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NEWS BRIEFS

Tornado sirens to sound on Saturday

The Emergency Operations Center in Ann Arbor will carry out a countywide test of the tornado sirens for three minutes at noon Saturday.

Amphibians program to be held on Sunday

Naturalists Dorothy Blanchard and Tom Hodgson will introduce people to the sights and sounds of the amphibian world, including frogs, toads and salamanders, on Sunday. The program includes a walk to a nearby pond.

The program will take place 6 p.m. at the Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center on Bush Road in Waterloo Recreation Area.

The 90-minute program is limited to 25 people. Advance reservations are required. The cost is \$2 a person or \$5 a family. Call 475-3170 for more information.

Wild Swan Theater to perform at library

Wild Swan Theater will perform "A Honey Pot of Pooh Stories," 4 p.m. tomorrow in the library meeting room at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

The program is for children ages 3 to 8. No registration is required. For information, call 475-8732.

Red Cross to hold blood drive March 11

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Chelsea High School, 740 N. Freer Road.

Tickets go on sale for Celtic Music Festival

Tickets for the Celtic Music Festival, which will be held 7 p.m. April 21 in the Chelsea High School auditorium, are on sale at Chelsea Pharmacy.

Tickets also will be sold at the door. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children, students and seniors.

The Chelsea House Orchestra and Chelsea Middle School Fiddle Clubs will play, as will British performers Simon Mayor and Hilary James.

For information, call 475-5765.0

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Colorful Characters



Pierce Lake Elementary School wrapped up March Is Reading Month by holding "Dress As Your Favorite Character Day." Pupils dressed as an assortment of characters from books, movies and television. Pictured are Victoria Kingsinger as Tweety Bird, Zac Petoskey as the Cat in the Hat, first-grade teacher Karen Pulley as Dorothy, Katie Falk as Anastasia and Katrina Williams as Cruella deVille complete with Dalmatian puppy. In front are Frederik Van Rossema as a "Survivor," Jack McDougall as Harry Potter and Regan White as an American Girl.

Census figures indicate boom

Population increases expected by officials.

By Lisa Allmendinger
Staff Writer

The numbers are in from the U.S. Census Bureau and, for the most part, there are no surprises for township and village officials.

In Chelsea, there was a 16.6 percent increase during the last 10 years.

In 1990, Chelsea had a population of 3,772. In 2000, the number jumped to 4,398. Of that, 97 percent considered themselves white, 1 percent black, 0 percent Asian, 2 percent other and 1 percent Hispanic.

Although Chelsea Village Manager Jack Myers was not surprised, he said he thought the numbers would have been a little higher.

"We figured about 4,500," he said.

Myers added that the population boom will increase the amount of funding the village receives from the state. But how much more money Chelsea will

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Committee recommends using state police

Lima Township Board will vote on the issue June 1.

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

A committee charged with reviewing police services has recommended that Lima Township rely on the Michigan State Police in the future.

This means the township would not contract with Chelsea police or the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

The Township Board will vote on the issue June 1 and is expected to have an agreement in place by August.

The recommendation was made Monday by Gary Adams, the former township supervisor, and Vincent Spade,

chairman of the committee.

The Police Services Review Committee has spent the last nine months researching police protection issues in Lima Township.

The report submitted Monday recommends that the Michigan State Police act as the primary police provider. This was also the choice of the Lima citizens based on their comments at a forum held March 24.

A comparison was made between the Michigan State Police and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. The state police have a total force of 31 troopers, not including sergeants, detectives and post commanders. According to the report, the county has close to 10

deputies who are actively patrolling.

Even though up to 29 county deputy positions are funded, many officers are used for jail, transport activities and for serving contract areas. The 10 sheriff's deputies also have to patrol the state highways, the report stated.

In earlier discussions, Michigan State Police Post Cmdr. Lt. Beth Moranty said a relocation of troopers to non-contract areas in Washtenaw County could take effect on Jan. 1, 2002. Moranty said that even if all 10 townships relied on the state police, the agency could handle the workload.

Other police service options that were considered included collaboration with neighboring townships to contract with

the sheriff's department, or having a contract with Chelsea for emergency service.

By joining with the other municipalities contracting with the sheriff's department, there would be one deputy for five townships, the report said. Contracting with either Chelsea or the county for police services would entail losing coverage from the state police, the committee said.

The review committee also saw disadvantages to relying on the state police. The services would be under the control of the Lansing office, which frequently rotates officers, making community relationships more difficult. Also, there is no written agreement between the township

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On display

Local art featured in Ann Arbor exhibit

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Local residents Teresa Freed and Mary Royce are among 14 artists whose work is on display in the Ann Arbor Pastelists Debut today through April 30 at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., in Ann Arbor.

A reception will be held 7 to 9 p.m. April 12 at the Concert House.

Freed, a Lima Township resident since 1991, is the group's founder. An Alma native who grew up in Dexter and lived for some years in Unadilla, she always has been artistic.

"I loved to draw as a kid, and studied art and psychology at Eastern Michigan University," she says.

Freed put art on the back burner for a few years while doing bookkeeping and office work in the family business. The creative urge resurfaced in the last six years, manifesting itself in quilting and painting.

"I went to the Ann Arbor Art Fairs and, while walking around the booths, I thought to myself, 'I could do that,'" she says.

Encouraged by her husband, Warren Kress,

Freed dusted off her old art supplies and began dabbling again.

"The first painting I did, we both looked at it and said, 'Wow, Teresa, I didn't know you could do that,'" she says.

Freed went on to take classes in acrylics and watercolors, and has finally found her way to pastels.

"I was taking a drawing class at the Ann Arbor Art Center in Ann Arbor and was lamenting the fact that the drawings were black and white when I love color," she says. "It came into my head that pastels are color and that got me started."

"Many people think of pastels as pale, but they come in a huge variety of color, from vivid, bright colors to soft pale ones. They are a great way to draw in color and ultimately paint with them. By turning the stick on its side, you can even create effects that look like brush strokes."

"You can create vivid color, light, tone and moods," she says.

Pastel is the most permanent of all media. Freed uses sanded paper, which is archival so her work will stand the test of time.

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Local artist Teresa Freed, founder of the Ann Arbor Pastelists, is among 14 pastel artists whose work is on display all month at the Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor.

Local Civil War buff makes saddles

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Chelsea soccer splits two games

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Students and seniors bond with computers

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Costs rise for Chelsea Area Transportation System

■ **CATS looks for local support, donations.**

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

The Chelsea Area Transportation System keeps clawing its way up a growing tree, trying to operate with an ever-growing budget in an expanding community, but is having trouble.

The bus system is in the red with a budget that is practically going to double in the next fiscal year, said Michaelene Pawlak, administrator of CATS. She said the agency recently paid the village about \$25,000, but still owes some \$7,000. The amount covers salaries, the administrator's health care and life insurance costs, worker compensation insurance and gasoline.

"This is the low balance owed to them in many years," Pawlak said.

However, the low balance is just a slice of a larger pie that is growing. With two additional vehicles coming to CATS, the agency's annual budget is ex-

pected to nearly double, Pawlak said.

The bus system is run by a private, nonprofit organization that was formed in 1976 by a consortium of local governmental and community service leaders to provide transportation for the elderly and the handicapped.

CATS currently has one 10-passenger bus equipped with a wheelchair lift. It can accommodate two wheelchairs in addition to bench-seated passengers.

Pawlak said that the bus used in the past is off the road and being serviced. She said the Michigan Department of Transportation has provided a loaner for three months until the other is back on the road. MDOT is also helping to pay for some of the repairs.

CATS recently ordered a new nine-passenger van with wheelchair accessibility from the Palmer Ford dealership in Chelsea. Pawlak said that the vehicle was paid for with funds from a contract with the Michigan WorksFirst agency.



Michaelene Pawlak

Under the contract, CATS will provide transportation for Michigan WorksFirst clients. When the van is not used for that purpose, Pawlak said it can be used to expand CATS' services to rural residents.

By June, MDOT will provide a second bus through the bus replacement program. This will be an 11-passenger vehicle with one wheelchair lift.

CATS has five bus drivers and

a dispatcher. Additional drivers will be needed once the second bus and van are operational.

When passengers board the bus and pay their dollar fare, Pawlak said many don't realize the money is being stretched. On average, the CATS bus provides between 35 and 60 rides a day. Most passengers travel within a four- to six-mile radius of the village. Many don't realize that the fare doesn't cover the approximate \$30 it cost per passenger trip, Pawlak said.

The 1999-2000 fiscal year showed that CATS' expenses totaled more than \$87,000, with about \$11,000 coming from grants. That year, one bus carried more than 8,300 passengers more than 24,000 miles.

In comparison, the Ypsilanti A-Ride in conjunction with the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority had approximately 2,900 more passengers and received more than seven times the grant money.

This funding helped to offset total expenses for the Ypsilanti

system. Operating costs for that fiscal year topped out at approximately \$274,000.

Pawlak said that she plans to continue requesting grant funding for Chelsea's bus system.

In the 1999-2000 fiscal year, 87.4 percent of funding for CATS' operating budget came from local businesses and residents. Pawlak believes this number will decline because of additional vehicles and the need for more staffing.

"There are many hands in the area that are outstretched asking for assistance," she added.

Pawlak and other members of the CATS board of directors recently met with Congressman Mike Rogers to request federal funds for the local bus system. Pawlak said that she has been successful with local fund-raisers for CATS, but more money is needed.

Pawlak is soliciting additional help from the Village Council. Village Manager Jack Myers said that he believes CATS is an excellent service to the commu-

nity, but had several reasons why he didn't think an increase was warranted.

Myers said that the village currently supports CATS with a \$4,000 annual contribution. In addition, the village has provided administrative services and carried payroll and fuel usage charges until reimbursed by the bus system.

Moreover, Myers said that the village does not charge CATS the 5 percent administrative fee on bills other entities are charged.

Pawlak hopes to contract with AATA to operate a bus covering the Dexter-Chelsea loop. If CATS signs a contract, then AATA will fund 45 percent of CATS' operating budget, Pawlak said.

However, if an agreement is not reached in time and funds aren't applied until the fall, Pawlak said it will be too late.

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

Chelsea Fire Authority looking into federal grant

■ **Funds could be used to buy new equipment.**

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

The Chelsea Area Fire Authority Board met last week to discuss, among other things, grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as well as fire protection agreements with other townships.

According to a letter from U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers, FEMA was given \$100 million to

provide grants this year to local fire departments to improve fire safety.

The grants, known as Fire-fighter Investment and Response Enhancement grants, would be applicable to fire-fighting and emergency medical services personnel in volunteer fire departments and fire departments with a combination of full-time and volunteer help in rural, urban and suburban areas.

The grants would enable fire

departments to train firefighters, establish wellness and fitness programs, and buy fire-fighting vehicles and equipment.

The grants also can be used for communication and monitoring equipment, protective equipment and fire prevention programs.

The maximum grant awarded is \$750,000 in a fiscal year. Grants must be applied for by Sept. 30.

One requirement of the grant

is that applicants must match 30 percent of the money received unless they serve jurisdictions of 50,000 or less. Since the Chelsea Area Fire Authority would satisfy this condition, it would only have to provide 10 percent matching funds.

Financial need must be demonstrated and a report made to FEMA indicating how the money will be used.

Chelsea Area Fire Authority intends to apply for grants in all

approved categories, officials said.

The board also looked at costs to the fire department for providing fire protection to surrounding municipalities. The fire authority is subcontracting with Stockbridge and Leoni fire departments to assist with fire protection for Lyndon and Waterloo townships. The cost is \$2,557 to cover Lyndon Town-

ship, \$9,758 for Stockbridge to cover part of Waterloo Township and \$2,000 for Leoni to cover the other part.

Chelsea Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood provided the February activity report. He said firefighters responded to 66 calls in February, with a total of 1,192 firefighter hours logged for the month.

Rogers to address Kiwanis

Congressman Mike Rogers will speak to the Chelsea Kiwanis Club 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Chelsea Community Hospital dining room.

Rogers is a graduate of Adrian College and the University of Michigan R.O.T.C. After his Army service, he worked as a special agent with the FBI in Chicago. He was elected to the Michigan Senate in 1994 and served as Senate Majority Floor Leader in 1999.

Kiwanis is a worldwide orga-

nization of service clubs dedicated to improving their communities, with a particular emphasis on young children. The Chelsea club was founded in 1942.

The meeting is not open to the public but interested residents are invited to call with inquiries.

For more information, contact club President Todd Napieralski at 475-8500 or Gary Maveal at 475-6090.

STRAIGHT FACTS

A story in last week's Chelsea Standard should have said that the fire protection rating for Chelsea Village dropped from a 6 to a 5.

A story in last week's paper should have said residents must call 475-1338 to get a burn permit from Chelsea Area Fire

Department.

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

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Downtown trackers

Local couple co-chairs American Cancer Society's Relay for Life

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Karen Vanneste finds it amazing that a small community like Chelsea can come together and achieve something significant simply by walking.

Vanneste and her husband, Glenn, are joining Laura Seyfried as co-chairs of this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Last year's event raised \$45,000 in the fight against cancer.

The couple also belongs to the Downtown Trackers, a relay team sponsored by Diane Killelea of Accent on Travel.

The team — some 30 members strong — is in training for this year's event slated for June 22 and 23 at the Chelsea High School track.

"This is our fourth year involved in the relay," Vanneste says. "We walked the first two years, then my mom wasn't going to have a team last year because of all the work involved. We were so disappointed that we said we would run the team if she sponsored us, and she said yes."

However, the couple hadn't planned on being co-chairs.

"When I came back to the relay on the last day, Glenn rushed up to me and told me they had asked him because he was so involved and helpful," Vanneste says.

"We literally made up our mind in about five minutes and were very apprehensive about all the work involved. Knowing Laura Seyfried was also a co-chair made us feel better."

Vanneste says she inherited the gene for service from her mother, who she describes as "the wonderful godsend" who volunteers at the St. Louis Center, at church funeral luncheons and by driving the elderly to appointments.

Planning for the 2001 relay started right after last year's event and is going strong.

"It's been nothing but fun because countless people are helping by chairing committees, making phone calls and donating items for the auction," Vanneste says.

She calls Deanna Shackelford, team leader from the American Cancer Society, amazing.

"She helps us every step of the way, always reminding us why we are doing this," Vanneste says. "It's kind of like a well-oiled machine since this is the fifth year and members of the community are more aware of it."

Vanneste is grateful to the merchants in Chelsea, who she says have been extremely generous, including The Common Grill, Chelsea Market, Pierce's Pastries and Thompson's Pizza. All have donated food. In addition, Chelsea Kiwanis Club has made breakfast for relay participants.

The Vannestes, members of St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea, found their own family touched by cancer when both of Glenn's parents died from the disease.

The are now in training for the event in an attempt to raise awareness of the disease and money for research.

"Glenn is a sergeant with Wayne County Sheriff's Department and has been working out for 20 years," Vanneste says. "He's actively into weight lifting and cardio (cardiovascular activity). He has to keep in shape for his job."

"I, on the other hand, get my exercise from chasing my kids, Erica, Ben and Anna."

Erica attends Pierce Lake Elementary School and Ben is in preschool.

"(Ben's) teacher is actually going to chair one of the committees and is going to walk," Vanneste says. "See how we recruit!"

The family enjoys the entire event, even though it is a long haul.

"We love everything about the whole atmosphere of the relay, walking in the sun, listening to the music and knowing that we are helping to raise money for cancer research and programs," Vanneste says. "Going for the 24 hours is tough and we usually do go home to sleep during the night and come back in the morning."

A different twist this year is an auction to be held 2:30 p.m. June 23 at the Washington Street Education Center. Merchants, individuals and families are donating products and services. Karen Vanneste and Kim Tapping will chair the event.

"We expect this to be one of the highlights of the auction this year," Vanneste says. "We even have a real auctioneer with paddles and everything."

While she is keeping busy helping to organize the relay, Vanneste says her No. 1 goal is to make the community more aware of it.

"It seems either people know all about it or nothing at all," she says.

"I don't think there is anyone who hasn't been affected by cancer. From the comments I've heard from people about why they're involved with the relay, they feel a little helpless when it hits close to home, and being involved in the relay makes them feel like they are helping



The Downtown Trackers, a team sponsored by Accent on Travel, are getting in shape for this year's Relay for Life, slated for June 22 and 23 at the old Chelsea High School track. Shown are Glenn Vanneste (kneeling, front), Will Stubbs, Gwen Stubbs, Genny Stubbs and Karen Vanneste. Standing behind are Tommy Vincent (left), Jennifer Vincent, Chelsea Vincent, Pat Schwarz, Ruth Ann Steele, Nancy Zyburt, Gigi Batsakis, Bob Pierce, Sue Stalker, Diane Killelea and Skip Davis. Not pictured are Phyllis Tillman, Dennis McDonald, Barb Krichbaum, Kristi Hendrick, Chris and Amanda Tarasow, Tom Killelea, JoAnne and Paul Brennan, Diana Ramsey, Sandy Linke, Lori Peterson and Bill Rademacher.

Lackey to speak at chamber event

Washtenaw Development Council President Susan Lackey will be the featured speaker at the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast on Wednesday.

The meeting will be held 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the White Oak Center at Chelsea Community Hospital.

"Economic Growth in Chelsea: Controlling Our Future" is the subject of the talk, which will also include a question-and-

answer session.

Lackey is widely respected for her knowledge and ideas about regional growth issues and what it takes for communities like Chelsea to prosper. She is also a Chelsea resident.

Cost is \$5 at the door. Reservations are required by Monday to the chamber office at 475-1145, or via e-mail at chamber@chelseaweb.com.

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In addition, other situations such as unsafe housing, the performance of dangerous activities without adequate safeguards, negligent care-taking of children, the ill, and the elderly which results in injury or death, and reckless driving are all common occurrences which warrant the seeking of professional legal advice. To schedule a free and private consultation to discuss your specific concerns, call the LAW OFFICES OF KITCHEN & STRINGER, conveniently located in Dexter at 3249 Broad Street, at 426-4695.

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ARTISTS

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"Pastels are sticks of pure pigment with a bit of binder. It's not like using paint in that you can't mix two colors together," Freed says. "Everyone has heard of oils or watercolors, but pastels have seen a resurgence in the past five years or so and have increased in popularity."

Historically, pastel can be traced back to the 16th century, invented by German painter Johann Thiele. Many famous artists — Millet, Manet, Renoir and Whistler — used pastel.

Freed finds pastels to be a very intuitive and responsive medium, and particularly suited to her love of drawing. "I enjoy studying the interplay of light and shadow and the colors and shapes produced by them as light strikes an object," she says. "While it's important to me to portray the physical forms that I see before me, my ultimate goal is to convey the spirit of the sub-

ject and the particular mood of the light and atmosphere."

After a while, Freed realized that while she knew several acrylic and watercolor painters, she knew of only three who used pastel.

After writing down names of pastel artists whose work she saw in exhibits, she sent out letters inviting them to a meeting in the fall of 1999.

"We discovered we'd all be working in relative isolation," she says. "Working with pastels presents certain challenges and we found we were able to share a wealth of information."

And so the Ann Arbor Pastelists was born, a group that currently numbers 18.

"We meet every other month mainly as a critique group, offering suggestions and sharing information," Freed says. "Last summer, we decided to do an exhibit — I think the first of its kind in a long while in Ann Arbor. Not many people know

about pastels so this will be both enjoyable and educational for visitors."

With 14 artists in the exhibit, a wide range of what can be achieved in pastels is on view, including landscapes, still life and gardens.

"Laura Stowe is very well known for her pastels of beautiful old homes and gardens on Ann Arbor's Old West Side," Freed says. "Joan Rosenblum, who shows mostly in New York, consistently does abstracts, while most of us do realistic work."

Royce, who has quite a following in Chelsea, is well known for her portraits and figurative work.

Both Freed and Royce are members of the Chelsea Painters. The group holds an annual art fair on the grounds of Chelsea Community Hospital. This year's event is slated for June 2 and 3.

"Part of what inspired me to form the Ann Arbor group is

another fairly new group near Grand Rapids, The Great Lakes Pastel Society," Freed says.

"Several of us are members. I realized how helpful it would be to have our own local group."

Freed is also professionally associated with the Portrait Society of America and the Ann Arbor Women Painters.

Freed, who rents studio space in an old farmhouse on Scio Church Road, recently had a very successful exhibit of portraits at the Ann Arbor District Library.

In 1999, she was featured in a two-person exhibit at the Kerrytown Concert House. Her work has been included in juried exhibits of the Ann Arbor Women Painters and the Great Lakes Pastel Society, and is included in numerous private collections.

"My specialty is portraits, and I also enjoy landscapes, flowers and animals," she says. "I'm an outdoors person who loves people."



Local artist Teresa Freed, founder of the Ann Arbor Pastelists, is among 14 pastel artists whose work is on display all month at the Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor.

An avid gardener, she finds inspiration in local scenery, as well as by travel experience and by her reactions to human form

and personality.

For hours and information on the Ann Arbor Pastelists Debut, call 769-2999.

CENSUS

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amount of funding the village receives from the state. But how much more money Chelsea will receive won't be realized until next year, he said.

In Dexter Township, there was a 19.1 percent increase in population since the last census.

In 1990, the township had 4,407 residents. In 2000, the number increased to 5,248. Of the total, 98 percent considered themselves white, 0 percent black, 1 percent Asian, 1 percent other and 1 percent Hispanic.

"It's not unexpected," Township Supervisor Robert Tetens said about the jump in numbers. "Dexter Township is a desirable place to live."

In neighboring Dexter Village there was a population explosion, accounting for a whopping 56.2 percent change, the second highest of any of the municipalities in the readership area.

Webster Township took the prize for the largest increase. In 1990, the township had 3,235 res-

idents. In 2000, the number jumped to 5,198, a 60.7 percent increase.

Webster Township Supervisor Dean Fisher was not available for comment.

Ninety-seven percent of the population considered themselves white, 1 percent each responded as black, Asian, other or Hispanic.

Dexter Village rose from a population of 1,497 to 2,338 during the 10-year period between 1990 and 2000.

Of that number, 97 percent considered themselves white, 0 percent black, 1 percent Asian, 2 percent other and 1 percent Hispanic.

"With the village starting at a smaller number (than any of the other area municipalities), that kind of increase is a large increase," said Village President John Coy.

"I expected that, and I expect it to double in the next 10 years. It will be one of the areas of challenge for the council to continue to meet the needs of the residents in the future," he said.

The demand for services in

the village is outpacing the revenue from taxes, Coy said. But he said it would eventually equal out.

"In many cases, little by little during the years, we have had to double our services and staff," he said.

Another challenge the Village Council will have to tackle is maintaining a small-town feel in the village. With a viable downtown and regular community events like Dexter Daze, Coy said he thinks the village can do it.

"Hopefully, we'll never get too big that we don't know our neighbors," he said.

Lima Township saw a 24.7 percent increase in population dur-

ing the last 10 years. The township's numbers rose from 2,585 in 1990 to 3,224 in 2000.

Of the total, 98 percent of the population responded that they were white, 0 percent said they were black, and 1 percent each said they were Asian, other or Hispanic.

The smallest increase in population was felt in Sylvan Township, where there was a mere 10.3 percent increase during the last 10 years.

In 1990, the township had a population of 5,827. In 2000, that number grew to 6,425.

Sylvan Township Clerk LuAnn Koch said she attributed the slow growth to the township's lack of private roads.

In 1993, the rural township abolished private roads.

Neighboring Lyndon Township saw a 22.4 percent increase in population, despite the fact that a majority of its land is state owned.

Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryann Noah could not be reached for comment.

In 1990, there were 2,228 residents in Lyndon Township. In 2000, there were 2,728. Ninety percent called themselves white, 6 percent black, 0 percent Asian, 4 percent other and 2 percent Hispanic.

Scio Township was the third fastest growing region in the readership area, gaining 42.3 percent.

"I would say it was a little higher than expected," said Supervisor E. Spaulding Clark.

The township's population rose from 11,077 in 1990 to 15,759 in 2000. Ninety percent considered themselves white, 4 percent black, 4 percent Asian, 3 percent other and 2 percent Hispanic.

Clark, too, said that the increase would probably positively affect the amount of revenue sharing that the township receives from the state. He said he'd noticed recently that the state was using a figure of 12,000 for Scio Township's population.

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Board nominating petitions due Monday

Nominating petitions for the school board elections are due by 4 p.m. Monday to the school administration offices at 500 Washington St.

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Chelsea Village Council to hold public meeting

■ Board wants to add sidewalks along M-52 to Interstate 94.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

Chelsea Village Council hopes to make the Main Street corridor a little safer for pedestrians and

bikers by adding sidewalks along M-52.

Sidewalks have been proposed along a stretch from Old US-12 down M-52 to Brown Drive near Interstate 94.

According to officials, business owners along M-52 haven't supported the issue in the past.

"A lot of people thought that this was more of a highway area than a pedestrian area," said Village Council President Richard Steele.

The Village Council plans to hold a public meeting on the matter this month. Council members agreed that notices should

be sent to businesses through certified mail.

Steele hopes that work on the sidewalks can begin soon. He said that it would be beneficial to some area businesses that need sidewalk or embankment work done.

Steele said that if a new busi-

ness comes to the area and is required to have a sidewalk, then the work is already completed.

"This would be a lot cheaper — doing it now all at once, rather than piecemeal," Steele said.

Lighting along M-52 would be

another issue. Steele said if all goes well with the sidewalks, the village wants to add dual lighting along the path.

The lights would be high enough for cars and low enough to benefit pedestrians or people on bikes.

"The lights are something that we definitely need," he said.

Steele said that he isn't sure of the cost because some of the areas along M-52 have a large drop off and might need curb and gutter, which would help from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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

Planners OK new subdivision in township

■ The second phase can move forward after another access road is built.

By Lisa Allmendinger
Staff Writer

The Dexter Township Planning Commission gave farmer Carl Lesser approval for a preliminary site plan to build Stoney Field Meadows.

The new subdivision will include 35 homes and seven acres of parkland on a 52-acre site.

The vote was unanimous. Commissioners James Gorenflo and John Shea were not at the

meeting March 27.

Stoney Field Meadows is located on property that fronts Island Lake Road near Stoney Field Acres, property owned by Paul Peltes, who is in the process of building.

Approval for Lesser's subdivision included several contingencies, one of which involved having a second access to the site.

The planning commission was concerned about having just one road for vehicles to enter and leave the site.

"Thirty-five homes being served by a single access? That's a busy thing," said commission Chairman John Gil-

lespie.

The second access was accomplished at the meeting when Peltes agreed to grant Lesser an easement to build a road through Stoney Field Acres III.

The planning commission agreed to allow construction of the road prior to the completion of Peltes' development. But the road must be constructed to Washtenaw County Road Commission standards and it must be dedicated as a public

road.

Until the road is completed, Lesser will only be given certificates of occupancy for 20 homes. The restriction will be lifted after the second road is built.

Also included in the contin-

gencies was pedestrian access of 15 feet in the "uplands" park area and 10 feet in the "lowlands" park area.

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POLICE

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and state police, only promises, the report said.

Another possibility discussed at last month's forum was a combination of police services. This would involve augmenting the state police service by contracting or hiring an officer to cover a 40-hour shift. At the forum, 45 percent who attended favored this option.

The committee looked at three combinations. Lima Township could combine with Chelsea and the state police, or with the county and state police, or with the state police and one hired community service officer.

"The committee did not recommend using either the sheriff's department or Chelsea police as a combination option. This was based on the history of calls for service and the type of service required.

The committee determined that hiring a full-time police officer in addition to relying on the state police would be unnecessary and less cost efficient.

The committee, however, did recommend investigating the benefits of hiring a non-certified police officer to work with the state police.

The committee said the state police respond to emergency and life-threatening situations, "quality-of-life" calls such as loud noises, suspicious vehicles, neighborhood watch groups, and provide assistance with traffic flow and accidents.

The agency also provides educational assistance with community problems. In addition, the state police operates support teams, including SWAT, dive teams, detective squads, tracking dogs and crime-scene investigation teams.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township

Counterfeit Money

A wallet with a counterfeit \$5 bill was left at McDonald's restaurant, 373 Zeeb Road, around 10 a.m. March 19.

An off-duty police officer was at the restaurant when a worker gave him the wallet. While looking for identification, the officer found the counterfeit money.

Police contacted the owner of the wallet, a Whitmore Lake resident, but the man has not returned phone calls.

The Secret Service has been asked to investigate.

Drunken Driving

A sheriff's deputy arrested a 24-year-old Dexter man around 2 a.m. March 27 near Jackson and Wagner roads for operating a vehicle while under the influence of liquor. Police stopped the man after noticing that he ignored a stop sign.

Police said the man left the east driveway of Bel-Mark Lanes at a high rate of speed and didn't stop for traffic westbound on Jackson Road.

Deputies said the man failed to stop at the turnaround located approximately 100 feet west of the bowling alley's driveway.

When deputies stopped the man, they said they noticed a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. The driver said that he had several beers a couple of hours earlier. Police gave the man a Breathalyzer test, which showed he was impaired.

Domestic Assault

A 28-year-old woman called police around 3 p.m. March 22 to report that she was fighting with her husband. The woman said they were arguing over the care of their cat.

She said that her 45-year-old husband was calling her names and accused her of not taking proper care of the animal.

The woman said she threatened to throw something at him if he didn't stop calling her names. She threw a couple of the cat's toys at him. Then she said he laughed and punched

her in the jaw.

The woman told police that she struggled to get free and then ran and locked herself in a bathroom.

She said she was staying with her parents for a few days, but wasn't sure where her husband was at the time the report was made.

Driving with a Suspended Driver's License

A 20-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested for driving with a suspended driver's license around 6:30 p.m. March 22 at the corner of Scio Ridge and Chase roads.

Deputies said they heard a load squealing of tires and then noticed the man's car traveling in reverse at a high rate of speed in the Woodchase Apartment complex.

Police stopped the man and asked for his driver's license and paperwork. The suspect said he did not have his license with him because he abruptly left his house during an argument with his girlfriend.

He was taken to the Washtenaw County jail.

Larceny

A drill was reported missing around 2 p.m. March 30 from a construction site on Jackson Road near April Drive.

The owner said that the drill was placed back into its case at the end of the day on March 29. He said he discovered it missing the following day.

The man told police that the drill is worth approximately \$160.

Sylvan Township

Warrant Arrest

A 34-year-old Clark Lake man arrested on a civil warrant March 26 in Jackson County was taken to the Washtenaw County jail.

Michigan State Police met sheriff's deputies at M-52 and I-94 to transfer his custody.

Dexter Village

Drunken Driving

A 21-year-old Pinckney woman was arrested for drunken dri-

ving around 3:30 a.m. in the 8100 block of Baker Heights Court.

The woman was parked along the road talking to someone in another car. Police approached the woman's car and spoke to her, noticing a strong odor of alcohol coming from her breath.

Officers asked the woman to get out of the car and perform sobriety tests. The suspect could not maintain her balance or successfully count from 88 to 72.

The woman's blood-alcohol content was tested at .184 percent. A blood-alcohol level of .08 percent is considered legally drunk.

Chelsea Village

Drunken Driving

A 23-year-old Gregory man was arrested for drunken driving around 11 p.m. March 28 at the intersection of Pierce and Main streets.

Officers were parked at the McDonald's restaurant when they noticed the man turning on M-52 out of a nearby parking lot at a high rate of speed.

When police stopped the man, they noticed a strong odor of alcohol coming from his breath. The man said that he had five beers and realized he was driving too fast.

Officers asked the man to get out of the car and perform sobriety tests. He completed a couple of the tests, but failed to touch the tip of his nose with his index finger.

A Breathalyzer test showed that the man had a blood-alcohol level of .110 percent, which is considered legally drunk.

Suspicious Incident

A semi-tractor trailer full of produce got stuck in the mud around 11 p.m. March 26 in a vacant lot behind Chelsea Animal Hospital, 1475 S. Main Street.

The driver told police that he was looking for a place to park after driving for more than 10 hours. Once he drove off the pavement and onto the lawn, he said the vehicle started to slowly sink into the mud.

Police said that the trailer and

truck were sitting in the mud, with mud covering the vehicle's axles.

The man said that this was his first time driving the truck by himself and he did not intend to damage any property.

Recovered Stolen Vehicle

On March 26, the Michigan State Police recovered a late-model Dodge pickup truck reported missing from the area.

An 18-year-old Chelsea High School student called police March 25 to report the truck was missing. The teen said he parked the car at Vet's Park on Main Street and left with some friends to go to Ann Arbor. When he returned the next morning, it was missing.

State troopers told Chelsea police that they found the truck at Mill Lake in Sylvan Township. Troopers also said they found two digital scales in the truck. The victim told police that he does not know anything about the scales and is not sure why they were in the truck.

The scales were reported missing from Chelsea High School last summer and are valued at \$300 each.

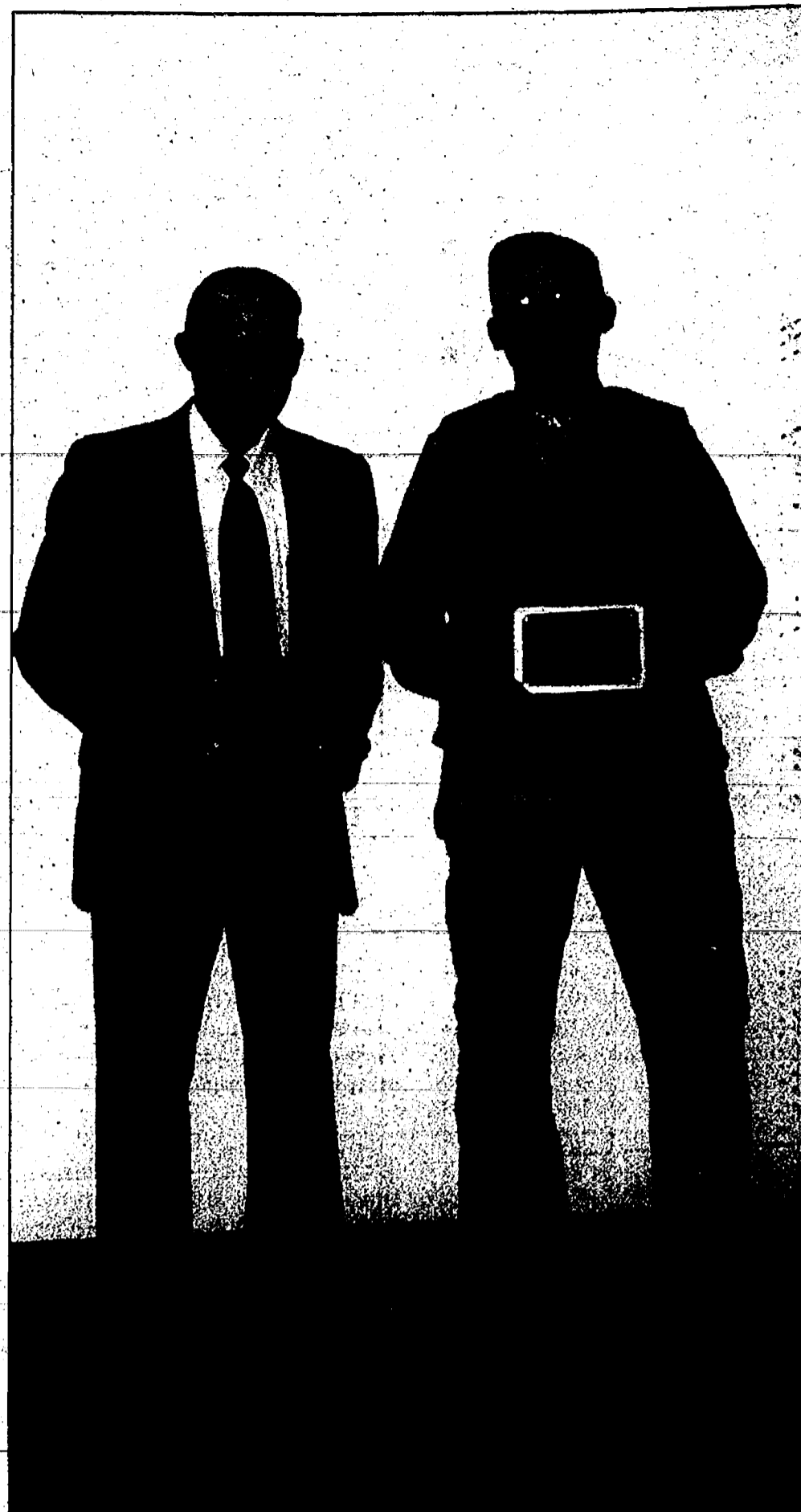
Breaking and Entering

Someone stole a television and a VCR from a van parked in the 400 block of Railroad Street at midnight April 1.

The owner of the van said that the vehicle was unlocked and parked in a garage. He said the two units were taken out of the wooden console situated between the driver and front-passenger seats.

The man believes that the intruder came through the side door of the garage.

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



Kudos!

Lima Township farmer Robert Heller (left) and Bill Lutz of Saline were honored at the Washtenaw County Agricultural Banquet for their outstanding contributions. The event was held March 29 at Chelsea High School. Heller raises livestock and Lutz has a dairy farm, with pigs, sheep and an orchard.

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Street Talk

By Erin Dronen

What is your favorite TV show?



"I like 'Frasier.' That's a good one."
Merion Koch
Lima Township



"Frasier."
Brenda Cangelosi
Berrien County



"Basketball."
Ray Parsons
Lima Township



"I love 'Seventh Heaven' and 'Friends.'"
Amy Waller
Gregory Township



"Probably 'ER.'"
Julie Frey
Lima Township

Foot-and-mouth disease closes attractions



ELIZABETH
WAGENSCHUTZ

LETTERS FROM IRELAND

Well, I again won the mail race, mostly due to the efforts of one friend who sent letters and packages every day.

My brother, Jon, is here visiting. He is a student at Chelsea High School and asked me not to

mention him in the article. Oops!

Jon arrived last Saturday, and was able to find his way from the Shannon Airport to Galway, where I met up with him. He then joined the rest of the group for a theatrical-dance performance of the Irish legend "The Children of Lir." This was the end of a group trip, which included visiting the Burren in County Clare and the Cliffs of Moher.

We were also supposed to visit the Ring of Kerry and other parts of the Dingle Peninsula in the south. But because of the despised foot-and-mouth disease, all national parks and

most everything else is closed.

The Cliffs of Moher were effectively closed, and we were only allowed to walk up to one little square, not even on the edge of the cliffs. This disease, and the attempts to prevent it, has severely limited all activities. Tourism is greatly suffering.

Ah well, I guess it's just one more reason that I have to come back next year!

Despite the limited view we had of the Cliffs of Moher and the rainy, gray weather, it was still absolutely phenomenal. I love the sea, being near the water, something so different from Chelsea and Grand Rapids.

We drove from Lisdoonvarna, a small town near the Cliffs, to Galway along the coastline, which was unbelievably gorgeous. We didn't get to see as much as we had hoped, but it wasn't by any means a waste of time.

The theatrical-dance performance that we saw in Galway was very much like a ballet, with live music and the story told through dance. There were some songs, but they were in Gaelic. It was still a very captivating and interesting show because the dancing and music was traditional Irish form.

Otherwise, things have been fairly quiet. We're heading to

Dublin for the weekend, and I also hope to stop in Clara, County Offaly, for a day because my uncle said that our ancestors are from that area.

Because it's the end of the semester, we have a number of presentations coming up, as well as a trip to Inishboffin Island, and then my last month here is finished. While it'll be nice to be going home, I really wish there were some way I could stay.

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Children learn compassion from others



DICK
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GUEST EDITORIAL

About a month ago, a local mother brought her two daughters into Faith In Action and told me her 8-year-old had a donation to make.

The young lady in question had just celebrated her birthday with a party. She asked her friends to bring a donation to Faith In Action instead of bringing her a birthday gift.

The little girl got the idea from her older sister who had done the same generous thing on her 11th birthday.

The idea gained momentum. This week, two more youngsters from the same elementary school class came to Faith In Action with donations from their birthday parties. They told me they got the idea from their friend.

Last week, I was approached by the young members of Chelsea Area Responding to Teens.

They had sponsored a Valentine's Day dance at Beach Middle School and wanted to donate the proceeds to Faith In Action.

How will we use these donations?

Most donations at this time of year are used to assist with heating and electric bills, but last

week we mainly assisted with rent and prescriptions.

As an emergency resource, we can help if a family has a shutoff notice or an eviction notice.

Our financial services are available to people in both the Chelsea and Dexter school districts if they meet our income guidelines.

I could go on and on about the young people in our school system with their food drives, mitten, hat and sock trees and donations to Toys for Tots and Teens.

I could go on about the Chelsea-area Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies for their annual spring food drive and for all they do for our community.

This year, they'll be out again in force for their Scouting for Food event, to benefit Faith In Action's food pantry. This year's

event will be on April 28.

You might consider this a fluke or a fad if it happened once or twice. But this goes on year after year.

Each year, our younger children watch their older siblings as they continue the tradition of sharing and caring that was handed on to them.

Year after year, our youth step forward to fill the needs of the less fortunate and set an example for the next group.

This social conscience that has been developed in our youth is at an all-time high. It is very contagious and is infecting the hearts and minds of our youth.

You might ask, why am I writing this? I think it's because today's youth seem to be getting a bad rap. You see and hear about all the bad things that happen.

I feel it is time to stand with our youth, to tell them they are doing a great job. And to tell their parents to keep up the good work because this type of compassion has to be learned somewhere. And to tell our teachers they do make a difference in our children's lives and to keep it up.

It's been said it takes a village to raise a child. I believe that we have learned this lesson the hard way. When one person hurts in our community, we all hurt. When one family suffers a loss, we all suffer.

I say let's celebrate with our children for the great job they have done and continue to do.

Dick Shaneyfelt is interim president of Faith In Action Inc. and a deacon of St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Talent brought awards to Chelsea's show choir

Luck of the Irish, my eye! The 2001 Washington Street Show Choir may have received their honors on St. Patrick's Day, but they earned every one.

The kind of performances produced by these students, and directors Steven Hinz and Lisa Hinz-Johnson comes only with extraordinary commitment, work and sacrifice.

I'm glad The Chelsea Standard gave this group the space they deserve in reporting the honors recently received at one of their competitions. I just hope everyone takes the article's opening remark in a spirit of good-hearted intentions.

Even for those individuals who may be gifted with particularly fine talents, this kind of achievement is only made with hours, days, weeks, months and years of hard work. Not only that, but frustrations must be overcome, both individually and as a group, and choices must be made about other areas of each student's life in order to live up to the kind of commitment that this level of achievement demands.

Kudos to the Washington Street Show Choir!

Diane Locker
Chelsea Village

EDITOR'S NOTE: The article about the Washington Street Show Choir's accomplishments was a press release submitted by the group.

Congressman is doing good things for voters

There are times when you send a new politician to Washington and hope that they will do what is right. This is one of those times.

We elected a man, Rep. Mike Rogers of the Michigan 8th District, in this last election who had a record in this state but no experience on the national scene. He made his speeches during the campaign espousing his views, but the electorate did not know for sure what he would do.

Well, the first legislation that he has put his name to should warm the hearts of the senior citizens of his district and the whole United States. He is cosponsoring a bill that will

overturn the 1993 tax increase that includes taxing up to 85 percent of the Social Security benefits received by senior citizens.

If this can be extrapolated for the rest of his term in Congress, we will be proud to support him in the next election.

In his campaign speeches, Rogers indicated that he would be a person that will stand up for the common people. He supports the tax/budget plan that puts the surplus that is not required for Social Security and Medicare back into the hands of the people who paid income taxes. He also supports the education programs that will do the most for our school system.

If Rogers continues in the same way he has started, then all of the people should show support for him during his term. If they agree with what he does, they should support him in the future.

I have found that Rogers will respond to any form of correspondence with an answer related to the subject. In my experience, this was not the approach used by his predecessor, Rep. Debbie Stabenow. She answered, but rarely on subject. It is refreshing to have a representative in Washington that you feel like you're talking to instead of just whistling in the dark.

Charles Stevens
Ann Arbor

April is Michigan Donor Awareness Month

You may already know of someone who has benefited from organ or tissue donation. Or you may know a family who, when faced with personal tragedy, consented to organ and tissue donation. The unselfish actions of these donors went on to save or greatly improve the quality of life of so many people.

Each recipient will be forever grateful to their donor and the donor's family for deciding to say yes to donation and giving them the most precious gift: the gift of life.

Imagine a child who can ride a bike and play ball because of a new kidney. A teen-ager who will be able to finish school and go onto college because of a new heart, or someone who will be able to see their first grandchild because of the gift of sight from a cornea transplant. So many

lives touched and enriched because of the generosity of one human being.

Unfortunately, 185 Michiganders died last year because the organ they needed never became available. There are currently over 2,400 Michigan patients waiting for a life-saving organ transplant while thousands more remain on a waiting list for tissue transplant.

You can help by making the decision to become a donor and by talking to your family about that decision. Sign the Michigan Donor Registry. Cards are available at all Secretary of State branch offices or through the Gift of Life Agency of Michigan at 1-800-482-4881. Sign the back of your driver's license.

April is Michigan Donor Awareness Month and as you see signs and green ribbons in your area, may you be reminded of how you, too, can make a difference.

Remember that anyone could someday need an organ or tissue transplant. It happened to me and possibly to someone who might just be your neighbor. Please register.

Donna Smallwood
Dexter

Concealed weapons laws at issue in state

For six years, the Michigan Legislature studied a bill for carrying concealed weapons. Lawmakers held countless public hearings at the capitol and town hall meetings across the state.

Michigan leaders of the out-of-state anti-gun groups were there every step of the way. Missing, though, was opposition from Michigan's own citizenry.

When the Legislature demanded proof that the bill would cause more crime if passed, the anti-gun groups were unable to provide any. That is because the 31 states that have passed a similar law experienced no increase in crime after passage, and very often had a marked decrease in certain types of violent crime.

Statistics backing this statement are from the state governments themselves, not any pro-gun or anti-gun researcher.

According to the FBI, eight of the 10 safest states are "shall-issue" states. It certainly does-

n't sound like crime increases after passing a "shall-issue" concealed weapon law to me.

There were times when the bill was tabled, but support for the bill remained strong and many legislators vowed to their constituents, in addition to the press, that they would get a bill passed. Nothing was done outside the public eye.

Not a single legislator who voted for the bills when they came up early in 2000, prior to the lame-duck session, lost his or her re-election bid. Do we want to start having a public vote for every new law?

Opponents of the law fail to point out that well-trained law-abiding citizens, not criminals, will have the additional guns on the street. They like to claim that by arming law-abiding citizens, more people and — to tug at your heartstrings — more children will be shot.

Again, there are no facts to back up such a claim. This has not happened in the 31 other states that passed a "shall-issue" law. And unless Michigan citizens prove to be more irresponsible than more than half the country, it will not happen in Michigan, either.

California does not have a "shall-issue" law. And with the two recent school shootings in that state, it seems to have more children being shot than all of the 31 "shall-issue" states combined. This doesn't sound like a safe and secure environment to me.

The most generous estimate of the number of people obtaining a concealed weapon permit under the new law is 200,000, which equates to approximately 2 percent of the whole Michigan population. The state police estimate that there will be somewhere between 100,000 and 150,000 permit holders.

Every year, anywhere from 750,000 to 1 million deer hunters take to the Michigan fields on opening day of deer hunting season. These people are not trained or checked out nearly to the extent concealed weapon holders will be. Yet, the number of accidental shootings is miniscule.

Every hunter enters the field with the anticipation of killing something, while concealed weapons holders hope to never

take their guns out of their holsters.

Opponents of the new law also like to attack the gun lobby and accuse them of consisting of special interest groups from outside of Michigan. I'll tell you who the gun lobby is. I am the gun lobby. Your neighbors are the gun lobby. The people sitting next to you in church are the gun lobby. Your co-workers are the gun lobby. In many cases, your husbands, your wives, your daughters and your sons are the gun lobby.

Criminals are not the gun lobby. They prefer their victims to be unarmed.

To read the law and judge it for yourself, visit the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners on the Web at <http://www.mcrgo.org>.

Brian Pieske
Manchester

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Knights of Columbus Banquet

The annual Knights of Columbus Michigan Right-to-Life Education Fund Banquet was held March 29 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Former Miss America Lani-Ray Rakko Wilson of Monroe spoke on family and the importance of life, from conception to death. George Balaha, voice of the Detroit Pistons and Michigan State University Spartans, was the master of ceremonies. Among the 100 attendees was Lima Township Supervisor Ken Unterbrink. He is pictured third from left with Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard (left), Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus and Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Kurtis Wilder.

Building seminar to be held April 28

Chelsea Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer a comprehensive 16-hour seminar on "Getting the Most for Your Home Building Dollar," 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday from April 28 to May 19 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

Everything needed to plan and build a home will be covered, including estimating costs, buying property, financing,

building codes and permits, insurance requirements as well as the basics of wood frame construction, concrete, masonry and roofing.

The instructor also will discuss new techniques and materials now entering the home building market.

The seminar costs \$175 plus \$25 for two textbooks.

Pre-registration with payment is required by April 16 to Chelsea Community Education.

Call 433-2206, Ext. 0.

The instructor is a licensed builder who can answer questions about home building.

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Riders, who must have their own horses, will ride for about an hour and then enjoy refreshments and a drawing for prizes. Riders will be sponsored or make their own donations.

St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, located in Memphis, Tenn., was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas.

The institution opened its doors in 1962 to combat catastrophic diseases in children. St. Jude is non-sectarian, non-discriminatory and has provided

total medical care to more than 16,000 patients.

In Michigan, 136 children and their families have gone to St. Jude's Hospital and received total medical care for a catastrophic illness. Thousands of others have benefited from the research findings that have developed better and more successful treatment methods.

The funds raised in Saturday's Saddle-Up for St. Jude event will help ensure that children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases will have a better chance to live.

For more information, call Sherri Kalmen at 665-0981.

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MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

True or false: Jesus considered us better than Himself.

You could answer, "False." You could point out that Jesus was, and is, God, and that in the absolute sense of God is better than any of us humans, and Jesus knew that.

You could also argue that Jesus was morally perfect, sinless, and this in itself put Him far above any of us.

Yes, Jesus knew that. He knew that if anyone deserved royal treatment, it was He. He deserved to be enthroned in heaven in perfect uninterrupted happiness throughout all eternity.

You know He decided to do things differently, however. You know He allowed His tenure in heaven to be interrupted, as He came to earth to live as one of us for perhaps 33 years. You know He lived a life of lowliness and self-sacrifice, and that this life ended in suffering and shame.

But have you ever considered what this all meant? By living and dying in such a lowly manner, Jesus acted as if

we were better than Him. He acted as if the forgiveness of our sins and our eternal salvation in heaven were more important than His comfort and ease. You could truly say He considered us better than Himself.

And when we know our God and Savior felt that way about us, then we, in turn, will have a different attitude toward others. We will at least begin to carry out the Bible's command, "...in humility consider others better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3).

Please join us at worship this coming Sunday, Palm Sunday, as we consider Jesus' lowliness despite His royalty-10:00 a.m.

Also, you are invited to our Good Friday worship at 7:30 p.m. next week, and our Easter services at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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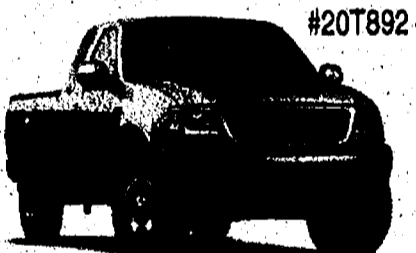


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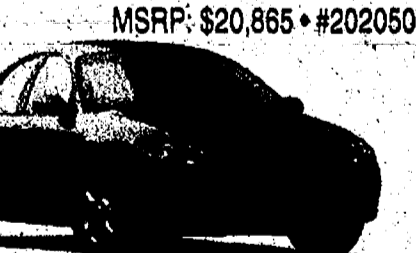
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HISTORY IN THE MAKING SADDLE UP

Local Civil War buff finds second love

By Will Keeler

Staff Writer

Wild Bill Hickok would be proud.

The famous Civil War gunman would have been pleased to know that a local man is helping to preserve and establish bits of history with many of his leather creations.

For the past couple of years, Angelo Pecora, an Ohio native, has been working out of a small saddle shop behind the Dexter Mill, 3515 Central St., creating top-of-the-line saddles and holsters.

Pecora, a Stockbridge resident, says his first taste working with leather came about in a strange way. He says he was in a pinch one day and couldn't afford a holster for a war reenactment he was going to attend, so he made one himself. From that first creation, Pecora found himself in a

world of leather.

Pecora, who studied under instructor Dusty Johnson at the Pleasant Valley Saddle Shop in Colorado, says he feels at home in his digs behind the mill in the old Ann Arbor Railroad freight office.

Walking into the small shop is like walking back in time. "Circa 1876, that's me," Pecora says.

His surroundings are certainly reminiscent of that period. A small heat source is centered in the middle of the room with leather scraps and shavings covering the dusty, wooden floor.

Despite his surroundings, Pecora, 52, makes the best of the small space. Worn saddles, and cutting and designing tools hang on the wall. In the dark corners, large pieces of untanned leather are rolled up.

The leather shavings lead a path to an unfinished saddle. The saddle is only partially covered with the initial straps of leather.

Pecora says that he starts



Angelo Pecora of Stockbridge demonstrates saddle making in his shop behind the Dexter Mill.

with a western pine hand-carved saddletree. The pine saddletree is wrapped with wet rawhide and shrunk, then

stitched with rawhide lace. The tree is then shellacked.

"I only use the western pine trees and I order them from a

company in Texas. I won't use the fiberglass or plastic saddle trees because the nails won't hold," he says.

Before any leather is applied, Pecora fits two pieces of galvanized steel in the ground seat. He says that the steel is formed and then nailed to the inside of the tree.

Four courses of leather are then put on the tree to make up the ground seat.

"This is heavy, thick leather. Nothing sissy about it," Pecora says.

Once the ground seat is mounted with leather, the handhold is then cut out of it.

"When the leather is cut, you can see how many layers of leather there are," he says.

The material is typically about 1 1/2 to 2 inches thick.

Pecora says that he takes his time shaping and molding the ground seat. Most of his tools, some of which he finds at antique markets and trade shows, are more than 100 years old.

Pecora says that the saddles have to be steadily worked on

because people are going to be sitting and riding on them for years.

"Any lumps or irregularities in the ground leather will transfer to the seat cover," Pecora says.

After shaping the leather on the ground seat, the rest is just cutting and pasting. The fork cover, skirt, rear jockey and fenders are then added.

Pecora says that he prefers to stain the chestnut leather with his "secret source oil." He says that he only likes oiling black and brown leathers, and he doesn't like working with dyed leather.

For the finishing touch, Pecora pads the saddle with real bark tanned wool. He says he doesn't like using any chemically treated wool because the horses may have a reaction to it.

Additional stitching might be needed in the end, and Pecora will either do it by hand or by machine.

"The hour that it takes to

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Agatha Morgan, a resident at the Chelsea Retirement Community, learns about computers from Alternative High School student Derek Corser in the Friday morning computer lab for senior citizens offered free of charge by Chelsea Community Education.

Bridging the gap Students, elderly bond with computers

By Sheila Pursglove

Staff Writer

Local senior citizens and students are bonding with keyboards in the Friday morning computer lab for seniors held at the Washington Street Education Center.

The program is the brainchild of Chelsea Senior Center Director Pat Kaminsky, Community Education Director Jeff Rohrer and Alternative High School technology teacher Joe Tinsley.

Kaminsky attended a leadership workshop in Flint a couple of years ago, where a school district received an award for running a similar program.

"I've always liked the idea of intergenerational programs," Kaminsky says. "Joe Tinsley used to teach computer classes to seniors and now teaches at the Alternative High School, so it just seemed natural for him to organize it."

According to Tinsley, the idea gained momentum last fall when he and Rohrer attended a class called "Closing the Digital Divide" at Michigan State University.

This divide is between those who have the best access and training in information technology — access to powerful computers, good telephone service and fast Internet service — and those who, for whatever reason, have less access.

"The school district has a wonderful computer training lab and classroom next to Community Education and uses this facility Monday through Thursday for technology training for teachers," Rohrer says.

"We decided to utilize the lab on Fridays for seniors. It's a great opportunity for both seniors

and Alternative High School students who are right on site. The kids learn more about software by teaching it and the seniors get to learn more about computers.

"It also helps build relationships and bridges the generation gap," Rohrer says.

Rohrer and Tinsley worked out a plan to have the Alternative High School computer technology students teach and work one-to-one with seniors, free of charge and on a drop-in basis.

The class meets for 45 minutes on Friday mornings and attracts about a dozen participants at each session.

"We try to make it fun and educational with a varied project-based approach to learning," Tinsley says. "A different student runs the class each week while the rest work next to each participant. Each student will have a turn as class instructor."

"Feedback has been very positive and the students have really outdone themselves with how patient and helpful they have been. They all seem to enjoy the experience, as well, and look forward to Friday's class."

As the class is on a drop-in basis, the focus is on process over product although product is used as a starting point. The class has worked with Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, creating greeting cards, invitations and fliers.

"We never know who may be there from week to week," Tinsley says. "Some may go on to make a complete presentation if they like and we can help them to do this on an individual basis."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Saturday, April 7

A workshop called "Taking Action on Climate Change," will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Michigan Friends Center, 7700 Clark's Lake Road, in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea. The one-day workshop is for citizens concerned about the effects of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions, and their effects on the earth's inhabitants, flora and climate. The registration fee is \$20. For more information, call Alan Connor at 769-1592.

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 Counterpoint. For more information, call 475-6081.

Sunday, April 8

"Night of the Amphibians," will be held 6 p.m. at the Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center-Waterloo Recreation Area. Live frogs, toads and salamanders will be featured. The 90-minute event will end with a walk to a nearby spring pond. To register, call 475-3170.

Monday, April 9

Chelsea Area Garden Club will meet 12:30 p.m. at the Chelsea United Methodist Church. The program will feature two gardening videos. The meeting is open to members and guests.

Wednesday, April 11

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chelsea High School, 740 N. Freer Road. The drive is open to the public. For more information, call Joseph Nevin at 971-5300.

The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast will be held 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the White Oak Center on the grounds of Chelsea Community Hospital. Sue Lackey, president of the Washtenaw Development Council, will be the speaker.

The Alzheimer's Family Caregiver Support Group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Retirement Community, Towlesville Village, 805 W. Middle St., in Chelsea.

Thursday, April 12

The Monthly Community Dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Chelsea First United Methodist Church. The feature this month is chicken.

Saturday, April 14

The Washtenaw County Republican Committee meets from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Wolverine Food and Spirits, on the corner of M-52 and Old US-12, in Chelsea. The featured speaker will be state Rep. Gene DeRossett. Call 475-3874 for information.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

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

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

Chelsea First United Methodist Church 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@chic.com.

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

Domestic Violence Project Safe House Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, Behavioral Health Services Building. For more information, call 426-0369.

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

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

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

Tuesday

Chelsea Amateur Radio Club (rprr: 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 677-3081 for more information.

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

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

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

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

OTHER

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

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

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

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

DEXTER

Monday, April 9

The Livingston Land Conservancy monthly meeting will be held 7 p.m. at Hilton Elementary School. Those interested in attending should call Sara Thomas at 1-810-229-7634.

Tuesday, April 10

The Unadilla Baseline Cemetery annual meeting will be held 7:30 p.m. at Unadilla Church. Call 1-734-498-2191 for more information.

Monday, April 16

Spring Story Times will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday and Thursday at Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. For more information, call the library at 426-4477.

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 sec-

ond 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 208.

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 426-8696.

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

Wednesday

Dexter Jaycees are looking for adults, ages 21 to 39, to join the club. Meetings are at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at National City Bank in Dexter. For more information, call 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 Detling, 426-4343; or Judy Wheeler, 426-2160.

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

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

ANN ARBOR

Alzheimer's Association Transition and Placement Support Group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Individualized Home Care, 3003 Washtenaw Ave., Suite 5, Ann Arbor. The meetings are free and confidential. Contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-337-3827 or 667-3081 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, 3250 Williamsburg St., in Ann Arbor. For more information, call 913-9553.

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

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

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

When a Parent has Alzheimer's Disease Support Group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the chapter office, 3810 Packard Road, Suite 240, Ann Arbor. Call 1-800-337-3827 or 677-3081.

Teen Grief Program offered by Arbor Hospice and Home Care from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays now through May 22 at Community High School, 401 N. Division St., Ann Arbor. This is a group for teens that have experienced the death of a loved one, to talk with others who have had a similar experience. To register or for more information call, 662-3742, Ext. 177.

Seven-week Support and Information Group for parents who have experienced the death of an adult child, whether the loss occurred recently or many years ago. The group meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays through May 3 at the Arbor Hospice and Home Care, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. To register or for more information, call Pat Bauer at 662-5999.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS



Borel, Johnson wed

Tracy Lyn Borel of Portland, Ore., daughter of George and Dianna Borel of Ann Arbor, and York Allen Johnson of Portland, Ore., son of Sandra Johnson of Coloma and Allen Johnson of St. Joseph, were married Sept. 22 at Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood, Ore., with Judge Jon Henriksen officiating.

The reception was held at the Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood, Ore. The couple honeymooned in the islands of Palau and now resides in Portland, Ore.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Dexter High School and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a landscape architect at MacDonald Environmental Planning in Portland.

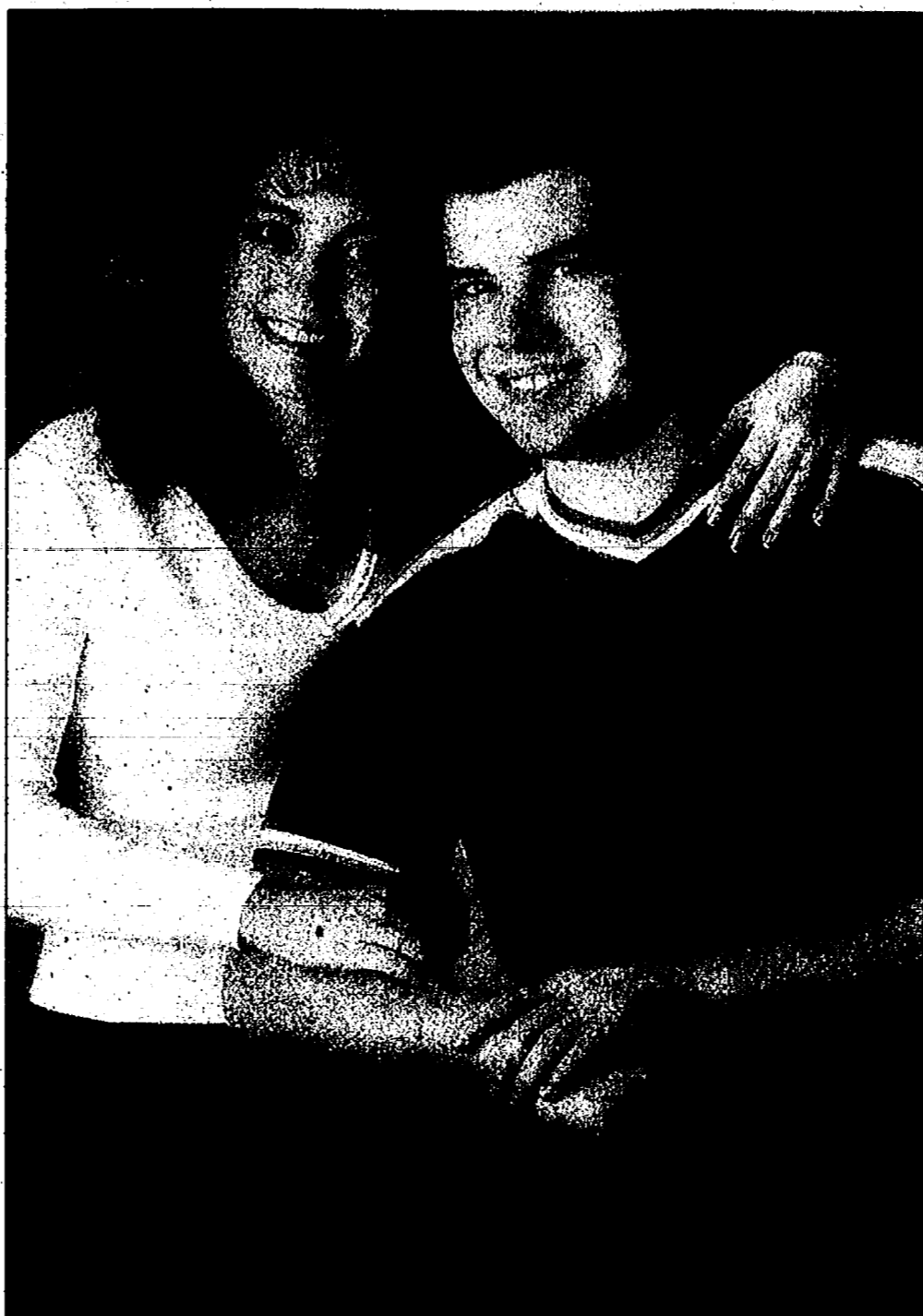
The bridegroom is a 1989 graduate of St. Joseph High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as an emissions control analyst for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Amanda Borel, of East Lansing.

The bridesmaids were Laurie Devos of Madison, Wis., Alexandria Harter of Portland, Ore., and the bridegroom's sister, Allandra Johnson of Portland, Ore.

The best man was the groom's friend, Todd Wilson, of Rhododendron, Ore.

The ushers were Rob Ackerman, Mark Nickel and Michael



ENGAGED: Anne Naebeck of Ann Arbor, daughter of David and Kathy Naebeck of Ann Arbor, and Brandon Miller of Grass Lake, son of Paul and Karen Lehman of Chelsea, and Phil and Linda Miller of Lupton, will be married May 5 at Salem Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor. The future bride graduated from Saline High School in 1996, and is a graduate of Ross Technical Institute. She is employed as a medical assistant at Foote Hospital in Jackson. The future bridegroom is a 1996 Chelsea High School graduate and works as a mechanic at Chelsea Milling Co.



New Director of Marketing

Rebecca Pazkowski has joined Chelsea Community Hospital as director of marketing and development. She earned a master's degree in administration and organizational communication from Central Michigan University and a bachelor's degree in health care administration from Concordia College. Pazkowski is responsible for marketing, public relations and fund-raising activities for the hospital. Her professional background includes 12 years with the University of Michigan in administration, marketing and fund-raising, and eight years in public relations and marketing of private businesses in Ann Arbor and Houston. A graduate of Manchester High School, she resides in Saline with her husband and two sons.

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Musical Maestros

Four ninth-grade students at Chelsea High School received a Division I rating — the highest rating possible — at the District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival held recently at Franklin High School in Livonia. Shown are J.P. Severin (left), Aaron Connell, Josh Clark and Pieter Boshoven, CHS band members who, as a brass quartet, performed "Foreword" by Bizet.

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Dexter High School Brass and Percussion Division I

Dexter High School students participated in this year's District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival on Feb. 3 in Livonia. The festival included participants from more than 80 schools in Washtenaw, Monroe Wayne counties. Students who earned first or second division ratings are awarded a medal. Pictured in the front row are Lori Risdon (left), Tom Derochers, Liane Hollerman, Ashleigh Doop and Brian Wolfe. In the back row are Mike Bates (left), Andrew Przybylinski, Thane Wolcott, Jason France, Matt Wallace, Jefferey Schraeder, Philip Steenstra, Lindsay Rettig, Dan Roberts and Alex Rolfs. Not pictured are David Williamson, Ruel Beck, Dan Merz, Alex Eber, Megan Clark, Robin Conklin, Tracie Heller and Melissa Heller.



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Dexter High School Woodwinds Division I

Dexter High School students recently participated in this year's District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival. The festival included participants from more than 80 schools in Washtenaw, Monroe Wayne counties. Students who earned first or second division ratings are awarded a medal. Pictured in the front row are Melissa Demetriou (left), Megan Clark, Shannon Malar, Elaina Kempf, Megan Ezzell and Ashley Meyer. In the back row are Aniela Kuzon (left), Amy Burhop, Caryn Burke, Bekah Simmons, Matt Feltner, Adam Grez, Felicia Fuchs, Lauren Shuck and Casey Dailey. Not pictured are Jessica Bouillon Casey Jordan, Erin Dinser, Nakia Hudson, Kaparzna Borkowski, Jennifer Buckley and Elizabeth Parker.

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There are two basic types of term policies from which to choose. One type is an annual renewable policy, in which the premiums increase each year. The other is a level premium policy, which allows you to lock in a premium for a fixed number of years.

Permanent insurance combines a death benefit with an investment.

Permanent insurance policies such as whole life, universal life, or variable life, combine a death benefit with a savings feature. Premiums can be several times higher than you would pay initially for the same amount of term insurance since, in addition to a death benefit, part of your premiums are invested and build up a cash value.

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You can withdraw some of your cash value and still remain insured, or you can surrender the policy and retrieve its full cash value. Since commissions and higher initial premiums slow the cash value accumulation in the early years of the policy, whole life insurance is best used as part of a long-term plan.

Universal Life Insurance

Universal life insurance offers more flexibility than a standard whole life policy. With a universal life policy, you can vary the amount of the premiums you pay and choose the amount of death benefit you want.

That means, with the same premium dollars, you can choose a lower death benefit

and a larger cash buildup, or a smaller cash buildup and a higher death benefit. For this flexibility, expect to pay higher fees and administrative costs. Variable Life Insurance

With variable life insurance, the policy holder controls the investment of the cash value portion of the policy, choosing from investment options with varying degrees of risks and rewards offered by the insurance company.

Earnings generated by the policy are not taxed while the policy is in force. Since the value of the death benefit and the cash buildup fluctuates depending on the performance of investments you choose, these policies come with a certain level of risk.

Good investment performance will lead to higher cash values and death benefits. The reverse holds true, although most policies come with a minimum death benefit.

CPAs say that life insurance serves different purposes at different times in your life. But keep in mind that its most important function is income replacement, so make every effort to buy as much protection for your family as you need.

Once you've determined your needs, shop around. Look for a company and an agent who can help you get the right type and amount of insurance at an affordable price.

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Dexter Schools Have Scheduled Their Kindergarten Registration for April 30 and May 1, 2001

Kindergarten registration will be held April 30, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., and May 1 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Bates Elementary School, 2704 Baker Rd. Children who will be 5 before December 1, 2001 are eligible to attend kindergarten in the fall of this year. Please bring with you a certified copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residency when you come to registration. The purpose of registration is for parents to fill out enrollment paperwork. Your kindergarten-age child is not required to come, but may come with you to registration.

On May 29 we will have a Kindergarten Parent Orientation meeting to introduce you to our curriculum, and answer any questions you might have. Open House for Kindergarten students will be held in late August. A letter will be mailed out with the exact date.

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St. Louis Center to hold golf tourney

The St. Louis Center has named Brian Millen of Stockbridge chairman of the seventh annual Celebrity Golf Tournament slated for June 25.

"My personal mission is to expand the awareness of the St. Louis Center in the community and aid individuals in the placement of their time and money to support the Center," Millen said. "Ultimately, I want everyone capable to become a hero to our boys and men at St. Louis Center."

Millen, who works at Kenzick Commercial Flooring Inc. in Whitmore Lake, became involved with the St. Louis Center through the Knights of Columbus in 1999 when the center's chapel was in need of carpet replacement. He was able to

produce the corporate and individual resources to support the project, and has continued working to find support and raise awareness of the center.

The annual golf tournament is the major fund-raising event for the center, which is located at 16195 Old US-12, near Chelsea. The center provides a family living and learning environment for boys and men with special physical, emotional and developmental needs.

The tournament will take place at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. The cost is \$350 per golfer or \$2,500 for hole sponsorship.

For more information or to make reservations for the golf tournament, call 475-8430.



Fund-raiser a Huge Success

Fund-raiser committee members Nancy Mauti (left), Judy Stratman, Penny Olsen and Yvonne Hopp celebrate the success of the Chelsea Education Foundation's 10th annual fund-raiser that raised more than \$20,000 through sponsorships, auction sales and reservation sales. The money will enrich educational opportunities through grants and scholarships. The foundation is accepting scholarship applications through April 30. Forms are available in all school offices, the high school counseling office and the Chelsea Community Education office. To make a tax-deductible donation, send checks to the Chelsea Education Foundation, P.O. Box 295, Chelsea, MI 48118. For more information, call 475-9611.

Garden club meets Monday

The Chelsea Area Garden Club will meet 12:30 p.m. Monday at the Chelsea United Methodist Church.

The meeting is open to the public.

The program will feature two videos. The first is on the world's premier horticultural display garden, Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. Created by industrialist Pierre du Pont, it offers 1,050 acres of gardens, woodlands and meadows, 20 outdoor and 20 indoor gardens, 11,000 different types of plants and spectacular fountains.

A packet of gardening tips from the demonstration gardens will be given to members

and guests.

The second video will describe how to create a wildflower garden from seed. Reference material from Wildseed Farms will be distributed. The largest family owned wildflower farm in the United States, Wildseed Farms is located near Fredericksburg, Texas.

For information, call Ann Feeney at 475-1493.

Alternative High School to celebrate anniversary

Chelsea Alternative High School will be celebrating the school's fifth anniversary 6:30 p.m. April 24.

The Alternative High School began in the fall of 1996 to accommodate students wanting a smaller and less traditional environment. The school has an enrolment of 50 students, four teachers and a part-time, school-to-work coordinator.

The program was initiated by Chelsea High School Assistant Principal Robin Raymond and Henry DeYoung, the district's special education director.

The program began in one room with 17 students and one

teacher.

The school is located at the Washington Street Education Center. It uses integrated block scheduling, has advanced technology, with students having their own laptop computer, and places students in the community for employment in their area of interest.

Alumni and their parents, students, staff, administrators and the community will gather for the celebration. Alumni not yet contacted are invited to join in the event.

For more information, contact the school at 433-2245.

Art center offers scholarships

The Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to applicants who are pursuing a degree in the visual or performing arts.

Applications are available in

the counseling office of Chelsea High School and at the CCDA.

Deadline for submitting an application is May 1. The scholarships will be awarded at the high school Honors Night.

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stitch something by hand can take 10 minutes by machine," he says.

Pecora says that the saddle's horn and the cantle have to be sewn by hand.

Pecora estimates he invests \$700 into most of the saddles he makes and then sells them for approximately \$1,000 each. He says that he likes using quality materials because he knows that most of his creations will be around for the next 100 years.

Pecora says it takes about 30 hours to make a saddle, but it has been taking longer lately.

Besides saddle making, he keeps busy working several days a week at Dexter Mill, where he has met many of his clients. Pecora says most of the people who come into the mill have horses and need saddles.

"This is a pretty good marriage," he says.

However, Pecora hopes that his saddle shop will someday become a full-time gig.

When he has free time, Pecora enjoys writing. He holds a bachelor's degree in American literature from Eastern Michigan University.

"I like to write a lot, but I've never taught and that is why I went to school," he says.

Pecora says he also likes spending time with his friends and attending war reenactments. But for the most part, Pecora says his interests lie with saddles and holsters.

"I'm still a rookie, but I learn with every one," he says.

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"We'll be doing one or two independent learning sessions, where a student will work with a senior on whatever the senior chooses for the entire class period."

The seniors receive personalized computer instruction and exposure to technology, the Internet and software.

"They get the opportunity to meet and learn with new people, both young and old, gain confidence with computers, and gain a better understanding of teenagers," Tinsley says.

The students — a mix of seniors, juniors and sophomores — learn to build interpersonal skills and bridge both the digital and generation gaps.

They achieve a sense of accomplishment and gain self confidence and an enhanced sense of personal worth," Tinsley says. "They also gain a better understanding of people and their needs."

"Both groups, including me, have fun doing this. This is a nice break in our weekly routine. We're all learning from the experience and hope to make it a regular part of our classroom, district and community."

Norm Galaska helps run the senior Computer Club that meets at Chelsea Community Education on Thursdays.

Galaska got his start in Tinsley's computer classes for seniors at Pierce Lake

Elementary School.

"Joe's an excellent teacher. He can squeeze more into a short period than anyone else I've ever seen," Galaska says.

"The computer lab gives the kids a chance to really show their expertise. They're very knowledgeable."

"They show a lot of enthusiasm and have really reacted positively to the idea of teaching us."

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— Norm Galaska
Senior citizen

ively to the idea of teaching us."

Jane Finkbeiner, who served for several years on the board of the Chelsea Senior Center, has embraced technology wholeheartedly.

Finkbeiner began taking computer classes that came along just to learn more. It's also a fun, social time.

"I'd feel bad if I thought we were taking these young people away from their studies just to help us, but I think they get as much out of it as we do."

A member of the Senior Computer Club, Finkbeiner also takes several classes at



Ashley Mullins (left), a student at Chelsea Alternative High School, gives instruction to Lois Verville and Arlene DeVisme in the Friday morning computer lab for senior citizens offered free of charge by Chelsea Community Education.

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A member of the Senior Computer Club, Finkbeiner also takes several classes at

Washtenaw Community College's regional center on Jackson Road. She is also interested in having a student tutor her one-to-one during the summer.

Finkbeiner met Karoline Hense at the class and the two have become friends, attending the computer lab together.

"It's fun with the kids and they're all very nice," Hense says. "I enjoy being with them

and getting their help. I've had so much fun and learn something each time I go."

Student Ashley Mullins says she loves helping the seniors and that the experience has given her an interest in pursuing teaching as a career.

"They are sweet and it's like me helping my grandparents, and they are funny to be around," Mullins says. "They

like to learn more even when they are out of school. I think that is so good that they want to learn more."

Ryan McCormick has his sights set on a career in computers. Like his fellow students, McCormick is looking forward to his turn at teaching the class.

Shawna Loe enjoys the conversations with her "students" while working with them.

"The best part is seeing them do something themselves and watching how happy it makes them," Loe says.

According to Mary Ann Sprague, Rohrer's secretary, the seniors only have two computers available for their weekly club.

"Most weeks there are a lot of people gathering around them," Sprague says. "Obviously there was a lot of interest, so it's nice to be able to offer them the use of the lab on Fridays."

Sprague says one of the seniors has been very impressed with the patience and maturity shown by the students.

"She said that when she asks her own children and grandchildren for help, they practically push her off the chair, grab the mouse and take over," Sprague says. "Her student tutors are very patient and walk her through the process."

To suggest a person or topic for a feature story, contact Staff Writer Sheila Pursglove at 475-1371 or via e-mail at spursglove@heritage.com.



School Donation

South Meadows Elementary School Principal Lisa Nickel (left) recently received a \$500 donation from Mobil Exxon Corp. Cindy Randall, manager of the Perky Pantry Mobil station at 501 S. Main St., hands her a check. The corporation makes the donation each year to different schools in Chelsea.

Community foundation gives grants

The Chelsea Community Foundation recently awarded \$20,000 in grants to two nonprofit organizations to support projects that benefit the greater Chelsea community.

A total of \$10,000 was awarded to the Chelsea Area Transportation System to help provide transportation to seniors and people with disabilities.

The grant also will allow CATS to implement a plan to expand the organization's services to other special needs groups.

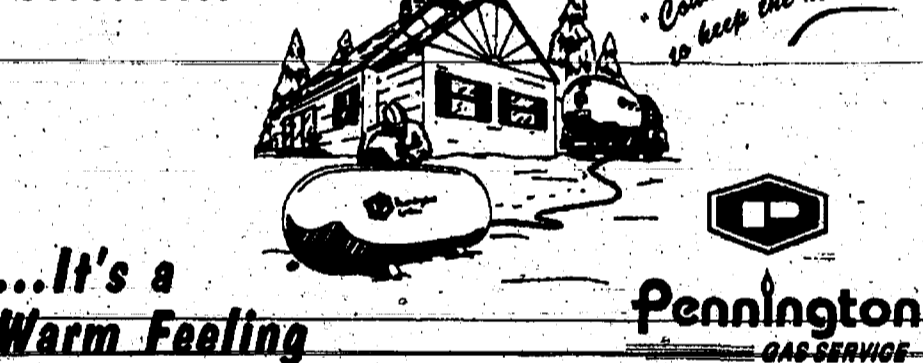
Special Olympics Michigan received \$10,000 to support the participation of more than 400

athletes with disabilities, from Washtenaw and other counties, in a district basketball tournament held in Chelsea in early March.

The grant helped cover the cost of food and lodging for the athletes. The tournament was one of six district competitions taking place across Michigan to determine which teams would advance to the state finals in Grand Rapids later this year.

Special Olympics Michigan provides year-round sports training to more than 21,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities.

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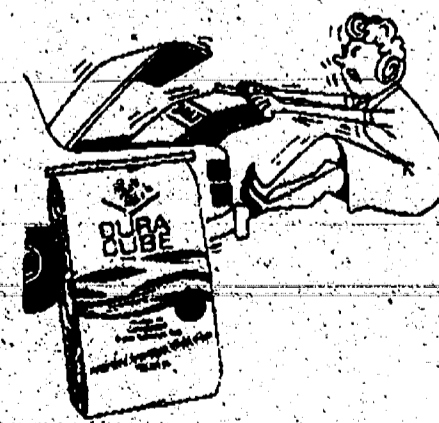
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High School Quiz Bowl

The Dexter High School Quiz Bowl team recently participated in an all-league tournament at the Washtenaw-Intermediate School District. Pictured with Quiz Bowl coach Jim Riethmiller (left) are Mark Birmingham, Lance Clevenger, Eric Statler, Dan Adams, Rob Macnee and Samantha Rich. Other team members not pictured include Jason Bruder, Chris Craig, Matt Feltner, Robert Harris, Larry Marrin, Colin Miller, Chelsea Surfus and Mike Zissler.

How chiropractic got started

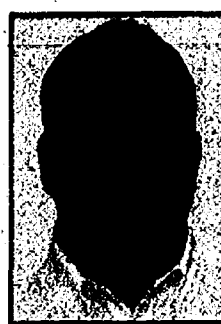
The year was 1895. The place was Davenport, Iowa. And, as the story goes, a man named D.D. Palmer, a magnetic healer, encountered a janitor named Harvey Lillard in his building.

Lillard had been deaf for 17 years, so much so that he could not hear a watch tick or the ratchet of a wagon on the street. Palmer asked about the cause of the man's deafness and discovered that Lillard was exerting himself in a cramped, stooping position when he felt something give in his back. When this happened, he immediately became deaf.

Palmer examined Lillard and found a vertebrae larked from its normal position. He reasoned that if the vertebrae was replaced, the man's hearing should be restored.

With this in mind and a talk to convince Lillard to let him try, Palmer adjusted the vertebra. Soon after, the man could hear again.

Palmer's second patient had heart trouble and he was not responding to other types of care. Through the same process and reasoning, Palmer exam-



JIM DUNCAN

CHIROPRACTIC MEDICINE

ined and adjusted the patient in the region where the nerves innervate the heart, and the patient received immediate relief.

Palmer reasoned that if two diseases so different both resulted from nerve pressure then were not other diseases due to a similar cause? Then he began a systematic investigation for the cause of disease.

One question always remained uppermost in Palmer's mind: "Why was one person ailing and his associate, eating at the same table, working in the same shop, at the same bench, was not? What difference was there in the two people that caused one to have various illnesses while his partner, similarly situated, did not?"

not?

Palmer realized that if the environment was the same for both then the problem and the solution must lie within the person. He believed that if he could locate and eliminate the cause of interference to the proper function of the body, the body would then be able to heal itself.

This is the foundation of chiropractic medicine and the principle by which chiropractors continue to work. If there is interference to the nervous system, which controls and coordinates every tissue and function in the body, then the body cannot be in a state of 100 percent health. Therefore, the chiropractor's job is to locate and correct interference to the nervous system and allow the body to restore the person to health.

This is the first in a series of columns Dr. Jim Duncan of Chelsea plans to write for the newspaper. His educational background includes a doctorate degree in chiropractic medicine from Davenport, Iowa. Duncan can be reached at 475-2932 or at drjimduncan@hotmail.com.

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Every person starts with a perfect 850 score. When a credit report is run the credit information is sent through the Fair Isaac formula. The formula takes different factors from the person's history and reduces the score. Some of the factors used to reduce the score may be delinquent payment behavior, late payments, and collections, derogatory credit, too many credit cards, not enough credit. Secrets to good credit score:

- Try never to be late on any payments.
- Try not to let accounts go to a collection agency. If they do, pay the collection or make payment arrangements as soon as you can.
- If you have too little or no credit, go out and try to get some credit cards to establish a credit history.
- If you have too many credit

cards, it may be wise to close some of the accounts.

Dispute with the three credit agencies any erroneous information on your credit report. Many lenders have the address to the credit bureaus. You should write a letter and send any documentation verifying the erroneous information and ask them to remove or correct the information on your credit report and adjust your score accordingly.

Do not get your credit report run too often.

It is wise to understand and be knowledgeable about your

credit. Many people with bad credit still are able to obtain mortgage loans; however, a large downpayment and high interest rate are required.

If you are thinking of buying a home, now may be a good time to take a look at your credit. It may be beneficial for you to spend a couple of months cleaning up your credit to get a lower downpayment and better interest rate.

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Grapefruit juice interacts with some medication



DR. CLARA KIM

HOUSE CALL

Grapefruit juice falls into the category of foods that we would all label as healthy, and the American Heart Association also acknowledges this fact.

The fact that it is purchased by more than 20 percent of U.S. households reminds us of the desire to incorporate healthy eating patterns in our lives.

Grapefruit juice's lightly sweetened and bitter taste separates it from other citrus beverages such as orange juice. However, grapefruit juice sets itself apart in another very important way.

The news that potential drug interactions could occur with grapefruit juice came about serendipitously in 1990. A team of investigators at the University of Western Ontario in Canada was studying the interaction of alcohol with a medication called felodipine (Plendil). Grapefruit juice was used to mask the taste of alcohol.

Surprisingly, these researchers did not find an interaction between alcohol and plendil, but they unexpectedly found that the drug level of plendil in the blood was several-fold higher.

This information was published in 1991 in Lancet, a well-known journal of medicine and has since resulted in the study of other drug interactions with grapefruit juice.

Our knowledge of how grape-

fruit juice interacts with certain drugs and what makes this citrus beverage so different from the others is by no means complete.

Grapefruit juice may increase certain drug levels by inhibiting an important enzyme on the intestinal wall called CYP 3A4. This enzyme degrades certain medications, and by blocking its effect, grapefruit juice can increase the blood levels of a variety of medications, possibly resulting in adverse effects.

In addition, grapefruit juice may interact with a transport protein on the intestine that can result in higher blood levels of a drug, as well.

The active ingredient in grapefruit juice is not known with certainty. Naringin and its byproducts give grapefruit juice its unique smell and acrid taste, and represents one of the many compounds that may play a role in its effect.

Unfortunately, studies have not shown it to be the most active ingredient. It is also unknown how much grapefruit juice can be ingested without causing significant drug interactions, but most of the studies to date have been performed using one glass of juice.

The length of effect on the human body is unknown and there is a great deal of individual variation but may last as long as 24 hours.

The list of medications that interact with grapefruit juice is growing. Medications commonly implicated include those that treat blood pressure, cholesterol, allergies and psychiatric-related conditions. They also include drugs called immunosuppressants that prevent organ transplant rejection.

Specific blood pressure-related drugs that interact with grapefruit juice fall into a class called calcium channel blockers and include felodipine (Plendil)

and nisoldipine (Sular), among others.

Side effects have included lightheadedness, flushing, an increase in the heart rate and an excessive drop in blood pressure.

Statin agents that treat high cholesterol also interact with grapefruit juice and include atorvastatin (Lipitor), cerivastatin (Baycol), lovastatin (Mevacor) and simvastatin (Zocor).

Grapefruit juice can increase the risk for muscle damage in the form of weakness or pain with this class of medications. However, this does not mean that all the medications that fall into a certain class will result in significant interactions with grapefruit juice. For example, pravastatin (Pravachol) and fluvastatin (Lescol) are two cholesterol medications in the family of statins that do not result in considerable drug interactions with grapefruit juice.

One may surmise that if grapefruit juice decreases the clearance of medications, it could be used to decrease the dosage of one's medications, as well. As good as this sounds, there is too much individual variation in its effect to safely utilize this approach and it is not recommended.

In the future, we may be able to harness the main active ingredient in grapefruit juice to this end but this is by no means the case currently.

Please consult your physician or pharmacy to learn about the other medications that can interact with grapefruit juice.

Dr. Clara Kim is employed at the University of Michigan Chelsea Internal Medicine. She completed her residency in internal medicine at the University of North Carolina Hospitals. She can be reached at 475-8677.



Photo by Mary Kumbler

Eighth Grade Quiz Bowl Champs

Teacher Audrey Bolden's eighth grade class won first place in Quiz Bowl competition against other eighth-grade classes at Mill Creek Middle School. The team traveled to Saline recently for county competition. Pictured in front is Eric Kumbler. In the middle row are Bridget Riehle (left) and Marissa Wojcinski. In back are Steve Burke (left), Keith Reisinger and Tom Leonard. Not pictured is Quiz Bowl Moderator Pam Dittmer.

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Chelsea Woman's Club holds meeting

The Woman's Club of Chelsea met at the Crippen Building on March 28. Margaret Boehm and Cheryl Schoenberg hosted the group.

The guest speaker was Shirley Weatherwax, who, along with six adults and 12 young people from Zion Lutheran Church, went to work at Rancho San Juan Bosco in Tecota, Mexico. The ranch is on 18 acres and houses boys from 6 months to 19 years old. A total of 22 boys reside there.

In the four days that the group was there, they made many improvements on the property and learned a valuable lesson in human relations.

A business meeting followed.

The next meeting will be held April 24 at Marjorie Hepburn's home, when the slate of officers for next year will be voted on.

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SPORTS

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Soccer split

Chelsea kickers rebound from Saline loss to blank Ypsilanti

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

With All-State soccer midfielder Caitlin Biedron sidelined for the season after suffering a torn ligament in her right knee against Jackson Northwest in the team's lone preseason scrimmage, Chelsea coach Chris Orlandi found himself in a bit of a quandary.

With his top returning goal scorer out for the year, Orlandi wondered who would pick up the offensive slack in her absence.

He didn't have to wait too long to find out.

Last Thursday, at Ypsilanti, the Bulldogs defeated the Braves, 2-0.

It wasn't an offensive explosion, but it was the first goals of the regular season for Chelsea.

Both goals came in the first half. Rebecca Armstrong scored first for Chelsea on an assist from Krystal Space.

Later in the first half, Brittany Denison made it 2-0 on a goal assisted by Space.

"Both goals were set up by long passes by Space to attackers who made well-timed runs through the defense for breakaways," Orlandi said.

Despite its first half lead, Orlandi felt his Bulldogs played much better in the second half despite not scoring.

"We dominated possession and moved the ball well," he said.

Chelsea goalkeeper Laura Baird made nine saves and Sarah Manville had two saves for the Bulldogs.



Bulldog Kate Wheeler battles for possession of the ball with a Saline defender during play last week.

Photo by Frank Weir

Chelsea out shot Ypsilanti 14-11.

Playing well defensively, according to Orlandi, were Kate Wheeler and Chris Broshar.

On March 27, the Bulldogs (1-2) traveled to Saline falling, 11-0.

"We were throttled," Orlandi said. "The game was every bit as bad as the score would indicate."

Despite allowing 11 goals, Orlandi still had high praise for his goalkeeper.

"Laura Baird was excellent in goal," he said. "But it's tough to make that claim when 11 goals were scored."

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

Following Pioneer, the Bulldogs host Ann Arbor Huron April 12 at 5:30 p.m.

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Chelsea's Krystal Space heads upfield during action against Saline.

Photo by Frank Weir

Girl power

Reske captures national collegiate weightlifting competition

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

With former Chicago Bulls All-Star and future NBA Hall-of-Famer Michael Jordan, a popular commercial once said it was "the shoes" that made him so special.

With 24-year-old Kristy Reske, it's "the shirt."

One glance at Reske's T-shirt tells it all. On the front, in big, bold letters it reads: "Fear is an emotion. Bad is an attitude."

Reske definitely is fearless when it comes to competing and bad, as in good, when it comes to her attitude.

On March 11, Reske, who began her training in both Chelsea and Dexter, captured the 2001 U.S.A. Powerlifting Collegiate National Powerlifting championship in Alexandria, La.

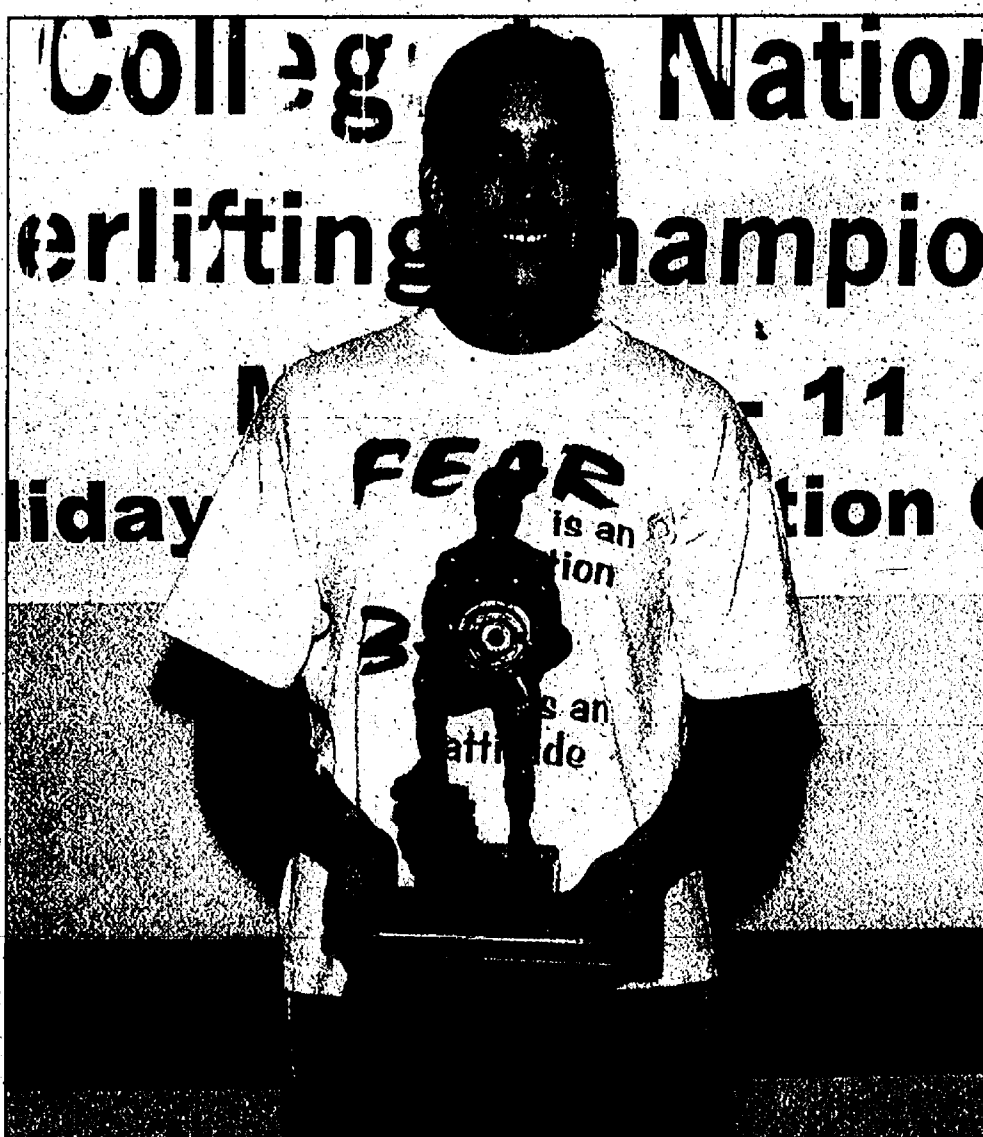
Reske, a student at Washtenaw Community College and a coach at and part-owner of Champion Gymnastics in Dexter, won the 181-pound division U.S.A. title.

A total of 200 athletes, in both men's and women's divisions, competed at this year's college nationals in eight weight classes.

The eight division winners make up the U.S. World Junior team.

To qualify for collegiate nationals, one has to be a full-time student at either a two-year college or four-year university.

Sadly, for Reske, she's unable to compete on this year's World Junior team because she is too old - by two months.



Kristy Reske stands with her first-place U.S.A. Collegiate Nationals Powerlifting trophy. Reske has gone from a high school cheerleader to a nationally-ranked powerlifter.

The age cut off for the squad is 23. Reske turned 24 in January.

"I was kind of bummed about that," Reske said. "But I knew going into the meet I was too old (for World Junior team). Next year, if I up my (weight) total a bit, I have a chance to get on the Open team."

In Powerlifting there is a World Junior team (ages 23 and under), an Open team (ages 24-39) and a Masters team (ages 40 and over).

A powerlifting competition is a combination of bench press, squat and dead lift.

Whichever athlete lifts the

most weight (combining the total weight of all three events) is declared the winner.

The most Reske has ever lifted is 205 pounds in bench press (225 in practice), 342 pounds in squat and 402 pounds in dead lift.

Her 402-pound dead lift is a national record.

"I only count my competition lifts," she said.

This year was Reske's first time participating in the collegiate nationals.

"It feels good to win," she said. "Last year, I couldn't go because of an injury. It was awesome to win. I'm still on cloud nine."

Reske, who normally competes in the 165-pound weight class, bumped up to the 181-pound division for the collegiate nationals.

"I was the lightest in the division," she said. "I only weighed 166, so I was the lightest by far. Everyone else was up in the 170s."

It didn't matter. Reske had too much strength and too much confidence to be denied.

Prior to the collegiate nationals, Reske had finished fourth overall in the U.S.A. Women's Nationals in January in Fort Wayne, Ind.

"My goal was to make the top five," Reske said. "Placing fourth was almost more rewarding than collegiate nationals. It gave me the confidence to know I can compete (against the best)."

In November of last year, Reske placed first in Michigan's college championship in

Lansing.

It wasn't always so easy for Reske.

A high school cheerleader in Stockbridge, many scoffed when she began lifting weights, especially her friends and family.

"Everyone was a little leery going into it (weightlifting)," Reske said. "But now that they see how far I've gotten in it and how it's changed my attitude, it's made a total difference in their eyes."

Besides cheerleading, Reske ran track and competed in gymnastics as a youth.

"One of the things that bugged me the most (when she started lifting), was that my best friend in high school, her mom didn't like that I powerlifted, so we've kind of lost touch since then."

"A lot of people think girls should just get married and not have muscles. At first, my grandma was against it. But now she's all for it."

Besides her friend's and family's initial doubts, Reske has had to endure taunts and finger pointing from men in gyms.

"Guys at the gym always come up and try to correct me and tell me what I'm doing wrong," she said. "I'm like, 'Just get away from me. When you compete at nationals, you can tell me how to lift. Or, When you lift more than me, then you can tell me what to do.'"

Reske also said most men find it hard to believe she can lift so much weight.

"They'll try to spot me and I'm like, 'Get away from me. I'm

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DON RICHTER

ON THE SIDELINE

Oh, for broken bones, Trammell and Whitaker

Oh, how I yearn for the days of Trammell to Whitaker to Evans.

How I wish for Gibson in right, Lemon in center and Berndon in left.

Can't we go back to the days of Parrish behind the plate and Morris on the mound?

Oh, for the days when the Detroit Tigers were actually dominant contenders.

Does anybody remember those days?

Does anybody even remember the Tigers?

Does anybody even care?

It's been 17 long years since Kirk Gibson blasted a Goose Gossage pitch high over the rightfield fence in Tiger Stadium, clinching the 1984 World Series for Detroit against the San Diego Padres.

I'll never forget the moment.

I was a freshman in college watching the game in my dorm room on an old, black-and-white television my parents had loaned to me.

After Larry Herndon caught the last out, winning the championship for the Tigers, the dorm exploded. Everyone went nuts, hootin' and hollerin', running up and down the hallway "high-fiving" each other.

Later, everyone headed outside to partake in the born honking, traffic-jam celebration that had spilled out onto the school's main drag.

I, on the other hand, had to resign myself to high-fiving people from my bedside since I was laid up with a broken foot and an itchy cast to my kneecap.

Why the cast had to be so high, I'll never know.

Even so, I was tempted to take my trusty crutches out and join in the melee (err, celebration) taking place outside my dorm window. But I felt having one broken bone was enough.

I wouldn't have lasted too long on my wobbly crutches in the midst of the "ginger ale" induced mob, anyway. So there I sat, shaking my head in disbelief that the Tigers had actually won a World Series.

Up to that point in my lifetime, the Tigers had been an average team at best.

Oh sure, they had their big wins and battled for first place in the division on occasion, but a World Series? That was a whole other level.

I level I always wondered if they could reach.

What the heck, I thought, propped up on my bed, I'll be able to celebrate next year when the Tigers win again.

Little did I know that would be their only World Series appearance the rest of the century.

Sadly, this year looks like another season of below .500 baseball for Detroit.

The only reason to go to a Tigers game nowadays is to check out Comerica Park - the action on the field is secondary.

It's strange, but the high school students of today have never seen a winning Tigers team.

For most of their lives, the team has been second-rate, as it was during my youth.

The difference is, as opposed to my high school and college years, the Tigers

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Athletes in Action



Chelsea High School athletes gathered at North Creek Elementary School March 16 for the third annual March is Reading Month celebration. Athletes who participated in the event include, front row, Nate Keiser (left), Scott Holefka, Brian Sayers, Molly Welton and Laura Baird; second row, Chris Broshar (left), Ashley Augustine, Quinn Peyser, Betsy Ruhlig, Tara Koch, Jennie Diesing, Ann Lardner and Dave Poupard; third row, Ben Myers (left), Caitlin Biedron, Caitlin Deis, Michelle Dettling, Josie Wells and Mike Osborne; back row, Ben Gunderson (left), Cory Picklesimer and Jeff Heydlauff.



Chelsea senior Cory Picklesimer listens with kindergartners Rachel Fredericks (top) and Travis Nichols. Picklesimer and other Chelsea High School athletes were at North Creek Elementary to read to students during March is Reading Month.

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fine," she said. "They look at the weight and they look at me and it's like, 'What does she think she's doing?'"

Reske said incidents like that don't happen as often anymore now that people at her gym know who she is.

In fact, it's just the opposite.

"Recently, a 17- or 18-year-old guy spotted for me when I was benching," Reske said. "He was amazed. He said, 'That looked so easy. I've never seen a girl bench that much in my entire life.'"

"I get a lot more compliments now. Negative comments used to bother me, but not anymore."

"The people that matter to me are all supportive. I don't pay attention to other people's remarks."

Reske said the key to her success has been her coach, Tim Wood.

Wood, 41, a former Dexter resident, has given her the confidence to excel.

"I've improved so much with him," Reske said. "He's made such an impact on me. He's really helped me mentally (with encouragement)."

Reske, who started lifting at

age 15, has been with Wood for the past two years.

"He's the best coach," she said.

After achieving so much at such a young age, one wonders what's next for Reske.

"My ultimate goal is to compete on the World team," she said. "My goal is to be ready for Women's Nationals in January and win it."

"I'm driven. I want to be on the World team more than anything."

Reske also said she'd like to mentor young girls and encourage them to lift weights.

"I would like to go around and

talk to girls in schools and tell them, 'You don't have to be a cheerleader, you don't have to have a perfect body and that you can try powerlifting,'" she said. "It's so much fun and such a self-confidence builder."

"I want to try and let girls and boys know at a young age that there is a sport out there that they can do."

"I wish I would have known at their age this sport was out there. I want to use what I know to help other people."

With "the shirt," anything is possible.

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Former Chelsea star Kuhl excels at Hope

Former Chelsea athlete Karen Kuhl is beginning to make her mark on the Hope College softball team.

The sophomore outfielder has already started two of the Flying Dutchmen's eight games this season.

Kuhl is batting .250 with one run scored and two RBI.

In the field, Kuhl is yet to record an error.

Hope (5-3) participates in Division III and is a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

I want to thank all the people who stopped near my car accident and offered help, Saturday, March 17 on Werkner Rd. There are so many caring, compassionate people in the Chelsea/Dexter area, we are truly blessed to live here. When we hear a siren, my children and I have a habit of praying for the rescuers and for those who need rescuing. This time, my young children and I needed the help, and we felt the prayers of others.

Thank you to the emergency responders, including Chelsea Fire, Chelsea Police, Michigan State Police, and Huron Valley Ambulance. They responded quickly and took very good care of us. Thanks to our friend, Dave Fountain, who insisted we get out of the cold, and thanks to the man with big Ford pickup who gave up hours of his morning and provided the warm place to sit while we were waiting and being examined at the scene.

So many knowledgeable people have seen the damaged car and can't understand how we walked away with only minor injuries. For that, I am thankful for seat belts and the protection of a merciful Lord.

Truly thankful, Darlene Straub

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seem light years away from ever making the World Series again.

The Tigers won a championship in 1968 and again in 1984.

Last year was supposed to be the year for them. It was another 16 years - their turn to shine again.

Instead, the big news in Tigertown was its new place to play. I'm sure the spacious dugouts and improved locker room will definitely scare the

Yankees.

As is the case with the Detroit organization nowadays, competing for a pennant is an afterthought - "Who cares about winning baseball games, look at our new stadium," they seem to say. "Isn't it purrrty?"

I often wonder, "Who's running this franchise and why they're still in charge?"

It appears the Tigers made little change to their team this season. No top-flight pitcher, no defensive help, just the same old, same old.

Oh, for the days of Trammell to Whitaker to Evans.

For broken bones and itchy casts.

For Gibson, Lemon and Herndon.

For Parrish and Morris and ... Don't fret, I hear the Merry-Go-Round at Comerica Park is the best in the league.

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Students of the Month

Mill Creek Middle School eighth-graders earn Student of the Month honors from their teachers. One student from each eighth-grade team is chosen each month and honored for their contributions to the classrooms. January Students of the Month are Bridget Riehle (left), Ryan Bruder and Erin Hoyer.

You can test your aging IQ

By Jackie Harrison-Martin
Heritage Newspapers

The National Institute on Aging has put together 20 questions and answers on aging that may surprise some taking the test.

Think you've got all the answers?

Match yours with those provided by the institute and find out.

1. Baby boomers are the fastest growing segment of the population.

2. Families don't bother with their older relatives.

3. Everyone becomes confused or forgetful if they live long enough.

4. You can be too old to exercise.

5. Heart disease is a much bigger problem for older men than for older women.

6. The older you get the less you sleep.

7. People should watch their weight as they age.

8. Most older people are depressed. Why shouldn't they be?

9. There's no point in screening older people for cancer because they can't be treated.

10. Older people take more medication than younger people.

11. People begin to lose interest in sex around age 55.

12. If your parents had Alzheimer's disease, you will inevitably get it, too.

13. Diet and exercise reduce the risk for osteoporosis.

14. As your body changes with age, so does your personality.

15. Older people might as well accept urinary accidents as a fact of life.

16. Suicide is mainly a problem for teen-agers.

17. Falls and injuries "just happen" to older people.

18. Everybody gets cataracts.

19. Extremes of heat and cold can be especially dangerous for older people.

20. You can't teach an old dog new tricks.

Answers:

1. False. There are more than 3 million Americans older than 65. That number is expected to quadruple by the year 2040, when there will be more than 12 million people in that age group. The population age 65 and older is the fastest growing age group in the United States.

2. False. Most older people live close to their children and see

them often. An estimated 80 percent of men and 60 percent of women live in family settings. Only 5 percent of the older population lives in nursing homes.

3. False. Confusion and serious forgetfulness in old age can be caused by Alzheimer's disease or other conditions that result in irreversible damage to the brain. But at least 100 other problems can bring on the same symptoms.

4. False. Exercise at any age can help strengthen the heart and lungs and lower blood pressure. It also can improve muscle strength and, if carefully chosen, lessen bone loss with age. See a physician before beginning a new exercise program.

5. False. The risk of heart disease increases dramatically for women after menopause. By age 65, both men and women have a one in three chance of showing symptoms.

6. False. In later life, it's the quality of sleep that declines, not the total sleep time. Researchers have found that sleep tends to become more fragmented as people age. A number of reports suggest that older people are less likely than younger people to stay awake throughout the day and that older people tend to take more naps than younger people.

7. True. Most people gain weight as they age. Because of changes in the body and decreasing physical activity, older people usually need fewer calories. Still, a balanced diet is important. Older people require essential nutrients just like younger adults.

8. False. Most older people are not depressed. When it does occur, depression is treatable throughout the life cycle using a variety of approaches, such as family support, psychotherapy or antidepressant medications. A physician can determine whether the depression is caused by medication an older person might be taking, by physical illness, stress or other factors.

9. False. Many older people can beat cancer, especially if it's found early. More than half of all cancers occur in people 65 and older, meaning screening for cancer in this age group is especially important.

10. True. Older people often have a combination of conditions that require drugs. They consume 25 percent of all medications and can have many more problems with adverse reactions.

11. False. Most older people can lead an active, satisfying sex life.

12. The overwhelming number of people with Alzheimer's disease did not inherit the disorder. In a few families, scientists have seen an extremely high incidence of the disease and have identified genes in these families that may be responsible.

13. True. Women are at particular risk for osteoporosis. They can help prevent bone loss by eating foods rich in calcium and exercising regularly throughout life. Foods such as milk and other dairy products, dark green leafy vegetables, salmon, sardines and tofu promote new

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Bicyclist should be cautious

Most bicyclists enjoy the thrill of riding. But safety must come first, not risky behavior.

According to AAA Michigan, males, bigger risk takers, traditionally are more often exposed to peril on wheels.

•In Michigan, males comprise 21 of the 25 bicyclists killed in motor vehicle crashes (84 percent) in 1999. Ten of the 21 male bicyclists killed (48 percent) were younger than 16.

•Nationally, most of the bicyclists killed or injured in 1999 were males (88 percent and 80 percent, respectively).

•The bicyclist fatality rate per capita in the United States was more than seven times as high for males as for females, and the injury rate per capita was more than four times as high for males as for females.

•The high rate of male fatalities and injuries in car-bike crashes over the years is a cause for concern and action," said Richard Miller, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager.

•Like young drivers, some male bicyclists neither see themselves at risk, nor see the need to make safety a priority. They may actually seek out dangerous situations so they can test their skills, and as a way to make bike riding more exciting and fun.

•Females also are inclined to engage in risk-taking for fun while riding, but to a lesser extent," he said.

Miller said bicyclists are not always using their heads — or protecting them by wearing bicycle helmets. Less than 20 percent of individuals report wearing helmets, and helmet use among teen riders is extremely low.

This is tragic since helmets reduce the risk of serious head injury by 85 percent, and research concerning known helmet use in Michigan reveals that most people killed in 1999 chose not to wear them. Wearing bicycle helmets might have saved many of those lives, Miller said.

Children and adults should make safety a priority. Kids may need extra guidance from parents to develop perceptual, judgment and decision-making skills.

The three major causes of car-bike crashes for children younger than 16 are:

•A dangerous driveway. Children can learn to avoid the biggest cause of car-bike crashes for young riders, which is

riding out of the driveway without looking. Bicyclists should stop and look all ways before riding into the road. They should yield to nearby pedestrians and then edge out far enough to see around sight obstructions like bushes or parked cars. If traffic is coming, they must wait until it is clear, then look again both ways and enter the roadway when safe.

•Who's there? Making left turns or swerves without checking traffic first, without signaling, and perhaps moving directly into the path of a motor vehicle, is a serious mistake. Bicyclists should follow the rules of the road. Always ride in a straight line. When preparing to change lanes on a multiple lane road, look behind and yield to overtaking traffic. To make a left turn from the right lane, give the left-hand signal (extend the left hand to the side), and when it's safe, move over to the left lane. Give the left-hand signal again and then turn when it is safe to do so.

•Critical crossroads. Bicyclists who run stop signs take a big risk, which may leave an approaching motorist too little

time to avoid a collision. When riding, bicyclists should obey all traffic signs and signals. This includes acting with good judgment. Getting off the bike and walking across the road at busy intersections will often be the safest course to take.

•One surprising thing that we've learned from accident studies," said Miller, "is while the kids involved in car-bike crashes were most often at fault, they generally knew the traffic laws they violated. They violated them anyway because of competing needs or faulty expectations.

•As parents, we've got to teach all youngsters not to risk their safety," Miller said. "In 1999, 12 bicyclists under 16 years of age died in crashes with motor vehicles, 48 percent of the 25 total bicyclist fatalities in Michigan. More than 2,230 bicyclists were injured."

Not wearing a helmet, riding out of a driveway without stopping, running stop signs and turning left without yielding are risks too great to take for all bicyclists, Miller said. Being cautious means avoiding injury, and staying alive.

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bone growth. Activities such as walking, biking, and simple exercises to strengthen the upper body also can be effective.

14. False. Research has found that except for the changes that can result from Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, personality is one of the few constants of life.

15. False. Urinary incontinence is a symptom, not a disease. Usually, it is caused by specific changes in body function that can result from infection, diseases, pregnancy or the use of certain medications. A variety of treatment options are available.

16. False. Suicide is the most prevalent among people age 65 and older. An older person's concern with suicide should be taken seriously and professional help should be sought quickly.

17. False. Falls are the most common cause of injuries among

people over age 65. But many of these injuries, which result in broken bones, can be avoided. Regular vision and hearing tests and good safety habits can help prevent accidents. Knowing whether your medications affect balance and coordination also is a good idea.

18. False. Not everyone gets cataracts, although a great many older people do. Some 18 percent of people between the ages of 65 and 74 have cataracts, while more than 40 percent of those between 75 and 85 have the problem. Cataracts can be treated very successfully with surgery; more than 90 percent of people say they can see better after the procedure.

19. True. The body's thermostat tends to function less efficiently with age, making the older person's body less able to adapt to heat or cold.

20. False. People at any age can learn new information and skills.

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA VACANCY ON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Village of Chelsea is accepting applications from persons willing to serve on the Planning Commission. Requirements include Village residency as well as a commitment to attend one regular meeting as well as one work session per month. Send a brief resume to the Village or Chelsea Planning & Zoning Department, Attention James Drolett, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILL HOLD A MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2001 AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, 5665 WEBSTER CHURCH ROAD, DEXTER, MICHIGAN, TO HEAR A REQUEST FROM RODNEY E. MARLOW FOR A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 4.10 E 5 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW A VARIANCE FROM FRONT YARD SETBACK OF 33 FEET AT 8038 WALSH RD. DEXTER, MI. 48130 PARCEL ID# 03-07-200-014.

SITE PLAN CAN BE REVIEWED AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE, MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

RICHARD KLEINSCHMIDT, CHAIRMAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

POSTED 03/30/01

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

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MARCH 20, 2001

Webster Township Board Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Sup. Fisher. Present: Fisher, Baldus, Calhoun, Fink, Kingsley, Zoning Inspector Jim Ross, Deputy Hause and 15 residents.

Motion Fink support Kingsley to accept Feb. 13/01 minutes as presented. Carried. Motion Fink support Kingsley to accept March 8, 2001 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

Report on Annual Road Com. Meeting March 15, 2001. Recommendation will be presented at the April Meeting. Webster Township Planning Com. Feb. 21, 2001 meeting minutes discussed. Parks and Recreation Meeting to be held March 22, 2001.

Zoning Inspector report presented. 24 properties inspected, 8 permits and 29 addresses issued.

Deputy Hause presented Sheriff Report. Motion Fink support Calhoun to approve agenda as presented. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) May Mast Estate - Awaiting documents.
- 2) Prochazka Consent Judgment to be cleared up within the month.
- 3) Nothing to report at this time on Webster Township vs. Tom Bloom.
- 4) Nothing to report at this time on Leavitt vs. ZBA.
- 5) Recycling: Township will continue recycling for an indefinite time. Motion Fink support Calhoun Sup. Fisher to send letter to Mr. Mayers. Carried.
- 6) AT&T Cell Phone Tower - no further contact at this time.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Concerns about recycling, process for adoption of 2 acres, how ordinances are implemented. Sup. Fisher explained relationship between Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance and the specific roles of the Planning Commission and Township Board. A formal complaint was lodged against the Planning Commission. Sup. Fisher requested he put it in writing.

NEW BUSINESS

- A) Phosphorous Cleanup Study Assessment. Motion Fisher support Fink to inform Middle Huron Initiative that we will not be supporting the study. Carried.
- B) Motion Kingsley support Fink to adopt Resolution of indemnification of Township Officers and Employees. Carried. Adoption contingent on review and approval by Township Attorney.
- C) Spring Cleanup. Motion Kingsley support Fink Spring Cleanup will be April 21, 01. Carried.
- D) FY 2001 Budget. Motion Kingsley support Calhoun to accept budget as presented. Discussion. Role call vote. All ayes and carried.
- E) Resolution for Officers Compensation. Motion Fink support Kingsley to establish Township Supervisors Salary at \$23,200.00. All ayes and carried. Motion Calhoun support Kingsley to establish Township Clerks Salary at \$23,200.00. All ayes and carried. Motion Fink support Baldus to establish Township Treasurers Salary at \$23,200.00. All ayes and carried. Motion Fisher support Calhoun to establish Township Trustees Salary at \$100.00 for each meeting attended on behalf of the Township. All ayes and carried.
- F) Employees Fringe Benefits. Motion Fink support Calhoun to increase employee APA (approved personal absence) to one and a half day per month. Roll call vote. All ayes and carried.
- G) Annual Policy for Webster Township Operations. Motion Kingsley support Calhoun to adopt Annual Policy for Township Ordinance. Regular Meeting date the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30; Fiscal Year April 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002; newspaper for general publication; Dexter Leader, Primary; Ann Arbor News Secondary; Law Firm: Reading, Etter and Lillich. Auditors: Pfeffer, Hanniford, and Palka; CPA. Holidays posted at the Township Hall. All ayes and carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Motion Calhoun support Fink meeting adjourned at 9:30. Carried. Respectfully submitted, Wana M. Baldus, Clerk

LYNDON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON

Thursday, April 12, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.
Lyndon Township Hall - 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea

AGENDA:

1. An application for a Special Land Use Permit, Site Plan Review, and Wireless Telecommunication Tower and Antennas permit, for MIOP, Inc. of 29150 Buckingham, Suite 2, Livonia, MI 48153. Property address of project is 11380 Roepke, Gregory, MI 48137. MIOP Inc. is proposing to construct a 240 foot self support lattice tower.

Written comments may be sent to: Lyndon Township Clerk, Janis Knieper, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

WILL HOLD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2001
AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MICHIGAN 48130

AGENDA:

- 1) 04-06-286-001
00-ZBA-452
5485 Lakeview (Half Moon Lake)
Tom Prose
Will be tabled until further notice.
(The original request was tabled from the December 12, 2000 meeting).
- 2) 04-07-362-015-016-017-108
01-ZBA-462
David & Michelle Feldkamp
14290 Ridgemont
Gregory, MI 48137
Applicant requests relief from:
Section 3.02 to allow expansion of a non-conforming structure;
Section 3.14.A to allow a 21.8' setback on the front yard, rather than the required 50' from Parkview Drive.
Section 4.30E.4. To allow a 4.3' setback on the rear yard, rather than the required 30'.
And to recognize the following existing non-conformities:
Lot less than 1 acre; Lot less than 150' wide;
9.6' setback from Parkview Drive. (Front)
18.1' from rear yard.
To allow the construction of a 21' by 16' addition with basement.

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by the DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF CHELSEA, for a variance from the requirements of Section 7.0502 and 7.050E of Ordinance No. 79 (Zoning Ordinance), TO ALLOW FOR A REDUCTION OF THE REQUIRED SETBACK DISTANCE FOR OFF-STREET PARKING WHERE A COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ADJUTS A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FROM 20 FEET TO 5 FEET AND TO ALLOW THE AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT A TEMPORARILY UNPAVED PARKING LOT.

The property is described as follows:
TAX CODE: #06-12-402-008,009,016, AND 021
116 and 124 PARK STREET, CHELSEA, MI

Pursuant to the procedure for a variance request: A Notice of Hearing shall be given and will be served personally or by mail at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such hearing, upon the party or parties making the request for appeal, and all owners of record of property and occupants of property located within three-hundred (300) feet of such premises in question.

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, April 18, 2001** at 5:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Chelsea Village Offices, located in the Chelsea Bank Building, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 (lower level conference room), to consider objections to said request.

The petition 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 Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

DONALD T. OSBORNE, CHAIRMAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

DEXTER VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - MARCH 13, 2001

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President Coy at the National City Bank Building, 8123 Main Street.

Present: Coy, Hall, Huddleston, Kimmel, Rush, Stivers, Walters

Absent: None

Also present: Interim Manager Daily

Public Hearing - Village Budget FY 01-02

The hearing opened at 8:02 P.M. There were no citizens who wished to speak. The hearing was closed at 8:03 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Deleted from draft minutes - Council comments
- Moved Rush, support Huddleston to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2001, regular meeting as amended.

Ayes: Coy, Hall, Huddleston, Kimmel, Rush, Stivers, Walters

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda

Added under Correspondence - Psujek letter

- Moved Stivers, support Walters to approve the agenda as amended.

Ayes: Coy, Hall, Huddleston, Kimmel, Rush, Stivers, Walters

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Non-Arranged Citizen Participation

- Dan Haldinborn, 3510 Oliver, expressed his concerns regarding oil storage, methanol storage and possible oil run-off related to the approval of a proposed site plan for 7177 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road for an oil change business.

Communications

Council packets contained the 4 items listed on the agenda.

Bills and Payroll

- Moved Stivers, support Huddleston to approve bills and payroll costs in the amount of \$555,993.33 dated March 13, 2001.

Ayes: Coy, Hall, Huddleston, Kimmel, Rush, Stivers, Walters

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Reports

- Village Manager - Council received Mr. Daily's gave report of Village activity

- Zoning Officer - Council received Officer Zeikains report.

Consent Agenda

Items 3 and 4 were dropped from the Consent Agenda

- Moved Kimmel, support Huddleston to approve the two items listed on the consent agenda.

Ayes: Coy, Hall, Huddleston, Kimmel, Rush, Stivers, Walters

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Old Business

1. Consideration of preliminary site plan approval for development of oil change business at 7177 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road.

- Van Hunseler, architect representing Dexter Oil Change, made presentation of site plan revisions. Council discussion centered on property elevation, building orientation, and related comments made by the Planning Commission.

- Moved Kimmel, support Walters to refer the revised plan and related Council comments to the Planning Commission for further consideration and recommendation.

Ayes: Coy, Hall, Huddleston, Kimmel, Rush, Stivers, Walters

Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business

1. Consideration of Purchase of Grohs Property

- Moved Rush, support Stivers, to purchase 2,775 square feet of the Frank Grohs property located on the NW corner of Dexter-Ann Arbor Road and Ryan drive for a price of \$5.00 per square foot for a total purchase price of \$13,875.00.

Ayes: Coy, Hall, Huddleston, Kimmel, Rush, Stivers, Walters

Nays: None

Motion Carried

2. Consideration of the Payment of an Old Billing from Beckett and Raeder for work done on procuring the USDA/RDA Loan for the Village.

- Moved Huddleston, support Stivers to request the Beckett and Raeder firm to supply the Village with detailed information supporting the billing of invoice #4366.

Ayes: Coy, Hall, Huddleston, Kimmel, Rush, Stivers, Walters

DEXTER TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF THE BOARD MEETING OF BUDGET HEARING TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2001 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Tetens at 7:10 P.M.

The Board approved the agenda.

The Board received public comment on the proposed FY 2001/2002 budget. Several citizens spoke in support of the proposed budget item providing funding for farmland protection. One citizen also addressed the Board regarding a road project. The Board discussed the proposed budget.

The Board adjourned the Budget Hearing at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Harley B. Rider, Clerk

Dexter Township

NOTE: This is a synopsis of the preliminary minutes, which are subject to approval by the Township Board at the Regular Meeting to be held on 17 April 2001.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2001 AT 7:30 P.M.

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

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

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Tetens at 7:42 P.M., after a brief recess following the Budget Hearing.

The Board approved the agenda.

The Board approved the minutes of the February 20th Regular Board Meeting and the minutes of the March 10th Budget Workshop.

One citizen addressed the Board regarding a road project.

The Board received the Sheriff's report and was introduced to Sgt. Mike Trestler, the new Dexter contract sergeant.

Several citizens spoke on behalf of preserving Pickerel Lake at its current level of use.

The Board approved resolution 01-004 supporting a moratorium on the DNR plans to improve the Pickerel Lake access site.

The Board approved the sale of sewage transport and treatment service to Unidilla Township.

The Board approved resolution 01-005 approving private roads in the Inverness Woods and condo project.

The Board approved resolution 01-006 approving Middlebie Court private road.

The Board approved the change order on the building addition in the amount of \$37,000.

The Board approved resolution 01-007 to amend the FY 2000/2001 General Fund budget with balanced revenues and expenditures of \$678,856.39.

The Board approved resolution 01-008 to amend the FY 2000/2001 Fire Protection budget with balanced revenues and expenditures of \$187,021.17.

The Board approved resolution 01-009 to set the 2001 Township millage rate at .903 mills.

The Board approved resolution 01-010 to set the 2001 Township Fire Protection millage at .96 mills.

The Board approved resolution 01-011 to set the salaries and hourly wages of Township employees, and to set the mileage reimbursement rate, effective April 1st.

The Board approved resolution 01-012, 013 & 014 setting the Supervisors, Treasurer's and Clerk's salaries at \$22,000.00 for FY 2001/2001.

The Board approved resolution 01-015 setting the Trustee's salary at \$4,600.00 each for FY 2001/2001.

The Board approved resolution 01-016 setting the township Board meeting dates FY 2001/2002, with regular meetings at 7:30 P.M. on the third Tuesday of each month, the budget workshop at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 9th, 2002 and the budget hearing at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 19th, 2002.

The Board approved resolution 01-017 establishing the FY 2001/2002 General Fund budget with balanced revenues and expenditures of \$713,717.00.

The Board approved resolution 01-018 establishing the FY 2001/2002 Fire Protection budget with balanced revenues and expenditures of \$191,000.00.

The Board approved resolution 01-019 setting the FY 2001/2002 fee schedule.

The Board postponed action on the proposed changes to the Township Sign Commission.

The Board authorized the Supervisor to send a letter to the DNR approving the Goose relocation request.

The Board postponed until next month discussion on the Chelsea Area Transportation System and the proposed amendment to the Multi-Lakes sewer Authority Articles of Incorporation.

The Board approved road maintenance projects totaling \$46,428.00.

Supervisor Tetens informed the Board that the new Emergency Warning Siren would be tested at noon on Saturday, April 7th, and at noon on the first Saturday of each month thereafter.

Reports were presented by the Treasurer, Clerk and Ordinance Administrator. Activities of the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Chelsea Area Construction Agency and Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority were also discussed.

The Board approved payment of our portion of the multi-lakes debt service in the amount of \$475,242.76.

The Board approved the payment of the bills in the amount of \$79,508.35.

The Board adjourned at 10:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Harley B. Rider, Clerk

Dexter Township

NOTE: These are preliminary minutes subject to approval by the Township Board at the Regular Meeting to be held on 17 April, 2001.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion Carried

3. Consideration of Authorization for OHM to Conduct a Study of the Intersections of Broad and Fifth and Alpine and Main Streets:

- Moved Rush, support Huddleston to eliminate two parking spaces on the SE corner of Broad and Fifth Streets.

Ayes: Coy, Hall, Huddleston, Kimmel, Rush, Stivers, Walters

Nays: None

Motion Carried

- Moved Hall, support Rush, to eliminate two parking spaces at the SE corner of Broad and Fifth Streets.

Ayes: Hall, Rush

Nays: Kimmel, Huddleston, Stivers, Walters, Coy

Motion Failed.

4. Consider the Awarding of the Dexter Community Schools Sanitary Sewer Extension Contract to Sunset Excavating, Inc.:

- Moved Kimmel, support Hall to accept the Village engineers' recommendation to award the Dexter Community Schools Sanitary Sewer Extension Contract to Sunset Excavating, Inc., for the amount of \$839,474.50 contingent upon the approval of the Dexter Community Schools Board of Education approval.

Ayes: Coy, Hall, Huddleston, Kimmel, Rush, Stivers, Walters

Nays: None

Motion Carried

4. Consideration of Lot split for MAV Development at 7200 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road. David Essau of Cornerstone Design, representing the applicant, made presentation of the request.



Junior Readers

Third-grade pupils from North Creek Elementary School received certificates for completion of Junior Great Books, a talent development program. Shown are Colton Waterbury (left, rear), Alyssa Potter, Melanie Burchett, Macy Dault and Hannah Boshoven. In the front are Joe Gunden (left), Marissa Elwart, Brittany Schmelz, Lacy Goderis, Abbi Crowder and Schuyler Adkins.

Students receive honors

Many local residents recently earned college honors.

Allison Melissa Montero of Chelsea has accepted membership in Golden Key National Honor Society and was individually honored during a campus ceremony at Central Michigan University.

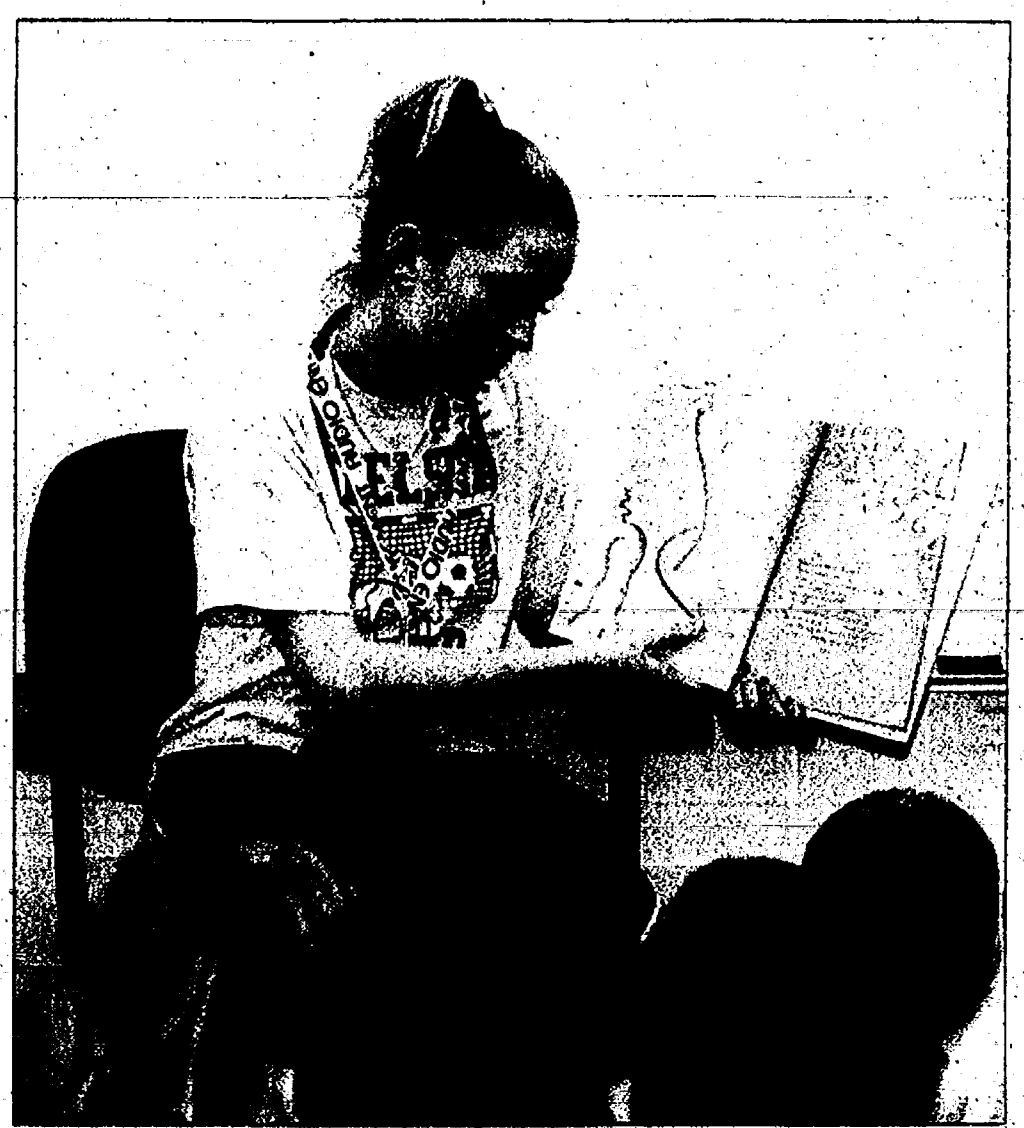
Montero, the daughter of Jane and Allen Montero, is a junior studying international business. The Golden Key National Honor Society is a non-profit academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

Tara Zyburt has been named to the Ohio Northern University dean's list for the winter quarter 2000-2001.

Zyburt, the daughter of Nancy Zyburt of Chelsea and Jeffery Zyburt of Sterling Heights, is a sophomore majoring in biology and psychology.

Erin Dougherty, daughter of Randy and Melinda Dougherty of Chelsea, has been named to the dean's list for the winter term at Northwood University in Midland.

Gregory resident Amanda Miller, daughter of James Miller, and Jamie Jeter, son of Donald and Karen Kalt of Pinckney, were also named to the Northwood University dean's list.



March Is Reading Month

Quinn Peyser was one of several Chelsea High School athletes who joined in the celebrations for March is Reading Month by reading to pupils at North Creek Elementary School. Peyser read a Dr. Seuss book to pupils in teacher Beverley Peebles' first-grade class.

Dippers dunk it all

By Paula Evans Neuman
Heritage Newspapers

Big dippers aren't just configurations on star charts.

Some people qualify as big dippers, too.

They dip potato chips into stuff, french fries into stuff, sandwiches into stuff, and all sorts of other stuff into stuff.

Some people even dip pancakes into stuff.

Diana Gialmo, a waitress at Big Boy restaurant, said she once had a customer who ordered pancakes and a dish of mayonnaise.

"I thought, 'What is he going to do with that mayonnaise?'" she said.

The man proceeded to dip his flapjacks into the mayo and eat them — greasy white dressing and all.

"In 25 years of waitressing, that's the weirdest thing I've ever seen," Gialmo said.

Lillian Darany, the restaur-

ant's owner, said they routinely see some pretty strange things.

But for her, the customer who put a pat of butter into his coffee was right up there on the list of people with weird eating habits.

Of course, it's all in the eye — or the taste — of the beholder. What one finds weird someone else finds simply scrumptious.

What they see at the Big Boy all the time is people dipping french fries into tartar sauce, Darany said. The employees there don't find that odd anymore.

"They do it a lot here," Darany said. "It must be our special tartar sauce."

Her own mother used to dip saltine crackers into milk.

"She was German," Darany said. "She said during the war, getting saltines from the American soldier was a big deal. It was like a cookie."

Dipping cookies into milk — like doughnuts into coffee —

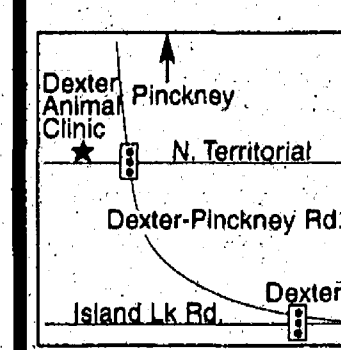
isn't considered weird at all to most Americans.

And for children, there's nothing weird about dipping anything into ranch dressing, said Jeanette Robidou, a school food service director.

"They dip everything in ranch

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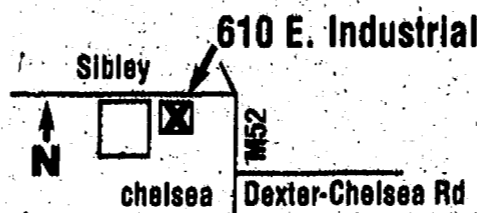
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Model United Nations

The United Nations Club at Dexter High School recently attended the Mid-American Model United Nations Conference in Battle Creek. During the five-day conference, students took on roles as delegates from world nations. They participated in debates, drafted resolutions and amendments, and role-played different crisis scenarios. Dexter students won several awards, including Best Delegation and second honors for Best Prepared School. Pictured in the front row are David Williamson (left), Colin Miller, Stephanie Harris, Janna Repine, Steve Adams, Rachel Szymanski and Laura Liskiewicz. In the back row are adviser Diane Stephenson (left), Lance Clevenger, Sam Williamson, Margo Jacobs, Kevin Wiesner, Steve Ewing, Daniel Adams and adviser Andrea Chea.

STUDY

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patients may not have developed no matter what their implant age.

This effect of better speech perception performance with longer and earlier use of an implant is probably linked to the effect that cochlear implants have on the developing auditory nervous system, Kileny said.

Basic research has shown that the nerve cells involved in the auditory system require early and constant stimulation to develop important connections and patterns of activation necessary for speech perception.

Other clinical studies have shown that both children and adults keep improving their speech perception, with time, through adults tend to plateau after a while and children continue to improve over a period of years.

Thus, according to Kileny, the "wait-and-see" approach in the case of newly diagnosed young children may be detrimental in the long run.

"I have seen several youngsters whose parents have opted to wait for new technological developments, in some cases for

two to four years. These patients, though they began with great potential, ended up deriving minimal benefit from their cochlear implant, having missed crucial speech and language development milestones."

This ability to keep learning new things adds still more fuel to the argument that children with hearing problems who do not benefit from amplification with hearing aids should get cochlear implants as early in life as possible.

Researchers in childhood development have consistently found that toddlers and young children reach crucial milestones in speech and language development early in life. The new study's result may clearly point to the risk of missing or delaying those milestones because of hearing impairment.

The team is still looking at the long-term effects of cochlear implantation before the age of 2. The U.S. Food and Drug

Administration has approved implants for use in children as young as a year, and clinical trials in 12- to 24-month-olds are now under way at U of M and elsewhere.

Initial data on these youngest patients are already showing a difference from those who got their implants later in life, Kileny said, but it will take time to accumulate a large number of patients with several years' experience to show the type of analysis done in current study.

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Escape is more sport, less utility



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AUTO REVIEW

Instead of a sport utility vehicle that can handle serious off-road adventures, the new Ford Escape is definitely more car-like in its ride and handling.

This isn't a bad thing, because about the only dirt and rocks most sport utility vehicles see is in the landscaping of the houses they are parked beside.

Outwardly, the Escape has the familiar box shape of most compact sport utility vehicles on the road today. It is even available in bright yellow, one of the most popular colors today.

By virtue of the Escape's low entry height, the optional side steps are more of an appearance

item than a necessity, and in a way, can even be a detriment.

Why? The steps are just the right height to leave a little deposit of dirt and road grime on the bottom of the pant leg of most average-sized drivers, so unless you really need the steps you could save yourself some money off the sticker price and on cleaning bills by forgoing the optional side steps on the Escape.

Once inside an Escape, drivers will find well-placed, easy-to-read, white-faced gauges. Comfortable bucket seats are separated by a large center console, which provides ample storage space for your stuff.

There are two very minor items I did not care for in the interior of the Escape. Instead of adopting the Escape's tilt wheel from Ford's full-size car line they adopted from Mazda's lineup, meaning rather than tilt, the whole column moves up and down. Also, the shift lever interferes with the use of some of the controls for the sound system.

Children and smaller adults will have no problems when

seated in the rear seat of an Escape. Larger adults will not have many complaints during a short trip, but a long trip could become uncomfortable.

Access to the rear cargo area of the Escape is gained through the use of a split rear hatch. Once opened the hatch allows access to 33 cubic feet of storage space and with both rear seats folded flat the space nearly doubles to 64.8 cubic feet. For those who hate to read the owner's

manual the instructions for folding the rear seats are printed on the inside of the rear doors.

While the figures for cargo space of the Escape may appear to be smaller than other vehicles in the same class, Ford officials say this is because of a new standard for measuring interior vehicle space.

Ford is using the new standard, they say, but many other

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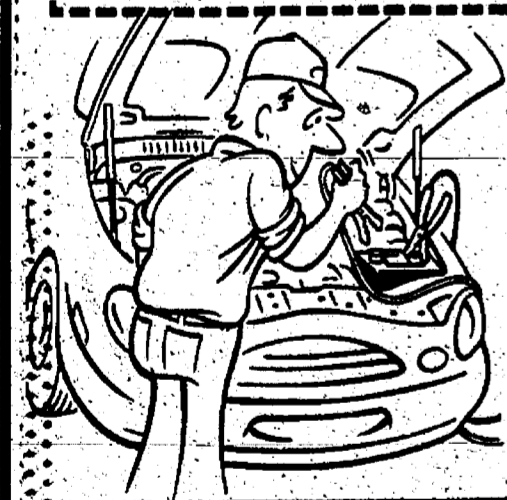
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Heldi - Log Number 67001

Heldi arrived stray February 13th. We hope her family will find her here soon! If not, this 50 pound, one and half year old Husky mix will need the care of a family. She has most of her life ahead of her to share, and all the devotion and affection a respected canine member of the family can give. Does it sound like a good exchange for your family?



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 OBEDIAH W. KELLEY, et al., Defendants.
 ORDER FOR SERVICE
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 KEUSCH, FLINTOFT & CONLIN, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff
 BY: PETER C. FLINTOFT, (P-13531) 119 South Main Street, P.O. Box 187 Chelsea, MI 48118 Telephone: 734/475-8871 Fax: 734/475-1822

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 2. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this Court at the Court address above on or before April 15, 2001. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
 3. A copy of this Order shall be published once each week in the Dexter Leader for six (6) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this Court.
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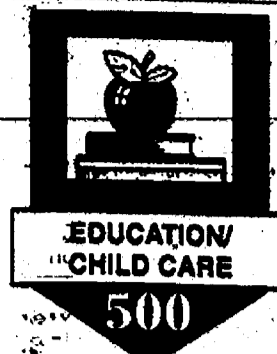
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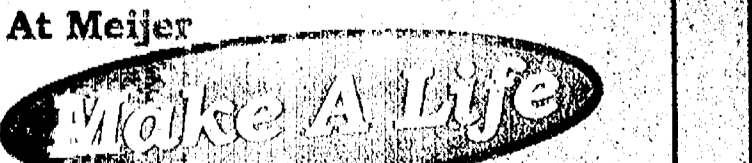
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Book tells story of 'Passion Play'

By Donna Abramczyk
Heritage Newspapers

Almost 400 years ago, the black plague ravaged Europe. In the small German village of Oberammergau, residents vowed to perform "The Passion," the story of the sufferings of Jesus during the last five days of his life, if they were spared from the plague.

The disease spared them and, true to their word, villagers have brought the story to life every 10 years since.

The year 2000 was a special jubilee year for Christians, and they flocked by the thousands to Oberammergau's Passion Play last year.

Born in Belgium, photographer Tomas Dashuber grew up in Oberammergau and was familiar with his hometown's production. When asked to capture a behind-the-scenes record of the play on film, he quickly accepted.

He soon found that the project would be no small undertaking. He wrote in the introduction of his book, "Ecce Homo: The Making of the Passion Play" (\$29.95, Prestel), which translates as "Behold the man!" The term also is used in art of the presentation of Christ with a crown of thorns.

Over a period of 18 months, prior to the play's opening in May 2000, Dashuber shot thou-

sands of photographs and discarded 99 percent of them before the book was published.

The 100 black-and-white photos that fill the 112-page volume capture the play from its early planning stages up through the final rehearsals, from the making of the costumes for the 2,000 players who bring the story to life to behind-the-scenes shots of actors relaxing in the commissary and dressing rooms.

Text is kept to a minimum, with short descriptive phrases for each group of photos keeping the eyes focusing on the striking art.

For another look at "The Passion Play," Prestel has published "The Story of Christ's Passion: A Tale for Children," by Anja-Sophia Henle (\$14.95).

Not only does this 30-page book reveal details about "The Passion Play" — such as the fact that the man who played Calaphas is the director's father, and worried about being too hot in the heavy, elaborate costume — it tells the story of Jesus' passion in simple terms suitable for children.

Quotes from the Bible and Brigitte Mayer's color photos of the actual play, along with Dashuber's black-and-white shots, only help to reinforce the dramatic tale for young readers, making it especially appropriate as Easter approaches.



Future Scientists

Fifth-graders at Pierce Lake Elementary School participated in building a wind meter in teacher Mike McCormick's science program. Shown with McCormick are Josh Stiles (left), Jessica Neiderheide, Kathryn Meldrum, Megan Emberton and Al Tesin.

New Chelsea Church of the Nazarene to be built in Lima Township

While Mother Nature played a cruel joke on April Fool's Day by dumping snow across the area, it did not dampen the spirits of parishioners at Chelsea Church of the Nazarene as they posted signs announcing the location of their new home.

Parishioners placed signs along Jackson Road and I-94 announcing plans to build a new church facility.

Since Easter of 1996, the church's Sunday morning worship service has been held in the

chapel of the Chelsea Retirement Community.

"We have enjoyed a wonderful relationship with the CRC," said the Rev. Jeff Crowder. "They have been very generous."

"Our congregation is made up of a lot of young families and energetic children. We have appreciated the mix between their residents and our young people."

The congregation used to meet in the Chelsea Free Methodist sanctuary on Sunday afternoons.

But like most groups, the congregation has been looking for a place of its own.

And now they have found one. The church recently purchased 10.8 acres on Jackson Road, along I-94 just east of the eastbound entrance ramp at Fletcher Road.

Recently, the Lima Township Planning Commission granted the congregation a special-use permit to put a church on the site.

"Everyone has been real help-

ful at the Lima Township office," Crowder said. "The neighbors have been quite receptive to the idea of a church at that location. The dialogue about our plans and the desires of the neighbors in the area has gone very well."

"We look forward to working with our neighbors as we put a facility on that site that will serve the community, as well as our congregation."

While detailed plans with specific size and cost are in the works, the Township Planning

Commission has given the congregation until Dec. 31, 2005, to submit plans for final approval.

"We're happy to get a couple of signs in place that will

announce our presence, let the public know they're invited to join us, and that we want to be a permanent part of this community," Crowder said.

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES DRUKIS JR.

Dexter
Charles Drukis Jr., 21 died March 30, 2001, as a result of an automobile accident. He was born Nov. 20, 1979, in Ann Arbor to Charles and Monica (Hammond) Drukis. He attended Dexter High School and was studying computer science in college. He was intending to pursue a career in computer science.

Mr. Drukis loved computers, snowboarding, disc golf, fishing and restoring vintage cars. He loved and was loved by his family and friends.

Mr. Drukis is survived by his parents, Charles and Monica; brothers, Eddie and Ian; grandmothers, Rufina Drukis and Ramona Hammond; great-aunt, Jadviga Grinbergs; aunts and uncles, Edward and Kathryn Hammond, William Hammond Jr., and Linda and Mario Ierardi; and cousins, Caitlin, Kyle and Eric. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Voldemars Drukis and William Hammond.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter, with the Rev. Brendan Walsh presiding. A private family burial took place at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Huron Valley Humane Society. Arrangements were made by Rosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter.

LEONORE M. DUDASH

Saline
Leonore M. DuDash, 87, died March 28, 2001, at Saline Evangelical Home. She was born in Detroit on July 17, 1913, the daughter of John and Edith (Grant) Cavanaugh. She enjoyed reading, gardening, crocheting and crossword puzzles. Her family was also a great joy in her life.

Mrs. DuDash is survived by two daughters, Joyce Ridgway of Napa, Calif., and Bonnie (Harvey) DuChateau of Onstead; two granddaughters, Lori (Craig) Irwin of Rochester Hills and Kim (Robert) Ehlers of Saline; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Saturday at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea, with the Rev. John Jones officiating. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Sunbeam Volunteers at Saline Evangelical Home. Arrangements were made by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

VIRGINIA C. HENDLEY

Manchester
Virginia C. Hendley, 87, died March 24, 2001, in her home. She was born on July 28, 1913, in Ann Arbor, the daughter of Clarence and Clara (Bock) Kensler.

Mrs. Hendley lived in the Washtenaw County area all of her life. She worked as a secretary in her husband's law office for 37 years. She served on the Manchester Township Library Board in various capacities for 15 years, the Manchester Cemetery Board for many years, and on the Washtenaw County Historical Society Board.

Mrs. Hendley was a member of the Sharon United Methodist Church and the Sara Browne Smith Alumnae group of the University of Michigan.

She married James C. Hendley of Chadron, Neb., on Sept. 5, 1933, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 4, 1992. Survivors include one niece, Judy (John) Olasz of Canton; one stepsister, Mabel (Edwin) Hamilton of Florida; one cousin, Ruth (Richard) Poole of Georgia; and one grand-niece, Laura Olasz. She was preceded in death by one sister, Dorothy (James) O'Rourke.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. April 17 at Sharon United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Carter Garrigues-Cortelyou officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manchester. Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society of Huron Valley. Arrangements were made by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

JAY "DOUG" RICHARDS

Dexter
Jay "Doug" Richards, 55, died April 1, 2001, at Chelsea Community Hospital in Chelsea. He was born March 7, 1946, in Wayne County, the son of John C. and Gwendolyn (Leach) Richards. On May 10, 1969, he married Marilyn J. Williams, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kimberly (Jody) Fullerton of Chelsea and April (Chad) Edwards of Dexter; three grandchildren, Austin, Tyler and Clara; and two sisters, Sharon (Dean) Stain and Deborah (Dwight) Woodall, all of Wayne.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea. Visitation was at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy can be made to the Richards family.

BEVERLY KNICKERBOCKER

Grass Lake
Formerly of Manchester
Beverly J. Knickerbocker, 69, died April 2, 2001, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was born on May 30, 1931, in Detroit, the daughter of Lawrence Wade and Opal Kathrine (Leggett) Tilford.

Mrs. Knickerbocker was a longtime resident of Manchester. She was a member of the Manchester United Methodist Church. She had been a longtime employee of the University of Michigan, retiring from the department of psychiatry in 1993. She was a past matron in the Order of the Eastern Star.

On May 8, 1954, she married Clare A. Knickerbocker in Detroit, and he survives. Other survivors include four daughters, Deborah Kay Knickerbocker of San Antonio, Pamela Sue Knickerbocker of Walled Lake, Sandra (Martin) Haas of Dexter and Lisa (Kevin) Jarema of Milan; one sister-in-law, Joan Tilford; two grandchildren, Joshua and Katherine Jarema; two dear friends of the family, Mary Wynn and Linda McCrea; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Lawrence Tilford, and her mother and father.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. today at the Manchester United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Faye McKinstry officiating. The family received friends at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. An Eastern Star service was held Wednesday. Burial will be at Oak Grove East Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to Manchester United Methodist Church or American Diabetes Association. Arrangements were made by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

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Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
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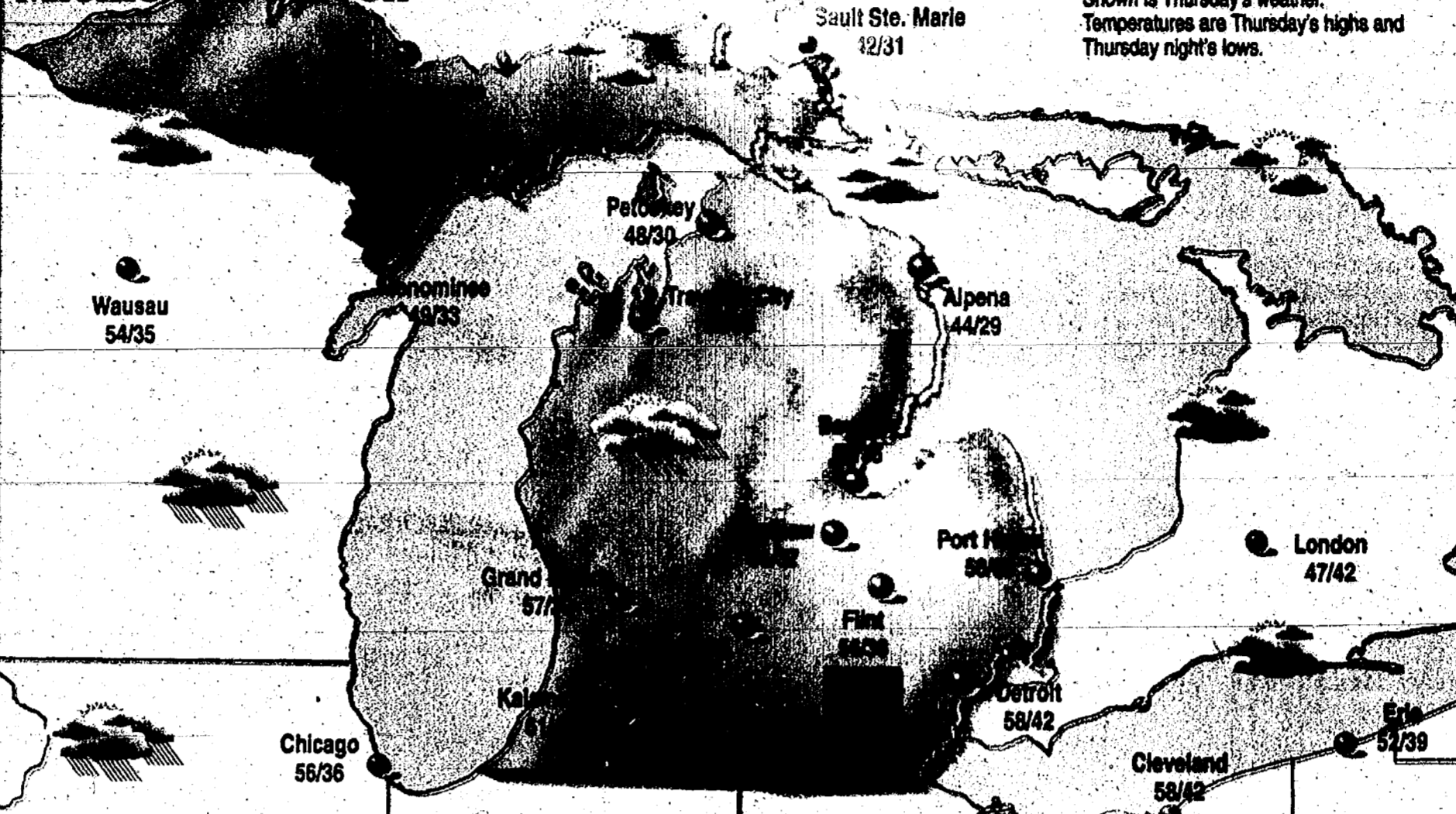
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Ann Arbor	60-42 sh	63-44 c	66-43 c	60-44 sh
Battle Creek	58-41 c	57-42 c	62-44 c	57-42 sh
Bay City	55-36 c	57-37 c	57-38 sh	54-44 sh
Boji	62-44 sh	62-45 c	65-46 c	62-41 sh
Dearborn	58-42 sh	59-42 c	63-43 c	57-44 r
Detroit	58-42 sh	60-41 c	64-43 c	57-44 r
Grand Rapids	57-39 c	57-40 c	58-39 c	54-41 sh
Holland	60-41 c	59-42 c	61-42 sh	58-40 sh
Jackson	60-40 sh	62-40 c	56-42 c	57-42 sh
Kalamazoo	61-43 c	59-42 c	64-46 c	57-42 sh
Lansing	57-37 sh	58-38 c	61-40 c	56-41 sh
Livonia	59-42 sh	61-44 c	63-43 c	58-44 r
Midland	56-37 c	57-37 c	58-39 sh	55-44 sh
Muskegon	59-39 c	54-39 c	51-38 sh	53-40 sh
Owosso	57-38 c	59-39 c	61-41 c	56-43 sh
Pontiac	59-43 sh	57-43 c	62-44 c	57-45 sh
Port Huron	56-39 c	57-38 c	60-45 sh	59-43 sh
Saginaw	58-37 c	58-37 c	58-37 sh	64-41 sh
Sturgis	62-45 c	60-44 c	56-48 c	60-44 sh
Toronto	43-42 sh	51-34 pc	48-43 c	59-41 r
Traverse City	51-33 c	52-32 c	47-35 sh	49-37 c
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Sunrise Saturday	7:08 a.m.
Sunset Saturday	8:07 p.m.
Sunrise Sunday	7:08 a.m.
Sunset Sunday	8:09 p.m.

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Moonrise Thursday	5:18 p.m.		
Moonset Thursday	6:13 a.m.		
Moonrise Friday	6:32 p.m.		
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Bismarck	47-25 c	50-28 c	48-27 c	50-28 c
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Dallas	72-54 c	72-54 c	68-48 sh	62-38 pc
Denver	66-68 pc	62-66 c	76-58 s	74-50 s
Des Moines	66-38 pc	58-32 c	60-34 pc	64-36 pc
Eugene	64-46 c	58-41 c	55-39 sh	56-26 c
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Grand Junction	61-39 c	57-38 sh	54-35 sh	57-28 c
Great Falls	64-38 c	57-34 c	59-38 c	64-37 c
Greely	44-25 c	53-30 c	51-31 c	53-18 c
Houston	62-33 c	55-32 c	55-29 c	60-33 pc
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Miami	64-42 c	64-42 c	56-38 sh	58-26 c
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Chelsea baseball

Team speed, pitching depth key for Chelsea baseball

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

Chelsea baseball is on a mission.

The Bulldogs, 29-7 last season, had a quicker than expected exit from the state high school baseball playoffs a year ago.

The defending Southeastern Conference champions fell to county rival Dexter in the district semifinals last season.

With the talent and athleticism Chelsea has returning this year, the Bulldogs look to be one of the area's best and hope to atone for last season's tournament disappointment.

Chelsea returns 10 players this year including nine seniors.

Tops among the returnees is four-year starting catcher Ben Myers.

Three-year varsity players returning include senior first baseman/pitcher Tony Scheffler, senior pitcher/first baseman/third baseman Chris Brigham, senior leftfielder/pitcher Chris Cooper, senior centerfielder/pitcher Cory Picklesimer and senior shortstop/second baseman/pitcher Brian Sayers.

Two-year varsity players returning for Chelsea coach Wayne Welton, entering his 22nd year as Bulldog skipper, include senior Nate Keiser, a lefthanded pitcher and rightfielder, senior Nick Battistone, a second

baseman and senior Mike Radka, a shortstop/righthanded pitcher.

The lone returning junior is third baseman/catcher Matthew Moffett.

Top newcomers this season according to Welton are juniors Brett Putman at catcher, Kent Reames, a lefthanded pitcher/outfielder, Derek Horvath, an outfielder/pitcher and outfielder Tim Bentley.

Sophomores competing on varsity this season include pitcher/shortstop Jimmy Baker and David Grabarkiewicz, a pitcher/first baseman/outfielder.

The Bulldogs return the majority of last year's nucleus, but will have to play without third baseman Ryan Barwick who graduated.

Barwick, last year's No. 3 hitter, was Chelsea's Most Valuable Player and now plays football at Hope College.

Despite the loss of Barwick, Welton has high hopes for this season's Dawgs.

"The overall outlook is very bright," he said. "We are talented. Our team speed and pitching depth are areas of strength."

"We are looking to our senior class for great leadership this season. We should be fun to watch."

"We have a great schedule, one that is challenging and demanding, but one that should get us in a position to be playing our very best at the end of

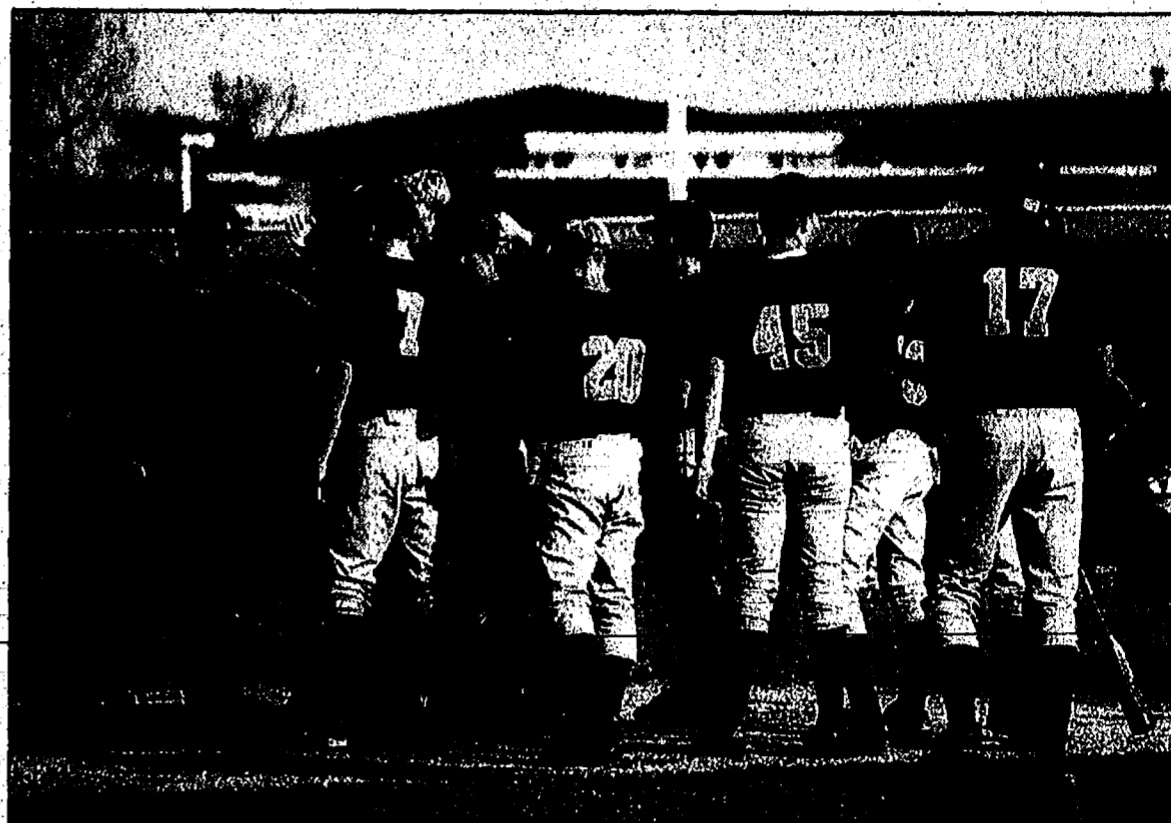


Photo by Doug Trojanowski

The Chelsea baseball team hopes to celebrate this season with a long run in the state tournament.

the season."

Welton, who owns an impressive career record of 514-214-9, said this year's goal is to win the league championship and hopefully advance farther in the state tournament than last season.

"We would like to advance in state

tournament play," he said. "We are the two-time defending champions of the St. Joseph Tournament (a state-wide tourney)."

"We also hope to win 20 games, which we have accomplished every year since 1988."

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Chelsea track and field

Solid lineup leads Chelsea girls' track and field

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

Despite losing All-State runner Mora Arnold to graduation, the Chelsea girls' track and field team looks to improve upon its eighth-place finish at last year's Division II state finals.

Arnold, currently competing for the University of Michigan, was fourth in the Big Ten Indoor 400 meters this year.

"We have a few question marks, but we should field a very solid line-up across the board," said Chelsea coach Bill Bainton, entering his 24th season as Bulldog coach. "We will be in the thick of the chase for the SEC (Southeastern Conference) division title."

Chelsea also lost its fourth-leading scorer and relay runner from last season, Jill Drexler.

Despite losing Arnold and Drexler to graduation, the cupboard is far from bare for Bainton.

Leading the returnees this season is junior All-State shot putter Kari Taylor.

Taylor was second in the state last year in the shot put. She also placed eighth in the discus.

She holds school records in both events.

Another top returnee for Bainton is

junior pole-vaulter and hurdler Danielle Montpetit.

Montpetit was a state qualifier in the pole vault and holds the school record in the event.

Two sophomore state qualifiers returning include Sarah Brigham and Nina Kramer.

Brigham, the team's third-leading scorer, was a state qualifier in both sprints and high jump last season.

Kramer ended up as a state qualifier in both the relays and hurdles.

Other top performers for Chelsea include seniors Katie Bach in hurdles, distance runner Erin Dronen and thrower Tara Koch.

Sophomores returning to the squad include pole-vaulter Julie Mida, Kari Moyle in the 400 meters and Alison Sacks in distance events.

Sacks is Chelsea's leading returning distance scorer.

Plenty of newcomers look to make an impact for Bainton in 2001.

Senior Jessie Cole hopes to make her mark in sprints and long jump while sophomore Savannah Hysong looks to help in sprints.

Freshmen aiming to score points for the Bulldogs include distance runners Ashley Brainerd, Jessica Dean and Ashley Houle, thrower Kaylyn Rohkohl and multi-event competitor Lauren Williams.



A solid lineup throughout the Bulldog girls' track & field team should help Chelsea hurdle any obstacle this season.

Last year Chelsea finished third in the SEC and had an overall record of 3-3.

The Bulldogs placed second in regionals before finishing eighth in the state.

Bainton said the goals for this season's squad are to win the division in the SEC and finish in the top four at regionals.

"We are young, with only three seniors and two juniors among our 13 returning letterwinners," Bainton said. "We have some quality newcomers and the best group of sophomores we've had in several years."

Chelsea's home track is Jerry Niehaus Field.

BASEBALL

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"However, the most important goal we have is simply to play and work together as a team."

After returning from spring workouts in Venice, Fla., a practice Welton and his staff have continued for the past 21 years, the Bulldogs will host Pinckney in a scrimmage April 10 at 4 p.m.

"The trip is funded by the players and their families and is a great team builder and a lot of fun for players and coaches," Welton said.

Chelsea will travel to Adrian to open the regular season April 16 at 4 p.m.

The Bulldogs' home opener will be April 19 versus Dexter at 4 p.m.

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Chelsea boys' track and field

Tripodi powers Bulldog track and field squad in its attempt to improve at state

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

The Chelsea boys' track and field team finished 4-2 overall last season tying for third-place in the South-eastern Conference's White Division.

This year, the Bulldogs hope to move up in the conference standings and improve their place at the state meet.

"The main goals that I would like my team to accomplish are (capture an) SEC White championship, place in the top three at regionals and place in the top 10 in the state meet," said fifth-year Chelsea coach Eric Swager.

Last year the Dawgs finished fifth at regionals and tied for 35th at the state meet.

"Overall that was a really good year for us," Swager said.

Key losses from that squad according to Swager are Steve Erskine, a top 800-meter runner and a part of Chelsea's state qualifying 3200-

meter relay team which placed eighth overall and Max Cherem who ran a 4:46.4 in the 1600-meter run and now attends Kalamazoo College.

Despite the losses, the Bulldogs return plenty of talent.

Leading the returnees is junior Joe Tripodi defending league champion in both the shot put and discus.

Tripodi finished third in the state last season in the shot put.

Also returning are seniors Ben Smith, who was a state qualifier last year in the high jump and was league champion in the 110-meter hurdles, and Nathan Ziegler, who was a member of the Bulldogs state-

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Chelsea coach

placing 3200-meter relay team a season ago.

Two other runners from that 3200-meter relay foursome return in senior Jared Daniel and sophomore Jake Freeman. Both athletes

should play big roles for Chelsea in 2001.

Two of the Dawgs' best distance runners also return.

Senior Matt McAtee had Chelsea's fastest time in the 1600 meters last season (4:35.4) while senior Mike Kattula was the Bulldogs' best in the 3200 meters (10:22).

"I hope that all these people will improve this year and hopefully all of them will make it to state this season," Swager said.

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Besides the returning talent, Chelsea welcomes top newcomers Joel Griffin and Neil Sterling.

"These two should have a pretty good year," Swager said.

Swager said the strength of this year's squad should be in hurdles and field events.

"We performed extremely well in these events last year," he said.

Swager said a weakness of his club would be how healthy his sprinters could stay.

"We had a lot of sprinters with injuries last year that we could have used in some of our meets," he said.

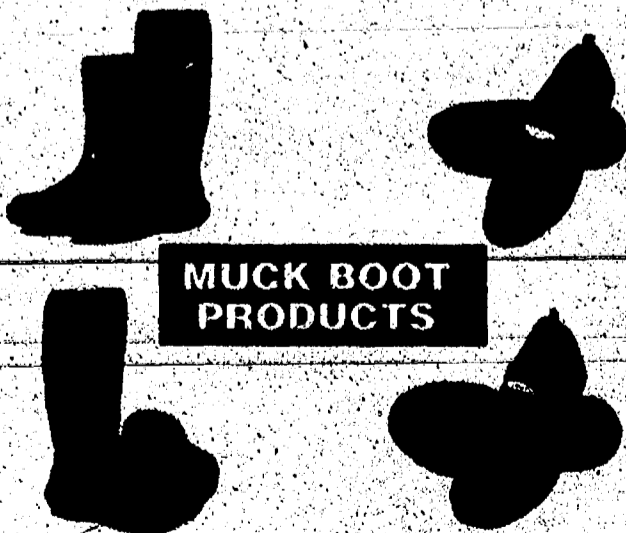
The Bulldogs compete at Jerry Niehaus Field.

"For the upcoming season, I believe that if we work extremely hard, stay healthy, have the right attitude, then I firmly believe that this will be a really great season for us," Swager said. "(We need) to also have excellent performances from our runners."

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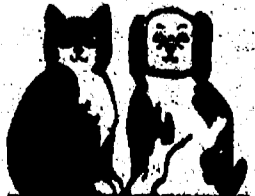
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Chelsea golf, tennis

Strong nucleus returns for Chelsea linksters

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

This time last year, Chelsea's girls' golf team was in a bind.

The Bulldogs were low on numbers and the season appeared a lost cause.

But spirited performances from underclassmen helped spark Chelsea to fourth-place in the Southeastern Conference and a fifth-place regional finish.

"Last year was a tough season for our program as several key seniors either decided not to come out or sustained injuries that held them out of competition," said Chelsea coach Jim Tallman, in his fifth season. "This forced us to go looking for replacements from our inexperienced sophomores and freshmen."

"The result was that we were able to give these younger girls a chance to compete at a young age and now those girls will form a solid nucleus for this year's team."

"We are still young with only one senior out of 20 girls on the team, but we are beginning to develop some talents that should put us in most of the matches."

Despite losing Liz Menge, a four-year letterwinner, who now is on Ferris State's golf team, the Bulldogs still return a plethora of talent.

Leading Chelsea are tri-captains

senior Christina Minzey and juniors Molly Martin and Rochelle Stafford.

Martin was the Bulldogs' Most Valuable Golfer last season. She had a scoring average of 55.7 last year.

Stafford was named Chelsea's Most Improved Golfer last season along with returning junior Christi Tarantowski.

Another top returnee for the Dawgs includes sophomore Julie Inwood. Inwood was named the Most Valuable Freshman last season.

"I feel that we have a real solid team coming back this year," Tallman said. "They all were real close last year."

One player who Tallman hopes will add to Chelsea's cause this season is transfer student Daryl Salas, from California.

"She should provide even more depth to our program," Tallman said.

"I feel that if things come together this year we could be vying for first-place

in our division in the SEC.

"We're still young, but I feel good about how the girls have worked on their games over the summer and how they are already hitting the ball in anticipation of the upcoming season."

The Bulldogs begin the year April 10 at Saline.

"Last year was a tough season for our program as several key seniors either decided not to come out or sustained injuries that held them out of competition."

**— Jim Tallman
Chelsea coach**

Bulldog tennis surges forward

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Last year, the Chelsea boys' tennis team advanced to the state tournament for the first time.

This year, the squad hopes to reach even farther into the state playoffs.

With a deep and talent-rich team, Chelsea coach John Capper has high hopes for his Bulldogs in 2001.

"I'm really looking forward to it (season) because I think this may be the strongest squad I've had," said Capper, in his ninth year. "Time will tell if it will be as successful as last year's team."

Capper said two stalwarts from last season, Joe Arend and John Spooner, will be missed, but that he has players ready to step up to fill the void.

"They will be replaced by an excellent freshmen group, which combined with a strong sophomore squad, makes the future look bright for the next three years," Capper said.

According to Capper, competition for playing time will be fierce this season.

"We will be very competitive as a team because we will have strength in depth," he said. "Competition is going to be very tough for varsity places, probably the toughest I can ever remember."

"Some players may not be playing in the position they probably expected to play. No one can rest on their laurels."

On Chelsea's squad, captains are chosen from each grade.

Senior captain is Ian Ballard while junior captain is Joel Gentz.

Sophomore captain will be Brian Merkel while JV captain will be junior Chris Strahler.

"Leadership is demanded from them," Capper said, about his captains, "and they will still have to earn their places on the team."

Capper said Ballard and Merkel

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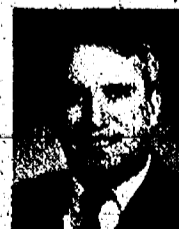
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Chelsea softball

Mentally strong Bulldogs strive for league, state crowns

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

After finishing second in the Southeastern Conference and advancing to the district finals last season, this year's version of Chelsea softball strives for even greater heights this time around.

The Bulldogs ended the 2000 campaign with a healthy 29-12 overall record.

The 2001 Dawgs look to improve upon that mark this season.

Leading the charge for Chelsea will be its senior tri-captains Jennie Diesing, Ashley Augustine and Betsy Ruhlig.

Diesing, the ace of the Bulldog pitching staff, recorded 183 strikeouts last season and looks to be one of the area's top returning hurlers.

Augustine, a scrappy second baseman, led Chelsea in stolen bases and had only 11 strikeouts in 145 at bats last year.

Ruhlig, a rightfielder, is coming off a stellar 2000 season in which she was named first-team All-SEC.

Other top returnees for the Bulldogs include senior three-year starting third baseman Michelle Dettling, junior outfielder Connie Kolokithas and junior shortstop Stephanie Crews.

Crews is coming off an eye-popping sophomore season in which she finished with a .508 batting average.

Players Chelsea coach Kim Reichard hopes will play a bigger role on the team this year include senior first baseman/outfielder Katrina Hammer, senior outfielder Ann Larder and junior catcher Jenelle Vlcek.

Top newcomers to the Bulldog varsity this season look to be junior pitcher Cara Long, junior utility player Tracy Carter, junior outfielder Meghan Tandy and sophomore utility player Anna Arend.

Chelsea lost a lot of talent off of last season's squad including first baseman Lindsay Powers who's currently playing softball and volleyball for Division III power Alma College.

The Bulldogs also graduated former starters Betty Wescott, Traci Kern and Jessica Herman.

Despite losing those performers, Reichard believes her squad will still be strong.

"We'll be a mentally tough team," she said. "We're a team of team players and not individuals."

Reichard, beginning her second season as Chelsea coach, said the team goals this year include contending for the SEC title and advancing in

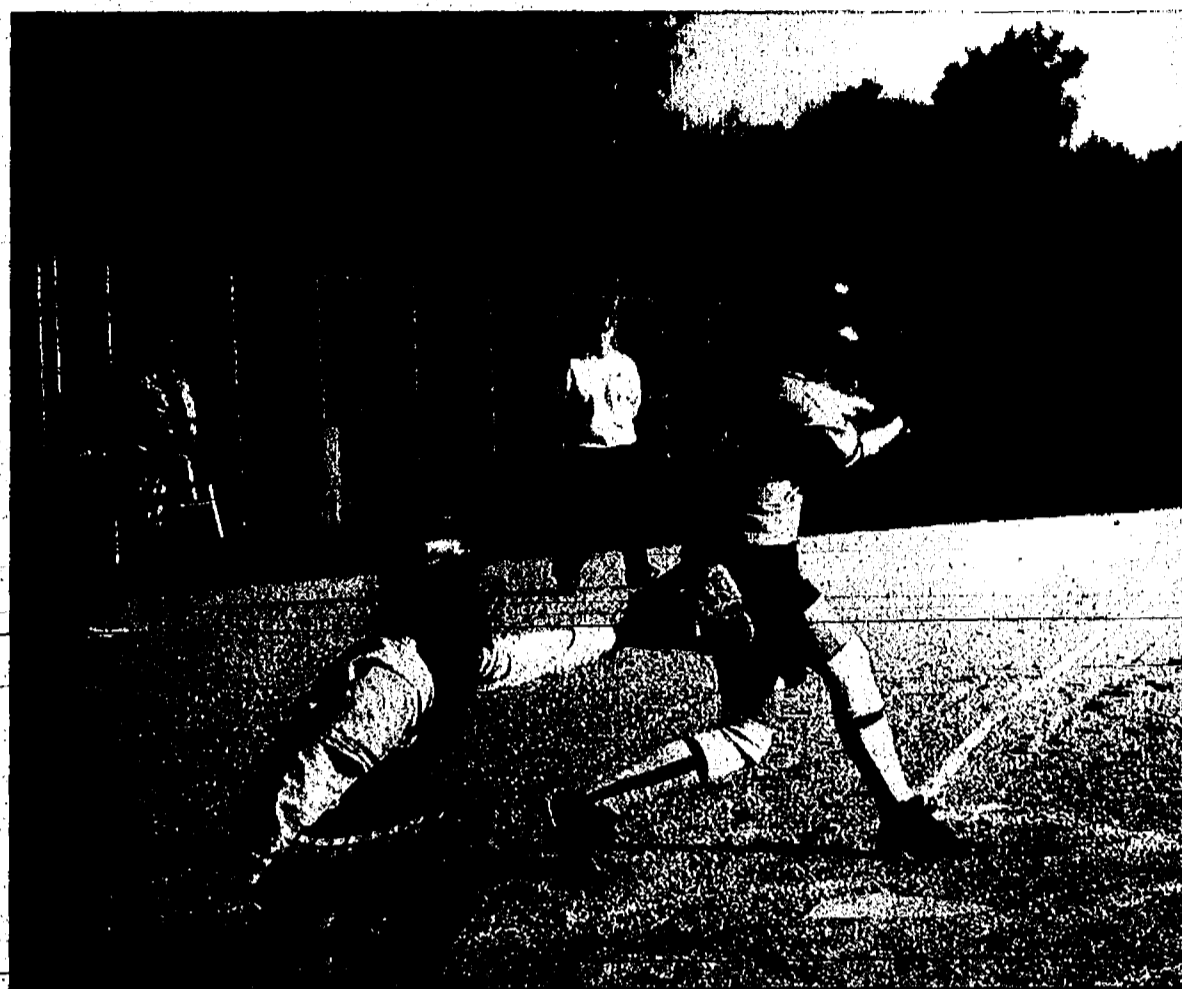


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Chelsea senior third baseman Michelle Dettling will add plenty of power from the right side of the plate for the Dawgs this spring.

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Chelsea soccer

Defense strength of talented Chelsea girls' soccer

Bulldog kickers return All-State goalkeeper to bolster stingy unit

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

It was a banner season last year for the Chelsea girls' soccer team.

The program, in its sixth year of varsity competition, captured a district championship and lost in the regional final to eventual state runner-up Flint Powers Catholic, 3-1.

"That was the best team in the program's history," said sixth-year Chelsea coach Chris Orlandi. "Eight outstanding seniors led the way to our best ever league finish and best ever tournament run."

Last season, the Bulldogs finished 15-5-2 overall and 8-2-2 in the Southeastern Conference good for second place.

In reaching the regional finals, Chelsea was one of only eight teams remaining in Division III.

Notable losses from last year include the program's second and third best career goal scorers in Kate Huehl and Kim Touroo, respectively.

Touroo now plays for Ferris State University.

Also lost to graduation was last season's leading scorer Sarah Poplawski (14 goals).

Defensively, Chelsea lost first-

team All-SEC sweeper Carolyn Wineland and four-year starter Amy Sporer.

Also gone is Kristie Barner, now a part of Spring Arbor's soccer squad.

Last year's team scored a school-record 75 goals.

Defensively, the Dawgs allowed just 21 goals in 22 games a season ago.

But, all is not lost.

Chelsea returns numerous players from last year's record-breaking squad.

Most notable are senior captains Caitlin Biedron and Laura Baird.

Baird, a goalkeeper, was chosen team Most Valuable Player last year and earned second-team All-State recognition. She had 11 shutouts, a 1.04 goals against average and an 87 save percentage, which was a team record.

Biedron, a midfielder, had 12 goals and 12 assists last season on her way

to All-SEC unanimous first-team selection. She also was chosen second-team All-State.

Orlandi said he expects big things from sophomore returnee forward Beth Stankevich who moves from

midfielder. "We need her to have a big year," Orlandi said.

The Bulldogs return three defenders in seniors Chris Broshar and Kate Wheeler and junior Nikki Palluzzi.

"And we're moving one of our best athletes, senior Quinn Peyser, from forward to sweeper," Orlandi said.

That move should bolster even more an already sterling defense.

According to Orlandi, returning junior Lara Zajic will move into a starting role as center midfielder.

Newcomers who look to have an impact are sophomores Krystal Space at forward and Sarah Kaminsky at midfielder.

"They may be asked to step in to fill starting roles immediately," Orlandi said.

Orlandi said the strength of this season's team would be defense.

"We've got the best goalkeeper around and a lot of experience in the back," he said. "Peyser will have to learn to play the sweeper position quickly for us to be successful."

"Biedron is also a strength on offense. Her playmaking ability is outstanding and she should have a huge year."

According to Orlandi the Dawgs' weakness is lack of experience.

"We have eight sophomores and a freshman on the varsity," he said. "Many would classify this as a rebuilding year considering the talent we graduated, but I still think we can compete with anyone on our schedule."

Orlandi said the team goals this season are to win an SEC White Division championship and a third consecutive district crown.

"We want to work as hard as we can for 80 minutes every game," he said. "And we want to make sure our younger girls learn what they need to in order to contribute significantly this year and in the future."

"We've got the best goalkeeper around and a lot of experience in the back."

— Chris Orlandi
Chelsea coach

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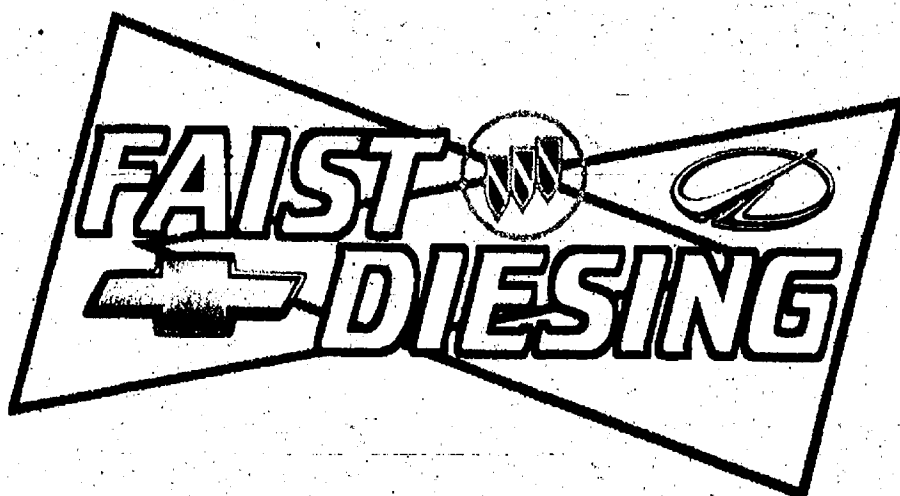
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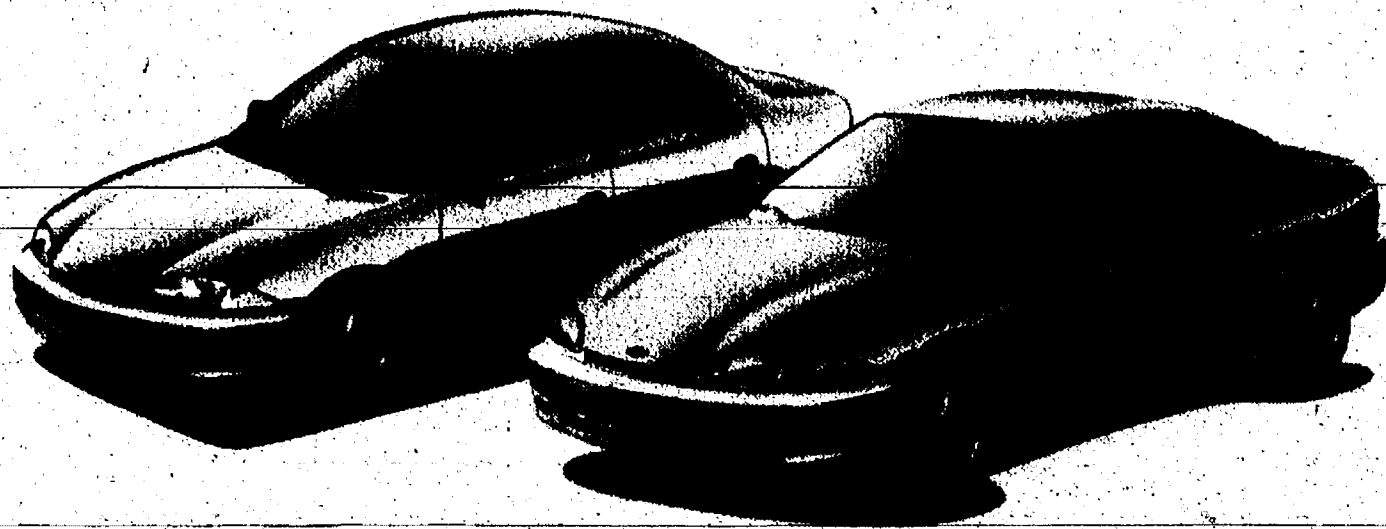
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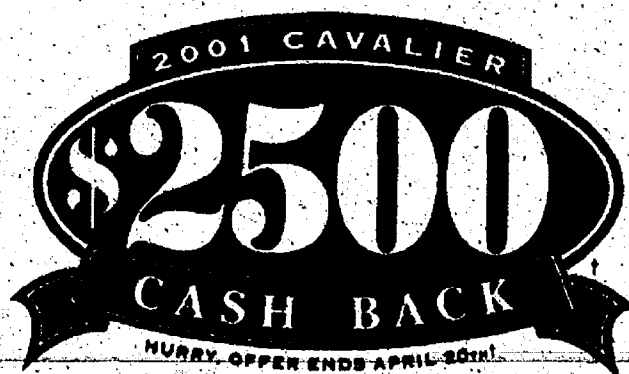
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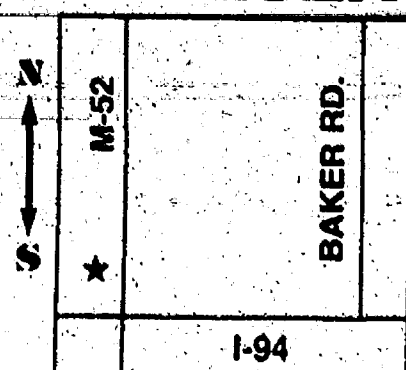
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Dexter golf

Dreadnaught linksters dedicated to team motto

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

Commitment, confidence, consistency and concentration.

If the Dexter girls' golf team takes heed of those words, coach Marc Militello believes his Dreadnaught linksters will have a successful season in 2001.

"We have a team philosophy that we focus on," said Militello, beginning his second year. "The four Cs - commitment, confidence, consistency and concentration."

"We've really talked a lot about committing to the team and committing to improving our games. We've spent time talking about each one of the elements of our philosophy and how it relates to the individual and the team."

"We want to turn that competitiveness we showed in close matches (last season) to both team and individual success (this year)."

Leading this season's squad will be senior captain Laura Beauchamp.

Others aiming to make their marks this year include Cindy Ottavini, Leslie Ziegler and Leigh Rogers.

As far as newcomers to look out for, Militello said he wasn't sure, but that he knows they will be skilled.

"I haven't had a great opportunity to evaluate the newcomers, but I think we have some definite talent and potential."

Despite finishing 2-10 overall and 1-9 in Southeastern Conference play a season ago, Militello said the team made impressive strides late in the year.

"We pulled together as a team and made some big growths late in the season, including a good regional performance."

"We missed going to the state tournament by one place."

"We had some close, tough matches last year. We were very competitive in a lot of (them)."

Besides the late run by the Dreadnaughts a year ago, ending the season on a high note, Militello felt the overall depth of this season's squad would be a strength.

"We have our top four golfers returning," he said. "I think one of the keys to our success will be filling the fifth and sixth spot."

"We will need to have someone step up and fill that void."

Militello said his team, which plays

its home matches at Hudson Mills, improved tremendously last year, including recording the lowest score in team history.

"We need to build on that and take it to the next level," he said. "We had a lot of golfers last year that had not played a lot of golf in their lives. (They've) made some big improvements in their games."

Militello went back to the four Cs when describing what he felt would be a key to the Dreadnaught season.

"We will need to be more consistent," he said. "I think with consistency we will learn how to win."

"This is a great group of ladies that I enjoy coaching. I look forward to building on our past successes."

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are two of his most experienced singles players.

Other top contenders for singles play include freshmen Trevor Bach, Matt Neff, Pieter Boshoven and Stefan Kalmbach.

Sophomore singles competitors include Mark Tapping, Andy

Mossburg, Joel Wilke, James Ballas, Evan Wildey and Mike Groesser with juniors Robert Gray, Joel Gentz and Andy Smith also figuring in the mix.

In high school tennis there are only four singles spots, so many of the players will battle for the remaining four doubles teams.

Lining up for those spots, Capper said, are juniors Alex Rendell and Tommy Reifel, sophomores John

Erwin, Scott Dettling, Brian Hayes, Chris Johnson and Brian Schiller and freshmen Matt Kellogg, Cory Policht, Bryce Olejniczak and Casey Peters.

Capper said choosing singles players is simple - it's the doubles pairings that can be tricky.

"It is easy to select the singles players because the top players simply play each other in challenge matches and after several challenges the play-

ers have their order of play," he said.

"Doubles teams are harder to select because players have to be compatible with their partner's style of play and temperament. The coach has the tough job of making the final choice regarding the pairings."

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Dexter soccer

Young Dexter soccer squad hopes for quick start

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

Youth will be served this season on the Dexter girls' soccer team.

Out of the 20-person Dreadnaught squad, almost half (nine) are underclassmen.

"We will have a very diverse age group," said Dexter coach Joel Anderson. "Many of our underclassmen have many years of experience playing in age groups above their own, so I look for good things from them."

With such youth, senior leadership will be a key ingredient for the Dreads.

Two upperclassmen that Anderson looks to guide his team this season are Kara Rodriguez and Amanda Shirk.

Rodriguez, a forward/striker and Shirk, a forward, are two of Dexter's three captains this year.

The squad's third captain is junior defenseman Liza Swan.

Other underclassmen hoping to make an impact this season for the Dreadnaughts include juniors Anne Keinath, a midfielder/striker and Niki Hembree, a forward/goalkeeper and sophomores Shannon Kennedy, a forward, Kelsey Puuri, a defenseman

and Katherine Thomas in goal.

Dexter (8-6-4) a year ago, lost in the first round of districts to Jackson Northwest last season.

Despite substantial player losses from last year, Anderson is still optimistic heading into this year.

"We've lost a couple great goal scorers the last couple of years, but I am confident that everyone is determined to contribute this year," he said.

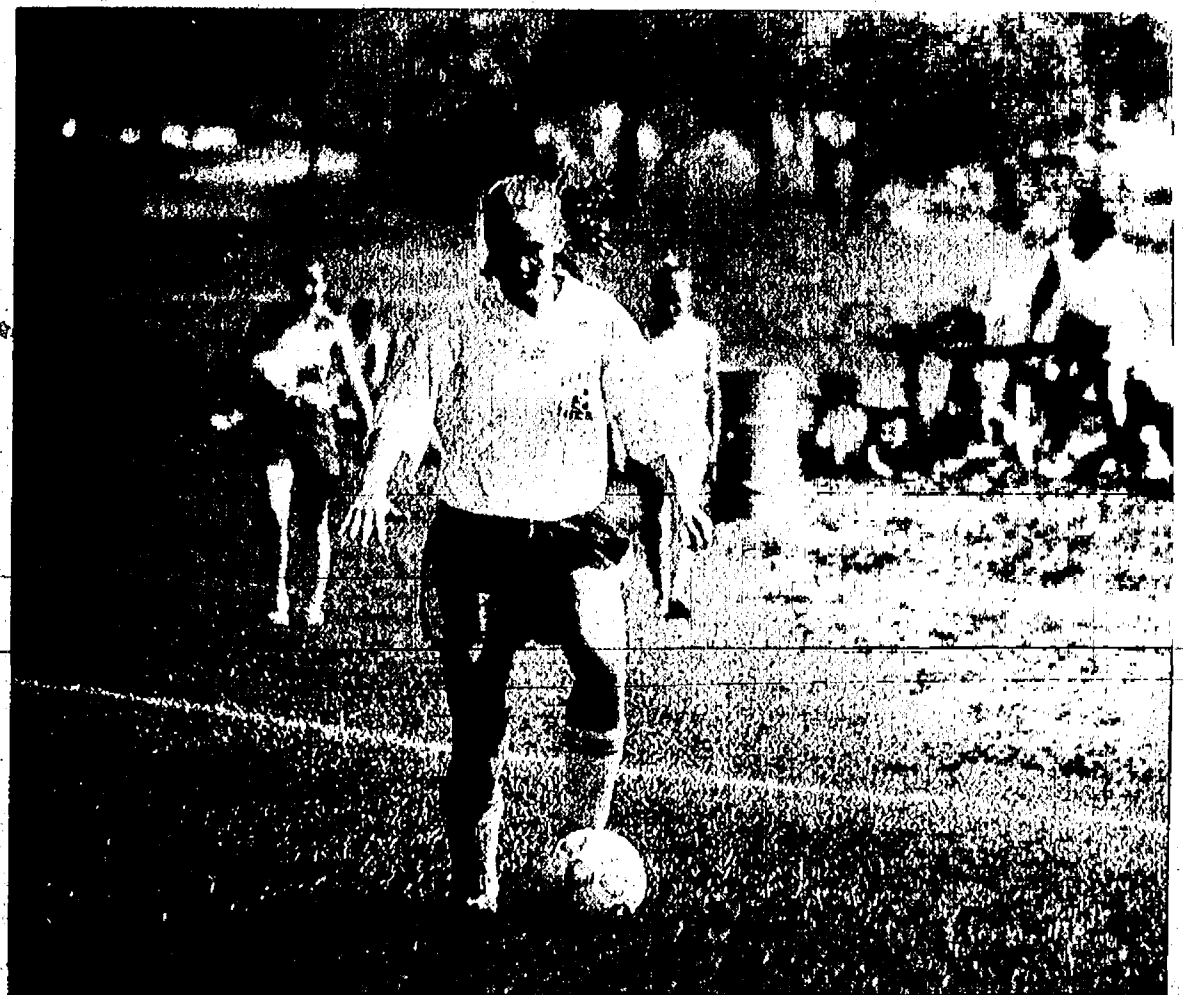
Anderson, in his third season as Dexter mentor, understands that with youth errors will be committed.

"I know there will be mistakes made along the way," he said, "just as long as we make less mistakes than our opponents, we should always be able to compete."

"That is probably our main goal this year. We want to put ourselves in a position where we can compete. We have to get off to quick starts and make sure we capitalize on our opportunities."

The Dreadnaughts play their home games at Hudson Mills Metro Park.

An added bonus this year will be three home games on the Dexter football field.



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Dexter sophomore Shannon Kennedy is one of the Dreads' top athletes and should have a major impact on this season's soccer squad.



Senior Amanda Shirk will be an offensive sparkplug for Dexter this season.

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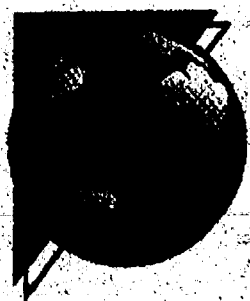
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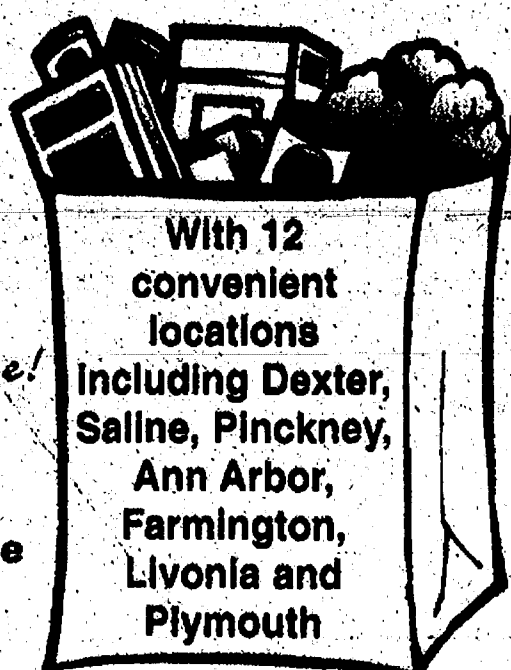
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Dexter tennis

Experienced Dexter team aims for banner season

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

In her first season as Dexter boys' tennis coach, Wendy Holmes led the Dreadnaughts to their highest ever finish at state regional competition.

Holmes hopes the momentum from last year carries over to this season.

With 10 returning players from last year's squad, her wish may come true.

"It was nice to finish on a positive note last year," Holmes said. "I'm

very pleased to have strong players coming back."

Dexter finished 6-5 overall last spring.

This season, Holmes will welcome 14 players to her squad.

"My team's looking pretty good," Holmes said. "Our strength will be our experience."

Holmes said her goals for 2001 are for her team to play its best and improve its skills throughout the year.

Holmes said three of her top four singles players return to help lead the Dreadnaughts.

Junior Mike Weinmann gets the nod at No. 1 singles while senior Ben Hughes is penciled in at No. 2 singles.

Junior Mike Hodges will compete at No. 3 singles with senior Chuck Byrnes battling at No. 4 singles.

Doubles, according to Holmes, still aren't settled yet.

Players looking to contribute in doubles competition include seniors

Tyler Grau and Chris Layher, juniors Ryan Piel, John Hughes and Jon Schlafer and sophomore Nick Martin.

Promising newcomers include freshmen Sean Rosenberg, Sean Stockson, Erik Batelli and B.J. Jacob.

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Dexter girls' track and field

Distance events pace Dexter

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Behind a strong and deep middle distance contingent and the return of state qualifiers Kalli Williams and Marianne Whitehead, Dexter's girls' track and field team enters the 2001 season poised for a big year.

"We are loaded with middle distance runners this year," said Dexter first-year coach Adam Zuwerink. "Six or seven girls are fighting for the four spots on the 3200-meter relay."

One girl not fighting for a spot is Williams, a sophomore, who qualified for last season's Division II state meet in both the 1600- and 3200-meter runs.

In the 800-meters, Zuwerink welcomes back Katie Musolf and Rachel Miller while Tammy Olten holds down the fort in the 400-meters.

Freshmen expected to contribute in middle distances for Dexter include Jennifer Gunderson, Anne Cowan and Natli Nalli.

Fellow classmate Rachel Udow is being counted on to bolster the team in distance events.

Additional frosh looking to score

points for the Dreads this season include Lori Risdon and Courtney Reed in the 300 hurdles and Katie DiNardo, Kelly Fasbinder and Tezra Jennings in the pole vault and sprints.

Zuwerink is excited about his freshmen newcomers.

"This team is loaded with outstanding freshmen who are going to make a big impact from the start of the season," he said.

Besides the talented freshmen, senior Whitehead returns to lead the field events for Dexter.

Last year Whitehead qualified for the Division II state meet in the high jump.

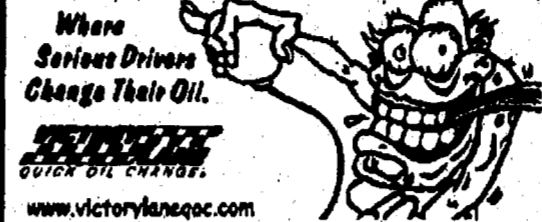
It's been a strong year for Dexter runners, and Zuwerink hopes to continue that good fortune with this spring's girls' squad.

"We return all major contributors from last season's squad and add a very talented and deep freshman class," he said. "We are looking to build off of the success of last fall's state qualifying cross country team and challenge for the Southeastern Conference and regional titles this year."

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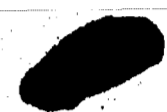
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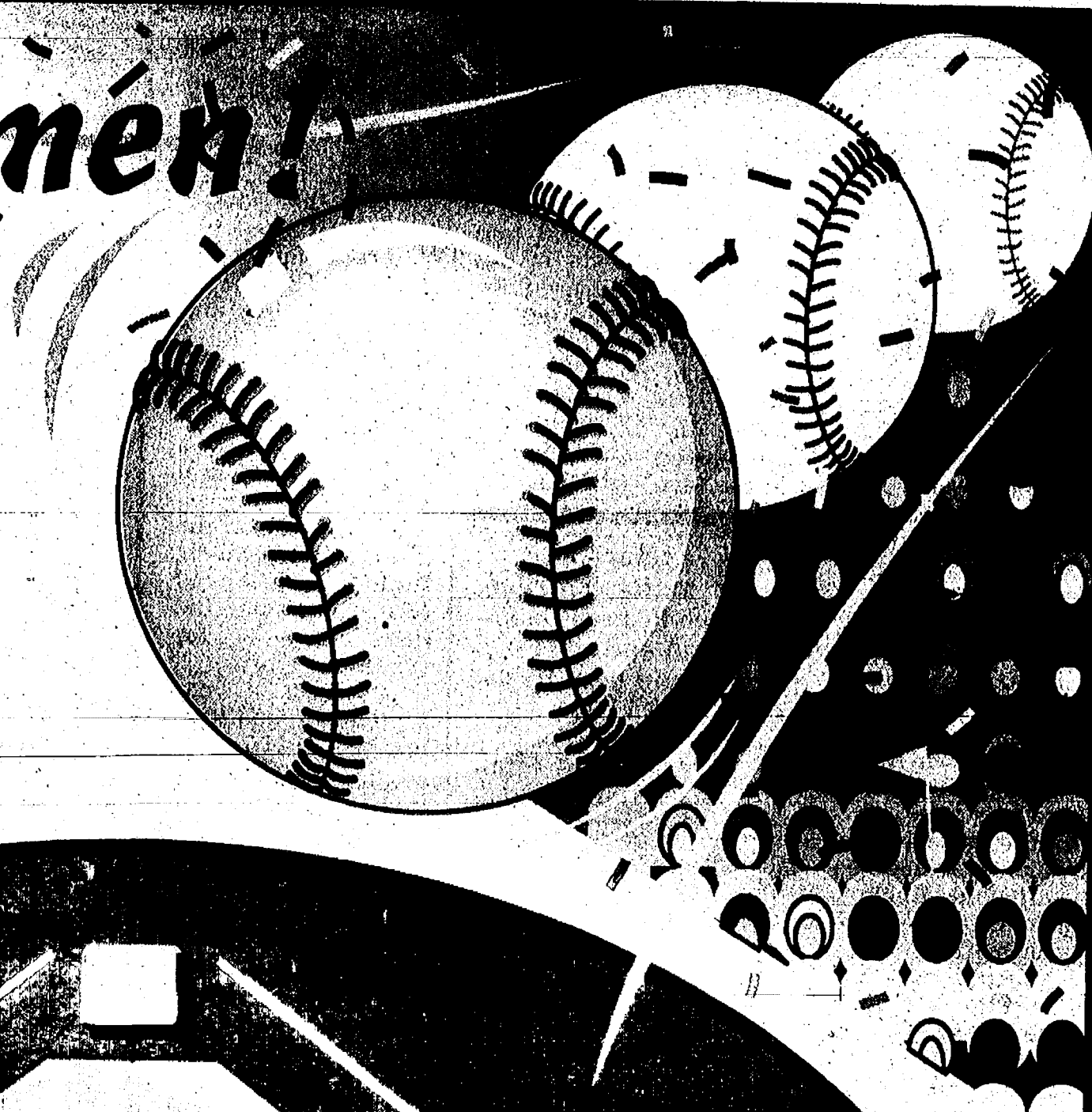
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Dexter track and field, baseball, softball**Diversity key to Dexter boys' track**

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

They say variety is the spice of life. For the Dexter boys' track and field team, that saying should ring true in 2001.

According to Dexter coach Jim Jaworski, a number of different individuals should lead this season's Dreadnaught squad.

"The team's strength is its diversity of distance and middle distance runners," he said. "The young runners are eager to improve."

Jaworski, beginning his 21st season, said the shorter distances are where his squad might suffer.

"Our weakness as a team is the lack of experienced sprinters," he said.

According to Jaworski, his top returning performers are seniors Ben Leonard, Andy Bahm and Sam Widholm, juniors Joe Valentine and Rob Macnee and sophomore Chris

Burke.

Notable losses from last season are Lee French and Trevor Racine.

Dexter finished sixth last year in the Southeastern Conference.

Jaworski hopes his squad moves up the ladder this season in the SEC standings.

"My goal for the team is to improve over last season's record and have a number of state qualifiers," he said.

Jaworski said he's looking forward to this year and to watching his team get better as the season goes along.

"The team has many young runners and new runners that should show personal improvement as the season progresses," he said. "We will be successful not because we win meets, but (if) each runner reaches a personal goal of doing his best."

Assisting Jaworski this year will be Jaime Dudash. Dudash is entering his fourth season.

Drukis, Michalik ignite Dreads

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

After capturing a district title and finishing as regional runner-up, the Dexter baseball team looks for a repeat performance in 2001.

The Dreadnaughts (22-8, 5-7) a year ago, finished fourth in the Southeastern Conference before coming alive in the state playoffs.

Dexter wound up winning a district crown, before falling in the regional finals.

The Dreadnaughts enter this year without two valuable performers in Keith Firth and Paul Fakler. Both players have graduated.

Firth was a great outfielder and Fakler hit in the No. 4 spot," said Dexter coach Al Snider.

Despite the loss of those two standouts, Dexter's cupboard is far

from bare.

Snider said Eddie Drukis and Matt Michalik look to be the Dreadnaughts' top returnees.

Other important contributors for the Dreads in 2001 will be Josh Brown, Ryan Deegan, Zach Nixon and Brian McLogan.

According to Snider, Eddie Shock, Dave Wolke and Kyle Goode are Dexter's prime newcomers.

Snider, beginning his sixth season as Dreadnaught skipper, said the strength of this season's nine will be around the infield.

The weakness according to Snider will be team depth.

"Our goals are to win the division, SEC, and advance in the state tournament," said Snider, who holds a 110-90 overall coaching mark.

Dexter softball returns top talent from record-breaking season

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

It doesn't happen very often.

But last season, the Dexter softball team achieved a feat most teams only dream about.

Last year, the Dreadnaughts recorded 30 wins - that's right, 3-0.

Dexter finished the 2000 season

with a sparkling 30-6 overall mark.

It was the first time in school history the Dreads had reached the 30-win plateau.

Dexter's season was cut short as the Dreadnaughts fell to county rival Chelsea 3-0 in district play.

Dexter used the 1-2 pitching punch of Meghan Ritter and Jennie Ritter to

help spark it to its record-breaking year.

Meghan Ritter earned All-Region, All-District and All-SEC last season and currently is pitching in the Big Ten for the University of Michigan's softball team.

Jennie Ritter, however, returns this season as the Dreadnaughts' ace.

Other top performers returning for

Dexter in 2001 include senior outfielders Alycia Welch and Lisa Schwanzenberger and Danielle Martin and junior Lindsey Messmore.

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Manchester baseball, track and field

Ten returning players boost Manchester baseball

By Colleen O'Neill
Special Writer

Although the Manchester varsity baseball team had a dismal 3-22 record last year, this year is going to be different. Manchester coach Adam Benschoter has 10 returning players from his varsity squad, four strong juniors and two athletes who are new to the school district.

"We have a lot of experience this year," Benschoter said. "Even the juniors have a lot of varsity experience."

"This is going to be, without a doubt, one of the more talented teams in a few years."

Benschoter said that he definitely has one of the best pitching staffs with seven quality pitchers that can throw at any time.

"We had a nice team in place, then we had the benefit of transfer students," Benschoter said.

Seniors Nolan Ahrens, Mike Conway, Brett Maki, Jon Miller, Will Slocum, Evan Wahl and Dan Turvey lead the talent base, along with junior Beau Bergner.

Wahl was the offensive leader last year. He will probably be the leadoff batter again this year, play in the outfield and be the back up catcher.

Aaron LaRock is a junior in his first year on the varsity squad who will pitch and play at first base.

"I coached Aaron at the JV level," Benschoter said. "The main thing to work on is consistency. He shows signs of being a very good hitter with power, then signs of struggle."

Junior Seth LaRocque is an outfielder. "He is another give-it-all-I've-got player," Benschoter said.

Brent Leverett is the jack-of-all-trades. "He will see a lot of pitching, he will be in the infield, outfield, and back up catcher as well," Benschoter said. "His

strongest suit is pitching, but he's a good enough and smart enough player so he'll be around."

Adam Little and Chris Loud are two more juniors in their first year on varsity.

Junior Ryan Maggetti who is returning for his second year on varsity will probably do 90 percent of the catching, Benschoter said.

"He does a good job handling the pitchers and is a good defensive catcher," Benschoter said.

Pitcher Jeff PUNCHES will bat third. "He's definitely our strongest returning player" Benschoter said.

State qualifier Horodeczny leads Dutch girls' track and field

By Colleen O'Neill
Special Writer

The Manchester women's track team has an even dozen returning letterwinners that bring their talent and experience to every aspect of the sport.

With a total of 23 runners, Manchester coach Denny Steele has it all.

He has sprinters, field specialists, middle and distance runners—but mostly, he has strength and experience.

"Barring any bad injuries, we'll be competitive with most anybody," Steele said. "Most of the returning (runners) are good

at their one specialty. We're not going to be (dominating), but we're going to be good."

THE SENIORS include distance runner Heidi Ernst who competed in the 1,600 and 3,200 last year but will focus on the 3,200 relay this year.

Holly Horodeczny went to the state meet in pole vault, ran the 100-meter dash, the 400-meter relay and occasionally threw the shot put. Her twin sister Kathryn threw the shot put and the discus, ran the 800-meter relay and the 200-meter dash.

Shannon Green was "Miss Versatility," running the 3,200-meter relay, the 800, and

the 1,600. Jacky Palms missed her junior year with injuries but returns as a senior to run the 3,200-meter relay, the 800-meter run and the mile.

Juniors Brie Hyde, Natalie Weidmayer, Annie Wiley and Rachelle Lillenthal are all returning lettermen.

Hyde competes in the high jump, the 800-meter relay and the 200-meter dash. Weidmayer stretches her talents between the 1,600-meter relay, the 3,200-meter relay, the 400-meter dash, and occasionally runs the 800. Wiley has a similar resume, running the 3,200-meter relay, the 400-meter dash, the 800 and the mile relay.

Lillenthal is a high jumper, hurdler, long jumper and occasionally runs the mile and the two mile.

There are five sophomores on the team, including four returning varsity runners.

DARA JOSE is a sprinter who competes in the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, the 400-meter relay and the long jump. Jessie Revill runs the 800, the mile and the two mile. Briana Clark also shows versatility by running the 400-meter, the 800, and the 1600. Sprinter Nikki Minder runs the 100-meter dash, the 400-meter relay and competes on the pole vault.

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Manchester track and field, softball**Large base of athletes improves Dutch track fortunes**

By Colleen O'Neill
Special Writer

While first-year Manchester men's track coach Cory Cox has only two seniors on his team, he has the largest base of athletes to draw from in recent years.

"We have 29 or 30 kids," Cox said. "The last couple of years I haven't seen it go over 20. It is nice to get that depth."

With the added numbers, Cox is looking for good things.

Senior captain Eric Walter, who is a middle distance runner as well as a high jumper, leads his team.

"He has lettered three times," Cox said. "He qualified for state in the 3,200-relay,

the 1,600-relay the high jump and the open 800."

Florian Forster is a senior exchange student from Germany so Cox has not seen him run at anything but practice. Jacob Sawyer, a junior, has lettered for two years.

Junior William Cole is in his first year on the track team although he did run cross country in the fall.

Damien Evans is a returning letterman, captain and a sprinter.

Mike Graham is a returning letterman who will run the 400 and 800.

Junior Andy Burke is a good sprinter according to Cox.

Clint Grenier is a junior sprinter who missed last year due to medical reasons.

"He may be one of our top sprinters," Cox said. "(That is) in an area where we haven't had much depth."

Alex Kormendi has earned two varsity letters in the hurdles and pole vault.

Chris Maly is a two-year letterman who runs the middle distances.

Jacob Miller is another new athlete who will add more depth as a sprinter. Casey Preuninger is back on the team after taking his sophomore year off.

"If he works really hard he can be our leading hurdler," Cox said.

"(Chad Roberts) is going to be running

the mile. He has a lot of potential. He's working hard, he wants to get better."

Dyon Evans placed in the conference meet in the pole vault, nearly setting a new frosh record.

Craig Lane is switching from hurdles to the 400 and 800. Colin Moore is another new runner who is a sprinter and will high jump.

Chris Robertz is another tri-captain. "I expect he'll be a big improvement from his first year. I'm hoping he will take over from Kyle (Harris)."

"He's in an area where we don't have very much depth," Cox said.

Co-captains Bennett and Preston spark Manchester softball

By Colleen O'Neill
Special Writer

With six seniors, the Manchester varsity softball team would appear to be a team with experience. In reality, one has been a four-year starter, another has been a three-year starter, two players are in their second year and two joined the varsity squad for the first time this year. Three juniors and three sophomores round out the team.

Which would make them appear to be a young and inexperienced team.

They are not. Manchester coach Wes Gall has a strong defensive team and two good pitchers.

Add some hitters and speedy base runners to the mix and it makes for an exciting season.

"I think this is probably the best defensive team we've had in a few years," Gall said. "Look at the speed in the outfield, in the infield, it could be an exciting team."

Audrey Bennett and Amy Preston, senior co-captains, will lead the team. Bennett will play third base and some first base in her third varsity season. She has played outfield and first base in the past but her comfort zone at third will make her the starter there. She is a disciplined hitter who knows her strike zone.

Preston is the lone four-year letterwin-

ner on the team. Holly Sutton is another senior who is returning at catcher. At plate she can be a power hitter, Gall said.

Mindy Weir played softball for the first time as a junior. Weir is an outfielder who can catch the ball well and has a good feel for the game.

Donna Kruse is playing varsity softball for the first time. She played as a sophomore but did not play her junior year.

Gall feels that with confidence Kruse will be a solid player. The other first year senior is Ashleigh Sewell.

Although she has a long way to go to catch up to the other girls, she is aggressive, coachable and is not afraid to ask

questions to know what she should be doing.

The three juniors are Becky Curtis, Lisa Lobbestael and Sheila Staffeld.

Lobbestael actually joined the team at the end of last season, so she brings some varsity experience with her.

Christine Fairbanks is a sophomore who pitches and plays first base. Sophomore Cori Chrestensen brings speed to the team.

Chrestensen has a strong arm and quick release that make her capable of playing either infield or outfield.

Michelle Slocum is another sophomore speedster who should see action.

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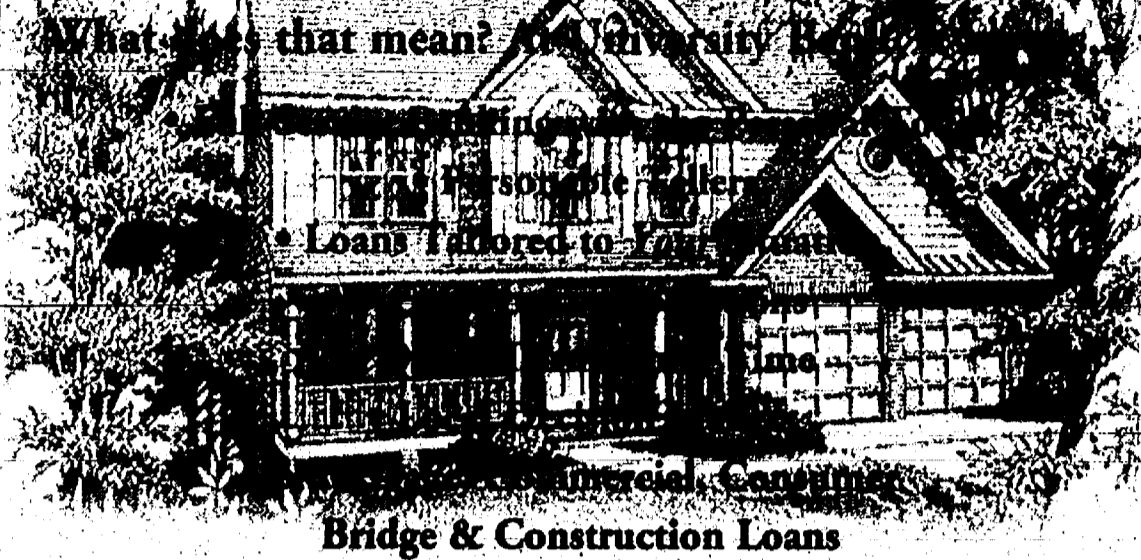
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Milan softball

Teamwork at heart of softball program

By Tom Kirvan
Editor

With a gridiron background, Jim Zoltowski knows the value of teamwork and toughness, two qualities the Milan softball coach is working to instill in the minds of his Big Red players.

Last month, for instance, Zoltowski took his squad to "Operation Adventure" at the University of Michigan-Dearborn for an all-day exercise designed to build confidence and leadership, two of the individual intangibles that when put in a team context can become a thing of beauty.

"It was a great experience for all of us," said Zoltowski, a 1986 Milan High alum who was captain of the Big Red football team his senior year. "You learn a lot about yourself and your limits, and how to overcome some of your fears. It was especially interesting to see how certain girls handled the ropes course when you're 35 feet off the ground. It was a real eye-opener for a lot of them."

Similarly, Zoltowski now hopes his squad begins to tap into its potential as a championship team, a goal he believes is becoming all the more

attainable.

BUT FIRST things first, such as bettering last year's 16-18 record and climbing over the .500 mark.

"We've had the biggest turnout of girls for the softball teams since I've been associated with the program over the last four years," said Zoltowski. "We had close to 50 girls come out for softball and for the first time we will have a freshman team. Things are definitely looking up."

On the varsity level, the Milan squad is comprised of seven seniors, eight juniors, and a pair of sophomores.

"We have a strong senior class, including two players who are in their fourth year on the varsity," said Zoltowski.

The two are third baseman Alexis Mick and center fielder Michelle Hayes, each of whom should contend for All-Conference honors in the Huron League this spring.

"Alexis is as good as they come at third base and has been a four-year starter for us," said Zoltowski. "She has a cannon for an arm and is a good power hitter."

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Milan girls' track and field

Record number buoys hopes for Milan squad

By Renee Lapham Collins

Associate Editor

Once again, Milan girls' track coach Steve Porter is setting his sights on a great finish at season's end.

Porter, who has coached the sport at Milan for more than two decades, remains optimistic, even though most of the 42 girls he has going out for track are young and inexperienced.

"We have 42 girls out, and 30 of them are freshmen and sophomores," said Porter. "Only nine of our girls have more than a year of experience."

"I am disappointed that more of our experienced runners didn't return this year."

Still, Porter is used to these odds, and believes that the team will do well in the season ahead. Especially considering that the 42 girls represent the largest track roster the school has had in the last 10 years.

"We have a good nucleus of distance runners—that's been a pretty strong tradition and will continue this year," Porter said. "Our distance runners should carry us through the season. Our throwing is pretty strong, too, and our sprinters, while young are pretty decent."

"I think the toughest competition our distance runners will face will be Monroe Jefferson. They have two girls who are pretty good, and could present a problem for us."

However optimistic he is, though,



The Milan girls' track squad will be led by seniors (l-r) Melissa Moss, Lindsay Stuart, and Asia Renning. Also expected to play a key role is senior Jessica Hammer.

Porter is a little worried about how the Big Reds will do in the jumping and hurdling events.

"We don't have any experienced jumpers or hurdlers, and I can't get any pole vaulters," he lamented. "There are three kids walking around school that would be excellent pole vaulters, but they don't want to commit to track."

"We have a lot of young kids out this year and we will build on that. It will take a couple of years, but we still will be competitive."

Porter expects the team will look "pretty green" when it meets River-view on April 5, opening day for the squad.

"I think we're going to do well at the end of the year," Porter said. "But we'll be a little green at the start."

THIS YEAR'S seniors are: Melissa

Moss, Lindsey Stuart, Jessica Hammer, and Asia Renning.

Moss, in her third year on the track team, has distinguished herself as a sprinter.

Stuart, who is marking her fourth year in track, will compete in the distance running events. She also has been a cross country runner during her career at MHS.

Hammer, a 3-year veteran of the track squad, is Milan's chief thrower, competing in both discus and shot put.

Renning, also a 4-year competitor and a cross country runner last fall, will lead off the middle distance runners.

Juniors Kayla Mitchell, a 3-year track veteran, will compete as a middle distance runner, while Amy

Mulawa will tackle the high hurdles and Megan Serpa will run the longer distances. Sprinters include Kim Ricker, Casey Sedlarik, and Lisa Wojtowicz. Wojtowicz and Sedlarik are seasoned throwers, and will be joined by April Zabinski.

Sophomores include: Mary Bolz (middle distance), Nicole Bredernitz (distance), Nancy Dailey (thrower), Lisa Eddy (distance), Jocelyn Farr (middle distance), Kendra Hartmann (middle distance) Crystal Holey (sprinter), Lizzie Howard (thrower), Meaghan Hughes (distance), Catherine Kanitz (sprinter), Meg Law (distance), Sha'Ran Love (sprinter, long jumper), Kelly Loy (distance) and Heather Sanch (distance).

Newcomers to spring track feature a few faces from cross country, including Kiel Porter (distance), Cassie Miller (distance) and Jennifer Coleman (distance). Others in their first year of high school track include: Kristyn Ard (sprinter), Jenny Carano (sprinter, hurdles, jumper), Kendra Castleman (thrower), Samantha Doe (sprinter), Lena Heyn (thrower), Tiffany Messer (sprinter), Megan Paselk (distance), Jessica Saren (sprinter), Danielle Smith (thrower), Katelyn Smith (sprinter), Jessica Stevens (sprinter), Maggie Travin (distance), and Kristen Wojtowicz (thrower, sprinter).

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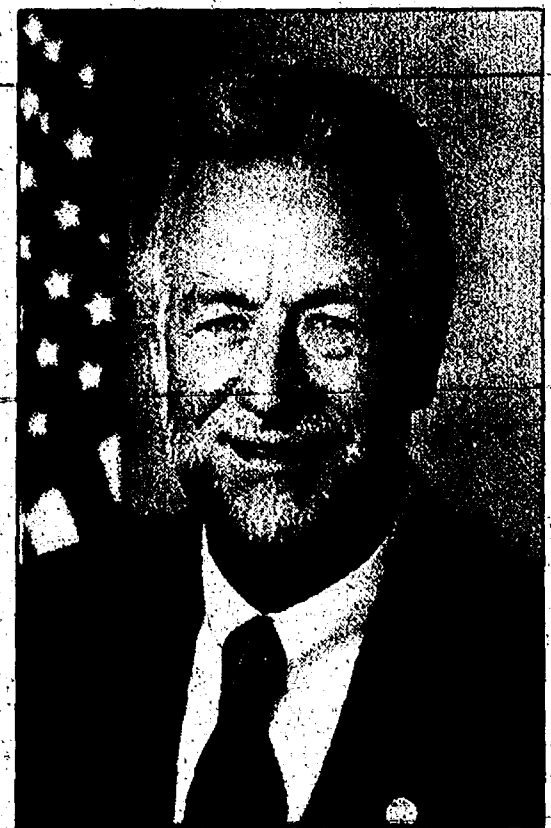
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"Michelle, who will be our leadoff hitter, also has been a four-year starter and has great leadership skills."

SENIOR shortstop Carly Rizor, a starter for the past two seasons, earned second team All-Southeastern Conference honors last spring.

"She's tops in her class academically and is a very good player," said Zoltowski.

At second base will be Joy O'Bryan, a valuable utility player last year who saw action at virtually every position.

"She's very versatile and has a strong arm, and is in her third year on the varsity," said Zoltowski.

Juniors Ashley Ludwig and Rachel Foor also are a keystone combination for Milan.

Senior Anna Drevitch, who is recovering from a shoulder injury, is scheduled to start at first base with sophomore Amy Loehndorf as her likely backup. The catching duties will be handled by senior Lacey Steinhilb, a fine hitter and a second team All-SEC choice last year.

On the mound for Milan will be sophomore Lindsey Greer, who tossed a pair of no-hitters last year, and senior Jill Bobicz, who also will see duty in the outfield.

In the outfield plans for Milan are Hayes, Bobicz, Amelie Budny, Amanda Martinez, Renee Foor, Johnita Vanwasshova, Shauna Howard, and Megan Gruden.

Coaching the JV squad this season

is Chris Packard, a teacher at Milan High, while Sarah Hogan will guide the freshman team while also assisting Zoltowski with the varsity duties.

"Like the football program, we rely on our seniors to lead the way," said Zoltowski. "How they respond to the

"As far as the league, Airport is definitely the favorite, while Flat Rock also is loaded. It will be a dogfight among the rest of us."

**— Jim Zoltowski
Milan coach**

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Milan baseball

New league poses fresh challenges for Big Reds

By Renee Lapham Collins

Associate Editor

Although this is the first year that Milan will compete in the Huron League as an official member, it doesn't mean the Big Reds are complete unknowns.

They have played some of the Downriver powerhouses before, primarily in tournaments and non-conference showdowns.

"We look forward to playing in the Huron League, but we will miss the rivalries in the SEC," said Milan coach Matt Avery of the switch.

Last fall's teams fared well in the league, to the surprise of some coaches. The football team won its fourth conference crown, while the girls cross country team took a second regional title.

Avery's strategy in this "in between" year, he says, is to start a mixture of seniors and juniors.

"We are in an in-between year," he said. "We are returning six letterwinners."

"The key to the season will be the development of our pitching staff."

He is looking to Jim Perry (outfield), Jeff Smith (outfield), and Kevin Reatherford (third base) to complement Aaron Tennyson in the pitching rotation.

"Otherwise, we will be using sopho-



The Milan baseball team will try and stay a step ahead of the competition beginning April 6 with a twinbill against Ann Arbor Huron.

mores," he said.

Tennyson, who doubles as a first baseman, led the Big Reds in wins last season with seven and averaged 1.5 strikeouts per inning.

First baseman Jesse Hoskins led the Big Reds in batting, hitting .387 last year and catcher Neil Strong was the Big Reds' anchor behind the plate.

ROUNDING OUT the roster are: Mark Truhn (outfield, second base), Kurt Ginter (shortstop), Zach Tselios (second base), Shane McDonald (outfield), Pete Galanti (outfield), Ben Holly, (second base), Larry Yates (third base), Aaron Shinn (outfield), J.P. Steinke, Gary Dereszewski (third base), Ross Ginter (first base), and Chad Gruden (catcher).

Assistant coaches include Dave Fulford, Bob Ginter, and Dave Hoskins.

The Big Reds home opener was Wednesday against Grosse Ile, and this Friday, Milan will play host to Ann Arbor Huron, when the River Rats come to town for a doubleheader.



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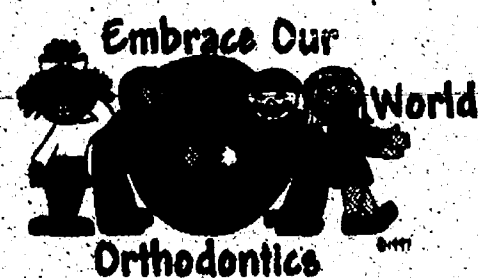
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Milan boys' track and field**Milan thinclads primed for Huron League competition****By Renee Lapham Collins**

Associate Editor

Whether the Milan boys' track team is a contender in its first year in the Huron League is uncertain.

But, Coach Rich Pellegrini is confident that at least some of the thinclads will qualify for the state meet.

Taking a page from the manual of Coach Steve Porter, Pellegrini is looking ahead to the end of the season, when his squad has honed its talents against the best that the Huron League has to offer.

"Because this is our first year in the Huron League, we are unsure of our fate," said Pellegrini. "We do hope to be in most of the meets and we believe that Airport, Monroe Catholic Central, and Jefferson will be the top teams returning this year."

GETTING THE nod as team captains is the quartet of Tim Beehler (hurdler, sprinter), Eric Pfeiffer (sprinter), Jimmy Stines (thrower), and Steve Wojtowicz (sprinter, hurdler).

Rounding out the team are: Josh Bunton (thrower), Brandon Couch (sprinter, jumps), Drew Cummings (pole vault, distance), Josh Dedinsky (distance), Jeremy DeVee (sprinter),



Photos by Renee Lapham Collins

Milan's track teams will host Riverview April 5 in the season opener. The Big Reds will travel to Grosse Ile for an April 10 meet.

Bill Eaddy (sprinter, jumps), Jason Gunderson (thrower), Ash Haushalter (thrower), Charles Heyn (distance), Jon Hart (sprinter, 800, jumps), Elliot Hlavaty (thrower), Robert Isely (distance), Carl Jenkins (distance), Ryan Kovacs (sprinter, hurdler, thrower), Dan Kanitz (thrower), Shane Kormos (distance), Nick Lindamood (thrower), Adrian Miller (distance), Greg Nelson (sprinter, jumps), Dorian Norwood (sprinter, jumps), Dan Polenz (distance), Billy Raikes (distance), Ian Rauscher (thrower), Matt Roberts, Lawny Sanford, Clay Steinke (hurdlers, jumps), Lorenzo Stines (thrower), John Wanty (distance), Aaron White (sprinter, jumps), Drew Zawacki (thrower), Chris Zukowski (sprinter, hurdler), and Rusty Zola (pole vault, hurdler).

THE BIG NEWS for the Big Reds this spring is the Division 3 Regional Track Meet, which Milan will host at the new track on Saturday, May 19.

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Saline girls' track and field

Saline team figures to play second fiddle

By Tom Kirvan
Editor

If there is strength in numbers, then Saline would seem to have a stranglehold on first place in the Red Division of the Southeastern Conference entering the girls' track season.

If only there wasn't another division team that makes all others see red each time they step out on area tracks.

That squad, of course, wears the Purple and White uniforms and generally is regarded as one of the top three teams in the state and even registers on the national radar screen, according to Hornet coach Dave Medley.

"Pioneer literally is in a different league than the rest of us," said the veteran Saline coach, now in his seventh year guiding the Hornets. "They have tremendous talent and depth in just about every event. They're not only one of the best teams in the state, but they're one of the top 10 nationally. The race in our division is for second place."

Still, Medley is impressed by the talent and spirit of his squad, which numbers a school record 95 members. He's particularly delighted with his distance corps that includes a number of Saline's top cross country run-



Photo by Tom Kirvan
Renee Loehndorf, a Saline senior, will bolster Hornet hopes in the distance events this season.

ners from the SEC and regional championship team last fall.

"We have a number of excellent distance runners that will keep us competitive in most meets," said Medley. "In the other events, it will be a case of seeing how some of our younger performers develop. We do have some talent from what I've seen so far."

Serving as captains of this year's squad will be Beth Niethammer, Michelle Stevenson, Katie Wagner, and Julie Carrier, a quartet of returning letterwinners that will be counted on for points and leadership. They also hope to soften the blow of losing such standouts as Amy Hatfield, Melanie Miller, and Diane Young to graduation.

Niethammer figures to be Saline's top threat in the shot put and discus, as the Hornets attempt to overcome the loss of last year's top thrower Anna Baker, now competing for Pioneer. Junior Connie Nagel will bolster Saline's hopes in those events, while Medley is still searching for a pole vaulter to lead his charges. The long jump will likely be a Saline strong suit with returning letterwinner Samantha Stegenga and Glory Landon leading the way, while Anna Kissell is the top high jumper in the pre-season.

Senior Kim Keller will be a mainstay in the sprints, where she finished third in the 100 meters at last year's SEC championship with a 13.1 clocking. She also helped the Hornet 400 and 800 relay teams to runner-up finishes to powerful Pinckney. Julie Carrier is the team's top returning hurdler.

The Hornets will field another excellent 3,200-meter relay team, thanks to the return of Allison Kraeger, Amy Blum, Danielle Chase, three members of the state qualifying squad from last year.

Kraeger, who will specialize in the half and mile events, won the 1,600 meters in the 2000 SEC Meet, overtaking a Pinckney and a Lincoln runner in the home stretch to cross in 5:24. She'll be aided by her cross country colleagues Erin Patton, Danielle Chase, Laura Brosius, Renee Loehndorf, and Amy Blum, who has displayed "scary potential" in the quarter and half-mile events when healthy, said Medley.

"We should have a good team and several of our girls have the potential to make it to the state meet," said Medley.

The season begins April 10 at Ann Arbor Huron.

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Saline boys' track and field**Saline to go the distance in defense of league title**

By Tom Kirvan
Editor

Three straight league titles and two consecutive regional championships.

Throw in a state championship relay team and you get the idea about the strength of the Saline boys' track program over the last 3 years.

What will the Hornets do for an encore?

Coach Dave Medley is hesitant to guess, but he's not the least bit reticent about offering an opinion on the strength of this year's Saline squad: the distance events.

As in potential All-State candidate Sean Moore and his cross country cohort Ed Davis, two of the finest distance runners in Division I.

"When you start with Sean and Ed you have the makings of a very good team," said Medley. "As seniors, they have the experience and ability to provide a lot of points for us in the distance and relay events."

The pair also will help ease the loss of last year's distance aces, Steve Sherer and Mike Kusner, both now running for Michigan State.

Sherer and Kusner comprised half of Saline's state championship 3,200-meter relay team along with Moore and Nick Battle, who will be one of the top half-milers in the region this year.



The formidable one-two punch of Ed Davis (left) and Sean Moore will spark Saline in the distance events this season.

Photo by Tom Kirvan

Moore, who will likely take his running talents to the University of Michigan next fall, is pegged as one of the top 3,200-meter and 1,600-meter runners in the state, while also displaying the speed to excel in the half-

mile with Battle. Davis, not to be outdone, has title aspirations of his own in the 3,200 and 1,600 events, and figures to be an important member of the 3,200-meter relay squad.

Adding to the strength of the dis-

tance contingent are freshmen Dustin Voss and Neil Atzinger, juniors Landon Medley and Ryan Weaver, and senior Luke Schmerberg.

In the 400, Saline will be led by senior Logan Braun, who has been particularly impressive in the pre-season, according to Medley. Rusty Douthat, Will Young, and Billy Kuebler also will challenge in the 400, Medley said.

The 100 and 200 events are "wide open," said Medley, with track newcomers Bobby Everett and Matt Swiss likely to make an immediate impact.

"They're both excellent athletes who could help us out in those events," said Medley.

Robert Holst and Kuebler will be Saline's top threats in the hurdles, hoping to compensate for the loss of Frisco Melendez.

In the field events, Jon Komarmy has All-SEC potential in the high jump, while Jason Wilkinson, Chris Gilbert, Matt Hall, and Chris Rang will bolster Saline's chances in the shot put and discus.

"The league should be very strong this season with Adrian probably posing the biggest challenge," said Medley. "We beat them in the regional last year, but they are very strong in the sprints and field events."

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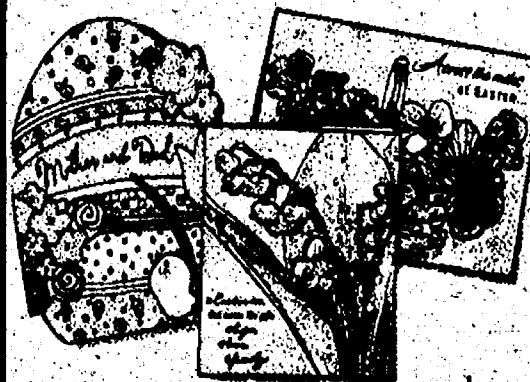
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Saline shutout

Saline's varsity soccer squad blanked Chelsea 11-0 March 27 in the home opener. Junior Amber Gracey is pictured dodging a Chelsea defender, while teammate Julie Daniel stands poised to lend a hand—or foot.

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Saline soccer

Hornet soccer program building winning tradition

By Frank Weir

Staff Writer

The Saline girls' varsity soccer team has begun its season with high hopes for yet another successful year.

Last year, the Hornets captured their fourth straight SEC title before losing a 2-1 heartbreaker to Ann Arbor Pioneer in the district championship.

The team posted a 16-3-1 overall mark for the season.

Things will be all the more interesting this year with the SEC league realignment throwing Pioneer into the SEC Red Division fray along with the Hornets.

In something of an understatement, Hornet mentor Rachel Townsend said that Pioneer "is a big rival for us and all the more so now that they are in the same league with us."

"And we are planning on seeing them again at districts."

But she quickly adds that team goals remain the same: a league title and district championship.

"We have a really tough but good schedule this year. It is highly competitive. We are looking forward to facing them as well as several other really tough teams," she said.

In addition to Pioneer, other important non-league games on the schedule include Livonia Stevenson, Detroit Country Day, Plymouth



A scoring machine for Saline, Libby Parrish heads upfield in action last week against Chelsea.

Photo by Frank Weir

Salem, and Birmingham Groves.

That sort of competition lays the groundwork for Saline to develop as a state power, Townsend said.

Leading the squad this season, and acting as co-captains, are seniors Kelly Still and Libby Parrish. Still recently signed to play soccer for

EMU next fall.

"We're glad to have Kelly and Libby with us this season," Townsend said. "We expect great things from them both."

"Kelly has worked hard in the off season. She had a great season last year and she should score a lot of

goals for us this season as well. She's a great leader on the field.

"Libby helped lead the girls' basketball team to a district championship during the winter and she is a phenomenal leader for us. She has a lot of confidence and poise. The other players look up to both of them."

Overall, Townsend cites the team's "athleticism and quickness" as definite pluses. "The kids have a lot of heart. They've spent a lot of time on fitness and they are practicing well."

"I would like to see us work on our ball touches but that will come with time as the season progresses. And their athleticism will overcome that."


"All the players are very supportive of each other which I am always glad to see," Townsend said.

"Yes, we are young but very experienced. Some of our juniors are starting their third year on varsity."

Filling out the roster are juniors Lou LeBlanc, Julie Daniel, Amber Gracey, Ashley Ball, Correy Cabrera, and Elise Wahlstrom.

Sophomores include Casey Herron, Kelly Fazio, Dana Restrict, Hannah Patterson, Amber Taylor, Lauren Sigler, and Sarah Thiess. Freshmen include Meghan Moore and Carrie Kraeger.

Assisting Townsend is Dave Tapping, who also heads the JV contingent.



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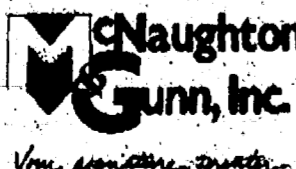
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Saline softball

Coach sees 'phenomenal potential' in softball team

By Nathan Bomey

Special Writer

The turn of the real millennium has brought about changes in all walks of life, and the Saline varsity softball team is no exception.

The team's league, the Southeastern Conference, has been transformed and so has the Hornet squad.

Adrian, Bedford, and Ann Arbor Pioneer have all joined the SEC, forming the Red Division along with the Hornets. Old, yet current rivals Tecumseh, Dexter, and Chelsea make up the SEC White Division along with Lincoln.

The league lost Milan and Pinckney, and Saline lost several key seniors to graduation including star pitcher Katie Flores, catcher Jenni Lindimore, and first basemen Stacy Cherry.

The turn of the millennium may have drained the Hornets of some solid, experienced players, but Saline coach Shelly Yelsma says that she doesn't expect her squad to have trouble managing the situation.

"I THINK that this year's team is going to be stronger than last year's team," said Yelsma. "We have phenomenal potential this year."

Yelsma disagrees with the notion that her team's young average age will disrupt the team's progress.



Photo by Frank Weir

Saline will attempt to dust off the competition beginning April 9 with a home twinbill against Belleville.

"The girls have plenty of experience. We had an excellent JV team last year," she said.

Yelsma believes that her team is full of individuals who are ready to lead the way, a quality that often points towards a team's success.

However, while inspiration and leadership are good qualities in the quest for a successful season, it can only carry a team so far, until an extensive pool of talent is needed.

No problem, got that too, said Yelsma.

"We are stacked. Last year, our strength was defense and it looks like that is going to be a strength again this year," she said.

Pitching is another one of the strong suits for the Hornets this year, with sophomore Jackie Baublitz, senior Lisa Clark, junior Katy Loy, and senior Ashley Ludwig forming the team's staff according to Yelsma,

a teacher at Saline High.

SPEAKING OF high school, chemistry is another aspect that the Hornets have acquired, according to Yelsma. The 9-year head coach indicated that an average of 25 girls have been participating in conditioning practices three days a week since last November. She feels that this routine has helped form team unity.

Yelsma expects games against Bedford (4/23, 5/10), Chelsea (4/26), and Tecumseh (4/16) to be heated contests. But, the most interesting game may be against Dexter (5/7).

This game showcases Saline's first battle versus Ed Arbour, former coach of the Hornets who now heads up the Dreadnaughts.

Versus these squads and others, the 2001 Hornets look to get the real new millennium started on the right note with the following roster: Junior Sarah Brown (2B), and junior Dayna Crawford (OF), junior Caryn Finkbeiner (2B), junior Helen Gall (C, 3B), senior Allison Hieber (3B), junior Sara Hill (OF), junior Erin Jahnke (C), junior Kelly Jamieson (1B), senior Lynn Wojcik (OF), senior Lindsay Stewart (OF), junior Channi Kaur (SS, 2B), senior Laura Rodgers (SS), junior Cathi McConnell (1B, 2B), Baublitz (P), Clark (P, 1B), Loy (P, 3B), and Ludwig (P, OF, 1B).

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Saline tennis

Seniors to lead the way for Saline netters

The Saline tennis team comes into the 2001 season on the heels of two very successful seasons. In both years the team qualified for the state tournament, and even managed to make some noise once they were there.

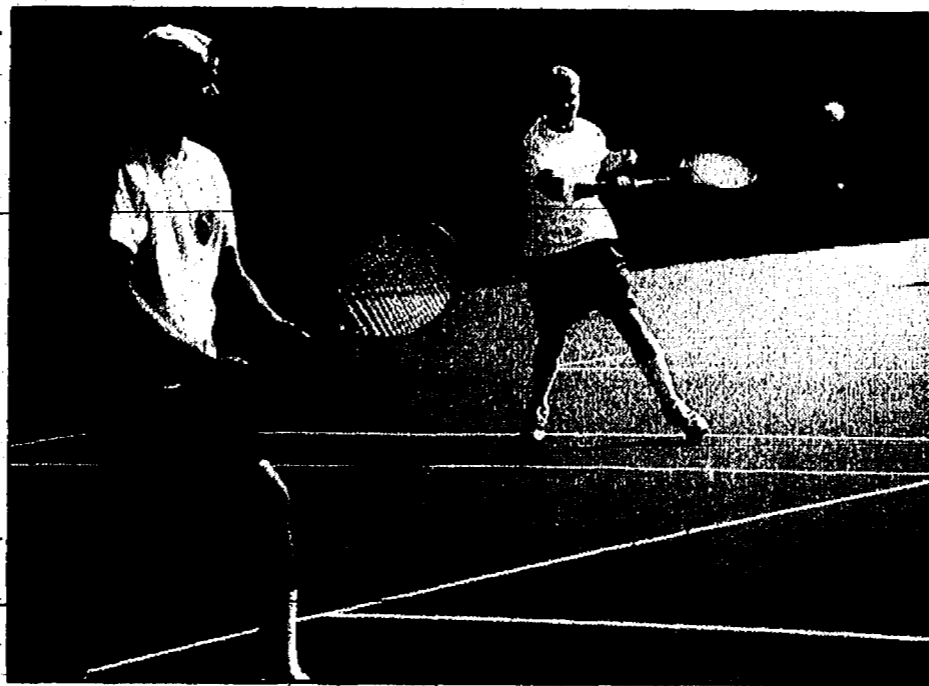
Several of the mainstays of these teams, however, have graduated.

This year's team will have to make due without No. 1 singles player Chris Mitchell, who is now playing for Michigan State. Likewise gone is the No. 1 doubles team of Ryan Miller and Paul Sacks, and Stephan Lindsay, who played No. 3 doubles.

While losses to graduation are part of high school sports, Saline tennis was hit particularly hard this year.

To make matters worse, key rivals are stronger than ever. According to long time Ann Arbor Huron coach Jim Burdelski, the strength of Huron's incoming freshman class was such that three returning members of last year's state qualifying varsity squad will be pushed to junior varsity status. Ann Arbor Pioneer's team was greatly aided by the addition of John Seyforth, who played No. 1 singles for Greenhills last year.

IT IS GENERALLY agreed that one strength of this year's team will be spirit and leadership. Senior cap-



The doubles team of Greg Simms (left) and Barry Eye will be counted on heavily this season as the Hornets tackle a demanding schedule.

tains Barry Eye and Clayton Perry, along with junior captains Chris Dilks and Andrew Pickens are respected for their leadership, sportsmanship, and character. In point of fact, the team as a whole appears to be a group of exceptionally fine young men.

Coach Mark Randolph got his first look at this year's squad in a competitive situation at the March 24 Saline Indoor Invitational scrimmage.

This annual event provides an opportunity for the Saline, Huron

and Greenhills' coaches to assess their teams and work out a few kinks before starting the formal competitive schedule. The University of Michigan's beautiful Varsity Tennis Center provided the setting for this event.

While the match schedules and pairings are somewhat less formal than in mid-season, the competitive spirits seemed in mid-season form. Chris Dilks lead the way for the Hornets, collecting a pair of wins at No. 2 singles; losing only six games in

his four sets. After losing nine of the first 10 games, Perry engineered a 1-6, 6-4, 6-1 come-from-behind victory at No. 3 singles by switching from an aggressive attacking style to a more conservative wear-out-the-opponent approach. Freshman Trevor Ferguson commenced his varsity career with a similar come-from-behind win, hammering out a hard fought 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory.

On the doubles side, the No. 1 team of Eye and junior Greg Simms battled through 18 match points, before finally putting away their Huron opponents.

The No. 2 team of Pickens and senior Mike Dennison pounded out a gritty 6-1, 3-6, 6-1 victory.

This annual event seems to generate mountains of enthusiasm from its participants. Perhaps because of the ambience of the gorgeous facility in which it is held. Perhaps because it serves as a harbinger of spring, even as the snowflakes fell outside. Or perhaps Coach Randolph summed it up best, when he stated "It's a great day for tennis fans in the area; it's good competition, with good kids, good coaches, and good parents. It's a good start."

—Submitted by Steve Perry

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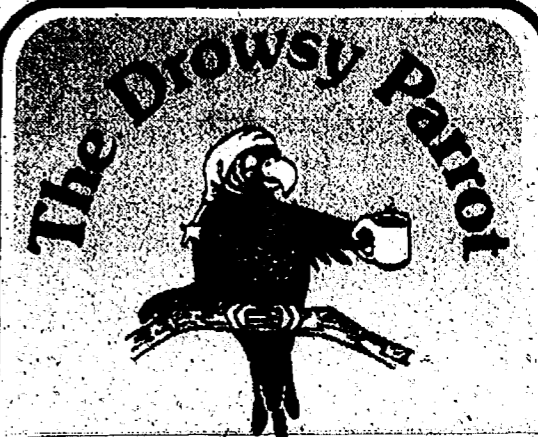
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Saline baseball

Hornets aim to rebound from subpar season

By Tom Kirvan
Editor

It's a familiar pre-season lament for high school baseball coaches:

"Our pitchers are having a hard time finding the strike zone and our hitters are having just as hard a time getting the bat on the ball."

Actually, maybe it's a mid-season musing for long-suffering Tiger fans. But that's another story.

This quote has Saline baseball coach Scott Theisen written all over it after the veteran skipper put his 16-member team through its pre-season paces last week. Of course, Theisen remains confident that his hurlers will find the plate by the time of the season opener April 10 at Ann Arbor Pioneer and that his batters will make regular contact against more than just the Purple and White.

History is on his side, it would seem, even though last year's 19-14 record was somewhat sub-standard for the Hornets. In 1998, Saline made it to the championship game of the state tournament before falling, while in 1999 the 36-7 Hornets were bounced by Troy in the state semifinals. Hopes of a storybook ending for Saline in 2000 were dashed by Temperance Bedford in the opening round of district play.

"It wasn't quite the season we



Saline senior Steve Osterling will be part of the Hornet mound corps this season.

anticipated," said Theisen. "The attitude we displayed wasn't always the best and it showed in the results on the field and in the standings."

This year, there is a "positiveness" that pervades the Saline camp, according to Theisen, and he believes that it will translate into more wins on the Hornet side of the ledger.

"The attitude has been great and everyone is pulling together instead of going their own way," said Theisen.

Much of his optimism can be traced to the return of shortstop Eric Ichesco, a senior standout who was

an All-State selection as a sophomore when he batted .491. The two-time All-SEC performer will split time between short and the pitching mound this season, while also supplying the Hornet offense with power and punch.

"He's definitely as good a player as there is in the league and is a legitimate Division I prospect," said Theisen of Ichesco.

Jordan Walker, a second team All-SEC choice last spring, will man second base for the Hornets. Todd Lauerma, another key returning let-

terwinner for Saline, will be stationed at third base, while seniors Steve Osterling and Dan Slocum will battle for the starting position at first base.

Behind the plate, Noah Hampson and Kyle VanBuren will vie for playing time, hoping to replace last year's starter Steve Dorow.

Graduation took its biggest bite from the team's pitching ranks, where ace Joe Finnerty no longer resides.

"We don't have someone of his caliber this year, but we do have some pitchers with talent and experience," said Theisen.

Senior Jeff Rust along with Ichesco and Lauerma are expected to see most of the mound duty, while Kevin Haynes, Mike Rodgers, Nathan Bomey, and lefty Jason Rust also will see action.

In the outfield, the Hornets will rely on senior Joe Wahl, Kyle Heffelbower, Curtis Wilkinson, Jeff and Jason Rust, Haynes, VanBuren, and Hampson.

Theisen expects Adrian to enter the season as the Red Division title favorite, giving the nod to Chelsea in the White Division.

"Chelsea should have an excellent team," said Theisen. "They won the league last year and they have a lot of talent returning."

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Saline golf

New coach at the helm of Saline girls' golf squad

By Tom Kirvan
Editor

For Charlie Henry, it's the proverbial tough act to follow.

Or, if you prefer another shopworn sports cliché, big shoes to fill.

Whatever the time-honored phrase, the new Saline girls' golf coach will try to continue the perennial success the Hornet program has enjoyed under the direction of Clem Corona, who earlier this year retired following a distinguished coaching career that spanned three decades.

"I've always admired the job Clem did with the golf program here and I hope to continue the Saline tradition," said Henry, who now enjoys a second career as a golf instructor.

Henry is no stranger to coaching, serving as an assistant girls' and boys' golf coach at Ann Arbor-Huron for the past 4 years. He also runs his own

golf instruction program known as "Better Golf," a business based at Brookside Golf Course during the warm weather months. The Illinois native previously taught at the Ken Venturi Golf Academy in Southfield and Liberty Driving Range in Ann Arbor, and also can be spotted in the winter at the Arbor Dome helping golfers polish their game.

Henry grew up near St. Louis and graduated from Eastern Illinois University, where as a walk-on he eventually became the golf team's captain and MVP. He then embarked on a career in marketing, first with Eaton Corp. and then with the former Great Lakes Bank, opting for an early retirement 6 years ago.

"I've always had a passion for the game of golf and once I retired from banking I then had the time to devote to teaching," said Henry, who has a

wife, Jeanne, and two sons in college, Jarrod and Luke.

This spring Henry takes over a 22-member Saline team that returns four letterwinners and is marked by a youthful look.

"On the whole, we're a very young team with five or six of our players brand new to the sport," said Henry. "But that should make the season fun, hopefully seeing the inexperienced and new players develop to a point where they have confidence in their swing and game. Part of the goal here is to expose these kids to the fact that golf is a lifelong sport that they can enjoy in business and social settings."

Heading the list of returning players is All-Southeastern Conference selection Melissa Gordon, a Saline junior. Also back is sophomore Katherine Spittler, a second team

All-SEC choice last spring. Emily French, another sophomore, is the team's other tri-captain, while classmate Sarah Peace completes the list of returning letterwinners.

"They will form the nucleus of the team and hopefully some of our freshmen will challenge for the top varsity spots over the course of the season," said Henry, who will be assisted by JV coach Lisa Hopkins, a former Saline golf star.

Graduation claimed all-league golfers Erica Edwards and Kim Wootton from last year's SEC championship squad, which finished fourth in the regional to narrowly miss a berth in the state meet.

"Ann Arbor Pioneer, even though they lost some very good players, will still be strong, but we should have a very competitive team," Henry predicted.

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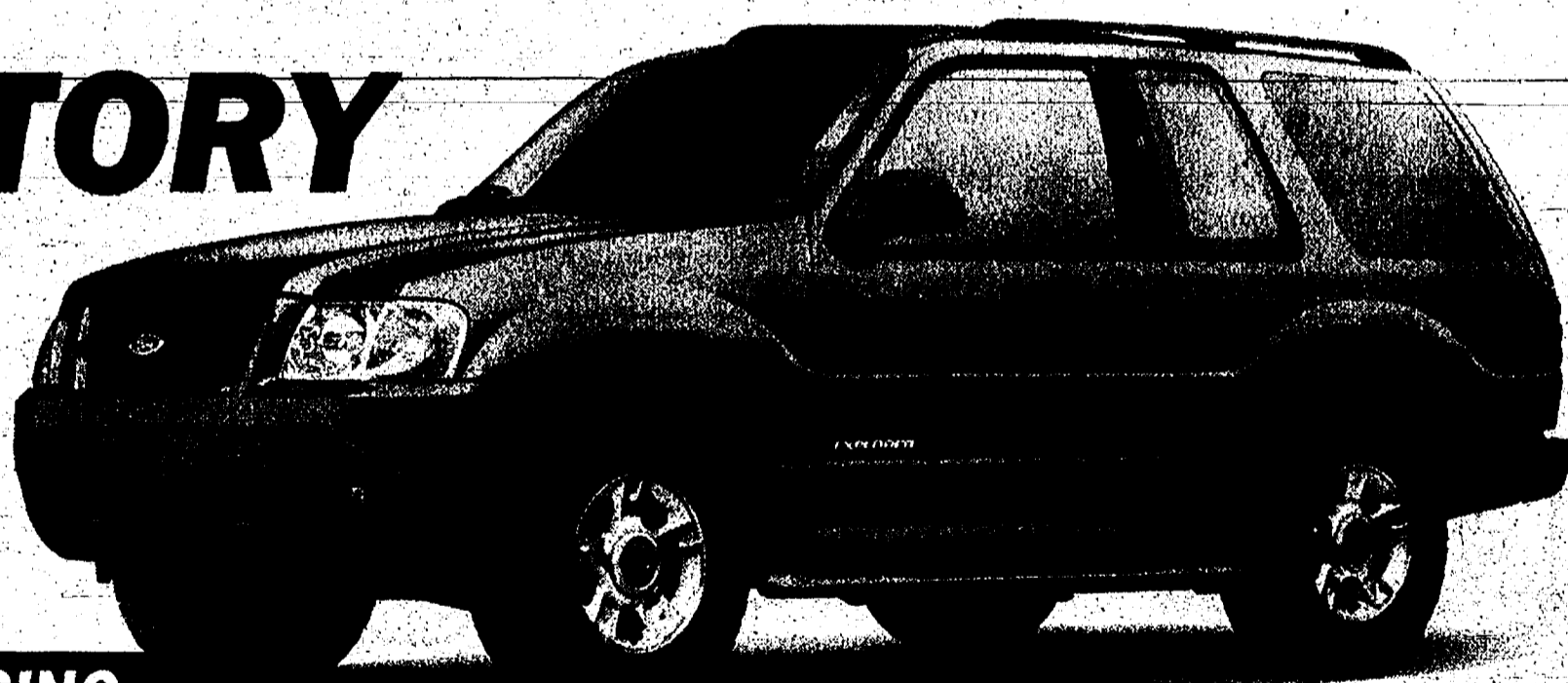
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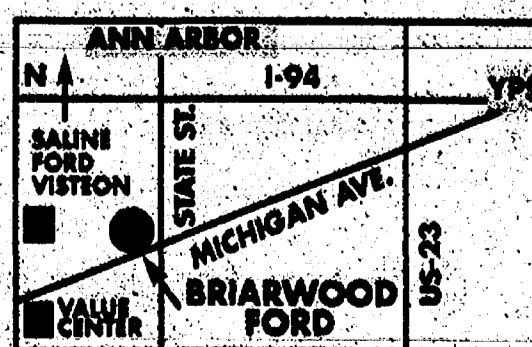
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