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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIFTH YEAR 116 46 Chelsea, Michigan, Thursday, April 12, 2001 28 Pages This Week

## Five candidates run for school board

■ One eight-year veteran and four newcomers to vie for two seats.

By Sheila Pursglove  
 Staff Writer

Five candidates are in the running for the Chelsea school board. The slate includes one eight-year veteran and four newcomers.

Two four-year terms are up. Vice President Sandra Merkel will run for reelection, but Trustee Jan Roberts will not. Newcomers Robert Turner, John Davidsen, Beth Starkey and Frederik van Reesema have also put their hats in the ring.

The candidates have until today to

withdraw. The name of anyone who does not withdraw after today will remain on the ballot.

Merkel was first elected to the Board of Education in 1993. She served as board secretary in 1996 and 1997, and has been vice president for the past four years.

A resident of Chelsea for 29 years, Merkel is a registered nurse at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and is an elected officer of the Michigan Nurses' Association at the chapter and state levels.

Merkel and her husband, Patrick, have a daughter, Martha, a 1995 graduate of Chelsea High School.

Merkel was involved in the PTO when

her daughter was in elementary and middle school. She serves as liaison to the Chelsea Education Foundation.

Among the highlights of her tenure on the board, Merkel lists the construction of Chelsea High School and Pierce Lake Elementary, refurbishing existing school buildings, the alternative high school, technology in the classroom, teacher and staff development, mutual gains negotiations and smaller class sizes at the lower grade levels.

"Currently, I head the subcommittee developing a proposal implementing an ongoing process to provide communication and engagement with the community," Merkel said.

"I would love to see this proposal to its implementation and the data and information that it will provide the board and the community."

Turner had a previous run for school board in 1996, but his campaign was curtailed because of family medical problems and his daughter's birth. Turner finished third behind candidates Scott Broshar and Jill Taylor.

The owner of Turner Electric Service in Dexter, Turner lived in Chelsea until he was 5 years old, then moved to Ann Arbor. He moved back at age 17 and has lived in the area ever since. His wife, Juli (Pratt), is a graduate of Chelsea High

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Faith In Action to change clothing room

Faith In Action will be closed on Friday and will not accept clothing donations for the next two weeks.

During this time, the organization will be changing the clothing room from winter to spring and summer clothes.

The group will accept new clothing donations beginning April 30.

#### Artists wanted for show in Waterloo

Artists are wanted for the Craft and Classic Car Show and Attic Treasures and Bake Sale slated 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 10 at 8110 Washington St. in Waterloo Village.

The Waterloo Village United Methodist Church Building Fund will sponsor the event.

Call Barb Beeman at 475-2697 or Shirley Case at 1-517-596-2958 for more information.

#### Local author to appear at bookstore April 21

Chelsea Little Professor Book Center will host local author Cynthia Furlong Reynolds from 2 to 4 p.m. April 21.

Reynolds' new book, "Our Hometown: As Seen Through the Eyes of a Midwestern Village," was recently published by Sleeping Bear Press.

Participants are invited to share their memories of Chelsea events and stories during the presentation.

#### DeRossett to speak at meeting on Saturday

The Western Washtenaw Republicans will meet 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the Wolverine Food and Spirits, M-52 and Old US-12.

The featured speaker will be state Rep. Gene DeRossett.

The group meets every second Saturday of the month, with refreshments and a featured speaker. For information call 475-3874.

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### Grease is the Word



Pierce Lake Elementary School was transformed into Rydell High, circa 1959, on March 29. Frenchy, Danny, Sandy and Rizzo — aka secretary Betsy Elkins (left), teacher Craig McCalla, secretary Marti Williams and Principal Lucy Stieber — were all in town when the school held Dress As Your Favorite Character Day to close out March Is Reading Month.

## Blaze destroys home

■ Lyndon Township family escapes unscathed.

By Sheila Pursglove  
 Staff Writer

Firefighters from Chelsea, Dexter and Stockbridge fought two home fires April 4 on Sugarloaf Lake Road in Lyndon Township.

The cause of the first blaze is still under investigation, but Chelsea Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood said a portable heating unit may be to blame. Heat from the fire ignited the second home, located just 20 feet away.

Firefighters were called to 1280 Sugar Loaf Lake Road at 1:29 a.m. as both homes owned by Matthew and Dianne Dobos burned.

"We were woken in the night by Matthew pounding on the door to say their house was on fire," said Cheryl Dobos, Matthew Dobos' sister-in-law.

"My husband, Paul, went to direct the fire trucks. I had to stay in our house with our kids."

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## Chamber of commerce to relocate in summer

■ New office will provide unique opportunity for small businesses.

By Sheila Pursglove  
 Staff Writer

The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce is suffering growing pains and is doing something about it.

"This office is good for one person, but we need more space to expand," said chamber Director Brian Hamilton.

So, in a dual effort to alleviate the problem and offer growth and expansion, the chamber plans to move into a 1,100-square-foot office at 522 N. Main St. The chamber is currently housed in a small, basement office in space shared with the village.

The new space, previously rented by surveyor Chuck Wilson, is undergoing improvements and should be ready by June, Hamilton said.

What makes this move unusual is that it will also bring about an opportunity for small startup businesses in the community. The space will provide an office for the director, an area for an assistant, as well as three to four small offices.

"We envision people with startup businesses who are currently operating out of their home to move into a small office space where the rental payment will include shared services," Hamilton said.

While there will be no secretarial services, Hamilton said the chamber would provide phone and voice mail, high-speed Internet service, fax, copier and utilities.

Members of the chamber would have the first opportunity to rent space, with a 10 percent discount. If space is still available, the opportunity then would be offered to the public.

"This is a new direction for the chamber to be able to nurture new businesses, as well as benefit ourselves with new space," Hamilton said. "The rent paid by the new businesses would cover our rent since our budget doesn't stretch to that."

"This will alleviate our space issues and lack of visibility. We'll be right on Main Street and can have a sign on the building."

"I'm very excited about the move. It's great for a whole lot of reasons," he said. "It's a new stage of development for the chamber."

Hamilton said in November board members identified a half a dozen goals to work on this year. One goal was to provide resources for chamber members.

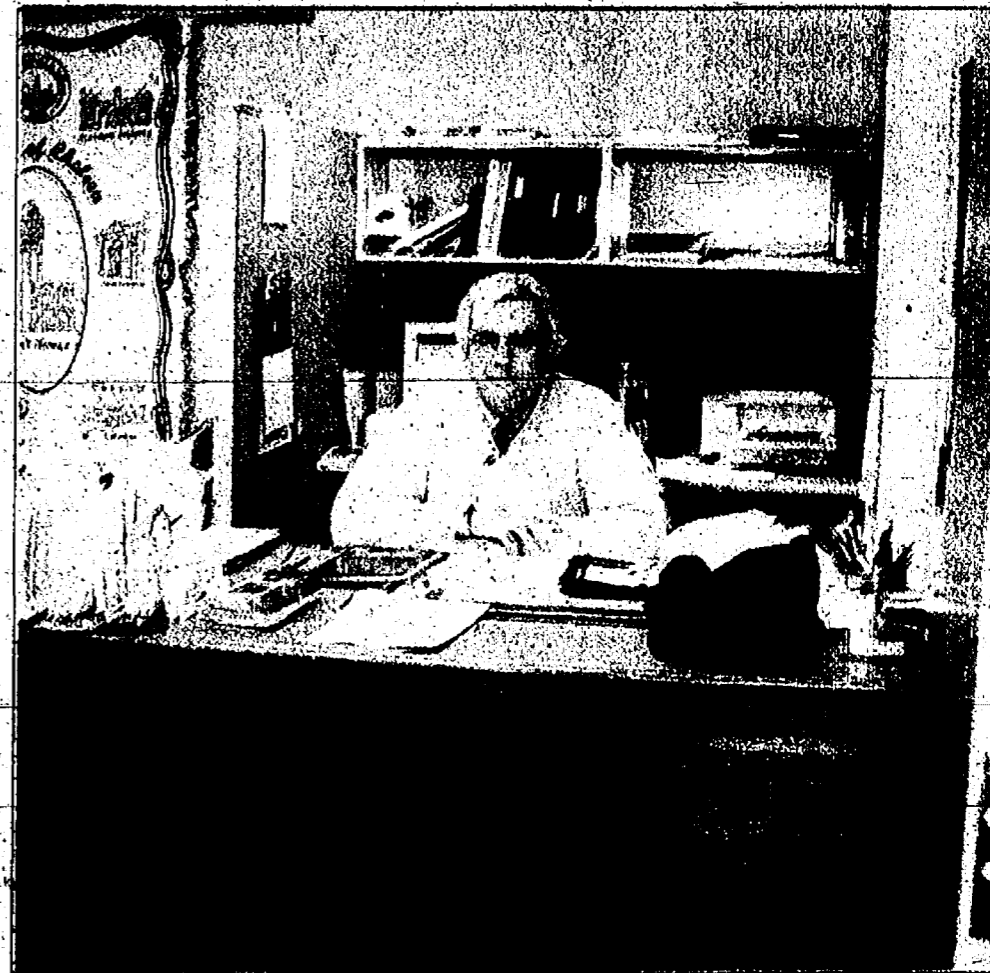
"President Ric Sauer's vision is to make the chamber a destination for area businesses and to be a resource center for small businesses," he said.

"We tried to do it in the past, but on a hit-and-miss basis. This office has been stressed for a long time, and we're just keeping our head above water."

Future ideas include having an e-mail station for chamber members to retrieve messages, a color copier and printer, a place for job postings and a library of business books.

"We're switching gears, trying to be more

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Brian Hamilton, director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, is looking forward to moving out of cramped space in the basement of the Chelsea State Bank, 114 N. Main St. The chamber plans to move to a new location at 522 N. Main St. and offer space for startup businesses this summer.

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# Congressman hears village concerns

Community leaders seek funding for sewers, bypass.

By Lisa Allmendinger  
Staff Writer

Congressman Mike Rogers listened to the concerns of Chelsea community leaders and answered questions about the availability of federal funding for projects Monday in the village offices.

"If I'm going to be a good advocate in Washington, D.C., I need to know what I'm advocating," Rogers told village officials and community leaders.

Chelsea Village Council, the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, the Village Planning Commission and the zoning department were represented at the meeting, which was organized as part of

Rogers' "Listening Tour." Chelsea was the 20th stop on Rogers' tours of the 8th Congressional District, which includes the village.

Village President Richard Steele asked about the availability of federal funds for the village's streetscape program to be done on the south side of town. The village would like to put in sidewalks from M-52 to Interstate 94 to make the entire area accessible.

A public hearing for the project is expected later this month.

Also on the wish list is funding for curb and gutter, as well as streetlights for pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

County Commissioner Joseph Yekulis explained the Chelsea Area Traffic Committee's plans for a proposed by-pass around the village and asked that the

project be considered for funding.

Rogers told the group that once total costs are calculated and all the engineering studies are complete, it will be easier to try to include the projects in the mix.

"That (transportation) money will be spent somewhere, why not here?" he said.

"We need to get our name in the hat (for these one-time expenditures)," he said.

The federal government has begun its budget process. President George W. Bush introduced the package Monday.

Also discussed was a need to rebuild Madison Street, where local officials said sewers are collapsing. But Rogers said sewer money is hard to come by.

"I've been to 20 communities

and every one I've talked to mentioned sewers," he said. "This problem ranges across the 50 states and 280 million Americans."

However, Rogers was not as optimistic about federal funding for sewer projects. He did say, however, that there might be a possibility of low-interest loans in the future.

Also discussed was the possibility of funding such educational programs as Parents as Teachers, as well as senior citizen programs.

Following his stop at the village offices, Rogers headed to Chelsea Community Hospital, where he spoke to the Chelsea Kiwanis Club.

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## Celebrating Girl Scout Sunday

North Lake United Methodist Church celebrated Girl Scout Sunday on March 11. Shown in front from left are Lela Longworth (troop 477) and Melissa Ederle (troop 1226). Standing behind from left are Lacy Godeler (troop 810), Kate Ridley (troop 1226) and Melanie Burchett (troop 810).

# Council names new commissioner

Oesterle steps down due to time constraints.

By Will Keeler  
Staff Writer

Chelsea Village Council has appointed Marcia White to the planning commission. She will fill a three-year term vacated by Mary Oesterle.

Oesterle is a speech language

pathologist at Herrick Hospital in Tecumseh and is co-owner of Westside Gym and Fitness Center on West Middle Street.

"I learned a lot and enjoyed it, but I want to spend more time with my 3-year-old son," she said.

White is no stranger to the Chelsea area. In recent years, she has been involved with the Chelsea Area Chamber of Com-

merce and has been a member of the Chelsea Area Traffic Committee involved in the planning of the proposed M-52 bypass.

For more than a dozen years, White has been selling real estate in the area. She is an accredited buyer and a certified residential broker. White works as an associate broker and salesperson for Charles Reinhart Co. in Chelsea.

"I hope to keep a balance in development in our community, hoping to see some affordable housing for young and mature citizens," she said.

White has a 22-year-old son, Trevor Kipfmiller, and lives in Chelsea. Her term will expire in June 2003.

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# Chelsea Industries looks to expand

Saline is one of three possible sites under consideration for new plant.

By Sheila Pursglove  
Staff Writer

Chelsea Industries, one of the top 10 employers in Chelsea, is looking to expand its operations and open a new plant outside the village.

Company officials said any new facility will be an expansion and will not affect the Chelsea operation.

The Tier 2 automotive supplier of seat frame assemblies and components is looking at three possible sites, but company President Paul Boucher said a final decision will not be made until summer.

One of the sites under consideration is in Saline. Boucher

declined to identify the locations of the other two.

Saline City Council recently approved the sale to Chelsea Industries of three lots in Saline's Sauk Trail Business Park at a cost of \$1,121,900. The company is planning an 85,000-square-foot facility.

"We're excited about our expansion plans as it represents a doubling of business," Boucher said. "The availability of the labor force in Chelsea and the availability of land here are both issues."

The company currently has a labor force of 100 in Chelsea and 60 people are employed at the company's plant in Kentucky.

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**Thursday, April 19, 7 pm Chelsea Poetry Competition Celebration 7 pm**  
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# Residents learn how to help the environment

■ Friends Center hosts conference about global warming.

By Kent Ashton Walton  
Special Writer

On Saturday, the Michigan Friends Center near Chelsea hosted a conference about global warming.

Several dozen people from the Washtenaw County area, including a handful of Chelsea residents, gathered to hear from a panel of local and state experts on the subject before breaking into discussion groups.

"We are hoping to create a forum for local citizens to learn about issues of climate change and find ways to respond on global and local levels to these challenges," said Alan Connors of Ann Arbor, a conference organizer.

Connors pointed out the role that churches are taking in addressing global warming. The Michigan Interfaith Coalition for Creation is helping religious communities explore "environmental justice" as a leading spiritual concern of the day.

"There is an important connection between valuing creation and acting as good stewards of the Earth," Connors said.

Panelists David Brooks, David Wright, John Hofweber and Isaac Elneceve addressed global-warming issues from the international, national, state and local perspective.

John Hofweber, a sanitarian with the Environmental Health Division of Washtenaw County Environmental Health and Pollution Prevention Department, addressed local issues. He said that increases in carbon dioxide levels correlate with post-industrial growth.

Hofweber suggested combining conservation and renewable resources with a conservative use of traditional energy production technologies.

Hofweber helps manage the Ypsilanti air monitoring station, which informs people about what is happening to the air locally.

Isaac Elneceve, who is affiliated with the Michigan Environmental Council and Michigan Global Warming Steering Committee, addressed regional and state issues. He believes that one of the major problems is politics.

"We have the technologies, but because of national and state policies, aren't using



Alan Connors of Ann Arbor speaks to a group of area residents Saturday during a conference on global warming. The event was held at the Michigan Friends Center near Chelsea.

them," he said. Coal plants in Michigan are a major contributor to carbon dioxide emissions, he said.

David Wright, a board member of the Ann Arbor Ecology Center, addressed national issues. He said that the U.S. production of greenhouse gases is out of proportion to the population. He outlined various ways individuals can alleviate the problem.

Wright said hybrid technology for automobiles would be the next major step in reducing emissions.

David Brooks, a retired engineer who has served as a consultant in Anchorage, Alaska, and Ann Arbor, addressed global issues.

In line with Connors' vision, participants organized themselves into two discussion groups focusing either on global or local issues. Individuals in the groups were challenged to identify two problems and two solutions to the global-warming topic.

Bill Bliss of Chelsea identified the need to replace standard automobiles with hybrid or fuel cell counterparts.

Lynn Meadows of Dexter Township described recent local efforts to prevent Panda Energy from building a power plant in the area.

"It's time for us to look at alternative energy sources like solar, hydro or wind power," she said.

Other ideas, ranging from establishing standards for reducing auto emissions to reducing urban sprawl by encouraging planned growth, centered on local communities and economies.

Those participating in the global discussion group pointed out some of the global-warming statistics needing national and local attention.

According to a Sierra Club report, manmade global warming is occurring much faster than at any time in the past 10,000 years. The group said motor vehicles, smokestack industries and lawn care machinery are major polluters. According to some scientists, the effects of climate change could result in the death of millions of people worldwide from flooding, storms and droughts. Diseases such as malaria are expected to increase, as well.

In the Great Lakes region, scientists warn that lake levels could be affected and precipitation will continue to rise, limiting agricultural productivity and increasing the incidence of disease.

Solutions to such problems do exist, conference organizers stressed. They said it's important for the United States to participate in the sixth Conference of the Parties at The Hague in July to negotiate the Kyoto Protocol and reductions of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide.

Other areas include reducing carbon dioxide emissions from cars, cleaning up electrical power plants, and increasing the

use of clean wind and solar energy.

Some suggestions for saving energy discussed during the conference include:

- Running dishwashers only when full.
- Washing clothes in warm or cold water, not hot.
- Turning water heater thermostats to 120 degrees and adjusting home thermostats.
- Replacing air filters as recommended.
- Buying fluorescent or energy-saving light bulbs.
- Installing low-flow showerheads.
- Getting a utility company to do a home-energy audit.
- Recycling.
- Planting more trees.
- Using energy-efficient appliances and cars.

• Walking instead of driving short distances.

• Learning more about environmental issues.

Toward the end of the day, attendees participated in a letter-writing campaign. Letters to President George W. Bush and Christine Whitman of the Environmental Protection Agency focused on the need to develop policies for reducing industrial and vehicle emissions by 5 to 7 percent by the year 2012.

Some letters were also addressed locally to the University of Michigan encouraging the university to continue exploring efforts to replace some of its buses with hybrid vehicles.

The conference was sponsored by a number of local groups, including the Friends Lake Community of Chelsea.

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School. Their daughter, Madeleine, is in second grade at North Creek Elementary School, where Turner served two years on the PTO and is currently president of the organization. Daughter Molly attends Little Lambs preschool.

"I have such a deep interest in children and want to help the district continue to be the top quality district it is," Turner said. "Chelsea is an exciting place to be because parents are very involved in the schools."

Davidson retired early from a

career in communications and public relations to spend time with his two sons. Son Kristian attends Pierce Lake Elementary School and John Jr. is a student at Beach Middle School.

Davidson and his wife, Susanna, have called Chelsea home for five years since moving from Ann Arbor.

A member of Zion Lutheran Church, Davidson is looking forward to becoming more involved in the community now that he has the time and opportunity.

He has served on several non-profit boards, most recently as president of the University Lutheran Chapel Alumni Association at the University of

Michigan.

"Our Chelsea schools are exceptional, and I'd like to be part of maintaining and guaranteeing those exceptional attributes," Davidson said. "After all, our schools have our children one-third of the time, and I'd like to be a part of that."

Starkey has lived here since 1976 and is a graduate of Chelsea High School, as is her husband, Todd.

The Starkeys have three children, Tanner, a first-grader at North Creek Elementary School; Cameron, a preschooler; and Quinn, 2 months old.

Starkey works part time for Edward Jones investments in

Chelsea. Her husband is a mortgage consultant for Home Loan Specialists in Livonia. The couple moved to Chelsea from Westland.

A member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Starkey volunteers her time in her children's classrooms and with their many activities.

She is also involved in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, serving her second year as captain of Team Starkey.

"Both Todd and I felt we got quality educations in Chelsea. We wanted to raise our kids here because of the excellent school system," Starkey said. "With three young children, I feel we

have a lot at stake in the continuing excellence of the schools and serving on the school board is a way of giving back to the community."

Van Reesema first moved to Chelsea 25 years ago. While he has also called Ann Arbor home, he and his wife, Mareli, moved back nine years ago. Their two sons, Frederik and Peter, are pupils at Pierce Lake Elementary School.

An attorney in private practice, van Reesema also does administrative work for the Avila Child Care Center on Old US-12.

He has served on the Chelsea United Way board, was a founding member of Briarwood

Rotary Club in Ann Arbor and spent six years on the board of the Child Care Network in Ann Arbor, including two years as treasurer.

Van Reesema is a soccer coach with the Chelsea Recreation Department and his wife is active in the Pierce Lake Elementary School PTO.

"I've been going to school board meetings for the past two years, and it's given me an interest in their policies and directions and how it directly affects children and their families," van Reesema said.

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## BLAZE

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so I called the neighbors."

Matthew Dobos, a builder, was remodeling the second home, which burned to the ground. The home where the family was living suffered extensive damage to the roof and ceiling, and water damage to the second floor.

Matthew Dobos said it is too early to tell if the home can be rebuilt.

The couple has two daughters, Clara, 5 weeks, and Nora, 2. Cheryl Dobos said the family fled the home first and later returned for personal items.

"Matthew and Dianne just grabbed the babies and ran out of the house," she said. "Later, they were able to save some items, including the crib and

Dianne's piano."

The family is living in the home of Gail and Jerry Nelson on Sugar Loaf Lake. The Nelsons, parents of Cheryl Dobos, are in California.

Cheryl Dobos said neighbors, friends, family and the family's church have been helping.

"We're such a tightly knit community here, I knew people would rally round with help and support. This has just been dev-

astating to the family," she said. Parishioners at Immanuel Bible Church in Chelsea are helping to catalog items lost in the fire. The family belongs to the church.

Matthew Dobos was treated at Chelsea Community Hospital for stress and dehydration after struggling to keep his residence wet with water from the lake to prevent the fire from spreading. Chelsea Fire Chief Dan Ellen-

wood said firefighters from Manchester manned the Chelsea station while 25 Chelsea firefighters responded to the call.

"When we're all involved on a call, we call in backup in case another call comes in," he said.

Ellenwood said he closed out the report at 7 a.m. but investigators stayed until 11 a.m.

Firefighters also responded to

a fire on Sunday when a pole barn at Rosentreter Excavating Inc. at 18740 Stockbridge Chelsea Road caught fire and sustained heavy damage. Ellenwood said 20 firefighters responded. Help also arrived from Dexter and Manchester.

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## CHAMBER

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proactive for our members, asking them what they would like the chamber to do for them," Sauer said. "We called several other chambers of commerce in towns of a similar size, and asked them what they did that worked well."

"We saw and liked what the Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce do. They have a lot more space, but it at least gave us a target as to what we want to provide. We want to have answers for our members and resources to help them."

Hamilton credits Art Dils, board member and president-

elect of the chamber, with spearheading the idea. Dils, CEO of Silver Maples Retirement Community, had previous experience with the concept as owner of The Office Center, a business in Ann Arbor he has since sold.

"This is the typical next step for a small, home-based business who wants to grow and have a more professional appearance and presence," Dils said.

"As important as having business facilities is the fact that these small businesses will be on the same premises as the chamber of commerce. Being able to interact with people who come to the chamber offices will be a huge advantage.

"Small business owners will enjoy being alongside each

other and the chamber office, being able to talk together and enjoy a sense of camaraderie."


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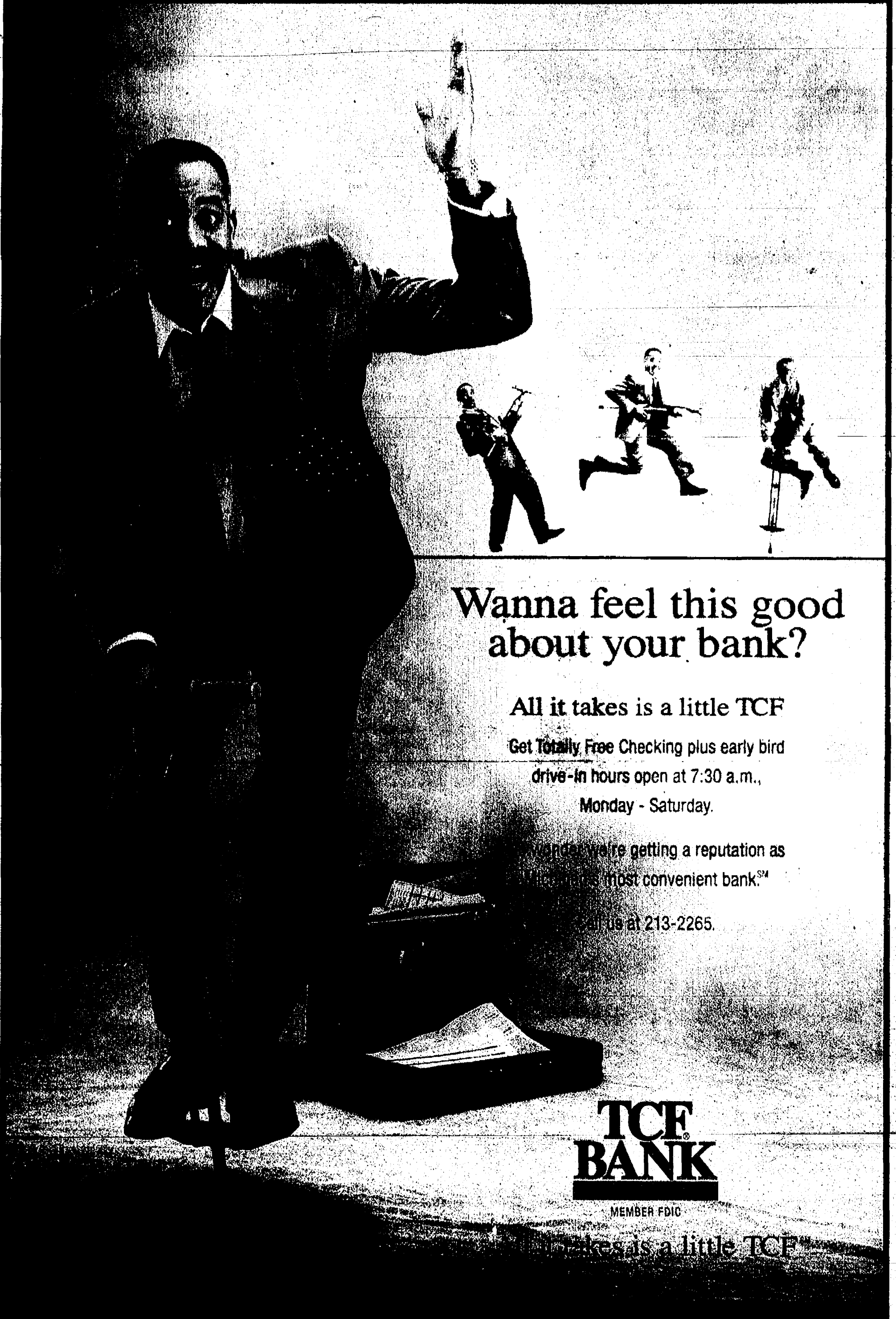
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# Grant to fund dance camp

Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan, formerly Dance Arts Performing Ensemble, has been awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs through the nonprofit enterprise At Work Center.

Youth Dance Theatre is a youth dance company with more than 70 boys and girls from Washtenaw, Jackson and Livingston counties. Its members perform at community functions, school outreach programs, and

out-of-state performances. The newly awarded grant will be used to fund an intensive non-residential dance camp in Chelsea, with classes in ballet, pre-pointe, pointe, partnering, modern, jazz, and tap. The curriculum will be enhanced with courses in music history, set design and stage craft. Flamenco and African dance, nutrition, massage therapy, stage make-up, and career options.

The Summer Dance Intensive is under the artistic direction of

Wendi DuBois, the group's artistic director and an experienced dance instructor and choreographer with more than 20 years of experience.

The camp is scheduled for the last three weeks in August, with three separate divisions running concurrently from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call the Youth Dance Theatre hotline at 475-3070, or visit www.YouthDanceTheatre.org

# Grass Lake grad ends basic training

Marine Corps Pvt. Paul Music, son of Paul Stever of Grass Lake, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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

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

to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

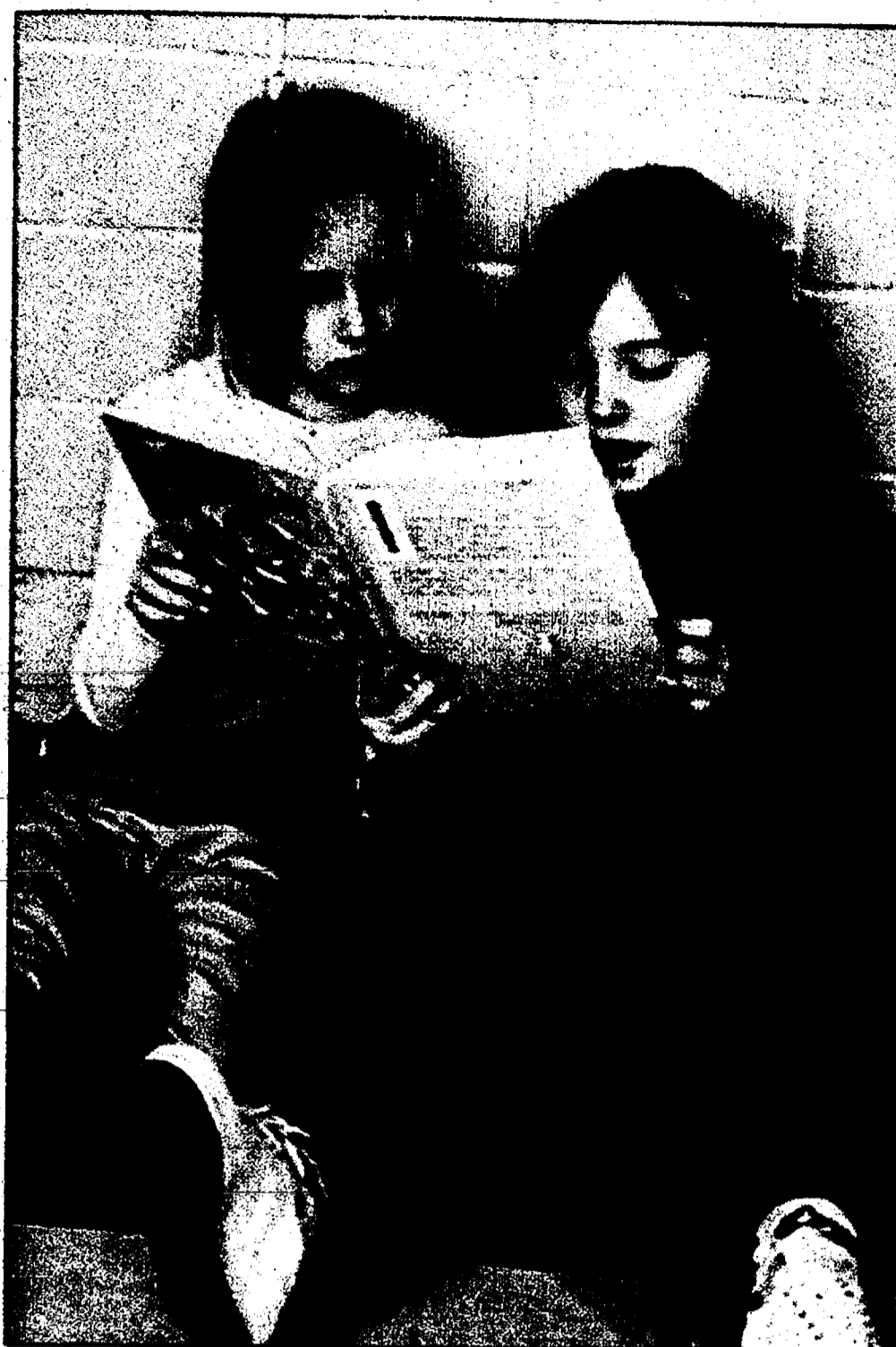
They also performed close-order drills and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Music and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values, which are honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Music and his fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution, which culminated with an emotional ceremony where the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as Marines for

the first time since boot camp began.

Music is a 2000 graduate of Grass Lake High School.



## Reading Revels

Pupils at South Meadows Elementary School racked up 6,372 hours of reading during March Is Reading Month. This was 1,372 hours over the goal of 5,000 hours, and averaged 15.9 hours per pupil. On "Fantastic Friday," March 23, older pupils read to the younger ones. First-grader Hope Morrow (left) shares a good book with third-grader Gabrielle Brown.

## Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt slated for Saturday

Chelsea Kiwanis Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday at the Chelsea Retirement Community, 806 W. Middle St.

The Kiwanis Club, along with the high school Key Club, will hide more than 4,000 eggs for local youngsters to collect. Retirement home residents will fill the plastic eggs with soft candy and Easter novelties provided by Kiwanis.

In addition to the treats in the

eggs, there will be special prizes for each age group for finding special eggs marked by the Key Club.

The egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. for children 3 and younger. At 10:15 a.m., the hunt will be held for those ages 4 to 7, and at 10:30 a.m. for children 8 years and older.

The Easter Bunny will arrive at 9:30 a.m. to visit with the kids and for picture opportunities.

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Please worship with us tomorrow evening, Good Friday, at 7:30 p.m., as we consider what it cost Him to provide us with eternal life, and again on Easter Sunday as we celebrate His victory over death, with services at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Even if you've never visited us before, please come this weekend and celebrate the endless life our God has prepared for you!

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# POLICE BLOTTER

## Scio Township

### Credit Card Fraud

Someone recently purchased airplane tickets fraudulently on a credit card through the Internet company travelocity.com.

The tickets were purchased on a credit card belonging to a Scio Township man. The man called police when he noticed the charges on his statement March 29.

Tickets, valued at approximately \$500, were purchased for Sun Country Air and United Airlines.

Police contacted the fraud department at travelocity.com to cancel the reservations.

### Warrant Arrest

Police arrested a 22-year-old Whitmore Lake woman around 10 p.m. at the intersection of Baker and Jackson roads for driving with a suspended license.

The officer initially stopped the vehicle because of a burned out headlight. A computer check revealed the traffic warrant.

### Property Damage

Someone damaged a woman's car between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. April 2 in the Bell-Howell employee parking lot.

The victim told police that someone used a sharp object to carve a vulgar word on the front hood of her late model Ford.

Deputies said they checked the car's hood for fingerprints but none were found.

Damage to the car is estimated at \$400.

### Assault and Battery

A 13-year-old boy was reportedly assaulted by a 54-year-old man at approximately 7 p.m. April 2 in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road.

The boy told police that he was playing baseball with friends behind his trailer near the suspect's backyard. He said the ball was hit into his neighbor's yard and the man, who was out walking his dog, picked up the ball and put it in his pocket.

The two argued and then the man reportedly grabbed the boy by his arms and threw him up against the back of the trailer.

The mother of the boy told police that she wants to press charges against the man. Police said that injuries were minor.

### Driving with a Suspended License

While on patrol at about 9:30 p.m. April 3 in the area of Jackson Road and Metty Drive,

police stopped a car that had a burned out headlight.

A computer check revealed that the driver, a 38-year-old Chelsea man, was driving with a suspended license. The suspect also admitted that his driver's license had been suspended several times.

### Minor in Possession of Alcohol

A 20-year-old man was arrested for underage drinking at approximately 1 a.m. April 3 after police stopped a car the man was a passenger in. The suspect was in the front seat and was not wearing a seat belt when police stopped him.

Police said that when they were questioning the man they noticed a strong odor of alcohol on his breath.

A Breathalyzer test showed that the man had a blood-alcohol level of .147 percent. A level of .08 percent is considered legally drunk.

### Larceny

Someone entered two cars and took cash and several blank checks between midnight and 7 a.m. April 3 in the 5500 block of Cedar Ridge Drive.

The owner of the cars told police that one was parked in the garage and the other was in the driveway.

The man said that someone entered the unlocked cars and took \$30, as well as three blank checks. There was no damage.

The victim told police that he went to bed at about midnight and everything seemed all right. His son noticed the items missing the next morning.

The man's bank called him later in the morning to tell him that someone had tried cashing one of the checks. The bank employee said a middle-aged man fled before police arrived at the bank.

After reviewing security videotape, the man told police and bank officials that he did

not recognize the suspect.

### Driving with a Suspended License

Police arrested a 29-year-old Pinckney man for driving with a suspended license at about 6 p.m. April 3 at the intersection of North Territorial Road and Chamberlain Street.

Police stopped the man in his late model Ford for not wearing a seat belt.

The man was taken to Eight Mile Road and US-23, where custody was transferred to the Livingston County Sheriff's Department.

### Larceny

Someone drove off without paying for gas at about 3:30 p.m. April 4 at the Pilot Truck Stop, 195 Baker Road.

The employee at the truck stop said that someone pumped \$10 worth of gas in a late model Ford and drove off without paying.

### Lost Property

A 33-year-old Whitmore Lake man told police he lost his wallet at about 7:30 a.m. March 29 while walking to his workplace in the 6200 block of Jackson Road.

The man said his wallet was in the outside pocket of his jacket. He believes he may have dropped it at a construction site near the office.

The man did not realize his wallet was missing until the following morning when American Express called him about activity on his charge account. Apparently, the card was used in the Oakland County area on March 22.

The wallet contained several credit cards, insurance cards and \$8 in cash.

### Stolen Vehicle

A large moving truck was stolen between 5:30 p.m. March 30 and 7 a.m. March 31 from the parking lot of Men on the Move Inc., 6544 Jackson Road.

The truck had four dollies, 10

tie-down straps, 60 moving blankets and a tool kit worth more than \$1,600.

The owner of the moving company said that he noticed that the truck was missing when he came into work on March 31. He said that the only set of keys were still in the business office.

The owner said that he does not have any former employees who are angry with him and is not sure who would have taken the truck, which is worth more than \$16,000.

## Sylvan Township

### Breaking and Entering

Someone broke into a home between 10:45 a.m. and noon April 1 in the 19000 block of Old US-12. The homeowner told police that someone entered through an unlocked door on the west side of the house.

When the man came into the house, he noticed that both of doors were ajar and his living-room and bedrooms had been ransacked.

More than \$3,800 worth of belongings were reported missing. Some of the items include a TV, several video games, a laptop computer, a VCR, several compact discs and a fanny pack

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Photo by Mary Kumbler

## Differently Abled

Cornerstone Elementary School kindergartners recently participated in a program called Differently Abled. During the presentation, the youngsters learned about the wide variety of physical challenges facing many people. Alyshia Dugan finds out what it is like to be blind.

## 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 our 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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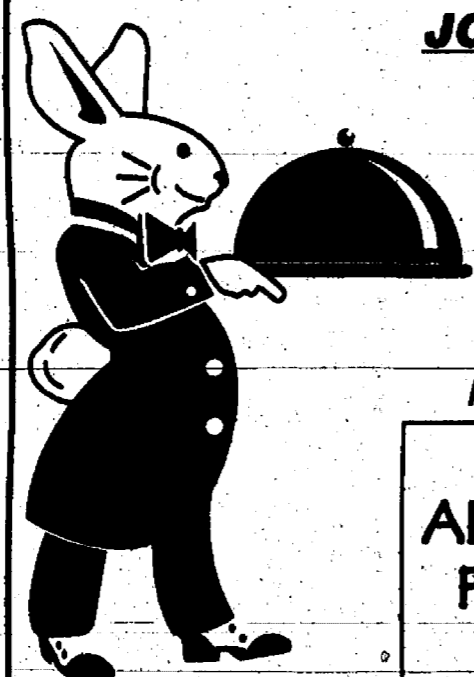
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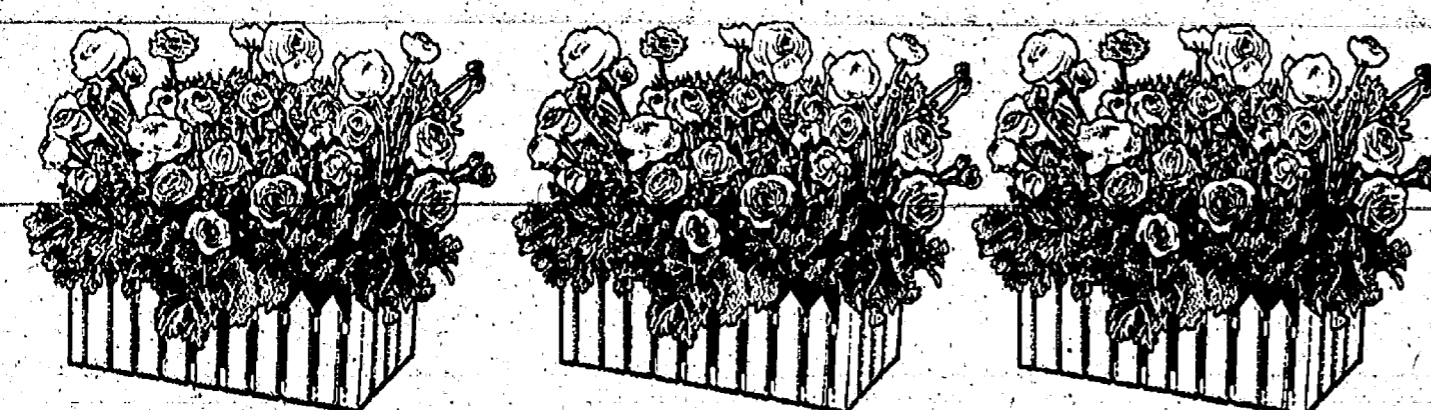
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# POLICE

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## Dexter Village

with about \$100 in cash.  
**Larceny**  
 Someone broke into a semi-tractor trailer and stole a pair of blue jeans during the early morning hours of March 30 at the Travel America truck stop, 200 Baker Road.

The truck driver, a 45-year-old man from Kentucky, said that he fell asleep at about 9 p.m. The man said he always keeps the truck's doors locked when he is sleeping.

The victim said that when he woke up at about 5:30 a.m., he noticed the light was on in the cab and the front passenger door was ajar. When he went up into the cab, he realized his jeans, which were on the driver's seat, were missing.

Inside his jeans was a wallet with a fuel credit card and approximately \$70 in cash. A key ring with several keys was also missing.

Police could not find any evidence of forced entry.  
**Warrant Arrest**

A 43-year-old man was arrested on a bench warrant at about 11 p.m. April 3 at the intersection of Baker and Dan Hoey roads.

Police stopped the man, who was driving a late model Jeep Cherokee, because of a faulty taillight.

The man was taken to the Washtenaw County jail after police realized that he failed to appear in court for a discovery hearing.

## Chelsea Village

**Larceny**  
 Someone stole about \$40 from an unlocked car between 11 p.m. April 2 and noon the next day in the 200 block of Wilkinson

Street.  
 The owner of the car said he parked at his mother's home. When he returned the following day, the money from the console was missing. A 12-inch piece of bamboo was also missing.

**Forged Prescription**  
 A 43-year-old Dexter woman was arrested at about 12:30 p.m. April 7 for forging a medical prescription.

An employee at Chelsea Pharmacy, 1050 S. Main St., called the police shortly after noon and told officers that someone tried to pass a false prescription.

A pharmacy employee told the woman that the prescription would be ready in 15 minutes. When the woman came back, police arrested her.

**Family Trouble**  
 A 15-year-old boy took his mother's car without permission at about noon April 7 in the 500 block of N. Main Street.

The mother said that her son threatened her, then got into her late model Cadillac and drove between two houses in the

neighborhood. The son told his mother that he was planning to drive to Pinckney.

When police arrived at the house, they searched the area but could not find the car or boy.

**Attempted Theft**  
 A 41-year-old woman called police to report that two young men were trying to break into her late model van at about 5 a.m. April 5 in the 700 block of W. Middle Street.

The woman called 911 and said that one of the men was trying to open the passenger door of her van. The van was parked in front of her apartment in the parking lot.

The woman said that she noticed the activity when she was getting up for work and happened to look out her balcony window.

The woman yelled at the two to leave and they left in a small unrecognizable car.

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



Photo by Mary Kumbler

## Cornerstone Contribution

As one of their social studies benchmarks, second-grade pupils at Cornerstone Elementary School are to exhibit responsible conduct as a member of society. Pupils raised more than \$9,000 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital by participating in a "math-a-thon" program. Each child was given a fun book containing 200 math problems. For each problem completed, sponsors pledged contributions. Pictured in the front row are Bryan Bentz (left), Ty Graham, Erica Swan and Ethan Foraver. In the middle row are Tyler Hanson (left), Kayla Kircher, Brittni Prehn, Christine Schmidt, Zaryn Jennings, Shannon Callery and Marne Little. In the back row are Christine Wolyniak (left), Amanda Pickard, C.J. McCrea, Natalie Wyatt, Ryan Morrison, Darcie Snay, Alexandra King, Nick Orr and Paige Tanner.

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# COMMUNITY

Thursday, April 12, 2001



## Local physician participating in National Bike Ride for the Family

By Sheila Pursglove  
Staff Writer

Local physician John Severin first became aware of Focus on the Family 15 years ago when he and his wife, Mary Lou, had their first child.

A nonprofit Christian ministry dedicated to supporting parents, the group was founded in 1977 by psychologist James Dobson.

"We listened daily to Dr. Dobson's parenting advice on the radio," Severin says. "Focus on the Family continues its mission to strengthen families. It helps my wife and I cope with a popular culture that is stress-filled and sometimes frenetic."

So strongly does Severin feel about the ministry that the Chelsea resident will take three days off in mid-June to participate in the Focus on the Family National Bike Ride for the Family, a 250-mile ride from Traverse City to Holland.

Similar rides are taking place in other states and are planned in all 50 states in the next two years. A final bike ride takes place in Colorado in July 2002, ending at the organization's headquarters.

Each three-day ride consists of 30 to 50 cyclists committed to raising \$3,000 in support of the min-

istry that runs radio and TV broadcasts, audio and video programs, 11 magazines, and "personal touch" ministries responding to the 90,000 telephone calls and 130,000 letters and e-mail each month.

"Each rider pledges to raise \$3,000," Severin says. "I'm struck by my friends' generosity and desire to support Focus on the Family."

"I wanted to participate both to support this important organization and to raise public awareness in Michigan regarding family issues."

The St. Clair Shores native will ride with 30 to 40 other people from around the country, although most will be from Michigan.

"Home-schooling mothers, overweight diabetics and people who have not ridden more than five miles before are pledged to participate and feel called to do so," he says.

Severin should be in slightly better shape. A cyclist since his first tricycle at the age of 2, as a high school student he enjoyed summertime bike rides from his home in St. Clair Shores to Metropolitan Beach.

"This seemed like a very long way back then but was probably about 18 miles round trip," he says.

In his college years, Severin rode from Lansing

to St. Ignace and across the Mackinac Bridge with the Dick Allen Lansing-to-Mackinaw Cycle Tour, an annual ride on Labor Day weekend.

"This was around 350 miles in four days with campgrounds and dinners provided," Severin says. "This was clearly the most fun thing I did during college. Northern Michigan is just beautiful that time of year."

After finishing medical school in 1981, he and a former roommate got together after their intern year.

"After our internship, in order to compare notes and to decompress after the most difficult year of my life, we met in Jasper, Alberta, and rode our bicycles through the Canadian Rockies for 700 miles," he says.

The pedaling pair then grabbed the Amtrack in Whitefish, Mont., rode it to Portland, Ore., and then took a Greyhound bus to Crescent City, Calif.

"Four hours later, our pedals arrived on a later bus. Somehow they had gotten separated," he says.

The duo then cycled 800 miles to Santa Barbara, Calif. The total trip of 1,500 miles took 21 days.

"We were just riding for ourselves back then but

it was a beautiful trip, the trip of a lifetime," Severin says. "I've not ridden more than 30 miles in a day since then."

To train for the long ride in June, Severin puts in at least an hour in the saddle on every day he has off work.

"I'll try to get one progressively longer ride in every week, working up from 17 miles to 60 miles," he says.

The gravel and pavement roads around Chelsea and Dexter provide him with plenty of terrain to cover. His choice of wheels is a mountain bike, modified with slick tires to make it roll more easily.

"We carried our own cooking gear, sleeping bags, tent, cameras and clothing on the 1982 trip, but I'm hoping for a bus to carry the heavy stuff on this trip," he says.

Severin and his fellow riders will probably sleep in church basements or motels along the way.

This is not Severin's first commitment to helping the community.

"I've worked a bit with Habitat for Humanity as

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## Strike up the band

### Local resident enjoys making music

By Sheila Pursglove  
Staff Writer

When area resident Paul Vaughan was young and learning to play the euphonium, his instructor was Leonard Falcone, a man he calls one of the greatest music instructors in the world.

"He described the euphonium as the sole tenor instrument of the symphonic band ... and as the sweetest, most heartfelt sound a true musician could ever enjoy," Vaughan says.

And Vaughan couldn't agree more.

The instrument — which takes its name for having a euphonious or harmonious tone — is a brass wind instrument with a conical bell. It is similar in appearance to a tuba or baritone and has a deep, mellow sound.

After playing the euphonium for 25 years, Vaughan can't recall whether the instrument was difficult to learn.

"I guess it would depend on the piece of music," he says. "It has a great tone to it and can be a lot of fun."

A native of California, Vaughan, who was raised in Whitmore Lake, has called Dexter home for the last 18 years. He studied music at Eastern Michigan University before deciding on a career in law enforcement.

Vaughan has been a detective with the University of Michigan Department of Public Safety for 15 years and is a medical examiner investigator with the Washtenaw County Medical Examiner's Office.

He served as president of the Washtenaw County Law Enforcement Association in 1997 and 1998, and is currently on the executive board of the Michigan-Ontario Identification Association, a crime scene forensics organization.

Vaughan is president of the EMU School of Police and Fire

Staff and Command Alumni Association and a member of the Disaster Assistance Recovery Team operated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Despite his career, Vaughan has managed to find time for music.

"I've always enjoyed making music and been a member of several international bands," he says. "I've played in several bands throughout the years and toured in both the United States and Europe."

"Probably the best known band was the 5th Michigan Regiment Band, a Civil War-era re-creation band, which toured the United States and Canada."

Vaughan was a principal musician, also known as first sergeant, and also acted as band historian. The band toured extensively in Michigan and in Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and New York.

"We also played at an actual session of Congress and were honored with being one of the first bands to play at the Gettysburg National Cemetery," he says.

"We also participated in the Muzzleloader's Festival at Greenfield Village, the Hudson's Thanksgiving Day Parade and others around the state."

Vaughan toured Europe in a U.S. ambassador's band, spending six months in Scandinavia, including Gothenberg, Oslo, Stockholm and several other cities.

While his favorite music is classical, he also enjoys modern music — everything from Shaggy to the Boston Symphony.

"I listen to Charlotte Church, Celtic music, the Canadian Brass, Queen — all kinds of music," he says. "The best euphonium music is by Holst or Sousa or some of the British sea songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams."

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Dexter resident Paul Vaughan, who has played his euphonium in several bands over the years, will perform 7:30 p.m. April 19 with the Eastern Michigan University Barnhill Band at the Song and Dance Concert at Pease Auditorium on EMU's campus.



# ENGAGEMENTS



**ENGAGED:** Kate Dunigan of Greenville, Ill., daughter of David and Carol Dunigan of Tampa, Fla., and Aaron Atlee of Greenville, Ill., son of Cyrus and Rowena Atlee of Chelsea, have set a May 20 wedding in St. Louis. The future bride is a 1997 graduate of Galther High School in Tampa, Fla., and is attending Greenville College, Ill. The future bridegroom is a 1997 graduate of Chelsea High School and is attending Greenville College, Ill.



**ENGAGED:** Julie Coates of Dexter, daughter of Laura and Mike Broda of Holly, and James Coates of Southfield, and Leonard Kitchen Jr. of Dexter, son of Leonard and Emily Kitchen of Chelsea, have set a June 9 wedding date. The future bride graduated from Milford High School and has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. She is employed in the advertising department at The Ann Arbor News. The future bridegroom graduated from Chelsea High School and has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. He is a student at Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

## Board to discuss regulations

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners will meet 6:30 p.m. April 19 at the county board meeting room to conduct a one-year review of a new county regulation for the inspection of residential onsite water and sewage disposal systems, which is done at the time of property transfer.

"Many citizens in the out-county area have been impacted by this new regulation, which is regulated by the Washtenaw County Health Department," said County Commissioner Joseph Yekulis.

"The county board would like to receive feedback on how this regulation is being applied throughout the county," he said.

The meeting will be held at 220 North Main St., in downtown Ann Arbor.

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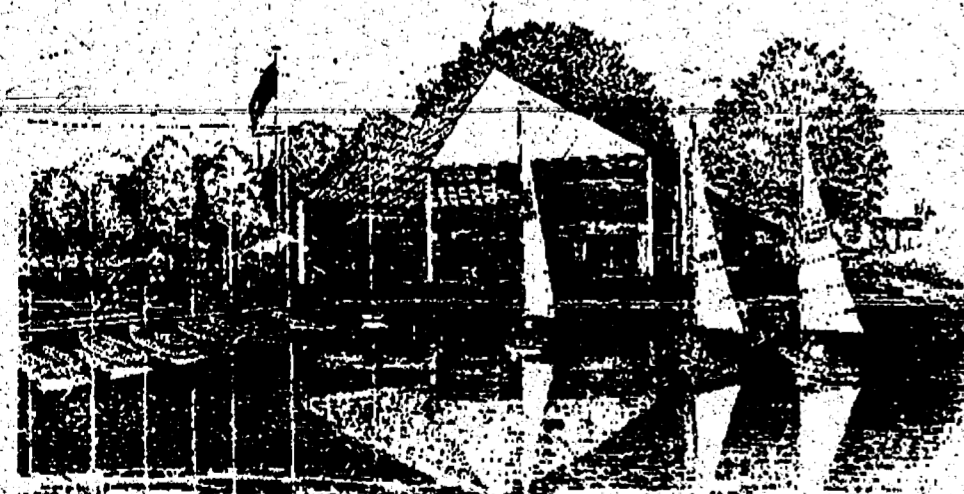
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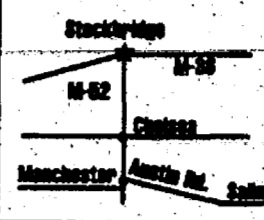
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## ADVENTURE

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a volunteer," he says. "I spent two weeks in Haiti with Tom Snyder from Dexter United Methodist Church doing some medical and construction work on one of his short term mission trips in 1999."

Severin earned his degree in zoology at Michigan State University before coming to the Chelsea area in 1976 to attend the University of Michigan Medical School.

"It was during my medical school training and due to the influence of a student group

called the Christian Medical Society, and then the Michigan Christian Organization during my residency, that I became a committed Christian," he says.

"This fit well with the service nature of medicine and is the main motivation for other community and service activities."

"After all, the answer I have found to the question, 'Why am I here?' is 'To know and serve God as best I can.'"

After completing his residency in family medicine in 1984, Severin practiced with the Inpatient Substance Abuse program at Chelsea Community Hospital from 1985 to 1990.

He then joined the faculty at

the University of Michigan and taught and practiced at the Family Practice Residency program in Chelsea for nine years.

In 1999, he joined a physician's group that staffs Urgent Care and Emergency Centers at Chelsea Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, and other hospitals in southeastern Michigan. His own base is at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Severin and his wife, who have called Chelsea home since 1988, are the parents of two children: John-Paul, a freshman at the high school, and Rachel, a seventh-grader at Beach Middle School.

Mary Lou Severin is a parent educator with Parents as Teachers and was team captain for the Timber Town project. She also served several years on the Chelsea Education Foundation, including two years as its president.

The family worships at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea, where John Severin serves on the parish council and with the respite program.

To join in financial support of Severin's trek, call 475-9937.

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



### Popcorn Prize Winners

Jimmy Clark (left), Paul Werner and Nicholas Worthington were the top three popcorn sellers in Cub Scout Pack 455. The boys, along with Tommy O'Neill and Sean Ruffin, who came in fourth and fifth, respectively, were awarded prizes by the pack at the Feb. 4 Blue and Gold banquet.

## MUSIC

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Vaughan practices at home for at least an hour a day, for the enjoyment of the music.

"It also gives my dog, Sheba, a chance to stretch her vocal chords," he says. "She likes the warm ups." The singing pooch is a Belgian shepherd. Vaughan is a member of the Four Seasons Belgian Sheepdog Club of southeastern Michigan.

The musician says the euphonium does not require a lot of maintenance, just care and attention.

"Because it has a wide range, it's important to stay frequent with it to do it justice," he says.

Vaughan is the new boy on the block of the Barnhill Concert Band, a campus band for non-music major students who want to play on a once-a-week, minimal-concert-schedule basis. The band rehearses weekly at EMU's Alexander Music Building.

Joseph Burke, Washtenaw County's chief assistant prosecutor, recruited Vaughan.

"We both share an appreciation for concert band music," Vaughan says. "I'm a new member and can say thus far that it's a fun group of quality musicians."

His debut performance with the Barnhill Band will be a free concert called "Song and Dance" 7:30 p.m. April 19 at Pease Auditorium on EMU's campus.

Songs will include hits from various decades, selections from Porgy and Bess and other Broadway show tunes.

"The concert is based on a dance theme, so we'll be playing all sorts of music connected to the art of dance," Vaughan says. "I'm sure that anyone who likes symphony band music would enjoy the concert."

For information on the concert call 1-734-485-4048.

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# Dexter library to host author

The Dexter District Library will host a presentation called "We Had to Love Them to Let Them Go" by William Becher. The talk will be held 7 p.m. April 19 at 8040 Fourth St.

Becher's presentation will cover the historical events surrounding the transport of English children to the United States during World War II. The program is free of charge and open to the public.

In 1940, many English families evacuated their children to the

rural English countryside, other British dominions and the United States to protect them from the continuing air raids and the threat of a German invasion of England. Becher's talk will cover the evacuations and the effects they had on the families remaining in Britain, as well as the children who were relocated.

"We had to love them to let them go" were the words spoken by Agnes Wales when a reporter accused her of not loving her

children because she — not knowing if she would ever see them again — chose in 1940 to send them across the North Atlantic in German U-boat infested waters to the United States.

When Becher heard this quote, it started him on a seven-year intensive study that culminated in his newly released novel "An Ocean Between." Becher's presentation will focus on the historical information he gathered in preparing to write

the novel. Becher is an electrical engineer, researcher, former University of Michigan-Dearborn professor and dean at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. After retiring, he began pursuing his one remaining ambition: to write novels and present entertaining talks about lesser-known stories of history. For more information about this program, call the Dexter District Library at 426-4477.

## Student art on display

Chelsea's River Gallery will exhibit the artwork of Chelsea's youth when it hosts the Chelsea School District's Student Art Show April 18 through 28.

A reception to meet the student artists will be held 5 to 7 p.m. April 21 at the gallery, which is located upstairs at 121 S. Main St.

The artwork, from students in first through 12th grade, has been selected by district art

teachers as best representing their students' work. It includes paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, digital photography and computer graphics.

Art teacher Joe Tinsley coordinated the show with the gallery.

Gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and noon to 8 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call 433-0828.



Photo by Mary Kumbler

## Women in History

Teachers and faculty members at Wylie Middle School recently presented famous women in history. Many wore costumes and talked about their lives as if they were the famous characters they portrayed. Lori DeVries, a paraprofessional at Wylie, is pictured portraying Clara Barton. Barton is credited with bringing the American Red Cross to the United States from Europe.

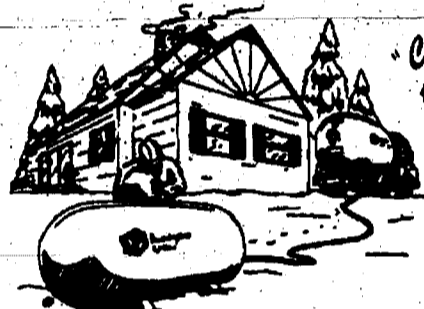
## Hospital buys property

Chelsea Community Hospital has purchased the former Stargate Amusements building at 1515 Commerce Park in Chelsea and plans to move its patient billing services to the new location.

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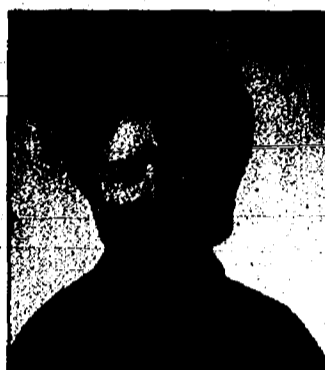


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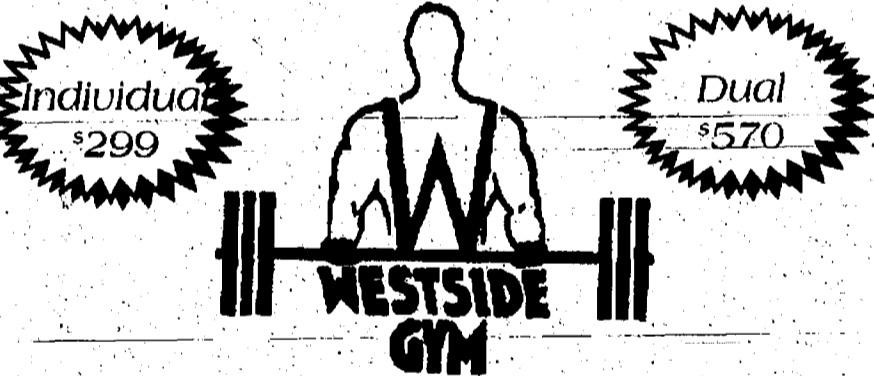
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**Queenie - Log Number 67037**  
 Queenie arrived stray February 21st. She is an older adult - we'd guess about 8 years old. Queenie is an Akita mix, as far as we can tell. It doesn't seem as if her family is going to come claim her, so Queenie is hoping for some family to decide to provide for her for the rest of her days. If a large breed, mature dog could be part of your family, come in and introduce yourself...

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Elementary school age honorable mentions will each receive a poetry book. All Elementary age participants will receive a participation certificate. All Elementary participants, along with first, second, and third place winners in all categories will have their poetry on display at Chelsea Little Professor Book Center and will be published in the Chelsea Standard.

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

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# Author offers tips on talking to kids

**By Jessica McArthur**  
Heritage Newspapers

Are you having problems getting through to your child? Author Phillip Moutrose has some ideas to help you bridge the communication gap between you and the kids in your life.

According to the author of "Tips and Tools for Getting Thru to Kids," strategies that work start with using the kids themselves.

Moutrose says that many times parents are unaware of a youngster's ability to solve problems, and end up making decisions for their children instead of letting them make decisions for themselves.

He suggests that when kids participate in solving problems,

their esteem grows. Moutrose provides tips for teaching kids to come up with their own answers.

Match the child's posture: If the child is sitting, you sit, too. If the kid is standing up, stand. Relating to the child's body language will establish rapport.

Let the kid talk: Allow the child to say as much as possible. The aim is get the child to reach the conclusion. You need only offer minimal guidance with a few words as possible.

Use the child's words: Do this by listening and then restating the problem using some of the same words. Be careful not to mimic, though.

Don't try to fix it: By handling the problem for the child, you keep the child from learning

how to handle it.  
Be concrete: The younger the child, the simpler the language. She may need help in articulating her thoughts and feelings, but keep the words appropriate to the child's age.

Listen to the silences, too: Allow for periods of no talking during your conversation.

Problem solving can take time. Children need more time than adults do to sort through their internal world. Be patient.

Be calm: You have to be calm yourself to be able to listen. If you're not calm, the chances for really meaningful dialogue are slim.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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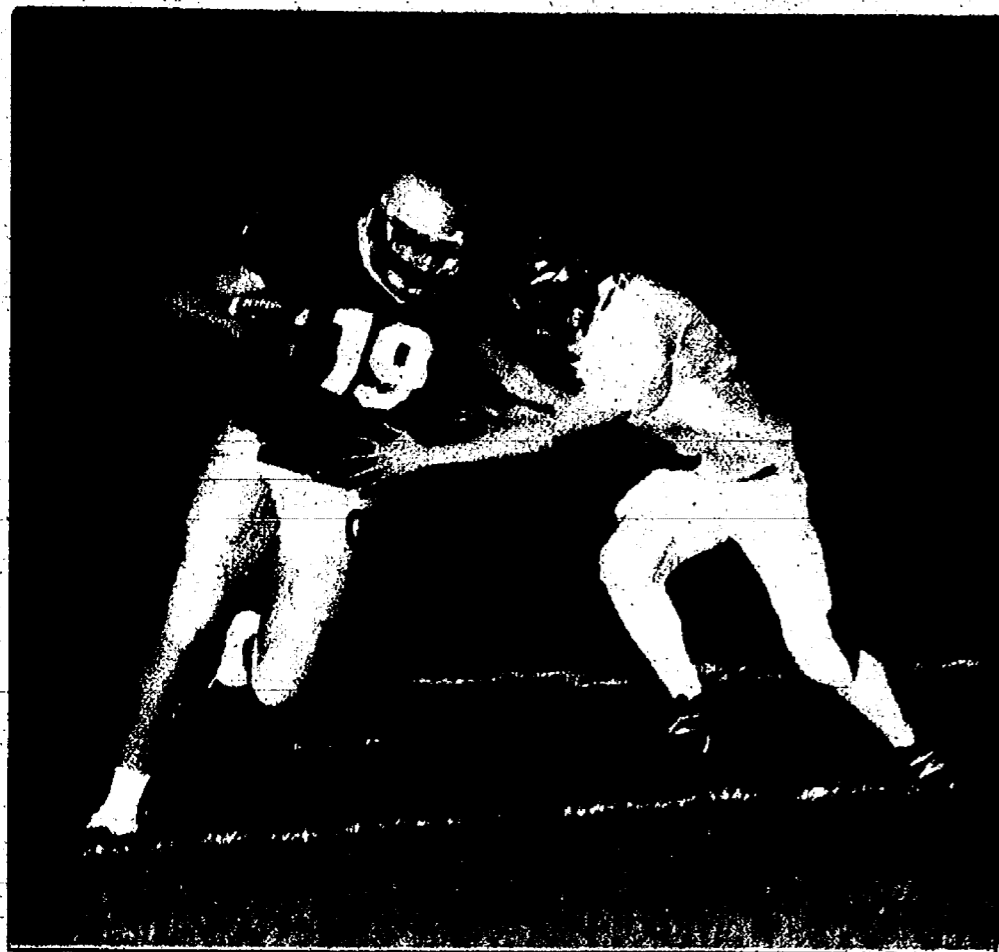
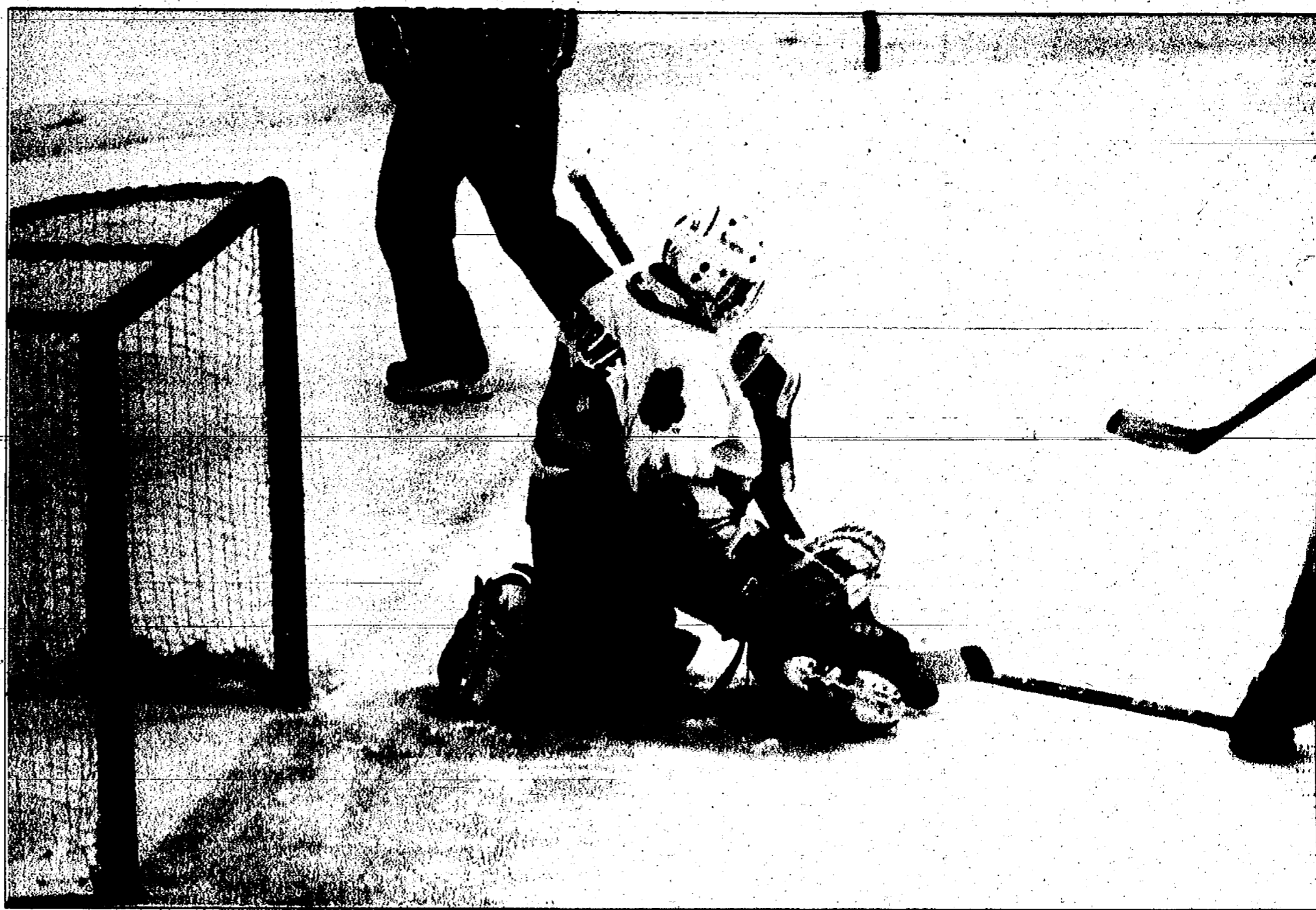


Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Chelsea All-State wide receiver Tony Scheffler (above) stiff-arms a would-be Milan defender. Scheffler led the Bulldogs to the state playoff quarterfinals in 2000.

Chelsea senior goaltender Mike Osborne (right) makes a pad save during action earlier this season. Osborne helped lead the Bulldogs to a second-place finish in the Southeast Michigan High School Hockey League this year.

## Bulldog Brilliance



### It's been quite a ride for Chelsea as spring sports begin

As Austin Powers might say, "Yeah, baby, yeahhhhh!"

It's about time. Spring has finally sprung, or at least I hope it has.

Because we all know what happens when you blink in Michigan - another U of M basketball player transfers.

No, just joshin' ya'.

What really happens is Michigan State chokes in another close football game (happy, Big Blue?).

Sorry Sparty, I gotta walk the fence on this one.

Anyhow, with spring's arrival

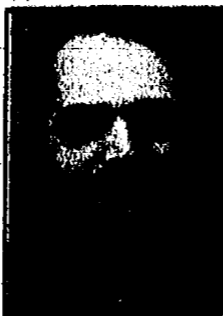
a young person's fancy turns to - what else? - sports.

The prep sports season kicks into high gear next week with a full slate of games.

For the next 10 weeks, until baseball and softball finals are decided in Battle Creek, the sports scene around here should be a wild one.

It's been relatively quiet this week - the calm before the storm, so to speak.

With a short pause in the action, I've had a moment or two to reflect back on the fall and winter sports seasons.



DON RICHTER

#### ON THE SIDELINE

If the spring sports campaign is anything like the previous two seasons, I'm in for one heck of a "Magnum"-like roller coaster ride.

I don't know about you, but my ears are still ringing from the repetitious "Who let the 'Dawgs out" song heard seemingly non-stop on radio stations last fall.

Now, whenever I hear that song (which, thankfully, isn't often), I can't help but think of the Chelsea Bulldog football team and its memorable run through the state playoffs.

The Tony Scheffler diving catches; Chris Cooper's last second touchdown grab; quarterback Chris Brigham's ropes and the defense's fourth quarter stand against Monroe Jefferson all helped make the 2000 gridiron season one to remember.

With April's showers, I can't stop thinking of all the incredible fish, err, swimming talent I've been privileged to watch

and cover this fall and winter.

In boys' swimming, Chelsea's Andy Hack not only won two state titles (100 backstroke and 200 individual medley), he was named Class B-C-D's Swimmer of the Year.

The University of Michigan-bound tanker helped lead the Bulldogs to a fourth-place state finish.

Back on land, the Chelsea equestrian team rode and jumped its way to a co-state championship with Pinckney in October.

If there's a better equestrian sister duo than Alix (Chelsea coach) and senior Erin Ryder, I'd like to see it.

The Bulldog boys' cross country team had a banner season finishing 10th in the state in Division II, capturing a second straight regional title and tying for the Southeastern Conference championship.

The Chelsea girls' cross-country squad also had a fine season finishing fifth in regional competition.

In girls' basketball, the Bulldog hoopsters concluded an impressive season by winning an SEC championship and a district title before falling in regional competition.

And who can forget the exciting season the Chelsea hockey team had.

The Bulldogs achieved

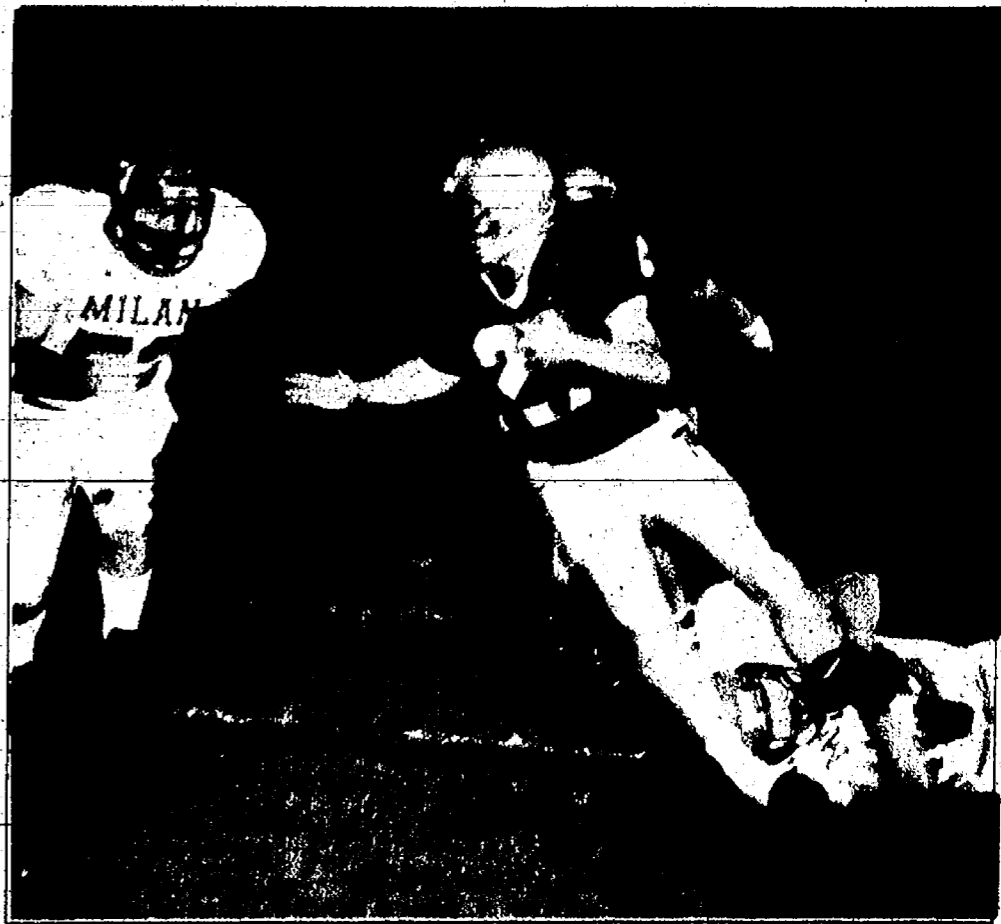


Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Bulldog running back Chris Cooper attempts to break free from a Milan tackler. Cooper made plenty of big plays for Chelsea, including a last-second touchdown reception in the state playoffs.

beyond expectations in their first varsity year.

Chelsea finished second in the Southeast Michigan High School Hockey League behind county rival Dexter.

The Bulldogs made it to the state playoffs before bowing out against Dearborn Divine Child,

the eventual runner-up in Division III.

The Chelsea-Dexter hockey rivalry was cemented this season with three thrilling games.

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Bulldog senior basketball player Josie Wells fights for position down low against Tecumseh. Wells was a main cog in Chelsea's drive to a league championship and district crown.

## Track time

### Shot putters, hurdlers pace Chelsea thinclads at EMU Invitational

By Don Richter  
Staff Writer

Behind Joe Tripodi's second-place finish in the shot put and inspired performances from its shuttle hurdle and 3,200-meter relays, Chelsea's boys' track and field team fared well at Eastern Michigan University's Invitational March 30.

With a toss of 51 feet, 5 inches, Tripodi placed second overall.

The junior thrower's finish was the Bulldogs' highest of the meet.

Chelsea coach Eric Swager said he was encouraged by Tripodi's performance.

"(Joe) is still working out some technique and consistency issues, but looks poised to have another great year," Swager said.

Also competing in the shot put for Chelsea was sophomore Darl

Bauer. Bauer ended up with a toss of 39-11.

In other field events, Bulldog Andre Bravo high jumped 5-4 and Mike Drexler long jumped 16-2.

In the 4 x 55 shuttle hurdle relay, the foursome of Neil Sterling, Mike Sayers, Nathan Clark and Drexler finished sixth with a time of 32.4.

"(They) ran well," Swager said. "Without our top two hur-

dlers, they just missed a medal by one place."

In the 60-meter hurdles, Sayers finished with a time of 8.8 and Sterling in 8.96.

In the distance medley, the group of Chad Fortner, Jake Freeman, Matt McAtee and Bravo finished with a time of 11:50 for Chelsea.

In the sprint medley, the Bulldogs recorded a time of 3:59.1.

In the 3,200-meter relay, Chelsea placed third with a time of 8:43.

"They should improve dramatically as the year progresses," Swager said.

The EMU meet, according to Swager, was a chance for his team to test its mettle before the holiday layoff.

"This was an early season meet, which gave some of our athletes a chance to compete

before spring break," he said.

The Bulldogs next host Adrian in their first home meet April 17 at 4 p.m.

"I'm looking forward to our continued hard work and improvement until then," Swager said.

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





## Chelsea Champions



Chelsea's Squirt AA Bulldogs gather for a photo after capturing a tournament title in Detroit, March 9 through 11. Members include Matt Heinen, Jacob Dunn, Wes McCormick, Mitch Roth, Alex Posluszny, Ryan Erkfriz, Patrick O'Donohue, Max Kinifia, Troy Hooper, Sam Sosnowski, Scott Harris, David Maveal, Brandon Boyce, Josh Moody and Andrew Ebricht. Coaches are Tad Begeman, John Harris and Ric Boyce. Team manager is Rick McCormick.

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## Gymnast qualifies for state meet

Chelsea's Lindsey Keyes, a gymnast with Gym America in Ann Arbor, qualified for the Level 5 state meet held April 21 through 22 in Kalamazoo.

Keyes qualified for the state meet March 24 through 25 during competition at Archer's National Academy in Grand Rapids. Gym America's Level 5 team

placed sixth overall at the Level 5-8 sectional with 105 points.

The state meet will be at the Greater Kalamazoo Gymnastics Club.

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## One glorious moment on the course with Byron

A MAJOR victory... It's been 30 years since I scored my greatest athletic triumph, but on this rainy spring day, the memories are as fresh as yesterday.

"I hope you'll give me a re-match," pleaded golfing legend Byron Nelson as we walked off the fifth green at St. Louis' Bellerive County Club after I had soundly trounced him by scoring a birdie four to his par five.

"I will, Byron, I will," was the promise.

The re-match started on the very next hole and from then on, it was no contest. To say that Byron Nelson, then 55, was a flawless shotmaker only adds prestige to my one-hole victory.

As an ambassador of good will and golf, at that time there was no one to match him. It was a thrilling experience to play a few holes with this great champion of another generation.

THE OCCASION was a national press golf day to spotlight



the initial showing of some new model automobiles and Nelson was on hand to lend class to an otherwise lackluster field of duffers.

Byron Nelson, during his peak years in the late '30s and early '40s, was a combination of Palmer, Nicklaus, Player, and Snead. To many of us, it seems just a few years ago that he was a man to be feared in every golf tournament he entered and I was surprised when he said that he left the pro tour at the age of 34.

He had the good sense to leave while on top—there was no senior golf tour at that time. Among his achievements: 12 consecutive tournament victories, 19 wins in a single year, and a host of major champi-

onships. Unbelievable? You bet. The second best victory string ever on the pro tour stands at four—15 behind the master.

Nelson wasn't touting his achievements on that day, but there were enough of us sufficiently interested to bring out the facts. He traveled the course alone in the golf cart, ducking from one foursome to another, to play a few holes with all guests. Immediately after he joined us on the tee, I took a prodigious swing and popped the ball high in the air, but only about 75 yards down the fairway. Silence was everywhere. My feelings were assuaged, however, when I played the rest of the hole in championship style to salvage a par. Byron had a birdie.

He had asked me to join him in his cart for the next 75-yard drive to my ball.

"You have a smooth swing and your set-up

is good, you should be able to hit good shots consistently if you really believe you can," he said.

Simple advice which I have never forgotten but don't always heed.

"If you really believe you can."

"If you really believe you can."

"If you really believe you can."

PERHAPS THAT QUIET, friendly advice worked against my new friend on the very next hole. Without keeping you in suspense, here was the picture: Nelson's second shot found a deep bunker just over the green, Kirvan's second was in the rough some 80

yards short. Our soon-to-be hero took a wedge from his bag, closed his eyes, swung mightily, took a two-foot strip of turf and, wonder of wonders, the ball arched beautifully and nestled close to the pin.

Nelson came out of the trap in great style, but his putt for par hung on the edge of the cup. Kirvan, a study of coolness, tapped his ball squarely into the cup and the crowd went wild. At least one did.

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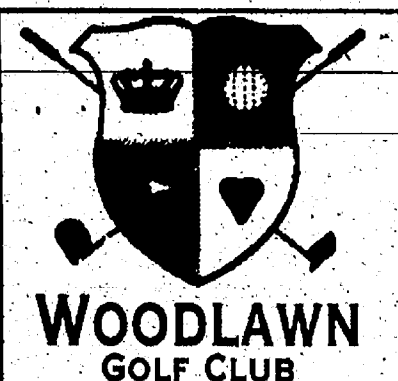
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*Golf Course Review: Green Oaks*

# Casual play, and a chance to get serious

BY CHUCK NELSON  
HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

Some people like to golf for the challenge, some to get outside and spend a relaxing afternoon in the sun chasing their ball.

Both of these types of golfers can find what they're looking for at Ypsilanti's Green Oaks Golf Course.

Located at 1775 Clark Rd. in Ypsilanti Township, the pace of play is slow enough to let the casual golfer make his way around, but not so slow that it will have country club types up in arms.

Head pro Leon Jackson and his staff have the tee times spread out enough that you won't feel hurried.

We didn't have anyone standing in the tee box with their hands on their hips during our round, which is a refreshing change really.

Another thing we liked was the ball washer and club cleaner on the cart.

"Good lookin' out!" The 18-hole layout itself is tough enough to force you to hit good tee shots, with tight fairways bounded by mature trees and a thick but not too deep rough.

You don't need to be too long of a hitter to score well at Green Oaks. If you can keep it in the fairway you'll be just fine.

The par-71 target and 6,172 yard total put it at right around the same length that you'll find at most courses in the area.

But the hazards at Green Oaks are what really make it a fun round.

Water hazards aren't really in play too often, but they will punish you for a bad shot.

There is water in play on eight of the 18 holes, but a lake or creek only interferes with play on four. A decent amount of people can out-hit the trouble.

The course is named after trees for a reason, after all.

The main goal at Green Oaks is to stay in the fairway, because the trees will be your biggest foe here. If you can stay in the fairways you will probably be able to put together a good round, but in the rough

there are always trees near.

Come to think of it, if you've been spraying your driver all over the place, you might want to work through a bucket at the range before you head out to Green Oaks, because being in the fairway is key here.

The fairways are well-maintained and you can hit good shots to the greens, but the rough is thick enough that you might not want to try too much if you are near a tree.

And odds are that you will be, because there are a lot of them.

The greens at Green Oaks aren't terribly tough. They played fast, and most are slanted but readable.

But, other than keeping away from the trees, the main goal at Green Oaks would be to score low and have a fun round.

The front nine holes (3,124 yards, par-36) featured a couple of nice par-3's.

No. 3 is a 188-yard par-3 that requires an accurate iron shot off the tee.

Groups of trees flank the fairway on both sides, and a bunker guards the left side of the green.

The green itself on No. 3 slopes from back to front but if you can read it right and get the speed judged well, you should be looking at birdie.

No. 6 plays at 159 yards and is a relatively large green, which is guarded along the whole front side by a lake.

The green on No. 6 also slopes from back to front, but birdie is another possibility here.

You can also really go for it on hole No. 8, a 472-yard par-5.

A long tee shot and iron can have you on the green here, but the fairway is bottlenecked by two bunkers right in front of the green, so you might want to lay up.

If you want to crack two shots or play it safe with three, either way you could be looking at birdie here too.

The back nine (3,048 yards, par-35), which is a bit more pleasing to the eye aesthetically, plays just as well as the front.

Hole No. 11 is a short par-3 where birdie is another possibility at 122 yards. This green is



Above the No. 6 hole at Green Oaks in Ypsilanti offers a big green and is protected in front by a lake. The par-71, 6,172-yard course in Ypsilanti forces golfers to hit accurate, deep tee shots.

Photos by Greg Shamus



also sloped from back to front, but it's a big slant and tough for some to deal with.

The back nine features a 423-yard par-4, No. 16.

A nice poke off the tee will have you in fine shape for your second shot, which doglegs slightly left. The fairway is also wide enough that you won't have any qualms about taking a whack at it with your driver.

A couple of big trees guard the corner, but the green is large, so you should be able to have a go at part of it.

You can get out on the course with a cart for 18 holes and eat lunch for between \$35 and \$40

(they have some of the best non-baseball-stadium hot dogs we've tried), and it's well worth it since you can have fun and be challenged at the same time.

To get to Green Oaks Golf Course, take I-94 east to Huron Street (exit 183). Turn left on Huron, then right on Michigan Ave. Up a few lights you'll make a left on Prospect Rd. Then after four or five more lights, make a right on Clark Rd. Green Oaks is on the left a few blocks up. Call 1-734-485-0881 for a tee time.

## The long ball

### New golf balls can give players an edge off the tee

Next to the play of Tiger Woods, the thing causing the biggest talk in the golf world these days is the golf ball.

Designed to go further than they once did, golf balls are raising the same questions that golf clubs did not long ago.

How far should technology take us?

To some, laboratory advancements have given the modern day player too much of an edge by giving him too much power. Titanium heads sparked similar debates, as old-school players felt the new age game was too advantageous.

Now the ball is rolling down that same road, leaving people to wonder if high-tech is leading to lower scores.

The Pro-V1 ball is at the center of the storm. With its two-piece design, players who are long off the tee to begin with now hit even further.

"It's designed to go a little further as long as a particular guy is hitting it," said Terry

McDermott of Pro Golf in Ypsilanti. "Guys who don't hit very far anyway aren't going to benefit," but guys who hit it hard are able to compact it more and they'll see a difference.

The two-piece design includes only a core and a cover, ridding itself of the rubber-band layer that once wrapped around the core. "It seems the three-piece

design is coming to an end," McDermott said.

Meanwhile, the trend in club selection appears to be shifting as well.

Graphite shafts that were the rage a handful of years ago are still popular on woods, but McDermott said that more and more players are returning to steel shafts on their irons.

"There seems to be a resurgence of the steel shaft," he said. "A lot of people who went to graphite are coming back to steel because of the loss of control. You get too much whip with graphite."

**"It's designed to go a little further as long as a particular guy is hitting it."**  
— Terry McDermott, Pro Golf

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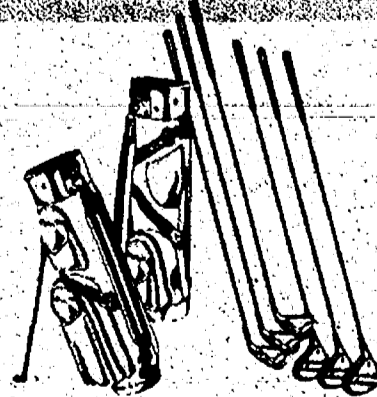


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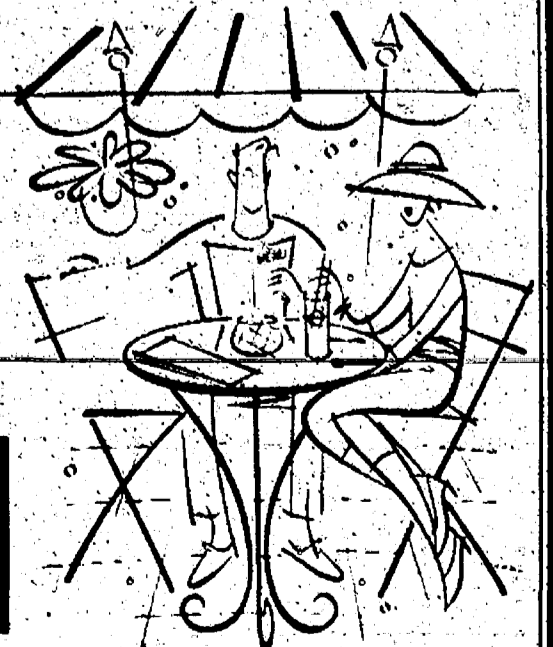
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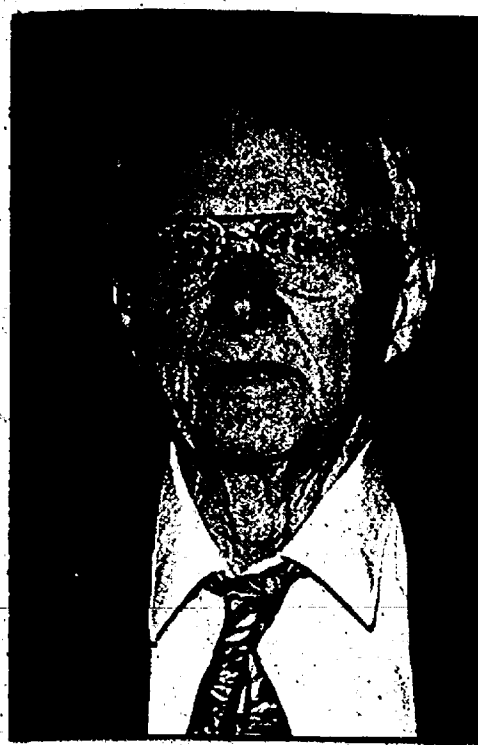
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# OBITUARIES



**LLOYD "BLACKIE" MULL**  
Chelsea  
Lloyd "Blackie" Mull, 80, died March 31, 2001, after a prolonged illness, at Towsley Village in Chelsea. He was born Feb. 1, 1921, in Vincennes, Ind., to Ralph and Magdalen (Hunkler) Mull. He was married to Laura Zeek on June 29, 1946, in Ypsilanti.

Mr. Mull worked as a bricklayer. He was a member of St. James' Episcopal Church in Dexter, where he served as an usher and a vestry man. He was also a member of the Merchant Marines, the American Legion and the Moose Lodge.

Mr. Mull is survived by his wife, Laura; three sons, Dennis (Terry), Ronald (Jearl) and Joey; daughter, Myla (Norman) Somers; grandchildren, Jennifer (Jan) Ganzel, Kristina Mull, Tom Mull and Mark (Susan) Mull; brothers, Virgil, Ralph, Charles and Ted; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Mull was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. April 16, 2001 at St. James' Episcopal Church in Dexter, with the Rev. David Horning officiating. A private burial will take place at Arborcrest Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Towsley Village at Chelsea Retirement Center or St. James' Building Fund.

Arrangements were made by Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter.

**DAVID LEWIS MARK**  
Dexter

David Lewis Mark, 64, died April 4, 2001, at his home. He was born on March 5, 1937, in Osage, Iowa, the son of Donald Lewis and Lois Gwendolyn (Rivers) Mark.

Mr. Mark has resided in Washtenaw County since 1957. He was a former pilot at Zantop Airlines, and business manager at Marilyn Mark's Hair Stylists in Ann Arbor. He was retired from COM Inc.

On March 2, 1987, he married Marilyn Joyce Hawkins in Muskegon and she survives. Other survivors include his son, Damon (Cynthia) Mark of Ann Arbor; one brother, John Mark of Muskegon; two sisters, Rosalind Wells of Loveland, Colo., and Sue Lyskii of Muskegon; one grandson, David Mark, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Monday at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea, with the Rev. Richard Duke officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

**RUTH M. DANCER**  
Stockbridge

Ruth M. Dancer, 94, died April 6, 2001, at IRMC Greenlawn in Lansing. She was born on May 17, 1906, in Mason the second daughter of Clarence and Mabel (Grover) Ellison. After graduation from Mason High School, she worked at the Ingham County News and later as secretary to Lt. Gov. V.J. Brown.

In June 1927, she married John H. Healey, and in 1930 a daughter, Jacqueline, was born. Mr. Healey died in 1938. In October 1944, she married Paul C. Dancer of Stockbridge, who preceded her in death in 1985. Also preceding her in death were a sister, Mildred; one brother, George; and one step-daughter-in-law, Peggy Dancer.

Mrs. Dancer was a 50-year member of the Stockbridge Presbyterian Church and a longtime member of the Stockbridge Women's Club. For several years she was trustee of the Willow Street Women's Home in Lansing. She was one of the three trustees named in establishing the Stockbridge Library Building.

Mrs. Dancer is survived by one daughter, Jacqueline Munsell of Gregory; two grandsons, Rodney Munsell of Gregory and John R. Munsell of Shipshewana, Ind.; two great-grandchildren, Alex and Andy Munsell; and two beloved stepchildren, John Dancer of Arizona and Joan Dancer of Phoenix.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge, with the Rev. Jon Clifton officiating. Burial followed at Maple Grove Cemetery in Mason. Expressions of sympathy can be made to Stockbridge Presbyterian Church or the Stockbridge Library.

# Faith In Action to hold banquet

Faith In Action will hold its annual Benefit Banquet 6:30 p.m. May 5 at Chelsea Community Hospital.

The banquet is the agency's major annual fund-raiser and supports a variety of projects throughout the year. It will include fellowship, entertainment, a recognition ceremony and dinner.

Faith In Action is renaming its annual humanitarian award in honor of the late Howard Holmes of Chelsea Milling Co. Holmes, who was a strong supporter of FIA, played an instrumental role in the development of FIA House on the campus of Chelsea Community Hospital.

The Rev. Jerrold Beaumont, founder and past president of Faith In Action, will receive the award.

Faith In Action began in 1980 as an outreach program of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, where Beaumont served until recently. According to the agency, Beaumont's dedication and commitment over the years has made FIA the largest human resource agency in western Washtenaw County.

Beaumont and his wife, Marjorie, moved to Florida in January and he is assigned to St. Mark Episcopal Church in Cocoa.

Tickets for the banquet are \$60 per person or \$325 for a table of six. Donations will be accepted, as well. All revenue from ticket sales will go directly to Faith In Action programs.



Faith In Action will hold its annual fund-raising banquet May 5. Shown in front are Yvonne Johnson (left), Jeanene Riemenschneider, Nadine Shaneyfelt and Anne Comeau, FIA board president. In back are Dick Shaneyfelt, president of the organization, and Judy Wheeler.

**ANTON NIELSEN**  
Chelsea

Anton Nielsen, 96, died April 7, 2001, at Chelsea Community Hospital. He was born June 25, 1904, in Ullits, Denmark. Mr. Nielsen immigrated to Springfield, Ontario, Canada, in 1924. He met his beloved Dorothy at a dance, and they were married in Toledo, Ohio, on June 21, 1928.

Mr. Nielsen and his wife lived in Detroit until 1948. They moved to Chelsea and purchased Farmer's Supply Mill on Railroad Street. He sold the mill in 1991 and retired.

Mr. Nielsen was a member of the First Congregational Church. He served on the Chelsea Village Council and was elected village president in 1951, 1952, 1953 and 1956. He was also a past president of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club and was made a Hixon Fellow of Kiwanis on Sept. 7, 1984.

Mr. Nielsen enjoyed his 14 trips back to Denmark to visit family and friends. He loved Chelsea and all it had to offer.

Mr. Nielsen is survived by his wife; two nieces, Elsa Marie Nielsen and Kate Dorothy Anderson; both of Denmark; a special cousin, Peter (Hannah) Fredberg and family of Denmark, as well as special friends Bob and Jessie Charlton, and Al and Phyllis Letch, all of Ontario, Canada.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, with the Revs. John Morris and David Cleaver-Bartholomew officiating. Burial took place at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Chelsea Community Hospital.

**RAYMOND A. KLATT SR.**  
Amsterdam, N.Y.

Raymond A. Klatt Sr. was born on Christmas Day 1905 in Amsterdam, N.Y., to Charles H. and Helen Altenburg Klatt. He died April 6, 2001, at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor from complications of Alzheimer's disease at age 95.

Mr. Klatt was married in Amsterdam on June 1, 1929, to Marion A. Slyke, who died March 2, 1998. He lived in Amsterdam until 1998, when he came to Michigan to be near his family.

Mr. Klatt is survived by his son, Raymond Jr., and his son's wife, Marie, both of Ann Arbor; his granddaughters, Linda M. Klatt of Chelsea and Deanna (Bill) Vollano of Saline; and two great-granddaughters, Heather and Christina Vollano of Saline.

Mr. Klatt was a business school graduate and served as bookkeeper for Socony-Vacuum Oil and Ekblom Chevrolet in Amsterdam. He spent most of his career as an accountant for the Schenectady (NY) Plant of the General Electric Co.

Mr. Klatt was a faithful member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Amsterdam, where he served on many committees and on the church council for a number of years.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter, with the Rev. Mark Porinsky, pastor of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dexter, officiating. Interment will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Amsterdam with arrangements by the Betz Funeral Home of Amsterdam.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Lutheran Church, 9575 North Territorial Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

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# Dexter Kiwanis Club earns awards, hears about law

**Eleven members recognized for their work.**

**By Lisa Allmendinger**  
Staff Writer

April 3 was a night of information and awards for the Dexter Kiwanis Club as members met at Cousins Heritage Inn.

Eleven Kiwanis members were recognized for their work helping to raise money to be used in the fight against iodine

deficiency disorders. A special banner from the Kiwanis International Foundation was presented in recognition of their efforts.

Those honored were Paul Tomshanny Sr., Joseph Medrano, Gale Tomshanny, Fred Model, David Hosmer, Fred Willoughby, Iver Schmidt, Richard Lundy and Jerry Lutz. Lutz, an Ann Arbor resident, was also awarded the prestigious Hixson Fellowship for his work with the Kiwanis.

Following the awards, members listed to a presentation about the new concealed gun law that is supposed to go into effect July 1.

David Philbeck of Ann Arbor, a retired University of Michigan professor who has 10 years experience with handgun legislation, explained the history behind the new "shall carry" law. He explained the law's provisions and answered questions about the bill that was approved by the governor Jan.

The new law amends Public Act 1927 and regulates and licenses the selling, purchasing, possessing and carrying of certain firearms.

Philbeck explained how the first firearm's bill came about and what the changes would be should the new bill become law.

He said the new law prohibits people with recent misdemeanor convictions from carrying a gun, as well as peo-

ple with mental-health problems. Those seeking a permit will have to go through a training course. Those who drink alcohol and have a .02 blood-alcohol level or higher cannot carry a gun.

The law prohibits people from bringing a gun into a bar or restaurant where alcohol is served, and also in schools, university dorms or classrooms, daycare centers, churches, hospitals, casinos, stadiums and arenas or large entertainment

facilities. However, whether the law will go into effect remains up in the air. A petition to stop the new law has been circulated across the state and signed by more than 250,000 residents. Moreover, a lawsuit has been filed to stop the enactment of the bill.

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## Hixson Award

Jerry Lutz of Dexter Kiwanis Club was awarded the Hixson Award from fellow Kiwanian Joe Medrano last week during the club's monthly meeting at Cousins Heritage Inn.

## Information available on law

People looking for information about new requirements under the Michigan Concealed Weapons Law, which goes into effect July 1, can check out the Michigan State Police Web site.

The Michigan State Police Executive Division posted a new Web site that includes information about new requirements to obtain a permit, application information, training informa-

tion, pistol-free areas and proper conduct to use when carrying a concealed weapon during encounters with law enforcement officers.

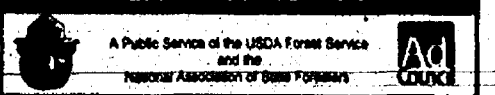
Included on the Web site is the complete text of the new law, as well as direct links to information on federal firearms laws.

For more information, see the Web site at [www.msp.state.mi.us](http://www.msp.state.mi.us).

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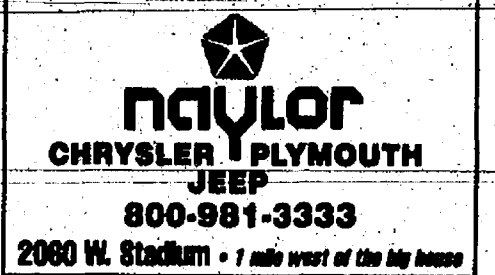
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## 2001 GOLF GUIDE

# Calderone Farms was worth the wait

By RICK SCHULTE

HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

A whole lot of uncooperative weather last year did nothing to help the opening of Calderone Farms, a new golf course located near Grass Lake in the eastern portion of Jackson County.

But for golfers seeking an upscale type of course in that part of the state, the wait should be worth it.

Spanning more than 500 acres, the

first 18 holes of Calderone Farms is slated to open in May.

Course designer William Newcomb sees the course as something just a little different, and that'll help make it stand out a bit.

"I think it's a good opportunity," he said. "It's an upper-end course. Jackson County has been known for having a lot of courses, but they're sort of in the middle ground."

"This is going to be a little differ-

ent."

The site of the course was used long ago as a cattle ranch. Later, it went to crops.

In the northwest corner of the county is Michigan Ideal Speedway, which was carved out of farmland. Calderone Farms fits the bill as a large piece of land progressing into a recreational area.

And the owners are serious about putting together a good finished product.

For very good reason, too: Potential.

"This is a \$4 million project," Newcomb said. "We hope to lure part of the Detroit market. We're an hour away from 3 million people, so really, I-94 is our link to the world."

"The key is, we're affordable upper end. If you look at some of the courses up north, it's often around an average of \$85 in greens fees. But we'll be around \$50, so it'll be affordable."

The signature hole is the 13<sup>th</sup>, a

par-4 which covers from 470 yards from the back tee.

Golfers can aim from plateau to plateau to the green.

"There are no shortcuts to take," Newcomb said. "And, there are no bunkers around the green. It's a great hole."

Newcomb's goal is to have the entire large course provide more than a few holes be memorable.

"I hope a golfer can walk away and remember 10, 11, 12 holes," he said. "Then we've really done something."

The farm is located at 4490 Willis Road in Grass Lake. The course can be reached by exiting I-94 at Mount Hope Road, then heading west for about one mile on Cedar Knoll Drive.

The course is about a mile north of I-94.

For information on the opening of the course, visit [www.calderone-farms.com](http://www.calderone-farms.com).

### Golf at Woodside Meadows



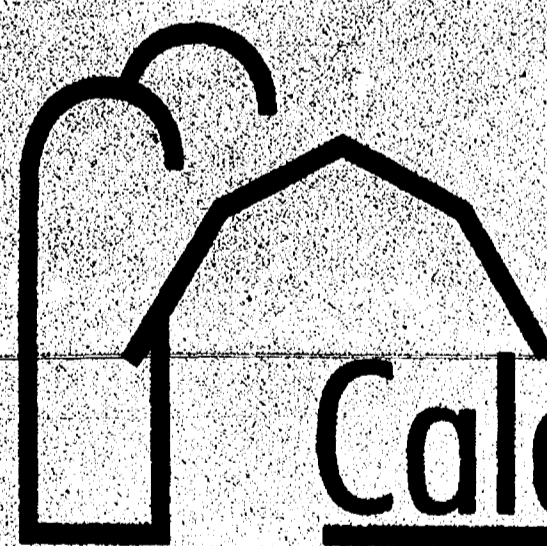
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## 2001 GOLF GUIDE: DOWNRIVER

## Great Lakes and pleasant Meadows

*Pride of Taylor is impressive*

BY RICK SCHULTE  
HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

The hole that stands out at the Lakes of Taylor is the 17th.

To reach the peninsula green, your tee shot has to be a good poke — and it has to go over the largest of five large water hazards on the course.

It's pretty impressive, all right.

And so are the overall amenities of the Lakes of Taylor, an Arthur Hills-designed golf course, which began with nine-hole play in 1995 and went to 18 the following season.

A par-72 course, the lakes covers more than 7,000 yards from the back tees. There's a good variety for golfers of all driving abilities, with five tees available for use.

The course itself is a beauty, with covered bridges, boardwalks and fountains dotting the course for an upscale setting.

Just mull these numbers, and you can see how the Lakes of Taylor earned its name: The area of the course is 306 acres, of which 35 acres are covered by water.

While there is a fair amount of water with which to contend, there are also another 40 sand traps in play (and four on the driving range).

To gear up for this impressive course, there are plenty of good places to get loose.

There's a full driving range, including a large tee area. In addition, two greens are available that are very similar to the play on the course.

Visitors to the Lakes of Taylor are greeted by a 32,000 square-foot clubhouse, which is home to not only a pro shop and restaurant, but also a banquet center that hosts everything from corporate meetings to proms.

While the amenities are many, the bottom line is still the golf. And it's very popular, so much that booking large groups early is a good idea.

And soon, golfers will be able to line up tee times online. Currently, tee times are taken a week in advance.

The course is located on North Line Road, about a mile west of Telegraph Road.

For reservation information, call 1-734-78-4GOLF.



Lakes of Taylor has quickly become one of the top golfing attractions in the region.

## Moving, improving Woodside is getting longer and tougher

BY DAVE MERCHANT

HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

Things are changing at the Woodside Meadows Golf Course in Huron Township.

The course is getting longer and the pars are getting higher. At least a little higher this season.

The course added two more pars and is now a par 70 instead of par 68. Woodside Meadows has just less than 6,070 yards of playing space for golf enthusiasts.

It is located at 20820 Inkster Road. Open seven days a week golfers only need to make reservations on the weekend.

For nine holes during the week the cost is \$13 and it goes up to \$14 on the weekend. For 18 holes during the week golfers pay \$20 and the cost increases to \$23 on the weekend.

Mark Couch, manager of the course, says the course is running out of room to expand. He does say there is a new look to the course this season.

"We have some longer holes this year," Couch said. "Three hundred and fifty yards is the hole they

expanded this season.

"I think it will give people a different look and at the same time be challenging," he added.

The seventeenth hole is the hardest according to Couch. It is a par 4 that runs 373 yards. It has a dogleg right out of the woods.

If water hazards are what you like when golfing this is the place to be. Woodside Meadows has all kinds of water hazards including five ponds and creeks.

Last year over 35,000 golfers graced the greens at Woodside Meadows, according to Couch. The course stays open all year for those die-hard golfers who need their winter fix of the game.

The course also has a full restaurant and lounge for golfers and visitors alike.

Outing for companies are one of the specialties of the course. Every year Johnson Control has a family outing for all the employees and on that day they take up the entire golf course.

To make a reservation or find out about special events at the course call 734-782-5136.

*Course is symbol of city's rebirth*

BY HANK MINCKIEWICZ  
HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

Taylor Meadows has become something of an unofficial home course to plenty of Downriver golfers.

The Arthur Hills-designed course has also become a symbol to drivers on I-94 of Taylor's rebirth as a city of championship golf.

In combination with Lakes of Taylor, the 7,000-plus yard course on the south end of the city, Taylor Meadows gives Taylor two of the top public courses in the Downriver area.

Taylor Meadows is the shorter of the two courses, spanning a shade over 6,000 yards but its immaculate conditions and player-friendly layout have made it a hit with local linksters.

The par-71 course annually does more than 60,000 rounds.

There are several challenging holes on the course, including the 414-yard seventh hole, which features a sharp right dogleg about a third of the way through.

The eighth hole offers up a spectacular view of the gorgeous clubhouse, but it can be dangerous, too, with water on the right side. Hole No. 9 also presents a watery challenge.

On the back nine, hole No. 13 is a long 500-yard par-5 followed by two challenging par-4s, each of which put a premium on shot-making.

The final two holes also present a bit of a challenge with 17 being a par-3 with an elevated green and No. 18 a 350-yard par-4 featuring heavy slopes.

As is a tradition, the Meadows serves as host for the Downriver Junior Golf Championship in July. More than 100 golfers between the ages of 13-17 compete annually in this event.

Taylor Meadows is located on Ecorse Road, just west of Telegraph. It is just minutes south of I-94.

For more information about the course, call 1-734-4GOLF.

Taylor has two of the area's best courses and more holes than other Downriver communities, but there is plenty of other good golf in the area as well.

Here is a quick look:

**WILLOW METROPARK:** This course is set in a scenic valley in the northwest corner of the Metropark and has a separate entrance from the park itself.

It is 18-holes and covers more than 6,300 yards.

The entrance to the course is on Huron River Drive near the junction of West Road.

## 2001 GOLF GUIDE: DEARBORN

## Dearborn Hills is a charming bargain

By SCOTT SALOWICH

HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

Golf enthusiasts tee off at one of the top-rated golf courses in Michigan when they play at the Robert Herndon Dearborn Hills course in west Dearborn.

Recently designated as a non-metal spike course, the Robert Herndon Dearborn Hills course is regarded as one of the top five in the state by AAA's "Michigan Living Magazine."

Non-resident rates are \$15 for nine holes and \$24 for 18 holes during the week and \$17 for nine hole and \$25 for 18 holes on the weekends.

For non-resident parties of at least two, weekday reservations may be made one day in advance, while weekend reservations (18-holes only and prior to 11 a.m.) will be accepted as early as the preceding Wednesday.

Reduced rates of \$9.75 for nine holes and \$14.75 for 18 holes are available for non-resident seniors (aged 60 and over) and juniors (aged 15 and under) at certain times. Senior rates apply weekdays before 1 p.m. and junior rates apply Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays before 3 p.m.

The course also offers Twilight Golf, up to nine successive holes, in the early evening with starting times

varying by the month.

Non-resident rates are \$12.

Clubs and carts (both pull and electric) are available for rental. Clubs rent for \$13/nine holes and \$18/18 holes. Pull carts cost \$3/nine holes and \$4/18 holes.

Electric carts rent for \$13/nine holes and \$21/18 holes Monday through Friday, and \$14/nine holes

and \$23/18 holes on weekends and holidays.

Additional amenities offered by the Robert Herndon Dearborn Hills Course include a pro shop, bar & grill, banquet facilities for 200, an outdoor patio and a practice putting green.

USGTA lessons taught by Richard Angelo are also available.

Gift certificates, in any amount, are available at the pro shop, which is open from dawn to dusk.

Golf outing packages, featuring either nine or 18 holes of golf and a choice of food and/or beverage selections, are also available.

To reserve tee times or for further information, call 563-4653.

## 'Good' Highlands gets even better

By DAVID KOMER

HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

One of the best just got better.

In addition to its three, nine-hole courses, Riverview Highlands' elaborate practice facility has earned a reputation rivaling that of most private courses anywhere - and this spring will be no exception.

More improvements will be on display this year including a 100-yard putting course and a practice sand trap, in addition to the course's three-hole practice course and two driving ranges.

"The private courses usually have a warm up facility," Course Director Dick Matthews said. "The public

courses don't usually have the facilities to allow you to warm up."

One of the most anticipated features is the opening of the second driving range at the top of the giant hill overlooking the Highlands courses.

A sneak preview last year whipped up a ton of interest among hardcore golfers and curiosity seekers alike.

"At the top of the hill you get a great view of Downriver and the Detroit skyline," Matthews said. "We expect enough interest with people coming in off the street that we won't require reservations for it."

Usually attracting about 85,000 per year to the course, this year that total is expected to reach around 100,000

with the new practice facility finished, Matthews said.

Not to be underscored however, is the 27-holes featuring some newer amenities like the heated restrooms located near the No. 5 hole on the Gold nine.

On the Red nine, the No. 9 hole boasts a serenely dense brush of Oak trees calling to mind a course in Northern Michigan rather than Downriver.

Signature holes on the Blue nine include the 7th and 8th which require shots over the creek line as does hole No. 8 of the Gold course.

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## Hickory Sticks has true Northern feel

BY KEN WELSCH

HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

Turns out you don't have to go north to play "Up-North" golf.

Hickory Sticks Golf Course in Manchester offers the "Up-North" feel minus the "Up-North" drive and the "Up-North" prices.

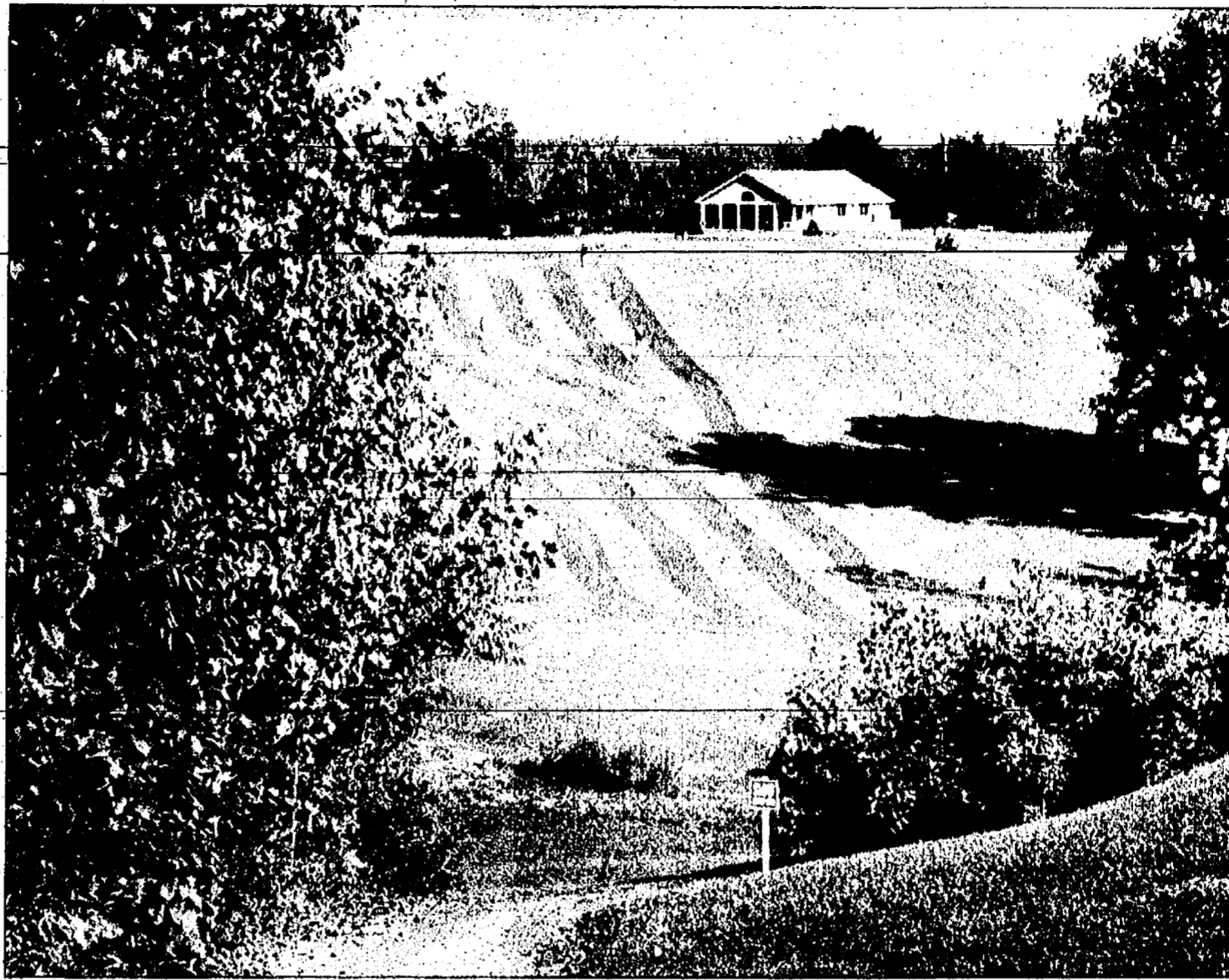
Planted on a hilly, naturally wooded chunk of land southwest of Ann Arbor, Hickory Sticks gives players the chance to test their accuracy on the front nine, and unleash their driver on the back. All while rolling up and down the fairways of a course that ignites flashbacks to places further north.

"It's the terrain, it really has the atmosphere of a Traverse City," said Hickory Sticks co-manager and golf professional Mike Robson. "It's a very hilly course. Once summer comes, if we put out 200 golfers in a day, 198 are riding. It's not a good place to walk."

Evidence of that comes clear at the 354-yard, par 4 seventh hole. It's a straight shot from tee to green, and trees line either side of the fairway. But the entire stretch is uphill, and it plays closer to 400 yards.

That tight No. 7 is typical of Hickory Sticks' front nine, relatively short,

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but tight. It plays 2,908 yards from the back tees, and features the always-awesome par 3 that covers only 160 yards, but drops dramatically to a peninsula green. Wetlands pad the green to the front and right.

"One of the reasons golfers enjoy this course is because it doesn't beat them up in length," said Robson, who co-manages the course with Jim Wedemeyer. "We have made a few changes to open the course up a little bit, and thinned some areas out. It was too severe in spots, too challenging."

After the turn, nine considerably different holes await. Opening with the course's signature hole at No. 10, a nasty par 5 that dog legs left around a pond, the back nine features holes that are longer than the front, with much more room for error.

The back nine are the course's original layout, opening on July 4, 1994. The following spring, the second half opened, and became holes one through nine.

It's a slightly different style of golf than what much of southeast Michigan offers. That alone is enough to get many players to give it a try.

If not, Hickory Sticks' reasonable rates may. Players can shoot 18 holes (with a cart) during the week for \$32,

on the weekend for \$38. On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays after 1 p.m., those rates fall to \$28.

For tee time information, or for directions to Hickory Sticks, call 734-913-8140.

Here are a few of Washtenaw County's other feature courses open to the public.

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**Hudson Mills MetroPark Golf Course, Dexter:** Shorter than the Downriver-familiar Willow

MetroPark course, Hudson Mills covers 6,339 yards from the middle tees.

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**LakeForest Golf Club, Ann Arbor:** Only in its second full season, LakeForest has drawn such early



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rave reviews that it landed one of only two LPGA futures events in the state this summer. An LPGA futures event will play at LakeForest May 22-26.

The front nine features a links-style feel, laced with fescue and bothered

by wind, while the back nine returns to a more traditional, woody atmosphere.

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## County offers up some tempting tests

By JAMIE COOK  
HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

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The Monroe County area offers some of the finest—and most varied—golf courses in Southeastern Michigan for the amateur and scratch golfer alike.

Here is a look at some of the top contenders.

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"We've added some new water hazards and bunkers to beautify the course," club pro Brian Katowicz said.

He said the biggest challenge for golfers this season will be the par 5, 534-yard seventh hole. The dogleg left has a new pond surrounding the green that should force some decision-making once a golfer is in range.

There is also a bar and grill restaurant on the premises.

Weekend rates are \$48 for 18 holes plus cart, and weekdays are \$42 for 18 and a cart. Walking rates are available, as are twilight specials.

The course is located at 911 St.

**The Legacy:** Ottawa Lake is a long way from some people to travel for a round of golf, but if any course is worth the trip, it is the Legacy.

Considered by many to be the best course in Monroe County, the 18-hole gem sprawls over a huge chunk of property in the southwest corner of the county.

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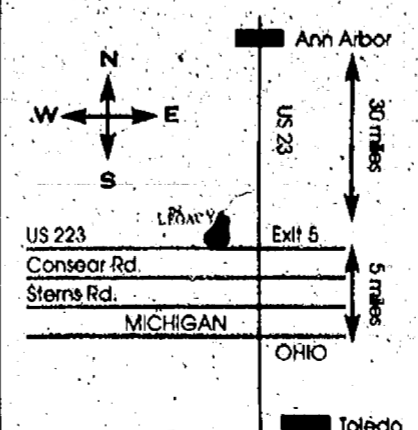
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## MONROE

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three years ago and only continues to get better as it matures.

The 18 holes weave their way through plenty of on-course ponds and streams, which on one or two occasions require those annoying lay-up shots.

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**Raisin River Golf Club:** One of the area's most recognized courses, Raisin River boasts a pair of 18-hole courses at a convenient location.

The newest wrinkle appears to be from a new bridge constructed on the East Course, according to manager Jim Keller.

The East, a par 71, is widely considered the tougher of the two, but Keller doesn't agree.

"The West (a par 70) is just as challenging," he said. "Lots of bushes and cover and smaller greens."

Facilities include a restaurant, bar and driving range.

Weekend rates are \$25 for 18 holes on the East, \$22 for the West, and weekdays the prices are lowered to \$22 and \$20, respectively. Carts are \$11.

The course is located at 1500 N.

Dixie Hwy., Monroe. Call 734-289-3700.

**Carleton Glen:** This 18-hole par 71 has a variety of challenges on the course, including water, trees and elevated greens.

But it's two holes on the back nine that manager Robert Milosch feels are the best.

The 520-yard par 5 18th hole proves to be a challenging finishing hole for the average linksman.

"It's a dogleg with water, trees, sand and different elevations," Milosch said.

The other toughie is the par 4 335-yard 11th hole, which features an elevated tee and fairway that stretches throughout a valley, river and pond.

Restaurant and bar are on site. Spring rates are \$15 for 18 holes and \$10 for nine. Once the summer hits, rates increase to \$24 and \$15. Carts are \$6 per nine holes per person.

The Course is located at 13470 Grafton Rd., Carleton. Call 734-654-6201

**Green Meadows:** This expansive 18-hole par 70 covers 6,371 yards of golfing bliss.

Green Meadows has seven par three holes, four of which are over 200 yards.

"Our course features a lot of large greens," manager Doug Smith said.

But don't expect an easy day of hit-

ting them. The 544-yard par 5 12th is among the most challenging holes. A creek 220 yards from the tee leaves some room for thought before swinging. There are also traps and woods on the left.

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**Lake Erie:** This is the newest course in the system and it has quickly gained favor with golfers.

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**The Lilac:** One of the longest courses around, Lilac has undergone continuous improvements since changing ownership in 1995.

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**Wesburn:** This course, which was built more than 70 years ago, has returned to its former glory under new ownership.

Weekends it is \$25 for 18 holes, \$15 for nine. On weekdays, the prices drop to \$20 and \$12.50. Carts are \$6 per nine holes per person.

Senior rates and other specials are also available.

The course is located at 1555 Strasburg Rd., Raisinville Twp. Call 734-242-5566.

It is a fun course to play and it easily accessible from all points Downriver.

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Other local courses worth a try are Shady Hollow in Romulus (313-721-0430) and Southgate Municipal (734-246-1358).

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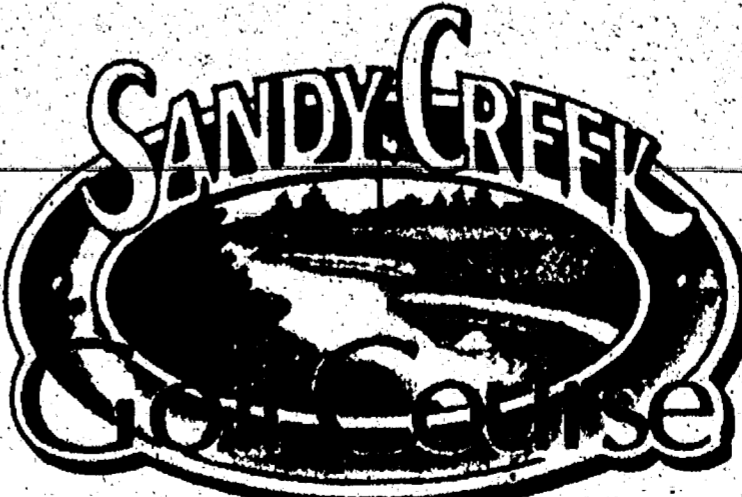
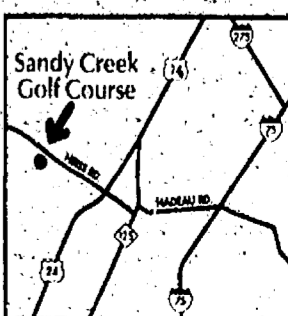



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## A pro's pro

*Gateway's Curtis George has a passion for teaching the game of golf*

When it comes to the game of golf, Gateway Golf Club's head pro has only one passion he loves more than playing - teaching the increasingly popular sport to men, women and children of all ages.

Michigan's newest golf course has a hidden gem in Curtis George, who has a special talent that makes junior players and women embrace the game and golf professionals come back for lessons.

"In order to be a good coach you need to be a great student," said George, who has learned from many great teachers over the years.

Once he qualified to teach, George spend six weeks teaching with Jimmy Ballard in 1995 in West Palm Beach, Fla. Through this experience, he advanced many individuals' games by teaching them the basic skills of golf as well as the preparation needed to enjoy the game even more.

"I've taught pros - ladies and men - and I can tell you that women make the better students. They learn three to four times faster than men," said George. "They put it all together quickly using timing, rhythm and weight transfer to bring the proper athletic motion into play.

"Men try to use their strength to equal a great shot, but there are many more factors that come into play."

George has a well-established teaching outline that he follows when teaching all ages the game of golf.

His primary point is that students should have the feeling that they are not more important than anyone around them during a lesson and that they have the physical and mental skills to enjoy the game.

He pays a lot of attention to his students and likes having an "open door" so they can stop in or call him when they feel it is necessary.

With this approach to teaching he has been able to successfully teach approximately 2,000 lessons per season.

George also has a soft spot for children who take up the game. He said it is never too early to get a child started in pursuit of the little white ball.

"The best time to start a child in golf is whenever they can pick up a club, even if it is a small plastic one," he said.

"As they get more comfortable, they will know when to grasp for help to take their game to the next level."

With some 40,000 lessons he's

taught to children, George is working on his second generation of family lessons with grandsons Mitchell, 6, and Josh, 2.

Before becoming the head pro at Gateway Golf Course, George was the head professional at various clubs in the area. They include Woodlands of Van Buren, Southland Golf Center, Mission Hills and Tam-O-Shanter.

He has also worked with many well-known professionals over the years such as Hal Sutton, Jim Dent, Lance Ten Brock, Jesper Parnevik and Terri Anthony.

You can find Curtis George at the Gateway Golf Course located off Venoy Rd near the intersection of Van Born and Merriman. The course is just two miles from Metro Airport.

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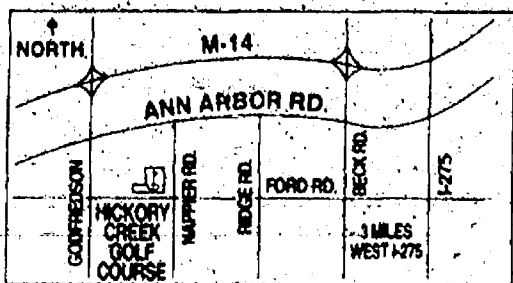
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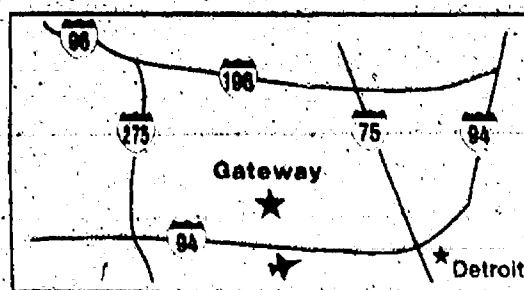
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# 2001 GOLF GUIDE: DOWNRIVER

## Woodlands is easy on golfers, birds

BY DAVE MERCHANT  
HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

If you are looking for a place to play golf on a professional-style course, then look no further than the Woodlands of Van Buren.

The course is located just minutes from Metro Airport and averages 50,000 golfers who grace the greens each year.

The course offers 18 holes with various pars from three, four and five. The par for the course is 71.

Aside from the golf course, Woodlands also offers a full clubhouse, pro shop, driving range and banquet rooms. The banquet rooms can be made into one large area that can hold 300 people.

Bob Molloy, the club professional, offers lesson through the local recreation departments as well as for people of all level of play. Residents of Van Buren Township do receive a discount on golf rates.

The course was built on farmland back in May of 1995 and is a member of the American Golf Corporation.

Anyone interested in water hazards will love this course. There are

some 13 water hazards on the course. So much so that if a golfer loves watches birds this is the place to be. The Woodlands of Van Buren is a member of the National Audubon Society.

The course has been deemed a Cooperative Audubon Sanctuary.

"We have had blue herons, red tail hawks and King Fishers on the course," Dave Hollens superintendent of the course said. "There are nesting boxes located on the course."

The signature hole for the course is the fourteenth. It is a 466-yard par four whose green is nestled against a backdrop of mature tree and protected in front by a large pond.

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## Wyandotte Shores still a challenge

BY CHUCK NELSON  
HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

It is true that Wyandotte Shores is just a nine-hole layout, but there are days that the course can send you home with a mighty large migraine headache.

The same three variables still exist at Wyandotte Shores that have harassed golfers since the course opened: water, wind and weeds.

The top concern when playing a round at Wyandotte Shores is your golf balls, and their tendency to find several water hazards on the course.

The eighth and ninth holes run alongside the Detroit River, with about 15-20 feet of rough between the fairways and the water.

Add in the fact that No. 8 is a 380-yard par-4 and No. 9 a 488-yard par-5, and it becomes easy to see that several sprayed drivers can easily find the river.

Or maybe even take out the occasional passer-by on boat that might happen to slide too close to shore to watch you tee off.

Also, there are ponds that can be tricky, depending on pin placement, on holes No. 2 and No. 5, both shorter par-3 holes.

The next obstacle would have to be the wind, simply because in the sum-

mer, with prevailing winds out of the west, it pushes your ball towards the Detroit River on the two finishing holes.

And if the wind is blowing out of the southwest, you will have to be huge to have a shot at birdie on the 547-yard par-5 No. 7 hole.

But if the wind is kind and out of the north, you will love playing this monster.

Really now, who doesn't love to just take out the big dog and try to take the cover off the ball?

And if you slice or hook, you won't be too far off line to give yourself a shot at par. But, you may have to deal with the third hazard that lurks at Wyandotte Shores.

Last but not least is, of course, the rough.

A great chunk of the course is covered by tall, thick, two-stroke penalty for grounding your club in a hazard rough.

Should you stray from the generously wide fairways, you will need both patience and luck to find your ball.

If you really shank it, or don't see the area where it landed, just forget it.

But then again, the odds are just as likely that you will find somebody

else's mistake in the knee-deep shag while you are looking for yours.

Things aren't going to look much different at Wyandotte Shores than they have in the last couple years.

Minor changes might be made, but the staff over at the Wyandotte Recreation Department said that

nothing has been done yet, or will be officially.

And, the greens and cart fees remain the same, which is always going to put a smile on a golfer's face.

The water, wind and weeds just might remove that smile though.

### FORE

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**Reddeman Farms Golf Club, Chelsea:** This 18-hole course just south of I-94 has grown to be one of the county's most-respected courses.

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**Rustic Glen Golf Club, Saline Twp.:** Built on the rolling terrain southwest of Saline, Rustic Glen's layout offers a challenge to the low-handicap shooter, but is typically forgiving enough for the less skilled player.

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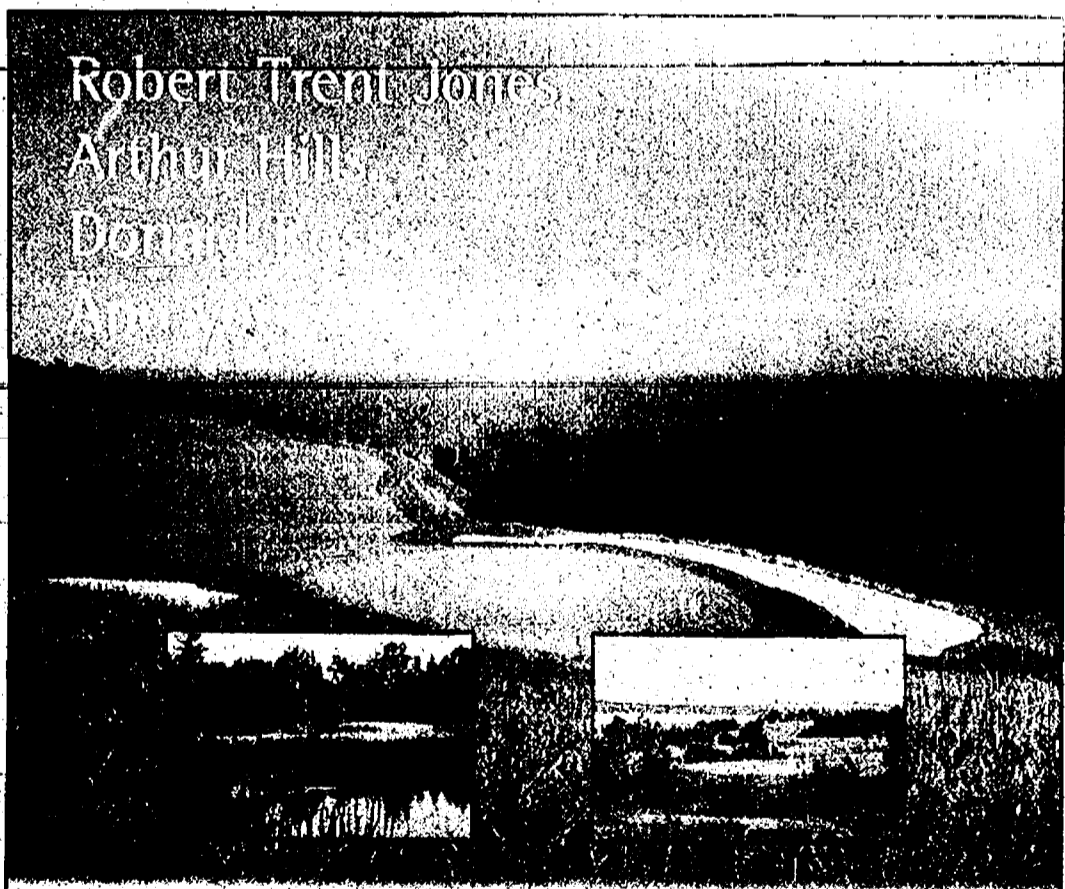


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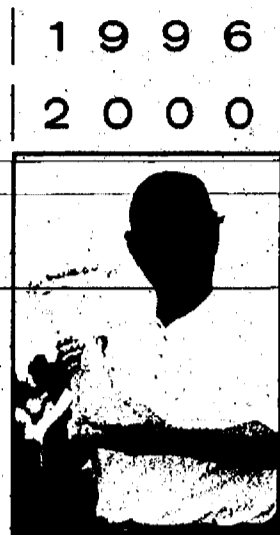
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