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NEWS BRIEFS

Tomorrow's Barrage concert is sold out

Tomorrow night's concert at Chelsea High School featuring the Chelsea House Orchestra and the Celtic group Barrage has sold out. All 850 tickets were sold, said Chelsea House Orchestra publicist Nancy Fritzeimer. She hopes to arrange another concert at a future date.

Students to offer gift wrapping Dec. 15

Students from Chelsea Alternative High School will help residents wrap presents with their fifth annual holiday gift-wrapping event. Students will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 15 at the VFW Hall, 105 N. Main St., in Chelsea. The service is free.

CCDA holds preview of artwork in new gallery

The Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts is displaying the work of local artists who were featured in the recent Autumn Jubilee fund-raiser.

Creators by Janet Alford, James Ross, Sandy Knapp, Janice Stevens Botsford, Barbara Zuleski, Pat Truzzi, Nancy Feldkamp, Steve Hinz and Lisa Hinz Johnson include pottery, ceramics, tiles, oils, pastels, watercolors, photography, mosaics and carved Santas.

All items exhibited are on sale. The display is a preview to February's grand opening of the center's art gallery.

Local musician on holiday CD

Local musician Al Jacquez is featured on Opera Lite's CD "Christmas at The Eagle Tavern."

Jacquez, who frequently performs at events and coffeehouses in Chelsea, was once a member of the rock bands Savage Grace and Lightnin'.

In a change of pace, he performs with Opera Lite at the Eagle Tavern in Dearborn's Greenfield Village, a stagecoach stop from the 1830s. From now through the new year, the group will present seasonal songs in a style reminiscent of the 1850s.

Festival of Lights



The Chelsea community celebrated its annual Festival of Lights last weekend. Pictured above, Meghan Beer (left), Dana Foster, Aaron Turek and Meghan Tandy were on hand with the Chelsea High School band to provide musical entertainment. Santa and Mrs. Claus, pictured at right, took time out from their busy schedule at the North Pole to ride the Chelsea Area Transportation System bus into the village.

Photos by Allison Marable

Township mulls mobile home park

Developer waiting for site plan approval.

By Will Keeler, Staff Writer

More than 100 acres of farmland at the south end of the village limits soon could be developed into an area with manufactured homes.

The land, located in Sylvan Township, is bordered by M-52, Interstate 94 and Brown Drive. It's the only parcel in the township that is zoned for manufactured homes.

Lewis Development of Southfield is waiting for site plan approval from the Sylvan Township Planning Commission before beginning work on the 312-unit project. The development would be the first manufactured home site in the township, said Sylvan Township Planning Commission Chairman Bob Lange.

Construction would be in four phases, spanning four years, with the majority of the homes built during the first couple of years, Lange said.

The developer would like to start work early next year and hopes to have 150 units completed within that year, Lange said.

The second year, the developer plans to focus on landscaping and other exterior concerns. In the third year, 100 more homes would be added and the remainder of the units would be built in the fourth year.

Lange said that the developer will attend an upcoming Township Planning Commission

meeting after making some changes to the plan. The commission meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month at the Township Hall.

The developer is looking at changes to the entrance and exit ways of the housing project. Currently, the only way for traffic to enter is through Brown Drive.

The homes will be built on 107 acres owned by farmers Charles and Herman Koenn. The majority of the homes will be 55-by-115 feet, and would average about three units per acre.

With only seven homes on Brown Drive, residents have mixed feelings about the development.

"The owner of the land has every right to sell his land," said resident Pat Long.

Long remembers moving into her farmhouse 13 years ago, before several establishments popped up.

"It's a nice farmhouse, but not much of a farm with I-94 as a side yard," she said.

"I can remember when this was all open area, Wendy's and the two hotels weren't even here yet."

Dick Shaneyfelt also has mixed feelings about the area's expanded growth.

Shaneyfelt said that the land is ideal for the development, but he has concerns about the total number of houses.

"This area will never be a multi-million-dollar area for homes," he said. "It will most

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Fire board to address space constraints

Directors look at building new fire hall or moving business office.

By Kent Ashton Walton, Special Writer

The Chelsea Area Fire Authority's board of directors met Nov. 28 to discuss a plan for the future.

The plan could include a millage for fire services, new facilities or moving the fire department's business office.

The two major areas of focus were the state of current facilities, operations and personnel.

The board's facilities committee has asked the directors to provide direction on which options to choose regarding the main station in the village. The options were presented in a report from the Michigan Municipal League.

The board is considering whether to expand the main fire station in the village or construct a new building. The board

noted that the current building needs repairs, from cracks in the walls to a sinking foundation.

Board members said a new building would require an operating millage and land may need to be purchased if the current site proves inadequate for rebuilding the main station.

The board also looked at office space in the main building. Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood, on-duty staff and business manager Sandi Bird all share the

main station office space. The need for two additional on-duty personnel to act as a fire inspector and compliance officer also emphasizes the need for more office space, the board said.

The board is considering whether to rent additional space for the business office either in Sylvan Township Hall, the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce building or at Lane Animal Hospital.

The facilities committee also looked at the absence of a train-

ing area and equipment storage space in the main station. A number of solutions were proposed, including expansion of the main station and relocation of the substation at Camp Waterloo.

The board voted to consider the issues further in a series of special meetings on the fourth Wednesday of every other month beginning in February.

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Chelsea grad set to run in Olympic Torch Relay

Student dedicates run in memory of four classmates.

By Sheila Pursglove, Associate Editor

Chad Livengood, a 2001 graduate of Chelsea High School, has been chosen to run in the Olympic Torch Relay as the torch makes

its way from Atlanta to Salt Lake City, site of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Livengood, the son of Ron and Chris Livengood of Chelsea, was nominated from an essay written by the Rev. David Hendricks, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Chelsea. Hendricks' essay was among more than 200,000 nominations received nationally.

Livengood will be among 11,500 torchbearers who will take turns carrying the Olympic flame 13,500 miles from Atlanta

through 46 states and 125 U.S. cities for 85 days. The Olympic Torch Relay has been a tradition since 1952.

The flame is scheduled to arrive in Salt Lake City Feb. 8 in time to light the cauldron at the opening ceremony.

Each torchbearer will carry the torch within a 200-mile radius of his or her hometown. Livengood, who will carry the torch for two-tenths of a mile, will probably carry the torch in Flint or Lansing. He will be notified of the exact location three

weeks prior to the event.

Livengood was well known in Chelsea as a member of the Bulldogs football team, Key Club, varsity tennis team, chamber orchestra and fiddle club.

Livengood was also a play-by-play announcer for Chelsea Sports TV. He will make a guest appearance as announcer for the home basketball game Dec. 18.

Livengood is a telecommunications student at Central Michigan University, where he plays intramural football and floor hockey. He is involved with

CMU Moore Hall Television and CMU Safari Leadership Training.

Livengood, who had no idea his pastor and other members of Zion Lutheran Church were nominating him, said he is excited but nervous.

"I've never done anything like this before," he said. "I feel honored that I can represent not only the town of Chelsea, but also the entire surrounding area where I've grown up and have truly grown to love."

Livengood will dedicate his

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Man pleads guilty to killing wife

■ **Suspect will be sentenced Jan. 4.**

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Robert Fowler, the South Carolina native accused of the April 24 murder of his wife, former Dexter resident Sylvia Mae Fowler, appeared before Washtenaw County Circuit Judge Archie C. Brown Nov. 30.

Fowler pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, punishable by up to life in prison. He will be sentenced Jan. 4.

Fowler said at the hearing that he and his wife were arguing during a walk near Mill Creek in Lima Township when

he started choking her. Then, he said, he held her under the water.

Fowler called police twice on the evening of April 24 and met sheriff's deputies Ken Robinson, Alex McVicar and Connie LeVanseler outside the Dexter substation.

The suspect then led them to his wife's body, which was found against a beaver dam in a shallow part of the creek, near Klinger and Sager roads in Lima Township.

Sylvia Mae Fowler lived in Dexter from 1987 through 1996 and had been a childcare worker at Generations Together in Dexter. She moved to Ypsilanti and then to Georgia to be with

family. Her son, Bruce Underhille Jr., lives in Scio Township.

The Fowlers, who had just celebrated their second wedding anniversary, had planned to move to Michigan. They were visiting her son and his family and were staying at the Southern Boy Motel in Stockbridge.

Robert Fowler was originally charged with open murder, which includes first- and second-degree murder.

Because he agreed to plead guilty to second-degree murder, the prosecutor's office will not seek a first-degree murder charge, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison without parole, Washtenaw

County Assistant Prosecutor Blaine Longworth said Tuesday.

Fowler, who has three prior felony convictions from South Carolina, also pleaded guilty to a fourth-degree habitual offender charge.

Longworth said there was an agreement between the prosecutor's office and Fowler that he would serve from a minimum of 45 years to a maximum of 80 years in prison without parole.

"He will not be eligible for parole until the year 2046, when he will be 87 years old," Longworth said.

"We consulted with the victim's family, (which was) in agreement with this resolution."



Photo by E.C. Anthony

A Visit With Santa

Carson Rabbitt, accompanied by his mother, Cheryl, is fascinated by Santa's beard during a visit with the jolly old elf Saturday at the Festival of Lights in Chelsea.

Meeting to address zoning issues

■ **County looking to save farmland.**

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

Dexter Township Planning Commission will meet with residents from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, to discuss proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance.

Many township residents are concerned about the rate of growth in the township. Amending the zoning ordinance presents an opportunity to extend protection of natural

areas and farmlands, said Liz Brater, land use director at the Ecology Center in Ann Arbor.

Earlier amendments to the zoning ordinance were rejected in a referendum in 1998.

"It's sad to see a lot of the farmland in Dexter Township disappearing," Brater said.

Of the total 21,312 acres of land in Dexter Township, Brater said 5,525 acres remains farmland.

The Washtenaw Task Force on Agriculture set a goal in 1997 to save a minimum of 120,000 acres of farmland by 2062. An agriculture census is conducted every

five years and results will be released next year.

From 1987 to 1997, the county lost approximately 24,000 acres of farmland.

"We definitely would like to see these numbers turn around," Brater said.

Brater said that one way to save farmland is with a purchase of development rights ordinance. Farmers could apply for funding in municipalities where money has been set aside or a millage has been approved to pay farmers the difference between the development value and the agricultural value.

A countywide millage failed, however, in 1998 to help set up such a fund.

When money is available, either from the state or a municipality, the farmer is paid the difference and the land is set aside and later sold for agricultural use, Brater said.

"It's like selling from one farmer to another," she said.

Brater will facilitate the discussion. At the meeting, residents will receive information about the proposed changes and learn how they can participate in the planning process.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call Brater at 761-3186, Ext. 121.

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run to the memory Amanda Martin, Tia Schiller, Jennifer Young and Amanda Taylor, four

high school classmates killed in car crashes during his high school years.

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STRAIGHT FACTS

Beach Middle School seventh-grader Julie Adams should have been included on the High Honors honor roll published in the Nov. 21 Chelsea Standard.

Chelsea Standard should have listed Amanda Partridge of Dexter and Emily Minerath of Chelsea are among the cast of the Youth Dance Theatre's production of "The Nutcracker" ballet.

An article in last week's Chelsea Standard should have said the 200 freestyle relay team of Kara Stifes, Kayla Hack, Dani Sawyer and Rebecca Armstrong finished third in an All-American and varsity record time of 1:39.30.

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

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Getting to sleep at night is something my wife and I rarely have trouble doing since the birth of our five children. We're usually tired enough to sleep through most noise and commotion, and also not to let the normal worries of life keep us awake.
There are times, however, when certain concerns keep us from a good night's sleep. When a child stays out beyond the agreed-upon curfew and doesn't call home; or when bad news comes from relatives who live far away from us. Thankfully, these sleep-depriving occasions are rare.
There are countless people in the world who have good reason not to sleep well. Think of people in war zones, or people with loved ones who have serious medical conditions. Think of parents whose child is in trouble with the law, or whose child rejects the moral or religious upbringing the parents provided. Think of someone whose spouse walks out on them. It's easy to see why many people suffer chronic sleep problems. Many more, undoubtedly, have suffered sleep loss during our national crisis of the past three months.
In this light, David's words in Psalm 4:8 are comforting:
"I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."
David was literally running for his life during long periods of time. When King Saul was out to kill him, and then later when his own son, Absalom, rebelled against him. Even at other times he must have been overwhelmed by the responsibilities of being king. Yet he was able to lie down and sleep in peace, because his God made him dwell in safety.
Wouldn't it be great to lie down and sleep in peace? You can - when you know David's God, and David's descendant, Jesus Christ. You can know for sure that your God will stand watch through the night and give you strength against your problems, and that this God will take you into His eternal home in heaven when you die.
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In the spotlight

Local home to be showcased on television Sunday

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

John and Jackie Frank's historic Queen Anne-style home at 138 E. Middle St. will be featured in the program "If Walls Could Talk," airing 10 p.m. Sunday on Home and Garden Television.

The home, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is one of three being featured in the 30-minute program that will be repeated at 1 a.m. Monday.

"HGTV heard about this house when Jackie responded to an ad in one of the magazines that caters to old house aficionados," John Frank said.

"The producers were intrigued that we save samples of wallpaper, linoleum, carpet, whatever, in new pizza boxes that we buy for the purpose."

A two-man crew spent 12 1/2 hours in the Franks' home, filming eight hours of tape that was edited down to eight minutes.

"The interviewer is off camera and is never heard," John said. "We had to remember to look at him and not into the camera. Some questions were posed two or three times if we flubbed the answer or forgot and looked into the camera."

The Franks, members of Preservation Chelsea, were able to see the results on a monitor as they went along.

"We both were impressed with their skill at lighting and selecting camera angles," John said.

The Franks moved to Chelsea 10 years ago from Lexington, Ky., where they gained much of their preservation knowledge working with a historic preservation trust. They had also rehabilitated a house built in 1909 while they lived in Waterloo, Iowa.

"When we asked an area realtor to show us some old houses, she showed us a house that was 17 years old," John said. "After she understood what 'old' meant to us, we saw some old houses, most of which had been updated, modernized, and from the perspective of a preservationist, ruined."

The house they chose was built in about 1885 by Dr. George W. Palmer, the village health officer who also served as a Village Council trustee and president. His wife, Ida Collins

Palmer, was active in real estate. "The house was one of the grander homes in Chelsea meant to provide a statement of the Palmers' social status and confidence in Dr. Palmer's rising young career," John said.

The Palmers' oldest son, Leigh, started Palmer Motors in 1912. Their second son, Algernon, followed his father into medicine and, in 1927, built the house next door where his daughter, Lois Palmer Moore, still lives. A third child, Florence, became a nurse.

John and Mattie Watson were the next owners from 1900 to 1905 before the house was bought by banker and businessman Daniel McLaren and his wife, Emma Olive Newkirk McLaren.

Daniel McLaren became president of the Kempf Commercial and Savings Bank, predecessor to the Chelsea State Bank, and served several terms as village president.

The couple lived in the house

until their deaths, in the mid-1930s. Their only son, Wirt McLaren, was active in the theater business.

In 1936, Ehler and Nettie Notten bought the house after Nettie, who had been operating a private hospital on Main Street, sold the property for the new Chelsea Post Office. She ran the Chelsea Private Hospital and Convalescent Center in the house from 1936 to 1942.

"The sink where surgeons scrubbed up is still in place in the operating and delivery room - Wirt McLaren's old bedroom," John Frank said.

After America entered World War II, the Nottens ran the place as a rooming house for women employed in Chelsea's defense industries.

The house reverted to a private residence in 1949 when George and Ruby West bought it. A decade later, they sold the house but kept the carriage house in back that had been converted into a residence.

For more than 30 years, the first floor of the Franks' house served as a clinic for several chiropractors, while the basement and second floor were converted into several apartments.

The Franks bought the house from chiropractor George Koffman in 1991 and converted it back into a single-family home. Last year, they bought the carriage house in the rear, now containing two apartments, from the Wests.

The former hospital was remarkably intact - but in need of repair - with original millwork, stained-glass windows, inlaid parquet floors, three ceramic-tiled fireplaces and decorative architectural detail.

John Frank, a former management consultant who serves as chairman of Chelsea's Historic District Commission, found a photograph dated 1893 of an identical house that helped identify missing architectural elements.

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John and Jackie Frank of Preservation Chelsea regard themselves as custodians of a historic treasure. The couple has been involved in historic preservation for years.



This historic Queen Anne-style home at 138 E. Middle St. now the home of John and Jackie Frank, was once the local hospital. The house, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will be featured 10 p.m. Sunday on HGTV and repeated 1 a.m. Monday.

Church to present musical Sunday

The Chelsea Church of the Nazarene will present the children's musical "The Good News Story" 11 a.m. Sunday in the chapel of the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., in Chelsea.

The musical was written and composed by the Rev. Jeff Crowder, pastor of the church.

A free buffet breakfast will be served at 9:45 a.m. in the Town Hall Room. The event is open to everyone.

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The gift of sight

Lions Club funds vision and hearing

When it comes to sight and hearing needs, the Chelsea Lions Club is on hand to provide financial assistance for local residents without resources of their own.

"This includes eye exams, glasses, eye surgeries and hearing aids," said Keith Bloomsaat, membership chairman for the club.

Created in 1917 by a Chicago businessman, today the International Association of Lions Clubs is the largest service organization in the world with more than 1.4 million members in more than 43,000 clubs in 701 districts covering 185 countries and geographic areas.

However, in Chelsea, the club's member-

ship is getting smaller and the Lions Club is looking for people to join.

"The community of Chelsea is getting larger and, in order to provide the amount of community service that is needed, we need more members," Bloomsaat said.

The Chelsea Lions Club provides financial help, from scholarships to money for school activities, for students who need financial help.

The club is also a major sponsor of the Chelsea Area Transportation System, which provides transportation for senior citizens.

The Lions Club raises money by selling candy, working the dunk tank at the Chelsea Community Fair, and selling white canes in

May. All the money raised is returned to the local community.

Members meet 6:30 p.m. twice monthly on the first and third Tuesdays at Chelsea Community Hospital.

"Visitors are always welcome at these meetings, which consist of brief business reports, a featured speaker, great food and spirited camaraderie," Bloomsaat said.

To join, Bloomsaat said to ask a Lions Club member for more details, then attend a meeting with a sponsor.

"See for yourself the good fellowship and good service the club can offer," he said.

For more information about the club, contact Bloomsaat at 475-2734.

HOUSE

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Restoration work included replacing the furnace and water heater, repairing the plumbing and electrical systems and repairing the back steps. Shiver Restoration of Chelsea cleaned and refinished the floors and woodwork. Custom cutters were made to replicate the missing millwork in one parlor.

The Franks painted the exterior of the house in its original colors. A preservation mason rebuilt one of the chimneys in its original configuration, and a plaster conservator rebuilt the plaster arch between the center parlor and study, walled over by the previous owners.

Designer Ginna Jordan, a specialist in period interiors who was also interviewed by the TV crew, helped select ceiling, wall, floor and window coverings, lighting fixtures and furnishings appropriate to the age, style and historic use of the house.

Reproduction wallpapers were hand-printed for each room, the house was re-roofed with architectural shingles to

replicate its original appearance and iron cresting and finials were made from the old photograph.

The McLarens' granddaughter, Gloria, was located in Jackson.

"Gloria remembers how Grandma McLaren had the house decorated and furnished and has visited a couple of times, bringing some of her descendants for a look-see," John said.

In 1998, the Franks threw a party attended by nine people who were born in the old hospital and two mothers who gave birth there.

The couple also threw open the doors in 1998 to the Victorian Society of America, and in 1997 to nearly 300 prospective BMW buyers in an event dreamed up by BMW of America and Architectural

Digest Magazine.

Jackie Frank not only lives in a historic home, up until her retirement she also sold them. She is one of two realtors in Michigan certified to sell historic real estate.

John Frank said some of things they love about their historic home include the sun coming through the stained-glass windows, the elaborate ceiling paper patterns and the wild bathrooms with old fixtures.

The couple also loves the spindly spandrel Jackie found in pieces in the attic and located its original location by matching nail holes; and "the way the grandkids ignore all of the above and play on the floor."

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Woman's club holds tour

The Woman's Club of Chelsea toured the offices of Sleeping Bear Press in the Chelsea Clock Tower Nov. 27.

Following the tour, a combined business and social meeting was held at The Pines, a senior citizen complex at 325 Wilkinson St.

A total of 22 members and two guests, Shirley Michael and Ruth Stewart, attended.

Plans were discussed for the Christmas luncheon and the next meeting's agenda.

Jan Roberts will speak to the group Jan. 22 about the annual Crop Walk and how donations to Church World Service are used worldwide. A portion of the proceeds is used to help the hungry in the Dexter-Chelsea area.

Hostesses for the meeting were Janet Fulks and Jean Schmidt.

Anyone interested in attending a club meeting may call 475-8971.

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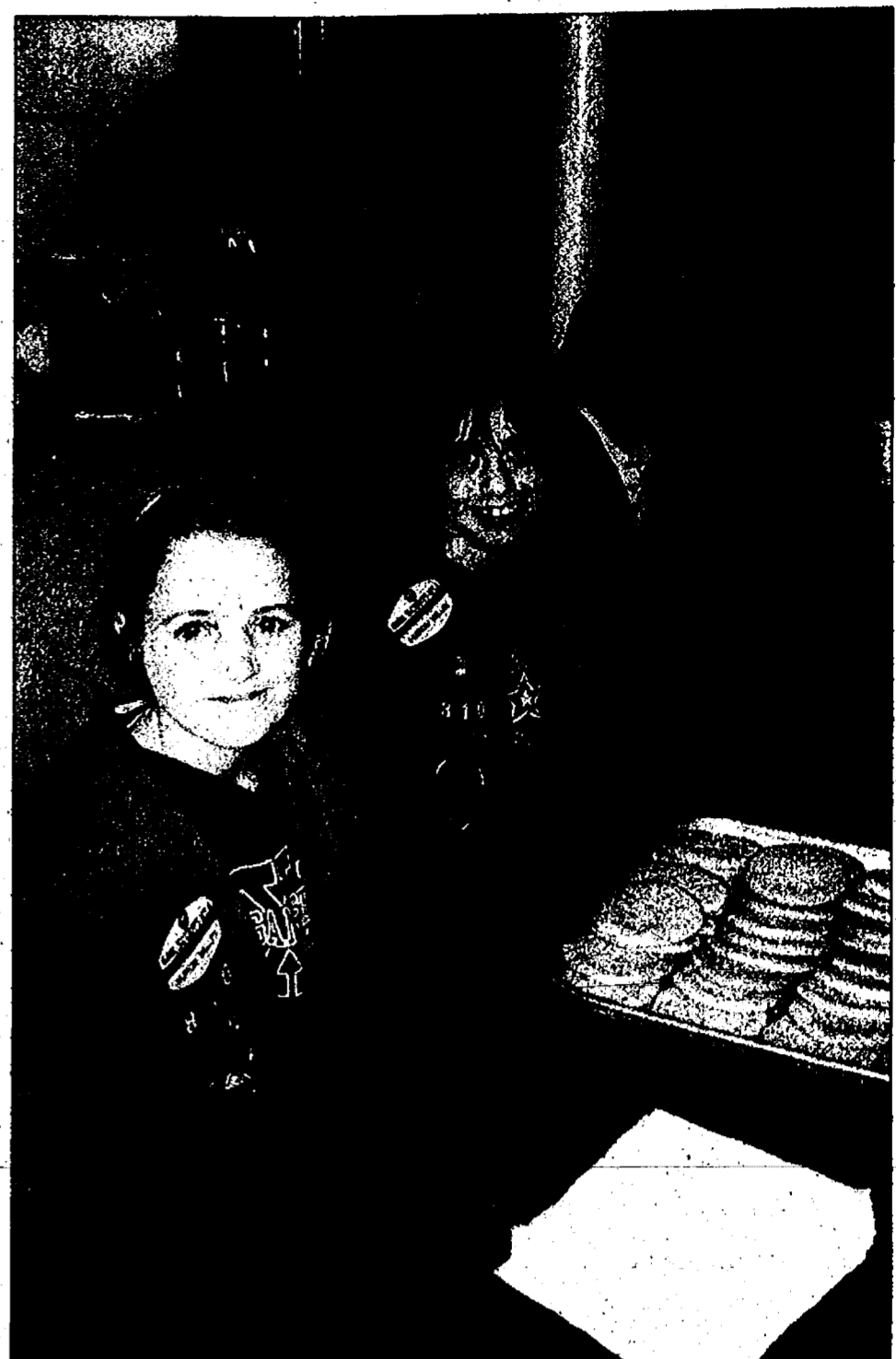


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Girl Scouts Help Out
 Girl Scouts Julie Beaumont (left), Julie Cassell and Olivia Hagerman helped younger children decorate cookies at the First Congregational Church of Chelsea during the recent Festival of Lights.

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Former resident named to top post

Dan Wenk serves as director of the Denver Service Center.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Former Chelsea resident Dan Wenk has been appointed director of the Denver Service Center in Lake-wood, Colo. He started his new job Monday.

As director, Wenk oversees all planning, design and construction services for the National Park Service. He also provides parks and regional offices with such services as contracting, project management and visual information.

Prior to the appointment, Wenk served for six years as superintendent of Mount Rushmore National Park, providing interpretive and educational services for three million visitors annually.

As superintendent, he developed natural and cultural resource management programs to ensure the long-term preservation of the sculpture and the natural area of the surrounding forest.

Wenk designed, developed and completed a \$60 million public-private partnership, which consisted of raising \$30 million in private donations and he negotiated two innovative concession contracts for the construction of facilities valued at \$30 million.

During his tenure as superintendent at Mount Rushmore, Wenk also completed the year-long Department of Interior Senior Executive Service Train-

ing program and served as co-chair of the National Park Service's Discover 2000 General Conference.

He was program manager for the newly established National Parks Pass and acting central team manager of the Denver Service Center.

Wenk began his National Park Service career in 1975 as a landscape architect for the Denver Service Center, where he completed landscape construction plans for the St. Louis Gateway Arch.

Wenk also developed the management plan for William Howard Taft National Historic Site and facility designs at Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore, and Theodore Roosevelt, Rocky Mountain and Dinosaur national parks.

Wenk, who holds a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Michigan State University, also served as management assistant at Yellowstone National Park from 1979 to 1984 and successfully completed the Department of Interior's Manager Development Program in 1985.

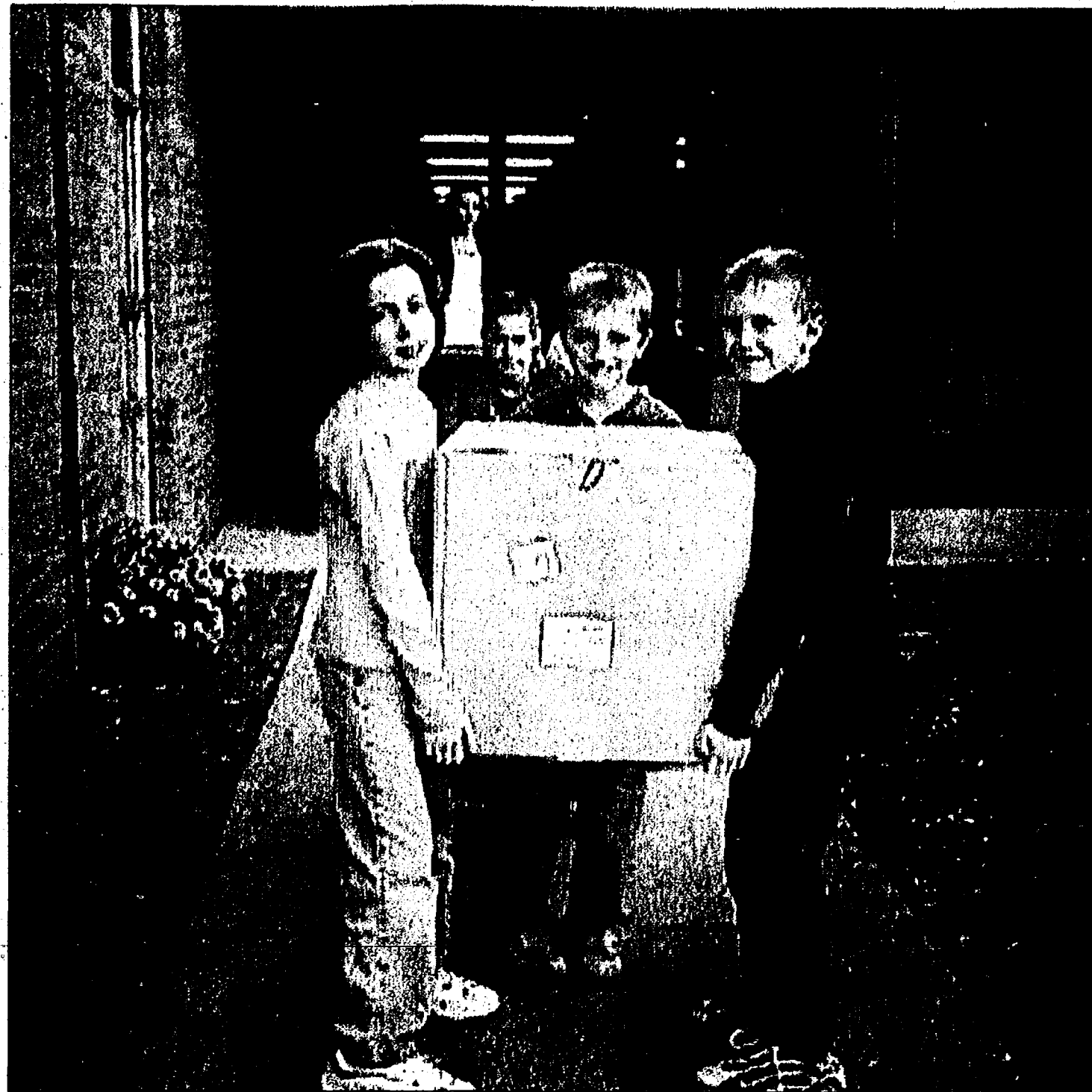
Wenk received the Department of Interior's Meritorious Service Award in 1991, the National Park Service's Superior Achievement Award in 1995 and the Director's Award for Partnerships in 1996 and 2000.

Wenk, the son of Norm and Lorena Wenk of Chelsea, is a 1970 graduate of Chelsea High School, where he played baseball and basketball for the Bulldogs. He played clarinet in the middle school band, was active in the Rogers Corners 4-H Club and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

Wenk and his wife, Barbara, have three children, Laura, Megan and Tommy.

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Collecting Food

Amanda Patton (left), Myles Lange and Ethan Johnson, pupils at North Creek Elementary School, help load boxes of food bound for Faith In Action Inc. Stephanie Everard is standing behind the trio. Children collected 4,100 food items and 17 turkeys for the needy.

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likely always be for commercial use."

Shaneyfelt, who has lived on Brown Drive for more than 20 years, said the development may be nice for younger people.

"These kids don't have a chance around here to find affordable housing," he said. "This might be a nice alternative."

Mark Lewis of Lewis Development did not want to comment.

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Scio Township

Larceny
Someone broke into an unlocked vehicle that was parked in a driveway in the 4200 block of Corey Circle between 10 p.m. Nov. 29 and 8 a.m. Nov. 30. Several items were taken, including a leather briefcase, a calculator and a Bible. Approximately \$120 was taken from the center console.

Credit Card Fraud
An 11-year-old girl found a checkbook and several miscellaneous papers while she was walking on the side of Pratt Road at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 23.

The girl showed the items to her mother. An Ohio phone number was on the checks. The mother tried to call the owner to return the checks, but did not get an answer. The woman took the items to the police station. A deputy said that they had been looking for the items.

The owner of the checkbook told police that her purse was stolen. The 42-year-old Dayton, Ohio, woman and her family were in town for the Thanksgiving holiday visiting family. The woman realized her purse was missing after her credit card was declined at Weber's Inn.

When she called to cancel her credit cards, she was told that they had been used at three Meijer stores in Ann Arbor and Belleville. More than \$1,500 worth of merchandise had been bought with the credit card before the card was deactivated.

Other items in her purse included credit cards, a driver's license and an Ohio Board of Nursing license. The woman recovered her checkbook, her driver's license and her nursing license.

Stolen Vehicle
A 23-year-old Ann Arbor woman reported to police Dec. 1 that her car was stolen.

The car was taken from the driveway near her home in Scio Farms Estates, 6855 Jackson Road, between 10 p.m. Nov. 30 and 11 a.m. Dec. 1.

The woman recalls that the car was in the driveway when she went to bed. In the morning, she noticed the car was missing.

The woman is current on her loan payments and doesn't know of anyone who may have taken the car.

Breaking and Entering
Someone stole a pair of sunglasses and approximately \$50 from a car that was parked in the 4300 block of Tara Court between 7:30 p.m. Nov. 29 and 7 a.m. Nov. 30.

The car was parked in the driveway. The suspect entered the car through an unlocked door.

A briefcase and several items were taken from an unlocked car between 11:30 p.m. Nov. 29 and 9 a.m. Nov. 30 in the 4400 block of Corey Circle.

The owner of the car heard a suspicious noise at about 2:30 a.m., but did not get up to investigate.

Some of the missing items, valued at \$900, included a Palm Pilot, clothes and makeup.

The woman's briefcase and most of its belongings was found in a ditch at Joy and Webster Church roads.

A camera bag and a cellular phone were taken from an unlocked car between 9:30 p.m. Nov. 24 and 7 a.m. Nov. 25 in the 4900 block of Birkdale Street.

The owner of the car noticed the missing items when he was going to work the following day. When he left the house, he saw that the garage doors were open. The doors can only be opened with an electronic door opener. The stolen belongings totaled more than \$300.

Lima Township

Breaking and Entering
Someone broke into a camper that was parked in a front yard of a home in the 9400 block of Trinkle Road between 9 p.m. Nov. 30 and midnight Dec. 1.

A television and a sleeping bag were taken from the unlocked camper. There was no damage.

Someone broke into a camper that was parked in the front yard of a home in the 9400 block of Trinkle Road between Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

The homeowner noticed a broken camper window and then noticed that a television and a ham radio were missing. The missing items are valued at \$2,200.

Webster Township

Larceny
A laptop computer was taken from a vehicle between 11:30 p.m. Nov. 29 and 5 a.m. Nov. 30. The vehicle was locked and parked in the garage.

The owner of the car remembers closing the garage door when she parked the vehicle. In the morning, the door was found open.

When the woman got into her car, she noticed that the glove box was open and all the paperwork and laptop were missing. The computer is valued at \$2,000.

Dexter Village

Larceny
A laptop computer and a purse were stolen between 1:30 and 3:30 a.m. Dec. 1 from a car that was parked in the 7800 block of Fourth Street.

The items were on the front seat of the unlocked car. The owner of the car didn't have any

suspects.

Drunken Driving
A 52-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested for drinking and driving at 2:30 a.m. near the intersection of Baker Road and Grand Street.

Officers noticed the man driving slowly on Baker Road. When the suspect turned onto Grand Street, he accelerated. The man began to swerve all over the road and drove over the centerline.

When the suspect stopped, officers could smell a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. His blood-alcohol level was tested at .11 percent. A blood-alcohol level of .08 percent is considered legally impaired. The man was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Chelsea Village

Suspicious Incident
A 52-year-old retired police officer chased a suspected shoplifter out of Chelsea Pharmacy, 1050 S. Main St.

The officer noticed the teenager while he was shopping at the pharmacy at about 2:20 p.m. Nov. 28. The man became suspicious of the teen based on his movements and because he was wearing baggy clothing. The boy put several items in his coat and started walking toward the front door.

When the officer confronted the boy, the boy ran out of the store and dropped the merchandise on the floor.

Family Trouble
Police responded to a family trouble complaint at 7 p.m. Dec. 2.

A neighbor called police after hearing yelling and screaming from a nearby neighbor. When police officers arrived, they

noticed that a mother and daughter were sitting on the sidewalk. An officer spoke to the husband, who had been drinking.

The couple is separated and started arguing when the man started drinking alcohol. No one was hurt during the fight.

Officers took the man to a nearby friend's house for the evening.

Police escorted a 30-year-old Chelsea man to his home Dec. 2 after his ex-girlfriend called police to report that he wouldn't leave her alone.

Police took the man back to his house on Old Manchester Road at 2 a.m. because he was yelling in front of his former

girlfriend's apartment. The man had been drinking alcohol and realized that he was being unreasonable.

Suspicious Incident
A 39-year-old Chelsea resident called police at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 12 after he noticed someone run across his front lawn on Chestnut Drive and throw a bottle into the storm sewer, located near the intersection of Hickory and Chestnut streets.

The bottle was wrapped in tin foil and appeared to be used to smoke marijuana.

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




A Thank You


Mark Amsdill (left) and Gary Klapperich were recently honored at a potluck for their efforts with the third annual fund-raiser held for Hospice of Washtenaw County. The two helped organize activities, which included music from Big Pinky and The Band.

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Street Talk

By Erin Dronen

"What positive things have happened in America as a result of tragedies like Pearl Harbor and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks?"



"Kids started doing the pledge of allegiance in the schools again."

Kathy Johnson
Sharon Township



"Nothing good has come from the tragedies."

Erik Johnson
Sharon Township



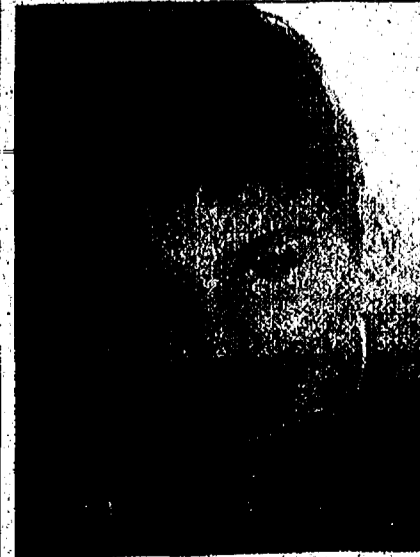
"People have become more family oriented."

Doris Knott
Sylvan Township



"There is a greater sense of patriotism."

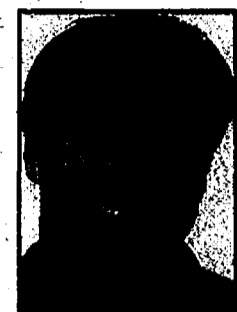
Sarah Misenheimer
Sylvan Township



"Security in places has gotten better."

Aaron Jacobs
Sylvan Township

Community wants managed growth



GREGORY PARKER

COMMUNITY ROOTS

It's hard to quantify or measure how Chelsea, as a community, feels about certain issues. It's hard to put a finger on the pulse of the community.

And it's impossible to make general statements that reflect the entire community's opinion or thoughts.

Since I moved to Chelsea, I've spent a lot of time trying to get a feel of how residents feel about development. I've tried, unscientifically, to get a handle on the general community feeling about the future of Chelsea.

But I think some progress has been made.

Last Tuesday, the Committee for Chelsea Park presented petitions containing more than 550 signatures asking the

Village Council to consider purchasing the Merkel farm for use as a park instead of a subdivision.

With approximately 3,400 residents 18 and older signing it, the signatures represent about 16 percent of Chelsea's eligible voters.

Let's leave the park issue aside for a moment and look at the bigger picture.

What's evident to me is that there is significant concern about development beyond the issue. It was evident going door to door; it was evident in hearing people talk about the state of development in Chelsea.

It's evident that 550 Chelseans think something is wrong with development in the village.

Which is why it's necessary for the Village Council to reexamine Chelsea's current laws and regulations, and revise them to better reflect the values cherished by its residents.

It's unfortunate that we have to rely on legal means to ensure developers keep the interests of the community in mind.

But it's necessary, because for many developments there are major economic externalities.

In terms of development, externalities occur when the actual costs to the developer, or property owner, are much less than those realized by the community as a whole.

For example, let's say an outside developer fills in a wetland to build a strip mall. It costs him in terms of labor, materials and legal and planning fees, plus other miscellaneous expenses.

But each member of the surrounding community realizes other costs from the developer's actions. Suddenly, underground reservoirs are depleted because they can't be replenished via the wetlands' natural filtering process. Suddenly, there's a loss of open landscape. Suddenly, more traffic clogs streets around town, increasing travel time. Suddenly, there's an extra burden on infrastructure — in terms of water, sewer and other utilities.

The bottom line is that if you add the marginal impact on every member of the community, it's often more collectively than the actual costs to the developer.

This is especially true in terms of environmental impact, where failure to account for

externalities has given developers no incentive to preserve the landscape, or at least until recently, to not dump in surrounding areas.

We rely mostly on market forces to guide development. When coupled with the fact that the right to private property is almost absolute, externalities are usually ignored because of their very nature — they bear no costs for the developer.

If one lesson rings true in the history of American planning, it's that the lack of consideration of externalities has wrecked and ruined vast amounts of landscape — and communities — nationwide.

For more than 200 years, cities, townships and other local governments have tried to play catch-up, implementing a new law here, a new restriction there. This strategy has met with limited success.

For many developers, profit is king. Take a look around, and it's evident that many developers will stretch and take advantage of local zoning laws and ordinances. Many aren't members of the communities in which they build, so they have no vested

interest in the impact of their projects.

If we can take one lesson from the Committee for Chelsea Park's petitioning, we can discern that much of the community supports some kind of limitation or management of growth.

And since it's proven that we can't rely on the developers to do this out of the goodness of their hearts — and it's evident that the costs to the community are often unaccounted for in development — we have to make laws and restrictions that mandate manageable, desirable, sustainable development.

The council should call a moratorium on development in Chelsea. The village leaders need to examine Chelsea's planning laws, to revise them, to improve them, to make them better reflect the values important to Chelseans.

It's hard to put a finger on the pulse of the community. To a certain extent, the petition did so. Let's not lose the message; let's not lose the momentum.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tell village leaders the park is important

I am a member of the Committee for Chelsea Park and have been very busy during the past two months trying to learn more about our options as a village and to inform the Village Council and the Planning Commission about possibilities other than development for the Merkel Farm on Dexter-Chelsea Road.

Last Tuesday night, we presented to the council petitions containing 566 signatures of village residents, collected in three weeks, asking the council to consider buying the Merkel farm for use as a park for the village and surrounding areas.

The total is a very impressive number. This is almost 20 percent of the registered voters in Chelsea, and many more people than usually vote in village elections, which averages about 350 voters.

Yet, many streets in the village were not even canvassed. So, we believe the support for this idea to be even greater than these numbers show.

During this campaign, we have discovered that most village residents are unhappy about the amount of development happening and planned for Chelsea. These include Chelsea Ridge (60 homes), Chelsea Fairways (124 homes), Orchard Ridge (250 condominiums), the 380-unit mobile home park on Brown Drive and the 1,000 homes proposed outside the village limits off of Cavanaugh Lake Road.

The Vineyards, proposed for the Merkel farm, would have 352 single-family homes. These could easily more than double the population of Chelsea in a short time.

We love the small-town atmosphere of Chelsea in which people know and watch out for one another. We love the fact that we can send our children downtown and know that they are safe and will probably not walk more than a block or two without seeing someone they know.

We do not want to lose this. We are very concerned about the nature of the community that we love changing drastically.

The other thing we do not want to lose is the rural nature of our community. Right now, Chelsea still has farmland at several locations near the village limits. Soon, it seems, we will have to take our children elsewhere to show them what a farm looks like. We will become a community that is indistinguishable from all the other suburbs in the state.

We informed the Planning

Commission and the Village Council about a recent survey done in Scio Township that showed clearly that turning agricultural land into developed land costs each household in the existing community approximately \$1.40 for every \$1 the community collects in new taxes.

The added costs are primarily for education, since for every 400 to 500 new students in our district, we would be called upon to fund a new school, at a cost of \$8 million to \$16 million per school, depending on whether it was an elementary, middle or high school.

Superintendent Ed Richardson points out that although developers like to believe that new taxes will cover the expenses for the additional children, that those taxes cover only operating expenses, not building new schools.

In addition, more road repairs, police and fire protection, water treatment, and sewer building and maintenance would be required.

The traffic study for The Vineyards estimates an additional 4,000 car trips on Freer Road per day past three schools and a number of residences on one of the busiest streets in the village already.

In 1976, a committee studied the annexation of the Merkel farm for the Planning Commission and wrote the following recommendation:

"This area would be desirable for a community park, which would not only serve this neighborhood but would also serve the entire northeast portion of the planning area, which is not now within adequate distance to the existing community park."

Twenty-five years ago, the Planning Commission thought that the Merkel farm would be a good place to have a Chelsea Park. It is fascinating to us that the idea of at least part of this land serving the village, instead of becoming a drain on the village, has been around for 25 years.

We believe this park could be paid for through a combina-

tion of donations, grants from land conservation groups and federal and state programs, and a local millage. We have told the Village Council that we are eager to help find alternative sources of funding if the council will study this idea and place it on the ballot in March — something which must be decided by the end of December.

Unfortunately, a statement I made in The Standard may have been misinterpreted when it's important not to be misunderstood. Although we were not surprised by the decision of the Planning Commission to recommend approval of The Vineyards, we do not believe the battle is over.

The Village Council will vote to approve or reject the site plan for The Vineyards, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. I hope that everyone who would like to pay much less for a park than they will pay for a development will contact their Village Council members this week and attend the council meeting.

As taxpayers, we will pay for The Vineyards, in new schools, new services, crowding, traffic and pollution. I personally would rather pay less for a nature park that would allow our families access to open land and give them a permanent place to play soccer or fly a kite. If you agree, please make your opinion known right now.

Wendy Wallace
Chelsea Village

Support the Chelsea Park

Village Council Trustee Brian Cashman's explanation (published in the Nov. 21 Chelsea Standard) of the millage needed to buy the Merkel farm was a very detailed analysis. But as detailed as it was, it was misleading as to the true costs to the residents of Chelsea.

What are the true costs to a community when a developer builds 352 homes? Certainly, schools will have to be expanded to accommodate the 2.5 chil-

dren per house or about 855 new students.

Last week's paper told us that about 90 of our communities "key communicators" are ready to increase our taxes now to support needed repairs and to build additional buildings.

The village infrastructure will have to be expanded to provide services to these new residents. Water mains, sewer mains and storm drains will have to be constructed.

Along with the water, wastewater and storm mains, the water and wastewater treatment plants may need to be expanded to handle the increased use.

It seems that we ran a little tight on water last year and that the state is requiring better treatment from the wastewater plant to lower phosphate discharges to the creek.

Building houses next to a wastewater treatment plant, as planned for the new development, is a problem that the city of Saline has been confronted with. Saline has recently submitted a \$1.2 million proposal to improve its current odor control system at its wastewater treatment plant.

What will our odor control system cost and will the new subdivision restrict our ability to expand the wastewater treatment plant?

Police and fire services will need to be expanded to provide

protection to the new residents. This will, at a minimum, include additional cars, fire trucks and personnel. Also, additional loading on our solid waste transfer station, street sweeping, snow removal, and road construction and repair.

Then add 600-plus cars to our streets trying to get to the schools and stores, which are concentrated along a few roads.

The Planning Commission should be planning commercial shopping areas on the expanding east side of the town to relieve the congestion that already exists along M-52. The school system should be building new schools out in the townships where the majority of students are coming from.

The cost of buying the 157-acre Merkel farm for \$3-4.5 million seems reasonable when compared to the recent purchase of the parking lot next to the Methodist church on Park Street for about \$2 million.

The residents of Chelsea will pay higher taxes no matter who buys the property to develop. Bottom line question is what will you get for your money?

Support creating a park for all to enjoy, to preserve the farms and rural character along Dexter-Chelsea Road and to leave a legacy for future generations that quality of life was important to us.

Robert MacLeod
Chelsea Village

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Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Ann Arbor	49 32 c	44 25 c	35 22 sf	33 24 pc
Battle Creek	47 33 c	41 26 pc	32 19 c	34 26 pc
Bay City	46 32 c	38 25 c	33 20 sf	30 23 c
Calumet	48 34 c	42 28 pc	33 22 c	31 24 c
Dearborn	50 36 c	44 32 pc	39 26 sf	33 21 pc
Detroit	50 36 c	44 32 c	40 28 sf	32 21 c
Grand Rapids	45 32 c	39 26 c	33 22 c	30 24 c
Holland	46 35 c	41 30 c	32 22 c	31 26 c
Jackson	47 31 c	40 25 pc	33 21 sf	33 24 pc
Kalamazoo	46 32 c	40 25 pc	33 19 c	30 27 c
Lansing	47 32 c	40 25 c	33 19 c	31 23 c
Livonia	49 32 c	43 26 pc	36 22 sf	33 24 pc
Mt. Pleasant	46 31 c	39 26 c	33 19 sf	31 24 c
Muskegon	45 32 c	40 29 c	33 24 c	34 27 c
Owosso	47 31 c	41 26 c	33 20 sf	32 21 c
Pontiac	51 38 c	44 31 pc	37 24 sf	35 24 pc
Port Huron	50 33 c	43 29 c	36 21 sf	34 20 pc
Saginaw	46 32 c	39 26 c	33 20 sf	30 21 c
Sturgis	48 33 c	42 27 pc	33 21 c	32 30 c
Toronto	44 26 c	38 27 sf	32 16 sn	23 12 pc
Traverse City	43 32 c	38 25 c	31 21 c	29 21 c
Warren	52 37 c	45 33 pc	40 27 sf	35 21 pc
Wausau	38 20 pc	36 16 c	22 8 c	24 22 pc



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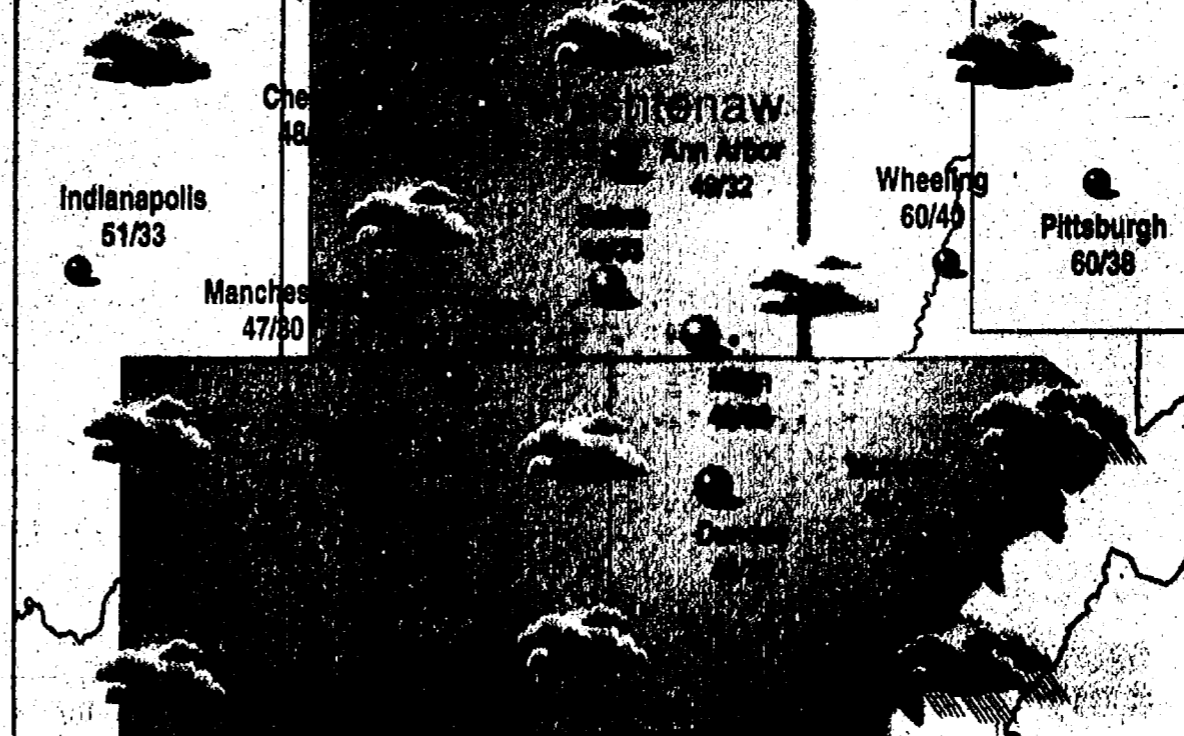
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NATIONAL ROUNDPUP

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Abilene	62 40 pc	62 40 s	60 38 s	59 42 s
Albuquerque	52 28 s	54 25 s	52 25 s	52 30 s
Alma	53 28 s	54 28 s	52 30 s	53 25 pc
Altoona	52 28 s	54 28 s	52 30 s	53 25 pc
Bismarck	31 11 pc	21 3 c	17 5 c	25 16 c
Boise	36 28 sn	44 26 c	44 26 c	42 20 c
Casper	42 22 pc	38 16 c	36 22 c	40 20 pc
Cedar Rapids	42 25 pc	42 18 c	36 16 pc	35 28 pc
Cheyenne	46 26 pc	40 22 pc	36 20 c	48 24 s
Colorado Springs	46 26 pc	40 22 pc	36 20 c	48 24 s
Columbia	60 35 s	63 30 s	62 30 s	62 30 s
Dallas	62 42 pc	62 38 s	60 36 s	59 40 s
Denver	52 25 pc	48 17 pc	48 19 pc	52 23 s
Des Moines	44 24 pc	44 20 c	38 18 s	39 29 pc
Eugene	52 40 sh	50 38 c	47 37 c	47 28 sh
Fresno	54 38 pc	50 35 pc	50 40 pc	56 42 pc
Grand Junction	37 19 c	41 17 c	41 18 s	43 24 s
Great Falls	33 16 c	32 18 c	38 21 sf	34 21 c
Greely	43 22 pc	45 18 pc	42 18 s	48 21 s
Houston	74 48 sh	70 48 c	68 48 s	67 40 pc
Kansas City	54 32 pc	54 24 s	44 24 s	50 34 pc
Miami	82 70 pc	80 68 s	80 66 sh	78 55 pc
Minneapolis	38 22 pc	38 18 pc	32 14 sf	34 16 c
Minot	24 11 c	16 2 c	18 4 c	18 13 sf
North Platte	48 20 s	47 14 c	45 16 pc	47 23 pc
Oklahoma City	56 34 pc	55 34 s	55 36 s	54 36 s
Omaha	47 22 pc	47 18 pc	44 22 s	44 28 s
Phoenix	66 46 s	70 48 s	74 50 s	72 50 pc
Pierre	40 18 pc	32 10 c	31 13 c	38 24 c
Portland	48 40 sh	48 40 pc	48 38 r	46 36 sh
Rapid City	41 19 pc	35 15 c	39 16 c	40 23 pc
Reno	53 28 s	47 21 s	51 28 s	48 13 s
Roseau	60 26 s	56 20 s	57 26 s	54 26 s
Salt Lake City	42 24 sn	40 24 c	42 22 pc	40 22 s
San Angelo	61 37 pc	65 36 s	61 38 s	61 43 c
San Antonio	70 48 c	70 46 c	66 40 s	65 43 s
San Francisco	62 44 pc	64 46 s	62 46 pc	58 44 pc
Santa Fe	45 21 s	49 18 s	45 21 s	45 27 pc
Seattle	46 40 sh	48 40 pc	49 38 r	48 38 sh
Sioux Falls	41 14 pc	30 10 pc	29 8 c	35 25 c
Spokane	36 28 c	38 28 sn	37 28 c	35 25 c
Springfield	54 32 c	46 28 s	37 24 pc	42 31 pc
St. Paul	36 16 pc	33 16 pc	29 8 sf	27 22 c
Tucson	66 42 s	72 42 c	74 46 s	70 44 pc
Tulsa	57 34 pc	56 32 c	52 34 s	53 37 pc
Washington	70 34 pc	68 48 c	68 44 pc	64 32 pc
Yellowstone	30 18 sn	24 10 c	24 7 sf	26 8 c



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See it this night

Sunrise Friday	7:40 a.m.
Sunset Friday	5:03 p.m.
Sunrise Saturday	7:51 a.m.
Sunset Saturday	5:03 p.m.
Sunrise Sunday	7:53 a.m.
Sunset Sunday	5:03 p.m.

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Americans United

Chelsea executive participates in run

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

On Oct. 2, an American flag was flown in the cockpit of an F-16 fighter jet guarding the no-fly zone in the skies above Iraq.

It was later brought back to the United States for an emotional cross-country journey that included a local man.

Dubbed "Americans United: Flag Across America," the event was organized by employees of American Airlines and United Airlines, military service members and federal employees in honor of the passengers, crew and others killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The coast-to-coast route mirrored the original path and destination of American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175 — the doomed flights that terrorists crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center Sept. 11.

On that terrible day, the two airlines also suffered the loss of American Airlines Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon, and United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed into a field southeast of Pittsburgh.

The cross-country run — a way of symbolically finishing the trip for fallen comrades — was also a fund-raising event to benefit charities in support of the victims.

The flag left Boston Oct. 11 — the one-month anniversary of the tragedy — and arrived in Los Angeles on schedule Veterans Day Nov. 11.

Seio Township resident Bill Holmes, a captain with American Airlines for 10 years and a member of the Air National Guard for eight years, was one of several thousand people from across the country who signed up to take part in the monthlong journey.

"I said, 'Give me a time and a leg that no one else wants,'" he says.

Holmes, the son of the late Howard Holmes of Chelsea Milling Co., where the younger Holmes serves as vice president and a member of the board, was assigned a 15-mile leg in the Texas panhandle. He ran from Texola, on the border of Oklahoma and Texas, west to Shamrock, a small town in the Lone Star State.

After using his travel benefits to fly to Dallas and then to Amarillo, Holmes rented a car for the trip to the check-in point, where he got a warm reception from a group of veterans.

At 12:50 a.m. Oct. 31, the previous runner came around the bend on Route 66 to hand off the flag to Holmes at the state line in a two-minute ceremony.



"A couple of patrons came out of a nearby rustic bar, and were very interested in what was going on," Holmes says. "One man said he was a Vietnam veteran and asked if he could touch the flag, so he held it for a few moments. It clearly meant a great deal to him.

"Then we said a little prayer and off we went."

Holmes is no stranger to pounding the pavement — he has run in 20 marathons, including five appearances in the famous Boston Marathon. In July, he ran 40 miles around a lake in Northern Michigan, raising \$19,000 for the Ann Arbor YMCA.

However, his night-time run was anything but easy.

"It was warm enough — 62 degrees — but tough running in the middle of the night, into the wind," he says. "It's very flat there, with nothing to stop the wind."

Not that he had to run alone. The local high school supplied cross-country runners in two-mile legs to keep Holmes company on his trek.

"I was running with kids ages 15 to 17," says Holmes, the father of three teen-age daughters. "It was fun and they were really nice kids, but some wanted to really take off and I had to remind them that I had a lot farther to run than they did."

"We had a couple of football players who were also on the school cross country team. Here they were running in the middle of the night, but they wouldn't get to sleep in. They still had to get up and go to school and then to football practice."

Holmes says it was especially moving for the students as some of their friends had been killed in a drunk driving crash on that same stretch of road earlier in the week.

Holmes says anybody who was physically able to run even a short distance was given the chance to run with the flag.

"One girl was very shy. I kept offering the flag to her but she was afraid she would drop it," he says. "So we held it together as we ran, and I gradually loosened my grip until she was holding it alone

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Chelsea Milling Co. executive Bill Holmes (right), a captain with American Airlines, took part in the recent monthlong Flag Across America run, honoring passengers, crew and other victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Holmes is pictured with a fellow pilot as they carried the flag in Texas.

Bill Holmes holds Old Glory high during his 15-mile run through Texas as part of the recent Flag Across America run.



Local musician, school choir perform on CD



Andrea Miller (left), choir director at Beach Middle School, and local musician Steve Ross Jahn go over technical details with studio engineer J.C. Unger. Jahn recorded a re-release of the Christmas song "Santa, Bring My Daddy Home," with backup vocals provided by the middle school choir.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Local singer and songwriter Steve Ross Jahn wrote the song "Santa, Bring My Daddy Home" 10 years ago after overhearing a child ask a shopping mall Santa to bring her father home from the Persian Gulf War for Christmas.

At the time, the song was nationally released on a Nashville record label. A decade later, it's another Christmas, another war in that troubled region, and more moms and dads who will be serving their country far away from loved ones during the holidays.

Jahn decided to resurrect the song for a Christmas CD that bears the same title.

"It's time to bring it back," he said. "Unfortunately, many families are going to experience the same loss this season with the horrific events of Sept. 11 and the campaign now under way in Afghanistan."

"This song got lots of attention and many listeners said it should have come with its own box of tissues; it was so heart-touching."

"I hope this song touches the

hearts of parents and children who are without their husbands or fathers during this holiday season whether they are gone because of a divorce or are in the military."

A portion of the profits from the sale of the CD will go to the Widows and Orphans Benevolent Fund of New York City. The fund helps the families of police officers and firefighters who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

"I hope I can take a huge check with a 5-foot-tall Christmas tree card specially made from Kinoko's, personally signed by thousands of Michigan and Chelsea residents," Jahn says.

Jahn has been singing since he was 5 years old and playing guitar since the age of 10. He also plays piano and bass.

The Flint native spent six years in south Texas, where he was a semi-finalist in the "Star Search" competition. He has since made two cable TV appearances, sung in Christian telethons and events, and been in TV commercials and radio ads.

Jahn has compiled four CDs of songs he's made in the last 15 years. His Christmas album,

"Santa, Bring My Daddy Home," contains both traditional and original songs, while "Blow Your Warm South Texas Wind" and "My Extraordinary Woman" feature country music.

Jahn has also re-mastered a Christian music album titled "Only for His Eyes" that he recorded and dedicated to his late father.

This time around, the recording became a family affair. Jahn's daughter, Brittany, an eighth-grader and choir student at Beach Middle School, suggested he record the song with the middle school choir singing backup vocals.

On Nov. 19, the middle school choir room was transformed into a recording studio. Jahn, studio engineer J.C. Unger and choir director Andrea Miller led the 60-strong choir of seventh- and eighth-graders through a two-hour recording session.

Miller says her students

thought the experience was "pretty cool."

"The possibility of the song being heard by so many is exciting," she says. "It's also great because it's a good thing all the way around. The students get to experience singing background vocals for a song and the production process for recording a CD."

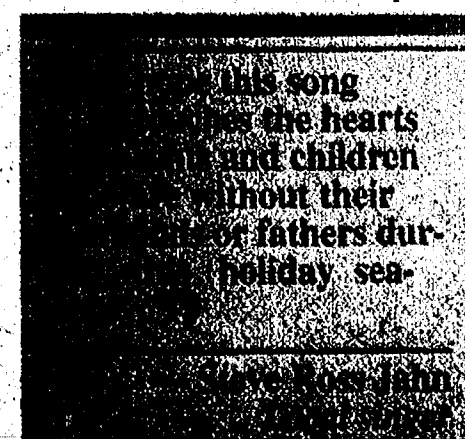
"More importantly, they have the pleasure of knowing that they're contributing to a good and worthy cause."

Miller received a recording of the song a week before the session. Not having

a copy of the sheet music, she listened to the recording several times to pick out the student parts and wrote them down. The following week, her pupils spent a portion of each class period learning the parts.

"Whether or not one is a country music fan, the message of the song is relevant and the purpose

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Red Cross to distribute funds

The American Red Cross has announced a series of sweeping changes regarding its Liberty Disaster Fund to increase support for people affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks while also making it easier for them to access needed help.

The Red Cross established the Liberty Fund shortly after the tragedies as a separate, segregated account to fund relief services related to terrorism.

The changes adopted by the American Red Cross National Board of Governors at the recommendation of the organization's new leader and CEO, Harold Decker, will make the immediate and long-term needs of the people affected by the terrorist attacks the sole focus of the Liberty Fund.

The fund has received \$543 million to date.

Top officials at Red Cross national headquarters said programs that had been part of the Liberty Fund, such as the Strategic Blood Reserve, community outreach and Armed Forces services, will continue but will be funded from sources other than the Liberty Fund.

The Red Cross will provide families whose loved ones were lost or seriously injured in the Sept. 11 attacks approximately \$111 million in additional financial support before the end of the year through its family gift cash program, extending financial support from the initial three-month period to a full year.

The forthcoming checks will provide another six months of basic living expenses, such as

housing, food, utilities, tuition, childcare and healthcare.

The Red Cross estimates that it will have spent about \$275 million overall by year's end to help people affected by the disasters, half of what has been received in the Liberty Fund.

In January, the organization will present a plan detailing how the remaining funds will be spent consistent with the changes announced today.

Because victims of disasters often require years of support before they are able to resume relatively normal lives, funds must be distributed prudently and in the manner that meets the needs of all the people and takes into account all relief resources.

The Red Cross also has decided to provide the names of 25,000 families it has helped to a database that will be shared among relief agencies. This step will build on coordination already under way among the agencies and public officials. These coordinated efforts will make it easier for families of victims to get the help they deserve.

To protect the confidentiality of the families, the organization said the database will be restricted to participating relief agencies and that affected individuals will be given an opportunity to opt out of the program without jeopardizing any help from the Red Cross.

"Americans have spoken loudly and clearly that they want our relief efforts directed at the victims of the Sept. 11 tragedies," said Decker, who was appointed CEO of the

American Red Cross three weeks ago. "We deeply regret that our activities over the past eight weeks have not been as sharply focused as America wants, nor as focused as the victims of this tragedy deserve."

"The victims of this terrible tragedy have been our first priority, and beginning today, they will be the only priority of the Liberty Fund."

The American Red Cross Board of Governors regrets any delay in distributing the money.

"The people of this country have given the Red Cross their hard-earned dollars, their trust and very clear direction for our Sept. 11 relief efforts," said David T. McLaughlin, chairman of the American Red Cross Board of Governors. "Regrettably, it took us too long to hear their message."

"Now we must change course to restore the faith of our donors and the trust of Americans and, most importantly, to devote 100 percent of our energy and resources to helping the victims of the terrorist attacks."

In another change, the Red Cross board also decided that the operating costs for the Liberty Fund, including the toll-free lines that have been used to locate victims, will be funded to the extent possible by the interest earned on the fund balance.

Decker reiterated that the Red Cross has ceased active fund raising for the Liberty Fund and that it will remain a separate, segregated fund. He also said that the U.S. Army Audit Agency would be invited to audit the fund along with

KPMG LLP and that audit results would be made public.

The Red Cross has spent \$137 million from the Liberty Fund to date on behalf of people affected by the disasters.

Washtenaw County residents contributed more than \$640,000, part of the \$549 million raised nationwide. Hundreds of local businesses offered their talents, providing gifts-in-kind.

Eight thousand local residents donated or registered to give blood, thousands of hours were given in volunteer time, and one local disaster team volunteer and two mental health specialists went to New York City to help with disaster relief.

Currently operating on a budget of \$3 billion, the Red Cross annually mobilizes relief to the victims of more than 67,000 disasters nationwide and has been the primary supplier of lifesaving blood and blood products in the United States for more than 50 years.

In 2000, the Red Cross also trained almost 12 million people in vital lifesaving skills, provided direct health services to nearly 2.6 million people and delivered more than 21 million locally relevant community services.

The organization also assisted international disaster and conflict victims in close to 40 locations around the globe, and its emergency communication centers processed 12 million calls in support of U.S. military families.



Photo by Mary Kumbler

Girl Scout Bazaar

Catherine Blair was among hordes of Girl Scouts displaying their crafts Saturday at the annual Girl Scout Bazaar in the basement of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ. Blair, a member of Huron Valley Troop 583, shows off one of her fleece scarves she had for sale.

Briggs co-captains Ranger Team

Ryan Briggs, a 1998 graduate of Dexter High School, co-captained Western Michigan University's "A Team" in the U.S. Army's 2001 Ranger Challenge held Oct. 26 through 28 at Camp Atterbury in Indiana.

Briggs, the son of Gregory and Theresa Briggs of Dexter, is a senior at WMU majoring in criminal justice.

Members of the WMU Bronco Battalion took part in the event, challenging both the elements and a host of other Midwestern cadets.

Two WMU teams faced off in below-freezing temperatures against 19 other bands of ROTC students from universities

across the Midwest region.

The University's "B Team" placed third in the five-person team competition and the "A Team" finished eighth in the nine-person team competition.

Challenge events included a 10-kilometer road march, a one-rope bridge crossing, M-18 marksmanship, a hand grenade competition and land navigation.

The "B Team" captured the challenge's physical fitness title and won the rope bridge competition.

"The Ranger Challenge is a grueling test of military skills

that combines teamwork, physical and mental toughness and fortitude," said Maj. Tim Russell, scholarship and enrollment officer for WMU's ROTC program. "Both teams performed exceptionally well, giving 100 percent and then some. They represented the university with true Bronco pride."

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RUN

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before she even realized it." Holmes says that the entourage, with a fire truck leading the way and a huge RV bringing up the rear, headlights blazing, was very visible on the flat landscape.

"Trucks would honk, and people would come out of their homes to watch us run by," he says.

At 2 a.m., Holmes was running "in the middle of nowhere" when he heard the strains of "God Bless America" blaring from a nearby farmhouse.

"The farmer had taken the speakers from his stereo and put them in his window," Holmes says. "He stood at attention outside the farmhouse, so motionless I didn't even see him blink, and held a hand salute as we ran by."

Just before 3 a.m., as Holmes approached Shamrock — a town he says is even smaller than Dexter — residents came out to join in the final stretch into town.

"The mayor joined me for the final few blocks, even though he looked a little out of shape," Holmes says. "I handed him the flag to carry into town."

Another short ceremony was held in the center of town, where Holmes handed off the flag to his successor.

"A local judge showed up, grabbed a bullhorn and sang an emotional, loud rendition of 'God Bless America,'" Holmes says. "We all sang at the top of our lungs. Then the next runner took off and I was done."

Despite the late hour and the

fact he had gone for hours without sleep, Holmes says he was so fired up he wasn't tired.

"Then I got on the plane to fly home and was out cold," he says.

Holmes' three daughters, Allison, Whitney and Raleigh, all students in Dexter schools, are very proud of their father's participation in

"Trucks would honk, and people would come out of their homes to watch us run by."

— Bill Holmes
Scio Township

the event.

"Our girls are very proud of their dad," says Holmes' wife, Wendy. "They were honored that he took part and have been telling their friends all about the run and the reason for it."

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Photo by Alison Marable

Living Nativity Scene

Members of Chelsea Christian Fellowship took part in a living nativity scene outside McKune House during last weekend's Festival of Lights in Chelsea. Pictured in the front row are Benjamin Dambacher (left) as a shepherd, Cheryl and Paul Dobos as Mary and Joseph, and Hannah Bradley as an angel. In the second row are Luke Bradley (left) as a shepherd, and Abigail Dambacher and Amber Bradley as angels. Pictured in the back row are Karen Bradley (left) as a shepherd, and Gale Robinett, Caleb Dambacher and Vern Bradley as the Three Wise Men.

MUSICIAN

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of doing it is meaningful, as well," Miller says. "Now, and maybe more than ever before, many of us have been moved to do whatever we can to help the

victims and our country. We're very happy we can contribute in this way."

Jahn and the choir will get together again to perform the song at the Chelsea Choir and Orchestra Concert 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Chelsea High School auditorium, 740 N. Freer

Road.

Copies of the CD will be available at the concert or may be purchased for \$14.95 by calling 433-5462.

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Grants available for tennis courts

Southeast Michigan communities looking to build, renovate or expand public tennis facilities can get a shot in the arm from an innovative new matching fund program approved this month by the Southeast Michigan District of the United States Tennis Association.

The Adopt-a-Court program is offering matching grants of up to \$2,500 each to communities planning for tennis court or facilities projects in 2002. The program mirrors a U.S. Tennis Association national program launched in recent years.

The Southeast Michigan District board initially has approved funding for up to 10 projects, or \$25,000.

Preference will be given to communities that can demonstrate that the projects will aid economically distressed neighborhoods and/or neighborhoods clearly underserved by public and private tennis facilities.

"For too long, public tennis courts have been neglected in many communities, forcing tennis players to go elsewhere to play the game. Worse yet, the tennis community loses out on many potential new players," said Philip Nussel, chairman of Southeast Michigan District's Adopt-a-Court subcommittee.

"But now communities can leverage these grants with money from other sources to build new courts, fix old courts, or improve surrounding facilities. This will achieve the district's primary goal: Grow the game of tennis in Southeast Michigan."

Tennis is alive and well throughout Southeast Michigan. The USTA/Southeast Michigan District remains strong with more than 8,500 members, but

the need for community outreach remains a priority.

"It's a real disappointment when public tennis courts get wasted or dismantled for other purposes," Nussel said. "But if the district can help prime the pump to fix courts and get players back out using them, we've accomplished a major goal."

Communities can apply for Adopt-a-Court grants from both the USTA and the Southeast Michigan District, although applications must be approved independently by both organizations.

Applications must be received by the USTA/Southeast Michigan District office by 5 p.m. April 1.

The USTA/Southeast Michigan District, a private nonprofit organization based in Livonia, oversees all sanctioned tennis programs in Southeast Michigan. It is affiliated with the Midwest Tennis Association and the U.S. Tennis Association.

For more information or for applications, call the district at 1-734-421-1025 or send e-mail to semta@aol.com

Planners OK condos

A total of 49 homes to be built in new Dexter Township subdivision.

By Lisa Allmendinger

Special Writer

The Dexter Township Planning Commission gave preliminary approval Nov. 27 to Fox Ridge condominiums, a project that calls for 49 homes on 94 acres off North Territorial Road between Dexter Town Hall and Toma roads.

The parcel contains wetlands

and is located in a rural residential district.

There will be no sidewalks in the subdivision and the road leading from North Territorial Road into the subdivision will be called Fox Ridge Drive.

All roads in the subdivision will be public and must meet Washtenaw County Road Commission specifications.

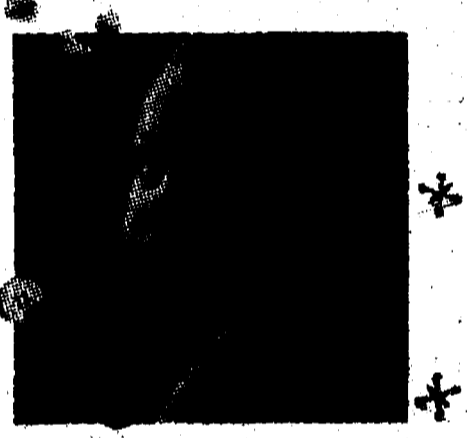
Developer Ray Le Van was also asked to supply a letter from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality that shows the wetlands on the par-

cel can be used for storm-water detention.

Once the homes are built, they must have a vegetative cover within 60 days of completion, weather permitting. However, the township will prohibit any chemical applications within 25 feet of the wetlands.

All homes must be completed within one year from the date the building permit is issued.

Lisa Allmendinger is a freelance writer. She can be reached at 433-1052 or by e-mail at yankee@izzy.net.



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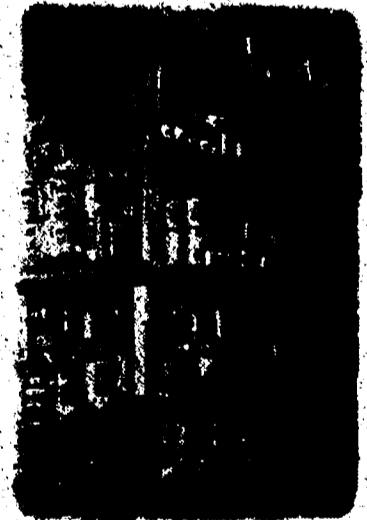
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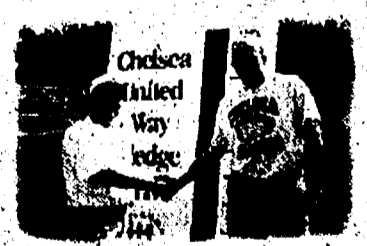


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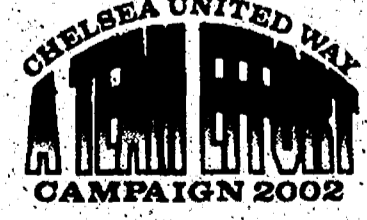
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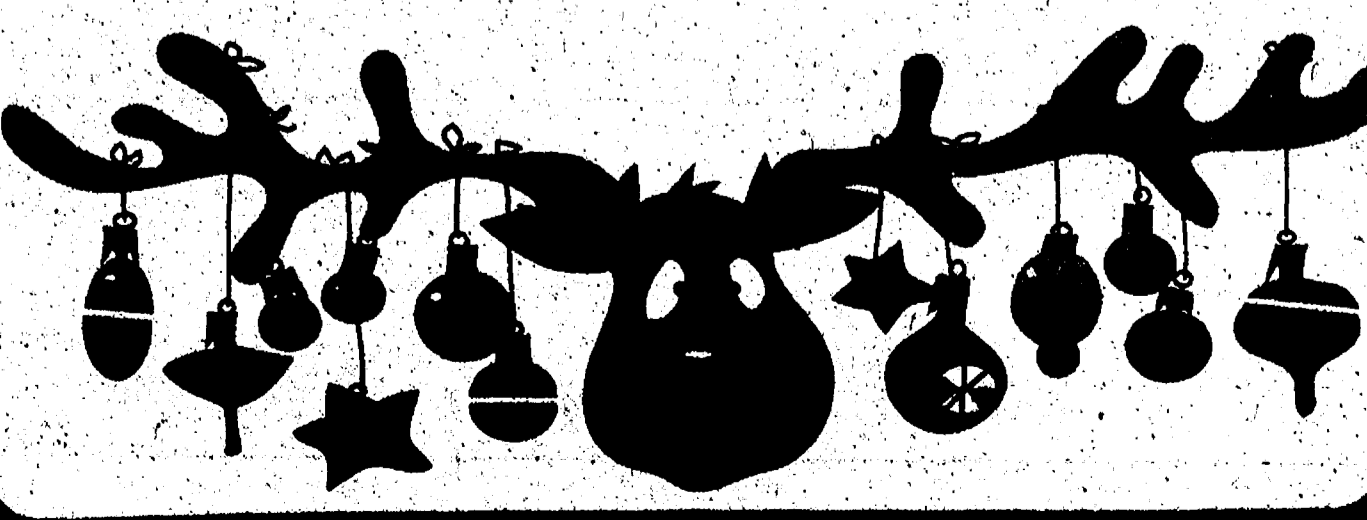
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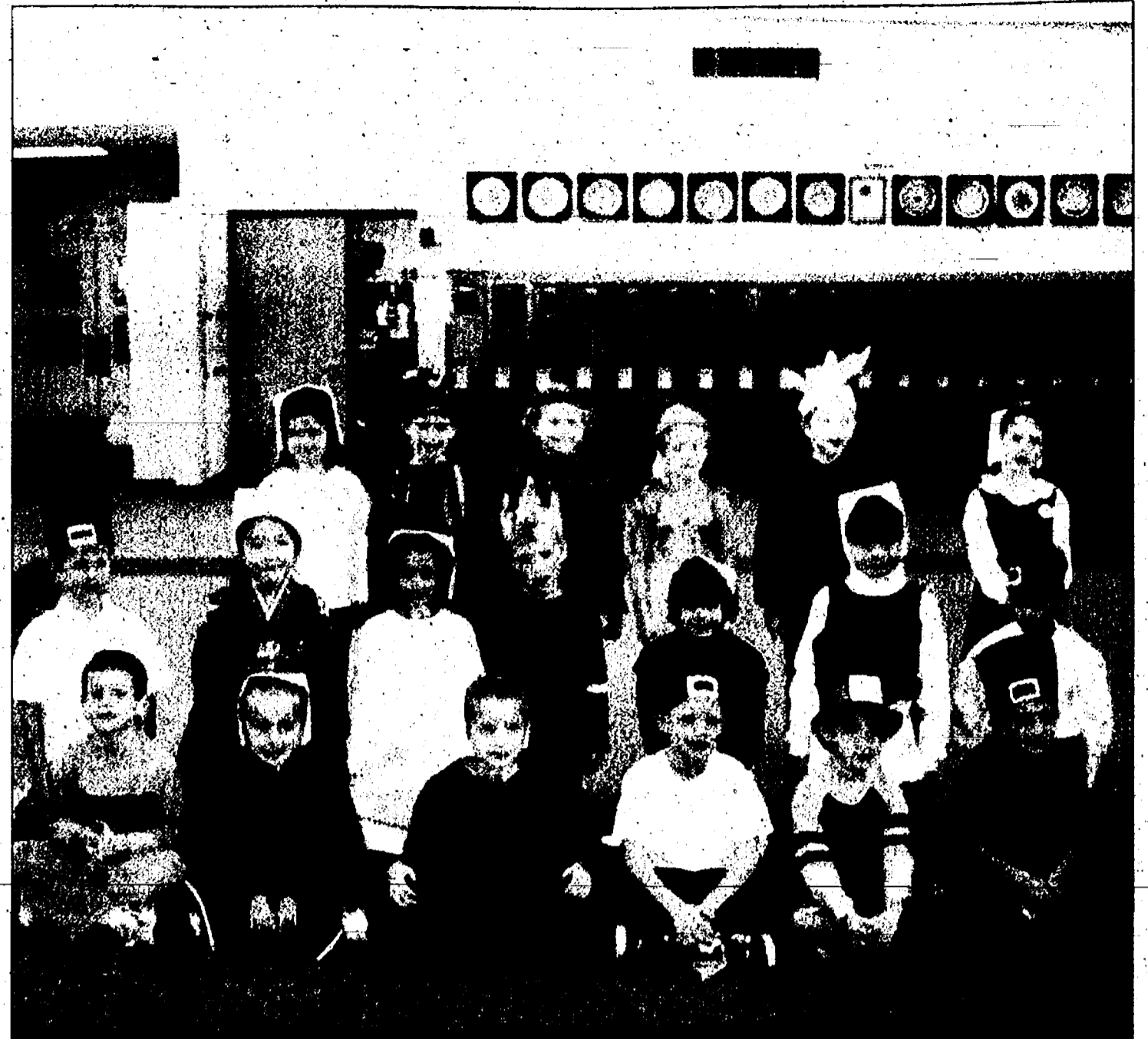
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Celebrating Thanksgiving

Pupils in teacher Michelle Schertzing's first-grade class at Pierce Lake Elementary School dressed as pilgrims and Native Americans to celebrate Thanksgiving. The class includes Jordan Battaglia, Lily Bowen, Connor Carry, Craig Centofanti, Emma Doty, Talia Dyerly, Kevin Fournier, Austin Gray, Joseph Heinen, Adrian Jacobs, Lauren Jolly, Judy Kim, Margaret Lindauer, Colin Meldrum, Molly Merkel, Andrew Simons, Genevieve Stubbs, Kayla Toon and Micayla Zynda.



Santa's New Sleigh

Michaelene Pawlak, director of Chelsea Area Transportation System, admires the decorating job her staff did on the CATS bus. The familiar blue vehicle transported Santa and Mrs. Claus into town, accompanied by the Chelsea Bulldog, during the Festival of Lights.

BIRTHS

A son, Ethan Michael Socks, was born Nov. 14 to Susie and Mike Socks of Amherst, Mass. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Marcia Schlee of Dexter. Paternal grandparents are Jim and Evelyn Socks of Dexter.

A son, Jaron Tyler Iannelli, was born Nov. 1 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor to Dawn Day-Iannelli and Antonio Iannelli of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Roger and Claudia Day of Manchester. Paternal grandparents are Salvatore and Maria Iannelli of Ann Arbor. Great grandparents are Les and Evelyn Miller of St. Helen. Jaron's siblings are Jason Young, 19, a sophomore at Ferris State University, and the late Jennifer Young who died Nov. 12, 2000, at the age of 17.

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Farewell, friend

Local man retires from post as park naturalist

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

After 24 years, Sylvan Township resident Matt Heumann is retiring as coordinator of the Nature and Interpretive Services for Washtenaw County.

Heumann, who also teaches adult education classes for the University of Michigan at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor, plans to continue to offer his services in the new year as a consultant on nature, planning, wetlands and trail design to private and public institutions, including local zoning boards.

Heumann hopes to advise townships that want to categorize and protect natural features and update zoning ordinances to include natural fragile areas.

Many in the area know Heumann as one of the most knowledgeable individuals in the area on ecological and legal

issues affecting natural resources, plant and animal life.

On his regular Sunday walks along trails within the county, Heumann has taken area residents through scrub and woods, or across bogs and fens as he points out the flora, fauna and local points of interest.

Many devoted followers on his walks take notes as Heumann holds up what looks to the untutored eye as a bit of dead grass or a leaf. But after he pronounces the long Latin name, relates the history and properties of the plant and whether it's a common or unusual species in the area, the laymen become a bit more knowledgeable.

Heumann will tell visitors when and where the plant arrived to the area, why it thrives or is endangered, and how it is useful to the ecosystem or humans, or whether it's harmful or invasive. Sometimes he

asks people to examine it, smell it or taste it.

As the line of walkers trudge through mud, brambles and sweep aside tree branches, Heumann will warn the inexperienced of the dangers of poison ivy, poison sumac or local rattle snakes. Or he will ask them to listen to the birds, look out for salamanders, insects or important plants under foot.

On one of his last Sunday walks, he told visitors that they were walking on a dome of vegetation supported by several feet of mud fed by springs. As the group walked, each person could feel the ground wobble. Heumann said the location was a favorite hangout for rattlers, but not to worry because they seldom attack unless handled.

A farewell gathering was held Dec. 2 at the Lyndon Park South cabin on North Territorial Road after a recent Sunday morning

instructional walk, and everyone was welcomed to a potluck. Several of the 30 or more people in the group began to share stories of adventures they had enjoyed on Heumann's walks.

Many told tales of walks in blizzards and knee-deep snowy encounters with snakes, frozen frogs and hunters, as well as walks through the beautiful woodlands of Lyndon and other townships in Washtenaw County.

Based on people's comments, there is little doubt that Heumann will be missed.

And although he cannot be easily replaced, it is hoped that the walks will be resumed with another nature guide who can help people appreciate the beauty and variety of Washtenaw County's natural areas.

Kent Ashton Walton is a freelance writer. He can be reached by e-mail at kentwalton@earthlink.net.



Matt Heumann of Sylvan Township recently retired as coordinator of the Nature and Interpretive Services for Washtenaw County. A farewell party was held Dec. 2.

Some toys pose hazards to tots

■ An estimated 191,000 people went to the hospital in 2000 for toy-related emergencies.

By Maria McMackin
Heritage Newspapers

Christmas is just around the corner and with it, the rush to get the little ones in your life the perfect gift.

But hazards posed by toys can still be found on store shelves and on the Internet, according to the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan.

The group's annual nationwide survey, which has resulted in more than 100 recalls and other enforcement actions in the last 15 years, was released in mid-November.

And while the survey noted some signs of improvement, it found an estimated 191,000 people went to the emergency room in 2000 for toy-related injuries.

Seventy-nine percent were younger than 15 years old, the survey found.

"Toy buyers have to be aware of the serious risks posed by toys

with small parts and should avoid this risk by looking out for choke hazards in stores and on the Internet," said PIRG attorney Rachel Weintraub.

"Consumers must shop smart for toys and know that potential hazards are sitting on store shelves."

Choking on small toy parts, balloons and small balls continues to be the leading cause of toy-related deaths.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, at least 207 children died in the last decade playing with toys. In 2000, 17 children died — six of those from choking.

PIRG recommends that both toy buyers and parents be vigilant this holiday season and remember the following:

- The CPSC does not test all toys.
- Not all toys on the shelves meet CPSC regulations.
- Toys that meet all CPSC tests may still pose hazards, ranging from choking and hearing loss, to toxic chemical exposure.
- Online toy retailers do not provide the same safety warn-

ings that by law must appear on toy packaging.

"When buying toys, a consumer should think about how a child actually plays with toys," Weintraub said. "While most manufacturers comply with the law, toy buyers cannot assume that a toy is safe just because a toy is on a store shelf."

The CPSC has also released a list of recalled child products for the holiday season that includes:

- Little Tikes Swings, "2-in-1 snug 'n' Secure" model 4117-00. Children can fall out of the seat if buckles on the swing break and shoulder restraint straps pull out.
- Safety 1st Fold-up Booster Seat models 173, 173A and 173B. The top half of the booster seat insert can separate, causing a child to fall and be injured.
- Century Car Seats/Carriers and Evenflo Joyride Car Seats/Carriers models 203, 205, 210, 435 and 493. As a carrier, the handle can release and the seat flip forward allowing an infant to fall to the ground.
- For more information on

other recalled items on the Internet, go to www.cpsc.gov.

The PRIG also warns that parents and toy-givers should not purchase soft plastic polyvinyl chloride, or PVC, toys for children.

PVC is hard and brittle, so phthalates are added to soften the material. Phthalates are chemicals that are similar in appearance and consistency to vegetable oils.

Testing has shown that some toys contain up to 40 percent of these chemicals that have been linked to chronic hazards, including liver and kidney damage.

The group also says that the chemicals could cause cancer and show characteristics of chemicals that cause reproductive abnormalities.

Testing also has shown that these chemicals are not bound to the plastic but leach out of it over time.

Chewing and sucking on toys during play can increase the rate at which these toxic chemicals are leached and increase exposure by children, according to PIRG.

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Hot shooting

Practice makes perfect for Chelsea's Barron

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Pity the poor goaltenders. Surely, most are nice, young men. But when they step between the pipes against Chelsea this season, they're definitely in for a long, stressful night.

Two words: Josh Barron. Like the Red Baron of World War I lore, Chelsea's Barron is an ace when it comes to shooting.

Unlike his German counterpart, however, Barron's skill is firing a puck. His talent at finding the back of the net is second to none on this season's Bulldog hockey team.

After six games, Barron leads Chelsea with nine goals and nine assists for 18 points.

This year, he's already reeled off two hat tricks. Though a strong scorer, Barron is also adept at passing, delivering a season-high four assists against Dearborn Heights Crestwood in a 7-6 Bulldog win Nov. 21.

"I've worked hard this summer," said Barron, a senior. "I've improved, but I didn't expect to score this many goals."

Barron's success doesn't surprise Chelsea coach Don Wright. "He has tremendous speed and great hands," he said. "He can get the puck in the net."

Though scoring is nice, Barron said it's not his entire focus. "I come out and play hard for the team," he said. "If (playing) is not about the points."

But for a player of Barron's caliber, scoring points is inevitable.

During games, it's nice hearing the crowd cheer and receiving the plaudits of your peers. But, Barron said, scoring goals takes hard work - work done when no one is watching.

"Scoring goals takes practice," he said. "I say you play as you practice. If you come out here (practice) and shoot to score - even if there's not a goalie in net - if you can score in practice, you'll score in the games."

And Barron has been scoring in practice and games for some time.

Barron, a left wing, began playing hockey at age 6. He also participates in roller hockey, competing in national events.

"Roller hockey has really helped with my stick handling," he said.

Wright has noticed. "Josh is a strong puck handler," he said.

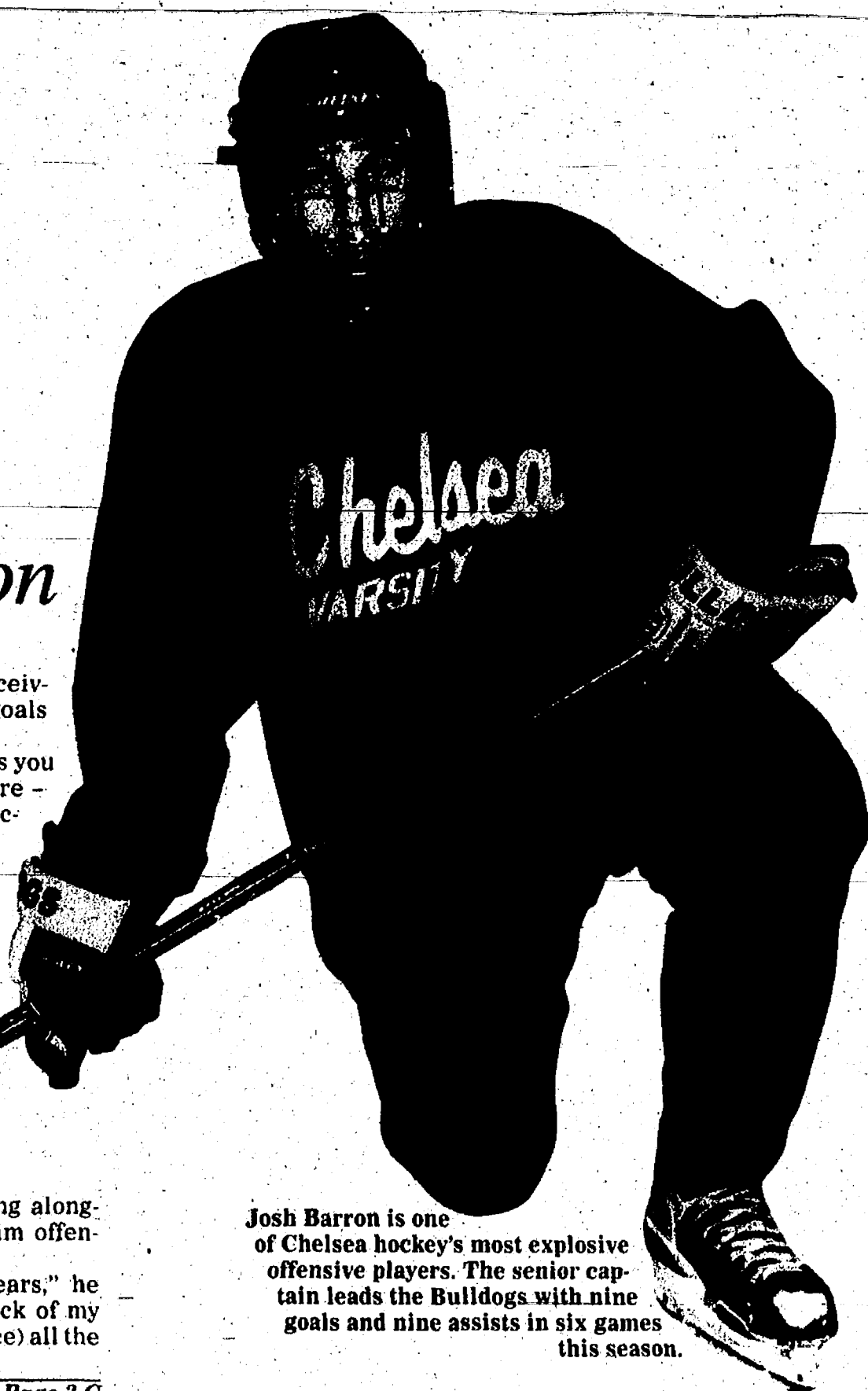
"Couple that with his speed and he's dangerous."

Pairing Barron and center Drew Warren is also quite potent.

Barron said playing alongside Warren has helped him offensively.

"I've played with him for five years," he said. "We know each other like the back of my hand. We always know where the other is (on ice) all the

time."



Josh Barron is one of Chelsea hockey's most explosive offensive players. The senior captain leads the Bulldogs with nine goals and nine assists in six games this season.

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Are girls' sports in Michigan really at a disadvantage?



If a Grand Rapids parent group gets its way, girls' basketball would be played in the winter alongside the boys' season. Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist (center) said he would be against such a switch.

Is it really that bad?

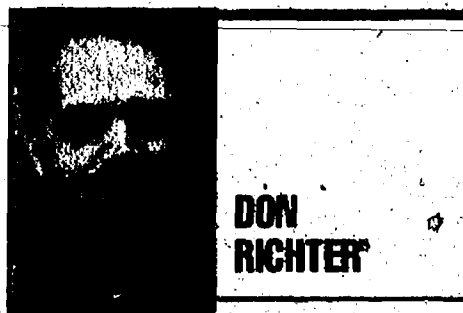
Do the young ladies who participate in such sports as basketball, volleyball, swimming and soccer, really face a disadvantage when it comes to high school athletics in Michigan?

I pose this question because in the next few weeks a U.S. District judge in Grand Rapids is expected to rule on the issue (see full story on page 2C).

A parent group in Grand Rapids, Communities for Equity, sued the Michigan High School Athletic Association in September, claiming girls in our state playing prep sports are being discriminated against.

Apparently, female high school athletes in Michigan have been left behind other states because the MHSAA holds several sports in untraditional seasons.

In a nutshell, the Grand Rapids group says the MHSAA discriminates against female athletes by scheduling their seasons at different times of the year than boys. Their aim is to make the MHSAA align boys' and girls' sports during the same season.



DON RICHTER

ON THE SIDELINE

So, if the Communities for Equity had its way, this past weekend's girls' basketball state championships at Central Michigan University's Rose Arena, wouldn't have occurred.

Instead, the volleyball finals would have taken place - as it did in 43 other states throughout our nation.

Girls' basketball would be tipping off this week, alongside the boys' hoop season.

Also, girls' and boys' swimming would take place at the same time.

"Ditto for girls' and boys' soccer, tennis and golf."

Supporters of switching seasons in Michigan say girls are

often overlooked for scholarships and opportunities to play on the collegiate level because they play during different seasons than most in the rest of the country.

Also, because of Michigan's untraditional athletic seasons, participating in interstate competition is difficult for girls.

But would changing seasons actually benefit female athletes in our state?

"I personally am not in favor of aligning the boys' and girls' sports seasons," said Chelsea girls' basketball coach Todd Blomquist. "Just for the simple fact of facility use. The gym would have six teams scheduling practices. The pool would be overcrowded, along with the soccer fields."

"I also like girls' basketball being spotlighted in the fall. I think there would be a shortage of officials, as well, if the seasons coincided."

Dexter Athletics Director John Robinson agreed, saying the biggest problem he could foresee if changes were made would be the availability of offi-

cial and coaches.

"A lot of the same officials are used for both boys and girls," he said. "And a lot of coaches coach both (boys' and girls') teams."

As far as facilities are concerned, Robinson said with the new high school opening soon, Dexter is better equipped to handle the problem than most.

"We're lucky in that we have brand-new facilities and a brand-new gymnasium," he said. "But for older schools, it would be difficult. It would be a real juggling act."

For example, if the MHSAA has to align basketball, most schools would have to find practice time for six teams, with each gender fielding a freshman, JV and varsity squad.

"I try not to think about it," said Dexter girls' and boys' basketball coach Mike Bavineau, who'd be put in the unenviable position of choosing which team to coach if alignment occurs. "It would be tough. Now, I have to make a choice. Either way, one group would be disappointed."

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Chelsea icers battle state power Jackson Lumen Christi

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

It was a rugged two games last week for Chelsea hockey.

The Bulldogs (4-2) suffered their first losses of the young season, falling to Saline 3-2 and Jackson Lumen Christi 4-1.

On Dec. 1, against the always-tough Titans, Chelsea coach Don Wright said that despite losing, the Bulldogs played inspired hockey.

"We played well," he said. "It was a 1-0 game heading into the third period. For the night, we outshot them and out chanced them."

Even though the score doesn't indicate it, we played a strong game."

Scoring Chelsea's lone goal on the night was Craig Irwin, off an assist from Zach Meza and Ben Daniels, early in the third period.

Wright said he added Lumen

Christi, a perennial state power, to this season's schedule because he wanted his team to play against top-quality competition.

"It's a good indicator of where we're at as a team," he said. "We'll see them later in the year."

The Bulldogs get a chance to turn the tables on the Titans later this season at the Arctic Coliseum Feb. 9.

On Nov. 28, Chelsea dropped a hard fought 3-2 decision to visiting Saline.

After skating out to an encouraging 2-1 lead after two periods, the Bulldogs gave up two late goals, sealing their fate.

Midway through the third period, the Hornets scored both goals in a span of 20 seconds. The game-winner occurred on a power play.

"We played poor defense," Wright said. "The (Saline) goals were scrambles in front of the net, the puck was bouncing."

Despite the squad's less-than-stellar defensive effort against the Hornets, youth also played a part in the Bulldogs' demise, Wright said.

"We might have been just a bit overconfident," he said.

After Chelsea's first period performance, one can see why

the Bulldogs might have felt comfortable.

Chelsea scored two goals, taking a seemingly safe 2-0 lead.

Turning the light on for the Bulldogs were Chris White at 5:30 of the frame and Josh Barron at 14:30.

Assisting on White's goal was Davis Turner. Barron's score came unassisted.

"I thought we played a real strong first period," Wright said. "But we didn't perform very well in the second and third periods."

Saline scored in the second period, trimming Chelsea's advantage to 2-1 before heading into the final stanza.

The Bulldogs next host Bedford 7 p.m. Saturday.

On Wednesday, Chelsea travels to Riverview for a game at 7 p.m.

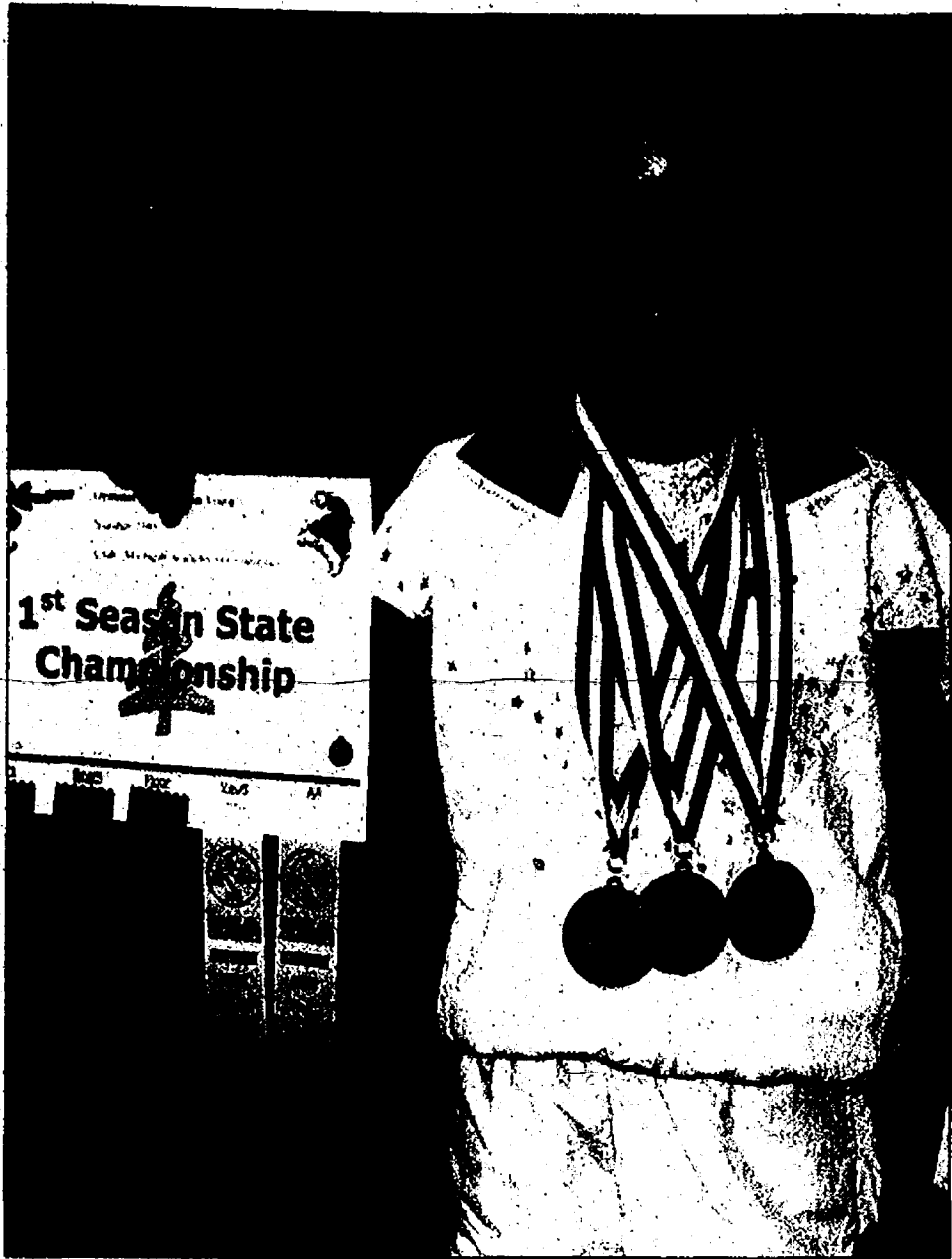
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"Even though the score doesn't indicate it, we played a strong game."

— Don Wright
Chelsea coach



Chelsea's Drew Warren (96) stickhandles over center ice against Saline last week. The Bulldogs dropped two games last week to the Hornets and Jackson Lumen Christi.



Alyssa Young, a third-grader at Pierce Lake Elementary School, finished third on beam at last week's youth gymnastics state championship in Port Huron. It was Young's first state meet.

Young places at meet

Chelsea 8-year-old Alyssa Young placed third on balance beam at last weekend's Level 5 state gymnastics championship in Port Huron.

In youth gymnastics, Level 10 is the highest standard an athlete can attain.

Besides her third-place, bronze medal finish on beam, Young ended up fourth in the

floor exercise and sixth in all around.

Young, competing in her first state meet, is a member of the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics, which placed fifth overall in the state.

Young, a third-grader at Pierce Lake Elementary in Chelsea, is coached by Dave Arnold and Jeannette Nemeth.

Travel hoop sign-ups

The deadline is nearing for local boys who want to play travel basketball.

The Chelsea Recreation Council announced all fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-grade boys who are interested in playing on a travel basketball team should complete a registration form by next Wednesday.

Registration forms are available at school offices or the Chelsea Recreation office, 500 Washington St.

Practices begin after Christmas break.

Volunteer coaches are also needed.

For additional information, call 433-2208.

BARRON

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time. I get a lot of assists from him."

Barron said the Chelsea defense also has helped kick start the Bulldogs offensively this year.

"They're making good break-out passes," he said.

Barron is not just a one-dimensional player, he takes pride in all areas of his game.

"My speed has increased as well as my physical play - my checking," he said.

Not that he didn't work on his shot during the off-season.

"It's a lot more accurate and harder," he said.

Though a leader in the scoring department, Barron is also a leader in the locker room. This season, he was elected team captain.

"It's a huge responsibility," Barron said. "But, it's not like I rule over everyone."

Barron said he tries to lead by example, but that sometimes he has to speak up.

"I do a little bit of both," he said.

So far this season, Barron's leadership and goal scoring has helped Chelsea achieve one of its preseason goals.

"We won the Thanksgiving

tournament (hosted by Chelsea)," he said. "That was one of our goals. We also want to win a league championship."

To do that Barron, who hopes to play junior hockey or at Ferris State or Western Michigan University after high school, said the Bulldogs would have to improve daily.

"We want to have constant momentum, a constant flow to our game," he said. "We want high intensity in each game all the time. We want to set the tone this year. And we want to do well in states."

Barron said his favorite player is Detroit Red Wing Mathieu Dandenault.

"He hustles and he has the biggest heart," he said of the Red Wing speedster. "That's what I pride myself on the most."

And like Dandenault, Barron has a passion for hockey.

"I like being with the guys," he said. "This team is like a family to me. I just hope we have a good season and have some fun."

The way the year has gone so far, one can bet Barron and his teammates will enjoy themselves.

As for opposing goaltenders, well that's another story.

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Chelsea's Josh Stiles (right) stands next to fellow finalist David Farrah at the Mid-American junior tennis tournament.

Stiles wins tourney

Chelsea's Josh Stiles, 11, captured the U.S. Tennis Association's 12 and younger Mid-American Junior Indoor Tennis Championship at the Genesee Valley Tennis Club in Flint last month.

Besides the Mid-American title, Stiles also won the Toledo Junior Indoor Championship in November.

In both tournaments, Stiles was victorious without losing a set.

Stiles next competes in the Ann Arbor Winter Classic this week at the University of Michigan Varsity Tennis Center.



A team leader, Bulldog left winger Josh Barron said one of the keys to his success on the ice this year is practice. His off-season work has helped him improve his shot and quickness.

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Church members head to Ground Zero

Two dozen members of Shalom Lutheran Church in Pinckney will head to New York City Wednesday to serve those continuing the clean-up efforts at Ground Zero, the site of the World Trade Center towers destroyed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The group includes Eric Gillingham of Chelsea, and Jereva Christensen and Helen Karns of Dexter.

Shalom's pastor, the Rev. Kurt A. Hutchens, previously served a parish in the Times Square area of New York City and is familiar with the area and other

pastors who serve there.

Through his contacts, arrangements were made for a group from Shalom to make the trip.

Since more than 70 people volunteered to go, a lottery was held to choose those who will accompany Hutchens and his wife, Karen.

The group will be working at St. Paul's Chapel of the Trinity Episcopal Church, where George Washington attended services, and which is directly across the street from where the World Trade Center towers stood.

St. Paul's now serves as a

respite center, providing food, clothes, a place to rest, sleep and unwind, for workers.

Volunteers from Shalom will be supporting workers by helping with food preparation, cleaning rest areas, sorting supplies, talking and praying with workers.

Shalom representatives will be taking badly needed supplies, such as work gloves, warm socks, newspapers, magazines, cough drops, chewing gum, paper towels, candles, sweat-shirts, hats, steel-toe boots, cigars and cigarettes.

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Monetary donations may be made by sending a check payable to "ELCA Sept. 11 Disaster Relief Fund" to the church.

Shalom Lutheran Church raised \$800 during Nov. 18 services to pay for lodging.

Biff Weber of Palmer Ford Mercury in Chelsea has donated transportation. The U-Haul Corp. has donated a trailer to carry supplies.

Pre-paid gas cards and gift certificates for McDonald's and Burger King are wanted, as well.



The Rev. Kurt Hutchens and his wife, Karen, will lead a delegation of two dozen church members from Shalom Lutheran Church in Pinckney to New York City on Dec. 12. The group will serve those working on the cleanup efforts at the site of the World Trade Center towers destroyed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Hutchens previously served a parish in the Times Square area of New York City.

Campaign encourages organ donations

While MP3s, cell phones and computers dominate wish lists this holiday season, there's still one gift you can give that doesn't require a manual, programming or even batteries.

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with their family.

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Right now, more than 78,000 men, women and children are waiting for a life-saving organ in the United States, with more

than 2,400 awaiting a transplant in Michigan.

If every American chose to become an organ donor, the waiting list could be wiped out forever, Carney said.

People can become an organ donor by signing a donor card, which is available free from the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

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As it nears the end of its campaign pledge drive, the Chelsea United Way is asking local residents and businesses for financial help.

As of Nov. 30, only 50 percent of the \$130,000 goal for 2002 had been received or pledged. The pledge drive continues through December.

"We know that many area residents have donated to the well-deserving relief efforts in New York City and Washington, D.C., after Sept. 11," said Chelsea United Way President Matt Merkel. "In fact, the Chelsea United Way is a supporter of both the Salvation Army and American Red Cross, as they each receive funds from us."

"But the focus of our funding efforts remains with our local agencies here in Chelsea who rely on us for funding on a continuous basis."

Member agencies such as the Chelsea Area Transportation

System and Faith In Action receive the majority of their operating funds from the Chelsea United Way and plan their annual budget based on the financial commitment the United Way makes to them each year.

"We wouldn't even be in business if it weren't for the money we receive from the Chelsea United Way," said CATS Director Michaelene Pawlak. "They are without question our biggest direct source of funding."

Other local agencies who receive funding annually from the Chelsea United Way are Chelsea Area Responding to Teens, Chelsea Help Line, local Scout troops and the Chelsea Recreation Council.

The Chelsea United Way volunteer board determines how much funding each member agency will receive.

"Our board meets with each agency to determine their needs

for the year," Merkel said. "The goal is to keep as much money here in the Chelsea area as we can, which in turn helps our neighbors and fellow residents."

More than 95 percent of the money received is in turn given to the member agencies. The remaining 5 percent covers the costs of printing, mailing and advertising.

The Chelsea United Way is an independent organization not affiliated with the national chapter. All donations are tax deductible and may be designated to a particular member agency.

Other Chelsea United Way member agencies in the Washtenaw County area include Catholic Social Services, Huron Valley Child Guidance, Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy, Cystic Fibrosis and Hospice of Washtenaw County.

"We're nearing the end of our

campaign pledge drive," Merkel said. "We need the help of both residents and businesses to reach our goal. We're asking everyone who hasn't already given to please help us if you can."

"If you give at work, the Chelsea United Way asks that you designate Chelsea United Way to receive your pledge. You can make a cash donation, use your credit card or make a monthly payroll deduction pledge if your employer offers it."

"Just remember, the CATS bus would not be serving the thousands of Chelsea residents, many of whom are senior citizens, if not for the support we receive from the Chelsea United Way," Pawlak said. "So, please give where you live."

The mailing address for Chelsea United Way is 1119 South Main St., Suite 147, Chelsea MI 48118-1426. Call 475-0020 for more information.



Photo by Mary Kumbler

Fabulous Find

Many local residents enjoyed bazaars and festivities held in the village during the Victorian Christmas celebration last weekend. Two-year-old Leah Schwartzberger found a reindeer made of Popsicle sticks at the Dexter Heritage Guild's bazaar.

Michigan utility companies merge

Detroit Edison and Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. recently consolidated their operations, and that will mean a combined bill for customers, too.

The two utilities are now part of DTE Energy Co.

Detroit Edison and MichCon offices were closed last week-end to allow staff to consolidate the billing systems.

MichCon's customers can call the same customer service line as Detroit Edison customers: 1-800-477-4747.

Some customers may still receive two bills for a few months to come, but all checks should be written to DTE Energy.

DTE Energy officials have said that they expect billing and customer support to be

fully integrated by early next year.

In related news, residents can find help to manage their energy bills this winter through programs sponsored by the utilities.

The utilities offer various programs to low-income and senior citizen customers who have difficulty paying their bills.

The utilities guarantee gas and electric service to qualified customers between Dec. 1 and March 31, and participants can make reduced payments.

If a medical emergency arises, the utilities will not shut off service for up to 21 days if the customer obtains verification from a doctor or health clinic.

Other programs are available, including double notifica-

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New depression center to open

The nation's first comprehensive center devoted to treatment, research and education in depression will be established at the University of Michigan Health System.

The new U of M Depression Center will bring together and expand the university's wide range of coordinated patient care services: its extensive, world-class clinical and laboratory research efforts; its patient, family and community education programs; and its renowned training programs for health care professionals and students.

This broad scope will make it the first such center in the United States, and allow the U of M to advance the field of depression on all fronts.

"The time is right to focus all the resources we can on understanding and defeating this illness, and the social stigma that it carries, so that we can help the 18 million Americans who suffer from depression every year," said Dr. John Greden, the center's executive director.

He added that the U of M will now embark on a major fundraising campaign to support the center's activities.

With the center, Greden said, "We hope to lead the way in accelerating the pace of neuroscience research in depression, bringing the products of that research to patients, and reaching out to those who are coping with depression, those who care for them, and those who make decisions about their care."

Greden is chair of the Department of Psychiatry, and the Rachel Upjohn Professor of Psychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences, at the U of M Medical School.

The center will address depression in people of all ages, as well as the postpartum, bipolar and treatment-resistant forms. More than 100 physicians, scientists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, and staff form a network that will care for patients, conduct research and provide education.

"We're proud to lead the nation in enhancing and linking scientific studies of depression and care of depressed patients across many specialties. We invite the community and our peers to join us in our new venture," said Dr. Gilbert Omenn, the U of M Health System's chief executive officer.

The center's recent debut was marked by the presentation of new results from U of M depression research at a meeting in California, a national symposium in Ann Arbor on prevention and treatment, and a gala banquet.

Depression, which the World Health Organization has ranked as one of the top four most disabling diagnoses in the world, is a set of illnesses with complex physical and psychological roots

— and one that challenges researchers, healthcare providers, patients, families, employers, insurers and governments alike.

Its symptoms are of hopelessness, sadness, energy loss, sleep and appetite disruption, restlessness and despair drain its victims of their ability to work, enjoy life, and relate to loved ones. It may even rob them of their will to live.

As many as one of five women and one in eight men are at high risk of experiencing depression sometime in their lives, no matter what their race or socioeconomic status.

Recent advances in medication and talk therapy have made depression more treatable than ever. But only about 10 percent of all people with depression receive adequate treatment because of social stigma, lack of symptom awareness, poor diagnosis, incomplete treatment regimens and inability to pay.

The picture is changing, though. Greden points to recent events in the depression field, including scientific discoveries, public education campaigns, the availability of new and more cost-effective medications, media attention, improved health care training and mental health insurance parity legislation.

"Right now, the battle against depression is beginning to turn in our patients' favor, as science provides new answers, pharmaceutical and treatment research provide new options, social acceptance provides new openness and government policy provides new means for coverage," he said.

"What better time to launch a comprehensive center to catalyze the momentum that we have?"

The new center takes aim at depression from all angles, using existing and new resources:

• **Laboratory research:** Center researchers are working to characterize the genetic and neurochemical signals within the brain that leads to depression to see the links between depression and other mental and physical health problems, and to study and improve the delivery of health care to depression patients.

New tools like DNA microarray chips and advanced brain scanning techniques are speeding scientific discovery; results from research already under way at U of M Health System have been presented to the Society for Neuroscience meeting in San Diego.

• **Clinical research:** Studies designed to test new medications and treatment interventions, or to measure how well patients do under certain treatment strategies, are another major focus. U of M patients have access to the newest treatment advances through clinical

trials like STAR*D, a national study for patients with treatment-resistant depression in which U of M is one of only 13 participating sites — the only site in Michigan.

• **Treatment:** The center's patients receive team-based, family-centered treatment coordinated by Care Navigators from the new Michigan Depression Outreach and Collaborative Care, or M-DOCC, program — a continuous care service designed to support long-term recovery.

Patients are treated by specialists in many fields, often within the same visit, using approaches tailored to their individual diagnosis, and followed up to ensure treatments work and other health issues are being addressed.

• **Early diagnosis:** Patients, especially those with other primary illnesses, will be more likely to have their depression diagnosed early, as center clinicians and outreach staff work with physicians in primary care and specialty fields such as cardiology, geriatrics, cancer, obstetrics and adolescent medicine. Free depression screenings for the community will be available in the coming months.

• **Education:** The education of patients, their loved ones, and the community is expanding

through a variety of efforts. Workshops for patients and families are being offered beginning Jan. 21; participants will learn about depression's causes, treatments and effects, and will learn ways to form partnerships in treatment. To register, call 1-734-764-0267.

Two new Depression Education and Resource Centers funded by a \$502,000 grant from Friends of U of M Health System are now available in clinical areas to give patients and families access to printed and electronic information.

Conferences for healthcare professionals will bring experts with current knowledge in contact with those on the front lines of diagnosis and treatment.

The U-M Depression Center is now accepting donations from those who want to help it achieve its missions. Those interested in contributing may call Jim Thomas, Medical Center Office of Development, at 1-734-998-7705.

Contribution may be made online at www.med.umich.edu/depression, or University of Michigan Depression Center, Office of Development, 301 East Liberty Street, Suite 300, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2216. Checks should be made payable to the U of M Depression Center.



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Decorating Cookies

Riles Dobar concentrates hard as he decorates cookies at the First Congregational Church during Chelsea's recent Festival of Lights.

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Companies merge

■ **ASC Inc. and Inalfa Sunroofs to become second-largest aftermarket supplier in world.**

By Ken Welsch
Heritage Newspapers

ASC Inc. and Inalfa Sunroofs recently announced that they will merge their aftermarket operations, forming the second-largest aftermarket sunroof supplier in the world.

The announcement, made recently during the 2001 SEMA Show, a convention in Las Vegas for aftermarket manufacturers, caps more than two years of talks between the two auto parts specialty suppliers.

"This is, by no stretch, both companies merging," said Mark Pauze, director of marketing and communications for ASC Inc. "It's two companies taking their aftermarket divisions and making them stronger."

While the companies hope to have the merger complete by the end of the year and be ready for operations early in 2002, Pauze said that neither a new name for the company nor a headquarters location has been determined. Inalfa Sunroof, under the parent company Inalfa Industries, is headquartered in Brighton.

"This is a winning combination for dealers and consumers," Fred Welschen, chairman of Inalfa Industries, said in a press release. "Inalfa offers a worldwide technical base for product development, while ASC, with its American Sunroof Co. brand, has one of the best-known names in aftermarket sunroofs."

"The combined companies' abilities to offer a broad range of sunroof and accessory products, together with their reputation for service and long history in this business, make for a highly desirable partnership."

ASC's aftermarket products group develops and distributes built-in and spoiler sunroofs and mobile video systems through a network of 180 licensees in the United States and Canada.

Inalfa Skylite, an Inalfa Industries company, is a leading worldwide aftermarket sunroof manufacturer. The company also supplies seat heaters and other premium accessories through a network of 126 authorized distributors in North America, according to the release.

Inalfa Industries operates three businesses in North America: Inalfa Sunroof in Brighton, Inalfa Roof Systems in Auburn Hills and Inalfa SSI in Warren.

The company employs 2,100 workers worldwide, and has annual sales of more than \$400 million.

ASC is a full-service company leading the industry in the development and delivery of specialty vehicles, open-air systems and accessories. Headquartered in Southgate at One Sunroof Center, ASC also has offices in Gibraltar, and maintains operations throughout the U.S., Canada, Germany and South Korea.

ASC employs more than 2,000 people in 20 different facilities, and boasts annual sales of more than \$500 million.



On Location

Judy Gallagher, development director with the Purple Rose Theatre Co., was among a group from Chelsea who spent Thanksgiving in Sharpsburg, Va. They were there with local actor Jeff Daniels, who is filming the Civil War movie "Gods and Generals." The group was able to watch Civil War re-enactors recreate the battle of Fredericksburg. Gallagher is pictured with her son, Spencer, and husband, Kevin.

Paul reappointed to library board

■ **Dexter Township resident to serve three-year term.**

By Lisa Allmendinger
Special Writer

Nancy Paul was re-appointed to her post on the Chelsea District Library Board.

Paul will represent Dexter Township. Her term expires in

2005. Paul, who is nearing the end of a three-year term, was unanimously re-appointed by the Dexter Township Board.

The Chelsea District Library Board is composed of seven members, one from Chelsea and one each from Sylvan, Lima, Lyndon and Dexter townships. There are also two at-large board members.



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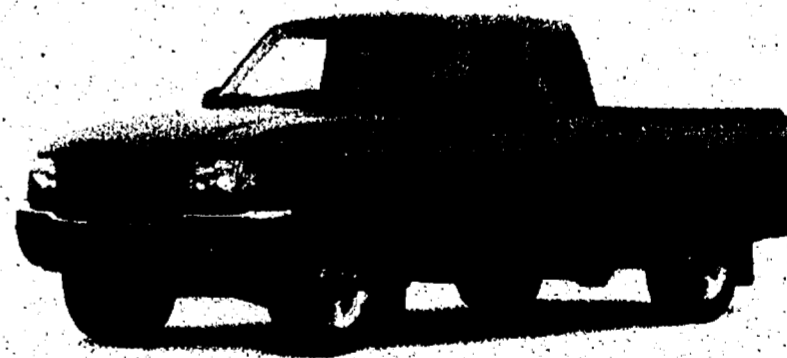
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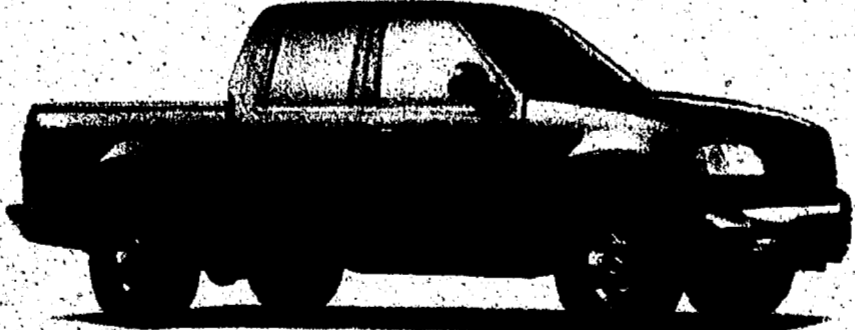
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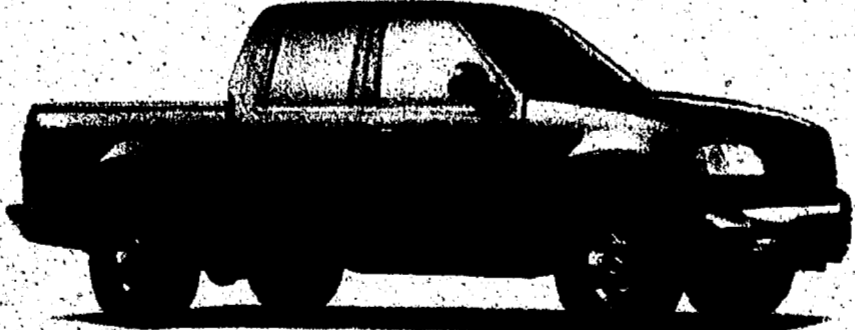
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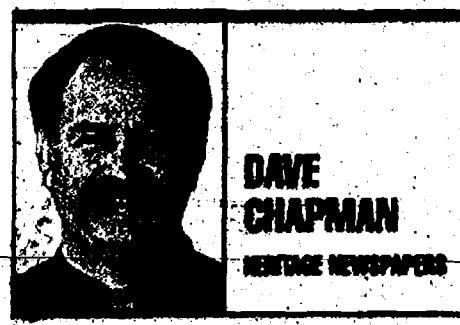
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There are plenty of gifts for car lovers



DAVE CHAPMAN
HEALTH NEWS

AUTOS

Although the stores have had Christmas decorations up since before Halloween, most of us don't start serious Christmas shopping until about now.

For those who are fortunate enough to have car lovers on their list, shopping can be quite easy. Here are a few ideas to point you in the right direction.

If you are shopping with an unlimited budget, you can buy the people on your list just about anything you want. For those who are on a budget, especially children, you can make coupons redeemable for car washes, wax jobs, interior cleaning or anything to do with cars including cleaning the garage.

If you can't afford a real car, plastic models aren't that expensive and they can give the person hours of frustration, um, pleasure, as they try to make it look just like the one on the box.

Be sure to include glue and paint with the model. Those less handy with glue probably can put together one of the newer metal models. If they aren't handy at all, purchase them a die cast model.

If they already have die cast models, how about a nice display case to put them in? If you are handy, you could build one yourself out of wood or you could use a radiator shell from a Model T to make a unique showcase for their models.

Remote-controlled cars also are a good idea; if you buy a pair of them you can race against each other to see who cleans the dishes after dinner.

Shirts, hats, jackets and ties may be a little boring, but with a car logo or design, they might be just right for the person on your list. I even hear there are a few Cruisin' Downriver shirts available from last year's big event.

For NASCAR fans, Red Wing Shoe Co. is offering a limited special edition series with Richard Petty's face on a pair of cowboy boots.

Gloves always have been a traditional gift at Christmas, so if you can't think of anything else, a pair of gloves will be better than a pair of fuzzy slippers. There are gloves for summer driving and winter driving, and special gloves made to protect hands when working on cars.

If you are really lost for ideas, you could give an ice scraper. Or if your budget is a little higher, a remote car starter would mean they wouldn't need the ice scraper.

Auto memorabilia always is a welcome gift and there are many items to choose from, including signs, posters, old oilcans, coolers or gas pumps. Old metal toy cars, trucks, scooters, wagons, pedal cars — just about any of these types of items will work. They can be found on the Internet, or at garage sales, antique stores and junk shops. I've even known of people who have found stuff on the side of the road.

With winter staring us in the face, it is a good idea to carry around a small emergency repair kit in the car. These can be purchased from your local auto supply store and usually include such items as jumper cables, flat tire repair in a can, a pair of pliers, some tape, a flashlight and spare fuses.

If you would like, you could purchase the items separately and build the kit yourself to tailor it toward a person's specific needs. If you decide to make the kit yourself, include a bag of cat box filler. It can be used for traction on slippery road surfaces.

One of the items everyone should carry with them is an air gauge. Proper tire inflation increases tire life and fuel mileage.

Another tool that doesn't take up much space and could be useful for many things is a flashlight. Everyone should have one in their vehicle, and a spare set of batteries wouldn't be a bad idea either.

Tools are always a welcome gift. I know of no one who works on cars who has ever said they have enough tools. There is always some new tool on the market that, even though the person might not need, they would love to have. Other tools like screwdrivers and pliers always seem to get lost, so there

is always a need for more.

Instead of having their tools lying all around the place, how about a nice toolbox. There are all different sizes and shapes depending on what you are going to put in them. There are also wall cabinets for the garage, which are great to clean up some of the clutter.

Trying to put out a car fire with an old rag is not a good idea, nor is leaving a jacked up vehicle on an old milk crate or cinder block. If the person on your list doesn't have a fire extinguisher, a smoke alarm in the garage, or a jack stand, any of those would be a gift that could save a life.

For those people on your list who are all thumbs and can't turn a screwdriver, how about a gift certificate or two? Suitable ones could include oil changes, tune-ups, brake jobs or a tire rotation. Just about anything to do with working on a vehicle would be greatly appreciated.

If the person on your list doesn't have a computer, it's about time they do. It is a great tool, especially when connected to the Internet. There are many auto-related programs that

could be of use to them. And if nothing else, there are plenty of games they could play.

A DVD or video of their favorite car movie might keep them entertained for hours. You could even throw in a six-pack of their favorite beverage and some microwave popcorn.

For the children on the list, or maybe for the whole family, how about a 12-volt video player to mount in your vehicle. It's a great way to keep little or big kids entertained on long trips, and they are now available in either VHS or DVD format.

Tickets to an upcoming event such as the North American International Auto Show, Autorama, a monster truck show or a race at Michigan International Speedway would be great. Include a gift certificate for dinner to complete the package. For out-of-town events you can call 1-800-400-1998 or visit them on line at www.gptours.com.

If the person on your list thinks or acts like a racecar driver, why not send them to a driving school? There are many different ones for everything from NASCAR to funny cars. When they return from the class you

will know that at least they were taught the right way to drive, even if they don't show it. You can find a listing for the many different schools with phone numbers and Web addresses in most any magazines dealing with cars.

Speaking of magazines, there's another great gift. Magazines can expand their vocabulary, keep them busy while reading it and provide a gift they will get all year long.

Other reading material, such as repair manuals or any car-related publications, could also work. If your budget is not very large there are a lot of free catalogs out there that would keep them entertained for hours and the price is right.

If the person on your list complains that they can't find their favorite artist on eight-track tapes anymore, maybe it's time to buy them a new sound system for their car, home or even the garage.

If you can't afford a complete sound system, the current system could be upgraded by adding new speakers, a CD player, an amp for more power or a set of headphones so that no one else has to listen to it.

If the person on your list doesn't own a cellphone, buy them one and they wouldn't have an excuse as to why they haven't called you lately. If the person on your list has a cellphone, why not buy them an adapter that allows the phone to be used in a hands-free mode?

Tired of trying to locate the person on your list at car shows and other events because they seem to forget where they are or what time it is? You could gift wrap them a watch so they know what time it is. And as for where they are, how about a set of hand-held radios?

If the person on your list has a vehicle that they store for the winter, a custom fit cover could be the ticket. Besides, it would look better than all those old worn out sheets and blankets that cover it now. If you want to go hi-tech, there are covers that are sealed and have a fan to keep the car fresh until next spring.

If garage space is a problem, a car lift could be an answer. There are many different styles and prices that allow you to stack cars on top of each other. Information on these items can be found in most car magazines.

Another way to get a little extra garage space is putting the car up on dollies that allow the car to be moved around easily. These items also are good for when working on a vehicle that needs to be moved around in tight spaces.

If the person on your list likes to keep a clean garage, many companies offer pads that cover the garage floor so that it does not get soiled from leaking or dripping cars.

Look in just about any garage or workshop and you are likely to see a calendar. Calendars can be found with many car-related themes, one of the more popular ones is from Hemmings Motor News. Or if you have some photos around the house, those can be made into a calendar by many local businesses. If you have a computer and the right program, you could make it at home yourself.

A poster size blow-up of someone's personal vehicle would be nice. If they don't have a photo for this year, purchase a camera so they are sure to have one for next year. A disposable camera would be a great stocking stuffer that they could keep in the glove compartment.

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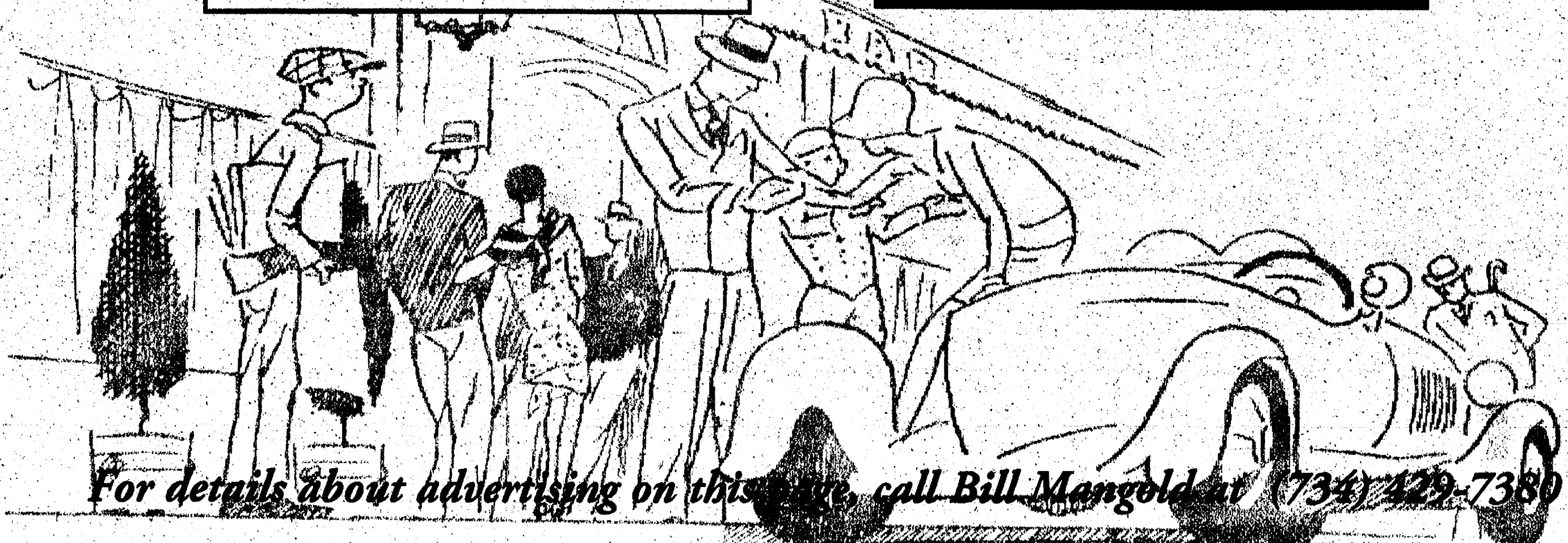
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