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NEWS BRIEFS

Dec. 20 water test may cause discoloration
 On Dec. 20, the Chelsea Retirement Community will perform its annual fire suppression system flow test, which is required by the state. The test is scheduled for sometime after 1 p.m.
 Because of the large volume of water that will flow through the system in a short time, some areas may experience a temporary discoloration.

Jeff Daniels in special event Dec. 28 and 29
 Actor Jeff Daniels, well known for his performances on stage and screen and also as a playwright and director at the Purple Rose Theatre Co., will show another side of his talent at the end of the month:
 "Jeff Daniels: Onstage and Unplugged" will feature the actor discussing his acting career and performing a collection of original songs that he has written throughout his life.

The program is slated for 8 p.m. Dec. 28, and 3 and 8 p.m. Dec. 29 at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea. For prices and ticket information, call 433-7873.

Community Education brochures on their way
 Chelsea Community Education brochures are being mailed this weekend and should reach mailboxes early next week, said Community Education Director Jeff Rohrer.

Registration for winter classes begins Monday. People may register in person at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea, or fax registrations to 433-2216. Registrations are also accepted online at chelsea.k12.mi.us.

Red Cross blood drive slated for Tuesday
 The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

Happy Days



Teacher Jeanne Cassell's third-graders at North Creek Elementary School celebrated the 50th day of school with a 1950s theme. Slicked-back hair and poodle skirts dominated the day as students dressed in '50s-style clothes, danced to tunes of the decade and indulged in ice cream sodas. Pictured are Martin Harris (left), Conor Tait, Zach Scheper, Cody Dalton, Katie Lange, Stasia Jarrell, Marie Zili, Ericka Fredricks, Marquel Taylor and Emma Argloff.

Firm coughs up for error

Wrong type of gravel used in new parking lot.

By Will Keeler
 Staff Writer

The Downtown Development Authority and local contractor Tetra Tech have paved over a muddy disagreement.

Tetra Tech agreed to reimburse the DDA \$5,000 after the company laid 11 inches of the wrong grade of gravel in the new parking lot on Park Street.

The contractor supervised Farrow Group, which tore down the buildings that housed the Staffan-Mitchell funeral home and Serendipity book store.

Once the debris was cleared, Tetra Tech put down gravel, but it was a grade of gravel that did

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Residents discuss proposed zoning ordinance

Officials to hold public hearing in coming months.

By Kent Ashton Walton
 Special Writer

Area residents met with the Dexter Township Planning Commission Saturday to learn about changes proposed to the zoning ordinance.

Liz Brater, land use director at the Ann Arbor Ecology Center, organized the meeting. Special guests included Barry Lonik, executive director of the Washtenaw Land Trust, and members of Dexter Neighbors, a grassroots group organized in opposition to a gas station proposed on the corner of North Territorial and Dexter-Plackney roads.

Some of the topics discussed included:

- The Purchase of Development Rights program.
- The proposed zoning ordinance.
- Problems connected to agricultural land versus residential developments.
- Open space.
- Fragile land.
- Septic fields.

Brater led the discussion by emphasizing the need for environmentally responsible growth. She referred to a map showing about 9,000 lots that could be developed in the township, and said there are only about 5,000 out of 20,000 acres of farmland left in the township.

Several residents expressed concern over the impact of development and population growth in the area. They discussed such solutions as the inclusion of a PDR program in the township and the use of open space in new housing developments.

Lonik said that the township, which has a master plan, should adopt a PDR program so farmers can make applications through the local government for state funding. The township has a draft PDR ordinance, but has not approved it yet.

The state has limited funding of about \$5 million for purchasing development rights, which Lonik said is probably already earmarked. He suggested the township create local PDR funding through a millage so state funding is not the sole source.

Lonik said there were about 300 applications for PDR funding this year in Michigan. Of that number, 34 were from Washtenaw County and about a half-dozen from Dexter Township. Lonik estimated that only about a dozen of the applications from across the state would be accepted.

A number of farmers raised questions about the qualifications for PDR funding, such as the quality of the land and the resulting tax changes on property.

Lonik said the evaluation for PDR is based on the land being prime, which means that it is flat and has crop-growing capacity. He also said the land could be rated as "soils of local importance," which implies it could be used for crops, even if it has trees.

Regarding the tax issue, Lonik said that Michigan is one of only two states in the country that taxes farmland according to its

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Business owner files lawsuit against DDA, village

Local woman wants to keep parking spaces.

By Will Keeler
 Staff Writer

Two parking spaces on West Middle Street have spurred a lawsuit between a local business owner and the village.

Joanne Oesterle, who owns a building at 115 W. Middle St., is asking the village to label the two parking spaces in front of her building as "no parking." The spaces have been marked for three-hour public parking since last spring.

The dispute began after the Downtown Development Authority completed a parking study last year. The study looked at ways the village and its merchants could better serve the community despite limited parking.

Oesterle and her late husband, Sumner, owned Harper Pontiac, 118 W. Middle St. After the business closed, area merchants told the parking committee that they would like to see the village open up the two parking spaces for public use.

As a result of the survey, the parking committee recommended the change. The DDA presented the recommendation to the Village Council last February and the council approved the switch to three-hour parking.

At the time, the village could not find a written contract or agreement concerning the spaces.

Soon after the spaces were opened for parking, Village Manager Jack Myers received a call from Oesterle. She said that the deed to the building stated that the two spots are to remain closed to the public.

According to the deed, as long as there are curb cuts on Middle Street for ingress and egress, the parking spaces must remain closed to public parking.

But DDA Chairman Sheridan Springer said Monday that when the streetscape was completed in 1992, the curb cuts were taken out.

The village said that the dispute is not over money; it's over the parking spaces. In the lawsuit, Oesterle is asking the village to mark the spaces "no parking" and she wants the village to pay her court costs and fees. The DDA is named in the lawsuit, as well.

Myers said that he has turned the matter over to village attorney Randy Kracker. The DDA will use the same attorney unless Kracker objects. No court date has been set.

Oesterle was contacted Monday, but refused comment.

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Local businesswoman Joanne Oesterle has filed a lawsuit with the village and the Downtown Development Authority. The lawsuit states that Oesterle wants the two parking spaces in front of the building she owns at 115 W. Middle St. to be marked "no parking."

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Investing in the future

Foundation funds wide array of educational activities

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The Chelsea Education Foundation — whose motto is "Working Together for Chelsea's Future" — enriches the lives of local residents by funding a wide spectrum of educational activities.

The foundation has provided funding for a marine biology trip in Saginaw Bay, a string quartet performance at the Center for the Development of the Arts, a Parenting Resource Center at the Chelsea District Library, a Heritage Room for historical archives at the Chelsea Retirement Community, school programs and scholarships.

The nonprofit, tax-exempt organization was born in 1990, providing a link between school, business and community to help strengthen Chelsea's future.

Contributions to the foundation are given back to the community through scholarships for area college students and high

school seniors, grants to teachers and others with great ideas and sponsorships of community forums on important topics.

"In the past year, the foundation has invested more than \$56,000 of contributors' money in these worthy endeavors," said Yvonne Hopp, program chairwoman.

Members of the foundation's board, who come from the business community, school community and Chelsea area, are rooted in the Chelsea community.

"We're each committed to making sure that Chelsea remains a fertile ground for learning for everyone in our community," Hopp said.

The foundation awards several types of scholarships annually. Last year, the group awarded \$33,750 to Chelsea-area residents.

Local parents and youths got help for those turbulent teen years when the foundation co-sponsored two presentations

last year by Dr. Maria Trozzi on helping parents and children sail through — and survive — adolescence.

The foundation has also presented writing workshops for area teachers and residents in partnership with The Chelsea Community Foundation and The Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan.

Other activities the foundation has co-sponsored include a grants information seminar, the Chelsea Poetry Competition and Celebration, and a "Meet the Candidate Night" for school board candidates.

This fall, the foundation co-sponsored an in-service presentation for school staff by author and motivational speaker Chick Moorman. His speech was called "Teacher Talk for Creating Self-Responsible Students." Moorman's provided practical techniques to be implemented both at school and at home.

Chelsea students have bene-

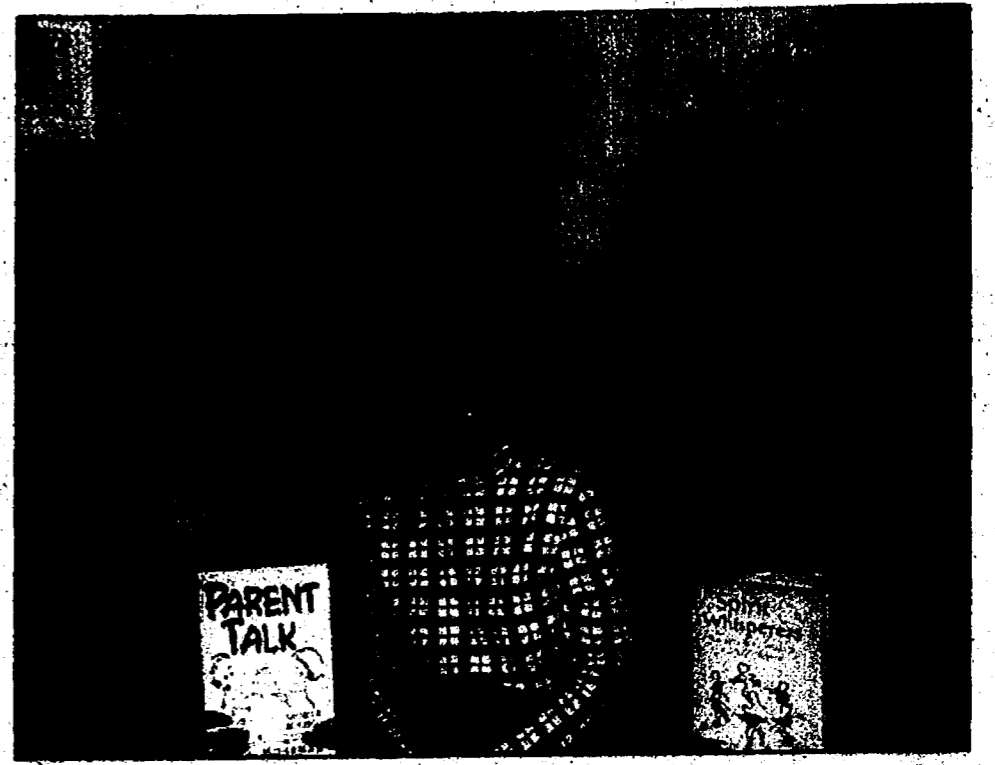
fited from foundation grants with activities such as author visits, field trips, historical reenactments, science Olympiads and mentoring programs.

Grants have also funded Opera on Wheels, the "Chasing the Blues and Depression" program for seniors and the multi-generational reading project Grandparents Tutoring Children.

Contributions to the foundation are made through bequests, donations, stocks and/or bonds, memorials, real estate and trusts. Donations may be sent to the Chelsea Education Foundation, P.O. Box 295, Chelsea 48118.

The foundation will hold a dinner dance fund-raiser Feb. 23 at the Comfort Inn in Chelsea. The evening will feature a live auction and music provided by Cool & Company, an eight-piece band.

For more information, call Judy Stratman at 475-8095.



Sally Weber, teacher consultant at Pierce Lake Elementary School, office support Yvonne Hopp, first-grade teacher Karen Glover and speech and language teacher Ann Andraska all enjoyed a workshop earlier this year presented by motivational speaker and author Chick Moorman. The presentation, "Teacher Talk for Creating Self-Responsible Students," was funded by a grant from the Chelsea Education Foundation.

School board approves after-school program for teens

■ *New Chelsea Teen Network program to start Jan. 28.*

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The school board gave the go-ahead Monday to launching Chelsea Teen Network by approving a \$15,000 grant from the Chelsea Community Foundation.

The program has estimated full-time operating costs of \$33,528. Participant fees will cover the remainder of the budget.

"This is the kind of grant that can make a positive difference in the lives of youth in our community," foundation spokesperson Art Dils said Tuesday.

The new program is slated to start Jan. 28, offering bowling

at Chelsea Lanes on Mondays and ice skating at the Arctic Coliseum on Wednesdays. Other activities, such as board games, billiards and study time, also will be available.

Children will be bused from Beach Middle School and parents will pick them up from the two facilities.

After Jan. 28, the study group The Beach Club will move from its current meeting times of Mondays and Wednesdays to Tuesdays and Thursdays so that pupils will have after-school activities four days a week.

Community Education Director Jeff Rohrer, who will oversee the program, said Tuesday that the plan is to move to four days of Teen Network activities in the fall.

Kristi Henry, a part-time teacher at Beach, has been hired as program coordinator.

Rohrer said Tuesday that research shows that middle school pupils are most at risk between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m.

"Many students are involved in activities after school, but the activities are not continuous throughout the entire year and there are many gaps in programming for this age group," Rohrer said.

Rohrer brought together several community organizations in the spring, including Chelsea Community Hospital, Chelsea Area Responding to Teens, Beach Middle School, Faith In Action and Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts. A

social worker, assistant principal and middle school pupils provided input.

Rohrer, Enrichment Coordinator Joanne LaFleur and former Recreation Director Mike Thelen visited after-school programs in other districts. The grant was written last spring and a budget was developed.

More than 600 surveys were sent to parents of middle school pupils, and 88 were returned.

"The results indicated a need and desire from parents to have

a program for students after school," Rohrer said. "The goal is to make the program self-supporting through fees."

"The goal is to operate with input from the students. They will tell us the sort of activities they enjoy."

The program is planned to serve 30 to 40 students a day, the majority of whom will be sixth-grade pupils.

Pre-registration will be re-

quired but it will be a drop-in program. Information will be sent home with students shortly, Rohrer said.

"We're always looking for ways to increase extra-curricular opportunities for our students, and this is a good start," Board President Scott Broshar said Tuesday.

Grassroots group continues fight

■ *Planners hit another snag with gas station proposal.*

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

Dexter Township residents opposed to construction of a gas station on the corner of Dexter-Pinckney and North Territorial roads are continuing their battle at the local level.

The grassroots group Dexter Neighbors has asked the Township Planning Commission to hold off consideration of the developer's site plan for a convenience store while the gas station component is resolved in court.

At the commission's Dec. 4 meeting, Jennifer Bensing, representing Dexter Neighbors, read a letter to the board from attorney Mark Reading. The letter asked the commission not to make any decisions regarding the site plan until the circuit court acts on Bill and Fady Salamey's appeal regarding the gas station complex. The brothers filed an appeal Sept. 28 with the circuit court after the

Planning Commission reversed its approval of a site plan for a gas station and convenience store complex.

The letter argues that the conditional-use application being appealed in court is for a convenience store and gas station, which suggests that they are interrelated.

Reading said the convenience store is intended to transact the gas station business, so the concerns and conditions affecting the gas station should also affect the convenience store.

The legal tangle revolves around the distinction between conditional use and permitted use. Reading said if the convenience store is used as part of the gas station, it comes under the heading of conditional use and the township should be able to place conditions on it.

But if it falls under the heading of permitted use, Reading said the township does not have the authority to place condi-

tions. A new site plan for just the convenience store was given to the Planning Commission Nov. 12. It describes the commercial development for the five-acre parcel as retail sales, which the township allows as a "permitted principal use" in the zoning district.

But Dexter Neighbors is saying that the store should not be considered separate from the gas station complex and any action taken by the Township Planning Commission regarding the convenience store should not be taken until the circuit court rules on the developer's appeal.

The Planning Commission voted to table the site plan until Jan. 2. The commission meets 7:30 p.m. at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

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STRAIGHT FACTS

Chelsea High School inadvertently provided last year's high school honor roll and it was published Dec. 6. This year's honor roll is on page 7-A.

Last week's Community Roots column should have said, "With approximately 3,400 residents 18 and older in the village, the signatures collected represent about 18 percent of Chelsea's eligible voters." In all, 550 signatures were collected on a petition supporting a new park.

Last week's story about a mobile home park in Sylvan Township should have said, "The approximate measurement of each lot is 55-by-115 feet."

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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Traffic causes problems on I-94

■ Fire chief calls large number of runs unusual.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Chelsea Area Fire Department had a hectic day Tuesday. Firefighters were dispatched to seven runs, Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood said yesterday.

The runs started shortly after midnight when firefighters had to help medical personnel with Huron Valley Ambulance at a residence on Hadley Road.

The incident was followed at 4:30 a.m. with a traffic fatality on Interstate 94.

"We were originally told there was a motor vehicle accident - a roll-over - at I-94 and Dancer Road," Ellenwood said. "While

we were en route to that, we got a call back about a pedestrian fatality near I-94 and M-52. It turned out to be the same incident.

"A car had run off the road, and the woman driver was struck by another vehicle and killed when she tried to walk across the freeway."

Ellenwood said the westbound lanes were closed for about an hour while the state police conducted an investigation. Traffic going eastbound also snarled as drivers slowed down to look.

The next run for the fire department was at about 7 a.m. when three cars crashed on westbound I-94 near M-52, resulting in minor injuries.

Shortly after that, two semi-trailers were involved in a crash when one rear-ended another, sending one into the ditch.

At 10:02 a.m., a westbound car rolled over on I-94 near Notten Road, resulting in minor injuries for the driver.

A few minutes after that call, firefighters were sent to handle a carbon monoxide alarm in the village, although no immediate problems were discerned.

The final run of the day was shortly before 7 p.m. for a medical run in the village, an incident that was then handed to Chelsea Police Department.

Ellenwood said the depart-

ment usually sends about half a dozen firefighters on medical runs, and between eight and 12 to motor vehicle accidents.

"It was certainly a day that was busier than usual," Ellenwood said. "Most of our firefighters have full-time jobs and were up for much of the night and on runs again during the day. They have to adjust both their personal lives and work schedules to be on hand to help the local community."

"I'd like to remind people to slow down in bad weather or heavy traffic conditions; it's better to be a little late and get there safely," he said.



Holiday Cheer

The Chelsea Retirement Community held its 15th annual bake sale Dec. 7 at the center in Chelsea. Proceeds of the sale will help buy recreational items. In the past, money was spent to buy lawn furniture and televisions for the center's lounges. Looking over the baked goods are Chelsea resident Mary Lou Jury (left) and center resident Jane Schaller.

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It's important to keep in mind that one could easily find oneself as either a defendant or a plaintiff in a civil suit. As the saying goes, "accidents happen." Thus one should be knowledgeable both in regard to one's options in terms of obtaining compensation for loss and injury and also methods of protecting one's property and assets from law suits. To schedule a complimentary consultation at the LAW OFFICES OF KITCHEN & STRINGER, J.D., located in Dexter, at 3249 Broad St., call 426-4695, and put our more than 30 years experience to work for you.

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Dexter company wins prize

Neural Intervention Technologies, a Dexter company, has won a grand prize of \$10,000 from among 46 East Region entries in the Great Lakes Venture Quest.

The company commercializes neural engineering research for directly communicating with the brain, such as treating brain vessel defects from inside the vessel to sustain brain function.

Two runners-up in the East Region were Mobius, a Detroit company, and Adaptive Materials in Ann Arbor.

Nine teams in three regions were awarded a total of \$60,000 in the first phase of the Great Lakes Venture Quest statewide business plan competition. The Awards were presented Dec. 5 at Grand Valley State University near Grand Rapids.

A total of \$160,000 will be awarded in the second annual Great Lakes Venture Quest, running from October through March. The Phase 2 awards ceremony will be held April 8.

More than 100 teams are participating and new teams are welcome. The deadline for Phase 2 entries has been extended to March 15.

Formed in 2000, the nonprofit organization serves to unite the entrepreneurial community and build the critical mass of technology, talent and capital necessary to make Michigan among the best places to start a high-tech enterprise.

For information, call 1-734-615-4423.

Local graduate's work published

Rebecca Wiechman, a 1998 Dexter High School graduate, has been published in "Opus," the literary magazine for Hope College, where Wiechman is a senior.

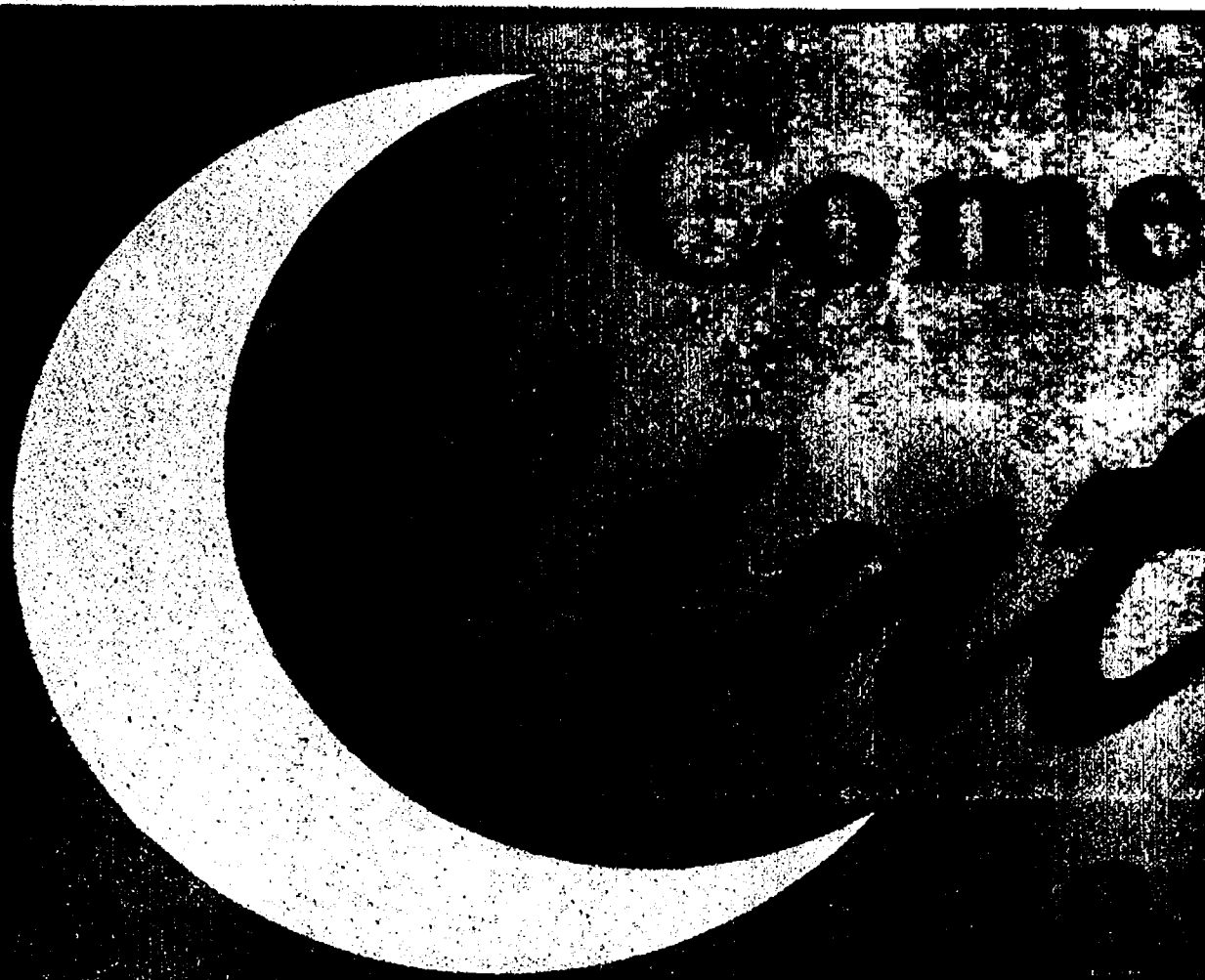
The magazine gives students an opportunity for expression by presenting their prose, poetry, photography and artwork. The fall 2001 edition was released in late November with works from about 30 students published in the magazine.

While attending Hope College, Wiechman has participated in various other activities, including the Mortar Board honorary society, orchestra, Fellowship of Christian Students, the Union of Catholic Students and a spring break mission trip.

Wiechman has also participated in the Nykerk Cup contest, a traditional event in which members of the freshman and sophomore classes compete in song, oration and theatrical productions.

Wiechman also has been involved in the Inquiring Minds group, the Dance Marathon fund-raiser, the Religious Life Committee for student government, and WTHS, the college's student-run FM radio station.

Wiechman, the daughter of William and Candy Wiechman of Whitmore Lake, also has been named to the dean's list.



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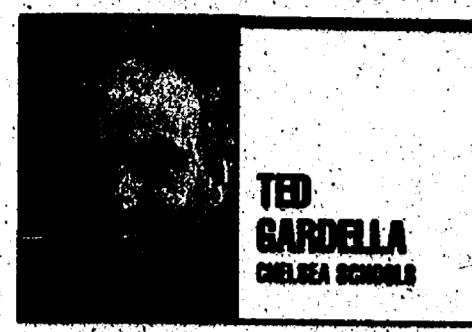
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The Michigan Revised School Code (1977) and the State School Aid Act (1979) required the establishment of educational standards and the assessment of students' academic achievement.

The state Board of Education, with the input of educators throughout Michigan, approved a system of academic standards and a framework within which local school districts could develop and implement curricula as they see fit.

The MEAP tests were developed for the purpose of determining what students know and are able to do as compared to the standards of the Michigan Curriculum Frameworks.

Hundreds of educators from across Michigan continue to be involved in the development and ongoing improvement of these tests.

No other tests measure what is expected of Michigan students,

nor measure the performance of Michigan students against established academic standards.

The MEAP tests have been recognized nationally as sound, reliable and valid measurements of academic achievement.

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Further, the tests provide a common measure to see how well students are doing in our schools, and to ensure that all Michigan students are measured on the same skills and knowledge, in the same way, at the same time.

Properly used, the MEAP tests can:

- Measure academic achievement as compared to expectations in a school district.
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having the desired effect. •Target academic help where it's needed.

The MEAP tests were developed to measure what Michigan educators believe all students should know and be able to achieve in five content areas: mathematics, reading, science, social studies and writing.

Test results paint a picture of how well Michigan students and Michigan schools are doing when compared to standards established by the state Board of Education. The MEAP test is the only common measure given statewide to all students.

Results of MEAP tests can be used by schools for school improvement purposes. The results indicate overall strengths and weaknesses of a school district's curriculum, and can be used to modify instructional practice.

Results have been used for the Michigan Accreditation Pro-

gram, and will continue to be used as one piece of this program as it evolves into an accountability model.

Our MEAP tests are based on the Curriculum Frameworks approved by the Michigan State Board of Education. No other published tests match Michigan's Outcomes and Standards. Michigan educators have actually written most of the questions on the MEAP tests.

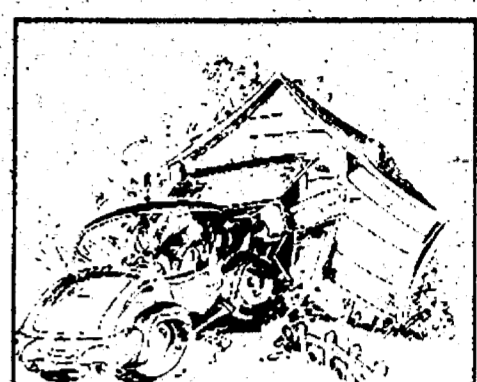
Also, Michigan's MEAP tests are criterion-referenced, meaning that the results that are reported show a school district's performance compared to a standard. These standards are set by Michigan educators and approved by the Michigan State Board of Education.

Student performance is judged according to whether each student met the achievement standard. If a student meets the standard, it means he or she meets expectations set by

the state Board of Education on the recommended curriculum. In theory, all students in the state could achieve the standard in every subject.

Most published tests are norm-referenced. This means

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potential for development instead of being assessed simply as agricultural land.

However, the plus to the PDR program is that once the development rights are purchased and the farmland is established for perpetuity, the land is assessed as agricultural land because it's no longer developable.

In addition, the farmer still owns the land and has access to the equity, which is the current property value of the land minus its agricultural value.

Lonik said the cost of funding development is often greater than the cost of funding a PDR program because development has hidden costs such as services, including police, fire, schools, sewers and roads.

Commissioners agreed that a PDR ordinance is necessary and should be incorporated as part of the new master plan.

Commissioner John Shea said that among the 14 or 15 ordinance items that need to be rewritten in Dexter Township is an update of sections related to lake residential district buildings and lots.

Also under consideration is the number of building units

permitted on agricultural land. Currently, one unit per 10 acres is allowed. Many landowners want one unit per five acres.

Shea also said that there is a need for a more sophisticated approach to development on land zoned for rural residential. He said developers need incentives to maintain open space, and the township should provide alternatives to "cookie cutter" houses on one acre.

By clustering more homes per acre, developers can set aside land as open community space. It also provides developers with density bonuses, giving them an option of having extra houses in exchange for leaving undeveloped land.

Some residents said they foresee problems with the idea. Although it may preserve rural land, they said clustered planning could run foul of regulations for septic site placement and capacity, and create contamination problems in aquifers.

However, Shea doesn't think developers would submit plans unless they are sure they could build. These issues, he said, would be determined according to standards set by the Washtenaw County Health Department.

One basic issue in the discussion centered on the right of landowners to rezone from agricultural to rural residential.

Gillespie conceded that a farm surrounded by residential development makes farming more difficult, and presents problems for residents. But, he said, if farmers need to rezone to retrieve the value of their land, they have a right to do so. He also said an open space alternative would facilitate land preservation.

Not all board members and residents agree. Some are concerned that rezoning leads to a loss of rural character because agricultural land disappears.

Shea said that zoning exists to protect uses within zones, and that agricultural land should be protected.

In relation to districts zoned for commercial use, some residents questioned the prudence of permitting special land uses in environmentally fragile areas.

The issue is currently a major concern for Dexter Neighbors, which has been fighting a gas station proposed in the township.

Much of the township area is sandy, porous soil that needs to be protected from chemical contamination. Gillespie acknowledged that even where there are clay levels in the soil, they tend to be irregular. He said it's hard to determine whether an area is

safe from water source contamination.

Another resident brought up the problem of spoiled views. Gillespie and Shea said they think the matter of views has been covered by ordinances that regulate setbacks, building heights and special areas such as lake front properties. However, they said the ordinance does not prevent views from being ruined by TV and cell towers, as well as unsightly

buildings.

The meeting closed with a request from the audience to allow a 45-day period in which the text of the revised ordinances could be available to the public.

Commissioners said a public hearing on the ordinance will be held in the next couple of months.

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not meet village specifications, said DDA Chairman Sheridan Springer.

The DDA contracted with Tetra Tech to lay \$8,000 worth of gravel. The village specifies that eight inches of 21-AA grade gravel be laid before asphalt is poured over it.

"Tetra Tech knew that this was going to be temporary gravel parking lot and we would pave it in the spring. We should have had someone else look over the specs, but we didn't," Springer said.

Tetra Tech thought it would be OK to put down a different grade of gravel, but 23-A grade gravel could have runoff and contaminated other areas near the lot, Springer said.

The Department of Public Works has since cleaned up the gravel and laid the correct grade. The DDA opened the lot to the public Dec. 7. The DDA will pave the lot and finish landscaping next spring.

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Often, when a person narrowly escapes a disaster, the person will say, "God was with me." But that leads to a serious question: What about the person who *didn't* escape, the person who *didn't* beat the medical problem, the person who dies young, or who spends the rest of their life disabled? Where is God?
The Bible says, "The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good" (Ecclesiastes 1:5,3). Where is God? God is everywhere. He is all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-present. And all-loving.
But His way of thinking is beyond our understanding. We cannot figure Him out or second-guess Him.
Why God rescues some and not others is a mystery, and it's best not to read too much into it.
The ones rescued are not necessarily people who have God on their side any more than those who aren't rescued. The Lord in His wisdom decides when it's time for someone to die. In the case of a believer in Jesus Christ, the Lord decides when it's time to take them to heaven. In the case of an unbeliever, He decides when it's time to end their opportunity to come to faith in Jesus. We trust that all His decisions are good and just, even though they're often not the decisions we would make.
The eyes of the Lord are keeping watch on you. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, this is very comforting; if you do not believe, then this is a dreadful thought. Either way, you are not beyond the reach of God's goodness and salvation. Your God can rescue you eternally, and He wants to do just that, through faith in His Son. Please don't try to avoid Him.
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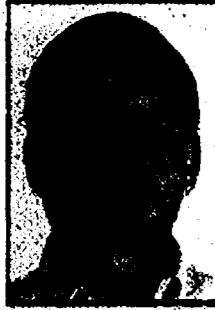
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Most water heaters are fueled by gas. Data shows this to save the average homeowner about \$400 per year over a unit powered by electricity, so it is the most popular.

A water heater consists of a steel tank that contains the water and a heat source to raise the water to the desired temperature.

Cold water enters at the top of the tank through a dip tube that conducts it to the bottom of the tank. A gas-fired heating element on the outside of the base of the tank provides the heat to warm the water. The hot water then rises within the tank and

moves under pressure through pipes to your home's fixtures.

What temperature should this water be? If it is too hot, the homeowner is wasting energy, risks scalding themselves, and will shorten the life of the unit. If too cold, the water will not adequately clean clothes and dishes when washed. The recommended temperature is 120 to 140 degrees F.

How long will a water heater last? Industry averages are in the 12- to 14-year range, but a large number of variables can raise or lower these numbers. To determine the age of your unit, look at the serial number stamped on the data sheet affixed to the side of the heater. Most manufactures include the last two digits of the year in this number, often near the front of the long number.

How will you know when your unit needs replacement? Obviously, if your unit stops producing hot water, there is a problem. Also, watch for water collecting on the floor around the base of the unit; this is a sign that the tank has begun to leak, and replacement is needed.

What maintenance is required? Sediment from the incoming water will settle at the bottom of the tank. Over time, this will cause the unit to heat inefficiently, and may create

rumbling sounds from within the unit.

To get rid of this sediment, manufacturers have attached a drain valve and spigot near the bottom of the tank. This spigot is threaded so that your garden hose can attach to it. By simply attaching a hose and directing the other end to a floor drain or sump pit, you can open the valve and drain out a few gallons of water twice a year. This will eliminate the sediment buildup.

One safety feature of your water heater is the T & P relief valve. It is usually found on the side of the heater near the top. The valve attaches to a pipe that extends toward the floor. This valve is designed as a safety device to release under high temperature or pressure (T & P), preventing the tank from exploding.

If you find a puddle of water under the pipe, it is a sign that the valve has discharged, and you should have a professional examine the unit for its cause.

Richard Morse is a Dexter Township resident, architect, licensed builder and owner of Inside Out Home Inspection Service Inc. He can be reached at 424-9089 or at insideoutinspect@aol.com.



Photo by E.C. Anthony

Enjoying The Festivities

Area residents recently enjoyed children's activities and a visit with Santa at the Festival of Lights Nov. 30 through Dec. 2 in the village. Susan Wellman (left), holds her daughter, Catherine. Also pictured are Jeannette Beneteau and Terry Payton. In front are Brian Wellman (left), Michelle Wellman, Michael Beneteau and Stephanie Peyton.

CHECK OUT OUR CLASSIFIEDS TODAY!

MEAP

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that each student's performance is compared to other students' performance, and not to expectations set by educators.

No matter how well students do on a norm-referenced test, half of them will always be "below average," even if they meet expectations.

For example, imagine a foot race involving 100 people. The person who finishes first performed better than the other 99 participants. Every person who in the race is ranked-ordered by the time it took them to finish. Someone must finish first, and someone must finish last, but only half of the people can finish in the top 50 percent.

The MEAP tests also have some very important features not usually found on standardized tests. Most people think of multiple choice questions and "bubble sheets" when you mention the words standardized test.

The MEAP tests do feature multiple-choice questions, but they also use a type of assessment called Constructed Response questions. These questions require students to make sense of a question or task, and write out their response - more like an essay question.

Constructed response items are featured in all areas of the MEAP - mathematics, science, social studies and language arts. Parents today are usually surprised to see the kinds of ques-

tions that their children experience on the MEAP.

In Chelsea Public Schools, the school district has been working hard to incorporate more opportunities to write within all content areas.

This year, the school district has been able to enter into a partnership with Shawn Quilter of Eastern Michigan University to have university students score sample constructed response questions in mathematics and science, so that our teachers and students will get feedback on their writing.

The Michigan Department of Education's Web site has a great deal of information, and also sample released items from each of the content area tests. You may visit the site at <http://www.mde.state.mi.us>.

My next article will highlight instruction and technology. Please feel free to contact me with questions at the Chelsea School District's administrative offices at 433-2208.

Ted Gardella is the executive director of curriculum for Chelsea schools. He and other school officials are writing periodic columns called "Ask the Schools." Anyone interested in asking a question and having the newspaper forward it may contact Associate Editor Sheila Pursglove at 475-1371 or via e-mail at spursglove@heritage.com.

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Attention Township and Village Offices

Christmas & New Year's Holiday Notices Schedule

Publication of December 27 Notices Deadline
Tuesday, December 18, 1:00 p.m.

Publication of January 3 Notices Deadline
Friday, December 21, 5:00 p.m.

Beware of carbon monoxide

You can't see, smell or taste carbon monoxide, but at high levels, it can be deadly.

Carbon monoxide is produced during combustion or burning of such fuels as gas, oil, kerosene, wood or charcoal. If fuel-burning appliances are maintained and used properly, the amount of carbon monoxide produced is not dangerous.

However, if appliances are not working properly or are used incorrectly, dangerous levels of carbon monoxide can result, starving the body of the oxygen necessary to survive.

Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. reminds customers to check gas heaters and other fuel-burning appliances to ensure they are operating properly and to be aware of the symptoms of exposure to carbon monoxide.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are similar to those of the common cold or flu. They include headaches,

nausea, vomiting, dizziness, shortness of breath and fatigue.

Aside from the physical symptoms, there are other warning signs that carbon monoxide may be present. If the flame on natural gas appliances is yellow and creating soot, it's a sign that the fuel isn't burning completely. If you suspect a carbon monoxide problem, immediately open doors and windows, get out of the house into fresh air and, if necessary, seek medical attention.

"Carbon monoxide exposure should be taken seriously," said Wayne Schafer, vice president of gas distribution at DTE Energy. "Fortunately, the purchase of a carbon monoxide detector is a simple step to safeguarding your family."

MichCon recommends some simple precautions to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Install a carbon monoxide detector near your sleeping

quarters. Additional detectors are recommended when there are multiple furnaces or when bedrooms are in different areas of the home.

- Make sure appliances are properly installed, vented and maintained.

- Have a professional maintenance check of your furnace and other fuel-burning appliances annually.

- Make sure flues and chimneys are connected, in good condition and clear of debris.

- Never sleep in a room with an unvented gas or kerosene space heater.

- Never use a gas range to heat your home.

- Never operate a vehicle, lawn mower or grill in a closed garage.

- Never ignore symptoms, particularly if they are being experienced by more than one person.



Santa Lucia

Elin Walters Gurney of Dexter leads the Santa Lucia parade that was part of Dec. 1 Yule Tree celebration at the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts. The Santa Lucia program celebrated the holiday traditions of Sweden. Children made crowns and star hats, and guests were served hot chocolate and pepparkakor cookies.

Humans, pets need touch

By Kathryn Merrow
Special Writer

The simple act of repetitive, gentle touch reduces agitation in Alzheimer's patients, improves immune function and decreases the level of stress hormones.

Premature infants who are massaged leave the hospital six days earlier than non-massaged babies and they gain 47 percent more weight while taking only the same amount of formula.

Their food absorption is more efficient. The massaged babies also cry less and sleep better.

These baby massages are not full body rubs. They are simple little two-finger movements, delivering gentle pressure against the infant's skin, affecting every system.

It is important to know that special techniques are not needed to touch someone. Any gentle, rhythmic movements to a hand, arm, back or feet will have beneficial effects.

And the benefits are not only for the recipient. Senior citizens who volunteered to touch preschoolers at the Touch Research Institute at the University of Miami School of Medicine also received benefits.

After massaging the children, the senior citizens had reduc-

tions in high blood pressure, those who did smoke smoked fewer cigarettes; they drank fewer cups of coffee and initiated more social contacts. And they felt better.

In this country we frequently hear about violent and sexual types of touch. But as a group we have forgotten that there is another whole area of touch, which is safe and nurturing.

This safe touch is what binds families and friends together. It is as necessary to our health as is air or water.

Touch is not only necessary for humans, it is also necessary for animals. It is observed in the animal kingdom with such behaviors as grooming and curling up to each other.

Pets do not hesitate to ask to be touched. They don't sit in a corner hoping someone might ask them to come over and be petted, and neither should we.

Cats and dogs come right up to us and ask to be touched. They curl around our legs, hop into our lap, or look cute and hopefully into our eyes.

There is a reason they are called "pets," you know. And the act of petting another person or pet not only benefits them, it benefits us, too.

A sad commentary on the

necessity of touch occurred with Frederick II, a German emperor in the 13th century. He wondered what language infants would naturally speak if they never heard a spoken word.

Babies were taken from their mothers and their nurses were directed only to feed and diaper them. There was no other touching or communication.

Without touch and affection, there was no language. All the babies died.

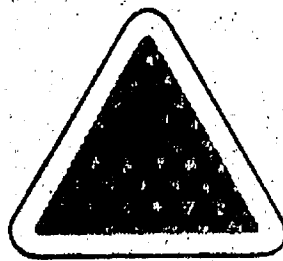
Especially now, with our recent national tragedy, and any personal tragedies we may experience, we need to do all we can to boost our immune system and be healthy.

This is a great time to get in touch with someone you care about — including yourself.

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NBA All-Star Jerry Stackhouse has two reasons to champion diabetes. His Mom and Dad.

NBA Guard Jerry Stackhouse believes managing diabetes is tougher than making it to the All-Stars. His parents have the disease and work everyday to control it. That means eating the right foods, getting regular physical activity, taking prescribed medications, and testing their blood sugar.

Diabetes isn't a game. It's a serious disease that can lead to heart attacks, strokes, kidney failure, blindness, and amputation. Jerry does all he can to support his parents. If someone you love has diabetes, please do the same. Learn how by calling 1-800-860-8747 for a free brochure.

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Lions Lend A Hand

The Chelsea Lions Club got into the Christmas spirit in early December, wrapping gifts for families receiving help from Faith In Action Inc. Pictured are Paul Weber (left), Phil Radant, Tom Penhallegon, Bill Harter, Keith Bloomsaat, Linda Penhallegon, Doug White, Lisa Harter and Norm Colby.

Celebrate with healthy eating

By Jessica McArthur
Heritage Newspapers

With Thanksgiving over, there's one holiday eating frenzy down and a few more to go.

Just the thought of celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's can add inches to the waist.

During this time of celebrating you may be trying to eat healthfully, but that doesn't mean you need to avoid the parties.

Whether watching a football game, meeting friends at an office party or going shopping, enjoy your favorite festive food this holiday season with these tips from the American Dietetic Association:

Be realistic. Don't try to lose weight during the holidays — this may be a self-defeating goal. Instead, strive to maintain your weight by balancing party eating with other meals.

Eat smaller lower-calorie meals during the day so you can

enjoy celebration foods without overdoing your calorie intake for the day.

Be active and keep moving. Walk the aisles of the mall, go ice-skating with your family or plan a party that involves an activity like bowling, skiing or hiking.

Take the edge off your hunger before a party. Feeling hungry can sabotage even the strongest willpower, so eat a small, low-fat snack, such as fruit or a bagel, before you head out the door.

This will help you avoid rushing to the buffet table when you arrive at a party. While you're there, take time to greet people you know. Conversation is calorie-free!

Get a beverage, and settle into the festivities before eating. Try sparkling water and a lime twist, which doesn't supply calories, rather than wine, champagne or a mixed drink.

Make just one trip to the party buffet. And be selective. Choose

only the foods you really want to eat and keep portions small.

Often, just a taste satisfies a craving or curiosity. Also, move your socializing away from the buffet table; this will eliminate unconscious nibbling.

Choose lower-calorie party foods. Raw vegetables with a small amount of dip, just enough to coat the end of the vegetable are a good choice.

Try boiled shrimp or scallops with cocktail sauce or lemon. Go easy on fried appetizers and cheese cubes.

To help ensure that there will be healthful treats, bring a dish to the party filled with raw vegetables with a yogurt or cottage cheese dip, or bring a platter of fresh fruit.

MILITARY NEWS



Sky Diver

Chelsea native Jason Daniels recently competed in the U.S. Professional Sky Diving Championship in Arizona. A member of the competition team "The Wings of Blue," from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Daniels, a junior, took first place in the accuracy category and second place in the overall competition. Daniels, a 1999 graduate of Rochester Adams High School, is the son of former South Meadows Elementary School teacher Anita Janich Daniels. He also will compete at the Collegiate Championship Dec. 28 through 30 in Florida.



Airman Graduates

Air Force Airman Ross A. Jackson, the son of Susan and John Jackson of Chelsea, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio. During his six weeks of training, Jackson studied the U.S. Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations. Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate's degree through the community college of the Air Force.



Completes Training

Private Randy James Peace has graduated from the 2nd battalion 58th Infantry Training Brigade located in Fort Benning, Ga., after 13 weeks of training. In addition to strenuous physical training, he was also instructed in the Army's core values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. Peace proudly earned the "Blue Cord" of all infantrymen. He is currently training with the Airborne Division. Peace, the son of Dallas and Sandy Peace of Chelsea, is a 2001 graduate of Chelsea High School. He joined the Army before beginning his senior year, utilizing the Delayed Entry Program.

Birkle completes training

Army National Guard Pvt. Christina Birkle, the daughter of Trish Birkle of Scio Township, has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla. She will be a member of the Army National Guard or Reserve Split-Option Program.

The program allows students between their junior and senior years to attend school to attend training

Guard weekend drills while still in school and pursue a military career specialty after they graduate from high school.

During training, Birkle received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and other military values and



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POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township

Threats

A 21-year-old Ann Arbor woman called police Dec. 2 after receiving a threatening phone call from her ex-boyfriend. The woman lives with her mother in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road.

The former boyfriend and father of the woman's child left a message at 6 p.m. Dec. 2 threatening to kill the woman or the daughter.

The suspect was advised by police earlier in the year not to call the woman. The woman told police that he called repeatedly throughout the night.

Breaking and Entering

A wallet with approximately \$500 was stolen between 9:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Dec. 4 from a car that was parked at Bel-Mark Lanes, 3530 Jackson Road.

The 32-year-old victim left the wallet on the front seat of his car, which was locked. The car was parked in a well-lit area.

When the man returned to his car at 11 p.m., he noticed that the passenger window was smashed and the money was missing. The money was bowling dues collected from other players.

Damage to the vehicle is estimated at \$150.

Someone broke into three cars between 2 and 7 a.m. Nov. 19 in the 4400 block of North Maple Road.

The cars were unlocked and parked in the driveway. When the daughter left for school the following morning, she noticed

all the doors were open.

Approximately \$100 was taken from one car. Other stolen items included a purse, clothing and credit cards.

Warrant Arrest

A 33-year-old Royal Oak man was arrested on a warrant at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 6 near the intersection of Zeeb and Stonegate roads.

Deputies noticed the man's vehicle traveling south on Zeeb Road with an expired license plate and stopped the driver.

The driver had been convicted twice for driving with a suspended license and was currently suspended. He was also wanted on four warrants in Allen Park.

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

Drunken Driving

A 30-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested for drunken driving at 10:15 p.m. Dec. 2 near the intersection of Dexter-Ann Arbor and Zeeb roads.

Deputies noticed the driver hesitate while stopping at the intersection. They stopped the man and could smell a strong odor of alcohol on his breath.

Deputies gave the man several sobriety tests, which he failed. He was given a Breathalyzer test. His blood-alcohol level was .17 percent. A blood alcohol level of .08 percent is considered legally impaired.

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

Larceny

A faceplate for a car stereo was stolen between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. from a car that was

parked at the Quality 16 Theater, 3686 Jackson Road.

The suspect entered the car by smashing the passenger-side window. The faceplate is worth \$50.

Lima Township

Breaking and Entering

Someone broke into a garage and stole a four-wheel vehicle in the 12000 block of Trinkle Road between Nov. 21 and Dec. 2.

The four-wheeler was parked in the garage with other vehicles, but the others were not disturbed. The owner of the vehicle noticed it was missing after returning home from Thanksgiving vacation. The vehicle is worth approximately \$2,600.

Dexter Township

Vehicle Damage

Someone broke the steering column of a truck parked in the 11000 block of Island Lake Road between 11 p.m. Nov. 30 and 7 a.m. Dec. 1.

The truck was unlocked and parked in the victim's driveway. The 57-year-old victim is not sure who would have damaged the truck. Damage is estimated at \$2,000.

Dexter Village

Larceny

Someone stole two wooden candy cane lawn decorations from a home in the 3200 block of Central Street between 4 p.m. Dec. 1 and noon Dec. 4.

The victim placed the decorations on either side of her front porch steps. The candy canes are worth \$12 each.

Assault and Battery

A co-worker assaulted a 20-year-old Dexter man at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at County Market, 7001

Dexter Ann Arbor Road.

The two co-workers bag groceries at the market and started arguing after the victim asked repeatedly to take a break.

The victim was hit in the face by his co-worker and was knocked down. He met with the store manager and filled out an accident report. The victim had a broken nose and several cuts and bruises.

Chelsea Village

Assault and Battery

A 10-year-old boy got mad and threw a stick at a playground supervisor 3 p.m. Dec. 3 on the playground at South Meadows Elementary School, 355 Pierce St.

The playground supervisor told the boy to stay away from another pupil on the playground, but the boy became angry and refused. He then threw a stick at the woman, hitting her face. The victim is not sure if she will bring charges against the boy.

Property Damage

Someone scratched the hood of a car that was parked in the 11000 block of Boyce Road between 11:30 p.m. Dec. 8 and 7:30 a.m. Dec. 9.

The scratches were found on the hood near the hood ornament. Someone was attempting to remove the ornament. Damage to the car is approximately \$1,000.

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



Deck the Halls

Pupils at North Creek Elementary School recently decorated the police station on West Middle Street in Chelsea. Fifth-grade Student Council members and youngsters from teacher Deb Holeski's first-grade class hung holiday lights and left behind candy canes for village police officers. Pictured with some of the decorations are secretary Vicki Stowe and Chelsea Police Chief Lenard McDougall.

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By Dr. Syed Jafri
 Special Writer

The percentage of Americans who exercise on a regular basis steadily increased from the mid-1960s to the early-1980s. The activity that accounted for most of this increase was running.

Although present day fitness enthusiasts enjoy activities such as triathlons, cycling and in-line skating, running still remains an exercise staple. If you're presently inactive and have contemplated starting a walking or running program, here are a few tips to help you get off to a safe start.

Obviously, if you're wondering if it's safe for you to start an exercise program, check with your doctor to allay any concerns.

For weeks one through three, do nothing but walk three to four times per week. In week one, walk for 10 to 15 minutes per session, and then over the next two weeks build to 25 to 30 minutes.

If you find it difficult to increase the duration, just remember that 10 minutes of exercise is better than no exercise. Don't push yourself too fast.

Although your heart and lungs may feel ready for vigorous exercise, doing too much too soon can lead to bone or joint injury.

If you decide to stick with a walking program, the good news is that the health benefits of walking and jogging are almost identical. But if you'd like to work toward a running program, pick up the pace in weeks four and five by breaking up your walks with one-minute bouts of slow jogging.

As your fitness level improves and you find that you're less short of breath, progressively increase the time spent running and decrease the time spent walking.

Once you're off and running, be sure that with each step your heel strikes the ground first, and then transfer your weight along the bottom of your foot before pushing off with your toe.

Begin each session with four to five minutes of a slower walk or jog to warm-up, followed by several minutes stretching your legs, ankles and hips. After you're done training, stretch again focusing on your lower back, hips and upper and lower legs.

The only equipment you'll need is a good pair of running

shoes. Proper-fitting shoes will lessen the risk of injury and will likely cost between \$45 and \$80.

If this is your first time buying running shoes, I suggest you purchase them from a running store.

Generally, the sales people at these stores are runners themselves and are familiar with the unique characteristics of various brands and how to properly fit a shoe to your goals and weekly mileage.

Once you become more knowledgeable about shoe types, you

can buy the next pair on your own.

Even the best shoes should only be used for 450 miles or so. After that, use them for working in the yard rather than running or walking.

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Street Talk

By Erin Dronen

"What is your favorite Christmas carol or holiday song?"



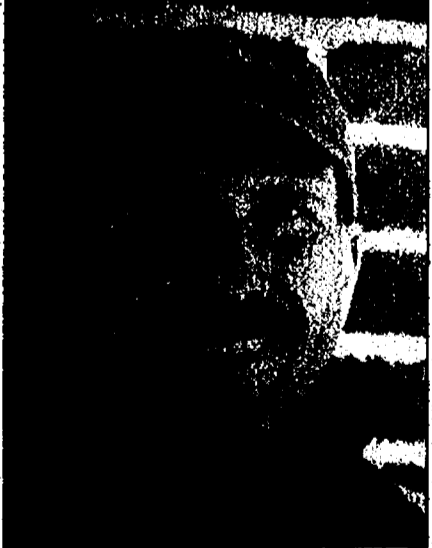
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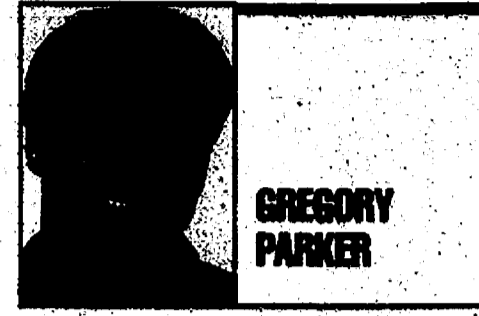


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"O' Holy Night." Micky O'Neil Sylvan Township

Will 'It' change the world?



GREGORY PARKER

COMMUNITY ROOTS

Have you heard of "it"? "It" is supposed to change the world. "It" is supposed to revolutionize cities. "It" is supposed to be the biggest development in transportation since the automobile. To incredible media fanfare, "It" was unveiled last week. Being a media junkie, I've been following "It" for nearly a year. Last January, word leaked out about a book deal chronicling Dean Kamen's latest invention. Kamen also brought us the portable dialysis machine and the IBOT, an all-terrain wheelchair. Developed in top secrecy, rumors spread about "It." Was it a personal hovercraft? Did it run on hydrogen? Speculation ran rampant as Americans conjured visions of hover skateboards from "Back to the Future II" and speeder bikes from "Return of the Jedi."

Even the Wall Street Journal and New York Times jumped on the bandwagon. So, after a year of hype, is "It" really that big of a deal? Did it live up to its expectations? Call me gullible, call me a crackpot, but I think so. "It" is a self-balancing, two-wheeled, electric scooter for one. And it's got a name - the Segway Human Transporter. Or, the "Ginger." Riders place their feet on a platform that rests between two parallel wheels. They hold onto the handlebars, connected to the platform via a long stem. There aren't any controls. You lean forward to move forward. You lean back to reverse. You lean to the side to turn. An electric motor provides propulsion, up to 12 miles per hour, or around three times average walking speed. And you don't need to balance because it has five computer-controlled gyroscopes that compensate for your movements and determine the motion of the scooter. I saw footage from a test track last week. It was an incredible sight, the riders standing upright, scooting around obstacles, up inclines, over rough terrain.

It was quick, it was quiet, it was pollution-free. It looked safe; it looked fun. It looked like something from a 1950s' vision of the future. One New York Times writer called it "Jetsonian." Segways will debut in commercial applications, ranging from the U.S. Postal Service to warehouse workers at Amazon.com. Late next year, it will go on sale to the public. Like I said, maybe I'm crazy, but I think the Segway is a big deal. Of all the different types of transportation, I think it's best suited for pedestrian duties. It's suited to the sidewalk, where inline skaters, bicycles, foot-powered scooters and other contraptions are often impractical. Of course, the thought of two Segways loaded with 220-pound riders colliding at top speed - a 24 mile-per-hour impact - isn't very pleasant. But I'd be willing to don a helmet. But will it catch on? First of all, in its current form, it's expensive. Second of all, most people live in either big cities or suburbs. Many of the former are too crowded for the Segway, and the latter are too spread out and ill-equipped to handle it. Many lack sidewalks or are too far away from any reasonable destination.

But Chelsea - and other towns like it - is a perfect fit for the Segway. Walking downtown is quick and usually convenient. But walking to the strip mall south of M-52 - host to a great deal of shopping - is another matter. It's farther away and less centralized. Enter the Segway. Walk out to the garage, unplug it, hop on, and in a few minutes, you'd be in front of Polly's. Park it out front - it requires a special encrypted key to operate - get your groceries (within limits) and scoot back home. No worries about pollution. It's quick, too. And if you live too far away from downtown to make a pedestrian trip worthwhile, the Segway could bridge the gap. You wouldn't have to use your car for a one-mile trip. Of course, many Americans don't live in towns like Chelsea, so I'm not sure about the Segway's marketability. But many new communities are embracing medium-density development and planning. And in many old ones - higher-density suburbs like Royal Oak, for example - it would be a match made in heaven. Larger, less-dense cities could be adapted - with little cost -

for Segway-friendly access. Detroit is a prime example. Or Los Angeles. Or Atlanta. Or anywhere lacking an expansive mass transit system. Or anywhere where people make notoriously short trips to work in cars - less than five miles - because it's faster than walking. So it could happen. I'm interested in the Segway not so much because of the geek factor - I mean, it is a really cool piece of technology - but more because it represents the hope and promise that smart, influential people are thinking about how our society is constructed and trying to improve it. It's not like General Motors slapping an electric motor in a Venture minivan. It's a new mode of transit. And it's backed with more than \$90 million of investment capital, and backed by corporate futurists like Jeff Bezos of Amazon and Steven Jobs of Apple. Many of us can't imagine that the Segway will revolutionize our society, our landscape. Many said that same thing about the car 100 years ago. You never know. Gregory Parker is a free-lance writer living in Chelsea. He can be reached at gparker@umich.edu

You've got to learn sometime



KRISTI GUTOWSKI

HOME FRONT

In most cases, I consider myself a person who doesn't give up when things don't go the right way the first time. But when it came to learning to drive a car with a manual transmission, I almost lost all hope. Seriously. My first introduction to driving a stick was when my father was teaching me in his TR6 Triumph that was older than I was. I was a little nervous, I might add, since the seat didn't adjust and there were no seat belts in the car, which proved to be the least of my worries. I knew the concept of driving a

stick: gas, brake, clutch. I also knew, from listening to my dad drive the car when I was a child, when the right time to shift was. I vividly remember the sounds of the gears shifting in my head - vroom, vroom, vroom. But when it was my turn to sit on the driver's side, it was a whole different world. I'm on the fall side, but I still was having problems getting the clutch under control. Then there was the urge to slam the car into gear each time, all with jerky stalling motions since it was a hard car to shift. My dad figured I was hopeless. In fact, he jokingly said, the reason I couldn't drive the car was because my shoe size was over a size 9. (They're a size 10 - and my skis have always been a family joke.) I was more determined than ever to learn after my brother turned 16 and drove the car with no problem. I was irritated that it wasn't me in that cute, French blue convertible. My second "lesson" was conducted by my soon-to-be hus-

band. We were in his Ford Escort with a broken seat on the country roads in Hillsdale County. Again, I took the driver's seat. But this time I managed to get the car down a few back roads until I came to a stop sign. When I went to jab the car into second gear, the gearshift ended up in my hand. Yes, I broke the stick off. Realizing what I had just done, I figured this boyfriend was history. He took over driving from there, but later let me drive again. That's when I couldn't get up a hill. After six cars waited patiently for me at the stop sign, I regretfully gave up and traded sides with him again. I have friends who have had a stick throughout the years, but none have ever offered their expertise to me. There were a few that I even would have declined an offer from. The subject recently came up with News-Herald Editor Mark Rutkowski after I mentioned my

dad bought a new sports car - a swanky new Toyota MR2 Spyder - that I can't drive because of my ineptitude when it comes to driving a stick. Mark told me he would teach me how to drive one on a lunch hour. And he did. We started in the empty Home Quarters parking lot across the street from One Heritage Place in Southgate. I asked Mark to explain the rules of the game to me one more time. After a short lecture, he traded seats with me, and there I was, in the driver's seat again. Gas, brake, clutch. I said a silent prayer and moved into first, second then third gears. Whew. Things are coming back to me, I thought, until I stalled the car a few times. But after I got going around the parking lot a few times, I relaxed a bit. Trying to back out of a parking space was easier than I thought it would be. I pulled into my chosen spot,

but first made sure I wasn't near any light poles (I've had trouble with those getting in my way just driving an automatic). I eased off the clutch and gently pushed the gas and - wow - much to my surprise I managed to carefully pull out of the spot without incident. Soon, I had to get out on the real road. I waited for all the traffic to clear, then made my big debut on the road. We made it across the street alive. I even managed to park the car without incident. After thanking Mark and feeling really good about myself, I called Dad. "Guess what I did today," I said. "I learned to drive a stick during lunch." Of course, being a dad and a cop, he said, "It takes longer than a half an hour." My next question? "Since I'm coming home this weekend do you think you could take me out in the new car?" "Nope," then, "I guess." Vroom, vroom, vroom. Kristi Gutowski is a reporter for Heritage Newspapers. She can be reached at 1-734-246-0856 or via e-mail at kgutowski@heritage.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why do we pay so much for the library?

After just receiving my property tax statement for 2001, I'd like to suggest that everyone take a good, hard look at their statement and see exactly what it is that their money is being used for. I live in Lyndon Township and find it extremely disconcerting that I pay more for library services than I do for my township services or police. Yes, libraries are important, but at what cost? I wonder how many people in the township really use the library services. I also wonder if the people on fixed incomes or who are enduring hardships should be required to pay for services that they may never use. It also would be interesting to know what the library pays as far as personnel, and what amount is actually put into buying books. I did some research on this subject last year and found that the Dexter library operates on a budget far less than the Chelsea library's. Why is that, I wonder? As the Chelsea library heads in the direction of asking for more funds for a new building, I think it's in all of our best interest to look closely and see who benefits from a new building? Consider this, we have new schools, each with libraries, and

we have technology in those schools that provide Internet access to most students for research on just about any subject they care to explore. In this age of technology, what services will the library supply that are not redundant to services that are already available in the community? I am sure there are good, needed services that the Chelsea library does provide, but I don't see the need for paying more for library services than I do for police protection or township services. Trena Erskine Lyndon Township

Greedy growth in Chelsea has to stop

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, one would think that it would make those of us who live farther away just a little less greedy. We have no idea what the victims' last thoughts were. But more than anything, I doubt that it was what they could do for themselves. We all have the attitude, "It will never happen to me." I am sure that some of those people who boarded the plane and went to work that day never even thought of anything but the task at hand. Maybe they even thought, "Oh, there is always tomorrow." For those who died, yesterday

is only a memory in the minds of loved ones remaining. The loved ones probably wish, "Oh, if we could have just done things differently and now it is too late." I encourage those of you who support The Vineyards subdivision in Chelsea to look at everything - not for what can be put in your pocket, but how it will affect the community as a whole. More than 350 single-family units does not exactly reduce the crime rate. If you go ahead with this project, the results and effects forever will be on your shoulders. People who died in the terror attacks would love the chance to live life over and do things differently now by moving elsewhere with your growth because Chelsea has had enough. Those of us who did not have to personally suffer from the

aftermath of Sept. 11 can be at least united in something! Why does it have to take death and destruction for us to realize this? Stand up for your community and do not be as selfish as the leader who wanted the planes to kill innocent lives. If we allow more growth, our community will be no different than a "little Detroit." The small-town feel will be gone and more money will go into greedy pockets. Greed is what killed the people in New York. Are we going to let greed kill our community? I should think not. Take a stand for what you believe in. If people do not stand for something, they will fall for anything. Think about the future for our children and others. How about a park instead? Rita Fischer Dexter Township

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Follow healthy eating habits

By Heather Stefan
Special Writer

We have officially marked the beginning of the holiday eating season. It is a time when friends and family gather and enjoy traditional foods of today and yesteryear.

With the hustle and bustle of the season, we still need to remember healthy habits like nutritious eating and exercise.

The Holiday Meal

The wonderful aromas of turkey, pies and side dishes fill your kitchen. It is hard to control your hunger when you know delicious foods await you.

First, decide what foods have special meanings for you. If you have a favorite family dish, which you look forward to each year, indulge in it.

Enjoy small portions of your favorite foods while filling up on nutrition powerhouses like fruits and vegetables.

Second, don't skip meals before your big dinner. Skipping meals often results in overeating. Opt for smaller, low-fat meals earlier in the day.

When baking some of your favorite sweets, reduce calories by eliminating up to 1/4 of the sugar recommended. This will lower calories without altering

the product. Add extra vanilla and cinnamon as a flavor enhancer.

To lower fat in your favorite baked goods, substitute fruit puree or yogurt for oil and fat. You will lower fat without changing the taste.

The Holiday Party

If you are expecting to attend a party this holiday season, plan ahead. Healthy eating includes balance and variety.

Balance your choices between high-fat goodies and low-fat options. Try to stay on a regular schedule and eat three meals a day.

When you arrive at the party, stay away from the food table. Fill your plate, and then find a space away from the treats to prevent temptation.

Also, ask to bring a low-fat dish to pass. More than likely someone else will appreciate a healthy treat.

Holiday Exercise

In addition to over-indulgence of food, we often forget to include exercise in our daily routine.

Shopping incorporates lots of walking. Many malls offer walking programs.

Take advantage of "window shopping" while you burn calo-

ries. Gather a group of friends and go caroling.

Decorating your house also incorporates extra activity. Have your family plan a day to chop down a Christmas tree.

Exercising as a family is a great way to spend quality time together. And, remember there is always room for a football game after a big meal!

Quick Holiday Meal Ideas

Most of us eat on the run during this hectic time of year. Keep fresh cut vegetables and fruits handy for a quick snack.

To warm up, make homemade soups instead of canned. They are less in fat and sodium.

When you are at the mall, share an entree with a friend. Load vegetables on pizza or on a baked potato.

Try a low-fat fruit smoothie. Be careful when hitting the coffee bar, cappuccinos can have up to 600 calories and 50 grams of fat.

The holidays last about five weeks and only come once a year. Focus on having a good time, not just enjoying good food.

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Dexter Knights of Columbus, along with other councils, donated money for special chairs at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. Larry Benedict (right), deputy of District 11, hands a check to James Roseborough, director of the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. Paul Ward (left), deputy of District 69, and John Hruska, grand knight of Dexter Council 2959, were also present.



Harvest Festival

Rebecca McGregor (left), Elizabeth Salyer and Sarah Zenz, third-grade pupils at Pierce Lake Elementary School, enjoyed the school's recent Harvest Festival. Pupils enjoyed a variety of activities, including hayrides, nature walks, square dancing, cup cake decorating and story time.

Fund-raiser to benefit veterans

Special chairs arrive at VA Hospital.

By Lisa Allmendinger
Special Writer

Members of the Dexter Knights of Columbus are well known for their charity work, from Christmas in April in Dexter to helping the St. Louis Center in Chelsea.

On Nov. 30 in Ann Arbor, they saw the fruits of their efforts as nine Knights of Columbus chapters donated \$2,928 toward the purchase of two special reclining chairs to be used by

patients receiving outpatient treatment for various illnesses.

The effort was inspired by a letter sent from James Edward Bonner of Brooklyn, a volunteer at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, explaining the need to local Knights of Columbus councils.

Each chair cost between \$1,000 and \$2,000. They have a washable surface and can elevate legs, making patients more comfortable.

John Hruska, past grand knight for Dexter, was the first to jump on the bandwagon. Knights councils in Chelsea,

Whitmore Lake, Saline, Pinckney, Manchester, Irish Hills, Tecumseh, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Whittaker soon followed.

Each council donated between \$200 and \$250 toward the effort.

Hruska said Knights of Columbus members frequently visit the Ann Arbor VA Hospital, where many are volunteers.

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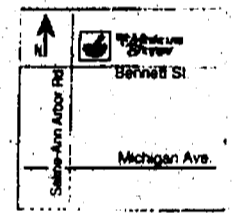
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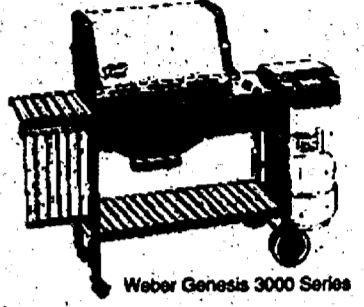
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A Tree of Hope

Local artist makes ornament for holiday tree

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

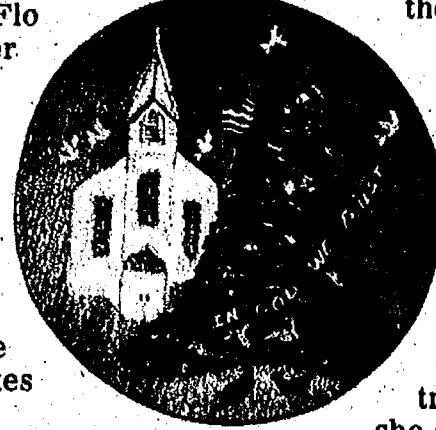
Last week, Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert lit the 2001 U.S. Capitol Holiday Tree — a gift to the nation from the state of Michigan.

The "Tree of Hope," from the Ottawa National Forest in Michigan's western Upper Peninsula, weighs approximately 4,000 pounds and was cut down Nov. 13.

The 74-foot-tall tree now holds 10,000 lights and 5,000 ornaments handcrafted by Michi-

ganders.

Chelsea artist Flo Collins, a member of the Ann Arbor Women Artists group, was among those chosen to create an ornament to adorn the branches. This year's theme is "Hope Takes Flight."



Collins, who lives in the village, found her inspiration in the small town of Harbor Springs, a place she and her husband, Jim, visit frequently.

"As you enter the town in winter, you'll see a tall tree in the middle of the road with the Holy Childhood Catholic Church in the background and a flag standing proudly alongside," Collins says. "I decided the wings for my ornament would be the birds dressing the tree with a banner that bears the same message that is on our currency, 'In God We Trust.'"

"In this time of uncertainty for our country, I think the church, the flag and the words on the banner describe our feelings in

the United States today. So, I decided it should represent us in our nation's capital on the Capitol Holiday Tree."

Collins' creation took eight hours to make, including preliminary sketches, painting and adding several coats of weather-proof varnish to protect the ornament from the elements. Her husband also contributed to the artwork, cutting a circle of pine and sanding it.

Collins also made two reproductions — one to adorn her own porch and the other for the priest of the church in Harbor Springs who provided the inspiration.

The tree made stops Nov. 21 in Lansing and Nov. 24 in Ypsilanti, where Collins was able to share in the festivities.

"My husband and I got to see the tree in Ypsilanti," she says. "It's too large to set up at each of the 10 stops on its way to the Capitol."

"Viewing was done by looking through an opening on the cover of the semi-truck, which did at least give you an idea of the size."

The tree will stay lighted throughout the holiday season. When it's taken down, the ornaments will be auctioned to benefit the Michigan Art Endeavor and Habitat for Humanity.

Seedlings grown from the pine's cones will be available for planting across the state by people who participate in the project. Plans are also under way to sponsor urban parks and tree planting ceremonies.



Local artist Flo Collins was among several thousand Michigan residents who created ornaments for the 2001 U.S. Capitol Holiday Tree, a gift to the nation from the state of Michigan.

The trunk of the tree will be milled into lumber that will be used in the building of a Habitat for Humanity home.

Collins, a member of the Ann Arbor Women Artists group for two years, has several pieces of work in private collections throughout Michigan and has

exhibited at the University of Michigan.

While she enjoys drawing graphite portraits and doing pastel work, Collins says acrylics are her passion.

A part-time administrator for Hardwood Solutions in Chelsea, Collins would love to be a full-

time artist and paints every chance she gets.

"I've recently found this talent and interest in painting and my husband gives me marvelous emotional support for this endeavor," she says.

"I'm just beginning to find ways to share this exciting time

of my life with others. With our country experiencing changes, I believe the arts, in any form, are relaxing and rejuvenating."

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

A Balancing Act

Peg Vreeland to share tips with parents

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

For Peg Vreeland, life is a balancing act. The Chelsea resident balances family life with physical and emotional health, and career goals. She has even started a new business appropriately called All About Balance.

Vreeland, who will be presenting seminars through Chelsea Community Education in January, says she created the business to share her personal experience and professional expertise with others. She will show parents how to communicate better with their children, manage stress and achieve balance in their busy lives.

And Vreeland certainly knows how to find balance in a hectic pace. She has worked as a fitness trainer, probation officer and teacher.

The youngest of five, the Minnesota native moved a lot in her teens, bouncing back and forth between Michigan and Ohio.

"I moved four times in high school, so I can relate to the difficulties involved with that kind of transition as an adolescent," Vreeland says. "I still remember the confused faces of my classmates when I kept showing up after all the tearful goodbyes."

Despite her transient teen years, she graduated as the valedictorian of Flat Rock High School in 1981. She married shortly after graduation and has two children, Andy, a freshman at Chelsea High School, and Rachel, an eighth-grade pupil at Beach Middle School.

Vreeland said Chelsea School District's excellent reputation drew the family to the area in 1998. "Their dad and I share the responsibilities of parenting and also share a great deal of respect

for each other," says Vreeland, who is now divorced.

In 1992, Vreeland began working out at Champion's Gym to get back in shape. She won the lightweight division of the Great Lakes Natural bodybuilding competition that first summer and followed up in 1995 with a second-place showing at the Michigan State Championship.

Vreeland then entered fitness shows, placing third in her first show in 1997. She won the Michigan State Fitness Contest in 1998 and captured 10th at nationals.

"After that, I slowed down a little and began working part time as a certified personal trainer," Vreeland says. "I continue to work out and occasionally train others."

In 1996, she began her college career at Washtenaw Community College, transferring to the University of Michigan in 1997. She completed an honors degree in psychology in 1999.

Vreeland completed her master's degree in social work in 2001, while teaching psychology to undergraduate students at the University of Michigan.

Toward the end of her studies, she began working as a probation officer for the 15th District Court in Ann Arbor — a position she recently left to devote time to her own business and to teaching.

Vreeland has taught psychology to high school students at the Summer Discovery Camp at the U of M and currently teaches at Washtenaw Community College.

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Peg Vreeland of Chelsea has won a number of fitness awards. She knows how to balance family life with physical and emotional health, and career goals. Beginning in January, she will share her insights with residents through Chelsea Community Education.

Parent Workshops

■ Peg Vreeland will present five workshops for parents through Chelsea Community Education. The workshops, which are about teen-agers, will be held 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays beginning Jan. 28.

■ Participants should plan to attend all five workshops because they build on each other.

■ The cost is \$75 per person or \$100 for each couple. The cost includes educational materials.

■ The agenda includes understanding adolescent development; communication skills; talking about relationships and sex; talking about alcohol and drugs; and practical application of communication techniques.

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Chelsea Alternative High School is sponsoring its fifth annual gift-wrapping event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 105 N. Main St., in Chelsea. Gift wrapping is free.

Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., in Chelsea, presents Mochas and Music 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. This week's entertainer is Counterpoint, a special holiday show.

Sunday, Dec. 16

The Boychoir of Ann Arbor will present its 15th annual Christmas concert, "A Boychoir Christmas," at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children 17 years old and younger. Tickets may be reserved by calling, 1-734-663-5377.

Tuesday, Dec. 18

LaLeche League of Western Washtenaw meets from 10 a.m. to noon at the First Congregational Church of Chelsea, 121 E. Middle St. Call 475-2094 for more information, or go online at <http://www.hvnc.org/info/111>.

Friday, Dec. 21

Zou Zou's Café will present Preston Woodward from 8 to 11 p.m. The café is located at 101 N. Main St. in Chelsea. The free event will feature old Scots and Appalachian folk songs, as well as medieval French and German minstrel songs. For more information, call 433-4226.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at 8:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea

Community Hospital 775 S. Main St. For information, call Gary Maveal, president, at 475-6090.

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

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

Tuesday

Chelsea Amateur Radio Club (rptr: 145.45) meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at UAW Local 1284, 2795 Chelsea-Manchester Road, in Chelsea. For information, call Jeff Cowall (N8KPA), 475-2424 or e-mail jcowall@chartermi.net.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

Grief Support Group is for people who have experienced the death of a loved one, offered as a community service by the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., in Chelsea. Meetings are from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Wednesdays. Call 475-8833 for location.

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

Chelsea AA group meetings are scheduled 8:30 p.m. on Mondays at the Chelsea Community Hospital dining room, noon on Tuesdays at the U.A.W. Hall next to the Chelsea Post Office, 8 p.m. Thursdays at the Chelsea Community Hospital dining room and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Chelsea hospital dining room.

DEXTER

Friday, Dec. 14

Dexter Area Historical Society is sponsoring a family holiday sing-a-long 7 p.m. at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter. Visit with Santa and enjoy some seasonal refreshments. It's a free event. Call 428-2519 for more information.

Saturday, Dec. 15

"Birds of Prey," a slide presentation, will be held 2 p.m. at Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter. Discover the different types of

birds of prey, and their characteristics and importance with the environment. Call 428-8211 to pre-register for the program.

DEXTER MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Dexter American Legion meets 8 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. Call 428-3304 for more information.

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

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7954 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, in Dexter.

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

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

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

Dexter Touchdown Club meets every second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter High School media center, 2615 Baker Road, in Dexter. For more information, call Mary Sullivan at 1-810-231-8040 or Kurt Augustine at 428-1979.

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

ANN ARBOR

Wednesday, Dec. 19

NAMI meets at 7:30 p.m. at St. Clare's Church-Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard Road, in Ann Arbor. The support group is open to families of people with mental illness. Call 994-6611 for more information.

Thursday, Dec. 20

Mothers & More will gather at 7 p.m. for a night of "Pampering Yourself" at St. Clare-Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard Road, in Ann Arbor. Stations will be set up around the room to allow moms to relax, unwind and immerse themselves in a night of pampering. Take a break from the stress of the holidays. Open to all moms. For more information call 327-4901.



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Can Collection

The Dexter High School Key Club collected 5,337 cans of food in two weeks for the Salvation Army. Rebecca Lewis (left), Joan Snyder, Anne Cowen, Rachel Borgeson and Katherine Thomas box up the food for delivery.

Dementia patients are costly

Caring for older Americans with dementia costs more than \$18 billion a year in additional time spent by family and friends, according to a University of Michigan study published in the November issue of the Journal of General Internal Medicine.

Based on data from the University of Michigan Health and Retirement Study, funded by the National Institute on Aging, the study is one of the first to use a large, nationally representative sample of older Americans to estimate the additional time and associated costs of providing informal care to those with dementia.

The Health and Retirement Study is conducted by the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research, the world's largest academic survey and research organization.

The analysis of more than 7,000 Americans age 70 and older showed that those with cognitive impairments received substantially more informal help than those with normal cognitive function. This help includes assistance with basic daily activities such as bathing, dressing, eating, and fixing meals, and with less frequent activities, including grocery shopping and managing money.

"We found that the care-giving burden on family members increased substantially as cognitive impairment worsened," said Dr. Kenneth M. Langa,

lead author of the study. "Those with mild dementia received 8.5 more hours of care per week than elders with normal cognitive function, who received only 4.8 hours of help per week. And those with severe dementia received 41.5 more hours of help per week than elders with normal cognition."

With the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease, the most common cause of dementia, projected to more than triple in the U.S. over the next 50 years, from about 2.3 to 8.7 million cases, the study findings underscore the importance of including valid estimates of unpaid caregiver time when evaluating future clinical and policy interventions aimed at reducing the impact of dementia on individuals, families, and society.

"Helping those with dementia places a significant burden on both families and society, and this burden increases sharply as the level of cognitive impairment progresses from mild to severe," said Langa, assistant professor of internal medicine at the U of M Medical School and faculty associate at the U of M Institute for Social Research.

Overall, the study showed that 10 percent of the respondents displayed evidence of cognitive impairments consistent with dementia. Of those, 43 percent were mildly impaired, 27 had moderate impairment and 31 percent were severely impaired.

To estimate the yearly costs

of caring for older family members with dementia, the researchers calculated the number of weekly hours of help respondents reported receiving, adjusted for age, income, chronic health conditions besides dementia, and other factors, multiplied by the 1998 national average wage for a home health aide of \$8.20 per hour, and then multiplied by 52 weeks per year.

"Both physicians and policy makers will be confronted with difficult choices regarding the allocation of health care resources as the U.S. population ages and the prevalence of dementia increases," said Dr. A. Mark Fendrick, study co-author and U of M associate professor of internal medicine. "Since about 35 percent of the caregivers are spouses, elderly women may be especially vulnerable to the potential negative consequences of providing this level of care."

According to Langa, the study used methods that led to conservative estimates of informal care-giving time and cost. It did not include, for example, the time spent monitoring and managing the behavioral problems associated with dementia, such as paranoia, hostility and wandering. Nor did the study include the costs associated with the support families and friends typically provide after individuals with dementia move to nursing homes.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS



McKinnon, Tallman exchange vows

Jill Denise McKinnon of Grand Rapids, daughter of Dave and Nancy McKinnon of Chelsea, and Jim Tallman of Kentwood, son of James and Gerry Tallman of Chelsea, were married May 26 at Chelsea First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Richard Duke officiated.

The maid of honor was Jen Trask of Austin, Texas. The bridesmaids were Lori Jackson of Holland, Courtney Prentis of Campbell, Calif., and the bride's sister, Kristen McKinnon of Kalamazoo.

Mike Smith of Chelsea was the best man. The groomsmen were James Diesing of Chelsea, Ravindra Kharmal of Milford and Dan Verlinde of Ann Arbor. The ushers were the groom's cousin, Aaron Tallman of East

Lansing and John Kopchick of Grand Rapids.

Allison Williams of Grand Rapids was the flower girl. Josiah Williams of Grand Rapids was the ring bearer.

The reception was held at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. The couple spent their honeymoon in Hawaii. They reside in East Grand Rapids.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2000 graduate of Hope College. She is employed as a youth minister at Thornapple Community Church in Grand Rapids.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is employed as an industrial engineer at Steelcase in Grand Rapids.



ENGAGED: Evelyn Kim Copple of Canton, daughter of Carl Copple of Livonia and the late Gayle Lee Copple, and stepdaughter of the late Gale Ann Copple, is engaged to Scott Alan Smith of Canton, son of James and Sandra Smith of Dexter. They have set an Aug. 10 wedding date. The future bride is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1998 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a special education teacher for emotionally impaired children at Hawthorne Center in Northville. The future groom is a 1989 graduate of Dexter High School and a 1995 graduate of EMU. He is the co-owner of Midwestern Specialty Advertising in Dexter.



ENGAGED: Sara Nicola of Ann Arbor, daughter of James and Sally Nicola of Clermont, Fla., formerly of Chelsea, and David Schwartz of Ann Arbor, son of Glenn and Kathy Schwartz of Yardley, Penn., have set a spring wedding date. The future bride is a 1992 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed in conference management services at the University of Michigan. The future groom is a 1991 graduate of Flint Powers High School and a 1995 graduate of U of M. He is a student at Wayne State University and is employed at Mechanical Dynamics Inc.

St. Louis Center to hold fund-raiser

The St. Louis Center will hold its seventh annual Dinner Dance Feb. 10 at the Italian-American Club in Livonia.

The event includes a Mass, a meal in an elegant atmosphere, dancing to a live band, and a raffle with prizes ranging from jewelry to a set of golf clubs. Raffle tickets are \$1 and can be purchased by those not attending the event, as well.

Support of the fund-raiser helps the St. Louis Center, located just west of Chelsea on Old US-12, provide residential care to its 65 residents, developmentally disabled boys and men, some of whom have called the center home for 30 years. Many of the center's residents have little or no family, and many have

extreme physical challenges, as well as emotional and mental disabilities.

The budget of St. Louis Center is \$1.7 million, and of the total amount, \$700,000 must come from donations, grants, and fund-raisers. The annual Dinner Dance is one of the most important fund-raisers for the center, and is open to the public as an opportunity to support the center.

Dinner and raffle tickets are available by contacting Cindy Lesser at the St. Louis Center, 475-8430, or by e-mail at cindy1@stlouiscenter.org.

BIRTHS

A son, Justin Denver, was born Dec. 3 at Foote Hospital in Jackson to Beth Shepherd and Toby Corkern of Grass Lake. Maternal grandparents are Steve and Judy Shepherd of Grass Lake and Diane Weston of Grass Lake. Paternal grandparents are Donald Ray Corkern of Louisiana and Mary Kay Corkern of Ann Arbor. Great-grandparents are Georgia Shepherd of Grass Lake, Dick and Marge Weston of Grass Lake and Imogene Slocum of Chelsea.

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Early deadlines set for newspapers

The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader newspapers will have shorter deadlines to accommodate the holidays.

The newspaper offices, located at 20750 Old US-12 in Chelsea, will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 31, and Jan. 1.

The editorial deadline is noon Dec. 20 for the Dec. 27 issue and noon Dec. 27 for the Jan. 3 issue. Press releases and electronic files may be sent via e-mail to editor@chelseastandard.com. The fax number is 475-1413.

Display advertising is due by 4

p.m. Dec. 20 for the Dec. 27 issue and 4 p.m. Dec. 27 for the Jan. 3 issue. To place a display ad, call 1-877-429-7380.

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Legal advertising is due 1 p.m. Tuesday for the Dec. 27 issue and 5 p.m. Dec. 21 for the Jan. 3 issue. To place a legal ad, call 475-1371 or e-mail Colleen Cooper at ccooper@heritage.com.

Faith In Action to host Christmas dinner

Faith In Action will host a free Christmas Day dinner 1 p.m. Dec. 25 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St. in Chelsea.

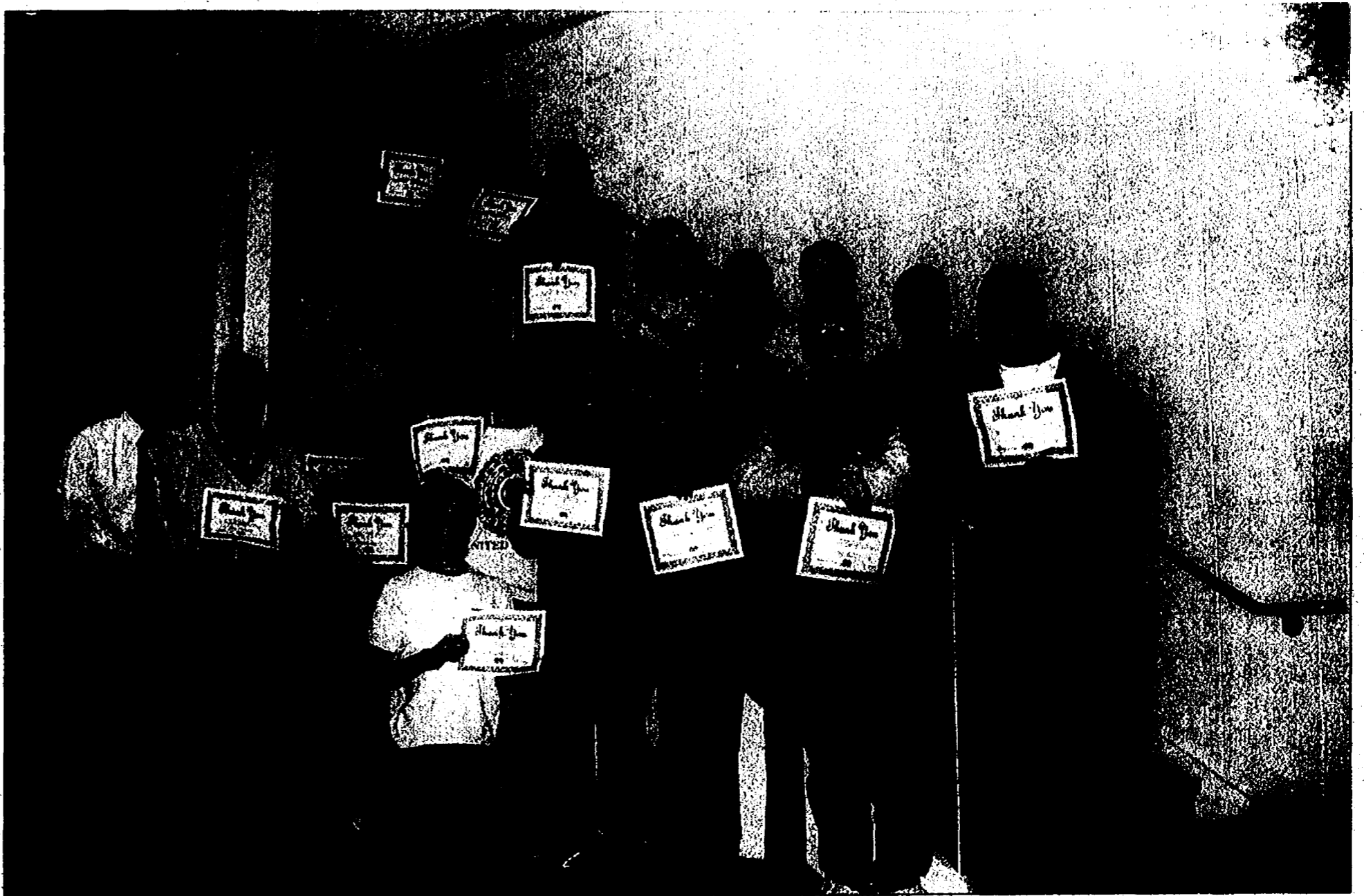
"The dinner is open to everyone in the community. We don't want anyone to spend Christmas day alone," said Faith In Action spokeswoman Nadine Shaneyfelt.

The event will also include caroling.

People who would like to attend or request a meal for shut-ins may call Shaneyfelt at 475-3305 or 475-8193.

"I'm happy to hear from volunteers, who will also be most welcome to join us for the meal," she said.

Faith In Action will distribute Toys for Tots Tuesday. The office will be closed from Tuesday through Jan. 2 and will not be accepting clothing donations through that period.



Pep Band Plays for United Way

Members of the Chelsea High School Pep Band, which performed during the Chelsea United Way Campaign, received certificates of thanks from Campaign Co-Chairman Todd Regis. Band Director Rick Catherman (left) and Regis are shown with band members Tony Chlodo, Zack Standefer, Steve Anthony, John Clark, Alex Valle, Dana Foster, Neal Turluck, Rachel Bazydlo, Sean Steinbach, Patrick Zuccola, Katl Kelly, Chelsey Verardi, Ryan Allen, Sean Dyer, Dana York, Jill Hume, Raul Perdomo and Caleb Spence.

TIPS

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ments for Education Training and Research Services, an agency providing services to the Washtenaw County court system, and facilitates intervention groups addressing issues of anger management and domestic violence.

On top of all this, she finds time to volunteer in Chelsea schools. Most of her time is spent at Beach Middle School, where she chaperones field trips, attends band and orchestra concerts, coaches girls' softball for the Community Education program and keeps score at the eighth-grade basketball games.

"The teachers and students know me well," she says. "I have an uncanny ability to build a quick rapport with the students and love interacting with them as often as possible."

"As for hobbies, who has time? My life is my hobby and I love it."

This human dynamo says she gets her energy from believing the best in people and from letting go of what she can't control.

"It's amazing how much energy we expend on thinking negatively or dwelling on things that we can't change," she says. "At the risk of sounding clichéd, attitude is everything. I see the glass as half full, and practice my mother's optimism and my father's determination to excel."

Vreeland attributes much of her go-getting attitude to her parents, who had a powerful impact on her life. Her mother, who has survived illness and surgery, inspired her children with her optimistic attitude and strength.

"She has always been able to find the good in situations and people, and so I believe that I have learned that from her,"

Vreeland says. Vreeland's father, who made a 20-year career in the U.S. Navy, instilled in her a strong work ethic and the importance of keeping commitments.

Believing that people are largely a product of how they are raised, Vreeland takes her role as a parent very seriously, too. "I believe my kids will do as I do. So, I try to do right," she says. "In their process of growing up, I get less time with them. I accept that and I don't

put that back on them. I allow them the freedom to grow, remain approachable, and take advantage of those teachable moments."

With her experience in substance abuse assessments, Vreeland is aware of the large numbers of adolescents who drink alcohol and smoke marijuana.

Most parents want to believe that it's not their child. But the odds are,

it's their child, too," she says. "There is so much that needs to be done that I felt compelled to pursue this parenting seminar through Chelsea Community Education."

Vreeland says many parents don't know what a blood alcohol count is, much less how much alcohol it takes to be considered legally drunk and unsafe.

"We definitely aren't giving this information to our teens. We just say no to them and assume that they aren't drinking. It's a recipe for disaster," she says. "Kids need to know the facts about drug and alcohol abuse along with the importance of following the law."

Vreeland says parents should focus on becoming better coaches for their children as they grow older.

"Rather than carrying them to the goal, teach them how to get

there on their own," she says. Vreeland maintains her own balance with regular workouts, healthy food and the occasional treat of a morning sleep-in.

Describing herself as a fast-paced juggler, she says the key to keeping all these important balls in the air is to be incredibly organized.

Not surprisingly, her next seminar will be about organizational skills and stress management so she can share her strategies with others.

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

"It's amazing how much energy we expend on thinking negatively or dwelling on things that we can't change."

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Class of 1951 celebrates its 50th reunion

Members of the Chelsea High School class of 1951 celebrated a milestone this summer, gathering Aug. 26 at Gilbert's Steak House in Jackson for their 50th class reunion.

"It was an evening to remember, and what an evening it was," said Bud Johnson, a member of the graduating class. "We had a remarkable 70 percent attendance."

The original graduating class had 57 members. A total of 36 of the 51 surviving classmates and their spouses enjoyed the celebration.

The reunion committee managed to locate three former teachers who were able to attend, as well. Former teachers Ed Benjamin, Joe Fisher and Michelena DeRose were on hand to mark the occasion.

"They shared many fond memories with us as we reflected back through the years that have passed so quickly," Johnson said.

"We had ample time prior to our dinner to wander around and greet our former classmates and share a thumbnail sketch of our varied experiences encountered over the past half century."

Class president Duane Gentner — who may be the longest sitting class president in history, serving from 1951 to 2001 —



The Chelsea High School class of 1951 celebrated its 50th year reunion in late August. Pictured in the front row are Ruth (Guenther) Schanz (left), Leola (Alstaetter) Brennan, Kay (Murphy) Bertino, Duane Gentner, Donald Pierson, Elaine (Ferry) Hafner, Phyllis (Kelly) Gallo. In the second row are Walt Bauer (left), Jayne (Proctor) Bauer, Kenneth Proctor, Donald O'Dell, Deloris (Walker) Notten, Donna (Noah) Lane, Joan (Schneider) Gleske, Arlene (Haist) Riba, Nancy (Eisemann) White and Melvin Leach. In the third row are John Blaznek (left), Fred Fischer, George Heydlauff, Ruth Elseman, Georgia (Salzgeber) Bohne, Doris (Vickers) Bell. In the fourth row are Jerry Heydlauff (left), Martin Tobin, Raymond Steinbach and David Hoffman. In the back row are James Robards (left), John Lightner, Carl Koch, David Crocker, Gerald Lehman, Ted Slane, Claude Deatrick, Louise (Waltz) Frey. Peering over the class from the very back is Duane Hall. Also in attendance, but not pictured, were Cal Summers, Donald Schrader, Raymond Gimney and Bud Johnson.

delivered a humorous and witty reunion address, Johnson said.

Gentner recognized the dedicated efforts of reunion committee members Leola Brennan, Mei Leach, Don O'Dell, David

Hoffman and all the others who, by their efforts, made the reunion a huge success.

Brennan received a plaque for her efforts in making the event and past reunions successful.

"Duane was given a plaque also for being our class president for 50 years and doing so with poise and elegance," Johnson said.

Johnson said the reunion com-

mittee will meet in the future to contemplate organizing a 55th reunion.

"I believe I speak for the majority, and hope their decision to hold another party is a

resounding 'yes,'" Johnson said.

"I have many happy memories from my school days long ago, and our 50th year reunion will become a permanent part of my 'happy memories' bank."



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Holiday Crafts

Shelby Fogelson (left) and Amelia Raines enjoyed making Christmas crafts at the U.A.W. Hall during the recent Festival of Lights.

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Molly Harris inducted into EMU's Stoic Society

Molly Harris, a 2000 graduate of Chelsea High School, was inducted Nov. 4 into the Stoic Society at Eastern Michigan University.

Membership in the honorary society is based on academics, leadership and citizenship.

Harris, the daughter of Bill

and Cindy Harris of Chelsea, is a sophomore in the university honors program and is studying French and history.

Her other activities include serving as vice president of the French Club and student senator in the student government.

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From rock to Victorian

Local musician sings every genre of music

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

When Al Jacquez drives to Dearborn, the trip not only takes him several miles down the highway, it takes him years into the past.

A member of the musical troupe Opera Lite, Jacquez spends late November through early January performing at Greenfield Village's Eagle Tavern.

"The premise is that we are a traveling group in the 1850s led by impresario Samuel Taylor and (we) get stranded in winter at the tavern, where we have to sing for our supper," Jacquez says.

Garbed in Victorian attire, the Sylvan Township resident sometimes plays the role of Taylor and at other times plays a wandering minstrel.

The baritone singer, who has been performing at Greenfield Village for a decade, has also produced the group's recent CD "Christmas At the Eagle Tavern," featuring a selection of seasonal songs.

Jacquez says the popular holiday event attracts large crowds, with more than 300 people dining and enjoying the music at times.

The dining experience is a true Victorian feast, featuring squash soup, breaded trout, chicken pie, corned beef and cabbage, and vegetables — all before the main course of stuffed veal, followed by rice pudding for dessert.

"Sometimes there's a really large, noisy group and no one is paying much attention to your song," Jacquez says. "At other times, everyone falls silent for a solo and the a cappella music resonates within the wooden



Local musician Al Jacquez, dressed in Victorian attire, is performing through the holiday season at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. The Sylvan Township resident makes a complete change of pace when he records with the rock band Savage Grace.

walls of the tavern — all lit by candlelight. It's a very magical thing."

Jacquez says he relishes his role as a Victorian gentleman. "I get to put on neat clothes,

and sing songs about God, praise the Lord and get paid for it," he says.

Jacquez enjoys the wandering minstrel routine so much that he also performs at private parties,

stores and other events. "The music is getting back to basics, capturing the essence and purity," he says. "It's a pure form of music with harmony and lyrics and voice, without all the extra trappings."

On the flip side of the coin, Jacquez is very involved with high-tech music, digital mixing and electronics. He and partner Jeff Jones, own and operate Audiovisions, providing event management, Web streaming, archiving and sound reinforcement for corporate communications.

"It's great," he says. "I meet such talented, skilled people from all over the world. One minute I'm an executive, the next, I'm a stagehand. It's like being 16 again."

Jacquez and Jones also own 33 1/3 Records, where they recently recorded 15 songs with a new version of Jacquez's old rock band Savage Grace. The original band dates back more than three decades, when it was a part of the Detroit rock scene of the late 1960s and '70s.

Jacquez joined the group after dropping out of the theater arts program at the University of Michigan to join Scarlet Letter, which was renamed Savage Grace.

The group recorded two albums for Reprise and toured extensively, performing with such rock legends as Jimi Hendrix, Sha Na Na, Three Dog Night, Bob Seger, Creedence Clearwater Revival, John Sebastian, Alice Cooper, Jethro Tull and many other rock legends of the era.

At the height of its success in Michigan, the band decided to head for Los Angeles to make it on the West Coast.



Al Jacquez played with Savage Grace in the 1960s and '70s.

Big mistake. "We had been making \$3,000 a night in Michigan and canceled \$20,000 worth of bookings to head to L.A.," Jacquez says. "Then we started falling apart. We stopped working and starting partying big time."

The one good thing to come out of the move west for Jacquez was meeting his wife, Judy, in Tarzana, Calif.

After the band fell apart, the couple headed back to Michigan, where Jacquez joined friends in the group Guardian Angel, later known as Lightnin'.

The group toured Michigan and many of the southern states, and contributed to the music scene in Ann Arbor. After releasing a four-song EP that is considered a collector's item,

Lightnin' disbanded. In 1980, Jacquez decided to return to Los Angeles to give big-time show biz another shot. He produced and performed in a version of the musical "Working" and began singing jingles. He also studied at the L.A. Film Actors Lab and with various blues, rock and commercial bands.

After the birth of their daughter, Noelle, Jacquez and his wife headed back to Ann Arbor.

Since then, he has been involved with the bands Burning Circle and Suspects. He has also performed solo at Zou Zou's in Chelsea, played with Rattlebox at the Chelsea Summer Fest and performed with Opera Lite.

Jacquez has continued to sing jingles for such companies as General Motors Corp., Dodge, Buddy's Pizza, Michigan Apples and the Detroit Red Wings.

He also performed with the Beach Middle School sixth-grade choir a couple of years ago, when his son, John, was a pupil at the school.

Jacquez, who as a young boy sang at St. Matthias Church in Queens, N.Y., has come a long way on his musical path.

"I've had the chance to sing just about every genre known to man," he says. "I've been really blessed to sing with so many different people."

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Ringling The Bells

Chris Deacons (left) of John Adams Real Estate and Tammy Lehman of Edward Surovell Realtors, sporting a Santa hat, rang the bells by the Salvation Army kettle during the Festival of Lights.

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Strong first period leads Chelsea hockey

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

So far this season, Chelsea hockey has made a habit of skating out to early leads. Last Saturday night, against visiting Temperance Bedford, the Bulldogs continued that trend, outscoring the Mules 2-0 in the first period en route to a 3-1 victory.

"We've been strong in the first period all year," Chelsea coach Don Wright said. "We were able to get off to a good start, again."

Scoring Chelsea's (5-3) opening goal was junior center Drew Warren on a power play at 8:51 of the period. Assisting on Warren's goal was senior captain Josh Barron.

Barron made it 2-0, scoring off an assist from Lee Woodruff at 13:43 of the period.

Midway through the second stanza, Mike Sayers upped the Bulldogs' lead to 3-0 on a goal assisted by Barron and Woodruff.

On the score, Woodruff passed up ice to Barron, who circled the Bedford net before finding Sayers, who had snuck behind the Mule defense, for the goal.

"That was a pretty play," Wright said.

Bedford ended the scoring, notching a goal at 3:31 of the third period.

Earning the win in net for the Bulldogs was freshman goaltender J.R. Engelbert.

Chelsea outshot the Mules 25-21 for the game.

"Bedford played well," Wright said. "They were strong defensively."

Though the Mules were tough behind the blue line, the Bulldogs were even better in their own end.

"The key to the victory for us was that we limited the number of good scoring opportunities (for Bedford)," Wright said. "But I felt we played well at both ends of the ice."

On Dec. 6, Chelsea lost to Ann Arbor Huron 6-3.

As was the case against Bedford, the Bulldogs skated out to a 2-0 first period advantage.

This time, however, Chelsea was unable to hold its lead.

The visiting River Rats scored three goals in the second and third periods, respectively, earning the "W."

In the opening period, Chelsea received goals from Craig Irwin and Warren.

Wright said though it felt good to be up 2-0, he knew the game was far from over.

"In the second period, they brought it to us pretty well," he said. "Huron's pressure was strong. And we weren't playing tight defensively."

After the River Rats took the lead 3-2 midway through the second frame, Wright called timeout, trying to quell the Huron

momentum.

It worked. "We played better in the last half of the period," he said. "We played them pretty evenly."

In the third period, the River Rats outscored the Bulldogs 3-1 to secure the win.

Scoring two goals in the stanza for Huron was star winger Chris Fragner.

"He's a great player," Wright said. "He scored both goals from the top of the slot. He created most of their offense. He's a talented player. Unfortunately, we weren't able to stop him tonight."

Fragner finished the night with two goals and two assists.

Scoring Chelsea's third and final goal was Irwin on a power play.

Despite the setback, Wright said his team is improving.

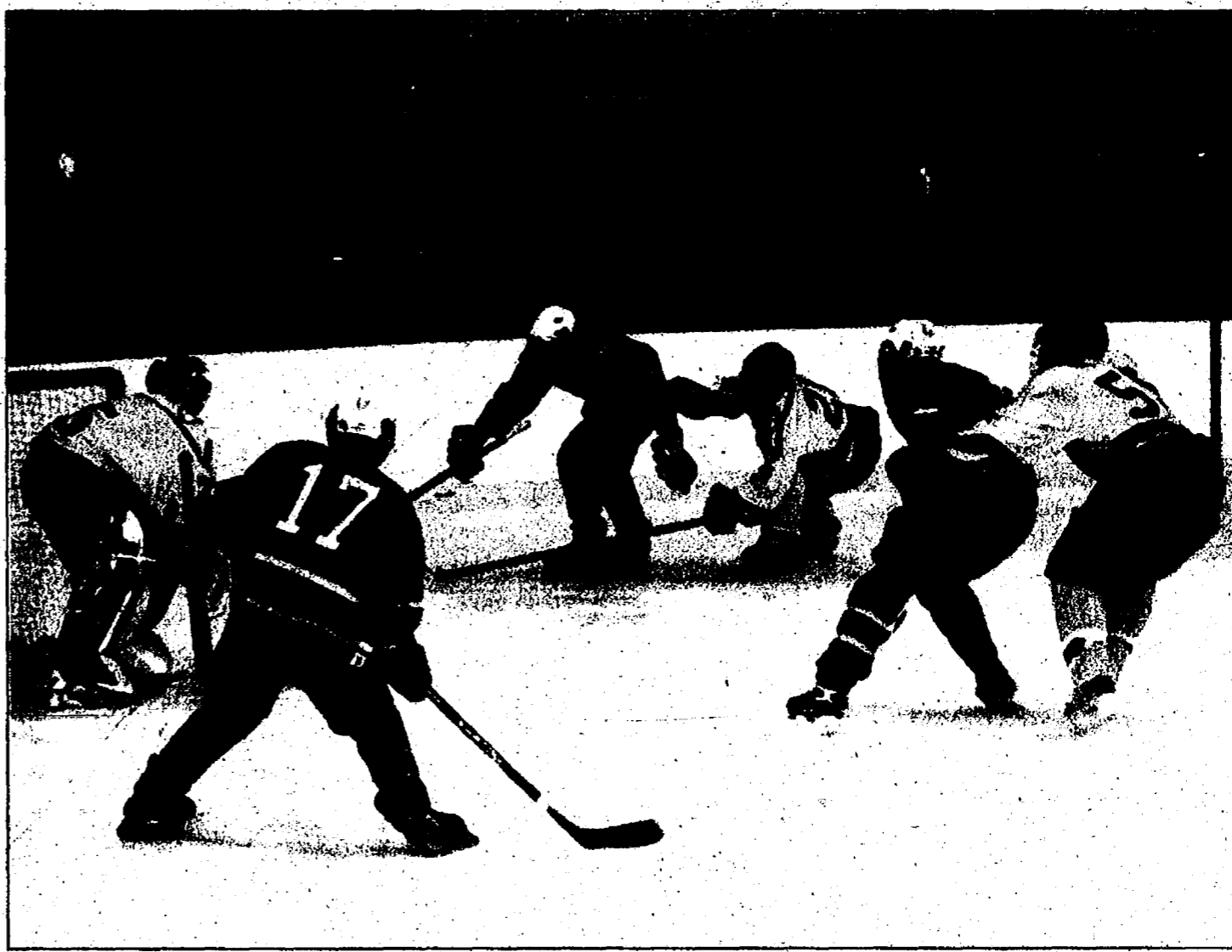
"Our kids are finding out we can play against stronger teams," Wright said. "I scheduled Huron because I want our team to play tough competition."

Wright also wants his squad to continue playing well in its own zone.

"We're trying to play better defense," he said. "And we want to play a full 45 minutes."

The Bulldogs next participate in this weekend's four-team Dexter Christmas Tournament at Veterans Arena.

Chelsea begins play tomorrow



Chelsea defensemen Ben Daniels (21) and Kevin Phillips (55) hustle back to help goaltender Andy Mossburg against Ann Arbor Huron last week

against Ypsilanti Lincoln in the tournament's second game at 9 p.m. On Saturday, the consolation

game is scheduled for 7 p.m., followed by the championship at 9:30 p.m.

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Season opener

Bulldog basketball begins the year with two straight road games

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

It's never easy opening the season away from home.

Last week, Chelsea's boys' basketball team proved that fact.

The Bulldogs (0-2) dropped two consecutive games to Williamston, 69-53, and Adrian, 56-52, in overtime, to begin the year.

In its season opener against the state-ranked Hornets Dec. 4, Chelsea played well, but lost the contest at the free-throw line.

Williamston ended the night 20-of-28 from the line, while the Bulldogs finished 7-of-12.

"That was the difference in the game," Chelsea coach Robin Raymond said.

Raymond said the Hornets went to the line so often because of Chelsea's defense.

"Instead of moving our feet (on defense), we played with our hands," he said.

Senior center Joe Tripodi led

the Bulldogs with 12 points.

Senior guard Eddie McClendon and junior guard Jake Freeman each added nine points, while junior center Scott Dettling and junior guard Kyle Brown each netted seven points for Chelsea.

Senior wing player Nick Gadbury ended with four points, while senior forward Kyle Pepper and junior forward Paul Newhouse each had two points and senior center Chris Kinashuk recorded one point for the Bulldogs.

Raymond said Williamston is a strong team.

"They have all 12 players back from last year," he said. "They're an experienced team. They have excellent quickness and they were outstanding rebounders."

Though Chelsea had a height advantage down low, Raymond said that didn't matter.

"They (Williamston) were quicker to the ball than we

were," he said.

To begin the game, the Bulldogs trailed by just two points after one quarter.

In the second frame, Williamston outscored Chelsea 22-14 to head into the half up 39-29.

In the third quarter, however, the Hornets exploded for 18 points, while limiting the Bulldogs to nine.

"That turned the game," Raymond said.

In the fourth, Chelsea outscored Williamston 15-14 for the final margin.

For the night, Chelsea shot 46 percent from the floor, while the Hornets finished at 45 percent.

The Bulldogs committed 14 turnovers, compared to Williamston's 13.

"Statistically, we played well," Raymond said. "We weren't effective on the offensive glass or at the free-throw line. But, for an opener at their place, I thought we played well."

Last Friday, in its overtime

loss to the Maples, Chelsea let a four-point lead with two minutes left to play slip away.

Once again, free throws were the difference.

For the night, Chelsea finished 7-of-11 from the line, while Adrian ended up 18-of-30.

"We need to be more aggressive taking the ball to the basket," Raymond said. "Plus, we need to get the ball inside and force three-point plays."

Against the Maples, the Bulldogs were down 29-20 at halftime.

"They were more aggressive than us in the first half," Raymond said.

In the fourth quarter, however, Chelsea roared back.

Behind 10 points from Newhouse and increased defensive pressure, the Bulldogs took a four-point lead.

"We were able to force 14 turnovers in the second half," Raymond said. "We picked up our defensive intensity. With our

improved defense, we were able to convert some easy baskets on fast breaks."

For the game, Chelsea forced 23 Maple turnovers. The Bulldogs had 20 turnovers.

Despite the late lead, the Bulldogs were unable to hold on.

After calling timeout with 11 seconds remaining in regulation, Chelsea was unable to get a shot off before time ran out.

"It was good defense on their (Adrian's) part," Raymond said. "We wanted to go back door to Newhouse, but he was covered. It's hard to simulate those plays in practice. I think we learned a lot from this game."

In overtime, Adrian canned six free throws to win the contest.

In comparison, Chelsea could muster only two points on a bucket by junior James Ballas.

For the game, Newhouse paced the Bulldogs with 17 points, while Brown and Ballas

each netted six points.

Tripodi finished with five points. McClendon, Dettling and Gadbury each had four points, while senior guard Dan Mueller, Freeman and Pepper each scored two points for Chelsea.

Dettling also hauled down a team-high five rebounds, with Freeman dishing out four assists and Gadbury three for the Bulldogs.

Adrian outrebounded Chelsea 23-21.

From the field, the Bulldogs shot 38 percent, while the Maples finished at 46 percent.

Chelsea hosts Saline tomorrow in its home opener at 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs host Pinckney at 7:30 p.m.

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Wrestle mania

Chelsea grapplers compete in JAWS meet as season gets under way



Photo courtesy of Sue Bauer

Chelsea sophomore Ryan Lundquist ties up his Adrian opponent during last week's match against the Maples.

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

The Chelsea wrestling team participated at last weekend's JAWS Invitational at Jackson High School.

The Bulldogs finished the tournament with a 2-3 overall record.

Chelsea defeated Jackson Lumen Christi 39-36 and Brooklyn Columbia Central on a forfeit.

The Bulldogs lost to Hudson 52-44, Napoleon 39-38 and Columbia Central 42-38.

Individually for the tournament, Ryan Lundquist finished 2-2 at 112 pounds for Chelsea.

At 119 pounds, Derek Jolly ended up 0-4, as did Nate Montagne at 125 pounds.

At 130 pounds, Randy Ostrowski ended up 3-1, with his lone defeat coming on a pin. In that match, against Hudson's Nick Camp, who finished second in the state last season, Ostrowski led 6-1 in the third period before getting pinned after slipping on the mat.

At 135 pounds, Matt Robinson

went 1-1, while John Lowry finished 0-1 and Jeremy Loe 1-0.

Mike Steger (140) ended the tournament with a 3-1 record, including a pin of Hudson's Jason Brown, who was a state placer a year ago.

At 145, Ryan Keiser finished with an unbeaten 4-0 mark.

"He did an excellent job," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel.

Neal Turluck (152) was 0-4, as was Brandon Coffey (160).

At 171, Darl Bauer ended up 3-1, while Joel Powers was 0-1.

At 189, Eric Lixey had an unblemished 3-0 record. Carl Wint finished unbeaten, as well, with a 1-0 mark. Robert Herrst (215) finished 3-1.

In the heavyweight division, Jared Powers was a perfect 3-0, while Brad Hinderer ended up 0-1 on the day.

On Dec. 6, Chelsea participated, along with Ann Arbor Huron, in a tri-meet at Adrian.

Against the host Maples, the Bulldogs lost 42-30.

Earning victories in the lower weights for Chelsea were

Lundquist (112) on a technical fall, 15-0 over Mark Falhaber; Jolly (119) on a pin in 4:47 over Casey Perez; Ostrowski (130) on a pin in 2:23 over John Justice; and Keiser (145) on a 7-5 decision over Justin Vanettan.

In the upper weights, the Bulldogs received wins from Lixey (189) on a major decision over Cody Waters 17-4 and Jared Powers (215) on a pin in 1:01 over Kyle Chapman.

"I was pleased with some of our younger kids getting wins," Kargel said.

Against Huron, Chelsea prevailed 46-24.

Winning in the lower weights for the Bulldogs were Montagne (125) on a pin in 1:04 over Todd Pittman; Ostrowski (130) on a pin in 3:19 over Matt Stellar; and Robinson (135), Steger (140) and Andy Hurst (152) on voids.

In the upper weights, earning victories for Chelsea were Bauer (171) on a pin in 23 seconds over Chris Nicholson; Lixey (189) on a pin in 38 seconds over Alex Walters; and Jared

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Tripodi commits to Northwestern

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Chelsea's Joe Tripodi began the switch from suiting up a Bulldog to becoming a Wildcat.

A 6-foot-4, 275-pound senior lineman, Tripodi verbally committed to Northwestern University last weekend to play football in the Big Ten.

A two-way standout, Tripodi earned All-State distinction from the Detroit News, Detroit Free Press and the Associated Press.

A three-year starter for the Bulldogs, Tripodi helped lead Chelsea to back-to-back 9-0 regular seasons and three consecutive Southeastern Conference championships.

With Tripodi, a co-captain this season, anchoring the interior line, the Bulldogs made the Division III playoffs the past two years, losing to eventual state champion Farmington Hills Harrison on both occasions.

A tremendous all-around athlete, Tripodi is a three-year varsity basketball player for Chelsea and last season captured the Division II state championship in the shot put.

Besides Northwestern, other schools that recruited Tripodi included Indiana and Wisconsin.

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Bulldog volleyball captures invite

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea volleyball began its season with a bang last weekend, winning the South Lyon Invitational.

The Bulldogs defeated No. 1-seeded Novi in the tourney final 15-8, 2-15, 15-10.

Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland said the Bulldogs improved throughout the tournament.

"The team was able to eliminate unforced errors as the day progressed and work together as a squad," she said. "That is one of our challenges this year, as the squad has only three returning players from last season."

In the invite's semifinals, Chelsea beat No. 2-seeded Saginaw Heritage 8-15, 15-7, 15-11.

In the quarterfinals, the

Bulldogs bested No. 3-seeded Pinckney 10-15, 15-4, 15-10.

To begin the tournament, Chelsea tangled with Howell and South Lyon in pool play.

Against the Highlanders, the Bulldogs prevailed 9-15, 15-9, 16-14.

Versus the host Lions, Chelsea lost 14-16, 10-15, 15-1.

Throughout the tournament, the Bulldogs showed a willingness to win despite often being down after the first game.

"I was pleased with the way the team was able to maintain its composure, especially during the third game of the tournament matches, which were rally scoring," said Cleveland, who is beginning her second season.

After a disappointing show in pool play, Cleveland said her team settled down.

"We were able to adapt to the changes that needed to be made and increased our defensive intensity and passing accu-

racy to progress to the championship bracket," she said.

Lindsay Tye paced Chelsea with 43 kills and 15 digs.

Anna Arend added 23 kills and 21 digs, while Lindsay Parker finished with 27 kills.

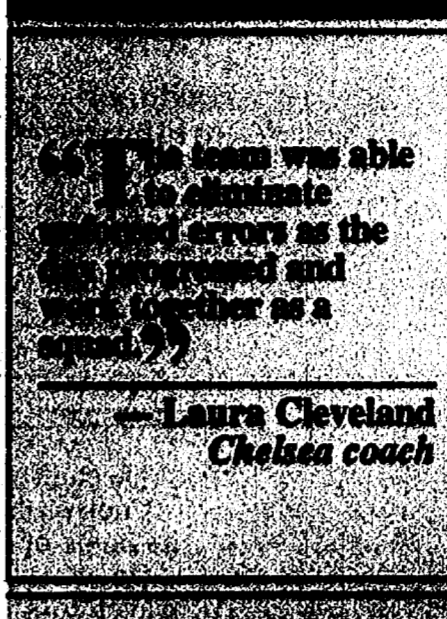
Karri Kuczajada ended up with 25 kills, while Cynthia Johnson had 12 aces and setter Rachel Dotson had 93 assists for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea travels to Saline today for a match at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, the Bulldog freshman and JV squads travel to the Saline Invitational at 8:30 a.m.

On Monday, Chelsea hosts Ann Arbor Pioneer in its home opener at 6 p.m.

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Chelsea JV hoops split opening games

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea's JV boys' basketball split its opening ballgames last week.

Both battles were on the road.

In the squad's first contest of the season, the Bulldogs fell to Williamston, 53-35, Dec. 4.

"They're a good team," Chelsea coach Mark Scheese

said about the Hornets.

After one quarter, Chelsea was behind by just a bucket 18-16.

By halftime, Williamston had increased its lead to 29-22.

In the third frame, both clubs netted eight points each to head into the fourth quarter with the Hornets up 37-30.

The final period, however, belonged to Williamston.

The Hornets outscored the Bulldogs 16-5, securing their victory.

Tony Reifel led Chelsea with 10 points. Brian Kinashuk added eight points, while

George Royce chipped in six points for the Bulldogs (1-1).

On Dec. 7, Chelsea defeated Adrian 52-47.

Joel Hohnke paced the Bulldogs with 15 points. Nick Miller finished with 13 points, while Reifel recorded 10 points.

Despite falling behind at halftime 31-22, Chelsea regrouped to dominate the second half.

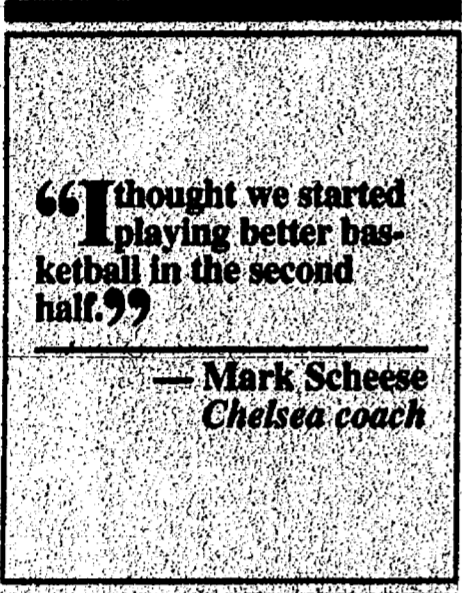
In the third quarter, the Bulldogs outscored the Maples 15-6 to head into the fourth frame tied 37-37.

In the final quarter, Chelsea netted 15 points, while holding Adrian to 10 points to sew up the "W."

"I thought we started playing better basketball in the second half," Scheese said.

Chelsea next hosts Saline tomorrow at 6 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs host Pinckney at 6 p.m.



Young places first at Christmas Classic

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea's Alyssa Young continued her fine season in youth gymnastics, placing first at last weekend's Christmas Classic meet in Westland.

Young, a third-grader at Pierce Lake Elementary in Chelsea, placed first all-around

in the 8-year-old division. Young is a member of the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics' Level 5 team, which finished eighth overall in the meet.

On Dec. 1, Young finished third on beam, fourth in floor exercise and sixth all-around at the Level 5 state championship in Port Huron.

Puuri earns honor

Dexter senior Chris Puuri was chosen earlier this month for the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's Academic All-State team.

Puuri, a receiver/defensive back for the Dreadnaughts this

past season has a 3.98 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society.

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"The kids wrestled well," Kargel said.

On Dec. 1, Chelsea competed in the 16-team Haslett Invitational, placing fourth with 134 points.

Monroe captured the meet with 244 points. In second place was Haslett, with 172.25 points, followed by Midland in third place, with 162 points.

"It was a good journey to start the season," Kargel said. "There was a good mixture of schools."

In the lower weights, Lundquist (112) finished 0-2; Jolly (119), 0-2; Montagne (125) finished seventh overall with a 2-1 record; and Ostrowski (130) placed second, with a 2-1 record.

Ostrowski lost to Monroe's Carson Poupard 1-0 in the tournament title match. Poupard finished fifth in the state last season.

"That was a good match," Kargel said. "I was happy with Randy's performance."

At 135 pounds, Robinson finished 0-2; Steger (140) placed fifth, with a 3-1 record; Ben Rodgers (145) finished seventh with a 2-1 mark; while Hurst (152) ended up 0-2.

In the upper weights, Bauer (171) placed second, with a 2-1 record; Lixey (189) finished first, with a 3-0 mark; Jared Powers (215) placed first, with a 4-0 record; and Herrst (heavyweight) ended up fourth, with a 2-2 mark.

Lixey was voted the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler in the upper weights. Jared Powers pinned all four of his opponents. Powers' four

pins added up to just over two minutes combined.

"He wrestled really well," Kargel said. "He seems to wrestle better when it counts, as opposed to practice."

Also on Dec. 1, the Chelsea JV participated in a meet at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Placing for the Bulldogs were Joel Powers (171), first; Hinderer (heavyweight), second; Fred Dahn (112) and Lowry (135), each finishing third; Dave Bell (189), fifth; and Turluck (152) and Loe (130) each placing sixth.

Chelsea hosts Saline today in its home opener at 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs travel to Coldwater to participate in its 10-team tournament.

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**— Kerry Kargel
Chelsea coach**

Hockey Champs



Chelsea's Special Olympics floor hockey team captured a second-place silver medal in the Division I state finals. Pictured in front are Martaze Goodwin (left), Heidi Herrst, Cole McIntosh, Jamie Stillion, Kurtis Klapperich and Eric Wilson; second row, Chris Varcie (left), coach Nancy Cooper, Rob Peacock, Brian Burden, Scott Parisho, Robert Gluckstad, Ray Stillion and Russell Ladd.

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SENIORS FUN TIME - 12-4-01

W	L
Go Getters	60 38
New Millennium	59 39
Hit or Miss	57 41
Squads	56 42
Steadies	52 46
Spare Ribs	52 46
Keglers	51 47
Alley Cats	49 49
The New Kids	48 50
Strikers	47 51
Sand Beggars	46 52
Pais	43 55
Wild Ones	43 55
K & C	42 56
Good Times	42 56
Three Cookies	40 58
Two Gals and a Guy	22 13

High Game: Eileen Gondek, 172; Glen Burgess, 213
High Series: Jeanne Staphis, 471; Chuck Schauer, 578

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W	L
A & W	53 40
Schutz Enterprises	57 41
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High Game: Susan McCalla, 211
High Series: Deb Van Orman, 596

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J & S

Abel	42 28
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High Series: Amber Abel, 116; Jeff Abel, 113
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High Game: Kayla Pepper, 168; Erwin Harns, 219
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MID MORNING YOUTH MIXED - 12-8-01

W	L
Power Bowlers	74 24
Red Hot Demons	51 47
Team Victory	37 61
Dynamite Strikers	32 66

High Game: Alicia Lambdin, 104; Rachel Abel, 104;
A.J. Kallas, 123
High Series: Alicia Lambdin, 298; Jon Gipeon, 283

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High Game: Eugene Perry, 269
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High Game: M. Milazzo, 288
High Series: D. Gipeon, 701

Champion excels at state

Champion Gymnastics Level 5 and Level 6 teams participated in the youth gymnastics state championship in Port Huron Dec. 1 and 2.

The finals were hosted by the Huron Physical Arts Center.

Highlighting the meet was the Level 6 team finishing fifth overall in the state.

Ashley Bernard placed first on balance beam in the 10-year-old age group for Champion.

Others earning medals for the Level 8 squad were Rebecca Pape, with a third place on bars and a fifth place all-around, and Christina Coffman, with a fourth-place on beam. Both athletes competed in the 7- through 9-year-old group.

In the 12 and older group, Champion's Mary Cebula finished first on vault, while Carly Dalton ended up third on beam, Sarah Gilley 14th on bars and Chelsea Larsen 11th on beam.

Others competing for

Champion in Level 6 were Ellissa Black, Emily Black, Mari Couasson, Emily Bednar, Kristen Dekarske, Kristine Hintz and Rachel Pape.

In Level 5, Taylor Ford placed sixth on balance beam in the 7- to 8-year-old age group.

In the 11-year-old group, Eleanor Stewart finished seventh on beam for Champion.

In the 12 and older group, Brittany Holloway placed second on beam and 14th on bars, Camille Hanks finished fourth on beam and Caronae Howell ended up ninth on bars. Rounding out the Level 5

squad at the state finals were Paige Cederna and Katie O'Sullivan.

According to Champion owner Dave Black, most of the gymnasts had their best scores at the state championship.

"As a group, we have been improving at each meet this fall."

**— Dave Black
Champion owner**

"As a group, we have been improving at each meet this fall," he said. "Since most of these competitors are now at a new level of competition, their performance is even more impressive. They will move into the winter/spring competitions with experience and obviously a lot of confidence."

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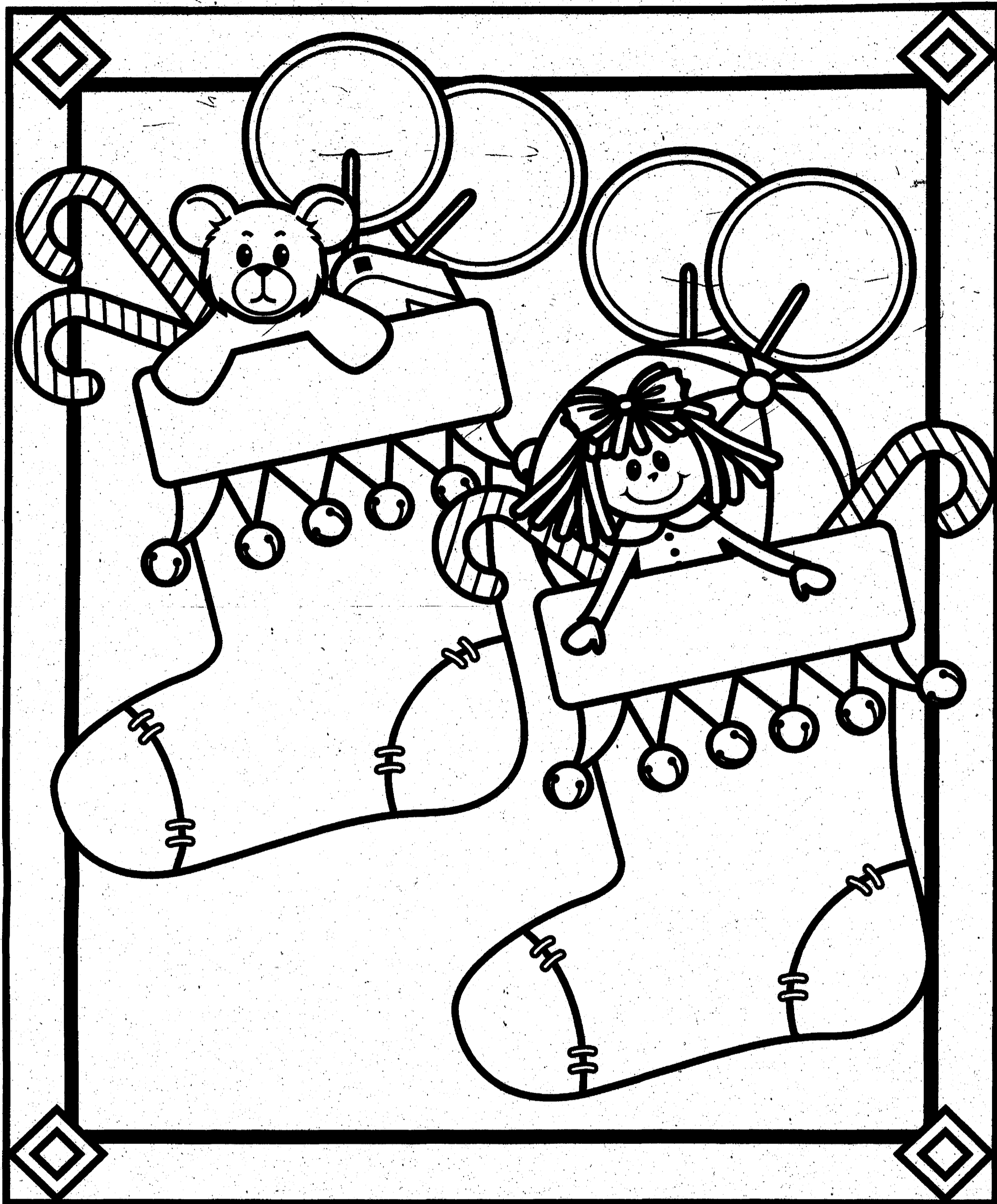
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2. Contest is open to area children ages 4-12. Artists ages 4-5, 6-8, and those ages 9-12 will be judged in separate groups. A \$25 cash prize will be awarded to the coloring entry judged best in each group.
3. Coloring must be done by the child, using crayons, paint, felt-tip pens, colored pencils, or any other coloring medium.
4. Each entry form must be completed with contestant's name, age and phone number.
5. **DEADLINE** for entering is Friday, December 28, 2001.
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Dread hoop season tips off

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

What a way to start a season. What a way to begin a career. Dexter coach Mike Bavineau couldn't have asked for a better outcome to his first two opening ballgames as boys' basketball coach.

In the Dreadnaughts' first game of the season Dec. 4, Dexter defeated visiting Willow Run 70-61 in double overtime.

"I was kidding the parents after the game that this is just a warm-up," said Bavineau, who also doubles as Dexter girls' basketball coach.

The game, close throughout, saw the Dreadnaughts miss a shot at the buzzer that would have won the contest in regulation.

After four quarters, the score was deadlocked at 50-50.

In the first overtime, the Flyers missed a shot as time ran out that would have given them the victory.

In the second overtime, however, Dexter pulled away, outscoring Willow Run 15-6 for the hard-earned "W."

"We didn't give up," Bavineau said. "That's the effort we have to put forth every game. We could have backed down, but we didn't."

What the Dreadnaughts also didn't do was turn the ball over.

"We didn't give them any easy

balls," Bavineau said. "We controlled the tempo."

Bavineau said senior point guard Adam Cate was one of the keys to his team's lack of turnovers.

"Cate played a tremendous game with the ball," Bavineau said.

He also wasn't too shabby at the free-throw line, either.

For the game, Cate was 6-of-8 from the charity stripe and a perfect 4-of-4 in the fourth quarter.

For the game, Cate scored 14 points.

Junior power forward Brian Caldwell led the Dreadnaughts with 18 points.

Senior forward Dan Mutschler added 13 points, while senior guard Rick Weaver had eight points and senior center Brad Snider seven points for Dexter.

Senior guard Chris Puuri ended up with five points, junior center Eric Przybylinski had four points, sophomore Dan Snyder two points and senior swing player Josh Prusakiewicz had one point to round out the Dreadnaught scoring.

For the game, Dexter finished 32-of-42 from the free throw line. Willow Run ended up 13-of-27.

The Flyers raced out to a 16-11 first quarter lead and a 24-18 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, Willow Run outscored the Dreads 18-17

for a 42-35 lead heading into the fourth frame.

In the final quarter, Dexter scored 15 points, while holding the Flyers to just eight points, forcing overtime.

Last Friday, the Dreadnaughts continued their winning ways by defeating host Temperance Bedford 59-47.

Dexter received balanced scoring on the night, led by Weaver with 13 points and Puuri and Caldwell, who each netted 10 points.

Mutschler added nine points, while Snider chipped in seven points. Jon Horwath and Cate each finished with four points and Snyder and Przybylinski each had one point for Dexter.

"We played a good game," Bavineau said. "We were able to fastbreak. We created turnovers by stepping into the passing lanes and by rebounding."

Despite the victory, Bavineau felt his team could have played better.

"We had an opportunity to put them away, and we didn't take advantage of that," he said.

Dexter led 35-25 at halftime.

In the second half, the Dreads outscored the Mules 24-22 to sew up the victory.

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Michigan Nets



The Michigan Nets sixth-grade girls' travel basketball team, comprised of Chelsea athletes, finished second at the Vandercook Lake Tournament Dec. 9. Competing in their first tournament and placing in the top division, the squad came within five points of capturing the championship. Overall for the tournament, the team had a 3-1 record. Pictured in the front row are Annie Hollandsworth (left), Lizzy Bentley and Emily Rabbitt; second row, coach Tom Hollandsworth (left), Jenna Jarvis, Sara Myers, Hadley Stoll and coach Jon Bentley; back row, managers Luke Hollandsworth (left) and Caleb Bentley. Not pictured: Anna Foley and Lisa Brophy.

Mini Mites



The Chelsea mini-mite gold hockey team gathers after winning its second consecutive scrimmage against Jackson Cochran Electric 4-0. Members include, front row, Garrett Brewis (left), Keiffer Roth, Nicholas Novak, Jacob Ryan and Chad Brewis; back row, Jacob Rhodes (left), Joe Heinen, Ricky Cassell, Steven Catanese, Christian Hanselman and Adam Sensoll.

Dreads ice Pirates

Poor Pinckney. Though giving it a valiant try, when it was all said and done, the visiting Pirates just couldn't decide who to defend last Saturday night.

With six different Dexter players scoring, the Dreadnaughts defeated Pinckney 6-1 at Veterans Arena.

Dexter's balanced attack, which came in waves against the Pirates, pressured the Pinckney net minder all game.

Though the winless Pirates played a physical, checking style, the unbeaten Dreads maintained their poise, putting the puck in the net.

The Dreadnaughts scored early and often in the first period, skating out to a 4-0 advantage.

Turning the light on for Dexter (5-0) in the opening stanza were sophomore winger Kevin Vlazny, senior forward Chad Weller, senior winger Scott Otto and junior forward Rick Rauser.

Recording assists in the period were junior forward assistant captain Peter Vollbrecht and senior defenseman co-captain Jess Stewart, each with two; junior defenseman assistant captain Keith Davey, Otto, Weller and Vlazny.

In the second period, the Dreadnaughts increased their lead to 5-0 as senior center co-captain J.J. Daratony scored at 14:23 of the frame.

Sophomore defenseman Brett Gardner and Davey assisted on the goal for Dexter.

Pinckney cut into the Dreadnaught lead with a goal at 4:11 of the period, but could get no closer.

Dexter put the proverbial nail in the coffin as Vollbrecht scored with 35 seconds remaining in the third period for the game's final margin.

Assisting on the goal were Otto and Weller.

Dreadnaught sophomore goaltender Paul Cynar recorded the victory in net.

Dexter outshot the Pirates 40-26 for the night.

Daratony and Vlazny paced the Dreadnaught attack with seven shots on goal each.

Dexter hosts its annual

Christmas Tournament at Veterans Arena this weekend.

The two-day, four-team tournament culminates Saturday with the championship game at 9:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, the Dreadnaughts host Lincoln Park at 7:30 p.m.

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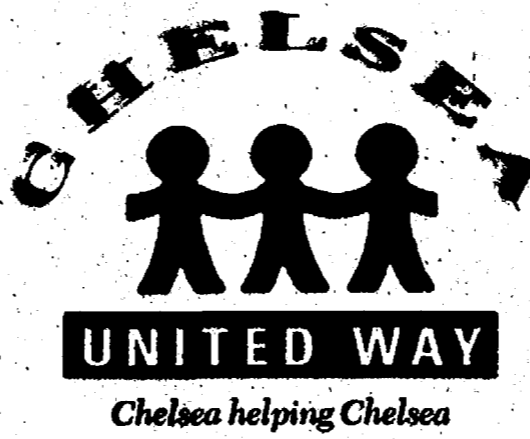
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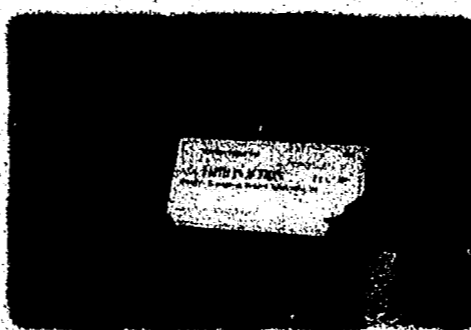
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Jubilee to offer family fun

■ From storytelling to salsa music, there's something for everyone.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

If you're looking for an affordable family outing for the holidays, a wonderful gift or a unique stocking stuffer, Pat Grimes has just the ticket for you.

Grimes is selling tickets to the 10th annual New Year Jubilee of Southeastern Michigan. The event will be held Dec. 31 in Ypsilanti.

"With popular favorites and some bright new additions, this Jubilee will be the finest to date," Grimes said.

The opening headliner will be Heywood Banks, a native of Howell who has been performing for most of his life. He will appear at the First United Methodist Church on Washtenaw Avenue, kicking off the evening at 6:30 p.m.

"Heywood has an interesting combination of stand-up comedy and really delightfully imaginative and funny songs," Grimes said. "He started out as a folk singer, then he started telling jokes in between songs and it evolved from there.

"It's a feather in our cap to have him here," Grimes said.

The family-oriented, alcohol-free Jubilee is held in a number

of different churches and other venues in Ypsilanti's historic district.

"Many of the venues are next to or across the street from each other," Grimes said. "But some of them are a longer distance, and for the benefit of the families with young children, we have complimentary shuttle vans, donated by our friends at Ford and Visteon."

Many of the sites will offer snacks and beverages to participants.

"The Freight House in Depot Town is always an ultra-popular spot," Grimes said, "and families often end their evening there.

"It's really well attended for the whole night, and very well attended toward the end of the evening."

Another interesting site will be the Automotive Heritage Collection at the intersection of Cross and Depot streets, the location of the last Hudson Automobile dealership in the United States.

"Jack Miller is still doing a bit of horse-trading from there," Grimes said. "And people have donated things to help document Ypsilanti's strong heritage in the automobile industry."

Appropriately enough, the Terraplanes, a blues band named for one of the Hudson cars, will be performing at the site.

At the Ypsilanti Historical Museum on North Huron Street, classical flamenco guitarist Joseph Pratt will be showcased in a setting that seems to complement his repertoire.

"Last year, we got great comments on this performance," Grimes said. "The combination was considered stunning and we're delighted to have him back."

Among the dozens of acts will be Chelsea's own Boyer and Fitzsimmons magic act, Celtic fiddler Jeremy Allan Kittel of Saline, well-known Black Sheep Repertory Theatre alum O.J. Anderson and local jazz guitarist Jake Reichbart. Ann Arbor's world-class blues duo Madcat and Kane will also perform.

There will be entertainment for every type of musical taste, from classical to Cole Porter, opera to rockabilly to rap.

"All in all, it's a pretty well-rounded night," Grimes said.

Tickets are on sale at Busch's ValuLand, Nicola's Books and at the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureaus.

Tickets for adults are \$15 in advance; children's tickets are \$5 for ages 6 through 12, and children 5 and younger are admitted for free. Tickets for adults will be \$20 after Dec. 26 and at the door.



New ABWA Officers

The 2001-2002 officers for the Chelsea-Dexter chapter of the American Business Women's Association are Stephanie Pyne (left), treasurer; Rotha Foster, president; Barbara Gergely, vice-president; and Patricia Cousins, secretary. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month and are free and open to the public. For information call 426-0692.

Homemade products popular

Jim Roguski of Redondo Beach, Calif., stopped buying soap years ago.

Once a month, he makes his own using a vegetable glycerin base and essential oils. Nothing else. No lye, no animal fat, no unidentified goop.

"You could eat it. It's not going to taste very good, but it won't hurt you," said 41-year-old Roguski, manager of The Remedy Store in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Homemade soaps, lotions, facial and beauty products are gaining in popularity. More commercial brands are selling products made with natural ingredients, essential oils and plant extracts, such as peppermint, lavender and sandalwood.

And many are made from recipes that are simple to replicate at home using ingredients from the pantry and refrigerator.

Elizabeth Arden sells Green Tea Soothing Muscle Bath Salts at \$15 for 6.8 ounces. But you can make your own with 2 ounces of Green Tea and Epsom salts for less than half the cost.

Pond's sells a cucumber look-alike to reduce puffiness around eyes. But the cucumber in your refrigerator is a cool and less costly alternative to the \$9.99 Pond's Cucumber Eye Treatment.

Glycerin soap is available at craft stores and essential oils are sold at health stores. Cut the glycerin into small chunks, put it in a microwave-safe bowl for 10- to 15-second intervals until it melts, stir in the essential oils for scent and pour into molds. Let it set, or if you're eager to see, quick results, put it in the refrigerator to set in minutes.

"Soap is a common thing that's really easy to do. It's a five-minute process," Roguski said.

"People are always looking for the magic thing," he said. "It's not on the label. It's in the kitchen.

"If you read a label and you would even be remotely concerned about eating the product, then don't rub it on the skin. If you rub it on the skin, you might as well be eating it," he said.

Mushy peaches, day-old oatmeal and half a cucumber might not make for a great meal. But they will work just fine for your face.

Homemade and healthful beauty products are popular because people are much more conscious of what's going in their bodies and on their skin. They want fewer petroleum products and inorganic preservatives, said Cara Feuerstein, assistant manager of the nutrition department at Whole Foods in Redondo Beach.

And the customers with questions or seeking natural products to make homemade items don't stand out. They're just everyday people trying to be more health-conscious.

"The most interesting person to ask for help was a man who looked like a truck driver," Feuerstein said. "He was a burly guy and he was all jazzed about making his own soap. He bought

lavender and essential oils. You just never know who's going to come in and ask."

Irene Medina shopped at Whole Foods on a recent lunch break from the Sheet Metal Workers Trust Fund. Her search was in response to constant aches and pains, including in her lower back.

"I'm going to try the mineral salts. I learned about them in a yoga class," she said.

Sea salts and mineral salts replenish trace minerals the body needs, and the magnesium soothes aching muscles, Feuerstein said.

"I've heard taking these baths is like two glasses of wine. I'm


hoping it works," Medina said.

Crafting also has revived the homemade beauty trend, said Elizabeth Silberlicht of Redondo Beach, who teaches soap-making classes at Body Therapy Center.

"You can go and buy somebody a cake or cookies, but when you make it, it's just that much more special," said Silberlicht, 37. "Cosmetics and home beauty products are like that, too. Salts, soaps, lip balms, toners. When someone tailor-makes something like that just for you, it's really special. I use something I make everyday."

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Friendly Meeting

Friends Nevette Willis (left) of Chelsea and Betty Plasterer of Dexter visited the Dexter Senior Citizen Bazaar Dec. 1 at the Dexter Senior Citizen Center. Lunch was also provided for holiday shoppers.

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Wine book has the answers

By Pat Andrews
Heritage Newspapers

When it comes to wine, most of us are lost if the bottle sports a cork.

With a screw top, we know what's in store — a cheap vino to enjoy in our youth and to serve friends of lesser importance.

Ah, but as we mature, we need to be able to choose with confidence both at the store and restaurant. Does a \$100 bottle of wine really taste better than a \$10 bottle?

Karen McNeil, chairwoman of the wine department at the Culinary Institute of America in Napa Valley, Calif., has spent a decade visiting winemakers in every major wine-producing region in the world.

She has tasted, interviewed and put her thoughts to paper. The result is an engrossing 948-page book, "The Wine Bible," filled with more than 500 photographs, maps, wine labels, lively sidebars, historical anecdotes, food pairings and the wines to know from each region.

And yes, in most instances, the \$100 bottle will offer more sipping enhancement than the lower price.

Workman is the publishing house McNeil chose to properly showcase her words and the working agreement is evident.

Workman believes it is the most complete book on wine ever written by an American author.

You must think of the book as a lively course from an expert teacher. The topics will include what makes a wine great and how wine is made from beginning to end.

McNeil talks about the importance of what to know before you taste, such as how much do vintages really matter, and where to store wine and where not to.

The book will take you through the major wine countries — France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Austria,

Hungary, Greece, and the United States and Canada.

Several countries, she said, are just emerging. They include Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Chile, and Argentina.

What would wine be without food? Not quite as enjoyable, according to McNeil. So, in each of her lessons about a particular region and wine, she adds some suggestions on accompanying menus.

California, of course, leads the way in wine production in the United States, with more than 90 percent. Not far behind are Virginia, Washington State and Oregon. The largest winery in the country, E. & J. Gallo, is also the largest winery in the world with production of close to 70 million cases a year.

McNeil said that California's fairly uniform climate means that its wines, for the most part, are dependably good year after year.

Wine dinner leads to revelations, hiccups



PAULA EVANS NEUMAN
HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

HOME FRONT

I confess. I am a "foodie." I cook often and fairly well. I sample new dishes with gusto. I read cookbooks for fun.

But practically the only thing I know about wine is that you're supposed to sniff the cap after you unscrew it.

So when I recently ended up at a seven-course wine dinner with a group of sophisticated oenophiles, I started out by trying not to seem utterly clueless.

Had I realized ahead of time that the dinner was so centered on wine, I might not have signed up. And I'd have missed an amazing evening.

I ended up there sort of by chance. My husband and I were online one evening to book a night at The Little Inn in Bayfield, Ontario.

The inn's Web site (littleinn.com) featured a bunch of special events, including an Alsace dinner on the Saturday night we had in mind.

The menu sounded heavenly, and the price wasn't too bad once we figured in the exchange rate between Canadian and U.S. currency. So we booked a room and the dinner and off we went one recent Saturday morning.

Crossing the border in Port Huron was no hassle, and the three-hour drive to Bayfield — a charming little village on the shore of Lake Huron — was a breeze.

We checked in, shopped in the town's art galleries and boutiques, and dressed up for the 7:30 p.m. dinner.

It's a good thing we did. Every table in the historic, little dining room was full of well-dressed people, ready to sample the culinary expertise of Chef Jean-Jacques Chappuis.

They also were ready to sample the seven Alsatian wines chosen for the courses. I thought we'd get a few sips of each.

Boy, was I wrong.

As waiters clad in black and white set baskets of rye rolls and the first generous glass of wine — a 2000 Sylvaner by winemakers Dopff & Irion of Riquewihr — before us, our "guide" for the evening introduced himself.

Richard Pierre Fitoussi is the Little Inn's general manager and a native of Alsace — a man with a vast knowledge of food and wine. "The only water that an Alsatian likes to drink goes through a grape," Fitoussi said.

Everyone else in the room nodded wisely in agreement. I studied the glass before me and tried not to look like a complete doofus.

"There are three senses we have to use for the wine — the eye, the nose and the mouth," Fitoussi said.

He demonstrated how to swirl the wine and watch its "tears" run down the side of the glass, showing its body. And he told us about appreciating the color of the wines of Alsace — "from pale straw gold to amber."

"When you put this liquid in your mouth, keep it there until you salivate like crazy," Fitoussi said, taking a swallow of the Sylvaner.

I followed suit, swishing the wine around like Listerine.

I was rewarded with an explosion of flavor — a taste that, in

Fitoussi's words, began with a note of "flint" that within seconds became slightly "grassy," followed by a lingering hint of "gooseberries or white currants." In short — yum.

The Sylvaner was served with a Tarte a l'Oignon — a tiny, buttery onion tart. Again — yum.

Next came a 1999 Gewurztraminer by winemaker Vieilles Vignes Francois Bleger of St. Hippolyte served with a Croustade de Foie Gras d'Alsace.

Even I could smell the wine's aroma of roses in bloom.

"This scent carries itself into the flavor," Fitoussi said. "It will be fantastic with the foie gras."

I followed my first bite of goose liver with a sip of wine, swishing it around in my mouth, trying to be delicate.

In a flash, I understood why people take so much time choosing particular wines to go with certain foods. And I'm not talking about red with meat and white with fish and fowl.

The Gewurztraminer made the foie gras taste better and the foie gras made the wine taste better and I could have repeated it — bite of foie gras, slurp of wine, bite, slurp, bite, slurp — until my stomach gave out.

"So you see how you can combine sweetness with fat, as long as the sweetness has acid behind it," Fitoussi said.

Yes, oh yes. I was tempted to lick the plate, but I didn't want to embarrass my husband.

"That wine has 13.5 percent alcohol per volume," he added innocently.

Next course: Another 1999 Gewurztraminer, this one by winemaker Pierre Sparr of Silgolsheim, served with Escargots a l'Alsacienne sur Paillasse de Pomme de Terre — snails on a garlicky potato pancake.

The wine was drier than the last but with a lingering fruit taste of pear and sweet melon — another perfect accompaniment for the food.

Fitoussi said he prefers wine with the "man's name on the bottle" rather than one with a company name.

"He's got his reputation to uphold," the Frenchman said.

I thought of Boone's Farm, and giggled.

As the next course was served — and the next glass of wine — the buzz of conversation in the room seemed to get a little louder. Smiles were breaking out above the neckties and pearls

around the room.

A 1999 Riesling Gueber-Schwihir by Domaine Zind Humbrecht of Turckheim was poured to go with the Saumon et Petites Quenelles de Brochet sur Sofa de Choucroute — Atlantic salmon with fish dumplings on a bed of sauerkraut — "but not that stuff that comes out of the jar," as Fitoussi put it.

The golden wine had the aroma of diesel fuel. Fitoussi talked about the "big, big fruit in this wine," and said that with a Riesling, if the "smell, the taste and the aftertaste are equal, you know you have a jewel."

Apparently, the more potent the diesel smell, the better the Riesling.

After sloshing around one gulp in my mouth, I gave the rest of the glass to my husband. The salmon was divine.

On to a 1998 Tokay Pinot Gris d'Alsace by Leon Beyer of Eguisheim, served with Carre de Chevreuil Sauce Poivrade — a venison chop with carrots, sautéed and tomato served with chestnut purée and gravy.

This wine made up for the Riesling.

"We serve always Tokay Alsace with venison," Fitoussi said, taking a gulp. "You smell this and it's kind of like big biscuits. Then you have big fruit. In the aftertaste, you might find some spice, almost a caraway and light pepper taste."

I nodded and put my hand over my mouth so no one would hear the hiccups I had suddenly developed.

Next came a 1999 Pinot Blanc from Domaine Zind-Zumbrecht of Turckheim served with a Huron Double Creme cheese made in Ontario.

Fitoussi waxed poetic again.

"We inoculated this cheese with a culture very similar to the Munster," he said proudly, "but with double the cream from Jersey cows grown here within 15 kilometers of Bayfield."

My husband was rolling his eyes in bliss after one taste of the pungent, strong-flavored cheese, sort of like a Liederkrantz with a more buttery flavor. And again, the wine was an

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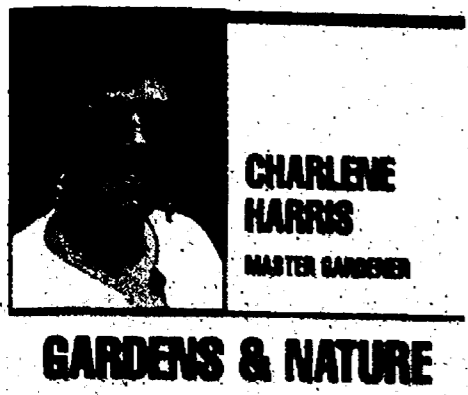
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Temperatures affecting plants



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GARDENS & NATURE

This is the first December that I can remember my Dwarf Viburnum "Farreri" in full bloom.

The soft pink florets are dark pink in the bud and white tinged with pink when fully open. It is extremely fragrant and usually blooms in late March or early April.

A native of Northern China, it is very hardy. The dwarf form, "Nanum," originated in England in the 1930s. The blooms appear before the leaf at the ends of the branches — quite a sight, particularly now.

I cut a half-dozen De Caen Anemone flowers on Thanksgiving for my table centerpiece. The poppy-like flowers were white, as well as vibrant red, pink, and violet with some bicolor blooms. They make excellent long-lasting cut flowers.

I have them planted in two pots and a few are along the edge of a bed on the south side of my house. Although we've had a few frosty days, all have continued blooming since mid-August.

Usually, I wait to dig and store the tubers until after a hard frost has killed back the leaves. But this year with the mild weather, the leaves are still fresh and more new leaves are emerging.

The first weekend in December, I spent half the day working outside, winterizing my garden troughs and pulling a few tenacious weeds. I piled mulch around the trough to within an inch of the top edge of the troughs, and then laid evergreen boughs over the tops to protect the tiny conifers and alpine plants from the winter sun and wind.

After finishing with the troughs, I planted a few Christmas Rose (Helleborus orientalis) that were given to me during a recent visit to Atlanta. Originally, I'd planned to plant them next spring. But our weather in Chelsea has been mild enough to continue planting.

October and November are two of my favorite months to travel. The garden demands less attention and the seasonal changes are dramatically different across the United States. This fall, I've been gallivanting across Oregon, Colorado and Georgia. Each of the areas

offered something quite different, both horticulturally and geographically.

October in Portland, Ore., was chilly and rainy. I love going to Oregon to visit nurseries and private gardens. The blooms and colors were amazing. The view of Mount Hood across the Willamette Valley was spectacular. Located only an hour from downtown Portland, Mount Hood rises 11,240 feet and is the crown jewel of the Oregon Cascades.

In addition to hundreds of nurseries, the Portland area boasts three unique public gardens. The Portland Japanese Garden, which opened in 1967, is one of the most authentic outside of Japan. The 5½-acre garden includes five smaller formal gardens: the Strolling Pond Garden, the Natural Garden, the Dry Landscape Garden, the Flat Garden and the Tea Garden.

Occupying an entire city block in downtown Portland has the largest authentic urban Suzhou-style garden outside of China. Architects and artisans from Portland's sister city Suzhou, China, are responsible for the design and construction of the garden.

It is amazing to find an 8,000-square-foot lake, 10,000 square feet of landscaping and nine pavilions and buildings, including a teahouse with tons of rugged cliffs, in the city center. In addition to the tons of rocks, roof tiles and wood, most of the material was brought from Suzhou.

The first phase of the Oregon Garden opened in June and covers 60 acres. The garden will eventually expand to 240 acres. The garden is located 40 miles south of Portland in Silverton.

The Children's Garden, Rose Garden, Conifer Garden, A-Mazing Water Garden and the Market Garden are all completed and offer a full spectrum of plants, most well labeled.

After visiting several sites in Oregon, I left for Denver. My task there was to arrange a horticultural convention and tour for 2003. In Denver and the surrounding areas, I enjoyed sunshine and daytime temperatures warm enough for shorts and T-shirts during the day in the city.

I spent a day at the Denver Botanical Garden and scouted private gardens in the area — a delightful task. The Denver Botanical Garden has a lovely Japanese Garden, Alpine Garden and wonderful Wildflower Garden featuring indigenous plants.

From Denver, I drove to Vail to see the Betty Ford Alpine Garden. It was dedicated in 2000 and was worth the trip. The garden is impressive, with huge boulders cascading down the side of a hill planted with alpine flowers and conifers.

From Vail, I went up in altitude to more than 10,000 feet, where the weather was cold but sunny. There was snow and some of the mountain passes were closed for the season. I had the opportunity to go trekking for a day to visit 4,000-year-old Bristlecone pines. Bristlecone pines are the oldest living organisms on our continent and reputed to be the oldest in the world. Only the Hunan Pine in Tasmania is possibly older.

At the tree line, many of the trees are stunted or grow in a formation called a "Krummholz" (German for crooked wood). There is little vertical growth, the trees are wind blown and grow as low, dense and often twisted masses. One tree's growth provides a windbreak for another tree to take root and grow in a more protected spot.

With a friend, I visited a spot called Windy Ridge. At more than 10,000-foot elevation, the snow was often a foot deep and the wind so furious I had to walk backward to breath. As I turned around, the view exploded in all directions against an azure blue sky.

My last night in Colorado, I spent in Estes Park, a small community nestled in the foothills of the mountains. At 6 a.m. the next morning, I watched a herd of more than 100 elk for more than an hour. The elk sauntered across the parking area, grazing and nursing their calves as they moved up into the mountains.

A week later, I was in Atlanta. Fall in Georgia was sunny with 70-degree daytime temperatures.

I headed to the Atlanta Botanical Garden and toured several private gardens. I took a full day to explore Callaway Gardens, about 70 miles south of Atlanta.

Callaway is an educational and horticultural center located on 14,000 acres of gardens, woodlands and lakes. My favorite stop in Callaway was the Butterfly House. I watched as the butterflies emerged from cocoons. Their neatly folded wings soon expanded revealing jewel like iridescent colors. As with Denver, Georgia was a precursor planning trip for a conference and tour next year.

In the West, drought and too much rain cause gardeners problems. In Georgia, it's the red clay and in Michigan, it's almost spring-like.

All I want for Christmas is a foot of snow and freezing temperatures to keep the garden in sync.

Charlene Harris is a master gardener. She can be reached at conifer@coast.net.



Photo by Mary Kumbler

Holiday Tradition

Second-graders in teacher Carrie Curby's class at Cornerstone Elementary School recently made home-made holiday baskets. Before making the baskets, the youngsters completed a social studies unit about the history of Dexter. Pupils learned that most gifts made in the past were handmade and were a popular holiday tradition. Pictured with their baskets are Rachel Sakowski (left), Lucas Rieckoff and Greg Zenas.

DINNER

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amazing counterpart.

"It has a generous nose and a wonderful floral smell and great fruit that comes through to the taste," Fitoussi said. "You taste a very ripe melon, perhaps some fresh figs, and the finish goes on and on."

He swished and slurped and his cheeks glowed red, matching others around the room. It seemed as if the conversation was getting louder and louder, too, or maybe it was just my ears humming.

The last wine was a sparkling Cremant D'Alsace. Brut Blanc de Blanc, by Jean Geiler of Cave

Vinicole d'Ingersheim served with Sorbet aux Framboises — raspberry sorbet.

I forgot to slish it around in my mouth, but this wine, too, was fabulous, and I couldn't help but giggle when Fitoussi had us hold the glass up to our ears to hear the bubbles.

"The smaller the bubble, the better the wine," he said. "If you listen, you hear click, click, click, click. Perrier is a big fat bubble that goes blub, blub, blub."

"Did you hear that?" bellowed a grinning lady at another table. "Yeah! It's great!" yelled another lady at a table across the room.

"How d'ya like it?" shouted a

man three tables away, looking at me for an answer.

"S'great," I said.

Everyone in the room was in one heck of a good mood.

Fitoussi said some more cool things about wine as coffee was poured, but I can't make out the rest of my notes.

I'm planning to reserve a spot for another wine dinner sometime soon — as long as I don't have to drive anywhere afterward.

And I'm definitely done sniffing those screws-on caps. Paula is a reporter for The News-Herald. She can be reached by e-mail at paula@heritage.com or by phone at 1-734-246-0865.

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Santa Shoes

Student-teacher Lydia Weid (left) admires the St. Nicholas Shoe that Corey Critchfield made in teacher Beth Newman's second-grade class at South Meadows Elementary School. Principal Lisa Nickel gave a presentation about German customs to the class, then pupils made the shoes in the library with media specialist Barbara Locks.

Beware of Internet purchases



RON MARTIN

PERSONAL PLANNING

The 24-hour, brick-and-mortar retailer undoubtedly once enjoyed rich status. But one needs transportation, appropriate attire, and a certain amount of get-up-and-go to trek to a 7-Eleven at 1 a.m.

Whether suffering from hat hair, morning breath or social anemia, the Internet does not discriminate. No shirt, no shoes? No problem.

But such convenience fre-

quently comes at a cost. Shipping and handling, delivery surcharges and special care fees can drive online purchase prices up 10 to 20 percent or more.

Returns are also a cost of doing business with Web retailers. If the merchandise does not fit, the consumer must repack and return by mail. Now you've paid shipping charges twice over with nothing to show for it but a trip to the post office.

Still, smart consumers frequently tap into the Internet. With its seemingly endless retail and consumer resources, shoppers can conduct in-depth cost and consumer satisfaction analysis at the click of a mouse.

In the market for a new mountain bike? Enter the data in a search engine and within seconds hundreds of articles, opinions and advice content will fill

your screen. Whether you decide to fill your order electronically or at a local bike shop, you will be better prepared for the purchase.

Here is a list of tips you should consult when shopping online.

Compare prices and shop carefully: "E-sales" and "mark-downs" sometimes are not the bargains they appear to be, especially when tax and shipping have been factored into the total. Whether the product is being sold as new or used, be suspicious of prices that are too good to be true.

Also consider carefully whether you may be paying too much for an item, particularly if you are bidding through an auction site. Comparison shop online or offline before you buy. **Before making a purchase,**

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Ronald Martin is branch manager of Trenton Federal Credit Union.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2001 AT 8:00 P.M. LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD CHELSEA, MI 48118 (734) 475-2401

AGENDA:
1. To review the application of ROCKY HOWARD FRAZIER (parcel #05-17-300-008), 11139 Boyce Drive, Chelsea, Michigan, which requires a variance from Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance, Article 5, Section 5.04, Paragraph E, side yard setbacks. Mr. Frazier would like to build a pole barn with a side yard set back of 12 feet.
Written comments may be sent to: Helena Robinovitz, Office Manager, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.
The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing.
Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling: Janis Knieper, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.
A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Clerk.
LYNDON TOWNSHIP
Janis Knieper, Lyndon Township Clerk

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting set for Tuesday, December 18, 2001 has been cancelled. This meeting will be replaced with a Planning Commission Work Session on December 18, 2001 at 7:00 P.M., and will be held in the Village Offices, 305 S. Main Street, Lower Level, Chelsea, Michigan

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AGENDA:
1. To review the application of DANICK CORPORATION, DANIEL W. KEOUGH, PRESIDENT. The property (parcel #05-23-100-012) is located on the east side of Island Lake Road. The property is zoned AR and is a part of the Island Lake Sewer District Project. This application requires a variance from Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance, Article 5, Section 5.04, Paragraph E, front and side yard set back.
Mr. Keough is requesting to build a single family dwelling and garage with a front yard set back of 35 feet and a side yard set back of 5-10 feet.
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SYLVAN TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING — DECEMBER 5, 2001

The regular board meeting of the Sylvan Township Board was held December 5, 2001 at 7 P.M. in the Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118. The following board members were present: Supervisor Burgess, Clerk Koch, Treasurer Grau, Trustees Heller and Lesser.
Also present: Ferne Hampel, Jerry Dresselhouse, Bob Lange, Scott Cooper, David Brooks.
Motion by Heller, seconded by Grau to approve minutes as presented. Carried.
Motion by Heller, seconded by Grau to pay bills as presented. Carried.
Zoning inspector reported 3 permit and 2 certificate of occupancy issued in November.
Clerk Koch reported on correspondence received from the CAFA regarding a request for an office in the Township Hall for the Business Manager. However, since the request was received the CAFA is also looking at other options. No action was taken on this request. Koch also reported the Shimones v. Sylvan Township lawsuit which has a court date in which Sylvan Township needs to send a representative. Koch recommended Special Project Coordinator Dresselhouse to attend. Motion by Heller, seconded by Lesser to send Dresselhouse as Sylvan's representative. Carried. On a final item, Koch brought to attention of the board new legislation on Telecommunications. Sylvan has an ordinance in place and this new legislation could have drastic affect on this. Koch asked for authority to pursue efforts to oppose such legislation. Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to give authority to Clerk Koch to pursue opposition of this legislation. Carried.
Treasurer Grau reported all tax bills are out.
In old business, maintenance items for the Hall were again discussed and updated.
Motion by Grau, seconded by Heller to reappoint Lynn Fox as the Chelsea District Library Sylvan Township representative for a four-year term. Carried.
Motion by Koch, seconded by Lesser to appoint Trustee Heller as a delegate to the Chelsea Area Planning Team. Carried.
Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to appoint Pat Merkel as delegate to the Huron River Watershed Council. Carried.
Motion by Grau, seconded by Heller to table for 1 month the recommendation regarding rezoning of part of Parcel No. 06-15-400-007. Carried.
Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to approve recommendation regarding rezoning of Parcel No. 06-23-200-001 from AG to Municipal Use. Carried.
Motion by Heller, seconded by Koch to approve recommendation regarding CAFA's request for training location subject to the Township being named as additional insured. Carried.
The next meeting will be January 8, 2002 due to the New Year Holiday.
Special Project Coordinator Dresselhouse updated the Board on the sewer and water project to date.
Motion by Koch, seconded by Lesser to adjourn.
LuAnn S. Koch
Sylvan Township Clerk

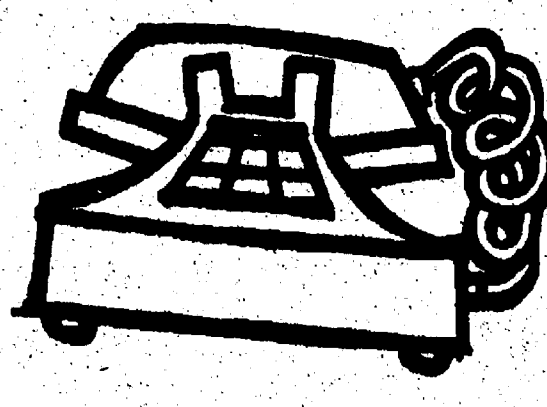
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Chelsea Huge contemporary in the Village. 3-5 bedrooms, 3-car garage. Needs minor finishes. Large 1.5 acre lot w/split possibility. \$207,900. Deborah Engelbert 475-9600, eves 475-8303. #213691

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16 Lennon's lady
17 Broker's advice
18 Lustrous fabric
20 Capricorn
22 Hero of Spanish literature
24 O'Neill output
28 Fonzle's portrayer
32 Piece of cutlery
33 Notion
34 Newsroom newcomer
36 Attract
37 Rent
39 They like to hear a pin drop
41 Will subject
43 Menagerie
44 Undulant
46 "M*A*S*H" setting
50 Sci-fi knights
53 Physicist's particle
55 Squeal to the cops
56 Portent

DOWN
1 Lens holders
2 Vicinity
3 Hyper-ventilate
4 Swelled head
5 Bob's longtime pal
6 Dracula sustenance
7 In an irresponsible way
8 "been horn-swoggled!"
9 100 cts.
10 Night bird
12 Instantaneous
19 Goose egg
21 Noah's vessel
23 Calendar abbr.
25 Swampy situation
26 Way
27 Emulates
28 Bit of cunning
29 Mid-month date
30 Spruced up
31 Massage
35 Dickens' pen name
38 Greek vowel
40 Stir-fry apparatus
42 Madonna musical
45 Part of MYOB
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JEANETTE MAE HANKERD
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Jeanette Mae Hanked, 65, died Dec. 7, 2001, in her home. She was born June 13, 1936, in Manchester, the daughter of Herman E. and Marion M. (Lamparter) Bertke.

Mrs. Hanked was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea. She worked in the office for Chelsea Milling Co., in the cafeteria at Chelsea schools and most recently for Chelsea Community Hospital. She retired from Chelsea Community Hospital after 23 years of service.

Mrs. Hanked married Paul "Bud" Hanked in Chelsea Sept. 10, 1955, and he survives. She is also survived by a son, Emmett Matthew (Rosemary) Hanked of Chelsea; two daughters, Lou Ann Jolly and Cheryl (Doug) Pagliarini, both of Chelsea; eight grandchildren, Daniel Kloosterman, Sean and Michael Hanked, Patrick, Alexis and Derek Jolly, and Stephen Hunert and Samantha Pagliarini.

Mrs. Hanked was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Bertke.

The family received friends at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea, with the Rev. William Turner officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice, St. Mary Catholic Church or the American Cancer Society.

ROBERT JAMES UPDEGRAFF
Pinckney

Robert James Updegraff, 64, died suddenly Dec. 7, 2001, as the result of injuries suffered in a car crash. He was born Aug. 30, 1937, in Detroit, the son of James H. and Dorothy (Ledbetter) Updegraff.

Mr. Updegraff was a graduate of Michigan Technical University and received his master's degree in business from Eastern Michigan University. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

He and his wife, Barbara, own and operate the Taylor Rental Store/Party Plus in Jackson.

Mr. Updegraff was the immediate past president of American Rental Association of Michigan. He was a Jaycee International senator with the Michigan Jaycees, a member of the Jackson Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He also volunteered his time at the Jackson Hot Air Jubilee.

Mr. Updegraff is survived by his wife, Barbara (Wittig), of 42 years. He is also survived by his children, Tracy L. (Lee) Hansen of Forest Lake, Minn.; Karen D. (Dean) Anderson of Jackson; Jill S. (Bill) Benson of Cadillac; and Randall S. (Sylvie) Updegraff of Boston.

Other survivors include his grandchildren, Gwen, Beth and Mike Hansen; Megan, Brenda, Andrew, Michelle, Caitlyn, Bryan, Karri and Bethany Benson; Kirsten and Andrea Anderson; and Jeremy Updegraff.

His mother, Dorothy Ledbetter; his sister, Betty (Ernie) Hamer of Sebastian, Fla.; and five nieces and two nephews survive, as well.

Mr. Updegraff was preceded in death by his father, James H. Updegraff.

There will be no visitation or services. Cremation has already taken place.

Contributions may be made in Mr. Updegraff's memory to the charity of one's choice.

HAROLD G. LANTIS
Stockbridge

Harold G. Lantis, 90, died Dec. 5, 2001, at Chelsea Community Hospital. He was born Oct. 14, 1911, in White Oak Township the son of Clifford and Blanche (Glenn) Lantis. On June 28, 1936, he married Lila Evelyn (McManus) of Chelsea. She preceded him in death May 5, 1995.

Mr. Lantis resided in the Stockbridge area his entire life. He partnered with his father and brother, founding C.G. Lantis and Sons Farm Equipment and Trucks.

Mr. Lantis was a longstanding member of the Stockbridge Presbyterian Church, charter member of the Stockbridge Lions Club, an honorary member of the Stockbridge Masonic Lodge, and past president and former board member of the Farm Equipment Association. He was also a charter member of the Inverness Country Club.

Mr. Lantis participated in three centennials and was the chairman of the Stockbridge bicentennial in 1961.

Mr. Lantis was an active contributor in his community. He was an avid woodcarver, golfer, fisherman, world traveler and storyteller. He cherished family.

Mr. Lantis is survived by a son, Richard Lantis of Stockbridge; a daughter, Patricia (Clifford) Blossom of Dexter; a brother, Linwood (Mildred) Lantis of Jonesville; grandchildren Brian (Karlen) Dunlavy, Kate (Andrew) Rodgers, Jason (Maya) Dunlavy and C.G. (Amy) Lantis; great-grandchildren Forrest, Justin, Wiyake, Rachel, Miller and Ryan; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Lantis was also preceded in death by his sister, Helen Atkinson.

A funeral was held Dec. 8 at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge. The Rev. Kathy S. Batell officiated. Burial followed at Oaklawn Cemetery in Stockbridge.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Stockbridge Area Ambulance or Stockbridge Presbyterian Church.

LESLIE JAMES EISENBEISER
Chelsea

Leslie James Eisenbeiser, 91, died Dec. 8, 2001, at his home. He was born Sept. 1, 1910, in Sylvan Township, the son of William and Jessie (Bush) Eisenbeiser.

Mr. Eisenbeiser graduated from Chelsea High School in 1927. He was class president and played on the varsity baseball and football teams. After graduating from high school, he attended Eastern Michigan University. When the Depression came, he lived and worked in Washington, D.C., where he became an avid golfer.

In the early 1930s, he returned to the family farm in the North Lake area of Chelsea, where he spent the rest of his life.

From 1968 to 1981, Mr. Eisenbeiser worked for the maintenance department at the University of Michigan while he continued to farm. He was a lifetime member of North Lake Methodist Church, a lifetime farmer and township trustee.

Mr. Eisenbeiser married Darlene Mitchell in Lincoln Park March 26, 1945, and she survives. Other survivors include one son, Tom (Sheri) Eisenbeiser of Grass Lake; one daughter, Penny E. (Donald) Murray of Needville, Texas; six grandchildren, Peter, Ginger, Sofia, Kirsten, Heather and Sarah; six great-grandchildren; three nieces and two nephews; and several great-nieces and nephews.

Mr. Eisenbeiser was preceded in death by his father, mother, three brothers, Lynn, Warren and Frank Eisenbeiser, and two sisters, Hazel Spaulding and Eleanor Shutes.

Mr. Eisenbeiser was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He loved and lived life to the fullest, and gave of himself freely.

A service has not been scheduled. Arrangements were handled by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to North Lake Church, Individualized Hospice or the charity of one's choice.

CARL R. LOEFFLER
Chelsea

Carl R. Loeffler, 55, died Dec. 3, 2001, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born April 1, 1946, in Saline, the son of Walter G. and Rubena (Wenk) Loeffler.

Mr. Loeffler had been a lifelong resident of Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1964 and was employed at Dan Mar. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church at Rogers Corners. He had a great interest in the preservation of the historic Zion church.

Mr. Loeffler was a member of the American Choral of Sacred Music. He enjoyed the outdoors, gardening and music.

Surviving are his sister, Arlene R. (Richard G.) Bareis of Dexter; his brother, Norman W. (Pamela) Loeffler of Rhode Island; and nieces and nephews Judy Bareis, Eric Loeffler, Cheryl (Tom) Quinn, Diane Bareis and David Bareis.

He is also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A funeral was held Dec. 7 at Zion Lutheran Church at Rogers Corners in Chelsea, with the Revs. David Hendricks and David Cleaver-Bartholmew officiating.

Burial was at Zion Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Historic Zion Church Preservation Fund or the Music Department at Zion Lutheran Church.

DONALD E. PETERSON
Chelsea

Donald E. Peterson, 58, died at his home Dec. 5, 2001. He was born Oct. 8, 1945, in Ypsilanti, the son of Carl and Evelyn (Wolf) Peterson.

Mr. Peterson had lived in Chelsea for the past five years, coming from Manton. He had been employed at Chelsea Industries.

He is survived by three children, all of the Manton and Cadillac area, and a sister, Janet Stull of Chelsea.

A private service will be held in Manton.

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

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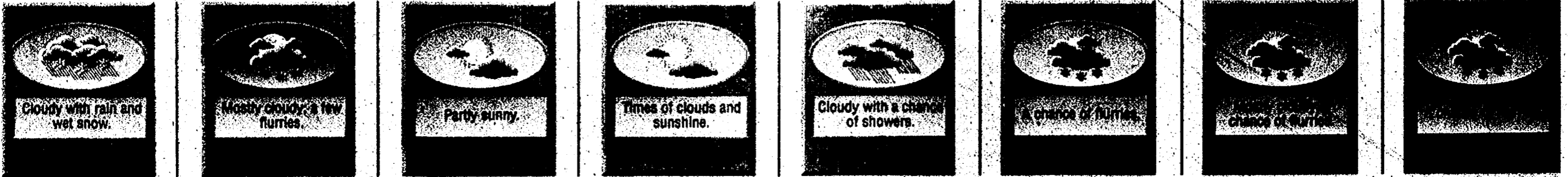
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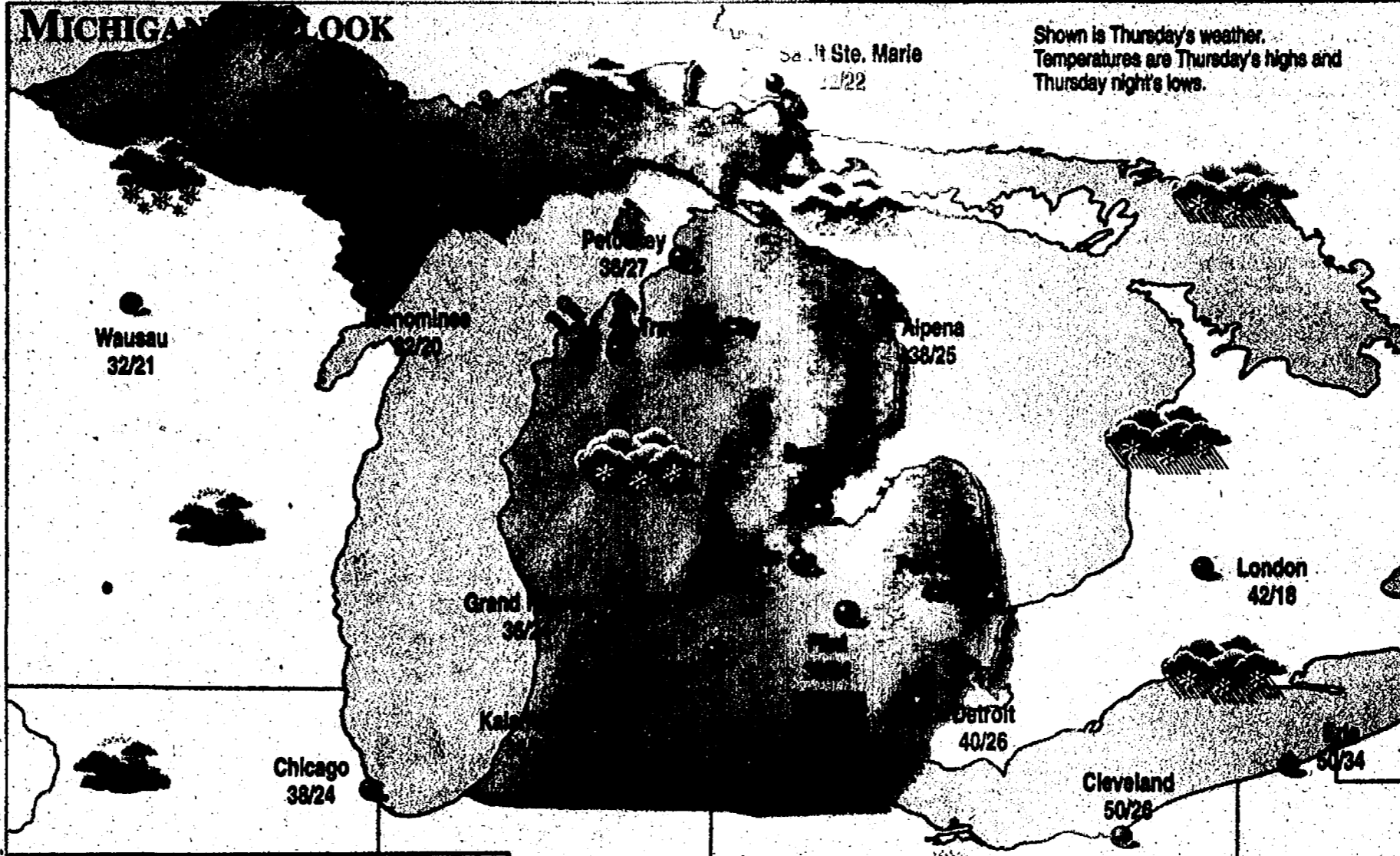
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	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Ann Arbor	40	26	44	29	42	30	40	32
Battle Creek	36	24	40	27	40	30	40	31
Bay City	39	24	41	28	44	32	39	32
Cadillac	37	24	42	28	41	32	40	30
Dearborn	40	27	43	29	42	31	42	31
Detroit	40	26	43	28	43	31	40	31
Grand Rapids	36	24	41	29	40	31	40	31
Holland	36	28	37	31	41	33	40	30
Jackson	36	26	42	29	45	30	42	30
Kalamazoo	36	24	41	25	41	28	39	32
Lansing	36	24	42	28	43	29	40	30
Livonia	40	26	43	28	41	29	41	33
Midland	36	24	42	28	43	29	39	33
Muskegon	36	28	38	31	42	32	41	33
Owosso	38	25	42	28	43	30	41	29
Pontiac	41	29	43	30	41	30	44	33
Port Huron	42	28	42	29	43	30	43	32
Saginaw	38	24	43	28	44	29	39	30
Sturgis	35	25	42	26	40	31	40	34
Toronto	46	21	35	28	46	31	44	29
Traverse City	38	28	40	31	41	30	38	30
Warren	42	29	42	30	41	30	44	31
Wausau	32	21	34	24	40	20	36	20

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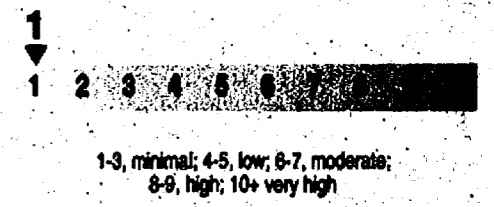


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Sunrise Sunday	6:04 a.m.
Sunset Sunday	5:04 p.m.

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	New	First	Full	Last
Dec 14	Dec 22	Dec 30	Jan 5	
Moonset Thursday	4:19 p.m.			
Moonset Friday		6:02 p.m.		
Moonset Saturday			5:50 p.m.	
Moonset Sunday				6:45 p.m.

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NATIONAL ROUNDUP

City	Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Abilene	56	32	62	42	68	40	58	28
Albuquerque	44	24	48	28	49	24	40	20
Alma	54	28	58	28	58	30	48	18
Anchorage	43	28	37	18	26	13	25	13
Bismarck	30	22	37	17	24	5	21	-1
Boise	40	28	40	24	35	14	30	16
Casper	32	24	40	20	32	8	24	12
Cedar Rapids	36	23	41	23	46	26	41	26
Cheyenne	38	24	42	20	32	10	28	12
Colorado Springs	42	23	46	20	44	18	36	6
Columbia	46	28	46	20	50	34	52	34
Dallas	56	36	58	42	68	46	64	42
Denver	46	21	48	19	36	13	34	11
Des Moines	34	24	42	26	48	29	43	26
Eugene	50	38	44	34	43	32	44	39
Fresno	58	38	54	38	52	34	52	34
Garden City	40	27	44	29	43	31	41	32
Grand Island	36	22	47	23	48	22	42	18
Grand Junction	32	18	37	21	38	16	34	7
Great Falls	44	28	27	11	19	9	24	18
Greensley	40	21	43	18	39	15	35	6
Houston	60	40	64	48	66	56	66	54
Kansas City	40	26	48	30	50	32	40	20
Las Vegas	58	39	58	39	61	34	63	23
Lincoln	37	22	48	24	44	22	43	22
Miami	82	70	82	70	86	68	80	65
Minneapolis	32	16	34	20	36	22	30	14
Missoula	33	23	38	17	20	5	19	3
North Platte	28	18	28	18	24	18	24	18
Oakland	36	22	44	24	46	28	44	28
Omaha	36	22	44	24	46	28	44	28
Phoenix	58	42	62	44	62	42	64	44
Pierre	37	24	41	22	33	16	32	7
Portland	48	40	44	38	42	36	44	38
Rapid City	41	22	38	14	27	12	30	7
Revere	43	27	41	18	26	17	31	17
Roseville	49	40	42	38	42	38	42	38
Salt Lake City	38	26	40	28	32	16	28	16
San Angelo	58	32	60	42	68	45	60	28
San Antonio	62	38	62	46	68	54	68	48
San Francisco	60	50	58	44	58	44	60	48
Santa Fe	38	17	44	21	42	19	34	8
Seattle	49	40	42	38	42	38	42	38
Spokane	35	20	28	18	24	17	25	24
Springfield	40	25	44	29	54	33	43	27
St. Paul	32	17	38	22	31	22	32	20
Tucson	60	38	64	38	64	38	62	36
Tulsa	60	31	60	38	63	41	63	39
Washington	48	40	54	38	54	38	54	38
Yellowstone	26	16	22	4	18	1	17	2

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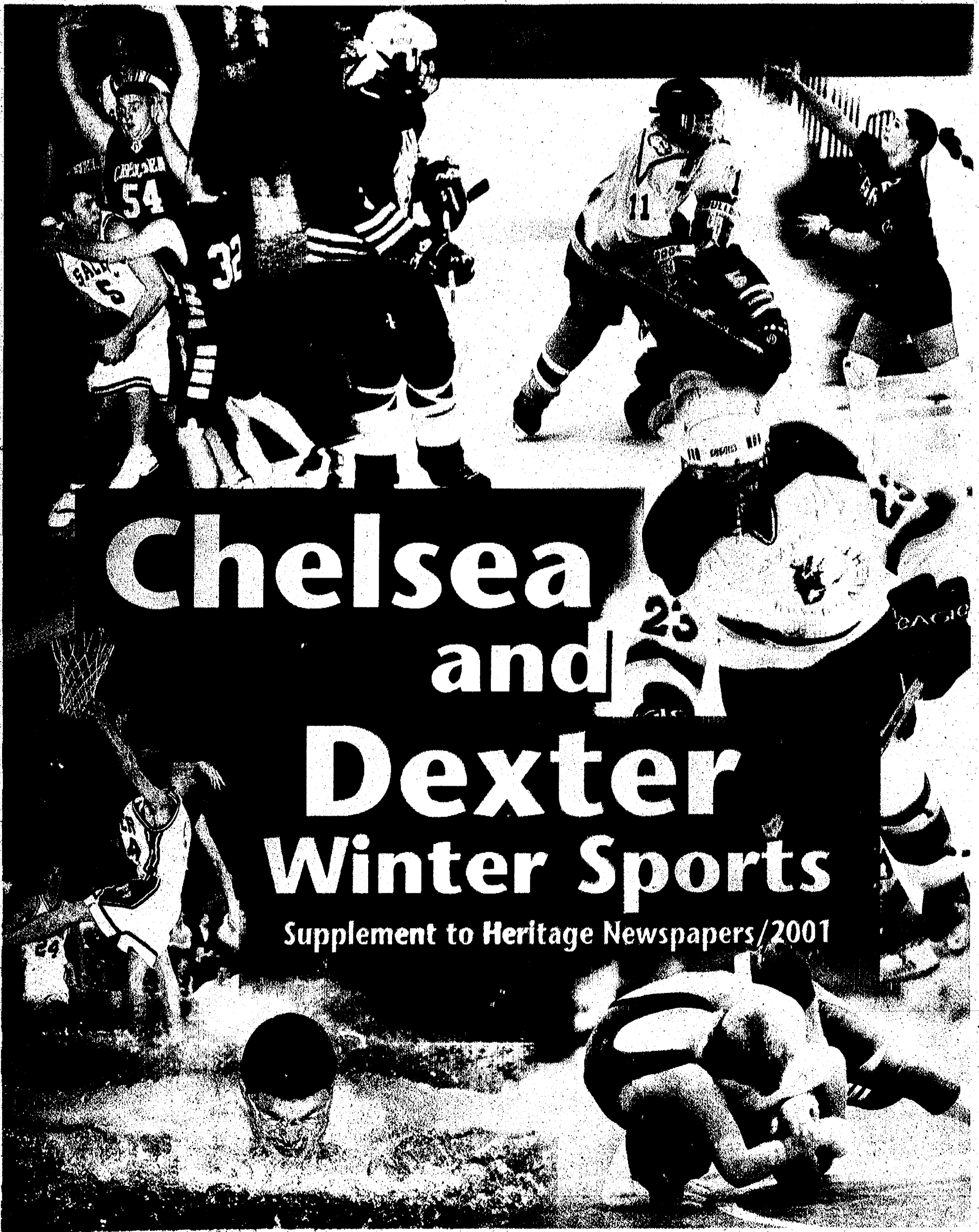
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Athletic Bulldogs look to capture SEC title

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

From top to bottom, this season's Chelsea boys' basketball team is athletic.

Bulldog coach Robin Raymond said he plans to take advantage of his squad's athletic prowess in the form of a wide-open, pressing attack.

"We plan to use that in our style of play," Raymond said. "We'll full court press on defense and fast break on offense. We want constant pressure. We're going to play the full 44 feet on offense and defense."

Leading the charge this season for Chelsea will be senior returning starters Eddie McLendon and Joe Tspodi.

McLendon, a 5-foot-9 guard, is the best of the Bulldogs' four-man rotation in the backcourt.

"The quickness of our guard play has been impressive," Raymond said.

Joining McLendon at guard this season will be senior Dan Mueller (5-9) and juniors Jake Freeman (5-8) and Kyle Brown (5-9).

"I'm comfortable with a 1-2 zone at guard," Raymond said. "Right now, we're passing the ball extremely well. We're moving the ball and getting it to the open man."

In addition to its solid backcourt, Chelsea enters the 2001 season with arguably one of its tallest teams in memory.

Tspodi, 6-4, 270, an All-State football player, brings his position mentality to the paint area. He causes plenty of headaches for opponents with his strength and athleticism.

Adding to the Bulldogs' power on the block are senior Chris Knauschuk (6-5) and juniors Scott Denting (6-6), Paul Newhouse (6-5) and James Baker (6-6).

"This is a pretty tall team for us," Raymond said. "What we have to work on is our defense inside the paint and our rebounding."

"We have the height. Now we need to dominate the rebounding. We want to have a 24-1 ratio in rebounding."

Other players Raymond said would contribute to this season's squad are senior wing player Nick Galloway (6-7) and Kyle Rogers (6-7) and juniors Jimmy Baker (6-6) at forward and



Waiting senior guard Eddie McLendon is back after starting last year as a junior. He leads a talented foursome in Chelsea's backcourt. Photo by Frank Weir

Bryan Hayes (5-9) at guard.

"Our depth is our strength," Raymond said. "We have a lot of kids we can rotate in. We're pretty evenly balanced. We'll play at least 16 guys in rotations."

Last season, Chelsea finished 18-22

overall.

Raymond hopes to improve upon those numbers this season.

"We want to win our division and capture a district championship," he said. "We've had some really good practices defensively and with our

conditioning."

Raymond said many of his players had successful fall seasons in other sports.

"We want to continue that winning attitude," he said.

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Chelsea grapplers prepare for rugged season

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

Chelsea wrestling took on the state's best last year, holding its own.

Last season, the Bulldogs captured a Southeastern Conference championship and a district title before falling to No. 3-ranked Eaton Rapids in the Division II regional semifinals.

Individually, graduated senior George Fairley won a state championship at the 160-pound weight class.

Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel hopes this year's version of Bulldog wrestling can continue the success of last season.

"We're hoping some of our underclassmen step up," he said. "A lot of the younger kids became stronger lifting weights, and that helps."

Kargel said the strength of this year's squad would be in the upper weights.

Returning to anchor that group is junior Darl Bauer, who finished fourth in the state at 171 pounds last season.

Also looking to dominate this year are seniors Eric Lixey (189), who placed seventh at last season's state meet at 160 pounds, and Jared Powers (215), who was a regional qualifier a year ago.

Senior Robert Herst, who'll wrestle at 215 and heavyweight this season for Chelsea, and junior Adam Egeler (160), a regional qualifier last year,

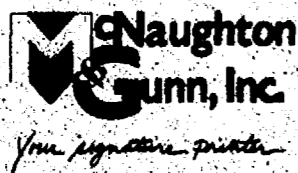


Chelsea junior Darl Bauer will be one of the Bulldogs' best grapplers this season. Last year, Bauer finished fourth in the 171-pound weight class at the Division II state finals. Photo courtesy of Norm Bauer

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Strong defensive corps leads Chelsea hockey

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

For a first year, it was quite a beginning.

In its inaugural varsity hockey season, Chelsea skated and hustled its way to a successful opening campaign.

The Bulldogs finished 15-9-1 overall and 8-3-1 in the Southeast Michigan High School Hockey League.

Chelsea lost to county rival Dexter 5-1 in the league championship game in front of over 1,000 fans.

In the Division III playoffs, the Dawgs fell to eventual state runner-up Dearborn Divine Child 4-4.

Through the Bulldogs graduated plenty of talent, the cupboard is far from bare.

"The key thing for us this year is to develop our younger players," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "We want to play together as a team. And, certainly, we want to be competitive and strive for a league title."

Pointing the Bulldogs in that direction this season will be senior captain Josh Barron. Barron, a left-winger, was Chelsea's leading scorer a year ago.

Despite returning his leading scorer, Wright said it's the offense that needs improvement.

"Our area to develop is from an offensive standpoint," he said. "We need help scoring goals."

Hoping to provide that help are junior center Drew Warren, the squad's second-leading point man last season, and senior center Chris Tyler.

Others expected to contribute

"Some of our players that might have been role players in the past, we're looking for them to have big years this season."

**— Don Wright
Chelsea coach**



Photo by Doug Trojanski

Chelsea junior Ben Daniels will help anchor a staunch Bulldog defensive corps on the ice this season.

offensively are senior forwards Zach Meza and Mike Soyars.

Though improving offensively, Chelsea's strength lies behind the blue line, Wright said.

"We're fairly strong back there," he said. "We have a good group of defencemen."

Facing the defensive corps for the Dawgs will be senior assistant captain Kevin Phillips and junior Ben Daniels.


In net for Chelsea will be junior Andrew Mossburg, who saw plenty of


minutes last season, and freshman J.R. Engelbert.


Reset by graduation losses, Wright said he expects his players to step up this season.

"Some of our players that might have been role players in the past, we're looking for them to have big years this season," he said.



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Depth should propel talented Bulldog tankers

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

For most swimming and diving programs, losing the state's Swimmer-of-the-Year would constitute a death knell for the following season.

Chelsea, however, isn't like most swimming and diving programs.

The Bulldogs, as the saying goes, don't rebuild, they reload.

"We don't have the blue-chippers like we did last year," said Chelsea coach Dave Jolly, beginning his 14th season. "What we have is a lot of depth. We'll 2-3-4 people. We're going to outscore people."

Last season, the Bulldogs finished fourth at the Class B-C-D state meet.

Andy Hack was named the division's Swimmer of the Year after finishing first in both the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke.

Hack is now swimming for the University of Michigan.

Also lost to graduation were Jared Wacker, who placed sixth in the 100 freestyle and eighth in the 50 freestyle at last year's state meet and Jeff Heydlauff, who finished third in the 50 freestyle and fifth in the 100 freestyle.

In the past four seasons, the Bulldogs have finished no lower than sixth at the state meet.

Leading this year's squad will be senior captains Zack Christman and Mike Bowdish.

Christman will compete in the individual medley and freestyle, while Bowdish will participate in the but-

terfly.

"I've known both of them since middle school," Jolly said. "They have made it through the rigors of the high school program. It's their time."

Also ready to shine this year for Chelsea are juniors Jake Holton, Tim Wacker, Matt Holmes and Andre Bravo.

Holton, a member of three All-State relays a year ago, should blossom as one of Michigan's best freestyle swimmers this year.

"I think he's going to be one of the top six 50 and 100 freestylers in the state this season," Jolly said.

Jolly, using a basketball term, said Wacker will be his sixth man this year.

"He's a very hard worker," Jolly said. "He'll be able to fill in a lot of

the gaps. He can swim anything, from IM to breaststroke, to the 100 freestyle.

"He's a real important factor for this team."

Jolly said Holmes, who placed 10th at last year's state meet in the 100 breaststroke, should improve his finish this time around.

"I'm looking for him to be in the top four this year," Jolly said.

Bravo, Jolly said, will compete in the 100 and 200 freestyle and in butterfly.

"He's a real talented kid," Jolly said.

Also talented, but young, is this year's diving unit.

The Bulldogs graduated Gabe McGuiness, who placed 12th at last season's state finals and Steve Basar, who's now diving for Eastern

Michigan University.

Jolly said the leading candidates to replace McGuiness and Basar are sophomore Shawn Bergman and freshmen Cliff Ballard and Kyle Johnson.

"It's going to take some time, but I hope they can come together this season," Jolly said.

Whereas in years past, Chelsea blew teams out of the water with its speed, Jolly said this season's squad, though still quick, is more polished.

"We've noticed, as a team, we probably swim the best as far as technique than most teams of the past," he said.

With Hack's graduation, Jolly said someone would have to step up and fill his large shoes.

"In the backstroke and distance medley, I hope to see improvement," he said.

Jolly said this year's squad would be as good as they allow themselves to be.

"We can't have any one person not do their best if we're going to have success," he said. "We hope to form a strong bond with one another this season."

Jolly also said he wants his team to continue its strong showing in the conference and state meets.

"By the time March (state finals) rolls around, I think we'll be in the top five," he said. "We have the parts, we just have to put them all together and make it work."

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Chelsea coach

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round out the powerful upper weights for the Bulldogs.

In the lower weights, Kargel said senior Mike Steger (140) and junior

Randy Ostrowski (130) also would be strong for Chelsea.

"Though we're tough in the upper weights, I think we'll get a little more (than expected) in the lower weights," Kargel said. "We'll be more of a tourney team than a dual meet team."

Kargel said this year's squad hopes to achieve like last season's team.

"We want to win the SEC and we're hoping to have a shot at team districts, too," he said. "We want to work on our strength and character building."

Last year, Chelsea qualified three wrestlers for the state finals. This season, Kargel feels that number could be higher.

"It's possible that we could take five or six kids to state," he said. "Once there, anyone has a chance to place."

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Chelsea spikers to contend for league crown

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

Though hard hit by graduation, Chelsea's girls' volleyball team appears to have more than enough talent returning to challenge county rival Dexter for the Southeastern Conference title this year.

Last season, the Bulldogs finished second in the SEC behind the Dreadnaughts with a 3-3 league mark.

Overall, Chelsea ended the season with an impressive record of 35-10-2.

The Bulldogs were ranked in Class B off and on throughout last season.

Chelsea advanced to the district semifinals before falling to Dexter in a two-set marathon 8-15, 14-16. In game No. 2, the Bulldogs built a 9-0 lead before the Dreadnaughts, who made it to the Class B semifinals, roared back to win the match.

Top players lost to graduation from last year's Chelsea squad were setter Lindsay Baker and outside hitters

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Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Chelsea volleyball looks to improve upon last year's second-place SEC finish.

Caitlin Deis and Michelle Dettling.

Baker, a freshman setter on Alma College's volleyball team, earned All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association honors this past fall, while Deis was a member of Hope

College's squad.

Dettling, though injured most of last season, was a valued team leader. She's now playing basketball for Alma College.

Even with those losses, Chelsea

should be strong again in 2001.

Anna Arend, Lindsay Tye, Lindsay Parker, Cynthia Johnson, Rachel Dotson and Karri Kuczajada are some of the athletes from last year's squad available to play this season.

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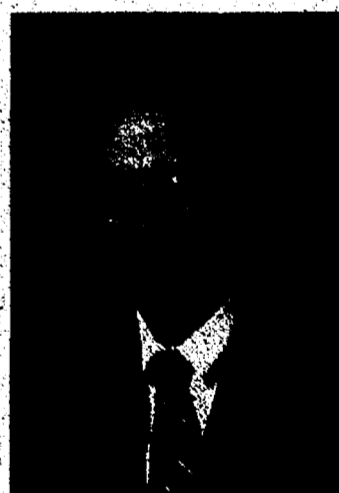
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Work ethic to carry Dreadnaught tankers

BY DON RICHTER

STAFF WRITER

Dexter's boys' swimming and diving team will be paced by strong senior leadership in and out of the water, and a work ethic second to none in 2001.

Leading the Dreadnaughts this season will be senior tri-captains Ben Logan, Jon Cook and Mike Pompliano.

Logan competes in the individual medley, butterfly and breaststroke. Last year, he placed second in the state in the 100 backstroke and seventh in the 100 butterfly at the Class B-C-D finals.

"He's somebody who leads by example," said Dexter coach Darcie Schriber. "His actions in and out of the water display his talent and leadership."

Cook, a sprint freestyler, has made himself quicker in the water through a vigorous off-season training regime, Schriber said.

"He's a vocal leader," Schriber said. "He has a strong work ethic. He put on quite a display last year in training — he's become pretty quick."

Pompliano participates in the individual medley and breaststroke. Last season, he placed ninth in the 200 IM and eighth in the 100 breaststroke at the state meet.

"He put forth quite an effort to train outside of the swim season," Schriber said. "He proved he wanted to be a leader and that he wanted to pay the price."

Last year, Dexter finished sixth in the state at the Class B-C-D meet. The

"I'm looking for leadership from all the seniors. We're blessed with a good group of upperclassmen."

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Dexter coach

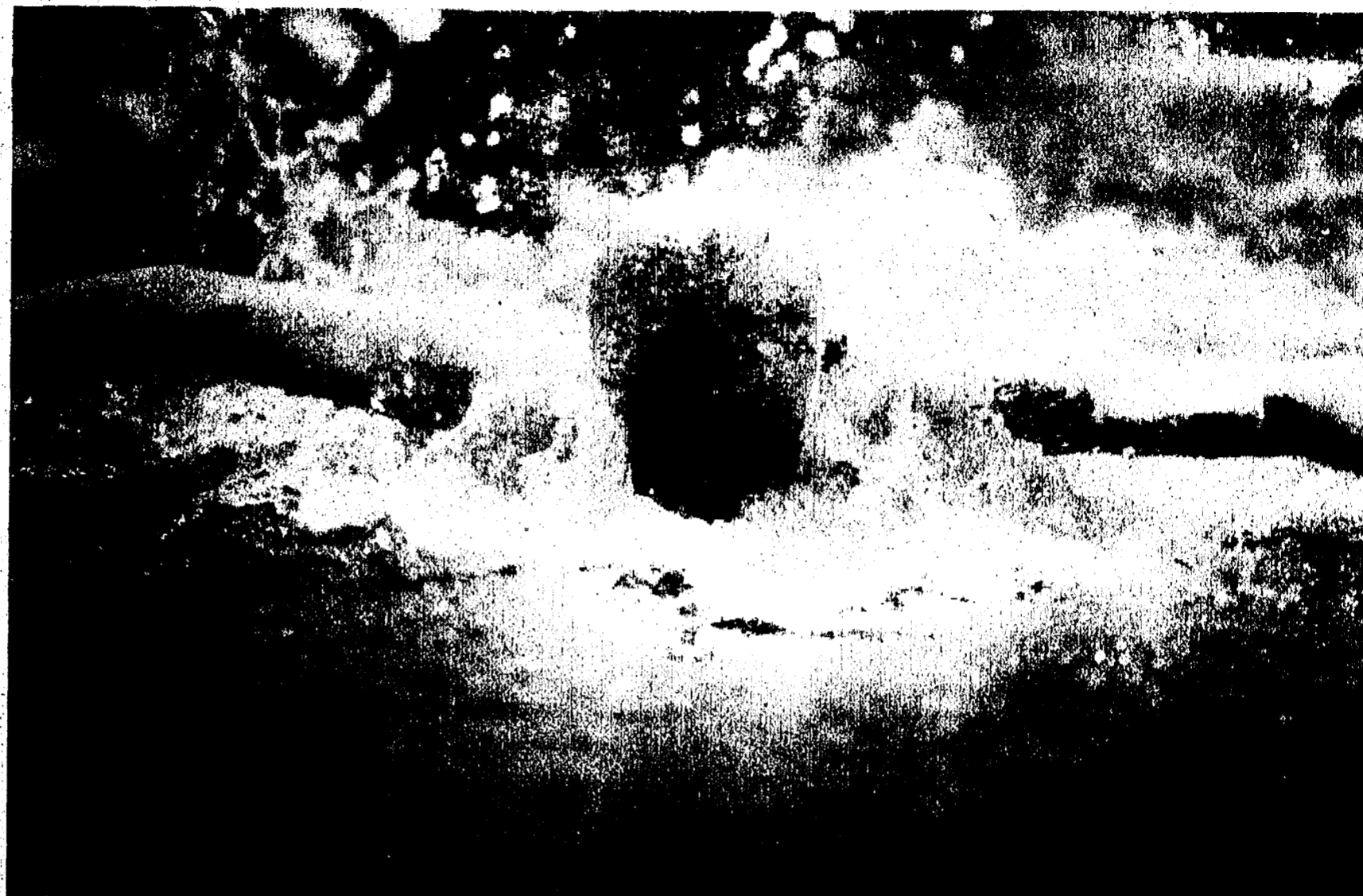


Photo by Mary Kumbler

Dexter senior Eric Irish returns to the pool after finishing eighth in the 100 butterfly at last season's Class B-C-D finals.

Dreadnaughts were Class B-C-D state champions in 1999 and runner-up in 2000.

"Our depth is really going to help us this season, plus our work ethic" Schriber said.

Eric Irish, Jon Schlafer and Steve Svetkoff are other seniors providing leadership and talent for the Dreadnaughts this season.

Irish placed eighth in the state a year ago in the 100 butterfly.

"He can swim anything I ask him to, and he's good at it," Schriber said.

As a group, Schriber expects a lot from his seniors.

"I'm looking for leadership from all the seniors," he said. "We're blessed with a good group of upperclassmen."

Underclassmen looking to make marks this season include juniors Chris Burke, in freestyle; Jeff Heldt, in distances; Matt Krecic, in freestyle; and Chris Vessels, in breaststroke.

Also, sophomores diver Jeff Pompliano and freestyler Thane Wolcott, and freshman Bryan Vessels

hope to contribute.

Last year, Burke finished seventh in the 500 freestyle and 11th in the 200 freestyle at the state finals.

Schriber said he wants his team to do well in the pool and in the classroom.

"We have an academic goal this year of a 3.0 average for the entire team," he said. "Plus, we hope to have a lot of fun, win the SEC (South-eastern Conference) and score a lot of points at state."

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Bavineau begins first year on Dexter bench

By Don Richter

Staff Writer

First-year Dexter basketball coach Mike Bavineau inherits a team with many interchangeable parts.

"Any of the 13 players on this team, I can put in the game," he said. "I feel confident I can put any one of them on the floor and they can help us. Situations will dictate how I use the players."

One player who'll be seeing plenty of time on the court for Bavineau will be junior power forward Brian Caldwell.

Caldwell, 6-foot-3, is a talented all-around athlete and should be the Dreadnaughts' No. 1 option offensively. He's the team's lone returning starter from a year ago.

Joining Caldwell upfront will be senior center Brad Snider (6-4), senior shooting forward Dan Mutschler (6-2), junior center Eric Przybylinski (6-5) and sophomore post player Dan Dyer (6-4).

In the backcourt, Bavineau will look to senior point guard Adam Cate (5-8) to run the show. Alongside Cate will be senior shooting guard Rick Weaver (6-0).

Senior Chris Puuri (6-2) and sophomore Dan Snyder (5-8) will also log significant minutes in the backcourt for Dexter.

Bavineau said Puuri, who missed the majority of last season with a broken foot, would be his sixth man.

"He'll be the first player off the bench," Bavineau said. "He's multi-talented. We're looking for him to kick start our defense."

Another player helping the squad this season will be Chris Maksym, Bavineau said.

Bavineau, who doubles as the Dreadnaught girls' basketball coach, took over the reins of the boys' program earlier this year when longtime coach Randy Swoverland resigned to take a similar position at Adrian High School.

In his inaugural season on the



Photo by Mary Kumbler

Mike Bavineau, who also doubles as Dreadnaught girls' basketball coach, begins his first season on the bench as Dexter's boys' basketball coach in 2001.

Dexter bench, Bavineau said a weakness for this year's team would be game experience.

"We'll have some inexperience in game-type situations," he said. "But we'll run a lot of stuff in the post and be more of a motion offense."

Bavineau said the Dreadnaughts

would be a selective running team, as long as they hit the boards.

"If you can't rebound, you can't run," he said. "We'll break when the opportunity is there."

"We're also going to try and press a little bit. We'll try to take advantage of our strengths."

Bavineau said his goal is to win the Southeastern Conference and build his program.

"We want to establish our program," he said. "We want to be what other schools would like to mimic. We hope with hard work and dedication, we can get there soon."

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Dread hockey aiming to repeat title season

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Dexter hockey, coming off a record-breaking season in which the Dreadnaughts captured a Southeast Michigan High School Hockey League championship and finished with a 19-4-1 overall record, hopes for a repeat of that success this year.

Last season, Dexter's 19 wins broke the previous school record of 17 victories.

A year ago, the Dreadnaughts reeled off 11 straight wins before losing to Jackson Lumen Christi. The defeat ended an 18-game regular season unbeaten streak for Dexter.

Allen Park Cabrini bested the Dreadnaughts in the state tournament regional semifinals, ending Dexter's season.

Six players are back from last season's record-setting squad.

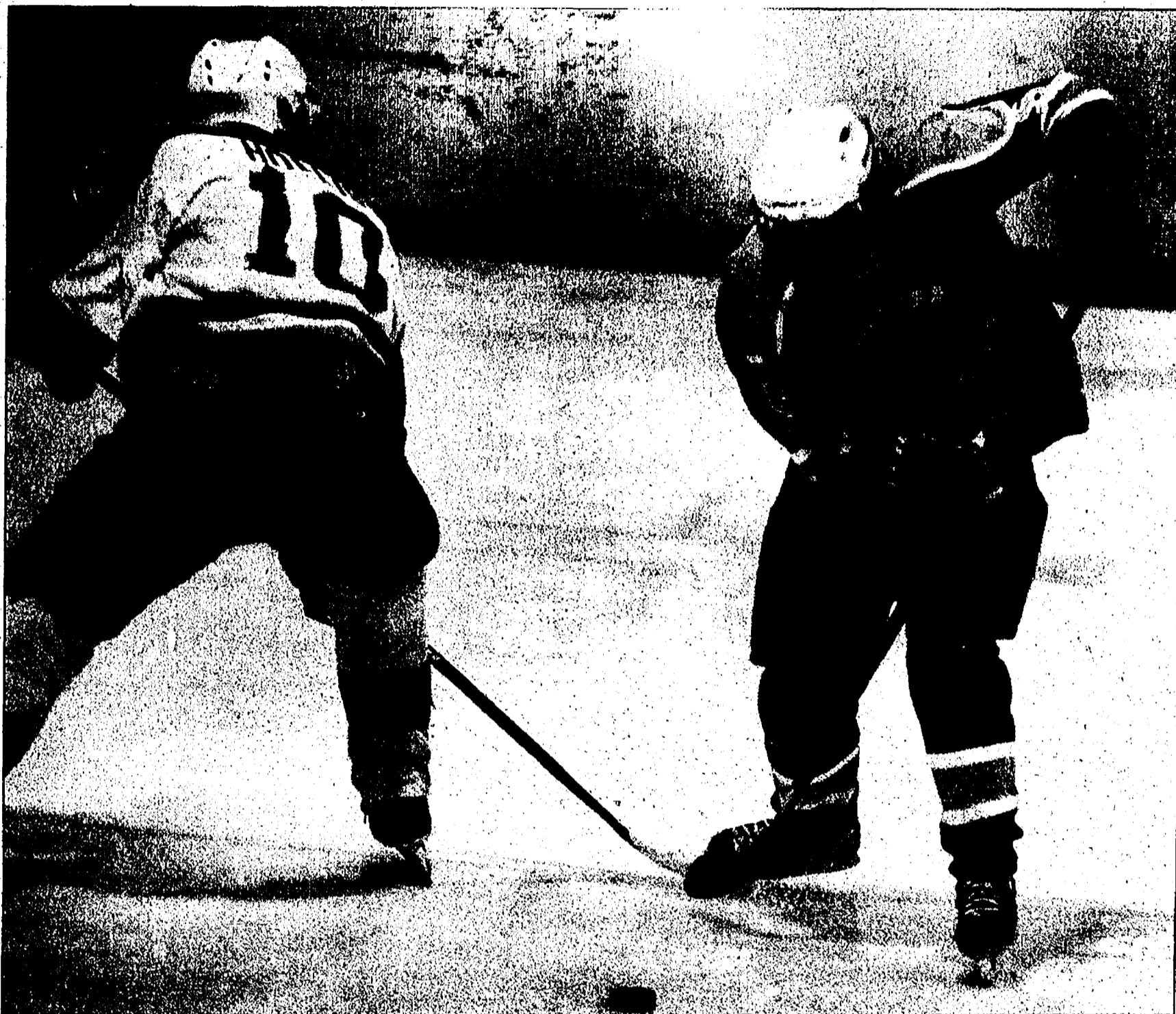
Returning to lead the Dreadnaughts this year are seniors co-captain Jess Stewart on defense and forwards co-captain J.J. Daratony and Scott Otto.

Last season, Daratony was among the state leaders in scoring.

Juniors returning for another season include defensemen Keith Davey, as assistant captain, and Brett Bastianelli and assistant captain forward Pete Vollbrecht.

New players for Dexter this year are senior forward Chad Weller; juniors defensemen Tony Kingsley and Ian Lewis, and forward Rick Rauser; sophomores defenseman

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Dreadnaught senior co-captain J.J. Daratony is back to lead Dexter's offense. Last season, Daratony was one of Michigan's highest scorers.

Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Brett Gardner, and forwards Eric Cappel, Chris Deegan, Drew Gardner, Brian Taylor and Austin Unrath; and freshmen defenseman Dan Buckenberger, and forwards Lee Hoggard and Kevin Vlazny.

Seeing time between the pipes for the Dreads this year will be sophomore goalies Paul Cynar and Matt Hattie.

Dexter is coached by Dave Debol, beginning his third season. Debol is

assisted by Mike Bowles and Andrei Sharkevich.

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Dexter spikers set for another state run

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

So close, yet so far. Last season, Dexter's girls' volleyball team advanced to the Class B semifinals at Western Michigan University before falling to Fruitport 15-11, 5-15, 15-9.

The Trojans ended up losing to Marysville in the state final.

The Dreadnaughts, ranked No. 1 in Class B for the majority of the year, dedicated their season to former coach Bob Burns, who died a month before Dexter's opening match.

The team's motto all year long was "The desire burns within us."

That desire drove Dexter to its farthest run ever in state volleyball tournament play.

The Dreadnaughts finished the season as Southeastern Conference champions with a perfect 6-0 record.

Dexter followed that accomplishment with a district title and regional championship before losing in the state semis.

The Dreadnaughts ended the season with an ever impressive 68-6-3 overall mark.

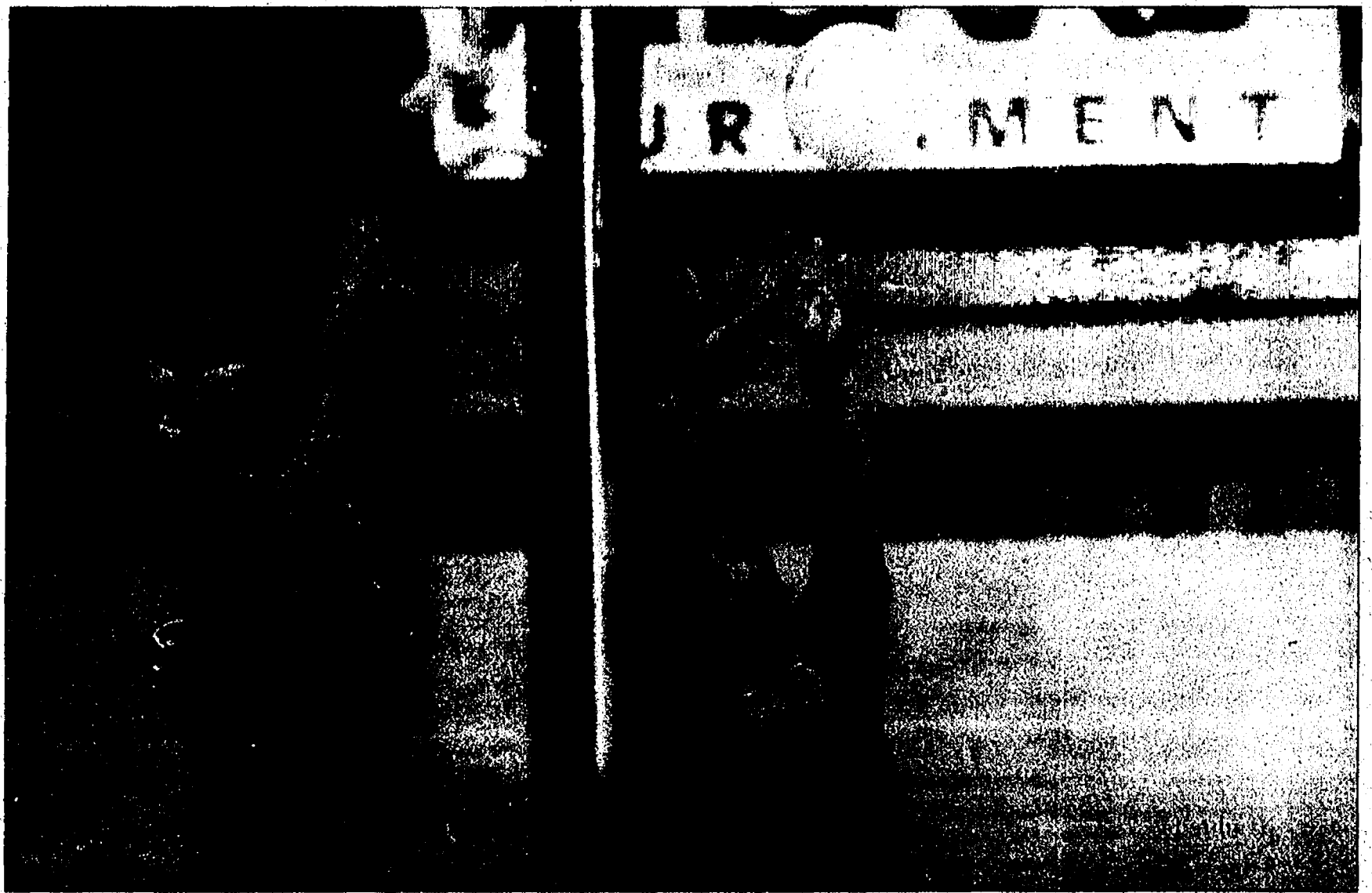
Returning to help lead Dexter back to the state finals is senior middle blocker Erin Cobler. Cobler, 6-foot-1, was named first team Class B All-State last year. This past November, she signed a national letter-of-intent to play for the University of Michigan next season.

Cobler, who posted 178 blocks last year, is 25 away from breaking the state record and only 80 stuffs away from owning the national mark.

Returning to quarterback the club is senior setter Eliza Lee (5-5), who also earned All-State recognition a year ago.

Looking to be one of Dexter's top power spikers is junior outside hitter Shannon Kennedy (6-0). The lefty is a three-sport standout for the Dreadnaughts, also excelling in basketball and soccer.

Other top performers returning to the line-up along the net include



Dreadnaught senior setter Eliza Lee (right) returns to the line-up after helping lead Dexter to the Class B state semifinals last season. Photo by Doug Trojanowski

seniors Melissa Gucker (6-0) and Robin Lavalli (5-10).

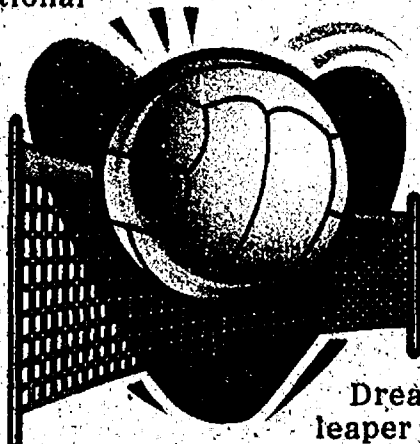
Lavalli is coming off a strong state semifinal performance and could have a big season for the Dreads.

Manning the back row for Dexter this year will be seniors Niki Hembree (5-5) and Lindsey Messmore (5-7).

A newcomer to watch for this season for the Dreadnaughts is sophomore leaper Lauren Clevenger.

Dexter is coached by Rey Regualos, who's entering his second season.

The Dreadnaughts' first home match this season is Dec. 20 against Saline.



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New chapter opens for Dread wrestling

There will be a new face in the Dexter wrestling room this season.

First-year Dreadnaught coach Corey Grant has suited up and is ready to lead Dexter to a team championship.

"We're picking up where the team left off last year and building on it," Grant said.

"There is a lot of talent on this team. I expect to send at least four wrestlers to states this year and hope to have a team championship."

Grant replaces last year's coach Mike Klapperich.

A former University of Michigan wrestler, Grant said he's taking a new approach to the upcoming season.

"We've added a strong running and weight-lifting program," he said. "It's a lot different than what they're used to. I really want to push them."

Part of Grant's program includes improving each wrestler's technique and style, as well as inviting guests to come and help share their expertise.

Grant said he'd bring in former Wolverine All-American John Fisher, Jeff Virgne and Tommy Schultz to help jumpstart the new era of Dexter wrestling.

"Jeff will be a big help when it comes to organizing tournaments and dual meets," Grant said. "He has a lot of experience and knows the kids."

"Tommy will help with the heavy-weights and John will be there to

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**— Corey Grant
Dexter coach**

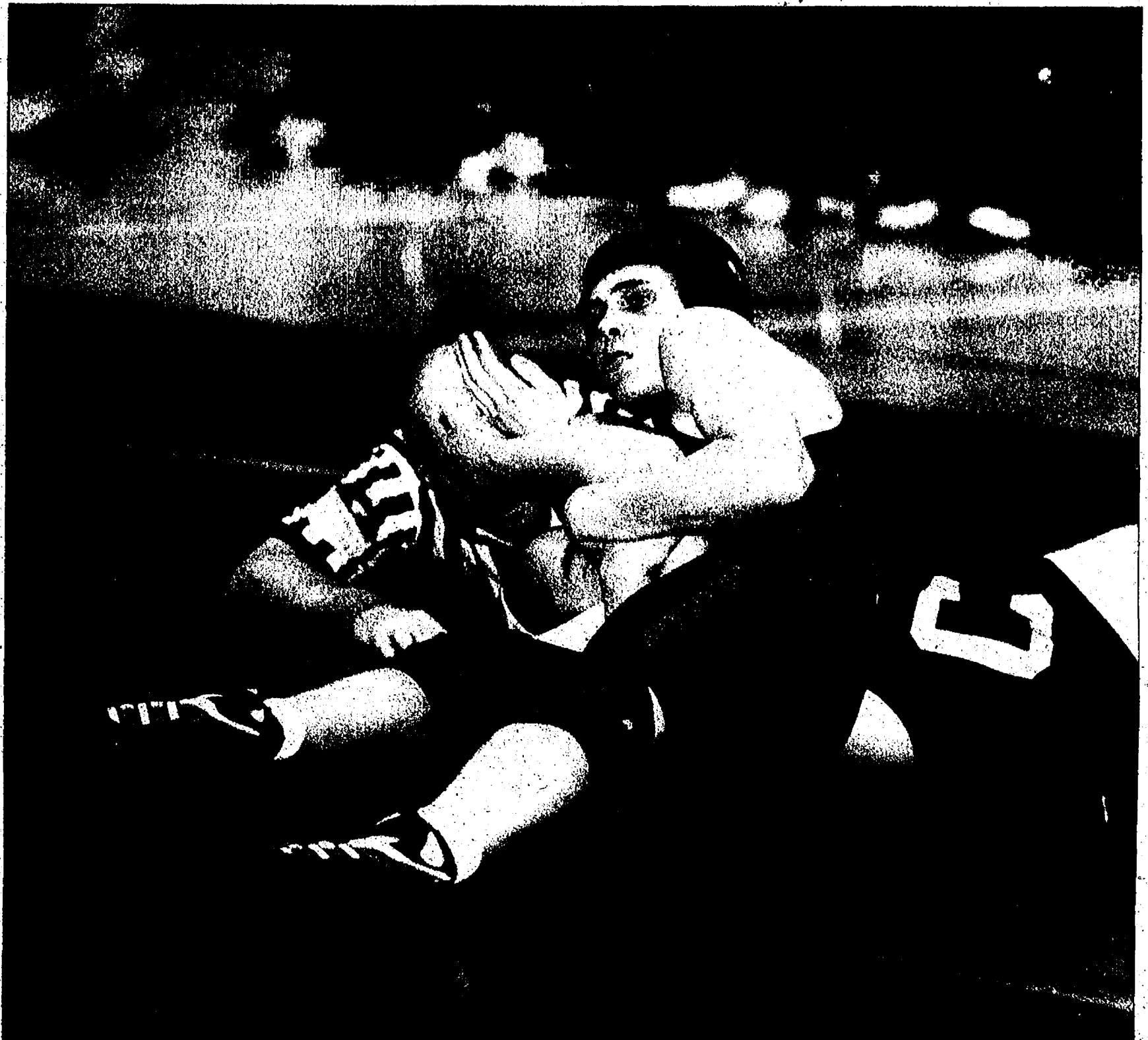


Photo by Mary Kumbler
Dexter junior Jeff Marsh placed fourth at last year's Division II state championship at 119 pounds. This season, Marsh will wrestle at 130 pounds.

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Grant said he hopes to create a new excitement throughout the program and wants to get more kids involved.

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Grant, who lettered four straight years at Michigan, said the team is looking forward to developing as a squad and as individuals.

"Mentally and physically, we will be ready," he said.

Dreadnaught junior Jeff Marsh, who'll wrestle at 130 pounds, is the squad's top returnee. Marsh finished fourth at last year's Division II state finals in the 119-pound weight division.

— Elizabeth Howison contributed to this article.

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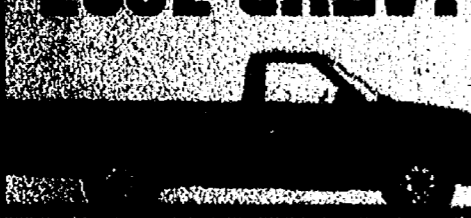


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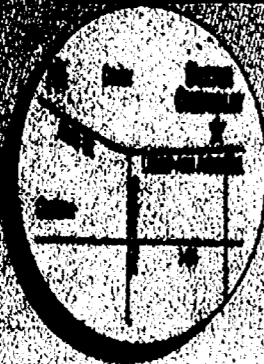
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