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NEWS BRIEFS

Congressman's staff to meet with residents

U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers' 8th District office staff will meet with Washtenaw County residents from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at the Chelsea Village Offices, 305 S. Main St. District office hours are scheduled in the Chelsea location the third Monday of each month.

Citizens who need help with federal agencies or who have comments or concerns may drop in and talk with the congressman's staff.

Ecology program set for Saturday at center

A program on stream ecology is set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Eddy Discovery Center on Bush Road, located between Pierce and McClure roads in the Waterloo Recreation Area.

Rain boots or old tennis shoes are recommended. Class is limited to 20 people and advance registration is required. Call 475-3170.

Pool offers extended summer hours

The Charles S. Cameron pool at Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer Drive, is offering extended hours this summer.

The pool will be open weekdays through Aug. 24. Open recreational swimming is from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Senior citizen swim time is from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and adult lap swim is from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 433-2260.

Ecology meeting set for Saturday

Ecology Center Land Use Director Liz Brater will meet with Dexter Township residents from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, to discuss ways to curb urban sprawl.

Brater will brief citizens on key features of their existing planning rules, what will happen if rules aren't changed, and how to change the rules to better shape growth in the township.



There is plenty of activity behind the scenes as preparations move ahead for the 64th Chelsea Community Fair, which kicks off Tuesday and runs through Saturday. Ben Rodgers (above) unloads the rails for the lamb pens, while Alyssa Rodgers (right) washes the rails.

Endorsement sparks response

■ Townships don't like chamber of commerce backing cityhood initiative.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

Lima and Sylvan townships are not pleased that the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce is supporting Chelsea's drive to become a city.

"I'm not too happy about losing more land and taxes," said Lima Township Supervisor Ken Unterbrink.

Unterbrink said the chamber of commerce is an entity that represents a number of services to the community, not just the downtown businesses, and should look out for everyone's interest.

"The chamber shouldn't have

made a decision that pulls in other service organizations, like the Chelsea hospital, Chelsea schools and the Chelsea Fair Board," Unterbrink said.

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Brian Hamilton said the board of directors is composed of 17 members representing various groups and businesses in the community. Representatives recently voted unanimously in support of Chelsea becoming a city.

The vote was taken after a presentation given by Jack Merkel at the monthly Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting.

"The chamber discussed the issues after the presentation and we looked at the pros and

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Boy drowns in nearby lake

■ Sheriff's department investigating death.

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

An 11-year-old boy drowned in Independence Lake Saturday in Webster Township during a field trip from the St. Louis Center, a home for developmentally disabled youth and adults located in Sylvan Township.

Matthew Swanson of Pinckney, a resident at the center for several years, was pronounced dead at approximately 9:30 p.m. after he was taken to the University of Michigan Medical Center, said Washtenaw County Sheriff's Cmdr. David Egeler.

Egeler said the boy was with approximately two dozen children and four staff members. The group was on a picnic at the park. At 8 p.m., after dinner, most of the children were in the water and some were on shore, Egeler said. Staff members at the center were count-

ing everyone when they noticed one person was missing.

Initially, Egeler said they thought Swanson was near shoreline because bystanders reported seeing a child fitting his description near the bathrooms.

"Apparently, Matthew had a history of wandering off, and a couple of weeks earlier had wandered off in this same park and was found sitting at a park bench with another group eating," Egeler said.

When they couldn't find Swanson quickly, the staff contacted lifeguards, who cleared the roped-off swim area from the shoreline to a depth of about 6 feet and conducted a walking search of the water. They found the boy within five minutes in 5 feet of water. By then, Swanson had probably been submerged 15 to 20 minutes, Egeler said.

One of the bystanders was a respiratory therapist who

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Fun on tap Chelsea fair kicks off Tuesday

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

The Chelsea fair has been a tradition in the community and will mark 64 years next week. With that much history, there are a number of untold stories out there. Just ask Lloyd Grau, for instance.

Grau remembers a fair parade he took part in as a freshman at Chelsea High School in the early 1950s.

Chelsea had a good football team that year, and it was close to the game against our rivals, Milan," he said. "I belonged to the FFA (Future Farmers of America) and had a Jersey cow who was so easygoing I could do anything with her.

"We put her up on top of a wagon and named our float, 'A Under Victory for Chelsea and It's In The Bag.' We took first place."

The Chelsea native has ridden in a lot of fair parades since that time and is looking

forward to this year's event, slated for 1 p.m. Aug. 25.

Grau recalls going to the fair when it was held at the former high school, located where the Schoolhouse Apartments are today.

"It was just an agricultural affair to start with, mostly produce like apples and potatoes," he said. "There was also a tent and people brought a few animals."

The fair was later held where Lloyd Bridges Traveland is located today on M-52. Then it was moved to a factory adjacent to the current fair grounds before moving to its current location on Old US-12.

"As it progressed and grew, Lloyd Heydlauff and the downtown merchants set up at the fair; the city people came out to it and it became a real community event," Grau said. "We didn't have carnival rides, but there were a lot of evening events, like talent shows."

"Over the years, we've grown into a such a large community event that it takes several departments to organize and run it."

Preparations have been under way all week for this year's fair. From arranging entertainment, building animal pens, cleaning the barns, practicing dance routines and a host of other activities, everything is being put into place to make it bigger and better than ever.

This year's fair will offer a mix of the old-time agricultural fair, the excitement of midway rides and the thrills and spills of the demolition derby. Clowns, lumberjacks, tractor pulls, music, children's events, Ladies' Day and a livestock auction all fill the week's action, which starts Tuesday and runs through Aug. 25.

For more information about the fair, see a special fair supplement in this week's newspaper.

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Library Blossoms



Joan Birgy of the Chelsea District Library admires flowers planted by the Chelsea Area Garden Club at the entrance to the library at 500 Washington St. The club expanded its civic beautification spots this year to include the current library site, and continues to plant and care for flowers downtown at McKune House and the Chelsea Post Office.



Local women love to clown around

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Houle enjoys MAC spotlight

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Myers served two decades in Marines

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Senator speaks in Chelsea

■ **State Sen. Loren Bennett wants to modernize office.**

By Lisa Allmendinger
Staff Writer

Ever wonder what, exactly, the Secretary of State office does?

According to state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, an announced candidate campaigning for the office, it's a very busy place.

Bennett spoke to the Western Washtenaw Republicans Saturday in Chelsea.

He said there are 178 branch offices across the state, including one in Chelsea, as well as a mobile office. Combined, the offices take in \$2 billion a year.

The office, among other things, oversees elections, candidate campaign reporting and licensing for motor vehicles.

"One million pieces of paper a day are generated by the Secretary of State offices," Bennett said.

And each report from the branch offices is stored on microfilm.

"There are mammoth warehouses of microfilm," he said, explaining that the department has yet to move into complete computerization.

Bennett said it's not just Secretary of State documents that are stored on microfilm, it's every township, village, city and county records, as well as all of the court records.

Bennett would like to see these documents burned into CDs to reduce the cost of storage.



Washtenaw County Commissioner Joseph Yekulis (left) of Chelsea stands with state Sen. Loren Bennett of Canton. Bennett is seeking the Secretary of State's office in November 2002.

"State law says documents must be kept for 99 years in the warehouse. I want to modernize this process," he said.

As a state senator, Bennett said he intends to introduce legislation that would allow the paper documents to be destroyed once they are copied.

Bennett, the only announced candidate for Secretary of

State in the November 2002 race, will leave the Senate next year because of term limits. He's been in office since 1994.

Candice Miller, the current Secretary of State, also will be leaving office because of term limits.

Staff Writer Lisa Allmendinger can be reached at 433-1052 or by e-mail at yankee@izzy.net.

Nichols earns recognition

Kevin Nichols has made the dean's list and the honor roll at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing.

Nichols is a graduate of Stockbridge High School and Eastern Michigan University. He is the son of Gail and the late Thomas Nichols of Gregory.

Nichols and his wife, Cathy, live in Dexter Township. They have two children, Travis and Megan.

STRAIGHT FACTS

There were mistakes in three headlines in last week's Chelsea Standard. A headline about Chelsea's Citizens of the Year should have said "Greenhouse operators receive annual honor." A headline about Lima Township should have said "Residents complain information withheld" and a headline for a golf course review should have said "Terrain, scenery make Pierce Lake unique."

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

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Dreams really can come true

Six candidates vie for Chelsea Fair Queen crown

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

When Chelsea High School junior Erin Byrne was a young girl, viewing the fair queen competition was the highlight of her summer.

"In second grade, I even dressed up as a fair queen for Halloween," she says.

The 16-year-old daughter of Brian and Alice Byrne will get her chance to compete for the crown 7 p.m. Aug. 25, the final day of the Chelsea Community Fair.

At that time, Byrne and five others will find out who will succeed Molly Welton as Chelsea's fair queen.

Jessica Dean, Samantha Bogdanski, Connie Kolokithas, Jayna Katz and Stephanie Fischer join Byrne in this year's competition.

Byrne, who has previously helped with fair parking and at the Students Against Driving Drunk booth, is entering food and crafts items in the fair. She is a member of the Chelsea High School Show Choir, yearbook, musicals, Students Taking A New Direction and Key Club.

The Key Club will sponsor her bid for the crown.

Samantha Bogdanski, 13, is another candidate whose Halloween costume was usually that of fair queen.

The daughter of Cherie Alex-

ander and Ron Bogdanski Jr., Bogdanski is sponsored by Palmer Family Ford-Mercury.

The Chelsea native, who participates in cheerleading, softball and track, also enjoys reading, volleyball, art and dancing — a gift she plans to display at Monday's Talent Night.

Dexter High School student Stephanie Fischer, 15, is sponsored by Rodgers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club. She will enter her sewing, scrapbook, baking, and art and crafts in the fair. She also will be showing animals as a member of the 4-H Swine Club and Steer Club.

The daughter of Brad and Cindy Fischer is involved with 4-H, as well as Dexter High School volleyball and cross country. She also takes part in the pep, marching and concert bands.

Jayna Katz, sponsored by the Chelsea High School sophomore class, has enjoyed the Chelsea Community Fair since moving to the area four years ago from Southfield.

"Molly Welton asked me if I wanted to enter the fair queen competition," she said. "I always thought it would be really cool."

The 14-year-old daughter of Gary and Mary Ellen Katz, she is entering a carousel cake in the fair. Katz, who enjoys tennis, singing and playing the piano, is in the teen volunteer program at Chelsea Community Hospital.

Jessica Dean, 15, sponsored by Gigi's Flowers in Chelsea, has lived in Chelsea since third grade and has been a fairgoer for the past five years. This year, she will enter items in the art and crafts category, as well as roses in the flower contest.

The daughter of Ron and Carla Dean, she enjoys running and dancing. She is a member of Chelsea High School varsity cross country and track.

Connie Kolokithas, 17, is sponsored by the Chelsea High School senior class. Kolokithas, who moved to Chelsea from Pinckney in her freshman year, has been attending the Chelsea fair for many years and remembers taking part in the children's tractor pull when she was much younger.

This year, Kolokithas will enter artwork and baked goods, including the Greek pastry baklava.

The daughter of Nick and Donna Kolokithas, she plays varsity basketball, volleyball and softball, and enjoys dancing and singing.

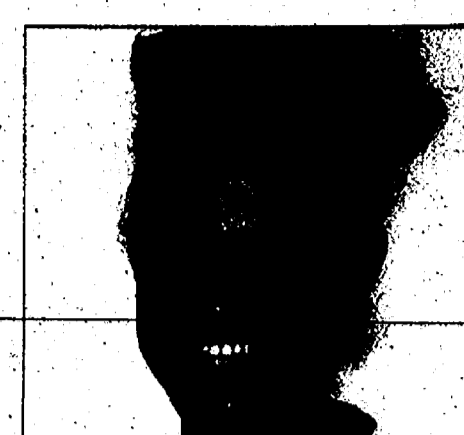
The six candidates will shadow Fair Queen Molly Welton for the week, taking part in various activities. Among them are cutting the opening ribbon on Monday, performing at Monday's Talent Night and putting on a fashion show with their mothers at Friday's Ladies' Day events.



Connie Kolokithas



Jayna Katz



Erin Byrne



Stephanie Fischer



Jessica Dean



Samantha Bogdanski

The week's excitement comes to a head on Saturday evening when Molly Welton hands over her crown to one of the six candidates.

The girls are judged on their past involvement in fair activities, talent, school and community activities, as well as poise and appearance and interviews with both the judges and the public.

Happy memories

Welton's reign comes to a close with 2001 fair

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Each year at the Chelsea Community Fair, Molly Welton heard the fair queens say how wonderful the past year had been.

"It always seemed like a cliché. But when it was my turn, I found it really was true," said Welton, a 2001 Chelsea High School graduate who is wrapping up her reign as queen of the Chelsea Community Fair.

"It's been very exciting and a great opportunity to meet people in the community," she said.

Highlights of the 17-year-old's year have included riding in the Saline fair parade last fall and performing there as a guest fair queen. She also cites lighting the Christmas tree at Chelsea's Festival of Lights in December, where she entertained the crowd by playing Christmas carols on her violin.

A founding member of the Chelsea House Orchestra, Welton gave musical performances throughout the year at local elementary schools and for resi-

dents of the Chelsea Retirement Community, where she is a volunteer. She also volunteered at Silver Maples Retirement Community, while finding time for Chelsea High School's chamber orchestra, varsity volleyball team and National Honor Society.

"The main focus of my year as queen comes down to this year's fair," Welton said.

The teen will cut the ribbon 5 p.m. Monday to open this year's fair, kicking off the week's festivities, and follow up with a bluegrass medley performance at the Talent Show.

Welton also has been organizing the group dance she and the six fair queen candidates will perform at Monday's Talent

Night, Friday's Ladies' Day and Saturday's Fair Queen Pageant.

The seven girls, choreo-

graphed by local dance teacher Monique-Priebe, will dance to a Cinderella theme, "Dreams Really Can Come True."



Molly Welton

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My wife and I took a boat tour on Jackson Lake, at Grand Teton National Park, last month. The tour guide talked about the fire damage at the Teton and Yellowstone in the past 13 years. She said that the lodgepole pine, the predominant tree in the two parks, had two methods of reseeded itself. Under normal conditions it would do so through seeds in its large pine cones. But it also carries under its branches smaller cones, which open up only when the temperature gets above 113 degrees. This, she claimed, is nature's way of replacing the forest after a fire.

A National Geographic article from early 1989 seems to confirm her claims, and when we got to Yellowstone the next day and saw acres and acres of the 39% of the park that had burned in the fires of 1988, it was obvious that little pine trees are growing rapidly to replace their burned parents. It will take awhile; the park still looks pretty sad, and new fires have spread this year since we left July 1. But the situation is hopeful. This reminds me of Proverbs 24:16, "Though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again."

The Lord has given nature an amazing ability to recover, and He does the same for His people; the believers in His Son Jesus Christ. We get knocked down, but not forever, because our Savior has provided eternal life for us.

The Proverbs passage ends, "But the wicked are brought down by calamity." No matter how successful a person may be, without faith in Jesus Christ calamity is ultimately in store.

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Adventure in Alaska

Chelsea graduate finishes two-month internship

By Elizabeth Wagenschutz
Special Writer

Alison Paul, a 1998 Chelsea High School graduate and student at Loyola University in Chicago, spent the fall semester last year in Costa Rica.

This summer she has traveled in the opposite direction, spending two months in Alaska.

Paul is an intern in the Alaska SeaLife Center's education department. The center is in Seward, a two-hour drive from Anchorage. She arrived there on June 18 and is returning Aug. 23 before going back to Chicago for school.

Paul found out about the intern program through the Internet. She applied and was accepted along with 14 others, mostly from the lower 48 states, though one is from England.

The SeaLife Center has three main departments: research, education and rehabilitation. While Paul spends the majority of her time in the education department, she also has been able to work in the other two areas.

The education department allows the public to see the research and rehabilitation projects going on. They offer informative exhibits, behind-the-scenes tours and special group programs, and this is where Paul spends the majority of her time.

"About four to five hours a day, I work on the floor in the exhibits," she said. "Mainly, I work at either the Discovery

Touch Tank or in the seabird exhibit.

"The touch tank has all sorts of animals, including anemones, sea stars, sea cucumbers, sea urchins, chitons, fish, crabs of all sorts and barnacles," she said. "The visitors are able to gently touch the animals, and I'm there to help them and tell them about the various animals in the exhibit."

"When I work in the seabird exhibit, I talk with the visitors, answer their questions and make sure no one tries to swim with the tufted puffins, pigeon Guillemots or the red-legged Kittiwakes."

When she's not on the exhibit floor, Paul is helping in the education office. She has worked on education programs for schoolchildren and elder hostel groups, and has guided behind-the-scenes tours.

Occasionally, she is able to work with the animal caretakers. She was also a member on a presentation team that focused on the impact coastal communities have on the ocean, which they then presented to the general public.

Paul said she really enjoys Alaska and is learning a lot from the experience.

"We are right on a bay, surrounded by large, snow-capped mountains," she said. "Because we are at sea level, the height of the mountains feels amazingly high. The combination of the water and the huge mountains is absolutely beautiful."

One of the major differences from her everyday life that she has had to contend with is the constant presence of light.

"It really only gets dark at about 12.30 a.m.," she said, "and then stays dark for a few hours. And even then, it's more of a dusk. I have yet to see the moon or stars, but I really like all the sunlight. The weather here is about 50 to 70 (degrees) most days. Mostly, it has been just beautiful and sunny."

The remoteness is something that Paul really enjoys, as well.

"It's nice to be somewhere without stop lights, or even a need to look both ways when you cross the street," she said.

"Alaska is so natural, wild and so big. It is amazing to go hiking and just look at mountain after mountain, and know that there are no roads that will even bring you close to them."

One time that she was able to experience the wildlife closely was on a collection trip with the Aquarium Department.

"I was really lucky to go on this trip," she said. "It was a way to learn about how specimens are collected and to see some of the area around here that I wouldn't have access to otherwise, and it was such an awesome experience. I can't even describe it."

And that was just one of many times Paul has been close to the Alaskan wilderness.

She said all of the experiences, in addition to everything she is learning about marine

and Alaskan ecosystems, makes the internship so unique.

"I've been able to go on an awesome boat tour of Kenai Fjords National Park, and we went on a trip in a helicopter up to a nearby glacier to go hiking," she said. "That was incredible because we got to hike on the glacier surrounded by mountains. Plus, the helicopter ride was a neat way to see some of the mountains."

All these experiences will prove to be more than beneficial for Paul after she graduates. She is majoring in environmental science.

"I would like to work promoting the conservation of our environment, but also the betterment of living standards for many people," she said.

"I believe that environmentalists should not have to be at odds with the economy and industry. I think that it's exciting that right now so many people and companies are finding ways of doing business that save our environment, or at least use it in renewable ways instead of destroy it."

"I hope that once I graduate, I can work on some of the solutions to our environmental problems that will encourage the current economic system," she said.

Now that Paul has traveled to the tropics and lived near the Arctic Circle, she will be returning to the Midwest to finish school and decide what region she'll visit next.



Alison Paul (right) and Melissa Paulsen, an intern from Montana, celebrate after hiking Mt. Marathon in Alaska. The trail is 1.5 miles long and a 3,000-foot climb.

RESPONSE

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cons," said Chamber of Commerce President Ric Sauer.

The group wanted to look at the impact cityhood would have on the downtown businesses and residents, Sauer said.

If Chelsea is successful in its quest for cityhood, it will have the opportunity to create its own charter, which reflects its own circumstances and concerns. The chamber of commerce said having the charter will make for a more efficient and smoother-run government.

The Chelsea Downtown Development Authority also supports Chelsea's bid to become a city.

"Growth is going to happen, and as a community you need to control it," said DDA Chairman Sheridan Springer.

Getting the thumbs up from both of these groups gives a citizens committee pushing the cityhood issue an extra boost when it presents the initiative to the state Boundary Commission at a public hearing. The hearing was scheduled for Aug. 29 but has been postponed.

"This will definitely hold some weight when we go before the Boundary Commission," said Ann Feeney, a member of the citizen committee.

However, the townships see the move to cityhood differently. Lima Township could lose some 100 acres of land, including property in the new Meadow View Estates subdivision, extending north of Chelsea High School, and then along Freer Road, including some larger parcels along Trinkle Road.

Sylvan Township could lose just as much land, affecting approximately 100 people on 77 parcels, said Sylvan Township Supervisor Charles Burgess.

However, loss of land is only one component of the issue for the townships. Both townships could lose the 1 mill currently collected from village residents. Residents pay township taxes for such services as property assessments and record keeping.

"Sylvan Township residents are not ready to lose this tax revenue," Burgess said.

"Every year, the township sees a large number of residents, mostly senior citizens, who come into the township offices and are upset with the increasing tax rates," he said. "Most of them are on a fixed income, and could not even possibly think about paying any more in taxes."

If the townships lose a chunk of their tax base, they will be forced to find other ways to fill their coffers, township officials said.

Unterbrink said Lima Township may look at courting commercial businesses to build in the township, especially near the Fletcher Road and Interstate 94 area.

Multi-family housing and other high-density development may be another means of beefing up its tax base, he said. However, Unterbrink hopes that

he won't have to take such drastic measures.

"Lima Township has always been a rural area, and we would like to keep it that way," he said.

But if Chelsea becomes a city, township officials think they have to do something to recover financially.

Sylvan Township has been considering bids for test water wells, and the township has provisions in place for sewer tanks in Leoni Township, Burgess said.

Lima Township may join Sylvan Township in obtaining sewer service from Leoni Township. With sewer and water service available, more businesses and industry can be built in the area.

Burgess said Chelsea becoming a city offers no advantage to Sylvan Township residents.

"Chelsea doesn't have any-

thing that Sylvan Township doesn't have," Burgess said.

Sylvan Township belongs to the Chelsea Area Fire Authority and recently decided to work with the Michigan State Police for its police services. Chelsea is a member of the fire authority and has its own police department.

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District holds new staff orientation

■ **New hires include returning staff member Mary Koert**

By **Sheila Pursglove**
Staff Writer.

A four-day orientation program that began Monday and ends today introduced new staff members to the Chelsea School District.

A total of 17 new-hires will grace Chelsea schools when school starts on Aug. 27, although some, including Special Education Director Mary Koert, are familiar faces.

The intensive four-day orientation kicked off with a photo session on Monday, followed by an explanation of the district's philosophy and mission by Superintendent Ed Richardson.

School traditions and events, operations and technology, and a tour of the community were all packed in before lunch. In the afternoon, central office staff gave a presentation that included an introduction to the staff and explanations of their various functions.

Tuesday's roster included a presentation on how to plan for the first few days of school, student assessment and evaluation. It also included information about workshops, in-service days, an explanation of mentor training and a presentation about the Chelsea Education Association.

Yesterday's presentations included establishing an effective discipline plan and integration of technology into the classroom. Curriculum Director Ted Gardella, also new to the district, gave an overview of the curriculum and special education teacher Sandra Dunn delivered a presentation.

Chelsea High School Assistant Principal Robin Raymond discussed the alternative education program, while high school Principal Ron Mead and Beach Middle School Principal Bill Wescott delivered a presentation about Child Protective Services and corporal punishment.

The newcomers spent the afternoon involved in technology training, led by technology specialist Scott Wooster.

The new staff will tour the school buildings and grounds today and meet the support staff.

They will also learn about teacher evaluation procedures, school procedures, paperwork, student code of conduct, school culture, traditions, grade-level issues and technology specifics for their particular school building.

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Chelsea High School's new assistant principal, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, and Alternative High School teacher Adam Benschoter are pictured with the new Chelsea High School staff. The staff includes English and social studies teacher Gina Watson (standing, left), English and art teacher Patricia DeYoe, Spanish teacher Kim Coffey and psychologist Holly Heaviland.



Paraprofessional Wendy Beaumont (left), teacher consultant J.D. Bolo-Schreuder and teacher-consultant Sue Langen will join the elementary school staff.



Gary Kaiser is the latest addition to the Beach Middle School food service team.



Beach Middle School is adding seven new staff members. Seated are sixth-grade teacher John Nickel (left) and seventh-grade teacher Jason Morris. Standing are physical education teacher Jennifer Driskill; seventh-grade teacher Amy Oake; sixth-grade teacher Mary Bassett; science teacher Robin de Gracia and seventh-grade teacher Kristine Henry.

DROWNS

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administered CPR while park staff called 911, Egeler said.

The child was transported to the University of Michigan Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at approximately 9:30 p.m.

"It's a classic drowning scenario," Egeler said. "Although this is the first drowning in Washtenaw County this year, we've had a fair number of drowning deaths in southeast Michigan and they have almost all been children."

"We can't emphasize enough the need for stringent supervision of children near water, and if you think you'll be at all distracted then have the children in lifejackets."

Egeler said that Swanson, who was 4 1/2 feet tall, was not a proficient swimmer. He had Down syndrome and, while he could communicate through sign language, his verbal communication was poor.

Egeler said the investigation will continue.

Steve Daut, director of the St. Louis Center, said Tuesday that the center is not releasing any information at this time out of respect for the family.

The boy's parents are Mark and Julie Swanson of Pinckney. Funeral arrangements were not released as of press time.

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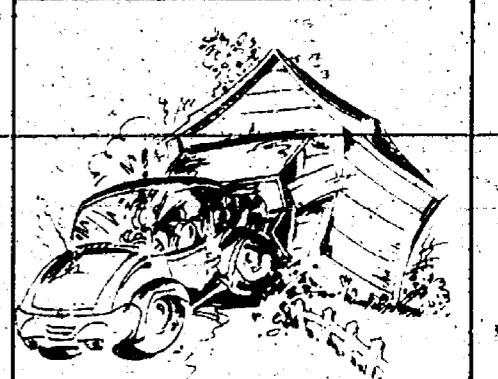
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School board OKs communication plan

■ *Community survey, newspaper column among the ideas.*

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Seating arrangements at the next Chelsea school board meeting may be a little cozier for board members.

Furniture arrangements will be changed to bring members into face-to-face contact with each other, rather than in a straight row.

It may seem a small point, but an important one, said members of a committee charged with improving communication.

The school district's communication committee, composed of Dayle Wright, Rob Turner and Susan Moore, hammered out ideas to improve communication between board members, administration, staff and parents, then took it to the board's six-hour brainstorming session on Monday. From there, members paused briefly for dinner before heading straight to the board meeting to approve it.

"What we had was a real basic need for everyone to be able to see and hear each other at meetings," Trustee Rob Turner said Tuesday. "With the old seating arrangements, we're so spread out we can't always hear what's being said."

The board is looking into the possibility of purchasing a sound system to enable the audience to better hear discussions,

including a pedestal microphone for audience members to use when addressing the board.

Other suggestions to improve communication include encouraging board members to visit schools, mingle with staff and parents at school activities and extracurricular events, and attend community meetings and events.

"We need to interact with the community, be available for parents, bring ourselves to them and let them talk to us," Turner said.

In the past, Turner said the board had a list of key communicators, including church leaders, PTO presidents and community group leaders who shared concerns.

"It's been a long time since we had a millage issue and some of our key communicators have moved, so it's time to build up an active pool of people again," he said.

The board would also like to publish a newspaper column, highlighting school activities.

A community survey is still in the works and may be distributed in the fall, depending on cost.

"Sandy (Merkel), Dayle and Susan put together an excellent survey in the past year. Now we need to find a way to implement it on a cost effective basis," Turner said.

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Marine Biologists

Fifth-graders in teacher Luman Strong's class at North Creek Elementary School took to the water on May 25 aboard the schooner Appledore in Bay City. The 3½-hour trip included marine biology, water experiments, learning navigation and hoisting the sails. A large part of the trip was funded by sales of bread baked by the class and sold at Chelsea Market and Chelsea Pharmacy. The group includes Drew Althouse, David Case, Ashley Clouse, Emma Cook, Colleen Cottrell, Pam Douglas, Haley Eisenhardt, Mike Ellenwood Jr., Kiefer Forsch, Ian Hughes, Jenna Jarvis, Matt Johnson, Lindsey Keyes, Mike Kundak-Cowall, Ryan Lenehan, Ian MacLeod, Joey Millen, Bryan Mooney, Samantha Oliver, Lindsay Proskie, Emily Rabbitt, Dean Roberts, Joe Scott, Kathryn Steen, Fran Trupiano, Adam Weir, Zach Gier and David Metzner.

Mary Koert named to director position

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Mary Koert has returned to Chelsea schools, succeeding Hank DeYoung as Region V special education director, covering schools in Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester and Whitmore Lake.

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District program offers a wide variety of services to eligible special-needs students.

Before a brief relocation to Boston earlier this year, Koert was a teacher consultant at South Meadows Elementary School, a position she had held since 1995. She served as assistant principal at the school in 1998.

Prior, she had been a teacher in Michigan, Ohio and California and has amassed a 27-year career in special education.

Koert has a bachelor's degree in social sciences from Grand Valley State University and a

master's degree from Western Michigan University. She holds endorsements in the areas of mental impairment and learning disabilities.

Koert has also taken graduate-level courses in administration, law and curriculum at the University of California in Irvine.

Koert, who has served as a mentor for new special education staff, has created and presented in-service training modules for district staff, developed teachers' strategies for diverse learners, and coached staff to accommodate the needs of learning disabled students.



Mary Koert

School welcomes new science teacher

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Chelsea resident Robin de Gracia will come on board at Beach Middle School this fall as a part-time science teacher.

De Gracia, who holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University, also attended the University of Hawaii. She holds endorsements in earth science and biol-

ogy, and is certified to teach students in seventh through 12th grades.

De Gracia taught for two years at East Middle School in Nashville, Tenn., and three years at Waipahu High School in Waipahu, Hawaii.

De Gracia was a substitute teacher in Chelsea from 1997 to 1999 before taking a part-time

position as an eighth-grade general science teacher at Greenhills School in Ann Arbor, where she also advised the middle school Science Club and coached members in preparation for the Science Olympiad competition.

In 1992, while teaching in Tennessee, she was a coach for the Special Olympics, supervising 10 mentally and physically

challenged students.

De Gracia has traveled extensively to Australia, Canada, England, Hawaii, Indonesia, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mexico, Singapore, Thailand and much of the United States.

The mother of two young children also enjoys camping, rock and fossil collecting, hiking, cross country skiing, gardening, reading and cooking.

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Chelsea laundry facility robbed

Business owner hopes camera will ward off intruders.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

The owner of The Laundry Room, 524 N. Main St., plans to have a Web camera installed inside his business after thieves stole \$600 Friday.

Business owner John Palmisano said that he had been planning to install a surveillance camera in his business for quite a while, but never got around to doing it.

But after someone made off with more than \$600 Aug. 10, Palmisano wished he had completed the task some time ago.

By having a Web camera in place, Palmisano said he will be able to monitor his business from the Internet 24 hours a day.

Police arrived at the laundry facility at about 3:45 a.m. after a man who was making a delivery at J.B.'s Party Center & Deli, 528 N. Main St., reported that a vent had been removed from the back of the building.

Police believe that a pair of vice grips found in the poorly lit area of the business was used to

pry open a vent that leads inside to the building.

Officers found a change machine and a laundry-soap vending machine damaged. A laundry-bag vending machine and the wall where the coin machine was mounted were also damaged.

"Whoever broke in here was after one thing: money," Palmisano said.

Palmisano said the theft will set him back financially. Insurance may cover some of the damages and loss, but not everything.

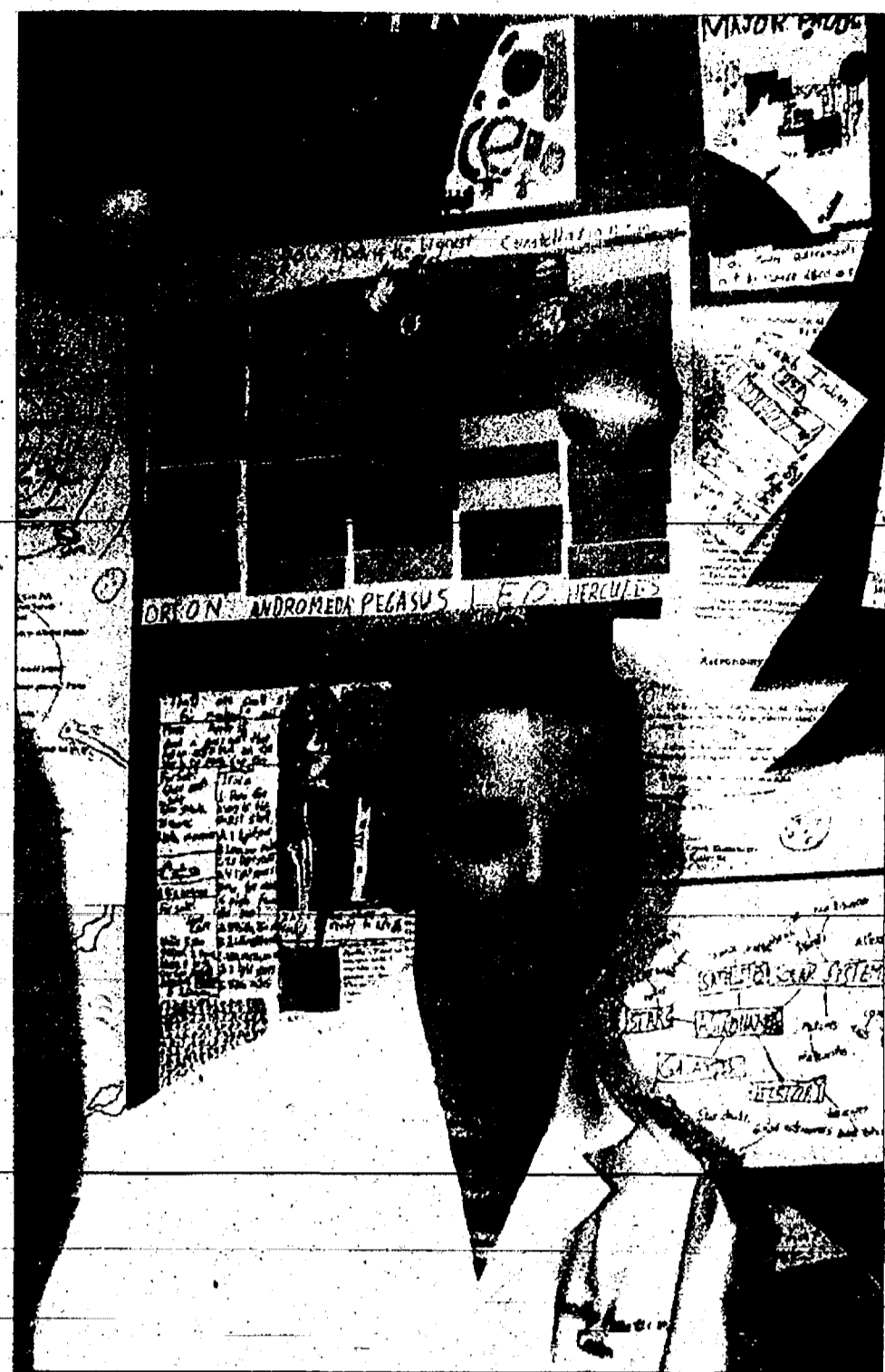
Palmisano said he thinks the

intruder must have known the layout of the Laundromat and the venting system.

Police are investigating why the alarm did not sound once the intruder came into the building.

Chelsea Police Chief Lenard McDougall said that fingerprints have been taken from a couple of places in the building, but they have not yet been compared to any others for identification purposes.

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Sylvan joins utility authority

Construction to begin next month.

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

The Sylvan Township Board has adopted articles of incorporation to become part of the Leoni Regional Utility Authority, joining Lyndon, Napoleon, Columbia, Norvell, Blackman and Grass Lake townships, and the villages of Grass Lake and Brooklyn in Jackson

County.

Sylvan Township will also form its own sewer authority and will own and operate sewage disposal and water supply systems.

The township has taken bids from contractors for building the sewage and water pipelines. The construction costs are estimated to be about \$9.6 million for both water and sewer facilities, but this does not include design, engineering and supervisory costs, said Gerald

Dresselhouse, the township's sewer project manager.

The township has taken bids for five contracts. One contract is for a forced main sewer to take sewage to the Leoni plant. The other four contracts are for the water system to serve Sylvan Township, including well drilling, a water treatment plant, a water storage tank and the water mains.

Washtenaw County will issue bonds to pay for the cost of construction. The bonds will be

paid off via a special assessment district. Users of the system will pay the balance over a 20-year period.

The township expects to begin construction on the sewer and water project next month and hopes to have it completed by August 2002.

Lima Township is in the process of studying the possibility of joining the sewer authority. A committee will present its findings to the Lima Township Board at the end of this month.

REMINISCING

5 years ago

Thursday, Aug. 15, 1996 —

As part of preparations for the 59th annual Chelsea Community Fair, Molly Edman and Lindsay Powers were roped into painting trash barrels. The duo painted 110 barrels in time for opening day Aug. 20.

Parents and staff at South Meadows Elementary School got together recently to work on the playground, spreading new bark and painting.

10 years ago

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1991 —

Laurie Honbaum of Chelsea Miss Michigan Teen USA, is in Biloxi, Miss., preparing to compete in the Miss Teen USA Pageant.

Chelsea Senior Citizens, represented by Vincent J. Dorer, presented a \$10,000 check to Faith In Action as part of a new FIA fund-raising campaign. Co-chairs of the campaign are Howard Holmes of Chelsea Milling Co. and Ann Merkel. Holmes has also given a dona-

tion to the campaign on behalf of his company and himself.

Village Manager Jack Myers was scheduled to make a proposal to the Village Council last night about how to deal with more than \$85,000 in delinquent village utility accounts. A report to be submitted by Myers showed that of the 1,422 residence in the village, a total of 441 owed the village money, ranging from a couple of dollars to more than \$2,000.

The 54th annual Chelsea Community Fair gets under way next Tuesday, with the traditional Children's Parade and ends Saturday with the annual livestock raffle drawing.

40 years ago

Thursday, Aug. 17, 1961 —

The Chelsea Community Fair will be held at the Chelsea Fairgrounds Aug. 30 through Sept. 2. The gates will open at 9 a.m. each day, with 25 cents for admission and to park on the grounds. Officers of the fair are President Charles Lancaster,

Vice President Rolland Spaulding, Vice President Ralph McCalla, Secretary Lloyd Grau and Treasurer H.T. Moore. Directors of the fair are A. Nielsen, M.J. Anderson, J. Rucker, D. Whitaker, R. Lesser, Jr., W. Van Riper, C. Clark, E. Lesser, K. Bradbury, R. Kushmaul, W. Loeffler and H. Gross.

70 years ago

Thursday, Aug. 13, 1931 —

Lee Schoettle of Lansing is visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Edith Guerin of Monterey, Calif., was a recent guest of her uncle Warren K. Guerin and wife.

Olivia Allen and Joseph Murphy of Detroit were Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Coral Combs.

100 years ago

Thursday, Aug. 15, 1901 —

John Lucht has bought the Nathan Pierce 40 adjoining his farm on the east.

Michael Schanz Jr. has purchased Theodore Covert's property at Lima Center.

Quite a number of Lima people attended the picnic at Cavanaugh yesterday.

Alta Hill is visiting her parents at Delhi.

Bert Holmes and family, and Nate Barton and family visited Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Sweet Sunday.

—Compiled by Carrie Vargo

Rocket Scientist

Kyle Thiel, a fourth-grader in teacher Ruth Stielstra's class at North Creek Elementary School, gave a presentation on space at the end of the school year.

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Warrant Arrest
A 30-year-old Ypsilanti man was arrested on a warrant at about 11 p.m. Aug. 5 near the intersection of Baker Road and Interstate 94.

Police were called to the Speedway gas station, 750 Baker Road, to pick up the man. He was wanted on a warrant for having open intoxicants in a vehicle. He was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Assault and Battery
A 54-year-old Brighton man told police that his former boss assaulted him days before he was fired from his job at Saturn of Ann Arbor, 500 Auto Mall Drive.

The man said that his boss bumped into him and stepped on his foot at about 3:45 p.m. Aug. 3 when he was standing outside in the parking lot. The man said that the assault was deliberate and that his boss was upset and terminated him because he was not organized. The man did not have any injuries.

Minor in Possession of Alcohol
Police were called to the BP gas station, 325 N. Zeeb Road, at about 1:30 a.m. Aug. 7, to help with a drunk and disorderly man.

Officers found the 19-year-old Belleville man at the payphone in the parking lot. When police approached him, he ran toward the back of the building and into a field. The man appeared to be drunk and disoriented.

Police later identified the man and realized that he was wanted on a bench warrant for failing to appear in a Washtenaw County court for being a minor in possession of alcohol and consuming it.

He was given a Breathalyzer test and it resulted in a blood-alcohol level of .195 percent. A blood-alcohol level of .08 is considered legally impaired. The man was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Larceny
Three large theater speakers were stolen sometime between midnight June 1 and 11 a.m. Aug. 7 from the Quality 16 Theater, 3688 Jackson Road.

The speakers were in three different theaters under the screens. The manager said that he believes his staff might have taken the items.

Property Damage
Someone smashed a window of a late-model Jeep between 6:45 p.m. July 26 and 3 a.m. July 27 in the parking lot of the Quality 16 Theater, 3688 Jackson Road.

The owner of the Jeep said that he was working late at the theater and when he left he noticed the damage.

The 27-year-old Ann Arbor man said that he is not sure who would have done it. Damage to the driver's side of the vehicle is estimated at more than \$200.

Someone threw a rock through a window between 10 p.m. Aug. 3 and 2 p.m. Aug. 9 at a home in the 800 block of Rose Drive.

The homeowner said that the rock was thrown through a back window and into his percussion studio of his home. He said that he believes that a former student, who is being charged with felonious assault, may have thrown the rock.

The man said that more than \$250 worth of damage was caused and no music equipment was taken from the house.

Home Invasion
Someone broke into a home at about 9:45 a.m. Aug. 8 in the 5100 block of Park Road.

Officers responded to an alarm. The homeowners were not at home. When police arrived, they noticed that the front-door window was smashed.

Police could not determine what, if anything, had been taken, because the homeowners were out of the state. Officers did notice that dresser drawers in the master bedroom were

Herndon wins scholarship

Christine Herndon of Chelsea was awarded the Browning-Feris Industries Academic Scholarship award at the Elmhurst College Evening of Honors held May 11 in Elmhurst, Ill.

The scholarship is awarded to a deserving environmental management major.

Herndon, a senior, is an environmental management and geography double major at Elmhurst.

A graduate of Northville High School, she is the daughter of Walter Herndon of Chelsea.

open, a lid to the jewelry box had been open and cabinets were open in the basement.

Someone broke into a home between midnight Aug. 4 and 1 p.m. Aug. 6 in the 4700 block of Park Road.

The son of the homeowner was watching the house while his father was on vacation. He noticed that someone had entered an unlocked sliding door on the north side of the house.

It appeared as if someone had rummaged through a jewelry box and several cabinets, but did not take expensive items in the master bedroom. With the homeowner away, the son could not determine what was missing.

Lima Township

Breaking and Entering
Someone broke into a home between 4 p.m. Aug. 1 and 3 p.m. Aug. 5 in the 8600 block of Jackson Road.

The homeowner said that a screen for the southwest window had been popped out and bent, and a picnic table was pushed up to it.

When the victim went into her house, she noticed two windows on the southeast side of the house had been opened about 4 inches. The windows have a safety feature and were jammed.

The victim also noticed a pair of sunglasses left in the bathroom. The homeowner said she called her real estate agent, but no one had been in the house.

A neighbor noticed several cars in the victim's driveway, but did not think anything was wrong since the house is for sale.

Larceny
Someone stole a number of items from a car between 3 p.m. Aug. 6 and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 7 near the intersection of Dancer and Dexter-Chelsea roads.

The driver left his car, which broke down, near the intersection. The man was planning to have his car towed to his Chelsea home the following day.

When he returned, the windshield had been broken and the small window on the passenger side was busted put.

The driver also noticed that the backseat was pried open and two speakers and an amplifier

were taken from the trunk. A pair of sunglasses and a compact disc player were also missing.

Approximately \$500 worth of property was taken and \$600 worth of damage was reported.

Sylvan Township

Drunken Driving
Police arrested a 31-year-old Grass Lake man for drunken driving after his vehicle crashed into another car at about 7:30 p.m. Aug. 10 near the intersection of Bush and Ivey roads.

The victim, a 52-year-old Chelsea woman, was driving west and going up a hill on Bush Road near Ivey when she noticed the man was driving eastbound in her lane.

The woman swerved to miss the man but her vehicle was struck in the right front end. The man went over the centerline and hit the woman's car.

The woman did not have any injuries. The suspect, however, was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital with injuries.

The man's blood-alcohol level was tested at .167 percent. A blood-alcohol level of .08 is considered legally impaired.

The man was later released from the hospital and taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Chelsea Village

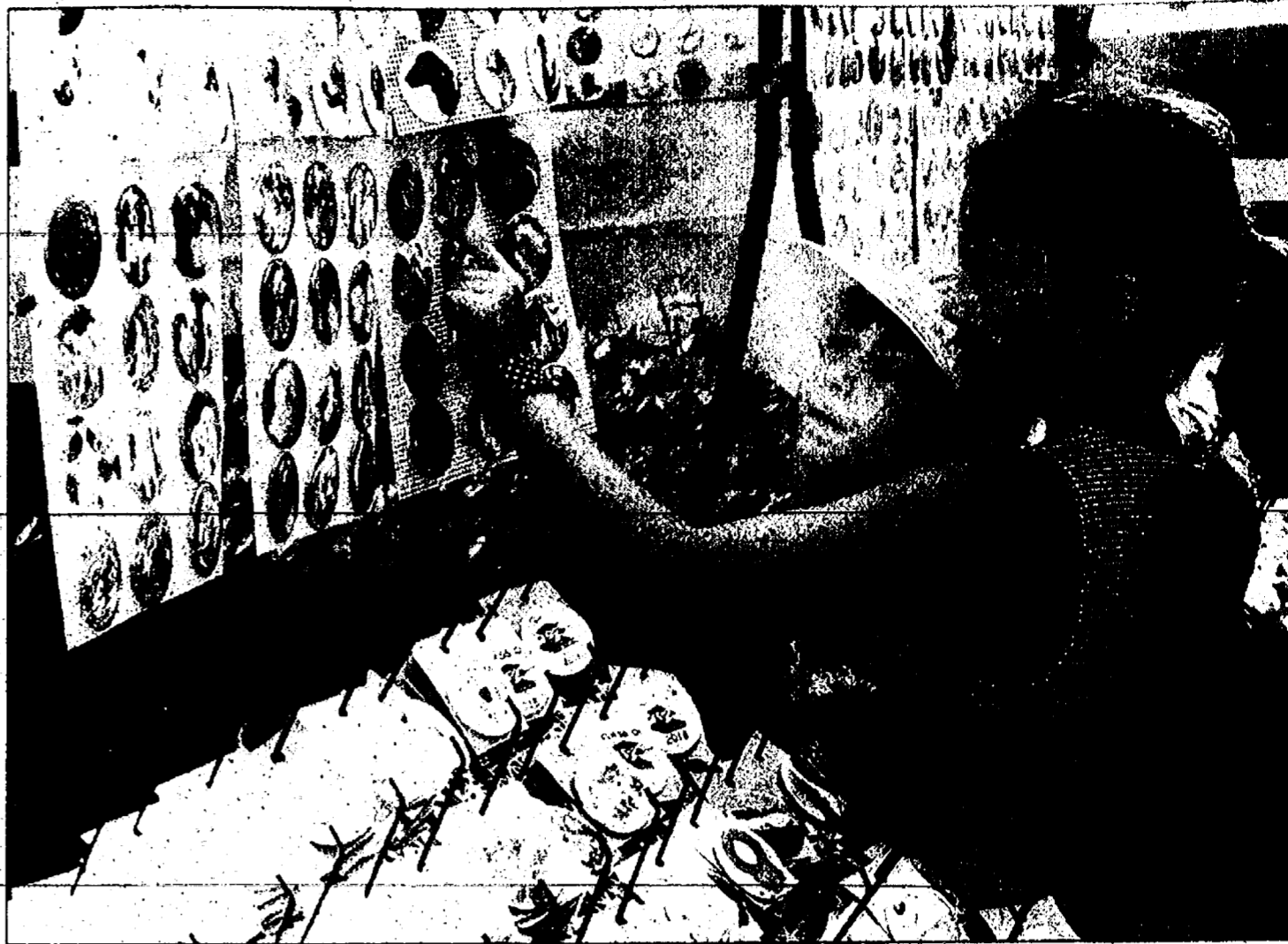
Warrant Arrest
A 39-year-old Ann Arbor woman was arrested on a warrant at about 1 a.m. Aug. 7 at a parking lot near Village Mobil gas station, 1629 S. Main St.

The woman was sleeping in her car when officers noticed her. When police approached, she identified herself and a warrant for her arrest was confirmed for failing to appear in court on a traffic violation. She was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Open Intoxicants
At about 7 p.m. Aug. 9, near the Mancino's restaurant, 1250 S. Main St., officers noticed a couple of open bottles of alcohol in a parked car.

Police found the driver, a 52-year-old Jackson man, and ticketed him for having open intoxicants in a vehicle.

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



Dexter Dazed

Buttons sporting the pictures of popular cartoon characters and animals captured the interest of Devyn Trester (left), 8, of Chelsea and Paige Driscoll, 7, of Dexter during Dexter Daze. The two-day festival featured children's entertainment, musical entertainment, art and crafts booths, a parade and other events.

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Living a dream

Chelsea's Houle goes from practice in sheep barn to MAC spotlight

By Colleen O'Neill
Special Writer

Never before had Bowling Green State University softball coach Leigh Ross-Shaw given a full-ride scholarship to a junior.

That is until McKenna Houle came along.

In 1999, during her senior year at Chelsea High School, McKenna was offered a 65 percent scholarship to play and pitch for the BGSU Falcons. That percentage, she was told, could increase steadily each season depending on performance.

"Usually by their senior year they get a full ride," Ross-Shaw said. "It is a little unusual for her (McKenna) to get a full ride (as a junior), but she really has performed well."

That performance has at times been stunning. McKenna's personal page on the BGSU Web site lists long strings of extraordinary statistics.

As a freshman, McKenna had a team best ERA of 1.16, good enough to rank second in the Mid-American Conference. She pitched eight complete games, including shutouts against Pittsburgh, Cleveland State and Akron. She led the team with 58 strikeouts and allowed league opponents to bat just .234 against her.

Last season, as a sophomore, she made the All-MAC first-team.

McKenna had a record of 11-8 and a 1.47 ERA. She led the Falcon pitchers in wins, ERA, appearances (23), starts (19), innings pitched (124) and shutouts (four). Her league ERA for the season was 0.83.

She was named the MAC Pitcher of the Week on April 23 after going 2-0 with a 0.00 ERA the previous week.

McKenna threw a three-hit shutout against Penn State on March 23, had a four-hit shutout at Marshall on March 31, and threw five-plus innings of scoreless relief against Michigan five days later.

McKenna had a five-hit shutout at Buffalo on April 21 and threw a complete game two-hitter against Ball State on April 24. Twice she struck out six batters.

Not only did her performance earn her the unusual honor of a full-ride scholarship that year, as a junior, but it also earned the confidence of her coach.

"This year, she is my go-to pitcher," Ross-Shaw said. "Ever since her freshman year, she's the kid that I've got all the confidence in."

"I know that McKenna's going to go out there, (and while) every pitch may not work on every day, she's never going to give up."

McKenna Houle has had that drive all her life:

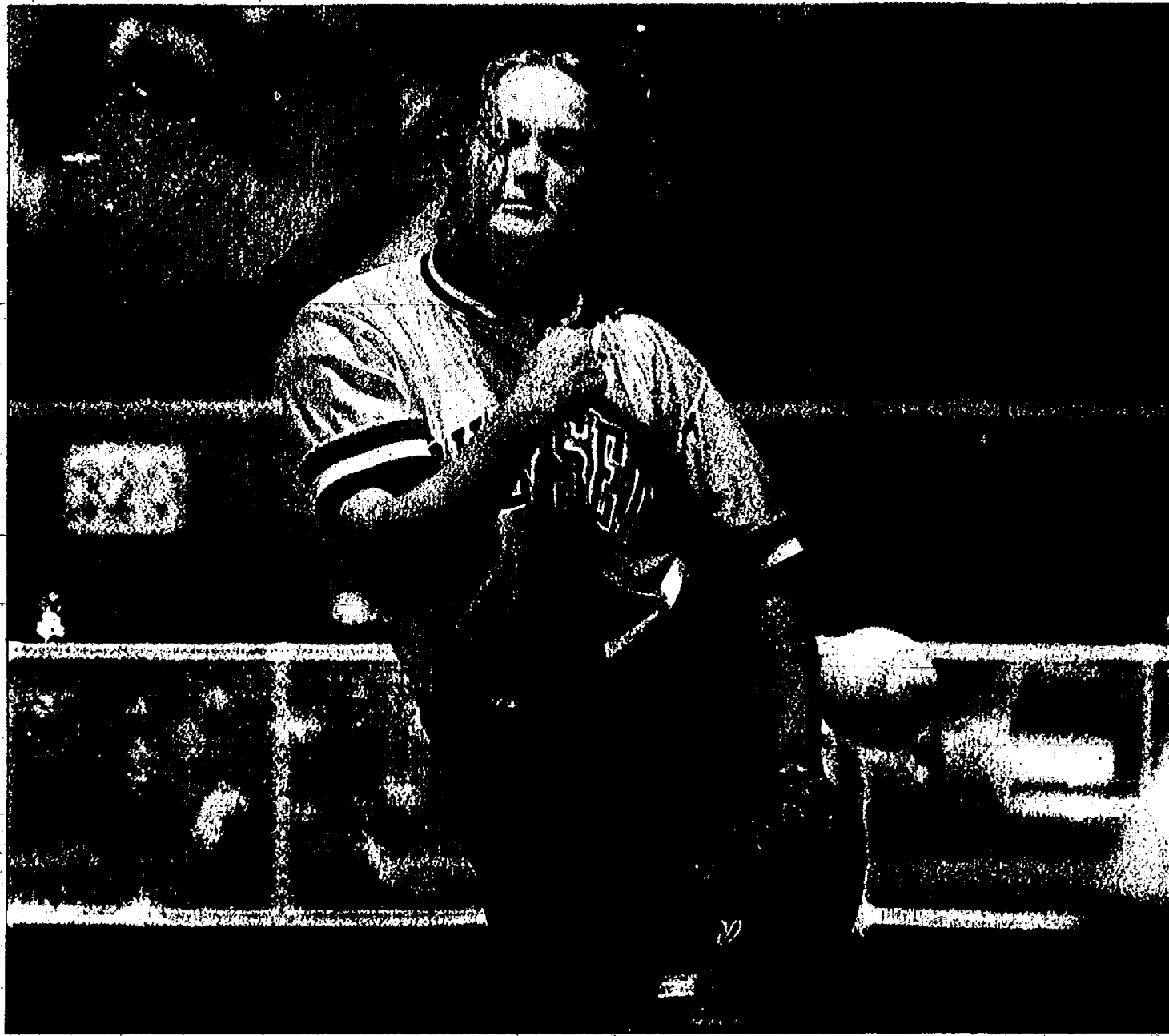


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Chelsea's McKenna Houle pitches at the 1999 state finals. Houle, now at Bowling Green State University, earned All-MAC distinction this season. Through hard work and determination, Houle has made herself into one of the MAC's top hurlers.

The early years

McKenna was 8 years old when she started playing in the Midget League, otherwise known as coach pitch. Her father, John Houle, and Patti Schick coached the team.

The next year, the team moved up to junior league.

"We needed a pitcher who could just get it across the plate," John Houle said. "She could do that well."

By the next season, McKenna was getting the ball across the plate and striking out batters. She decided she liked pitching.

"The pitcher is in on every play. You are the center, the focus," John Houle said. "She likes being in on every play."

By age 10, McKenna was still playing and pitching and liking it.

Her parents, John and Tami, contacted Amy Poljan, who was the varsity softball coach at Chelsea High School.

"Amy reinforced that she was going to be good," John Houle said. "She was wild as a hawk, but Amy liked that."

Houle said he asked Poljan if she cared that McKenna was not throwing strikes.

"She said, 'I'm not concerned about strikes. It is all about throwing as hard as you possibly

can. After you've thrown as hard as you can, then you gear around the plate. If you can throw real hard and get it somewhere around the plate, then you are there.' After that, you fine tune, (work on) timing, (and) where to release.

"You throw and throw and throw, and never let up the speed," John Houle said.

Poljan became McKenna's pitching coach, and throwing became a year-round project. In junior high school, she threw in a sheep barn on Poljan's property.

"We had a heater right on McKenna," John Houle said. "We would go over there at night at least three times a week and then she would throw at home on the weekends."

"She wanted to do it. It's hard, it's tough," John Houle said. "Her fingers were cold, but we'd do it."

While John Houle coached McKenna in her younger years, Tami Houle was the coordinator of summer softball leagues. She found teams, drove McKenna to tryouts, drove her to tournaments and watched a lot of softball.

The season spanned eight weeks during the summer, with teams playing in weekend tour-

naments.

"We would play up to five games a day sometimes," McKenna said. "The first few years were awful. I sat the bench for the first two summers of summer ball. It was frustrating and was part of my motivation to do better."

But Houle did not give up. For six years, she played summer ball.

"You'd leave every Thursday and drive to wherever — Chicago or Wisconsin or Michigan locations," Tami Houle said.

"We went as far as Connecticut, and as far as Oklahoma for the Gold Nationals."

There were a lot of boring moments, waiting between games, going to the mall, or to the movies, but there was a lot of silliness and fun, too.

"I spent a lot of time with her, which was good," Tami Houle said.

McKenna stuck with the game and continued to pitch year round. She took lessons from Poljan, threw at home with her father, and played in summer leagues. In the coming and going to pitching lessons, Joe Beard, whose daughter Amy took lessons right before McKenna, got to know the younger pitcher.

Beard eventually replaced Poljan as the varsity coach at Chelsea High School.

"I knew from the very beginning that she was going to be an outstanding softball player," Beard said of McKenna.

"There are two things about McKenna," he said. "Besides being a terrific athlete, she's got a tremendous amount of determination. She really works very hard."

Even when McKenna was still in eighth grade, Beard could see that she was bound and determined to play on the varsity softball team.

"We talked about it more than once before she got to high school," Beard said. "A high school standout"

As a freshman, McKenna made the varsity squad.

"I played varsity all four years," McKenna said. "Margaret, too."

McKenna and Margaret Schick (whose mother coached the early teams with John Houle) played softball every year except one, from second grade through high school.

"A lot of adults thought it was wrong," McKenna said of the two freshmen making the varsity team. "But Mr. Beard thought it would be best for both of us to be on varsity so that we would be ready to step in and know what to do when our turn came."

Beard agreed with McKenna, saying it was controversial bringing the two freshmen up.

"Yes, adults were bothered to see youngsters coming up and taking playing time from the older players," Beard said. "It didn't take long for people to

realize that my decision was the right decision."

Both McKenna and Margaret got playing time during their freshmen year, but both were content to watch and learn.

"I had no problem waiting my turn," McKenna said.

While waiting her turn, McKenna continued to work year round.

"When summer ball would end, I tried to get her to let up for a month or two, but she

wouldn't," Beard said. "I would get (the) South Elementary School gym and she would practice from October to March. She'd be there with her dad throwing with me, and throwing with Amy. In addition, she was probably pitching another day or so with her dad."

"After she finished pitching, we would work on hitting. People don't understand what pitchers had to go through — it was like double practices for four years in high school."

But her enthusiasm never waned.

"She was really eager, always there and always wanted to get better. 'What can I do?' she'd ask," Beard said.

McKenna and the team did well. They won the conference title all four years. During her freshmen year, Chelsea captured both districts and regionals before losing in the state championship game.

As sophomores, juniors and seniors, McKenna and Margaret shared Chelsea's Most Valuable Player honors.

Margaret is now a member of Michigan State University's softball squad.

Besides her MVP honors, McKenna was also named Most Improved Player as a sophomore, earned first-team All-League accolades three consecutive seasons and was first-team All-State as a senior.

In their final prep year, both McKenna and Margaret advanced again to the state championship game.

"That was one of the best days

"There are two things about McKenna. Besides being a terrific athlete, she's got a tremendous amount of determination."

— Joe Beard
former Chelsea coach

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HOULE

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of my life," McKenna said of June 19, 1999. "It was my birthday and my graduation party and the championship game.

"There were tons of family there. I remember they sang happy birthday to me from the stands."

Although the Bulldogs lost in the finals, McKenna finished her high school career having proved herself to the team, the fans and to a college.

"The first we saw of her was on a video she had sent to us," Ross-Shaw said. "She stuck out to us because she played outfield and in the outfield she was diving for balls."

"It's hard to get kids to dive. When you see kids diving on a video, they forget they are on video. They are just playing, going all out. It shows a lot without them even knowing it does."

Eventually Ross-Shaw and her assistant coach came to Chelsea to see McKenna in a pitching clinic.

"That's when we fell in love," Ross-Shaw said.

The feeling was mutual. When asked how long it took to accept the scholarship offer John Houle did not hesitate.

"We accepted on the ride home," Houle said. "It just felt right."

While Ross-Shaw was impressed with McKenna, she admits that when recruiting, coaches never really know whether that candidate will work out. A lot of the time they go with their gut instinct.

While recruiting McKenna, Ross-Shaw was in California at a tournament.

"We were driving, going toward the field, when we passed a huge billboard," Ross-Shaw said. "It was all black with pink letters that said 'McKenna.' There was nothing else on it — just a huge 'McKenna.'"

"I looked at my assistant and said, 'That's weird. I don't recruit like that, but we knew we needed to go after her.'"

So far, Ross-Shaw's instincts have paid off.

Setting college records
Ross-Shaw admits that McKenna has progressed won-

derfully since she has been at BGSU. And she's enjoyed coaching her.

"She's one of the kids I enjoy coaching. I'm so happy to have met her," Ross-Shaw said. "She's such a down to earth kid, comes from a great family, she's a pleasure."

"After her first year, I knew this kid would help the program. She's only a junior, but she's just such a good team player."

She may only be a junior, but McKenna Houle is already creeping into the record books at BGSU.

Her career ERA of 1.33 is the second lowest in school history. She is fifth in the school record book, with nine shutouts and her 22 wins tie her for ninth on that list. She has two saves tying her for eighth on the list and is ninth with 118 strikeouts.

And she's got two more years to go.

"For women in sports there are not a lot of professional things," Beard said. "Going from high school into college is almost like their professional career, it pays well, it pays for education."

"I tell the girls to use softball to get a good education and have fun."

McKenna is an art education major who wants to work with children.

"She has to work very hard being a student athlete," John Houle said. "They work on the road, on the plane, on the bus. Being an art student is more difficult because you can't draw or do clay sculpture on a plane, so she is always playing catch up when she returns from a trip, working at night to get things done."

But she loves it.

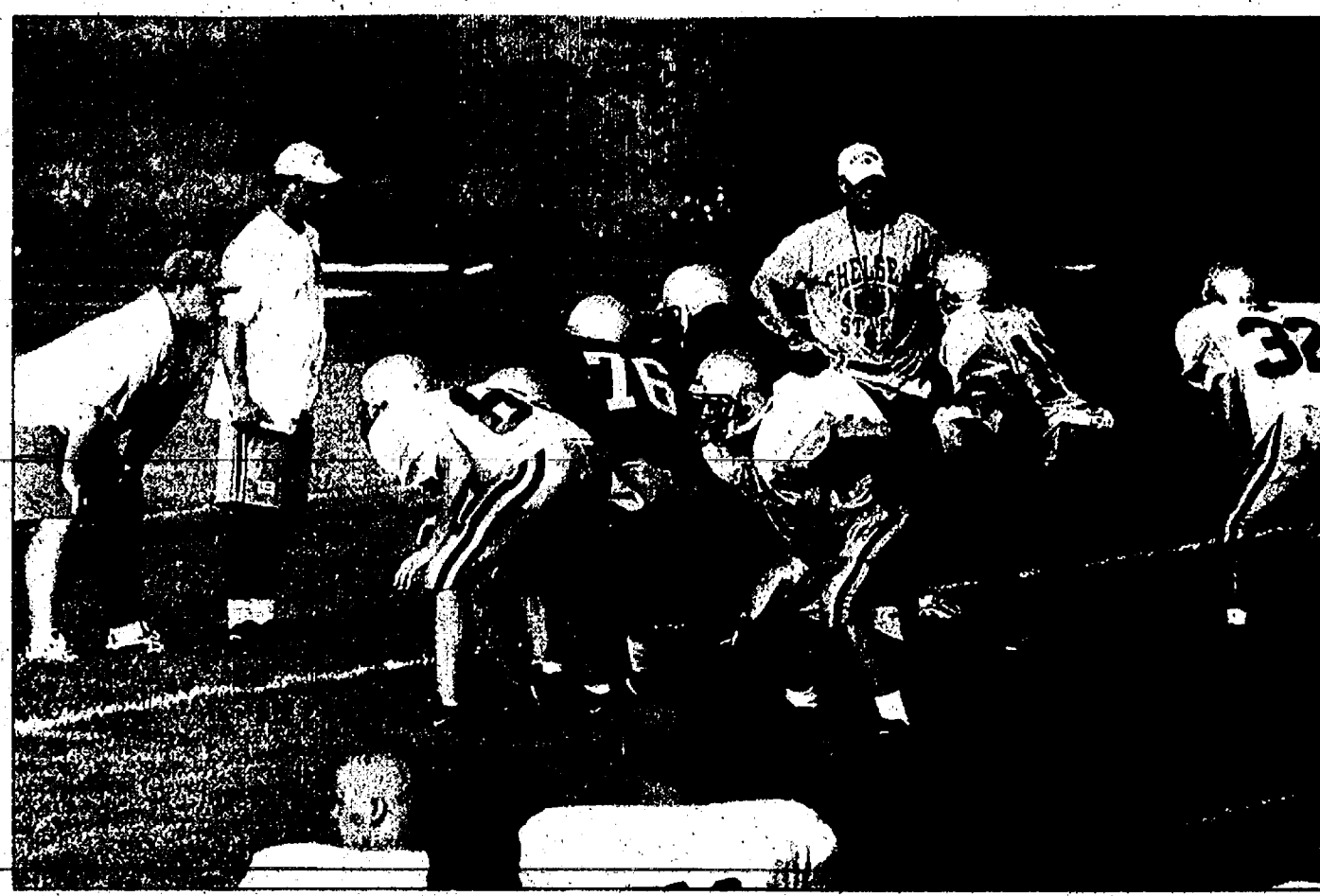
"She just loves the idea that she has 17 or 18 friends, teammates who are always backing each other up," John Houle said. "She loves that camaraderie."

McKenna Houle and her parents credit Beard and Poljan for her success and for having faith in her.

Beard credits McKenna's drive and her parents' dedication for her accomplishments.

Most likely all of those things contributed, along with the heart of a little girl who threw in a cold barn all winter.

Special Teams



Chelsea assistant football coaches Rob Renes (left), Corey Knight and Grant Fanning watch as the Bulldogs practice extra point protection.

Alumni to play Dawgs

A word of advice to the old-timers: Stretch.

Stretch before the game, during the game and after the game because you're going to need it.

The Chelsea soccer program is entering its sixth year.

The 2001 Chelsea varsity soccer team has announced it will be holding its first-ever alumni game 10 a.m. at the school's competition field Aug. 25.

"We just hope to have some fun with it," said Chelsea freshman coach Shawn Hayes. "Chad (Scaling, Chelsea varsity coach) has always wanted to do this."

The Chelsea soccer program is entering its sixth year.

Cost to participate is \$10. Each player will receive a T-shirt.

Any Bulldog soccer alumni interested in playing, should contact Scaling at 426-2059 or Hayes at 475-7774.

Chelsea Hockey Association holds open house

This Saturday, the Chelsea Hockey Association will conduct fall 2001 orientation and registration from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Arctic Coliseum.

The coliseum is located on Coliseum Drive, off Manchester Road, between the Chelsea Lumber Co. and the Chelsea Fairgrounds.

Association officials ask that all currently registered and prospective Learn-to-Play or House players attend the orientation and be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Players also will need to submit a copy of their birth certifi-

cate and make their first payment for the 2001-2002 season.

The orientation will be staged in an open house format and will feature brief presentations regarding CHA programs.

In addition, the Skill Tech Off-Ice Training Center and Keil Power Skating will hold demonstrations.

The CHA also will be accepting registration for the Learn-to-Play program during the open house.

Beginning Sept. 15, the Learn-to-Play program focuses on skill development for those 5 through 14 years old with little or no

organized hockey experience.

The goal of the program is to provide instruction that will enable a player to gain skills necessary to be team placed the following year.

The first 72 registered students enrolled in the Chelsea School District and participating in the Learn-to-Play program for the first time will receive full hockey equipment to use for the season.

Students need only to have their own hockey skates.

If fewer than 72 Chelsea students enroll, the remaining equipment will be made avail-

able to first time Learn-to-Play students from other school districts on a first-come, first-served basis.

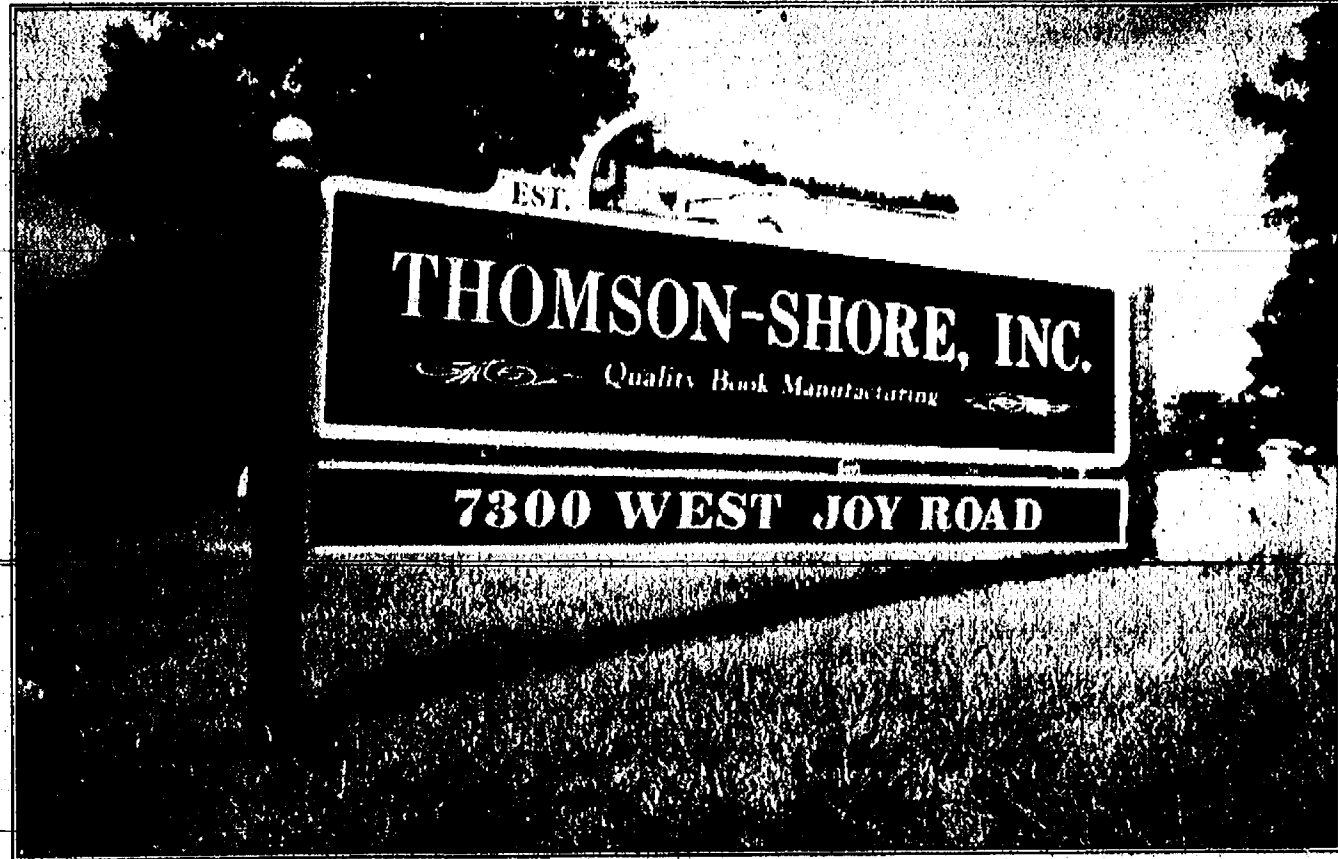
The CHA will also be conducting a used equipment sale during orientation.

Those who would like to take part in the sale must bring equipment to the coliseum tomorrow between 5 and 9 p.m.

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For further information call the CHA at 433-9665 or visit its Web site at www.chelseahockey.org.

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Paulun VanDoren lead All-Stars

Dexter residents Branden Paulun and T.J. VanDoren helped lead the Ann Arbor Subway All-Star team to a 9-5 victory over the Grand Rapids Forest Hills Flames in the championship of the sixth annual Diamondback Classic in

Adrian July 28 through 29. Both players, pupils at Mill Creek Middle School, contributed to Subway's win offensively and defensively. At the plate, Paulun finished with three doubles and three

singles. From the mound, VanDoren tossed six innings allowing three runs in the tournament finale. Dexter's George Goodman and Terry VanDoren coached the All-Star squad.

Golfers battle weather in tourney

It wasn't ideal weather for golf, but it didn't matter to the 17 enthusiastic, young linksters at the 11th annual Waterloo Junior Golf Tournament held July 25 at Waterloo Golf Course. Despite the soggy conditions, individuals still managed to shine. Capturing first place in the nine-hole division was Andrew

Korc. Following in second place was Trevor Kuenz, while Bobby Brown finished third. Brown was further honored as the division's Most Improved golfer. Earning first-place distinction in the five-hole division was Joe Mydosh. Finishing second was Ryan Wiedmeyer and third was Stuart Bristol.

Nick Armstrong received the division's Most Improved award. The rest of the field participating in the tournament included Derek Brown, Megan Korc, Natasha Robinson, Jeff Adams, Patrick Franklin, John Marzec, Laura Bristol, Annika Schwiertz, Eric Marzec and Jacob Bell.



Waterloo Junior Golf Tournament winners include, front row, Ryan Wiedmeyer; middle row, Nick Armstrong (left), Stuart Bristol, Trevor Kuenz and Anderson Korc; back row, Bobby Brown (left) and Joe Mydosh.



The Ann Arbor Mustangs travel basketball team finished the year with a record of 64-19. Members of the squad include, front row, Tommy Frey (left), Pat Camalo and David Stasiak; back row, coach Dave Stasiak (left), Nate Lucier, Chelsea resident Matt Weber, Matt Cole, Alex Mueller, Phil Bargardi, coach Mike Bargardi and coach John Frey. Anthony Haynes is not pictured.

Mustangs end year with 64 wins

Chelsea resident Matt Weber helped lead the Ann Arbor Mustangs 13-year-old boys' travel basketball team to an impressive 64-19 overall record in 2001. This past season, the Mustangs

captured four tournament championships and finished as runner-up five times. Besides Weber, other team members included, Saline's David Stasiak, Tom Frey, Alex

Muller and Anthony Haynes; Phil Bargardi and Nate Lucier of Lincoln; and Matt Cole and Pat Camalo of Ann Arbor. David Stasiak, Mike Bargardi and John Frey served as coaches.

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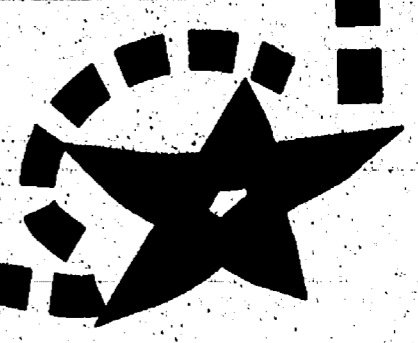
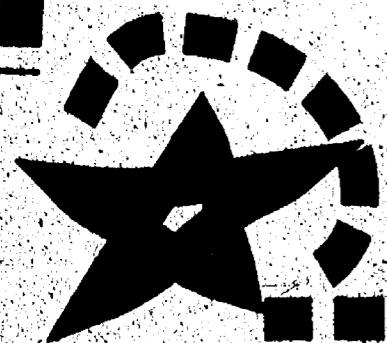
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Clowning around



Robin Melton (right) and Susie Wahl have studded their families by launching new careers as clowns.

Local residents embark on new careers

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

Do you think you work with a bunch of clowns? Meet Robin Melton and Susie Wahl, two local residents who really do.

Call it a midlife crisis. When she turned 40, Wahl, a nurse for more than two decades, decided to pursue a lifelong love of clowning.

Needing a partner in big boots, she called up Melton and invited her to attend a clown class in Frankenmuth.

"My original response was 'Maybe. We'll see. I'll get back to you,'" Melton says.

After mulling it over for a couple of days, Melton, formerly a transportation director for Chelsea schools, called her pal back and agreed to go.

After initial instruction from Nebraska's Bubblegum the Clown, the duo — who now go by their clown names "Popcorn" and "Sassy" — pursued higher clown education in Holt with Shanigan, the Clown and her husband, Nifty.

Shanigan has since involved "Popcorn" and "Sassy" in several performances, including the Hanesford Circus at the Palace in Auburn Hills and at the Breslin Center in Lansing, a large fund-raising event for several Lansing-area charities.

In clown classes, the twosome learned how to develop character using makeup, outfits and personality. They are adept at painting faces, sculpting balloons, clown skits, magic and juggling.

"When we look back at the day we went to our first class, we're

very proud of the clowns we have become," Melton says.

"We look at the world differently every day because we perform for children, and anyone who is young at heart, bringing love and laughter into a very complicated, serious world," she says. "It's magnificent to perform different things each and every time we step out in character."

Both create and sew their own costumes, developing their characters to complement each other.

Wahl, given her clown moniker "Sassy" by her husband, Buddy, wears a skirt with bloomers. Melton, named "Popcorn" after her favorite snack, wears a vest and pants. Dressing and putting on makeup takes about an hour and a half; getting the makeup off takes another half an hour.

The pair became members of Clown World Alley in Holt and Clowns of America Inc. They plan to attend the Midwest Clown Convention this fall.

"Our clown alley meets once a month in Lansing and offers continual support and education," Melton says.

And the pair needed plenty of support, at least in the beginning. To say family and friends were guarded and skeptical about their new career is an understatement.

"My husband thought I had slid off the deep end and that it might be contributed to a stressful job," Melton says. "Nursing can be very stressful also. What better way to relieve stress?"

Melton left her job as transportation director for Chelsea schools at the end of the school



Susie Wahl (left) and Robin Melton, also known as "Sassy" and "Popcorn" while dressed as clowns, have embarked on new careers. Wahl still works part time as a nurse and Melton recently left her job as transportation director for Chelsea schools to "clown around."

year, a position she held for eight years out of a total of 14 with the district. Wahl cut back her nursing to part time, three days a week.

They find their clown col-

leagues come from all walks of life, and include an auto worker, printer and a state employee.

Chelsea children were among the first to see them perform. They donned costumes for a

school bus safety skit last fall as part of a bus safety campaign.

"Reports came back that children reacted well toward this performance and remembered Popcorn and Sassy, and the

school bus rules, as well," Melton says.

They contribute their services to schools, churches, Hospice of Jackson and Kiwanis of Jackson.

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Chelsea Village Manager Jack Myers originally planned on becoming a dentist. He served in the Marine Corps for two decades and has traveled the world.

Myers wanted to be a dentist

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the second in a series The Chelsea Standard will be presenting called "Get to Know Your Officials."

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

If Jack Myers likes to sink his teeth into a challenge, it could be because the Chelsea Village manager originally planned on becoming a dentist.

"I was as loose as a goose in high school, but I thought dentistry sounded like a nice career," he says.

Although he was accepted into Huntington College in his native West Virginia, family finances eliminated that particular career choice.

"We didn't have a lot of money, and my parents couldn't afford to send me to college, so I signed up for the Marines," he says.

Myers enlisted as a private in 1962 and served for two decades, retiring as a captain in 1982.

His time in the corps has taken him across the United States and the globe. Myers served in Parris Island, S.C.; Camp LeJeune, N.C.; Norfolk, Va.; Kansas City, Mo.; and Camp Pendleton in California, where he underwent prisoner-of-war training in the event of being captured in Vietnam.

"Guys in black pajamas interrogated us for two days," Myers says. "We weren't fed anything except rice and a carrot, and were searched in case any of us had sneaked in a candy bar."



"I escaped with two others. If we had been caught, the guys would have taken our clothes as a punishment and sent us back. California nights are pretty nippy. Luckily, we didn't get caught."

Myers was sent to Vietnam during the Tet offensive in 1968. He and his comrades were assigned to a squad on the northern perimeter of a base that was pounded with rockets and mortar fire.

Myers came close to dying on more than one occasion — one time coming within a few yards of a building that was blown up by rocket fire. He was saved because he turned back to wake up a buddy who was sleeping off a hangover.

Myers also remembers a terrible night attack. "There must have been a million rounds that night," he recalls. "Later, I saw our barber, who had cut our hair

and shaved our necks, hanging on the wire where a Marine had shot him down. He was coming to blow us up."

Myers also spent time in Cuba, Panama, Puerto Rico, Guam, Bermuda, Australia, Okinawa and mainland Japan, as well as Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Sardinia, Sicily, England and Scotland.

"I really enjoyed the Marines. It was a challenging and full career," Myers says. "The leadership and managerial training I received was excellent. The Marines truly are leaders of men or, to be politically correct, leaders of people."

Myers' wife, Nancy, was also a captain in the Marines. They met while Myers audited the pay records that Nancy was responsible for as part of her job.

"I stood her up on our first date, but that obviously didn't make a whole lot of difference to her," he says.

The couple made their first home in Salem, W. Va., and moved to Michigan in the mid-1980s because the Midwest offered better job opportunities. Nancy, a Dearborn native, grew up in Dexter and has family in the area. The couple has called Chelsea home for nearly 17 years.

"We chose Chelsea because we liked the look and feel of the village when we were house hunting," Myers says.

About 11 years ago, the couple

decided to become more active in the community. Nancy has served on the Chelsea District Library Study Committee and is the secretary-treasurer of Oak Grove Cemetery.

"We felt a commitment to Chelsea and wanted to contribute to the well being of our community," Myers says is the reason they became more involved.

It was while working at the Information Technology Department at the University of Michigan that Myers caved in to his political aspirations and ran for Chelsea Village Council. He was elected and a year later applied for the village manager post.

"I applied for the position, after a lot of soul searching," Myers says. "The first day on the job was daunting. I barely had time for a sandwich at noon."

Myers says he enjoys getting out from behind his desk and seeing all of the behind-the-scenes work required in maintaining the village as an enjoyable place to live.

But the job has a downside, too.

"Probably one of the frustrating parts of being manager is having seven bosses — the council, that change annually — and keeping differing personalities and expectations in mind," he says.

Myers has seen a lot of

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Ypsilanti HERITAGE Festival

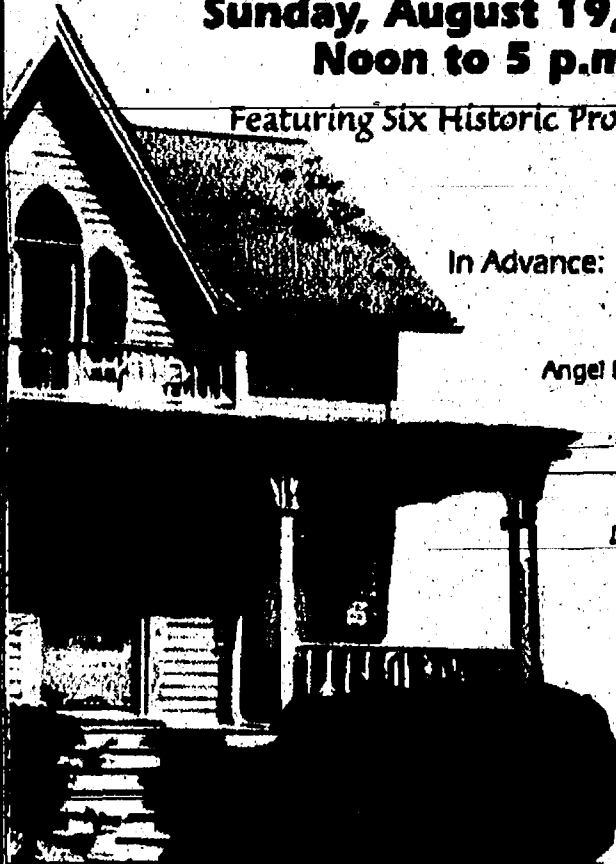


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Encampment or participate in one of the many community tours offered: Historic Home Tour, Garden Tour and Cemetery Tour at Highland Cemetery. The Zoppe Family Circus will perform twice daily throughout the three-day festival and there are plenty of children's activities. In addition, through the generous support of Eastern Michigan University, Artrain USA returns to Depot Town with its Artistry of Space exhibition, featuring artworks from NASA and the National Air and Space Museum art collections.

In the evening, when the children are tucked into bed, return to Riverside Park for the Riverboat Millionaires' Party and to Depot Town, where the fun will continue with the WEMU Jazz and Blues Stage in the Freighthouse. Both events run until midnight Friday and Saturday with the music continuing in the Freighthouse 1-6 p.m. on Sunday.

The Ypsilanti Heritage Festival runs this Friday through Sunday, Aug. 17-19. Festival hours are noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Some events such as the Riverboat Millionaires' party and saloon are open late Friday and Saturday. The annual Heritage Festival Parade is set for 10 a.m. Saturday. The parade route begins at 10:00 a.m. on Congress and Summit and proceeds down Michigan Ave. to Huron St.

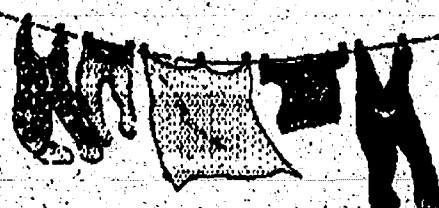
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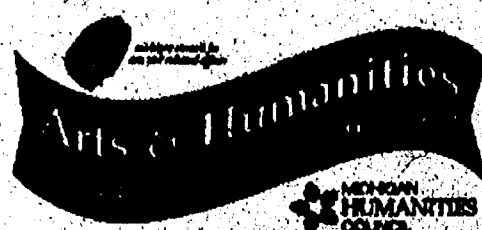
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'Girl Power' book good read

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BOOK REVIEW

Second grade — A time of academic lessons and getting a taste of what it was like to be a "big girl."

At the end of a school day, our teacher planned a spelling bee that I was fixed on winning.

And my determination sprouted for one reason: a Walt Disney puzzle that seemed to gleam from the prize table.

The top five spellers chose what soon-to-be-forgotten reward they would inherit from this table, and finishing second, the puzzle should have been mine.

But it was not meant to be. The boy who took fifth place grabbed it out of my hands, with the teacher watching.

Coming over to us, she explained that we both could not take home the prize and one of us would have to be polite and take the leftover award — a box of Cracker Jacks.

He stood defiant. It seemed like all eyes were watching me, wondering why I was making such a big deal about a box with a picture of Bambl on the front.

I reluctantly let go of that puzzle — without a thank you from the boy and a feeling of defeat. The prized puzzle should have gone home with me because that was what was fair. Not only did I place higher than he, I also had it pulled from my hands.

Unlike the many toys I have received at birthdays, in other games or at Christmastime, this puzzle, which was mine for only a brief moment, would remain with me forever.

It taught me an important lesson: Life is not always fair, especially if you are a girl.

Susan Wilson Solovic, a columnist, business and marketing consultant, public speaker and former Miss Missouri, as

well as president of her company, Susan Says, knew she had "made it." Other people realized her accomplishments, too, and told her that she had done "pretty good for a girl."

Thinking about what she was told, she realized that women expect to work harder and take a back seat — so she decided to devote her time to helping women earn gender parity and personal power.

Solovic, author of "The Girls' Guide to Power and Success," said a report by the Feminist Majority Foundation found that even with women's advancement, it will take 475 years at the current rate to gain equality in the workforce.

Solovic's book is full of stories about women's trials and tribulations in the workplace.

She started "The Girls' Guide" by effortlessly writing down personal experiences on her road to success and added battles of other accomplished women.

The stories provide valuable information and simultaneously allow for a personal and deeper level of understanding for readers.

However, she did something different from most guidebooks — Solovic took it one step further and explained what could be done to level the playing field.

"I realized that women continue to fight the same battles over and over again because we do not understand the concept of power and how to leverage it," she said.

Solovic said that despite the differences of age, geographic location or job description, women struggle with the same issues.

"The Girls' Guide" includes topics like "Don't Wait for Your Turn — Interrupt," "Frazzled Isn't a Good Look — Keep your Emotions in Check," "Learn to Take Compliments Graciously," "Stop Saying That You're Sorry" and "Why Don't You Say What You Really Mean?"

"I catch myself doing some of the things that I write about from time to time," she said.

Solovic said she caught herself apologizing to a group of lawyers to whom she had just

explained that women say they are sorry, even if it is not their fault.

"I put the wrong slide on the projector, looked up and noticed it was a slide I had previously explained and said, 'Oops! I'm sorry,'" she said. "The whole room starting laughing."

People learn from trial and error, which is why she exposed her own life in the book — to help and guide.

Solovic said she holds two pieces of advice close to heart: Don't take criticism personally and focus on your special gifts and strengthen them.

She told a story about a school where a rabbit, a squirrel and a fish — all females of the species, of course — were enrolled to learn hopping, tree climbing and swimming.

The rabbit excels at hopping, but can't get the hang of tree climbing, so they placed her in a remedial school and made her spend all of her time learning how to climb a tree.

The squirrel is a very good tree climber, but cannot swim, so she spends all of her time learning to swim.

And the fish earns straight A's in swimming, but fails in hopping class, so all of her energy is put toward that endeavor.

All three students eventually drop out.

"The lesson here is you don't want to become so frustrated that you want to give up," Solovic said. "Surround yourself with good people who have diverse talents, skill levels and backgrounds."

Taking time to network and always keeping your eyes open is her advice to women entering the professional world.

"When starting out, women and men are treated fairly equal," Solovic said. "The unequal treatment comes when careers progress."

Plan ahead and look for opportunities, she added.

"If you don't keep your eyes open and you don't have an idea of where you want to go with your career, you won't be able to express your full potential," she said. "Always remember, when a door is closed there is always an open window."

Solovic said networking is important because it has many far-reaching advantages.

"It's about knowing the right person to call when you need help," she said. "It's not what you know, it's who you know."

She also said that women need to interrupt and get to the bottom line.

"Society teaches women, as young girls, not to be too bossy, too aggressive or a 'know-it-all,'" she said. "Girls are taught to share, take turns and play nicely together. In the business world, we try to preserve the inclusive, cooperative network of our play groups."

To appear less intrusive, women put things in an indirect manner, which may send a signal of a lack of self-esteem, she said.

"Forget what your mother taught you and interrupt because it is a normal part of a business debate," Solovic said. "You don't have to know all the facts before you speak up."

"If you know about the subject matter, your gut reaction is usually on target."

"The Girls' Guide" encourages readers to step up, stop being good girls and start acting like savvy businesswomen.

Or else you'll end up with many regrets and a leftover box of Cracker Jacks.

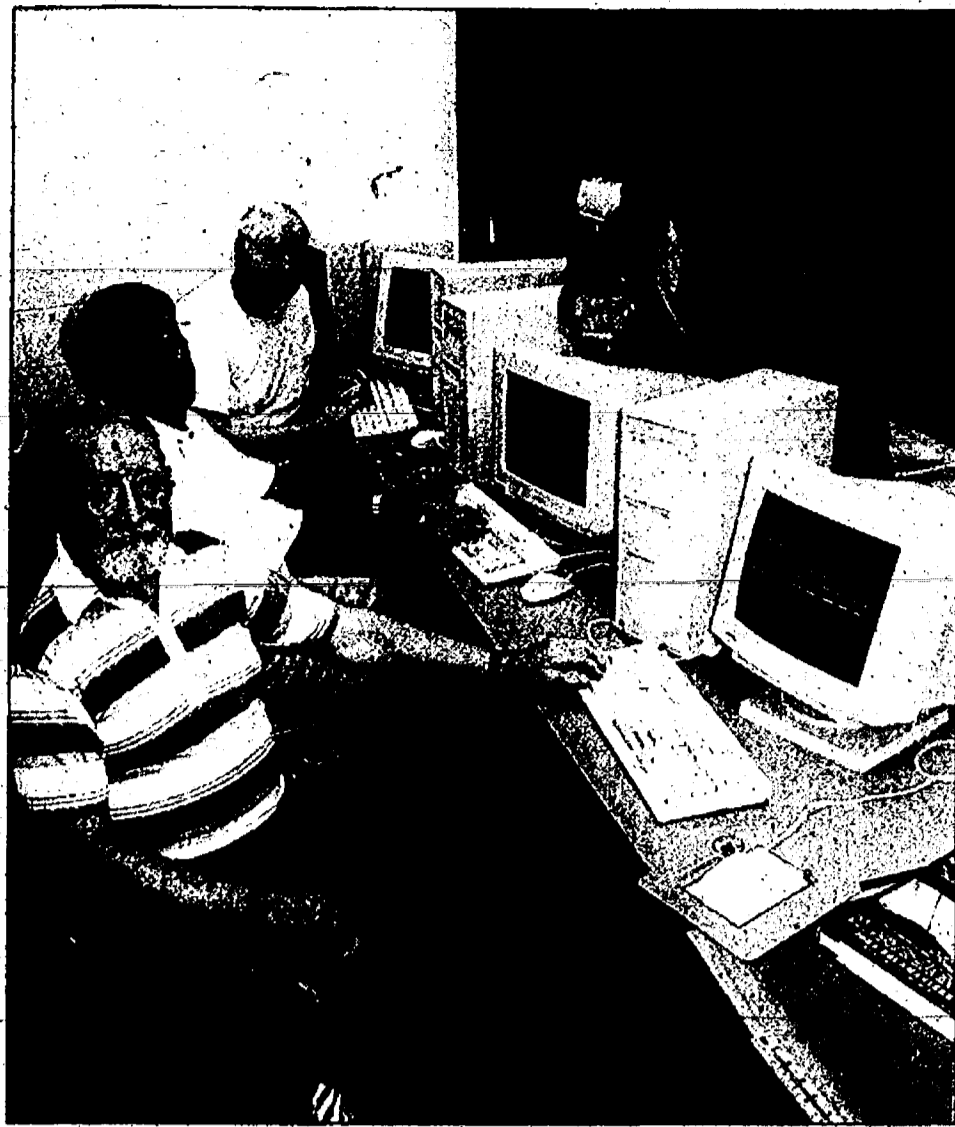


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Village Donation

Dexter Village recently donated four used computers to the Dexter Senior Citizen Center. The senior center holds computer classes from 10 a.m. to noon Mondays and Tuesdays. Pictured are Bob Bailey (seated at left), Larry Chatigny and Jim Lester with Village Manager Donna Eureste.

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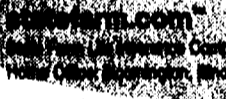
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Troop 229 Honors

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Gregory elected auxiliary chaplain

Judy Gregory of Dexter was elected American Legion Auxiliary chaplain for the state at the American Legion and Auxiliary Department Convention held in Grand Rapids July 19 through 22.

"This office is a great honor and I am looking forward to the coming year," said Gregory, who will serve a one-year term. "I will do my best to serve as state chaplain for this great organization."

Gregory became eligible for membership in the American Legion Auxiliary through her husband and father. Her husband, Larry, served during the Korean War and her father served in World War II.

Gregory is currently serving her second term as secretary for her unit. She also has served two terms as unit president, and has been vice president, chaplain, an executive board member and held many chairmanships.

In her district, Gregory served as historian, vice president and as district president in 1997. In 1998-99, she served on the finance committee and is currently serving her second year as finance chairman. She also serves on the executive board.

On the department level, where she currently serves as department historian, she has served as western area member-



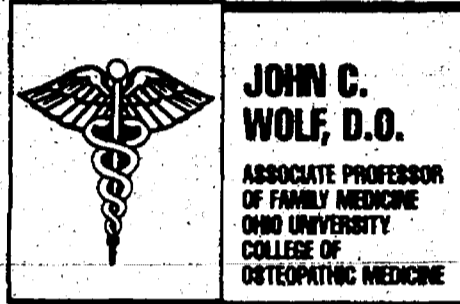
Judy Gregory

ship chairman, Veterans Affairs Hospital deputy, Americanism chairman and chairman of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. During the 1998-99 year, she served as membership chairman for the state of Michigan. Gregory is active in the Washtenaw County Salon 501, Eight and Forty, and served two years as laChapeau.

She is a member of the Dexter United Methodist Church, Dexter Family Services and the Ann Arbor Civil War Round Table.

The Gregorlys have two children and two grandchildren.

Doctor answers common concerns



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Question: When and how are teeth capped?

Answer: A cap, what your dentist probably calls a crown, is a metal (typically gold), porcelain or plastic covering of a tooth. This cap is fitted to hold together a tooth that has been damaged, or to help hold another dental appliance, or for cosmetic purposes.

The most common reason for a cap, however, is to restore a damaged tooth to useful service.

A tooth can be damaged sufficiently to require a crown in several ways. It might be broken or chipped, damaged by a single, very large cavity or multiple smaller ones, or weakened by disease. While there are other possibilities, these are the most common.

The cap or crown restores the tooth to a near-normal shape and

size that is also strong enough for the biting and grinding tasks of eating.

In order to prepare a tooth for a crown, the dentist first grinds down the sides and top of the existing tooth. This does several important things. It removes decayed or weakened parts of the tooth and reduces its size so that the crown, when placed over the tooth, will have the same external dimensions as the original tooth. The preparation also roughens the tooth, thereby making a better surface for the cement to bond the crown and tooth together.

The process of getting a crown requires at least two visits to the dentist. In the first visit the damaged tooth is prepared for the crown, then a mold is made of that part of the mouth. A temporary cap is fitted to the prepared tooth.

Between the first and second visit to the dentist, a permanent crown is made utilizing the mold of the mouth. At the second visit the temporary crown is removed and the permanent one is installed.

A crown is a permanent dental fixture, although it can occasionally come loose or wear out. I still have mine from the repair of the front tooth I broke in third grade — almost 50 years ago.

That is close to "permanent."

Question: How does the aspirin I take know to go to my head when I have a headache?

Answer: Aspirin makes your headache better, and because it causes no other symptoms, you assumed that it "went to your head." Actually, all medicines are absorbed from the digestive tract and carried by the blood to other areas of the body.

As an example, the antibiotic you take for a urinary tract infection will clear up that problem, but it also goes to your sinuses and will help your body eradi-

cate any infection there as well. In a few days both infections will be better.

Aspirin is certainly a "wonder drug," but it isn't an intelligent one. It doesn't know to go to your headache. Instead, it goes to all parts of your body. The good news is that your headache gets better regardless of how it happens.

Family Medicine is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Dr. John C. Wolf, Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, OH 45701.

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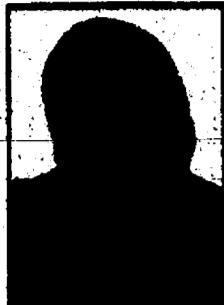
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'Cooperative Gene' challenging read



KENT ASHTON WALTON

BOOK NOTES

If you want a challenging summer read, consider Mark Ridley's "The Cooperative Gene." It takes a new look at the theory of evolution and, particularly, at how humans have evolved.

The idea of evolution always has been contentious, and often has been misunderstood. What Ridley, an Oxford zoologist, attempts to do in the book is to explain how complex life on Earth, including human life, is even possible.

For those that take a scientific perspective, it is speculated that life on Earth began about 4,000 million years ago, evolving into single bacteria cells that still make up the majority of life on Earth.

About 2000 million years ago, these evolved by a process of cell merging into more complex cells with nuclei (eukaryotic cells). Multi-cellular life, the precursors to vertebrates including humans, didn't evolve until about 600 million years ago.

What Ridley suggests is that it didn't take too many simultaneous conditions to produce life. But it took about 75 percent of the time (3,000 million years) from when life began to produce a complex multi-cellular life form. He asks why it took so long and why did it evolve at all.

Ridley defines complexity in terms of the number of genes an organism contains. Humans have about 30,000, or about 20 times more than bacteria, indicating that gene numbers increase during evolution.

Ridley explains that evolutionary change requires inherited variation, in which some individuals of a species have more genes than others, and natural selection, in which some individuals of a species have more offspring than others.

Ridley asks why should natural selection favor organisms with more genes? New numbers of genes result from mutations, or copying accidents during reproduction or cell mergers. Evolution has no long-term strategy to produce complex life forms. Evolution is not progressive because, according to Darwin's theory, the changes are random.

Ridley argues that the three

possible kinds of error or gene mutation are advantageous, neutral and harmful. The first one that results in positive evolutionary change is rare. The second makes no difference. The harmful ones are typical and cause species to die off.

Further, if natural selection fails to remove errors in offspring to allow an average parent at least one error-free offspring, life is unsustainable and a "mutational meltdown" occurs. The life form becomes extinct.

It turns out that the error rate producing harmful mutations in humans is around 200 per offspring. The rest of the book is an attempt to explain why the human species is not extinct.

Ridley calls the process of purging species of erroneous genes Mendel's Demon after the Austrian monk Gregor Mendel, who formulated laws of inheritance. Mendel's Demon involves purging mechanisms, such as the control of gene inheritance. This is achieved by randomizing the information that genes contain to avoid conflict caused by "selfish" and "lawbreaking" genes.

Gender also plays a large role in the control of gene inheritance.

Mendel's Demon also assists genes to cooperate for the good of the whole body. Ridley attempts to answer Richard Dawkins' "selfish gene" thesis (genes that attempt to maximize copies of themselves at the expense of other genes) by suggesting that complex life can only have come about through cooperative genes.

So-called selfish genes could easily have sabotaged complex life since natural selection encourages them. So, something must have curbed their activities.

Natural selection, argues Ridley, operates in three ways to reduce harmful mutation error. It is reduced first by death, when a harmful mutation reduces survival.

Secondly, infertility, by interfering with egg and sperm production. And thirdly by attraction, by limiting the appeal of a mate.

Mendel's Demon ensures that harmful mutations that would threaten a species survival do not get out of hand. Potential gene victims manage to survive the assassin gene's threats.

There are some interesting speculations in Ridley's thesis. One is that it is a fluke that humans reproduce sexually. The majority of life on Earth reproduces asexually, by cloning. Cloning reproduces at twice the

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Class of '41 Reunion

The Chelsea High School Class of '41 celebrated HS 60th anniversary recently at Reddeman Farms. Pictured in the back row are Loren Koegnetter (left), Ralph Dingle, Roland Helm, Ruth (Yettah) Novess, Margaret (Harper) Collins, Lois (Palmer) Moore, Caroline (Kalmbach) Beal, Grace (Riemenschneider) Love, Ethel (Hale) Baley, Bill Rademacher, Roy Broesamle. In the front row are Leroy Loveland (left), Arlene (Hafley) West, Clara (Trinkle) Zogelman, Veronica (Jurecki) Kastl, Audrey (Gilbert) Eisele, Mary (May) Bott and Edna (Horning) Wenk.

Pruess participates in internship

Sarah Pruess of Chelsea is getting a taste of the working world through participation in a summer internship with SmithGroup Co.

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Pruess is a senior majoring in economics and management and is a member of Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Barbara and David Pruess of Chelsea, and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

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Youngsters earn 4-H awards

Many local residents participated in the annual Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show, held July 22 through 27 at the Farm Council Grounds near Saline. Listed below are winners from the Chelsea area.

Carina Easley Appleyard, 11, of Napoleon, a member of Country Expressions, won best of show for basket-making in still exhibits.

Megan Hardcastle, 9, of Chelsea, a member of the So Fine Equine, won best of show for creative writing in still exhibits.

Cindy Grau, 17, of Chelsea, a member of the Nature's Friends,

won best of show for dairy foods, senior, individual dairy science, educational exhibit, in still exhibits.

Jeff Grau, 12, of Chelsea, a member of the Rogers Corner Herdsmen, won best of show for individual livestock educational exhibit, and woodworking, handyman in still exhibits.

Joel Boyce, 10, of Chelsea, a member of the Rogers Corner Herdsmen, won best of show for food preservation, young in still exhibits.

Krystal Welshans, 15, of Chelsea, a member of the Jolly Farmerettes and Farmers, won

best of show for recyclable or found article and stenciling in still exhibits.

Channon Mason, 17, of Stockbridge, a member of the Rogers Corner Herdsmen, won a gold medal for knitting in still exhibits.

Jeff Grau, 12, of Chelsea, a member of the Rogers Corners Herdsmen, won a gold medal for hobbies in still exhibits.

Caitlin Dickerson, 9, of Chelsea, a member of the Double L Llama, is a class winner for novice showmanship in the 4-H Llama Show.

Alyssa Rodgers, 10, of Chelsea,

a member of the Rogers Corners Herdsmen, is a class winner for reserve grand champion meat pen in the 4-H Poultry Show.

Jared Powers, 17, of Chelsea, a member of the Rogers Corners Herdsmen, is a class winner for senior showmanship in the 4-H Swine Show.

Charlie McCalla, 8, of Chelsea, a member of the Rogers Corners Herdsmen, is a class winner for young showmanship in the 4-H Swine Show.

Cindy Grau, 17, of Chelsea, a member of the Rogers Corners Herdsmen, is a class winner for champion pair of market lambs

in the 4-H Sheep Show.

Shelby Welshans, 11, of Chelsea, a member of the Jolly Farmerettes and Farmers, is a class winner for reserve champion pair of market lambs in the 4-H Sheep Show.

Krystal Welshans, 15, of Chelsea, a member of the Jolly Farmerettes and Farmers, is a class winner for champion Suffolk ewe and reserve grand champion breeding ewe in the 4-H Sheep Show.

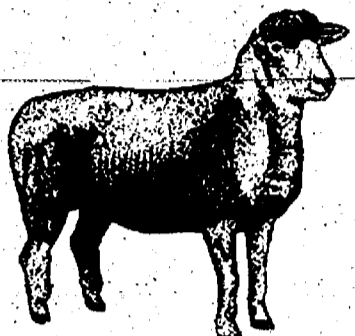
Shelby Welshans, 10, of Chelsea, a member of the Jolly Farmerettes and Farmers, is a class winner for junior show-

manship in the 4-H Beef Show.

Brock Welshans, 12, of Chelsea, a member of the Jolly Farmerettes and Farmers, is a class winner for champion crossbred and champion other purebreds in the 4-H Beef Show.

Channon Mason, 17, of Stockbridge, a member of the Rogers Corners Herdsmen, is a class winner for senior showmanship; champion showmanship; best of breed, fuzzy lop; best of breed, Rhinelander; best of breed, champion D'Argent; and best of breed, Flemish Giant, in the 4-H Rabbit Show.

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Elly Mioduszewski

The reserve grand champion pen of meat chickens at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show was sold to McCalla Feeds in Chelsea. The chickens were raised by Alyssa Rodgers of Chelsea. McCalla bought them for \$300. Elly Mioduszewski of Dexter (left), Rodgers and Cassy Mioduszewski of Dexter hold the birds. Ken McCalla (left), Sue McCalla and 4-H Ambassador Katie Lyons stand in back. The annual event was held July 22 through 27 at the Farm Council Grounds near Saline. Many local children participated, winning ribbons for their livestock, still exhibits and showmanship.



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The reserve grand champion market lamb was exhibited by Nathan Kuhl of Chelsea. Kuhl's 138-pound animal was purchased by Napoleon Feed Mill for \$2.50 a pound. Karen Kuhl (left) holds the trophy as Nathan Kuhl holds the lamb. Also pictured is 4-H Ambassador Olivia Cohn of South Lyon.



The reserve grand champion pair of market lambs at the annual 4-H Youth Show was sold to Knepper & Co. of Ann Arbor for \$2 a pound. The lambs were raised by Shelby Welshans of Chelsea. Shelby Welshans (left) holds one lamb and Brock Welshans holds the other. Lee Knepper and 4-H Ambassador Josh Welshans are pictured in back. The event was held July 22 through 27 at the Farm Council Grounds near Saline.


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Amanda McKenzie, 17, of Stockbridge, a member of the Rogers Corners Herdsmen, is a class winner for intermediate showmanship; best of breed, Californian; best of breed, mixed; and grand champion pen of three, in the 4-H Rabbit Show.

Olivia Layher, 9, of Chelsea, a member of the Rogers Corners Herdsmen, is a class winner for best of breed, Dutch and best of four class in the 4-H Rabbit Show.

Emily Hardcastle, 12, of Chelsea, a member of So Fine Equine, is a class winner for best of breed, Havana, in the 4-H Rabbit Show.

Katie Hardcastle, 14, of Chelsea, a member of the So Fine Equine, is a class winner for best of breed, Netherland

dwarf, in the 4-H Rabbit Show.

Christopher Mason, 13, of Stockbridge, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen, is a class winner for best of breed, Flemish Giant, best of six class and Best of show in the 4-H Rabbit Show.

Amanda McKenzie, 12, of Chelsea, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen, is a class winner for intermediate showmanship in the 4-H Goat Show.

Liz Hood, 12, of Chelsea, a member of the Rogers Corners Herdsmen, is a class winner for grand champion in the 4-H Goat Show.

Krystal Welshans, 15, of Chelsea, a member of the Jolly Farmerettes and Farmers, is a dairy judging contest winner for top senior in the Livestock Contest.

Joel Powers, 15, of Chelsea, a member of the Rogers Corners

Herdsmen, is a dairy judging contest winner for top senior swine and top senior beef in the Livestock Contest.

Brock Welshans, 13, of Chelsea, a member of the Jolly Farmerettes and Farmers, is a dairy judging contest winner for top junior swine, top junior livestock, top junior beef and top junior sheep in the Livestock Contest.

Brock Welshans, 13, of Chelsea, a member of the Jolly Farmerettes and Farmers, won the Herb Duible Memorial Beef Award in the Showmanship Sweepstakes.

Corey Block of Chelsea, won reserve champion for Western Showmanship, ages 10-12.

Ana Mueller of Chelsea, won champion for speed, ages 10-12.

Erin Ryder of Chelsea, a member of the Stampedeers, a senior exhibitor, with her gray Arabian

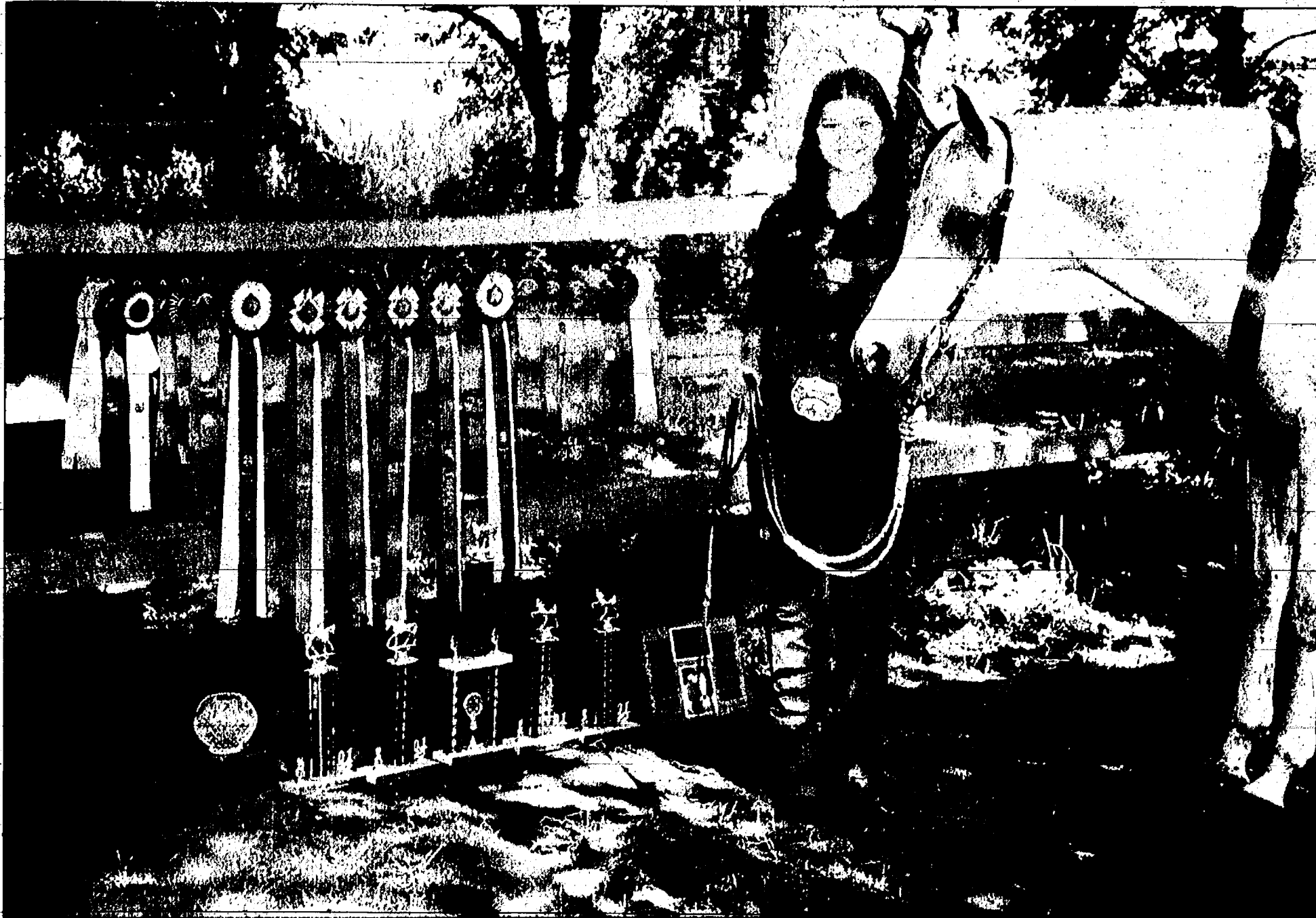
mare JKS Elegance, won: champion saddleseat showmanship, ages 10-19; grand champion showmanship, Ray Girbach Memorial Buckle; champion dressage equitation; champion dressage suitability; champion saddleseat equitation; reserve champion saddleseat bareback; reserve champion western equitation; and the April K. Reves Memorial Sportsmanship Award.

Halley Sissom of Chelsea, a member of the Stampedeers, a first-year exhibitor with her Thoroughbred gelding Twosie's Doozy, a former race-horse, won the intermediate exhibitor high percentage medal for dressage, and first-place medals for jumping round.

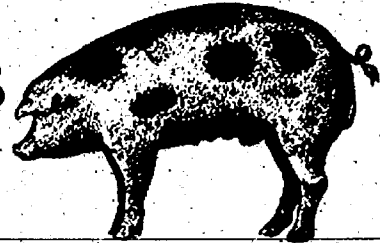
Jordan Volpe of Chelsea won honorable mention for champion western showmanship, ages 10-12.



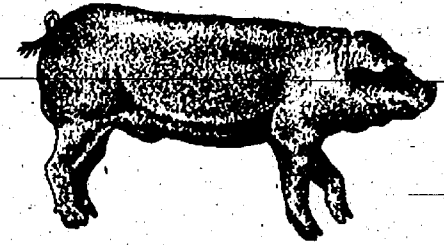
An armful of bunnies is what Alyssa Rodgers and Amanda McKenzie, members of Rogers Corners Herdsmen, had at the annual 4-H Youth Show. McKenzie is a class winner for intermediate showmanship, won two best of breed awards and raised the champion pen.



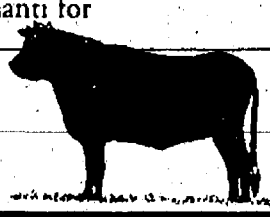
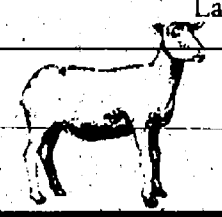
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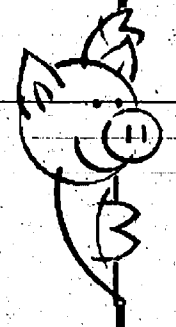
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- Renee Thelen



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Erin Ryder of Chelsea won many awards during the 4-H Youth Fair. She is a member of Stampedeers. Among her awards were champion saddleseat showmanship, grand champion showmanship, champion dressage equitation and the Ray Girbach Memorial Buckle award.

The grand champion pen of market rabbits (top, left) raised by Amanda McKenzie of Chelsea was purchased by Bareils Suffolks of Dexter for \$200. Pictured are Josh Hirth (left) of Dexter, Richard Bareils of Dexter, McKenzie, Emily Hardcastle of Chelsea and 4-H Ambassador Olivia Cohn of South Lyon.

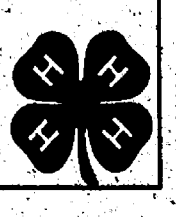
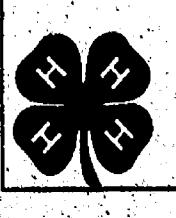


The grand champion pair of market lambs (bottom, left) raised by Cindy Grau of Chelsea was sold to Harold Trinkle of Golden Harvest Seeds in Dexter for \$3.75 a pound. Trinkle (left) holds the ribbon as Jeff Grau and Cindy Grau hold the lambs. Also pictured is 4-H Ambassador Katie Lyons of Ann Arbor.

Thank You!

Justin and Alicia Jedele would like to thank the following individuals, organizations, and businesses for purchasing their animals at the 2001 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show.

Justin's Steer..... Mitch Chapman, Saline
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ENGAGEMENTS



ENGAGED: Tracy Parker of Ann Arbor, daughter of Stanley and Helen Parker of Ann Arbor, and Jason McLean of Dexter, son of Rick and Julie McLean of Dexter, have set a Sept. 22 wedding date. The future bride graduated from Dexter High School in 1998 and attends Washtenaw Community College. She is employed at Door Controls International in Dexter. The future bridegroom graduated from Dexter High School in 1994 and is employed at Dexter Print and Graphics.



ENGAGED: Debra Husen of Ypsilanti, daughter of Richard and Jean Husen of Birch Run, and Jeffrey Murrel of Ypsilanti, son of Roger and Helen Murrel of Dexter, have set a Sept. 8 wedding date. The future bride is a 1988 graduate of Birch Run High School and a 1995 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She has a teaching degree in elementary education. She is employed as an infant teacher at Gretchen's House Child-Care Centers in Ann Arbor. The future bridegroom is a 1991 graduate of Dexter High School and a 1995 graduate of Ferris State University. He has a degree in printing management and is employed at Murrel Contractors Inc.

COLLEGIATE HIGHLIGHTS

Christina Merkel of Chelsea was among the 3,300 students graduating in May from Central Michigan University. She earned a bachelor's degree.

Rebecca Metzler, the daughter of Arlene Seelbach of Chelsea, was among 600 undergraduates named to the dean's list of Denison University in Granville, Ohio. Metzler, a 2000 graduate of Chelsea High School, is a sophomore physics major.

Alexandra Berneis, daughter of Susan and Paul Berneis of Dexter, was among 600 undergraduates named to dean's list of Denison University in Granville, Ohio. Berneis, a 1998 graduate of Dexter High School, is a senior majoring in theater performance.

Mark B. Valchine II of Chelsea has received the Cleveland Alumni Association Scholarship.

The award was presented in late July by the Beta Theta Pi Foundation at the Fraternity's General Convention. This year, more than 80 scholarships were awarded to collegians across North America, totaling over \$100,000.

Valchine, a senior at Central Michigan University, will receive an award of \$1,000 to be used toward college expenses. His achievements range from serving as president and secretary of his Beta Theta Pi chapter

to being a member of the Golden Key Honor Society.

Joanna Ruth White was one of approximately 1,600 students to graduate from Harvard College on June 7. She graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in English.

White, who attended Western High School, is the daughter of Chuck White and Carol White of Chelsea and Spring Arbor.

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rate of sexual reproduction, which would seem to be an advantage.

But the offspring's inheritance of each parent's genes in sexual reproduction is one way in which mutational error is purged.

Furthermore, the quality of mating display, such as the peacock's feathers or the frog's croak, also plays a role in selecting out bad genes. If its tail is boring or its croak weak, it's a sign of bad genes, so avoid it.

Although the evolution of gender appears to produce reproductive inefficiencies in that it cuts in half the rate of mate encounter (males can only mate with females), it doesn't, according to Ridley, inhibit the rate of procreation. We can keep up with the clones.

Ridley thinks that the fact that we exist as complex bodies seems to imply that large numbers of genes had to cooperate to create us, with our 30,000 genes and 6,600 million letters of DNA code. Otherwise our large number of genes would generate too large an error rate for us to have survived.

Natural selection has managed to remove harmful mutations at a rate consistent with our survival.

Ridley speculates that humans may have reached the limit of complexity allowed by evolution. However, who knows what scientific tampering might produce?

Ridley attempts to avoid attributing motives to genes or giving evolution a purposeful or teleological interpretation. But it is hard not to interpret some of his remarks in this way, especially when he talks of genes exploiting information, of assassin genes and even of the evolutionary process involving a sense of justice by keeping destructive genes ignorant of competing gene's identities (justice is blind).

Undoubtedly, creationists will object to Ridley's ideas. But despite its title, Mendel's Demon seems to come very close to doing duty for a divine hand in creation.

Ridley's book is available at Chelsea's Little Professor Book Center and costs \$26 for the hardcover.

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BIRTHS

Twin daughters, Stephanie Lee and Dustey Rose, were born July 18 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, to Steven and Peggy Fullerton of Grass Lake. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Norma Seyfried of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are Ralph and Carol Fullerton of Grass Lake. Great grandmother is Elinora Fullerton of Grass Lake. Stephanie and Dustey have twins sis-

ters, Amanda and Natasha, 16; a sister, Courtney, 11; and a brother, Brent, 7.

A daughter, Brenna Elisabeth, was born June 26, 2001, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township, to Kevin and Carolyn Belf of Brighton. Maternal grandparents are Chuck and Jan Durecki of Almont. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Pat Bell of Grass Lake.

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Polar expedition

Children enjoy fun and learning at Vacation Bible School

By Sheila Pursglove
Staff Writer

In contrast to this summer's intense heat, children attending St. Mary Catholic Church Aug. 6 through 10 enjoyed a weeklong "polar expedition."

Decorations of snow, ice and polar animals transformed the church hall, while children learned about polar bears, sled dogs, penguins and beluga whales.

After starting each day with Bible songs, the 140 participants - helped by 65 adult and teen-age volunteers - split into four groups for different activities.

Some watched a video called "Chadder's Snow Show" in which a chipmunk talked about polar animals.

Another group played "Glacier games" relating to the day's animal or Bible story. In "Cool Crafts" children made polar buggies, polar bear key chains, angel bookmarks, jingle bell snowflakes, mosaic crosses and tasty trinkets.

In Bible exploration, led by deacon Tom Franklin, children

took a time travel journey back in time to various Bible story locations set-up in the church and hall, with reenactments by parish volunteers. Deacon Dick Shaneyfelt and Joe Lussier, who is studying to be a priest, made guest appearances as biblical characters.

Groups also took turns making snacks. On the first day, echoing the theme of the wedding feast at Cana, preschoolers made white mini-wedding cakes with two Gummi Bears as bride and groom.

Each day ended with another round of Bible songs. Music tapes were available for children to take the songs home with them.

The Vacation Bible School was open to children from preschool through fifth grade in all religious denominations.

In previous years, themes have included "Kids of the Kingdom," "Seaside with the Savior," "Around the World with Jesus," "Wild West VBS," "Space Mission," "Jungle Treasure Hunt" and "Holyword."

The church uses Group

Publishing Co.'s Vacation Bible School program, spokesperson Marita Martin said. She has been director of the school for four years and taught there for four years prior to becoming director.

"We're very pleased with it because it's an interactive program getting the children involved and learning about Jesus and the Bible with all five of their senses," she said.

Students hear and see the Bible stories, taste and smell the snacks that relate to the stories, make the crafts and play games that teach about the Bible, and point and sing Bible songs, she said.

"I've worked on Vacation Bible School all eight years and every year I am moved to tears as I see the children singing the songs ... It's been an important part of our family faith journey as I have brought my children to Vacation Bible School every year," she said.

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Deacon Tom Franklin (left), Mary Gauthier and Patti Stewart prepare refreshments for children at the St. Mary Catholic Church Vacation Bible School.



Deacon Dick Shaneyfelt, portraying Jesus, addresses children at the St. Mary Catholic Church Vacation Bible School held Aug. 6 through 10. Patti Stewart (left) Mary Gauthier and deacon Tom Franklin, depicting Jesus' disciples, kneel behind.

DEATHS

PAULINE ALMA REYNOLDS WINDELL

Alexandria, Va.
Pauline Alma Reynolds Windell, 85, an active volunteer, died Aug. 9 at Mt. Vernon Nursing Center in Alexandria, Va. She moved there June 1 from Florida. She had emphysema and lung cancer.

Mrs. Windell, a native of Detroit, graduated from Ann Arbor High School and the University of Michigan. She worked for 10 years as a dental hygienist in the Ann Arbor area.

During World War II, she lived in Grand Rapids. In 1951, the family settled in Chelsea, where she raised her children. During those years, she was active in Girl Scouts and the First Congregational Church.

In 1971, she and her husband retired to Fort Myers, Fla. She was a member of the Fort Myers Congregational United Church of Christ. She also belonged to the Cosmopolitan Club, a book club, and a bridge club.

In 1992, Mrs. Windell sold her home and moved to Barkley Place Retirement Community in Fort Myers. She was a volunteer in the assisted-living unit, joined two bridge groups and served on the Resident Council. Her hobbies included reading, bridge and gardening.

Her husband, James H. Windell, of 50 years died in March of 1987. Survivors include her daughter, Beverly Card of Alexandria, Va.; her son, Edward (Brenda) Windell, of Willis, Texas; her granddaughter, Angela (Jonathan) Thomas of Fairfax, Va.; her grandson, Scott (Jennifer) Crutcher of Kingwood, Texas; her grandson, Sean Card of Playa Del Rey, Calif.; her grandson, Mark (Faline) Windell of Conroe, Texas; her grandson, Jimmy Card of Tallahassee, Fla.; her great-grandson, Mark Windell II; her great-granddaughter, Ashley Crutcher; her great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Thomas; her foreign exchange student daughter, Alma (Sid) Snedeker of Cappel, Texas; her foreign exchange student granddaughter, Serena Wilcott and Serena's two children, Savannah and Rhet; and her foreign exchange student grandson, John (Breen) II.

After cremation, interment will be in Chelsea. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Washington Farm United Methodist Church, 8921 Old Mill Road, Alexandria, Va.

Memorial contributions may be made to the International Tremor Foundation, 7046 W. 105th St., Overland Park, KS 66212-1803, or Hospice of Northern Virginia, P.O. Box 1676, Merrifield, VA 22116-1676.

MARIE HOWARTH

Gregory
Marie Howarth, 80, died Aug. 11, 2001, in Unadilla Township. She was born April 5, 1921, in Dickson City, Pa., the daughter of John and Estelle (Griffin) Davis.

Mrs. Howarth had been a resident of Unadilla Township since 1956, moving from Dearborn Heights. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Pinckney and the Chelsea Community Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing pinocle, gardening, bingo and winning.

Mrs. Howarth married Allen Howarth Sr. on Oct. 24, 1942, in Pontiac, and he preceded her in death in 1991.

Surviving are two sons, Al (Pam) Howarth of Ann Arbor and William (Barry) Howarth of Gregory; three grandchildren; six great-grand children; three siblings, Helen Horrocks, Jean Scott and John (Theresa) Davis; all of Pennsylvania; and a special companion, Ralph Sharkey of Chelsea.

Mrs. Howarth was preceded in death by her daughter, Deborah Howarth, in September of 1999.

A vigil was held Tuesday at Staffan-Mitch Funeral Home and the funeral Mass was held yesterday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Pinckney. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery in Stockbridge.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Stockbridge Area Ambulance or St. Mary Catholic Church.

HELEN VALANT

Chelsea
Helen Valant, 94, died Aug. 9, 2001, at Cedar Knoll Care Center in Grass Lake. She was born June 1, 1907, in Detroit, one of 11 children of Martin and Katharine (Lichseinska) Wojcinski. Mrs. Valant had been a resident of Chelsea since 1936, was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and retired from Rockwell International in 1969.

Mrs. Valant moved to Lima Township, across from the Porter Cemetery, and became the unofficial steward of the cemetery for many years. Lima Township pioneers established Porter Cemetery in 1839. Mrs. Valant was instrumental in restoring the cemetery in 1986 and placed a granite sign on the grounds.

Surviving are two daughters, Stella Greer of Ann Arbor and Genevieve Myers of Colo.; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Valant was preceded in death by her daughter, Lottie Curtis; two grandchildren, Mark and Marie Reinhardt; and all of her siblings.

The family received friends at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea. A funeral Mass was held Monday at St. Mary Catholic Church. The Rev. William Turner officiated. Burial was at Porter Cemetery.

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NEW serves as the regional re-granting agency for Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties. The next application deadline is Nov. 1.

The group will host a free grant assistance workshop 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 6 at the NEW Center Building in Ann Arbor.

NEW will provide an overview of the MCACA mini-grant program, the review process and successful grant-writing ap-

proaches. Staff, board members, or volunteers who coordinate arts programming are encouraged to attend.

Individuals in Chelsea who would like help with grant preparation but are unable to attend the workshop may call 998-0160 for advice and help.

Youth Dance Theatre of Chelsea received funding this year for its August 2001 Summer Dance Intensive program. Project director Wendi DuBois said the funds ensure Youth Dance Theatre can attract the highest quality dance instructors to the program, as well as provide scholarships for youth in Chelsea, Dexter, Ann Arbor, and other areas who otherwise

would not be able to enroll.

The MCACA mini-grant program awards grants three times each year, with deadlines typically in July, November and February. Activities such as exhibits, performances, artist residencies, restoration of public works of art, festivals, and conferences are eligible for funding. Nonprofit organizations, public and private schools, cities, townships, and villages may apply.

Mini-grant applications are available from Nonprofit Enterprise at Work or on the NEW Web site at www.new.org. For more information, contact Daran Smith at 998-0160 or dsmith@new.org.

Nonprofits get funding

Three local nonprofit organizations are recipients of about \$26,000 from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation.

Much of the money came from interest earned on Michigan's portion of the national tobacco settlement. In all, the state received \$13 billion that was shared between 65 community groups.

Wayne and Lee Burkhardt's Fairy Godparents received \$7,600. The organization helps find, renovate and provide household items and furniture to agencies like Help Source,

Neighborhood Senior Services, Friends in Deed, Interfaith Hospitality Networks, SOS Community Services, WISH, the St. Louis Center and others.

The Burkhardts are Pinckney residents and were formerly involved in the Dexter Rotary Club.

Also receiving funding was the Center for Occupational and Personalized Education Inc. of Scio Township. The agency, located on Jackson Road, funds an alternative education program for 14- to 18-year-olds who have been

expelled from public schools under the state's weapons in school law. It received \$5,700.

Also receiving grant money was the Chelsea Area Transportation System Inc. The \$12,500 in funding will be used for expanding specialized transportation services for seniors and disabled individuals in Chelsea and the surrounding townships that do not have public transportation.

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First-Time Campers

Members of Brownie Troop 471 went on their first camping trip for three days at Camp Linden on June 21. Kneeling by the boats are Grace Dettling (left), Sarah Wood, Mackenzie Cole, Zoë Sing and Krista McInnis. Standing behind them are Amber Tohlman (left), Hope Morrow, Jessica Battaglia and Alison Osborn.



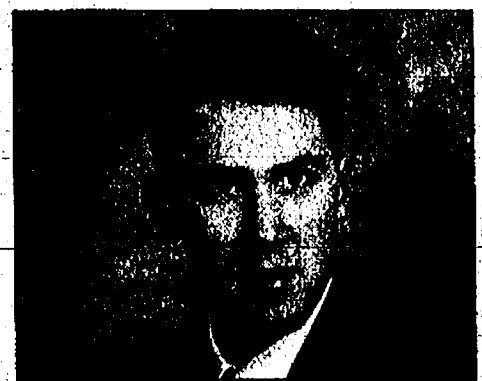
Students Enjoy Great Books

Third-grade pupils from North Creek Elementary School received certificates earlier this year for completion of Junior Great Books, a talent development program. Shown are John Stebelton (left), Cody Weitschat, Ashlyn Brinklow, Rachel Hampton, Sarah Bingel and Megan Hardcastle.



Operatic Family

Nick and Lisa Gadbury have watched four performances of the "Three Piggy Opera" over the years, all under the direction of South Meadows Elementary School teacher Beth Newman. Newman taught Nick, Ashley and Alyssa Gadbury in first grade at North Creek Elementary School, and Aubrey Gadbury in second grade at South Meadows. Standing in back are Nick Gadbury, class of 2002 (left), teacher Beth Newman and Ashley Gadbury, class of 2004. In front are Aubrey Gadbury (left), class of 2011, and Alyssa Gadbury, class of 2007.



Talbot Graduates

Bryan Talbot graduated June 5 from the Anderson School at the University of California in Los Angeles with a master's degree in business administration. Talbot is a 1990 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University, where he earned a degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed with Deloitte Consulting. The son of Beverly Talbot of Chelsea and Michael Talbot of Atlanta, Mich., he and his wife, Veronica, live in Los Angeles.



New appointment

Chelsea resident John Williams, former director of the Michigan Department of Career Development's Office of Career and Technical Preparation, has been appointed MDCD deputy director for career education. He will be responsible for administering programs that pertain to community colleges, adult education, career and technical preparation, the K-12 career preparation system and the Michigan Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs. Williams was principal of Chelsea High School from 1977 to 1989.

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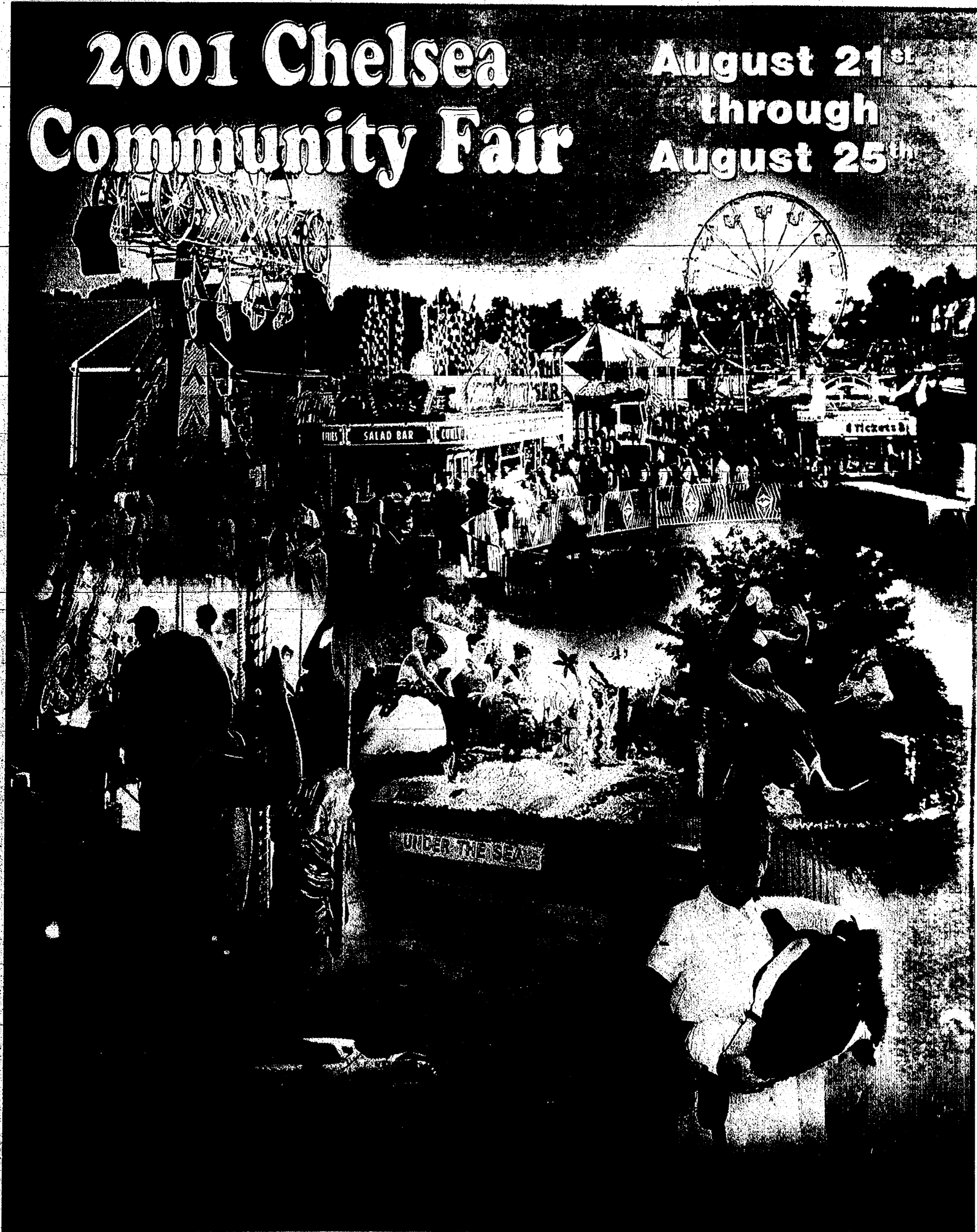
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Chelsea Community Fair starts Tuesday

By Maria Heczel

Special Writer

There is something for everybody at the 64th annual Chelsea Community Fair next week.

There are carnival rides, games, animals, crafts, canned goods, tractor pulling, a rodeo, demolition derby, Ladies' Day events and the Fair Queen Contest.

These are just a few of the family-oriented entertainment to be offered at the fair, set Tuesday through Saturday at the Chelsea Fair Grounds on Old US-12.

Every night includes individual highlights. Tuesday will feature the Children's

Parade, Wednesday will heat up with the Demolition Derby, Thursday will offer a rodeo, Friday will include a tractor pulling contest and Saturday will conclude with the Fair Queen Contest.

In addition to the entertainment, the fair gives children and adults the opportunity to exhibit something they

created from scratch or grew.

Crafts and other creations may be entered between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday before the fair officially kicks off, said Susan Heumana, assistant secretary for the Chelsea Community Fair Board.

Some judging is done Tuesday morning before the opening of the fair. The fair officially kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with the Children's Parade. The event features children dressed up as different characters riding their decorated bikes or pulling their decorated wagons from downtown to the fairgrounds.

For those who enjoy animals, there are a handful of barns with

lambs, horses, chickens, ducks, pigs and rabbits.

Farm children show off their animals that they trained and fed for months, and others show off their crafts.

In addition to the entertainment, there is a special lunch and dinner

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Chelsea Community Fair will feature carnival rides and games, as well as a number of other family-oriented activities. The fair kicks off Tuesday with animal judging. Highlights include the Cavalcade of Thrills Demolition Derby at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, livestock auction 7 p.m. Thursday, Ladies' Day events from 8 a.m. to noon Friday and Fair Queen Contest 7 p.m. Saturday.

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Demolition Derby attracts fair-goers

By Maria Heczel

Special Writer

More than 100 cars smash into each other and the toughest, the one that remains almost intact, wins the competition.

That is the gist behind the Demolition Derby, an annual event that will take place next week during the Chelsea Community Fair.

This is the 27th year of the Demolition Derby and 18th year of the Powder Puff division.

The event will feature three heats for men beginning 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and a Powder Puff division for women. There are 20 to 25 cars in each heat and the top three finishers go to the feature heat, said Jeff Layher, derby organizer and fair board member.

Wednesday's Demolition Derby, set for 7:30 p.m., features three heats, a compact car and feature.

Participants register between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. for both Tuesday's and Wednesday's events.

Participants put a lot of time and work into their cars in preparation for the event. Layher said a good derby car can cost a driver up to \$500, but most can be bought for about \$300. Many local businesses sponsor drivers.

The Demolition Derby is run by the Rotroff Cavalcade of Thrills of Ohio,



The Demolition Derby is a popular event at the Chelsea Community Fair, set Tuesday through Saturday at the fairgrounds on Old US-12. As in past years, there will be a Powder Puff division for women. Competition takes place 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

and follows strict rules.

"There are sure a lot of kids watching the event, but you've got to be 18 to participate," Layher said.

Kenneth McCalla, president of the

Chelsea Community Fair, said the Demolition Derby is one of the most popular events at the five-day fair.

"People get there early in the day to get their seats to watch the event," Layher said.

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Annual livestock auction a family event

By Maria Heczel

Special Writer

Whether you're a buyer or an animal lover, the livestock auction at Chelsea Community Fair is fun to watch.

The livestock auction takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, giving farm children an opportunity to showcase the animals they have raised. Animals range from beef, lamb and pigs to rabbits and chickens.

Susan Heumann, assistant secretary to the Chelsea Community

Fair Board, said it's interesting to see the children boss their animals around during judging.

"And it's sometimes grandma and grandpa who make a bid on it," Heumann said.

Tom Edman, vice president of the Chelsea Fair Board, said rabbits have become very popular among the participants in recent auctions, especially newcomers in the community who are just learning how to raise farm animals.

The animals must be brought in before the fair. The beef and rabbits

arrive Monday, while the rest of the animals must be in their pens by noon Tuesday.

The children get their steer beef in October or November and raise them until the auction, Edman said. They get their lambs and pigs in January, February or March.

"It's an opportunity for kids to compete, to earn money and learn about the responsibility (of raising an animal)," Edman said.

The community supports the children in the auction. Some people buy the animals

and sell them back, others buy them to help the children financially, and a few buy them for home consumption.

The buyers are looking at the best market animal as far as meat cut, tag and tail, said Kenneth McCalla, president of the fair board.

"I've seen a champion lamb get \$1,000 and a different kid get only about \$150. It's not a big money maker for the kids," McCalla said.

However, the auction is receiving a lot of support from local businesses. McCalla said a child may get \$1 per

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— Tom Edman
Chelsea Fair board member



The livestock auction is an arena for local children to show off their animals and sell them to the highest bidder. The auction will be held 7 p.m. next Thursday in the Multi-Purpose Arena. Local businesses, industry and businesses bid on the animals.

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Ladies' Day to offer special activities

By Maria Heczel
Special Writer

Ladies' Day is more than family entertainment. It's a time for women to kick back and relax.

From 8 a.m. to noon next Friday, the Multi-Purpose Arena will be reserved for special activities. Marlene Larder, one of the superintendents of Ladies' Day, said that typically 400 to 700 women participate. The entry fee is \$3 and the first 500 women registered receive a door prize, which can be cash or a gift donated by a local merchant.

Also, a vacation is given away as a grand prize from a drawing of the first 500 women who arrive. All women receive a bag of goodies. The bag includes items donated by local businesses. Items range from cornbread mix and brownie mix to potato-chip-bag clips, magnets, sticky notepads and hand lotion.

"At least the women are going home with something even if they don't go home with a door prize," Larder said.

Doughnuts and coffee will be provided during a speaker and entertainment. In the past, Larder said they have had such speakers as Miss Michigan and the governors' wives, as well as entertainers, from comedians to dance groups, orchestras and singers.

This year, after a surprise opening, girls from Gym America will dazzle with their gymnastics, a performance that earned them a standing ovation last year.

This year's theme is "Dreams Really Do Come True," based on the Cinderella story.

Chelsea High School students Molly Walters and Rachel Commons will sing songs from Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" in keep-

ing with the theme.

Deanna House, a comedian and cook, will show the ladies that cooking can be fun. Bill Barr, a favorite of the Ladies' Day crowd will perform his comedic antics, as well.

In addition, two home maker awards will be presented. One is for the ladies who show off their crafts and canned goods, while the other is the Junior Homemaker of the Year. Girls 16 years old or younger may compete for the junior honor.

The 2001 Fair Queen candidates will perform a dance routine and will join their mothers as models in a fashion show featuring clothing from Vogel's and Foster's in Chelsea.

"People come and kick back and

have a morning for themselves. Every lady deserves a morning for themselves," said Kathy Powers, one of the superintendents of Ladies' Day.

Powers and Larder are assisted by committee members Diane Edman, Carol Cammet, Sue Rodgers, Susan McCalla and Anita Spears.

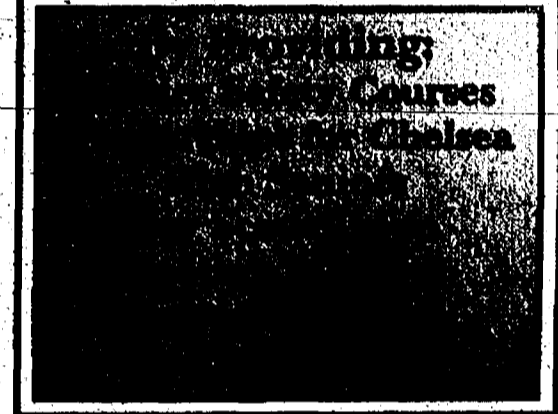
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— Marlene Larder
Ladies' Day organizer



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pound for a steer, while in other communities he has seen a child get only 75 cents a pound.

Kathy Powers, superintendent of

Ladies' Day enjoys watching children show off their livestock during the auction. Her own children are involved in auctioning beef and swine. They buy the pigs themselves and sell them when the animals are at the ideal market weight.

"The best is all the support from the community, the buyers and the friends the kids make," she said. "They're supportive of each other. You can't replace that."

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Parades highlight annual fair

By Maria Heczei
Special Writer

The 64th annual Chelsea Community Fair marches in with a parade and marches out with one, too.

The Children's Parade kicks off the fair. It takes place 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Children, dressed in costumes, march more than one mile, with their decorated wagons or ride on decorated bikes, from downtown to the fairgrounds.

Sam Vogel, superintendent of the Children's Parade, said participants include children ages 3 to 12. High school students judge the youngsters based on their creativity in decorating their vehicles. Judges look at creativity and originality of ideas.

The top three prize winners for each age group receive ribbons and a cash prize.

No gasoline-powered vehicles are allowed.

"Every kid gets ribbons or tickets (for carnival rides). Every kid that takes part in the parade receives something," Vogel said.

Children younger than 5 must be accompanied by a parent.

The parade is about half an hour long and is led by the middle school band and the fair queen candidates.

But that's not the only parade. The annual Fair Parade marks the closing events of the fair. It's at 1 p.m. Saturday.

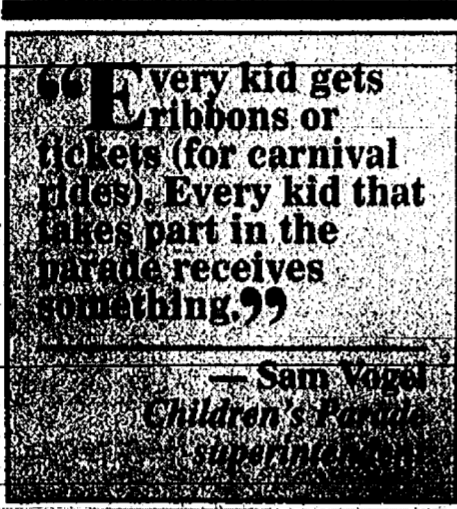
The fair parade features floats by some local businesses, school groups, community groups and public safety officials, and others.

The high school and middle school bands perform, while other groups hand out candy, said Steve Bergman, firefighter and organizer of the parade.

The parade is more than one hour long.

Susan Heumann, secretary to the fair board, said the Fair Parade is the best part of the five-day event. Most of the people on floats throw candy to eager children. Members of the fair board ride on two floats and throw out goodies.

"That's my favorite. Most kids are smiling and waving, and not just kids, but grandmas and grandpas," Heumann said.



— Sam Vogel
Children's Parade
superintendent



The Children's Parade is among two parades during the Chelsea Community Fair. It kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Prizes are awarded to youngsters for their creativity and innovation. The annual Fair Parade is slated 1 p.m. next Saturday and features tractors, floats, school groups, community organizations and businesses.

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South Normal to perform last day

By Marisa Williams

Special Writer

Nowadays, finding music that one can sit back and relax to or simply mindlessly groove to can prove to be a challenge.

Luckily, Chelsea is the home of one band that captures the laissez-faire harmony that some bands seemingly look past.

South Normal — composed of soothingly deep vocalist/guitarist

Nathan Mackinder, melodic guitarist Ben Vermeyley, rhythmic bassist Jeremy Mackinder and the drumming Shannon Boone — provides pleasant rock music with a classical feel that has not been seen in the music industry since the 1970s.

Chelsea-area residents will be able to enjoy the classic feel of South Normal at the Chelsea Community Fair. The group will perform at 3 p.m. next Saturday in the Main Arena.

Is it a show worth seeing?

A glance at their record may provide an answer. "The Actress" off their latest album "Emotion Picture" is currently being played on 101.1 WRIF-FM, and on radio stations in New York and Denver.

The band performed on the opening day for the Detroit Tigers, opened up for Bad Company at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, and has been named one of the top 25 bands in the country.

South Normal has also played local

venues, such as the Blind Pig and Wooden Nickel in Ann Arbor, The Village Inn in Grass Lake, Hayloft Liquor Stand in Mt. Clemens and Lilly's 21 in Hamtramck, selling out every show they have played at Lilly's 21.

South Normal will perform 10 p.m. Aug. 18 at the New Way Bar in Ferndale, 3p.m. Aug 25 at the Chelsea Community Fair and 9 p.m. Sept. 7 and 8 at the Wooden Nickel in Ann Arbor.

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served each day.

"Different people come for different things. Some parents come to see the Fair Queen Contest," Heumann said.

Some women only come for the Ladies' Day show, where they dine on doughnuts and coffee, and are entertained by a speaker and the fair queen candidates.

The candidates display their talent and model clothing in a fashion show.

Proceeds from the fair help pay for upgrades, as well as new entertainment. The Great Lake Timber Show was added last year. It features lumberjack contests during three shows a day.

New this year is the Linda Lou & the Lucky 4 singing group, which will perform 6 and 8 p.m. Friday.

Heumann said she has been to fairs in other towns, but Chelsea seems to have the best entertainment and activities around.

"Once you see our fair, you'll be spoiled," she said. "You get used to having a big fair."

Tom Edman, vice president of the Chelsea Community Fair Board, agrees. "There is always something to do," he said.

It has the feeling of a small-town community fair, where everybody is safe and the whole family can participate, he added.

"There are all-family events, whether it is market livestock or something else," Edman said.

Marlene Larder, a superintendent for Ladies' Day, said the carnival rides provide thrills for fairgoers and is one of the most popular activities for children, second to the livestock barn.

The biggest event is the fair queen contest, which will kick off with a talent program 7 p.m. Monday at Chelsea High School's auditorium. Participants include high school girls from Dexter and Chelsea sponsored by a school organization, club or local business.

The candidates participate in numerous activities during the fair. The first is the cutting of the ribbon 5 p.m. Monday to mark the official opening of the fair. They also pass out ribbons at the livestock auction and perform at Ladies' Day.

In addition, they take part in the fair parade, where they ride in a float provided by their sponsor. The girls are judged on a 100-point scale: 25 percent for involvement in the fair, 20 percent for school activity, 10 percent for poise, 15 percent for private interview with the judges and 10 percent for public interview on crowning day.

The crowning of the fair queen takes place 7 p.m. Saturday at the Multi-Purpose Arena

The fair is \$5 a day and free for children 10 years old or younger. Senior citizens get in free on Thursday, and Friday features Ladies' Day with discount tickets for women costing \$3 until noon. A season pass is \$15, but students, as well as senior citizens, pay \$10. Tickets are sold at the gate.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, August 20
Rides Begin 5 pm

August 21

- 9:00 am - 11:00 am - **Tractor Pulling Contest in Multi-Purpose Arena**
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - **Powder Puff Heat**
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - **Judging of Dairy Cattle in Multi-Purpose Arena**
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm - **Kiddies Peddle-Power Tractor Pull in Multi-Purpose Arena**
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - **Colors the Clown**
- 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - **Bullmania by Super Kicker Rodeo Prod.**
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Friday - Ladies Day Until Noon \$3.00

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