are also very excited about their new adventures. Living abroad is nothing new to them since they previously lived in the Canary Islands, Switzerland and France.

Simendea Kissman, who is completing her student teaching at Klager Elementary School in Manchester, will teach second grade at the International School. She also worked as a kindergarten teacher at Manchester Co-Op Nursery for a year. This will be her first teaching position with certification.

The family will be bidding farewell to a place they have called home for four years, and where Brian Kissman served for three years as principal of Klager Elementary School.

"Manchester has been a wonderful community for us, and our friends have made living there a very special experience," Kissman said.

"I also can't say enough good things about Chelsea. I feel very good about what we've achieved: bringing strong organization to the curriculum department, establishing a professional development program with technology and revising the district's curriculum development plan."

Kissman said he thinks that the curriculum reviewed during his tenure will benefit Chelsea for years to come.

"I highly commend the staff for their achievements," he said. "And working with Ed Richardson (superintendent) and the administration in Chelsea has been excellent. They are highly professional."

Iva Corbett (assistant superintendent for instruction and personnel) has been wonderful as my direct supervisor. Her mentorship has been invaluable."

Kissman, who was also considered for positions in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and New Delhi, India, attributes his time in

Chelsea to helping him ace this new post.

"I went to a conference of International Schools in Washington, D.C., which is where I secured the position," he said. "I was offered the job on the spot."

"The time I've spent in Chelsea, what I've learned and what we've achieved here, made me exceptionally competitive."

Kissman is one of almost 15,000 teachers and administrators placed in 200 American and international schools around the world by International Schools Service since 1955.

Corbett said that when the

district hired Kissman, school officials knew they would not be able to keep this spirited administrator for very long.

"We also knew that he could provide a great deal of organization and enthusiasm for curriculum to our district, and Brian has done everything we had hoped," Corbett said.

"We wish him well as he continues his dreams in Malaysia. His energy and beaming smile will be sorely missed."

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Quartet to perform on April 1

The Congdon Quartet will celebrate the first day of April with a performance of Haydn's "The Joke," 3 p.m. April 1 at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St.

This will be the final concert of the season for the string quartet.

The program will also include Ravel's Quartet, with a brief intermission between the two pieces.

To enrich the classical experience, local violinist Ian Cumming will comment briefly about the composers, the pieces and their historical context. In European

tradition, refreshments will be served at the end of the concert.

Chelsea Depot is wheelchair accessible and parking is available in the adjacent village parking lots or any village street.

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SURVEY

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land that could be acquired, officials said.

Residents will be asked to consider various solutions to the problems facing the hall. One alternative is to add on to the structure. Another is to rebuild.

Residents also will be asked to consider whether the township hall should include amenities for recreation and public service substations, and whether it should be available to rent.

The survey is also intended to gather opinions on options for

police protection for the township when the county discontinues sheriff road patrols in municipalities that do not contract for the service.

Last year, Lyndon Township voters defeated a millage to establish a township police department.

Residents will be asked about their thoughts on how to pay for police services and how emergency services can be managed.

Options will include using the services of the Michigan State Police, contracting with the sheriff's department, sharing police services with other townships or forming a township police force.

The Township Board discussed how the survey would be distributed. One option was to mail a copy to each household, regardless of the number of occupants. Another was to mail it to each person on the list of registered voters, even though some may not live in the township.

The board said it will come to a decision in the next two weeks.

In other township business, Supervisor Maryann Noah presented the Multi Lake Water and Sewer Board report. Lyndon and Dexter townships organized the board to design, maintain and operate the wastewater treatment facility for both townships.

Noah said that residents of the townships who belong to the sewer authority consortium are using gravity sewers with individual pump stations requiring electrical connections at each house. She said this is problematic for rural residents who operate low power.

The board is now considering the AIRVAC sewage collection system. Noah said the system uses a central station and serves about 200 residences. She said it does not require an electrical connection at each home. Sewage is conveyed from each residence through a pipe to the main station at 18 feet per second.



Harpist Performs at Fund-raiser
The Chelsea House Orchestra provided the music at the "McFun-raiser" held Friday at the Clock Tower Building in Chelsea. Proceeds will benefit the 2001 Chelsea Summer Fest. Pictured is Celtic harpist Erika Malinoski.

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separate townships, according to the Office of the Great Seal.

One parcel, approximately 1.3 acres, is a strip of land in the northeast corner of Lima Township. The other is a small parcel in Sylvan Township.

Fahey said that the village did

not correctly show its boundaries on the map.

Etter agreed and said that the piece of land near the railroad tracks, west of Freer Road, is located in Lima Township.

The other is near the industrial park off of East Industrial Drive. This land technically rests within Sylvan Township, not the village.

Village Manager Jack Myers

said that if you have a new city boundary, the islands that are currently in the village or incorporated in the new city boundaries don't really matter because they're going to become part of the city anyway.

Whether it's the validity of signatures or land, the two attorneys said that if Chelsea becomes a city, it would greatly hinder the townships' tax base.

Burgess said that if Chelsea becomes a city, Sylvan Township's tax base would shrink 70 percent.

The State Boundary Commission plans to reconvene April 12 in Lansing after signatures are examined more closely.

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Chelsea resident named to manufacturing post

Chelsea resident Susan Pickering Rothamel was elected to chair the Manufacturers Council of the Hobby Industry Association at its annual meeting in January.

Rothamel will also serve as

coordinator of the existing Mentors' Program.

Rothamel is president of US ArtQuest Inc., a manufacturer of unique art materials, in Grass Lake. She is also an accomplished artist, author and workshop leader.

Parker named to dean's list

Katie Parker, a sophomore at Eastern Michigan University's School of Nursing, made the dean's list for the fall semester with a 3.5 grade point average.

The 1999 Chelsea graduate is the daughter of Earl and Nancy Parker. Her sister, Jenny, is a sophomore at Chelsea High School.

Brink named to dean's 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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They are looking for volunteers to take on a wide range of tasks.

Economou said they will be looking for volunteers to handle food, music, finances and sponsorship.

Ortring said that she hopes that the sponsorship campaign is a success because it will draw the community together.

The sponsorship program will be like a scholarship, where volunteers will ask for donations in a certain area to sponsor a local vendor for the growing season.

Once \$200 is raised in a certain area, a sign would be posted near that sponsored vendor, identifying its donors.

An additional planning meeting will be held at 8 a.m. March 31 at the Edgar Norman Creative, 116 S. Main St. For more information call 475-7789 or 475-9686.

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Sylvan Township rejects village police proposal

Council wants everyone to benefit from police proposal.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

Sylvan Township has rejected a proposal from Chelsea for police protection.

Sylvan Township Clerk LuAnn Koch said that the township is not interested in a proposal similar to what officials in Lima Township have requested.

Lima Township is asking for up to 20 hours of police protection.

"This wouldn't be patrol ser-

vice, just on-call and for emergencies," said Chelsea Police Chief Lenard McDougall.

Lima Township would receive one full-time officer and a car from the village.

Effective Jan. 1, the sheriff's department will end road patrol in townships that don't have a contract with the county.

If townships choose to contract with the county, it will cost them approximately \$71,000 for each full-time deputy. Salary, benefits, equipment, a patrol car and supervision will be covered in the cost.

The total cost is estimated at \$109,000, but the county will pay

"It was unfortunate that the council made such a quick decision."

— LuAnn Koch
Sylvan Township clerk

about \$37,000. County officials need to know by July 1 whether the townships plan to contract

with the county for police services.

Koch said she was disappointed Chelsea Village Council would not give Sylvan more than 20 hours a week.

"It was unfortunate that the council made such a quick decision," she said.

Koch said that she believes Sylvan Township residents want a certain comfort level and that the Lima plan would not meet the township's needs.

Koch said that she is going to keep her options open. Sylvan and other townships can contract with the county or rely on the Michigan State Police for

protection.

However, before any contracts are drawn or signed with the village, the numbers and information will be finalized and looked over by a special committee from the Village Council.

At last week's meeting, Village President Richard Steele asked the board if they wanted to get involved with the townships. He said that he wants to see the village benefit from this proposal as much as the townships.

"The village comes first, but I would like to see everyone benefit from this," Steele said.

The board voted (4-2) in favor of helping the townships. Trustees Charles Ritter and

Mike Hammer voted against the measure. Trustee Richard Rigg was not present.

Hammer said that after looking at the figures, some costs looked tight. He said that he thought it would be too much for the village to handle right now.

Ritter agreed with Hammer and said that he doesn't want to support the neighboring townships.

Trustee Jim Myles said that he would like to see final numbers by the second board meeting in April. Trustee Janice Orbring seconded his motion.

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Teachers' union loses grievance

Arbitrator rules in favor of school administration on issue of teacher transfer.

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

At the March 12 school board meeting, Superintendent Ed Richardson reported on the results of arbitration regarding the involuntary transfer of band director William Gourley from the high school to the middle school last fall.

The original dispute between Gourley and the school administration dates back to the summer of 1999. It centered on extracurricular activities, specifically band camp and Gourley's contention that he should receive greater remuneration as band director.

In July 1999, the district sent Gourley a letter compelling him to hold band camp. Gourley contended the timing of the letter, coming a week before camp, made it impossible for him to comply.

A week later, when band camp did not occur, the high school officially reprimanded Gourley for insubordination. The reprimand was the cause for the grievance, which was filed by Gourley in August.

Following a second reprimand over band festival,

Chelsea High School Principal Ron Mead requested that Gourley be reassigned. District administration transferred him to a social studies teaching position at Beach Middle School.

The Chelsea Education Association, the local teachers' union, disputed the reassignment.

Last year, an arbitrator ruled in favor of the school district. The arbitrator's decision denied Gourley's original grievance, saying that he had violated his contract by not providing a band camp in the summer of 1999.

In this most recent round of arbitration on Feb. 27, the Chelsea Education Association contended that the employer had improperly punished Gourley by imposing an unwanted reassignment, and had disciplined him without just cause.

The union asked that Gourley be reinstated to his previous position as band director at Chelsea High School.

The district argued that Gourley refused to perform certain responsibilities associated with his band director assignment and, as a result, he was disciplined.

The arbitrator ruled in favor of all the positions taken by the district in this regard.

"The district prevailed in its entirety," Richardson said. "The

district had the right to do what it did and the arbitrator's opinion explained the legal background. It's my hope this issue will be concluded."

Gourley said he had nothing to do with the dispute. He said the union brought the grievance based upon the ability of the school district to use reassignment as a disciplinary measure.

"As an infantry sergeant in the Army, as a manager and as a teacher, I know there is a difficult line to follow between making sure personal feelings do not overshadow personnel decisions," Gourley said Tuesday. "It's a hard line to follow."

Gourley had served as high school band conductor since 1981, and taught symphony band, wind ensemble, sixth-grade band to beginners and led extracurricular jazz and marching bands.

He was one of eight most regularly honored teachers chosen

by students at the annual Cum Laude Honors Banquet.

Over the years, both he and the band earned a national reputation and he was nominated four times to the Who's Who of American Teachers.

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Center to host forum April 21

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Dynamic leaders in the movement for sustainability will lead participants in a plenary session, workshops and discussion from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Michigan Friends Center, 7748 Clark Lake Road, in Lyndon Township.

The plenary speakers come from various spiritual traditions and will open the forum by sharing their experiences with spirit-led action for a sustainable future.

Peter Dougherty, a Catholic priest whose life is devoted to peacemaking, is one of the speakers. He founded Covenant for Peace, Great Lakes Life Community, Michigan Faith and Resistance, and Michigan Peace Team. He has been on violence reduction peace teams in Bosnia, Haiti, Hebron, Chiapas and Michigan.

Speakers Dick and Mary Hogan are Quakers who live with their three children near Athens, Ohio. There, they are co-

creating an "eco-village" and earth-regeneration center. They operate a business to craft, build, retrofit and repair living systems and structures. The Hogans practice ecology for self-reliant living at their small farm and home school.

"Haju" is another speaker. She is the resident priest at the Zen Buddhist Temple in Ann Arbor and has been a Zen teacher for 23 years.

Several workshops will be held in the afternoon. Dexter Township resident Dr. Patrick Munson will present a workshop called "Listen Quietly, Move Softly," where he will share his experiences in clarifying and living in accordance with inner vision.

Liz Brater, former Ann Arbor mayor and current land use director at The Ecology Center, will teach "Urban Sprawl: What Citizens Can Do."

Trish Beckjord, landscape architect and president of the Ann Arbor chapter of Wild Ones, will share a slide presentation to teach how native plants, being adapted to local climates, are wise choices in residential landscaping.

Dougherty will lead a workshop on "Stories of Non-Violent Empowerment." He will reveal how the use of violence reduction teams is on the rise in some of the most embroiled regions of the world.

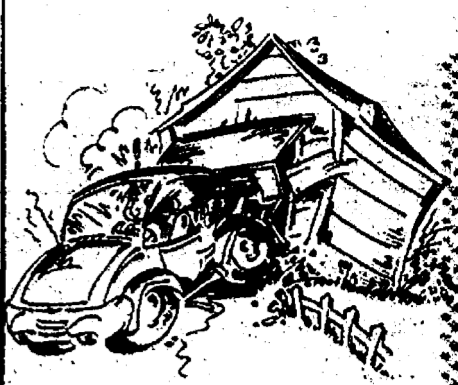
The Hogans will lead "Habitations of the Heart," in which they will explore the design of such living systems as root cellars, water harvesting and cisterns, greenhouses, energy conserving retrofits and renewable energy systems.

The public is invited to attend the forum. Pre-registration is required. Call 475-1892 for more information.



Essay Winners

The winners of the recent VFW annual essay contest received their awards at a dinner hosted by Chelsea VFW on Feb. 25 at Chelsea Community Hospital. Shown are high school senior Caitlin Biedron (left), eighth-grader Jamie Bougher, VFW member William Pierce, eighth-grader Hanna Taylor, eighth-grader Daniel Keilman and senior Catherine Boshoven.



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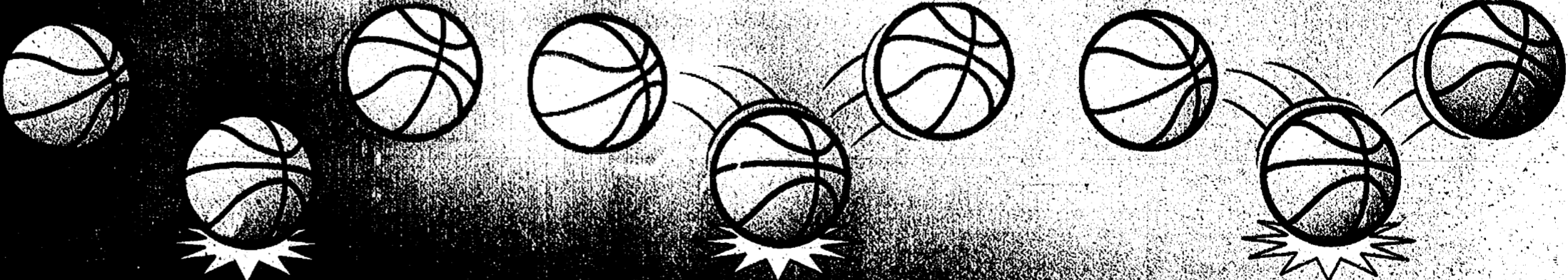
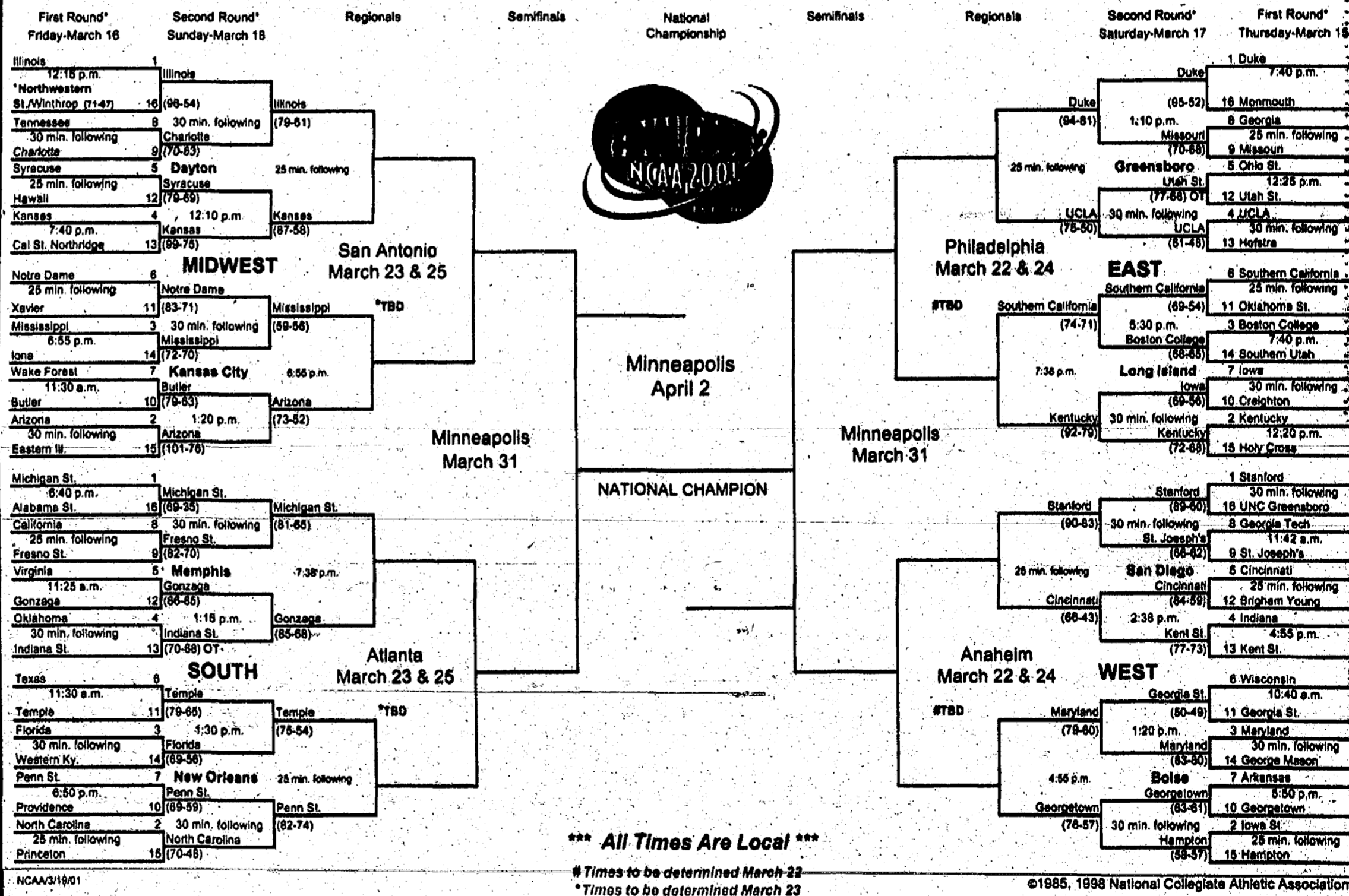


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By Susan Daratony
Special Writer

The holiday season is long over and many people are wondering how they are going to pay their credit card debt down without being buried in high interest rates.

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People get confused and a little scared about refinancing. There used to be a rule in the mortgage industry that said

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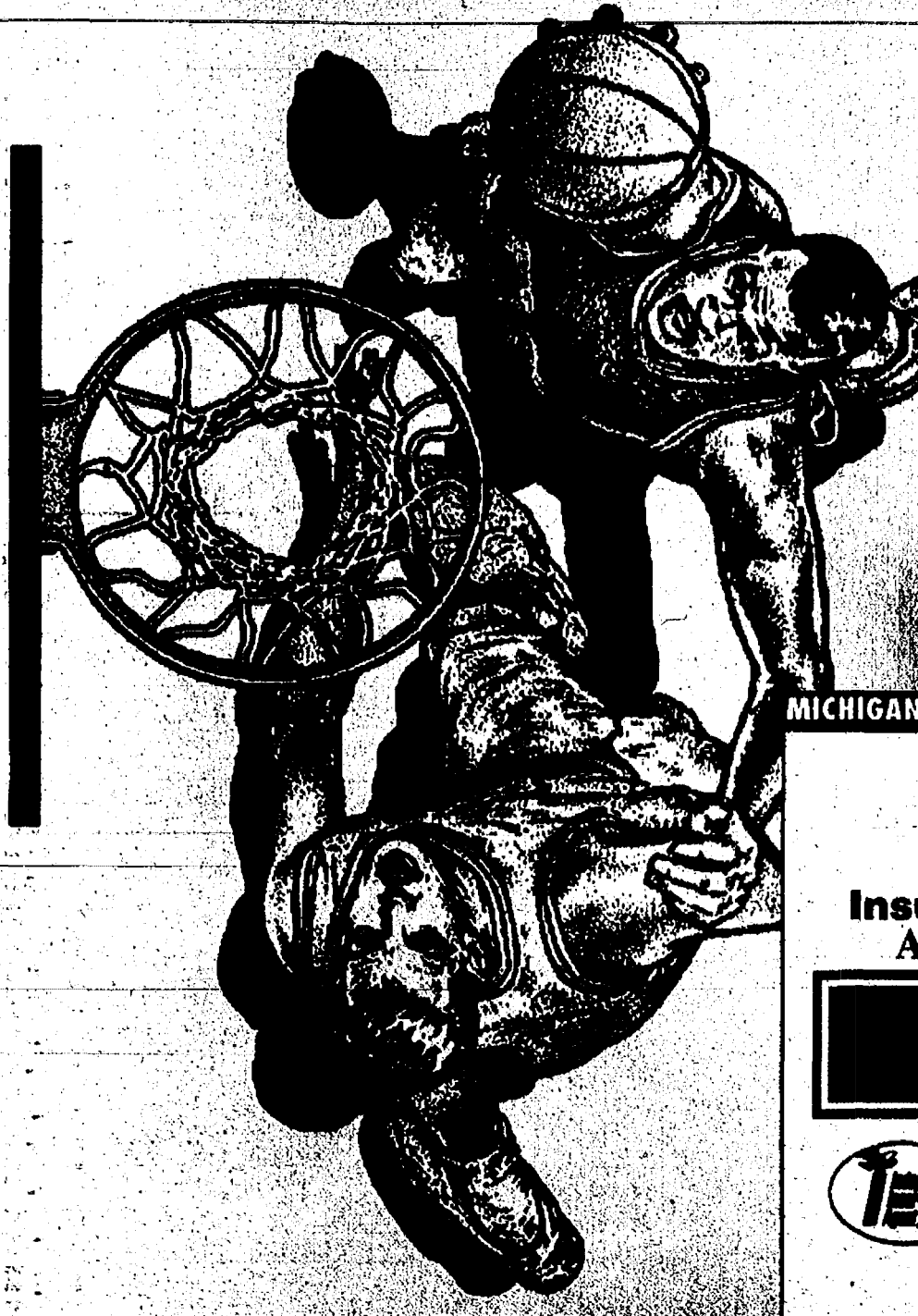
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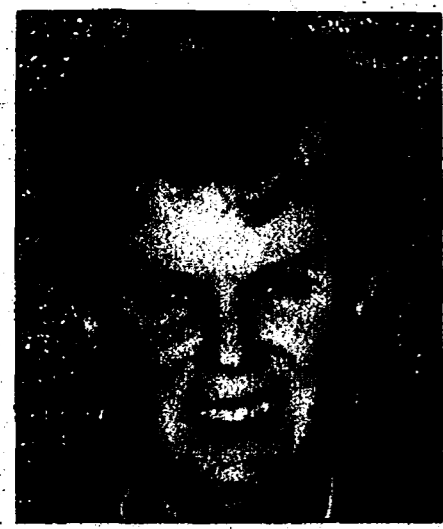
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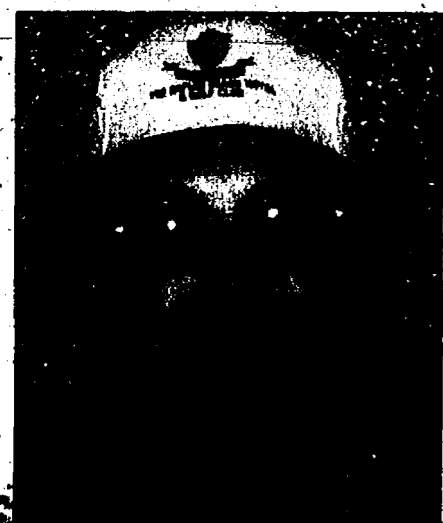
By Erin Dronen

"What movie do you think should win the Oscar for Best Picture?"



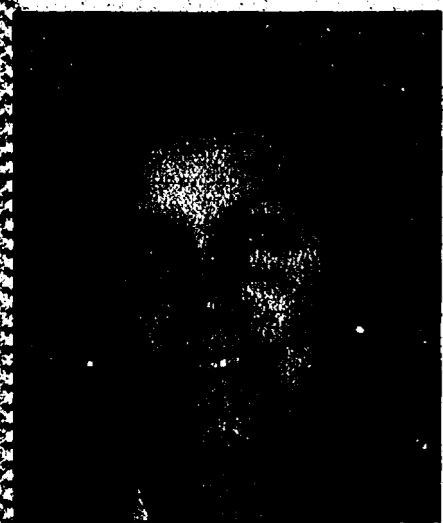
"Erin Brockovich," I guess.

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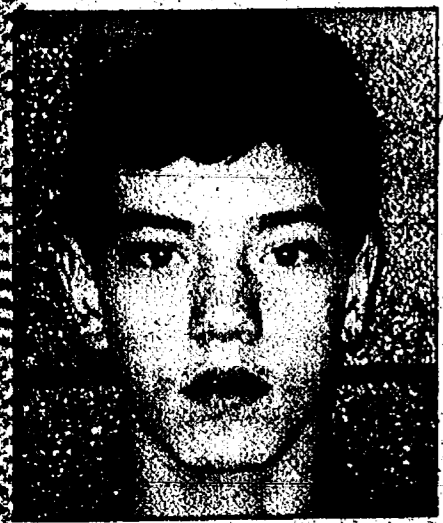
"Chocolat." That's the one I want.

Jeff Stamper
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"Gladiator."

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"Gladiator."

Jeff Wonders
Chelsea

St. Patrick's Day time to celebrate



ELIZABETH
WAGENSCHUTZ

LETTERS FROM IRELAND

I think that I'm finally getting back into the routine of Tully Cross or, more specifically, of not having a routine or not having to do anything after almost 20 days of constant movement.

It's a wee bit hard to adjust to, but nice all the same.

Last Thursday, I went back to see my students at Lettergesh National School after being away for a full month.

As I promised, I brought them "digestives," a type of cookie, and American peanut butter. This went over surprisingly well, especially since they mocked me, when I brought a

peanut butter sandwich on my first day.

But they really enjoyed the stuff ("Oh it's just lovely! Can't you bring it again next week?"), and they are now very excited to try Kool-Aid and Jell-O, neither of which they have here. I'm having my brother bring them when he comes for his visit.

I got to see most of my students again on St. Patrick's Day. Most people in the area come to Tully Cross for church. Services were full and, most surprising of all, they had a children's choir that sang and performed music. Usually there is no music of any sort at the services.

So, we started off St. Patrick's Day by going to Mass. The holiday is quite a big deal here, almost comparable to our Memorial Day, except the religious aspect is more present in their celebration since, well, it's a religious holiday.

But it's also a time to celebrate Ireland and pride in the country. There are usually parades, though this year they were all

anceled because of foot-and-mouth disease.

There is also a lot of live music performed in many pubs during the day and many children, as well as adults, are around. The entire community comes out to visit and celebrate with one another.

But as I said, the day does begin with Mass because it's primarily a religious event. Afterward, while we were eating brunch as a cottage, there was a knock on the door. Waiting outside was a group of my Lettergesh students. Lisa, one of my housemates, also works at Lettergesh, so the students asked to see both of us. They told us that it was tradition to have a water fight with the students.

It was extremely cold outside, though gorgeous, and there were roughly 15 kids versus two of us. So, of course, we agreed to the water fight.

And it was absolutely hysterical. We had our water bottles, which were pretty ineffectual against the hose they were

using, but I would lure them around the back of the house and Lisa, upstairs, would throw a bucket of water from the window. I ended up soaking wet, while most others were just, oh, mildly damp. But it was still very fun.

Afterward, we had the students come in and gave them more cookies with peanut butter. Then we all headed over to one of the pubs to listen to music.

The group in Sammon's pub had two guitars, an accordion, and a fiddle. It was phenomenal. The four musicians aren't in a group, nor had they practiced together. They knew the music and were talented enough that they could just follow along, pick up on the songs as they went and perform with each other perfectly.

They sang a number of traditional Irish songs, as well as some reels and jigs so that the children could dance. Children learn Irish step-dancing at school as part of the curriculum.

We went to Letterfrack for more music, then back to Tully Cross for a "pub crawl" between the two pubs. We finally got back to our cottage about 2 a.m., and it was a brilliant day. But it would have to be because it was St. Patrick's Day in Ireland!

It'll be desperately sad next year when I have to spend St. Patrick's Day in Michigan. How amazing and wonderful that I was able to experience it, and not just in a large city where I wouldn't know the people, but in Tully Cross, where we Americans are actually part of the town. The music, the community, everything, it is something that I will greatly miss when I leave.

Perhaps next year I'll just have to fly back for the weekend.

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

Volunteers often wonder if they make a difference



MICHAEL
VISEL

LETTERS FROM ROMANIA

Salut!

I realize now why the Peace Corps service is for two years. In addition to the time needed to adjust to life in a new culture, I continue to adjust to the slower pace, and a variable schedule in the work place.

This is sometimes very hard for many volunteers because as Americans, we are used to a busier, fixed schedule and sort of thrive on tangible results.

With the initial feeling of excitement having long since passed, my big concern now is having the need-to-feel-productive here.

After training, Peace Corps

assigned us to specific work sites. The primary role of the volunteers is to work at their assignments. Any activities outside of their assignments are considered secondary.

In my case, I have been assigned to work at a resource center for all of the non-governmental organizations in the county of Tulcea.

The non-governmental organizations that exist work in the areas of business, environment, culture, social services. This resource center exists for them. It has useful information on current legislation pertaining to the non-governmental organizations sector, materials on how to seek funding, write grants, use promotional activities, project development, fund-raising, and access to computers.

The president of this resource center is very intelligent and knows how to do all of these things. Any ideas I have come up with she has already tried.

As a matter of fact, I have learned more myself in these areas that I have taught. I am very grateful for this, but at the

same time it has left me feeling like, "Why am I here?" or "How can I help this place?"

With that in mind, I started getting involved in secondary activities on my own. These

But even though many of us don't see tangible results, we can keep in mind that if anything, a positive cultural exchange goes a long way, especially at a time when technology is bringing us all closer together.

include working with personnel at the local orphanage to plan the construction of an outdoor basketball court on their property, helping a few people with their English and participating in World Wise Schools, where I share information about Ro-

mania to a sixth-grade class in Illinois.

I am also assisting the local youth council on its projects and future activities, collaborating with a few probation centers in Romania and planning a bicycle trip for next summer, when I plan to ride around Romania to raise money here and in America to benefit a certain cause.

Now, one day my counterpart at the resource center was upset with me because she felt like I was not spending enough time working at the office. So, we had an argument, which was basically about why she wanted me there, what does she expect of me.

It turned out to be a productive argument and through it we were able to hash out a better understanding of my role there. This includes more promotional type activities, coordinating regular meetings with non-government organizations and the public.

I have some other ideas for the office and hopefully I can contribute. Thus, satisfying my

primary role in the first place. We'll see.

Anyway, it was nice to have a renewed commitment with her, and we will try again. We later laughed because I had my first argument in Romanian language. She said I spoke pretty good for being mad.

So, I keep plugging away, lowering my expectations and realizing that the things I am and will be involved with are productive. These types of problems are common with many volunteers. Wondering if we are really making a difference.

But even though many of us don't see tangible results, we can keep in mind that if anything, a positive cultural exchange goes a long way, especially at a time when technology is bringing us all closer together.

La revedere!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chelsea mural should remain standing

At the recent "McFun-raiser" held at the Chelsea Clock Tower building, event sponsor McKinley Properties proudly displayed boards illustrating a new parking lot where the wall mural now stands. Before they roll out the wrecking ball, perhaps McKinley Properties could stop and consider the following:

The wall mural was designed by six Chelsea High School students in 1997 as part of a school assignment. The final design was refined after many hours of student and teacher work.

Multiple area artists and non-artists helped to lay out the student design at full scale on the wall as a community paint by numbers.

More than 200 volunteers from our community helped to paint this mural. Major donors for the wall include Chelsea State Bank, Chelsea Lumber, Bob and Marj Daniels, Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, Chelsea Milling Co. and James and Janice Stevens Botsford.

This wall mural has become the largest and most prominent public art work in our village.

The wall mural is enjoyed not only by village residents and visitors but also by train passengers. The wall mural was in part designed to give train passengers a brief glimpse of art in Chelsea as they speed between Ann Arbor and Jackson. In this way, the same passengers may remember the mural and come back to our vil-

lage for a closer look.

If McKinley Properties look the time to look into the history of this art mural and consider the importance of art in our lives then maybe they would not so readily sacrifice it for convenience parking.

Perhaps a more responsive solution to demolishing the wall mural (while still gaining potential parking) would be to allow the art mural to remain as a freestanding wall with new parking created on the north side of it.

It can easily be braced and buttressed so that it can stand on its own. Instead of being demolished it can now shield the new parking area from the train tracks and from views from the Chelsea Depot.

In this solution, the wall mural also functions as a safety barrier to prevent children from running across the train tracks after getting out of cars. Creating new parking immediately adjacent to the train tracks is after all not a very safe design as people, children, especially, tend to take the shortest route.

A new parking lot located on the north side of the train tracks will no doubt be used by people who want to cross the same tracks to get to Main Street. And of course there is no safe way to cross the tracks next to the proposed parking lot.

By leaving the mural wall in place, it helps to direct people to the west, where they can more safely cross the tracks along Main Street. By leaving the mural wall in place, it also buffers the community and

train passengers from having to look at yet another parking lot.

The facts are that McKinley Properties now owns this entire factory complex and they can in essence do what they want with it. The potential transformation of underutilized factory and warehouse buildings into mixed-use spaces will no doubt add vitality to our downtown core. But why at the expense of the most prominent public art works in our village?

Sometimes there is enormous benefit to working with an existing pallet rather than cleaning the slate.

Scott McElrath
Chelsea

Sylvan should rely on state police

Sylvan Township residents who attended a meeting at the township hall on March 8 were informed about various proposals to make up for the loss of Washtenaw County Sheriff road patrol services in areas that do not contract as of 2002.

The proposals presented included contracting services from either the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department or the Village of Chelsea, creating a Sylvan Township Police Department or joining with other townships to create a police authority.

Each of these proposals involves hundreds of thousands of dollars of expense, and none is significantly cheaper than any other.

Additionally, the Michigan State Police presented an alternative that captured the atten-

tion of the crowd.

The state police said the Ypsilanti post will provide exclusive service to any Washtenaw County townships that choose not to contract with the sheriff's department or create their own force.

The Ypsilanti post is staffed with 31 troopers. Of that number, four are already located at the Sylvan Township Hall.

The state police appear to be serving the township very well now. An examination of statistical data supplied by the sheriff's office demonstrates in 2000 the state police was the primary responder to Sylvan Township for 55 percent of burglary alarms, 67 percent of noise complaints, 46 percent of traffic crashes, and 89 percent of assaults within the township.

Since the state police already provides significant coverage, it seems reasonable the township should rely on the agency until experience determines it cannot do the job.

If it is determined through actual experience that additional police coverage is desired over and above what the state police is providing, then I would suggest the township form its own police force that is exclusively controlled by the township.

The township should avoid contracting with other government entities such as the village, whose primary interest would be in serving its own interest.

The very expensive proposals presented thus far assume without any data presented to residents to support the assumption — the loss of the sheriff's coverage cannot be compensat-

ed for by the state police.

Residents need to let the trustees know their opinion on this matter:

Tom Caplis
Sylvan Township

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Find out about flood insurance

By Mark Rutkowski
Heritage Newspapers

Heavy rainfall can send residents to their basements checking for damage and running to their insurance agents to find out how much, if any, of their belongings are covered when there is flood damage.

It depends on exactly what happened, but in many cases homeowners discover they don't have the protection they thought they did, even though such protection probably was available.

Leanne Snay, executive director of the Insurance Information Association of Michigan in Lansing, said that the time to find out about coverage is before you need it.

Most people who end up with damaged basements and belongings fall into one of two groups: They were either those who were victims of water seepage from the outside or those who had sewer backups through floor drains.

The two are very different in terms of insurance protection but have one thing in common:

Homeowners must pay extra for increased protection.

In terms of sewer backups or sump pump overflow, Snay said it is pretty standard that such claims are not covered by homeowners' policies unless the insured person buys a specific endorsement covering such backups.

"Some insurance companies offer a buyback," Snay said, adding that homeowners can pay extra for the extra protection. "(Sewer backups) are not part of a standard homeowners' policy."

Separate also from a standard homeowners' policy is flood insurance.

The National Flood Insurance Program is operated through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

According to Mark Stevens, NFIP public affairs officer, the program was started with the passage of the National Flood Insurance Act in 1968 because flood insurance either was not available or was cost-prohibitive to most homeowners.

Today, flood insurance is man-

aged by the federal government but available through various local insurance agents. The premiums are paid to the government, and the government sets the price for insurance, meaning that prices are standard and should not vary from agent to agent. In return for selling policies, Stevens said local agents get what amounts to a small commission.

Stevens said the average national premium cost last year was \$353, but cautioned that policy prices can vary from house to house depending on elevation, construction standards and other variables. The only way to get an exact price for a specific address is through an agent.

The only catch to flood insurance is that to be able to get protection, a homeowner must live in a participating community. Those communities are not selected based on their risk factor, but on local officials agreeing to adhere to certain building and zoning stipulations.

"We estimate that there are 11 million households in designat-

ed flood plains," Stevens said. "Of those, less than 25 percent are covered."

Stevens cautioned against the line of thinking many homeowners have that they won't pay for flood insurance because if things get bad enough, the federal government will step in and offer assistance.

For that to happen, he said, the president must designate a region as a national disaster area. Even when that happens, Stevens added, most assistance comes in the forms of loans, not grants, meaning that the money must be repaid with interest.

Stevens also said flood insurance does not protect a homeowner whose basement leaks during an average thunderstorm. For a policy to kick in, at least two adjacent parcels must experience flood conditions determined by the government.

For more information on flood insurance call the NFIP at 1-800-427-9662. For general insurance questions, call the Insurance Information Association of Michigan at 1-800-777-8005.



Talented Trio

Rosa Lancioni (left), Nikki Oberholtzer and Willa Booth performed a swing dance routine at the recent North Creek Talent Variety Show. The girls danced to the tune "The Girl with the Crimson Hair," a 1940 dance tune.

Lake level to be raised

The water level at Portage Lake will be raised 12 to 15 inches beginning April 4 and will reach its summer level by April 11, according to Janis Bobrin, Washtenaw County drain commissioner.

Bobrin said that each winter the lake level is lowered to reduce frost damage and ero-

sion at the lake. Homeowners in the Portage Lake area are cautioned to prepare for the raising of the lake level, which is coordinated with opening of the boat launch facilities.

Dennis M. Wojcik, chief deputy drain commissioner, will answer inquiries and can be reached at 994-2525.

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JUMPING with HEART

Chelsea pupils join fight against killer disease

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Cardiovascular disease is a killer. It is the nation's No. 1 cause of death, accounting for 41 percent of all deaths in the country more than the next seven causes of death combined. In Washtenaw County alone, it accounts for almost 35 percent of all deaths.

Pupils at South Meadows and North Creek elementary schools joined the fight against heart and stroke disease by participating in the recent Jump Rope for Heart program sponsored by the American Heart Association.

This fund-raising event, held in thousands of elementary schools across the country, helps educate elementary school students about health, fitness and the value of a regular physical activity program.

Promoted by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, the event raises funds for medical research and for programs such as HeartPower! that help prevent heart disease and stroke.

Eric Burris, physical education teacher at North Creek Elementary School, first got interested in the

program while teaching in Pinckney.

"For certain amounts of money raised, the school receives a gift certificate to buy equipment for the physical education program," Burris says. "At the time, St. Mary (Catholic Church) had very little equipment to work with."

That first year, his students raised \$371. "But the real eye opener for me was to see the form, which asked who the individual was jumping for. All the students knew someone who had or was still suffering from heart disease," he says.

Burris brought his interest in the program to North Creek Elementary School, where he has taught physical education for four years.

This year, while the whole school jumped rope as an activity, 76 pupils found sponsors and raised more than \$5,000.

Burris, who admits his own rope jumping is on a "very limited basis," continues with the Jump Rope for Heart program to help students give back to loved ones who are suffering from this preventable disease.

Burris worked with Mike Bareis, physical education teacher at South Meadows Elementary School, on setting up dates for this year's event.

"South Meadows had done Jump Rope for Heart

before I came here, so I had the information on the program," Bareis says.

"This year, our kids raised three or four times more than they had in previous years. Thirty-five pupils found sponsors and raised \$2,000."

Bareis has taught physical education at South Meadows since last January, moving over from Beach Middle School, where he was assistant principal for 2½ years.

The Chelsea resident, who loves jumping rope, is a big advocate of the benefits.

"Any teams I coached — college and high school basketball and baseball and middle school basketball — got to jump rope for cardiovascular training and coordination," he says.

"A big advantage of jumping rope is that kids who aren't into organized sports can still enjoy the activity. They can jump rope alone or play with double ropes together in a group."

Bareis, who lost grandparents to heart disease, found his pupils could relate to family members who have had heart problems.

A member of the Chelsea Kiwanis, Bareis believes

FACTS

Warning signs of heart attack

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back.

- Pain that spreads to the shoulders, neck or arms.

- Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

Warning signs for stroke

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.

- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.

- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.

- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.

- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

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Author in our midst

Local man publishes first novel

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Like many baby boomers, Dexter resident David Mazzotta has fond memories of his days in college.

The Southfield native went a step further than mere reminiscing, he wrote a novel, the recently published opus, "Apple Pie," a comedy about student life at the University of Michigan.

Mazzotta came to writing later in life, and didn't consider it until he was in his 30s.

"Of course, I've always been a reader," he says. "My earliest memories are of my father teaching me to read a year before I started kindergarten. I could read the entire books before most kids could spell their own names."

"Maybe as a result of that, the written word has been the most profound and consistent influence in my life. Everything I know about writing comes from reading."

A software developer with Creative Solutions in Dexter, Mazzotta has no formal training in writing, although he did research some of the technical requirements for writing

screenplays.

"Every self-help book I've looked at about writing has said the only way to learn to write is to write and keep writing. So that's what I did, and what I still do," he says.

"I probably took the single most difficult path to getting published. I never had short stories or anything else published before. I just started writing 'Apple Pie' and rewrote it and refined it until someone was willing to publish it."

As to what prompted him to — as he puts it, "actually sit my butt in a chair and start writing" — Mazzotta says he's not sure.

"An awful lot of speculation has gone on throughout history as to why someone would be moved to devote the effort and emotion required for something — to write a book, or a write a song or paint a still life — with no hope of success, statistically speaking," he says. "Because it's there is probably as good as anything."

Mazzotta did a lot of his writing at a bookstore in Ann Arbor, surrounded by other authors' works. Writing his rough draft in

longhand on yellow legal pads, he would then head home to the computer.

On pleasant days, he would drive out to Chelsea and work outdoors at Pierce Park, sustaining himself in restaurants and coffeehouses around town.

A business administration graduate of both Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan, Mazzotta first envisioned his story in terms of an '80s John Hughes movie along the lines of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" or "Sixteen Candles."

For a short time, Mazzotta was pushing it as a screenplay.

On a lark, he sent actor Ben Stein — now famous on the Comedy Channel's "Win Ben Stein's Money" — a copy.

"I only half jokingly suggested that if he liked it, he could pass it along or even pitch it for me," he says. "To my surprise, he actually called me with some suggestions and told me he thought it was very funny and clever."

As he dug deeper, the fledgling writer realized that since so much of the book was a personal journey, he was having trouble

expressing the ideas without a narrator as a guide.

"I could've added a narrator to the screenplay, but by then I was so fed up with rejections that I tried to take a different tack, not that there turned out to be fewer rejections for the novel," he says.

"Also, writing it as a novel gave me a chance to indulge in some word play that would have been lost otherwise."

A fan of satirical writers Dave Barry, P.J. O'Rourke and Christopher Buckley, Mazzotta thought he had a good story, a highly dramatized and fictionalized compendium of his student experiences as seen through 20/20 hindsight.

"Lord knows, you don't see it for the carefree lark that it is when you are living it," he says. "I'm hoping that becomes part of the appeal of the book to older folks who aren't students or recent graduates — that they see a lot of themselves and their lives in it."

The work took about seven years, including the "false start" of writing a screenplay, and the search for a publisher.

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Chelsea residents may recognize Dexter writer David Mazzotta, who has just published his first novel, "Apple Pie," a comedic satire about student life at the University of Michigan. Mazzotta wrote some of the novel in Chelsea, working outdoors in Pierce Park or in local coffeehouses and restaurants. The novel is semi-autobiographical, based on Mazzotta's own memories of life as an undergraduate in Ann Arbor.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Friday, March 23
Poetry Night is set for 7 p.m. at Little Professor Book Store, 1250 S. Main St., in Chelsea. Josie Kearns will be on hand to read and sign copies of her new poetry book, "New Numbers."

Saturday, March 24
Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., presents "Mornings, Mochas & Melodies," featuring live folk and acoustic music from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays. This week's entertainment is Dave Foster. For more information, call 475-6061.

Basement Remodeling Seminar from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. Call 433-2206 for more information.

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Business After Hours 5 to 7 p.m. at Edward Jones and Dault Builders in the Chelsea Shopping Center. To RSVP call 475-1145.

A Monthly Dinner Meeting is set 6:30 p.m. at the Comfort Inn Conference Center for the Chelsea-Dexter chapter of the American Business Women's Association. The conference center is located at 1645 Commerce Park in Chelsea. Call 426-0692 for more information.

Wednesday, March 28
Skywarn Spotter training is offered free to anyone 18 years or older interested in being trained in severe weather identification and reporting procedures. Training will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Chelsea UAW Hall, Local 1284, 2795 M-52.

Thursday, March 29
An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. The drive is open to the public.

Chelsea Community Hospital will hold an open house from 3 to 5 p.m. to celebrate the grand opening of Family Medicine of Stockbridge, 4525 South M-52 in Stockbridge. Call 475-3914 for more information.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Domestic Violence Project Safe House Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Monday at

Chelsea Community Hospital, Behavioral Health Services Building. For more information, call 426-0369.

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

Mystery Book Club meets regularly at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the library's new location in the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea.

Chelsea Amateur Radio Club (rptr: 14545) meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at Key Bank, 1478 Chelsea-Manchester Road. For information, call Jeff Cowall (N8KPA), 475-2424 or e-mail jcowall@fame.com.

Chelsea District Library Board meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month in the Washington Street Education Center meeting room, 500 Washington St.

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

Chelsea Rotary Club meets at 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Atrium in the White Oak Center on the grounds of Chelsea Community Hospital.

Euchre Party is 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center in the Faith In Action building, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-9242.

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

Lima Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month.

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

Wednesday
Alzheimer's Association Family Caregiver Support Group meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St. The meetings are free and confidential. Call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-337-3827 or 677-3081 for more information.

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

Friends of Chelsea District Library

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

Grief Support Group is for people who have experienced the death of a loved one, offered as a community service by the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St. Meetings are from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Wednesdays. Call 475-8633 for location.

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

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

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

Home Meal Service, Chelsea meals, served daily to elderly or disabled. Cost per meal is \$3.25 with milk, \$3 without milk, for those able to pay. Anyone who is interested can call 475-9494 or 475-3305.

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

DEXTER
Thursday, March 22
Dexter PTO is sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair from 8:55 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Bates Elementary School located on Baker Road.

Tuesday, March 27
Star Gazing, an interpreter-led program discovering things celestial will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Activity Center of Hudson Mills Metropark, weather permitting. Pre-registration is required by calling 426-8211.

Thursday, March 29
Dexter Board of Education will be holding an information session for potential board candidates from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Copeland meeting room. For more information, call Mona Auerbach at 426-4623.

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

Dexter Downtown Development

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

Monday
Dexter Community Schools Reproductive Health Advisory Committee meets 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month through May at Wylie Middle School in Room 206.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday
Dexter Jaycees are looking for adults, ages 21 to 39, to join the club. Meetings are at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at National City Bank in Dexter. For more information, call 428-1080.

Monument Park Committee meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month in the basement of the

National City Bank (go through the back door of the bank). This is a public meeting. For more information, call Jeff Hall at 426-2883.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ANN ARBOR
Alzheimer's Association Transition and Placement Support Group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Individualized Home Care, 3003 Washtenaw Ave., Suite 5, Ann Arbor. The meetings are free and confidential. Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-337-3827 or 687-3081 for additional information.

The Washtenaw Chapter of Learning Disabilities Association offers an informal monthly support group for parents of children with learning disabilities and related disorders. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. throughout the school year, at the home of Flora Parker, 3259 Williamsburg St., in Ann Arbor. For more information, call 913-9553.

Male Caregiver Support Group for husbands, sons and partners of someone with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the second Thursday of the month at Westside United Methodist

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Submissions can be no more than 3 poems or 5 pages in length. Entries should be typed and double-spaced; however, legible, handwritten poems will be accepted.

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

For more information, call the Library at 475-8732 or Little Professor at 433-2665

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

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

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

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

Laura Kasischek, award winning poet and novelist, will act as Master of Ceremonies. Ms. Kasischek is the author of 3 volumes of poetry - "Wild Brides, Housekeeping in a Dream, Fire & Flower" - and two novels - "Suspicious River" and "White Bird in a Blizzard."

Village to build municipal offices

U.S. Postal Service halts construction because of possible losses.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer
Despite the immediate freeze from the U.S. Postal Service on construction of new facilities, the village plans to move ahead with its plan to build new municipal offices.
"We want to keep the post

office downtown, and we plan to proceed with the purchase of the land for the village offices," said Village Manager Jack Myers.

The village is negotiating to purchase the 2.5 acres that is currently occupied by Palmer Ford, 222 S. Main St.

Once the village has the land, then we can commence with the post office construction later, Myers said.

The village was planning to build the new post office along side the municipal building on the dealership's property, replacing the current facility at 200 S. Main St.

The village would gain about a third more space with the proposed new facility and would add parking, which would help alleviate the current parking crunch downtown.

The Postal Service decided to

freeze capital commitments because of a possible loss of more than \$2 billion this fiscal year. The loss reflects the organization's rising costs, which are exceeding its volume and revenue growth.

Construction and renovations were halted for approximately 44 post offices in Michigan.

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



Doughnuts for Dads
Harold Vandervoort (left) and his son Corey enjoy doughnuts during Pierce Lake Elementary School's Doughnuts for Dads celebration on March 7.

MAZZOTTA

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"The actual writing of the novel was probably only about three years, an hour here and there as my life allowed," Mazzotta says.

Undaunted by more than 300 rejections from agents and publishers, the author finally received a letter and contract, which he describes as "scary."

"It's like stepping up to a new level where the requirements for success are even greater and the expectations higher," he says.

"Apple Pie" follows Alex Kim, youngest son of Korean immigrants, as he makes his way through his engineering student days.

Mazzotta had plenty of Asian friends while at U of M.

Most of them did not fit what might be called the Asian student stereotype, but they did fit the American youth stereotype, just like I did," he says. "It provided a perfect backdrop for dramatizing the identity search theme in Apple Pie."

The author identifies with all his characters to some extent.

"All novels are autobiographical, or so they say," he says. "I can certainly identify with Alex's search for identity. The other character I think I'm close to is K.J."

In his student days at the U of M, Mazzotta had a disastrous car selling cars — "the most horrible experience I ever had" — and found tending bar to be more up his alley.

"I had some of the best times of my life doing that," he says. "Back then, the bar scene was still king, now the upscale coffeehouses have taken over the social scene, probably for the better. But I still miss wild Thursday nights slinging beer to frat boys and sorority girls around the area."

Mostly, he remembers the

camaraderie among the employees.

"Hanging around after closing to share a drink, going over to the Brown Jug afterward for late-night eats — at that point, I was really living a care-free life. I stayed up until all hours, slept in as late as I wanted and just generally did pretty much whatever I felt like," he said, with a sigh.

After graduation, Mazzotta headed to Virginia to start a career in accounting in the nation's capital.

"I think in the back of my mind, I knew I didn't want to devote my life to it," he says.

Mazzotta's most vivid memories of life there are of traffic. After a 75-minute commute to work, he spent his days in what he describes as a stuffy office pouring over "arcane arithmetic details" before spending another hour or so behind the wheel on the drive home.

After a particularly disastrous winter commute, which ended with a vehicular argument with a cement post, Mazzotta packed it in and headed back to his home state.

He kissed off crunching num-

bers in favor of work as a software developer for Creative Solutions in Dexter.

"That was a blessing. I love Dexter. I tell everyone I know they should move here," he says.

"I first moved here the year of the great Sportsman's Bar fire. It's remarkable to see how much Dexter has changed in just those few short years."

Mazzotta's work associates were surprised to realize they had a published author in their midst.

"I told absolutely no one about this while I was writing it, so it came as a bit of a shock when I announced I was about to have a novel published," he says.

Not one to let the grass grow under his computer, Mazzotta already has another novel completed.

"Whether it sees the light of day depends on how things go with 'Apple Pie,'" he says.

A third novel is off and running. Both are comedic satires.

"How can life not be filled with humor," Mazzotta says. "If you see the humor of it all, the comedy comes easy. I never con-

sidered writing anything other than comedy."

"Apple Pie" can be ordered online from PublishAmerica. For ordering information, call toll-free 1-877-333-7422. It is also available at Amazon and Borders.

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Heritage launches online advertising marketplace

A green amphibian with orange eyes has leapt onto the southeastern Michigan scene, intent on providing the region with the largest, most comprehensive, one-stop classified advertising marketplace ever devised.

Greenleaper.com, which combines a new local classified Web site with a newsstand edition, made its Internet debut yesterday. Over the next month its distinctive and bouncy multimedia advertising campaign is likely to make "froggie" one of the region's most recognizable marketing icons.

The \$1.2 million advertising campaign, set to launch April 2, will encompass newspapers, business and lifestyle publications, outside billboards and radio spots.

The launch of greenleaper.com is the result of a business concept initiated last year by Fred Manuel, president of Heritage Media Network. Heritage owns 20 Michigan newspapers, including The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader.

The new Web site and newspaper are operating as part of Greenleaper LLC, a newly formed Heritage Media affiliate company.

"The new company represents a strategic investment in the future of Heritage Newspapers by transferring an existing print product — classified advertisements — to the emerging online marketplace of tomorrow: the

Internet," said Manuel, who also serves as president of Greenleaper LLC.

According to Manuel, greenleaper.com is positioned to provide consumers and businesses with a multidimensional advertising outlet that combines the best elements of the Web and print — and allows the consumers and business people reading those classifieds to choose the media format most suitable to their needs.

In essence, greenleaper.com is a regional classified marketplace. Anyone who's ever sold a car or looked for a job or a house through the classified advertising pages of a newspaper still will have that option, but will be able to get the word out to more people than ever through greenleaper.com, Manuel said.

Under the greenleaper.com business model, he added, the corresponding Web site and newsstand edition are designed to create a full-service business-to-consumer and business-to-business classified advertising portal.

Right off the bat, Heritage Newspapers' entire database of classified ads from all 20 newspapers will go online and will be used to extend the company's classified advertising services beyond its current coverage areas.

And early next month look for 50,000 copies of the print product to appear twice monthly at 1,200 locations throughout southeastern Michigan. The

majority of those locations are at stores, but about 100 distinctive "Froggie Green" coin boxes will be spread to strategic spots, Manuel said.

Each new issue of the publication will be placed on the racks during the first and third weeks of the month. The newsstand price will be 50 cents.

The Web site also will feature a variety of highly desired interactive features, including free e-mail, access to personal ads, coupons and, best of all, Manuel said, the ability to actually place your ad online. Current plans also call for the addition of a local auction feature at a later date.

He said studies by the Michigan Press Association and others show that classified information is the best-read section of a traditional newspaper.

"It touches every part of a customer's life, from employment to automobiles, from boats to garage sales and even from antique furniture to apartment rentals," Manuel said. "In other words, classifieds are the stuff readership is made of — and readership is the foundation of a successful newspaper operation."

Classified advertising represents an industry that generates more than \$7 billion a year annually for newspapers and related publications.

To remain competitive against an army of well-funded, international, non-newspaper e-businesses, according to Manuel,

Heritage Media Network is attempting to take a good idea and make it better.

"We want to be the industry leader in local classifieds in southeastern Michigan," he said. "Based on a market analysis, greenleaper.com offers tremendous opportunities. Our business proposition is to lead the way in leveraging newspaper classified content and skills into becoming the dominant force in online classified advertising."

The development of Greenleaper LLC, a new Heritage Media Network affiliate, was initiated last summer. At that time Manuel named Mark Warren general manager and leased additional office space at One Heritage Place in Southgate, the home base for Heritage Media since 1988.

Warren, who has 20 years of experience in newspaper circulation and advertising, has overseen the development of the Web site, newsstand edition and an office staff that will total 12 people initially.

"By offering a multimedia product that encompasses the Web and print, we hope to have an edge and to bridge the gap between old and new," Warren said.

Aside from its own staff, greenleaper.com is supported by Heritage's regional classified system and is the beneficiary of other key Heritage resources, such as technology services. Heritage Media has one of the

most technologically advanced media organizations in Michigan, according to Manuel, who has headed the operation for the past 11 years.

Heritage Media Network was formed in the mid-1980s when Downriver industrialist Heinz Prechter purchased an assortment of weekly newspapers, as well as some publishing and technology interests. The company now is part of Southgate-based Prechter Holdings Inc., a diversified conglomerate of automotive, media, real estate, agriculture and livestock companies.

Over the past decade, Heritage Media Network has acquired several growing suburban newspaper franchises in Washtenaw County and the Flint area, bringing its total number of southeastern Michigan weekly and twice-weekly publications to 20.

Manuel believes that all of the study, planning, marketing know-how and significant investment in capital and personnel involved in launching greenleaper.com will add a new dimension to an already successful classified advertising network through Heritage Media.

"Anyone who's ever sold a car or looked for a job or a home

through the classified advertising pages of a newspaper will retain that option, but will reach more people than ever before with just a hop, click and jump onto greenleaper.com," Manuel said.

And about that smiling, bulgy-eyed, lime-green amphibian you'll be seeing on billboards and hearing about on the radio: It's the brainchild of the professionals at Young & Rubicam Group/Detroit, a world leader in commercial communications whose job it is to help launch the new online marketing initiative.

"Heritage Media is a great company with a clear strategy, a strong culture and a focused set of business objectives," said Laurie Null, Y & R/Detroit president and CEO.

Now readers of Heritage Newspapers and anybody with Internet access will have a chance to see for themselves.

"Stay tuned for exciting new features, including the local auction for retailers and consumers," Warren said.

There's also a toll-free number, 1-866-8LEAPER, to place an ad or for more information. Warren also welcomes questions by e-mail at mwarren@greenleaper.com.

Local church youth group to hold famine

The senior high youth of Zion Lutheran Church, 3050 South Fletcher Road, will participate in a 30-hour famine sponsored by World Vision. The event starts tomorrow.

As a service project, they will be collecting bottles and cans at Farmer Jack and Polly's super-

markets from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Proceeds will be donated to Faith In Action.

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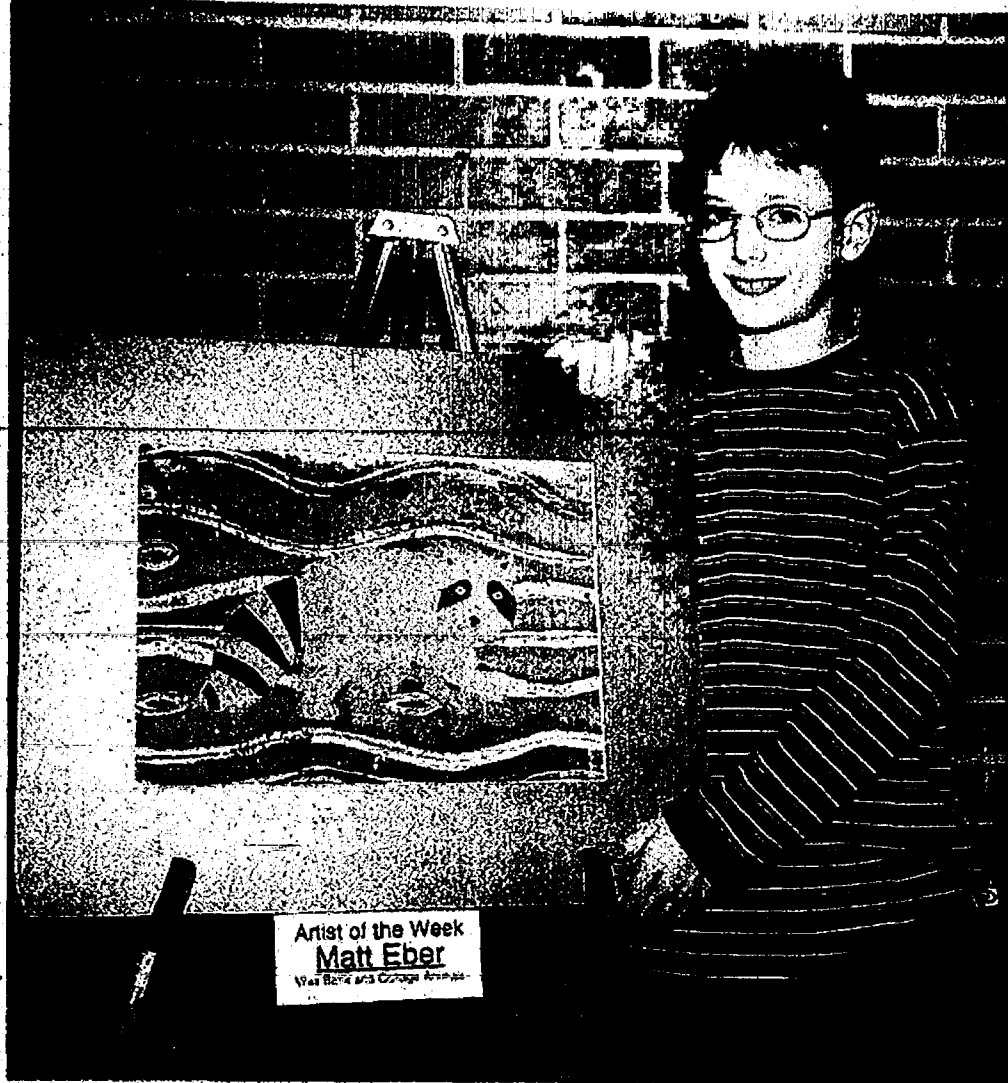
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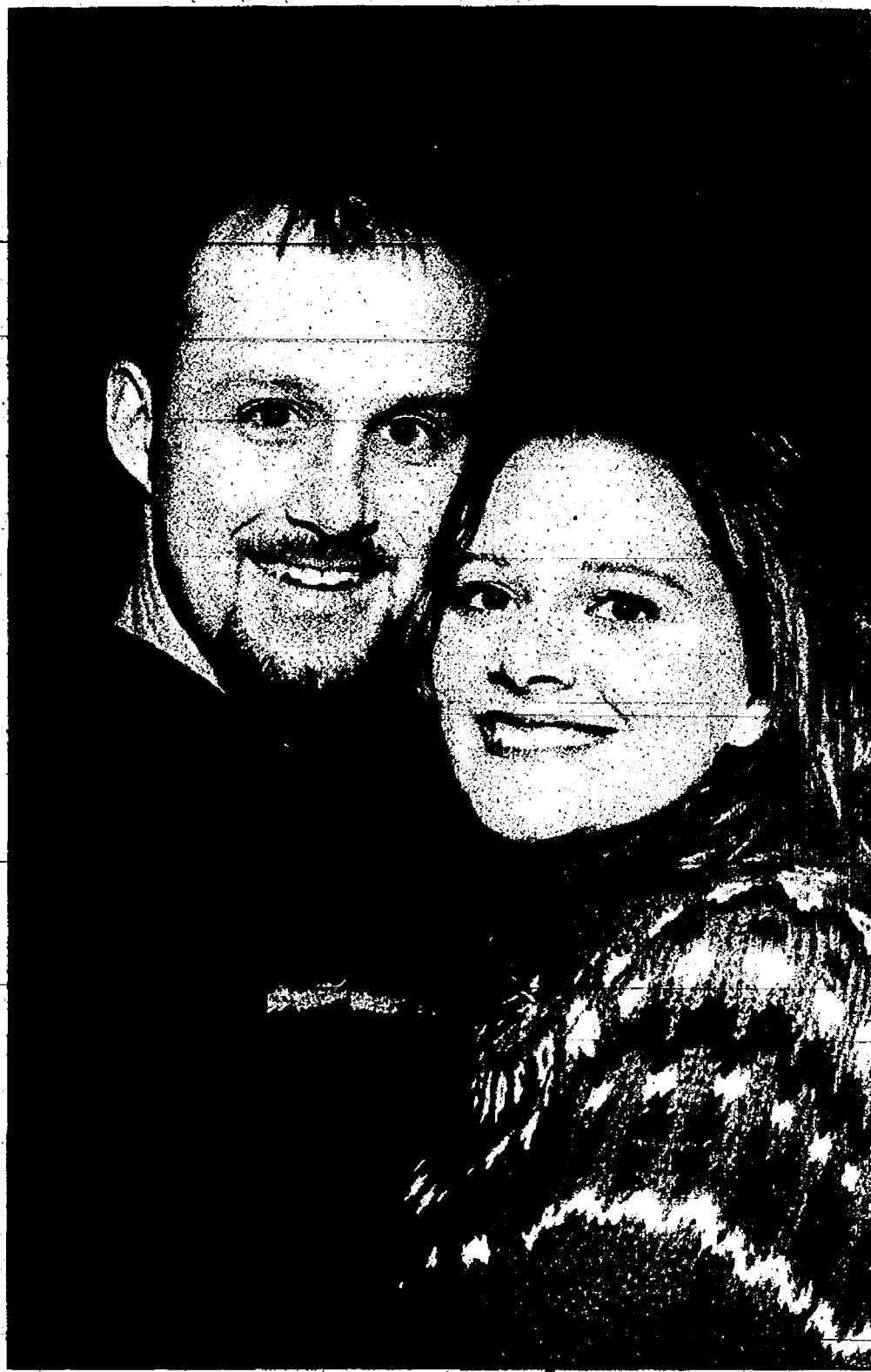
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Artist of the Week
 Matt Eber from teacher Louise Lutton's class was chosen as Artist of the Week at Wylie Middle School in Dexter. Sixth-graders are studying animals in their science classes, and in art class they made pictures of different animals. The backgrounds were batiks made from a hot wax with a tempura wash out over the original.

ENGAGEMENTS



ENGAGED: Peggy Guinan of Wixom, daughter of Robert and Mary Guinan of Chelsea, and Clint Owens of Whitmore Lake, son of Don and Cindy Owens of Whitmore Lake, have set a June 9 wedding date. The future bride has a teaching degree from Eastern Michigan University and is employed by Walled Lake Consolidated Schools. The future bridegroom is a graduate of Whitmore Lake High School and works for Ford Motor Co.



ENGAGED: Jennifer Ann Holly of Ann Arbor, daughter of Nicholas Holly of Beaverton and Edna Middleton of Ann Arbor, and Zane Clark Yount of Ann Arbor, son of Robert and Carol Yount of Monroe, have set an April 14 wedding. The future bride is a graduate from Irmo High School in South Carolina. She has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University, and is a recreation therapist at the University of Michigan-Hospital. The future bridegroom is a graduate of Monroe High School. He attended Monroe Community College and is employed at Ford Motor Co.

Hoelt serves overseas

Navy Ensign James Hoelt, a 1992 graduate of Dexter High School, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer U.S.S. Mitscher, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

a major role in maintaining U.N. policies.

During the deployment, Hoelt's ship will also conduct multi-national and joint operations with the navies of various European countries.

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Scholarships available

Any Chelsea High School senior who will be attending college or a vocational school in the fall may apply for a scholarship through the Chelsea Scholarship Committee.

the counseling office at the high school. Completed applications must be turned in directly to the counseling office by April 11.

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HEART

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A member of the Chelsea Kiwanis, Bareis believes in giving back to the community.

"We discussed the definition of volunteering with the kids, and they ended up with a positive understanding of community service and voluntarism. It was very well received," he says. "The kids really had fun and learned something from it too. We'll definitely do it again next year."

North Creek Principal Sharon Whitmore enjoyed the opportunity of joining her students during Jump Rope for Heart.

"Not only is this activity good for their hearts physically, but it's good for their hearts emotionally," Whitmore says. "The money they raise is for a good cause, and it's great fun, too."

"Eric Burris does a fantastic job organizing and promoting this event, and it is very much appreciated."

At South Meadows, Principal Lisa Nickel echoed the sentiment.

"It's great to see kids willing to use their free time for the benefit of others," she says. "Our staff and students really enjoyed the event."

"Mike Bareis did a great job of incorporating heart-healthy eating along with jumping rope for exercise. He provided snacks and water to fuel their bodies for jumping. The entire activity was a great lesson."

Every skipping student got a certificate for taking part in the activity.

Both teachers were struck by

how students continued their interest in jumping rope.

"One thing that's awesome is the carry over," Bareis says. "I have a box of ropes for recess, and the kids are coming and getting them and jumping rope."

"We had this great carry over from class to their free time. They got the message. They see the importance of staying physically fit, and it's fun."

Burris found the impact on recess was enormous.

"Kids who used to wander around on the playground now get a rope and work with other students on new tricks that we go over during our unit," he says. "It's very exciting to watch a student achieve a new trick, their whole face lights up."

Jo Lynn Curry, regional director for the American Heart Association, called the students' efforts "awesome."

"The key to thwarting this killer is through education and research and the students at North Creek and South Meadows made a tremendous contribution," Curry says. "They should be very proud."

On a more somber note, Curry notes that one-third of children are at risk for heart disease.

"What's more, half of our school age children are overweight, 42 percent have high cholesterol and nearly 30 percent have high blood pressure. That's outrageous," she says.

"Learning lifelong healthy habits is so incredibly important to our young people today."

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Celebrating Dr. Seuss

Staff at South Meadows Elementary School put on a performance of the Dr. Seuss story "The Oobleck" to celebrate the birthday of the children's author and mark March is Reading Month. Shown are Lee Temper (left) as the farmer, Beth Newman as the green Oobleck, and Principal Lisa Nickel as the royal trumpeter. Standing behind are Mike Bareis as the king, Judy Bareis as the princess and media specialist Barbara Locks as the narrator.

Skywarn training set for Wednesday

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 2½ 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. Wednesday 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.

Forensics team takes top honors

Chelsea High School forensics team recently took first place at a tournament in Leslie.

Sarah Eisenberg took first place in prose, Charlie DeGryse placed third in prose and Sarah Meisenheimer placed first in oratory.

In the multiple category, Bryn Warren, Jenny Ziegler, Margaret Yekulis and Nicole Williams took first-place honors.

Sharon Solo placed third in broadcasting, Erika Malinoski took third in extemporaneous and Joe Zynda placed first in dramatic interpretation.

The team also took part in ear-

lier tournaments in Mattawan and Dexter.

Nicole Blair and Joe Zynda were semifinalists in dramatic interpretation at Mattawan, while Sarah Eisenberg placed sixth in prose, and Alain Gatignol placed seventh in poetry.

At the Dexter tournament, Joe Zynda placed fifth in dramatic interpretation and Erika Malinoski placed second in extemporaneous. Sarah Eisenberg was a semifinalist in prose and Sarah Meisenheimer was a semifinalist in oratory.

Meals on wheels needs drivers

The Chelsea Meals on Wheels program needs drivers to deliver meals to the homebound.

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Strong named on Dean's list

Justin Strong, a student at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, has been named to the dean's list for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the fall 2000 semester.

Strong is the son of Robert

and Eleanor Strong of Chelsea. Concordia College is a four-year liberal arts college of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Concordia University System of ten colleges and universities.

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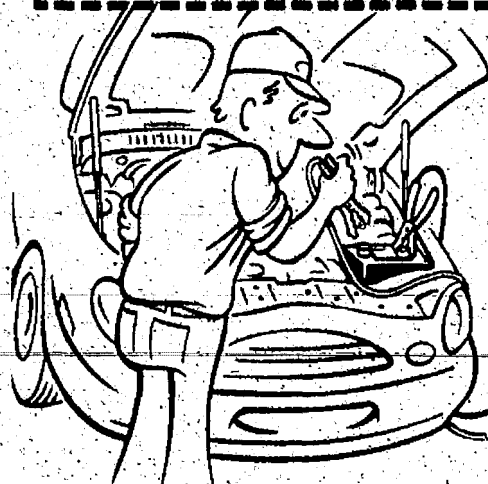
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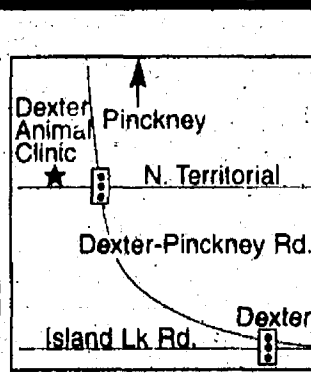
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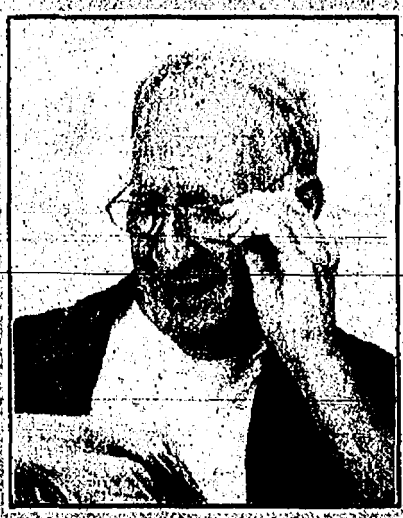
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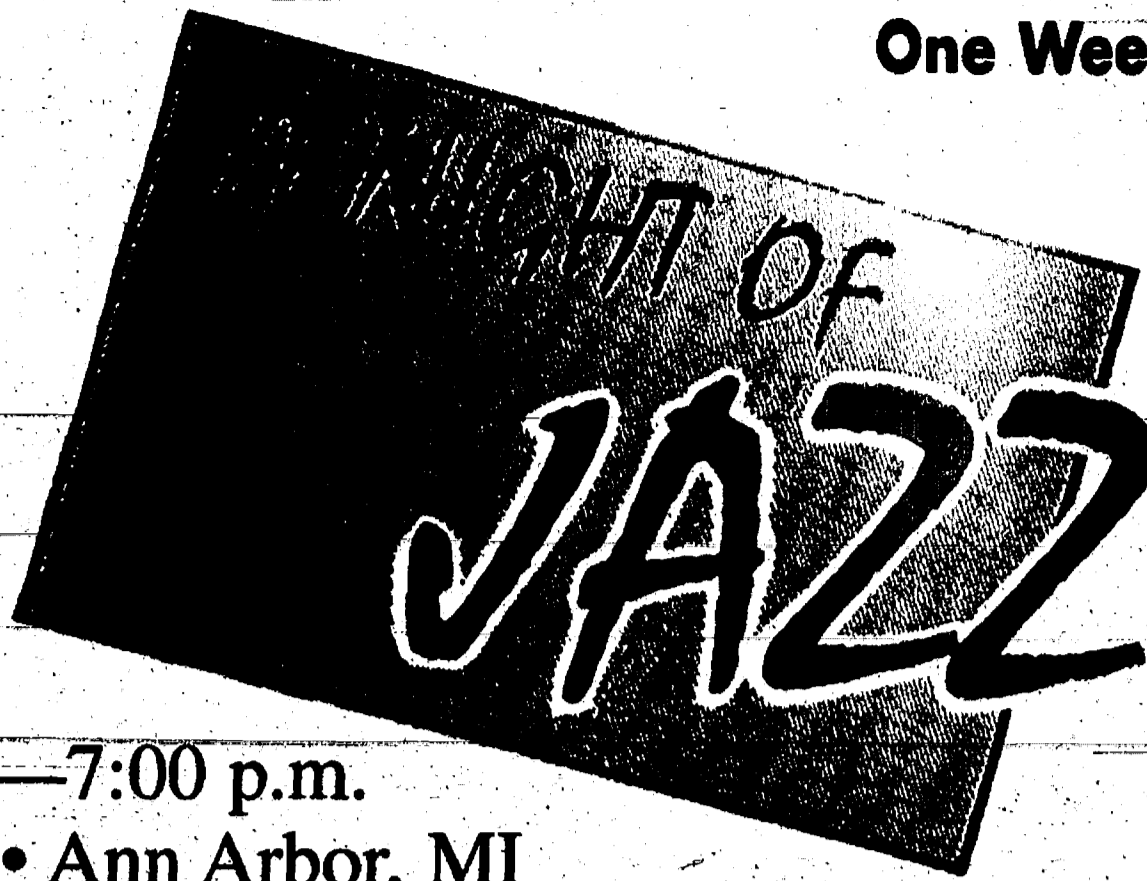
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Spring Fashion Show

Tracy Koenn donned sunglasses and spring attire Sunday during Vogel's and Foster's Spring 2001 Fashion Show held at Dexter United Methodist Church. Mike Jackson, owner of the store in Chelsea, was on hand, with Laurie Gravelyn of Chelsea serving as commentator.

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Church, 900 S. Seventh St., in Ann Arbor. Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-337-3827 or 677-3081 for more information.

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

When a Parent has Alzheimer's Disease Support Group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the chapter office, 3810 Packard Road, Suite 240, Ann

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Four-week Grief Education Series offered by Arbor Hospice and Home Care to adults who have experienced the death of a sibling. The series will be held 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays through March 22 at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2368 Oak Valley Drive in Ann Arbor. To register or for more information, call 662-5999.

Teen Grief Program offered by Arbor Hospice and Home Care from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays now through May 22 at Community High School, 401 N. Division St., Ann Arbor. This is a group for teens that have experi-

enced the death of a loved one, to talk with others who have had a similar experience. To register or for more information call, 662-3742, Ext. 177.

Seven-week Support and Informational Group for parents who have experienced the death of an adult child, whether the loss occurred recently or many years ago. The group meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, March 22 through May 3 at the Arbor Hospice and Home Care, 2368 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. To register or for more information, call Pat Bauer at 662-5999.

Sunday, March 25

The Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Education Center, 5305 Elliott Dr. McAuley Health Center. For more information call Marcia McCrary at 1-734-483-2799.

Monday, March 26

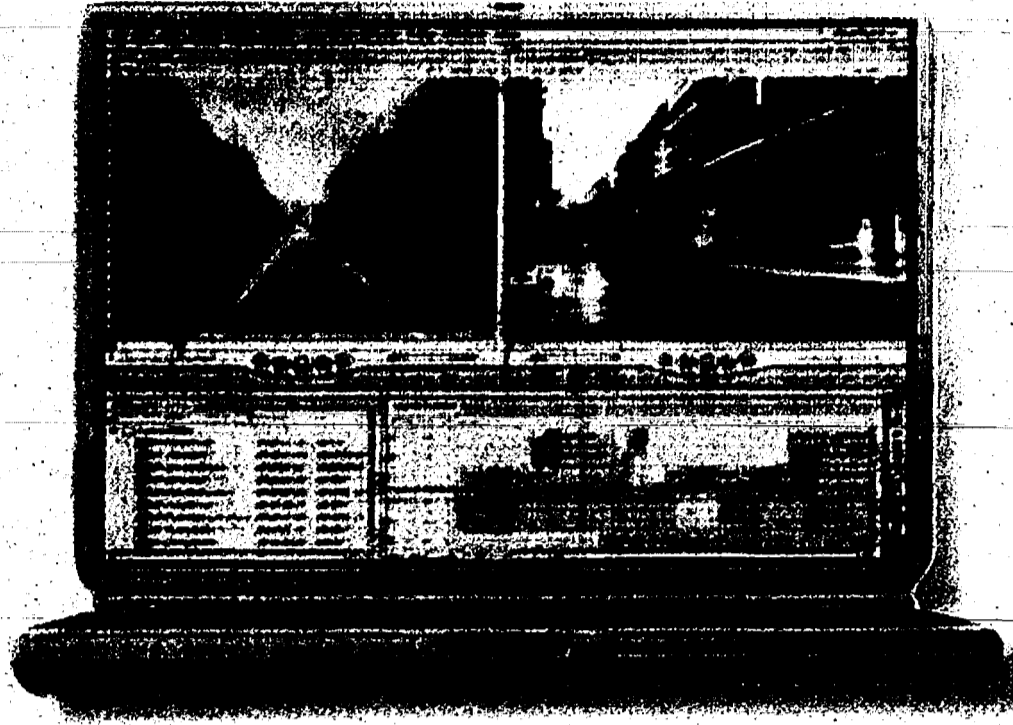
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DON RICHTER
ON THE SIDELINE

Finals bring out best in athletes

I don't know how they do it. It's a mystery to me how high school athletes perform on the big stage in front of huge crowds and under bright lights.

I'm just a lowly sports writer, sitting in the press row, whose only job is to watch the events unfold, and I can barely contain myself.

Two weeks ago at the Michigan High School Athletic Association wrestling finals at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, I watched from a seat barely 20 feet away as Chelsea's George Fairley captured a state championship in the 160-pound weight class.

I'm not even related to the guy, yet I felt myself tensing as he approached the mat to face his destiny.

With 10,000 people watching from the stands and years of blood, sweat and tears shed in preparation for this one moment, I felt the butterflies in my stomach grow larger by the second as the match was set to begin.

Fairley, however, was as cool as a cucumber and won easily.

I think I sweated more than he did.

I was pretty much like that for all the wrestlers in the finals.

What a moment it must be for them, win or lose.

Knowing me, I'd probably cave under the pressure and forget my uniform and have to wear a teammate's ill-fitting replacement, or I'd get lost on the way to the arena and miss my match.

But these students all seem so together.

I'm sure they're nervous as all get out, but they sure hide it well.

At last weekend's volleyball state finals, the intensity was even higher, or so it felt.

Western Michigan University Arena is a perfect venue for the volleyball state championships — cozy setting, every seat seemingly right on top of the action.

But University Arena had to be the loudest and hottest place I've ever watched an athletic event.

To me, sitting courtside, the arena seemed like how it might be inside of one of those Christmas glass balls that when tipped over "snow" falls from its top.

As the matches progressed throughout the day, the arena seemed to shrink.

I don't know if it's my own paranoia, but the walls seemed to be closing in on me as the day went along.

By the time Dexter took the court at 7:30 p.m., the place felt like a sauna — and appeared about as big as one.

But take the court, the Dreadnaughts did.

And play they did, very well I might add, despite losing to Fruitport in the state semifinals.

This was Dexter's first trip to the state championships.

"When we walked in it was amazing," said Dreadnaught junior Erin Coblentz. "Our mouths all dropped. We felt like we were in college or something — it was awesome."

"After we warmed up in the other gym and took the court in the arena for the first time, it was overwhelming."

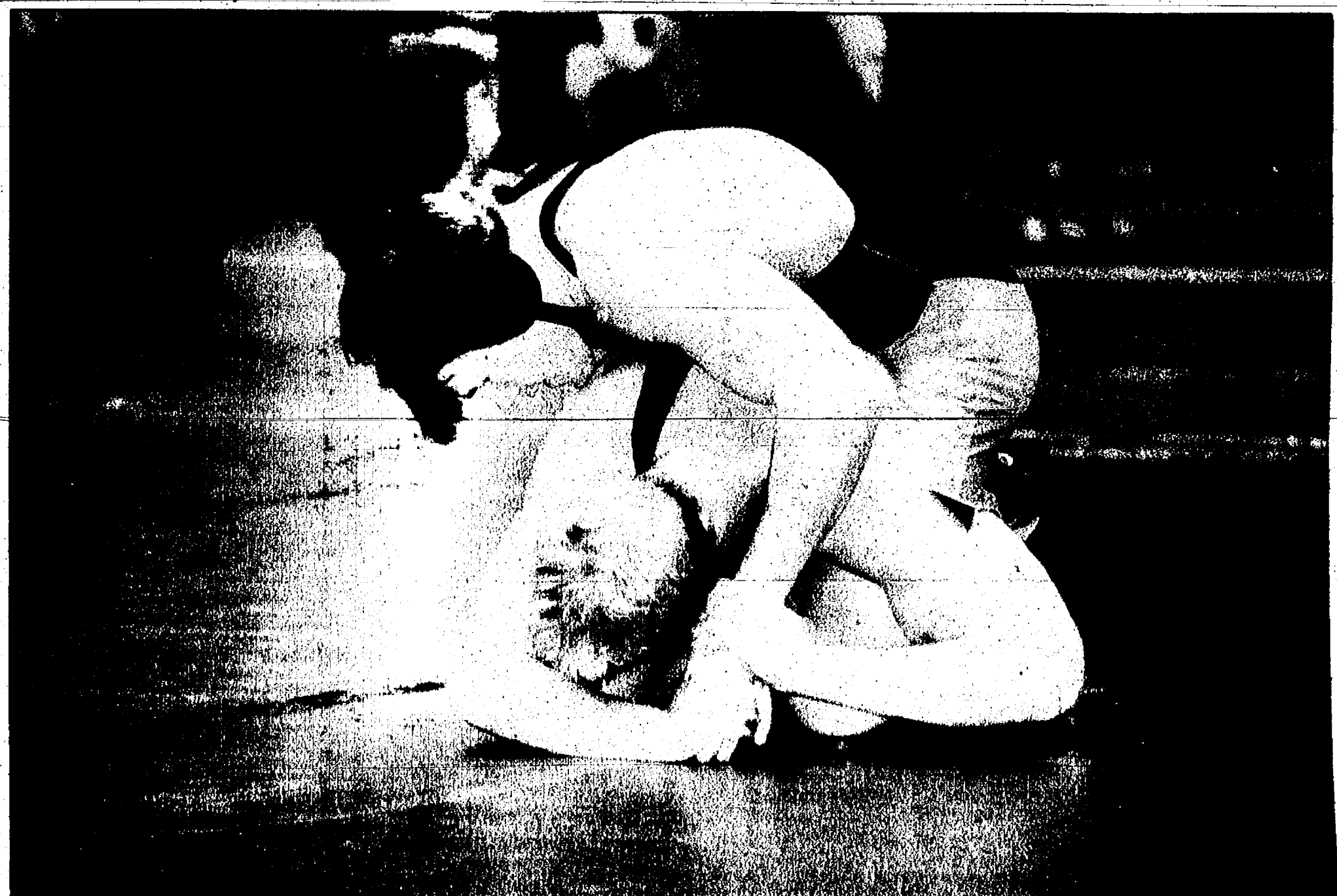
"Our fans stood and cheered so loud for us. But once we started playing, the



Photos by Norm Bauer

Chelsea sophomore Darl Bauer (above) and senior George Fairley were two of the Bulldogs' top wrestlers this season. Bauer placed fourth in the state at 171 pounds while Fairley (right) finished first at 160 pounds.

By George!



Chelsea senior Fairley captures state Division II championship

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Earlier this season, longtime Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel said George Fairley was one of the top three wrestlers he has ever been associated with.

On March 10 at the Division II state championships at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, Kargel sat at the edge of the mat as Fairley captured a state title at 160 pounds with a dominating 9-1 decision over Mattawan's Luke French.

"I haven't changed that thought," Kargel said about Fairley's standing among Chelsea's all-time grappling greats. "I told George, 'You're still one of the best wrestlers we've ever had.'"

Fairley has come a long way, since last year when he failed to make it to the finals and ended up watching from the Joe Louis stands.

This year, he ended up on the first-place platform, a state

championship medal draped around his neck, and 10,000 fans from throughout Michigan applauding his efforts.

For Fairley, a senior, it was a surreal experience.

"I can't really believe it right now," he said. "I've always thought about it (state championship). I was just looking to place. I just capitalized on my opportunities."

"I've worked so hard. This feels great."

Fairley, who wrestled at 140 pounds last year, packed on 20 extra pounds during the off-season by bulking up in the weight room.

"It's amazing," said sophomore teammate Darl Bauer. "He put on 20 pounds of muscle. He worked his butt off all season."

"Going into practice with him every day, I was wrestling with a state champion. It's nice to know how good he did."

Fairley (43-2) won four consecutive matches to earn his state

finish.

After one period, Fairley led 2-0.

After two periods he had pushed his lead to 7-1, before a reversal in the third period made it 9-1.

"We told George to go after it right away," Kargel said. "We wanted him to pursue, attack, get the take down, take the lead, keep the pressure on him (French), keep the intensity on him the entire match and keep the tempo very fast."

"He did that."

Fairley said the key to his state championship victory was his persistence.

"It was constant hustle," he said.

Kargel said there was more to it than that.

"It's great to have him come back after last year," he said. "A lot of that has to do with his hard-work habits. He's lifted weights and he worked a physical job in the summer which

helped prepare him."

Also helping him prepare were teammates Eric Lixey, who placed seventh at 160 pounds and Bauer, who finished fourth at 171 pounds.

"They were great wrestling (practice) partners," Fairley said. "They helped a lot."

Besides his success on the mat, Kargel said Fairley is even more impressive off it.

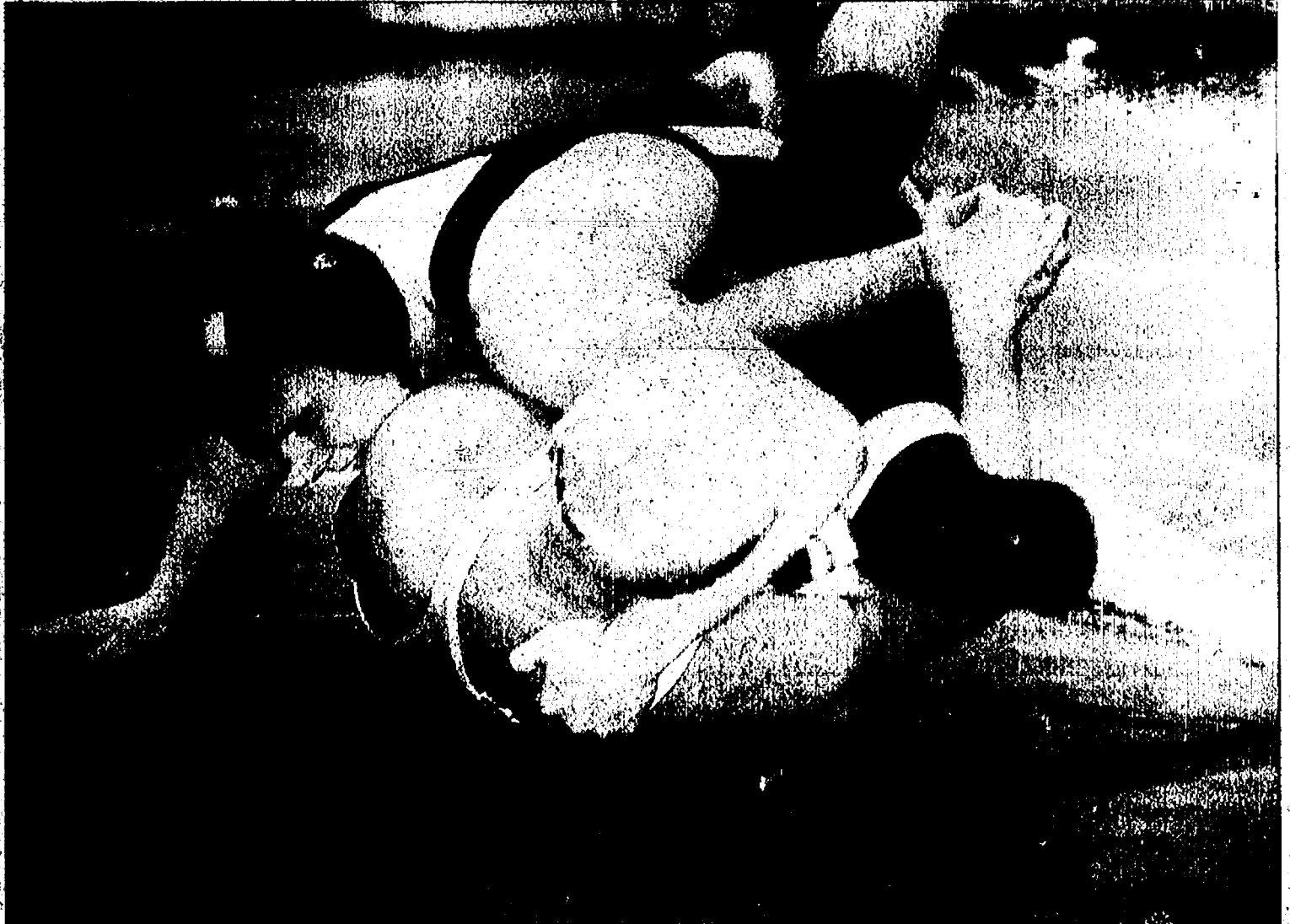
"The kids all respect him," he said. "He's always polite. After the season, he wants to work with the younger kids in the program, lifting weights and practicing."

"George is a great person on and off the mat."

But it was on the mat where Fairley finally achieved his grappling goal.

"It's (state championship) a great way to end the year," he said.

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Chelsea's Darl Bauer prepares to pin his opponent at this season's state wrestling finals. Bauer ended up placing fourth overall in the Division II 171-pound weight class.

Bauer makes mark at state wrestle finals

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Most sophomores don't get this far, but Chelsea's Darl Bauer is not your typical sophomore.

On March 10, at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, Bauer competed in the Division II state wrestling finals after failing to make the cut last year as a freshman.

"It's a great feeling," said Bauer, standing on the arena floor looking up at the approximately 10,000 fans jammed into the Detroit landmark. "It's intense. I've never felt anything like this."

Bauer, who started in the Bulldog secondary in football and also participates in track and field, said the competition at the wrestling state finals was strong.

"It's a whole different level of wrestling," he said. "At other tournaments there are some

kids that are real bad and some kids that could be good, but everybody here is good. Everybody is a competitor."

Despite the fact there are no easy matches at the state championships, Bauer still managed to excel.

With a fourth-place finish at 171 pounds, he achieved one of his goals.

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

With a field dominated by seniors and juniors, Bauer refused to be intimidated.

In his first match of the tournament, Bauer pinned junior Robert Hilderbrand (22-10) from Marine City in 1:08.

"I went out and wrestled probably one of the best matches I've wrestled all season," Bauer

Track Stars



Chelsea Beach Middle School sixth-grader Chet Hopp (left) pauses with Ricky Griffin, Tyler Haack and Quetzalcoat Carrasco at the 16th annual 2001 AAU National Youth Indoor Track and Field Championship in Merrillville, Ind. The foursome earned a bronze medal in the boys' 400-meter relay. The meet was held Feb. 23 through 25.

Bulldog track opens season as McClendon, Royce pace Chelsea

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

With patches of snow still sprinkled on the grass and temperatures dipping into the low 30s, the high school spring sports season began last Friday.

The Chelsea boys' track and field squad opened the year competing in the Siena Heights Invitational indoor meet at Adrian.

According to Chelsea coach Eric Swager, the team as a whole performed well.

"This was a nice way to start off the season," he said. "We only had a few of our 65 athletes compete, but I was pleased."

Numerous Bulldog athletes turned in encouraging performances on the day.

Junior Eddie McClendon finished with a 17-foot-11 mark in

the long jump while George Royce and Neil Sterling both recorded 5-2 in the high jump.

In the shot put, junior Joe Tripodi placed second with a toss of 50-4. Teammate Chris Bauer, with a heave of 44-0, ended up seventh.

"Tripodi was solid, and Bauer threw a lifetime best," Swager said. "We should have the best throwers in the SEC (South-eastern Conference)."

In the pole vault, Robert Heuhl finished second with an 11-6.

"Heuhl started the season with a solid vault, boding well for the future," Swager said.

In the 1,600-meter run, Nathan Zeigler (5:01), Mike Kattula (5:15) and Matt McAtee (5:28) were Chelsea's top finishers.

Kyle Schertzing placed seventh in the high hurdles with a time of 8.5. Sterling finished with an 11.1.

In the Siena Medley, which combined the times of two 800-meter runs, a 600-meter run and a 400-meter run, the Bulldogs fared well ending up third with a solid posting of 7:16.5.

In the Sprint Medley, which combined the times of three 200-meter runs and one 400-meter run, Chelsea finished first with a time of 2:11.5.

"We ran well for this early in the season," Swager said.

The Bulldogs next travel to Eastern Michigan University to participate in its indoor invitational March 30.

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BAUER

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said. "I think that kind of got me rolling and that momentum just carried me through."

In his second match, Bauer continued to wrestle well, defeating Plainwell junior Marc Burd (46-5), who was coming off a pin, 9-1.

With the victory, Bauer was one of four grapplers left in the 171-pound weight class unbeaten.

In the semifinals, Bauer fell to senior Andy Boynton (36-9) from East Grand Rapids on a pin in 3:48.

"I kind of got a bad break in the semifinals," Bauer said. "The kid had real good hips. He rolled me through and caught me."

Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel agreed.

"He (Bauer) got caught with a move," he said. "He got caught with his arm underneath and the kid rolled him and ended up pinning him."

"But he still ended up finishing fourth. He's got good work habits."

Whereas most young wrestlers might have hung their heads at that point, Bauer regrouped and convincingly defeated Daniel Winslow (44-6) from North Branch, 14-3, in his next match. In his fifth and final match of

the tournament, Bauer fell to Plainwell junior Ryan Summers (51-3) on a pin in 2:25.

With the loss, Bauer placed fourth overall at 171 pounds.

Bauer said because of his experience he's come away a better wrestler.

"You think you're at the top and this is as big as it gets, but you can always take yourself one level further," he said. "There's always somebody out there that can beat you. If you keep that in mind you'll take it all the way."

Bauer said he learned that lesson not only from competing at the state finals, but from watching senior teammate George Fairley, who captured a championship at 160 pounds.

"I think that's what George did this summer," he said. "He

worked his butt off."

And hard work is something Bauer has never been afraid of.

Kargel said he was proud of his young grappler's performance at the state championships.

"His goal was to make it to the state finals," he said. "And placing fourth as a sophomore isn't bad."

Kargel said he's looking forward to watching Bauer improve as the years go by.

"Darl will get bigger," he said. "I told him Chelsea's never had a two-time state champ. I told him he could set his goals on that one."

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Dexter spikers fall in state semifinals

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

It's as valuable as gold. It's as crucial to the success of a team as talent and desire. It's the horsepower that drives an engine. It's the wings that help a plane soar.

Momentum — a force critical in athletics and an energy that teams historically have been known to latch onto and ride to championships.

Besides lifting players to heights previously unimaginable, momentum can also work in the opposite direction.

It can grab hold of a squad and drag it down in an instant.

Last Friday, in the Class B state volleyball semifinals at Western Michigan's University Arena, momentum played a key role in Dexter's demise.

Fruitport (65-10) defeated the Dreadnaughts, 11-15, 15-5, 9-15, to advance to the Class B state finals.

The match was a classic example of the power of momentum.

After dropping game one to the Trojans, Dexter roared back in game two and appeared poised to take game three, before old mo' shifted sides.

The Dreadnaughts had taken an 8-5 game three lead thanks, in part, to a 6-0 run that included highlight reel blocks by senior Darcie Amsdill and junior Erin Cobler and a "no you didn't" out

of bounds save by junior Eliza Lee that Dexter eventually turned into a point.

Everything seemed to be going the Dread's way.

With Fruitport now on its heels and calling time out to try and stem the Dreadnaught rally, the Trojans appeared all but out of it.

But, as is the case so often in sports, momentum suddenly and unexpectedly changed hands.

After an ace by Fruitport junior setter Holly PUNCHES started the wheels of change in motion, Dexter committed three consecutive hitting errors. With the miscues, the Trojans took a 9-8 lead and the Dreadnaughts took a time out.

With the score at 9-9, Fruitport senior captain Courtney DUSNIK stepped back to serve.

She never left.

Dusnik (5-foot-9) served out the game and the match for the Trojans. An assortment of miss hits and miscommunications by Dexter contributed to the Fruitport comeback.

Plays the Dreads had been making all night suddenly went astray. Spikes that were pounding in earlier were now suddenly flying out of bounds.

Momentum had shifted and there was nothing Dexter could do about it.

Dreadnaught coach Rey Regualos saw the change hap-

pening, but could do nothing to stop it.

"I thought the girls played very well," he said. "I just think we gave up momentum right in the middle of the last game. It was hard to get it back. The momentum shifted really quick."

Indeed. Fruitport used a 10-1 game three run to end Dexter's season.

Besides losing momentum in the final game, the Dreadnaughts lost an even more important factor — midway through game one.

With the score 11-6 Fruitport, Dexter junior outside hitter Tricia White left the match with an ankle injury. She would not return.

"The loss of Tricia really hurt us, especially on the defensive end," Regualos said. "She's one of our best defensive players and (her loss) was evident (in game three), especially the last couple points. Those are positions Tricia plays. The experience in those positions wasn't as great as if Tricia would have been in there."

Despite dropping the opening game, Dexter came out with a vengeance in game two and flexed its muscle.

The Dreadnaughts jumped out to a 5-0 lead on two Marianne Whitehead service points, a

Maria Wolke service point, a Cobler ace and an Amsdill kill.

With the onslaught, Fruitport was forced to call a time out. It didn't help.

Dexter would build its advantage to 9-1 as Amsdill, Whitehead and Cobler controlled the net.

Dreadnaught junior Robin Lavalli also shined from the back line, serving four straight points in the run.

At 12-4, the Trojans called a second time out to try and regroup. But a 3-1 Dexter rally closed out the game.

Service points by Lavalli and Cobler (last two) put the finishing touches on an impressive game two performance.

The Dreadnaughts rode their momentum into game three, building up an 8-5 lead before their fortunes changed unexpectedly.

Despite the setback, Regualos stayed upbeat.

"I thought the girls played great," he said. "I thought we put the pressure on. I think in the first game, the girls were just getting used to the fact that it was a big gym and thousands of people were watching them."

"I thought they fought hard to make the game respectable and showed them (Fruitport) what we could do. In the second game, we really took control. We

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crowd faded and it was back to regular old volleyball."

Amazing.

It would have been at that point that I would have been taken off in a stretcher for hyperventilating.

"Personally, I totally forgot about the crowd once the game started," Cobler added.

Great, that makes me feel real good.

I guess that's why I'm push-

ing a pen and typing on a keyboard and not rearranging my state championship medals in my trophy case and earning big money as a professional athlete.

Well, that and the fact you don't see any 5-foot-11 power forwards in the NBA, or any NFL cornerbacks who run a 4.8 40 or any pro baseball pitchers who throw in the mid-70s or ...

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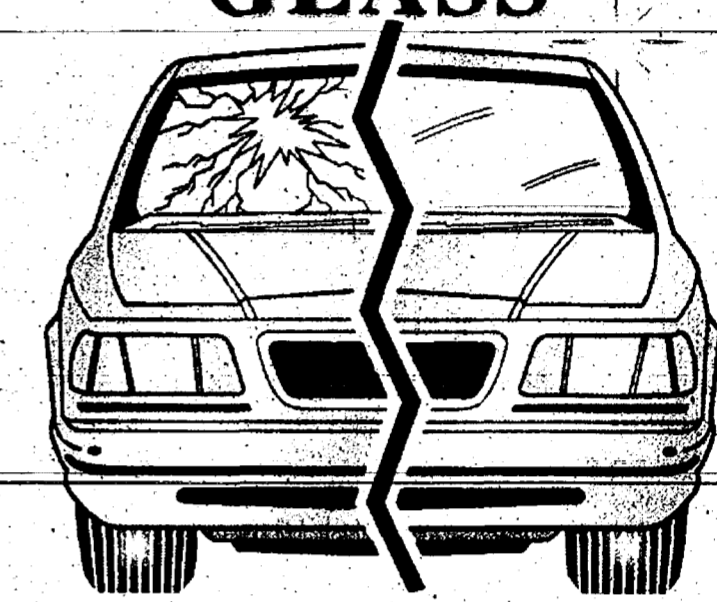
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Taylor wins indoor championship in shot put

Chelsea High School's Kari Taylor finished first in the shot put at the state indoor finals at the University of Michigan March 14.

The junior, competing for the Speed Connection Club, an area

track and field team, placed first with a toss of 40-foot-6 to capture the title.

Most of the best prep shot putters from throughout the state competed in the meet.

Taylor, who finished second in

the shot put at last year's Division II high school championships with a toss of 39-4, is the first Chelsea athlete, boy or girl, to win a state indoor track title.

Besides the shot put, Taylor is also one of the state's best in the

discus.

Last year, she placed eighth in the event at the Division II state finals with a throw of 118-2.

Taylor helped lead the Bulldogs to an eighth-place finish overall in Division II.

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Became a smarter team."

According to Regualos, the key to the second game turnaround was his Dreadnaughts began hitting around the Trojan blocks and started putting the ball where the block wasn't.

"We've played really big teams this year," he said. "The girls normally do a real good job of bouncing back. We knew it took two (games) to win. We've played the best in the state."

Regualos said Fruitport did nothing that surprised his squad.

"We knew exactly what was going on," he said. "A couple times, a couple (Dexter) girls were out of position defensively, they just made wrong reads. And then having Tricia gone, that put us back a little bit."

"There were no surprises. They're a good team. They out

executed us at the end."

Cobler with 21 kills, two aces, one block and 13 digs led the way for the Dreadnaughts (67-5-3).

Whitehead finished with 12 kills, one block and 30 digs. Amsdill had six kills, six blocks and three digs, and Melissa Gucker four kills, three blocks and 31 digs.

Lee ended up with 41 assists and five digs. Lavalli had 21 digs and two kills, and Karis White had 14 digs for Dexter.

Before injuring her ankle, Tricia White had 12 digs and two kills and Woike finished up with 21 digs to round out the Dreadnaught statistics.

Prior to the state semifinals, Dexter disposed of Riverview Gabriel Richard 15-3, 15-4 in a quarterfinal match up at Chelsea High School March 13.

Cobler finished with 12 kills, one block and one ace. Whitehead had three kills, three blocks and 11 digs, and Karis

White 10 digs for the Dreads.

Lee recorded 16 assists and eight digs. Woike had 10 digs, one ace and served 10 consecutive points in the opening game.

Despite being rivals, Chelsea fans came out in support of the Dreadnaughts.

The Dexter team, to a player, said they were pleased to see that.

With the Fruitport loss, however, Dexter concluded one of its finest seasons in memory.

Reaching the state semifinals was the farthest a Dreadnaught volleyball team had ever advanced.

Also, for the majority of the regular season, Dexter was ranked No. 1 in the Class B polls. Prior to this year, the Dreadnaughts had never even cracked the top 10.

Regualos said the reason for his squad's success this season was the 12 girls who made up the Dexter team.

"You couldn't ask for a better

group of kids," he said. "Had it not been those 12 this season, (with) one personality different, it wouldn't have been the same season."

"They are all terrific girls, and I think what they achieved this year, they earned. I know they wanted to play (in the state championship). That was their goal. But, really, when we started the year, the goal was to be here (University Arena).

"That really was the goal, and they accomplished it."


Regualos said despite this being Dexter's first time in the state finals limelight, his squad was ready.

"We knew we could play with anyone here," he said. "We knew no one would out class us. We knew we had to be at our best."

"Fruitport played an excellent game. They're a strong team — a little older, with a little more experience. That just comes with time."


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Dexter track and field begins season

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Despite frigid temperatures outside, the Dexter boys' track and field team opened the spring sports season last Saturday traveling to Adrian to participate in the Siena Heights Relays.

The indoor track meet saw numerous Dreadnaught athletes perform well.

Dexter seniors Andy Brahm and Ben Leonard paced the squad by winning medals in their respective events.

Brahm finished fourth in the high jump with a hop of 5-foot-10.

"Andy is off to a good start," said Dexter coach Jim Jaworski.

In the 1600-meter run, Leonard placed fourth with a time of 4:43.3.

"Ben ran an excellent (race)," Jaworski said.

With more than 30 participants, Dexter junior Joe Valentine finished seventh in the shot put with a personal best toss of 40-1.

David Williamson completed an impressive first meet with an 800-meter time of 2:28.

"Williamson showed great promise as he pole vaulted and ran in two relays," Jaworski said.

Ryan Boluyt competed in two 800-meter runs and ended with identical times of 2:33 for both races.


Other Dexter athletes who participated and ran well according to Jaworski were sprinters Brian McNally, Ben Howison, Pete Vollbrecht, Phil Steenstra and Ruhl Beck.

Running well in distances were Jon Cook, Mark Birmingham and Dan Meyer.

In the shot put, Chris Craig proved a nice complement to Valentine. At Siena, Craig threw

the shot a distance of 34-7.

The Dreadnaughts will now train for the next four weeks before hosting Temperance Bedford April 17 in the team's first outdoor meet.



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Despite setback, Cobler sees real value of season

**By Don Richter
Staff Writer**

The match had just ended. The Fruitport fans were in an uproar and the Trojan players were jumping up and down on the court shedding tears of joy. In contrast, the Dreadnaughts silently left the court, collected their things on the bench and quietly headed to the locker room.

Dexter had just been knocked out of the state volleyball playoffs at Western Michigan's University Arena, losing to Fruitport, 11-15, 15-5, 9-15, in the Class B semifinals last Friday.

No tears of sadness. No tantrums. No accusations.

Dexter just left the floor. Arguably, the greatest season in Dreadnaught volleyball history had just come to a screeching halt.

The team had dedicated its season to former coach Robert Burns, who died in November of last year.

The squad wore T-shirts with the phrase "the Desire Burns within us" all season long reminding them of their quest to win a state championship.

But it was not to be. Despite the heart-wrenching defeat, Dexter junior sensation Erin Cobler was able to keep her chin held high and walked off the court last Friday with the realization of what the Dreadnaughts had really accomplished.

"This season has definitely been the best high school season I've ever had," she said. "With

everything we've gone through this season - Mr. Burns, really tough practices with (coach) Rey (Regualos), the extra long season and the added success - we've all bonded in a really special way.

"I know lots of people always say how close their team is and all, but we truly feel like sisters."

Cobler (6-foot-1), one of the state's top juniors, is already being highly recruited by numerous Big Ten schools, including the University of Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State. But she said what made this year special for her were the friendships she strengthened.

"Rey split us up into four groups of three, what we called 'care groups,' and we would meet before every practice," she said. "Rey gave us about 10 minutes to just talk together. That allowed us to not only grow really close throughout the season, but it also allowed us to get all the emotions out before practice so we could focus totally on volleyball."

Further proof of the Dreadnaught closeness came during the middle of the season, a time when players start getting drained physically and emotions tend to fray more easily.

According to Cobler, there were a lot of problems with the team at the time.

"Coach called me and said to spread the news around that if anyone wanted to, he was going to meet about 15 minutes before practice to pray," Cobler said.

"It was totally optional and unorganized. I was amazed to arrive and find every single player there, plus Rey."

"That brought us even closer. After that, we had the best practice of the season. I think it was really a turning point for our team."

Apparently, she was right. Dexter (67-5-3) advanced further in the state playoffs than any team in Dreadnaught volleyball history.

Dexter was also ranked No. 1 in Class B for the majority of the season.

Prior to this year, the Dreadnaughts hadn't come close to reaching the top 10.

Despite falling in the semifinals, Cobler said the team was still proud of what it had accomplished.

"We are all so happy we made it to the semifinal match," she said. "Just making it there was an awesome achievement."

"Of course, we are sad we lost. But we try to remember that we could have lost in the quarters, or regionals or even districts."

Cobler, however, admitted to thinking about what might have been.

"I'm constantly replaying different plays in my head and wishing I would have hit the ball differently or passed it a little better, but I know I can't change the past."

"When it was tied 9-9 in the last game, it could have gone either way. Fruitport just managed to take the next swing of momentum."

"That's definitely hard to take, knowing we were so close, but we have to just be thankful for the memories and look toward next year."

Cobler believes the Dreadnaughts will be even more determined to return to the finals next season.

"I think our team will have a little more drive next year," she said. "This year, we all knew we wanted to make it to the final four. That was our goal all season, but no one had ever been there before, not even our coach. We never really knew how hard we needed to push or what to expect."

"Now that we know what the competition is like, we will be willing to put more into practice and other preparations so that we are ready next March. We know what it takes now, and we want it so much."

Cobler said she has no regrets about this season.

"I'm sure everyone wishes they had done a little something different that (semifinal) match," she said. "It was so close, and it's tough knowing you might have been able to beat them if just one point had gone differently."

"I don't think anyone has any true regrets, though. We had the most successful season this school has ever seen for a volleyball team, and that's something we will never forget."

Bob Burns would be proud. Staff Writer Don Richter can be reached at 475-1371 or via e-mail at drichter@heritage.com.

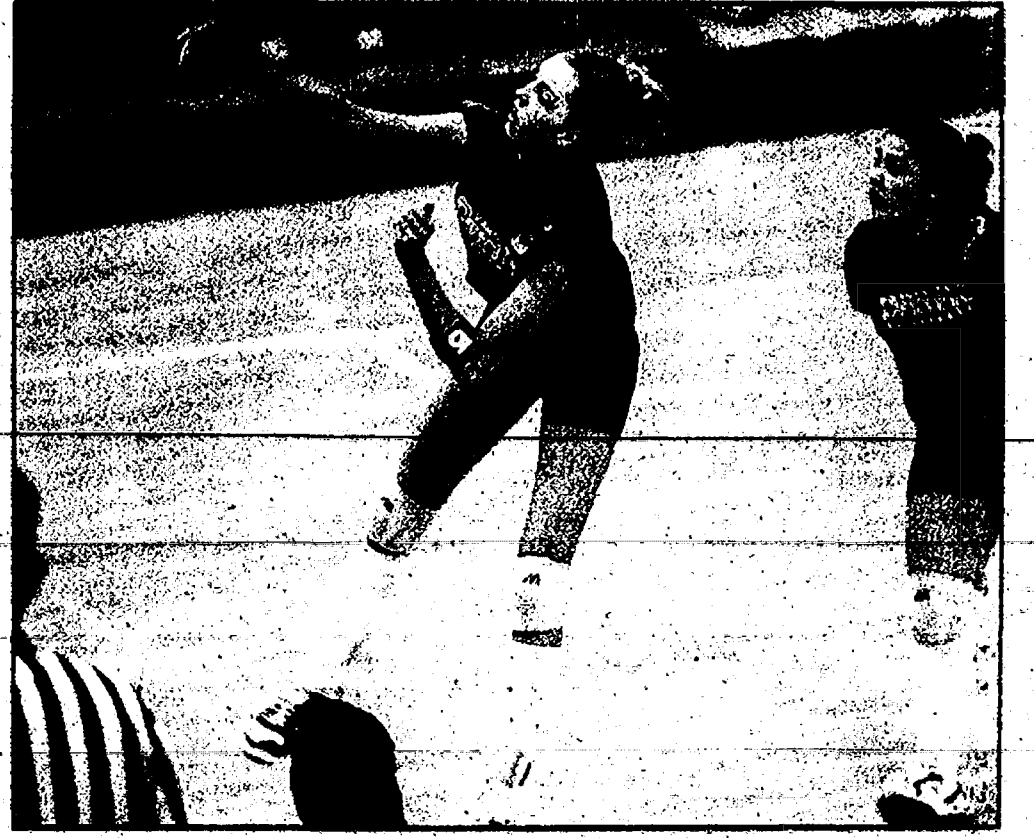


Photo by Doug Trojanowski
Dexter junior middle blocker Erin Cobler helped lead the Dreadnaughts to the Class B state semifinals this season.

Dexter Wrestling Club places second overall

The Dexter Wrestling Club traveled to Brooklyn Columbia Central High School last weekend to participate in its annual freestyle tournament.

Dexter captured second place in last Friday's team competition.

Eleven members made up the Dexter squad. Individual medals were also handed out during the team event.

Earning gold medals for Dexter were Mitch Crawford and Kyle Thompson. Silver medals went to Brett Marsh, Matt Bastion and Eric Gilbertson. Bronze medals went to Chris Little, Mike Little and Michael Crawford. Also participating and performing well for Dexter were Evan Grau, T.J. VanDoren and Jarrod Dillen.

During last Saturday's individual meet, several Dexter grapplers received medals.

In Group 1 (ages 7 and 8), gold medals were awarded to Kala Nuttle and Robert Mayrand and a silver medal to Ryan Wiedmeyer. Karley Crawford, Chase Stevens and Ryan George also competed for Dexter.

In Group 2 (ages 9 and 10), gold medals were earned by Mitchell Crawford, Corey Chamberlin and Paul Bell. James Connelly was awarded a bronze medal. Brett Marsh, Zeke Duke and Charlie Petit earned gold medals in Group 3 (ages 11 and 12). Silver medals went to Burton Hilburn, Thomas Ender and Scott Santoro. Tommy Owens, Jerid Hollenbeck,

Alexander McMurray, Tyler Kitchen, Kyle Steiner and Andrew Leonard also wrestled.

In Group 4 (ages 13 and 14), Michael Crawford was awarded a gold medal. Silver medals went to T.J. VanDoren and Kyle Thompson. Earning a bronze

medal were George Goodman, Matt Bastion and John Flowers. Cassie Petoskey, Jarrod Dillen and Dan Buckinburger also participated for Dexter.

In the Cadet group, Jeff Marsh captured a first-place medal. Josh Dillen earned third place.

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BIRTHS

Twin daughters, Alyssa Marie and Ashleigh Nicole, were born March 14 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, Ill., to Todd and Jennifer Rowe of O'Fallon, Ill. Maternal grandparents are Morgan and Nan Rowe of Williamsburg, Va., formerly of Chelsea, and Alan and Kris Colvin of O'Fallon. The twins have a 5-year-old brother, Tyler.

A son, Karl Allen, was born Feb. 16 at St. Joseph Mercy

Hospital in Ann Arbor to Janet and Robert Pyle of Manchester. Maternal grandparents are Lois and the late Albert Schenk of Ann Arbor. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Beverly Pyle of Belleville. Karl has a big sister, Suzanne.

A daughter, Clara Joy, was born Feb. 28 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, to Diane and Matt Dobos of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Gale and Dorothy DeSmyther of

Chelsea. Paternal grandmother is Colleen Dobos of Riverview. Great-grandmother is Vera Young of Brooklyn. Clara has a sister, Nora Renee.

A son, Aaron Michael, was born March 8 in Manchester to Scott and Cheryl Shepard of Manchester. Maternal grandparents are Evelyn Wright of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Charles Wright of Arizona. Paternal grandparents are Donald and Sue Shepard of Dexter.

Celtic Musical Festival slated

The Celtic Music Festival is slated for 7 p.m. April 21 in the Chelsea High School Auditorium.

Featured artists will be internationally known English mandolin player Simon Mayor and vocalist Hilary James.

The Chelsea House Orchestra and the Chelsea Middle School Fiddle Clubs will each perform.

Across Britain from Shetland to Sark, and across the globe from Vancouver to Singapore, Mayor and James have brought their special blend of dazzling musicianship. Their specialty is an ability to combine a diverse array of talents into a hugely entertaining stage show.

There can't be many performers who slide easily from a beautifully evocative Irish ballad into a mandolin and guitar version of Handel's Arrival of the Queen of Sheba and then have the audience singing one of their own notorious comic songs. But it's this wry humor and an easy, informal stage manner that holds it all together.

Mayor is known as Britain's leading "hot-fingered mandolin virtuoso." Simon has recorded six albums featuring mandolin, mandola and mandocello and everything from light-hearted jigs and beautiful airs to a lively look at the classics.

Simon started out as a guitarist and fiddler, but his current position as one of the world's foremost mandolinists has led to an ever-increasing number of invitations to play and teach at festivals and conventions. Most recently the Classical Mandolin Society of America in 1999.

Since 1990, his Mandolin Albums have been applauded in Celtic and classical circles alike.

James' singing has received huge acclaim: quintessentially English but easily crossing the great musical divides from Celtic ballads to blues and Berlioz.

She's famed too for an unlikely taste in bass instruments, accompanying Simon on guitar on anything from Vivaldi to bluegrass and even managing a step dance if the wind is in the right direction.

Jed Fritzscheier, the Chelsea High School orchestra teacher, and 10 middle-school and high school students, founded the Chelsea House Orchestra in 1996.

After exploring a variety of folk music genre, the group settled on Celtic music as their main focus.

In the last four years, the group has grown to 30 students who play violin, viola, harp, cello, guitar, flute, oboe, bass and djembe.

The Chelsea House Orchestra credits include two years at the Alma Celtic Festival, two years at the St. Andrew's Highland Games, and an appearance on the main stage at the Saline Celtic Festival.

They have appeared in concert with special guest artist Jerry Holland, an internationally known Cape Breton fiddler and the Celtic Folk music band Pub Domain from East Lansing.

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2001 AT 9:00 A.M.

Present: Robert Tetens, Supervisor; Harley Rider, Clerk; Julie Knight, Treasurer; Libby Brushaber, Trustee; Michael Howard, Trustee
Location: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI
Meeting called to order by Supervisor Tetens at 9:30 A.M.
The Board discussed the FY 2000/2001 budget and discussed amendments.
The Board discussed the proposed FY 2001/2002 budget with proposed revenues of \$713,717.00.
The Board discussed raises of 3% for all employees and equalizing the salaries of the Supervisor, Treasurer and Clerk.
Moved by Knight, supported by Brushaber to adjourn. Carried. Time 12:45 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,
Harley B. Rider, Clerk
Dexter Township

NOTE: These are preliminary minutes subject to approval by the Township Board at the Regular Meeting to be held on March 20, 2001.

VILLAGE OF DEXTER PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING FOR FISCAL-YEAR 2001-2002

THE DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING, MONDAY, MARCH 26th, 2001 AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE NATIONAL CITY BANK, UPPER LEVEL, 8123 MAIN STREET, DEXTER, MI. FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING CITIZEN INPUT ON THE PROPOSED VILLAGE OF DEXTER BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL-YEAR 2001/2002. ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMENT. THE PROPOSED FY01/02 BUDGET MAY BE EXAMINED AT THE VILLAGE OFFICES BEGINNING MARCH 22nd, 2001 WEEKDAYS 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M., 8140 MAIN STREET, DEXTER, MI 48130
DONNA L. FISHER, VILLAGE CLERK

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Zoning Ordinance No. 79UUUU, "An Ordinance to amend the Chelsea Village Ordinance No. 79, Highway Service Commercial District (C-3) Regulations" was adopted by Chelsea Village Council on March 13, 2001. This Ordinance shall become effective 20 days after adoption and publication as provided by law. Copies of the Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Chelsea Village Clerk's Office, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, Michigan 48118, telephone (734) 475-1771, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays.
Georgia M. Beaman
Deputy Clerk

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Georgia M. Beaman
Deputy Clerk

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE TO RESIDENTS WEST MIDDLE STREET/CLEVELAND STREET RECONSTRUCTION WORK PLANNED

The Village of Chelsea will start a reconstruction project for West Middle Street and Cleveland Street. This project will include the installation of a new watermain, storm sewer, curb and gutter, sidewalk, road subgrade, asphalt pavement and replacement of water and sanitary services from the street to the property line. This work is being scheduled to begin on or around April 1, 2001 and will take from three to four months to complete. During construction, both W. Middle and Cleveland Streets will be closed to through traffic. Only local and emergency vehicles will be allowed access to the street. Although local traffic will be accommodated to the greatest extent possible, there will be some unavoidable disruptions. Your cooperation during the course of this project is appreciated.
Village of Chelsea Engineering Department
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VILLAGE OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2001

Present: President Steele, Clerk Zatorski, Village Manager Myers
Trustees Present: Hammer, Ortring, and Myles
Trustees Absent: Cashman, Riggs and Schumann
Others Present: A. Stoll, J. Edwards, D. Kaminsky, C. Ritter, A. Barels, L. McDougall, J. Drolett, A. Feeney, C. Rode, G. Adams, L. Allmendinger, L. Koch
President Steele called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles to approve the Consent Agenda with the following changes to the Minutes of the February 13, 2001 Regular Council Meeting:
Page 3, Paragraph 2, change: 1002 to 2001.
4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.
Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Ortring to approve the Regular Agenda.
4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.
President Steele opened the meeting for public participation.
D. Kaminsky, the Council representative to the District Library Board, apologized for not having attended more Council meetings. He said that since the Library moved to the Washington Street Education Center, their circulation has increased. He said that since the parking lot had been put in it made it easier for seniors and others who have a problem walking for any distance, to use the library.
Trustee Ortring said that she had received a call from a citizen who requested that she get a packet of information that the citizen had received to the Council. She wanted everyone to be informed about what is happening with the library. The citizen said that there had been some residents of Orchard Street had expressed concern regarding the house the library had purchased and the eventual egress onto Orchard Street.
In response to a question from President Steele, D. Kaminsky said that the packet of information would be distributed to the library board at their next meeting. He said he had not yet read the information.
Trustee Myles asked if the library building committee had decided what to go forward with on construction of the new library. Mr. Kaminsky said that the committee would be meeting on March 6, but there were still some stumbling blocks, but they were working on getting over them. He said that the public meeting that was held in December was very positive and the committee had gotten a very good idea of what should be done with the downtown site. He said the committee would hold another public meeting to make sure they were on the right track.
There being nothing further, President Steele closed the public participation.
J. Myers reviewed the Resolution Re: 2001/2002 Fiscal Year Budget, line item by line item. He said this year's budget is \$2,618,791.00, up by 5.6%. He said that the Village has a balanced budget.
J. Myers next reviewed the Resolution Re: Enterprise and other Budgets, again, line item by line item. He said a major rebuilding of West Middle Street would take place this summer and that milling and repaving would be done on seven other streets. He said the total of all the budgets is \$10,996,209.00.
Trustee Myles asked if the storm water treatment that the Village may be facing from the State had been factored in.
J. Myers said that in communities under 5,000 to 10,000 people it was voluntary. He said the Village would probably not be facing this until 2003. He said that on major building projects such as West Middle Street and all new construction that were making approved provisions for that eventuality.
Trustee Myles said he did not see the structure for the transfer station in this budget. J. Myers said the structure was not needed at this time.
Trustee Myles also asked if the amount in the equipment budget included leases or purchases. J. Myers said that the police car would be purchased and all other equipment would be on a lease basis.
President Steele opened the public hearing.
C. Ritter said that the budget should have been distributed to the audience since this was a public hearing regarding the budget.
J. Myers said that the notice about the public hearing had been in the Chelsea Standard and that the budgets and resolutions had been available at the Village offices.
C. Ritter also noted that the police budget had been increased while the fire department budget had been decreased.
There being no further comment, President Steele closed the public hearing.
Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Ortring to adopt the Resolution for the 2001/2002 Fiscal Year Budget. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.
Trustee Ortring asked if the Council could be told when something comes up that has not been included in the budget. J. Myers said that he does let the Council know when requested funds are not in the budget and that to approve a non-budgeted item a roll call of Trustees must be taken to approve it.
Trustee Myles, in response to Mr. Ritter's observation regarding the decrease in the police budget, pointed out that benefits, etc. had not been included in the line item for the police department. J. Myers said that the total for the police budget was \$1,033,000.00.
Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles to adopt the Resolution for the Enterprise and other Budgets for the Fiscal Year 2001/2002 and to accept the recommendations for the street repairs proposed by the Village Manager. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.
President Steele reviewed communications to and from the Council: Letter for DEC regarding the NPDES permit; letter from P. Flintoff regarding the dispatch agreement; letter from MichCon regarding the rate increases; the DDA and Chamber Board meetings for January; minutes of the Fire Authority Special meeting; minutes from the Chelsea Area Traffic Committee; letter from the Michigan Municipal Electric Association; minutes from the Chelsea Area Construction Agency Board meeting; and a copy of a letter from Magellan Properties to the Post Office.
President Steele reported that the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority had a special meeting on February 20 to talk about the special assessment that is up this year. They have gone through two 5-year special assessments since the Authority was formed. They need to go out for another special assessment this year.
Trustee Ortring reported that the Farmers' Market group would hold a meeting on

March 10 at 8:00 a.m. at the Edgar Norman Creative Offices. She announced that Dayspring Gifts, the Merchants' Association and McKinley Associates will hold a fundraiser for the Summerfest on Friday, March 16 from 5:30 to 8:30 at the Clock Tower.
J. Drolett reported that the Gateway Overlay District and the Commercial Design Standards were discussed at the last Planning Commission meeting. He said concerns were raised with the wording of the expansion to existing sites. He said C. Schmitt has written an amendment to Article 10 of the existing ordinance and the two new ordinances would refer to that section so that it would all make sense as these ordinances are put together. He said the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the rezoning request for the Waste Water Treatment Plant site and the vote was 4 to 4. He said there had been no comment from the public at the public hearing for the Gateway Overlay District.
Police Chief L. McDougall presented his report for the month of January.
Fire Chief D. Ellenwood had handed out the documents from the Fire Authority that the Council had requested. They included the Chart of Accounts Conversion to State Uniform Chart of Accounts, the Insurance Services Office rating regarding Public Fire Protection rates, and a memorandum about the Michigan Municipal League coming in to evaluate the Fire Authority. He said the ISO had changed the Class rating for Chelsea from 6 to 5 that could result in a possible lowering of homeowners' insurance rates. The class change takes effect on April 4.
C. Ritter said that he had a list of what the MML was supposed to consider in evaluating the Fire Authority. He said he would make that list available to the Council. He said that a typo on the dispatcher contract had to be corrected. He said one of the people on the board had questioned whom the dispatcher would be working for. Mr. Ritter said that he had told them that the dispatcher would be a Village employee. He said the Fire Authority has not yet signed the contract because a member had resigned. In response to a question from the board, Mr. Ritter had told them that the contract would become effective as soon as it was signed on March 1.
J. Myers said that the new maintenance building at the Waste Water Treatment Plant had been projected to cost \$150,000 but B. Roberts had brought it in at \$136,534. He said Brad had saved the Village \$13,466.
President Steele reviewed the memorandum from Chief McDougall regarding the cost of police protection to the Townships in lieu of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. Chief McDougall did note that a mileage figure of \$.33/mile had not been included. President Steele said that he would like to have the decision on this postponed because three members of the Council were not present.
Discussion followed regarding the memorandum.
G. Adams said that they had to notify the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department by July 1 about service.
L. Koch said that she hoped the Council would make a decision at their first meeting in March because time was getting very short for a decision to be made by all parties concerned and then to notify Washtenaw County regarding that decision.
Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Ortring to table the question of police services for the Townships until the March 13, 2001 meeting of the Council. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.
Motion by Trustee Myles, seconded by Trustee Hammer to remove from the table the Manager Review Evaluation Form. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.
Trustee Hammer had distributed a list of possible goals for the Village Manager.
Trustee Myles said that he had understood that goals from each of the Trustees would be included.
Trustee Hammer said that he thought consideration of this should be put off until the next meeting of the Council because there were three members of the Council absent at this meeting and the next meeting would include a new Council member.
Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles that the Village Manager's Evaluation Form be tabled until the March 13, 2001 meeting of the Council and that a copy of the form and all goals be included with the packet for that meeting. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.
Motion by Trustee Myles, seconded by Trustee Ortring to approve the second draft of the Lease Agreement with NSF 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.
J. Myers reviewed the Resolution Re: Closing of Industrial Development Fund.
Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles to approve the Resolution Re: Closing of Industrial Development Fund. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.
Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Myles to approve the Resolution Re: Budget Amendments for 2000/2001. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.
Trustee Myles reviewed the parking study done by the DDA.
Motion by Trustee Ortring, seconded by Trustee Hammer to support changing the two no parking spaces at 115 West Middle Street to make parking space available. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.
Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Ortring to support the following parking suggestions: Parking on the north side of W. Middle Street west of municipal lot entrance; change the 15-minute loading zone in front of 118 W. Middle Street to 30 min parking; continue to allow parking on the south side of E. Middle Street. 3 Ayes (Trustees Hammer, Ortring and Myles), 1 Nay (President Steele), 3 Absent. Motion carried.
Motion by Trustee Ortring, seconded by Trustee Myles to approve the Request for a Liquor License Transfer from Gina's Café. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.
J. Drolett reviewed the members for the proposed Board of Appeals for the Chelsea Area Construction Agency and The Western Washtenaw Construction Authority. He explained that each entity that was a participant had to approve the board members.
Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Ortring to endorse the members nominated for the proposed Board of Appeals for the Chelsea Area Construction Agency and the Western Washtenaw Construction Authority. 3 Ayes (Trustees Hammer, Ortring and Myles), 0 Nay, 1 Abstention (President Steele), 3 Absent. Motion carried.
Motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Ortring to adjourn. 4 Ayes, 0 Nay, 3 Absent. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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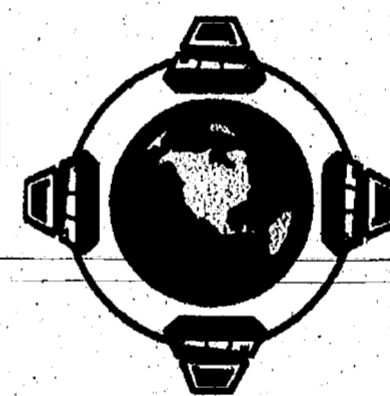
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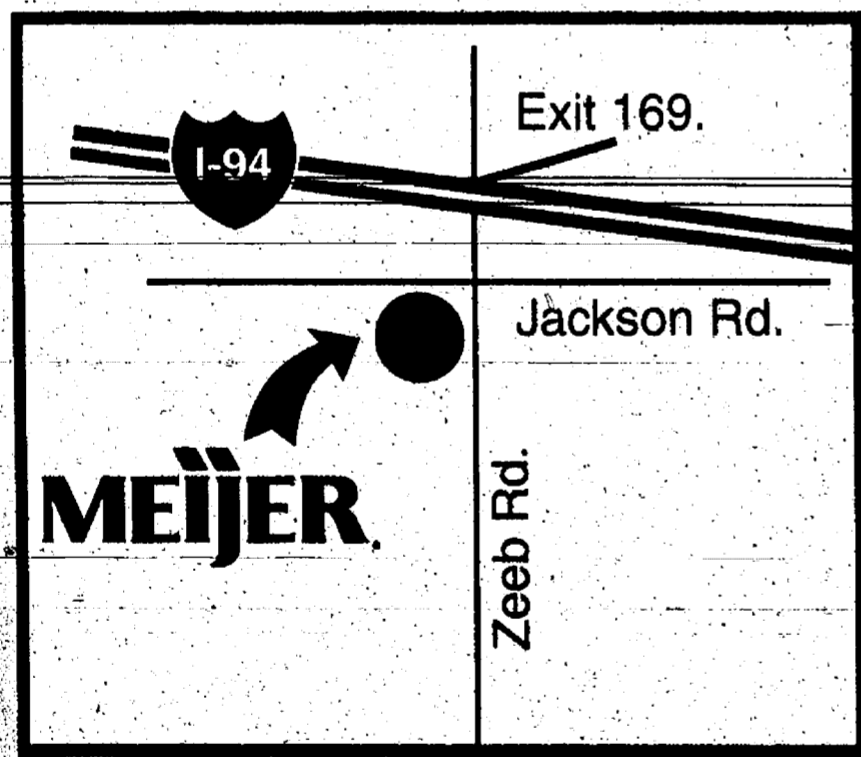
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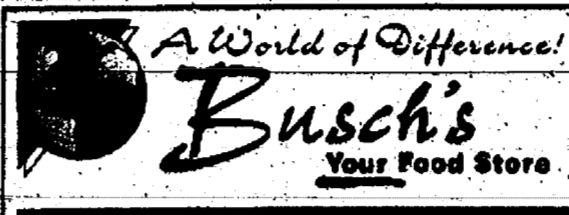
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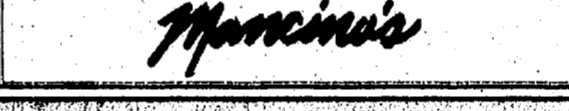
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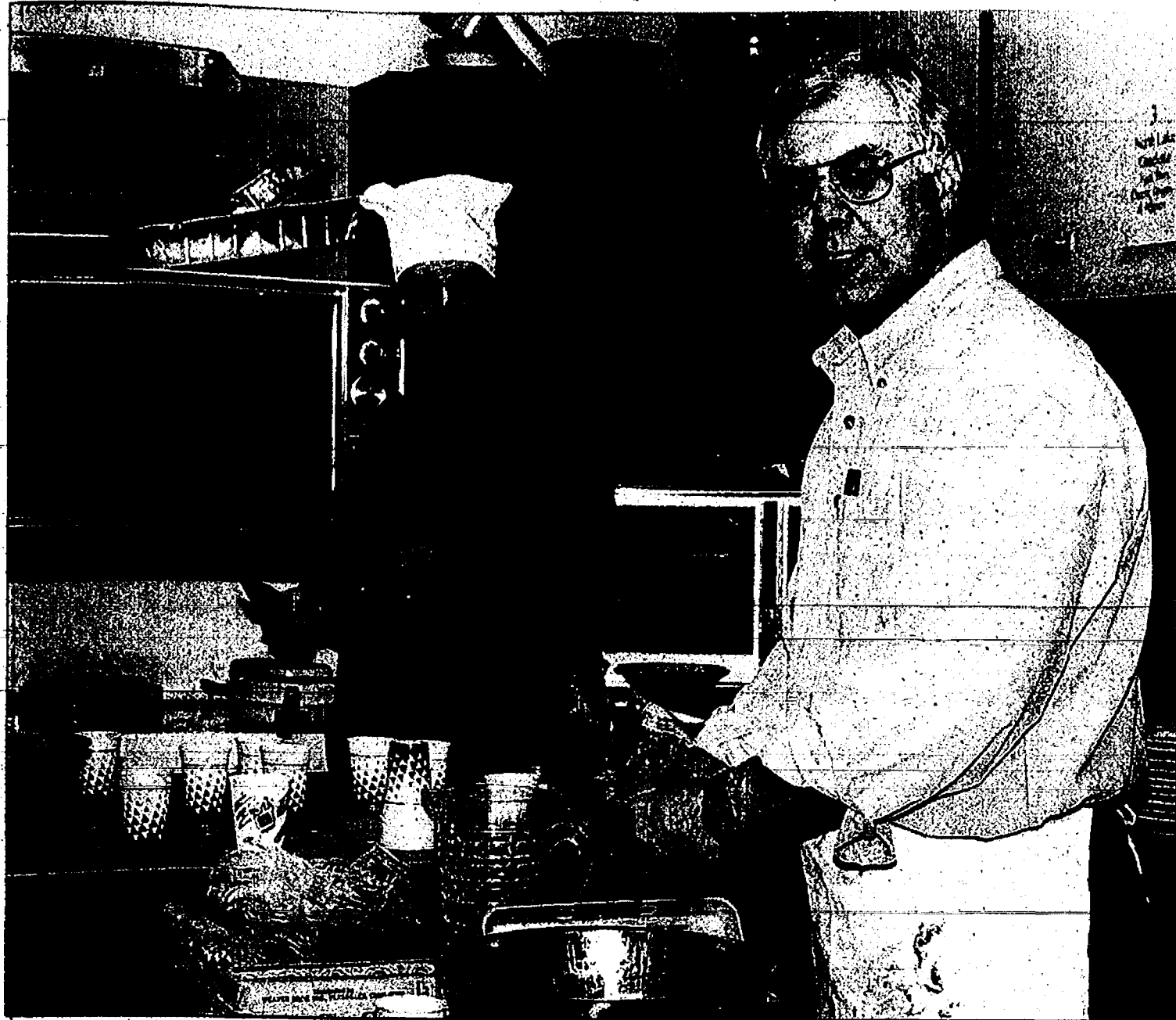
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North Lake United Methodist Church has been serving egg suppers each Easter for 125 years. Omelet chef Don McGuire (left), and egg cracker Dave Jachalke are shown serving up egg suppers at last year's event. This year's Egg Supper takes place 5 to 7:30 p.m. April 6 at the church on North Territorial Road.

Get cracking

Local church holds 125th Egg Supper

Forty thousands eggs. That's how many eggs the Rev. Wayne Hawley estimates have been cooked over the last 125 years at the annual Egg Supper held at North Lake United Methodist Church in Dexter Township.

The event will be held 5 to 7:30 p.m. April 6 at the church, located on North Territorial Road.

The annual event began in 1876 and Hawley believes the early suppers were held in homes.

The church purchased the Grange Hall at North Territorial and Riker roads in 1925. The hall was moved to its present location and renovated. It was used for Sunday school classrooms, a dining room and kitchen.

When parishioner Audrey Eisele was a child, the church scheduled spring cleaning the day after its Egg Supper.

"Apparently, everything got cleaned," Hawley said. "Light fixtures, floors, corners, the whole kitchen and all the dishes were washed again. Maybe the women didn't trust the men's cleaning job (after the Egg Supper)."

The Egg Supper became associated with Lent and Easter, occurring on the Friday before Palm Sunday.

Originally, the kitchen was under the stairs in the Grange Hall, but by 1933, when Holton Knisely joined the church, a narrow kitchen had been built onto the hall with a huge griddle on a gas stove to accommodate a lot of eggs at one time.

Church member Floyd Boyce Sr. can still recall the combined smell of gas and fried eggs.

As recently as the 1960s, the event was primarily a dinner for church members, but not intended as a fund-raiser, although attendees did buy tickets.

Since the Grange Hall area was small, only half a dozen tables could be set up. People waited in the sanctuary for a table, socializing both before and during the meal.

The men were responsible for planning, cooking, serving and cleaning up.

"There were some suspicions that the women got involved somehow, but it was not evident at the time, or at least the men said they were doing everything," Hawley said.

Parishioner Bob Eisele recalls that the men

who worked always ate before the serving started. Even though meat was not served at the Egg Supper, the workers had ham with their meal.

Church members — most of them farmers — provided the food, bringing eggs and milk. The menu included homemade pies and rolls, baked beans, potatoes and fried eggs.

"They never let anyone order a scrambled egg, only fried. But they made scrambled eggs when they broke any yolks," Hawley said.

Because of the mass production of fried eggs, often times they did not look very appetizing.

Floyd Boyce recalls big plates of "barely over-easy eggs."

Sandy Eisele, a child in the '50s, recalls the event as her least favorite church dinner of the year.

Ground was broken in July 1971 for the existing education building. The building was consecrated on Oct. 29, 1972, and the mortgage was burned Dec. 1, 1974.

"By then, the Egg Supper had evolved that the men cooked the eggs and the women did the serving and salad bar," Hawley said.

The menu also evolved, with families preparing dozens of deviled eggs and scalloped potatoes.

Eventually, the Egg Supper became a money-making project, Hawley said.

The new building contained a large, new kitchen. Days before the event, the kitchen was used for donations such as cheese, ham, onions and green peppers that went into the omelets.

Hawley said the omelet-makers became a core of experts.

"Six or seven men would be making omelets around the stoves and perimeter, while three or four were cracking, stirring and portioning the omelet mixture," Hawley said.

"I've been pastor here for 10 years and they never let me cook an egg. I finally mastered cracking eggs without splashing my cohorts."

For several years, the main monetary purpose of the Egg Supper has been to provide camp and mission trip scholarships for church members. Hundreds of scholarships have been given.

Tickets for this year's event are \$6.50 adults and \$3.50 children. For information call 475-4561 or 475-7569.

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Pastor

Lutheran church earns award

Our Savior Lutheran Church of Chelsea has been awarded a Gold Star rating by the Aid Association for Lutherans in recognition of community services.

The branch is led by chairwoman Barbara Hochrein, recorder Shelley Grissom and treasurer Betty Wild. It is supported by AAL representative Tom Dobberstein of Ann Arbor.

To achieve a Gold Star rating, the branch must conduct regular business meetings, an election and, a planning meeting, and sponsor at least one benevolent, one educational and one Branch Member Welcome: Spice Up Your Life event and three additional activities in any combination.

It must also submit an annual financial report and achieve an

average of one volunteer hour per benefit member in the branch.

AAL, based in Appleton, Wis., is a fraternal benefit society of 1.8 million members who join together for insurance, educational and volunteer opportunities. AAL has more than 10,400 branches.

DEATHS

R. SAMUEL LYNDON

Blue Springs, Md. Formerly of Dexter
R. Samuel Lyndon, 54, died March 15, 2001, at University of Michigan Hospital. He was born on June 15, 1946 in Ann Arbor, the son of Robert C. and Thelma V. (Vaughan) Lyndon.

Mr. Lyndon was a member of Grace Fellowship Bible Church in Blue Springs, Mo., and is a former member of Dexter Gospel Church.

He was director of sales promotion and product development for Walsworth Publishing Co., where he was a loyal employee for 30 years. He used to own Lyndon Photography in Dexter and the Chelsea Dairy Queen. He also worked with his parents and brother at Lyndon Color Labs.

Mr. Lyndon married Linda Boulanger in Martin, S.D., on June 6, 1970, and she survives. Other survivors include his mother, Thelma Lyndon of Goshen, Ind.; one son, Ron (Kira) Lyndon of Pittsburgh, Pa.; two daughters, Angie Lyndon of Blue Springs, Mo., Andrea (Jim) Barker of Reseda, Calif.; one brother, Dick (Karen) Lyndon of Goshen, Ind.; two grandchildren, Kayla Lyndon and Marissa Barker; several nieces and nephews and aunts. He was preceded in death by his father Robert.

Funeral services were held Monday at Dexter Gospel Church, with the Revs. John O'Dell and Thomas Rodenberg officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Dexter. The family received friends Sunday at Cole Funeral Chapel and on Monday at Dexter Gospel Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lyndon Education Fund.

Arrangements were made by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

CHARLES WHITAKER

Baxter, Tenn. Formerly of Chelsea
Charles "Charlie" Whitaker, 57, of Baxter, Tenn., formerly of the Chelsea and Stockbridge area, died March 13, 2001, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center in Cookeville, Tenn. He was born Nov. 28, 1943, to Roy and Bertie (Fitzpatrick) Whitaker in Chelsea. On Aug. 23, 1990, he married Nancy Alexander in Toledo, Ohio, and she survives.

Mr. Whitaker was employed as a truck driver, and enjoyed hunting and fishing.
In addition to his wife, Nancy, he is survived by his mother, Bertie Whitaker of Clinton; one brother, Paul (Carole) Whitaker of Addison; two sisters, Janive Pearson of Canton and Joyce (Oren) Lovely of Dexter; two brothers-in-law, Larry and Jim Alexander; a sister-in-law, Michelle Roderick; and his dog, Spanky. He was preceded in death by his father; one son, Jeffery Thomas Whitaker; a brother, Earl Whitaker; and his father and mother-in-law, Don and Arlesta Alexander.

A funeral service was held Saturday at the Clinton Assembly of God Church. The Rev. Richard Coury officiated. Burial followed at Oaklawn Cemetery in Stockbridge.

ERNEST PEACE

Bradenton, FL Formerly of Dexter
Ernest Peace, 87, died March 5, 2001, in Westminster Towers Health Center. Born in Corbin, Ky., Mr. Peace moved to Manistee County in 1980.

Mr. Peace is survived by his wife, Virginia; two daughters, Terry Spokes (Bill) of Bradenton, Fla., and Starlet (Lynn) Richards of Dexter; six grandchildren, Mark (Dawn) Gregory, Cindi (Brad) Shankland, Risa (Doug) Bowen Kip (Rose) Richards, Travis Gainsley and Will (Megan) Spokes; and five great-grandchildren, Lucas, Daniel and Ethan Gregory, Lily and Everett Bowen.

A memorial service was held March 10 in Bradenton. Contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 2001 Cantu Court, No. 119, Sarasota, FL 34232.

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Zion Lutheran
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David Hendricks, Pastor
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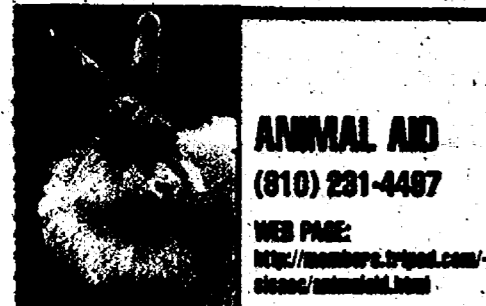
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Chelsea Day in Florida



Chelsea Day in Florida was held Feb. 17 at Amer Condo Park in Zephyrhills, Fla. A total of 36 people enjoyed a visit and potluck dinner, and received a "touch of Chelsea" with a box of Jiffy muffin mix provided by Chelsea Milling Co. Pictured are Vic and Joyce Rachuk, Al and Carol Peterson, Walt and Darlene Cozzens, Gale and Dorothy DeSmyther, Ed and Doris Watkins Mettler, Lorraine and Laureta Boyer, Ardith Smits, Lorenz and Sonja Wackenhut, Bob and Doris Butler, Tom and Opal McNamara, Duane and Eleanor Hall, George and Ruby West, Phil and Rose McGibney, Murf and Betty Murphy, Art and Roberta Cobb, Treva Winans, Ralph Johnson and Blythe Johnson.



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DOGS

- 1. Boots — 8-year-old spayed

female, tricolor Collie mix. Great as companion dog, well trained.

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

3. Daisy — 5-year-old spayed female, tan and white patch beagle, 30 pounds, loving, best as a single dog. Needs a secure fenced area.

4. Heidi — Black female terrier mixed breed, 50 pounds. She is spayed, very active. No children younger than 12.

5. Hope — 5-year-old deaf Springer Spaniel, spayed female. Fenced yard required.

6. Jo Jo — 10-month-old neutered male shepherd. Fenced yard required.

7. Kelly — Spaniel mix, 1-year-old spayed female, black.

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

9. Princess Faith — 8-year-old spayed female Lhasa and Lab mix, cream colored, 35 pounds.

10. Sanford — 6-year-old beagle, very friendly, needs fenced yard.

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CATS

1. Dorion and Dominick — 6-month-old brothers, one orange and the orange and white, people-oriented cats, love to play.

2. Ellie — Striking 1 year old, medium-length hair, tiger calico, female, friendly and clean.

3. Hannah and Hunter — Mother and son. Hannah is 1 year old, orange with short fur. Hunter is 6 months old, orange with long fur. They are very friendly.

4. Logan — 1 year old, spayed

female, brown tabby. She is friendly, sweet and fun to play with.

5. Lucy — 3-year-old spayed female, short hair, torti. She is shy and quiet and would do best in an adult home.

6. Marmalade — 8-month-old neutered male, orange with white tabby. He is very sweet and quiet.

7. Polly — 2-year-old spayed female calico, domestic short hair. She was found under a wood pile, very sweet.

8. Raisin — 1 year old, spayed female, brown tiger, domestic

short hair. She is friendly and tolerant.

9. Whiskers — 1 year old, black and white, domestic short hair, neutered male. He has a good temperament and likes to please.

10. Wiskers and Percie — 3-year-old gray neutered male and 5-year-old spayed female calico. They were abandoned by their owners. They are best friends to be adopted together.

GUINEA PIGS

- 1. Abe — 3-year-old brown and white male.
- 2. Baby — 2-year-old red female.



Amber Mullins, a junior at Dexter High School, has been honored by the Michigan Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

Student takes honor

The Michigan chapter of the Future Farmers of America recently awarded Amber Mullins the FFA Proficiency Award in Equine Management Entrepreneurship.

Mullins, a Dexter High School junior, travels to Saline High School two hours per day and is enrolled in the agri-science classes offered by the South and West Washtenaw Consortium. She studies plant and animal science at the school.

Mullins received the award for her experience in equine management. She traveled to the 73rd annual state convention at Michigan State University to retrieve the award.

Mullins owns, trains and

shows her three horses, as well as trains and shows for others. She also finds time to operate her own horse-hauling business.

Mullins said that she is pleased with the FFA program at Saline High School. She said it has been a great experience that will help her through college.

Mullins hopes to attend Michigan State University and one day have her own horse training and boarding facility.

The agri-science and FFA program at Saline is available to all 11th- and 12th-grade students attending Dexter, Chelsea, Manchester, Milan, Dundee and Saline schools.

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Bingo - Log Number 66395
Bingo arrived at HSHV January 13th. He's about 8 months old and 9.5 pounds. Bingo was found running about and taken in by the family that brought him here, but they could not keep him due to allergies. Now that Bingo knows a better life is possible, can you help us find him one that will keep him in comfort and health for his lifetime?

Coach - Log Number 66563
Coach was taken in by a family for a few months, but they couldn't keep him. They brought him to us January 23rd in the hopes he would find a lasting home. He is about one and a half years old and 11 pounds. Coach is waiting for the family of his feline dreams - one that provides all he needs for all his life!

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