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## Committee moves forward with reroute

**Group looking for project funding.**

**By Kent Ashton Walton**  
Special Writer

Despite a lack of funding, the Chelsea Area Traffic Committee voted Friday to have consultants JJR and HNTB Inc. complete studies of the proposed relocated M-52 Chelsea bypass.

Meanwhile, the committee continues to look for funds to cover the project's cost.

Committee Chairman Joe Yekulis said 15 people have been approached to help fund the project. The number is in addition to eight in the industrial community who already have

committed.

Yekulis said he did not want to wait for the money to arrive before moving forward because of impending deadlines. He is concerned that there still may be obstacles to overcome and he wants to see the study finished.

He said the committee will be clear on its financial situation by May 1. Based on verbal commitments he has received, Yekulis said he feels confident the money will be forthcoming.

The board also reviewed intersection designs for the bypass, including areas at the north end of M-52 at Werker Road and at the south end near Commerce Park Drive.

The committee voted to accept the alignment design draft by JJR for the north intersection.

McDonald's and Taco Bell restaurants are directly affected by the south intersection at Commerce Park Drive.

Both fast-food chains are planning to rebuild their restaurants. McDonald's will raze all but the play area of its property and rebuild, while Taco Bell, according to Yekulis, intends to raze its building and replace it with a combined Taco Bell and Pizza Hut.

Although the committee voted to accept the proposed alignment for the intersection, Ron Nelson, project manager for

McDonald's construction department, later approached the committee and asked that it first look at the restaurant's site plans.

Based on the proposed plan, Nelson said it appeared as if McDonald's current south driveway entrance would be inaccessible, leaving only the exit drive open.

Yekulis assured him nothing had been approved yet and that the redesign is still in the study stage.

Other issues discussed concerned property access for soil borings along the proposed route.

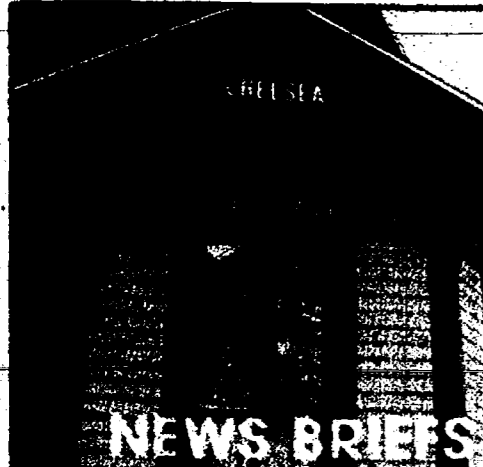
According to Teri Blackmore,

executive director of the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Urban Area Transportation Study Committee, 18 soil borings are needed along the relocation route. She said that there are about seven property owners who will need to agree to it.

The 4-inch borings will be 10- to 20-foot deep, and designed to reveal the nature of the proposed road's soil bed.

In public comment, the board assured residents that those affected by the borings would be notified.

The next meeting has been scheduled for April 24, provided reports from JJR and HNTB are completed.



### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Meals on Wheels needs more drivers

The Chelsea Meals on Wheels program is in urgent need of regular and substitute drivers to deliver meals to the homebound. Meals are delivered seven days a week.

For information call 475-9494.

#### Wild turkey workshop to be held Sunday

A "Wild About Turkeys" workshop will be held 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Gerald E. Eddy Discover Center on Bush Road.

Wildlife biologists from Michigan State University will present a three-hour workshop on wild turkeys. Participants will receive a free poster and will learn to talk like a turkey.

Workshop fee is \$5 per person. Waterloo Natural History Association members are admitted for free. A state park motor vehicle permit is required, \$4 daily or \$20 for an annual permit.

Advanced reservations are required. Call 475-3170.

#### Fire department offers tips for burning

According to the Chelsea Area Fire Department, township residents who burn waste must use an approved burn barrel or call 475-8755 for a burn permit.

Without a burn permit, residents may be billed \$500 if the fire department responds to a fire at their home.

Burn permits must be issued for each day of burning and burning can only be done in daylight hours.

State law prevents burning within 1,400 feet of the village limits, and regulates that a fire must be put out if it causes health or nuisance problems.

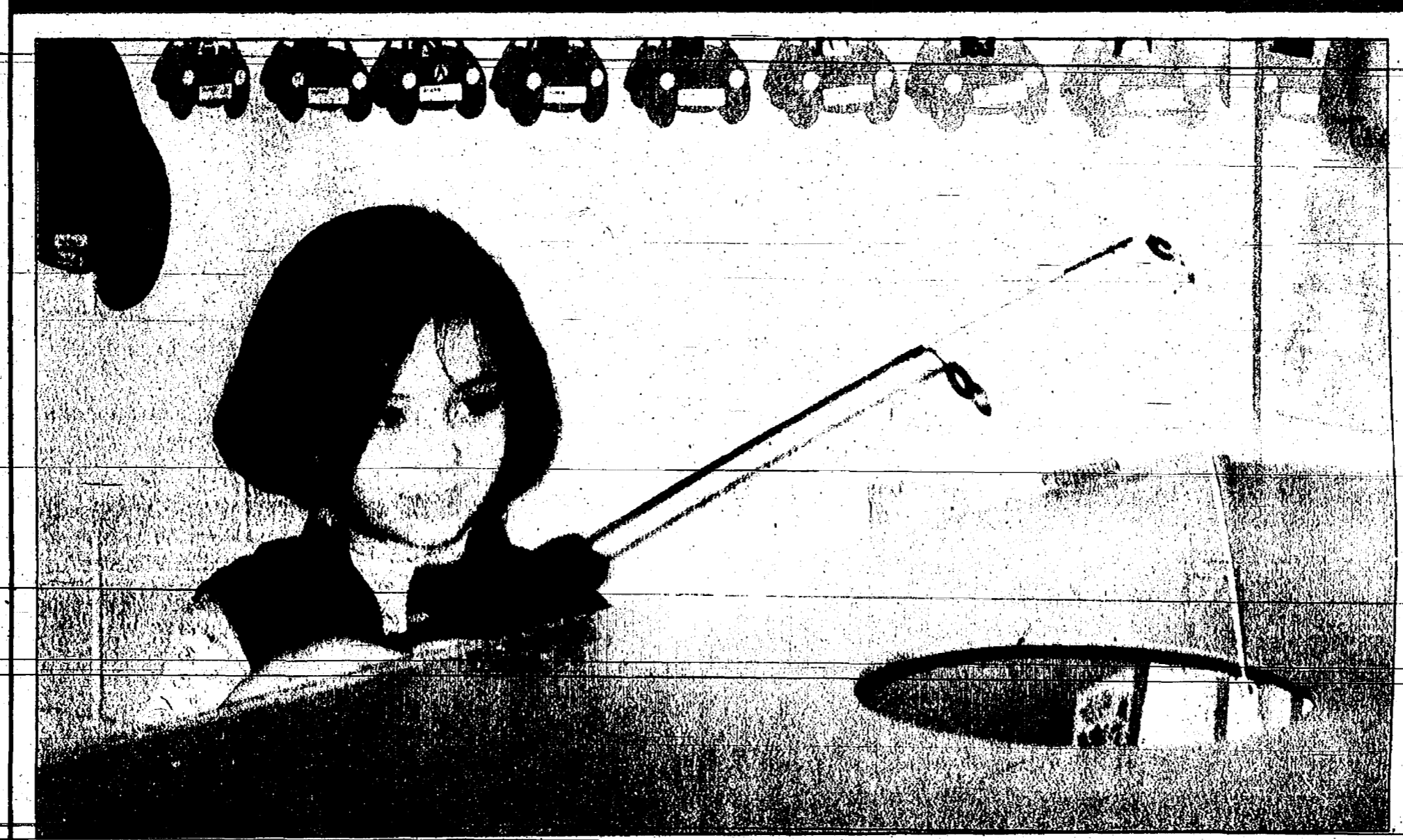
Shingles, tires, hazardous waste and garbage cannot be burned.

#### Art gallery features bronze artist Saturday

Bronze artist and anthropologist Steve Pastner will display his work at a wine reception from 5 to 7 p.m. at Art & Soule Gallery, 123 S. Main St.

Pastner's works depict scenes from the Vikings through to the American Old West. His work will be displayed through April 21.

### Gone Fishin'



Pre-schooler Jenny Gabbard fishes for a prize at the fishpond game during the annual Family Fun Night recently held at North Creek Elementary School. Pupils and their families enjoyed games, face painting, balloon animals, a cakewalk, pizza and popcorn. The event was sponsored by the school PTO and proceeds go toward school assemblies and playground equipment.

## Group wants to nix plans

**Representatives will meet with state officials next month about lake.**

**By Lisa Allmendinger**  
Staff Writer

Friends of Pickerel Lake has added the Dexter Township Board to its list of supporters.

On March 20, the board agreed to support a resolution that asks the state parks and recreation division to enact a one-year moratorium on development around the 23-acre state-owned lake.

The resolution, proposed by Esther Kirshenbaum, a representative of Friends of Pickerel Lake, also asks the Department of Natural Resources to look into alternatives to alterations proposed for the lake.

The state plans to grade the dirt road that leads to the lake, grade and put down a gravel parking lot, and lay gravel from the access to the water's edge for a boat launch.

According to the group, which

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## County raises price for law enforcement contract

**Decision to contract with county may hinge on grant results.**

**By Will Keeler**  
Staff Writer

Lima and Sylvan townships are still considering police protection from the county despite a recent rise in costs.

Washtenaw County Commissioners recently announced an 8.9 percent increase for sheriff law enforcement services.

Each deputy will cost approximately \$118,666 a year, an increase from the previous estimate of \$109,010, in 2002.

Contracting areas will be charged \$78,333 after a county subsidy of nearly 35 percent. This is an increase from earlier estimates of \$71,781.

The sheriff's department will end road patrol in townships that don't have contracts with the county on Jan. 1.

"We are still considering all of our options," said Lima Township Supervisor Ken Unterbrink.

Many of the western townships are considering different

options. They include forming a consortium with other townships, forming a township-run department or relying on the Michigan State Police.

Townships would not incur a cost if they rely on state troopers.

"A lot of people who recently attended a citizens' meeting (on police protection) feel that the state police would be good enough," Unterbrink said.

"They feel that the state police has been doing just as much as the sheriff's department," he said.

Unterbrink said, however, that the committee hasn't made any definitive plans.

Lima Township's decision to contract with the county may hinge on whether the township qualifies for the Byrne Grant, Unterbrink said.

The Byrne Grant is a four-year community service grant awarded to municipalities. Funds can be applied toward police protection.

Unterbrink said that the grant would pay for 75 percent of the police costs for the first year and 50 percent of the costs the fol-

lowing year. The latter two years would result in a 25 percent award each year.

The grant would be applicable for one police service unit. A police service unit consists of one officer at 40 hours a week, office space, a patrol car and supervision.

Sylvan Township plans to weigh its options, also. Sylvan Township Clerk LuAnn Koch said that the township also

applied for the Byrne Grant, but the recipients won't be named until August.

The county needs a decision by July 1 as to whether municipalities will be contracting in 2002.

Koch said that a township could contract with the county contingent on the results of the grant.

Koch said that she plans to

talk with other township officials about the different options available.

She said that now that the commissioners have calculated the new figures, the township plans to hold another meeting in May on police protection in May to gather more input from residents.

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## Residents hear police options

**The most expensive plan is to form a township police force.**

**By Kent Ashton Walton**  
Special Writer

About 100 Lima Township residents gathered Saturday morning at the town hall to hear information from the Public Safety Review Committee on options for police services.

Presenters included Lima Township Supervisor Ken Unterbrink, Public Safety Review Committee Chairman Vince Spade, Vice Chairman John Edwards and Gary Adams, the former township supervisor.

The committee was formed after the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners announced last year that municipalities that were not contracting with the sheriff's department would no longer be given coverage unless they paid for it.

The county wants a decision by July 1, with changes taking place Jan. 1.

There are six policing options Lima Township is considering:

- Contracting with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.
- Contracting with Chelsea Village Police

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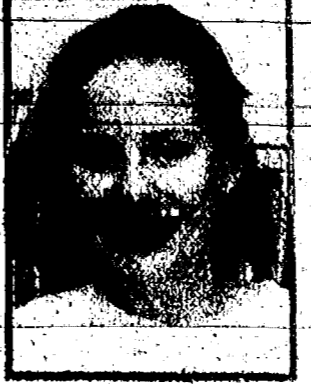


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# Chelsea Library Board answers questions

Trustees stand behind decision not to waive fees related to FOIA request.

By Kent Ashton Walton  
Special Writer

A group of residents on Orchard Street that has been seeking answers from the Chelsea District Library Board got some last week.

On March 20, the board responded to letters a couple members of the group wrote regarding e-mail and fees related to requests they made under the Freedom of Information Act.

In responding to a letter from Mary Jane Eder concerning e-mail between a reporter for The

Chelsea Standard, library Director Metta Lansdale and library President Lynn Fox, board members appeared to agree that no ethical standards had been compromised.

Fox said they were responding to e-mail from a reporter and that there was nothing unethical about it. Board Trustee John Gourlay also saw nothing unusual about it and Trustee Kathy Sprawka said she was pleased about how things were handled.

In responding to a letter from Gwen Stubbs concerning a request for a waiver of fees involving a FOIA request, the board said it never agreed to waive fees.

Fox said the original request was for the group to review library documents prior to an invoice payment for copies. In this case, she said there is no charge. However, there was a charge when residents asked for copies of the documents.

Trustee Nancy Schumann said the board did not agree to waive fees, but said she could see how there might have been some confusion.

The confusion seems to have stemmed from some board members nodding their heads. But Sprawka pointed out, head nodding and eye contact are not the way government bodies do business.

"We have to do things in a pro-

cedural way," she said.

Sprawka apologized for the misunderstanding.

Gourlay said that nods and a board member saying yes do not indicate board action. By nodding, he said he thought the board was affirming the right of the citizens to view the documents for free, not waiving fees for copies.

Other board members said the misunderstanding was unfortunate and said procedural mistakes may have been made because they were learning to deal with the FOIA process. They said they hoped what had happened wouldn't generate ill will within the community.

In the public comment section

of the meeting, Chelsea resident Judy Smith wanted to know what property acquisition was referred to in the February budget statement in the amount of \$51,563.

The board did not answer Smith's question during the meeting, but said the topic would be put on next month's agenda.

The same subject was referred to in the March 13 building committee report. Architect Jim Mumby had shown the committee an illus-

tration of what property was owned and who owned it, in addition to what property would be needed to build the new library at the McKune site.

The adjoining Downtown Development Authority parking lot and costs associated with building were also discussed.

The board later met in closed session to discuss the purchase of property.

The next building committee meeting is April 24.

## Board hears multimedia presentation

Pupils use computer program to show what they've learned in science lessons.

By Kent Ashton Walton  
Special Writer

Pupils at North Creek Elementary School gave a presentation to the Chelsea Board of Education Monday.

Teacher Karen Henry's third-grade class put on a multimedia presentation on animals, using a PowerPoint computer program. This was designed as part of their animal science unit.

Henry explained that the project enhanced the curriculum and utilized weekly lab sessions with open lab time of two hours each week. Pupils share their presentations with their peers. They also have a Web site in conjunction with a school in Japan.

Henry team teaches the technology unit with teacher Crystal Heydlauf. The University of Michigan funds it.

The evening's second presentation was by teachers Sandy Lantis at North Creek and Beth Newman at South Meadows elementary schools. They both teach writing using instruction in editing skills.

Both teachers and students are taught to use consistent editing techniques to correct errors in writing.

The Chelsea school board is ready to go online with a Web

page of its own that includes pictures and information about each board member, e-mail access, and information on board policies. The Web address is www.chelsea.k12.mi.us.

Board members will participate in a training session to learn how to operate the Web page.

In other business, the board discussed salaries for employees in the Parents as Teachers program. Rates for the program supervisor and educators were presented.

The supervisor of the program will be on a 240-day schedule with a salary of \$45,000 for the 2001-2002 school year.

Parents as Teachers educators will initially receive an hourly rate for instruction ranging from \$15 an hour for non-degree instructors, to \$22 an hour for instructors with a master's degree.

Chelsea schools Superintendent Ed Richardson said that the program has been offered for the past four years and is contingent upon continued

receipt of grant funding from a variety of sources. The state will provide funding over the next three years.

The purpose of the program is to help parents of pre-school children learn about developmental stages and provide a good learning environment in the home.

Parents interested in the program can notify the school and visit school play sessions.

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*The Guidelines*

All forms of poetry welcome! Eligible participants include the following 4 age categories:  
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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

*Laura Kasischke, award-winning poet and novelist, will act as Master of Ceremonies. Ms. Kasischke 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.*

*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.

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# Doing it best

## Chelsea couple retires after 33 years in hardware business

By Sheila Pursglove  
Staff Writer

Their store slogan is "Do It Best," and Sam and Joyce Johnson have been running their business that way for more than three decades.

The couple has seen a lot of changes in the 33 years they have owned Johnson's How-To Hardware, 110 N. Main St.

The pair, who are used to putting in more than 60 hours a week at the store, are looking forward to a well-earned retirement that will include some travel, golf, woodworking and remodeling their Chelsea home.

On Sunday, the Johnsons will hand over the reins to new owner Tom Clemons, who started working for them 28 years ago at age 14 while a student at Chelsea High School. Clemons' son, Andrew, also works at the store.

The store will host a party on Saturday, when friends and customers are invited to drop by between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for refreshments.

Ypsilanti natives, the Johnsons moved from Plymouth after buying the store in July 1968.

"I used to travel in automotive sales in this area and call on stores like Gamble's, Western Auto Stores and Boyers Automotive, now the Parts Peddler," Sam Johnson says. "I contacted the company rep for Gamble's who said the Chelsea store was available, and we took the plunge."

The store was owned by Carl and George Elkins, their sister, Ruby Howes, and her husband,



Sam and Joyce Johnson are retiring after 33 years in Chelsea. A party in their honor will be held Saturday.

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The Johnsons bought out Wes Howes, and George Elkins bought out his brother, Carl. The Johnsons and George Elkins were partners for 11 years before Elkins retired in 1979.

Since Sam Johnson was vice president of the company, his wife became president after Elkins retired.

"So she's the boss," Johnson says. "She actually wanted to be chairman of the board and only come in once a month."

Three decades ago, the place was like a mini-department store, selling appliances, carpeting, TVs, furniture, firearms, ammo and toys.

Over the years, it has evolved into a hardware store with an emphasis on lawn and garden items, sales, service and parts.

"We're the only store in the immediate area selling lawn and garden parts," Johnson says.

In the late '60s, the store had a mere half dozen employees. Today it boasts 14 full- and part-time staff. It has also provided employment for students at Chelsea High School.

In the days before credit cards were popular, people would put away a few dollars a week on layaway and save for Christmas.

"We would have well over 100 layaways toward Christmas," Joyce Johnson says. "We would sell a lot of toys at that time."

The couple says the retailing business has undergone huge changes in the three decades they have owned their store.

Discount cards were just getting started, credit cards weren't in such abundance and few store-

owners thought of staying open evenings or Sundays.

"I remember going to a seminar and the speaker asked how many of us had evening or Sunday hours. Very few hands went up," Sam Johnson says.

"I thought it would never happen to me. But with the advent of two-income families, we needed to be open longer hours to serve them. It was a hard decision."

The couple's daughters, Deanna Johnson and Chris Hawker, practically grew up in the store.

"We used to bring the girls down here and sit them in a chair to watch TV while we worked," their father says.

As they grew up, the girls would help out at the family business.

In Cinderella-like fashion, Chris met her husband, Steve Hawker, when he came in the store and asked her out on a date while she was sweeping the floor.

Chris came back to work with her parents, running the computer systems and handling advertising and marketing.

Her sister, on the other hand, did not find retailing ran in the genes.

"I remember Deanna looking through college brochures, and saying, 'I'm not sure what I want to do but I don't want to work in a Gamble's store,'" Sam Johnson says.

While retailing has changed in the past three decades, so has Chelsea Village.

"Ours is one of the few old-time stores in town," Sam says. "When we came, there

were four bars downtown, innumerable barbershops and hair salons, a dime store, a department store, a ladies clothing store and another hardware store.

"Chelsea was more rural in nature. The surrounding area has quintupled in growth. There has been more expansion in the past eight years than in the previous 25 years."

"Where there were once empty fields, now there are houses."

The Johnsons say the town now offers many employment opportunities, while serving as a unique draw for its many attractions.

Over the years, the couple has contributed to their adopted home in many ways.

"When we came here in 1968, the chamber of commerce ceased to exist," Sam says. "We're not sure if that was a coincidence, but I restarted it."

As president of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club, Johnson got the Chelsea Area Transportation System under way with its familiar CATS bus.

He also served on the Village Council, the Downtown Development Authority, the United Way board and the Chelsea Depot Association.

While the Johnsons are looking forward to some rest and relaxation, they say they will miss the regular contact with customers and friends, who they view as one and the same.

"We used to know all the families very well and watch their kids grow up," Joyce Johnson says. "There's been so much growth in the area, there's not quite the same very close link today."

However, the Johnsons still pride themselves on knowing all their customers and counting them among their friends — friends they hope will drop by to take part in Saturday's celebration.

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### "Captive Free" To perform at Zion Lutheran Church

Zion will host the contemporary Christian rock group "Captive Free" at 3050 South Fletcher Rd., located just 4 miles southeast of the Scio Church Rd. A talented team of young adults offering a Christian, youth-oriented musical ministry will be in Chelsea on Sunday evening, April 1st, beginning at 7:00 PM. The spirited Captive Free band members commit to a year-long, full time tour performing at hundreds of churches, schools, youth events, coffee houses, nursing homes, camps and prisons. Incorporating contemporary music, drama, puppets, personal sharing and group building, team member's reach out to people of all ages. The program theme, "SHINE", is designed to offer something for all ages! For additional information, call the church office at 475-8064

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## Township Board approves new budget

■ Township supervisor's salary lowered.

By Lisa Allmendinger  
Staff Writer

Dexter Township Board approved a \$713,717 operating budget of .903 mills, which includes a new fee schedule and equal pay of \$22,000 a year for its supervisor, treasurer and clerk.

This represents a \$1,000 reduction in the supervisor's salary from the previous year. Trustees will receive \$4,600 a year.

The ordinance officer will receive \$19,000 annually, while the assessor will receive \$21,630. Pay increases were approved for other township employees at 3 percent. The office manager will be paid \$14.75 an hour, the administrative assistant will get \$12.35 an hour and the ordinance officer will receive \$16 per hour.

Deputies will get \$12.90 an hour and clerical employees

\$12.10 an hour. Occasional clerical employees will receive \$10.80 per hour, while election workers will earn \$9.25 an hour.

Board and commission members, who received a raise in 1999, will not see an increase.

The new fee schedule, which will take effect in April, includes \$35 for a sign permit and \$100 for a one-year lease on signs that are in a sign structure. Zoning permits are \$35 and include the first inspection. Each additional inspection will be \$35. A variance request to the zoning board of appeals will cost \$300. Amended plans will cost \$100.

Also included is a \$1,350 fee for a private road permit for contiguous roads in one development on a single application. There will be additional charges at \$65 an hour if more than 10 are needed for inspections.

Land division applications will cost \$120 for the first split and a \$200 deposit is required.

Each additional split will cost \$30, with a \$50 deposit, and all lot line adjustments will be \$120.

Both preliminary site plan and final site plan reviews will cost \$1,000 each for the first 10 lots, plus a \$1,000 deposit for each review.

It will cost \$500 for each additional five lots or fractions for both preliminary and final site plan reviews.

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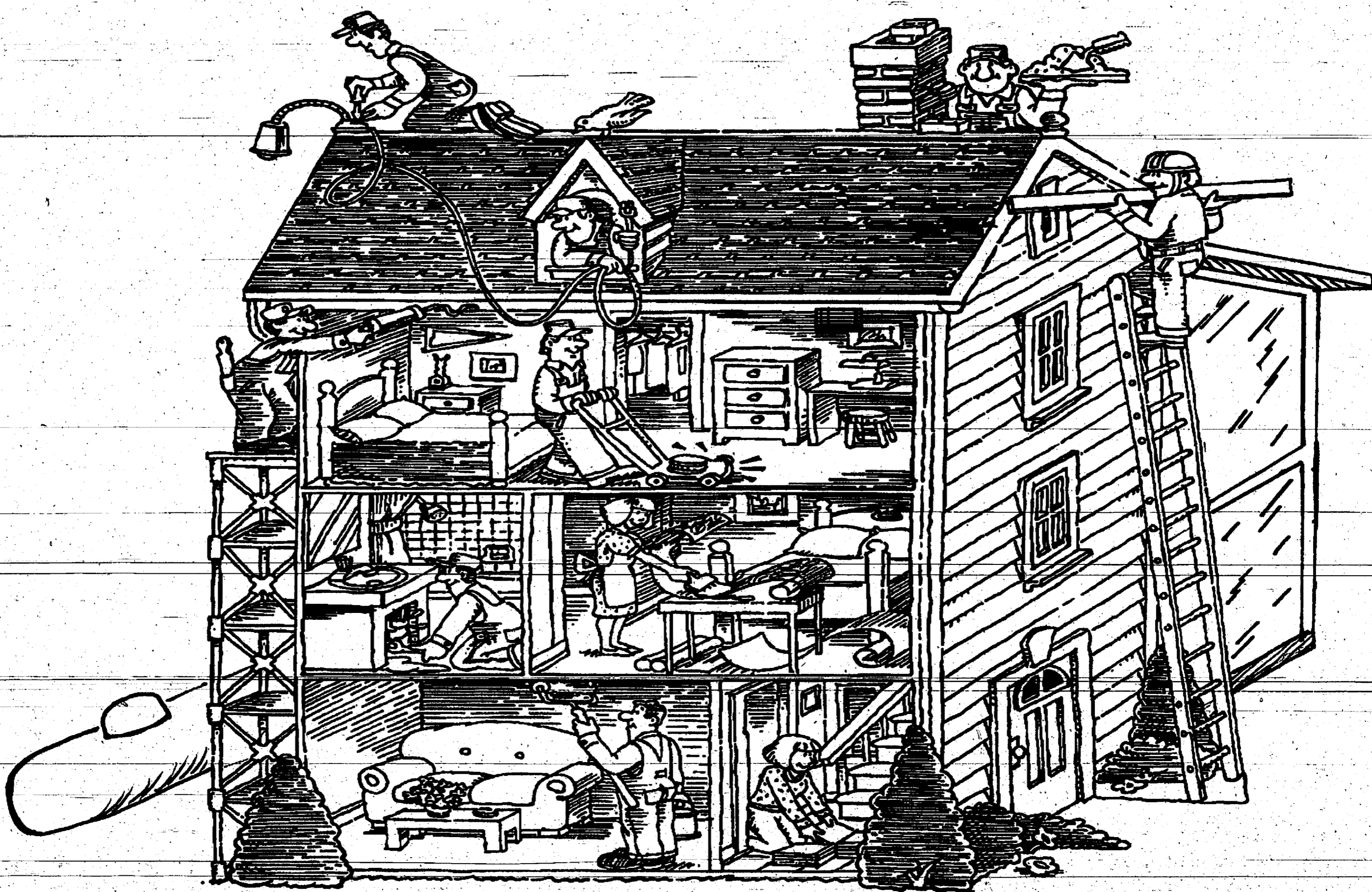
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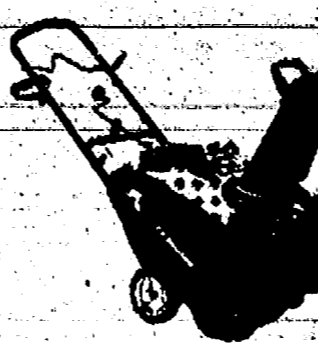
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# POLICE

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**Department.**  
 • Establishing a separate police authority.  
 • Relying on the Michigan State Police.  
 • A combination of police coverage.  
 • Supplementing police services with a community service officer.

Each option has advantages and problems, officials said.

The committee outlined the needs of the community to help residents decide which options they preferred.

Officials said the first consideration is the fact that Lima Township has low crime, with 373 calls for help last year. Of those, only 116 were categorized as criminal offenses. The remainder was either non-criminal (81) or traffic offenses (176). Included are incidents on I-94, which accounted for about 30 percent of the total.

Another consideration is the cost. Contracting with the sheriff's department would require at least one police service unit at an annual cost to the township of about \$78,000. The county will chip in about \$40,000 of the total amount, which is approximately \$118,000.

Contracting with Chelsea Village would cost \$118,000 a year and would not include general police patrol.

The most expensive option is for the township to establish its own police department. The

estimated cost is \$300,000 for the first year and \$230,000 annually thereafter.

The cheapest alternative is reliance on the Michigan State Police. This requires no funding and would provide emergency services, with non-emergency services provided based on priority.

Augmentation by a community service officer would facilitate reporting, responding to non-criminal complaints and enforcing ordinances. The community service officer would not be a certified police officer, and would cost about \$20,000 annually for 15 hours a week.

Officials noted that contracting with other agencies would forfeit Michigan State Police coverage of about 10 to 20 hours a week. Officials consider the service of high quality in the township.

If Lima Township combined services with Chelsea Village plus the state police, or with the sheriff's department and state police, state troopers would cover only non-contracted hours.

The state police have about 30 officers to cover interstates, highways and other roads, so non-emergency calls would be assigned a low priority.

There is also the issue of control. Control would be shared by the township and whoever else was contracted, whether it's the county, village or combining with other townships.

In the case of relying on the state police, the county would

control services from Lansing. The only case where the township would totally control services would be if it established its own police department.

However, the township would have to accept the liability and administrative costs.

Questions from residents brought out further issues for consideration. There would be no police response to non-emergency calls if Lima Township contracted with Chelsea Village unless the township augmented services with a community service officer.

If the township contracted with other agencies, the state police would continue to service I-94 and could respond to township emergencies, such as a crime in progress, if nearby.

If the township went with the state police, it could reconsider other options later.

The option of collaborating with other townships would be difficult to do before July, when the decision needs to be made, officials said.

Residents were also told about comparative methods of paying for police services. Four special assessment methods were outlined.

The first is a standard method requiring a levy of 1 mill per \$100,000 in costs.

The second is a fixed rate for both residents and businesses, where each person pays the same regardless of whether living on a large farm or in a small manufactured home.

The third would be a tax on

improvements only of 1.9 mills. This would tax residences and barns, but not property.

Finally, there is a \$53 residential equivalency unit and commercial business unit charge with a tax on improvements of 0.9 mills.

Both the latter options would exclude taxes on property values.

The committee gave examples to show a comparison of the taxing methods for the first three police service options for the county sheriff, Chelsea police and Lima police.

Generally, the person with a home valued between \$100,000 and \$200,000 on one acre is better off with the standard method requiring a 1-mill levy. Someone with a \$600,000 farm on 200 acres is better off with a fixed rate.

Contracting with the sheriff's department is the cheapest alternative other than relying on the state police.

The committee determined that what residents pay will depend on how much protection they feel they need. If the main concern is emergencies, officials said the state police option would suffice.

The options were put to a show-of-hands vote during the meeting. The most popular option with residents was to rely on the state police for services. However, a fairly close second was the option of combining state police and Chelsea police. The least popular option is to have a separate township police force.



## Celebrating Thinking Day

A total of 150 Girl Scouts from Chelsea recently gathered at the First United Methodist Church to celebrate Thinking Day. Each of the 15 troops selected one country and decorated an area within the church displaying mementoes and souvenirs, crafts and food. Several troops entertained with native dances. Pictured are members of Girl Scout Troop 1226 who chose Ireland as their country and built a castle with the "Blarney Stone." Members include Amy Stacy (left), Melissa Ederle and Kim Eckart with Janice-Amin from the Huron Valley Council office.

# PLANS

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has about 200 members, these upgrades would damage the shoreline and facilitate access for gas-powered watercraft.

Members of the group are also concerned that more people will start using the lake for "high-impact" purposes.

Pickerel Lake is part of the Pinckney Recreation Area and is widely used by "low-impact" users who enjoy fishing, swimming, snorkeling and scuba diving in its pristine, oxygen-rich waters. It's also used by bird watchers and naturalists.

The Friends of Pickerel Lake has organized a meeting with representative from the Department of Environmental Protection and the DNR in early April. The exact date has not been set.

"We want them to step back and reconsider their plans," Kirshenbaum said.

The group would also like to create a long-term plan for the stewardship of Pickerel Lake that would protect it in perpetu-

ate as a natural area.

Charlene Harris, comparing Pickerel Lake to Walden Pond, told the board that the lake is used mostly for passive recreation by bikers and hikers, canoe, scuba and snorkeling enthusiasts.

Dick Seagal called the lake the crown jewel of the Pinkney Recreation Area, and said when he was first introduced to it he was asked to help keep it a secret.

Pickerel Lake is a two-tier lake, Kirshenbaum said, with warm and cold waters, quiet waters that are ideal for several varieties of threatened fish species.

She called the DNR's plan short sighted, and said she hopes the group will have the opportunity to create a plan that will conserve the pristine beauty of the small lake.

According to the group's Web site, its mission is to preserve Pickerel Lake as a unique, pristine and valuable natural resource that is among a handful of lower peninsula lakes with cold, oxygen-rich waters.

The group says that the deli-

cate ecological balance between the lake and its human users will be threatened by the DNR's plans.

These changes include increasing the noise level on the lake, increasing chances of accidents if motorized boats are permitted easy access, fuel spills from gas-powered boats and the possible introduction of zebra

mussels into its waters.

"Invasive species are commonly transferred between lakes via boats and trailers," the group says.

Members of the group are urging people who use Pickerel Lake to write to local representatives. Their names can be found on the group's Web site at [www.friendsofpickerellake.org](http://www.friendsofpickerellake.org).

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## POLICE BLOTTER

### Scio Township

**Larceny**  
Two cellular phones were taken between Feb. 14 and March 14 at the Travel America truck stop, 200 Baker Road. The store manager said that the phones were locked in a display cabinet, but she has seen someone on tape trying to pick the lock. The manager said that she noticed the telephones were missing when she was showing a product to a customer. The telephones are valued at approximately \$200.

Someone broke into a van and stole a number of items between midnight and 7 a.m. March 21 in the 5700 block of Cedar Ridge Drive.

The 44-year-old owner of the van said that someone entered his open garage and took various items from his unlocked late-model van.

Several compact discs, two boxes of Girl Scout cookies, a pair of gloves, a portable compressor and a portable CD player were missing.

There was no damage to the van. The items are worth more than \$500.

A number of items were taken from a car sometime in the early morning of March 13 in the 3900 block of Pemberly Court.

The 50-year-old resident told police that a number of belongings were missing out of his 1996 Ford van. A mountain bike, a CD player, and a portable CD player were reported missing. Those items are valued at more than \$500.

The man said that his van was parked unlocked in his driveway and he noticed the items missing the next morning.

### Threats

Threats were made to a 21-year-old man around noon March 21 at Autobright, 3833 Jackson Road.

The manager of the car-detailing shop said that the 34-year-old male suspect was recently fired and was making threats toward the manager and other former employees.

The manager said that the former employee was planning on stopping by the shop. He said that he called police, but the man never showed up.

Officers told the manager to mail his last paycheck to him and to call police if the man comes to the shop.

### Sylvan Township

**Warrant Arrest**  
A 43-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested around 2 p.m. March 22 in Jackson County on a civil warrant and later taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Michigan State Police met with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department at M-52 and I-94 to transfer the man's custody.

### Lima Township

**Larceny**  
Several pieces of fishing tackle were taken from a pickup truck in the 11000 block of Jackson Road.

The owner of the truck said that the fishing gear was in the back of the truck. The man told police that the cap on the vehicle was unlocked. The fishing tackle is worth approximately \$350.

### Webster Township

**Felonious Assault**  
Someone threw a pop can from a car at a person around 10 p.m. March 15 in the 4500 block of Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Two men were working on

their car on the shoulder of the road when a car drove by and threw out a full can of Pepsi at one of the men.

The 20-year-old man told police that the can came close to hitting him in the head. Both men said that they could not get a good description of the car or the license plate number.

### Dexter Village

**Family Trouble**  
Police responded to a family trouble complaint around 6 p.m. March 19 on Baker Road.

When police arrived at the house, the wife was in the driveway and the husband was leaning up against the house. Police said that the couple, which is in the process of a divorce, were upset and had been fighting.

The husband told police that the wife comes to the house to watch the children on a regular basis while he is at work. He said that lately there have been a number of things missing, including cash.

The wife said that they began arguing because the husband wanted to check her purse for some belongings. She said that her husband wouldn't allow her to use the telephone.

The children told police that their parents were yelling and fighting and said that they were afraid.

Police told the couple that if they were called again, Protective Services would be notified on the children's behalf.

### Chelsea Village

**Drunken Driving**  
A 44-year-old Chelsea man

was arrested around 6:30 p.m. in the 600 block of N. Main Street.

When police pulled the man over, they said they could smell a strong odor of intoxicants his breath.

A Breathalyzer test was given, and his blood-alcohol content was .15 percent. A .08 is considered legally drunk.

Police searched the man's car and found an open can of beer. The man told police that he was on his way home from the bar.

Police took the man to Chelsea Community Hospital to for blood tests to verify his blood-alcohol level.

### Illegal Dumping

Someone dumped a large amount of trash and construction materials in the Dumpster behind Pamida, 1040 S. Main St.

The store manager said that he noticed a large amount of trash around 4 p.m. in the store's container.

Police found a local name and address on an envelope and contacted the person. The resident said that she recently had contractors at her home who were painting and cleaning.

Police contacted the contractors and they told police that they would pay for the removal of the Dumpster.

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



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# COMMENTARY

Thursday, March 29, 2001

## Street Talk

By Mary Kumbler

"Now that Reading Month is ending, what is your favorite book?"



"Hardy Boys."

Kaustubh Prabhur  
Sylvan Township



"The Secret Life of Amanda K. Woods."  
Shelbi Bolter  
Chelsea



"I have two: 'Mary-Kate and Ashley,' and 'Charlotte's Web.'"  
Rachel Droncheff  
Chelsea



"Sideway Stories from Wayside School." I like that whole series."  
Kelly Maveal  
Sylvan Township



"There are so many books it's hard to pick. I like 'My Brother's Keeper' and 'I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly.'"  
Nichole Hopp  
Sylvan Township

## Pickerel Lake is in peril



CHARLENE HARRIS

GUEST EDITORIAL

Pickerel Lake is in peril, according to the Friends of Pickerel Lake.

The group believes development planned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division to the 20-acre lake will not make a dent in the growing demand for motorized watercraft use.

It will, however, in my opinion, forever ruin the pristine environment appreciated for decades by many low-impact users.

Both the friends group and the DNR agree Pickerel is a unique pristine lake. However, similarities in approach and philosophy end there.

The friends group is concerned with the ecological consequences and long-term sustainable future of the lake if it is made more accessible to gasoline-powered watercraft.

The DNR, however, is under pressure from a growing population to open more boat launch sites in the area.

Pickerel Lake is in Dexter Township off Hankerd Road in the Pinckney Recreation Area. The entire shoreline is surrounded by natural wetlands

and is home to numerous nesting waterfowl, including Sand Hill Cranes and Great Blue Heron.

The marshy wetlands around the lake provide ample spawning areas for the native bass, pumpkinseed, perch, bluegill and pickerel. The lake harbors a small, isolated population of fresh water cisco surviving in the lake since the receding glaciers formed it some 10,000 years ago. The presence of the cisco indicates a high-water-quality lake.

The 20-acre kettle pond lake is clean and deep, one of a kind in Washtenaw County. According to Fushlar's Atlas and Gazetteer of Michigan Lakes, the lake is approximately 680 feet wide and 1,686 feet long, with a maximum depth of 56 feet.

According to Nancy Washburne, author of "Snorkeling Guide to Michigan - Inland Lakes," the left side of the lake is especially scenic, but the great bowl shape really defines it.

The only development of any kind around the lake is the DNR fishing pier and a sandy beach-like boat launch designated "unimproved" by the DNR for its car-top boat classification.

The Parks and Recreation Division plans to grade the dirt road, grade and gravel the parking lot, and gravel the access to the water's edge, where a gravel boat launch is to be constructed.

For more than half a century, the majority of those using the undiscovered lake have been low-impact users, namely those who enjoy canoes and kayaks, bird watching, swimming, snorkeling, scuba and other environ-

mentally friendly recreational activities.

Fishermen who frequent the lake generally arrive with small car-top boats, which are launched easily from the lakeshore and do not create wakes or disturb the other lake users.

The Potawatomi Trail provides quiet enjoyment for those who hike and bike around the lake.

In mid-October, a core group of a dozen people formed the Friends of Pickerel Lake group, which has grown to several hundred since a meeting in Ann Arbor two months ago.

Since January, the group has been meeting weekly. Members have been gathering information to provide convincing evidence to the DNR to reconsider the planned development of the boat launch area.

The Friends of Pickerel Lake Web site address is [www.friendsofpickerellake.org](http://www.friendsofpickerellake.org). The group's mission is to preserve Pickerel Lake as a unique, pristine and valuable natural resource.

"We believe that a broad variety of compatible low-impact uses is the highest and best ideal for Pickerel Lake and its surroundings," the Web site says.

In a statement released Oct. 26, Jon LaBossiere, DNR Management Unit supervisor, recognizes the uniqueness of the lake.

"We certainly recognize the special qualities of Pickerel Lake and our primary goal is to maintain the quiet, natural setting enjoyed by many," he said.

Gary Towns, supervisor of the Lake Erie Management Unit,

Fisheries Division of the DNR, said few places remain where people in small boats can fish without fear of being capitalized since the advent of personal watercraft and other high-speed boats.

"By law, this (no-wake) restriction has to be enacted by the township," he said.

At the heart of the debate is the future of a non-renewable resource: Pickerel Lake and the surrounding wetlands, native flora and fauna. Most of the group members are appalled that the DNR is not acting in a more protective manner to preserve the lake, the wetlands and native habitat surrounding it.

Since early this year, the friends group has been in communications with several DNR staff in Michigan. Their goal has been to review the site plans being prepared by the DNR and to discuss the alternatives.

All parties involved agree the growing populations in rural areas will increase the use of recreational land. The group feels it is time for a "good neighbor policy" between the DNR, local residents and township governments to work together to determine the best use of the lands held in trust by the DNR.

The impact of the rapid rural development across southern Michigan has brought small communities together in an effort to share resources and work on new master plans. The 1970 DNR master plan also may need to be updated to determine the best use of public lands held in trust for the citizens of Michigan.

The majority of those using

Pickerel Lake appreciate its natural setting. They feel improvements to the boat launch area will make it easier for larger gasoline-powered boats and jet ski enthusiasts to gain access to the lake to the detriment of low impact lake users.

Half Moon Lake, North Lake, Portage Lake, Silver Lake, Cavanaugh Lake and Patterson Lake are only a few of the larger lakes in the area with boat launch sites.

What is the cost to everyone if the proposed increased access destroys the natural wonder of Pickerel Lake? Once its gone, it's gone.

Is it too much to ask that we preserve a few places in our expansive recreational areas for the growing number of taxpayers who seek the quiet enjoyment of our lakes and lands? Can we find a way to share our southern Michigan outdoor wonderland?

If you would like to learn more about Pickerel Lake, view photographs, or voice your opinion, visit The Friends of Pickerel Lake Web site. You may also send your comments to Susan Lothrop, District Supervisor, DNR Parks and Recreation Division, 10650 S. Bennett Drive, Morrice, MI 48857.

At issue is the future one remaining pristine lake in Washtenaw County.

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## Essay contest opens hearts and minds



WILL KEELER

HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

IN MY VIEW

I was amazed to hear that the America & Me Essay contest is still going strong in school districts across the state.

My hats goes off to the three young girls in Chelsea who recently were honored for their winning essays at Beach Middle School.

I, too, was an American & Me Essay winner back in the mid-1980s.

The essay contest brings back distant memories. But I didn't have to think too hard about what the theme was that year, because it followed along the same lines as Danielle Houle's.

That year the theme was "Who has been your biggest inspiration in life and why?"

I recently rummaged through boxes of old photo albums and

other paperwork and I came across my hand-printed essay. I say hand-printed because our family didn't have the new state-of-the-art Commodore 64 computer yet.

My civics teacher, Mr. Sager, gave me an "A" on the essay and there was a red star scribbled on the upper right-hand corner of the frayed notebook paper. The star denoted that it was being considered as a finalist.

Mr. Sager called all the students up to the podium to read their essay. He started alphabetically, so I realized I had some time to relax until he got half way through the alphabet.

My turn came and I slowly went to the podium. I didn't feel as comfortable as some of my classmates did.

I wasn't that exuberant jock with loads of energy or that brainy geek waiting to explode with some kind of unexplainable equations or quotients.

I was that pimply-faced kid that many people didn't know. I was hesitant because most of the essays that were already read were about athletes, teachers or coaches. I chose my grandmother as the most influential person in my life.

My grandmother, Corrina, now 81, hasn't made headlines or shared the limelight in most people's eyes. But she has had an impact on my life.

What amazes me is that she has lived 81 years not being able to read, and she has made the best of those years, despite many perils.

She always told me that, but never had the time.

Grandma never made it past elementary school because she had to help her family. She had to help raise her handicapped sister, Hortencia, while her mother, Josefa, worked day and night.

My grandmother worked every odd job possible, from cleaning houses to factory work and waiting tables to help the family.

She moved from Texas to Michigan in the late '30s with her daughter, Mary, and the rest of the family. She often comments on how difficult the trip was to Michigan.

Grandma remembers stopping because they lost some luggage that was strapped on the top of the car, or because the old DeSoto had overheated.

Once in Michigan, she married

my grandfather and had more children, Pamela and Warren.

Grandma enjoyed the simple things in life, living in a small bungalow on 23 acres. Apple, cherry and pear trees lined the lot. Her kitchen was always filled with that familiar smell of apple pie and that aroma of freshly made flour tortillas.

Grandma always told me that there is no such word as hate, and that you can never hate life. And I think that is true, especially in her life.

It amazes me that she has gone through life not being able to read, raising three children and dealing with life's blows.

Several years ago, she was in a head-on collision with her daughter, Pamela. My grandmother was mangled in the wreck and was hospitalized for months. During that time in the hospital, she had to say goodbye to her daughter, who did not survive.

These days, Grandma feels the pains of the accident while she stands for hours in the same kitchen she raised her children, baking molasses cookies.

I always offer to read her a recipe, but she always says, "Don't worry, love, I've got it all under control."

Grandma has been baking and canning for years and she has memorized most of her favorite recipes.

She says that she feels all right not being able to read. Friends and family read her restaurant menus and the evening newspaper.

I still believe that my grandmother has been the biggest influence in my life. She is a strong lady and has endured a lot. I learned from her that life is too short and to enjoy the simple things.

I'm thankful that the America & Me essay contest let me bring these thoughts together, and they still continue to let youngsters think about the future.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### New supervisor should fulfill his promises

How wonderful to see Lyndon Township pulling its residents on the important development issues facing that municipality.

All too often, as with the prior Sylvan Township administration, sweeping policy changes went into effect with barely 1 percent of the voters participating or even aware of what was going on.

Now it's time for Sylvan Township Supervisor Charlie Burgess to fulfill a campaign promise he made on his front lawn last fall. As the new supervisor, he pledged to actively solicit the opinions of his constituency — not just put a note in The Chelsea Standard. He pledged to carry out the will of the people he serves.

And that's why Sylvan Township elected Charlie Burgess. He's the best man for the job.

And he has a tough job ahead:

\*Disputed petitions and boundaries with Chelsea Village over its cityhood proposal.

\*A new M-52 freeway that would replace pristine open space with strip malls, trailer parks and tract housing.

\*A proposed planned unit development that would double the township's population.

If Charlie Burgess' constituency supports these moves, I'll be the first to shake his hand at the ribbon cutting. But if they don't — if we tell Charlie Burgess that we disagree with Sylvan Township's radical course of action — then we must count on him to stop the bulldozers.

To carry out his campaign promise may mean a referendum on the township's 1995 master plan — the document that defines which areas will be protected from urban sprawl and which won't. Or

Charlie Burgess' survey may stick to the major issues of village boundaries, the bypass and the PUD.

I'm personally looking forward to following Lyndon Township's lead, and telling Sylvan Township my opinions on rampant development. But I'm much more interested to see the collective opinions of my township, and to see Charlie Burgess carry them out.

David Bloom  
Sylvan Township

### Township residents should get involved

Sylvan Township is now addressing critical issues that will affect our future. Among these issues are increased development pressures, the M-52 bypass, a proposed sewage treatment facility and sewer lines, police protection and the loss of township revenues when

Chelsea becomes a city.

What is decided now by our Township Board could have a great impact on the quality of life we now enjoy.

We, as residents, need to become informed and express our views on these and other important issues to our Township Board. If we fail to inform the board of our views, we can only blame ourselves if decisions are made by the few on the board that the majority of residents may not agree with.

I encourage you to call, write or attend Sylvan Township Board meetings. The township hall is located at 18027 Old US-12. Office hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday and Wednesday. The phone number is 475-8890. Sylvan Township Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

Deborah Beer  
Sylvan Township

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# Homeowners could benefit from new fire rating

**National insurance service evaluates area fire departments.**

By Will Keeler  
Staff Writer

Area residents and businesses could see a reduction in insurance premiums with the recent drop in local ratings for fire insurance protection.

Dexter Village's rating dropped from a 7 to a 5, while the rating in Chelsea Village dropped from 7 to 6.

The Insurance Services Office evaluates fire department's

water supply and alarm-dispatch capability against criteria applied to fire departments nationwide, said ISO Chairman Frank Coyne.

"These classifications run from a 1, which is considered exemplary, to a 10, where the department isn't meeting the minimum criteria," he said.

Coyne said that ISO evaluates fire departments on different cycles depending on population. He said areas with a population of less than 10,000 are usually evaluated every 15 years. Those with a larger population can expect a visit every decade.

Property and casualty insurance companies use ISO classifications to develop premiums for homeowners and businesses.

"The one point drop in Chelsea won't affect many homeowners, but may have more of an impact on larger commercial buildings," said Sheridan Springer of Springer Insurance Agency in Chelsea.

"If a homeowner gets a break in premium costs, it could be swallowed up by inflationary costs," he added.

Dexter residents could see 10 percent savings, and these num-

bers should match Chelsea area premiums, Springer said.

Steve Jaskot, assistant fire chief in Chelsea, attributes the reduction to the purchase of a new tower truck, changes in the municipal water supply, training and communication improvements.

"With a new ladder truck, it brought about another pumping and aerial device that helped score some credits," Jaskot said.

The Chelsea Area Fire Department has both digital and voice pagers. Jaskot said getting better pagers also likely played

a role.

Dexter Fire Chief Loren Yates said he made a few improvements before ISO evaluated the village's system.

Yates said having 24-hour coverage and adding new equipment helped reduce the village's rating.

"They (ISO) wanted to come for the last year and a half, but we wanted to make some improvements before the visit," Yates said.

"Having a new truck helped increase pump capacity," he added.

Yates said the rating only covers areas where there are nearby hydrants. He said it is difficult to draft water from other sources when responding to a fire in outlying townships, and that is why some of the ratings are higher in more rural areas.

Yates said that he is pleased with the village's new rating.

"It's great to see a small village like Dexter with such a good rating, especially when you have Ann Arbor at a 4," he said.

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# Sheriff's deputies led on foot chase

**Suspects could face misdemeanor charges.**

By Will Keeler  
Staff Writer

Four men were arrested for obstruction of justice and on charges of resisting arrest around midnight March 22 on Zeeb Road.

Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies were patrolling the area on Jackson Road west of Zeeb Road when they noticed a car driving over the centerline of oncoming traffic.

Deputies said that they turned around to make a traffic stop when the vehicle stopped at the Mobil gas station at 80 N. Zeeb Road.

Deputies reported that one of the men got out of the vehicle and ran through the woods behind the gas station. Deputy Keith Dalton ran after the man, while Deputy Ben Knickerbocker approached the

1973 blue Cadillac.

Knickerbocker said the three other men in the vehicle used vulgar language and ignored his orders.

According to a police report, Knickerbocker told the men to stay quiet and remain in the car. One man got out of the car, raised his hands and began shouting vulgarities. The man reportedly refused to get back into the car when the officer asked.

Knickerbocker said he attempted to handcuff the 19-year-old Ypsilanti man, but the suspect resisted and began spitting at him. The man then threatened the deputy.

Once the suspect was handcuffed, the two remaining men in the car tried to leave. Knickerbocker told them to stay in the car and they did.

The deputy then lifted the teen to his feet. He said the sus-

pect spit in his face and kicked him in the groin area.

The suspect continued to resist and kick the deputy while the deputy put him in the patrol car.

Deputies Michael Babyz and Michael Mueller helped Knickerbocker restrain the men.

Deputies Steven Kayfesh and Kenneth Robinson helped Dalton with the arrest of the fourth man after Dalton caught

him during a foot chase. Dalton waited for the 20-year-old Ypsilanti man to come out of the underbrush then tackled him.

According to the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office, the men face misdemeanor charges and could be sentenced to two years in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

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## walking THROUGH FIRE



*I think for the people who are going to be there for the whole 24 hours, it will be tough. But a lot of coffee and knowing what the cause is will keep us going.*

—Ken Cobb

### Local firefighters join Relay for Life

By Sheila Pursglove

**Staff Writer**  
The Chelsea Fire Walkers are putting their best feet forward to help in the fight against cancer.

Firefighters from the Chelsea and Dexter fire departments, as well as their families, will join together for the Western Washtenaw Relay for Life set for June 22 through 23 at the Chelsea High School track.

The team, led by captains Lynn Higelmire and Ken and Carla Cobb, sport the motto: "We would walk through fire to find a cure for cancer," a team slogan dreamed up by Higelmire.

The team, formed in January, is still gathering walkers. So far, there are 28 members and their families signed up for the walking team and 12 members on the medical squad.

"This is the first time we've formed a team like this," says organizer Ken Cobb, a five-year veteran with Chelsea Area Fire Department. Cobb and his wife, Carla, came up with the idea of a firefighting team joining the relay.

According to Cobb, virtually every firefighter has known someone or has had a loved one who has been affected by cancer. He includes himself in that number.

"My mother had cancer about 28 years ago when it wasn't really talked about," Cobb says. "Carla's mom is still fighting it... My sister-in-law, Christine Cobb, is a cancer survivor and Carla also lost a cousin to cancer this year and has an uncle who has cancer."

The Cobbs will walk with their sons, Glen and Paul, and with Carla's mother, Shirley Blumenauer.

A Chelsea resident his entire life, Ken Cobb is a firefighter and medical first responder. His primary job is at the Damon Chrysler Planting Grounds as a driver and mechanic. Carla Cobb, a Manchester native, is a waitress at Main Street Coney Island.

The couple attended their first Relay for Life meeting at Chelsea Community Hospital. A second meeting is set for Monday.

"Being a team captain involves getting the team together, going to all the meetings and passing all the information along to our team

members," Cobb says.

"I think for the people who are going to be there for the whole 24 hours, it will be tough. But a lot of coffee and knowing what the cause is will keep us going."

The Cobbs are donating their trailer for the medical personnel to use, and as refuge for weary Fire Walkers who want a place to rest, recuperate and gather information.

Co-captain Higelmire has sewn a quilt, "Pieces for a Cure," and donated it to the Relay for Life auction to be held June 23. The quilt is on display at Accent on Travel in downtown Chelsea.

The quilt is in memory of her father, Ford Higelmire, who died of lung cancer when she was a tot, and cancer survivors Cynthia Layher, Nellie Cobb Wisniewski, Shirley Blumenauer, Christine Cobb and Connie Woodruff.

"I guess the fact my dad died when I was only 2 should explain how cancer has affected my life," Higelmire says.

A member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Chelsea, Higelmire has been involved in the last two relays as babysitter and all-around errand runner for the Layhers, who chaired the event.

"I guess the idea of us all pulling together is a good one," she says. "We've had several times in the last year where we've needed to, and it feels good to know we have another extension of our family there when and if we need it."

Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood is getting in shape for the 24-hour marathon by biking and is a familiar sight around town on two wheels.

"I've been waiting for the nice weather to break to really get in training. In the bad weather, I've been going over to a friend's house to use his indoor bike to keep fit," he says.

Ellenwood plans to do some of the walking and will head up the medical team, made up of firefighters who have medical training ranging from first-responder to paramedic.

Ken Cobb, Assistant Fire Chief Bill Paul and Capt. Keith O'Neil will join Ellenwood in heading up the team.

"It's great to be working together on the relay team," Ellenwood says. "It's a community oriented program and the fire department is always



The Chelsea Area Fire Department has formed a team to participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, slated June 22 through 23 at the Chelsea High School track. Pictured on the fire truck are Chelsea Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood (left), Ken Cobb, one of the team's captains, and business manager Sandi Bird.

very supportive of anything involving the local community."

Local relay organizer Laura Seyfried thinks having the fire department on board will strengthen the community aspect of the relay.

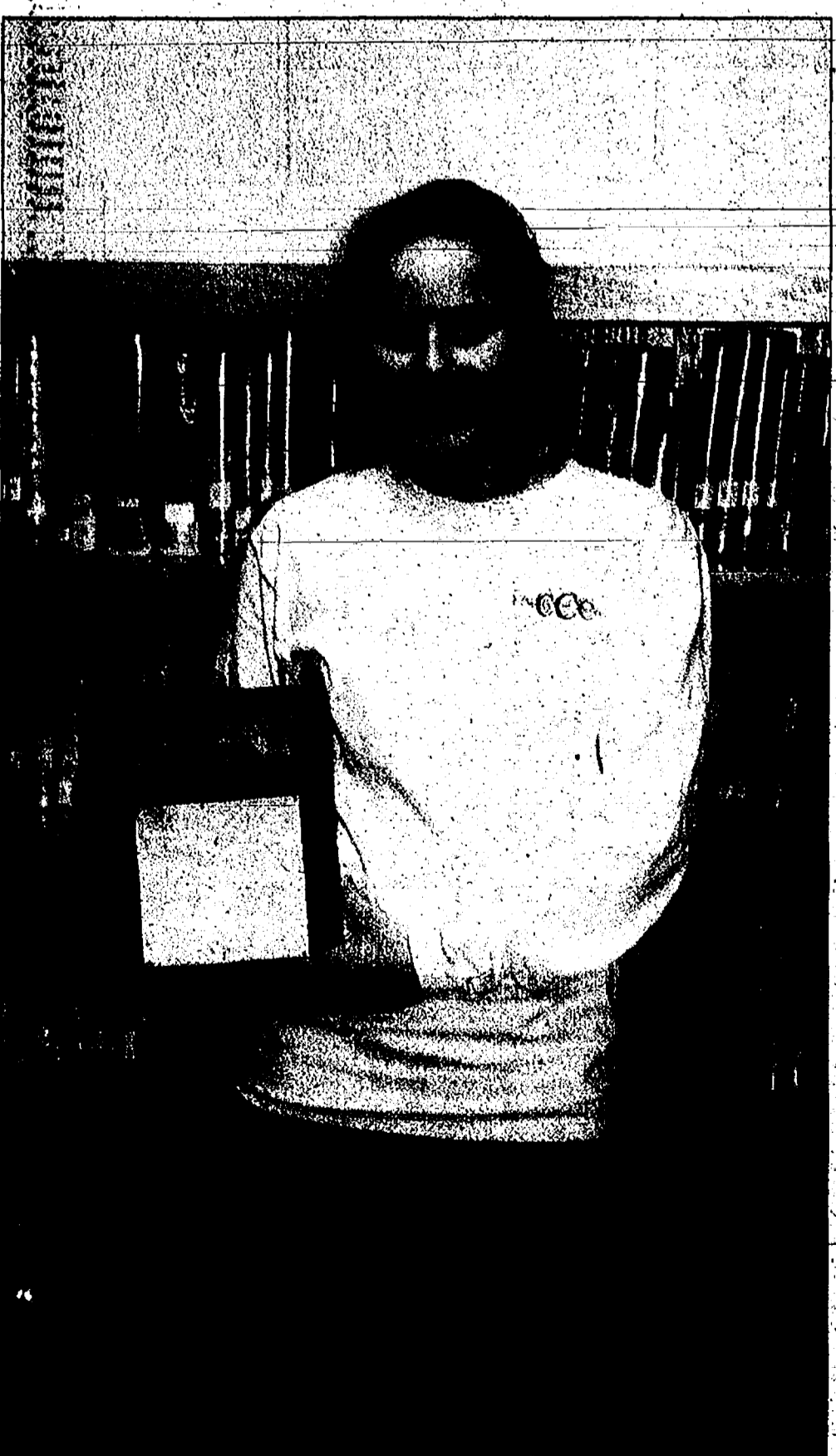
"People see them every day, either on the job or just around town, so they're very visible," she says.

"That's a really positive aspect of their involvement."

The Fire Walkers are one of several teams from this area who are joining the fight against cancer in the community's sixth year of hosting the event.

Deanna Shackelford of the American Cancer

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## An inspiration

Essay winner looks up to physically challenged athlete

By Sheila Pursglove  
Staff Writer

Beach Middle School pupil Danielle Houle enjoys gymnastics and was so inspired by a fellow gymnast that she wrote a winning essay about her.

Houle and eighth-graders Kati Kelly and Chrissy Widmayer were named local winners in the 32nd annual America & Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. This year's theme was "My American Hero."

The top 10 essays out of 25 written by Beach students were submitted to the local contest.

Houle took first place with her essay about gymnast Aimee Walker, who is deaf and blind in one eye.

Walker has also acted in the TV series "Baywatch" and the Christmas movie "The Special Visitor."

### My American Hero

By Danielle Houle  
Essay Winner

The music starts, the crowd cheers and the lights gleam. A drop of sweat rolls down Aimee's forehead, slowly down her cheek, only to end up on her leotard, which is all shimmering gold with streaks of red in it.

She smiles with joy and happiness. She shows the judges she is the most determined person they will ever come across at this meet and maybe

"I'm a gymnast myself so I could really relate to Aimee," says Houle, who took gym classes at the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics in Ann Arbor. "I found her very inspirational and read books about her."

This was Houle's first attempt at an essay contest.

Her name was engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school and her essay advanced to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan were selected.

Kati Kelly, who placed second at the local level, wrote about her mother who died from cancer a few years ago. Third-place winner Chrissy Widmayer wrote about her grandmother.

The three Beach writers were among several thousand eighth-grade pupils from nearly 575 Michigan schools participating in the contest.

even in their whole career.

She starts her floor routine. She has to do the best she can for a good score.

She dances, leaps and tumbles to the music. She shows her pride and points her toes. Her teammates and coaches stand at the boundary lines of the floor and cheer as loud as they possibly can. They point, yell and do signs with their hands for they know Aimee can see and will eventually look over to them for assurance or help.

Her music ends, she salutes the judges, and speed walks off

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth-graders, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future.

Dave Rowe has been a Farm Bureau agent in Chelsea for 35 years and involved with the essay contest for three decades. He and his wife, Joanne, enjoy reading the essays each year before submitting them to Lansing where they are judged.

Contest judges include a Michigan government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top two statewide winners.

"Joanne and I are really proud when we read the essays and very much enjoy being involved in this program," Rowe says.

As sponsors of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedom Foundation at

the floor with excitement and nervousness in her mind. Her coaches can tell she is as proud as she usually is.

After a while the scoreboard lights up with Aimee's name in bold letters. The total score is revealed to the whole stadium. The crowd jumps up and roars altogether in synchronization. The bold green numbers read 9.95. Aimee jumps and yells for joy just as the crowd does. All her team congratulates her along with her coaches. The next floor music starts and the crowd hushes.

Now her team is done with

Valley Forge.

"I'd like to express my appreciation to Dave Rowe and Farm Bureau for sponsoring the contest and rewarding the winners," says Mary Baker, chairwoman of the English department at Beach Middle School. "It helps us motivate the students to work on essay writing when they know they have a real audience."

English teacher Kathryn Shirmohammad finds it a joy to read the students' work.

"Having the America & Me contest at the beginning of the school year allows us to get to know our students," she says. "When we know who their heroes are, who has inspired them, we often get a glimpse of how they define themselves as writers and as people."

Printed below is Houle's winning essay.

this rotation and is ready to move onto their next rotation. With only three more events left Aimee feels she has made a great first impression, she is satisfied with her floor routine. The rest of the meet goes just the same. Aimee does some of the most difficult moves on beam, bars and vault. As always the scoreboard lights up with the highest score of the meet.

What you don't know and almost the rest of the world doesn't know is that Aimee is

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Beach Middle School eighth-grader Danielle Houle was the local winner in the America & Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. This year's theme was "My American Hero." Houle wrote about gymnast Aimee Walker, who is deaf and blind in one eye.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**CHELSEA**  
**Thursday, March 29**  
 The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 2 to 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea.

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 S. M-52 in Stockbridge. Call 475-3914 for more information.

**Saturday, March 31**  
 A Basement Remodeling Seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. Call 433-2206 for more information.

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 Ed Morin. For more information, call 475-6081.

**Monday, April 2**  
 A Captain's Meeting for the 2001 Western Washtenaw Area Relay for Life is set at 6:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Community Hospital, Dining Room A. For more information, call Deanna Shackelford at 971-4300.

**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 475-8081 or the chamber office at 475-1145.

Chelsea First United Methodist Church hosts a 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 Book Store 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 8:15 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 428-0369.

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.

**Tuesday**  
 Chelsea Amateur Radio Club (rptr: 145.45) meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at Key Bank, 1478 Chelsea-Manchester Road. 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 877-3081 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 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.

**Friday, March 30 through Sunday, April 1**

Twin Masks Theatre Company presents "Our Town," 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday at Pinckney Elementary Schools. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors.

**Saturday, March 31**  
 Spring Story Time and Toddler Story Time sign up will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the Dexter District Library. Story times begin the week of April 16 and run through the week of June 4.

Spring Has Sprung Hike, 11 a.m. at the Activity Center of Hudson Mills Metropark. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 426-8211.

**Tuesday, April 10**  
 The Unadilla Baseline Cemetery annual meeting will be held 7:30 p.m. at the Unadilla Church. Call 1-734-488-2191 for more information.

**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 Tuesday 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 426-9896.

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

**Wednesday**

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

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

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

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, 426-5233 or Judy Wheeler, 426-2160.

Dexter Senior Nutrition Program delivers meals on weekdays to the 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 Wale, 426-5387.

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 426-5387.

**ANN ARBOR**  
 Alzheimer's Association Transitions 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 867-3081 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 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 to 11 a.m. the second Thursday of the month at Westside United Methodist Church, 900 S. Seventh St., in Ann Arbor. Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-337-3827 or 877-3081 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

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# WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS & ANNIVERSARIES



## Couple exchanges vows

Wendy Schafer of Grand Rapids, daughter of Michael and Doreen Schafer of Westphalia, and Kevin Cammet of Grand Rapids, son of William and Carol Cammet of Chelsea, were married Sept. 30 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Westphalia, with the Rev. Bill Ashbaugh officiating.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Lisa Schafer of Saginaw.

The bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Jill Schafer of Westphalia, and friends, Britani Brown of Grand Rapids, Tricia Drenth of Grand Rapids, Jacquie Ewing of Grand Rapids and Megan Schinkel of Kansas City, Kan.

The bride's cousin, Allison Schneider of Mayville, was the flower girl.

The groom's brother, Jeff Cammet of Chelsea, was the best man.

The groomsmen were the groom's friends, Kevin Boonie of Grand Rapids, Tom Coy of

Denton, Texas, Einor Jacobsen of Tecumseh, Tim Piniatoglou of Brighton and Kevin Schafer of Grand Rapids.

The ushers were the groom's friends, Jon Heyboer, Josh Heyboer and Aaron Hubner, all of Grand Rapids.

The reception was held at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Westphalia. The couple honeymooned in Oahu and Maui, Hawaii, and currently resides in Grand Rapids.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School and a 1998 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is pursuing a master's degree in business administration at Western Michigan University. She is employed as a marketing account coordinator for Foremost Insurance.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Saline High School and a 1998 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is employed as a programmer and analyst for Radley Corp.



**ANNIVERSARY:** Roger and Kathy (Rush) Knapp of Dexter celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary March 17. A small gathering was held at their home that day and was followed by a celebration of Roger Knapp's 60th birthday on March 18. The couple was married on March 17, 1961, in Ann Arbor. Their children are Kelley (Barry) Boyes of Pinckney and the late Bill Knapp. Grandchildren are Jim, Nate and Amanda Knapp and Samantha Augustine of Dexter, and Kayla, Lauren and Ryan Boyes of Pinckney.



**ENGAGED:** Kimberly Gregory of Ypsilanti, daughter of Gary and Candace Gregory of Dexter, and Brian Pilon of Ypsilanti, son of Beverly Pilon of Ypsilanti and James Pilon of Arizona, have set a June wedding date. The future bride is a 1992 Dexter High School graduate and is working on a master's degree in speech-language pathology for special education, enrolled at Eastern Michigan University. The future bridegroom is a 1986 Manchester High School graduate and is employed at Rouge Steele in Dearborn.

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# Strike!

## Bowlers win prizes from local businesses in innovative contest

By Sheila Pursglove  
Staff Writer

Chelsea Lanes is certainly living up to this season's theme, "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet."

Many of the new innovations are the brainchild of Eddie Greenleaf Jr., who will take over the bowling alley when his parents retire after 39 years in May.

A 1994 graduate of Chelsea High School, Greenleaf holds a degree in business from Hope College in Holland. He originally planned a career teaching fifth-grade history before deciding to take over the family business.

And he has a knack for it. Who could forget the Frozen Turkey Bowl last Thanksgiving when frozen fowl were sent spinning down a 25-foot bowling lane?

"I pushed a lot of ideas, whether they were silly or not," Greenleaf said.

Last fall, he brought in pro bowler Brian Voss, who gave an exhibition clinic and dazzled bowlers with a display of trick shots.

But the most successful innovation has been the sponsorship of the 18 lanes by local businesses. Bowlers throwing a perfect 300 game can win prizes.

Participating businesses this season are Steele Heating & Cooling, MiLink, Classic Products, La Jolla Shoppe, Springer Agency, Creative Stitchery and the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.

Bowler Colt White was one of the first big winners, winning a

furnace from Steele Heating & Cooling by bowling a 300.

White then went on to bowl a second perfect game, the only back-to-back perfect score in the bowling alley's history. He won \$200 worth of bowling merchandise from Classic Products.

Steele Heating & Cooling sponsors two pairs of lanes, as well as bowling teams.

"The Steeles have been great about it," Greenleaf said. "They've been very good at supporting the idea, and welcomed it with open arms. I can't say enough about them."

Tom and Sarah Steele and their two sons, Patrick and Tom Jr., who is known as Tucker, all bowl at Chelsea Lanes. Tom Steele bowls in the senior house league, his wife bowls in the Century Northstar league, and their two sons are in the junior house league.

"We've been bowling there for 30 years," Sarah Steele said. "This promotion was a really nice idea and certainly seems to inspire people to bowl well."

Justin Navin followed White by bowling a 300 the same evening on the same lane, but the rule is one prize per lane per night.

"I hadn't even realized how close I was to a 300 game until close to the end," Navin said. "I was really shaking when I threw the last ball."

The inspiration has also produced some near-perfect games of 297 and 299.

Greenleaf himself, who has

been around the bowling alley since he was a tot, recently bowled his first 300.

Kathy Gipson, the first woman to get a 300 at the bowling alley, won a year of Internet dial-up service from MiLink. Gipson, who placed second in the Queen's Tournament in Jackson, carries a 210 average. She bowls in Friday's Tri-City Mixed League.

MiLink owner Ric Sauer got involved in the idea through the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, which he heads this year. His wife, Penny, bowls in a league and sons, Luke and Matthew, enjoy bowling.

"Chelsea Lanes has been with the chamber for years, and I know both Ed and Eddie Greenleaf very well," Sauer said.

"Having a company name at the end of the bowling lanes creates good visibility," he said.

With 974 league bowlers playing in adult sanctioned leagues, the business promotion reaches a large audience.

"I'd seen the idea in other centers and it's a great way of giving back to our bowlers as well as promoting local businesses," Greenleaf said. "It's a step further from advertising on the rakes."

"We've had a very positive feedback on the idea, and it's generated a lot of excitement, and brought in a lot more high scores."

"A 300 game is very tough to



Bowler Colt White was a big winner at Chelsea Lanes. He was given a furnace from Steele Heating & Cooling, a local company which sponsors two lanes. White threw a perfect 300 game, followed by another, the first back-to-back 300 game in the bowling alley's history. Pictured are Tucker Steele (left), Tom Steele, White and Pat Steele.

## RELAY

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Society says she is amazed at the amount of enthusiasm and excitement for the event. This is her second year as lead staff for the Relay for Life in Chelsea.

"The dedication participants had toward this event really hit home with me last year as teams and walkers continued on through the night as that rainstorm passed through the area," Shackelford says.

"I have pictures of people splashing in the puddles and folks in raingear walking the track. They kept up the fight. That was really inspiring."

To sponsor the Fire Walkers or to make a donation, call the Cobbs at 475-7661 or Higelmire at 475-3086.

The 2001 Western Washtenaw Area Relay for Life is set from 6 p.m. June 22 to 6 p.m. June 23. Events and activities are

planned for the entire family. Friday night will feature pony rides, the Survivors' Dinner and Luminaria Ceremony and midnight pizza party.

Saturday will kick off with the midpoint celebration followed by the Sunrise Service.

Pok-a-Dot the Clown and Friends will be on hand from 11 a.m. to noon and Andy the Ambulance from 1 to 5 p.m.

This year's Relay for Life will

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Staff Writer Sheila Pursglove can be reached at 475-1371 or via e-mail at spursglove@heritage.com.

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# Washington Street Show Choir takes top honors

The luck of the Irish must have been with Chelsea's Washington Street Show Choir, as members of the group sang and danced their way to several top honors on St. Patrick's Day.

The show choir traveled to the Lakeview Spartanaire Show Choir Invitational Saturday to perform "Coming to America."

More than 1,500 fans cheered as the Chelsea High School group performed with dancers from Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

Preliminary performances were held during the day, with the top five groups competing for the title in the evening finals program.

As the only group from Michigan, the Washington Street Show Choir made the state proud by garnering several top awards before the last notes were sung in the evening concert.

Forty singers and dancers, as well as the band and technology crew, came away with the People's Choice Award, Best Show Design and first runner-up trophy.

High school senior Jessica Oberholtzer was named Grand Champion Soloist. Oberholtzer studies private voice with Lisa Hinz-Johnson at the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts. She performed "Your Daddy's Son" from the musical Ragtime by Stephen Flaherty.

The 2001 Washington Street Show Choir is led by director Steven Hinz and assistant director Hinz-Johnson.

Production of the 16-minute show began over a year ago, with the arrangement of the music for



Pictured are Craig St. Clair (left), Rob Hohnke, Eli Gerstenlauer, Joey Powell, Kyle Kooyers, Tim Clairmont, Ryan Houle, Ted Thrasher, Ben Garrison, Luke Walters, Derric Tooman and Spencer Gallagher.

the "Coming to America" theme.

The directors brainstormed ideas for a year before settling on the eventual show, which is then arranged for the choir and band by Hinz-Johnson.

This year's show was rooted in

the traditional music and dances of Jewish and Irish immigrants from the early 1900s, and traces the evolution of the "melting pot culture" through the present.

A recurring theme in the show

echoes the text of Walt Whitman's "I Hear America Singing."

Musical sources from "Rags" by Charles Strouse, "River Dance," patriotic numbers and "One World, One Voice, One

Song," a contemporary closer by Kirby Shaw, combine with multicultural dance numbers to create the inspiring show.

"I'm so proud of these kids," Hinz said. "The whole group really did their personal best, singers and dancers, band, and tech crew, all came together to make this happen."

The show choir is in its 11th year, founded when Hinz was hired to teach in the Chelsea schools.

"The evolution of this group has been so inspiring to me," Hinz said. "Although the level of the performance skills and accomplishments keeps growing, the heart is still there every year."

"I still see the passion and excitement in the eyes of these students, and it continues to be a real labor of love for all of us."

The awards earned at the competition are the latest in a long list won by past show choirs. Chelsea has won numerous caption awards, including best male and female soloist, and grand champion soloist. The group is also a former winner of the grand champion title at the Spartanaire Invitational.

The group's next performance is this weekend at Homestead High School in Indiana.

"Certainly, competition has its merits and problems," Hinz

said. "Our view of competition is that is always helps us for a personal best, not to beat out the opponent."

"Some schools are driven purely by the competitive aspect of the event, but we try to help the students focus on bettering their performance and sharing the sense of community that we feel when we accomplish something so amazing."

The final performance for Washington Street Show Choir will be "Cabaret" May 11 and 12. The group's award-winning show, along with new selections, solos and group numbers, will be featured in the final performances of the season.

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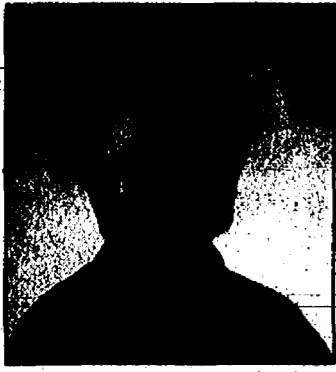
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# Chelsea High School bands take high honors



Chelsea High School bands earned first division, superior ratings in the recent 2001 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 12 festival. The group includes Alyce Barnes, Caitlin Biedron, Catie Boshoven, Colleen Shanks, Heather Solomon and Laura Turluck on flute; Erin Dronen, Sara Brennan, Megan Morcom and Erica Sprinkle on clarinet; Bryn Warren on oboe; Nicole Kleber on bassoon; Nicole Williams on saxophone; Rob Hohnke on trumpet; Cal Dunham and Greg Kennedy on trombone; Shannon Schuyler on tuba and Ben Smith on percussion.

The Chelsea High School bands were very successful in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 12 Band and Orchestra Festival March 8 through 9.

High school bands and middle school orchestras from southeast Michigan came to Chelsea to perform for a panel of three adjudicators in concert performance and for one adjudicator in sight-reading.

Each ensemble received written and verbal comments from the adjudicators and an overall rating of their performances.

The adjudicators, experienced music educators, are certified by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association.

The Chelsea Symphony Band and the Wind Ensemble earned first division, superior ratings. Both groups also received first division ratings in the sight-reading portion of the festival.

"I'm extremely proud of both

of the bands' accomplishments with their performance," said Rick Catherman, Chelsea High School director of bands. "The groups have worked very hard and have attained a high level of musical performance."

"I am very proud of the individual and group achievements."

The Symphony Band played the "March of the Freeman" by Nowak, "Down a Country Lane" by Copland and "Fall River Overture" by Sheldon.

The Wind Ensemble played "The President's March" by Herbert, "An Original Suite" by Jacob and "Prelude and Rondo" by Holsinger.

Many band members also doubled as volunteer workers during the festival, acting as guides for visitors and as assistants to the adjudicators, as well as Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association officials.

Catherman thanked parent and student volunteers, school

administration, faculty, food service, maintenance and custodial staff.

"Chelsea schools work to provide the music students of southeast Michigan with the finest festival performance possible," he said.

Other faculty members involved in the festival were Steve Hinz, high school choral director; Jed Fritzeleier, orchestra director; Becky Bush, orchestra student teacher; Garry Klink, Eastern Michigan University student in music education; and James Otto, middle school band director.

Participating schools included Redford Thurston, Taylor Kennedy, Allen Park, Livonia Franklin, Bedford, Redford Catholic Central, Garden City, Westland John Glenn, Dexter, Dundee, Monroe, Erie Mason, Chelsea, Monroe Jefferson, Lincoln Park, Ann Arbor Huron, Churchill, Wayne Franklin and Ann Arbor Clague.

## Antiques show sale slated for May

By Pat Andrews  
Heritage Newspapers

The Greenfield Village Antiques Show & Sale will be held May 19 and 20, with a bit of TV flair.

Dan Elias, new host of PBS' popular "Antiques Roadshow," will be the guest lecturer at the show and sale at 12:30 p.m. May 19 at the Anderson Center Theater in Henry Ford Museum.

Elias will offer a behind-the-scenes look at this TV show, which attracts 15 million viewers a week.

Joel Lefever, curator of the Holland Trust Museum, will discuss Grand Rapids Furniture from 1870 to 1885 at 1 p.m. May

20. Also that day, children visiting the show can participate in free activities in the Lovett Hall Courtyard from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Greenfield Village Antiques Show & Sale, co-chaired by Dede Booth and Linda Kughn, offers a diverse selection of antiques and collectibles available for sale. More than 30 art and antiques exhibitors from around the country will offer an assortment of antiques, as well as provide information on their specialty or other offerings.

Martha and William Clay Ford will serve as this year's honorary chairs and WJR-AM (760) morning show host Paul W. Smith will

serve as the event's media chairman.

One visitor will drive home in a 2002 Ford Thunderbird, donated by Ford Motor Co. as part of the show and sale raffle. Raffle tickets at \$10 each or six for \$50 can be purchased at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village through May 20.

Admission to the show and sale is \$8 at the door and includes a program book. All lectures are free with the price of admission.

A preview night is scheduled from 6 to 10 p.m. May 18, giving patrons a chance to view the collection before the general public. Tickets can be obtained by

calling Margot Mehringer, show director, at 1-313-982-6120.

All proceeds from the two-day show and sale, as well as the preview, will directly support and enhance children's camps, classes and field trips. These programs introduce hundreds of thousands of children to hands-on, observational and "brains-on" learning.

The show is in Lovett Hall, adjacent to the museum and village, and is sponsored by Ford Motor Co., Saks Fifth Avenue and Sotheby's.

Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum is at 20900 Oakwood Blvd. at Village Road in Dearborn.

## Pharmacies help fight cancer

April is National Cancer Awareness Month and the American Cancer Society has teamed up with local pharmacies to provide information on various different cancers throughout the month.

Each week during April, Chelsea Pharmacy, Dexter Pharmacy 2 and Manchester Pharmacy will have information and materials available from the American Cancer Society on selected cancers.

Those stopping by the information table also will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for an American Cancer Society cookbook. One cookbook will be given away each week.

In addition, Deanna Shackel-

ford of the American Cancer Society will be on hand every Thursday at each of the pharmacies throughout the month to meet with patrons and to answer questions they may have about the information, the American Cancer Society and its programs.

The focus April 1 through 7 is on prostate and testicular cancer, with staff from the American Cancer Society visiting April 5.

The focus April 8 through 14 is on breast cancer, with staff visiting on April 12.

The focus April 15 through 21 is on lung cancer, with staff visiting April 19.

The focus April 22 through 28

is colorectal cancer, with staff visiting on April 26.

The focus April 29 through May 5 is on skin cancer, with staff visiting on May 3.

American Cancer Society staff will be on hand Thursdays at the following times:

• 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Dexter Pharmacy 2, 7039 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road.

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For more information about Cancer Awareness Month or the American Cancer Society and its programs, call 971-4300.

## Workshop to address environment

A workshop where citizens concerned about the effects of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions on the Earth's inhabitants, flora and climate, will be held at the Michigan Friends Center, 7700 Clark's Lake Road, in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea.

The event is set from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 7. James Teeri, director of the University of Michigan Biological Research Station at Pellston and the

Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor, will present his research findings as the keynote speaker. His talk is called "Elevated Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide: Should We Be Concerned?"

The Religious Society of Friends or Quakers believe that care of the Earth, including its atmosphere, is a spiritual as well as a biological, economic and social concern. People from all faith communities and envi-

ronmentally concerned organizations are invited to attend.

Cosponsors of the workshop include The Ecology Center, Chelsea Area Green Party, Environmental Health Division of the Washtenaw County Environment and Infrastructure Department, Friends Lake Community, Michigan Friends Center, Michigan Interfaith Coalition for Creation and the Michigan Interfaith Global Warming Steering Committee.

## Scholarships available

Chelsea Community Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship applications are available to qualified area students. Applicants must be enrolled full time in a health career program for which certification is given or a degree is granted, and must be a resident of the hospital service area.

Scholarship applications are now available and may be picked up at the hospital information desk inside the main entrance. A volunteer is on duty 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Application deadline is May 18.

Scholarships are funded from auxiliary projects such as book sales, hospital gift shop sales, raffles and bazaars.

Personal interviews of the most qualified candidates will be conducted May 31. Scholarship awards are based on academic achievement, community involvement and sincere interest in higher education in the healthcare field. High school seniors or adult students may apply.

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# The muse strikes

## Entries due Saturday for Chelsea poetry contest

By Sheila Pursglove  
Staff Writer

Local poets have until Saturday to heed the poetry muse and hand in their entry for this year's Chelsea Poetry Celebration and Competition.

Poems will be accepted during regular business hours Saturday at the Chelsea District Library or Chelsea Little Professor Book Center, 1250 S. Main St.

The competition, inundated with 342 entries last year, is back by popular demand.

"The library was so pleased with the enthusiasm for and participation in last year's event," said Julianne Smith, head of adult library services. "We really weren't sure how much interest there would be in a poetry event, but the community really came out in force."

All forms of poetry are welcome, and participants fall into four age categories: elementary school, middle school, high school and adult.

"While the poems are judged, I think the celebration aspect of the program is what is important," Smith said. "Anyone is welcome and encouraged to explore creative expression through poetry and the competition is just a formalized opportunity to do that."

"It was really amazing to hear the readings last year," she said. "There was a wonderful representation of free verse, abstract topics and deeply personal work."

"There was a lot of talent in that room."

The event concludes with a program at 7 p.m. April 19 at the Washington Street Education Center cafeteria during which contest winners will read their poems.

Following the celebration, Chelsea Little Professor Book Center, a sponsor of the event, will feature the winning and honorable mention poems in the store, along with other poetry

displays, to celebrate National Poetry Month.

This marks the second year the Chelsea Little Professor Book Center has co-sponsored the poetry competition.

"Little Professor is profoundly committed to the promotion of poetry," owner Doug Smith said. "Our store has held monthly poetry readings featuring published poets as well as local writers."

"The Poetry Night readings have attracted a loyal audience each month for the last two years."

Marijo Grogan, first-place winner in the adult category last year for her poem "The Rapture," will be a judge of the middle school age group.

Her fellow judge in the category is Cynthia Furlong Reynolds, author of the recently published "Our Hometown: America's History as Seen Through the Eyes of a Mid-Western Village," a history book of Chelsea.

For the second consecutive year, award-winning poet and novelist Laura Kasischke will serve as a judge for the adult age group and master of ceremonies for the celebration.

Kasischke, a Chelsea resident who teaches creative writing at Washtenaw Community College, is working on new books of poetry and fiction.

Keith Taylor, whose poetry and prose has appeared in several literary journals, will also judge entries in the adult age group.

Aline Soules and Nancy Schumann will judge entries from high school students.

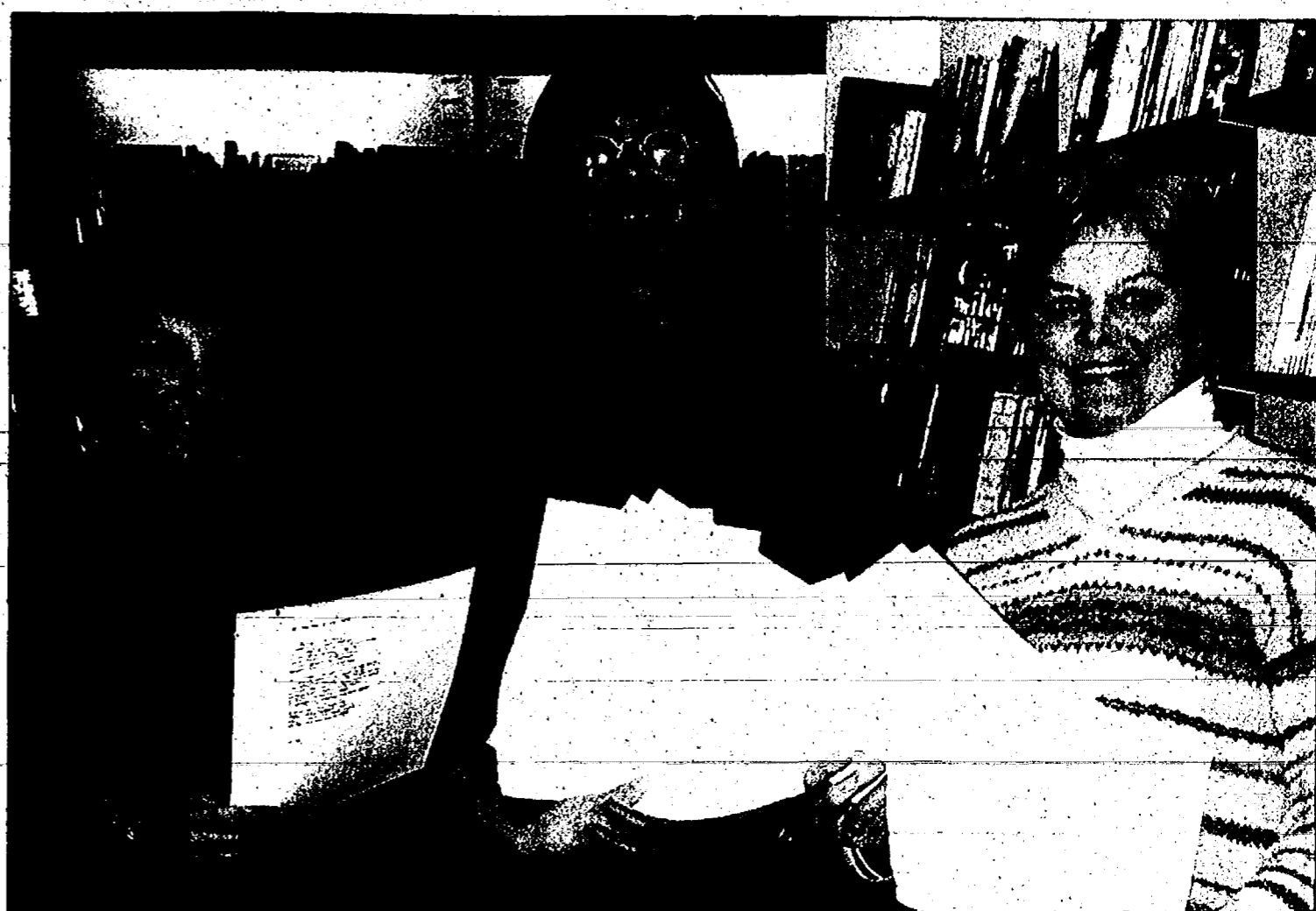
Soules is the co-author of a book of poetry and short fiction, and a contributor to an anthology of poetry and fiction by nine Michigan authors. She has twice led creative writing workshops at the Chelsea District Library.

Schumann is associate professor of English at Siena Heights University, where she teaches creative writing, journalism and literature.

Tracy Gallup and Willa Weddon will judge entries from elementary school pupils.

Gallup is an acclaimed children's illustrator and creator of artistic dolls.

Weddon is the author of many Michigan history books.



Deadline for the Chelsea Poetry Contest is Saturday, and entries can be turned in to the Chelsea District Library or Chelsea Little Professor bookstore. Judges of the middle school aged category are Marijo Grogan, who won the adult contest last year, and Cynthia Furlong Reynolds. Pictured are Grogan (left), Doug Smith, owner of Little Professor in Chelsea and the contest sponsor, and Cynthia Furlong Reynolds, with stacks of poems they have received.

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## Library celebrates

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The library will serve refreshments daily in honor of this annual event, and offer daily puzzle contests and word games.

The bookmark contest winners will be announced during the week.

The library will host Teen Dictionary Night. It has been billed as a fun evening with friends, games and pizza, 7 p.m. April 5. Registration is required.

Wild Swan Theater will perform "A Honey Pot of Pooh Stories," with Chelsea resident Sandy Ryder as Winnie the Pooh. No registration is required.

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### Monday, April 2

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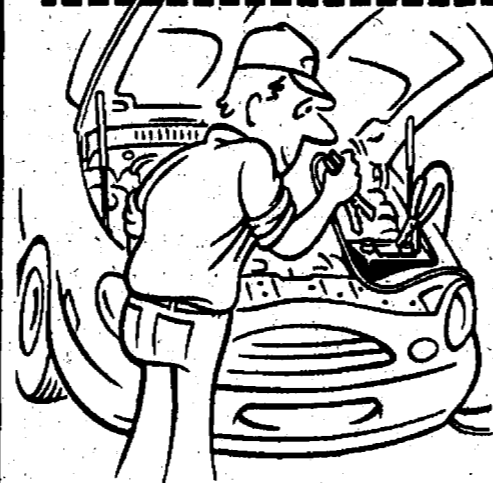
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# SPORTS

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## Michigan's best

Future Wolverine Hack one of state's top swimmers, looks forward to nationals

By Don Richter  
Staff Writer

Chelsea's Andy Hack began swimming for one simple reason.

**Survival.**  
"My parents started me in swimming because we have a pond in our backyard and they didn't want me to drown in it," Hack said.

Good thinking.  
Because of his parents' initial fear, Hack has blossomed into one of Michigan's best high school swimmers.

In fact, three weeks ago he was honored as the Class B-C-D Swimmer of the Year at this season's state championships at Eastern Michigan University.

Besides being named the top tanker in his class, Hack captured two individual state titles, as well.

The University of Michigan-bound senior finished first in the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke to help lead the Bulldogs to a fourth-place state finish.

"It feels great," Hack said of

his season-ending accomplishments. "I'm happy with everything that went on."

He should be.  
Hack has been knocking on the Class B-C-D championship door ever since his freshman year at Chelsea.

In that year, he placed third in the 100 backstroke with a time of 55.98.

Hack followed that performance with another third-place finish in the 100 backstroke his sophomore year.

Despite the same finish, Hack improved his time to 55.47. He also competed in the 200 individual medley, finishing sixth in 2:02.05.

In his junior year, Hack placed second in the 100 backstroke in 53.84, shaving two seconds off his sophomore time.

He placed third in the 200 IM, breaking the three-minute barrier with a time of 1:59.15, which was three seconds better than his sophomore mark.

In his senior year, Hack put it all together.

He blew away the field in the 100 backstroke, winning in

52.43 — his nearest competitor a full two seconds behind.

With his time, Hack earned prep All-American status.

In fact, only two other Michigan swimmers had faster times than Hack in the backstroke.

Class A's Chris DeJong, a junior from Holland, set a state record and recorded the nation's No. 1 time in the event with a clocking of 48.71. Battle Creek Lakeview's Luke Lehner finished second behind DeJong with a time of 51.62.

There's no telling how fast Hack might have gone if pushed by DeJong and Lehner.

In the 200 IM, Hack placed first with a time of 1:55.73. His nearest competitor was three seconds behind.

Hack said he was confident about his chances in the 100 backstroke since most of the top challengers had graduated, but that the 200 IM was less certain.

"I thought it would be harder to win since there was better competition," he said.

The 200 IM was one of numerous events Hack could have swum and performed well.

"I wasn't sure what my second event would be (besides backstroke)," he said. "I chose the 200 IM because it was the event I was swimming best in."

According to Chelsea coach Dave Jolly, Hack could have excelled in any event.

"He has a lot of potential," Jolly said. "He's an awfully talented kid. He's the first I've coached here that I could have swam in anything and he would have finished in the top six."

Hack will take his considerable talents next fall to the University of Michigan, where he'll swim with his older brother Josh, who finished 13th at last summer's Olympic trials, on the Wolverine swim team.

The chance to compete with Josh, a sophomore at U of M and a five-time state champion and holder of three Chelsea school swim records, was one of the reasons Hack decided to wear the maize and blue.

"It should be fun and exciting to swim with him again," said



Chelsea coach Dave Jolly congratulates Andy Hack after Hack was named Swimmer of the Year in Class B-C-D at this year's state swimming and diving finals.



Chelsea senior Andy Hack stands proudly as he's announced Class B-C-D's Swimmer of the Year at this season's state meet held March 10 at Eastern Michigan University.

Hack, who swam with Josh as a freshman and sophomore at Chelsea.

Besides reuniting with his brother, Hack, who plans to major in engineering, said there were other reasons for choosing Michigan.

"It's one of the most renowned swimming schools in the country," he said. "I'm looking forward to all the competition."

But Hack said he'll always remember his senior year as a Bulldog, especially this season's state meet.

"Everyone had their best times (at meet)," said Hack, a captain. "The underclassmen stepped it up big time. Everyone was on at the right time this year. We had such a close team. We all enjoyed doing things together. That really helped

with our spirit." Jolly agreed.

"The team jelled well as a group," he said. "It (fourth-place finish) was a total team effort."

Hack, who placed 15th in the nation last April in the 100 backstroke at the prestigious YMCA Nationals, credited Jolly with helping him improve throughout the years.

"He's helped me become a better swimmer," he said. "He used to swim and he passed on a lot of his knowledge and information to me. I have a strong bond with him."

Hack will travel back to Fort Lauderdale in early April to take part in the YMCA Nationals a second time.

"All the best swimmers not in college compete there," he said. "It's really exciting. This year

I'm shooting for the top three (in backstroke)."

Besides the 100 backstroke, Hack will swim in the 200 backstroke, the 200 IM, and the 50 freestyle.

However, that's all in the future.

Right now, Hack is basking in the afterglow of ending his high school swim career on such a high note.

"It's such a great honor," Hack said, about being named Class B-C-D's best swimmer. "To start out (as a freshman) so average and then to become Swimmer of the Year. It's pretty shocking. It's a great way to end my final year."

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

## Chelsea soccer drops opener to Pinckney

The Chelsea soccer team began the regular season last Saturday, dropping a hard-fought 1-0 decision to visiting Pinckney.

The game was played at Pierce Lake Elementary School in Chelsea.

"Defensively, we played very well," said Chelsea coach Chris Orlandi. "We limited Pinckney to only five shots on goal."

In high school soccer, games are two halves of 40 minutes each.

The Pirates scored the contest's lone goal at the 19th minute of the first half. On the play, Pinckney was awarded a free kick 25 yards from the Bulldog goal.

The Pirate attacker blasted a perfect shot over a wall of Chelsea defenders, beating Bulldog goalkeeper Laura Baird (four saves) for the score.

"I'm very pleased at how well we played defensively," Orlandi said.

A major blow to the Chelsea offense occurred during the team's scrimmage a week ago at Jackson Northwest.

Senior Caitlin Biedron suffered a season-ending torn ligament in her right knee.

"(She's) our best field player," Orlandi said. "All the girls

were devastated, but knew they had to rebound quickly."

Orlandi said other players are going to have to pick up the slack created by Biedron's absence.

"With the loss of Biedron, five of our six offensive positions are filled by people who didn't play those positions last year," Orlandi said.

"It's going to take a while for everyone to get on the same page."

Against the Pirates, Chelsea had trouble generating offense.

"Our passing and ball control was pretty good, but we're going to need some players to step up and want the ball in pressure situations." Against

Pinckney, the Bulldogs recorded just two shots.

Despite his offensive woes, Orlandi remained upbeat.

"Senior Kate Wheeler and sophomore first-time starter Candell Dickerson did an excellent job as marking backs for the full 80 minutes," he said. "Quinn Peysler was very good in her first game as sweeper."

The Bulldogs next travel to Ypsilanti today for a game at 5 p.m.

On April 10, Chelsea hosts Ann Arbor Pioneer at 4 p.m.

**"Defensively, we played very well. We limited Pinckney to only five shots on goal."**  
— Chris Orlandi  
Soccer coach

## Baker earns Bulldog volleyball MVP award

By Don Richter  
Staff Writer

Chelsea's Lindsey Baker was honored last Thursday as Bulldog volleyball's Most Valuable Player at the team's end-of-the-year banquet held at Chelsea Community Hospital.

Baker, a 5-foot-8 senior setter, also earned first-team All-Southeastern Conference honors this season.

Fellow senior Caitlin Deis was also named first-team All-SEC this year.

Both Baker and Deis were named All-Region as well.

Named honorable mention All-SEC were Anna Arend, Alison Mann and Josie Wells.

Senior Amber Mattocks and Mann were named the squad's Most Improved Players.

The team's Sportsmanship award went to Wells.

Earning Scholar-Athlete awards for the Bulldogs were seniors Molly Welton, Laura Baird, Michelle Dettling, Baker and Wells.

Chelsea (39-13-2, 3-3) finished second in the SEC White Division.

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Bulldog senior volleyball players Molly Welton (left), Josie Wells, Amber Mattocks, Michelle Dettling, Caitlin Deis, Lindsey Baker and Laura Baird helped lead Chelsea to a 39-13-2 overall record this season.

## Chelsea JV soccer battles Pinckney, weather

The Chelsea JV soccer team opened the 2001 season last Saturday falling to Pinckney, 4-0.

Despite a spirited second half, the host Bulldogs were unable to overcome four first-half goals by the Pirates.

The game was played at Pierce Lake soccer field under cold and windy conditions with

a touch of rain and snow flurries.

"Typical early spring weather," said Chelsea coach Jim Hicks, in his fourth season.

In the decisive first half, Pinckney recorded seven shots on goal, while Chelsea had two shots.

The Pirates opened the scoring with a breakaway six min-

utes into the contest.

Pinckney next scored on a long shot that the strong winds slowed and helped reach the back of the net.

Two minutes later, the Pirates scored their third goal.

At the 23rd minute of the half, Pinckney scored goal No. 4.

In the scoreless second half, Chelsea played much better.

The Bulldog defense gave up seven shots, with most being wide of the goal.

Bulldog Elana Lussier, playing in her first high school game as a net minder, finished with six saves.

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The Chelsea volleyball team gathers together for its end-of-the-year banquet. Members include, front row, Connie Kolokithas (left) and Lindsey Baker; second row, Jenelle Vicek (left), Alison Mann, Laura Baird, Molly Welton and assistant coach Amanda Hollis; back row, Anna Arend (left), Caitlin Dels, Audrey Richardson, Jessie Wells, Sonny Beaman (team bus driver), Amber Mattocks, Michelle Detting, Heather Tanner and coach Laura Cleveland.

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The Bulldogs captured their own Chelsea Invitational and were runners-up at the Battle

Creek Lakeview Invitational, the Pioneer Invitational and the South Lyon Invitational this year.

Chelsea ended its season the first week of March in district play, losing to Dexter, 8-15, 14-16.

Before falling to the Dreadnoughts, the Bulldogs defeated Brooklyn Columbia Central, 15-8, 15-10 in first round district action.

Top performers for Chelsea at districts were Mann with 12

kills, six blocks and six digs and Dels with 11 kills and 10 digs.

Karri Kuczjada finished with seven blocks and four kills while Mattocks had eight digs and Baker 23 assists for the Bulldogs.

## SOCCER

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Despite the setback, Hicks remained positive.

"As the second half showed, once these girls get used to playing together a little longer they are going to be a solid team."

Seven sophomores and 13 freshmen make up the 2001 JV Dawgs.

Returning from last season's squad are sophomores Catilin Paul, Jenna Satterwaite, Katie Personke, Katie Fox and co-captain Kira Sheremet. Two sophomores new to the program are Michele Oberholzer and Jessica Basset.

The freshmen on the team include defenders Sharon Dault, Stephanie McMillan, Megan Edgar and Jennie Palluzi, midfielders

Rachel Boyce, Erin McLaughlin, Jessica Manitz, Betsy Boyd and Ashley Gadbury.

The freshmen forwards are Marie Angelocci and Brittany Mattson, while goalkeepers are Lindsey Parker and co-captain Lussier.

"The freshmen bring a number of years of club soccer experience to the program," Hicks said.

Chelsea travels to Ypsilanti today for a game at 3:30 p.m.

After spring break, the Bulldogs will host a Southeastern Conference cross-divisional game against Ann Arbor Pioneer 4 p.m. April 10.

Following Pioneer, Chelsea will host Ann Arbor Huron April 12 at 4 p.m.

Bulldog home games are played at the new high school soccer field next to the Trinkle Road entrance.

**"As the second half showed, once these girls get used to playing together a little longer they are going to be a solid team."**

**— Jim Hicks**  
Chelsea coach

## BOWLING

SENIORS FUN TIME - 3-21-01

Division	W	L
Hit or Miss	58	19
Good Times	54	23
Agators	41	36
The New Million	40	37
Squares	38	39
Keglers	36	41

Division 2	W	L
Wild Ones	45	32
Sears Rife	36	41
Sand Baggers	32	46
Three Cookies	24	53
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Division 3	W	L
Steadies	44	33
Play Cats	39	38
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Chelsea Suburban - 3-21-01	W	L
Flow Ezy	126.5	76.5
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The Acres	128	82

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Family Tes	63	62
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J & S	29	26
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Chelsea Lanes Youth Mixed - 3-24-01	W	L
Syran Wrap	109	66
The Other Team	99	76
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Mid Morning Youth Mixed - 3-24-01	W	L
Glitter Girls	123	52
Team Bubbles	99	76
The Twisters	94	81
Bumble Bees	72	103

Three Bee's Team #1	W	L
High Game: Kristen Coulter, 100; Chris McCoy, 114	52	123
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Leisure Time - 3-22-01	W	L
Doves	59.5	52.5
Sweetrollers	58	54
Not Yet	54	58
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Junior House - 3-22-01	W	L
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Trek Bowlers	65	48
King Pins	61	51
Jeanies Team	58	54
TNT Bowlers	58	54
Dexter Ringers	57.5	54.5

Hit & Miss	W	L
Too Kool	54	58
Team #12	51	61
Team #11	49	63
Team #8	38.5	72.5
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## Lady Dawgs



Chelsea's Lady Bulldogs sixth- and seventh-grade girls' basketball team won the Ann Arbor Recreation Winter League Out-County championship this season. Members of the squad include front row kneeling, Bridget Lynn (left), Julie Kedroske, Paige Denison, Cara Simpson, Jenna Simpson and Leah Morrison; back row, Rachel Fitzsimmons (left), Amanda McKenzie, coach Tom Lynn, Haley Eder, Hannah Guenther and Katie Lynn.

## Hockey league nears playoffs

With postseason playoffs just three days away, the Chelsea Adult Hockey League finds itself in full swing.

Perfect Print is situated in first place at the moment with a 7-1 overall record. Print has 14 total points, a league-leading 52 goals for and a league-low 15 goals allowed.

Flamin A's, Cliff Keen Athletic and Elkins Excavating all share second place with identical 4-2-2 overall records and 10 total points.

Flamin has 32 goals for and 24 against on the season. Cliff Keen has 30 goals for and 22 against, while Elkins comes in with 30 goals for and 22 against.

In fifth place are the Hell Devils with a 4-3-1 overall mark and nine total points. The Devils have a tied-for-second-best 32 goals for, but have given up 27 goals against, fifth worst in the conference.

Finding itself in sixth place is the Pepsi Team with a 3-4-1 overall record and seven total points. Pepsi has 16 goals for and 20 against — second best in the league.

Zou-Zou's Café is in seventh

place with a 2-6 overall mark and four total points. Zou-Zou's has 23 goals for and 48 against.

In eighth place is Orange Rush with a 0-8 overall record. Orange has 11 goals for and 58 against.

Scores from March 18 include Zou-Zou's, 7 Orange Rush, 6; Devils, 2 Pepsi, 2; Perfect Printing, 6 Flamin A's, 3; Cliff Keen Athletic, 2 and Elkins Excavating, 2.

League scoring leaders are Ray Ameal (Elkins) with 15 points, Brian McDougall (Perfect Print) with 15 points, Brent Eckler (Flamin A's) with 13 points, Scott Field (Devils) with 11 points, Mark Patrick (CKA) with 11 points, Steve Wallace (Perfect Print) with 10 points and Tom Keen (CKA) with 10 points.

Ameal, Patrick, Wallace and Eckler are tops in the league with nine goals each.

Field with eight, McDougall with seven and Jeff Parquette (Perfect Print), Tom Shelbourne (Perfect Print), Keen (CKA) and Ameal with six each lead the conference in assists.

League playoffs begin Sunday.

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## Chelsea Squirt AA hockey wins tourney

Behind superb goaltending by Andrew Ebright, Chelsea's Squirt AA Bulldogs captured a tournament in Detroit, March 9 through 11.

For his efforts, Ebright was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Chelsea opened the weekend with a come-from-behind 3-3 tie against Allen Park.

Down 3-0 heading into the third period, the Bulldogs regrouped for three unanswered goals for the tie.

Jacob Dunn led the Chelsea charge with two goals.

In game No. 2, the Bulldogs defeated Ann Arbor, 2-0.

Behind strong defensive support, Ebright recorded his first shut out of the tourney.

In its third game, Chelsea defeated Livonia, 7-2.

The Bulldogs exploded for four third period goals to secure their victory.

Matt Heinen paced Chelsea with a three-goal hat trick.

In the tournament championship game, the Bulldogs beat the Cincinnati Cyclones, 2-0, for

Ebright's second shut out.

Two goals in the third period broke a 0-0 stalemate and iced the "W" for Chelsea.

"The boys skated hard all year and it really showed in this tournament," said Chelsea coach Mike O'Donohue. "The victory was a team victory. Every boy contributed to the wins."

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# Tips offered for parents, sitters

By Maria McMackin  
Heritage Newspapers

Spring is here and with it, nicer weather. Some parents may spend more time away from home, leaving children with a babysitter.

The National SAFE KIDS Campaign has some suggestions for parents to consider when interviewing new sitters:

- Is the sitter at least 13 years old?
- Is he or she responsible and reliable?
- Is the sitter experienced, and can he or she provide references?
- Has the sitter taken a baby-sitter training course?
- Is the sitter certified in infant and child CPR?
- Is the sitter willing to accept your guidelines for taking care of your child?
- Does the sitter understand the importance of watching a child at all times?
- Does the sitter know what to do in an emergency?

SAFE KIDS says that whether you select a family member, a neighborhood teen-ager or a friend to watch your child, they need to be aware of safety precautions and how to respond in case of an emergency.

that parents take the following steps before leaving their children with a sitter, at theirs or another home:

• Childproof your home. Explore your home at a child's level — on hands and knees, for example — to look for hazards.

• Give the babysitter a tour of your home. Inform your sitter of the safety precautions you have taken: point out baby gates, child-resistant locks, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, electrical outlet covers, toilet locks.

• Show the sitter where phones, first-aid supplies, fire extinguishers, flashlights and extra blankets are located. Make sure your sitter knows your planned fire-escape routes.

• Show the babysitter where to find emergency telephone numbers. Lists near every phone should contain phone numbers of where you can be reached, the fire department, police department, poison control center, ambulance or emergency services, your doctor and hospital, a neighbor and a relative.

• Make sure the sitter knows which rooms are off limits to your children, especially infants and toddlers. For example, your child should not be allowed to

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## New Board of Directors

Dexter Firefighters recently elected a new board of directors. John Schnaur (left), Troy Maloney, Victoria Grenfield and Dave Knope will serve for the next year.

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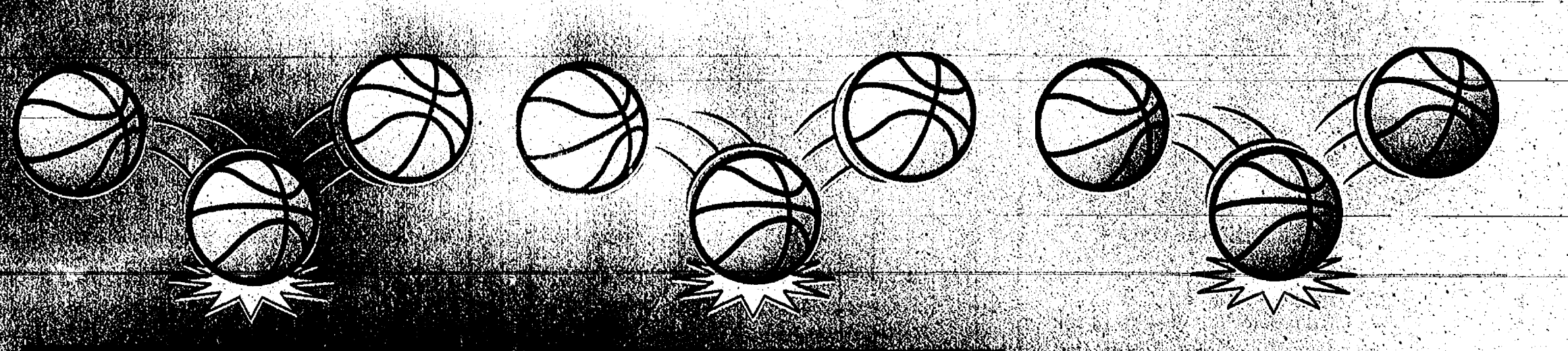
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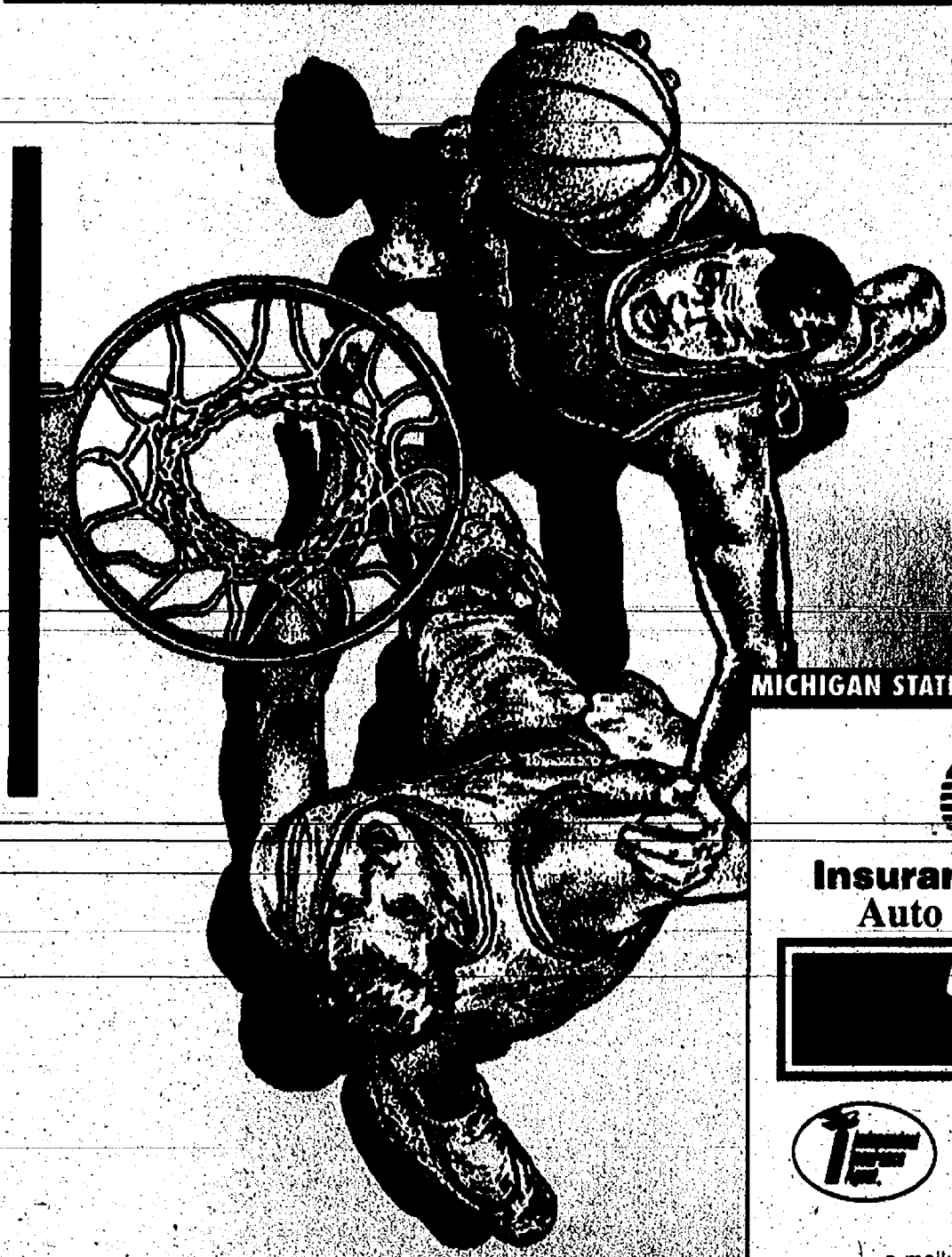
Pack 477 recently had 16 boys crossover to Boy Scouts. This was the largest group of boys to cross over in the pack's history. Pictured in the front row are Nick Reynolds (left), Kyle Kozart, Nick Beaudion, Alex Herrlinger and Joe Motibeller. In the back row are Kyle Swikowski (left), Douglas Bailey, Aaron Psujek, Philip Kerek, Christian Thompson, Jacob Bell, Bobby Hall, C.J. Singer, Adam Umstead and Jonathan Jenkins. Not pictured is Phillip Hart.

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- play in the kitchen or bathroom because too many hazards exist in those rooms.
- Provide clear, written instructions on appropriate dosage and time for any medications the sitter might have to give your child. Go over these instructions with your sitter before leaving.
- Leave instructions regarding protective gear. If your child is allowed to ride a bike, skateboard or use in-line skates while you're away, make sure the sitter knows where to find your child's helmet, knee pads and other protective gear and insist that your child wear them.
- Instruct your sitter never to leave your child alone, even for a second. There is no substitute for constant supervision.
- And, of course, there are these general tips that everyone spending time around children should be aware of:
  - Keep matches, lighters, gasoline and other flammable materials out of sight and locked out of children's reach. If there is a fire, stay calm, get the children out of the house first and then call the fire department from a neighbor's house. Do not go back into the house and make sure children do not return.
  - Avoid burns by using rear stove burners and turning all pot handles toward the back of the stove. Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges. Do not use tablecloths or placemats.

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### Teachers Attend Auction

Patty Rogers (left) and Candy Burns, a Dexter schoolteacher, were among hundreds of people to attend the Dexter Educational Foundation silent auction Saturday at Polo Fields Country Club. Rogers' husband, Dave, served as chairman of the auction. Proceeds will be used for mini-grants to benefit Dexter schoolchildren. Patty Rogers is a teacher in Chelsea.

### Cavanaugh completes training

Jeffrey Cavanaugh, a 1977 graduate of Dexter High School, has successfully completed his "A" school in Aviation Electronics Technician Training at the Pensacola Naval Base in Florida. Cavanaugh completed his basic training in Great Lakes, Ill. His next duty station is in Jacksonville, Fla. with a submarine search-and-destroy unit known as the Diamond Cutters. There he will serve as one of their aviation electronics techs while attending his "B" school. Cavanaugh is the son of Milo and Marcy Cavanaugh of Chelsea and Mary and Ron Coleman of Cape Coral, Fla.

### 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  
(734) 475-1898

### VILLAGE OF DEXTER PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Dexter Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 2, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., 8140 Main Street, second floor meeting room, Dexter, MI for the purpose of considering a special use permit to allow an office building at 8050 Baker Road. [West side between the alley and Grand Street, with part of the parcel along the alley.]  
Information regarding this request is available for public inspection at the Village Zoning Office, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, MI weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Written comments regarding this request should be submitted to the Village Clerk to later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 30, 2001. Sign language interpreter or other assistance is provided upon request to the Village Clerk at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.  
Donna Fisher, Village Clerk  
8140 Main Street  
Dexter, MI 48130

### VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO VILLAGE OF CHELSEA ZONING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing, as the statute in such case provides, for amendment of the Chelsea Village Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 79). The requested change would revise the Zoning Text with the following changes:  
ADD A NEW SECTION - 10.09 TO ARTICLE 10 TO PROVIDE FOR NON-CONFORMITIES CREATED BY THE GATEWAY OVERLAY DISTRICT AND THE COMMERCIAL DESIGN STANDARDS AND TO PROVIDE STANDARDS TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF COMPLIANCE REQUIRED FOR EXPANSION TO EXISTING SITES.  
The aforesaid hearing will be held in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., Chelsea, Michigan on **TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.**  
The petition, as filed by **VILLAGE OF CHELSEA** is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea, and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.  
Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Chelsea Planning Commission Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.  
**CHELSEA VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Chris Rode, Chair

### LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2001, 7:30 P.M. LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL, 11452 JACKSON RD., CHELSEA

A Public Hearing will be held to consider an Amendment to the Official Township Zoning Ordinance.  
Application #01-001 - The petition of Donald E. & Veronica J. Hillgoss to rezone approximately 10.26 acres from A1 (10 acres per residence) to RR (3 acres per residence). This property is located at 12251 Thinkle Road, Dexter, MI 48130 and is part of the NW 1/4 of Section 16, Lima Township, Parcel # G 07-16-200-002.  
Application filed by Donald E. & Veronica J. Hillgoss.  
A complete copy of this proposal is on file in the office of Lima Township.  
Written comments may be sent to:  
**TERRY WESNER, CHAIRMAN**  
LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
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### LYNDON TOWNSHIP SUMMARY MINUTES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2001

Held annual meeting with Washtenaw County Road Commission.  
**LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING**  
February 27, 2001  
Moved and carried to approve Private Road Ordinance Variance with conditions for Timothy Smashey.  
Moved and carried to approve MIOP Wireless Communication Tower site plan review application with conditions.  
**LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
March 13, 2001  
Public Hearing on the proposed 2001-2002 General Fund budget and Special Fund budgets held.  
Meeting called to order and opened with pledge of allegiance to the flag.  
Consent agenda adopted.  
Moved and carried to pay County Drain special assessment on 4 parcels with a zero assessment that went delinquent.  
Moved and carried to request 3 applications of Kaiser Well brine be applied to Township Roads.  
Moved and carried to amend the 2000-2001 General Fund budget and Fire Special Assessment Fund budget.  
Reports given:  
Moved and carried to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.  
Janis Knieper  
Lyndon Township Clerk

### LOCH ALPINE SANITARY AUTHORITY OF WEBSTER AND SCIO TOWNSHIPS COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, MICHIGAN

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
Notice is hereby given that the regular Quarterly Meeting of the Loch Alpine Sanitary Authority of the Townships of Webster and Scio is scheduled. The meeting will be held on:  
April 2, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. in the  
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Loch Alpine Sanitary Authority

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### LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON Monday, April 9, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. Lyndon Township Hall - 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea

**AGENDA:**  
1. Elect officers  
2. To review the application of Leonard W. Hafner, 8857 Beeman Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 (parcels # 05-30-200-005) for a variance from Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance Section 5.04 E, side yard set back. Mr. Hafner would like to replace a garage.  
Written comments may be sent to: Lyndon Township Clerk, Janis Knieper, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.  
The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing.  
Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling Janis Knieper, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.  
A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.  
**LYNDON TOWNSHIP**  
Janis Knieper, Lyndon Township Clerk

### SYLVAN TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING WAS HELD MARCH 5, 2001 AT 7 P.M. IN THE SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL, 18027 OLD US 12, CHELSEA

The following board members were present: Supervisor Burgess, Clerk Koch, Treasurer Grau, Trustee Lesser and Trustee Heller.  
Also present - see list attached.  
Minutes were approved as presented.  
Motion by Grau, seconded by Heller to amend budget as presented. Roll call vote carried.  
Motion by Heller, seconded by Lesser to pay bills as presented. Carried.  
A Public Hearing was held at 7:05 P.M. for the Proposed 2001-02 Budget. Comments to the public were opened and closed at 7:07 P.M. Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to accept proposed budget as presented. Roll call vote - carried.  
Due to the public hearing at 7:15 P.M. the board deviated from its agenda and went on to the Zoning Inspector Report.  
Zoning Inspector reported 2 permits, 1 variance and 1 temporary dwelling in February.  
Trustee Heller reported the Chelsea Area Construction Agency has paid back Sylvan Township the initial loan of \$8,000 plus interest. Also Heller noted that CACA is asking to put together their own Board of Appeals board. Motion by Heller, seconded by Grau to approve. Carried.  
Motion by Koch, seconded by Grau to approve the Access and Utility Easement upon clarification of new language by Clerk. Carried.  
Pat Herkel, the representative for the Township to the Chelsea Area Transportation Committee reported to the board on the last meeting.  
A Public Hearing scheduled for 7:15 P.M. regarding the Special Assessment Petition for Crooked Lake to hear comments from within the district was opened for public comment. Bill Allen owns two tax parcels in the district and is concerned that the only receive one assessment. Martin and Laura Kvetko objects to the project. Patricia Stange would like to object and count her out of the district only if it does not affect the required percentage of land ownership. Jim Dault, not a Sylvan Township resident, however concerned over the sewage release in his wetland. Larry Dault also concerned about his wetland. Chris Phinney opposed the location of the treatment plant. Steve Euseke inquired about using the treatment system in Jackson County. Jeff Klink inquired about the proposed route. The Public comments was closed at 7:45 P.M. Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to table for final decision to the May meeting. Carried.  
Public participation - Jim Hachnik a village resident questioned the board regarding this FOIA request.  
The issued of Police Services and its status was presented by Clerk Koch: This was opened to the public for comments and questions. Lt. Beth Horahy, HSP, Sheriff Dan Hinzey, Undersheriff Herb Mahony; and Chief Leonard McDougal, Village of Chelsea were present to answer questions. At the May Township Board meeting, final cost numbers for police service will be presented. A final decision will be made at the June meeting.  
Motion by Lesser, seconded by Koch to approve Zoning Inspector recommendation. Carried.  
Motion by Grau, seconded by Heller to approve agreement with Jones & Henry regarding the Water District. Carried.  
Motion by Grau, seconded by Koch to approve recommendation regarding Assessor. Carried.  
Motion by Lesser, seconded by Heller to approve recommendation from Clerk regarding Amiretech Conduit Department. Carried.  
Motion by Lesser, seconded by Heller to adjourn.  
LuAnn S. Koch  
Sylvan Township Clerk

### CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD Regular Meeting - Minutes February 20, 2001 Meeting Location: Chelsea District Library Meeting Room

**Welcome and Call to Order**  
Trustees in attendance:  
Lynn Fox, President; Kathy Sprawka, Vice President; Nancy Schumann, Secretary; Nancy Paul, Treasurer; Jan Dohner, John Gourlay, Dan Kaminsky, and Metta Lansdale, Director  
Lynn Fox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Agendas were distributed.  
**Agenda Review and Additions**  
The Agenda was approved with the following changes:  
1. Review of procedure for policy adoption.  
2. Action - Miller, Canfield, etc. response to Children Internet Protection Act.  
3. Communications with Polly Koeligsnecht.  
4. Liaison to Chelsea Woman's Club.  
5. Remove open meetings policy from the agenda. MOVED by J. Gourlay and seconded by D. Kaminsky that the Open Meetings Policy be removed. Ayes-2 (J. Gourlay & D. Kaminsky) Nays-5. MOTION DEFEATED.  
**Compulsory Segments**  
**Minutes**  
MOVED by J. Gourlay and Seconded by J. Dohner that the minutes from January 16, 2001 open session be accepted.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
MOVED by N. Paul and Seconded by K. Sprawka that the minutes from February 10, 2001 Retreat be accepted.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
**Approval of the Checks**  
MOVED by N. Paul and Seconded by J. Gourlay to accept the checks.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
**Communications**  
None.  
**Director's Report**  
The Director presented her written report and added updates:  
1. The Fanning & Howey contracts are now with our lawyer with a few changes.  
2. The Library Guardian responses will be sent out tomorrow - issues include:  
a. The timetable for installation  
b. Source code  
c. Clear definition of services provided  
3. Administrative Assistant position is now posted.  
J. Gourlay requested an explanation for copier expense -\$35. Director will bring explanation to the next board meeting.  
**Comments from the Community**  
Mary Jane Eder read a letter and provided 7 packets of her information and requested a response at March's Board Meeting.  
Cindy Gillespie read a letter.  
Gwen Stubbs read a letter and requested a response at the March Board Meeting.  
**Major Discussion Topics**  
**Fund Definitions**  
Discussion was focused on designation of funds.  
MOVED by J. Dohner and seconded by J. Gourlay to direct N. Schumann to initiate contact with the Belser family for their wishes regarding this fund.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
MOVED by K. Sprawka and Seconded by N. Schumann that N. Paul go to Ann Lee and ask if there is a family directive for the Dick Lee Memorial Fund.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
MOVED by K. Sprawka and Seconded by J. Gourlay that M. Lansdale report all costs re: FOIA in next Board packet until situation is closed.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
**Gifts and Capital Giving**  
Discussion focussed on coordinating Fund Raising Committee concerns for Policy Committee work on gift policy.  
**Local Artwork Program**  
MOVED by N. Paul and Seconded by J. Dohner that arrangements be made to tape Ben Bowers' local history presentation with payment.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
**Tables**  
MOVED by K. Sprawka and Seconded by N. Schumann that the Library purchase 1 straight and 1 angular table for the meeting room.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
**Policy Committee**  
MOVED by J. Dohner and Seconded by D. Kaminsky to ask Policy Committee to look at rules of order for adding agenda items to the Board agenda.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
MOVED by N. Schumann and Seconded by K. Sprawka that we designate spokespeople for the library and for the board until the next board meeting. The

Library Director should speak for the library operational issues and the Board President should speak for the board. Ayes - majority; Nays - J. Gourlay.  
PASSED.  
**Action Items**  
**FOIA Policy**  
MOVED by N. Paul and Seconded by K. Sprawka to accept the FOIA policy as amended by J. Gourlay to put word "only" before "of" to read "viewing only of copies" in paragraph #7.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
**Meeting Room Policy**  
MOVED by K. Sprawka and Seconded by N. Paul that we accept the policy as revised.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
**Open Meetings Policy**  
MOVED by D. Kaminsky that this policy should go back to the Policy Committee. Motion DIED for lack of a second.  
MOVED by J. Gourlay and Seconded by J. Dohner that this policy be adopted as amended. Ayes - majority; Nays - D. Kaminsky.  
PASSED.  
MOVED by J. Dohner and Seconded by N. Paul at 9:45 p.m. to break and resume in 15 minutes.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
**Woman's Club**  
MOVED by N. Paul and Seconded by J. Dohner for K. Sprawka to act as liaison to the Chelsea Woman's Club meeting.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
**List of Board Officers**  
N. Paul asked for the standing committees to be reviewed. N. Schumann agreed to be on the nominations committee. Adopted by acclamation: President - Lynn Fox, Vice President - Kathy Sprawka, Secretary - Nancy Schumann. The position of Treasurer was contested.  
Vote for the office of Treasurer was taken by roll call:  
Lynn Fox - N. Paul  
Kathy Sprawka - N. Paul  
N. Paul - N. Paul  
N. Schumann - N. Paul  
John Gourlay - N. Paul  
J. Dohner - N. Paul  
D. Kaminsky - D. Kaminsky  
N. Paul is retained as Treasurer.  
**Hours**  
MOVED by K. Sprawka and Seconded by J. Gourlay that the library hours and holidays be accepted as revised.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
**Children Internet Protection Act**  
Moved by N. Schumann and Seconded by N. Paul, that at a cost of no more than \$300, the Board should participate in MCPS's proposal to respond to the law by recommending that the FCC accept certification that the Library has installed filtering software. Ayes - majority; Nays - D. Kaminsky.  
PASSED.  
**Public Comment - Parking Lot**  
Mary Jane Eder and Gwen Stubbs asked for responses to email at the March Board meeting.  
**Remove to Closed Session for approval of closed session minutes**  
MOVED by N. Schumann and Seconded by J. Gourlay to go into closed session.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
**Return to Open Session at 11:10 p.m.**  
MOVED by N. Paul and Seconded by N. Schumann to return to open session.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
**Return to Closed Session at 11:15 p.m.**  
MOVED by J. Dohner and Seconded by D. Kaminsky to go into closed session for consideration of the purchase of property.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
**Return to Open Session at 12:05 a.m.**  
MOVED by J. Dohner and Seconded by N. Schumann that the meeting be adjourned at 12:07 a.m.  
PASSED Unanimously.  
Submitted by  
Nancy Schumann, Secretary  
Metta Lansdale, Director  
These are abbreviated minutes. Full text is available at the Library and online at [http://www.chelsea.lib.mi.us/board\\_minutes.html](http://www.chelsea.lib.mi.us/board_minutes.html)



**New Chelsea Chamber Member**

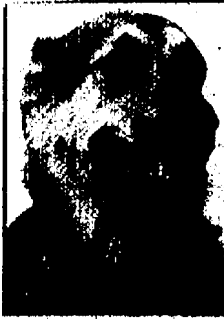
Jane Dising, co-owner of The Village Shoppe, has joined the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. The Chelsea native is a graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned a degree in medical technology. She worked for a number of years at Sparrow Hospital. She has also spent 11 years on the Chelsea Board of Education and served as president for six years. Her husband, Dave, is co-owner of Faist-Dising Buick, Olds, Chevrolet.

**Grad takes naval course**

Navy Seaman Ryan Schaedig, son of Ruth and Dale Schaedig of Dexter, recently graduated from the Communications Signals Collection and Processing Course at Naval Technical Training Center in Pensacola, Fla. During the course, Schaedig and other Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force students received instruction on the gathering and analyzing of intelligence information. Schaedig took the course as a prerequisite for entrance into one of more than five cryptologic technician technical branch specialized courses. Schaedig is a 1997 graduate of Dexter High School. He joined the Navy in January 2000.

**Parker on dean's list at EMU**

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.



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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 mix, 50, pounds. She is a spayed female, very active. No children younger than 12.
5. Jo Jo — 10-month-old neutered male shepherd. Fenced yard required.
6. Ole Blue — 2-year-old neutered male beagle and blue tick mix. He is very friendly, fenced yard required.
7. Sanford — 6-year-old beagle, very friendly, needs fenced yard.
8. Toby — 2-year-old yellow lab mix, neutered male. He is very friendly and active.

**CATS**

1. Carmel — 2-year-old long-haired orange and white neutered male tabby, very friendly.
2. Cookie and Zoe — 2-year-old spayed females, white and black. They are de-clawed, quiet and clean.
3. Deillah and DeeDee — 10-

month-old spayed females, domestic longhairs, pure white. They are sisters to be adopted together.

4. Miranda — 17-year-old spayed female, brown tabby with green eyes. She is very tolerant and would make a great family pet.
5. Onyx — 1-year-old neutered male, all black cat. He is very friendly.
6. Polly — 2-year-old spayed female calico domestic short hair. She was found under a wood pile, very sweet.
7. Raisin — 1-year-old spayed female brown tiger, domestic short hair. She is friendly and

tolerant.

8. Samantha — 1 year old black with white chest, spayed female, talkative and friendly.
  9. Tommy — 3-year-old neutered male, orange and white. He is very tolerant and gets along well with everyone.
  10. Zara and Zena — 8-month-old spayed female domestic short hairs, black and black with white. Very sweet, to be adopted together.
- GUINEA PIGS**
1. Georgia — 4-year-old black and white female.
  2. Midnight — 8-week-old male baby, black and white Abby.

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### Big Hearts

Baskets were recently scored to support the American Heart Association as part of Hoops for Heart program Mill Creek Middle School in Dexter. Activities helped the school raise more than \$1,700 for the agency. The school presented a check to Jo Lynn Curry, regional director of the American Heart Association. Pictured with Curry (left) are physical fitness teacher Carol Carr and pupils Matt Snyder and Alexa Wester.

## Options available for cutting your lawn

By Maria McMackin  
Heritage Newspapers

Given how much work and water maintaining a lawn takes, Earth Share, a federation of nonprofit environmental and conservation charities, asks, why not consider a grass-free yard?

There are alternative ground covers that require little mowing or watering.

- Yarrow, which has toothed, often finely cut leaves that are sometimes aromatic and small white, yellow, or pink flowers, often grouped into flat-topped clusters, can withstand light foot-traffic and grows in poor, dry soil.

- Alyssum tolerates dry soil and is very attractive in bloom.

- Thyme grows low, spreads quickly and offers colors ranging from light lemon yellow to deep grayish green. Several types make for great ground covers. The plant is a small, low-growing shrub with curled leaves. Thyme is native to southern Europe, the Mediterranean region, Asia Minor, and Central Asia and is also cultivated in North America. Dried thyme leaves are greenish brown in color and have a fragrant odor when crushed. The taste is warm and pungent.

- Sweet woodruff loves shade, has slight, sweet fragrance and sports fine white flowers when in bloom. However, it is not very tolerant of foot traffic.

- Periwinkle does best in shade. The very low-growing vine may feature either white or blue flowers.

Concerned about the noise and air pollution generated by gas-powered lawn mowers, but interested in keeping your grass lawn?

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- Rotary mowers. These "old-fashioned" hand-powered mowers your grandparents used are making a comeback. Home-owners with smaller lawns find rotary mowers particularly appealing for their maneuverability, low maintenance costs, and minimal environmental impact.

- Electric mowers emit far fewer pollutants than gasoline-powered machines, and are much quieter, and are often easier to push than their gas-guzzling counterparts.

- Battery-powered mowers.

Some mowers and other garden equipment operate with battery packs that can be electrically recharged. Though these mowers offer many of the same benefits as electric mowers, they do contain batteries that generally last only about five years. Because the batteries contain heavy metals, they must be disposed of in a hazardous waste facility.

Regardless of the lawn mower you use, Earth Share would like you to consider these tips for low-impact mowing:

- Mow only as often as you need to keep your lawn in good shape. For most lawns, that

## Area students earn honors

Several Dexter-Chelsea area residents recently earned academic honors.

Michael Stebelton of Chelsea, and Steven Horetski, Kevin Foldvary and John Stefanski of the dean's honor roll for the fall semester at Lawrence Technological University.

Celeste Bycraft, a sophomore at Central Michigan University, has been named to the dean's list. She is the daughter of Duane and Karmel Bycraft of Chelsea.

A total of 6,699 Michigan State University students made the honors list by earning a 3.5 or better grade point average for

fall semester 2000.

Students from Chelsea are Kimberly Grossman, Daniel Hinderer, Joshua Hofing, Meghan Holefska, Jessica Inwood, Sylvia Jorgensen, Zachary Kistka, Nickolas Mcvay, Karen Pieper, Melissa Platte, Aubri Sheremet, Melody Smith, Erik Strahler, Emily Taylor, Meghann Ziegler and Lisa Zimmerman. Students from Dexter are Jill

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### Brink named to dean's list

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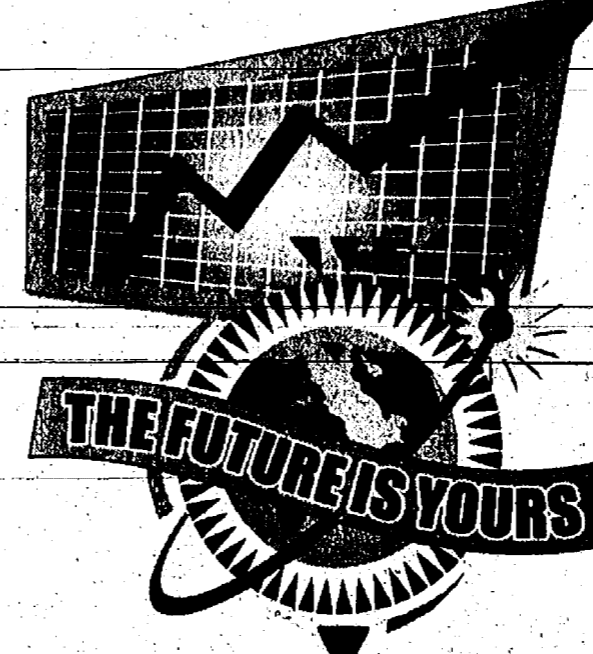
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Other survivors are two sisters, Kathryn (George) Staffan of Chelsea and Gertrude Hindelang of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one brother, Victor (Dorothy) Hindelang of Ypsilanti; one sister-in-law, Delores (Ted) Nawrocki of Eastpointe; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mrs. Stoinski was preceded in death by a sister, Norene Paton.

A funeral mass was held Friday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea, with the Rev. William Turner officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the charity of one's choice. Arrangements were made by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

**MARIE C. (CROCKER) SCHANG**  
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Marie Schang, formerly of Dexter and a longtime resident of Royal Oak, died March 21, 2001. She was born in Dexter on April 3, 1906, to

DeWitt and Catherine Crocker.

Mrs. Schang was preceded in death by her husband, John; and her daughter, Suzanne Lewis, along with two brothers, Berchman and Francis Crocker.

She is survived by her sister, Josephine Crocker; three grandchildren, Michael Lewis; Elizabeth Matthews and Peter (Michele) Lewis; many great-grandchildren, many step-grandchildren; in-laws Arleen Crocker, Jake (Helen) and Tony Schang; two step-sons, Thomas (Joan) and Robert (Mary) Schang; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Schang graduated from Dexter High School in 1928 and enjoyed the annual reunions. She attended Michigan State Normal College, now Eastern Michigan University. She and her late husband were the owners and operators of Universal Laundry Machine Inc. in Dearborn.

Mrs. Schang was a longtime member of the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter. She was much beloved by all who knew her and she will be dearly missed.

Funeral services were held at the Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter on Friday. The Rev. Brendan Walsh presided. Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery.

**SHIRLEY P. SWEET**  
Ann Arbor

Formerly of Chelsea

Shirley P. Sweet, died March 22, 2001, at Arbor Hospice Residence in Ann Arbor. She was born April 10, 1914, the daughter of the late Elam and Elsie (Case) Payne in Cloverdale. On March 14, 1942, she married Maxwell G. Sweet in Napoleon, Ohio.

Mrs. Sweet served as a major in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps during World War II, commanding the nursing staff of the 166th General Hospital. She received her nurse's training at Lansing's Sparrow Hospital, and retired from Harper Hospital in Detroit.

Mrs. Sweet was a member of Ann Arbor Women's City Club and the First Presbyterian Church.

Those who love and miss her include her daughter, Rebecca Glenn Sweet, and her daughter's husband, Roland Loup; daughter, Summer Alexis Sweet; son, William Mosure Sweet; son, Robert Elam Sweet, and his wife, Burgunda Volger Sweet, and their children, Alexander Benedict Sweet, Aaron Maxwell Sweet and Nicholas William Sweet, all of Ann Arbor; two brothers, Arlon "Bud" Payne of Aiken, S.C., and Gordon Payne of Elyria, Ohio; and sister, Norma Lucko of Dearborn.

Mrs. Sweet was preceded in death

by her husband and her brother, Paul Payne.

A funeral was held Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Chelsea, with the Revs. Richard Duke and David Krehbiel officiating. Visitation was Sunday at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation, 3440 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, FL 33021, or the Association for Macular Diseases, 428 E. 72nd St., Suite 200, New York, NY 10021.

**LUCY M. GOULD**  
Dexter

Lucy M. Gould, 93, died March 24, 2001, at the Saline Evangelical Home. She was born May 19, 1907, in Coleman, the daughter of George and Lula (Dunbar) Patterson.

Mrs. Gould graduated from Coleman High School and attended Central State Teachers College, now Central Michigan University, in Mt. Pleasant. She taught for several years in rural schools of Isabella and Midland counties.

On May 23, 1936, she married Sidney Gould in Clare, and he preceded her in death on March 24, 1974.

Mrs. Gould was a member of the Rebekah Lodge for 75 years, joining the order in April 1925. She later became a charter member of Harmony Rebekah Lodge No. 460 in Dexter.

Mrs. Gould is survived by one son, Gary (Ruth Ann) Gould of Dexter; one daughter, Louise (Bill) Fetter of Doylestown, Pa.; four grandsons, Jerry (Leslie) Gould of Grass Lake; Rodney Gould of San Francisco; Russell Gould of Dexter and William Fetter of Flint; two granddaughters, Betsey and Cathy Fetter of Doylestown, Pa.; three great-grandsons, Jacob, Andrew and Thomas Gould; one great-granddaughter, Rebecca Gould, all of Grass Lake; one half-sister, Bessie Wood of Kalkaska; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Gould was preceded in death by a half-brother, Cecil Faber, and a great-grandson, Benjamin Gould.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea, with the Rev. Bob Castle officiating. Burial followed at St. Andrew's Cemetery in Dexter. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, Rebekah Lodge or Jeruel Baptist Church.

**RICHARD C. ALEXANDER**  
Ann Arbor

Richard C. Alexander, 69, died March 21, 2001, at the Arbor

Hospice Residence, with his family by his side. Mr. Alexander was born March 8, 1932, at his home in Webster Township, the son of Chalmers G. and Martha S. Alexander. He dedicated his life to farming.

Mr. Alexander received an award from the Michigan Milk Producers Association for 35 years of membership and in 1982 he was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by former Ann Arbor Mayor Louis Belcher for disabled people active in farming. He was a lifelong member of Washtenaw County Farm Bureau. On April 16, 1955, he married Grace E. Jorgensen in Milan.

Survivors include his wife, Grace; one son, Robbin of Ann Arbor; two daughters, Karen (Kurt) Wilczewski of Howell and Sharon (Denny) Holsten of Saline; nine grandchildren; one sister, Margaret Zeeb of Ann Arbor; several nieces and nephews; and his faithful dog, Muffin.

Funeral services were held Friday at Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter. Burial followed in Webster Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice or Webster United Church of Christ.

## Spit tobacco can cause cancer

In recent years, a great deal of emphasis has been placed on quitting smoking.

And for good reason.

The American Cancer Society says smoking takes the lives of more than 400,000 Americans each year.

Unfortunately, said Joan McGowan, University of Michigan associate professor of dental hygiene, another message also seems to be surfacing more and more. That message is if you want to quit smoking and you're still addicted to nicotine, use smokeless, or spit tobacco as a safer and smoke free alternative.

So, she's trying to give this fact just as much emphasis.

"You're getting many of the same chemicals, cancer-causing agents and poisons in spit tobacco as you are in cigarettes," she said. "Smokeless is not safer."

Spit tobacco goes by many names — smokeless, dip, chew, snuff and pouch are only a few. The ingredients are mostly the same; the difference is in the texture. Each year, an estimated 10 to 16 million Americans use spit tobacco.

In addition to nicotine, the same addictive substance found in cigarettes, spit tobacco contains silica, a finely ground sand that abrades, or roughs up, the soft tissue in the mouth so that the nicotine gets to the blood stream faster. Silica also grinds or flattens out the enamel surface of the teeth.

"From the dental viewpoint, we are very concerned about both smoke and spit tobacco use," McGowan said. "But the spit tobacco does more harm to the teeth and gums. It can also degrade the bone that holds the teeth, causing them to loosen."

"The reasons for giving up spit tobacco are that it ruins your teeth, it ruins your gums, it ruins the bone around your teeth and it puts you at risk for oral cancer," McGowan said. "Oral cancer victims have a very low survival rate. Oral cancer rates can also increase when spit tobacco is used in combination with alcohol."

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 3 percent of all cancers are oral cancer, and oral cancer patients have a lower survival rate than other kinds of cancers.

"The reason for that is probably because it's not discovered very early," McGowan said.

Oral cancer often appears as a white or red patch on the tongue or gums, often in the spot where the spit tobacco is held. Surgery is usually necessary to cut away the malignancy. But generally, surgeons aren't able to simply remove the patch, but must follow the malignant cells much farther into the mouth.

"If you find an oral cancer on the inside of your lower lip, generally you will lose not only your lower lip, but the lower front teeth and possibly part of your chin," McGowan said.

McGowan emphasizes that all people, especially spit tobacco users, should make sure that every visit to the dentist includes an oral-cancer screening exam.

"This involves touching the tongue, feeling underneath it, looking at all the structures in the mouth, and around the chin and neck for lumps and bumps."

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that as many as 20 percent of high school boys use spit tobacco.

A special part of McGowan's efforts are to make sure young people don't pick up the habit. Once they start, it's unlikely they'll be able to stop.

"The problem with spit tobacco is that it has more nicotine in a single pinch, dip or wad than one cigarette, so you become addicted more quickly than you do with cigarettes," she said.

People who quit using spit tobacco have nicotine withdrawal symptoms that are the same as those for people who try to stop smoking, including cravings, irritability and hunger.

In addition to her work at the U of M School of Dentistry,



**Birthday Donations to FIA**  
Logan Yordanich and Connor Townsend, second-graders at Pierce Lake Elementary School, each recently celebrated their eighth birthdays. Both boys asked their friends to donate money for Faith In Action in lieu of birthday gifts. Pictured in front of the Faith In Action building are Yordanich (left), Racheal Yordanich, Faith In Action Director Dick Shaneyfelt and Townsend holding his sister Hayley. Between them, the boys donated close to \$400, which will be used to buy prescriptions and help pay rent.

## Area Worship Directory

### Come Worship With Us

<p><b>Our Savior Lutheran</b> 1515 S. Main St., Chelsea (734) 475-1404 <b>The Rev. Dale Grimm</b> SUNDAY - Heritage/Communion Worship, 8:15 a.m.; Education Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Service, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Zion Lutheran</b> 3050 S. Fletcher Rd., Chelsea (734) 475-8064 <b>David Hendricks, Pastor</b> Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship Service, 10:15 a.m.; Communion Services, first and third Sundays of every month. Tuesday: Aerobics, 6:30 p.m. Thursday: Aerobics, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>We've Moved</b> 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Prinzing Auditorium (Old Chelsea High School) <b>A different kind of church for the 21st century.</b> Chelsea Free Methodist Church 475-1391</p>
<p><b>First United Methodist</b> 128 Park Street, Chelsea (734) 475-8119 <b>The Rev. Richard Duke</b> <b>The Rev. Jennifer Williams</b> Sunday: Worship Services 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Education Hour 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Dexter Gospel</b> 2253 Baker Road, Dexter (734) 426-4915 <b>John O'Dell, Pastor</b> Sunday: Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Webster United Church of Christ</b> 5484 Webster Church Rd., Dexter, MI (734) 426-5115 <i>The Rev. LaVerne Gill</i> SUNDAY: Holy Communion 8:00 a.m. Church School, 9:15 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.</p>
<p><b>CHELSEA NAZARENE</b> Temporarily Meeting at 805 W. Middle St. (the CRC Chapel) (734) 475-2526 Sunday: Worship Services, 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Immanuel Bible Church</b> Jim Gorski, Pastor 145 E. Summit St. Chelsea, MI 48118 (734) 475-8936 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Peace Lutheran Church</b> 8260 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734) 424-0899 Rev. Larry Courson Wednesday Evening Fellowship Supper 6:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Praise Service 7:00 p.m.; Sunday Worship Service 8:30 a.m.; Education Hour 9:45 a.m.; Praise Service 11:00 a.m. 1/2 Mile West of Baker Rd., Just East of Parker</p>
<p><b>St. Barnabas Episcopal Church</b> A Traditional Anglican Community 20500 Old U.S.-12 Chelsea, MI 433-8818 Morning Prayer &amp; Worship at 10 a.m.</p>	<p>You could advertise your worship information in this spot for only \$7.00 per week. Call (734) 429-7380. Fax: (734) 429-3621</p>	

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## Group to perform

Zion Lutheran Church will host the contemporary rock group "Captive Free" 7 p.m. Sunday at 3050 S. Fletcher Road. The group is a talented team of young adults offering a Christian, youth-oriented musical ministry.

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