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Community survey supports millage

Participants focus on three key funding issues.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The results of a community survey are in and it appears that Chelsea residents are more than happy to dig deeper into their pockets to maintain good schools and recreational facilities.

Participants in Chelsea school board's Nov. 5 survey meeting

were local people who the Board of Education perceived as key communicators in the community.

The group was invited to hear a presentation by Superintendent Ed Richardson and Board President Scott Broshar. Afterward, they filled out a survey focusing on three key funding issues for the district, namely the sinking-fund millage, recreation millage and facility-use fees.

About 63 people attended, and

85 surveys were mailed. Of the 85, 29 had been returned as of press time Tuesday.

Sinking funds are used to repair buildings and sites, construct new buildings or sites and purchase land. A total of 81 people said they would support a sinking-fund millage to maintain school roofing, flooring and parking lots as part of a preventative maintenance program.

The district has had 1 mill set aside for maintenance or repair for approximately 20 years, dur-

ing which time both the facilities and grounds have doubled in size.

The majority of the respondents (73) said they would support a sinking-fund millage to provide for preventative maintenance and a replacement plan of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning in the district.

But people were less enthusiastic about supporting a millage to provide air conditioning at North Creek Elementary School, South Meadows Elementary

School and Beach Middle School.

While 48 people said "yes," 34 gave it the thumbs down and six people gave no response. Chelsea High School and Pierce Lake Elementary School had air conditioning installed when they were built in 1998 and 1997, respectively.

Respondents were almost evenly divided — 48 in favor and 36 against — about supporting a

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Friends of Library to meet Wednesday

The Friends of the Chelsea District Library will hold a holiday gathering and dessert potluck 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Room 111 of the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

The public is invited to meet members, sample treats and learn about the group and its activities.

For information, call Marie Brooks at 475-8732.

High school group to hold pop can drive

Members of the Shelby Project will be collecting pop cans throughout the village Saturday. Proceeds will benefit the Toys for Tots program during the holidays.

Students will collect cans door to door from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Shelby Project is a new high school service organization dedicated to providing toys to children who are in local shelters.

Holiday carol service slated for Sunday

The 14th annual Chelsea Festival of Lights will close with a Festival of Lessons and Carols 7 p.m. Sunday at the Chelsea Retirement Center Chapel, 605 W. Middle St.

The free event, sponsored by the Chelsea Ministerial Association, will feature a wide variety of music and readings of the Christmas story by members of local churches.

Hospital to hold tree lighting ceremony

Chelsea Community Hospital Auxiliary will hold a "Christmas Tree of Love" tree lighting ceremony 6 p.m. Tuesday in the hospital lobby at 775 South Main St. in Chelsea.

For a donation, an angel in memory of a loved one may be placed on the tree and the name of the honored person recorded and displayed in the hospital's main lobby.

Angels may be purchased from the hospital volunteer office by calling 475-3913. Proceeds will benefit the hospital Emergency Room Project.

Celebrating Thanksgiving



Quentin Hess (left), Aaron Fuleas and Luke Hall, pupils in teacher Lexa O'Brian's Thanksgiving class at South Meadows Elementary School, display the pilgrims and Native Americans they created during Thanksgiving activities.

Ambassador leaves for Slovak Republic

Chelsea resident is new U.S. ambassador.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Local businessman Ron Weiser left today for Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, where he will serve as U.S. ambassador during the remainder of President George W. Bush's first term.

Weiser was sworn in Tuesday by Secretary of State Colin Powell at the State Department in Washington, D.C. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the embassy of the Slovak Republic.

Weiser then headed back yesterday to Ann Arbor for final packing before flying to Slovakia today with his wife, Eileen, and baby, Daniel. Their



Ron Weiser

adult children, Mark and Elizabeth, will remain in Ann Arbor.

The family has owned a summer home on Crooked Lake in Sylvan Township for two decades.

In 1969, Weiser, 55, founded

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Commission favors subdivision plan

Committee for Chelsea Park maintains pressure on village.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

The grassroots group Committee for Chelsea Park may need more leverage to save 157 acres of undisturbed land along Dexter-Chelsea Road.

The Chelsea Village Planning Commission has endorsed a

plan to put in a housing development on the property.

The citizens group is hoping to gather enough signatures from village residents to convince the village to purchase the land instead, before FFH Enterprises begins work on The Vineyards, a 352-home subdivision.

But the commission voted Nov. 20 to recommend that the Village Council approve the housing development despite the commit-

tee's desire for the property.

"I am not surprised by the Planning Commission's decision. If we don't succeed with this project, we will put forth our efforts elsewhere," said Wendy Wallace, a member of the Committee for Chelsea Park.

The commission's lengthy resolution includes the following conditions:

The developer add a 25-foot-wide buffer strip between the wetland boundary and housing

sites adjacent to the site.

The housing units meet certain maximum building heights.

The development is built over six phases instead of four and a sidewalk/bicycle path will be built along the north side of Dexter-Chelsea Road.

Three additional amendments were added to the resolution before commissioners approved it.

Commissioner Ann Valle said that she wanted the developer to

pay particular attention to preserving trees and hedgerow on the south side of the development.

Among some of the trees that the commissioners asked to be saved were oak trees ranging from 40 to 50 feet in height.

Another part of the resolution that was clarified with an amendment was that the developer must preserve existing trees and brush in the 30 acres

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Village to buy building for new offices

Council agrees to pay nearly \$1 million.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

It appears as if Christmas has come early in the village.

The village's bid to buy the former BookCrafters building at 140 Buchanan St. has been accepted — an early Christmas wish for village officials.

The move will allow all the village offices, including the administrative offices, zoning department, police department and Department of Public Works, to be located in one facility.

The village has been looking for a building for the last several years.

On Nov. 19, the Village Council met in closed session and agreed to pursue the purchase of the building. Vanier Graphics

Corp. of Englewood, Colo., accepted the village's bid of \$995,500.

Village Manager Jack Myers said that the building was appraised at \$2.45 million.

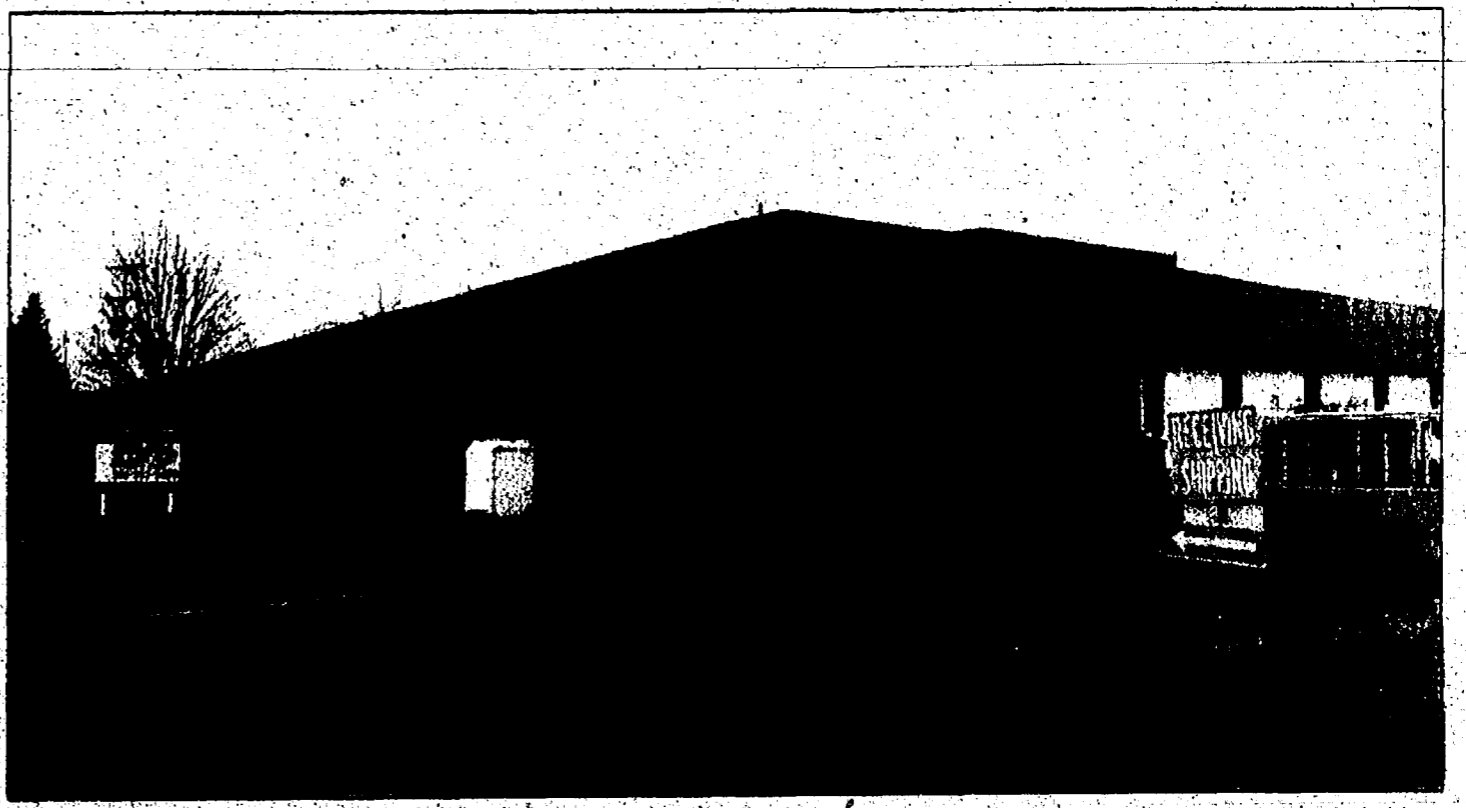
"I am extremely happy with the outcome," Myers said.

Myers said that the village has looked at more than a dozen buildings and the book factory is ideal because of its location and large square footage.

The village is currently leasing space from Chelsea State Bank, 305 S. Main St., at a cost of \$84,000 a year. The rent fluctuates from month to month and includes payment for summer and winter taxes, storm water utilities, fees for snow removal and a surcharge for the building's sprinkler system.

Because of space constraints, the village holds its public meet-

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The village is in the process of purchasing the former BookCrafters building on Buchanan Street. The building will house the village administration, the police department and the Department of Public Works. Money will come from the sale of up to \$2 million in municipal bonds unless taxpayers demand a vote.

Local gardeners founded club

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Chelsea tankers third at state meet

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Sissom finds niche as CCDA director

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Photo by Alison Marable

Camp Fire Celebrations

Anna Meyers (left) and Brandon Cameron, pupils in teacher Lexa O'Brien's kindergarten class at South Meadows Elementary School, dressed as Native Americans and sat by the campfire during recent Thanksgiving classroom activities.

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ings at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 E. Washington St., and rents the room for \$25 a meeting.

The village used to meet at the Sylvan Township Hall when it was located at 112 Middle St. The old hall has since been renovated and now houses retail stores.

The new village office will be more than three times larger than the current facility and will have plenty of room for meetings. The new space has more than 19,000 square feet of office space and about 60,000 square feet of warehouse space, where DPW vehicles could be stored.

The building, however, will need extensive renovations before village officials move in, Myers said.

"A lot of the walls are temporary walls and would need some extra work," he said.

Village Police Chief Lenard McDougall said that he is pleased with the village's decision to buy the former BookCrafters facility.

"This is a good way of using taxpayers' money. It's in a good location and not too far out of downtown," McDougall said.

The chief said the new facility

will be a big improvement over the police station's current digs.

The Chelsea Police Department has offices scattered on all three floors of the old municipal building at 104 Middle St. The first floor holds several offices, with a locker room on the basement floor and an evidence room on the top floor.

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Library considers weapons policy

■ According to law, someone can bring a concealed weapon into a public library.

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

Would you mind if your child were browsing the bookshelves at the library for his favorite book while a group was meeting in a nearby room to learn more about the ins and outs of carrying a concealed weapon?

What if members of that group were carrying guns?

Those are the questions the Chelsea District Library Board are contending with after a group asked the board for permission to hold a weapons class in the library's facilities.

Library Director Metta Lansdale has sought advice from the library's attorney and the chief of police.

According to the attorney, Michigan law does not prohibit

concealed weapons in public libraries, but the law does require that concealed weapons remain hidden.

Chelsea Police Chief Lenard McDougall told the library that if a weapon is visible but clearly inadvertent on the part of the patron, the staff should call the police and officers can check to see if the person has a permit.

If the weapon is visible and the person carrying it knows the weapon can be seen, McDougall said the library staff should call the police and clear the room.

Chelsea police dispatcher Robert Clark said a bulge the shape of a gun under someone's shirt would be considered visible under the law.

Because the library is currently leasing space on school property, the questions posed are not an issue right now. Weapons are prohibited on school campuses.

However, Clark said a class on weapons could be held in the

McKune House, the former library building on Main Street, because it is not school property.

But the group seeking permission to hold a class at the library withdrew its request after learning it cannot charge a fee because it would violate library policy.

The Library Board's Policy Committee is now recommending a rule be implemented that prohibits library staff from carrying concealed weapons to

work. According to state law, places that are "pistol free" include schools, daycare centers, sports arenas, entertainment facilities of 2,500 or more, premises with liquor licenses, places of worship, hospitals, college classrooms, college dormitories, casinos courtrooms and offices. Public libraries are not on the list.

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Library to hire new legal firm

Decision likely to be made at Dec. 18 meeting.

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

The Chelsea District Library Board is looking for a new law firm to represent the board in future library matters.

Two candidates were interviewed at a public meeting Nov. 20.

The law firm Foster, Swift, Collins and Smith made a presentation at last month's Library Board meeting.

The firms interviewed earlier this month were Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampton, Truex and Morley of Farmington Hills, and Plunket and Cooney of Ann Arbor.

The search was prompted after the library's attorney, Cynthia Falhaber, retired. Last

month, the Library Board approved the purchase of a \$100 gift certificate for the attorney. Funds were awarded from tax dollars in the library's coffers.

The board is expected to choose its new legal representative Dec. 18.

At the interview, each law firm outlined its specialties and experience with library issues. They also cited their municipal work.

The Library Board asked each firm about its experience with libraries, bond issues, millages, real estate matters, and the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings acts.

Foster, Swift, Collins and Smith appeared to have the most experience working with libraries. The firm has worked with libraries in Caro, Charlotte, Canton, Plymouth, Redford and

Manchester. Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampton, Truex and Morley has experience with the library in Rochester and has worked with governments in Salem Township, Novi and Independence Township.

Plunket and Cooney, the largest of the three firms in terms of numbers of working attorneys, appeared to cover the most townships, villages, cities, counties and other public entities.

The board discussed the relative importance of each firm's experience with libraries and their ability to deal with legal matters in general.

A decision is expected at the board's Dec. 18 meeting, which will be held 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

Bazaar set for Dec. 6

The Chelsea Community Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 6 in the hospital dining room, 775 South Main St., in Chelsea.

Handmade holiday craft items and home-baked goodies will be for sale.

There will be a raffle for a 27-inch television, an entertainment package that includes dinner for two at the Common Grill and tickets to the Purple Rose Theatre, and \$50 Farmer Jack gift certificate. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Proceeds benefit the hospital's Emergency Room Project.

For more information, call the volunteer office at 475-3913.

WEISER

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McKinley Associates, a company that now counts the Chelsea Clock Tower and Rockwell Building among its properties. The company owns and manages office buildings, retail properties and apartment communities across the country.

Albert Berriz, formerly president and chief operating officer of McKinley, succeeds Weiser as chief executive officer at the company. Paul Dimond, an attorney with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, succeeds Berriz as chairman.

Weiser has been a prominent Republican activist, raising millions for both President Bush and for Republican candidates in last year's Michigan Supreme Court race.

The South Bend, Ind., native, who is a graduate of the University of Michigan, is also involved in charity through the McKinley Foundation, directed by his wife. He has also served as a director of Chelsea's Purple Rose Theatre Co.

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Ann Arbor Artist's Life-Sized Animals Featured In Briarwood's Holiday Display

When it comes to creating animals, Ira C. Imbras-Jansen runs a close second to Mother Nature. The Ann Arbor artist has been a modern-day Jonah, ensconced in the belly of an 18-foot giraffe, and a surrogate birth mother to hundreds of thousands of animals for over 35 years.

Several of her hand-made, life-sized creations will fill the Briarwood holiday display at Briarwood shopping center now through January 5, 2002. Imbras-Jansen herself will be at Briarwood on December 1 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for a "Meet the Artist" event in center court. She will have some of her creations available for purchase and will also be working on some new ones. Since 1994, Imbras-Jansen's works have been showcased in holiday exhibits at some of the most prestigious shopping centers nationwide.

The animals at Briarwood include everything from squirrels, rabbits and birds to lions, koalas and kangaroos. There's a seven-foot moose with antlers and an 18-foot giraffe, whose belly is high enough for a six-footer to walk under.

"When you stare at these animals, and they gaze back at you, you have to look a few more times to make sure they aren't alive," says Ida Hendrix, Briarwood General Manager.

Imbras-Jansen says the giraffe and moose took nearly as much time as all the other animals combined. "To stuff the giraffe, it had to be lying down and I had to climb right into it," recalled the mixed-media artist, who broke a rib stuffing the giraffe's neck for her first holiday display several years ago. "It was very, very physical."

Ira Imbras-Jansen, a 34-year Ann Arbor resident, made her first animal in 1966 at the prodding of her son Luke, then 3. After she told him that she could not afford to buy him a 99-cent toy fish that he wanted, when Luke suggested that she could make one, she didn't stop to think that she didn't know how to sew.

My mother died when I was five, so I had no one to teach me to sew," recalls Imbras-Jansen, who came to America as a 15-year war orphan in 1947. She had left her native Lithuania at 9 and spent the following years in a displaced person camp.

"But my child asked me for something, and I did it," she continues. "He so rarely asked for anything."

She made the fish in two hours. "Once I got hold of it, I just couldn't let go," she says. "I wanted to make another, and another, and another, and another."

Since then, Imbras-Jansen estimates that she's made well over 300 different species from aardvarks and armadillos to yaks and zebras.

She's sold them over the years at art fairs nationwide, including The Ann Arbor Art Fairs, and through her company, Mira-Lu-Pet.

Over the years, Imbras-Jansen's output has been prodigious. Guinea pigs alone number in the "hundreds of thousands," she estimates.

"Guinea pigs have been a favorite everywhere," she says. "I am so used to making them that when I'm really tense, I make guinea pigs to relax."

To make her lifelike creations, Imbras-Jansen uses electrical wire and wooden frames. She stuffs them with polyester fiber and covers them with man-made furs that she shaves, curls and paints. She works from photos of animals and a true love for nature's construction.

"All the forms of nature are truly interesting, some just by their own simplicity," she says. "The kivi bird is so simple, yet it's funny. It's such a curious thing. You just can't improve on that. And when I turn the pages looking for one animal, another grabs my eye, and I stop to read about it."

Imbras-Jansen admits she occasionally has trouble parting with some of her creations. Her first gorilla and a favorite orangutan, who she says, always looks at her "in a such funny way," remain personal "pets" that she refuses to sell.

But, she's careful to keep her love for her offspring in check. "When you're making them, you know you're making them for someone else -- I sound like a surrogate mother, don't I? -- and you keep in mind that they have to go home when they're done," she explains.

And, although other people delight in naming her creations, she herself has never done so because she feels that if she named one, she'd have to name them all. "If I named one, it would demean the others," she explains. "I put in equally enough attention to each."

Imbras-Jansen's husband of nearly 40 years, Vernon Jansen, had been at her side throughout her career until his sudden death on Oct. 3, 2001. "He designed the frames, did all of the bookkeeping -- even went to the library to get books with pictures for me," she explained. "He was my lifelong partner in business and in life."

Meanwhile, her son Luke, who 29 years ago launched a menagerie ark far beyond Noah's dreams, teaches English and coaches at Greenhills School in Ann Arbor. Her daughter is a psychologist in Portage, Mich.

"My children now do beautiful work for the world," she observes. "and I get to play with animals all day. I'm getting the childhood I never got."

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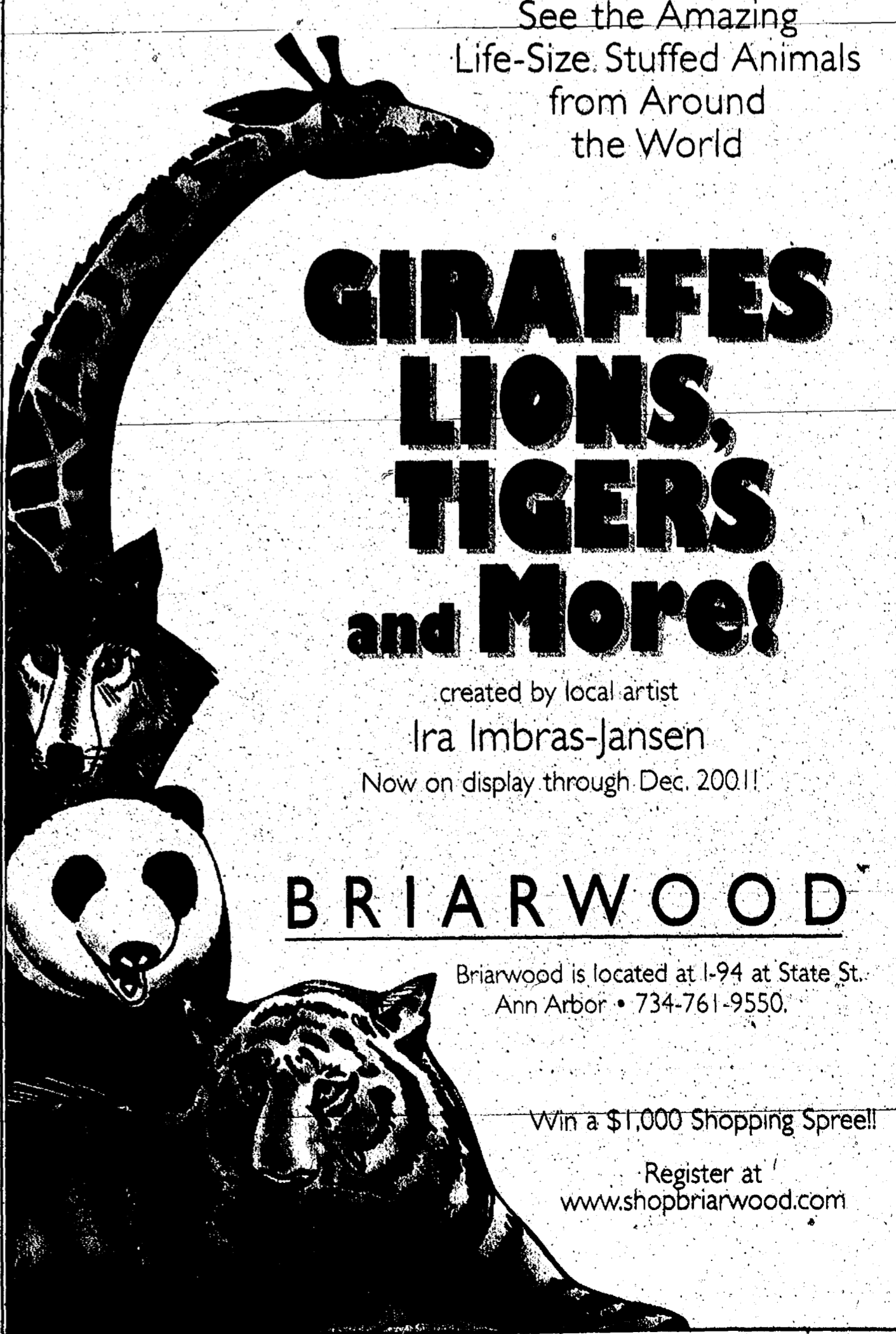
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Foundation awards grant

The Chelsea Community Foundation recently awarded two \$15,000 grants to support new programs at Chelsea School District and the Hope Medical Clinic Inc.

The grant to the school district supports the Chelsea Teen Network, an after-school program for youth in sixth through eighth grade, providing sports, homework and other activities 30 weeks a year.

The program, based on national statistics showing that the majority of parents work outside the home and are not with their teens in the after-school hours, was designed to decrease the risk of juvenile crime by providing quality after-school activities.

The grant supports a program coordinator who plans and promotes the initiative. The Chelsea Teen Network will be based at the Washington Street Education Center.

Other participating organizations include Chelsea Area Responding to Teens, Chelsea Recreation Council, Chelsea District Library, Washtenaw County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Girl Scouts and the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea.

The \$15,000 to the Ypsilanti-based Hope Medical Clinic has helped launch a satellite clinic at the offices of Faith In Action in Chelsea.

The clinic, open on Saturday mornings, serves low-income people and provides a range of healthcare services to help individuals improve their quality of life.

The program, developed collectively by Faith In Action, Chelsea Community Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and



The Chelsea Community Foundation recently donated \$15,000 to the Ypsilanti-based Hope Medical Clinic Inc. to launch a satellite branch of the clinic at Faith In Action in Chelsea. Among those leading the effort were Dr. Diane Howlin (left), office manager Doris Clingan and Faith In Action Director Richard Shaneyfelt.

the Hope Clinic, has been bolstered through a number of in-kind donations, as well as services by the clinic's volunteer doctor, nurse, pharmacist and clerk.

It is anticipated that the new clinic will serve 500 to 1,000 people a year.

The Chelsea Community Foundation is a permanent charitable endowment fund that provides an ongoing source of revenue for worthwhile programs and activities in the

Chelsea community.

Since its founding in 1995, the foundation has raised more than \$1 million in permanent charitable endowment and has awarded nearly \$196,000 in organizations working to improve the quality of life in Chelsea and surrounding communities.

For more information on the foundation, call 475-9891 or visit www.cfsem.org. The foundation is an affiliate fund of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan.



Pilgrims Feast

Michelle Schertzing, a first-grade teacher at Pierce Lake Elementary School, serves up a Thanksgiving feast to Lily Bowen (left), Kevin Fournier, Connor Carry and Joe Heinen during the school's recent Thanksgiving celebrations.

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of open wetland area. This part was amended to include saving vegetation on the south and east perimeters of the parcel except at road crossings.

"This is a good move and the developer shouldn't have any problems," said Carl Schmult, a planning consultant for the village.

The final amendment added to the resolution asked the Village Council to consider reducing the number of building lots.

Commissioner Rik Haugen said he would like to keep the rural character along the corridor intact as long as possible.

Commissioner Kim Soule asked that the developer consider changing some street names in the subdivision to better suit the charm of the village. But her proposal did not garner support from the commission.

Commissioners also discussed the appearance of the entrances into the new subdivision. Several commissioners said that they don't want a sign in front of the development and at the entryway.

The sign would be centered in the middle of the boulevard as people drive into the subdivision off Dexter-Chelsea Road.

Haugen said that he doesn't want the sign to draw any special attention. He said that the sign would not be suitable in the rural setting and he would like

the area to blend together with the existing structures.

Developer Steve Fisher said that he will consider the commission's suggestions and speak to his company's marketing division.

"In the past, we've always had signs and it's always been very decorative," Fisher said.

Before the resolution is sent to the Village Council, the developer has to change his plans to adhere to the commission's conditions of approval.

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Crafters to sell handiwork Saturday

Three local residents will join more than 125 crafters from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio taking part in the fifth annual Saline Middle School Craft Show.

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Other crafters will show their decorative painting, stoneware, rugs, birdhouses, holiday decorating ideas, ceramics, calligra-

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What's Happened to this Country?

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

A month ago I found myself, once again, longing to live in the America of the 1950's or 60's. It had nothing to do with anthrax or terrorism. Rather, I opened up my family's e-mail, and there was a message from my son's soccer coach with the schedule of the upcoming indoor games. 7 out of 8 games were scheduled for Sunday mornings. Our temporary church time of 9:30 helps: My son can make it to some of the later games; and the next few months I'm also serving a congregation that worships at 11:00, so he can make it to some of the early games. But why should we have to schedule our family worship around a soccer team? What's happened to this country?

What's happened is the church has lost its influence. No one used to dare set up a kids sports league on Sunday morning. No one used to be open on Sunday. The Roman Catholic Church in Germany has kept stores closed on Sundays - at least up until two years ago when we were there; one of the big news stories was the battle raging to overturn the church's influence and allow stores to be open Sundays; I don't know who won.

Things like this tempt you to get political. If we could only lobby against these interferences with our

worship service. Or for that matter, if only we Christians could shut down every abortion clinic, every pornography producer and distributor, most gambling operations, as well as outlaw things like the practice of homosexuality and the mortal sin of living in a sexual relation without marriage. Wouldn't it be great if all those things were illegal and prosecuted by the government?

But we are not a Christian nation. We Christians cannot, and should not, count on society or the government to help us raise our children as Christians. The best influence we have is living our lives according to His Word. When our children see us putting God first, and choosing Sunday morning worship over Sunday morning sports if a choice has to be made, this will make an impact on them.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township Attempt Home Invasion

A 51-year-old Scio Township resident came back to her home at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 16 in the 2500 block of Walnut Drive to find her home security alarm activated. She noticed the front door had been left open and the garage door wasn't closed. Police found a sweatshirt stuck in the crack of the front door. The woman did not know who would have broken into her house.

Larceny — Someone stole a tailgate off pickup truck that was parked in a lot at Rampy Chevrolet, 3515 Jackson Road, between Nov. 15 and 19.

The dealership looked at security cameras, but did not notice anything suspicious. The tailgate is valued at \$500.

Embezzlement — A 22-year-old Ann Arbor woman confessed to police Nov. 21 that she stole more than \$800 from a safe at Burger King, 151 S. Zeeb Road.

The restaurant manager noticed the missing bank deposit from the safe Nov. 19. The manager questioned the former employee. The woman initially denied taking the money.

The woman later admitted to police that she took the money after one of her shifts. She told police that she spent it on drugs.

Property Damage — Someone painted a backhoe pink that was parked at a construction site on Scio Ridge Drive in the Walnut Glen subdivision between Nov. 17 and 19. An excavator parked near the backhoe was also damaged.

Someone threw an object through its window.

Police could not find any footprints or tire tracks. Damage to both machines is estimated at \$600.

Retail Fraud — A 21-year-old Ypsilanti man was arrested 7 p.m. Nov. 22 at Meijer's, 5645 Jackson Road, after he stole three compact discs.

Store loss prevention officers saw the man put the CDs underneath his sweatshirt and leave the store. They confronted the man and brought him back into the store until police arrived.

Officers returned the CDs, valued at \$15 each, to the store. The suspect was arrested and taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Larceny — Several items and \$350 in cash were taken from a car parked in a garage in the 3200 block of Rockcress Drive.

Someone entered the vehicle between Nov. 20 and 21 and stole a purse. The vehicle was left unlocked in the garage and the garage door was open.

The purse contained credit cards, a checkbook and cash.

Someone stole money and credit cards after breaking into a car in the 700 block of Fairway Park in the Polo Fields subdivision between 10:30 p.m. and midnight Nov. 12.

The purse was on the passenger seat of the woman's van and the doors were unlocked. The van was parked in the garage.

The woman noticed that her purse was missing the following morning when she went to the store. Approximately \$60 and

several credit cards were in the purse.

Domestic Assault

Police broke up a fight between a brother and sister at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 18 near the intersection of Liberty and Zeeb roads.

The 22-year-old woman was driving on Liberty Road and pulled off the road because she thought she may have taken the wrong turn.

Her 23-year-old brother got out of the vehicle and yelled at her to get out of the truck. He was reportedly upset that they were lost, and the two started yelling and fighting.

The woman suffered a large bump on her forehead and several cuts and bruises.

Police arrested the man and he was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Sylvan Township Property Damage

Two 600-pound cement lions were damaged between Nov. 17 and 18 in the 900 block of Cody Drive.

The lions were on two stands at the end of the homeowner's driveway. They were knocked over and damaged.

Police talked to neighbors in the area, but no one saw anything suspicious.

The statues are valued at \$2,400.

Dexter Township Property Damage

Police responded to a fire in a trash container at 3:30 a.m. Nov. 18 in the 6000 block of Hay Rake Hollow.

The homeowner was awakened by his daughter, who

noticed that the trash container was on fire. The container is full of garbage and at the end of the driveway.

Damage to the garbage container and the blacktop driveway is estimated at \$200.

Larceny — Someone stole several items from a car parked in a driveway in the 6000 block of Dexter Town Hall Road between 10 p.m. Nov. 22 and 5 a.m. Nov. 23.

The owner of the van noticed the missing items when she left to go shopping the following day. A checkbook, an ATM card and several compact discs were reported missing.

Dexter Village

Larceny — A cornet was reported missing at 3 p.m. Nov. 21 from the Dexter High School gymnasium.

The instrument was left in the gym while its owner, a student, was playing basketball.

The cornet is valued at \$1,000.

Drunken Driving

A 48-year-old Dexter man was arrested for drunken driving at 10:30 p.m. Nov. 17 near the intersection of Second and Central streets.

Deputies stopped the man after his vehicle swerved off the road and over the yellow centerline.

The driver admitted to drinking alcohol at a nearby bar.

Police gave the driver a Breatheralyzer test. His blood-alcohol level was .22 percent. A blood-alcohol level of .08 percent is considered legally impaired.

The man was arrested and taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Chelsea Village

Burglary — A Sony Play Station was reported missing at 10 p.m. Nov. 21 from a home in the 100 block of Park Street.

The homeowner noticed that the equipment was hooked up to the TV in the living room earlier in the day.

Between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., someone came into the unlocked house and took the equipment. The stolen property is valued at \$350.

Suspicious Incident

A 32-year-old woman called police at 1 p.m. Nov. 25 to report that someone had become impatient and made threats toward her while she was at the Chelsea Post Office.

A 41-year-old Chelsea man complained that the woman was

taking too much time at the post office. No one was hurt and the woman did not want to press charges against the man.

Illegal Dumping — Police contacted a Grass Lake man Nov. 23 for illegally dumping trash in Dumpsters behind Pamida, 1040 S. Main St.

A store employee noticed three pieces of mail addressed to the Grass Lake resident. The store manager later noticed six garbage bags that were also left in the Dumpster.

The man was told to retrieve the trash and properly dispose of it.

Domestic Assault

Police responded to a fight at 8:30 p.m. Nov. 22 between a couple at their apartment in Chelsea.

The victim's boyfriend, was reportedly upset when he came home from deer hunting. He started drinking and his girlfriend threw a glass of water on him. The man picked up the phone and tried dialing 911, but then threw the phone down and hit the woman in the foot. No one was injured in the fight.

Agreement with sheriff's office pending

By Lisa Allmendinger
Special Writer

The Dexter Township Board has postponed until December a regional police services contract with Dexter Village and Webster Township.

The letter of agreement states that the two townships and the village will combine their contracted deputies, which total eight, to provide "optimal benefit" to the three municipalities.

It also states that the three communities will agree on a schedule for the deputies and that the deputies will be based out of the village hall, 8140 Main St., next to the fire station.

The village is expected to move into the second floor of National City Bank, 8123 Main St.

Before signing the agreement, officials in Dexter Township want to see the proposed staffing hours for the township.

The board also agreed to a subcommittee made up of Trustee Mike Howard and Clerk Harley Rider. They will meet the first week in December to discuss such details as which deputies the township would like assigned to the area.

The two-member committee will also meet with representatives from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department about a second substation for the deputies assigned to the township. The second substation will be located in the township hall and used as an alternative place to write reports, make follow-up phone calls and work on

the computer.

The board also established a separate police fund for the millage, which will be collected for the first time with the winter tax bills.

Township voters approved a 2-mill levy in October to fund police services for five years beginning Jan. 1

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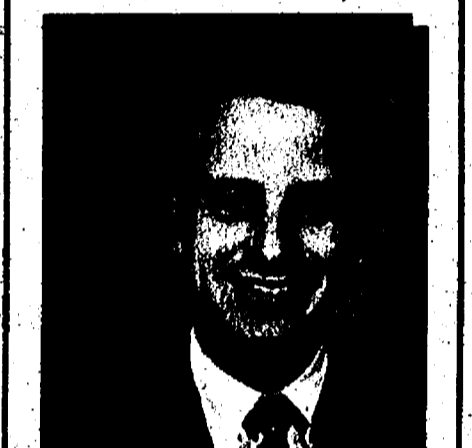
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COMMENTARY

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Street Talk

By Erin Dronen

What's your favorite winter activity?



"Probably skating." Torri Salas
Sylvan Township



"Snowboarding." Whitney Brien
Sylvan Township



"Skating." Sam Heydlauff
Sylvan Township



"Playing hockey." Lucas Daniels
Sylvan Township



"Definitely snowboarding." Ashley Barnett
Lima Township

We should be shopping locally



GREGORY PARKER

COMMUNITY ROOTS

Like it or not, we're in the midst of the annual holiday shopping season.

And, like it or not, this is the time of year when many Americans do what they do best - consume.

For many retailers, the holiday shopping season is do or die. A bad December could mean the difference between breaking even and finishing the year in the red. Failing to anticipate consumer demand - not keeping hot items on the shelves - could spell disaster.

Every year, usually after Christmas, the economic data begins to roll in. Some seasons are better than others. Sometimes, Americans, as a whole, spend more than they usually do. Sometimes they spend less. Usually, it depends

on the strength of the economy. With the global economy mired in uncertainty, many experts predict a weak holiday shopping season. This - combined with lower consumer spending during the last year - could hit retailers pretty hard.

For major retailers - for many national and regional chains - a poor holiday shopping season won't shut them down. Instead, it lowers - or eliminates - profits. A worst-case scenario would mean the closing of a few stores in their national or regional networks.

For local retailers - independent shops - I think it's safe to assume that they're much more vulnerable to a poor-spending season.

For them, this season as important as ever. Mind you, this isn't a call to take pity on local merchants, to shop there because we feel sorry for them.

Instead, it's a call for us to reexamine our priorities. It's a look at the realities of the retail world.

It's a common assumption that you go to the mall to do holiday shopping. There's Santa in the courtyard, a food court for a quick lunch break, and the

shelves are packed with items, much of them discounted. 'Tis the season, right?

Not necessarily. Last Friday, local and national news placed cameras at major shopping malls across the country. And what did we see? Long lines, crowded aisles, packed parking lots and near-stampedes at doors opened early to accommodate rabid consumers.

This year, the potential for blockbuster sales added to the after-Thanksgiving mall rush.

For some, I suppose there's the "thrill of the hunt" appeal to shopping at malls during the holidays. But you won't find me near one.

I avoid malls like the plague. Instead, I shop locally.

Sometimes it may cost a little more - but not usually. And sometimes I have to order what I want - but not usually. And sometimes I have to adjust my schedule to accommodate the store's hours - but not usually.

But I always find what I want. In fact, I defy anyone to think of an item - besides odd specialty goods - that you can get in a mall that you can't find locally.

When considering the advantages many chain stores have over local retailers, we should

be aware of the realities of the retail world where simply being big provides incredible benefits.

Chains, usually have more reserve cash, allowing them to absorb setbacks. Because they have more purchasing power - and because they can purchase in volume - they can pack shelves with tons of items bought from suppliers at mass discount.

In short, national retailers are at an incredible advantage because of the global economy that encourages consolidation and conglomeration at the expense of local, small-volume buyers.

We should also be aware of the history of retail shopping in America - a history of large regional and national chains systematically putting independent retailers out of business. These stores are built on the perimeter of towns, where land is cheaper and readily available, and have directly contributed to the decline of Main Street economies in locales nationwide.

So, if all that matters to you is the bottom line, the total at the cash register, then maybe large chain stores are better for you.

But to me, there's more to shopping. For me, it's my chance to cast my consumer vote. It's my chance to support superior service. It's my chance to support a business with local roots.

It's my chance to buy at a store at which I know where my money's going. It's my chance to encourage other local retailers to open up shop in Chelsea.

And what do I sacrifice? Usually, nothing. Sometimes it costs a little more; sometimes I have to order what I want.

I also sacrificed experiencing the irritation of crowded malls. I sacrificed driving 20 miles to shop.

Perhaps most importantly, by shopping locally, I support the type of lifestyle - the Main Street lifestyle - that I find appealing and sustainable.

I suppose that if everyone shopped locally, then Main Street stores would become just as crowded as the malls.

But that's a chance I'm willing to take.

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Patriotism more than superficial



JIM KASUBA

HOME FRONT

long shadow over other events of the day, but in a way that wasn't immediately apparent, local elections later tied into the aftermath of the terrorist attacks.

As a local news organization, our job is to cover events that occur within our circulation area. While those airplanes didn't crash into our turf, the shock waves reverberated clear across the country.

The most immediate local reaction was an outpouring of support in the form of monetary donations and supplies.

Less than two weeks after, dozens of schools, businesses and individuals had donation drives.

The fact that so many people came together during this time of national tragedy speaks volumes about the American spirit.

That spirit also manifested itself in a surge of patriotism.

Perhaps the most visible signs of this new patriotism are the American flags that appear to be

everywhere.

I started working for Heritage Newspapers shortly before the Persian Gulf War, and in some ways parallels can be drawn between that war and our current situation.

That also was a very patriotic time, but it pales in comparison to what we are witnessing now.

But the question is, what does this newfound patriotism mean to the average American and how long will it last?

We keep hearing that our lives have forever changed after Sept. 11, but forever is a long time and most Americans have notoriously short memories.

I would like to think that patriotism means more than just waving a flag and displaying "United We Stand" slogans on storefront signs.

One way that patriotism did not manifest itself was at the polls during the Nov. 6 general elections. Although voter numbers varied from community to community, there was no clear-

cut pattern of higher voter turnout.

While at the polls on election day, I spoke to Daryl McFee who said he's been a regular voter since the 1992 presidential election, but now more than ever felt a need to exercise what he viewed as his duty and privilege as an American citizen.

He said that the events of Sept. 11 should have inspired "good Americans" to get out and vote.

Being patriotic also means respecting the rights of fellow Americans, which includes Arabs and Muslims.

For the most part, area residents conducted themselves admirably by not taking out their anger on innocent people, but it hasn't been that way in all parts of the country.

People search for ways to make something good come out of tragedies. Expressions of generosity and patriotism are undoubtedly two good things

that came out of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Now that donations are dwindling to New Yorkers, don't forget that local charities need your support.

As for patriotism, it has to be more than superficial in order for us to truly understand how fortunate we are to be Americans.

War in Afghanistan has focused attention on an impoverished people who don't have the right to worship as they please or dress as they see fit, and have little say in who governs them.

It would be a shame for these gestures of generosity and patriotism to quietly slip away without leaving a permanent mark on our culture.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Animal hospital a sight to behold

After reading so many negative comments in The Chelsea Standard regarding how businesses have hurt the beauty of our community with their new buildings, it is time for us to just as loudly say thank you to Donna Lane and the rest of the Lane Animal Hospital crew for the absolutely beautiful new building and landscaping at the north entrance to the village of Chelsea.

We salute you every time we pass it, and we pass it every day. Jim and Donna Gaunt
Sylvan Township

Response was in poor taste

On Thursdays, I often skim through The Chelsea Standard. On Nov. 8, I found something offensive and I am surprised that you would even think of printing it in this newspaper.

In the "Street Talk" column, the question was "What message would you send to our troops overseas?" One of the responses was "Kill all of them!"

Along with the terrorists, there are many innocent people. I am embarrassed as part of the Chelsea community at this narrow response.

Thank you for your time. Elizabeth M. Gunden
Seventh grade
Beach Middle School

'Lady Godiva's' arrest, sentence laughable

Regarding the article "Lady Godiva gets probation" in the Nov. 15 issue of The Chelsea Standard, I have visited Chelsea, spoken with the artist, Harvey Drouillard, and the gallery owner, Kim Soule, and seen a tape of the so-called disorderly and obscene "Lady Godiva" event of May 28. I am appalled that the horse rider was charged with anything, let alone convicted.

To call her disorderly is nonsensical; to label her unclothed

body obscene at a relaxed, family event is equally absurd. It reveals a body phobia and repression that make Chelsea and the United States a pitiable laughingstock all across the world.

Has the court no knowledge of artistic nudity over the past 1,500 years, of Harvey's photos or recent movies?

In acting as if this is 1901 and not 2001, it ignores reality, offends the intelligence of Chelseans, and creates injustice.

Paul Rapoport
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

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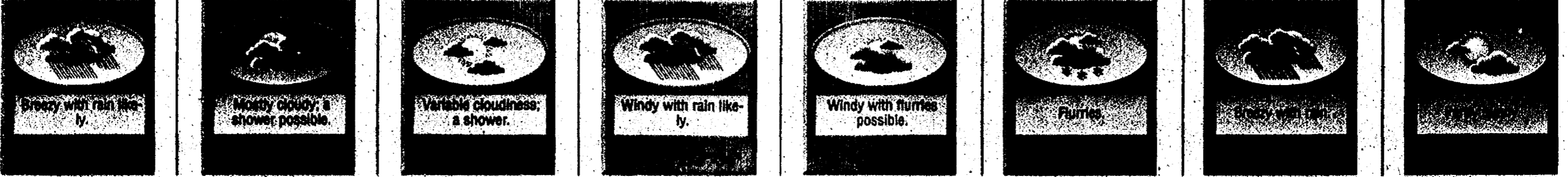
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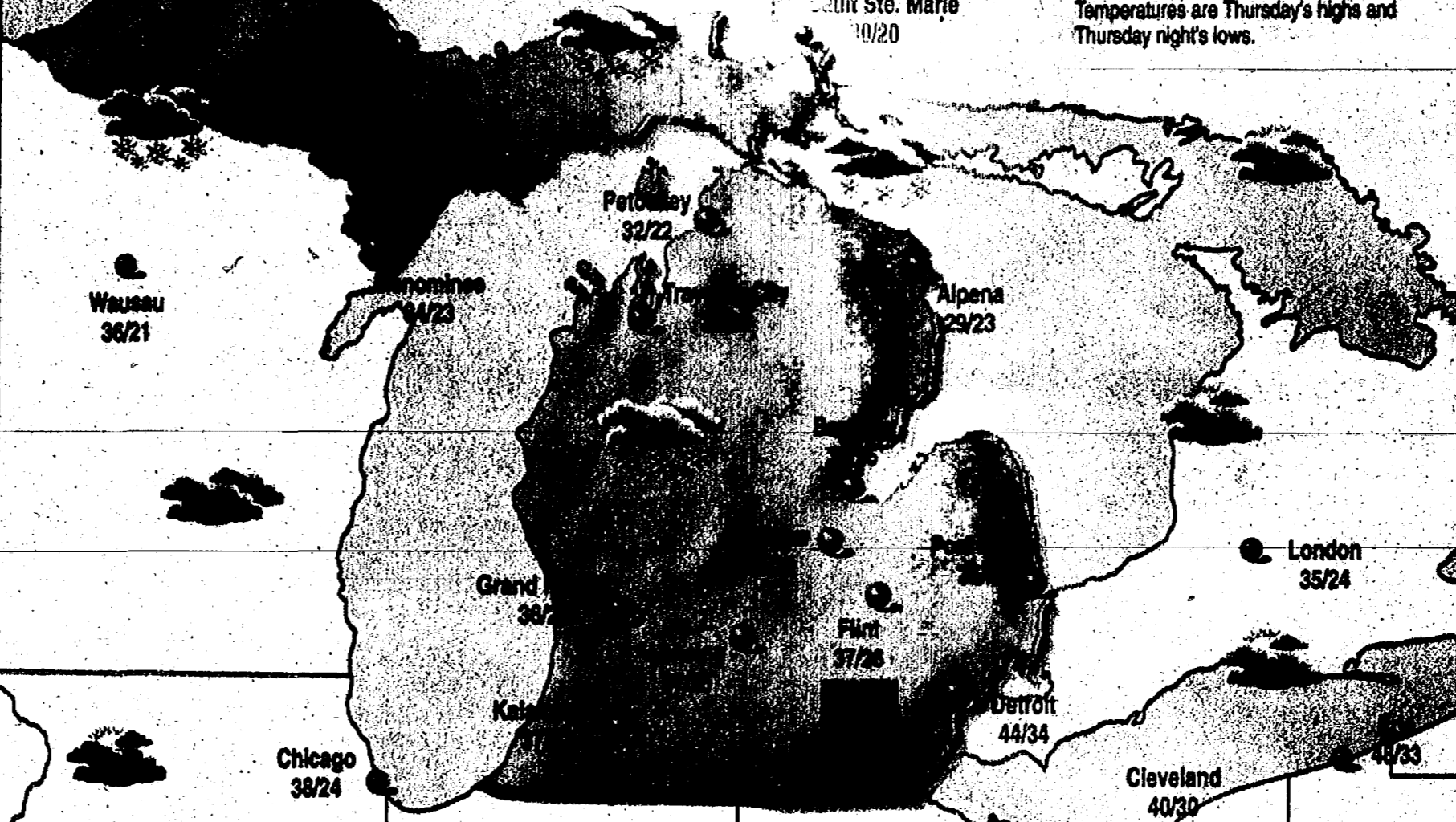
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Battle Creek	35	28	39	31	41	28	36	22
East Lansing	38	28	41	33	44	29	38	23
Dearborn	43	33	41	33	44	32	39	22
Detroit	44	34	44	32	43	32	39	22
Grand Rapids	36	28	37	31	40	29	34	23
Holland	36	29	39	32	40	31	35	22
Jackson	36	28	39	33	44	30	37	23
Kalamazoo	37	27	39	31	41	29	36	22
Lansing	37	28	40	32	42	27	36	22
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Midland	36	25	39	31	41	29	37	26
Muskegon	37	26	39	31	40	31	36	25
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Saginaw	36	26	39	31	42	29	36	22
Sturgis	38	28	40	32	42	31	36	27
Toronto	36	24	35	22	39	29	35	21
Traverse City	35	26	36	30	39	30	35	22
Warren	43	35	40	35	45	31	40	22
Wausau	36	21	34	23	32	20	25	16

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Day	Real Feel
Thursday	38°
Friday	36°
Saturday	35°
Sunday	30°
Monday	40°
Tuesday	40°
Wednesday	40°

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	5:04 p.m.
Friday	7:16 a.m.	5:04 p.m.
Saturday	7:17 a.m.	5:04 p.m.
Sunday	7:18 a.m.	5:04 p.m.

MOON PHASES

Day	Phase
Nov 30	Full
Dec 7	Last
Dec 14	New
Dec 22	First

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NATIONAL ROUNDUP

City	Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Abilene	48	36	58	38	54	36	58	38
Albuquerque	48	26	52	28	50	28	54	30
Anchorage	48	28	54	28	48	28	52	30
Bismarck	19	15	32	10	19	5	24	9
Boise	46	28	40	32	42	28	42	32
Casper	40	26	34	18	38	22	42	24
Cedar Rapids	38	21	42	25	33	18	34	19
Cheyenne	48	22	40	18	42	20	48	22
Colorado Springs	44	25	44	18	42	21	44	27
Dallas	46	42	58	42	50	40	50	39
Denver	48	24	44	18	48	22	54	24
Des Moines	38	22	42	22	38	16	38	22
Eugene	50	38	48	39	48	37	47	42
Fargo	58	42	54	42	54	46	56	38
Garden City	40	30	39	33	44	32	40	32
Grand Junction	34	22	36	28	38	21	38	21
Grand Rapids	37	25	38	18	38	21	41	34
Great Falls	35	22	33	18	37	24	36	23
Greely	38	22	41	16	37	15	40	27
Houston	56	34	60	38	66	46	66	44
Kansas City	42	26	50	30	50	24	50	26
Las Vegas	48	28	52	28	50	28	52	30
Miami	82	66	78	66	80	66	79	65
Minneapolis	28	18	30	20	30	22	28	16
Milwaukee	12	11	24	14	18	5	17	11
North Platte	37	19	40	14	43	14	44	15
Omaha	34	20	44	24	44	22	46	20
Phoenix	64	44	66	46	68	46	72	48
Pierre	25	20	33	18	30	14	33	15
Portland	50	40	44	38	44	40	48	42
Rapid City	31	19	34	18	35	16	37	17
Reno	51	27	49	28	47	28	47	24
Rockford	44	28	44	28	46	28	46	28
San Diego	54	40	58	40	58	40	60	40
San Francisco	58	48	56	48	58	48	58	44
Santa Fe	41	28	46	17	42	19	48	23
Seattle	48	38	44	40	44	40	48	38
Spokane	39	26	34	27	36	30	37	30
Springfield	42	25	46	32	42	28	41	26
St. Paul	29	22	31	21	30	14	26	16
Tucson	64	38	66	40	70	44	74	44
Tulsa	44	32	57	34	62	33	60	31
Waco	58	37	60	38	60	38	62	38
Washington	48	32	50	34	50	34	50	34
Yellowstone	29	15	24	12	26	13	27	14

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COMMUNITY

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Sue Wood and Veretta Whitaker are founding members of Chelsea's Evening Primrose Garden Club. The pair — both Chelsea natives — is pictured on one of the garden tours over the summer.



Growing and flourishing

Evening Primrose Garden Club triples in size

C By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Chelsea's Evening Primrose Garden Club started three years ago with six local women, all of whom were experts with a trowel but not with a gavel.

The infant club almost foundered before it ever got off the ground.

Chelsea natives Sue Wood and Veretta Whitaker, friends since fourth grade, wanted to start an evening club to complement the Chelsea Area Garden Club that holds daytime meetings.

The gardening gurus met with Mary Pulick of Ann Arbor, president of District II-A of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc.

"After holding three preliminary meetings with Mary at the Methodist church, she said, 'If you want to start a club you really have to make a decision,'" Wood says.

"To form a club, we needed a slate of officers. There were six of us there that night and no one wanted to be an officer."

After a little arm-twisting, the aptly named Wood agreed to serve as president of the new club. "I promised to take two positions — being in charge of both welcoming people and telephoning them — if Sue would only agree to be our president," Whitaker says.

And so the sextet formed the club, with Wood as president — a position currently held by Cheryl French — and Mary Elordi as vice president. Debbie Stowinski agreed to serve as secretary and Cheryl Niehaus as treasurer.

Joann Bach took on the task of publicity and Whitaker became membership chair.

The garden club was up and running. Next on the agenda was finding a place to meet.

Whitaker, who was on the board of directors of the Chelsea Depot, suggested that the club hold meetings in the old train station in exchange for taking care of the flowerbeds.

"I knew the board was looking for someone to take care of the yard work and suggested this arrangement," Whitaker says. "It's been a wonderful marriage."

It certainly has. In return for letting the group use the depot for meetings — on the second Wednesday of each month — Evening Primrose members have taken on the landscaping of the depot property as the club's community project.

Members — who now number 19 — have planted a variety of flowers, including grasses, daisies, chrysanthemums, tulips and hostas.

"The depot not only let the club use their facilities, they generously have supplied all of the planting material for the garden plots there," Wood says. "Many members have also contributed plants from their own extensive gardens."

Sleeping Bear Press publisher Brian Lewis, whose offices overlook the depot, was so impressed at club members' hard work when he watched them digging one day that he offered to pay for a selection of hostas from Saguardo Gardens & Nurseries to add to the beds.

"The hostas were just the right touch and added immensely to the beauty of the flowerbeds," Wood says.

During the winter months — Wood's least

favorite time of year since it keeps her out of her beloved garden — the club welcomes guest speakers on a variety of gardening topics.

Members also do special projects, such as dry flowers, mosaics and design and build birdhouses. The program has also included hands-on workshops, slide shows and demonstrations.

"But, most importantly, we plan the projects for the upcoming growing season," Wood says.

Members also enjoy visiting nurseries and garden tours — in which they are often joined by their spouses.

"Our husbands also enjoy the garden tours," Wood says. "We like to take photos and get ideas for our own yards. I'm currently making Christmas gifts from an idea I saw elsewhere."

"We also hold plant exchanges in the spring and fall. It's a lovely way to share part of your garden and your life."

Wood — whose gardening hobby includes a large collection of steppingstones — says people do not need green thumbs to join the club.

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Sissom finds niche at CCDA

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

When Ginger Sissom interviewed for the position of executive director of the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, everything fell into place.

"It was a culmination of my love of the arts, experience with fund-raising, coordinating volunteers and love of historical buildings," she says.

Sissom, who succeeded interim director Carol Ghent in July, is settling into her office in the former St. Mary School, 400 Congdon St.

The new director brings a wealth of experience to the position, from a career that includes working for the Ann Arbor District Library, the Michigan League, the Ann Arbor Museum of Art and the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council.

Sissom has also served as an elected library official in the Salem-South Lyon area and is an active volunteer in area equestrian programs.

Sissom, who holds a bachelor's degree in human resources from Ann Arbor's Concordia College, recently started studying at the same college for her master's degree in organizational leadership and administration.

Steve Hinz, founder of the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, says that Sissom's keen sense of non-profit business operations has successfully coupled with the vision that he, his wife, Lisa, and the board of directors have for the future of the arts center.

"Ginger's abilities to hit a broad and diverse range of targets in executing the work of the center has led the center to success in a number of areas," Hinz says.

The work of the center includes the Autumn Jubilee, the recent outing to the Chicago Museum of Art, ongoing classes in music and art, and the launching of a future project with the Ann Arbor Symphony.

"I've witnessed a new spark of enthusiasm with the board of directors as they are seeing their interests and hope for arts education in Chelsea come into fruition," Hinz says.

Sissom's path to her position as executive director of the CCDA took diverse routes.

The Pontiac native grew up in Westland. She met her husband, Larry, over the griddle at McDonald's restaurant, where the two held high school jobs — she in charge of french fries, and he flipping burgers.

Despite attending rival

schools — she went to Wayne Memorial High School and Larry was a student at Westland's John Glenn High School — the pair married and made the Plymouth-Salem area their home for 20 years.

As the area became more built up, the couple looked for more countryside. They and their 15-year-old daughter, Halley, moved to 10 acres in Lima Township two years ago. The property includes a large barn where Larry, who earned his private pilot's license, plans to build a kit airplane.

Whether on wings, two wheels or four wheels, the Sissoms love to travel. Larry and Ginger have spent many hours on motorcycles.

"I look back on the biking fondly," Sissom says. "But at the time, I was often cold, wet, hot or hungry. However, when we went out West, I think we saw things that people in cars would miss."

In later years — and greater comfort — they traveled to Rome, Paris and Amsterdam, as well as Japan and Hawaii.

Sissom's interest in travel was sparked in childhood, when she would watch planes flying overhead to the airport in Romulus and dreamed of being a flight attendant.

"I loved to travel and to help

people," she says. "Unfortunately, they had height restrictions."

"However, I guess when I go on CCDA outings, such as to the art show in Chicago, I'm traveling and helping people."

Their Lima Township property is also home to Halley's horse, Twosie. The horse originally came from Canter, a Plymouth-based organization offering a second lease on life to racehorses.

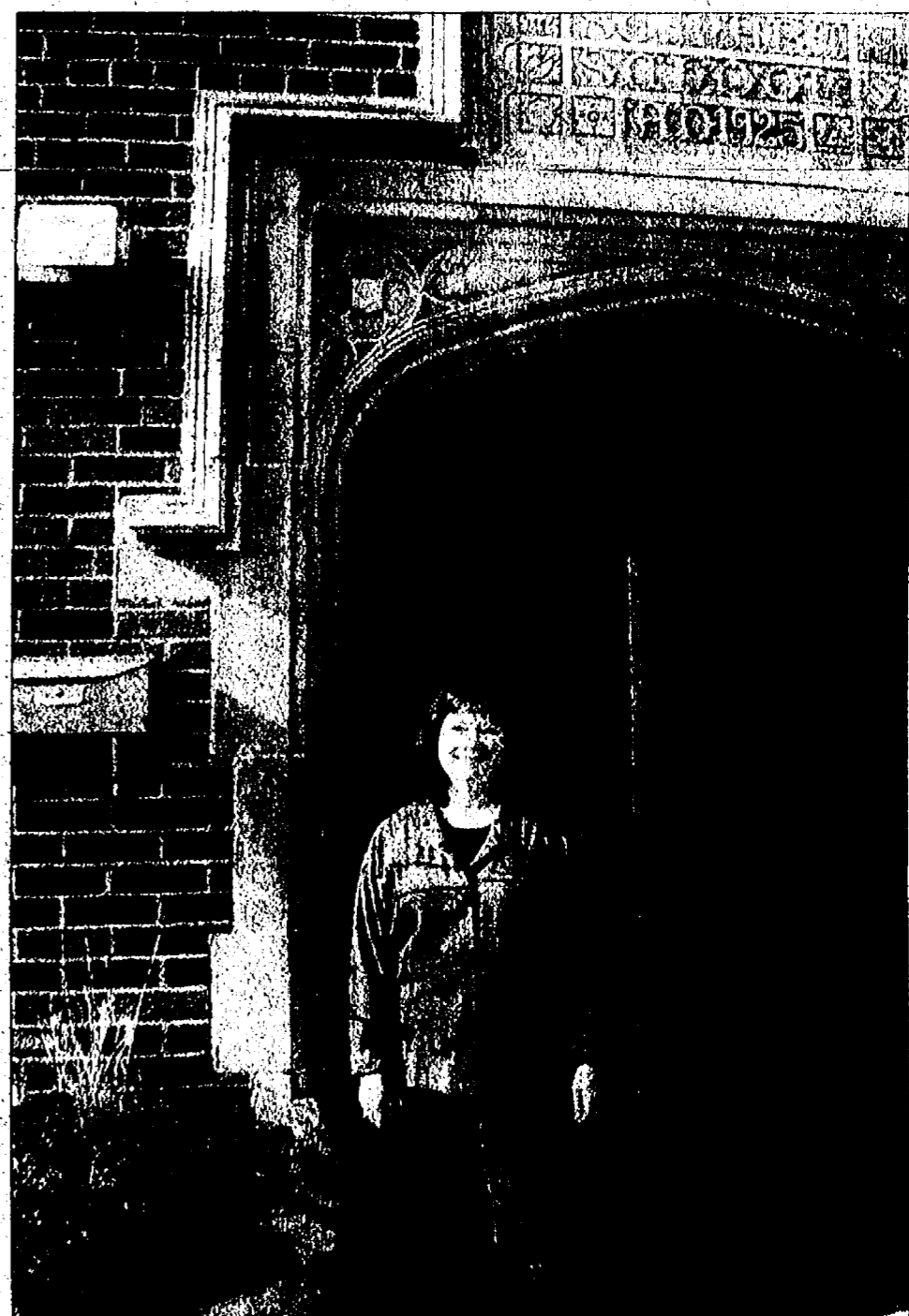
The Sissoms are very involved with the organization, and also with the Stampeders 4-H Club. Halley, a sophomore at Chelsea High School, captains the school equestrian team.

The family is enjoying their new life in the area, exploring both Chelsea and Dexter, where they attend Dexter United Methodist Church. When the position of executive director of the CCDA was posted, the position sounded ideal to Sissom.

"I wanted to go back to school and needed a part-time job," she says. "Whatever path I go in, it always comes back around to the arts — a passion I discovered when working at the Museum of Art in Ann Arbor."

Sissom is gearing up for the

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Lima Township resident Ginger Sissom was named executive director of the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts in July.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Friday, Nov. 30

A flu vaccine clinic for adults only will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Chelsea Community Hospital Health and Wellness Center. The cost is \$15 or ChelseaCare will bill Medicare or Medicaid.

Boy Scout Troop 425 will sell Christmas wreaths from 5 to 9 p.m. in front of Palmer Family Ford, 222 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

Zou Zou's Café will present Preston Woodward's solo folk performance from 8 to 11 p.m. at 101 N. Main St. in Chelsea. There is no cover charge.

Saturday, Dec. 1

Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St. in Chelsea, presents Mochas and Music Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This week's entertainer is Laurel Federbush and St. Nicholas as part of the Festival of Lights celebration.

Live jazz will be played from 6 to 10 p.m. at River Gallery, 121 S. Main St., in Chelsea. The concert will feature Trio Indigo. The event is free.

Wildlife in Winter will be held 2 p.m. at Waterloo Recreation Center, located on Bush Road between Pierce and McClure Road in Chelsea. The activity includes a one-hour walk with a park interpreter to get acquainted with the various ways animals cope with the winter season. Advance registration is required by calling 475-3170.

Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2

The Waterloo Farm Museum Victorian Christmas will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at 9998 Waterloo-Munith Road near Chelsea. Admission is \$1. Call 426-9135 for more information.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Christmas Tree of Love tree-lighting ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. in the Chelsea Hospital lobby, 775 S. Main St. Refreshments and entertainment will follow the ceremony. Angels will be placed on the tree in memory of a loved one. Angels may be purchased by calling 475-3913.

Thursday, Dec. 6

The Holiday Bazaar and Bake

Sale will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Chelsea Community Hospital dining room, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5. Proceeds benefit the Emergency Room Project. For more information, call 475-3913.

A flu vaccine clinic for adults only will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Chelsea Community Hospital Health and Wellness Center. The cost is \$15 or ChelseaCare will bill Medicare or Medicaid.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Alzheimer's Association Family Caregiver Support Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Retirement Community, Crippen Building, 805 W. Middle St. The meetings are free and confidential. Call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-337-3827 or 677-3081 for additional information.

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

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

Little Professor Book Store Reading Group for adults meets at 11:30 a.m. every other Thursday. Call 433-2665.

Senior Nutrition Program meets at noon Thursdays for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For reservations, call 475-7439 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tamarack Green Party meets every third Thursday and at other times for special projects. Call Lynn Meadows at 433-9102 for information.

Friday

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

Saturday

Western Washtenaw Republi-

cans meets 9 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Wolverine Food and Spirits on Old US-12 in Chelsea. The meeting includes coffee, pastries and a speaker. Call 475-3874.

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. For information, call Gary Maveal, president, at 475-6090.

Domestic Violence Project Safe House Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, Behavioral Health Services Building, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. Call 428-0369.

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

Tuesday

Chelsea Amateur Radio Club (rpnr: 145.45) meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at UAW Local 1284, 2795 Chelsea-Manchester Road, in Chelsea. For information, call Jeff Cowall (NBKPA), 475-2424 or e-mail jcowall@chartermi.net.

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

Chelsea Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., Chelsea.

Chelsea Rotary Club meets at 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the lower level of the Common Grill, 112 S. Main St., Chelsea.

Discover "Tai Chi" from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for beginners and 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. for Level II, now through Dec. 4, at Chelsea Community Hospital's White Oak Center Great Room, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. Call 475-4103 for more information and registration.

Euclere Party 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center in the Faith in Action building, 775 S. Main St., Chelsea. Call 475-9242 for more information.

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

Lima Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Lima Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road, in Chelsea.

Senior Nutrition Program meets at noon Tuesdays for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For reservations, call 475-7439 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Wednesday

Chelsea Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4076, 105 N. Main St., meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month. For more information, call LeRoy Fulcher at 475-1448.

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

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

The Evening Primrose Garden Club meets regularly 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St. For more information, call Helen Brown at 1-517-522-5859.

Chelsea AA group meetings are scheduled 8:30 p.m. on Mondays at the Chelsea Community

Hospital dining room, noon on Tuesdays at the U.A.W. Hall next to the Chelsea Post Office, 8 p.m. Thursdays at the Chelsea Community Hospital dining room and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Chelsea hospital dining room.

DEXTER

Saturday, Dec. 1

A winter book sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mill Creek Middle School, 7305 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, in Dexter.

A Christmas bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Mary Catholic Church Hall in Pinckney.

Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2

The Dexter Historical Society will hold a holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 1 and from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 2 at Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter. Admission is free. Call 426-2519 for more information.

Friday, Dec. 7

A flu vaccine clinic will be held for adults only from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Generations Together, 2801-Baker Road, in Dexter. The cost is \$15 or ChelseaCare will bill Medicare or Medicaid.

DEXTER MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Dexter American Legion meets 8 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. Call 426-5304 for more information.

Dexter Rotary Club meets 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7954 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, in Dexter.

Dexter Downtown Development Authority meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at National City Bank, 8123 Main St., in Dexter.

Monday

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

Dexter Village Council meets at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at National City Bank, 8123 Main St., in Dexter.

Tuesday

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 6:30

p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7954 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, in Dexter.

Dexter Township Board meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Touchdown Club meets every second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter High School media center, 2615 Baker Road, in Dexter. For more information, call Mary Sullivan at 1-810-231-8040 or Kurt Augustine at 426-1979.

Dexter Village Parks Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at National City Bank, 8123 Main St., in Dexter.

Wednesday

Monument Park Committee meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month in the basement of the National City Bank, 8123 Main St. For more information, call Jeff Hall at 428-2883.

Parents for Safety is a non-profit organization dedicated to safety issues within the schools and the village of Dexter. Meetings are open to the public at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Mill Creek Middle School media center, 7305 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, in Dexter. For more information, call Rhonda Hall at 428-2883.

Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at National City Bank, 8123 Main St., in Dexter.

ANN ARBOR

Thursday, Dec. 6

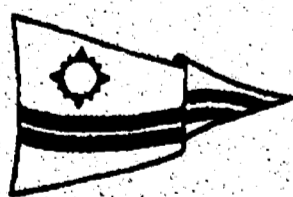
Mothers & More will meet at 7 p.m. for the annual Holiday Party at St. Clare-Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard Road, Ann Arbor. For more information call 327-4901.



Bakeoff Winners

Megan Emberton, 10, was the grand-prize winner in the Oct. 20 Bakeoff Contest held by Friends of the Chelsea District Library. Entries were judged by Bob Pierce, Craig Common and Joan Birgy. Friends of the Library Secretary Mitch Planck (left), who hosted the event, is pictured with Emily Harris (left), Megan Emberton, Kim Hansen, Jessica Lodewyk, Laura Strader, Emily Meloche, Ben Christie, Becky Posegay, Megan Brooks-Planck and Joan Birgy.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS



Chan, Velarde wed

Kinn-Ming Chan of Kalamazoo, daughter of Sui-Wah Chan and Su-Jan Chan of Ann Arbor, and Jose V. Velarde of Kalamazoo, formerly of Ann Arbor, son of Robert and Rita Holmes of Chelsea, were married Sept. 24 in a traditional Chinese ceremony and a Western-style ceremony in Ann Arbor and Utica.

The groom's brother, Renato Velarde of Chicago, was the best man.

The bridesmaids were Tung-Ming Chan of New York and Ming-Ming Chan of Lansing.

The reception was held at the Dragon and Phoenix in Utica.

The couple honeymooned in the Caribbean. They reside in Kalamazoo.

The bride is a graduate of Andover Academy and is a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed at Pharmacia in Kalamazoo.

The groom is a graduate of East Lansing High School and a 1999 graduate of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. He is employed at Pharmacia in Kalamazoo.



ENGAGED: Melanie Klark of Lansing, daughter of James and Jean Klark of Dexter, and Jason Braugler of Lansing, son of Mark and Beth Braugler of Pittsburg; have set a June 15 wedding. The future bride is a 1996 graduate of Dexter High School and a 1999 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is currently a law student at Michigan State University, Detroit College of Law. The future groom is a 1994 graduate of Portage Central High School and will graduate from Northwood University in 2002. He is employed as a human resource director at Target and a marketing director at El Dorado golf course.

Local businesses win recycling award

Five local businesses were awarded the 2001 Waste Knot Award from the Washtenaw County Public Works Department.

Chelsea Milling Co., home to the famous Jiffy Mix, earned the award for using various tactics to reduce waste. These include reusing and recycling office and manufacturing supplies, pressuring suppliers to eliminate excess packaging, eliminating hazardous chemicals on site, reducing wastewater discharge and recycling product spills.

Four Dexter companies received the award, as well.

Borders Group Inc. reuses boxes, packaging material and pallets. Each week, the facility recycles more than 20 tons of cardboard, 400 pallets, metal strapping, Styrofoam, white and mixed office paper, and books that cannot be sold.

The company is able to divert 98 percent of its waste stream from going to the landfill.

Elastizell Corp. of America, a cellular Elastizell concrete manufacturer, researches a wide range of recycled and reused products such as fly ash, shredded tires and carpet, expanded polystyrene beads and slag.

Design Cabinetry reuses envelopes, toner cartridges, boxes and packaging material. The company also recycles white

paper, cardboard and containers.

David Meyer Photography reduces paper waste by printing double-sided copies. The company also reuses folders, envelopes and boxes. In addition, it recycles white paper, cardboard, containers and packaging supplies.

The Washtenaw Public Works Department grants Waste Knot Awards annually to businesses, schools, and nonprofits committed to preserving and protecting the environment by reducing waste, reusing and recycling.

All Waste Knot applicants are evaluated on their waste-reduction practices, the types and amounts of materials they recycle and reuse, and whether they "close the loop" by purchasing post-consumer recycled content products.

The Waste Knot awards program is designed to publicly recognize these environmentally sound companies and promote waste reduction throughout the commercial sector.

Overall, the Washtenaw Public Works Department granted 90 Waste Knot awards to Washtenaw County businesses in 2001. The recipients were from various commercial sectors including business offices, government, construction and demolition, manufacturing, nonprofit, retail, restaurants and many others.

BIRTHS

A son, Nolan Richard Costa was born Oct. 25 to Sally and Greg Costa of Pensacola, Fla. Maternal grandparents are Al and Nola Snider of Dexter. Paternal grandparents are John Costa of Pensacola Beach, Fla., and Jamie Costa of Pensacola, Fla. Great-grandparents are Enola Kitchen of Brooklyn, Thelma and Bubba Stark of Pensacola, Fla., and Ruth Costa

of Pensacola, Fla.

A son, Ty Brinks Giovanni Delfino Stacy was born Nov. 3 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor to Ron and Liz Stacy of Ypsilanti. Maternal grandparents are Tom and Lorraine Hart of Brighton. Paternal grandparents are Cleo and Pennie DeLano of Chelsea. Great-grandparents are Edward

Nowacki of Brighton, Elizabeth Stacy of Rialto, Calif., and Brice Graham of Chelsea. Ty has a sibling, Paige.

A daughter, Caitlin Paige O'Donohue, was born Nov. 19 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor to Tammy and Kevin O'Donohue of Pinckney. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Brenda Gregory of Dexter.

Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Linda O'Donohue of Pharr, Texas. Great-grandparents are Earle and Germaine Irons of Ellenton, Fla., Arthur and Patricia O'Donohue of Cass City, Pat and Evelyn Barrett of Kissimmee, Fla., and Betty Gregory of Dexter. Caitlin's siblings are Coty, 8, and Kyle, 2.

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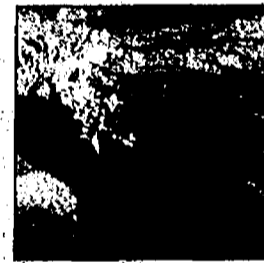
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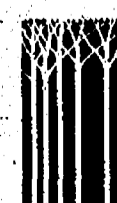
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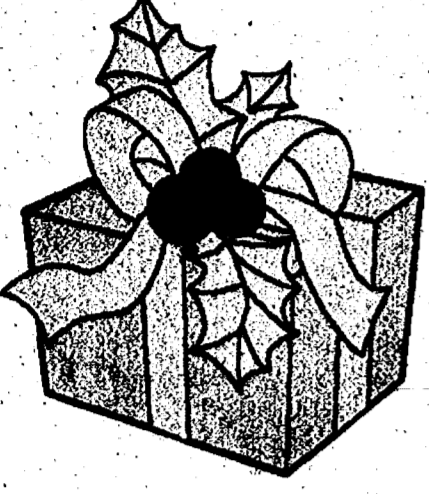
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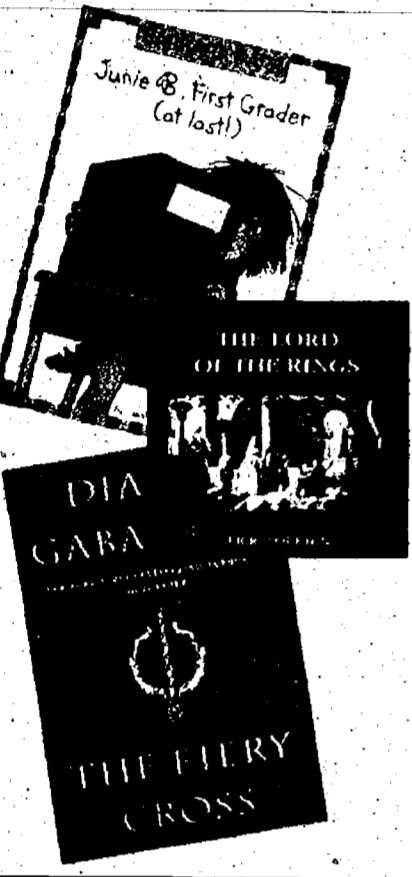


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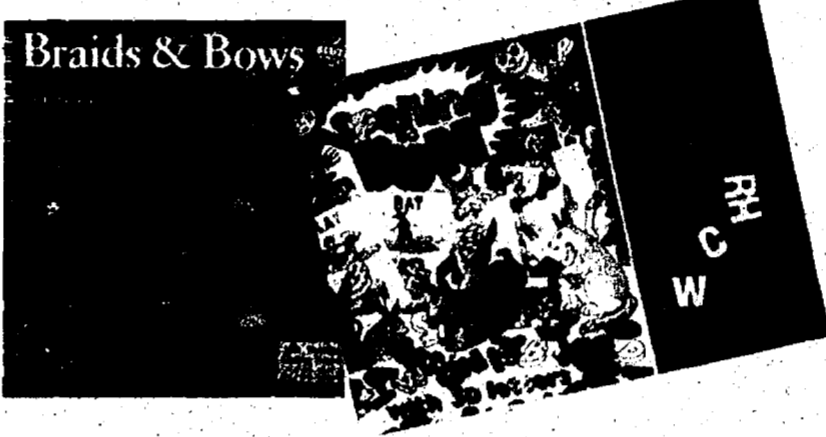
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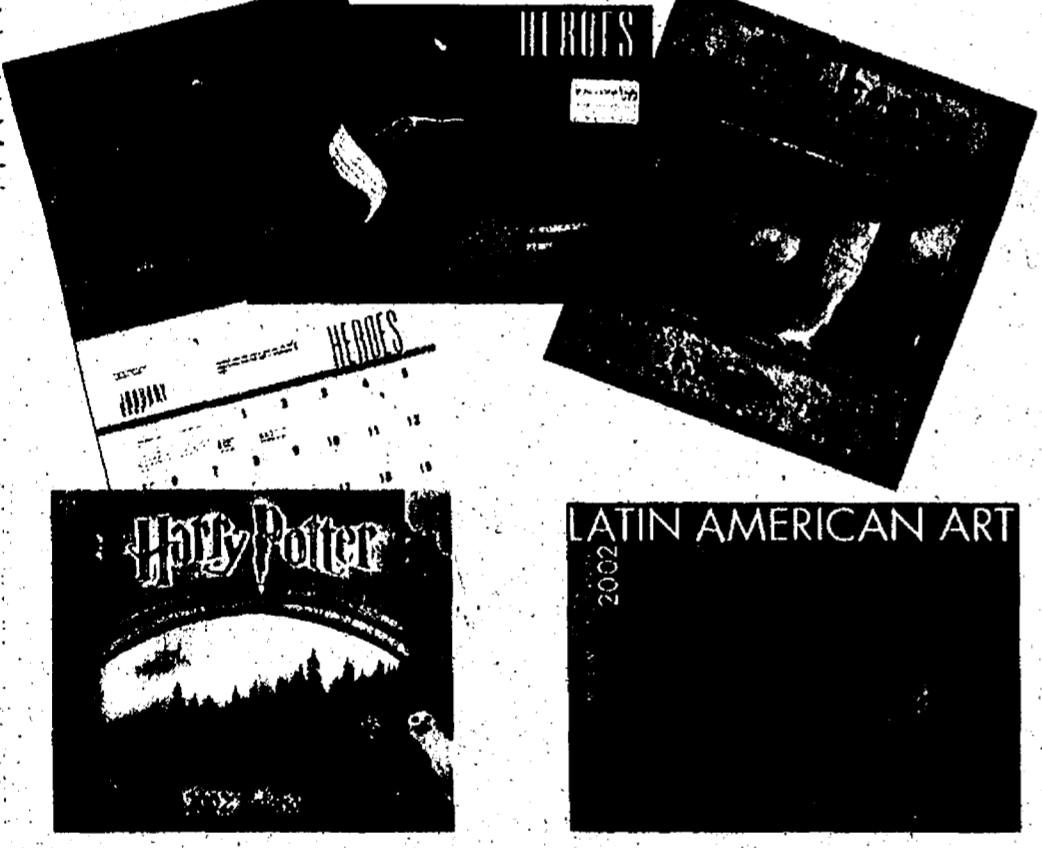
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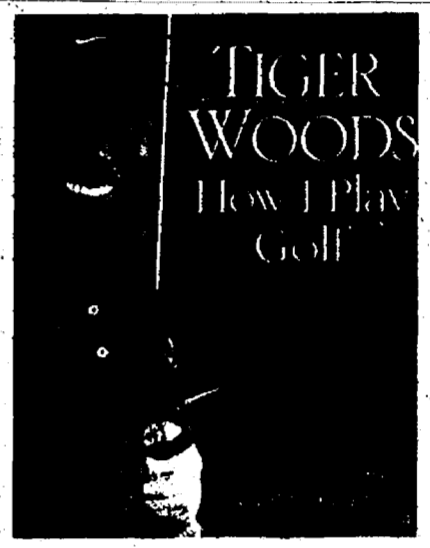


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Tuesday, December 4, 7 pm
"How to Quit Golf" and Author Craig Brass
 In this hilarious send-up of 12-step programs and golf-buffs alike, Brass challenges golfers to ask themselves 15 questions to determine if they are "problem golfers." This is a perfect stocking-stuffer and a great gag gift from any and all golf widows or widowers. A foreword by actor and fellow problem golfer Jeff Daniels recommends reading the book to quit golf instead of having a frontal lobotomy: "It's cheaper and won't leave a scar."



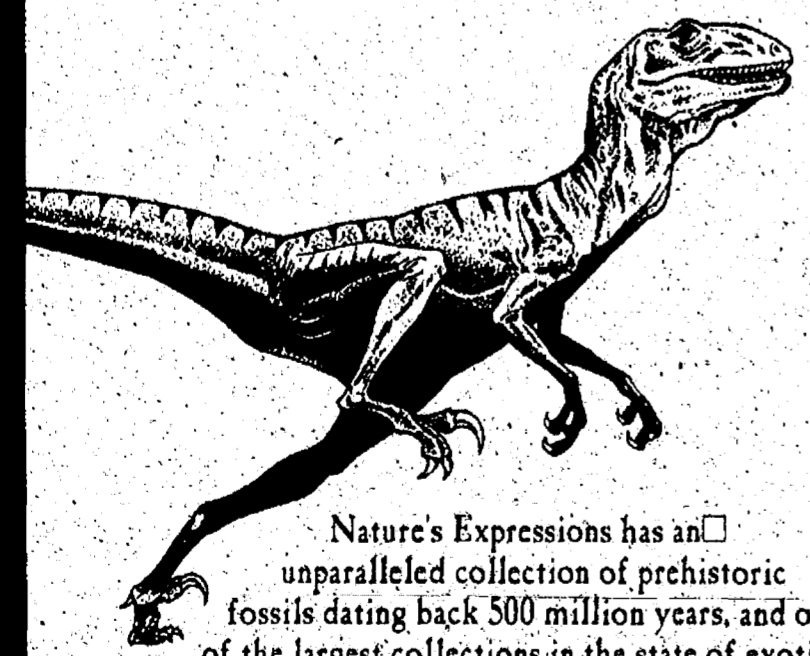
Saturday, December 15, 1-3 pm
Susan Stites and her book "Historic Cottages of Mackinaw Island"
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Creative recycling

Local artist to showcase her jewelry at gallery

By Sheila Purglove
Associate Editor

Local jewelry artist Sandra Xenakis has a unique and creative method of recycling.

"I love to take apart antique jewelry that may be damaged and redesign it as contemporary pieces," she said.

"One of the things I do for my custom clients is take a vintage piece that may have been in the family for generations, but is no longer worn, and redesign it so that it is again wearable."

Xenakis is one of three local jewelry artists whose work will be featured in a holiday trunk show from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Art & Soule Gallery, 123 S. Main St. The event is being held in conjunction with this weekend's Festival of Lights.

The gallery carries Xenakis' work year round. Her jewelry is also carried by Just for Her in Troy and Primitive Images in Goodhart, near Harbor Springs.

Xenakis' work has been shown across the state and at galleries and stores in several Michigan cities, including Detroit, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, Flushing and Traverse City. She has had shows at Saks Fifth Avenue and the Ann Arbor Art Center, as well as numerous private showings.

"I just finished the Birmingham Temple Art Show in Farmington Hills, a juried art show that has been around for almost 30 years," she said. "It's the only show I still have time to do."

Jewelry is a second string to her bow. Xenakis' primary occupation is as marketing coach for



Sandra Xenakis

Rx Coaching, a business she runs with Milan resident Nancy Ray.

"We work primarily with small business owners and individuals in career transition, although we're currently working with a government agency as well," Xenakis said. "I've had a 30-year career in marketing but have only been coaching for about six months."

Xenakis began designing gemstone-beaded jewelry in the mid-1980s, while living in Detroit and running her own public relations agency. She moved to Chelsea from Ann Arbor in 1994.

Estate sales and antique shows are prime places she scours for unusual antique and ethnic jewelry to use in her work. Some pieces are given her in exchange for custom

designed jewelry.

"I also design custom jewelry for clients that includes natural stones whose energy is beneficial to the wearer," she said. "I call this channeled jewelry."

Her creations include natural stone beads such as onyx, amethyst, jade, tourmaline, carnelian, citrine, quartz crystal, various jaspers, lapis and malachite.

"I also use fresh water and cultured pearls, amber, horn, bone, wood and some glass, although I prefer working with natural materials," she said.

Xenakis recently teamed up with a bench jeweler in Ann Arbor who is willing to design silver or gold settings to her specifications.

"Since I don't do casting or fabrication myself, this will expand what I'm able to offer clients," she said.

One of her more unusual collections incorporates tiny, 14k gold-over-steel microwave parts used in rocket ships and radar systems.

"The metal has a very rich look when combined with stone beads," she said.

Xenakis also designs ear wraps, drop earrings on a flexible wire frame that fits comfortably around the ear.

"Ear wraps are wonderful for people who want the look of a dangle earring but don't have pierced ears — like me," she said.

In early September, Xenakis purchased a large collection of antique silver pieces from Pakistan and Afghanistan with the intention of designing a new line of necklaces and earrings.

"I have a supplier who lives here in Michigan but also has a home in Pakistan and travels in

the mountain villages there, buying old dowry silver from the residents," she said. "I purchased the pieces the week before the terrorist attacks and then had second thoughts about designing and selling such a collection at this time."

"I'll probably do it sometime next year."

Xenakis has contributed a lot of her jewelry to the Autumn Jubilee fund-raiser for the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, where she has also done promotion work.

"I was able to get them TV coverage for the painting of the big mural next to the railroad tracks and I publicized their studio tours," she said. "Some of the former CCDA board members are my friends and clients."

When not serving as a marketing coach or creating jewelry, Xenakis relaxes by taking yoga classes at Chelsea Community Education, stepping in as a yoga teacher when needed.

She enjoys living in a big Victorian house in Chelsea Village, where Art & Soule Gallery owner Kim Soule is also her neighbor. With potter Hazel Schroen as a neighbor and painter Candace Pappas as her landlord, Xenakis refers to the area as "the little art colony on Madison Street."

"I like living in a neighborhood with families and people of all ages, although I'm single and have no children of my own," she said. "My friends have children and include me in their activities."

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Celebrating Music

John and Jackie Frank sponsored the Nov. 17 children's concert "The Three Little Pigs," which drew a crowd of more than 200 people. The performance, held at the First Congregational Church of Chelsea, was presented by the Toledo Opera Education and Outreach Program. The event was part of the Chelsea Musical Celebrations program that receives major funding from the Chelsea Community Foundation. The next concert is set for 3 p.m. Sunday when the Congdon String Quartet, Chelsea's premiere chamber ensemble, will help celebrate the village's Festival of Lights.

Exchange program to meet Monday

An informational meeting about the Chelsea-Shimizu Sister Cities Exchange will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday in the board room at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

The agenda includes a brief history of the program, what visiting Japan is like, a description of the trip, a short video about Shimizu, stories from students and a discussion of opportunities for involvement.

The exchange program was first proposed by Chelsea High School graduate Brian Oakley, who spent a year in Shimizu as a teaching assistant in English.

Struck by the similarities between Shimizu and Chelsea, Oakley brought together several Japanese school administrators and the late Joe Piasecki, a former superintendent for Chelsea schools.

In subsequent years, a group of Japanese youth has visited Chelsea each fall for weeklong

stays in local homes. Each summer, Beach Middle School pupils have visited their sister city and sister school in Shimizu.

Financial support comes from private organizations, donations and the fund-raising efforts of participating students and their families.

The Chelsea School District continues to provide educational support to pupils from both cities during the exchange.

Anyone interested in the exchange program may contact Chris Frayer at 475-8814 or Deborah Oakley at 475-1276 or go online to the Web site www.chelsea-shimizu.org.

Host families are needed for Japanese youngsters and teachers visiting Chelsea. Middle school students interested in being considered for exchange trips to Japan may get information from Beach Middle School counselor Patricia Compton.

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Sleeping Bear Press sells division

Sleeping Bear Press of Chelsea recently announced the sale of its GPS, GIS, Remote Sensing and Land Surveying titles to Taylor & Francis of London, England.

The company will continue to market and sell its line of turf grass management related titles.

The sale of the division includes nine active titles and 15 works in progress. The specifics of the sale were not made public.

Sleeping Bear Press sold the assets as a strategic divestiture

to narrow the focus of its applications. The company's core focus includes children's books, books on golf, sports and nature, Michigan-related titles and tabletop photographic books.

Included in the successful children's lineup is "The Alphabet Series" of books that has established a following. The "A is for America" book has been particularly popular since the events of Sept. 11 and is anticipated to have strong sales through the entire fiscal year, company officials said.

Sleeping Bear Press recently released "Management for Golf Courses: 2nd edition," by Dr. James Beard, covering every practical and technical aspect of turf grass property management, maintenance and operation.

Since its founding in 1994 by Brian Lewis, Sleeping Bear Press has successfully grown to publish more than 100 titles and employ approximately 30 employees. Total sales for 2002 will exceed \$8 million.

Local writer's play opens Dec. 6

Local playwright Joseph Zettelmaier's latest work, the comedy "Internal Affairs," is set to open at the Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti Dec. 6 and will run through Dec. 16.

The play, presented by Phoe-

nix Productions, also includes former Chelsea resident Sherri Stankorb as a cast member.

Zettelmaier, a graduate of Chelsea High School, is a playwright for the Purple Rose Theatre Co., and will be one of

the contributing writers for the Purple Rose's Summer Comedy Festival in 2002. He has also worked as a stage manager, actor and fight choreographer.

For information, call the Riverside Arts Center at 1-734-480-9577.



Music, Pageantry and Revelry

Chelsea High School's 10th annual Madrigal Dinner will be held 6:30 p.m. Dec. 7 and 8 at Beach Middle School. Lords and ladies, court jesters and troubadours, beggars, town criers and traveling minstrels will entertain diners. Proceeds support the Chelsea High School music program. Tickets are \$25 a person and must be reserved in advance by calling 475-0646. Pictured are some of this year's members of the royal court. They are Meredith Reynolds (left), Alexander Hack, Elise Murphy, David Fedele and Sharon Dault.



Photo by Alison Marable

Thanksgiving Trio

Hunter Burtch (left), Marie Powell and Robyn Cleary, pupils in teacher Tara Thorburn's class at South Meadows Elementary School, display some of the books and artwork they created during recent Thanksgiving activities.

SISSOM

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Yule Tree Gala, running from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday as part of Chelsea's Festival of Lights. The event offers trees, music, hot chocolate, art and a celebration honoring Santa Lucia, a Swedish holiday tradition.

The Santa Lucia activity is a preview of the First Sunday program that will kick off in February. The free program, for elementary school pupils and their families, offers a hands-on experience of different cultures, beginning in February with Mardi Gras.

"We'll be working with the Chelsea High School French Club for Mardi Gras," Sissom says. "When we celebrate Cinco de Mayo in May, we'll work with the Spanish Club."

"I don't just want to entertain people in doing crafts. I want to challenge them, make them think and leave with new insights into another culture."

The Yule Tree Gala will be Sissom's second big event, the first being the recent Autumn Jubilee.

"The jubilee was a very impressive volunteer effort," she says. "I've been most impressed with the CCDA volunteers and their dedication to the arts. They are the key to the center's future."

Sissom is also preparing the center's new gallery for its opening in February when the first of six exhibits by Chelsea-area artists will get under way.

Sissom — who once planted 100 pink flamingoes around Ann Arbor to raise awareness for the Ann Arbor District Library — has truly found her niche on Congdon Street.

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Best season ever

Chelsea tankers complete memorable year with third-place state finish

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

After its most successful regular season in memory, Chelsea's girls' swimming and diving team saved its best for last.

The Bulldogs finished third at the Class B-C-D state finals at Eastern Michigan University's Jones Natatorium Nov. 16 and 17.

"We went into the meet ranked fifth," said Chelsea coach John Crispin. "We knew we had to be better than our best to move up."

"The girls were nothing but fantastic."

Chelsea set nine varsity records, including three relays that matched All-American consideration times.

Bulldog sophomore Alise Augustine not only broke her own record in the 100 breaststroke, but also obtained All-American consideration for her event.

"This whole season, I worked really hard," Augustine said. "I gave it my best."

Its best was something Chelsea's squad gave all season.

Augustine said in a year of memories, she'll never forget the state meet.

"Everyone was cheering," she said. "We came together and made each other go faster. I'm glad we finished third."

Augustine finished second in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.82) to Dexter's senior Amalia Sarnecki (1:05.03).

Sarnecki is a two-time state champion in the event and is considering swimming for Michigan State University and South Carolina, among other schools.

Augustine said competing



Chelsea's Dani Sawyer (bottom left), Rebecca Armstrong, Kara Stiles and Kayla Hack stand together while soaking up the atmosphere at the Class B-C-D state championship.

against Sarnecki the past two years has helped her improve.

"She's really good competition," Augustine said. "She makes me work harder. It (final) was the best performance of my life."

Crispin said one of the keys to the Bulldogs' high placing was its relays.

"Relays are crucial," he said. "We had all three reach the finals."

The 200 medley relay four-some of Dani Sawyer, Julie Mida, Rebecca Armstrong and Augustine finished second in an All-American and varsity record

time of 1:50.02.

Dexter placed first in the event, clocking a 1:48.54.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the group of Kara Stiles, Kayla Hack, Sawyer and Augustine finished third in an All-American and varsity record time of 1:39.53.

State champion East Grand Rapids placed first in the event with a 1:37.58.

In the 400 freestyle relay, the team of Jessica Bassett, Stiles, Armstrong and Hack placed fourth with an All-American and varsity record time of 3:40.85.

Dexter won the event in



Photo by Mary Kumbler

Chelsea's girls' swimming and diving team finished third at the Class B-C-D state meet. Gathered around their third-place trophy are, front row, Katrina Moffett (kneeling, left), Tricia Compton and Kasey Whitley; back row, Kayla Hack (left), Alise Augustine, Dani Sawyer, Jessica Bassett, Rebecca Armstrong, Julie Mida, Danielle Hughes, Tracy Stetson, Jessica Rohrer and Kara Stiles.

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Individually for Chelsea, Stiles, a freshman, finished third in the 50 freestyle with a varsity record time of 24.85 and sixth in the 100 freestyle with a record time of 53.83.

In the 100 butterfly, Mida finished third, wiping out the oldest record on the Chelsea board, clocking a 1:00.52 time.

Sawyer placed fifth in the 100 backstroke with a record time of

1:00.79.

Katrina Moffett ended up seventh in the 500 freestyle, touching in 5:21.34.

Hack finished fifth in the 200 freestyle, breaking her own varsity record with a time of 1:57.35, and ninth in the 100 freestyle, touching in 54.34.

"It feels real good," Hack said about placing third as a team. "I'm excited."

Hack, a sophomore, said she

wasn't too nervous competing in her first state finals.

"I don't get nervous," she said. "You try and get ready before you swim. I just try to block out the crowd and concentrate."

Like Augustine, Hack said the state meet was the most memorable moment this season.

"We did such a good job," she said. "We swam really well."

"I'm happy with the team's

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Bulldog icers capture first-ever Thanksgiving Classic



Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Chelsea's Josh Barron fights through a Holland West Ottawa check during the Bulldogs' 8-2 victory in the inaugural Thanksgiving Classic at the Arctic Coliseum Nov. 23 through 24.

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Behind two goals by Drew Warren and Zach Meza, Chelsea defeated South Lyon 5-2 to capture the inaugural Thanksgiving Classic at the Arctic Coliseum last Saturday.

Warren gave the Bulldogs an early 2-0 first period lead with his two goals. His second score came on a power play and was assisted by Josh Barron and Kevin Phillips.

To begin the second period, Chelsea (4-0) led 2-1.

The Bulldogs increased their lead to 3-1 as Meza turned the light on scoring at 14:30 of the period. Lee Woodruff assisted on the play.

Meza made it 4-1, scoring on a shorthanded goal at 5:44 of the third period. Eddie Ameal assisted on the play.

It was the Bulldogs' second shorthanded goal of the season.

"That was a great goal," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "He (Meza) outthrust a guy down the ice and got the shot off. It was a big momentum turner."

After a South Lyon goal cut the lead to 4-2, Barron scored an empty netter with a minute left sealing the victory and the Classic championship.

"We feel pretty good about it," Wright said. "We played well."

Chelsea outshot the Lions 28-19.

Freshman goalie J.R. Englebert recorded the victory in net for the Bulldogs.

Last Friday, Chelsea opened the Classic with a convincing 8-2 win over Holland West Ottawa.

Despite trailing 1-0 early, the Bulldogs responded, outscoring the Panther 8-1 the rest of the

night.

Barron and Warren led the Chelsea attack, each recording a hat trick, while Mike Sayers and Matt Eckler each had single goals for the Dawgs.

Picking up assists for Chelsea were Davis Turner, Ben Daniels, Chris White, Chris Tyler, John Holmes, Warren (2), Eckler, Meza (2) and Barron.

Andrew Mossburg recorded the win in goal for the Bulldogs. Chelsea outshot West Ottawa 29-5.

"I thought we played very well, limiting them to five shots," Wright said.

Though pleased with his squad's performance, Wright said he was even more impressed with West Ottawa goaltender Ben Robinson.

"He played a strong game," he said. "In the first period, we

couldn't get anything by him."

But once Chelsea solved Robinson, the goals came quickly and often.

"Once we got a couple by him, it opened things up," Wright said.

In the tourney's other games, South Lyon beat Lincoln Park 7-0 in first round action before falling to Chelsea in the finals.

In the consolation contest, Lincoln Park nipped West Ottawa 5-4, scoring the game-winner with 10 seconds left.

On Nov. 21, the Bulldogs defeated Dearborn Heights Crestwood 7-6.

"We didn't play well defensively," Wright said. "It's been a long time since we gave up six goals. I think it opened the kids' eyes and showed how much harder we need to work."

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Divine Child ends Chelsea's state tournament run

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

It looked promising.

Chelsea's girls' basketball team was leading Dearborn Divine Child 43-40 with just under two minutes left to play.

A victory over the Falcons and the Bulldogs would advance to the Class B regional finals.

But a 12-4 run to close out the game gave Divine Child a 52-47 victory over Chelsea at Tecumseh Nov. 19.

With the loss, the Bulldogs ended their season with a 17-6 overall record, a district title and a Southeastern Conference co-championship.

"We did not execute (down the stretch)," said Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist. "But Divine Child did."

Chelsea junior post player Anna Arend paced the offense with 15 points and four rebounds.

Bulldog junior swing player

Allison Mann scored nine points and grabbed six rebounds.

Senior point guard Stephanie Crews added seven points, four rebounds and four assists, while junior Julia Arfoid chipped in six points.

Seniors Connie Kolokithas and Audrey Richardson each netted four points, with junior Courtney Bentley recording two points to round out Chelsea's scoring.

From the field, the Bulldogs shot 50 percent. At the free throw line, Chelsea finished at 63 percent.

Divine Child ended up 39 percent from the floor and 55 percent from the line.

The Bulldogs committed 14 turnovers, compared to the Falcons' nine.

On Nov. 18, Chelsea defeated county rival Dexter 35-27 to capture a district crown.

As opposed to its game against Divine Child, it was the Bulldogs rallying late to pull out the vic-

tory.

Trailing 27-24, Chelsea went on an 11-0 run to finish the game.

"We executed and Dexter did not," Blomquist said.

Mann led the Bulldogs with 18 points, three rebounds and three assists.

Crews finished with 10 points and six boards, while Arend had four points and Arnold three points for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs shot 37 percent from the field and 68 percent from the charity stripe.

Chelsea was 13-of-19 from the free throw line, while the Dreadnaughts were 0-of-5.

Dexter shot 44 percent from the floor.

The Bulldogs committed 13 turnovers, compared to the Dreadnaughts' 18.

Despite losing in the regional semifinals, Blomquist said it was a good year.

"The team really progressed

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Photo courtesy of Kathleen Brigham

Chelsea defeated county rival Dexter for the Class B district championship at Onsted Nov. 16. Members of the Bulldog squad include, front row, Stephanie Crews (left), Connie Kolokithas, Tracy Carter, Audrey Richardson and Janelle Vicek; middle row, Sarah Brigham (left), Courtney Bentley, Devon Lixey, Missy Morcom and manager Lizzie Bentley; back row, coach Todd Blomquist (left), Julia Arnold, Ashley Gadbury, Allison Mann, Julie Inwood, Stephanie Minzey and Anna Arend.

Crews signs with Central Michigan for softball

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Mt. Pleasant bound.
Chelsea's Stephanie Crews signed with Central Michigan University last week to play softball for the Chippewas.

The senior shortstop was All-Southeastern Conference first team and All-State honorable mention last season.

Crews, also the Bulldogs' starting point guard in basketball, said she made her decision after last week's regional semifinal loss to Dearborn Divine Child.

"A couple of hours after the game, I signed (a letter-of-intent) on the kitchen table with my mom and dad-sitting there," she said.

Prior to penning her John Hancock, Crews said she called CMU softball coach Margo Jonker to tell her the news.

"She was really happy," Crews said. "It's a relief to sign."

Crews is one of the state's best players. She said her decision came down to two schools: CMU and Michigan.

Both schools recruited her hard. In fact, the Wolverines had been wooing Crews since her sophomore year.

"They (U-of-M) were the first school to recruit me," said Crews, who batted .450 last season as Chelsea's clean-up hitter.

Crews said she began leaning toward Central Michigan after visiting the school earlier this year.

"I told my mom and dad I



Photo by Mary Kumbler

Chelsea's Stephanie Crews earned a softball scholarship to play for Central Michigan University. The University of Michigan also recruited Crews.

liked it and that I might go there," she said. "Everyone was so nice. It felt like a family."

Also swaying Crews toward the Chippewas was the opportunity to contribute as a freshman and the chance to play shortstop.

"U of M wanted me to play third base or catcher," Crews said.

Crews said it was difficult to say no to the Wolverines.

"It's close to home and they have such a great tradition," she said.

But it was Mt. Pleasant that

captured her heart.

"When I first went up there, I liked the fact everything was compacted in one place," she said. "I'm going to be a physical education and health major, and my classes are right near my (future) dorm. Plus, all the athletic facilities were close, too."

"U of M was too spread out. But I couldn't have gone wrong either way."

Crews said she's anxious to join the Chippewas, one of the top softball programs in the Midwest.

"Their softball team always

goes to the (College) World Series," Crews said. "And Coach Jonker is awesome."

At the last summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, Jonker was an assistant coach for the U.S. softball team — a fact that sparked Crews' interest.

"I've always wanted to play in the Olympics," she said.

Chelsea softball coach Kim Reichard, who played at Michigan State University from 1992 to 1995, said CMU is getting a big-time athlete in Crews.

"She has such natural ability," Reichard said. "She has great hands, great range and she's smart. She knows the game very well. She's very intuitive. She's always thinking ahead to the next play."

"CMU is a great match for her."

Reichard also said Crews' former teammate Jennie Diesing made MSU's softball team as a freshman walk-on.

"She will be redshirted this season," Reichard said. "That's good. It gives her time to step in and have more of a role as a sophomore."

Reichard said Diesing, a pitcher and utility player, is an untapped resource.

"She's just in her prime," Reichard said. "She's just peaking. She can be molded in college."

"Her pitching is developing. But she can play many positions. She's very strong."

Reichard said playing

Division I softball is quite a feat for both Crews and Diesing.

"I'm really proud of both of them," she said. "It's a great accomplishment. It just shows if you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything."

Crews went one step further. "I've always dreamed of this," she said.

No more dreaming, it's reality. Staff Writer Don Richter can be reached at 475-1371 or via e-mail at drichter@heritage.com.

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Local athletes receive postseason honors

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Dexter and Chelsea high schools were well represented on this year's All-Southeastern Conference White Division boys' soccer and girls' basketball teams.

In soccer, earning first-team All-SEC White for Dexter were senior midfielder Mike Weinmann, junior defender Jason Deutsch and sophomore midfielder Henry Meyer.

Weinmann earned Dexter Most Valuable Player honors.

For Chelsea, junior midfielders James Ballas, Bryan Hayes and David Knox, defender David Dault and goalie Andrew Baibak and sophomore forward Kenny David were named to the first unit.

Both Dault and Ballas were unanimous selections.

Earning SEC White honorable mention for Dexter were senior Jon Horwath, juniors Tony LaRosa and Alec Durocher and sophomore Ed Shock.

Receiving SEC White honorable mention for Chelsea were junior Kyle Kooyers and sophomore Chris Ruikka.

Dexter's Sam Williamson and Chelsea's Dault received the Sportsmanship Award.

Earning the Dexter Coach's Award were sophomore Dave Williamson and freshman Andrew Vincke.

Other players named to the SEC White first team were Tecumseh's senior midfielder Pete Cunningham, junior forward Jason Smith and midfielder Nick Gialanella, and Ypsilanti Lincoln's junior defender James Bell.

In the SEC Red Division, earning first-team honors were Saline's senior midfielder Logan Dybdahl and defender Grant Gilmore, and junior midfielders Mark Kaykendall and Mike Lloyd; Adrian senior midfielder Ryan Darr and forward Zach Stornant; and Bedford's senior forward Tommy Parsons and junior defender Adam Neuman.

Named first team from Ann

Arbor Pioneer were senior midfielders Trai Blanks, Alex Sellinger and Jon Keller, and junior defender Nick Kennel and goalie Ryan Bennett.

Both Dybdahl and Blanks were unanimous selections.

In basketball, Dexter's senior forward Anne Keinath and junior forward Shannon Kennedy were named to the SEC White first team.

For Chelsea, junior swing player Alison Mann and senior guard Stephanie Crews were

selected first team.

Lincoln senior Jennifer Bargarci and Tecumseh senior Jennifer Brown round out the first unit.

Earning SEC White honorable mention were Dexter's senior Lindsey Messmore and sophomore Anne Cowen, and Chelsea juniors Anna Arend and Julia Arnold.

Lincoln juniors Kristin Pinter and Lateana Marable, and Tecumseh senior Megan Smith also received honorable men-

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Dexter's Melissa Gucker and Chelsea's Audrey Richardson received the Sportsmanship Award.

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By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

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This is Reynolds' fourth book to be published by Chelsea's Sleeping Bear Press. Her other books include "L is for Lobster: A Maine Alphabet," and "H is for Hoosier: An Indiana Alphabet."

"S is for Star" is Reynolds' first book with a religious theme produced by Sleeping Bear Press. The book tells the Christmas story coupled with the legends and traditions that surround it.

Reynolds says that when she was a child it seemed to her that there were two Christmases — "the one we learned about in

church with Mary and Joseph and Jesus, and the Christmas in the stores and on the tree, with Santa Claus, reindeer, cookies and presents."

For years, she says she never understood the connection between the two Christmases. After Reynolds had children, she began explaining how the various traditions point to the manger scene. She convinced her editor, Heather Hughes at Sleeping Bear Press, that she should write a book for all the other children who were puzzled by the two versions of Christmas.

Reynolds sent a list of the words chosen for the Christmas alphabet to artist Pam Carroll to illustrate.

"Her illustrations added great depth and meaning to my words," Reynolds said. "She is a wonderful artist."

Many of the pictures painted by Carroll reminded Reynolds of scenes from her childhood.

The book, Reynolds said, almost wrote itself, since Christianity has words for the most challenging letters of the alphabet, including Wise Men (W), the symbol for Christ (X), Yule (Y)

and Zion (Z).

Christmas is a special time for Reynolds.

"When I was a little girl, it seemed that the rest of the year was lived in anticipation of Christmas," she said. "If I didn't get something I wanted for my birthday in February, my mother's rallying cry was 'Put it on your Christmas list!'"

"My two boys, Chip and Ben, and my daughter, Elizabeth, do the same nowadays."

Reynolds, a Scio-Township resident, has garnered much of the material for her book from her childhood. When she was a girl, Reynolds lived in Maine and Massachusetts, and the family would walk and picnic in the woods while looking for the perfect tree.

The page in the book that illustrates "D for December" is the image she has of her childhood trips into those woods.

"F for Festival, Feast, Food and Fellowship," also reminds her of the Christmas meals she shared with her family and friends.

Reynolds' maternal roots are in Maine and they celebrated Christmas in the old English

fashion. This included singing in Christmas pageants, lighting Advent wreaths, singing carols around the piano, as well as the usual decorating, wrapping presents and baking.

Her father's family — from Pennsylvania Dutch country — brought German traditions to the Christmas celebrations, including cookies, ornaments, a crèche scene, and the tradition of decorating picture frames and ledges with green foliage throughout the house. They also prepared both white English and black German fruitcakes soaked weeks ahead in wine for Christmas.

"Christmas has always been a very special holiday in my family, which is why I was really pleased to write a children's book about Christmas," Reynolds said. "Many of the traditions mentioned in 'S is for Star' are things that my family did — often without realizing their significance."

Reynolds will sign copies of the book from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Little Professor Book Center in Chelsea.



Cynthia Furlong Reynolds of Scio Township has written another book through Sleeping Bear Press in Chelsea. The book is called "S is for Santa: A Christmas Alphabet." She will sign copies from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Little Professor Book Store in Chelsea.

Adolescence serves a purpose

Parents of teen-agers may be pleased to know that adolescence does serve a purpose.

"Adolescence became part of human life history because it conferred significant reproductive advantages to our species," said anthropologist Barry Bogin.

In part, this stage of development allows adolescents to learn how to behave like adults before they are capable of having children, leading to greater success as parents down the road.

Bogin, professor of anthropology at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, is the author of "The Growth of Humanity," published earlier this year by Wiley-Liss.

The book looks at the evolution of human growth and development patterns from a variety of perspectives, including biological and cultural dimensions. Among other topics, he discusses adolescence, which is a strictly human stage not found in other animals.

In fact, human adolescence seems to be a relatively recent development in evolutionary terms, arising somewhere between 125,000 and 35,000 years ago, Bogin said.

Girls and boys have very different growth patterns in adolescence, patterns that hold steady across cultures.

"Ethnographic research shows that gender role intensification during adolescence is a universal feature of human cultures," Bogin said.

Among girls, "the dramatic physical changes they experience during adolescence serve

as efficient advertisements of their sexual and social maturation," Bogin said. "So efficient in fact, that they stimulate adults to include adolescent girls in their social circles and encourage the girls themselves to initiate adult social interactions."

In particular, these interactions allow girls to learn childcare skills that enhance their ability to become successful women and mothers, during a period when they are not fully able to have children yet themselves.

While girls have a growth spurt and develop some adult physical features early in adolescence, they do not reach full reproductive capacity until several years after they start menstruating, Bogin said.

"Full reproductive maturation means the biological, social and psychological maturation of the woman have reached the point where the risks of pregnancy are near the minimum for both the mother and her offspring," he said.

"This time of waiting provides adolescent girls with many opportunities to practice and learn important adult behaviors that lead to increased reproductive fitness in later life," Bogin said.

"It seems that there was selection pressure in favor of female adolescence, because girls with the extra development time prior to reproduction were able to learn social, economic, and parenting skills that would help ensure greater reproductive success later in life."

During this time in their lives, while adolescent girls are included in the social and work world of the family and of older women, "boys are encouraged to form social bonds with other juvenile boys," Bogin said.

"Because their adolescent growth spurt occurs late in their sexual development, boys appear to be juvenile-like for much longer than girls," he said. Although they are becoming more interested in adult activities, and think and act more independently, "they still look like boys."

In addition, because their growth spurt in muscle and strength occurs later in their development, adolescent boys are not typically able to do the work of men. As a result, they are usually encouraged to "play" with other boys the same age, rather than associate with

adult men.

"The activities that take place in these adolescent male peer groups include the type of productive, economic, aggressive and sexual behaviors that older men perform, but the social and sexual antics of adolescent boys are often considered to be more humorous than serious," Bogin said.

Yet these activities provide boys with the opportunity to test out their roles before their lives depend on them.

"For example, competition between men for women favors the older, more experienced man," Bogin said. "As such competition may be fatal, the juvenile-like appearance of the immature, but hormonally primed adolescent male may be life-saving as well as educational."

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'The Nutcracker' comes to life

Youth Dance Theatre presents holiday tradition

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The Mouse King is back in town.

Performers from the Youth Dance Theatre will present Tchaikovsky's famous "Nutcracker Ballet," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14, 15 and 16, with a 2 p.m. matinee performance Dec. 16 at Chelsea High School auditorium.

The famous ballet is based on the book "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" by E.T.A. Hoffman. First performed in Russia in 1892, it made its way to America in 1940, performed by Ballet Russe. It has since become an annual holiday tradition.

The ballet is set on Christmas Eve at the Stahlbaum house, where the family is holding their annual Christmas party.

Herr Drosselmeier, godfather to the young girl, Clara, arrives with gifts, including a nutcracker. When Clara falls asleep clutching her gift, an evening of enchantment follows, including a trip to the Land of Snow with the Nutcracker Prince and to The Land of Sweets, where the Sugar Plum Fairy dances with the Cavalier.

"I think of this production as a holiday gift to the community," Artistic Director Wendi Dubois said. "As the company has grown over the past four years, the complexity of the choreography has increased."

Kara Fark, 11, appreciates Dubois' direction.

"When you're having trouble getting a step, she knows what you're thinking, even if you don't say it," Fark said.

The Beach Middle School pupil has performed for the past four years, starting out as a mouse and a jester. This year, she will perform as a party teen and in the Arabian Corps.

Youth Dance Theatre Board President Donald Locker is another participant who has appeared in all four annual performances, in the role of Clara's godfather, Herr Drosselmeier.

"I'm very typecast," Locker said. "I certainly can't dance, so I may as well do something that doesn't require dancing. They needed someone with the hair, or lack of it."

"I'm thoroughly impressed by the work ethic of the dancers and parents alike. There's a lot of friendliness and support."

Justin Fitch performs in the role of the Snow Prince and appears as a Spanish Moor, as a parent in the party scene and in the battle scene.

The Chelsea High School senior has an eclectic choice of career plans. He plans on attending Lansing Community College where he can continue ballet and enter a firefighting program.

Suzanne Courson is in her second year of performing in the ballet. The 11-year-old Dexter resident played the lead role of Clara last year. This year, she will play a Russian and a party teen.



Justin Fitch and Hallie Walton rehearse the parts of the Snow Prince and snow for the Youth Dance Theatre's performance of "The Nutcracker" ballet. This year's performances are slated 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14, 15 and 16, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Dec. 16 at the Chelsea High School auditorium. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for seniors, students and children. Reserved seat tickets are available at Chelsea Pharmacy and The Dancers Boutique in Ann Arbor. Discounted group tickets are available. For information call 475-3070.

"It's fun, but I sometimes get nervous right before I go on," Courson said. "It's easier for me this year, because last year I had to memorize the whole thing for my role as Clara." Chelsea High School juniors

Steve Lambert and Zac Law, who perform in the party scene and battle scenes, were both recently involved in the Chelsea High School Theater Guild's production of "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe."

"I like the Nutcracker because it takes a lot of energy," Lambert says. "I really liked it last year, so I came back."

Law, who is making his debut this year, said he wanted to try something different.

"I have a lot of respect for the dancers that I've worked with in theater productions, so I thought I'd give it a try," he said.

An innovation this year will be a historical focus that includes well-known names from the Dexter-Chelsea area during the party scene.

The ballet is double and triple cast in many roles, and includes Chelsea dancers Arielle Alexander, Gwynne Beissel, Kevin Beissel, Maya Chensue, Lisa Dorrance, Katrina Downey, Marissa Elwart, Kara Fark, Ryan Fark, Justin Fitch, Spencer Gallagher, Leah Gerstenlauer, Salina Halliday, Christine Kelley, Kyle Kooyers, Steve Lambert, Rosa Lancioni, Zachery Law, Emily Leidner, Liisa Locker, Erin Nelson, Samantha Oliver, Alyssa Prokos, Katrina Stephenson, Natalie

Stephenson, Alyssa Warren, Amy Whitesall, Taryn Zyburt and Toni Zyburt.

Dancers representing the Dexter area are Brittany Bourdon, Rachel Butler, Suzanne Courson, Lisa Featherly, Laura Leonard, Hayley Scherbor, Olivia Stacey, Michelle Swager and Annie Taylor.

Alyssa Alger, Jesyka Beers, Megan Dandrow and Jackie Wolfinger of Grass Lake are in the cast, along with Andrea Noffsinger of Stockbridge.

Karen Keith is the rehearsal mistress. The dance company is supported by grants through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs" and "Nonprofit Enterprise at Work."

Tickets for the ballet are \$12 for adults and \$8 for seniors, students and children. Reserved seat tickets are available at Chelsea Pharmacy and The Dancers Boutique in Ann Arbor. Discounted group tickets are available.

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Celebrating Thanksgiving

Kara Kucinski (left) and Dalton Spero, pupils in Lexa O'Brien's first-grade class at South Meadows Elementary School, sit by a fictitious campfire during recent Thanksgiving celebrations at the school.

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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Bartok Duets to sparkle at Concert

As a finale to the Chelsea Festival of Lights weekend of events, the Congdon Quartet will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday. This concert is a joint presentation by Chelsea Musical Celebrations and Chelsea Chamber Players.

The Congdon Quartet, Chelsea's own resident string quartet, is known for its artistically impressive and vibrant performances.

For its part in lighting up the festival, the quartet, together with Ann Arbor pianist Renee Robbins, will perform the Dvorak piano quintet. Also included in the program will be a set of duets of two violins by Bartok, and Beethoven's piano trio No. 4.

The Bartok duos, with their sparkling wit, are a cornerstone of the violin literature. Beethoven's trio, originally written for clarinet or violin with cello and piano, contains slow movements and ends with a delightful set of variations.

The highlight of the concert, Dvorak's piano quintet, is his most popular chamber work and is loved by performers as much as by audiences for its lush colors and its soaring melodies.

To further enhance the musical experience, the musicians

will provide personal comments about the composers, the pieces and their historical context. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the concert.

The concert will be held at the First Congregational Church of Chelsea, 121 East Middle St., just east of Main Street. The facility is wheelchair accessible and parking is conveniently located in nearby village parking lots.

The price of tickets is \$12.50 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5 for students and children. Tickets may be purchased in downtown Chelsea at Zou Zou's coffee shop, 101 N. Main St.; the Art and Soule Gallery, 123 S. Main St.; the First Congregational Church; and at the door.

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The tour will begin at 4 p.m. Ticket holders will gather at the First Congregational Church, 121 E.

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The tour is part of the Chelsea Festival of Lights, a community event featuring activities for all ages. Preservation Chelsea, a nonprofit organization committed to preserving the charm and vitality that are Chelsea's heritage, is the sponsor. Proceeds from the ticket sales will be used to upgrade Chelsea parks.

Advanced tickets are required. Tickets are \$15 and in a limited quantity. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce at 475-1145 or by visiting the following Chelsea businesses: Vogel's & Foster's, 107 S. Main St.; Art and Soule Gallery, 123 South Main St.; Zou Zou's, 101 N. Main St.; or Chelsea Pharmacy, 1050 S. Main St.

Festival to end with lessons and carols

The 14th annual Chelsea Festival of Lights will conclude with two Sunday evening musical events.

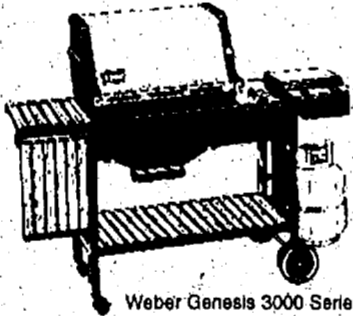
The Holiday Concert at First Congregational Church begins at 3 p.m. Sunday and the Festival of Lights closes with a Holiday Festival of Lessons and Carols at 7 p.m.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is sponsored by the Chelsea Ministerial Association and features a wide variety of musical selections and readings of the Christmas story by representatives from various churches throughout the community.

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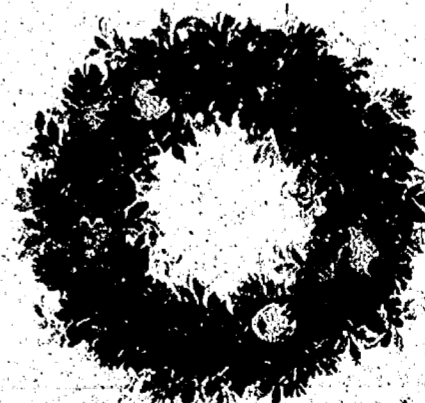
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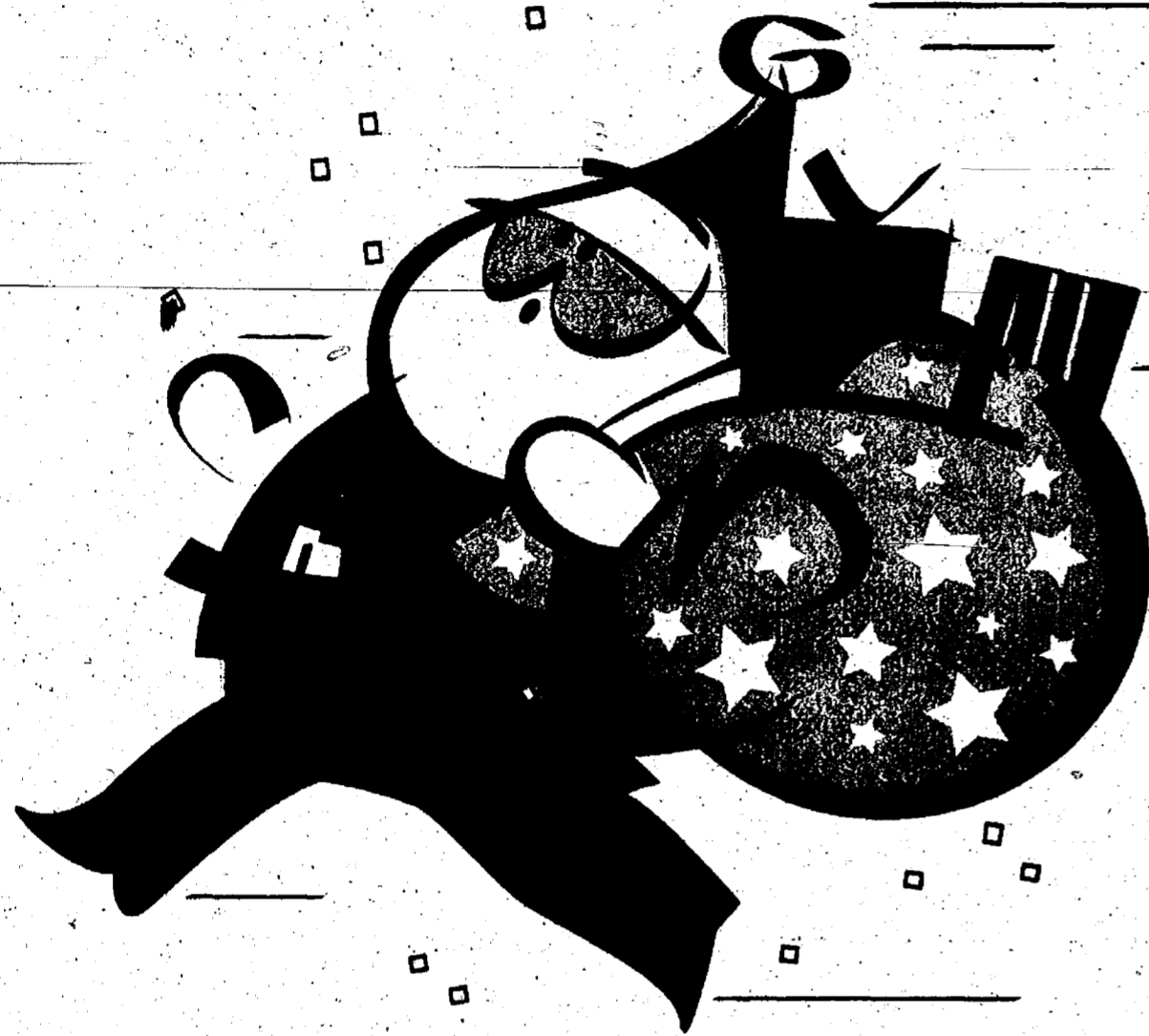
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7:00-9:00 Merchant Event

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- The Village Shoppe Too features Mariene Dusbiber, professional Woodcarver, and Sue Ogden, demonstrating the craft of rug hooking.

9:00-9:30 All Community Sing

Chelsea Depot

- Join in and sing traditional carols. Museum open from 8:00-9:30
- Winners of the Best Decorated House Contest will be announced. Prizes provided by the Chelsea Area Merchants Association. Refreshments provided by the Chelsea Community Hospital Volunteers.

SATURDAY

9:00-8:00 Merchant Events

Pierce's Pastries Plus

- Harpist Laurel Federbush plays music of the season from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Pierce's Pastries Plus
- Also note that a traditional St. Nicholas will arrive at Pierce's to tell stories of the German traditions surrounding Christmas. He will visit at 11:00 a.m., noon, and 1:00 p.m.

4:00- 8:00 Art & Soule Gallery

- Local jewelry artists Helen Bunch, Sandra Xenakis and Heather Dombey will showcase and talk about their latest collections.

11:00-1:00 Holiday Magic Show/Lunch with Santa

500 Washington St.

- Magician Jeff Boyer will perform. Cost is \$22 (1 parent and child), \$10 each additional adult, \$6 each additional child. Register by Nov. 28.

12:00-5:00 CCDA Yule Tree Gala & Artist Shoppe

400 Congdon Street

- Uniquely decorated trees. Local artists display their talents in the Shoppe. Visit Santa 1:00-4:00. Enjoy holiday music. Create a craft celebrating St. Lucia Day at 2:30 or 3:30. Enjoy a perennial favorite, the Common Chord, at 1:30.

4:00-6:30 p.m. Twilight Home Tour

Begins at First Congregational Church on E. Middle St.

- Arrive promptly by 4:00. Tickets (\$15) must be purchased in advance at Zou Zou's, Vogel's & Foster's, Art & Soule Gallery, Chelsea Pharmacy, or the Chamber office.

6:00-10:00 p.m. Live Jazz

River Gallery- Upstairs

- Chelsea's Main Street will be the hot-art and music spot on Saturday, December 1 from 6-10 p.m. The gallery will feature Trio Indigo's repertoire of classic American standards and Latin and jazzy tunes, with Andy Sacks on keyboards, and Howard White on guitars.

SUNDAY

3:00 p.m. Congdon Quartet Concert

At the First Congregational Church

- Enjoy the performance that includes the Dvorak Piano Quintet in A, a set of duets for two violins by Bartok, and Beethoven's Piano Trio No. 4 in B-flat. Op. 11. Admission-\$12.50-Adult, \$10 Senior, \$5 Student. Free child care available.

3:00 p.m. Festival of Lessons & Carols

Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel, 805 W. Middle St.

- Rejoice in the season with holiday music and readings.

Other Weekend Happenings

- See Palmer Family Ford's Holiday Village Display and bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots & Teens
- First United Methodist Church Open House and Mission Marketplace. Refreshments, music and gifts from around the world, both Friday and Saturday.

Gingerbread House Events

- Bring your own creations to the Congregational Church on Nov. 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. View unique, homemade gingerbread houses in merchant windows throughout the holiday season.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have helped make the Festival of Lights happen once again!

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Chelsea Rotary Club to Kick-Off festival

The 14th annual Chelsea Festival of Lights is scheduled to begin 6:30 p.m. Friday with the Tree Lighting Gala near the McKune House on Main Street.

Festival-goers can enjoy the sounds of the holiday season provided by the Chelsea High School Pep

Band, holiday skits by performers from the Purple Rose Theatre, and don't forget the arrival of that special someone in a red suit.

"The Rotary enjoys being part of the tradition of the Festival of Lights," said Pat Conlin, Chelsea Rotary Club president. "It is a great way for our organization to get involved."

Children's Co-Op to host Santa Claus

The Chelsea Children's Co-Op has made special arrangements for your little ones to visit with Santa Claus during Chelsea's Festival of Lights.

The Co-Op will host Santa and Mrs. Claus from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday at the UAW Hall, 218 S. Main St.

While waiting to tell the many treats they desire, little ones can enjoy holiday activities coordinated by the nursery school.

CCDA to host Yule Tree Gala

The Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts is making plans to offer a wonderful Yule Tree Gala with trees, music, hot chocolate, art and a celebration honoring Santa Lucia, a Swedish holiday tradition.

During the Chelsea Festival of Lights, the center will be open from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and offer festival-goers a chance to see the center decked in its holiday finest.

"We invite families to the center to experience wonderful Yule Trees, which are donated by area businesses as well as service organizations with some trees being for sale," said Linda Cramer of the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts.

Area artists and craftsmen will have their wares for display and for purchase while students from the center are caroling throughout the center.

Santa will be available from 1 to 4 p.m. In addition, the Common Cord group will perform at 1:30 p.m. The group is a perennial favorite and always a crowd-pleaser.

Children will have the opportunity to make an authentic Santa Lucia crown and serve hot chocolate and

Pepparkakor (thin ginger cookies) to their parents as part of the tradition.

The Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts is located at 400 Congdon St. in downtown Chelsea.

Lunch with Santa a special event

The Chelsea Festival of Lights this weekend will be packed with activities for the family.

The festival begins Friday and concludes on Sunday. It includes a live Crèche Tableau, cookie decorating, "Nutcracker" preview, live music, artists' displays, Yule Tree Gala, Twilight Home Tour, concerts, merchants' events and much more.

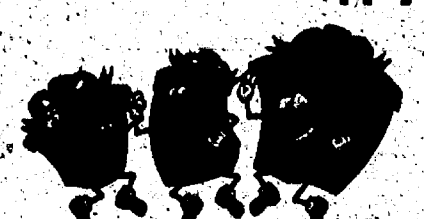
Santa makes several stops throughout the weekend. He will be in town from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the UAW Hall. On Saturday, he will be stopping for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center before going to the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts from 1 to 4 p.m.

Lunch with Santa includes a special catered meal, a chance to visit with Santa and take in a fabulous magic show with magician and balloonist Jeff Boyer.

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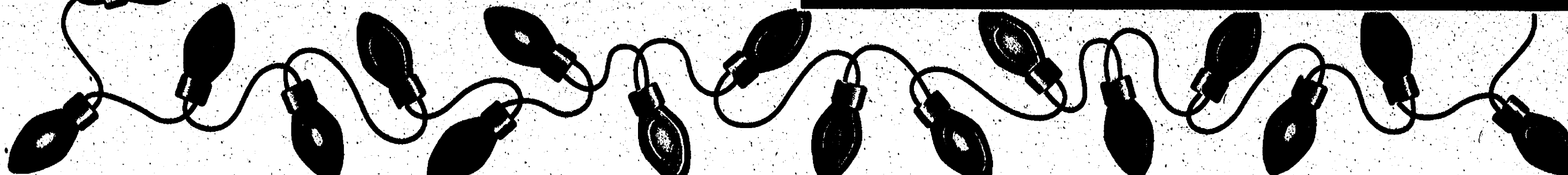
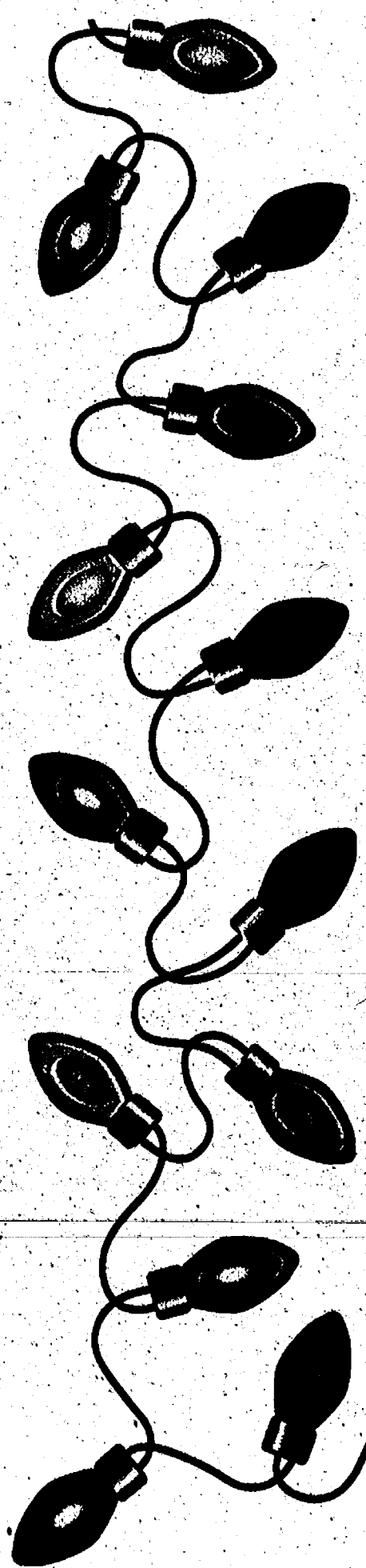
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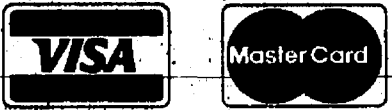
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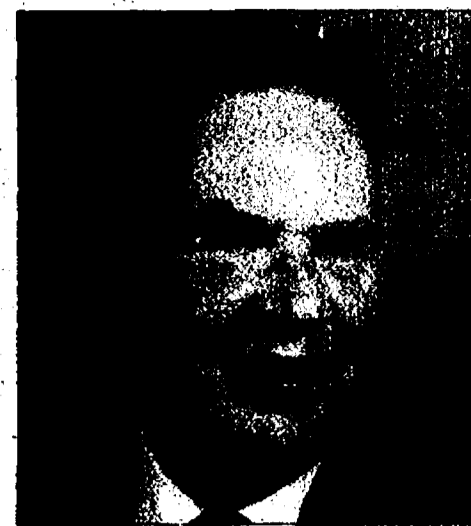
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HARWICK JOHNSON
Chelsea

Harwick Johnson, 88, died Nov. 14, 2001, at the Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born June 4, 1913, in Republic, the son of Olaf and Winifred (Brown) Johnson. On Dec. 31, 1941, he married Mabel Rose Holcomb of Portville, N.Y., and she survives.

Other survivors include his daughter, Christel (Dean) Fox of Ann Arbor; two grandsons, David Fox of Ypsilanti and Peter Fox of Troy; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Reed Johnson of Farmington, N.M.

Mr. Johnson graduated valedictorian of the class of 1930 at Republic High School. He received a bachelor's degree from the Michigan Technological University in 1934, graduating at the top of his class. He added a master's degree in 1941 and a doctorate degree in electrical engineering in 1944.

Mr. Johnson was employed at RCA, David Sarnoff Research Center in Princeton, N.J., and was electronic service director when he retired in 1972. His research areas included electron physics, vacuum tubes, noise phenomena, solid state physics, semiconductor transistors and luminescence. He authored numerous papers and was the holder of a number of patents.

Mr. Johnson was a fellow of the American Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers, and a member of the American Physical Society.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Johnson designed and directed the building of the couple's retirement home, located on Kerr Lake in Virginia, so that it had a panoramic view of the lake. He enjoyed kayaking and swimming.

In 1996, he and Mabel moved to Ann Arbor and then to Chelsea.

The family received friends at Cole Funeral Chapel. A funeral was held Nov. 19 at the Chelsea Retirement Community. The Rev. John O'Dell officiated.

A private burial was held at Harwick Cemetery in Mattawan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jackson Christian School, science and computer departments, 4200 Lowe Road, Jackson, MI 49203.



BYFORD JASON SPEER
Chelsea

Byford Jason Speer, 92, died of cancer Nov. 24, 2001, in his home. He was born in the same home May 23, 1909, the son of Thomas and Clara W. (Dauberschmidt) Speer.

Mr. Speer retired from Chrysler Introl "IDC" in 1977 after 37 years.

Mr. Speer was a terrific husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend.

He was known to repair a variety of objects for a vast number of family, friends and neighbors in his well-loved workshop.

On June 1, 1934, he married Lois Faye Smith in Ann Arbor, and she

survives. After 67 years of marriage, the couple has had a home with unending love for all those who passed through it.

Other survivors include three sons, Gary Speer of Chelsea, Bill (Dianne) Speer of Ann Arbor and Jack Speer of Parma; four daughters, Barbra (Don) Fritz of Dexter, Dorothy (Sam) Vangor of Hazel Green, Ala., Judy Palmer of Rohnert Park, Calif., and Dianne (Allan) Rose of Murray, Ky.; one brother, Paul Speer of Encino, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speer was preceded in death by a son, James; three sisters; and two grandchildren.

At Mr. Speer's request, no public services will be held. Friends may pay their respects by calling or visiting the Speer family home.

A private burial will be held at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to Individualized Hospice or the cancer organization of one's choice.

Arrangements were made by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.



EVAN F. DEPPNER
Chelsea

Evan F. Deppner, 3-month-old son of Dennis H. and Julie A. (Monroe) Deppner, died unexpectedly Nov. 20, 2001, in Chelsea.

Evan was born Aug. 12 in Superior Township.

In addition to his parents, Evan is survived by his brothers, Nicholas and Drew; his paternal grandparents, Henry and Barbara Deppner of Crystal River, Fla.; maternal grandparents, Albert and Gari Monroe of Clarkston; his maternal great-grandmother, Margaret Foster of Lake Orion; aunts and uncles, Denise (Jim) Keller of Delton, Shelley (Kevin) Gooch of Lake Orion and Carrie Monroe of Clarkston; and four cousins, Hannah Keller, Benjamin Keller, Kendrick Gooch and Taryn Gooch.

A funeral was held Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Chelsea, with the Rev. Richard L. Dake officiating. Visitation was at the church. Burial was in Oak Grove East Cemetery in Chelsea.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Chelsea.

Arrangements were made by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.



CARL J. SANDERSON
Chelsea

Carl J. Sanderson, 78, died Nov. 20, 2001, at the Albion Care Center. He was born April 11, 1923, in Freedom Township, the son of William Edward and Anna Barbara (Brenner) Sanderson.

Mr. Sanderson lived in the Chelsea area all of his life. He graduated from Chelsea High School in 1945 and attended Michigan State

University. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II.

Mr. Sanderson was a member of the First Congregational Church in Chelsea, Masonic Lodge 156, Order of the Eastern Star Olive 108 and the Loyal Order of Moose.

He retired from DaimlerChrysler Proving Grounds after 27 years.

Mr. Sanderson married Lillian Esther Allshouse 56 years ago on July 21, 1945, and she survives.

Other survivors include one son, Larry (Judy) of Grass Lake; two daughters, Judy (Chuck) Armstrong of Gregory and Trudi (Brian) Whitley of Chelsea.

Mr. Sanderson enjoyed his six grandchildren, Aimee (Brian) Byars, Erin (Rick) and Bob Armstrong, and Kasey, Kelly and Kyle Whitley; in addition to his beloved dog, Mandy.

One sister, Viola Arend of East Lansing, and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Mr. Sanderson was preceded in death by two brothers, Leon and George; and one sister, Hazel Kelsey.

Mr. Sanderson was an avid card player. His family and friends will miss him making those "lone hands" at euchre. His smile and handshake were his trademark.

A funeral was held Nov. 24 at the First Congregational Church of Chelsea, with the Rev. David Cleaver-Bartholomew officiating.

Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea. The family received friends at Cole Funeral Chapel, where a Masonic service was held.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church or the Masonic Lodge of Chelsea.

KAREN SUE McCUAIG-WELCH
Dexter

Karen Sue McCuaig-Welch, 45, died Nov. 15, 2001. After beating breast cancer seven years ago and again fighting a determined and courageous battle against ovarian cancer for 17 months, she died at her home under the care of her family.

Mrs. McCuaig-Welch was born Dec. 25, 1955, in Lima, Ohio, the daughter of Milan and Kathryn (Baumgartner) Hermon. She graduated from high school in Elida, Ohio. She then moved to Chelsea with her family. She attended Eastern Michigan University, obtaining her bachelor's degree in interior design, which she had a passion for.

For the last six years, Mrs. McCuaig-Welch worked at the University of Michigan Interior Design Department, where she loved the challenges of the job. She left a positive impact on both her co-workers and her clients.

The nucleus of Mrs. McCuaig-Welch's life is her 10-year-old son, Eric M. McCuaig.

She was very active in his life, volunteering at Dexter Community Schools one day a week as "room mother" and reading tutor. She was also a den leader for Cub Scouts and an active soccer parent.

Mrs. McCuaig-Welch is survived by her son, Eric; her loving husband and caregiver, William F. Welch; her father, Milan Hermon and stepmother, Shirley Hermon; a brother, David Hermon of Huntington, W.Va.; a sister, Judy (Rob) Osborn of Chelsea; nieces and nephew, Katlin, Alison and Kris; stepdaughter, Julie M. Welch; stepson, William R. Welch; grandson, Jordan Taylor Welch; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mrs. McCuaig-Welch was preceded in death by her mother, who died of the same disease in 1994.

A funeral was held Nov. 19 at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea, with the Rev. Stephen Bringardner of Dexter United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

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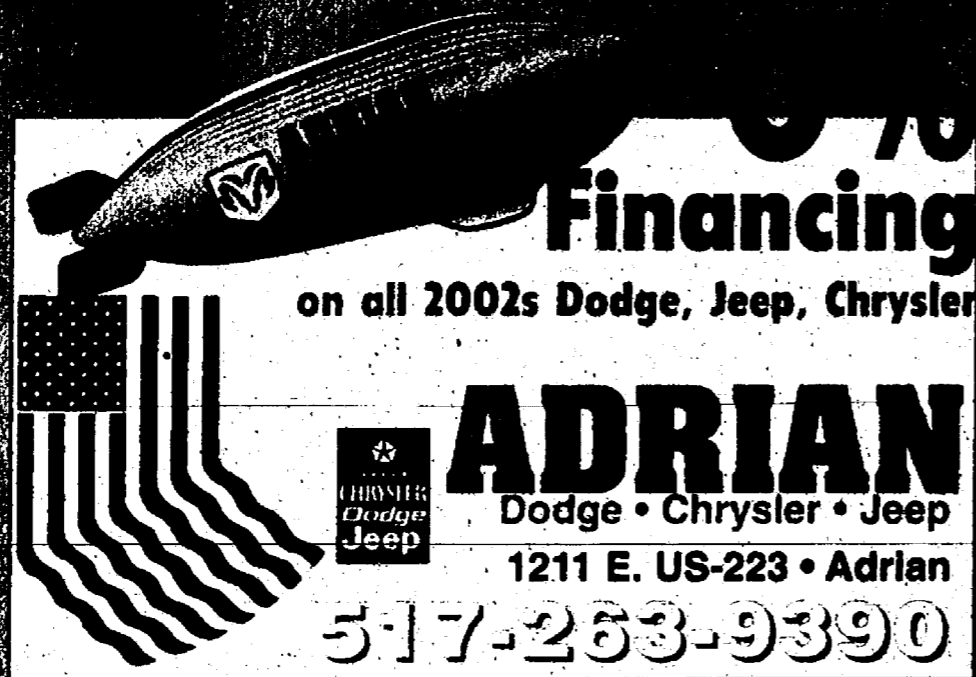
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