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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Siren system will be tested noon Saturday

Chelsea Village will conduct two three-minute tests of the early warning siren system at noon Saturday. Because of recent problems with the system, the proper tests have not yet been conducted.

Chelsea Civil Defense Director Tony Keezer said Tuesday that in a real emergency people should take cover and listen to local radio stations WAAM 1600 AM or WEMU 89.1 FM for an explanation of the emergency and an all-clear announcement.

People should not call 911, police or fire departments, Keezer said. He said they should listen to a portable radio for instructions. A portable radio and spare batteries should be an essential part of emergency supplies in every home, he said.

### Chaplain to share memories of Sept. 11

Army Chaplain Col. Lowell Moore will be the guest speaker at an International Dinner hosted by the Chelsea Church of the Nazarene 6 p.m. Saturday at the UAW Hall, 218 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

The theme is "Hope for the Hopeless." Moore will share his experiences at the Pentagon immediately following the terror attacks on Sept. 11, and later at Ground Zero in New York City.

The free event is open to the public. Tickets are available at Chelsea Office Supply, 110 S. Main St., in Chelsea or by calling 475-2526.

### CCDA to host two events this weekend

The Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts will host an arts reception for the exhibit "Artists' Designs in Paint, Wood and Glass" 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday. The free event includes refreshments, a gallery talk and demonstrations by the artists.

Students from the Chelsea High School Spanish Club will help celebrate Cinco de Mayo with elementary-age children and families 2 p.m. Sunday. The free event is part of the Family First Sunday series.

The center is located at 400 Congdon St. in Chelsea. Call 433-2787 for information.

Photos by Rita Fischer

### Spring Fling

Chelsea residents enjoyed three days of spring fun during the town's Spring Fling April 26 through 28. The event featured several activities in town. The Chelsea Farmers' Market opened a week early to join in the celebration. Above, Dave Heller (left) picks up a [illegible] from Deb Lentz, with [illegible] Diana Andres and [illegible] Terrarese of Tantre [illegible]. At right, Holly Koch paints a star on her daughter [illegible] hand during a Spring Fling fundraiser for the Chelsea Children's Co-op preschool.

# Board interviews five candidates

■ *Second round of superintendent interviews slated.*

**By Mike Rybka**
Special Writer

The Chelsea school board this week interviewed five of six candidates vying for the superintendent's post.

The board hopes to hire someone in the coming weeks to succeed Superintendent Ed Richardson, who will retire in August.

The shortlisted candidates were selected by the school board from a list of 52 candidates provided April 25 by Thomas Shorkey, a consultant with the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Glenn Kreuger of West Lafayette, Ind., and Linda Olson of Arenac Eastern were interviewed Monday.

David Killips of Reed City, Robert Howe of Leslie and Roger Thelen of Central Montcalm were interviewed Tuesday.

Thomas Smith of Escanaba was unable to make the first round of interviews. His interview is set for 5 p.m. Tuesday in the boardroom at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

The board has also called back Killips and Howe for second interviews at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"I think that we, as a board, are looking for someone who is able to move us forward," Board President Scott Broshar said yesterday. "As a district, we've made a lot of progress under Ed Richardson's leadership.

"We need to continue to make progress toward meeting each of our student's educational goals. Someone who can complement the progress we've made and be an impetus for additional change would be ideal."

Broshar said the interviews were well attended by the public, and he would encourage more people to come on Tuesday.

"All the candidates are sitting superintendents, and I think that's a real positive statement for the Chelsea School District, that people are willing to relocate and have such a strong interest," Broshar said. "I think it gives the district strong possibilities."

He said the board will spend the next few days doing background checks and reference checks, and may also plan on-site visits.

Each candidate, all currently serving as school superintendents, faced 23 prepared questions from the board. The questions were related to business and fiscal management, curriculum development and evaluation, superintendent and board relationships, and leadership, management and human relations.

Each candidate made an opening and closing statement, fielded questions from the audience and asked the board questions.

Kreuger said his motivation in pursuing the post in Chelsea is because he wants to be closer to his daughter and grandchild who live in Toledo. He also said that wants to be in a less cosmopolitan environment than Toledo or Detroit at this point in his career.

Kreuger, who said that Chelsea would be his last career move, prepared himself for the interview by visiting Web sites related to the schools and com-

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# Business owners fret over construction

■ *Chelsea merchants want customers to have access to public parking.*

**By Kent Ashton Walton**
Special Writer

A handful of business owners attended last week's Chelsea Village Council meeting to express concerns related to a water main project under way in the village.

Gigi Batsakis, owner of Gigi's Flowers on Main Street, asked the council how it intended to inform people where to park now that construction has begun on South Main Street. She suggested that the village double fines for people who violate three-hour parking rules.

Batsakis also asked if the village intended to send any information to businesses about the parking situation. She said the Downtown Development Authority's map is outdated and doesn't show the lots currently under construction.

Batsakis also said she doesn't want to see construction crews parking in the downtown and asked if construction would interfere with Summer Fest in July.

Village Manager Jack Myers assured Batsakis and other merchants that parking for the work crews has been provided on North Street and they would not be taking up public parking places.

Myers said he expects construction on Main Street to be completed by the end of June in time for Summer Fest.

Myers suggested that signs could be placed to help the public locate parking. The village does not intend to send memos to businesses, Myers said. But he said the DDA could take on the project.

Myers said it's up to the Village Council to decide whether to change parking policies during the construction. He said there is an updated map on the village's Web site (www.chelsea.mi.us) that the public can use to identify parking areas and streets under construction this spring and summer.

Council Trustee Jim Myles said he supports the doubling of fines in three-hour parking areas of the village. Trustee Howard Holmes wants to see an incentive to discourage employees from parking in the three-hour parking spots.

Phase II of the water main construction project began April 22 south of the village. Detour signs won't be placed on

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# Sylvan resident receives promotion

■ *Former sheriff's sergeant transferred to Ypsilanti Township post.*

**By Will Keeler**
Staff Writer

Sylvan Township resident Mike Trester is on his way up.

After a year serving as the sergeant in charge of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's substation in Dexter Village, Trester was promoted April 15 to lieutenant. He has transferred to the Ypsilanti Township substation on Holmes Road and begins his new duties May 9.

Trester earned the promotion after taking a test offered to all sergeants in the sheriff's department. The test included a written portion, an oral presentation and administrative projects.

Trester will take over from Lt. Mike Radzik, who is retiring next week. He will be in charge of the second largest sheriff's substation in Washtenaw County and will oversee two sergeants and 11 deputies.

Trester said that he has enjoyed his time in Dexter, but it's time to hand over the keys. Sgt. Brian Filipiak of Pinckney took over the reins today in Dexter.

"I'll miss the good people I have had the opportunity to meet," Trester said.

The new lieutenant follows in the same path as some of his colleagues. Lt. Troy Brevier, Lt. Ed Toth and Sheriff Dan Minzey have been in charge of the Dexter substation in the last seven years.

Brevier left the Dexter post in January 2001 when he was promoted to lieutenant and trans-

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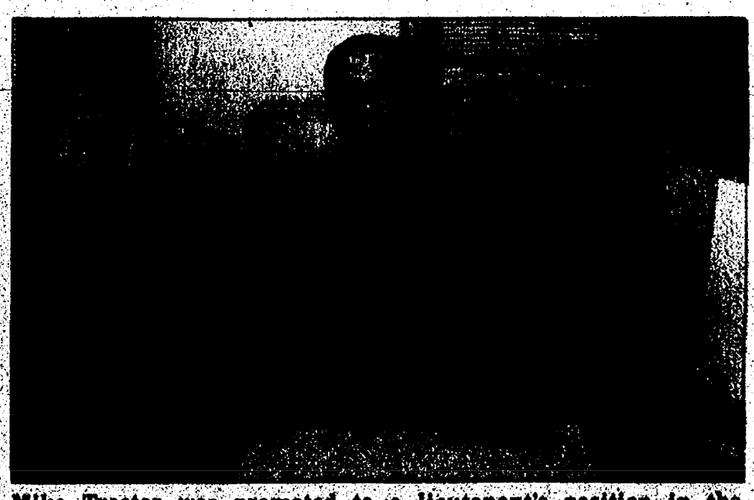

Mike Trester was promoted to a lieutenant's position in the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department April 15. He transferred to the Ypsilanti Township substation May 1. Sgt. Brian Filipiak of Pinckney is his successor.

## Man's book offers competitive edge

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## Chelsea girls' golf team on a roll

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## Chelsea firefighter enjoys job variety

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Photo by Michael Rybka

**Chelsea District Library Director Metta Lansdale is pictured with a painting donated by Walter and the late Helen May Leonard of Chelsea. The painting depicts a cat reading The Chelsea Standard, which the couple published from 1947 to 1995. The painting, by Chelsea artist Jane Farrell, was given to the couple in 2000 when they were named Citizens of the Year. It now hangs in the lobby of the library.**

# Library displays painting

■ *Local artist created the work when the Leonards were named Citizens of the Year.*

**By Michael Rybka**
Special Writer

Helen Kay Leonard, on behalf of her parents, Walter and the late Helen May Leonard, has donated a painting to the Chelsea District Library. The artwork was presented to the Leonards when they were named Chelsea's Citizens of the Year in 2000.

The 20-by-24 pastel depicts the back view of a yellow cat reading a copy of The Chelsea Standard, which the Leonards published from 1947 to 1995. The painting is the work of local artist Jane Farrell.

Leonard said that she and her father had to part with the painting because of space constraints.

"My mother was a gifted artist with watercolors and pastels," she said. "After losing my mother in November, it felt comforting to put up more and more of her artwork on the walls. Eventually, it got to the point where we needed to make some hard choices."

Leonard said the library, located at 500 Washington St., was chosen as the painting's repository because of her parents' strong feelings for the institution, dating back to when a McKune still had a hand in its operations.

In addition, Leonard said the library and her parents are community-oriented and it seemed only fitting to hang the painting in a place that provides for the community.

"It seemed more appropriate to donate the painting to a place that attracts the public rather than confine it to a commercial office," she said.

Despite the fact that her parents shared their newspaper office with a handful of cats, Leonard said she finds it humorous that the public often associates them with felines, as depicted in the painting.

"They owned that paper for 50 years," she said. "The cats were only there for the last nine or 10. Personally, I also thought of them more as dog lovers."

**Michael Rybka is a free-lance writer. He can be reached at 475-8597.**

# Chelsea Village allows homeowners to move in

■ *Water lines will be extended near Chelsea Wellness Center.*

**By Kent Ashton Walton**
Special Writer

Richard Lewiston of Lewiston Cresentini Builders addressed the Chelsea Village Council April 23 concerning a delay in getting certificates of occupancy for Chelsea Fairways subdivision.

The subdivision is located off Old US-12 near Freer Road in Chelsea.

The delay is the result of problems related to getting water to the new homes.

At the meeting, Lewiston asked the council to grant certificates of occupancy for three homes built by Cook Development. The homes, part of the 124-unit development, already have been sold and homeowners are waiting to move in. He also asked for certificates for two homes being offered for sale.

So far, 12 building permits have been issued. Six home are being built by Lewiston Cresentini Builders, five by Cook Development and one by A&H Builders.

Lewiston said that when the development was initially discussed with the Village Council six years ago, he operated under the mistaken assumption that a right-of-way for the water main existed. However, an agreement for an easement with a nearby property owner was not obtained.

Lewiston said that several months ago he asked the council to condemn the property for an easement but was not given approval.

Lewiston said that an alternative plan that he submitted to Washtenaw County has been approved and he has received a permit from the Department of Environmental Quality.

The plan involves construction of a 12-inch water main loop that will require boring under Old US-12. It will run from east to west along US-12, from Pierce Lake Elementary School on Freer Road through the Fairways and to the Chelsea Wellness Center driveway.

The move will complete the water system loop required to avoid water quality degradation and to protect against main breaks, Lewiston said.

Lewiston said that the water main construction was a small job and should be completed within three weeks from when a bid is accepted. Everything needs to be completed before certificates of occupancy are granted.

The council voted to grant five temporary certificates of occupancy pending the completion of the water main.

# Village saves $20,654

■ *Madison Street sewer can be lined.*

**By Sheila Pursglove**
Associate Editor

Chelsea Village Council approved a proposal April 23 from Insituform Technologies of Lemont, Ill., to line an old sanitary sewer on Madison Street at a savings of more than $20,000.

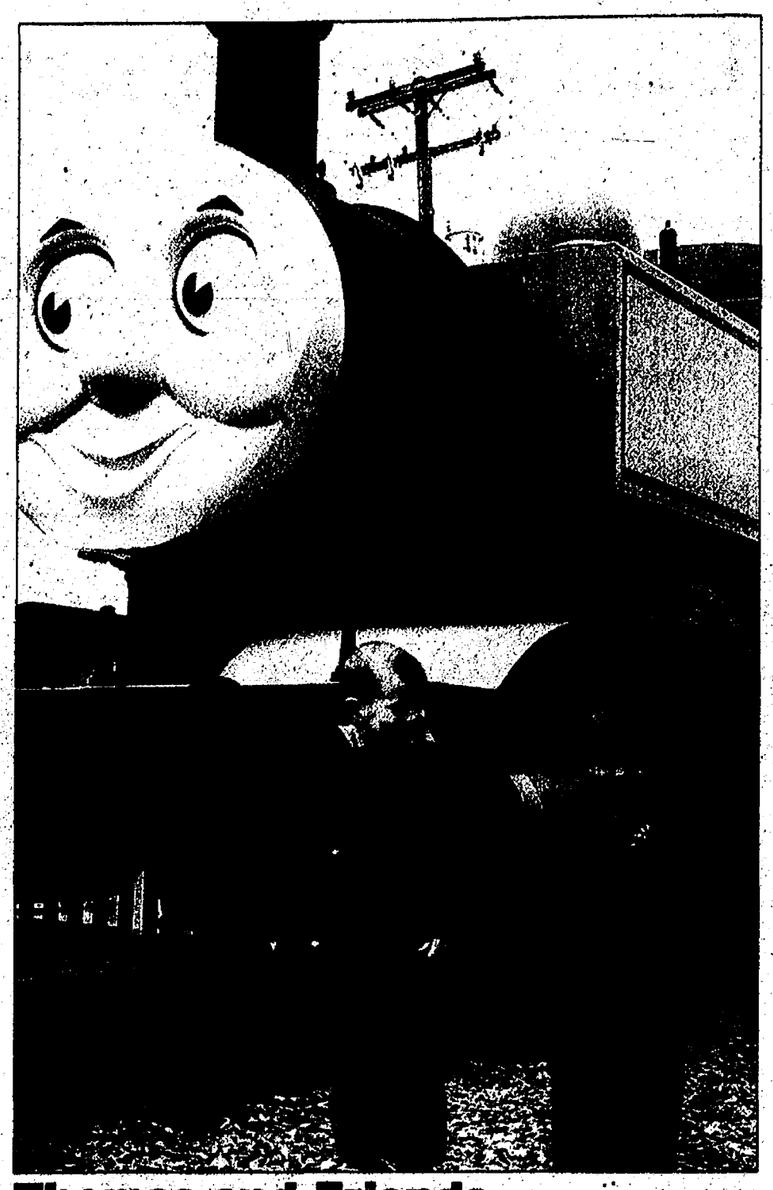
During utility investigations for the reconstruction of Madison Street, the sanitary sewer from Jefferson to East Middle streets was found to be in poor condition, Village Engineer Christine Linfield said.

The old clay sewer contains numerous cracks and needs to be replaced or lined, she said.

While an open trench replacement would cost $57,169, lining the sewer would cost $36,516.

In addition, Insituform has been authorized by council to line a portion of sewer in the Washington Street intersection and both sections can be repaired at the same time, Linfield said.

Village Manager Jack Myers said Tuesday that Madison Street will have a new water main installed this summer. The village will also reconstruct a full-width roadbed, curbs, gutters and the asphalt pavement.



**Thomas and Friends**
**D.J. Fischer of Lima Township and T.J. Schultz of Waterloo Township were thrilled to meet "Thomas the Tank Engine," star of books and television, during a recent visit to Greenfield Village in Dearborn.**

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# Chelsea planners decide rezoning

■ *Grant street property will not be rezoned for multiple-family use.*

**By Michael Rybka**
Special Writer

Residents on Gene Drive will not be short for neighbors while residents on Grant Street temporarily dodged urban encroachment.

This is the result of two rezoning requests that the Chelsea Village Planning Commission voted on April 16.

Jeff Loveland of Loveland Construction asked to have 14.73 acres that abut Gene and Machnik drives changed from agricultural to single-family residential. Harry Thurkow and Al Thompson own the land.

Mark and Kassandra Luoma of Scio Township asked to have a 3.2-acre parcel on the west corner of Grant and Lincoln streets changed from single-family residential to multi-family residential.

The Gene Drive public hearing began with Gene Drive resident Doug Hillman asking how many homes are going up. Planning consultant Carl Schmult said that wetland considerations on the property would limit the number from 12 to 15.

Hillman also asked if current homeowners would be required to hook into an extended water and sewer line. If so, he asked how long it would be before that happened.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Jim Drolett said that the Village Council would address the issue at another time.

Schmult said the petition for Gene and Machnik drives is consistent with the single-family zoning in the village's master plan. However, he said there is an inconsistency in that the plan calls for a minimum lot area of 10,000 square feet, while the proposed zoning requires only 7,500 square feet.

Schmult recommended that the Planning Commission take into consideration that a 7,500-square-foot minimum lot area might be necessary to create enough lots to cover the cost of extending Gene Drive, as well as public water and sewer services to the property.

He also said that small areas that exist because of the property's irregular shape would raise the cost to develop the lot.

Schmult said that the current agricultural zoning was appropriate for a time when the property did not have access to a public street, or access to public water and sanitary sewer systems.

However, Schmult said it's no longer an issue and, consequently, a zoning change would not establish an unworkable precedent on the surrounding property.

Schmult said the rezoning could be considered a logical extension of the same residential zoning that exists for the neighboring Creekside Court.

The commission approved the rezoning by a 6-0 vote in the absence of Commissioner Richard Haugen.

The Grant Street public hearing began with written objections being taken into record from Chandler Street residents Donald and Margaret O'Dell, and Jerry and Mary Waldyke. Both have backyards that look out over the Grant Street parcel.

Lodging complaints in person were Chandler Street residents Winston Boyer and Patti Schwarz, and Grant Street residents Margie Heyman, Jeff Roberts and Richard Laban.

Boyer said that since The Pines was built, his backyard has never drained properly and the construction of more multi-unit dwellings might exacerbate the problem.

Heyman, who lives one lot away from the Luomas' property, expressed concern over the proposed development's impact on Chelsea's small-town feel and on the schools.

She and Schwarz said they're concerned about how another development would create greater traffic risks on Chandler Street.

Schmult's report indicated that if the lot was rezoned as asked, a total of 55 dwelling units could be erected. If the zoning was kept intact, Schmult said the irregularity in the dimensions of the property could yield eight single-family residential units at best.

Schmult said that multi-dwelling units on the lot could not be considered a logical precedent to The Pines because the senior citizen apartment complex is oriented to Wilkinson Street and does not have vehicular access to Grant or Lincoln streets.

Schmult said rezoning the property is not necessary and would establish a dangerous precedent, adversely affecting the established single-family residences in the neighborhood.

Hugh Kennedy, an engineer working with the Loumas, asked if the rezoning request could be changed to a planned unit development. Planning Commissioner Chairman Chris Rode, however, said there is no procedure to change a request "midstream" and that the idea flew in the face of a public hearing's intent.

The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to reject the Louma' appeal.

In other matters, the commission continued its discussion of perpendicular sign requirements in the downtown business district defined as Main, Middle, South and Park streets.

Recommendations to amend the zoning ordinance included that perpendicular signs not exceed 10 square feet, shall not extend more than three feet from the front wall of a building, be no thicker than a foot, shall have a vertical clearance of nine feet but be no higher than 22 feet.

It was also suggested that perpendicular signs have raised lettering.

Jane Diesing, representing The Village Shoppe, supported the revision but expressed concern that finding sign makers to do such work would be difficult. Rode agreed to look into the matter.

Jim Myles, owner of Chelsea House Bed & Breakfast on West Middle Street, said his estab-

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**Birthday Belle**

**Longtime Chelsea resident Delphine Erickson celebrated her 90th birthday April 7 at the Chelsea Comfort Inn Conference Center. The party was hosted by her three daughters, Diane (Will) Lindwall of California, Jeanette (Michael) Sweet of Chelsea and Rosalie Hasenfus of Maine. Nine of her 15 grandchildren came from California, Florida, Wyoming, Maine and Michigan, and several great-grandchildren traveled from Maine and Michigan. Her brother, William DeMers, came from Palo Alto, Calif.; her sister-in-law, Ilene DeMers, traveled from St. Paul, Minn.; and several nieces and nephews came from New Jersey and Wisconsin. Local friends, former co-workers and senior citizens also joined in the celebration.**


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*with Leonard K. Kitchen, J.D. and Thomas L. Stringer, J.D.*

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# CANDIDATES

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munity. He said Chelsea appeared to be a progressive school district.

Olson also said she surfed the Internet for information about Chelsea and said the district appears to have the necessary resources for students. She said she has heard good things about the Chelsea School District.

When the board asked what involvement a superintendent should have in choosing curriculum, Kreuger said he has been heavily involved in curriculum and supports his directives through research.

Kreuger also said he is an advocate of teaching phonetics in the first and second grades.

"A whole language approach does not work in the early years," he said. "If you think otherwise, you're mistaken.

"After those grades, reading becomes more visual and you can use the whole language approach."

When asked about technical abilities, Olson said she is computer literate. She also noted that she has written grants to bring computers to her school district in northern Michigan.

Olson said that keeping pace with technology and finding the funding for it is one of the greatest challenges facing a school district.

When asked at the interview's conclusion why they should be considered for the position, Kreuger said he has a proven track record.

"Nothing predicts future success like past success," he said. "I have an insatiable desire to make things better and believe I have done that at every school I've been at."

Olson, with three years of superintendent experience, said if hired she would continue with the Chelsea School District until she retires at age 65.

Killips said he was neither against enforcing standards against public sentiment nor bending a rule if it helped a child's welfare.

He said he gave an unfavorable review to a middle school principal who was extremely popular but did not file reports or maintain test scores.

"It's easier to simply extend a contract rather than confront the issues," Killips said. "That's where integrity comes in."

Conversely, Killips recalled during the last Christmas season how his high school principal suffered a stroke, leaving a newly hired, untested assistant principal to bear the responsibilities.

Killips said he broke with protocol to become a de facto principal. He said he bent the rules further by turning a blind eye to attendance standards when a student was having problems at home.

Handling a difficult situation is something that Howe tragically experienced. While a middle school principal in Williamston, a pupil came to Howe's office complaining of a terrible headache. With a cot unavailable, the child laid down on the floor, where she unexpectedly died from a brain aneurysm.

"To bring the students, the staff and the community together was very hard," Howe said. "I delivered the eulogy."

More than that, Howe established a memorial fund in the child's name that, 20 years after the fact, awards an artistic grant to a deserving student in her name.

Thelen said that, while the idea might be utopian, he envisioned schools in the 21st century as having an individualized educational plan for every child.

Meeting each student's diverse curricular needs, Thelen said, is essential in realizing a student's full potential.

"If we could do that, then the sky's the limit," he said.

Thelen said alternative education would have a place if it could prove to be innovative. Despite its initial claims, he said he has seen no evidence of that while public schools are leading the way in technology and new ideas.

**Michael Rybka is a free-lance writer. He can be reached at 475-8597.**

# Candidate Profiles

**ROGER THELEN**

Thelen has been superintendent of Central Montcalm Public Schools in Stanton since 1995.

Prior, he was superintendent of Colon Community Schools.

Thelen

From 1986 to 1993, Thelen served as director of community affairs for Lakeshore Public Schools in Stevensville. From 1983 to 1986, he was director of adult and community education for Fulton Schools in Middleton, where he also taught and coached.

Thelen holds an education specialist degree from Eastern Michigan University. He earned a master's degree in administration in 1985 and a bachelor's degree in education in 1978. Both degrees are from Central Michigan University.

Thelen has been president and chairman of numerous educational associations and committees, and has delivered presentations and lectures to administrative organizations.

**THOMAS SMITH**

Smith has been superintendent of Escanaba Area Public Schools since 1992 and has taught graduate-level courses at Northern Michigan University in Marquette for the last four years.

He was superintendent of Bangor Public Schools from 1989 to 1992 and a principal from 1986 to 1989.

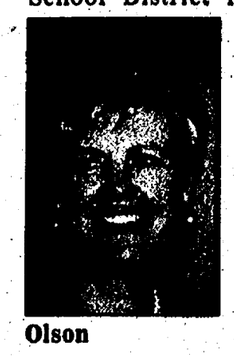
Smith was an instructor at Dansville High School from 1975 to 1986 and also served as the school's athletic director.

Smith attended Michigan State University, where he received a doctorate in school administration, a master's degree in secondary school education and public sector collective bargaining, and a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

He has written numerous tracts and articles on varied subjects, including gender equity, school athletics, corrective discipline and the hiring of principals.

**LINDA OLSON**

Olson has been superintendent of the Arenac Eastern School District in northeast Michigan since 1999.



Olson

From 1992 to 1999, she served as a school district consultant, a faculty member and facilitator for a university's master program, and a planning and educational services coordinator in Michigan, Minnesota, South Dakota, Washington and California.

She has also been an assistant professor, counselor and K-12 substitute teacher.

Olson received a doctorate in extension education, a master's degree in family studies and a bachelor's degree in home economics from Michigan State University

Away from academia she has been a kitchen manager at a restaurant in California, a food product promotional representative and a telecommunications consultant.

She also has been active in political campaigns, Kiwanis International, home building and Catholic Services.

**GLENN KREUGER**

Kreuger has been superintendent of the Benton Community School Corporation in Fowler, Ind., since May 1989.

From January 1983 to April 1989, he was superintendent of the Union Township School Corp. in Wheeler, Ind., and from July 1979 to December 1982, he was assistant superintendent of Porter County Schools in Valparaiso, Ind.

Kreuger

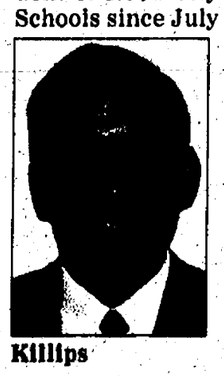
Prior, he was principal at two schools in Illinois, an assistant principal in Indiana and a middle school teacher in Illinois.

Krueger received a doctorate degree from Purdue University, where he also received his master's degree. He received a bachelor's degree from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ill.

He has published articles about the future of Illinois education, minimum competency testing and a formula-based approach to collective bargaining.

**DAVID KILLIPS**

Killips has been superintendent of Reed City Area Public Schools since July 1997.



Killips

From 1988 to 1997, he served as principal at Shelby High School and in the 1987-88 school year was principal at Decatur Junior and Senior High School in Decatur.

In the previous year, he served as Decatur's assistant principal and athletic director.

From 1978 to 1986, Killips taught junior high and high school in Battle Creek Public Schools. He was also a coach.

He received a master's degree in educational administration in 1982 from Michigan State University and a bachelor's degree in business education from Central Michigan University in 1977. He has also returned to CMU for further education.

Killips has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America, local rotary clubs and Little League.

**ROBERT HOWE JR.**

Howe has been superintendent of Leslie Public Schools since February 2000.

From 1997 to 2000, he served as principal of fifth through 12 grades and fifth through seventh grades in 1999.

Howe

Prior, Howe was a middle school principal in Plainwell and Williamston, a middle school assistant principal in Eaton Rapids and a teacher and coach in Midland and St. Clair Shores.

He has received national and state recognition as a distinguished and outstanding principal.

Howe received a master's degree in secondary administration and a bachelor's degree in secondary education, both from Central Michigan University

Howe has been founder and president of an auction firm and a print shop. He has also delivered presentations on decision making to various seminars and conferences.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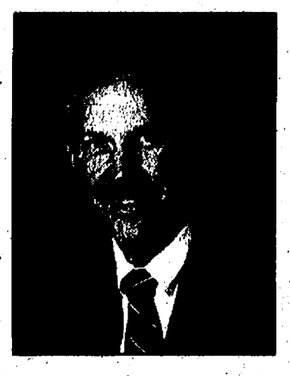

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# Library changes Internet filtering policy

■ *Parents to make choice for their children.*

**By Michael Rybka**
Special Writer

Struggling to comply with Michigan Public Act 212, the Chelsea District Library Board approved a revised draft April 16 of its Internet Access Policy.

The law requires libraries to restrict Internet access to minors.

Changes to the policy were prompted when the manufacturers of Library Guardian, an Internet filtering system, notified Library Director Metta Lansdale that the filtering categories that the board approved did not fit previous definitions given to the board.

Apparently, the categories provided will be available on a version still being tested and not expected to be available for about a year. The current categories are configured as close as possible but not exactly to those the board approved.

Although removed from the library's policy statement, the categories will resurface in an Internet registration pamphlet still in the making.

"I thought we should have experimented with the system more before putting it in our policy," Board Treasurer John Gourlay said.

Library officials said this is not the first problem they've faced with the manufacturers of Library Guardian. Previously, the company led the board to believe that the filtering system featured an on/off toggle switch option for e-mail, chat rooms and Usenet, Lansdale said.

The library board's attorney, Anne Skilton, also advised the board to remove a clause in its policy stating that Internet filtering technology is "imperfect." As with the filtering definitions, the clause will be included in the registration pamphlet.

Skilton said the pamphlet is a better place for the statement because it sounds more like an opinion rather than a policy statement.

Gourlay asked if it's better for the board to give an opinion rather than a staff member who would be issuing the pamphlet. Skilton, however, stood firm in her belief that the pamphlet is the more logical place for the opinion.

"To state in a policy that something is imperfect begs the question of why it's policy," she said.

Trustee Jan Dohner reminded Gourlay that parents will be signing a form, not the policy statement.

Gourlay also asked if the removal of the clause makes the board more prone to liability. But Skilton said that libraries are only required to make filtering available and are not responsible for imperfect technology.

Lansdale said Skilton would ensure that the pamphlet complies with the law and board policy, and provides the best possible presentation of the "knotty" issue to the public.

"You know, I'm against filtering because it doesn't work," Dohner said. "But, last year, children under 18 had to be accompanied by a parent when using the Internet. That was not always possible for many people. At least a filtering system will give the Internet back to the kids."

The approval of the policy gives the go-ahead for Skilton to review an Internet registration pamphlet that will be required reading before the issuance of a "SmartCard." Minors will be required to have their registration co-signed by a parent or guardian.

SmartCard technology will allow parents to choose from four specific levels of filtering for their children, while still allowing adults full, unfiltered access to the Internet.

The first level is unfiltered access while the topmost level, "Safe Harbor," is limited to 15,000 or more pre-selected sites. A minor will be required to use the filter at Level 2.

The technology uses a card reader and magnetic chip that provides two measures of security. The first measure ensures a filtering level specific to the card, while the second measure requires a user-specified password for recognition of the card.

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Photo by Rita Fischer

**Painting Trio**

**Julie Young (right) of Chelsea paints Claire Young's hand while Mikayla Staebler looks on. Hand painting was offered as a fund-raiser for the Chelsea Children's Co-op during last weekend's Spring Fling in Chelsea.**

# Baibak receives Heart and Soul Award

Chelsea resident Catherine Baibak, a college student attending Grand Valley State University, received the Heart and Soul Award from the Michigan Campus Compact April 13 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

This award honors students who have been nominated by their schools for their time and commitment to community service work.

Baibak, the daughter of Don and Sherry Baibak of Chelsea, was chosen from among 166 nominees from colleges and universities across the state. She received the award for outstanding commitment to community service throughout her college career.

A 1999 graduate of Chelsea High School, Baibak is a junior at Grand Valley State. She is studying natural resource management and environment.

She is president of the Student Environmental Coalition, a group that has performed campus cleanups and dispersed information about recycling to students.

Also, as a participant in the Alternative Spring Break program, Baibak has traveled to the Florida Everglades to remove exotic plant species and plant cypress trees.

She has traveled to Nashville and, in partnership with United Cerebral Palsy of Middle Tennessee, has helped build wheelchair ramps for wheelchair-bound residents of the area.

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Eagle Scout Chris Strahler is flanked by his parents, John and Carol Strahler of Chelsea. A senior at Chelsea High School, Strahler is the 39th member of Troop 476 to earn Eagle rank. He received the award April 21 in a ceremony at the Chelsea Depot.

# Kudos

## *Strahler earns Eagle rank*

Chris Strahler was surrounded by eagles April 21 as he received the highest rank in Scouting during a ceremony at the Chelsea Depot.

Strahler, the 39th Eagle Scout in Troop 476, was surrounded by Scouts who had earned their Eagle rank while in the troop. The gathering included a wide spectrum, from Lloyd Hafner, who made Eagle in 1969, to Steve Anthony, who earned the rank earlier this year.

Also on hand were Daniel McMurray, Glenn Wright, Michael Tarolli, Scott Stohl, Steve Tarolli, Dan Wright and Strahler's older brother, Erik, who earned the rank in 1999.

The troop's leadership also includes three Eagle Scouts, Bob Allen, John Daly and Fred Ramsey.

Erik Strahler and Dan Wright escorted the newest Eagle to the front of the ceremony, which was opened and closed by Senior Patrol Leader James Daly. Scoutmaster Tom Turek served as master of ceremonies.

Twelve scouts participated in the "Lighting the Trail to Eagle" ceremony, reciting the 12 points of the Scout Law and telling their meaning. They were Sean Steinbach, James Daly, Joe Turek, Ryan Allen, Jason Allen, Aaron Turek, Mike Tarolli, Steve Anthony, Andy Ramsey and Joe Daly of Troop 476, and Max Booth and Max Wineland of Troop 425.

Assistant Scoutmaster Julie Coleman read the Troop 476 Eagle poem written by Sumner Oesterle.

Washtenaw County Commissioner Joseph Yekulis, R-District 1, presented Strahler with a letter of commendation and made a short speech.

Assistant Scoutmaster Steve Gentz read other letters of commendation from public officials.

During the ceremony, Steve Wright read "The Trail to Eagle," which included a list of Strahler's Scouting accomplishments, including his Eagle project. As part of the project, he repaired shutters at the Waterloo Farm Museum.

Eagle Scouts must advance through the ranks of Scouting, earn 21 merit badges, hold leadership positions in the troop and organize a community service project that requires approximately 200 hours of volunteer time.

Strahler, 18, earned 59 merit badges, which is believed to be a record for Troop 476.

The Chelsea High School senior is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, an honorary organization of Scouting. He has received the 50 Miler Award from one of his numerous backpacking trips and has also attended the national High Adventure Sea Base.

The son of John and Carol Strahler of Chelsea, Strahler is also a member of Chelsea Venture Crew 452.

# A winner

## *Local contractor earns award*

**By Michael Rybka**
**Special Writer**

Scio Township resident Paul Koch Sr. was recently awarded the annual W. Nelson Vander Hyden Award by the Washtenaw Contractors' Association for maintaining outstanding standards in the construction industry and in bettering his community.

Koch, in partnership with his son, Paul Jr., formed Koch Masonry Inc. six years ago in Dexter Township.

Koch's masonry skills are evident at the Dexter Township Hall on Dexter-Pinckney Road, the Washtenaw County Road Commission building on Zeeb Road and at a strip mall in Chelsea that houses Little Professor Book Center.

Koch's involvement in the construction industry has spanned 45 years. He began as a masonry apprentice while still attending Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor. After achieving journeyman's status, he went to work for the construction firm Butcher and Willits. When the business closed, he worked 24 years for Saline Construction.

During that time, he was active in his local union, Trowel Trades Local 14, and served as a management representative for local and state Trowel Trades Pension and Apprenticeship Funds.

Koch was asked to join the Washtenaw Contractors' Association Board of Directors in 1985. He progressed from secretary-treasurer to vice president to president.

Paul Koch Sr. of Scio Township has been awarded the annual W. Nelson Vander Hyden Award by the Washtenaw Contractors' Association.

Currently, Koch is serving on the WCA's Industry Advancement Program Board, is chairman of its labor relations committee and is heavily committed to its "Just Build It" exposition.

Koch and his wife, Rosemary, have been married for 41 years. They have five children and 16 grandchildren.

The Vander Hyden Award has been presented annually by the WCA since 1978, the year following Vander Hyden's death. Nominations are solicited from throughout the construction industry with the selection being made by a committee composed of past recipients.

Vander Hyden was frequently described as a true professional and gentleman and as the "contractor's contractor." He was president of Jeffress-Dyer Construction Co. from 1964 until his death.

The WCA has been serving the construction industry in Washtenaw County since 1949. Its programs are designed to improve the success of individual member firms and the construction industry in Washtenaw County.

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# Students named to dean's list

Several local residents have been named to the dean's list at their respective universities and colleges.

Chelsea residents Danielle Patt, Benjamin Smith and Kristen Smith have been named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University for the fall semester.

Dexter residents named to the list are Heather Barnes, Heather Duncan, Susan Polanco and Lisa Schwartzenberger.

Erica Bowden and Elizabeth Carney of Grass Lake; Adam Wild of Pinckney; Christopher Frayer of Gregory; and Whitmore Lake residents Christopher Maulbetsch, Andrea Schneider and Elizabeth Stevens are also on the list.

Joshua Howell of Dexter has been named to the dean's honor roll at Lawrence Technical University in Southfield.

Michael Vollbrecht of Dexter, a graduate of Dexter High School, has been named to the dean's list at Valparaiso University in Valpairaiso, Ind. Vollbrecht is a junior in the College of Engineering. He is majoring in civil engineering.

Deedy Polidori of Webster Township, a student at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2001 semester.

# REZONING

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lishment sits back too far from the street for a perpendicular sign to be seen from Main Street. Instead, he requested that he be able to put up a sign on a post in his front yard.

Commissioner Marcia White asked for measurements and specifications on what would be needed for Myles' establishment to be noticed from Main Street. Myles said that he would provide the information at the commission's next work session.

The commission hopes to have the sign amendments ready for approval in May.

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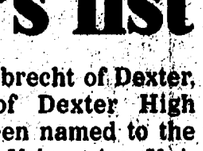

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ferred to Ypsilanti.

Toth, who was also promoted to lieutenant while working in Dexter, oversees the substation on Zeeb Road that covers Scio and Lodi townships.

"It's definitely a trend, seeing good sergeants from small communities move up the ranks," Minzey said last week.

"When these guys are put into these smaller communities, they almost take on the role of a police chief. They have to problem-solve, interact with the schools, village councils and other townships," he said.

Deputies at the Dexter substation cover Dexter and Webster townships, as well as the village.

A Clarkston High School graduate, Trester graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

He began his career at the sheriff's department on the midnight shift with the countywide road patrol. He spent three years in Ypsilanti Township, three years in the detective bureau and then returned to road patrol. In February 1999, he was promoted to sergeant.

Trester worked as a shift supervisor in Ypsilanti and as a team leader for the Special Weapons and Tactics team. Last year, he spent a week at sniper school for additional SWAT training.

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## Midsummer Night's Dream

**The fourth-grade Shakespeare Talent Development Group at South Meadows Elementary School in Chelsea recently performed the bard's comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The play was produced by Cynthia Dopp and Karin Linstrom. The group is organized by Rebecca Chamberlain. Kneeling in front are Flora Hay (left), Amy Sannes and Megan Dembinski. Sitting behind are Bree Zeller (left), Julie Beaumont, Lorna Blocksma, Sara Bross, Maryanna Pappas, Dina Mullins, Meghan Reiley, Lizzy Everett and Alexis Alvarado.**


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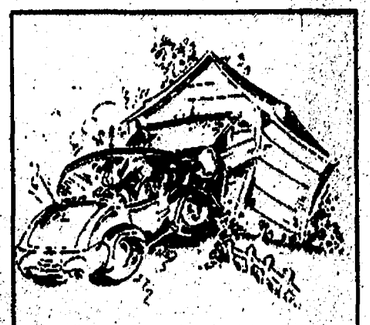

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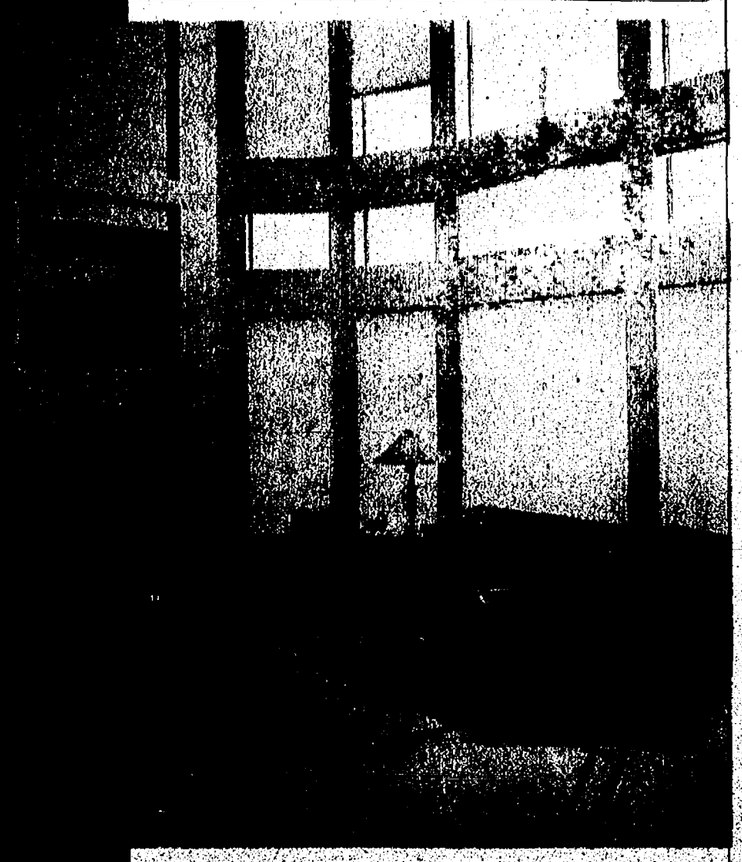

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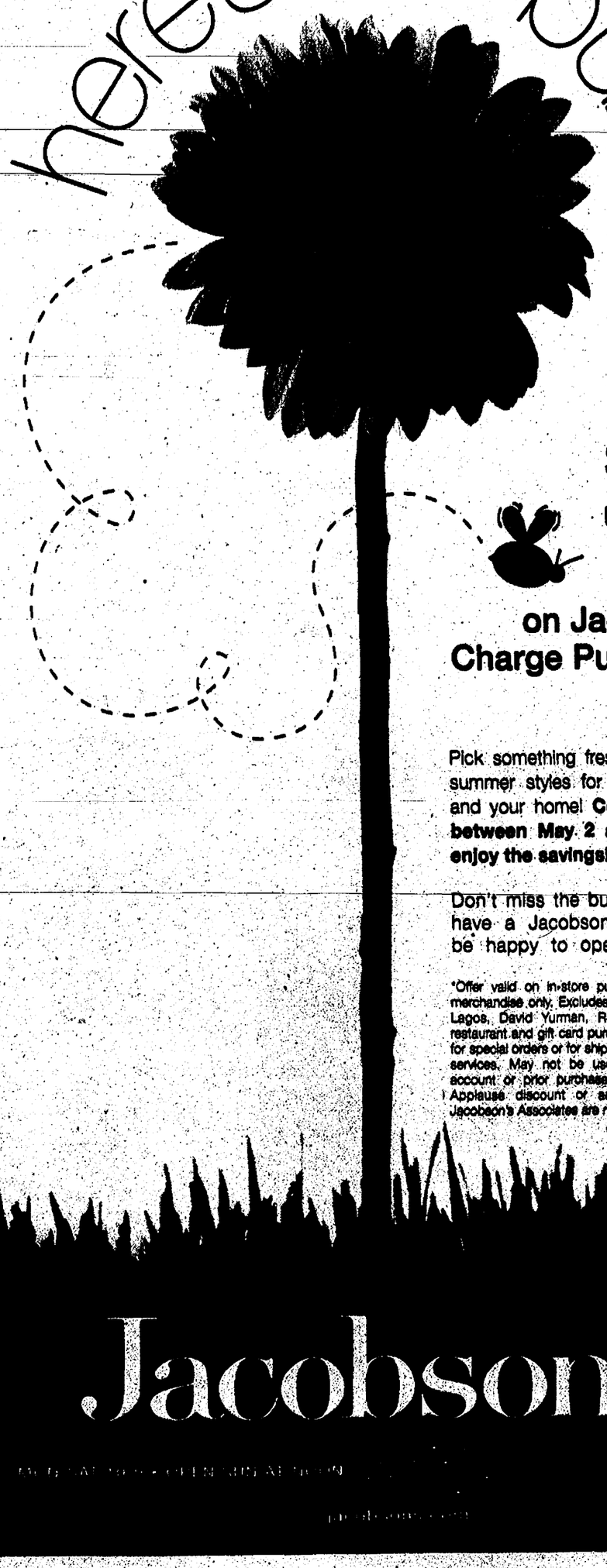

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Todd Brown (left), Mark Neff, Derek Stanton and Dave Stanton, members of the local country rock group The Gigantics, will celebrate the release of their new CD, "Angel Talk," May 10 at the UAW Hall, 218 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

# Group to hold CD release party

■ *The Gigantics will perform 8:30 p.m. May 10.*

**By Sheila Pursglove**
Associate Editor

Local country rock group The Gigantics will celebrate the release of its new CD, "Angel Talk," with a foot-stomping honky-tonk gig 8:30 p.m. May 10 at the UAW Hall, 218 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

The group has performed at everything from pig roasts, parties on flatbed trucks, Elks clubs and horsemen's conventions to big-time gigs such as the Detroit Hart Plaza with Nashville star Sara Evans.

"There's not too many places to see live music locally, so we thought we would make it convenient for local folks to come out and have a good time and share what we have to offer," said singer and songwriter Mark Neff.

Neff and drummer Todd Brown, both Chelsea residents, have been making music together for about 15 years, since their student years at Chelsea High School.

They rehearsed their music in local barns, garages and apartments "for as long as people would put up with us," Neff said.

The band recently acquired two Dexter musicians, bass guitarist, pianist and vocalist Dave Stanton and his son, guitarist Derek Stanton.

"Derek is the newest member and the finest country picker I've played music with," Neff said.

The band also juggles two pedal steel guitarists, Drew Howard of Mason and Jack Leaver Jr. of the Grand Rapids area.

"Members have come and gone and it's been hard at times, but the cream always rises to the top and the band just gets better and better," Neff said.

Neff, who cut his teeth listening to his parents, Sandra and Richard, play country music, said the major influences on his music have been George Jones, Buck Owens, Merle Haggard and Hank Williams Sr., as well as The Beatles, Elvis Costello, Steve Earle and The Replacements.

When not on stage, Neff runs a carpentry business, Brown — who also plays mandolin — sells office supplies, Dave Stanton tunes pianos and Derek Stanton is a part-time student.

The new CD, recorded and mixed at Bigsky Studio in Ann Arbor, is a collection of nine "honkabilly" songs, swinging through honky-tonk, rock 'n' roll, western swing and whiskey ballads.

The band is also set to play at the Detroit Downtown Hoe Down May 19 and will appear at The Elbow Room in Ypsilanti May 31. In August, the group is scheduled to play with Grammy nominee Jim Lauderdale at a show in Kalamazoo.

# Library to poll residents

■ *Survey will cost taxpayers $8,500.*

**By Michael Rybka**
Special Writer

The Chelsea District Library Board decided to go with the tried and true in choosing Kathy Feaster to conduct its upcoming telephone survey of voters in the library service area.

The survey will weigh opinions on planning for facility expansion in the downtown area.

Feaster, whose services have been used by the Chelsea School District, conducted the library's last telephone survey, which gauged community satisfaction with its services and facilities in preparation for the October 1999 millage election. Voters passed an operational millage but rejected a building bond.

Feaster's $8,500 all-inclusive fee was the lowest of three bids. The job was budgeted at $10,000.

Before composing the questionnaire, Feaster will study data from the previous survey, analyze voter demographics and be briefed on what new services the library is hoping to provide.

Library Director Metta Lansdale said that a focus group is not necessary because Feaster knows the questions the board wants asked.

Most questions will center on how much one would be willing to pay for renovating the McKune House and expanding services.

Feaster will make some 400 calls and ask as many as 50 questions. Interview length is estimated to be between 10 to 15 minutes, depending on how many open-ended questions will be asked. This is said to guarantee a certainty factor of 95 percent with a plus-minus factor of 5 percent.

The library will be responsible for obtaining lists of registered voters from each municipality in the library district and look up phone numbers for each registered voter selected for the sample.

Library Board Treasurer John Gourlay expressed reservations over the length of the questioning.

"I know how much patience I have with telephone solicitors," he said.

Lansdale said the public would be forewarned through a publicity campaign.

Feaster will begin work June 3. Results are expected by mid-July and will be ready for a presentation a couple of weeks later.

Feaster will subcontract callers and computer services. She will not rely on trained volunteers, which the library provided in the previous survey.

In 1998, Feaster sampled 370 voters from a list of 10,116. Up to 50 questions were asked in an average of 10 minutes.

Feaster's specialty is conducting school district polls to support election research. She has also worked for Dearborn and Freemont public libraries, community colleges, universities and chambers of commerce.

In other matters, the board announced that a new laser printer is up and running and promised that a replacement for its 11-year-old copier soon would be forthcoming. Customers have had trouble with its coin operation.

**Michael Rybka is a free-lance writer. He can be reached at 475-8597.**

# Frayer joins honor society

Christopher Frayer of Chelsea has been inducted into the Grand Valley State University chapter of the honor society Phi Kappa Phi.

A graduate of Chelsea High School, he is the son of Bob and Christine Frayer.

The primary objective of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship in all academic disciplines.

# CONSTRUCTION

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Main Street until construction reaches Chelsea Community Hospital in a week or so, Myers said.

Trustee Janice Ortbring said she favors signs that indicate improvements are under way in the village, rather than "under construction" signs. She also suggested that educational material and information about parking be distributed in the village.

Patti Schwarz, owner of Chelsea River Gallery, suggested that the village place advertisements on local radio stations. Several businesses, she said, are willing to contribute funds toward radio spots designed to encourage visitors to come to Chelsea despite the construction.

Council Trustee Charles Ritter said he is not in favor of the village providing funds toward business advertising. Myles supports public service announcements that put a positive spin on the construction project.

Village President Richard Steele said he supports the idea of a newsletter and said the idea of radio spots could be explored further.

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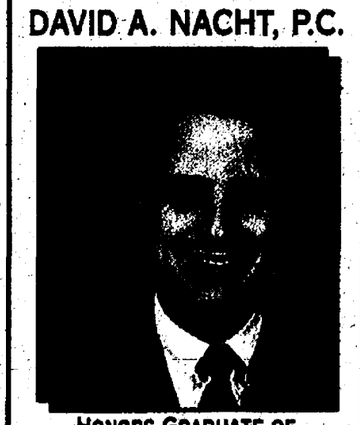

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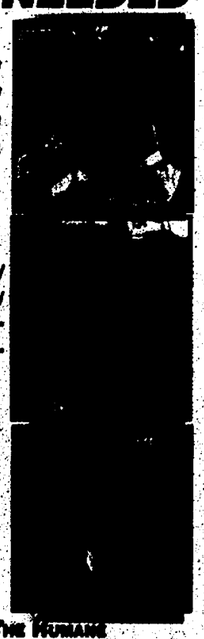

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# Good job

## *Local man receives honor*

**By Will Keeler**
**Staff Writer**

For almost three decades, Ken Nixon has followed many curves, but has remained on one road.

Nixon, director of operations for the Washtenaw County Road Commission, has worn many hats with the county and was recently recognized for his efforts with a state merit award.

Nixon received the award from the County Road Commission of Michigan for outstanding leadership as president of the Association of County Road Superintendents.

"I'm honored to get this award," Nixon said. "It's nice to get a compliment, especially when you don't hear them too often."

Washtenaw County Road Commissioner Pam Byrnes called Nixon a dedicated worker.

"He's an outstanding employee who is very deserving of the award," she said.

Byrnes was at a ceremony March 21 in Lansing when the award was presented to Nixon. The accolade is given annually to members of the road association and to those who have made contributions to the county road system.

For almost three decades, Nixon has made a career with the road commission.

The Webster Township resident began working for the county while he was in high school. Before graduating from Dexter High School in 1971, Nixon clocked in several hours with the road commission while working part time during the summer.

He attended Michigan Technical University after graduation, but within a year he realized college life wasn't for him. He returned to the Dexter area and worked a handful of odd jobs before returning to the road commission full time.

In his first couple of years back, Nixon kept busy working as an attendant at the rest area near US-23 and North Territorial Road.

**Ken Nixon, director of operations for the Washtenaw County Road Commission, was given a state merit award March 21. Nixon, a Webster Township resident, received the award from the County Road Commission of Michigan for his leadership as president of the Association of County Road Superintendents.**

He quickly moved up the ranks and began working with such heavy equipment as bulldozers and graders. Nixon also worked with crews employed to cut back trees along some of the county's busy roadways.

In 1978, he was promoted to survey crew leader and was in charge of the engineering department, overseeing road projects and surveyors.

Nixon stayed in the job for eight years and, in 1986, moved up the employment ladder to foreman of maintenance. He was responsible for work crews and maintenance of Northfield, Salem, Superior and Ann Arbor townships.

After seven years, Nixon moved up the ranks again to become assistant superintendent of maintenance for the road commission.

"This was basically a learning process, preparing me to move up to the superintendents position," he said.

And Nixon did just that, moving to the superintendent's position a year later. After six years, he was on the move again, this time as operations director.

As director of operations, Nixon oversees the maintenance of all of the equipment and vehicles. He is also in charge of approximately 80 mechanics and facilities department workers.

Nixon said that the biggest change he has seen in his career has been the increase in traffic on county roads.

"Seeing more traffic makes our job more demanding and sometimes more challenging," he said.

Nixon said that more subdivisions in western Washtenaw County mean more roads are made, and the demand on his department increases.

Nixon said that he enjoys his job and never expected to make a career out of it. He credits his co-workers and job security as reasons for staying with the road commission.

When Nixon isn't busy tending to the roads, he enjoys spending time with his wife, and playing softball, volleyball and racquetball. He is also active in several groups at Peace Lutheran Church in Scio Township.

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**Joe Shackelford, clinical supervisor in X-ray and imaging at Chelsea Community Hospital, shows Chrisopher Carender, Alex Pazkowski and Zachary Presnell the ropes during a tour of the hospital on "Take Your Child to Work" Day April 25.**

# A day at work

## *Hospital welcomes employees' children*

Chelsea Community Hospital welcomed 25 children of employees April 25 during the facility's first organized "Take Your Child to Work" Day.

LouAnn Eder, assistant director of human resources, said that she thought it was important to support and participate in the event for two reasons.

"Most of our employees are with patients all day and it isn't feasible for them to have their children with them during bedside care," Eder said. "I also felt children's experiences at a hospital aren't usually under happy circumstances whether it be because they are sick or because a family member is sick.

"We wanted to give them a happy healthcare experience and show them that working at (the hospital) or in health care can be very rewarding."

Eder said that all of the departments involved stepped up and were eager to spend time with the youngsters.

Some of the activities included a tour of the inpatient area, where children had their blood pressure taken, tested the hospital beds for carrying capacity and viewed an X-ray of a broken shoulder.

After lunch in the hospital cafeteria, the children were encouraged to participate in activities related to nutrition, the importance of not smoking, and regular exercise and infection control.

"The children also had the option of spending time with their parents at the beginning and end of the day," Eder said.

"We hope to include more children next year, but realize we are limited on the number of children we can have touring our units while still providing excellent care for our patients."

# Hansen receives award

State Rep. John Hansen, D-52nd District, was recently awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Association of School Nurses.

Prior to his election to the state Legislature three years ago, Hansen, who lives in Dexter Village, was superintendent of Dexter schools. His career has also included working as a teacher, counselor and principal.

Public Act 51 of 2002, passed by the legislature and signed by the governor this year, was a House of Representatives bill introduced by Hansen. To protect the health of elementary and high school students, the law requires school districts to review their policies for administering prescription medications provided by students' parents.

Staff members in some school districts administer medications to as many as one-fourth of the students enrolled.

Hansen is a candidate for the state's 18th Congressional District. The district includes Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Dexter, Chelsea and many Washtenaw County townships.


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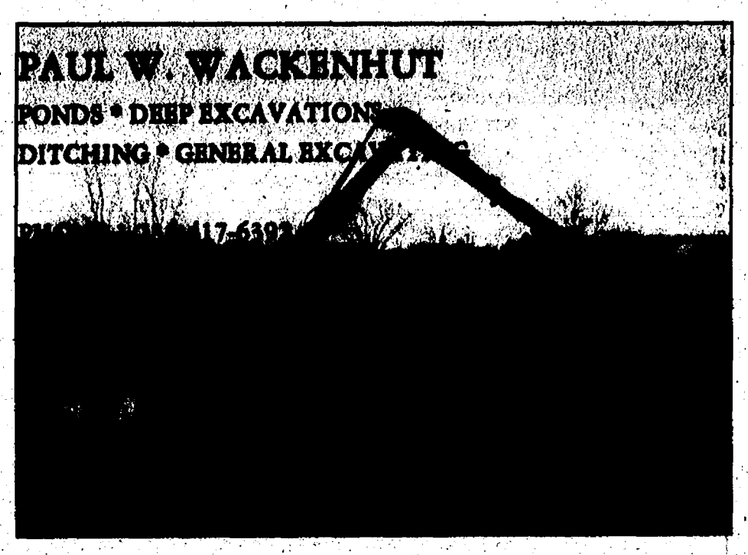


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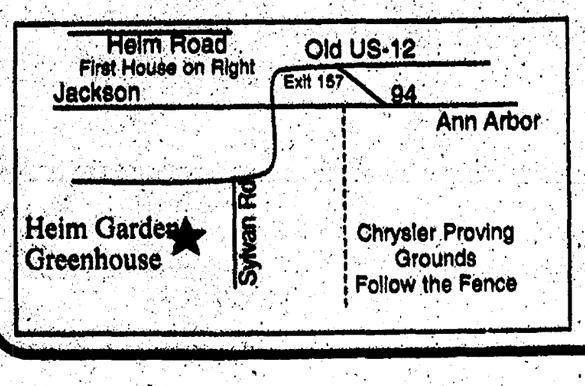

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# Down on the farm

## *Local third-grade pupils enjoy Rural Education Days*

**By Rita Fischer**
Special Writer

Third-graders from Chelsea and Dexter schools had the opportunity to shake hands with Abe Lincoln, pet a cow and watch quails hatch during Washtenaw County Rural Education Days.

The event was April 23 through 25 at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds in Lodi Township.

The three-day event, now in its 12th year, drew more than 2,100 pupils and 450 adults from 27 schools from across the county. The purpose of Project R.E.D. is to educate third-graders about local agriculture and natural resources.

Lima Township farmer Sue Rodgers has volunteered for five years, and Rodgers Corner Produce sponsors the bus that carries the Chelsea class to the event.

"It's important for every child to know about agriculture," Rodgers said. "A good place for them to learn is here at the Farm Council Grounds."

"I like seeing the excitement when children see firsthand where things really come from."

Abe Lincoln — a.k.a. Bill Ames — has been a participant since the program started.

"I like the interaction with kids," he said. "I used to be a teacher and understand that agriculture is important to their lives, that we need each other. Kids need to understand that there is a starting point for every product that we have."

Photo by Rita Fischer

**Dan Stefanski of Dexter, a third-grader at Bates Elementary School, made friends with a duckling during Rural Education Days at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Lodi Township.**

Ames, dressed as Honest Abe, stood inside a white chalk outline of the state of Michigan drawn on the barn floor.

Inside the outline were products from various counties. "Lincoln" talked about the different places in Michigan that grow produce, where people farm, where trees are grown and how each part of Michigan produces something different.

Farmer Beth McCalla of Milan Township said the feedback from the children makes her involvement worthwhile.

Photo by Colleen O'Neill

**Pupils in teacher Jeanne Caselli's third-grade class at North Creek Elementary School enjoyed a trip to Rural Education Days last week. The group includes Caselli, Emma Argiroff, Dylan Beckett, Derick Bauthin, Alan Dalon, Megan Erskine, Erica Fredericks, Matthew Gillespie, Robert Hall, Martin Harris, Stasia Jarrell, Samuel Kane, Katherine Lange, Lela Longworth, Jeffrey McKay, Jack Meloche, Zachary Schepers, Marquel Taylor, Madeleine Turner, Katie VanSchoick and Marie Zill. Conor Tait and Andrew Koch are not pictured.**

"Some of the kids that come here have no idea about farming," she said. "It's fun to see the excitement in their faces when they find out where things come from.

"We farm 2,200 acres and want kids to know about it. That's why I am so willing to help."

Many local agriculture and natural resource organizations, businesses, county offices and volunteers made the program happen. Students from various 4-H groups use this as their community volunteer service project.

Classes toured seven different buildings and had the opportunity for a close-up view of where food and products come from.

Volunteers from 4-H groups led the classes through the barns for presentations.

Barn A, focusing on Michigan

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# Children earn 4-H awards

Several local youngsters were among 100 youth who participated in the annual Washtenaw County 4-H Spring Achievement Day April 13 at Saline Middle School.

The theme was "Celebrate 100 years of 4-H," and historic photos of 4-H members and club work were on display.

Stephanie Fischer

Participants were evaluated in sewing, construction, woodworking, knitting, crocheting, performance arts and style revue. There was also an archery shoot. The event culminated in an evening presentation for family and friends.

Debby Poet of Ann Arbor, Kim Bruckner of Milan, Julie Thelen of Saline and Rachael Vaassen of Saline will serve as 4-H ambassadors this year.

Garrett Fischer of Dexter, Whitmore Lake residents Jenna Sowash and Megan Innis, Stephanie Haeussler of Manchester and Beth Corrigan of Saline won honors in the sewn items, nonwearable category. Innis took top prize.

Fischer was also a winner in the woodworking project area, winning honors with Jeff Grau of Chelsea, Miranda Gorte of Clinton and Jacob Herter of Saline. Manchester residents Eric Lobbestael, and Greg and Tracy Schaible also took home honors.

Stephanie Fischer of Dexter won a top award in performing arts achievement. Others receiving honors were Mark and Jenna Sowash of Whitmore Lake, Julia and Elizabeth Espinosa of Ann Arbor and Katie Lyons of Whitmore Lake.

Jenna Satterthwaite of Chelsea took honors in the clothing construction area, and also won the first-place Martha Powers Award. Beth Corrigan of Saline, Elizabeth Espinosa of Ann Arbor, Renee and Julie Thelen of Saline and Jamie Hammer of Milan also captured honors in this group, ages 15 to 19.

Amy Alford of Dexter won honors in the clothing construction category, ages 12 to 14, taking third place overall. Other winners were Julia Espinosa of

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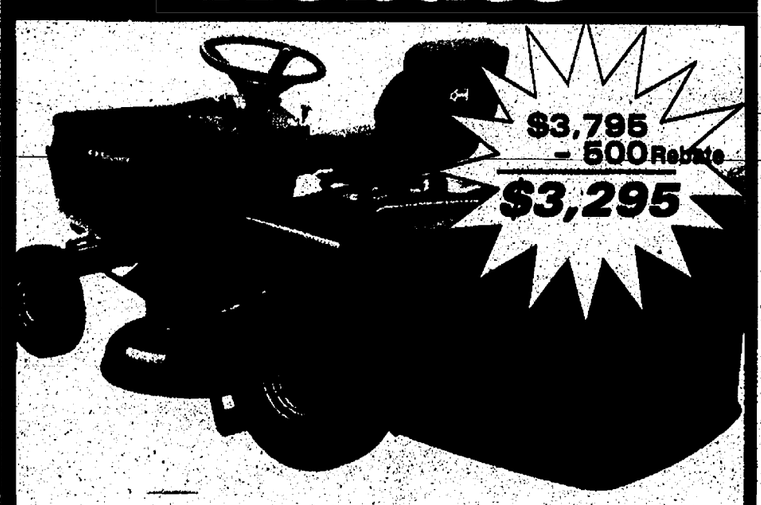


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# FARM

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commodities, was a big success. It offered samples of many different foods, including pork sausage, ice cream, apples, dried cherries, dried blueberries, honey nut Cheerios, potato chips sunflower seed, popcorn and wool.

Youngsters were also given seedlings to take home and plant.

Local sheep farmer Perry Plouffe has been bringing raw wool and end products for four years.

"The commodity showcase gives each child general education about agriculture and how it affects everyone daily," Plouffe said.

Michigan State University alumni Gloria and Dick Bignall of Ann Arbor Township, who handed out apples, said they come for the pure joy of it. The couple was in Future Farmers of America and 4-H when they were youngsters.

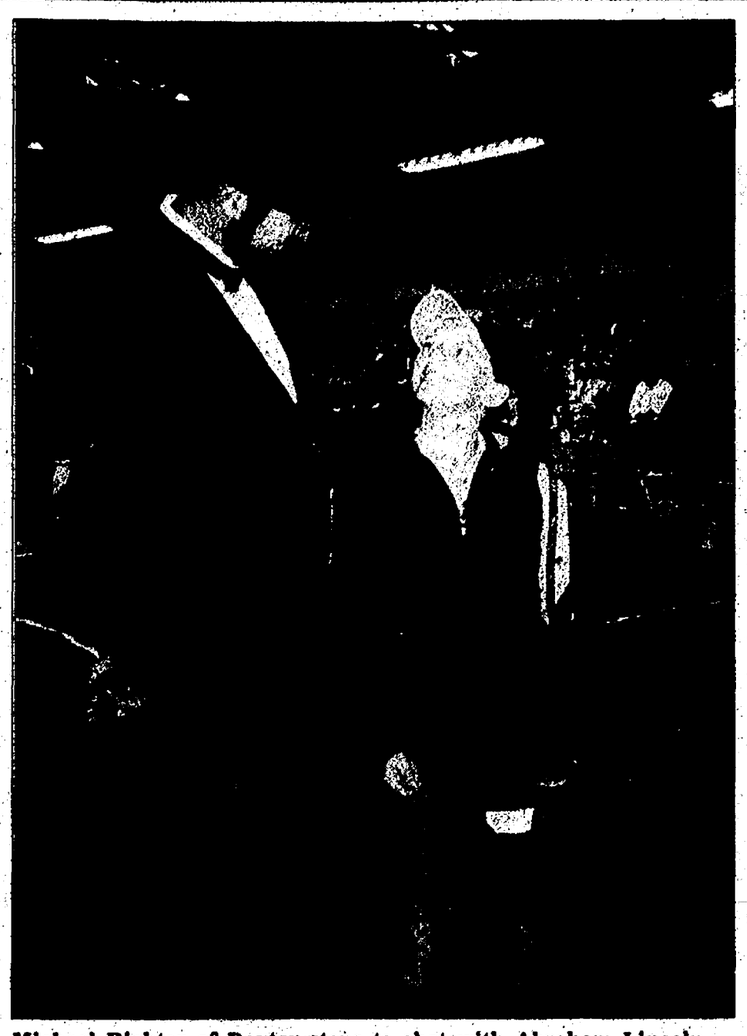
Barn D was another crowd pleaser, offering different farm animals. Children watched quails hatch from eggs, held ducklings, petted rabbits, and made the acquaintance of an emu, cows, pigs, sheep and goats.

Participant Francis Cousino was taking part in the event for the first time.

"A young girl came up who used sign language," he said. "I was so touched that it made her day to hold one of the ducks and to see the excitement on her face."

In other buildings, children learned about conservation, water quality and soil erosion; about the dairy process, how to milk a cow and all the products that result from milk; about how corn grows and all the things that are produced from corn and what tractors were used to plant and pick the corn.

The Washtenaw Farm Council, Washtenaw County Farm Bureau and the Michigan State University Extension Office sponsored the event.



Michael Richter of Dexter stops to chat with Abraham Lincoln — a.k.a. Bill Ames — about Michigan products during Rural Education Days. The event was held April 23 through 25 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Lodi Township.

Photos by Rita Fischer

Jonathan Jackson, a third-grader at Bates Elementary School in Dexter, enjoys free samples of Michigan produce during Rural Education Days. The event was held April 23 through 25 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Lodi Township. Jackson is flanked by parent Lucinda Herring and paraprofessional Sharon Halash.

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# AWARDS

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Ann Arbor and Carey Goenka of Ann Arbor.

Julie Beaumont of Chelsea took honors and third place overall in the young clothing construction category, ages 10 and 11. Other winners were Patti Vaassen of Saline, and Katelyn Horning and Katy Uphaus of Manchester.

Aaron Johnson of Chelsea captured honors in the beginner clothing construction category, ages 8 and 9, along with Emily Espinosa of Ann Arbor, and Skylar Haeussler, Hanna Dunsmore and Carly Meeks of Manchester.

Stephanie Fischer of Dexter, Jenna and Brenda Satterthwaite of Chelsea and Julie and Renee Thelen of Saline took honors in the style revue event. The Satterthwaites will have two senior awards on the mantelpiece, with Jenna winning third place and Brenda taking first. Julie Thelen took second place.

Julie Espinosa and Carey Goenka of Ann Arbor, Stephanie Haeussler of Manchester and Sara Hammond of Saline captured honors in the junior division of the style revue. Katelyn Horning and Katy Uphause of Manchester, Amanda Laberdee of Deerfield and Patti Vaassen of Saline took honors in the young division.

Courtney Cook of Dexter won honors and first place in the beginning division of style review. Honors also went to Andrea Frailey of Saline, Emily Espinosa of Ann Arbor, Karis Kanitz of Milan and Skylar Haeussler of Manchester.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

## Scio Township

**Property Damage**

Someone threw a rock through a window April 24 in the 4200 block of Eyrie Drive in Eagle Pointe apartments.

The woman living in the apartment was sitting in her dining room when it happened. She looked out her front door and saw someone running from the front yard.

The woman could not see the person's face and could not determine whether the person was a man or woman. Damage to the window is estimated at $100.

**Drunken Driving**

A 28-year-old Saline man was arrested for drunken driving April 25 near the intersection of Huron River Drive and Pineview Street.

A deputy was parked near the intersection because of a tree that was in the road. The deputy had his flashers and lights on to warn oncoming traffic of the downed tree.

The driver did not slow down, however. The deputy stopped the man and noticed that he appeared drunk. The deputy could smell a strong odor of alcohol on the man's breath.

The driver was given a couple of sobriety tests. He failed three and was given a Breathalyzer. His blood-alcohol level was a .13 percent. A blood-alcohol level of .10 or higher is considered legally drunk under Michigan law. The suspect was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

**Retail Fraud**

On April 21, a 17-year-old boy was caught stealing a number of items from Meijers, 5645 Jackson Road.

The boy told police that he was at the store returning a pair of boots and decided to take a couple of items. He replaced the old hat that he was wearing with another one that was on display. He also took a watch.

Loss prevention officers caught the boy when he was leaving the store. He was turned over to his mother.

**Warrant Arrest**

A 35-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested on a warrant April 24 at his home in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road.

Police found the man after they met with his ex-girlfriend. The woman told police that they were arguing and wanted deputies to come over to help break up the fight. She asked officers to escort her back to the man's trailer to get her belongings.

Police later found that the man was wanted in Livingston County on a warrant for failing to appear in court. The suspect was arrested and custody was transferred to the Livingston County Sheriff's Department.

**Warrant Arrest**

A 43-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested April 23 on a warrant at his home in the 4200 block of Eyrie Drive in Eagle Pointe apartments.

Deputies were responding to another call when they recognized the man. He was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

**Larceny**

Two radar detectors were stolen from two vehicles April 23. The unlocked cars were parked inside a garage in the 3500 block of Daleview Drive.

Deputies were able to lift prints from both of the vehicles. The radar detectors are worth a total of $700.

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A total of 50 sheets of plywood were stolen April 23 from a construction site in the 3000 block of Walnut Ridge Drive.

The wood, valued at $1,100, was being stored at the site when the contractor noticed it was missing. The contractor asked his work crew about the missing plywood, but no one noticed anything suspicious.

## Dexter Township

**Underage Drunken Driving**

A 17-year-old boy was arrested for drunken driving April 25 near the intersection of Dexter-Pinckney and Wylie roads.

Deputies noticed the boy driving 67 mph in a 45-mph zone. When deputies stopped the boy, they could smell alcohol on his breath. He was given two sobriety tests and failed both of them.

He was given a Breathalyzer. His blood-alcohol level was a .23 percent. A blood-alcohol level of .10 percent is considered legally drunk under Michigan law. He was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

## Webster Township

**Breaking and Entering**

A furnace was reported stolen April 24 from the Ann Arbor Country Club in Loch Alpine subdivision.

The country club is under construction and the temporary furnace was last seen April 19. The general contractor noticed it was missing April 24.

Sheriff's deputies said an intruder entered the club through temporary plywood doors. The furnace is valued at $500.

**Larceny**

A flat-bed trailer was stolen April 24 from a home in the 4900 block of N. Delhi Road.

The trailer was parked on the front lawn. The owner recalls seeing it when he left for work at 9 a.m. When he returned home from work at 5 p.m., it was missing.

## Dexter Village

**Larceny**

A backhoe was stolen between April 25 and April 26 from a construction site in the 400 block of Preston Circle.

The construction manager arrived at the site April 26 and noticed the equipment was missing. He remembered parking the tractor near the construction trailer the previous day.

## Chelsea Village

**Property Damage**

A driver apparently lost control of a car April 28 and hit a light pole near Pierce Park.

An officer noticed the damaged pole while patrolling the area at 7 a.m., but did not see the driver.

The village's electrical department repaired the pole and the light fixture.

**Larceny**

Two purses were stolen April 27 from a locked vehicle that was parked at an athletic field, 14140 E. Old US-12.

The vehicle belongs to a 56-year-old Chelsea woman. The van was parked in the lot while she was watching a soccer game.

The two purses are worth $20 each and had a total of $80 in cash in them and several credit cards.

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A cellular phone was taken April 26 from a vehicle that was parked in the 200 block of West Middle Street.

The owner of the car left the phone on the front seat at 6 p.m. April 25 and noticed it was missing the following night. The man wasn't sure if the car doors were locked. The phone is worth $100.

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A wallet was stolen April 26 from a locker at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

The wallet belongs to a Chelsea boy who left it in an unlocked locker while at track practice.

When he returned from track practice two hours later at 9:30 a.m., he noticed the contents of the wallet were scattered around the locker room. A gift certificate and $20 was in the wallet.

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Someone drove off with $16 worth of gas April 28 from Village Mobil, 1629 S. Main St.

The gas station employee noticed that the driver tried using a credit card at the pump, but later noticed a dollar amount was not on the receipt.

The driver left the gas station and entered westbound Interstate 94.

**General Assistance**

A 51-year-old Chelsea man called police April 27 to report that a raccoon was in his basement. The man lives in the 800 block of Moore Drive.

When the officer arrived, the raccoon was trapped and was released outside.

**Property Damage**

A 34-year-old Chelsea man called police April 28 after he noticed that the front of his house had been hit with paint balls. The man lives in the 700 block of West Middle Street.

The victim believes the vandalism was done over night. No other damage was done to the house.

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

Photo by Rita Fischer

**Avon Walkers**

**Sue Williams of Chelsea is the walking coach for a team of women who will take part in the May 31 Avon 3-Day Walk from Ann Arbor to Farmington Hills. The walk is to raise funds for breast cancer research. Each Friday, the group, which has collectively raised $35,000 to date, walks 20 miles. Pictured are Mary Randolph (left) of Sylvan Township, Jean Wolter of Lyndon Township, JoAnn Green of Ann Arbor, Irene Nickels of Sylvan Township, Cathy Leonard of Ann Arbor and Williams. Williams took part in an Avon walk to Chicago last year.**

# Parks offer nature programs

The Washtenaw County Parks Department is offering a variety of nature programs this month.

Programs kick off 10 a.m. Sunday with "Spring Flora of Embury Woods," when naturalist Faye Stoner leads a hike to learn about spring wildflowers and other interesting plants.

Participants should meet at Park Lyndon North on North Territorial one mile east of M-52 and carpool to the woods.

"Second Saturday Bird Walk" will be held 8 a.m. May 11 at Independence Lake, located off Jennings Road between Six Mile and North Territorial roads in Webster Township. Stoner will lead participants in woods looking for wetlands, prairie and open water, where sora rails, warblers, bluebirds, brown thrashers and many other species can be found.

Participants should bring binoculars and a bird book. Beginning birders are welcome. A park entry fee is required. Participants should meet at the Group Center.

Events also will be offered May 11, 14 and 23 at County Farm Park and Parker Mill, both located in Ann Arbor.

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## Street Talk

By Erin Dronen

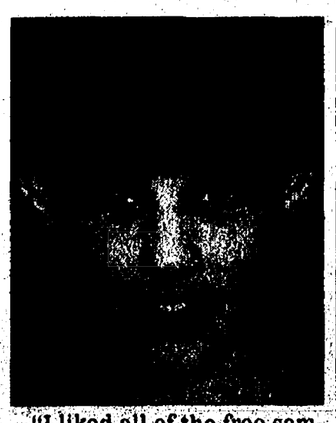
**What was your favorite part of Project RED, Washtenaw County Rural Education Days?**

"I liked that we got to go around and see different things from our normal lives."

**Martin Harris**
**Dexter Township**

"We got to pet all of the animals. One of the funny parts was when we were trying to take a picture of a cow and it ran away."

**Marie Zill**
**Chelsea**



"I liked all of the free samples because ice cream was one of them. And I liked petting the animals."

**Sam Kane**
**Chelsea**

"My favorite part was when a little rabbit bit me."

**Matt Gillespie**
**Chelsea**

"I liked seeing all of the exhibits they put up, like how water works on a farm."

**Emma Argiroff**
**Chelsea**

# Small-town Chelsea has big-city traffic

GREGORY PARKER

COMMUNITY ROOTS

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a two-part series the columnist plans to write about traffic problems in Chelsea.*

I'd like to meet the person or committee responsible for routing M-52 through Chelsea.

What would I tell them?

Being that this is a family newspaper, I'll abstain from putting it in print. But it wouldn't be pretty.

Except for development, I hold that traffic problems are Chelsea's biggest challenge.

Many of us cross our fingers and hope for the fabled bypass, the magic road that will route all truck traffic around Chelsea. I do, as long as it doesn't lead to more sprawl and decimate the surrounding environment.

But let's be realistic. This plan still has to clear a lot of hurdles before any pavement is laid. It's closer to fruition than it has ever been, but it's still a long-term goal.

So, in the meantime, in addition to advocating the bypass, we need to take another approach. With high rates of growth in all surrounding townships, the problem will only worsen. So, we need to try to manage it.

The volume and type of traffic in Chelsea, especially along M-52, impacts four key areas: inconvenience, quality of life, safety and cost.

**Inconvenience:** Congestion is a problem twice a day, during the morning rush and the evening rush. In and of itself, it really isn't that bad. I drive Main Street every day, and live within close proximity. While the congestion is annoying, it's usually short-lived.

But if current rates of development continue, it could become unbearable. A few new subdivisions north of the village could add hundreds of extra trips through Chelsea each day. With current growth, today's minor annoyance could turn into a major headache.

**Quality of life:** This is an intangible factor, and mostly related to the type of traffic that flows through Chelsea. The problem here is commercial trucks. I remember reading in the village's Comprehensive Plan that Chelsea experiences a greater rate of commercial truck traffic when compared to other towns this size. It cited a traffic study as proof.

The problem with trucks is that they create exponentially more noise than cars. Given the weights that they carry, given the massive power of their engines, it's easy to see why. And when they blast through the residential portions of Main Street or Middle Street, as they tend to do, they can shake houses, rattle windows and generally disturb residents.

And if you don't believe me, sit outside of Zou Zou's coffeehouse on a nice summer afternoon and wait until a gravel truck times the traffic lights just right, roaring through downtown at 30 miles per hour. Then you'll know what I mean.

**Safety:** If everyone followed the speed limit, this wouldn't be much of an issue. But few of us do, even in residential areas, and we've all seen drivers blasting down Main or Middle or Park streets at speeds approaching double the legal limit.

Because people live in close proximity to the street, and because some people treat Chelsea like a pedestrian town, there's a definite hazard to walkers, especially at intersections and crosswalks.

The safety issue doesn't stop at pedestrians. Think about all of the driveways and roads, and business and parking spaces just off M-52. With high rates of traffic and high speeds, this is a recipe for disaster.

Let's revisit the commercial truck issue for a moment. Say a fully loaded gravel hauler and an average sedan are traveling side by side at 60 mph. Now, let's say that each driver applies the brakes as hard as they can without losing control. Which one stops faster? Think about that next time you're trying to pull into traffic on Park Street or from a strip mall south of town.

**Cost:** The rates at which roads wear and deteriorate are related to many factors, including weather, traffic volume and type of traffic. Again, let's look at the amount of truck traffic.

Think about your average 18-wheeler. Say it's fully loaded, tipping the scales at 80,000 pounds. Then, think of your average car, which weighs in at around 3,500 pounds. The truck is going to exert more wear on roads at a rate exponentially higher than cars. And studies prove this.

So it's not surprising that many sections of M-52 are in a constant state of disrepair. Who gets the bill? Whether it's the state or the village, we're going to pay for it either way. But when repair does occur, it's annoying. And, if a road is in a constant state of disrepair, other problems, such as noise and safety, are exacerbated.

Congestion, quality of life, safety and cost. Would the bypass solve these problems? Probably. At least partially. Would it recreate these problems, just in a different area? Possibly, especially if it's not managed properly.

So what do we do in the meantime? We have to manage it. More on that next week.

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# Colored grass could be start of something big

KENT ASHTON WALTON

GUEST COLUMNIST

It's spring, when garden lovers' fancies turn to lawn care, so I wondered what was new in the green belt or, as it may become, the multicolored belt.

I recently read an article that explained how the Scotts Co., manufacturers of Ortho, Miracle Grow and other garden products, was trying to fulfill the suburbanite's dream.

Scotts' research laboratories are trying to produce a genetically altered grass designed to stay green while withstanding the most potent weed killer. In addition, they are working on a grass that needs less mowing. It's called "Low Mow" grass. Scotts hopes it will carpet lawns and golf courses around the world.

Great, I thought. As much as I might appreciate the obsessive desires of grass stewards to keep neat lawns, I do get upset with the constant roar of lawn mowers throughout the summer months. This should cut down on the noise and gas fumes.

However, that's not all. Scotts joined with the Monsanto Co. and researchers at Rutgers University to work on developing grasses of different colors.

Can you imagine going to the University of Michigan stadium and seeing the whole playing field set out in blue and gold interlocking U's and M's?

These researchers are also tinkering with the idea of inserting luminescent genes so the grass glows (yes, glows, not grows).

I'm not sure what uses this might have, but I suppose day-glow grass could brighten up your night barbecues. Maybe you could find the dog more easily.

I can think of some other uses for colored grasses that they might not have considered.

How about black grass at cemeteries? I think that would set the right tone for funerals.

Obviously, you would want blue grass at a music festival that played the blues and bluegrass music.

Religious groups may want to consider white or gold grass around their churches to depict purity and holiness.

Then there's the hallowed golf course. It might jar at first to invite a pal out to play a round of 18 on the local red, or to brag about your great putt on the sixth mauve.

With careful planting, the patriotic could seed lawns depicting the flag in red, white and blue. I don't know if there's a law against displaying Old Glory horizontally, but people display it in lights on their roofs, so why not?

There's really no end to what you could do with words and pictures using colored grass. I can see Nike and Coca-Cola advertisements springing up in fields and on lawns across the country. People's lawns would suddenly become advertising space and a ready means of income. That would help the economy.

Local car dealers could have a five-acre hillside touting Chevy vehicles for $0 down and only $299 a month, all in brightly colored grass.

A completely new industry in accurate colored grass planting would spring up. Commercial and special event lawn design would become an art form.

Why stop there? A company in Australia is already experimenting with new blue roses. I believe we are on the way to new colors for foods, including pink lettuce, purple peas and blue mashed potato (Some restaurants already have blue home fries).

I think we could go even further and do a number on the race problem. Inserting the right genes, we could design babies to be any color we wanted – blue, pink, green, day-glow red, or silver, with contrasting hair colors.

Perhaps when scientists get good at it, we could be genetically altered to have stripes, spots, even pictures and words all over our bodies. No need for painful tattoos anymore.

Yes, we could sell advertising space for Ford, Pepsi and Yahoo on our foreheads, or anywhere else you want to display it.

It could be a very colorful, but garish world, and it may be closer than we think.

As for me, I'm old fashioned and prefer to look out on what's left of the wild untouched landscape. I don't even want neat mowed lawns – not in my back yard.

**Kent Ashton Walton is a Chelsea area resident. He can be reached via e-mail at kentwalton@earthlink.net.**

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Fight for influence over trailer park

As I left a recent presentation given by Sylvan Township Special Projects Coordinator Jerry Dresselhouse and the developer of the proposed trailer park on Brown Drive, I heard one of the participants ask the developer something like: "Excuse me for asking, but will these manufactured homes have basements?"

I must admit that I was surprised by the question. Lordy! Not only do they not have basements, they have wheels!

When you think about it, though, it's not so surprising that people have been taken in by the developer's euphemism for a trailer. It's surprising, however, residents seem unable to understand the difference between a well-designed trailer park and a bad one, and realize that they do have a voice in the matter.

All Chelsea residents who live west of Madison Street, including those on the west side of Madison Street, are also voters in Sylvan Township. Make your voice heard. Call Sylvan Township Supervisor Charles Burgess at 475-8139 and Planning Commission Chairman Bob Lange at 475-4528, or attend the next Township Board meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday or Planning Commission meeting 7 p.m. May 23.

Let your local officials know that you want the trailer park on Brown Drive to be built so it's not an eyesore.

We need to exert public pressure now, before the park is built, because the cash value of mobile homes depreciates rather quickly down to zero. Trailer owners have little incentive to make improvements once they move in.

Moreover, because trailer owners only pay $36 in annual taxes, Sylvan Township will feel little need or ability to do much more than the minimum, once residents have paid their sewer access fees and settled in.

Let's not let this trailer park become an eyesore. Urge Burgess, Lange and the Sylvan Township Board to require the following:

- An embankment and evergreen barrier around the trailer park so throughout every season it cannot be seen from Interstate 94 or any of our local roads.
- A suitable access road that anticipates the next stage of development, so our local roads are not clogged by the influx of 350 new families.
- A sidewalk, plus a garage or parking pad, for every trailer, so that the roads in the development remain open, in good condition and safe.

The village will get virtually nothing in tax revenue from the trailer park, but our schools and our town will have to make the necessary accommodations. The least we should get in return is a trailer park that looks good and remains in good condition.

What can we do if Sylvan Township doesn't want to grant our requests for a visual screen, a good access road, sidewalks and parking for each trailer? If that happens, the village can annex the land and build it right.

Annexing requires agreement from both the village and the township, but because 55 percent of Sylvan Township's voters live in the village, we could push this through.

So, speak up and call Burgess and Lange, and attend the meetings until we get what we deserve.

We deserve a good development that isn't an eyesore when it's built and isn't an eyesore in future years when the beneficiaries have counted their profits and moved on to greener pastures.

**Palmer Morrel-Samuels**
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**Sylvan Township**

## Message on rock is inappropriate

Ironically and tragically, the latest message on the rock at Pierce Park says it all, "Pimpin' '81-02." It refers to Jeremy Delawter, who was killed in a car crash April 8 when his vehicle struck a car driven by Manuela Heaney of Chelsea.

Out of respect for Mrs. Heaney and her three children, it's past time for such memorializing to stop. It does not matter which village anyone comes from, as debated in the April 18 letters to the editor section of The Chelsea Standard. The legacy will be carried forever in the lives of three small children, who suffered life-altering terror and injury in an accident that may have been preventable but for an attitude publicly described as "pimpin'".

**Diane Jonas Locker**
**Chelsea Village**

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# WEATHER

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**THURSDAY**
HIGH: 52°-56°
Mostly cloudy, very windy and cool.

**THU. NIGHT**
LOW: 34°-38°
Clearing skies; cold.

**FRIDAY**
HIGH: 56°-60°
Breezy and cool with clouds and sun.
LOW: 36°-40°

**SATURDAY**
HIGH: 63°-67°
Several hours of sunshine; windy.
LOW: 41°-45°

**SUNDAY**
HIGH: 64°-68°
Mainly cloudy.
LOW: 41°-45°

**MONDAY**
HIGH: 61°-65°
Mostly cloudy with a shower; windy.
LOW: 35°-39°

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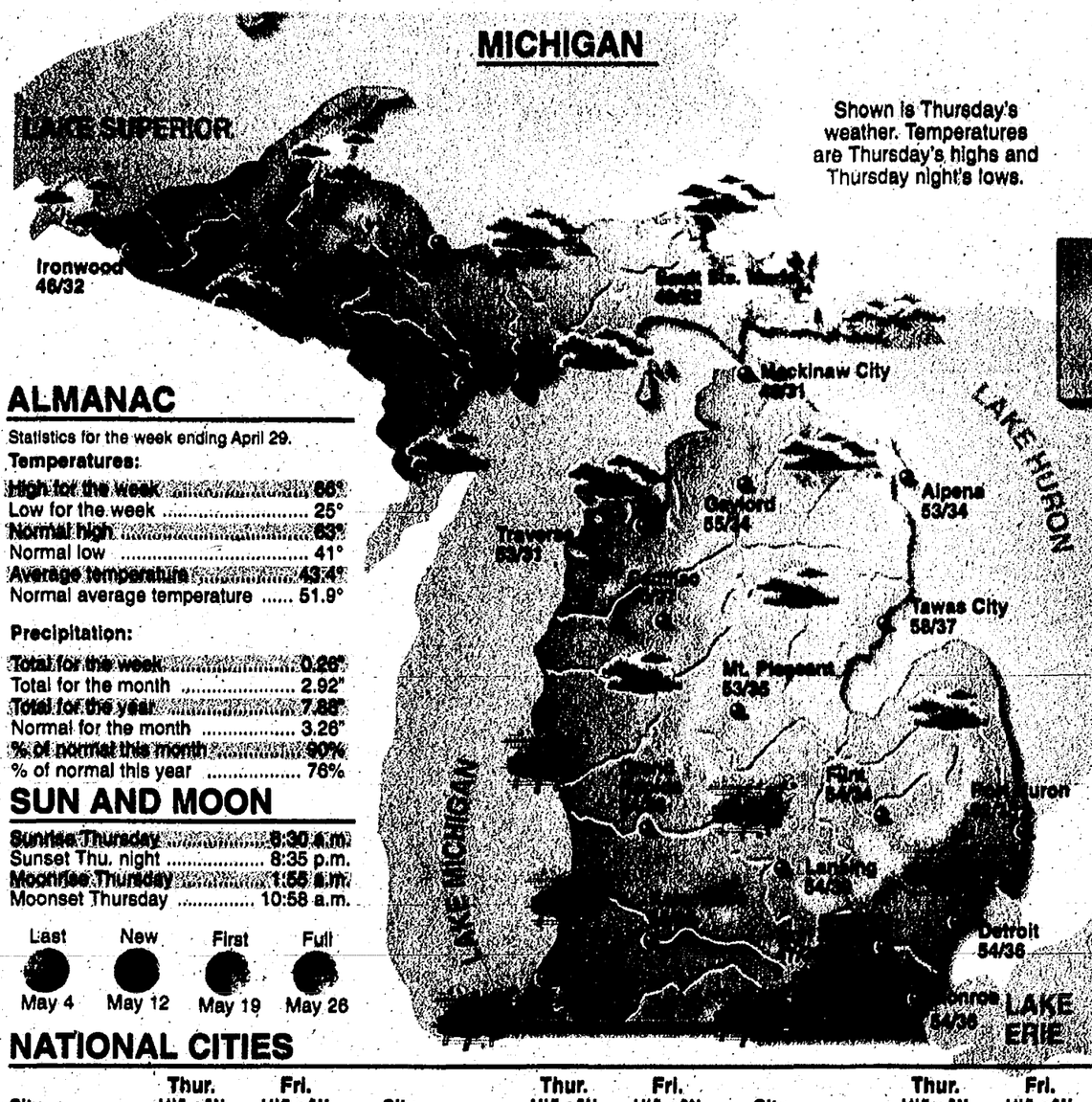


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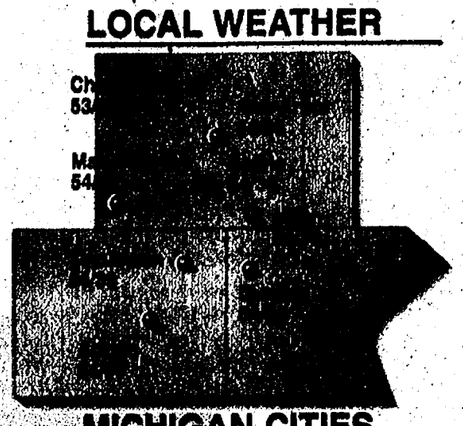

## AGRICULTURE

**Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties**
Rain will move out of the area today, but clearing will not take place until tonight. Tomorrow will be a good day for outdoor work with 8-10 hours of sunshine.

## REALFEEL TEMP™

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Highest Thursday ..... 44°
Highest Friday ..... 53°
Highest Saturday ..... 61°
Highest Sunday ..... 65°

## SOLUNAR TABLE

Four-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.

| | Major | Minor | Major | Minor |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thu. | | | | |
| Fri. | | | | |
| Sat. | | | | |
| Sun. | | | | |

## UV INDEX

Highest Thursday ..... Low
The ultraviolet index is a guide to exposure to the sun. The higher the UV Index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

## ALMANAC

Statistics for the week ending April 29.

**Temperatures:**

| | |
|---|---|
| High for the week | 66° |
| Low for the week | 25° |
| Normal high | 63° |
| Normal low | 41° |
| Average temperature | 43.4° |
| Normal average temperature | 51.9° |

**Precipitation:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Total for the week | 0.26" |
| Total for the month | 2.92" |
| Total for the year | 7.88" |
| Normal for the month | 3.26" |
| % of normal this month | 90% |
| % of normal this year | 76% |

## SUN AND MOON

| | |
|---|---|
| Sunrise Thursday | 6:30 a.m. |
| Sunset Thu. night | 8:35 p.m. |
| Moonrise Thursday | 1:55 a.m. |
| Moonset Thursday | 10:58 a.m. |

| Last | New | First | Full |
|---|---|---|---|
| May 4 | May 12 | May 19 | May 26 |

## MICHIGAN CITIES

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Ann Arbor | 54/36/c | 59/38/pc |
| Battle Creek | 55/35/c | 58/42/pc |
| Bay City | 54/36/c | 57/41/c |
| Coldwater | 54/39/c | 59/45/pc |
| Dearborn | 57/39/c | 57/42/pc |
| Detroit | 54/38/c | 58/40/pc |
| Grand Rapids | 52/35/c | 58/41/pc |
| Holland | 49/35/c | 58/43/pc |
| Jackson | 54/35/c | 58/42/pc |
| Kalamazoo | 54/36/c | 59/41/pc |
| Lansing | 54/34/c | 58/41/c |
| Livonia | 54/38/c | 57/43/pc |
| Midland | 54/36/c | 58/40/c |
| Monroe | 54/39/pc | 56/43/c |
| Muskegon | 47/35/c | 56/42/pc |
| Pontiac | 54/37/c | 57/41/pc |
| Port Huron | 58/37/c | 56/40/pc |
| Saginaw | 54/36/c | 57/41/c |
| Saline | 54/35/c | 58/38/pc |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 47/31/sn | 45/37/c |
| Sturgis | 55/39/c | 59/43/pc |
| Toronto | 49/36/sh | 46/32/pc |
| Traverse City | 49/32/c | 52/40/c |
| Warren | 58/40/c | 57/44/pc |

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

## WORLD CITIES

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Acapulco | 92/73/s | 92/73/pc |
| Algiers | 72/45/pc | 66/39/pc |
| Amsterdam | 59/44/pc | 60/41/pc |
| Athens | 73/56/s | 74/53/pc |
| Auckland | 60/52/pc | 63/56/pc |
| Bangkok | 91/80/c | 93/79/pc |
| Barbados | 88/78/c | 86/77/c |
| Beijing | 65/59/sh | 72/56/c |
| Belfast | 70/59/pc | 70/59/pc |
| Belgrade | 79/55/s | 84/65/pc |
| Berlin | 67/50/r | 64/45/pc |
| Bogota | 68/56/r | 65/56/sh |
| Buenos Aires | 66/47/s | 70/52/pc |
| Cairo | 87/53/s | 88/57/s |
| Calgary | 52/33/c | 47/20/sf |
| Cape Town | 71/51/pc | 69/51/pc |
| Copenhagen | 56/50/sh | 56/41/sh |
| Dublin | 54/40/pc | 51/42/pc |
| Frankfurt | 56/50/r | 51/42/c |
| Geneva | 49/39/r | 56/42/r |
| Hong Kong | 84/74/pc | 83/74/pc |
| Istanbul | 66/47/s | 64/43/pc |
| Jakarta | 88/75/pc | 87/73/pc |
| Jerusalem | 69/43/s | 72/45/s |
| Johannesburg | 77/52/pc | 76/52/pc |
| Karachi | 102/77/s | 105/78/s |

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Kiev | 69/48/s | 71/48/s |
| Lima | 77/66/pc | 77/65/pc |
| Lisbon | 66/48/pc | 69/53/s |
| London | 59/45/c | 57/45/pc |
| Madrid | 63/37/pc | 66/40/pc |
| Manila | 93/74/pc | 93/73/s |
| Mexico City | 83/57/pc | 83/59/s |
| Montreal | 54/37/c | 41/29/sh |
| Moscow | 59/48/pc | 72/52/s |
| Nairobi | 79/60/sh | 76/59/sh |
| New Delhi | 103/78/s | 107/79/s |
| Panama | 91/77/c | 92/76/pc |
| Paris | 57/42/sh | 61/41/pc |
| Rio de Janeiro | 76/67/r | 79/68/c |
| Rome | 72/56/c | 67/51/pc |
| San Juan | 86/74/pc | 86/72/pc |
| Santiago | 65/37/s | 69/39/s |
| Seoul | 75/57/s | 74/66/c |
| Singapore | 87/79/t | 89/78/c |
| Stockholm | 59/45/c | 54/45/r |
| Sydney | 73/59/s | 66/48/pc |
| Tehran | 73/59/c | 70/59/sh |
| Tokyo | 68/59/r | 70/59/r |
| Vancouver | 58/35/pc | 53/30/s |
| Vienna | 74/56/pc | 69/58/pc |
| Warsaw | 74/54/pc | 76/54/c |

## NATIONAL CITIES

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Akron | 60/38/pc | 50/40/pc |
| Albany | 64/42/r | 56/36/c |
| Albuquerque | 72/42/s | 75/48/s |
| Anchorage | 49/37/pc | 51/38/pc |
| Atlanta | 84/60/t | 78/58/pc |
| Atlantic City | 62/54/c | 66/46/pc |
| Austin | 86/58/s | 85/62/s |
| Baltimore | 78/52/pc | 66/44/pc |
| Baton Rouge | 87/64/t | 81/60/pc |
| Billings | 66/43/pc | 58/33/c |
| Birmingham | 84/58/t | 82/60/pc |
| Bismarck | 55/36/pc | 64/38/pc |
| Bloomington | 57/40/pc | 63/45/s |
| Boise | 70/42/pc | 66/38/c |
| Boston | 58/51/r | 55/40/c |
| Brownsville | 94/72/s | 92/72/pc |

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Buffalo | 60/38/r | 44/34/c |
| Burlington, IA | 56/40/pc | 66/42/s |
| Burlington, VT | 62/52/r | 52/38/c |
| Casper | 55/35/pc | 66/35/pc |
| Cedar Rapids | 52/34/pc | 66/44/pc |
| Charleston, SC | 90/66/pc | 84/57/pc |
| Charleston, WV | 74/45/sh | 68/40/pc |
| Charlotte | 88/58/t | 78/52/pc |
| Cheyenne | 58/36/pc | 66/38/s |
| Chicago | 52/38/c | 62/44/pc |
| Cincinnati | 60/39/pc | 62/42/s |
| Cleveland | 60/38/t | 48/38/s |
| Columbia, MO | 60/42/s | 70/48/s |
| Columbus, OH | 62/38/pc | 65/42/pc |
| Dallas | 78/58/pc | 82/58/s |
| Davenport | 52/38/pc | 66/45/s |

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Denver | 64/38/s | 72/42/s |
| Des Moines | 52/38/pc | 66/45/pc |
| Duluth | 48/28/pc | 52/37/pc |
| El Paso | 80/52/s | 82/60/s |
| Fairbanks | 41/28/pc | 47/30/pc |
| Fargo | 50/33/c | 59/38/pc |
| Flagstaff | 62/28/s | 62/30/s |
| Fort Wayne | 58/40/pc | 58/38/pc |
| Gary | 50/37/c | 62/42/pc |
| Green Bay | 46/33/c | 58/39/c |
| Helena | 66/41/s | 56/32/sf |
| Honolulu | 86/71/pc | 84/71/pc |
| Houston | 85/70/s | 86/72/pc |
| Indianapolis | 56/37/pc | 62/44/s |
| Juneau | 45/29/pc | 45/26/s |
| Kansas City | 58/38/s | 66/48/s |

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Knoxville | 77/51/t | 71/45/pc |
| Las Vegas | 80/58/s | 83/61/s |
| Lexington, KY | 68/43/t | 63/45/s |
| Lincoln | 58/36/pc | 70/43/pc |
| Little Rock | 72/54/pc | 78/50/s |
| Los Angeles | 67/55/pc | 69/55/pc |
| Louisville | 63/48/t | 66/45/s |
| Madison | 48/34/c | 62/43/pc |
| Memphis | 72/52/t | 74/52/s |
| Miami | 90/76/s | 90/76/s |
| Milwaukee | 48/37/c | 62/44/pc |
| Minneapolis | 46/32/pc | 60/40/pc |
| Mobile | 88/70/t | 86/64/pc |
| Nashville | 73/46/t | 70/45/s |
| New Orleans | 90/68/t | 87/66/pc |
| New York | 66/54/c | 64/48/pc |

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Norfolk | 66/60/t | 72/52/pc |
| Oklahoma City | 72/44/pc | 76/52/s |
| Omaha | 58/36/pc | 70/48/pc |
| Orlando | 94/70/s | 92/68/pc |
| Palm Springs | 84/57/s | 87/57/s |
| Peoria | 58/43/c | 66/46/s |
| Philadelphia | 74/54/c | 66/45/pc |
| Phoenix | 86/62/s | 90/64/s |
| Pittsburgh | 70/40/t | 49/40/s |
| Portland, ME | 56/42/r | 49/34/c |
| Portland, OR | 64/44/s | 62/46/c |
| Providence | 60/50/r | 55/42/pc |
| Raleigh | 86/60/t | 78/50/pc |
| Rapid City | 58/35/pc | 61/31/pc |
| Reno | 74/38/s | 74/42/s |
| Richmond | 86/54/pc | 72/50/pc |

| City | Thur. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Salt Lake City | 75/50/t | 78/49/t |
| St. Louis | 59/47/pc | 70/51/s |
| San Diego | 66/54/pc | 65/54/pc |
| San Francisco | 64/50/pc | 66/50/s |
| San Juan | 87/76/pc | 87/76/pc |
| Seattle | 60/42/pc | 56/42/c |
| Shreveport | 84/65/c | 84/62/pc |
| Springfield, IL | 56/40/pc | 66/47/s |
| Tampa | 92/72/s | 92/72/s |
| Toledo | 57/38/pc | 59/40/pc |
| Topeka | 66/40/t | 72/48/s |
| Tucson | 84/52/s | 88/54/s |
| Washington, DC | 80/60/pc | 69/49/pc |
| Wichita | 60/38/s | 68/48/s |


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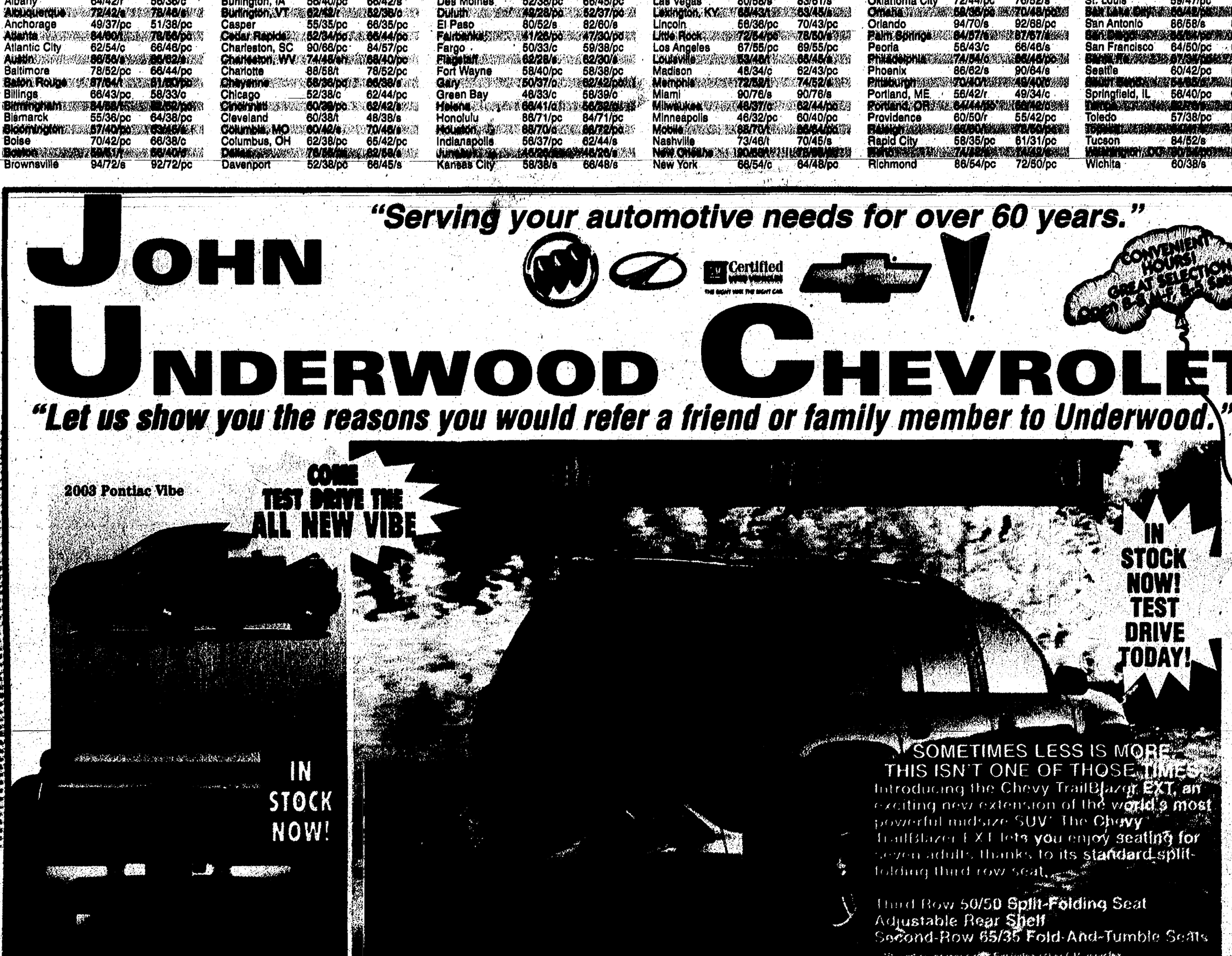


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# The price of doing Business

## *Sylvan Township resident's book offers competitive edge*

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

John Daly says there are three things that can happen in pricing.

And two of them are bad.

"An overpriced product is a lost sale," he says. "An underpriced product is worse because the company makes a sale but loses money. Only when a product is priced appropriately can a company hope to both make a sale and make a profit."

Daly, a management consultant with years of financial expertise, has just released his first book, "Pricing for Profitability: Activity-Based Pricing for Competitive Advantage."

The book explains the complex interrelationships between price and sales volume, as well as between sales volume and unit costs.

"Understanding both customer demand and how unit costs change with sales volumes gives a company with this knowledge a competitive advantage," Daly says.

The Sylvan Township resident toyed with other ideas for books before writing "Pricing for Profitability." He even wrote a short novel as a college project, but never attempted to get it published.

"Picking that book up recently, I can see that I'm a much better writer today," he says.

The numbers-cruncher-turned-wordsmith bucked a family trend when he headed into the business world. The product of five generations of physicians, he originally followed in his family's footsteps by taking pre-med classes at Denison University in Ohio.

"A 4.0 GPA in economics and a 2.5 in biology, chemistry and physics showed where my real interests were," he said. "No one in my family had been a business person since the 19th century."

After spending a year working in quality control for the Hayes-Albion foundry in Albion, Daly headed to the University of Michigan for a master's degree in business administration with a focus on accounting. After graduating in 1978 he started with the management consulting division of Arthur Anderson & Co., now known as Accenture.

Daly specialized in information systems consulting at Andersen and at BDO Seidman, another large accounting and consulting firm, before making a radical career change. He took a job as controller of a small company, Edgewood Tool & Manufacturing in Taylor.

When his new business strategy made a significant contribution to the company's dynamic growth, Daly was promoted to vice president of finance. The company, whose revenue grew six fold in less than a decade, merged with a similar company and went public as Tower Automotive.

Daly served as chief financial officer for a few other companies before heading back to the Ann Arbor area in 1995 to work at ReCellular Inc. in Dexter. He moved to Sylvan Township in 1996 and opened a management consulting practice the following year.

"My clients tend to be medium-size companies in the $5 to $50 million sales range," he says. "While I would like to do more consulting in pricing strategy, much of my work is what I call 'early stage turnaround,' helping companies get their finances on track.

"Smaller companies that are struggling often need someone with very high-level financial skills, but can't afford the kind of person they need full time. I often act as a part-time chief financial officer for my clients."

Daly also teaches continuing professional education seminars for accountants, and will do about 40 full-day seminars in 12 states this year. This year, he consolidated both his seminar and consulting businesses under the name Executive Education.

In the early 1980s, with the introduction of such electronic spreadsheets as Lotus 1-2-3, Daly — and other accountants across America — began experimenting with techniques that later became known as activity-based costing.

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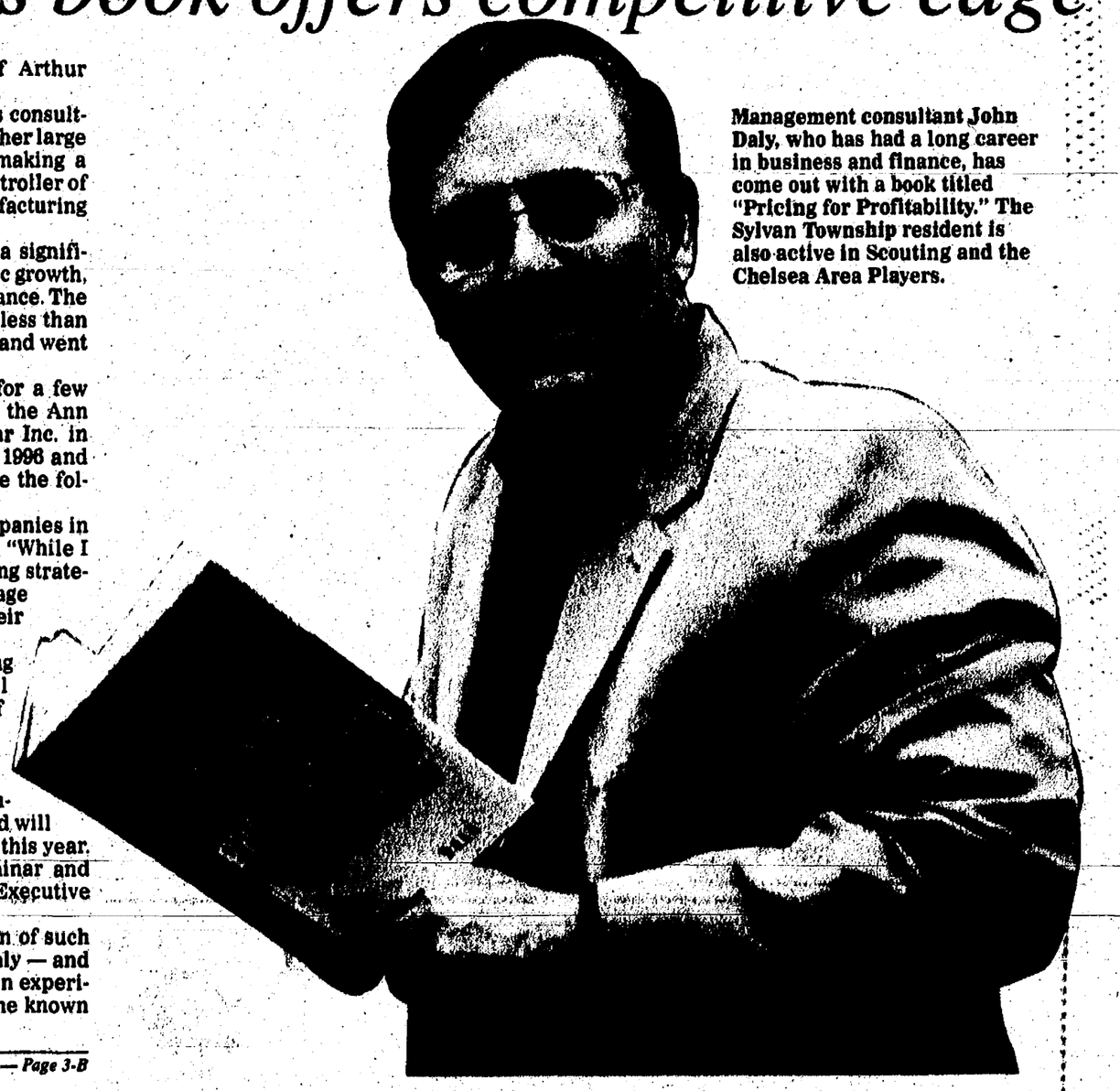

Management consultant John Daly, who has had a long career in business and finance, has come out with a book titled "Pricing for Profitability." The Sylvan Township resident is also active in Scouting and the Chelsea Area Players.

# Chelsea firefighter enjoys many facets of job

*EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the first in a series of articles to feature public safety officers working in the Chelsea area.*

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Like father, like son.

Chelsea firefighter Bill Paul has followed in the footsteps — or rather, the big, black rubber bootprints — of his father, Art, as a first assistant fire chief for the Chelsea Area Fire Department. Paul is the only one out of six siblings to take the path.

"Dad was a fireman for 32 years," Paul says. "I grew up working on the trucks with my dad, washing and cleaning them. I saw the fun that the guys were having. Being a fireman is all that I ever wanted to do."

It's a job that brings both fun — fair parades, competitions, and demonstrations to kids — and drama. One of the most dramatic events for Paul was bringing back to life a 23-year-old woman in cardiac arrest by using a defibrillator.

"There is no greater feeling than that," Paul says. "Technology keeps getting better and it helps save lives."

The thrill of driving the fire trucks is also a kick for him.

"It's kind of a glory thing," he says. "You see this in movies and on television. I also like the respect that firemen get after they help someone."

While Paul's regular job is with the Chelsea Department of Public Works, he spends the balance of his week at the fire department. That may be as few as 15 hours, or up to 30 hours when he is helping with parades and teaching.

A Chelsea native, Paul has lived in the area all of his life. His 1977 graduation from Chelsea High School didn't mean the end of his education, however.

"There's always schooling to be done when one is a fireman," he says. "I've put in roughly 1,000 hours in training alone."

Paul, who is also a medical first responder and a fire investigator, has taken Firefighter 1 and 2 classes, which teach the basic skills, and Fire Officer 1, 2 and 3 classes, providing more intense lessons than the basic skills.

Classes include skills in handling ice rescue, crash rescue, farm and auto extrication, as well as confined spaces, which comes in handy in his day job if he has to go into underground water mains.

As a state certified instructor, Paul teaches many of these classes, both in Chelsea and in Pittsfield Township.

Despite being certified as a medical first responder, Paul says he does not have as much interest in the medical field as some of his fellow firefighters.

"Six or seven men in our department are both emergency medical technicians and firemen," he says. "That takes a lot of work and commitment."

Sometimes Paul finds himself back in Chelsea schools, but at the front of the classroom, teaching fire prevention to local youngsters.

"It's neat when a kid remembers us from a few years back and asks us if there is any new equipment," he says. "That makes me feel good that the kids remember what I have taught them."

Last fall, Paul was a member of the Chelsea team competing in the extrication contests in Roscommon during an annual weekend dedicated to remembering fallen firefighters. Paul and his teammates placed sixth out of the 12 teams.

"Every year, I learn something new," he says. "I've watched other teams do things and learned new ways to use the Jaws-of-Life that I would have never thought of.

"We see something that we would have never thought of had we not gone to this event and learn something new every year. It's amazing how things can change year after year."

Paul would like everyone to see the poignant Fireman's Memorial at Roscommon, a huge wall inscribed with the names of Michigan firefighters who have died in the line of duty. A second memorial is a statue of a firefighter holding a child and a lantern.

On the lighter side, he enjoys helping at the fair, especially the Demolition Derby.

"It's a fun, intense time," he says. "The fair brings a lot of excitement to town."

For 10 years, Paul helped organize the fair parade that wraps up fair week.

"A lot of organization is required to have a successful parade," he says. "Signs need to be put up to direct the participants and for parking, and it takes time to properly line up all the people and parade floats."

As a paid, on-call volunteer, Paul says while he commits time to the fire department, he does not get paid to sit in the fire station.

"No call, no money," he says. "Many people don't realize the time that firemen put in to save lives.

"Each run is different. There's always something to do — training, going on runs, cleaning and preparing the trucks and schooling that is never ending."

Paul hopes the future holds a bigger fire station and full-time firefighters.

"That's a huge need," he says. "The department covers around 170 square miles. It's one of the largest areas to be covered in Washtenaw County, and we need more manpower to run the station.

"I'd also like to have a smokehouse for our own department that we can use for the parades and have on hand to teach children what to do in the event of a fire"

In his spare time Paul, who is married with two children, relaxes by hunting and fishing, and spending time in the Upper Peninsula.

**BILL PAUL'S SAFETY TIP**

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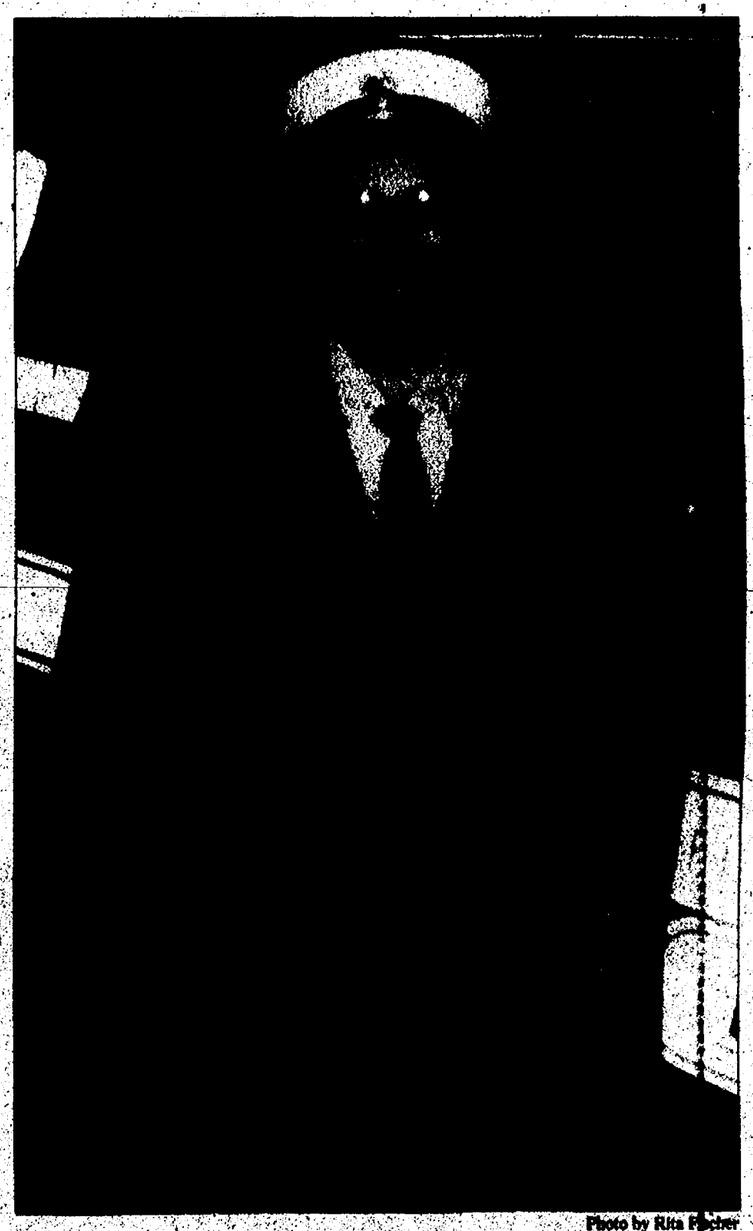

Photo by Rita Fischer

Chelsea Assistant Fire Chief Bill Paul followed in the footsteps of his father, Art. The Chelsea native, a full-time employee at the Chelsea Department of Public Works, is also a medical first-responder, a fire investigator and a state certified instructor in firefighter skills.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## CHELSEA

**Friday, May 3**

**Candlelight Concert** 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 14600 Old US-12 in Chelsea. Martha Folts will be performing a program of music for the harpsichord and clavichord. Suggested donations are $10 for adults and $5 for youth. Call the church for further details at 475-2545.

**Saturday, May 4**

**"Incredible Wild Edibles"** will be held 2 p.m. at the Eddy Discovery Center. Naturalist Tom Jameson will lead a hike to get people acquainted with samples from Mother Nature's kitchen. To make reservations and get directions, call 475-3170.

**Chelsea Community Hospital's** 13th annual Heart Sole 10k, 5k and 2 Mile Fun Run-Walk is set 8:30 a.m. The registration deadline is May 3, with a Friday night registration from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center. For more information, call 475-4157, or visit the hospital's Web site at www.cch.org/run.htm.

**Sunday, May 5**

**Family First Sundays** 2 p.m. featuring "Cinco de Mayo" at the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, 400 Congdon St., in Chelsea. Call 433-2787 for more information.

**Wednesday, May 8**

**The Washtenaw Association of Retired School Personnel** meets 11 a.m. at Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, in Ann Arbor. Those attending should mail a $11 check made out to WARSP. It must be received by tomorrow. Mail Joan Van Orman, 102 Quiet Creek Circle, Chelsea, MI 48118.

**Thursday, May 9**

**Free Community Stroke Education Seminar** will be held 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. at Chelsea Hospital in the White Oaks room, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, or to register, call 1-800-231-2211.

**Saturday, May 11**

**"Spring Wildflower Walk"** will be held 2 p.m. at the Waterloo Recreation Area, Eddy Discovery Center, located on Bush Road between Pierce and McClure roads in Chelsea. Observe, identify and discuss both some natural history and folklore about the wildflowers encountered along the trail. Advance registration is required. Call 475-3170.

## CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

**Thursday**

**Alzheimer's Association Family Caregiver Support Group** meets the third Thursday of the month from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St. Meetings are free and confidential. Call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-337-3827.

**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 dinner 5 to 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Grams Hall, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-8119.

**Friends of Chelsea District Library** meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Call 475-2424 for more information.

**Senior Nutrition Program** meets at noon Thursdays for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For reservations, call 475-7439.

**Friday**

**Chelsea Arbor Treatment Center** holds Nicotine Anonymous meetings noon to 1 p.m. at 900 Victors Way, Suite 310, in Ann Arbor. For more information, call 930-0201.

**Saturday**

**Hope Clinic**, a free clinic for people with no health insurance, is held 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday at Faith In Action 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-3305.

**Western Washtenaw Republicans** meets 9 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at Wolverine Food & Spirits on Old US-12 in Chelsea. For more information, 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 1-800-852-9781.

**Monday**

**Chelsea AA group meetings** are held 8:30 p.m. Monday, 8 p.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. Sunday at the Chelsea hospital dining room; and Tuesday at the U.A.W. Hall next to the Chelsea Post Office.

**Chelsea Area Garden Club** meets 12:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 433-5451.

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

**Domestic Violence Project Safe House Support Group** meets 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays at Chelsea Community Hospital, Behavioral Health Services Building, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 426-0369.

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

**Overeaters' Anonymous** meets Monday nights at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road, in Chelsea. For more information, call 433-0902.

**Tuesday**

**Chelsea District Library Board** meets 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. on first and third Tuesdays at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

**Chelsea Rotary Club** meets 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Common Grill, 112 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

**Euchre Party** is held 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center in the Faith In Action building, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-9242.

**Senior Nutrition Program** meets noon Tuesdays for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For more information, call 475-7439.

**Wednesday**

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

**Grief Support Group,** offered by the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., in Chelsea, meets 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call 475-8633.

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

## DEXTER

**Saturday, May 4**

**"Spring Bird Hike"** 8:30 a.m. at Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter. Bring binoculars and a field guide to observe bird species seen in the park. Call 426-8211 to pre-register.

**Sunday, May 5**

**"Wildflower Hike"** on Bloodroot Island 2 p.m. at Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter. Meet at the River Grove Picnic Shelter. Call 426-8211 to pre-register.

## 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. For more information, call 426-5304.

**Dexter Historical Society** meets 8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter.

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

**Dexter Downtown Development Authority** meets 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Wylie Middle School media center, 3060 Kensington St., in Dexter.

**Monday**

**Dexter District Library Board** meets 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., in Dexter.

**Dexter PTO** meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month in the media center at Mill Creek Middle School, 7305 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, in Dexter.

**Dexter Village Council** meets at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Wylie Middle School media center, 3060 Kensington St., in Dexter.

**Tuesday**

**Dexter Child Study Club** meets 7:30 p.m. at various locations on the third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call 426-8598.

**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, in Dexter.

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

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

**Dexter Touchdown Club** meets 7:30 p.m. every second Tuesday each month at Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road, in Dexter. For more information, call 426-5745 or 1-810-231-3701.

**Dexter Village Parks Commission** meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Wylie Middle School, 3060 Kensington St., in Dexter.

**Wednesday**

**Friends of Dexter District Library** meets 12:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., in Dexter. For more information, call 426-6775.

**Monument Park Committee** meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month in the basement, National City Bank, 8123 Main St., in Dexter. For more information, call 426-2883.

**Parents for Safety,** a non-profit organization dedicated to safety issues in the schools and the village of Dexter, meets 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in Mill Creek Middle School media center, 7305 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, in Dexter. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 426-2883.

**Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals** meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Wylie Middle School media center, 3060 Kensington St., Dexter.

## ANN ARBOR

**Thursday, May 2**

**Mothers & More** will meet 7 p.m. at St. Clare/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard Road, in Ann Arbor. Guest speaker Christa Williams, a certified parenting instructor and pediatric nurse practitioner, will discuss "Positive Parenting." For more information, call 327-4901.

Photo by Rita Fischer

**Glass Art**

**Chelsea Stech of Chelsea admires glass art on display at the Farmers' Market during last weekend's Spring Fling in Chelsea. Local artist Karen Smith, a member of the Chelsea Area Garden Club, displays and sells her work at the market.**


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# Hospital to mark Nurses Week

Chelsea Community Hospital will join people across the nation in saluting nurses during National Nurses Week. The week kicks off Sunday.

Maggie Moorehouse, director of nursing at the hospital, shared statistics Monday about the 242 nurses currently employed in a variety of roles and departments at the hospital.

While the national turnover rate of nurses leaving their jobs in 2000 was 17 percent, the turnover rate in Chelsea last year was 18.5 percent. For the first quarter of this year, the turnover rate was only 3 percent, which will equal 12 percent for the year if it remains on this track, Moorehouse said.

The vacancy rate for registered nurses in some states runs between 14 and 16 percent, but the number of positions open at Chelsea hospital in 2001 was 6 percent. The hospital hired 70 new nurses in 2001, including contingent nurses.

The average age of nurses at the local hospital is 45 years, which is consistent with national trends, where the average age of a nurse has been increasing in recent years and is now 43.3 years.

At Chelsea, 46 percent of nurses fall into the 45 to 54 age bracket, 29 percent into ages 35 to 44, 13 percent into ages 55 to 64 and 12 percent into the 24 to 34 group.

Full-time nurses in Chelsea make up 44 percent of the nursing workforce, while part-timers make up 29 percent. Twenty-seven percent are contingent staff.

Chelsea is fortunate to attract experienced nurses, Moorehouse said. Of the nurses hired in 2001, 89 percent were experienced and 11 percent were new graduates. National data reports that 26.1 percent of new hires were recent graduates.

Nationally, men make up 5.4 percent of the nursing workforce. Fifteen nurses in Chelsea are men, making up 6.2 percent of staff.

The average longevity of a nurse in Chelsea is 8.8 years. In the oldest age group, 55 to 63, longevity is 13.3 years. In the 45 to 54 age group, longevity is 11.2 years. In the 35 to 44 age group, longevity is 5.4 years. The youngest age group, 24 to 34, usually stays on the job for 3.4 years.

In a recent national study on job burnout, 39 percent of nurses listed understaffing as a reason for burnout, 34 percent named stress and physical demands, 22 percent complained of lack of support, 15 percent listed scheduling and 14 percent named pay.

A 2002 survey found that 77 percent of nurses nationwide were satisfied with being a nurse and 60 percent would recommend nursing as a career choice. This counters reports portraying nurses as so unhappy they would advise students to choose another field.

Two Chelsea nurses would certainly attest to nursing as an excellent and rewarding career choice. Sue Scott in women's health and Karen Barbour in the Head Pain Unit have worked continuously at the hospital for 30 years each.

"Considering the many challenges that face nurses in their current roles, Chelsea Community Hospital is fortunate to have such competent, caring and professional nurses," Moorehouse said.

## Life On A Riverboat

**The Washington Street Show Choir will present its 2002 Cabaret, "Life on a Riverboat," 7:30 p.m. May 10 and 11 at the Chelsea High School auditorium, 740 Freer Road in Chelsea. The dancers, singers and band, pictured on the set of the "Dixie Queen," include Megan Batzdorfer, Sharon Dault, Liz Emmerling, Samantha Hepburn, Jessi Ott, Caitlin Power, Miriam Robinovitz, Amanda Schroeder, Alyssa Warren, Erin Byrne, Rachel Common, Elizabeth Dake, Sarah Maynard, Elise Murphy, Erin Nelson, Kelly O'Brien, Katie Personke, Molly Walters, Ryan Fark, Ben Garrison, Kyle Kooyers, Stephen Lambert, Joey Powell, Nathan Taylor, Luke Walters, Justin Fitch, Spencer Gallagher, Ryan Houle, Andy Hurst, John Maynard, Andy Smith, Derric Tooman, Neal Turluck, Leon Walters, Nathan Richardson, Max Booth, Dale Ball, Tony Larder, Dana Foster, Keith Nadolny, Caleb Spence, Matt Holmes, Andy Tomaka, Dan Lewis, Joel Gentz, Chris Strahler and Max Wineland.**

# PRICE

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methods," Daly said.

"People using ABC quickly discovered that it was far superior to traditional cost accounting methods.

"Many books were written on ABC in the 1990s but none of the other authors spent much time marrying ABC techniques with the business strategy, marketing, economics and engineering issues necessary to completely and effectively use it for pricing."

During a lull between consulting projects in May 2000, Daly sent an e-mail query to John Wiley & Sons, a New York-based publisher with a large portfolio of business books.

"An editor sent me a response that included a request that I send them a proposal along with a template that my proposal was to follow," Daly says. "I gave him what I thought was a very well-written 10 to 15 page response."

The pair also had what Daly calls "a very encouraging phone conversation."

After getting his hopes up, Daly then suffered through the three-month silence that followed and turned his mind to other things.

"At the beginning of September, I sent him a follow-up e-mail to put closure to the issue because I figured that they had decided not to do the book," Dalys says.

"The next day, there was a message on my machine saying that he was sending me a book contract."

Daly is happy to have avoided the massive accumulation of rejection letters that first-time authors usually collect.

With seven months to prepare 12 chapters, he worked almost every available minute, turning in a very mature final draft on deadline.

The book became a family affair. Daly's wife, Nancy, who also holds a master's degree in business administration, edited every chapter at least twice before the Wiley editors had their review.

The end result is a 280-page hardcover book available from major on-line booksellers for about $60. It has sold about 500 copies in its first six months, which Daly says is right on target for a book of this type.

Daly has also written much lighter fare for the Players Club, a historic Detroit men's theater club. A member for 24 years, he has made about 60 stage appearances and written several "afterglow" skits and two one-act plays, "Thunderbird" and "Frontier Accountant."

He also recently directed Chelsea Area Players' performance of "The Seven Year Itch." He is also heavily involved in Scouting with his two sons, James and Joe.

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

# Stroke seminar set for May 9

Every 53 seconds, someone in the United States has a stroke and many don't even realize they are having one.

As part of the Operation Stroke initiative, the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, the University of Michigan Health System, Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute and Chelsea Community Hospital are holding a free community education seminar about stroke.

The event will be held from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. May 9 in the White Oaks room at Chelsea Community Hospital. To register for the seminar, call 1-800-231-2211.

Seminar attendees will hear stroke survivors talk about their experiences and learn how to reduce their risk of stroke. Doctors from the University of Michigan Hospital and Chelsea Community Hospital will discuss the warning signs of stroke and what to do.

There also will be free stroke screenings, healthy food, literature and give-aways.

The warning signs of stroke are sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arms or legs, especially on one side; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble walking, dizziness or loss of balance; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; or sudden severe headache with no known cause.

The goals of Operation Stroke are to educate the general public about the warning signs of stroke; encourage members of the public to call 911 immediately when someone experiences the warning signs; review coding for transport of stroke patients by the EMS system and train emergency personnel to assess for stroke; and advocate that all medical facilities implement stroke protocols.

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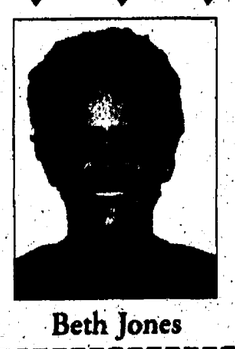

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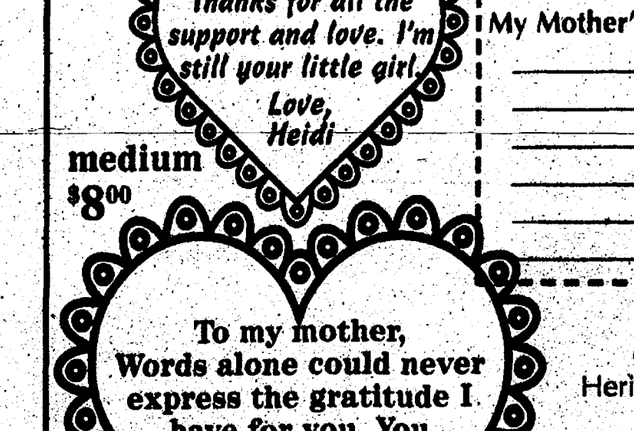


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Who could blame the blushing bride- and groom-to-be for choosing a summer wedding. With flowers in bloom, birds chirping in the trees and nary a cloud in sight, it's the perfect backdrop for a perfect day.

If you're planning on a floral theme, or just need a good idea for a bridal shower or wedding favor, try your craftiness out on these adorable rice roses, courtesy of the contributors to About.com.

"Basket of Rice Roses"

This is a sewing craft because you need to sew the satin fabric into tubes.

Materials Needed:
Fabric – 1 yard of satin 45 inches wide
Floral wire and tape
Rice

Directions:
1. Cut the fabric into 45- by 3-inch strips. Sew with right sides together. Turn to right side out. Cut the long strip into 4-inch tubes.
2. Cut a piece of floral wire at 4 inches long.
3. Place the tube inside the wire by about 1/2 inch. Wrap the floral tape around the end of the fabric as you would a silk flower arrangement to attach the fabric to the wire. Wrap the floral tape to completely cover the wire.
4. Fill the "rose" with 1/2 tablespoon of rice. Tuck the ends of the tube inside to close.

## Gowns for an Informal Wedding

When searching for wedding gowns it is important to know what fabric you'd like to wear and what will be appropriate for informal or formal weddings. For example, this white silk dutchess satin gown, with beaded embroidered bodice and sweep train (left); and ivory chiffon strapless A-line gown, with drop waist and removable angle wing sleeves would work well at an informal or daytime wedding. Fashions courtesy of Jim Hjelm Couture and Jim Hjelm Visions.

## Tantalizing Truffles

There is no mistaking the decadent power of chocolate. Though true chocolate connoisseurs may indulge in a daily bite, this tasty dessert usually is reserved for special occasions – like a romantic evening spent with your intended. Try spoiling your sweetie to show your love with a sinful chocolate masterpiece – these truffles are sure to please. "False Truffles" are balls of premium chocolate ice cream, dressed with rich chocolate ganache and dusted with cocoa powder.

Enjoy the following recipe, courtesy of "Le Cordon Bleu Home Collection: Chocolate" (Periplus Editions).

False Truffles
Preparation time: 30 minutes and one hour freezing
Total cooking time: 5 minutes
Makes 12

1 cup best-quality chocolate ice cream
Unsweetened cocoa, to dust

Ganache
8 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
1 cup heavy cream
3 tablespoons sugar

1. Line a baking sheet with waxed paper. Scoop 12 small balls from the ice cream using a melon baller or a teaspoon. Place on the baking sheet and freeze for at least one hour.
2. To make the ganache, put the chocolate in a bowl. Put the cream and sugar in a medium saucepan, and stir over low heat until the sugar has dissolved. Pour the cream mixture over the chocolate and leave it to melt for a few minutes, then gently stir until smooth. Keep stirring every 10 minutes for about one hour, or until cool.
3. Sift the cocoa into a shallow bowl. Once the balls of ice cream are frozen solid, remove a few at a time. Dip into the cooled ganache and immediately roll in the cocoa powder. Return the finished truffles to the freezer and repeat with the remaining balls.

Chef's tips: Ganache – a superbly rich chocolate icing – must not be warm or it will melt the ice cream, nor must it be too cold or it will be too thick to coat the ice cream properly.

Once they are frozen, the finished truffles may be kept in an airtight freezer bag for up to one month. Roll again in cocoa before serving, if necessary.


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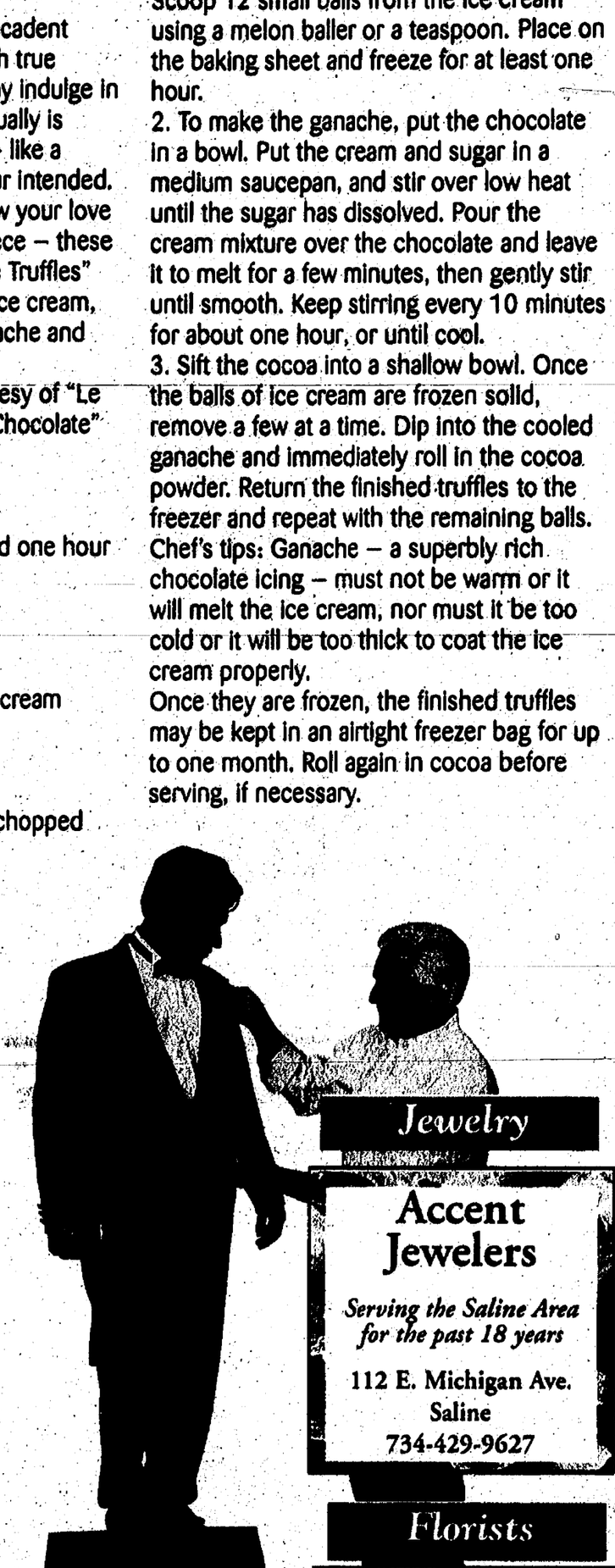

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# Taylor, Hyssong pace Chelsea track

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea's girls' track and field placed third at last Saturday's Mason Kiwanis Invitational. The Bulldogs finished with 66 points.

Capturing the eight-team meet was Haslett with 120 points. Rounding out the field was Holt with 99 points, followed by Mason and Okemos with 61 points each, Lansing Catholic Central with 31 points, Jackson Northwest with 30 points and St. Johns with 28 points.

Chelsea's Kari Taylor, with two meet records, and Savannah Hyssong, medallist in four events, paced the Bulldogs.

Taylor set two new meet records in winning the shot put (40 feet, 11¼ inches) and the discus (140-1). Last season, Taylor earned Division II state championships in both events.

"That is an outstanding performance by Kari to set two new meet records," said Chelsea coach Bill Bainton. "She has worked very hard to get these kinds of performances."

Chelsea's Ashli Welshans added a fifth-place finish in the discus, with a career best toss of 92-10.

Savannah Hyssong placed first in the 400-meter run and third in the 200 meters for the Bulldogs. In the 400, Hyssong stopped the clock with a personal best time of 1:00.2. In the 200, she crossed the line in 27.4.

"Savannah's times just keep inching down," Bainton said. "She is another example of an athlete whose extra work in the winter is paying off now."

Hyssong also teamed with Caroline Shanks, Kari Moyle and Daniele Johnston to finish third in the 800-meter relay, with a season best time of 1:52.4. In the 1,600-meter relay, Hyssong combined with Kim Gasieski, Moyle and Johnston to also place third, with a time of 4:21.8.

Bainton said Johnston was coming off an injury suffered in the Chelsea Relays April 20.

"(She) was running her first competitive 400 and turned in a solid performance," he said.

In the 3,200-meter run, Bulldog Alice Gauvin placed second with a time of 12:17.3.

In the 3,200-meter relay, Gauvin teamed with Alison Sacks, Kara Stiles and Shannon Kinner for third place with a time of 10:15.6.

Season best times were turned in by Stiles in the 1,600-meter run (5:49.4) and Kinner in the 800-meter run (2:37.7).

Chelsea also had some excellent non-scoring efforts, Bainton said.

In the 1,600-meter run, Sacks finished eighth in 5:54.4 and Liz Skidmore 11th with a time of 6:08.3. In the 3,200-meter run, Danielle Houle covered the distance in a career best 13:37.6. In

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*Photo courtesy of Kathleen Brigham*

**Bulldog Sarah Brigham takes the baton from teammate Alice Gauvin against Dexter in last week's dual meet.**

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# Tripodi a double winner

By Don Richter
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Chelsea's boys' track and field finished fourth at the eight team Mason Kiwanis Invitational last Friday.

The Bulldogs collected 75 points.

Winning the meet was Haslett with 114 points. Holt was second with 103 points, while Okemos was third with 100 points.

Chelsea senior Joe Tripodi was a double winner, capturing both the shot put (37 feet, 9¾ inches) and the discus (130-0). Senior Will Bredernitz finished fifth in the shot put (44-2) and sixth in the discus (130-11) for the Dawgs.

Also placing first individually was Bulldog senior Eddie McClendon, who bested the field in the long jump with a leap of 19-1.

Finishing second for Chelsea was junior Darl Bauer in the 100 meters with a time of 11.3. Teammate senior Adam Montero placed sixth with a clocking of 11.4.

Ending up fourth for the Bulldogs were senior Andy Montero in the 200 meters (23.5); sophomore Andy Hurst in the 400-meter run (53.7) and sophomore Neil Sterling in the high jump (5-10).

In the 3,200-meter run, freshman Dan Lewis finished fifth in 10:32, while senior David Fedele placed sixth with a time of 10:36.

Photo by Doug Trojanowski

**Chelsea senior Joe Tripodi prepares to throw the shot put during last week's dual meet against county rival Dexter. The defending state champion in the event, Tripodi finished first against the Dreadnaughts. He also placed first in the discus.**

The shot put relay of seniors Joe Koengeter and Tripodi, and juniors Jason Clouse and Ryan Houle finished first with a 47.9.

The 400-meter relay of Adam Montero, Andy Montero, McClendon and Bauer placed second in 44.67. The same foursome also finished second in the 800-meter relay, clocking a 1:34.0.

In the 1,600-meter relay, the group of senior Kevin Riddle, Andy Montero, Hurst and Bauer

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# Chelsea baseball perfect in tourney

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea baseball defended its home turf last Saturday by finishing its tournament, which was co-hosted by Saline, unbeaten at 3-0.

"Offensively, we're turning it around," said Chelsea coach Wayne Welton, whose Bulldogs scored 33 runs in three games. "We've finally got a few games under our belt."

Chelsea started the season 2-4, but last week the Bulldogs went 5-1-1 improving their overall record to 7-5-1.

"After a slow start, we had a good week," Welton said.

Chelsea opened the tournament out slugging Ypsilanti 16-10.

"It was not a very well-played game," Welton said.

Earning the win from the mound was sophomore Kyle Kendzicky.

The Bulldogs exploded for six runs in the first inning to take control of the contest.

Big hits in the inning came from junior David Grabarkiewicz, with a two-run double, and seniors Griffin Biedron and Kent Reames, who each had RBI singles.

Other top performers from the plate for Chelsea included senior Tim Bentley, who had four hits; senior Matt Moffett and junior Jimmy Baker, who each collected three hits; and Biedron and Reames, who both had two hits.

In their second game of the tournament, the Bulldogs defeated Belleville 7-3.

Grabarkiewicz picked up the victory from the hill tossing a five-hitter, fanning eight and walking five.

"He was pretty solid against a good Belleville team," Welton said.

Offensively, Chelsea struck for six runs in the first two innings.

In the opening frame, Biedron doubled home senior Derek Horvath, who had earlier walked, giving the Dawgs a 1-0 lead.

After Belleville tied the score in its half of the first inning, Chelsea scored five runs in the second inning to blow open the contest.

Key hits in the inning came from Baker, Grabarkiewicz and Horvath, who each had RBI singles.

The Bulldogs scored their final run in the sixth inning, as Horvath singled and was brought home by Moffett's RBI double.

In Game 3, Chelsea beat Southgate Anderson 10-7.

Reames recorded the victory from the rubber. Junior Joe Myers picked up the save.

Moffett paced the Dawgs from the plate, going 3-for-3 with three doubles and three RBI. Junior Ben Daniels, Horvath and Myers each

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# Bulldog soccer shut out

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

In sports, momentum is such an important ingredient for any team's success.

Two weeks ago, during Chelsea soccer's four-game winning streak, momentum was definitely in its favor.

Last week, however, the winds of change blew the Bulldogs and their momentum away.

After living the high life with a four-game win streak, Chelsea is now in the midst of a three-game losing streak.

Last week, the Bulldogs (4-5, 0-2) fell to Saline 4-0 and Dexter 2-1. Last Monday, Chelsea dropped a heartbreaking 1-0 setback to Ypsilanti Lincoln.

"This game was a crusher," Chelsea coach Chris Orlandi said about the shutout loss to the Railsplitters. "We needed this game to have a chance at a conference title, and we couldn't find a way to break the Lincoln defense."

The Railsplitters scored at the 33rd minute of the game on a fluke goal.

"(The score) was on a cross that wasn't meant to even be played at the goal," Orlandi said. "(Keeper Sarah) Manville had trouble handling the ball and it ended up in the net. It was a horrible goal to give up, as our defense played well the entire the game and only allowed four other shots in the contest."

Manville is a talented keeper. But when momentum switches teams, strange things happen.

For the day, Chelsea out shot Lincoln 8-5.

"Lincoln's defense won the game for them," Orlandi said. "They didn't allow us many quality scoring opportunities. We had a couple of breakaway opportunities in the first half, but their defense was quick enough to run us down."

Orlandi said his team played hard, but just couldn't solve the host Railsplitter defense.

"We played with a good sense of urgency in the second half, and kept increasing the pressure, but we never got any good looks at the goal," he said. "It will be tough to rebound from this one. The girls are extremely disappointed with this result. The way we played, the worst we deserved was a 0-0 draw."

Last Friday, the Bulldogs played another strong game, only to end up with a loss.

Chelsea fell to county rival Dexter 2-1.

"We played about as well as we could play," Orlandi said. "The Dexter midfield dominated the game and kept most of the play in our end of the field throughout most of the contest."

At halftime, the score was deadlocked at 0-0.

Eight minutes into the second half, however, the visiting Dreadnaughts (5-1-1) scored on a penalty kick giving Dexter a 1-0 advantage.

The Bulldogs regrouped, and

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Photo by Mary Kumbier

**Chelsea junior midfielder Anna Marie Cooper plays tight defense on Dexter's leading scorer sophomore Lindsay Davis during last week's county soccer battle.**

# Golfers win Tecumseh Quad

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Unlike the mild weather outside, Chelsea's girls' golf is red hot.

As of late, the Bulldogs have been playing some of their best golf of the season.

Last Monday, Chelsea captured the four-team Tecumseh Quad, besting the field with a total team score of 189. The quad involved all four teams from the Southeastern Conference White Division.

The match was held at Raisin Valley Golf Course.

County rival Dexter finished second with a score of 200, while Tecumseh was third with a tally of 209 and Ypsilanti Lincoln was fourth with a score of 238.

Individually, junior Julie Inwood and freshman Blair Lane paced Chelsea, each shooting a 45. Sophomore Blythe Crane added a 48, while senior Molly Martin and freshman Courtney Ali each carded a 51 to round out the Bulldogs' scoring.

Tecumseh's Jenny Riley was medallist for the quad, shooting a 44.

"This victory keeps us in the race for the SEC White Division championship," said Chelsea coach Jim Tallman.

Last Friday, the Bulldogs continued to burn up the links, finishing second at the 16-team Monroe Jefferson Invitational at River Raisin Golf Course.

Chelsea ended up with a total team score of 388.

**Chelsea's girls' golf team placed second at the 16-team Monroe Jefferson Invitational last Friday. Members of the squad include, front row, Molly Martin (left) and Rochelle Stafford; back row, Julie Inwood (left), coach Jim Tallman, Blair Lane, Blythe Crane and Courtney Ali.**

Livonia Churchill placed first overall with a score of 367. Dexter was third with a 390.

"This was our best finish ever at this tournament," Tallman said. "And we posted our best team score ever (for 18 holes), as well."

Crane led the Bulldogs with a 92. Lane added a 94, while Inwood had a 98 and Martin a 104 for Chelsea.

On April 25, Chelsea lost to Saline by three strokes 191-194.

Inwood finished with a 45, followed by Crane with a 46, Lane with a 51 and Ali with a 52 to round out the Dawgs' scoring.

"I continue to be pleased with our team's performances," Tallman said. "More and more girls are dropping their scores and we are becoming more consistent in our scoring.

"Saline has always been a strong team in the (SEC) Red Division, and to come this close (to winning) is still more evidence that we are improving as

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# Despite splitting up, Chelsea tennis proves strength

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Despite being split up, Chelsea's boys' tennis team proved it's still a force to be reckoned with.

Last Saturday, at tournaments in Howell and Dexter, the Bulldogs showed that, even at half-strength, they are still talented enough to win matches.

At Howell, Chelsea placed first, winning six gold medals.

Earning gold in singles play for the Bulldogs (5-2, 2-2) were sophomore Trevor Bach at No. 1 and junior Evan Wildey at No. 2. Because of the split squad, Wildey was forced to move up a flight from his usual No. 3 spot to the No. 2 flight, making his gold medal even more impressive.

Junior Chris Johnson earned a silver medal at No. 3 singles for Chelsea. At No. 4 singles, sophomore Casey Peters received a bronze medal.

In doubles, the Bulldogs swept the field, winning four gold medals.

Senior Robert Gray and junior Bryan Hayes bested the field at No. 1, while senior Joel Gentz and junior James Ballas placed first at No. 2 doubles. Gentz and Ballas normally play No. 4 doubles on Chelsea's full squad.

> **"We proved we have depth and strength."**
>
> — John Capper
> *Chelsea coach*

Capturing gold at No. 3 doubles were senior Tommy Reifel and Alex Rendell. At No. 4 doubles, junior John Erwin and J.P. Severin finished first for the Dawgs.

At Dexter, Chelsea placed third with 18 points.

Winning the tournament was Pinckney with 25 points, followed by Portland with 21 points and Dexter with 16 points.

Earning gold medals for the Bulldogs were junior Kyle Brown at No. 2 singles, and junior Mike Groesser and sophomore Pieter Boshoven at No. 2 doubles.

Brown, Chelsea's No. 4 singles player on the Bulldogs' complete squad, defeated his two opponents 6-0, 6-1 and 6-2, 6-3 for the title.

Groesser and Boshoven, up from No. 3 doubles, won their matches 6-0, 6-1 and 6-2, 6-3 for the championship.

Finishing with a silver medal was the No. 1 doubles combo of junior David Deis and sophomore Matt Neff. The Bulldog duo recorded victories of 6-2, 7-6(5) and 9-8(1) before losing 6-3, 6-0.

Receiving bronze medals for Chelsea were singles players Stefan Kalmbach, a sophomore, at No. 3 and junior Dustin Hopkins at No. 4.

Kalmbach beat Dexter's Shawn Rossenberg 7-6(5), 5-7, 6-4 for third place. In his other match, Kalmbach lost 6-3, 6-1.

Hopkins defeated Dreadnaught Kevin Repine 6-3, 6-4 for his final placing. In his other matches, Hopkins fell 6-2, 6-1 and 8-3.

At No. 1 singles, Chelsea junior Brian Merkel, usually at No. 2 singles, lost his two matches 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 and 7-6(3), 6-3.

Senior Brian Schiller and sophomore Dan DeWall dropped two matches 1-6, 6-1, 6-4 and 6-2, 6-3 at No. 3 doubles.

At No. 4 doubles, junior Dave Graff and sophomore Andrew Daley lost 6-4, 6-1 and 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Despite not winning the overall championship, Chelsea coach John Capper said he was pleased with his squad's performance at Dexter.

"The competition at this tournament was strong," he said.

Capper said his team, though split, showed its might last weekend.

"We proved we have depth and strength," he said.

Last Thursday, a united Bulldog squad crushed visiting Temperance Bedford 7-1.

"Bedford is a pretty good team," Capper said. "We did well."

Chelsea swept the singles competition.

Bach, at No. 1, was victorious 7-6(1), 7-5. At No. 2, Merkel prevailed 6-3, 3-6, 7-5. Wildey, at No. 3, won 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, while Brown, at No. 4, bested his opponent 6-0, 6-3.

In doubles play, Gray and Hayes earned a victory at No.1, 7-6(3), 6-4. At No. 3, Groesser and Boshoven won 6-3, 6-1, while Gentz and Ballas, at No. 4, prevailed 6-1, 6-4.

Deis and Neff, at No. 2 doubles, lost in a three-set marathon 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.

In JV doubles action, Chelsea won all eight flights.

Winning for the Bulldogs were, Reifel and Rendell at No. 5, 8-1; Johnson and Hopkins at No. 6, 8-6; Kalmbach and Peters at No. 7, 8-0; Severin and DeWall at No. 8, 8-2; senior Chris Strahler and Graff at No. 9, 8-3; sophomore Matt Kellogg and freshman Tony Chiodo at No. 10, 8-2; freshman Tim Mann and Schiller at No. 11, 8-3; and Erwin and Daley at No. 12, 8-4.

On April 23, visiting Chelsea lost to Division I No. 1-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer 8-0.

In singles play, Bach lost to freshman Adam Monich 6-1, 7-5 at No. 1. At No. 2, Merkel fell to junior John Seyferth 6-0, 6-1, while Wildey, at No. 3, lost to freshman Kevin Hayward 6-0, 6-1. At No. 4, Brown was defeated by freshman Scott Swanson 4-6, 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles, Gray and Hayes, at No. 1, fell 6-0, 6-0 to Pioneer senior Luke Marker and junior Evan Levine. At No. 2, Neff and Deis fell 6-0, 6-0 to sophomores Mike Wagner and Colin Mark Gruffen. Groesser and Boshoven lost to seniors Mike Kelly-Sell and Colin McInthre 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3. At No. 4, Gentz and Ballas lost to juniors Dan Flayar and Andrew Pray 6-0, 6-0.

The Bulldogs next travel to Grosse Ile for a match May 6 at 4 p.m. Also on that day, Chelsea's JV hosts the Red Devils at 4 p.m.

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Chelsea's boys' tennis captured the Howell Invitational last Saturday. The squad gathers after winning the Bulldog Invitational April 20. Members of the team include, front row, Joel Gentz (left), Brian Merkel and Matt Neff; back row, coach John Capper (left), Mike Groesser, David Deis, Bryan Hayes, James Ballas, Kyle Brown, Evan Wildey, Trevor Bach, Pieter Boshoven and Robert Gray.

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tied the game at 1-1 as junior forward Genny Gourlay scored off an assist from senior midfielder Lara Zajic at the 63-minute mark. The goal was Gourlay's first of the year.

Dexter answered, however, scoring a goal with 11 minutes remaining for the game winner.

Despite the loss, Orlandi remained positive.

"Our defense was very good in this contest," he said. "Sarah Manville was excellent in goal. The better team won.

"Still, the penalty kick put us in a bad spot and I was proud that we fought back to tie the game. We played with a lot of passion and that experience should help us in the future."

On April 24, the Bulldogs lost to Division I No. 5-ranked Saline 4-0.

The host Hornets scored three goals in the game's first ten minutes.

Orlandi wasn't pleased with his team's early effort.

"(The scores) were soft goals and we didn't come out ready to play," he said. "After the early scores, though, I was proud of the way we fought."

After the opening minutes, Orlandi said his defense played well.

"We were much tighter in the back and first-year defenders Jessica Bassett and Alicia Edgeworth were excellent," he said. "Lindsay Parker did a great job in net, stopping Saline's third penalty shot in the second half."

Overall, Parker made 15 saves.

For the game, the Hornets out shot the Bulldogs 31-1.

Chelsea next hosts Tecumseh tomorrow at 4 p.m.

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ended up fifth with a time of 3:41.0.

In the 3,200-meter relay, the combination of sophomores Cage Cowan and Hugh White, along with Riddle and Hurst, finished fifth in 8:39.0.

On April 23, Chelsea defeated Dexter in a dual meet 93-44.

Earning first places individually for the Bulldogs on the day were Tripodi in the shot put (57-2) and the discus (168-1); Sterling in the high jump (5-4) and 300-meter hurdles (45.0); McClendon in the long jump (20-6); Andy Montero in the 200 meters (23.7); Bauer in the 100 meters (11.5); Hurst in the 400-meter run (53.6); and Riddle in the 800-meter run (2:08).

The 800-meter relay of Andy Montero, Adam Montero, McClendon and Bauer placed first in 1:34.0.

The 3,200-meter relay of senior Levi Hyssong, Hugh White, Riddle and Hurst broke the tape first with a time of 8:42.

"We performed fairly well against a depleted Dexter team," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager. "They were missing several athletes due to ineligibility, but many of our athletes competed hard and set personal bests."

Swager said his distance runners performed well.

"Every single runner in the 1,600 ran a time near his lifetime best," he said. "Our top three (Lewis, Cowan and Fedele) gave good efforts against a solid Dexter distance squad, and each easily ran his lifetime best."

Chelsea next hosts Tecumseh Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

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# Bulldog softball unbeaten in last 11 outings

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea softball lost two weeks ago in the first game of a doubleheader against Dexter 1-0.

Since that time, the Bulldogs (11-2-1) have won 10 games and tied one.

"We're realizing our potential, learning and building," said Chelsea coach Kim Reichard.

Last Monday, the Bulldogs traveled to Division II No. 9-ranked Tecumseh for a doubleheader. Chelsea won the opener 2-1 and tied 3-3 in the nightcap. The second game, which went 12 innings, was called because of darkness.

In Game 1, Jenna Connelly picked up the win from the circle for the Bulldogs, allowing six hits and striking out three.

Stephanie Crews paced Chelsea from the plate, belting out two hits. Also recording hits for the Dawgs were Connie Kolokithas with a triple, Alise Augustine with a double and Anna Arend with a single.

In the second contest, Connelly pitched all 12 innings, giving up 11 hits, fanning seven and walking two.

Chelsea, ranked No. 7 in Division II, committed three errors for the game.

It appeared the Bulldogs had the contest sewed up, leading 3-2 in the ninth inning, with two out. But the Indians were able to rally and tie the game, much to Reichard's chagrin.

"My emotions are mixed," she said. "We hit the ball, but we didn't get the key hits. We couldn't shut the door. My emotions are the same way the game ended – tied."

For the night, the Bulldogs recorded 14 hits, but left a season-high 17 base runners stranded.

Jenelle Vlcek and Crews led Chelsea with three hits each.

Julia Arnold and Kolokithas added two hits, while Katrina Moffett had a triple and Augustine had a double for the Bulldogs.

Last Saturday, Chelsea hosted its own eight-team invitational.

In its first game, the Bulldogs defeated Holt 10-2.

Connelly chalked up the victory while pitching three innings, striking out four and allowing no hits or walks. Cynthia Johnson pitched the final four innings, surrendering three hits and fanning two.

Chelsea scored five runs in the first inning, three in the second and two in the sixth inning.

The Bulldogs finished with 15 hits.

Ali Mann had three hits, including a double, while Crews had four hits, two RBIs and a solo home run that cleared the fence. Missy Morcom added a double and Arnold had two singles for the Bulldogs.

An added aside to the game was Reichard's relationship with the Ram players. Reichard is a teacher at Holt High School.

"I know most of the girls on their team," she said. "We harassed each other throughout the week (at school)."

In the Bulldogs' next game, they beat Okemos 9-1.

The Chieftains are ranked in the top 10 in Division I.

Cara Long threw seven innings, scattering five hits, walking four and striking out three for the victory.

A seven-run fifth inning keyed Chelsea's win.

Getting hits in the fifth for the Dawgs were Arnold with a double, and Augustine, Moffett, Kolokithas, Vlcek, Arend and Johnson.

"Everybody hit in that inning," Reichard said.

For the contest, Chelsea finished with 10 hits. Vlcek paced the Bulldogs with three hits.

In Game No. 3, Chelsea shut out Plymouth Canton 6-0.

Connelly recorded the win, pitching four innings, yielding two hits and striking out seven. Johnson finished up, throwing the last three innings, surrendering one hit and fanning three.

Chelsea scored four runs in the third inning and two in the seventh for the final margin.

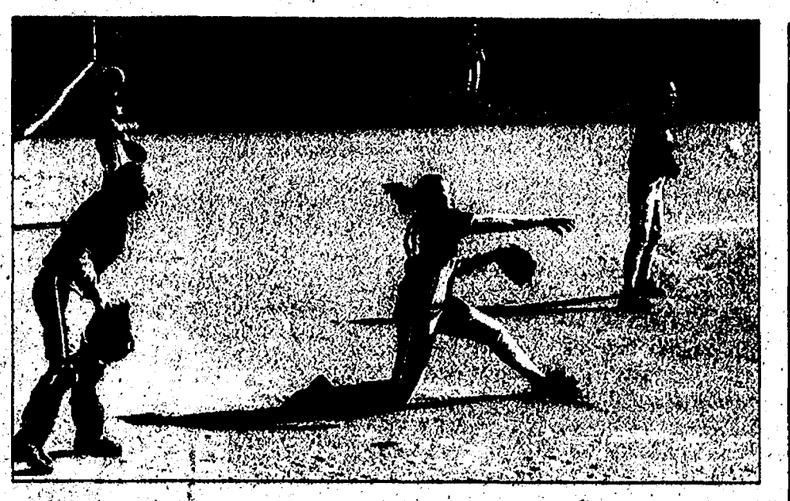

Photo by Jerry Milliken

Chelsea junior Ali Mann fires to first base against Saline last week as catcher Jenelle Vlcek and pitcher Jenna Connelly look on.

Arend ended up with three hits, including a double and one RBI, while Crews had two hits and two RBI. Morcom and Moffett both stroked doubles.

In the tournament championship game, the Bulldogs faced a familiar foe in county rival Dexter. The Dreadnaughts (12-4) are ranked No. 8 in Division II.

Behind 11 hits and strong pitching from Connelly and Long, the Bulldogs beat Dexter 6-1.

Chelsea scored two runs in the first, third and fifth innings. The Dreadnaughts scored their lone run in the seventh inning.

Connelly earned the win from the circle, throwing four innings, allowing no runs, no hits, no walks and striking out five. Long closed out the game, pitching the last three innings, giving up one run and three hits.

With the stick, Vlcek led the way with three hits and two RBIs. Arnold and Crews each added two hits and one RBI, while Mann had a double.

"It was an awesome day," Reichard said. "We played some tough opponents. Our goal was to win the championship, and we did."

It was sweet redemption for Chelsea in the final. Last year, in the tournament title game, Dexter defeated the Bulldogs.

Last Thursday, Chelsea swept host Saline, winning 2-1 and 7-3.

In the opener, Connelly struck out a season-high 13 batters, allowing one hit and walking three for the victory.

Defensively, the Bulldogs committed just one error.

For the contest, Chelsea had eight hits.

Moffett had a triple, Crews had a RBI double and Vlcek stroked a RBI single to lead the Dawgs.

In the nightcap, Connelly picked up the win.

Kolokithas, Mann and Crews each finished with two hits to pace the offense. Arend added a RBI triple.

For the game, Chelsea totaled eight hits.

"We shut them down defensively, and came back with the bats in the third and fourth innings," Reichard said.

The Bulldogs trailed 3-2 while heading into the third inning before rallying to take a 6-3 lead.

On April 22, Chelsea swept visiting Ypsilanti Lincoln 15-0 and 16-0. Both victories were mercy rule wins.

Long won the opener, throwing a no-hitter, walking none and fanning six.

Crews and Vlcek each collected two hits. Crews also had two RBIs.

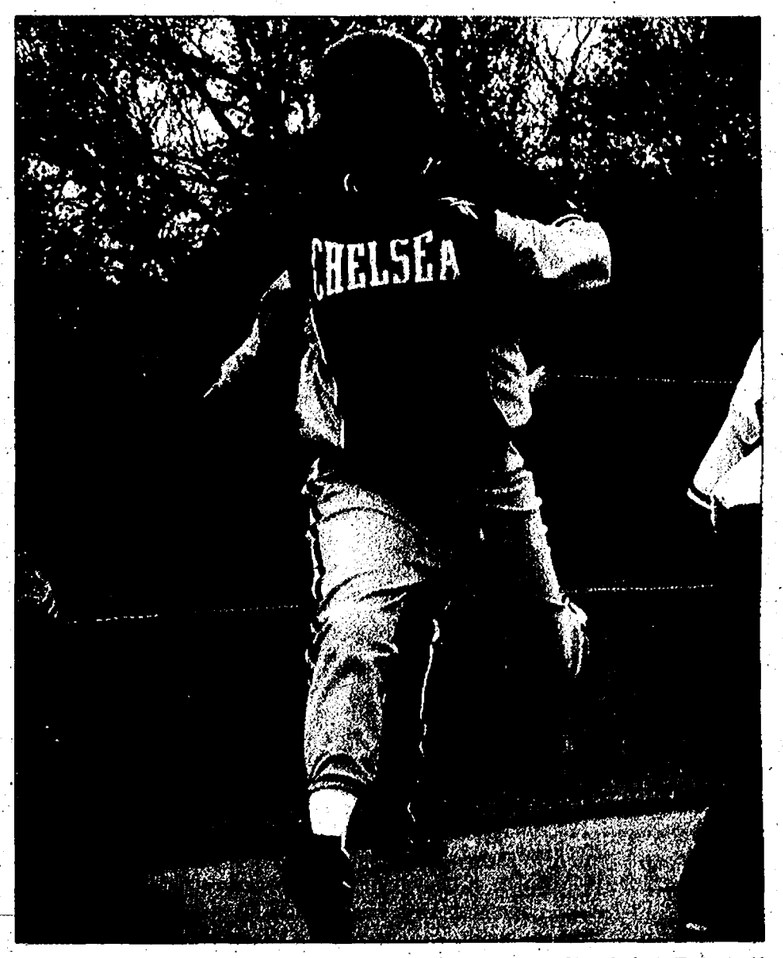

Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Bulldog senior outfielder Connie Kolokithas gets some air time before scoring a run against Plymouth Canton during last Saturday's Chelsea Invitational.

An interesting event in the game occurred when Morcom laid down a bunt, and eventually circled the bases on the play as a result of numerous Railsplitter throwing errors.

"I haven't seen that very often," Reichard said.

Chelsea scored nine runs in the second inning to secure the victory.

In the second game, Connelly picked up the win while tossing a no-hitter, walking none and fanning six.

The Bulldogs ripped 14 hits for the game.

Moffett led the way with three hits and three runs scored.

"We hit the ball well," Reichard said.

The Bulldogs also pitched well.

"It was nice to have two perfect games in one doubleheader" Reichard said. "That's the first time it's happened this year."

Chelsea next hosts Dexter 4 p.m. today.

Tomorrow, the Bulldogs travel to Milan for a game at 4 p.m.

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## TRACK

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the shot put, Kayla Pepper recorded a 28-7, a career best by more than a foot. In the 300-meter hurdles, Marissa Guysky finished in 59.6, her first time in less than one minute.

"We were pleased to finish third," Bainton said. "Haslett and Holt are good teams, and this is a pretty competitive meet year in and year out. It's a good test for us."

On April 23, Chelsea squared off against county rival Dexter, winning 88-49 in a dual meet.

Taylor and Hyssong each won twice, while Jessica Percha placed in four events to lead the Dawgs.

Chelsea (2-1, 1-0) finished first in 12 of the meet's 17 events.

Taylor captured the shot put, winning with a throw of 40-0, and the discus, with a season best heave of 135.

Pepper finished third in both the shot put (27-7) and discus (80-7), while teammate Welshans ended up second in the discus with a toss of 90-3.

In pole vault, Danielle Montpetit soared to first place, clearing 10-0. Julie Mida was second (8-0), while Megan Korc was third (7-9) for the Bulldogs.

Sarah Brigham finished first for Chelsea in the high jump (4-10), while Nina Kramer was third (4-4).

In the long jump, Shanks finished second with a career best leap of 14-10.

In field events, the Bulldogs outscored the Dreadnaughts 34-11.

Hyssong was a double winner in both the 100 meters (13.3) and the 400-meter run (1:00.7).

Chelsea swept the 100 meters, with Brigham second and Shanks third.

Gasieski ended up third in the 400-meter run, finishing in 1:05.8. She also finished fourth in the 3,200-meter run, with a time of 13:10.

Percha broke the tape first in the 200 meters with a season best 28.6 and teamed with Shanks, Moyle and Korc to win the 800-meter relay (1:56.0). She also combined with Moyle, Korc and Montpetit to place first in the 400-meter relay (55.5). Percha capped off her day with a third-place finish in the long jump with a personal best 14-5¾.

"(She) had an outstanding day for the Bulldogs," Bainton said.

In the 3,200-meter relay, the Chelsea foursome of Gauvin, Stiles, Sacks and Kinner finished first in 10:30.4.

Gauvin bested the field in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:31.4. Stiles placed third in 5:56.5.

In the 800-meter run, Sacks ended up second with a season best clocking of 2:37.8, while Kinner placed third.

Montpetit finished second in the 100-hurdles in 18.6, while teammate Kramer placed second in the 300-hurdles with a season best time of 52.6.

In the 1,600-meter relay, the Bulldog group of Lauren Williams, Moyle, Gauvin and Brigham placed first in 4:33.4.

"We ran very well," Bainton said. "I thought the meet might be a little closer, and it would have been if we hadn't run as well as we did.

"Dexter is at a disadvantage this season without a track, which really hinders (its) sprint and field events. But that doesn't detract from how well we performed."

The Bulldogs next host Tecumseh Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

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# JV baseball sweeps Tecumseh

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea JV baseball swept visiting Tecumseh, winning both games of a doubleheader 10-0 and 6-0 last Monday.

In Game 1, Jeff Elliott picked up the win from the hill, tossing a four-hitter and fanning one.

Lee Woodruff, who went 3-for-4 with a double and triple, and Jamie Spooner, who finished 2-for-2 with two RBI, paced the Bulldogs from the plate.

In the field, Chelsea (6-5) shined.

"We made no errors in the game," said Bulldog coach Jim Ticknor. "We made some defensive changes and played very well."

In the nightcap, Ty Mitchell chalked up the win, throwing a two-hitter with three strikeouts.

Craig Urwin was the top hitter for Chelsea, ending up 3-for-4 with four RBI.

Again, Chelsea was impressive defensively.

"We played as good of defense today as I have ever seen in a JV baseball doubleheader," Ticknor said. "We made only one error in two games and that was after a great stop on a ground ball. We are getting better."

Last Thursday, Saline defeated the host Bulldogs 19-8.

Woodruff suffered the loss from the mound, pitching four innings and walking eight.

A seven-run fourth inning was key for the Hornets.

Steve Koich led Chelsea from the plate going 2-for-3.

"All that could go wrong in a game did today," Ticknor said. "The team worked hard, and will get better."

On April 23, the Bulldogs beat host Ypsilanti Lincoln 15-1 and 9-4.

In the opener, Elliott recorded the win, throwing a two-hitter and striking out three.

Offensively, David Bell went 3-for-3, Ryan Keiser 3-for-4, Urwin 2-for-4 and Elliott 2-for-4 with two RBIs to pace Chelsea.

For the game, the Dawgs pounded out 15 hits.

"We are capable of playing better, but we pitched well and had some key hits," Ticknor said.

In the second game, Mitchell picked up the win, yielding six hits, fanning eight and walking three.

A five-run third inning was the difference for Chelsea.

Keiser, who went 2-for-3, led the Bulldogs with the bat.

"We are playing better each time out," Ticknor said. "Our record isn't important, (but) getting better and learning more about the game is."

Chelsea next travels to Dexter today for a game at 4 p.m.

Tomorrow, the Bulldogs travel to Milan for a contest at 4 p.m.

On Monday, Chelsea visits Ann Arbor Pioneer at 4 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs host Ann Arbor Huron at 4 p.m.

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ended up with two hits for Chelsea.

The round-robin tournament, which also included Saline and Coldwater, saw the Hornets and Chelsea both finish 3-0 for the day.

For the day, Moffett went 7-forr-10, with six doubles, six RBI and three walks.

"He played very well at shortstop, too," Welton said. "It was a big day for Matthew."

Biedron finished the tournament 4-for-11, while Horvath was 4-for-6.

"Biedron is really stepping up for us," Welton said. "And it's nice to have Horvath back in the line-up after he was out with an injury."

Last Thursday, Chelsea defeated Saline 6-3 in the first game of a doubleheader and tied the Hornets in the second contest 5-5. Game 2 was called because of darkness.

Myers picked up the win in the opener, throwing a three-hitter, striking out four and walking two.

From the plate, Daniels paced the Bulldogs, cranking a two-run home run, his first of the year, giving Chelsea a 4-3 lead in the top of the fifth inning.

Other top hitters for the Bulldogs were Bentley, with a two-run single, and Baker, with a RBI double.

In the nightcap, Chelsea rallied from a 5-2 deficit to tie the game in the seventh inning.

With one out, Moffett singled and was brought home by Baker's two-run home run. With the score 5-4 Saline, Myers singled, Grabarkiewicz walked and Biedron singled, bringing home Myers with game tying run.

On April 23, Chelsea split a doubleheader with Ypsilanti Lincoln.

The Railsplitters won the first game 3-0 and lost the second 4-1.

"It was a well-pitched game by both sides," Welton said.

Baker recorded the loss for the Bulldogs, striking out nine and walking nine in the opener.

# Rec baseball sign-up

Registration for Chelsea Recreation baseball, softball and T-ball is set for May 8.

Recreation office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Teams will be formed during sign up. Coaches will meet May 13 to receive their team rosters.

Also, the boys' baseball clinic, conducted by Chelsea High School coach Wayne Welton, begins May 10.

For information about the baseball clinic or registration for summer ball, call 475-1112.

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a program."

On April 22, Chelsea defeated visiting Pinckney 196-238.

Crane paced the Bulldogs, carding a 46. Lane followed with a 48, while Inwood and Martin both recorded a 51.

Chelsea next travels to the Jackson County Western Invitational at Whiffle Tree Golf Course 9 a.m. tomorrow.

On Monday, the Bulldogs visit Pinckney to participate in its invitational at Timber Trace Golf Course at 8:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, Chelsea hosts Temperance Bedford 3 p.m. at Reddeman Farms Golf Course.

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# Frosh kickers lose to Northville

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea's freshman girls' soccer lost to Northville 5-0 last Thursday.

The host Mustangs scored twice in the first half and three times in the second 40 minutes for the victory.

Meg Wheeler made three saves in goal for the Bulldogs (1-4-1), while teammate Hanna Taylor posted two saves.

"The whole team played some scrappy defense and forced a lot of Mustang shots wide of the net," said Chelsea coach Jim Hicks.

On April 23, Chelsea fell to Ann Arbor Pioneer 5-0.

The visiting Pioneers peppered 13 shots on goal in the first half and 14 shots on net in the second half. The Bulldogs, on the other hand, could muster just three shots on goal.

Wheeler finished the game with 19 saves for Chelsea.

On April 19, the Bulldogs tied Ann Arbor Huron 1-1.

After a scoreless opening half, Chelsea was able to get on the board first, scoring nine minutes into the second stanza, as Rebecca Reesman beat the River Rat keeper. Taryn Hammer and Lindsay Olsen assisted on the play for the Bulldogs.

Huron tied the game, reaching the back of the net with two minutes left on the clock. The game tying score was the River Rats' only shot of the second half.

On April 18, Chelsea lost to Saline 4-0.

The host Hornets scored twice in each half to secure their victory.

Illness hindered the Bulldogs against Saline. Chelsea played with 11 athletes in the first half, and 10 in the second half.

"Shots were even in the first half," Hicks said. "But playing down one turned the second half into a defensive struggle for the Bulldogs."

Whitney Branson made seven saves in the second half for Chelsea, while sweeper Rachel Gentz made a number of strong tackles to hold off the Hornets.

Besides Branson and Gentz, Hicks said Tessa St. Andres and Katie Westbrooks made strong contributions in their first starting roles.

On April 15, the Bulldogs lost to county rival Dexter 2-1.

The host Dreadnaughts scored both goals in the first half. Dexter scored three minutes into the game and later with three minutes left in the opening half.

The Bulldogs trimmed the Dexter lead to one, with a goal by Stacia Morrison 24 minutes into the last half. Reesman assisted on the play for Chelsea.

Despite out shooting the Dreadnaughts 8-4 in the second half, and dominating play, Chelsea was unable to overcome its two-goal deficit.

Anna Hillaker and Wheeler each finished with three saves in net for the Dawgs.

On April 11, Chelsea opened its season with a 4-0 shellacking of Walled Lake Central.

Olsen scored the Bulldogs' lone goal in the first 40 minutes. Ann Seelbach recorded the assist.

In the second half, Seelbach notched two goals, while Wheeler added one to close out Chelsea's scoring.

Picking up assists for the Dawgs in the half were Morrison with two and Seelbach with one.

Branson and Wheeler shared the shutout in net for Chelsea.

Playing strong defensively was Hillaker said Hicks.

The Bulldogs are fielding a freshman team for the first time this spring, The squad of 15 girls is competing in a league of their own since most of the Southeastern Conference teams do not have freshman soccer.

Chelsea, along with Dexter, are the only two Division II squads competing with Division I clubs from Northville, Walled Lake Central, Saline, Plymouth-Canton, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron.

Because of that setup, the Bulldogs' overall record is a bit deceiving, Hicks said.

"We played three teams with varsity programs ranked in the top five in Division I," he said. "You have to know their freshman teams are going to be good.

"As we get to the halfway point of our season, we'll know what the competition is like.

"The girls have agreed to work harder and get better to be competitive, both the rest of this season, and to be ready for these teams in the years to come."

Chelsea next hosts Dexter 4:30 p.m. today.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs travel to Ann Arbor Huron for a game at 4:30 p.m.


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# Singin' and swingin'

## *Local residents to perform in concert*

**By Rita Fischer**
Special Writer

Local residents Norma Graflund and Tim Wilson will take to the stage in "Singin' and Swingin'," a concert set for Saturday featuring The Choral Connection and The Riverside Big Band.

The salute to vintage American popular music and big-band tunes is set for 8 p.m. Saturday in the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, in Ann Arbor.

Graflund is a founding member of The Choral Connection, a 20-member troupe singing four-part harmony, based in Ann Arbor's Trinity Lutheran Church. She and Jan Carpman, president of the group, met while singing in the Ann Arbor Civic Chorus.

Several singers got together in 1994 to develop the bylaws and set up the nonprofit organization. Graflund has served as the troupe's secretary and treasurer throughout the years. She and Carpman are also members of Chelsea Area Players, as are Choral Connection members Bill and Mary Ellen Weakley and Pam Gibb.

Kathy West, who has played accompaniment for Chelsea Area Players productions, accompanies the Choral Connection.

Growing up in Liberty, Mo., Graflund started singing in choirs while in junior high school. She also sang in church choirs. She and her husband, Steve, moved to Lima Township in 1976, to be close to Steve's job at the DaimlerChrysler AG Proving Grounds in Chelsea. The couple has three children.

Graflund has sung in several area choirs, including the Trinity Lutheran Church choir in Ann Arbor, the Chelsea Community Chorus, Ann Arbor Civic Chorus and The Choral Connection.

In 1983, while part of the Chelsea Community Chorus, she had the opportunity to join the cast of the musical "My Fair Lady," which was being performed by the Chelsea Area Players.

"That was enough to get me hooked on theater and being on the stage," she said. "I plan to be in the cast of the upcoming 30th anniversary show this summer."

Graflund joined the CAP board in 1984 and retired in 1999. During her 16-year involvement with the group, she wore several hats, including those of costumer, assistant director, prop manager, stage manager, house manager, producer of theater workshops, accounting supervisor and board president.

Graflund has been a cast member in 18 plays, some of them musicals. Her favorite role was that of Mrs. Paroo in "The Music Man," in which she wore a red wig, while singing and speaking with an Irish accent.

Her favorite song is "You'll Never Walk Alone," from the musical "Carousel."

"I had sung that song in my high school chorus when I graduated in 1965, then I got to sing it as the character Cousin Nettie in "Carousel" when it was done in 1996 by the Chelsea Area Players," she said. "I've also sung it several times as a solo in church."

The Chorus Connection performs for senior citizen groups, corporations and for the annual University of Michigan fine arts program.

"The main goal is to have fun singing for ourselves and whoever will listen," Graflund said.

Tim Wilson has been with the troupe for about four years.

"I saw them perform and I was curious, so I tried out," he said. "They must have been pretty hard up because (director) Carolyn Burnstein took me."

Wilson's father was a singer in college and both parents encouraged their son to play music — first a clarinet when he was 10 years old, then saxophone and piano.

Wilson was accepted at the University of Michigan School of Music, but didn't enroll. Instead he pursued biology research at U of M, but left after three years. He spent the next three teaching outdoor skills, then returned to earn a degree in education.

"Teaching is probably my second love, but music is hard to make a living at," he said.

"I chose jazz music over legitimate, and pursued the nightclubbing. I was in the nightclub scene, playing instrumentally — clarinet, saxophone, piano — from about 1970 to 1975."

Wilson also enjoys writing music.

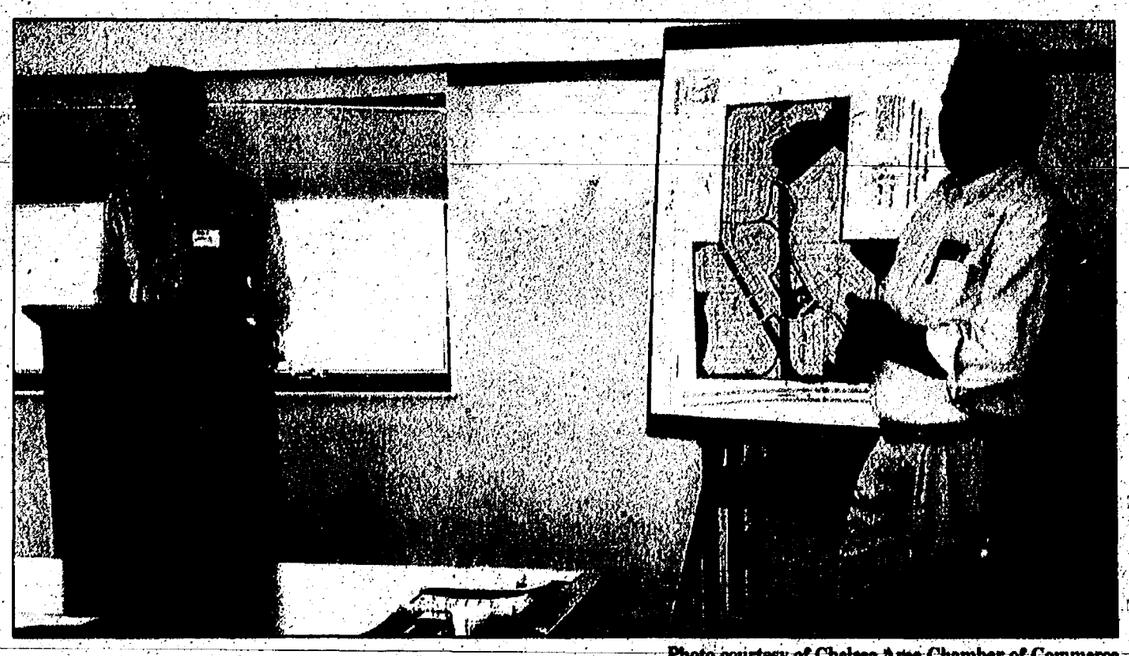
"I have a very large synthesizer with hundreds of programmed instruments and sounds, and am working to produce original pop music in the next few years," he said.

When he's not onstage, Wilson teaches science at Emerson School in Ann Arbor. "I also plan to continue singing," he said. "I hope to sing with The Choral Connection for several years."

For ticket information call 944-7729.

**Red Fish**

**Dylan Beckett, a pupil at North Creek Elementary School in Chelsea, concentrates on painting a bright red fish in a recent art class.**



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**Business Breakfast**

**Developer Mark Lewis (left) and former Sylvan Township Supervisor Gerald Dresselhouse gave a presentation April 17 to about 40 members of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. Lewis discussed how his mobile home project, near Interstate 94 and Brown Drive, would be phased in over five years and answered questions about traffic, appearance, demographics and other topics. Dresselhouse, who is coordinating the Sylvan sewer project, discussed the timing of the project, development agreements with developers and other related subjects.**

## CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY
### REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
### MARCH 19, 2002 - 7:00 P.M.
Meeting location: Chelsea District Library Meeting Room

**Welcome and Call to Order**

Trustees in attendance:

Kathy Sprawka, President; Nancy Paul, Vice President; Nancy Schumann, Secretary; John Gourlay, Treasurer; Jan Dohner, Lynn Fox and Metta Lansdale, Director

Kathy Sprawka called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Agenda Review and Additions**

There was one addition to the agenda. L. Fox requested that the At-Large vacancy be discussed in the Discussion Section. The agenda was adopted.

**Compulsory Segments**

Minutes Approval

MOVED by N. Paul and Seconded by J. Gourlay to approve the minutes for February 19, 2002, open session.

MOTION Passed.

MOVED by J. Gourlay and Seconded by N. Paul to approve the minutes for March 5, 2002, open session.

MOTION Passed.

Approval of the Checks

MOVED by N. Schumann and Seconded by N. Paul to accept the checks.

MOTION Passed.

Director's Report

M. Lansdale discussed the Director's report and added corrections and additions.

- Departing Jill Weycker, circulation clerk, had been with the library for 6 months.
- The library is in the process of checking references for finalists for the Technology Librarian position; we hope to have the position filled by the end of April.
- The library has hired a new circulation clerk, Kelli Sue Bolter.
- Year-end expense projections are part of the budgeting process. Adjustments are made closer to the end of the year, if necessary, when the library is able to make realistic projections about year-end performance.
- The Dexter Leader published an article noting Dexter's plans to build a new library on the property near the high school.
- Milford Library is holding groundbreaking ceremonies this weekend.

Communications

K. Sprawka shared a Michigan Library Association request for interest via email for a Trustees Roundtable and N. Schumann's letter withdrawing as At Large Library Trustee. The Village has forwarded a letter verifying N. Schumann's appointment to the Library Board by the Village Council.

**Comments from the Community**

Gail McCullough and Rod Gauvin were in attendance.

**Presentation**

None scheduled.

**Action**

Unemployment Insurance

MOVED by J. Gourlay and Seconded by J. Dohner that the Chelsea District Library be authorized to join the Unemployment Pool with the Michigan Municipal League.

MOTION Passed.

Meeting Date Changes

MOVED by J. Dohner and Seconded by N. Schumann to change the April meeting date from Tuesday, April 16th to Tuesday, April 23rd and June meeting date from Tuesday, June 18th to Tuesday, June 25th.

MOTION Passed.

**Major Discussion Topics**

Field Trip

A visit to the new Ypsilanti Public Library for the Board of Trustees and the Library Director was discussed.

Report on Board Ethics Statement

Jan Dohner presented the Ethics Statement draft and heard the suggestions for change and to move this topic to an action item next month.

Investment Policy

J. Gourlay stated that due to the maximum insurance provided by the FDIC, he will be evaluating investment options for diversification.

Vacant At-Large Trustee Position

M. Lansdale will be sending letters to the parties of the District Library Agreement to inform them of the vacancy and request nominations. Lima Township will not participate because 2 Trustees, J. Dohner and J. Gourlay, are currently representing this township; the District Library Agreement prohibits more than two representatives from any municipality on the library board. Information about the position will be included on the library website and publication in the local newspapers. An ad hoc committee was organized - L. Fox and J. Gourlay - to reassess the procedure for selection for this position. Two individuals have already expressed an interest.

Library Building Program Timeline

MOVED by N. Paul and Seconded by J. Gourlay that the Board authorize the Director to seek firms interested in conducting a telephone survey for the library one month after work has begun on the schematic drawings of the new library design and to be completed in 8-10 weeks.

MOTION Passed.

**Reports**

Building Committee - No report.

Finance Committee - No report.

Fund Raising and PR Committee - No report.

DDA - L. Fox stated that the Summer Fest would be held on 2 successive weekends. M. Lansdale is responding to requests for use of the Pump-n-Pantry lot and the parking area north of McKune.

Personnel Committee - will report during closed session.

Policy Committee - Meetings are scheduled for 3/26 and 4/2 at 7:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee - No report.

Chamber of Commerce Liaison - No report.

School Board Liaison - J. Dohner reported on planned millage requests from the school board and updates on school board activity.

**Public Comment**

T. Diab asked about Summer Fest scheduling. G. McCullough suggested that this would also be a good opportunity for the PR committee to have a tent/information booth.

**Break**

**Remove to Closed Session**

MOVED by N. Schumann and Seconded by J. Dohner to go into closed session for the discussion of the potential purchase of property, approve minutes and to discuss the evaluation of personnel. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: K. Sprawka, N. Paul, N. Schumann, J. Dohner, J. Gourlay, and L. Fox. Nays: None.

MOTION Passed.

**Return to Open Session**

**Adjournment**

MOVED by J. Gourlay and Seconded by N. Schumann to adjourn.

MOTION Passed at 9:45 p.m.

Submitted by,
Nancy Schumann, Secretary
Metta Lansdale, Director

## DEXTER VILLAGE
## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Council will hold a public hearing Monday, May 13, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wylie Middle School, Media Center - 3060 Kensington Street, Dexter, Michigan for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding an Ordinance to regulate partitioning or division of parcels of tracts of land, enacted pursuant but not limited to Michigan Public Act - 288 of 1967, as amended, to provide a procedure therefore, to repeal any ordinance or provision thereof in conflict herewith; and to prescribe penalties and enforcement remedies for the violation of this ordinance.

A copy of this Ordinance is available at the Village Office, located on the second floor of the National City Bank Building 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI weekdays between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Donna Eureste, Village Manager
Dexter, MI 48130

## MULTI-LAKES
## SEWER AUTHORITY

Will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at 12088 North Territorial Road, Dexter, Michigan 48130

## VILLAGE OF CHELSEA
## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Once again the Civil Defense will attempt to conduct 2 - 3 minute tests of our early warning siren system, this Saturday, May 4 at 12:00 noon. Due to recent problems with the system, we have not been able to conduct the proper test. We would also like to take this opportunity to explain to everyone that the actual emergency siren is a three minute blast and that is a warning to take cover and listen to a local radio channel (WAAM 1600 AM or WEMU 89.1 FM) for an explanation of the emergency and an all clear announcement. Please do not call 911, police or fire departments with questions during the emergency, listen to your portable radio for instructions.

## VILLAGE OF CHELSEA
## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LANDSCAPE STANDARDS

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE VILLAGE OF CHELSEA LANDSCAPE STANDARDS AS THEY APPLY TO MULTIPLE FAMILY, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

The aforesaid hearing will be held in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., Chelsea, Michigan on TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

A copy of the proposed standards are on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Chelsea Planning Commission Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

CHELSEA VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION
Chris Rode, Chair

## VILLAGE OF CHELSEA
## NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by TODD KOCH OF 333 GARFIELD STREET, for a variance from the requirements of Section 3.10 B of Ordinance No.79 (Zoning Ordinance), to ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GARAGE WITH A 12'-12" PITCH ROOF TO MATCH THE ROOF PITCH OF THE HOUSE. THE HEIGHT WILL EXCEED THE ALLOWED 12 FEET BY APPROXIMATELY 3 FEET.

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You are herein notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on May 15, 2002, at 5:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Chelsea Village Offices, located in the Chelsea Bank Building, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 (lower level conference room), to consider objections to said request.

The petition is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

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DONALD T. OSBORNE, CHAIRMAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

## VILLAGE OF CHELSEA
## NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by HOWDY S. HOLMES of CHELSEA MILLING COMPANY for a variance from the requirements of Section 6.07 A & 6.03 C of Ordinance No.79 (Zoning Ordinance), to ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A SIGN 23' X 62.5' FT. A TOTAL OF 1437.5 SQUARE FEET ON THE FLOUR MILL BUILDING. SAID SIGN WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 85.5 FEET HIGH AND WILL BE A LIKENESS OF THE "JIFFY CORN MUFFIN MIX" BOX.

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# Views from the trail are breathtaking

FELICIA HERMOSILLO

TALES FROM THE TRAIL

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Dexter Township resident Felicia Hermosillo, a graduate of Chelsea High School, is hiking the 2,168-mile Appalachian Trail to help raise money for The Breast Cancer Fund. She will be writing a regular column about her experiences.*

I have now hiked 314.3 miles of the trail, 45 miles past Hot Springs, N.C.

The first few days of hiking were a bit trying. I was feeling very out of shape and inexperienced. In addition to that, some of my equipment decided to stop working the first day.

I was feeling a little discouraged after those first few days, and then I met a group of people who I enjoy hiking with. Most people here are so great. It really is a good time.

I was fortunate that my parents decided to stick around after dropping me off. They met me and my new friends four days later at Kneel's Gap, where we had a pizza party and I was able to take a shower and wash my clothes.

I feel as though I've been through everything already — I've been rained on, soaked, starving, sick, suffered through blisters, too cold, too hot — the list goes on. But I've also seen some beautiful scenery.

The last half of the Smoky Mountains was so beautiful. The trail goes mostly along the ridge of the mountains and beautiful weather allowed for some excellent views and scenery.

The trail between the Smokies and Hot Springs was also an inspiring hike. The beauty in the outdoors is at times overwhelming.

When we reached Hot Springs, my buddies and I celebrated with good food, a few beers and an hour-long soak in the hot springs. I thought my whole body would feel miserable after my first 20-mile hike, but I felt so good that we headed out again pretty soon for a short five- to six-mile hike.

Just a week ago, I heard coyotes outside of my tent — at first sniffing around, then barking and howling. It's not frightening, since coyotes are actually afraid of people, but it just felt so incredible to be in the middle of the animal kingdom.

I've also seen deer, snakes, rabbits, and a host of beautiful butterflies and brightly colored beetles.

Animal life is definitely not the only scenery on the trail. Although most of the trees still don't have leaves, spring is trying its hardest to catch up with us.

The grass is so green and fragrant and the hills are covered with spring beauties, trillium and other spring flowers.

It's such a privilege to be able to stop for lunch on a rock amidst all these delicate flowers and bask in the sun and scenery.

See TRAIL — Page 8-C

# Replant perennials while weather still cool

CHARLENE HARRIS
MASTER GARDENER

GARDENS & NATURE

Late March and early April had me scurrying outside to keep ahead of the hot weather. But the recent cool weather provided an opportunity to divide and replant some of the perennials that I didn't get to last fall.

During the unseasonably hot weather my plants popped out of the ground just enough that I could see some really needed to be divided. When the cool weather hit, I decided to take advantage it and spend a few hours each day digging, dividing and replanting some of my Siberian and Japanese iris along with a few daylilies and hosta.

In a few cases, I transplanted the entire plant to a new location. Doing this in spring is not for the faint hearted. My soil is well drained, somewhat sandy, and easy to dig when moist. But I avoid digging when it's really wet. I don't want to compact the soil while walking on it.

I use the exact same methods I would in fall. In addition, I am prepared to shade the newly moved plants if it gets too hot or windy.

Disturbing the roots in spring or early summer temporarily interferes with the plant's ability to take up water and nutrients until they regrow their roots. When moving the entire plant in spring or early summer, I avoid removing too much of the root mass, or exposing the roots to air for too long a time. Divided plants may need protection from sun and wind while re-establishing their roots.

My bay window ledge is covered with 18-inch plastic trays filled with plants waiting to go in the ground. The longer window-box style plastic pots allow me to up pot the small cell pack size plants until we are past the danger of frost in mid-May and I have time to plant them.

Each 18-inch tray holds up to 12 small cell pack size plants. The trays are about 5 inches high, just right for the small plants. I remove the plants from the cell packs and score each of the four sides of the roots with a razor knife, or untangle them if they are not too tight. Those that look like a mass of spaghetti get scored.

Sometimes, I completely remove the bottom half-inch or so if the roots are too densely packed. At this stage, they regenerate roots quickly if kept in a well drained, light-planting medium with ample moisture.

I fit the small plants into the larger tray and then fill it with planting medium, and water well. The larger container of soil eliminates daily watering, and the roots of the small plants have plenty of room to grow.

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See PERENNIALS — Page 8-C


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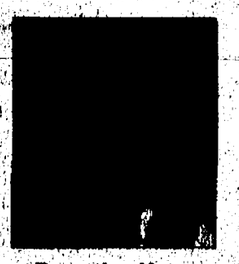

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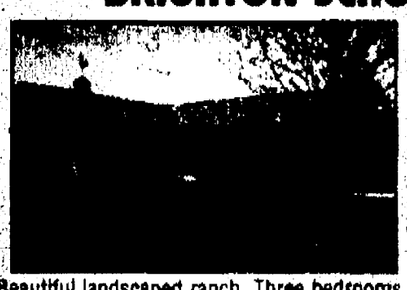

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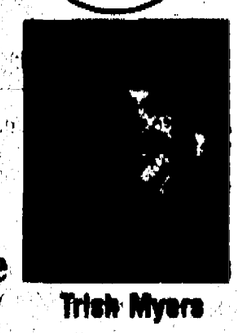

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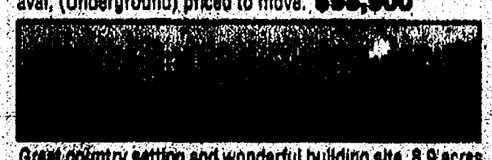

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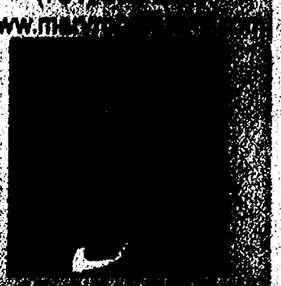

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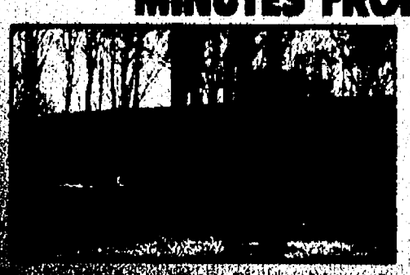

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# Many teen-agers believe in relative truth

SAM BELANGER

TEEN CHAT

Have you ever heard the following statements: "Truth is what you make it to be" or "Don't tell me what's right from wrong. It's different for everyone"?

What about, "How can you tell someone what's right for them when you haven't even walked a mile in their shoes?"

I've forgotten the exact statistic, but I remember reading something awhile back that indicated many teens believe in relative truth. Relative truth simply means there is no set "right and wrong."

As a youth pastor, I am not that comfortable with so many teens believing this to be true. I think I understand why so many teens believe it, but I still don't like it.

If truth is relative or personal, what exactly is OK? If we don't have to obey the 10 Commandments, (just because we don't all believe in them), then what do we use as our source for guidance and direction? Do we use U.S. law? But what if that law changes? How are we supposed to live without a right from wrong?

I want you to see how senseless and chaotic life would be without right and wrong.

Parents, you're raising your children to the best of your ability, right? Do you have even a rough set of rules that you expect your teens to live by? I suspect and hope that you do.

Of course, we are supposed to "parent" our children. That means that we sometimes have to "lay down the law." Our young children grow up having to live by a set of right and wrong ideals.

What happens to these cute, young kids when they reach the age of 12? Something interesting takes place. They get minds of their own. This is when they get really fun, when their previously innocent minds begin trying to understand the deep mysteries of the universe, or at least the deep mysteries going on inside themselves.

Teens — at least those of you who do not believe in absolute truth — let me ask you this next question: Why do so many of you not believe in absolute truth? Why do so many of you believe that what's right for one person may not be for you? Is it because you don't feel that you need to follow the norm? Is it the "MM (Marilyn Manson) Syndrome"?

I remember reading in an interview that shock rocker Manson's entire philosophy on life centers on bucking (rebelling, actually) the socially accepted system. Sometimes, that's a good thing, when things in society do need to be changed. A lot of times it isn't, though.

For instance, police officers aren't bad just because they arrest some people. They aren't evil just because you may have disobeyed the law and gotten into trouble.

Teens, all of you may not believe in relative truth, but I know many of you do. And, in this column, I'm just trying to figure out why you believe that.

Here's what I believe on the subject: If there is a God, then there must be absolutes, and those are his absolutes. The only way that can ever change is if you or I become God and establish our own law, which cannot happen. I'm not trying to step on anyone's toes. This is just what I believe.

If there is a God, and one day he will allow people to enter heaven, then whom will he let in? Will he let everyone in? What about the unrepentant murderers, rapists and child molesters? Will they get in? What is God's standard for getting into heaven?

If you are still with me, you have to believe that there must be some sort of standard to live by. If that standard isn't the 10 Commandments or the Bible, then what is it? Will you get to enter heaven because you lived what you believed, even if your thinking was irrational or even warped?

There must be absolute truth in life. It's the only thing that truly makes sense.

What do you believe, teens? Have I given you words for thought today? I hope so because that statistic disturbs me. If God is real, he has absolutes to live by.

Have a great week obeying his absolutes.

**Sam Belanger is the youth pastor at the Howell Assembly of God. He can be reached at 1-517-546-2669 or via e-mail at pastorsamb@yahoo.com.**

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SUSAN JACOBS

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Verify any tax balances to ensure they are correct before paying.

**Susan Jacobs is a CPA living in Chelsea with offices in Ann Arbor and Pinckney. She has been in public accounting for 13 years, concentrating on taxation for small businesses and individuals. She can be reached at 1-734-332-3700.**

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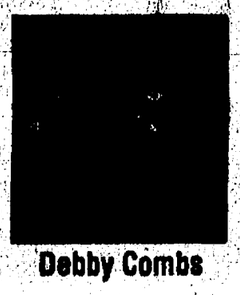

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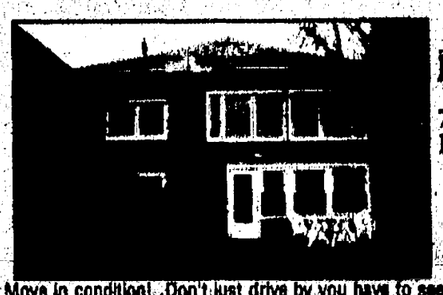

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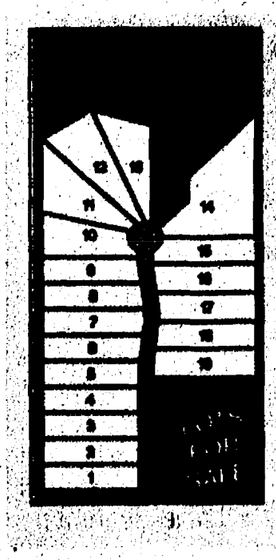

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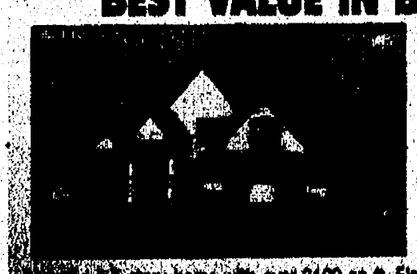

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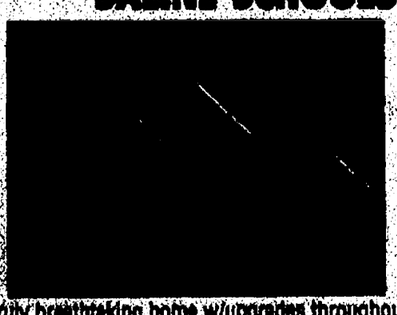

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## Art Exhibit

**Three Dexter elementary school pupils recently had their artwork included in the 2002 Michigan Art Education Association State Exhibit for Elementary and Middle School Children. Their pieces were on display at the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts at Michigan State University in East Lansing. Pictured are artists Brittany Martini (left), Kristen Ewan and Nick Dackiw.**

# Krecic presents research

Dexter High School graduate Anna Krecic presented an original research project titled "Explorations in Large Format Photography" during Albion College's Elkin Isaac Research Symposium.

The symposium honors former teacher, coach and mentor Elkin R. "Ike" Isaac. He taught at Albion College from 1952 to 1975, and coached champion basketball, track and cross-country teams.

The daylong symposium highlights current original research done by more than 80 students in all academic disciplines.

Krecic is a senior at Albion College and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of Mark Krecic and Sandra Krecic of Dexter.

# TRAIL

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The views are all so beautiful. I get to the top of one mountain and look around at all the surrounding ranges, and I feel a flood of emotions. I feel grateful to be here, I feel inspired by the greatness of it all, and I feel, most of the time, like the luckiest girl in the world.

I'm blessed by having met such wonderful people here and having tremendous support from home, too. Meeting people on the trail is so easy — everyone has similar goals. We all support each other; we encourage each other; we tease each other.

The trail names are the best part — when you meet people, you don't give your real name, just your trail name. Mine is "Boats." Others I have met are "The Virginian," "Thumper," "Cantore," "Skib," "Tottie," "Heavy D," "The Wedding Singer," "MacGyver" — the list goes on and on. Everyone has a trail name and everyone has a story.

Despite all of our differences, we stick together and we have used our trail sense to get us out of many tough situations. A few hikers had to rig a splint out of hiking poles for a fellow hiker, "Two-Step," who broke his ankle in the Smokies. They also built a stretcher out of a tarp and a log and hauled him three miles to a shelter.

Even some of the neophytes have suffered through the first few weeks and now they appear to be experienced hikers.

Five of us were able to camp on the summit of Standing Indian Mountain, N.C. It was so beautiful — the most inspiring and breathtaking view I have seen so far.

On the summit there was a grassy area just large enough for three very small tents. We set up camp and ate dinner just as the sun set across the mountain ranges. It also happened to be the evening of a full moon. The stars put on a great show for us and the moon was so bright and beautiful. What a special treat — it was the best.

On the other hand, when I climbed Clingman's Dome, the highest point on the trail, it was miserable. Unfortunately, gusty winds, rain and fog made the summit a bit pointless. I couldn't see a thing from up there.

All in all, I love it out here. I've been here a little more than a month, and I've had very few days where I felt like I was not "On top of the world," as one of my trail friends always says.

I feel so privileged to be able to do this and am grateful for all the support that I am receiving from home.

A friend who teaches at a middle school in Texas presented my walk as a project for the students. Their school has raised more than $600 for The Breast Cancer Fund. Aside from the positive effect the money will have, the students talked about breast cancer so now all those kids are a bit more aware.

**To donate, go online to www.breastcancerfund.org or send a check, payable to The Breast Cancer Fund, to The Breast Cancer Fund, 2107 O'Farrell, San Francisco, CA 94115-3419.**

# PERENNIALS

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light on my bay window ledge. On warm days, I open the side windows for extra ventilation.

The best choice of plant materials is often available two to four weeks before I'm ready to plant it in the garden. I like to wait till mid-May, when the ground has warmed up, the danger of frost is gone and the greenhouse-grown plants have time to harden.

This way, I can get my tomatoes, new perennials and some annuals early in the season, grow them on a bit in the larger containers. They are easy care.

As I write, the temperature is 36 degrees with gusty winds and a light cold rain. The expected temperature tonight will be in the low 30s. This would be a dramatic change for plants that have been coddled in warm greenhouses for their entire life.

Often they don't survive the transplant shock or pout for a week or more before acclimating. Even then they are frequently stunted. I like happy plants, and I don't have time to run outside and cover up or water the new plants every day.

I like to use the long trays for starting seeds, too. Unlike the shallow trays, the soil does not dry out, and they hold the warmth that promotes seed germination.

When I'm ready to plant outside, it's easy enough to cut the individual seedlings out of the larger containers and I have ample root growth, more than if they were in the small cell packs. From seed to 6- to 8-inch plants, they are happy in the long deep trays.

The planting medium I use is sterile and thus damping-off is kept to a minimum for seedlings or small plants. I like a light soil less mix of fine bark and vermiculite. Perlite will also work.

I'm particularly fussy with my perennials when I plant them outside. I like to give them a good start, since most of them will grow in place for three to four years before I dig and divide them. The roots of a small-cell pack plant or even a 6-inch container-size perennial will spread from one to 2 feet in a few years, so that's the size of the planting area I prepare for them.

**Charlene Harris of Chelsea is a master gardener. She will be teaching a container gardening class 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Chelsea Community Education. To register, call 433-2206. Harris can be reached via e-mail at conifer@coast.net.**

## WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION NOTICE OF HERBICIDE APPLICATION

The Daltons Inc., its' main office at 936 Little Eagle Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580, has been contracted by the Washtenaw County Road Commission to perform vegetation control maintenance services at guardrail locations throughout the county. In doing so, they will be applying two Du Pont materials, Krovar and Oust, plus Monsanto's Roundup between May 6th and May 31st, 2002. Additional information may be requested by contacting Lex Dalton at 219-267-7511.

## DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. AT
DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA
1) Election of Officers
2) Revisit By-Laws
3) General Development Plan Revision
4) Proposed Zoning Ordinance (Draft of March 2002)

John Shea,
Vice Chairman

## LIMA TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE PLANNING COMMISSION FROM FIVE MEMBERS TO SEVEN MEMBERS

WHEREAS; the Township Board of Lima Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan desires to proceed under the terms and provisions of Michigan Public Act 168 of 1959, as amended, the Township Planning Act, and

WHEREAS; Lima Township is growing in population and issues of planning for the township's well-being, and

WHEREAS; the Planning Commission is presently five (5) members in number,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lima Township Board of Trustees do increase the Lima Township Planning Commission to seven (7) members in number, according to Michigan Public Act 168 of 1959.

The foregoing resolution offered by Clerk Bareis, seconded by Trustee Laier.

Ayes: Laier, McKenzie, Havens, Bareis and Unterbrink

Nays: None

Absent: None

Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution effective sixty (60) days following publication.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of resolution number 04-01-2002, adopted by the Township Board for Lima Township, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at the regular meeting held on April 1, 2002.

Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk
Lima Township

Dated April 1, 2002

## VILLAGE OF DEXTER NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS

Special Spring Limited Refuse Cleanup
will take place on
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2002

**All Items Must Be Placed At The Curb Prior to 7:00 A.M. on Friday, May 10, 2002.**

**SPECIAL SPRING CURBSIDE COLLECTION CLEAN-UP GUIDELINES**

- Residential Pick-up for Village Residents ONLY!
- Items generated by Village Residents that can be carried to the curb will be hauled away, except for the following exclusions:

Items not properly prepared for pickup will NOT be picked up.

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- Poisons
- Any liquids
- Paint or paint solvents
- Flammables
- Oil
- Anti-freeze
- Pesticides
- Herbicides
- Explosives
- Appliances containing freon can be scheduled for pick-up for an additional charge of $35.00 per appliance by calling 1-800-971-7490 the week prior to the clean-up
- Items not properly stacked into 4' lengths, bundled and or bagged.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL DEXTER D.P.W. AT 426-8530**

- The Village DPW crews will collect stacked brush and compostable materials in APPROVED BIODEGRADABLE BAGS. Contracted refuse hauler will collect all other refuse and debris.

## LIMA TOWNSHIP NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ZONING AMENDMENT

Addition to Section 3.10 Access to Streets

However, any lot/parcel in an (RR) or (RS) residential district may be split, such that one lot/parcel shall adjoin a public street or private road, and the other lot/parcel shall have an access easement of record to that public street or private road (1). All lots/parcels shall be in compliance with the zoning ordinance for said residential district. Any access easement granted to a private road shall not violate any of the conditions under which that private road was approved, nor shall it violate any current requirement/s of a private road that was/were not a requirement when said private road was approved. If an easement is granted to a private road, the property owner being granted said easement must sign the private road maintenance agreement.

Furthermore, said access easement from the parent lot/parcel shall only be to a lot/parcel divided from the parent lot/parcel. No access easement shall be granted from the parent lot/parcel to a lot/parcel that is not currently part of the parent lot/parcel. The access easement shall be at least sixty-six (66) feet in width at the public street or private road right-of-way and continuing at least sixty-six (66) feet in width to the divided lot/parcel. Before issuance of a permit for any structure on the lot/parcel, the driveway/road to said lot/parcel must be approved by the Zoning Administrator.

(1). Note: Private roads not in compliance shall be brought into compliance with current ordinance.

Ayes: Laier, McKenzie, Havens, Bareis and Unterbrink. Nays: None. Absent: None.

I hereby certify this is a true and complete copy of an ordinance amendment approved by the Lima Township Board at their regular meeting on April 1, 2002. Effective date, thirty days after publication.

Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

## DEXTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND DEXTER DISTRICT LIBRARY COUNTIES OF WASHTENAW AND LIVINGSTON, MICHIGAN FOR THE REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTRICT LIBRARY:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the regular election for Dexter Community Schools will be held in the School District on Monday, June 10, 2002.

Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, provides in part that the inspectors of election at an annual or special election shall not receive the vote of a person residing in a registration school district whose name is not registered as an elector in the city or township in which the person resides.

The last day for receiving registrations for the regular election will be Monday, May 13, 2002. Persons registering after the Clerk's office closes, on Monday, May 13, 2002, will not be eligible to vote at the regular election. Persons planning to register must determine when the Clerk's office will be open for registration.

Only persons who have registered as general electors with the appropriate Clerk of the City or Township in which they reside, or through registration at a Secretary of State driver's license bureau are registered school electors and registered district library electors.

The following persons have been nominated as candidates for the one-year term ending June 30, 2003:

Jean D. Christian

The following persons have been nominated as candidates for the four-year term ending June 30, 2006:

Frances Baker
Richard R. Darr

The following proposals will be submitted to the electors at the election on Monday, June 10, 2002:

Millage Proposal

Shall taxes be increased against all taxable real and tangible personal property within the Dexter District Library District in an amount not to exceed 1.25 mills ($1.25 on each $1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of twenty (20) years, the years 2002 to 2021, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all District Library purposes authorized by law; and shall the District Library levy such new additional millage for said purpose; the estimate of the revenue the District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the District Library in the 2002 calendar year is approximately $893,701.

Bond Proposal

Shall the Dexter District Library, Counties of Washtenaw and Livingston, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed $7,785,000 and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therfor, payable in not to exceed twenty (20) years from date of issuance, for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of acquiring, constructing, and furnishing a library building and acquiring and improving the site therefor? The estimated millage to be levied in 2002 is 0.66 mill ($0.66 per $1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 0.60 mill ($0.60 per $1,000 of taxable value).

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Dexter Community Schools, Counties of Washtenaw and Livingston, Michigan.

Secretary, Board of Education
Dexter Community Schools
Counties of Washtenaw and Livingston, Michigan

## VILLAGE OF CHELSEA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Washington Street Education Center — April 9, 2002

Present: President Steele, Village Manager Myers, and Village Clerk Branson

Trustees Present: Trustees Albertson, Holmes, Myles, Ortbring, Ritter, and Schumann

Others Present: Nancy Schumann, Art Stoll, Christine Linfield, Ron Cook, Steven Fisher, Jim Drolett, Ann Feeney, Dan Rosentreter, Gary Adams, Kent Walton, John Frank

President Steele called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Holmes seconded by Ritter to approve the Consent Agenda. Six Ayes. One Abstain (Ortbring). Motion carried.

Motion by Ortbring seconded by Schumann to approve the Regular Agenda with the addition of request from Zou Zou's for outdoor seating and forwarding of names of Village residents interested in appointment to Chelsea District Library Board under Unfinished Business. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Audience Participation:

Ron Cook, a builder in the Chelsea Fairways development spoke to Council regarding the inability to get Certificate of Occupancies (CofO's) because a water main on Old U.S. 12 has not been constructed. He has three houses sold, close to closing and the purchasers, who have sold houses and are moving to Chelsea, need to move in. President Steele indicated that the development agreement requires this water main be installed prior to issuance of CofO's. Much discussion ensued. President Steele indicated***** he would like staff comments in writing and that this issue would be placed on the next Council agenda. Trustee Ritter asked that the developer, Richard Lewiston, be present.

Art Stoll spoke to Council representing the Committee for Chelsea Park. They will be meeting Monday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Chelsea Community Hospital Dining Room A and everyone is invited.

Public Hearings:

None

Correspondence:

President Steele brought to the attention of Council the following correspondence: March 2002 Monthly Zoning Report, Revised Meeting Notice from Boundary Commission, WWRA Annual Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2002, CAFA letter responding the Chelsea Village Council Subcommittee request for additional information, CAFA Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2002, DDA Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2002, letters to Hobbs & Black and Ann Arbor Architects Collaborative, memo from Clerk Branson regarding Mayor Exchange and Elected Officials Academy, revised Page 1 of the March 26th Council minutes, Village of Chelsea Wellhead Protection Committee Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2001 and January 11, 2002, letter from Comcast regarding franchise fees, letter from Department of Treasury regarding State Revolving Fund, email regarding pending legislation, Chelsea Committee/Board Meeting Schedule.

Report from Council Committees:

Trustee Albertson said she reviewed information received concerning the CAFA and has many questions. After some discussion, it was decided a work session would be scheduled.

Trustee Holmes attended the WWRA meeting and he said he would like to see an effort made to improve education.

Trustee Ritter reported on the CAFA meeting he attended.

Trustee Myles asked Ann Feeney of the DDA to give a report on the Park Street parking lot. Ms. Feeney advised Council they were close to a contract on the parking lot and are hoping for a completion date close to June 21st.

Trustee Ritter reported that the director of CATS is looking for another job.

Motion by Ritter that the Village of Chelsea withdraw from the CAFA. Motion died for lack of second.

Village Manager Myers encouraged attendance at the public meeting scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on April 11th regarding Phase II of the water project.

Nancy Schumann, Village of Chelsea representative to the Chelsea District Library Board, reported that a new state law requires the library (and other public bodies) to provide protection for persons under age 18 against offensive material. The library has purchased Library Guardian, which is filtering program. Trustee Albertson stated this is in direct violation of freedom of speech. Ms. Schumann stated the library feels it is necessary to comply with the law.

Reports from Village Officers:

Dan Rosentreter, Water Superintendent, said he hoped the new water plant would be up and running in the next few weeks.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Ortbring seconded by Ritter to approve the outdoor seating requested by Zou Zou's with the condition that it is the same as last year. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ortbring seconded by Myles to forward the names of Gregory DeGraff and Rita Holmes to the Chelsea District Library Board for consideration for appointment to the board as a delegate at-large. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ritter seconded by Holmes to approve the minutes of the 4/2/02 joint work session with the Planning Commission. Five Ayes. Two Abstain (Ortbring and Myles). Motion carried.

New Business:

Steven Fisher, developer of the proposed Heritage Point on the Merkel property north of Dexter-Chelsea Road said he would like to address Council for the purpose of narrowing down the issues associated with the development. He was not asking for approval at this meeting. He reviewed the Planning Commission's Resolution #2 together with the memo dated April 8, 2002 from James L. Drolett, which listed unresolved items in the resolution. Mr. Fisher agreed to provide the items listed in the memo. He does need to meet with Village Manager Myers regarding the 10 acres the Village wants to acquire for the WWTP. Concerns raised by Council included whether the developer worked with affected residents, the need to ensure proposed street names were not duplicates and the possibility of soil contamination on site. Mr. Fisher stated an environmental analysis was done because he does not want to develop a contaminated parcel. He believed that Mr. Drolett had a copy of the analysis in his files. Mr. Fisher will submit revised plans addressing the issues in the memo and submit them to the Village for review. Mr. Drolett and Carl Schmutt will draft a PUD agreement and this proposal should be placed on the first Council meeting in May in these things are completed in a timely manner.

Motion by Ritter seconded by Ortbring to adjourn Regular Session. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Approved: April 23, 2002

Richard Steele, Village President
Jacalyn J. Branson, Village Clerk

*****Minutes amended at 4/23/02 meeting to read: Per Trustee Myles request, President Steele indicated that staff comments should be put in writing....on the next Council Agenda.

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NOTICE OF
JUDICIAL SALE

UNITED STATES VS. REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 847 EUGENE, YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN TOGETHER WITH ALL ITS BUILDINGS, FIXTURES, IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES.

Notice is hereby given to: The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Order of Judicial Sale, dated February 28th, 2002 in United States vs. Rick Drean, et al, Civil Case No. 01-72466). Real property located at 847 Eugene, Ypsilanti, Michigan, more particularly described as:

Lot 112, Dianne Acres Subdivision, Liber 14, pages 49 and 50, Washtenaw County Records (Parcel #105-037-000-038-00) will be sold by U.S. Marshals auction, at 200 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor, Michigan, at 10:00am on May 13th, 2002. The sale shall be subject to building lines if established, all laws, ordinances and governmental regulations (including building and zoning ordinances), affecting the property, and easements and restrictions appearing of record, if any. No bids for the property (except as to the United States) shall be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or cash deposit of ten thousand dollars ($10,000). The remaining balance will be due sixty (60) days following the date of the confirmation of sale. Property shall be sold subject to the local real estate taxes for the tax year 2002, which are payable in 2003, and all subsequent tax years. For additional information, please call 313-234-5640.

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**Notices (Legals) 102**

REQUEST FOR BID: Washtenaw County Purchasing on behalf of Washtenaw Community Health Organization is issuing a Sealed Request for Proposal for Community Homes for the Developmentally Disabled for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2002. A mandatory bidders conference will be held May 6, 2002 at 2:30pm in Room 107, 555 Towner, Ypsilanti, MI. Detailed specifications may be obtained at Washtenaw County Finance/Purchasing Dept., 220 N. Main, Room 8-35, Ann Arbor, MI. Bid #5995, Due: May 29, 2002 by 3:00pm Local Time For more information please call (734) 222-6760.

**Personals 103**

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**Personals 103**

STUDY PARTICIPANTS Smokers and non-smokers, age 25-65, who have a history of depression and are not currently taking any anti-depressants are needed for U of M study. Study pays $40. Call 1-800-742-2300, #6308 or e-mail GenSupp med.umich.edu or visit http://www.umich.edu/~niclab

**Lost & Found 104**

LOST, SIAMESE 7 year old cat. Last Wednesday. On McKinley Rd. Chelsea. Possibly hurt. Front declawed. Please call (734) 475-9095

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**NOTICE OF ACTION AND ARREST**

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UNITED STATES v. THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND SIXTY-EIGHT CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($3,690.68); THIRTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE DOLLARS AND FORTY-EIGHT CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($13,359.48); ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND SIXTY-SEVEN CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($122,254.67); SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND FIFTY-NINE CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($7,680.59); THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND TWENTY-SIX CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($38,850.26); EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-THREE CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($8,375.73); SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($6,000.00); ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SEVEN CENTS IN U.S. DOLLAR ($1,984.87); ONE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($191,290.75); SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS AND FORTY-EIGHT CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($7,220.48); TWENTY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS AND SIXTY-SEVEN CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($21,766.67)

CMI No. 02-71467

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, notice is hereby given that on or about April 15, 2002, pursuant to a Complaint for Forfeiture filed in this Court by the United States Attorney on April 15, 2002, a Summons, Warrant of Arrest and Notice in Rem was executed against THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND SIXTY-EIGHT CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($3,690.68); THIRTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE DOLLARS AND FORTY-EIGHT CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($13,359.48); ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND SIXTY-SEVEN CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($122,254.67); SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND FIFTY-NINE CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($7,680.59); THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND TWENTY-SIX CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($38,850.26); EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-THREE CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($8,375.73); SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($6,000.00); ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SEVEN CENTS IN U.S. DOLLAR ($1,984.87); ONE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($191,290.75); SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS AND FORTY-EIGHT CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($7,220.48); TWENTY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS AND SIXTY-SEVEN CENTS IN U.S. CURRENCY ($21,766.67), property sought to be forfeited by the United States as forfeited under 18 U.S.C. §§ 981 (a) (1) (A) and/or (C). Any person claiming an interest in said property must file a claim in this Court within thirty (30) days after notice of this publication, and must file an answer within twenty (20) days after the filing of such claim.

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN**
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHTENAW**

FEDCO VITAMINS & COSMETICS OF ALBION, INC., A Michigan Corporation
Plaintiff,
vs. Case No: 02-327-CB
YEA, INC., a Michigan Corporation,
Defendant. HON. David S. Swartz

Terrance P. Conlin (P24853)
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**ORDER ALLOWING SUBSTITUTED SERVICE**

At a session held in the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan on the 17th day of April, 2002
HONORABLE DAVID S. SWARTZ
Circuit Judge

This matter having come before the Court upon the verified Ex-Parte Motion of the Plaintiff, for the entry of an Order Allowing Substituted Service; and

WHEREAS, the Court has read the Plaintiff's petition and is otherwise advised in the premises;

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered that the Plaintiff may perfect service on the Defendant through publication of this Order in accordance with MCR 2.106.

This matter is being brought for the collection of sums due the Plaintiff pursuant to certain contractual agreements between the parties.

The Defendants are hereby notified that they have 28 days to answer the Complaint or take other actions permitted by law or court rules. If the Defendant fails to answer within the time set forth, a default against Defendant may be entered.

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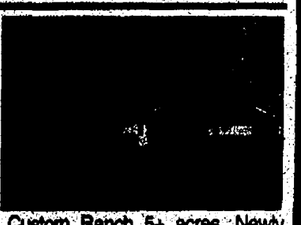

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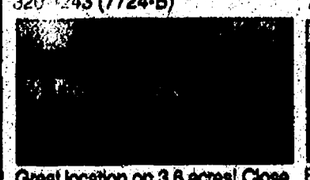

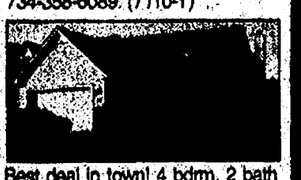

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Wonderful location. Close to town & frways. Many up grades. Partial finished. bsmt, roughed for add'l bath. Lots of storage. Hardwoods. Incredible master suite. Bay window in kitch. $293,000. Michelle Vedder 734-395-1549. (3214-G)

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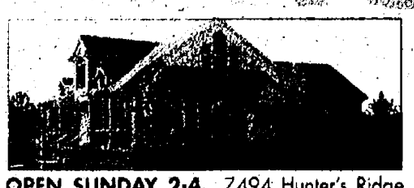

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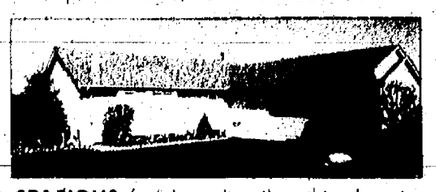

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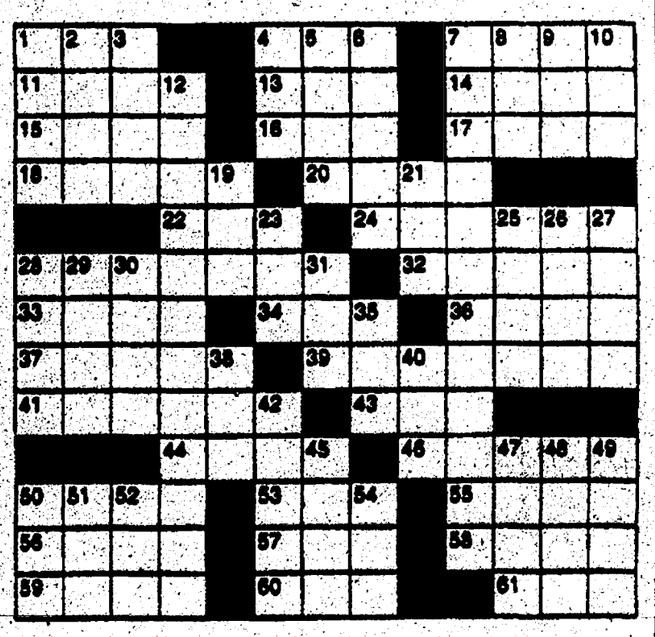

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3 Lillian or Dorothy
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28 "Persistence of Memory" artist
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## Rummage/ Garage Sales 712

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CHELSEA GARAGE SALE- 1023 N. FREER, Fri-Sat, May 3-4, 9-11, kitchen cabinets, antique full bed, Herman Miller chairs, exercise equipment, home furnishings, clothes, puzzles, baby items.

CHELSEA, Multi-family garage sale. 1200 Clear Lake Court. May 2-4, Thurs., 12-6pm. Fri & Sat, 9am-5pm. Misc. household items, crafts, baby items: crib, youth bed, stroller, high chair, toys. Clothing 0-4 and adults.

## Rummage/ Garage Sales 712

CHELSEA: SATURDAY, MAY 4, 165 S. FREER, 7:30am-3pm. Five families. Antiques, house, yard, collectibles, furniture, Tonkas, Barbie & house, and much more. All nice- priced to sell.

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CHELSEA
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CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE
Friday, May 3
8:30am-8pm
Sat, May 4
8:30am-4pm
in Dexter United Methodist
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DEXTER GARAGE SALE- May 1-4, 9-5pm, Cul-de-sac Sale, Ulrich St, Huron Farms Subdivision, across from Mill Creek Middle School, off of Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd. Lots of household & baby items, clothing, lots of everything!

GARAGE SALE- Saturday, 9-3, womens clothes, small-medium, lots of misc. 13511 HORNING ROAD, Brooklyn.

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## Rummage/ Garage Sales 712

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## Rummage/ Garage Sales 712

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**Musical Celebration**
Flutist Jeffery Zook, who performed with pianist Michele Cooker in Sunday's recital at the First Congregational Church in Chelsea, is flanked by Gloria and John Mitchell. The Mitchells sponsored the concert, one of the Chelsea Musical Celebrations series. The next concert will be June 22, when pianist Garik Pedersen and the Michigan Chamber Brass will perform.

# Candlelight concert set tomorrow

Martha Folts, minister of music at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Chelsea, will perform a program of music for the harpsichord and clavichord 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The program, a musical tour of England, the Netherlands, Germany, France and Spain, includes music by Bach, Byrd and Scarlatti.

The instruments used for the performance will be a harpsichord and a clavichord built by Keith Hill of Manchester.

Folts has performed as a harpsichord soloist and continuo player throughout the United States and has recorded for the Delos and Musical Heritage Society labels.

A teacher at Adrian College, she has also taught at Iowa State University, Miami University and the University of Michigan. She holds performance degrees from Syracuse University, the New England Conservatory of Music, and holds a doctorate in musical arts from the University of Michigan.

The concert is a benefit for the music ministry of the church. Suggested donations are $10 for adults, $5 for youths up to age 15 and $5 for senior citizens. The church is located at 14600 Old US-12 in Chelsea. Call 475-2545 for information.

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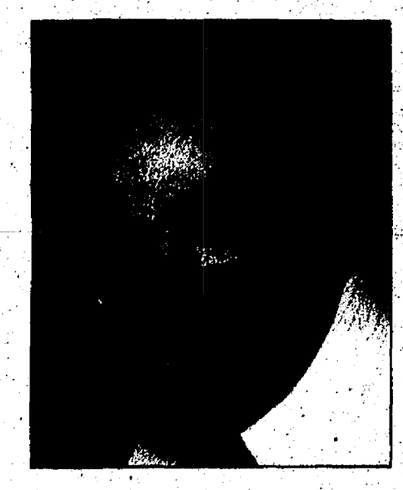

**SIMON ALPERT**
**Chelsea**

Simon Alpert, 82, of Chelsea died April 25, 2002. He had been a resident of the Chelsea Retirement Community for five years.

Mr. Alpert is survived by his wife, Lucille, of 55 years; three children, Lawrence (Susan) Alpert of Owosso, Deborah Alpert (William) Sleight of Okemos and Rebecca Alpert (Don) House of Chelsea; seven grandchildren, Dan and Brian Alpert, Alan and Emily Sleight, and Christopher, Anna and Leah House; two sisters, Beatrice (David) Chandler of Oxford, England, and Rose Jersawitz of Paris, France; five nieces; and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Alpert and Annie Katz Alpert Broder, and a sister, Lillian Finkleman.

Mr. Alpert was born April 4, 1920, in Peabody, Mass. When he was 2 years old, his family moved to New York City, where he grew up. His parents were Jews from Vilnius, Lithuania.

Mr. Alpert attended a high school for gifted students and graduated early at age 16. He then attended the City College of New York, where he received a degree in journalism.

In 1940, he moved to Toledo, where he met Lucille Spencer Quillan. They were married Aug. 3, 1946. He worked for The Toledo Blade/Times as a copy boy, reporter and editor.

In 1961, they moved to Michigan, where Mr. Alpert was employed by the UAW in its Detroit headquarters. He worked in public relations and attended many auto company negotiations. Later he worked in the State Education Department. He also taught labor relations at Macomb County and Lansing Community Colleges.

Mr. Alpert was a Jew who believed that Jesus was the Messiah. He had read C. S. Lewis' book "Mere Christianity," and was convinced that Christ was neither a liar nor a lunatic, so he must be the Son of God.

Mr. Alpert was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and taught Sunday school for many years. He and his wife loved music and were choir members in every church they attended.

Mr. Alpert was a loving man. His family members will miss him, but said they're excited and filled with joy that he is finally home, "beholding his savior face to face."

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the former things have passed away."

—Revelation 21:4.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. May 4 in the chapel at the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., in Chelsea. The Rev. Mearl Bradley will officiate. A luncheon will follow at the Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road, in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea, MI, 48118.

**KENNETH ALVIN LARAWAY SR.**
**Pinckney**

Kenneth Alvin Laraway Sr., 49, of Pinckney died unexpectedly April 27, 2002, at his home. He was born on March 12, 1953, in Ann Arbor the son of William and Delores (Martin) Laraway.

Mr. Laraway worked at the DaimlerChrysler AG Sterling Heights plant for 26 years and was a member of UAW Local 1264. He loved fishing and riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Mr. Laraway married Dennise Laura Hannan, and she survives. Other survivors include his sons, Brandon Lee Laraway and Frank (Kerry) Mannor; three brothers, Michael (Cindy) Laraway, Jim Laraway and Peter Bedolla; a sister, Lori Bedolla; two grandchildren, Kenneth Laraway III and Kahlana Mannor; and several aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Kenneth Laraway Jr., in 1999.

A funeral was held Tuesday at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. The Rev. John M. O'Dell officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

**DAVID NELSON ROOKE**
**Chardon, Ohio**
**Formerly of Chelsea**

David Nelson Rooke, 43, of Chardon, Ohio, formerly of Chelsea, died of natural causes April 27, 2002, at St. Charles Mercy Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. He was born Dec. 28, 1958, in Jackson the son of William Nelson and Nell Louise (Moore) Rooke.

Survivors include his mother, Nell, of Chelsea; one brother, James (Rosse Marie) of Lake Mary, Fla., and one sister, Debby (Dan) Cicchella of Chardon, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father, W. Nelson Rooke, and his brother, Glen Rooke.

A memorial service will be held at a later time in Chardon. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church in Chelsea. Arrangements were by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

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**Contest Winners**
Two Chelsea children and a Saline youth were the winners in the Easter Coloring Contest sponsored by the five newspapers of the Heritage Western Region. Each received $25 for their efforts. Five-year-old Katie LaRoy of Chelsea, daughter of Kristy and Steve Fetyko of Chelsea and Rob LaRoy of Jackson, was the winner in the 4- to 5-year-old division. Tyler Frisbie, 8, a pupil at South Meadows Elementary School in Chelsea, received $25 for his winning entry in the 6- to 8-year-old age group. Rachel Jackson (not pictured), 10, daughter of Sue and Kip Jackson of Saline, was the winner in the 9- to 12 year-old age group.

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Education Hour, 9:30 a.m.;
Celebration Service, 10:30 a.m.

**Zion Lutheran**
**3050 S. Fletcher Rd., Chelsea**
**(734) 475-8064**
**David Hendricks, Pastor**
Worship Service, 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Communion Services, first and third Sundays of every month.
Tuesday: Aerobics, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: Aerobics, 6:30 p.m.

**Fire Mountain Worship Center**
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**Chelsea**
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**First United Methodist Church Chelsea**
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**Dexter Gospel**
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**Immanuel Bible Church**
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(734) 475-8936
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**PEACE Lutheran Church**
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Praise Celebration 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
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Contemporary Service: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

**St. Barnabas Episcopal Church**
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# PROM NIGHT... DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

**Despite years of public awareness programs, alcohol-related accidents and injuries are still a major worldwide problem.**

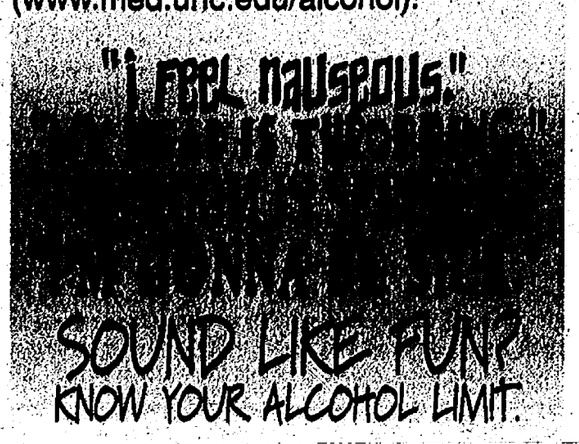
**SchoolBooze Clues:**

Test Your Knowledge of Alcohol Awareness(TF) — Despite more than 20 years of public awareness campaigns and law enforcement efforts, many people are not aware of the dangers surrounding alcohol abuse. Myths abound — have you ever heard that drinking coffee will "wake up" someone who is drunk? The truth is, only time can end a "buzz."

Alcohol is responsible for millions of injuries and deaths each year across the United States. Approximately half of all fatal motor vehicle accidents involve alcohol, a number which is rising according to research by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In 2000, the nation experienced the largest percentage increase in alcohol-related traffic deaths on record. In a recent survey by Nationwide Insurance, 13 percent of adults say that they have ridden with someone who has had too much to drink, or they themselves have driven while intoxicated in the past year. Underage, and especially binge drinking — often considered a "rite of passage" — also remains a very important national concern, costing more than $52 billion per year. Studies have shown that young people who drink are more likely to develop drinking or drug problems, be involved in a violent crime and engage in unsafe sexual activity.

With television networks set to lift bans on liquor advertising while "zero tolerance" rules are still in effect across the country, it's more important than ever for individuals and families to be aware of the facts when it comes to alcohol abuse at all ages.

Think you know everything there is to know about alcohol? Is your level of alcohol awareness up to "bar"? Test your knowledge with the quiz below courtesy of the Bowles Center for Alcohol Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (www.med.unc.edu/alcohol).




1. Alcohol has been used as a medicine.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

2. Alcohol is digested in the same way that food is digested.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

3. Moderate consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally not harmful to the body.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

4. An estimated 85 percent of adult Americans who drink are alcohol abusers.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

5. Alcoholic beverages do not provide weight-increasing calories.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

6. A blood alcohol concentration of 0.10 percent is the legal definition of alcohol intoxication in most states with respect to driving.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

7. Alcohol is not a drug.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

8. Approximately 10 percent of fatal highway accidents are alcohol-related.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

9. Eating while drinking slows the absorption of alcohol in the body.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

10. It takes about as many hours as the number of beers drunk for the liver to completely burn up the alcohol ingested.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

11. Few women become alcoholics.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

12. Alcohol is considered a stimulant.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

13. The most commonly drunk alcoholic beverages in the United States are distilled liquors (e.g., whiskey, gin, vodka).
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

14. A person cannot become an alcoholic by just drinking beer.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

15. "Proof" on a bottle of liquor represents half the percent of alcohol contained in the bottle.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

16. Alcohol consumption improves sexual performance.
❑ TRUE ❑ FALSE

1. True; 2. False; 3. True; 4. False; 5. False; 6. True; 7. False; 8. False; 9. True; 10. True; 11. False; 12. False; 13. False; 14. False; 15. False; 16. False.

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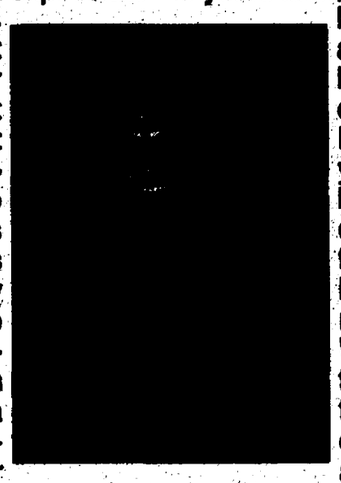
He could see the possibilities—even in 1995, growth in the area was evident, and the property was just a stone's throw from U.S. 23, representing easy access to a major freeway.

The store, one of the smallest GM dealerships in the state, had lost money and employed just four people. It had changed hands a number of times.

Still, Jeff knew that inside this rough stone was a polished gem.

He sold his home and managed to put together the money to invest in his dream—to own his own car dealership.

Jeff carried this dream around with him from his high school years. He loved cars and was first exposed to the business through his best friend's father who sold cars. At age 19, he left college and started selling cars to help support his mother after his father died. By the age of 23, he had been promoted to sales manager at a Cadillac dealership, and later was recruited for management positions at several prominent Detroit area dealerships. He was looking at possible locations for his own dealership while he was still in his 20s.



For the Milan location, he developed a business plan and went door-to-door among small town banks where lenders might believe in a small town guy. His sales skills got him in the door and 5 years later, Jeff was one of Monroe Bank and Trust's largest commercial customers. For the first two years he had his business, Jeff did everything from sell cars to building maintenance. Whatever it took, Jeff did it to keep the ship of his dream afloat. In the fall of 1998, Jeff decided it was time to start working on his business, rather than in it, and he began planning the future with his staff.

Fast forward to 2002. Jeff has a sales staff of 20, and a total of 56 employees dedicated to making his dream come true. He now has five franchises: Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick, Chevrolet, and Suzuki. He built his own state-of-the-art facility off U.S. 23, and renovated his old location, and watched his annual sales jump from 120 vehicles in 1996 to 1,661 in 2001. He expects to show sales of 2,400 for 2002. Phillips Automotive Group is now the largest volume General Motors dealership in Washtenaw County.

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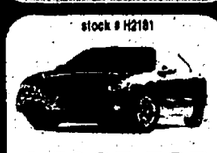

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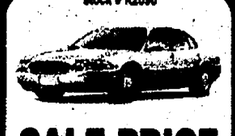

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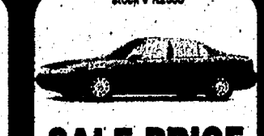

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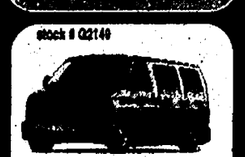

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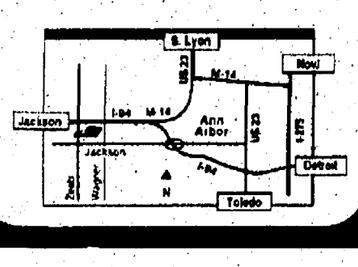


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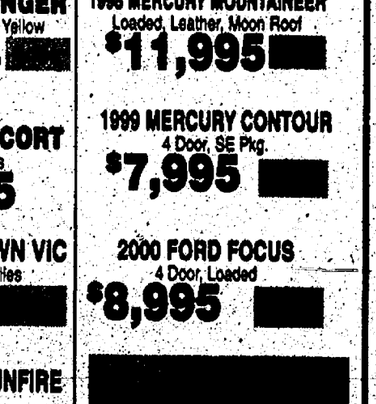

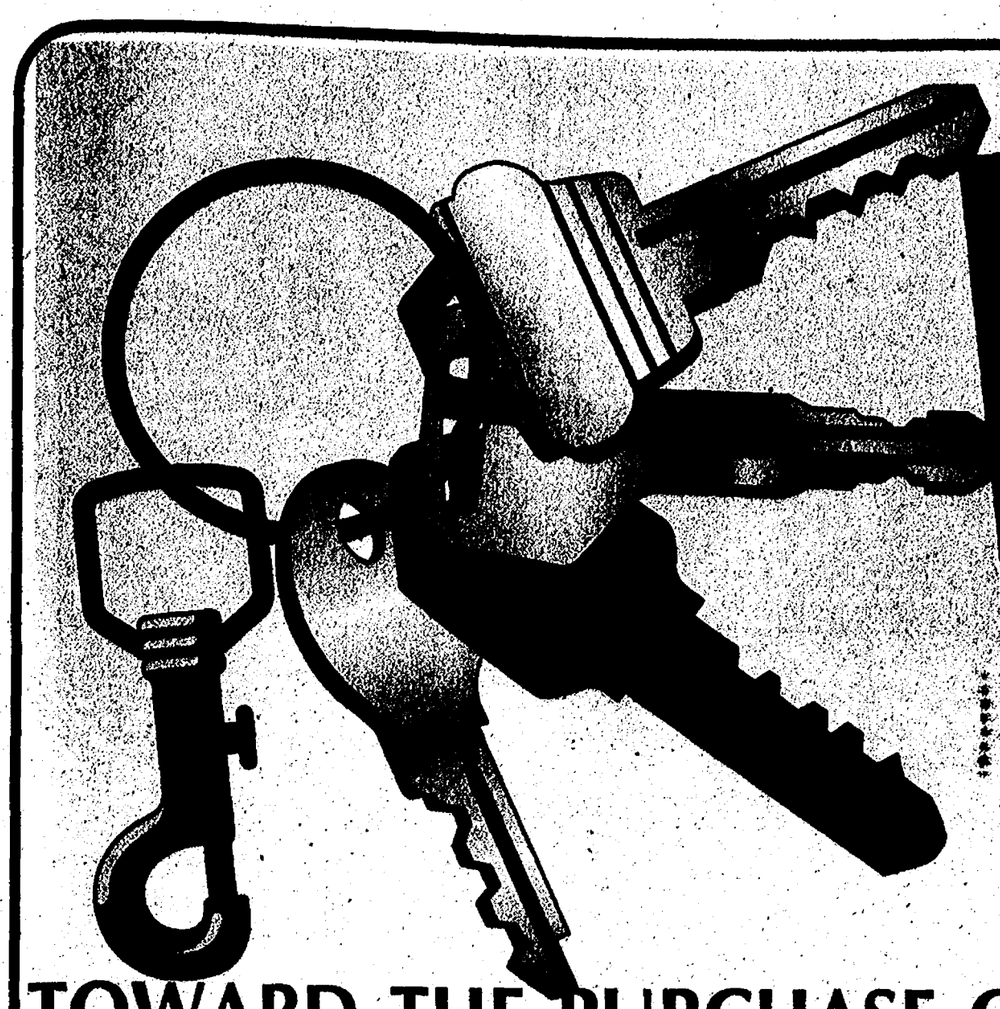

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# Automotive Extras

## Roadmap For the Car-Buying Roadmap For the Car-Buying Process

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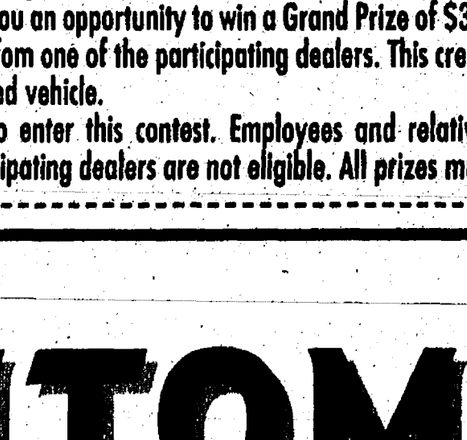

Though the process of purchasing a new car can delight the senses, it is by no means an event to take lightly. Careful research and forethought should be factored into the decision of what car will meet your needs. Because there are more selections available than ever before, and financing options to make purchasing a vehicle more accessible to all income classes, some professional guidance on your journey can help. That's why MetLife Consumer Education Center, in conjunction with the American Automobile Association (AAA) has developed a free brochure titled, "Buying a Car."

Acting as a roadmap for the car-buying process, the brochure tackles all of the questions commonly faced including: Who will be in the car most of the time? How often will the car be used? What features do you consider most important? "Buying a Car" will also clarify the differences between financing and leasing, so that you can find a payment schedule that meets your budget requirements and needs. In addition, the brochure comes equipped with a handy listing of helpful car-buying Web sites, including online dealers, insurance agencies and informational resources, so that your research process can continue.

For more information about purchasing a new car, call (800) 638-5433 for your free copy of "Buying a Car." Made available as a public service, the brochure is part of MetLife Consumer Education Center's Life Advice program, created to help people better manage the major events in their lives.

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## Exploring the Need for Speed

(MS) —There's no mistaking the world's fascination with all things fast — a trend which developed long before the first NASCAR or Superbike races were held. Mankind has always been interested in speed, and whether it was Roman chariots, Arab stallions or Victorian steam trains there always would be some admiring onlooker in the stands.

The need for speed goes beyond what one would associate with momentum — vehicles, planes, amusement park rides and bodily movement — it has permeated the culture so much that society as a whole is not happy unless things occur quickly. We'll line up for fast food, delivered in the blink of an eye, send away for gadgets that get us through toll booths and gas pumps faster, and blaze new trails in technology to get information delivered in split-second speeds through fiber optic cables and digital systems.

There is a certain level of excitement that goes hand-in-hand with high speeds. Perhaps it is the sense of looking danger in the eyes and laughing at it, a sense of immortality — creeping up to the top of a roller coaster and keeping your eyes wide open as you soar through the loops of its fragile frame. Cars and motorcycles probably demand the largest share of speed-seekers, partially because they are easily accessible. Racing events have seen a large influx in attendance and interest, particularly as racing figures become more mainstream through sponsorships and commercial testimonials. Above all, speed offers a sense of release — a chance to challenge conformity and let loose, for a little while at least.

Of course, the need for speed offers its share of pitfalls. Road warriors and thrill seekers looking to replicate the actions of favorite sports celebrities or movie stars on the roads of their home towns can end up as a dangerous situation. The world has seen its share of tragedies where speed was the main culprit, most notably rising stars whose lives were cut short or severely altered by a living-on-the-edge philosophy. James Dean, Grace Kelly, Dale Earnhardt, even Princess Diana, are just a few who succumbed to the snares of speed.

What is the future of speed, racing and thrill-seeking? The fascination probably will be fueled by new innovations and technology. Cars are bound to go faster and dare-devils will continue to push the envelope for bigger, faster, yes ... a greater need for speed.

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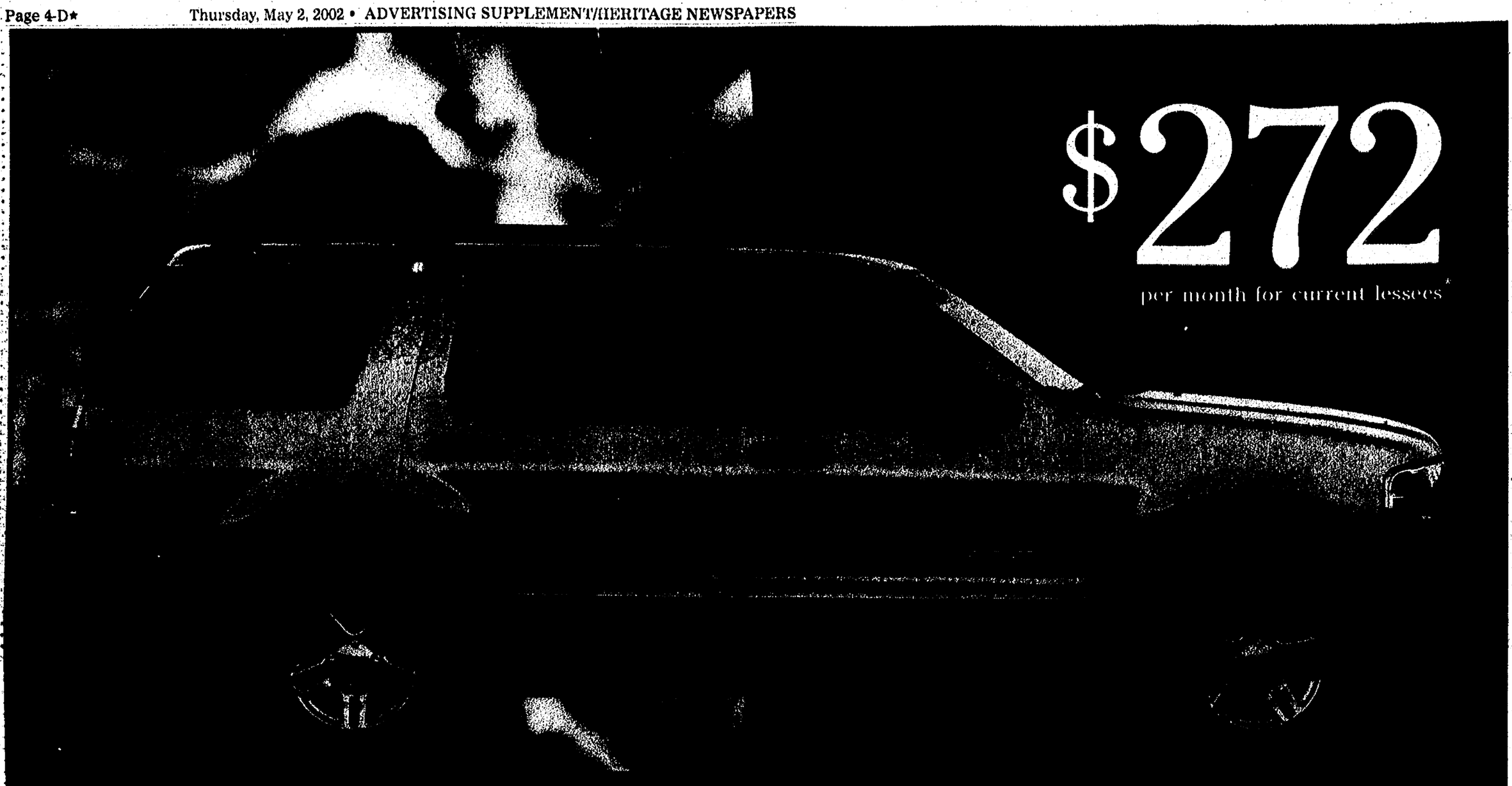


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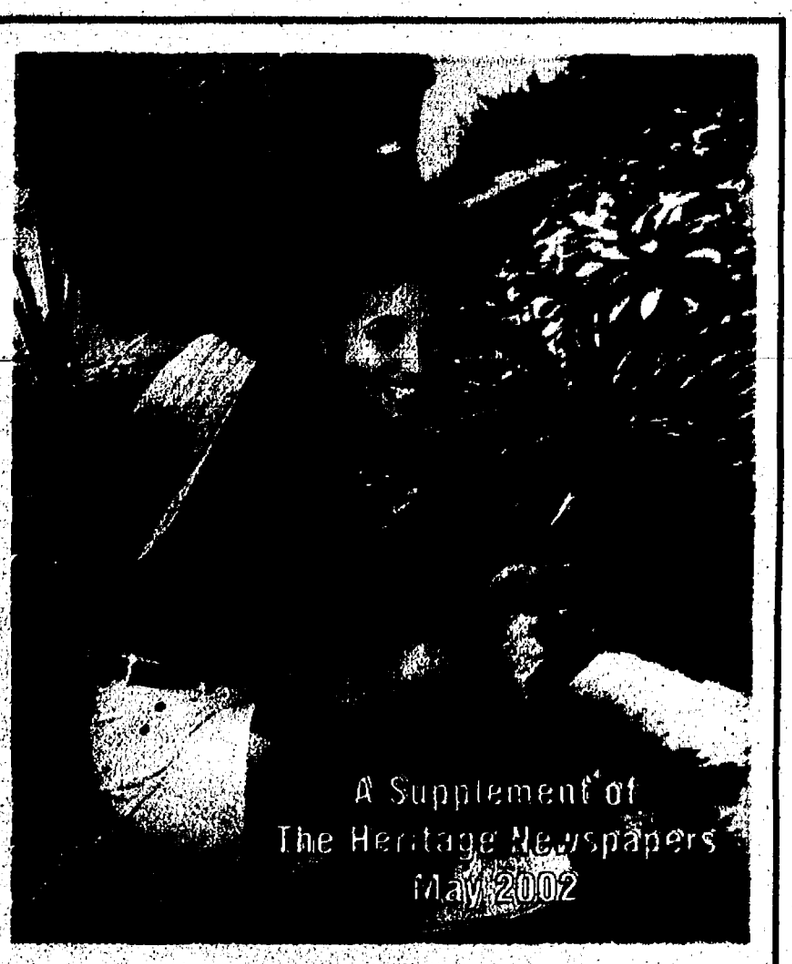

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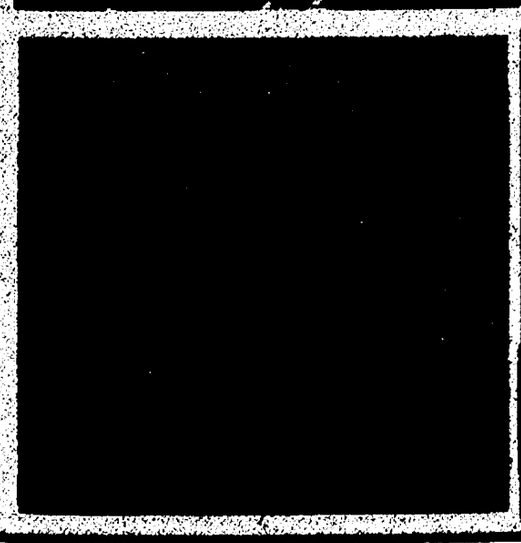

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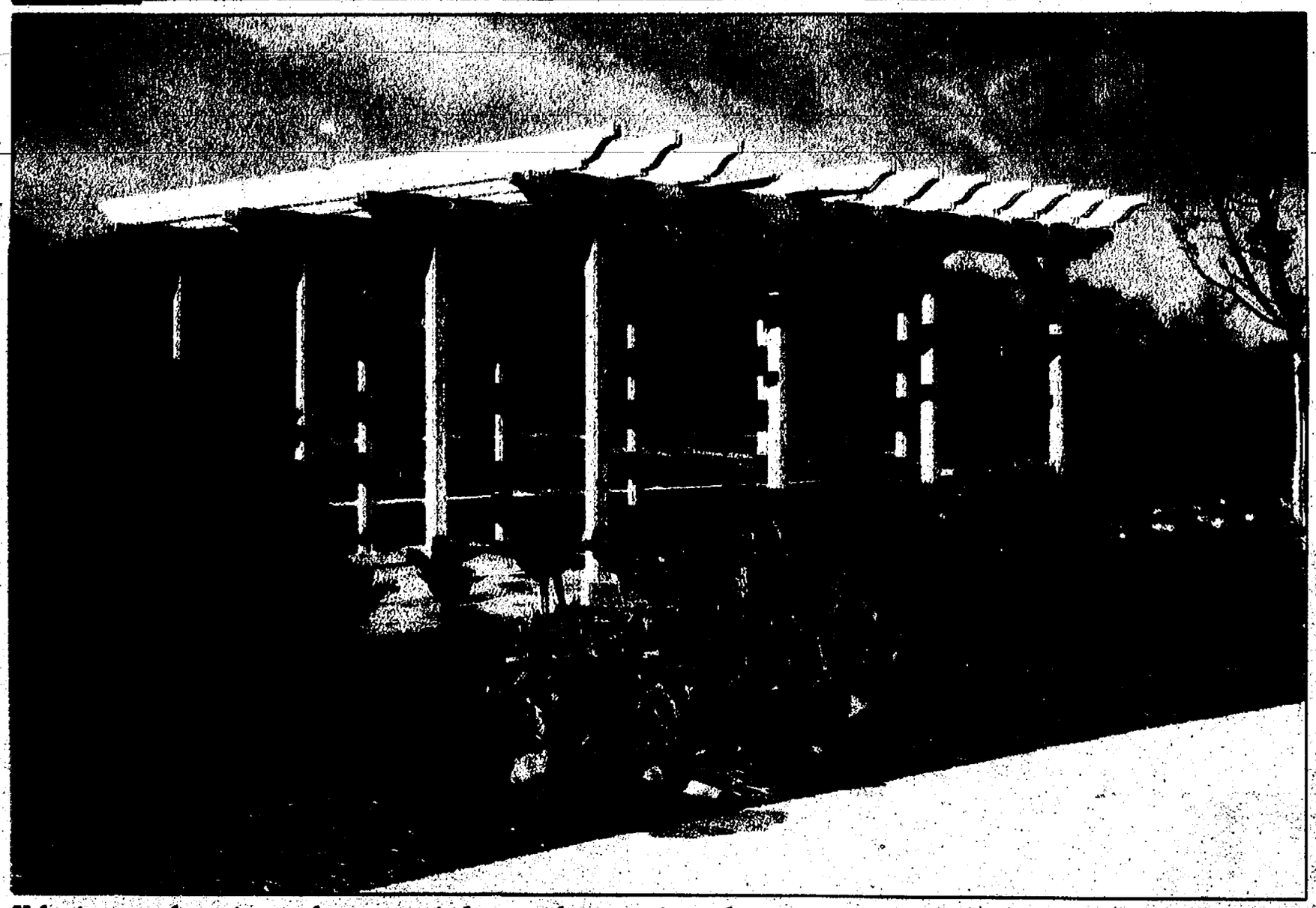

Volunteers and master gardeners created an outdoor sanctuary last year at Arbor.

## Arbor Hospice seeks volunteers for garden project

Arbor Hospice & Home Care currently is seeking volunteers with an interest in gardening to work with a select group of master gardeners throughout the community who have agreed to donate their time to oversee the redesign and maintenance of the gardens surrounding Arbor Hospice.

"The outdoor environment is an important part of the mission at The Residence at Arbor Hospice," said Dawn Redick, director of Facilities for Arbor Hospice. "This project is a lovely way for both amateur and professionalgardeners to contribute their time doing something they love, while making adifference in a great many lives."

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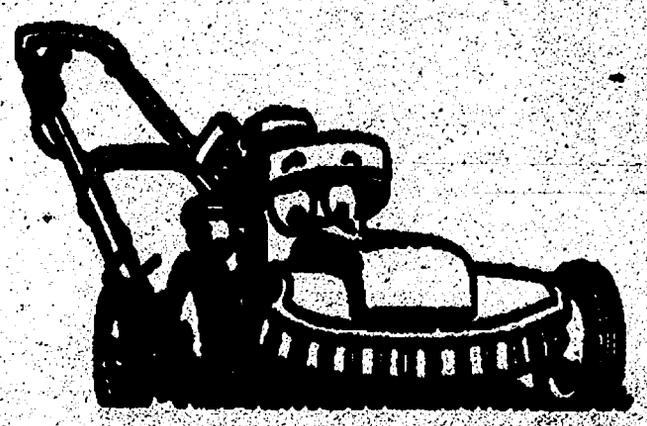

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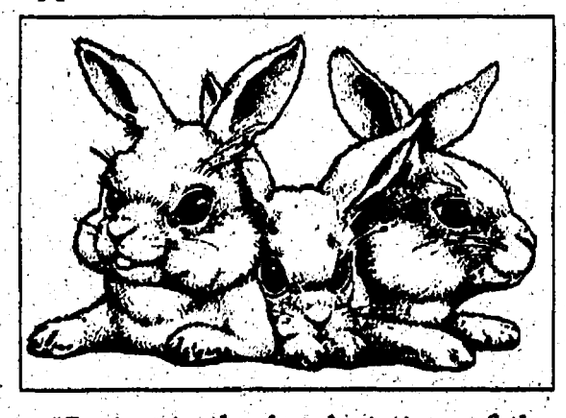
# Spring is tough season for animals in the wild

By Helen Kay Polaski
Heritage Newspapers

In spring, a young man's fancy may turn to thoughts of love, but for the wilder side of nature, spring is the toughest season of all.

True, food is more plentiful and human and animal alike appreciate the sun after months of cold weather, but in the wild, spring also equates to a maternity ward in every clump of bushes, in every tree, and in many times, in every garden. Baby critters are adorable. They also can be hard to feed for the mother animal who oftentimes is killed crossing the street in search of food, and at times they're a downright nuisance to the human.

**WILD ANIMAL** rehabilitator Diane Schroeder understands only too well the plight of homeowners who have raccoons nesting in their chimney, among other problems. Schroeder, dispatcher for the Milan Police Department, runs a Department of Natural Resources permit at her home in Lenawee County and spends every moment of her free spring and summer feeding babies of the wild, or nursing them back to health after their mother was trapped and moved from the area, killed on the road, or suddenly disappeared.



"Spring is the hardest time of the year," Schroeder explained. "We get all kinds of calls for injured animals or whole nests of baby raccoons or opossums and rabbits because the mother's been hit on the road or because the nest was in someone's chimney or garden."

Schroeder, who has been involved in this type of rescue for 15 years, admits the work is voluntary and very hard, and the food purchased out of her own pocket. One might wonder, then, why she continues.

"The greatest enjoyment I get from this is seeing them survive and being able to release them on their own in the fall," she said. Glancing down, she smiles wearily as a cage of baby raccoons, their tiny hands gripping the bars, bandit faces peering up at her let her know it's suppertime. She shrugs. "At least I know I tried to make a difference—they didn't just lay out there and die."

**ACCORDING** to Schroeder, who formerly resided in Milan and ran her permit in Washtenaw County, she handles mostly raccoons, rabbits, opossums, squirrels, deer, and fox.

"I've never handled coyotes, but only because I haven't gotten any

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# Old hayracks get new life in the garden

Your first question may be, "What is a hayrack?" Just as the name implies, hayracks were used years ago in English barns to supply hay to farm animals. They were placed up high and the animals could reach up and pull a mouthful of hay to eat between the widely spaced bars. Old hayracks have become treasured antiques and are used outside buildings as attractive planters for flowers.

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You will want to install your hayrack in its desired location before planting. Each situation will require a different fastening method. Remember, hayracks are quite heavy after soil is added, so be sure to fasten your hayrack securely. Wood siding and wood railings require plated lag bolts or screws. Masonry will require a masonry drill bit and plastic anchors for masonry bolts and washers.

**ONCE YOUR** hayrack is installed, fill it to one inch below the coco liner with a suitable planting medium. For containers use a light potting mix with good drainage. Often soilless mixtures are best: They offer no nutrient value, but the "soil" will not become compacted and strangle the roots. An added benefit is that soilless mixtures are lightweight and free from soil-borne diseases and weed seeds.

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After filling to one inch below the coco liner, add a slow release fertilizer to ensure good plant growth. If you have installed your hayrack in a sunny location or if you just want to cut down on your watering requirements, you may want to add Rain-Mats to your hayrack. Simply place them at the root level (approximately one inch from the bottom) creating a stable reservoir into which the roots can grow. This reduces the need for frequent watering.

To create a dramatic planting immediately upon installation of your hayrack, you will want to consider:

**Proportion**

If you have chosen a very large hayrack, choose plants that are in proportion to the hayrack. For immediate impact, choose plants that are large enough not to look dwarfed by the hayrack.

Plant Needs: Water, Shade or Sun

It is best to choose plants that have similar needs. Do not mix sun-loving plants with shade plants or plants that prefer to be water-logged with drought tolerant plants. Herbs are perfect plants for sunny locations and some shade situations. Herbs will add texture, aroma, and are good edge fillers or can provide a trailing effect.

**Color, Shape and Texture**

Color affects us psychologically. Warm colors (yellow, orange and red) stand out at a distance and give the impression of warmth, excitement and urgency. Cool colors (blues and greens) tend to disappear at a distance, creating a cool feeling that calms and soothes. Warm colors are often used as accent plants while cooler colors are used as backdrops and fillers.

Designers generally use one of four color schemes: analogous, complementary, monochromatic or polychromatic.

An analogous scheme consists of two, three or four colors that are neighbors on the color wheel, such as blue-green, blue, blue-violet and violet. This will create a mood that is peaceful and gentle.

A complementary scheme uses two colors that are directly opposite on the color wheel, such as yellow-orange and violet-blue. This will be dramatic and stimulating.

A monochromatic scheme uses only one color plus its own shades and tints; for instance, blue plus blues with various amounts of black and white added. This is tough to create in a garden but easy in a container.

A polychromatic scheme includes colors from all around the color wheel using the green foliage as a harmonizer.

Shape or form is the characteristic of a particular plant. Is it round, conical, weeping or trailing, upright or spreading? It is the shape that helps you create a strong framework for

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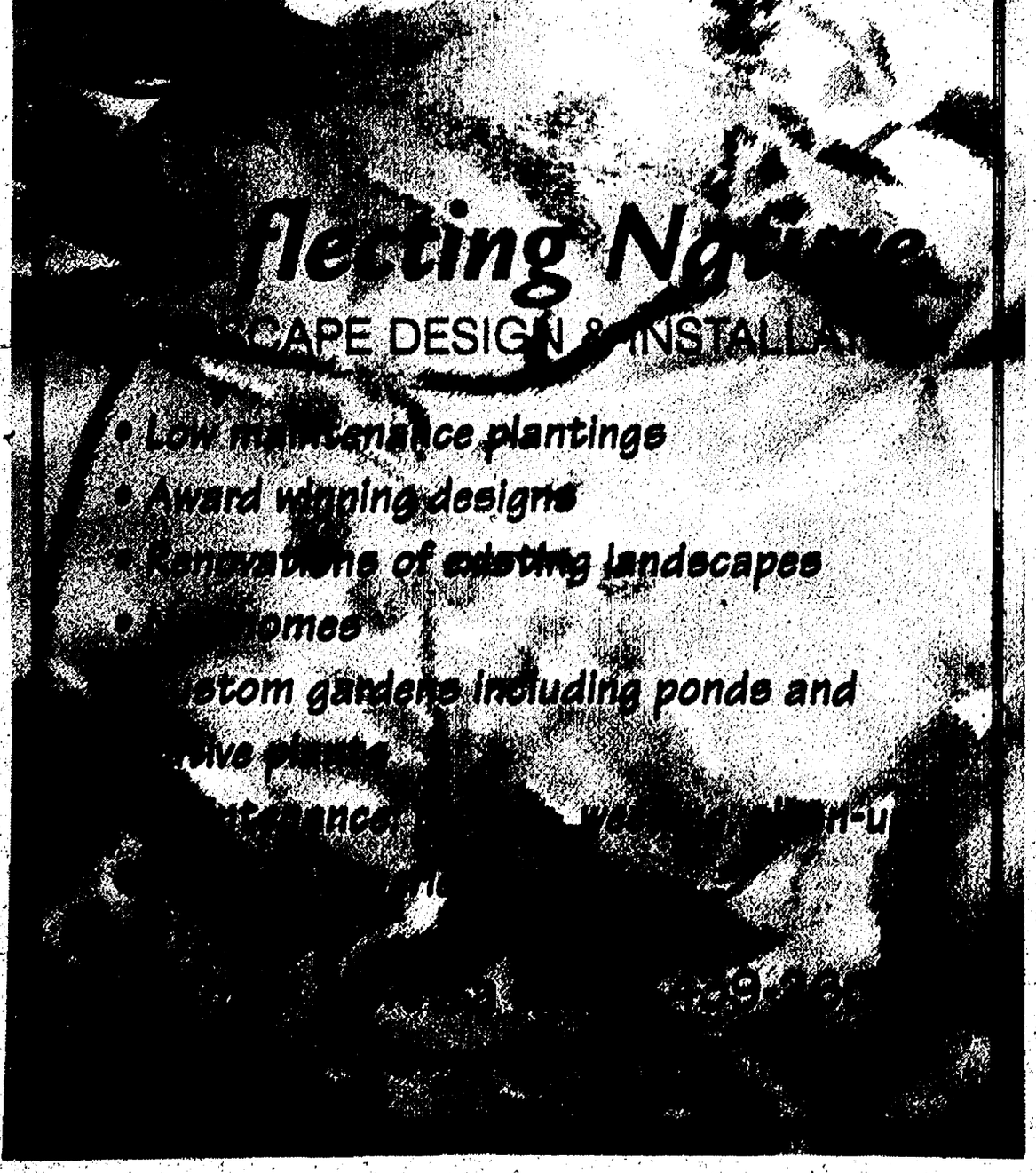


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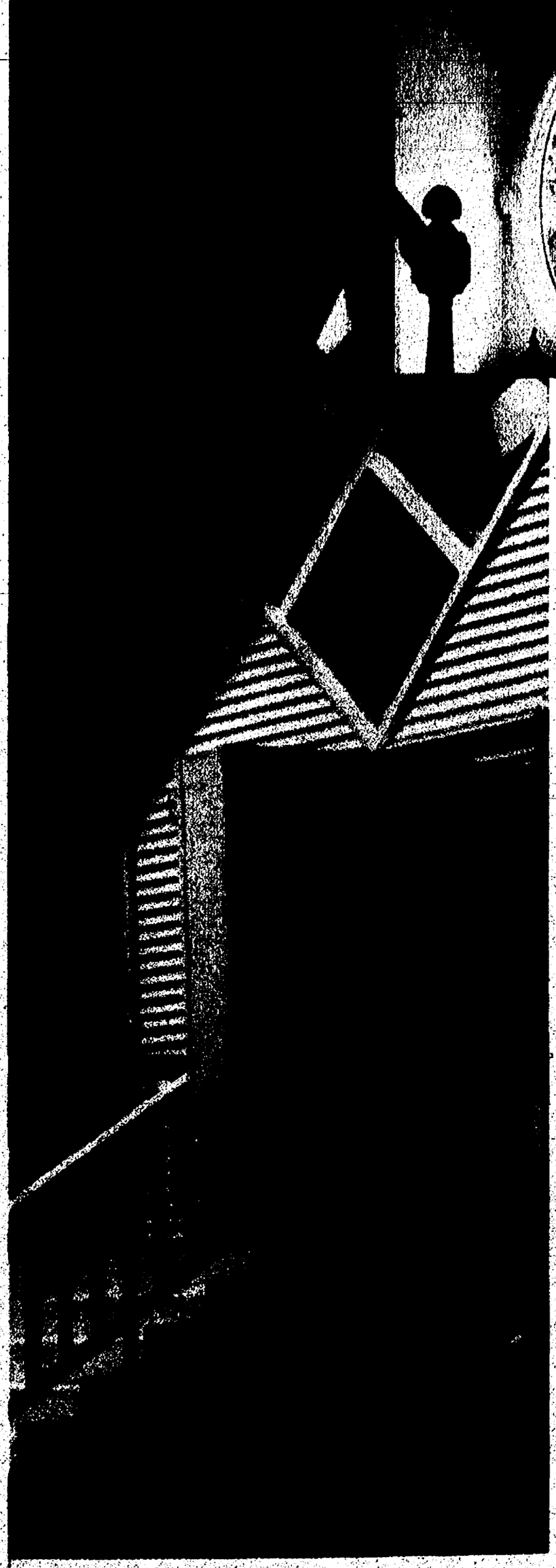

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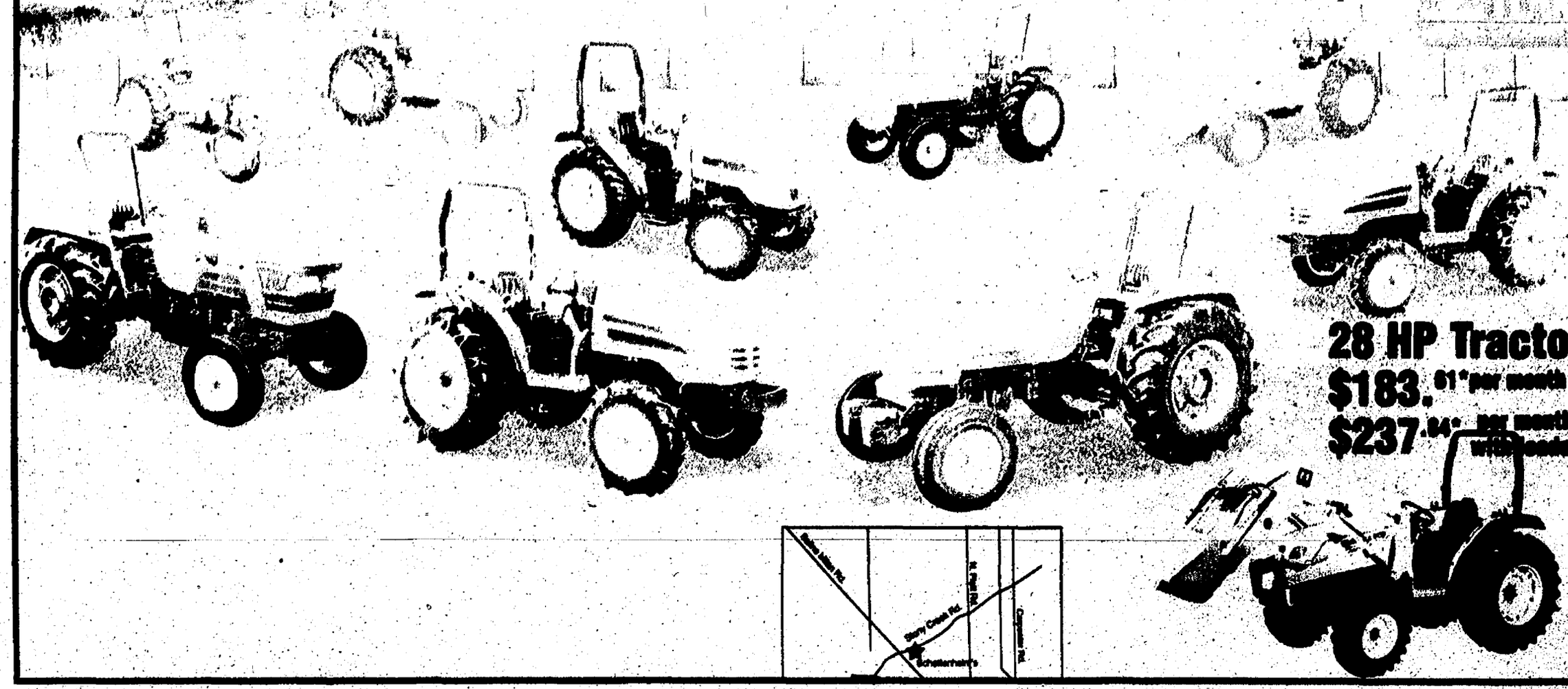

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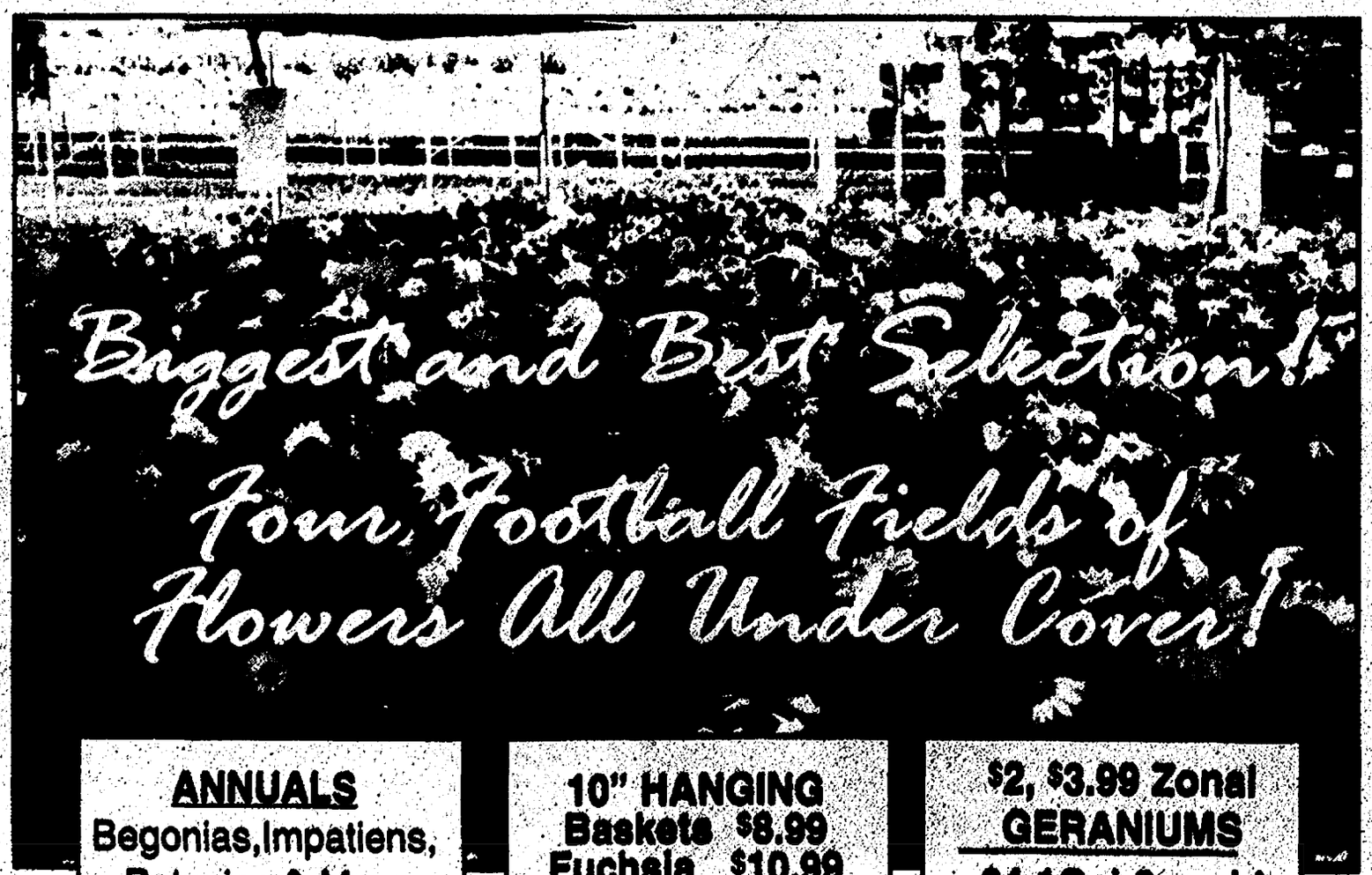


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## *Internet site handy guide to bugs and pests*

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One option may be a new Internet site, www.buginfo.com. Vopak USA, the creator and caretaker of this informative site is a decades-old provider of products and education to the pest control and landscape maintenance industries. Buginfo provides a place where anyone can find information to unravel the mysteries of the world of pests.

Got a termite inspection coming up? Find out more about the inspection process, the termites' society, and the methods used to control them. Been reading about the new mosquito-borne disease called West Nile Virus? Read a short article to learn more about it, as well as how to avoid raising your own crop of mosquitoes. Afraid of violin spiders in your home? Read the facts about this misunderstood animal. Short, illustrated articles discuss topics such as Lyme Disease, killer bees and hantavirus with factual, non-sensationalized information, so you can be aware of these concerns and separate fact from fiction.

But Buginfo isn't just about pests. Your children will enjoy reading fun articles written by Vopak's entomologists. Did you know that some ants use their own babies as a needle and thread to create nests? Did you know that bombardier beetles can shoot out jets of boiling acid, that lynx spiders can spit venom, or that maggots are used in medicine? Ever wonder about the words "lousy" or "nit-picking"? Hundreds of interesting, and sometimes morbid, facts are available on a range of insect and animal topics.

Buginfo gives a nice balance to the wide range of information on pesty bugs, and features articles about beneficial insects and the role that all animals play in our environment, complete with color photos.

"Our goal is to provide a convenient place where people can go to unravel the mysteries of the insect world, and the world of pests in particular," says Jeff Smith, an entomologist and author of most of the articles on Buginfo. "There is a tremendous amount of bad information circulating out there about important topics, and we hope our site gives people the facts as well as a better understanding of these issues. Buginfo is meant to be educational, but in a fun way."

In addition, you can find balanced and unbiased information on methods of pest control, from termite baiting to spraying, as well as information on non-chemical approaches to pest management

Think something is biting you? Got bugs in your pool? Did you find some holes in your favorite sweater when you pulled it out of storage this fall? Holes in the rhododendrons? Moles in the lawn? All this and more can be explained for you at www.buginfo.com in easy-to-read, fun articles.

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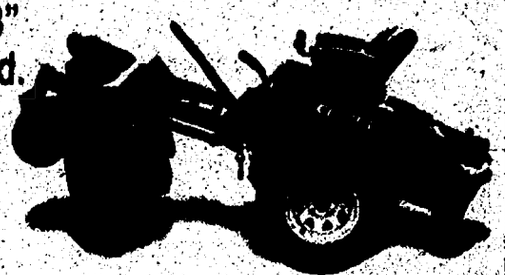

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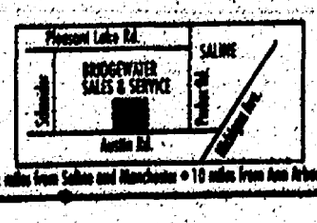


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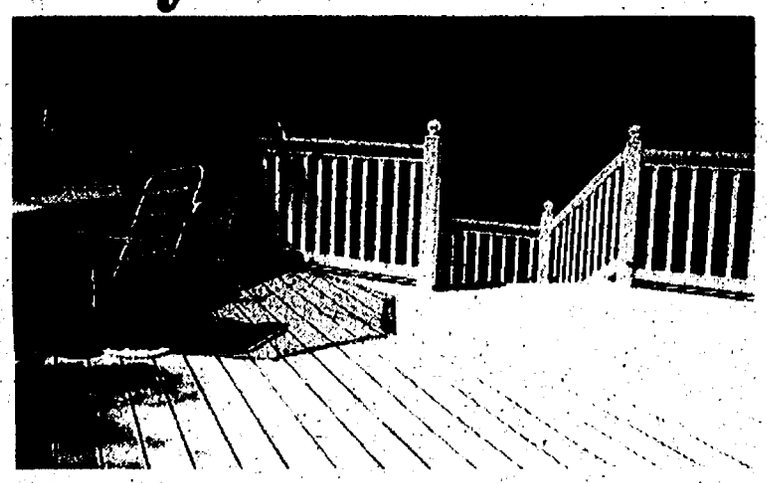

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# Making a butterfly garden

By Helen Kay Polaski
Heritage Newspapers

Butterflies are attractive additions to the garden, and also help spread pollen from one plant to the next. Though not as quick and busy as bees, these lighter than air creatures bring magic to the garden and tend to lighten the heart of garden visitors.

To draw butterflies into your area your garden must first meet certain criteria. First of all, there must be plants the butterfly can feed on, water, host plants for their young, rocks to warm themselves on, and the garden must be free of pesticides. It also helps to have an area free from wind.

Though there are hundreds of types of butterflies worldwide, in this part of the United States only a select few are plentiful. Among them are a variety of swallowtails, viceroys and monarchs, as well as the question mark, comma, sulphur, painted lady, and mourning cloak.

Since not all butterflies like the same plants, it is advisable to plant a variety of butterfly weed, butterfly bush, yarrow, Shasta daisy, mints, lilac, morning glory, honeysuckle, phlox, goldenrod, zinnia, milkweed, hibiscus, and thistle. Caterpillars require milkweed, carrots, parsley, dill, wild cherry, willow, cottonwood, tulip-populars, clover, alfalfa, and hollyhock.

Host plants are what the female lays her eggs on and what the caterpillars feed on. Host plants are specific to the species and caterpillars will die without the correct plants. For instance, monarchs require the milkweed plant. Nectar plants, or flowering plants the adult butterfly feeds on generally are brightly colored and flower abundantly.

Caterpillars are voracious eaters and will leave many holes in the plants, but the damage is only temporary and does not harm the plant.

**ROCKS**, cement slabs, patio tiles and pebbles all absorb the sun's heat and are sources of warmth for the butterfly. Make sure there is water in the garden, butterflies will drink from the edge of the garden pond, bird bath, or from a shallow bowl of water. Once these things are done, sit back with a pair of binoculars and watch the air show begin. As they say: if you plant it, they will come.

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# Renovating an older kitchen can be an adventure

By Helen Polaski
Heritage Newspapers

A half dozen years ago, my husband and I purchased a very old home. As par for the course, we had a lot of work to do. We knew this. You don't buy an old house and expect perfection. The kitchen in particular needed attention.

To say it was an eyesore did not cover the subject adequately.

For starters, it was really old. I'd never seen metal cupboards before. And the fact that there were only three electrical outlets, including one massive plug in the floor molding that was about six inches in height and four inches wide which stuck out into the room far enough to trip a person, was particularly bothersome to my electrician husband. There were only two other outlets that worked—one on the same wall and too high to be of use, and a second on the far side, near the sink.

The antique stove and refrigerator presided over the room on the south side, flanked by two doorways and a thigh-high four foot long heater. The west side of the room was taken up a sliding glass window, and the opposite wall was head to toe cupboards. Now head to toe cupboards might sound enchanting, but believe me, they were not. The entire top portion was covered by two massive doors, no one could reach the top three shelves, and the doors remained open the majority of the time. Oh, they did close but sometime after you left the kitchen the sheer weight caused them to swing open again.

**DANGER** lurks in unsuspecting places in old houses and more than one in of our family of five was conked in the head in the wee hours of the night by said doors.

The north wall housed two more doors, which flanked the sink. One door lead into a spare room and the other into the laundry room. The sink and two top cupboards and a small expanse of bottom cupboards ended the kitchen space.

The baker in me nearly wept. There wasn't even room for a cookie jar, let alone space to actually roll out the dough. And the entire room had been coated with layer upon layer of thick shiny beige paint. What wasn't painted had been wallpapered to match the blue wall to wall carpeting.

**WE LIVED** that way for a while, but after 3 years, I put my foot down. By then, I felt lucky my foot didn't go through the floor, what with all the leaky pipes and ceiling leaks that were slowly destroying certain walls and flooring. Our eldest was graduating the following spring and I was adamant about having a real kitchen in place before our relatives and friends converged on us. My husband agreed.

First we fixed the dining room ceiling. My husband is a genius when it comes to fixing things. Truly he is Superman. We got an estimate from our insurance and he did the work. It was done in short order, and perfect, including crown molding and a chandelier.

**THOUGH** he could have done all of the work himself, he had his hands full with his own job, so we decided to go with a company that specialized in this type of thing. Easier that way. They'd be in and out—or so we thought. We even took them up on their wonderful deal to save money by paying the majority upfront. They took into

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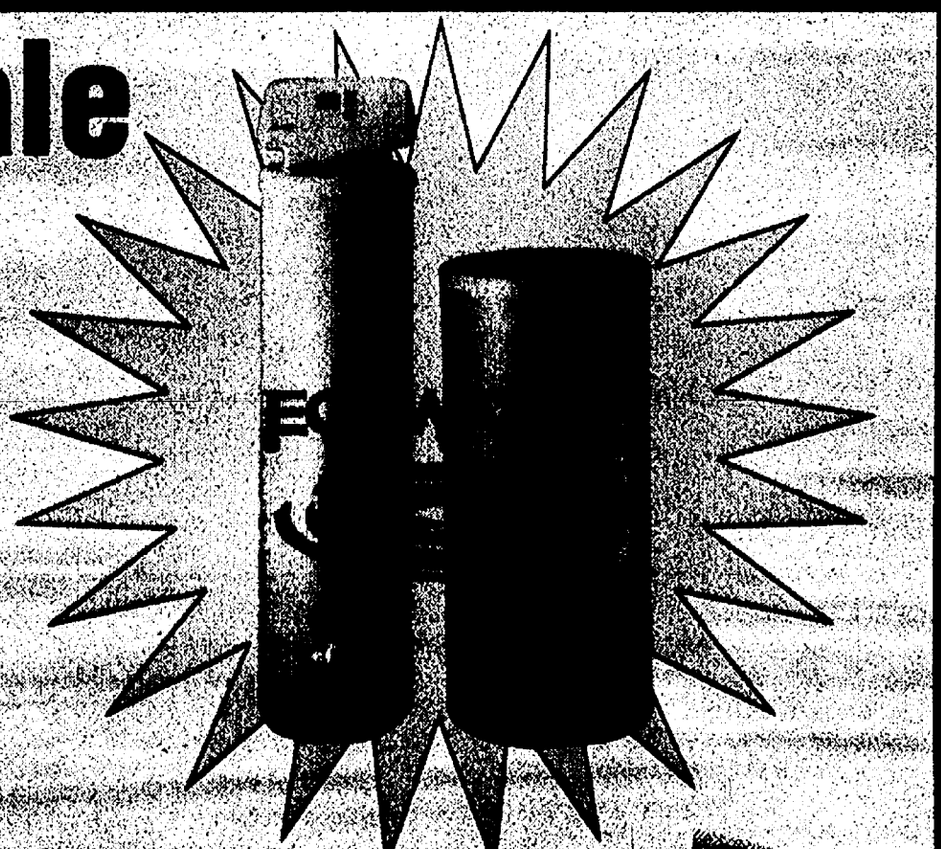

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account our plans, tweaked them slightly to fit our dimensions and we were off and running. They came, measured, moved a few things around—like my refrigerator—into the dining room where it remained for the next four months, ruining the carpet in the bargain—and that, ladies and gentlemen, was the last time we saw them for several weeks. Now, as I said, my husband is Superman. I was not used to waiting. It was no time at all before I realized I did not have the virtue of patience.

When they finally showed up and began work what started out as a dream rapidly turned into a nightmare. Workers showed up for a token hour or two, you know, just long enough to tear something up and leave a mess. The work was slow in getting done. Meanwhile, we gingerly stepped around the supply piles rapidly growing in our living and dining rooms. We went without a stove for weeks. At one point, our brand new refrigerator was hooked up and running—on our front porch. It remained there for more than a week.

**MIND YOU,** I'm no carpenter, but my sense of measurement was honed to perfection on this project. I took to hanging around to make sure items were placed in the right spot or centered correctly. One time I got loud and informed the workers I was not happy with the job.

My punishment: no one showed up for a week.

At this point the job was well into the fifth month. During this time, my husband and I patched wall areas that needed patching, and among other things, I learned to spackle. The date on the calendar loomed closer than ever and I cried a lot. We decided to do the rest ourselves. We had no choice! Company was coming in the next week to herald our firstborn's step into the real world!

My husband took the long strips of molding the workers had left in piles on our living room floor and cut the lengths himself. He eyed the suspended cupboards and bemoaned the fact that they would not stay in place without supports. Several of the few pieces of molding on the suspended cupboards that our paid help installed had already fallen off. After all, hot glue can only do so much.

**When they finally showed up and began work, what started out as a dream rapidly turned into a nightmare. Workers showed up for a token hour or two, you know, just long enough to tear something up and leave a mess.**

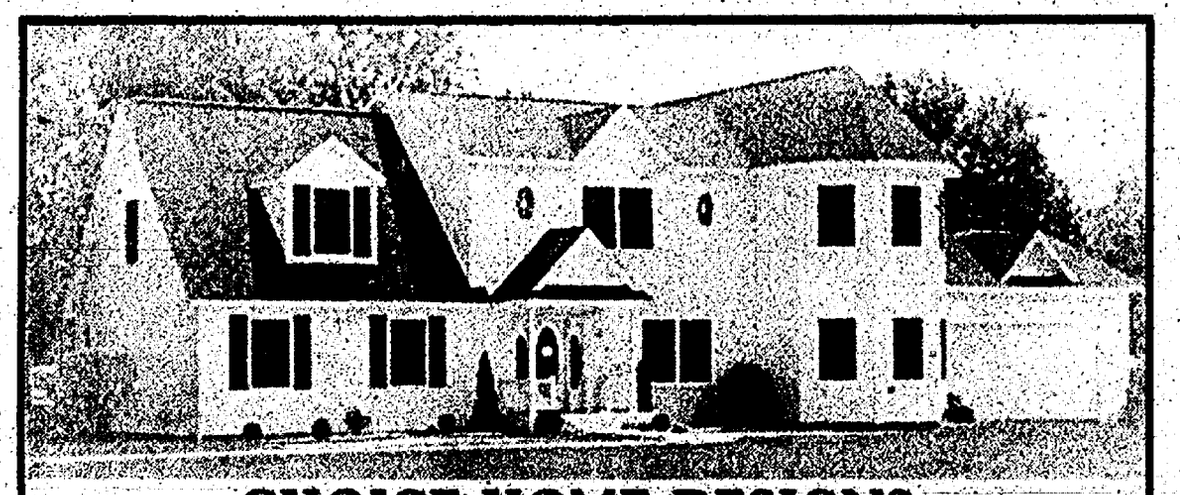
But, as I said, I am married to Superman.

**WE HAD** our graduation party with most of the kitchen in place. Only those who were carpenter experts—like my father-in-law—would have suspected things were not finished. Well, and anyone who looked at our suspended cupboards and realized there was no glass in the open cupboard doors. The Plexiglas arrived three months later. I was so pleased, I installed them myself and vigorously washed them using window cleaner and newspaper print.

After I'd scratched a big circle on the first one with the abrasive paper, I wised up. Par for the course, I guess. I bought a new piece of Plexiglas.

Meanwhile, my husband measured and cut and screwed and nailed the suspended, sagging cupboards in place. One things for sure, they're not going anywhere now. Then he touched up, painted, varnished, rescrewed, remeasured, removed and reinstalled those things that had to be fixed and before anyone could say Nightmare in the Kitchen, we had the kitchen of our dreams. He even gave in to my wish for a whimsical look by installing a six-inch elf door where the huge electrical outlet for the stove had been.

Now as I stand in the kitchen I realize I love it despite the major hassle we went through to get it. And, seriously, you couldn't ask for a more stimulating conversation piece than an elf door.

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Once you've decided to tackle the job of inspecting your gutters, find a sturdy ladder to support you. If you have permanently installed gutter screens or gutter guards, they may be difficult to observe from the ground. It's a good idea to check each run of gutters from a ladder, to make sure they are clean and free of debris before making any repairs. If your downspouts also have screens at the top, clear them as well, or replace the screens if they're damaged.

While inspecting your gutters, you may find that over time, the spikes that hold the aluminum to the fascia board have loosened. Either drive the loose spikes back into place, or replace them with longer ones for improved support. Downspouts and other fittings can also be pulled away by snow and ice and may need to be reattached. Gutter neglect can also result in leaks. Most leaks occur at a joint and can be repaired with rubber tape or self-adhesive tape. The patches should be placed a few inches on either side of the leak area.

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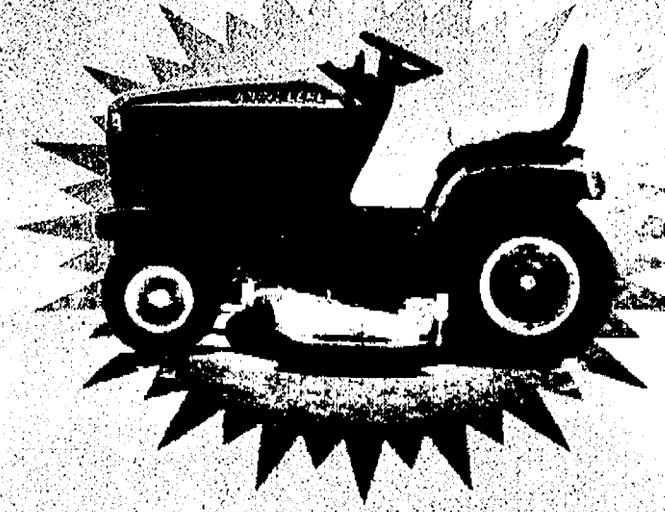

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# Child's play:

## *Encourage kids to garden*

There's something very fulfilling about teaching children to garden.

Something about watching them bury their hands in the freshly turned earth and carefully, tenderly place each seed or seedling, then gently scoop the soft back dirt over it, tucking it in around the stem like a blanket. The spark of understanding that flashes in their eyes afterwards makes it all worthwhile.

But most of all, I enjoy the play of emotions on their faces as they watch a seed push up through the soil and know they are directly responsible for its growth. Or the grimace as they carefully push an earthworm beneath the soil, then quickly brush off their hands. (Anyone who's witnessed this reaction first-hand knows its priceless.)

Children who learn to respect green things and nature in general will carry that respect with them to adulthood. If you have or know a child who has shown interest in gardening, build on their intrigue and give them the knowledge they need to continue. Show them seed packets and pictures and recite the names of plants as you pass them in the garden. Before long they'll be repeating the names to their friends or pointing out the same flowers in Grandma's garden.

**BECAUSE** a child's attention span is short, give them jobs they can finish in a relatively short space of time. In the beginning, while you do the "real" work, give them busy work such as digging a hole or filling pots. You'll both feel a sense of instant gratification. And when the planting begins, be specific. A child needs to know exactly when that seed should pop out of the ground. Let them follow along as you read the seed packet's growing directions, or let them read it aloud to you as you prepare the rows.

If you're working in a vegetable garden, plant a few vegetables that will sprout almost overnight to keep the child's interest piqued. Radishes germinate in less than a week—even if you don't eat them plant a few so your child has something to watch while the rest of the garden germinates.

Tots enjoy the hands-on approach to gardening.

**CHILD** gardeners get dirty—and they love the hose—so be prepared. No scolding allowed in the garden over dirty clothing. If dirty school clothes is an issue, set out gardening clothes for the child and lay down the rules.

While your child is in the gardening mood visit Michigan State University's Department of Entomology's Center for Arthropod Diversity. In layman's terms: the Bug House. At the Bug House, insects range in size from months to as large as bats to springtails smaller than grains of sand. They'll learn that

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By Sheila Pursglove
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea now has a place to rest and reflect, thanks to a Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout project.

Aaron Turek has created The Garden of Peace, located at St. Mary Catholic Church, 14200 Old US-12 in Chelsea. It will be dedicated in a ceremony 11 a.m. Sunday.

Turek, 17, organized the public service project, landscaping the east side of the church property, between the fellowship hall and the softball fields. The Garden of Peace, as he calls it, is a memorial to victims of violence, terrorism and those affected by the terror events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Turek, who has been involved in Scouting since 1990, conceived and planned the project last summer. He started breaking ground in September.

The project was initiated with help from Knights of Columbus Council 3092 and members of the church. Troop 476 volunteered labor and materials.

Four steps were followed to complete the project, turning the area into a place offering people somewhere to peacefully reflect or gather for meetings.

The first step was planning, which involved finding property lines, gas lines, getting donations and lining up volunteers to help with the work. The project took about 950 volunteer hours.

The area was then excavated, which entailed cutting down rotting trees, bulldozing brush, removing stumps from the earth and cleaning up debris.

The third step was landscaping the grounds by spreading dirt and wood chips, designing and making a pond and a rock border, installing outdoor lighting, and purchasing and planting perennials, trees and shrubs.

The final step was building a bridge across the pond.

Labor and financial help came from the Knights of Columbus Council, Ladies of St. Mary, parish members, and Scouts and families of troops 476 and 425.

**Eagle Scout Aaron Turek received his award in a ceremony April 28. He is pictured on the grounds of St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea, where he carried out his Eagle project of landscaping the east side of the property.**

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Old-fashioned Kitchen Garden

In the olden days, kitchen gardens were all the rage. A variety of herbs and vegetables grown fairly close to the back door — in beds or along the sidewalk — were common and practical. It was the only way to bring fresh vegetables to the table.

The popularity of kitchen gardens died out when the convenience and accessibility of vegetables and herbs grown in the southern states became a reality. Why go through all the trouble of tending a garden from early spring until frost if you could pick up fresh vegetables at the corner market?

Today, health conscious cooks are concerned with the amounts of pesticides used on commercial vegetables, and the kitchen garden is making a comeback.

**Anyone can grow a garden**

First, choose a spot that gets enough sun for vegetables. To keep small children and pets out of the garden, erect a three-or four-foot fence around it. Then plant climbing vegetables such as beans, cucumbers and gourds on the fence, and throw in a few morning glory seeds. Be advised, however, morning glory vines can grow up to 15 feet in length. Make sure you have enough space for vines, and be attentive. Tuck wayward vines in and out of the fence wires or slats until they are well established and growing in the right direction.

After selecting the area for the garden, prepare the soil. While digging keep an eye peeled for earthworms. The presence of these soil-condition-

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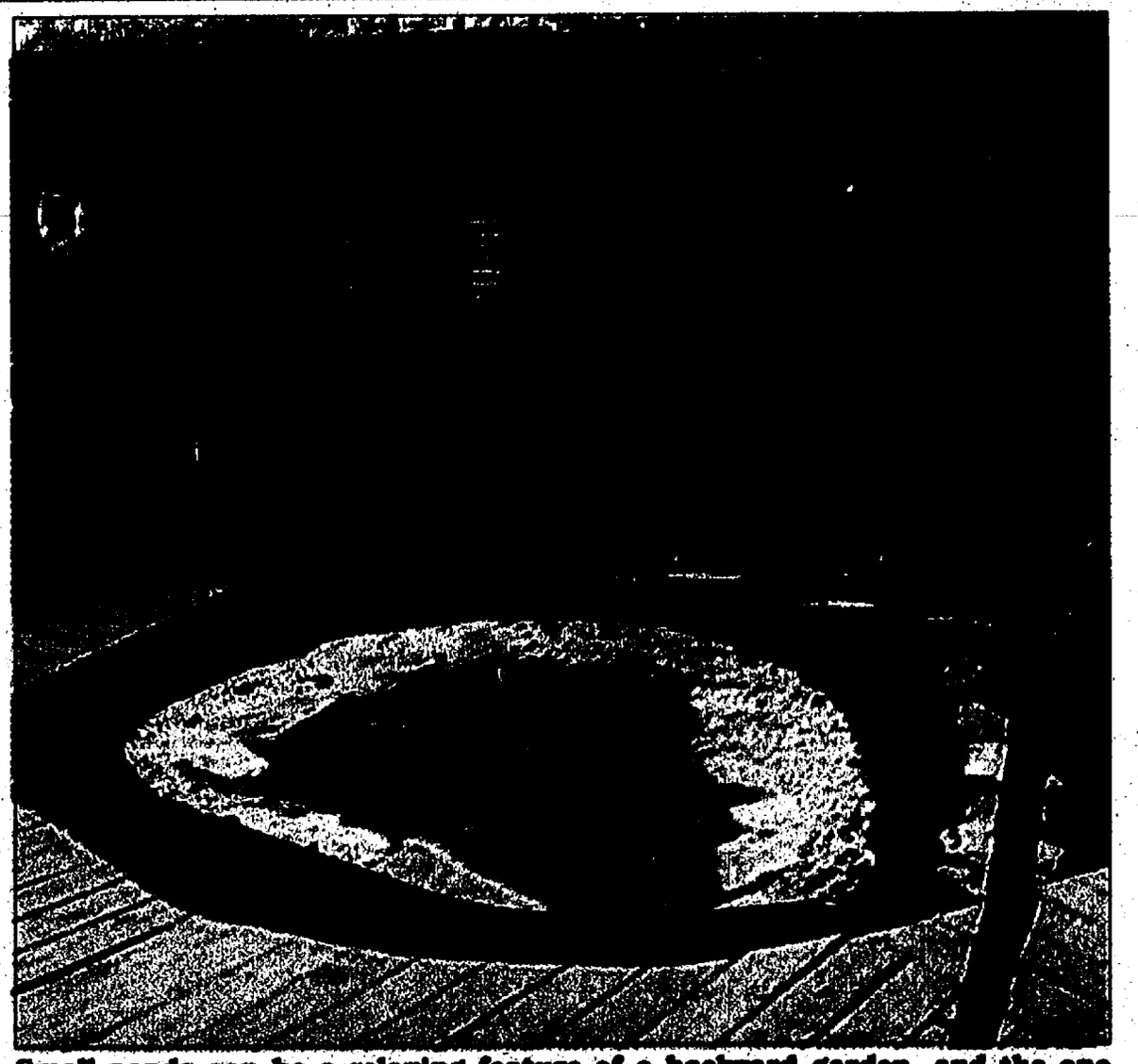

**Small ponds can be a relaxing feature of a backyard garden, and the one above has space for perennial and annual plantings, which will sprout as the days grow warmer. Consult your landscape professional before doing your own pond for helpful advice on construction and maintenance.**


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ing critters is a good sign for your garden and landscape. Earthworms break down soil components and return vital nutrients back to the earth. Since earthworms cannot tolerate a pH lower than 6.0, few or no earthworms is an indicator of heavily coacted soil, or possibly soil of a very acidic nature.

Compacted soil can be fixed simply by tilling the area several times and mixing compost or dried leaves to the soil. Finally, purchased earthworms can be added to the newly turned garden bed.

Depending on the space you've allotted for your garden, chose your vegetables and plant accordingly. Some favorites are salad fixin's. Romaine and leaf lettuce, endive, green onion, tomato, green pepper, cucumber, Cheyenne pepper, radish, broccoli, cauliflower, carrots and sweet peas never seem to go to waste. Word to the wise: plant according to your family's size. Three healthy tomato plants will provide enough tomatoes for a family of four for the entire season, and in some cases enough for the entire neighborhood!

Common herbs that are easy to grow and popular include: chives, thyme, dill, basil, sage, coriander and parsley. In the spring, sage plants will appear dead, but as soon as the old dried up foliage is removed the plant will perk up. Parsley will return year after year, but will be tougher the second and third years. It's best to replant parsley annually from seed or seedlings.

Chives should be deadheaded as soon as the purple flowers begin to form seed pods or the entire garden will be filled with chives the next spring.

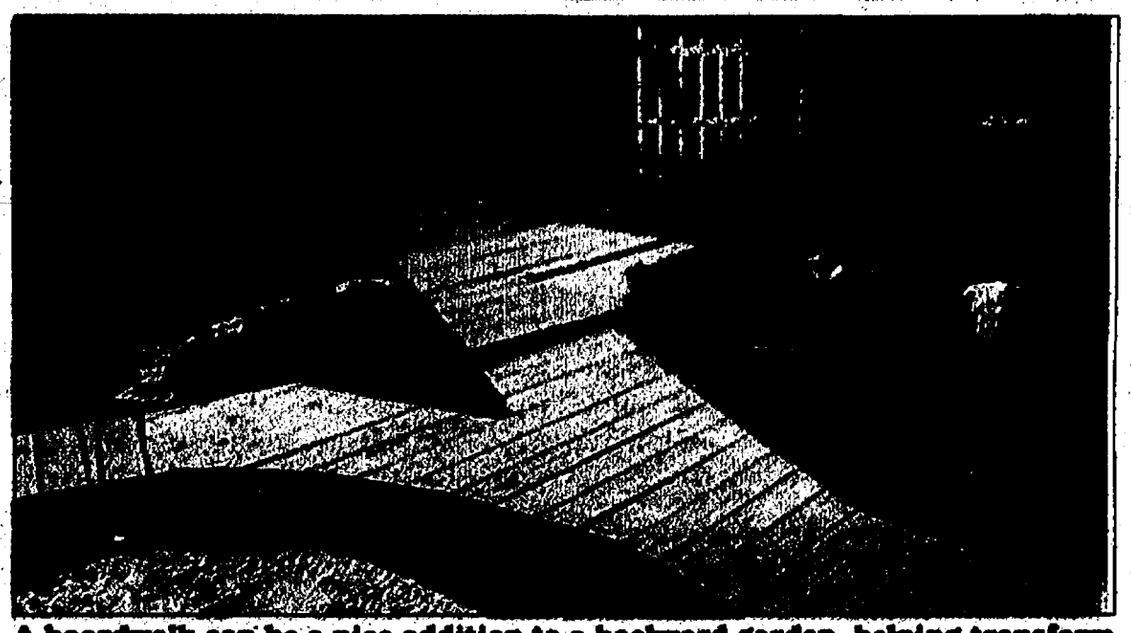
Keep the garden free from pesticides by removing bugs from the plants by hand or spraying with a mixture of dish soap and water. A garden keep free from weeds is not only beautiful to behold, but also shows the gardener is intelligent. One weed left to maturity will reap a garden filled with of weeds later in the season.

To maintain moisture and keep the weeds down, mulch with a thick layer of dried grass clippings.

Container Gardens

If space or mobility is an issue, consider container gardening.

Vegetables, herbs, or flowers can be grown in containers placed on the porch, along the edge of the steps,



**A boardwalk can be a nice addition to a backyard garden, helping transform it into a sanctuary.**

hung on the fence, or in windowboxes. Some plants will need to be staked. Since the herb, Rosemary, has to be winterized inside, it's fun to train it to grow up and around a circular formation to create a living wreath. For a whimsical look to other pots in your container garden, add colorful stakes or arrows with the end feathers intact, or insert a small trellis and tie vines in place until they begin to twist along the wire of their own accord.

There are four keys to container gardening. First, select the correct container. The container should be large enough to provide room for soil and roots, have sufficient head room for watering, provide bottom drainage and be attractive.

Second, use good quality soil.

Third, select the right plants for the amount of sun the area will receive. Everything from trees, shrubs, flowers, vegetables and

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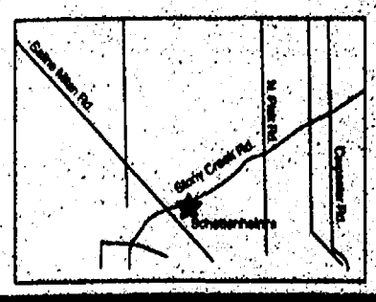


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# Landscaper has eye for unusual, dramatic

By Helen Kay Polaski
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Searching for a new look to your backyard that has rhythm and rhyme? Or, maybe what you'd like is something that feels natural in the existing setting, yet has an artist flow from end to end? Co-owners Guido Kettler and Traven Pelletier of Lotus Gardenscapes Inc. had the know-how and talent to design both.

**LOTUS** Gardenscapes Inc. is customer oriented and specializes in garden installations including ponds, waterfalls, and customized stone and wood work. Kettler and Pelletier both possess an artistic eye, and understand high-quality workmanship. Together with a crew of master gardeners, and the customer's design in hand, the two can create a landscape with just the right attitude for their clients.

"We bring an artistic perspective to the job," Pelletier explained. "We play up the positive in the client's yard and add to that by taking advantage of location, space and creative design."

**ONE OF** their recent works of art began with two existing ponds and ended with a breathtaking view of a natural spring as it cascaded into one of two ponds using water pumps to create a dynamic flow between the

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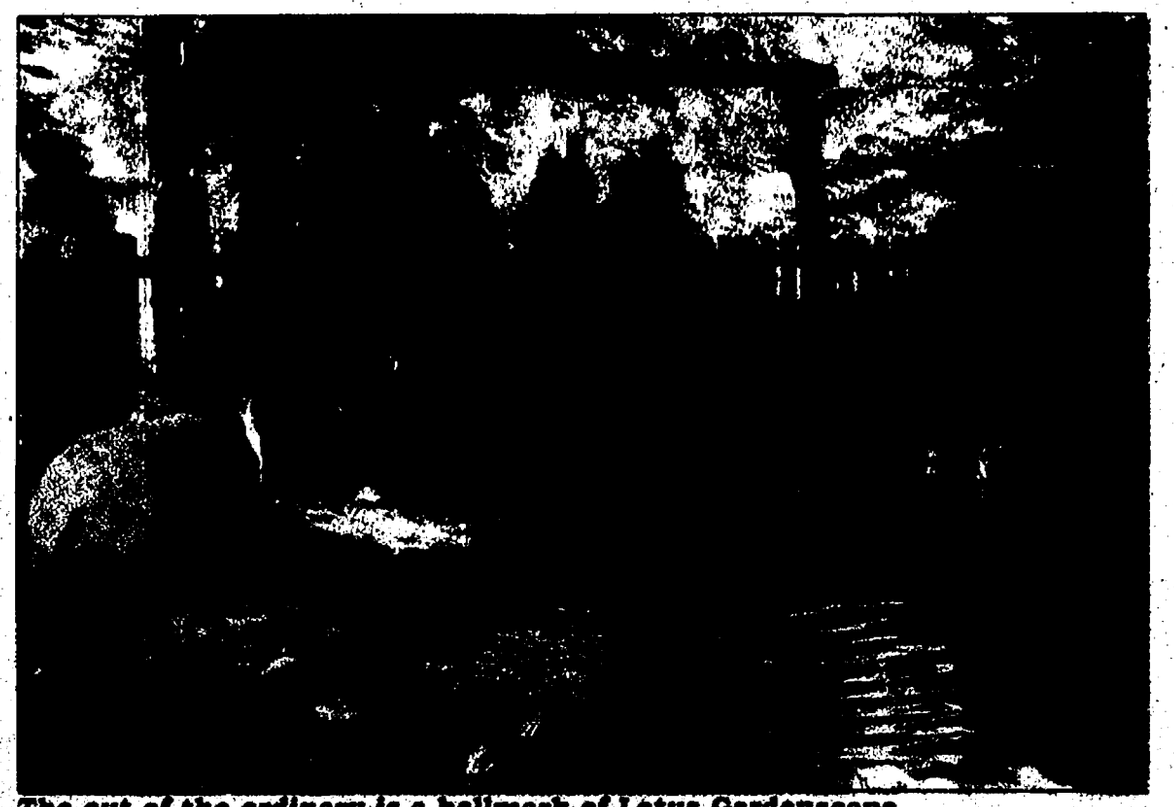

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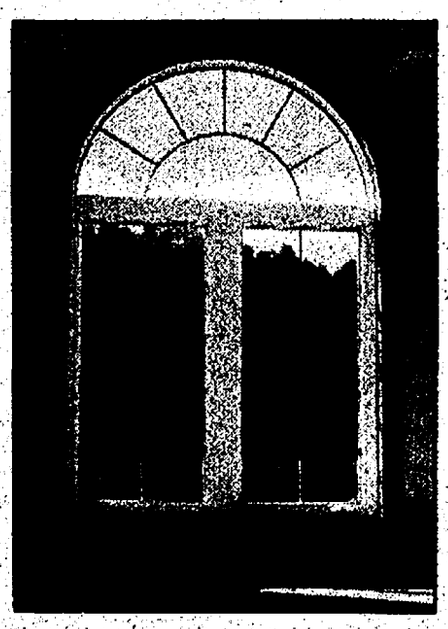

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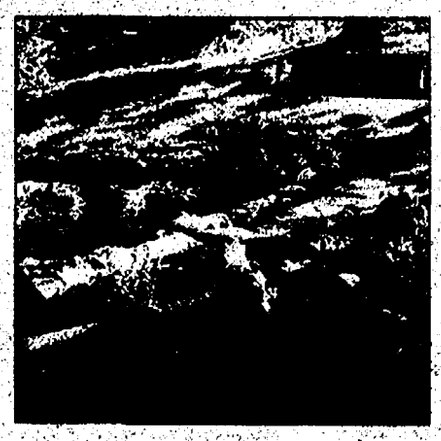

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**The Chelsea Area Garden Club continues to grow, with spring sunshine bringing new members—and green thumbs. Pictured are: (top row, l-r) Sandra Shapiro, Wanda Stumpo, Ann Feeney, Toni Stevenson, Mary Randolph, Judy Smith, Jayetta Edwards, Kathy Kersten, Jennifer Kundak, Cyndy Masarrachia, Becky Schultz, Kay Miller, Christine Forsch, Janet Wamboldt, Sue Teare, Heather Newman, and Jean Storey. Ruth Broesamle, John Davidson, Elvira Hahn, Charleen Harris, Ruth Hirst, Rose Kaupp, Phyllis Lintz, Gloria Rio, and Arlene Ritz are missing from the picture.**

## MSU offers tips on roses

Roses are one of the most popular garden flowers. They can be grown in almost all areas of the North Central region and are adapted to many decorative purposes.

Many types of roses are available for planting on lawns and borders, for growing on arbors and trellises, for specimen tree roses, for use as bedding plants or hedges, and as a source of cut flowers. For successful results in growing garden roses, follow these tips:

Buy vigorous plants from a reputable nursery, garden center or mail-order nursery.

Select a planting site that receives at least 6 hours of sunshine daily.

Set plants in well prepared beds.

Water plants weekly unless rainfall equals at least 1 inch.

Cut flowers from the plant without damaging the main parts of the plants.

Prune plants as needed or remove dead or damaged wood and to shape the bush.

Spray regularly to control pests.

Protect plants from winter injury.

Prune dead flowers to encourage repeat blooming.


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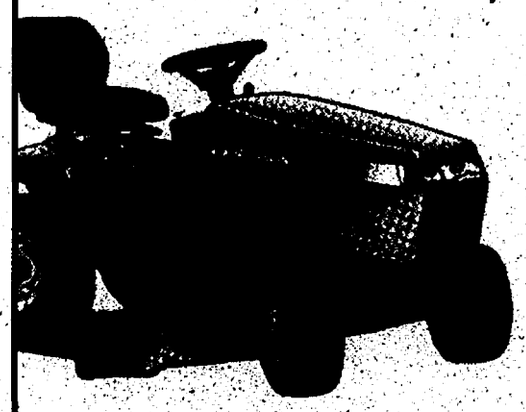

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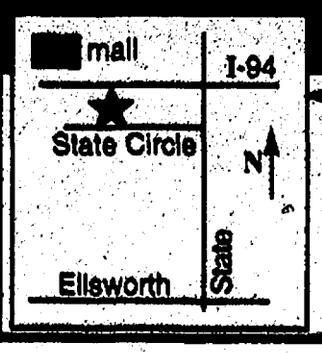


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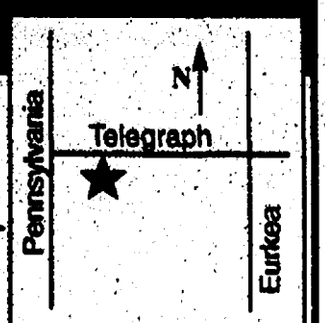

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# Lawn Furniture: Cleaning up your act

Few things are more inviting than patio furniture on the front porch or tucked into the garden. Quaint and cozy pieces of wicker enhance an enclosed porch, while metal swings and rockers are ideal for under a shade tree or along the garden trail. And wooden chairs and tables go a long way in enticing the family to step outside for a meal or just to enjoy the sunshine.

But patio furniture—regardless of what type of material—can deteriorate quickly from constant exposure to the elements, if not cared for properly. A quick and easy way to add years to the life of your furniture is to store it inside for the winter months. But even storing furniture for the cold months leaves it victim to the blazing sun and constant moisture.

Once the furniture is hauled out from cold storage, and before it's placed on the porch, use a scrub brush on wood and a soft rag on metal to apply trisodium phophate or TSP to remove the past season's grime. TSP can be found at most hardware stores in powder form. Wicker furniture can be sprayed off with a garden hose, let dry and then repainted.

Peeling, chipped or faded paint on wood furniture should be re-coated with porch and deck oil enamel paints as needed. Before painting, rough up the bad spots with sandpaper and wipe up the dust. If painting over wood, always paint in the direction of the wood grain in long, smooth strokes. Iron furniture should be painted with an oil-based enamel as well. Sand with steel wood prior to painting and wipe with a tack cloth.

Remember: If painting inside a garage, ventilate. If painting out of doors, avoid direct sunlight if possible.

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# Lighting helps add fresh look

So much more than mopping and dusting, "spring cleaning" as we have come to know it, is about renewing and refreshing our living environment. To make a notable difference this year, spruce up your home with a touch of personality and style. Combining fashion and function, lighting is one of the easiest ways to rejuvenate a room, giving it an entirely fresh look and feel.

"Now more than ever, it's easy to revitalize your home with simple accents like lamps, mix-and-match lampshades and even light bulbs with color-enhancing benefits," says Catherine Bailly Dunne, author of "Interior Designing for All Five Senses." "We're seeing a surge of stylish lamps — both modern and retro — dominating the market. When used in a variety of styles, colors and designs, they can help consumers breathe new life into their homes or simply provide a new look for a new season."

With more than 60 percent of consumers spending leisure time at home rather than out and about, it's no surprise that home accents such as lamps and stylized lampshade "separates" have become important fashion accents in homes across the country.

Sometimes, refreshing a room can be as easy as changing a light bulb. Bulbs like GE Reveal filter out yellow rays common in ordinary light bulbs, making colors, fabric, walls and artwork appear richer, crisper and more vivid.

"It's amazing the impact lighting has in our homes and in our lives," says Dunne. In fact, in a recent survey by GE Lighting, nearly three quarters of Americans said that light quality affects their moods. Survey respondents overwhelmingly acknowledged the importance of good lighting for a variety of home settings including romance (76 percent); dinner with friends (75 percent); watching a movie (72 percent); cooking dinner (58 percent); taking a bath (50 percent); and even paying bills (33 percent).

**WHEN** looking to update the ambiance of a room, consider some simple and affordable lighting accessories. For instance, popular animal-print lampshades might evoke a sense of daring or adventure. Laced with beads, fringe, sequins, appliqués and trendy crystals, lighting fixtures can inspire playfulness and charm. And what better way to display one's light-hearted nature than lighting a bedroom or den with a whimsical character lamp.

For more information or other helpful lighting tips for the home, visit GEreveal.com or call (800) GE-LIGHT.

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# Balance of time and proper diet will help lawn

You thought you did everything right last year. You fertilized, you watered, and you mowed. So why didn't your lawn turn out the way you had hoped?

It isn't a curse. According to John Stier, an expert in horticulture with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, "You may be challenged by weather and soil conditions, but you can still get great results by giving your lawn the right balance of nutrients and proper care."

You may simply need to tweak your lawn care program to better serve the specific needs of your lawn. Here are a few common complaints and suggestions for making adjustments.

## Weeds

A healthy lawn is your best defense against weeds. As grass strengthens and thickens, it actually helps prevent crabgrass, dandelions and other weeds from growing by blocking out the sunlight and using up the moisture that weeds need in order to germinate.

The way to a healthy lawn is through its soil. The ideal soil for gardening contains a mixture of sand, silt, clay and organic matter. Also, the pH value, which indicates the acid or alkaline level, should be neutral, or around 7.0. You can test your soil with a pH kit available at garden centers.

To improve the health of your soil, use a natural organic fertilizer. "Many synthetic fertilizers release nutrients faster, while organic fertilizers are better at releasing nutrients at the rate plants need them and may add beneficial organic matter," says Stier. "Microorganisms in the soil break down organic matter into a usable form by plants."

A healthy lawn can take some time to develop. Until your lawn has reached this point, you can still fight weeds naturally by mowing your lawn no shorter than two to three inches and by removing any weeds you notice to prevent further damage.

## 'Burning' Your Lawn

Too little water and too much salt will cause your lawn to turn brown and, in severe cases, can kill the roots. Chemically-derived synthetic fertilizers can burn lawns if overapplied because they contain a high amount of salts. Applying more synthetic fertilizer than the label suggests can actually damage plants. Follow the directions on the package to avoid problems.

On the other hand, if you're worried about applying too much fertilizer by mistake, go with one that has a low salt index. "The natural organic fertilizer Milorganite contains virtually no chemical salts, so it won't burn grass or plants under any condition," says Mike Archer, market development and research coordinator at Milorganite.

## Heavy Clippings

Did your lawn grow so fast last year that you couldn't keep up? Compared to fighting weeds and suffering from burned roots, a lawn that grows too fast may seem trivial. But frequent mowings can wear on you and your summer free time.

Lots of rain may cause your grass to grow faster than usual, but another viable suspect is the nitrogen in your fertilizer. Nitrogen, commonly the prominent nutrient in fertilizers, promotes quick growth and dark green foliage. It is a vital nutrient to plants, but too much can cause plants to grow prematurely.

"Synthetic, water soluble fertilizers tend to release nitrogen faster than organics, so the result is visibly green grass sooner," says Stier. "However, forcing a burst of nitrogen is stressful to your lawn."

A plant's growth should determine its use of nutrients, not the other

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herbs do well in containers if they get the correct amount of sunlight for the plant.

Finally, watch how you water. The most common problem with container plants is too little or too much water.

Since soil tends to dry up quickly and plant roots are easily burned, the gardener must be attentive. Plants left in direct sun can be destroyed in the space of a couple of hours, especially those in black plastic containers which attract the sun's heat. Lining the container with spaghnum moss may keep some of the moisture in and some heat out, but the best way to ensure your plants get enough moisture is to check daily and place them in an area where they get both sun and shade. Ideally, container gardens should be watered twice a day, and fertilized as needed. However, some plants don't need that much water, and sometimes plants obtain enough water from natural sources such as rain.

## Be Attentive

Do not let plants sit in water and don't water if plants don't need watering, but do water when they become dry.

Container gardening is beneficial in many ways. Certainly it is easier for disabled who have a need for easy accessibility, gardeners with a soil problems, and homeowners with little or no land. Additionally, elderly with limited mobility, and apartment or condominium dwellers might find this method a convenient alternative to traditional gardening. It also seems to fit well with cooks who have a flair for the gourmet, and gardeners who simply can't get enough of nature.

Herbs grown in window-boxes on the kitchen sill, on in hanging baskets on the porch can be both beautiful and efficient when it comes to harvesting. What cook wouldn't relish the idea of just leaning out the window or stepping onto the porch for a snip of this and a snip of that? Old flip-top mailboxes nailed to the garden fence make attractive containers for annuals. Pansy, alyssum and lobelia, as well as asparagus fern, licorice and Vinca vine add to the beauty with both an upright and trailing mixture of color and foliage.

Tomatoes, perhaps the most popular and widely grown vegetable, grows exceptionally well in large pots on the porch or patio. Make sure the plant receives at least half to three-fourths a day of sunlight and you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Nearly every flower that can be grown outdoors in Michigan can be grown in a container. Though bulbs tend to need more attention, roses and hibiscus grow exceptionally well in containers. Roses can be wintered in the garage while the hibiscus taken indoors. Hibiscus will begin to bloom indoors around Valentine's Day and continue through fall.

## Rock Gardens

Thinking of a "rock" garden may make one think of a small garden, or an area filled with rocks, but rock gardens needn't be minute, nor cluttered. In fact, a rock garden can encompass an entire hillside, using large trees, shrubs, and huge boulders, or smaller rocks and plants that hug the ground.

The majority of rock gardens, especially those in small yards usually contain plants with little or no height which tend to crawl or creep over raised borders and rocks, or along gardens paths.

According to employees at Bedrock Landscaping and Garden Center in Milan, a rock garden can be a lot of different things to different people. Bedrock Garden Center prefers plants that don't have a lot of height, mostly flowers that grow up and around the rocks. Hens and chicks, annuals, moss roses, marigolds, and creeping sedums with rose shaped leaves are perfect sizes and are an

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way around. Look for a "slow-release" or "water-insoluble" fertilizer that releases nitrogen at rates needed by the plant. Generally speaking, the higher the amount of slow release or water-insoluble nitrogen a fertilizer contains, the closer its rate of release to the rate the plant can use it.

### Damaged Shrubs or Gardens

When fertilizing their lawns, homeowners often tend to spread the product too close to their shrubs and gardens. Many fertilizers high in nitrogen are not recommended for these plants. Shrubs and vegetables typically require even less nitrogen than your lawn.

If you have more than just a lawn to care for, you might consider going with a multi-purpose fertilizer that can be used on anything from lawns to shrubs to flower and vegetable gardens. Because natural organic fertilizers release nitrogen at a rate appropriate to plant needs, they can be applied to a variety of plants.

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### General Lawn Care Tips

Here are a few general lawn care tips to keep in mind this spring.

* Spread your fertilizer evenly. Streaks and blotches will give away the spots you missed.

* Do not mow your lawn when it's wet.

* Keep your lawn mower's blade sharp to cause the least amount of damage to the grass.

* Set mower to correct cutting height (2 1/2 to 3 inches).

* Mow often enough so you never remove more than one-third of the lawn height each time.

* Do not allow clippings to "bunch," suffocating the grass underneath.

If you didn't get the lush green lawn you wanted last year, don't give up. It's spring, which means you have another chance to make your yard the envy of the neighborhood.

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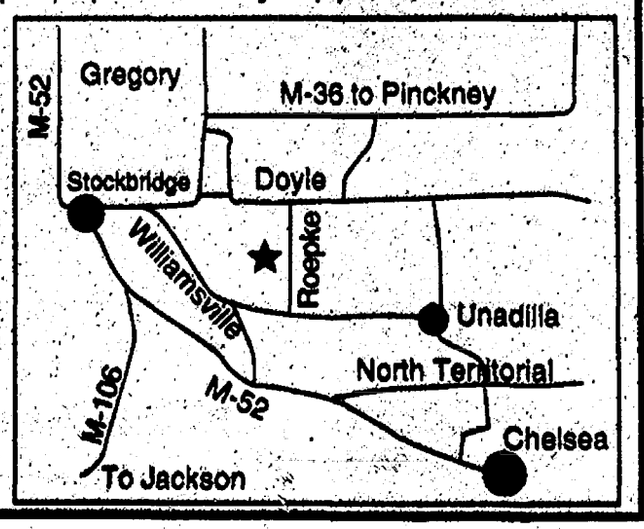


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While younger children seem to gravitate to the garden, older children may need a nudge from time to time. Older children are not as easily satiated.

Make sure you have adequate supplies including plants and tools. Talk about what you're doing to reinforce the procedure, and be patient. You smiled when your two-year-old dumped the pot accidentally, do the same when the child is 10. Accidents happen. Also, make sure to allow the older child some easy tasks. Older siblings will enjoy gardening more if you split the fun tasks between him and his younger sister. No one likes the hard work. Save that for Dad.

**SMILE.** Laugh. Work hard. Take pictures of your accomplishments. But ultimately set your goal at enjoying one another and your never regret your time together in the garden. Remember, children are visual and quickly pick up their parents' habits. Let gardening be one of the great habits you leave behind.

When my children were young, they each had their own flower-beds, and though weeding was done by all, the watering was their specific job. They never missed a chance to haul out the hose or sprinkler.

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## 'Gathering' set for July

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

"A Gathering of Gardens" is planned for July 13 sponsored by the 20th Century Club of Manchester.

Six private Manchester gardens will be highlighted and open to tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission will be by ticket only, and pre-sale tickets are now available at a cost of $8 per person. Tickets will be $10 on the day of the walk, for which a rain date of July 14 is set. Lemonade and cookies will be available at one of the garden locations, and gardeners will be on hand at each location to guide you and answer any questions.

The central location for the garden walk will be Manchester's gazebo in on the village green in Wurster Park. A granite bench, made from the same granite as the Texas state capitol building, will be raffled by the 20th Century Club and will be on display at Wurster Park. In addition, plants and garden accessories will be sold at booths in the park.

Tickets can be purchased at Calamity Jane's, 117 E. Main St., or by calling 428-1122.

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attractive fit into the rock garden format. Some of the bigger sedums have thick leaves so they add a nice texture with the rocks and bloom in the fall. When a lot of the other flowers are done blooming the sedums are just beginning to spout their color.

Some shrubs, called rug carpets, grow close to the ground and adhere nicely to a rock garden layout. Bulbs, which come up in the spring before any other garden growth, work well in rock gardens, as does creeping phlox which also blooms in the spring. Day lilies come in different varieties and bloom June through frost, and add colorful height to a rock garden.

Other interesting plants include ornamental grasses, such as Japanese blood grass and blue oats, which is a short coarse grass. Lamb's ears and hostas lend themselves well to rock gardens, as well.

Rock gardens are best suited to a hillside or slope and should be planted on the south or southwest side. A sunny exposure will suit most plants, but keep in mind the size of the plants you plan to add to the garden and plant according to where the natural rock formations currently are, or where rocks will be placed. In keeping with the surrounding area, emulate natural rock formations whenever possible.

A variety of rocks or stone can be obtained from this area, including granite, sandstone, limestone, mica, quartz, shale, and flagstone. If you're lucky enough to know a local farmer, perhaps you could empty his field of natural fieldstone, which is the perfect addition to any rock garden.

The beauty of rock gardens lies in the graceful way low-growing plants trail over the rocks and conform to the nooks and crannies created by the rocks.

Water Gardens

Humans shape the world around them to suit their needs. And most of us seem to be attracted to the sound of running water in the garden.

Many property owners feel a need to extend the natural boundaries of their lakes and ponds, either enlarging them or adding material to form trickling falls. Those of us living inside the city limits are bound by different rules, however, and ponds tend to be created on a very small scale.

Wanting water in our gardens is not a new development. Even in the earliest of times, Egyptians, Romans and all the other early civilizations had water sites with fountains, pools, fish and plants. Some were elaborate, complicated. Some were merely small containers filled with water and lowering plants. The only difference today is perhaps the amount of tubing, motors, and plastic containers required to do the same thing. However, because digging a pond is a big order—even if it's a small pond—we encourage homeowners to contact local businesses that construct ponds and follow their expert advice every step of the way.

Ponds are relatively inexpensive to construct and operate, and more and more garden ponds are installed every year.

Before you begin digging there are a few things that should be considered.

The pond sound be located in the lowest point in your garden. Since the pond would require more maintenance due to fallen leaves and debris removal if placed under trees or shrubs, attempt to find a sunny location.

Make sure the pond is not a danger to your children or neighboring children—in town a fence must be erected around it. Make sure you chose a pattern that is irregular in shape so there is adequate shallow water for wildlife shelter and that it has a gradual slope into the deeper area.

The pond must be at least 60 cm deep to prevent freezing, and the sides should have a gradual slope toward the center, which is generally the deepest portion of the pond. After digging the hole, remove any sharp stones, and place a layer of newspapers or old carpet on the bottom of the hole, then cover with a liner.

Fill the pond slowly and carefully as the weight of the water will pull the liner down. After the pond has enough water in it, trim and bury the edges of the liner. Add a bucket of natural pond water to provide microscopic life. At this point, allow the pond two weeks to settle, then introduce wildlife.

Watersnails are a valuable addition and will reduce the amount of maintenance required. They also prevent stagnation by eating the algae which deoxygenates the water.

According to Bill Burrows, of Keepers Cottage in Saline, adding frogs and fish to the pond is an excellent way to get wildlife into the pond. Note, however, if frogs are large and fish are small, the frogs will eat the fish.

"The nice thing about gold fish and koi is that they're colorful and friendly," said Burrows.

Plant life, such as water lilies should be submerged in containers to keep them more manageable, said Burrows.

"However, in small ponds people should not go and pick up wild water lilies. Their requirements are entirely different and hard to duplicate in small ponds."

Forsythia bushes are a common sign of spring.


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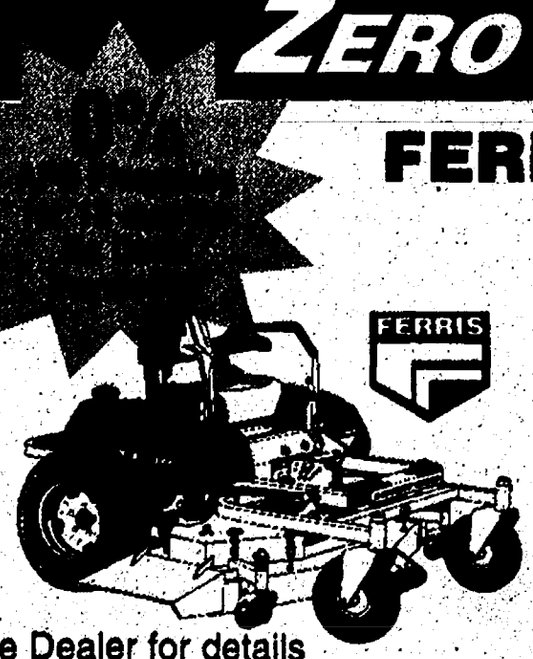

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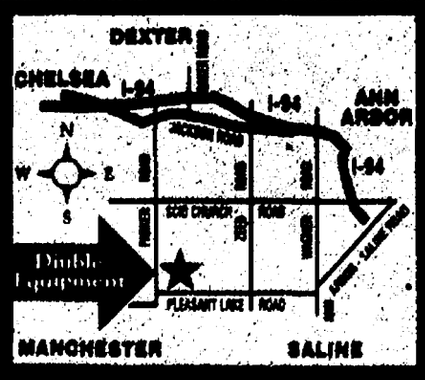


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## WILDLIFE

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calls on them, yet," she explained.

On average, wild babies must be nursed for the remainder of the summer. The release date is August, which gives the youngsters enough time to acclimate themselves to the wild before cold weather arrives.

"Some times I need to step in and take care of a nest that's been found on someone's property because the mother is gone, but other times, if a homeowner sees the nest all they have to do is make noise and let the mama know she's not welcome—she'll move the nest as soon as she can," Schroeder explained. "Raccoons are very dependent on their mama's. They stay with her for a year, so it's best to leave them with the mama if at all possible."

One year Schroeder worked with 50 baby raccoons, which in hindsight she admits was a mistake.

"It was too much—my whole family got neglected," she said. "Right now I have 10 coons, one possum and one injured deer. The deer is a yearling, but in a week or two the fawns will start coming. But this year I'm setting my limit on 15 animals total. It's hard work and the whole family has to help—sometimes it's just a nightmare."

Schroeder said the survival rate for wild baby animals is very good, which adds to her sense of accomplishment.

"It becomes harder to deal with when they're severely injured or sick," she said, adding that in all the years she's deal with raccoons the only big problem she had was one year when they contracted feline distemper, which is a deadly disease with no cure.

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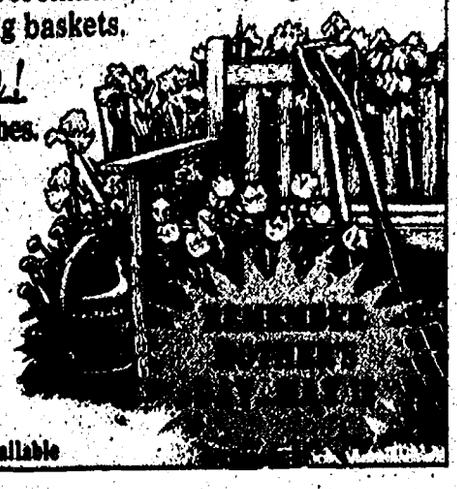

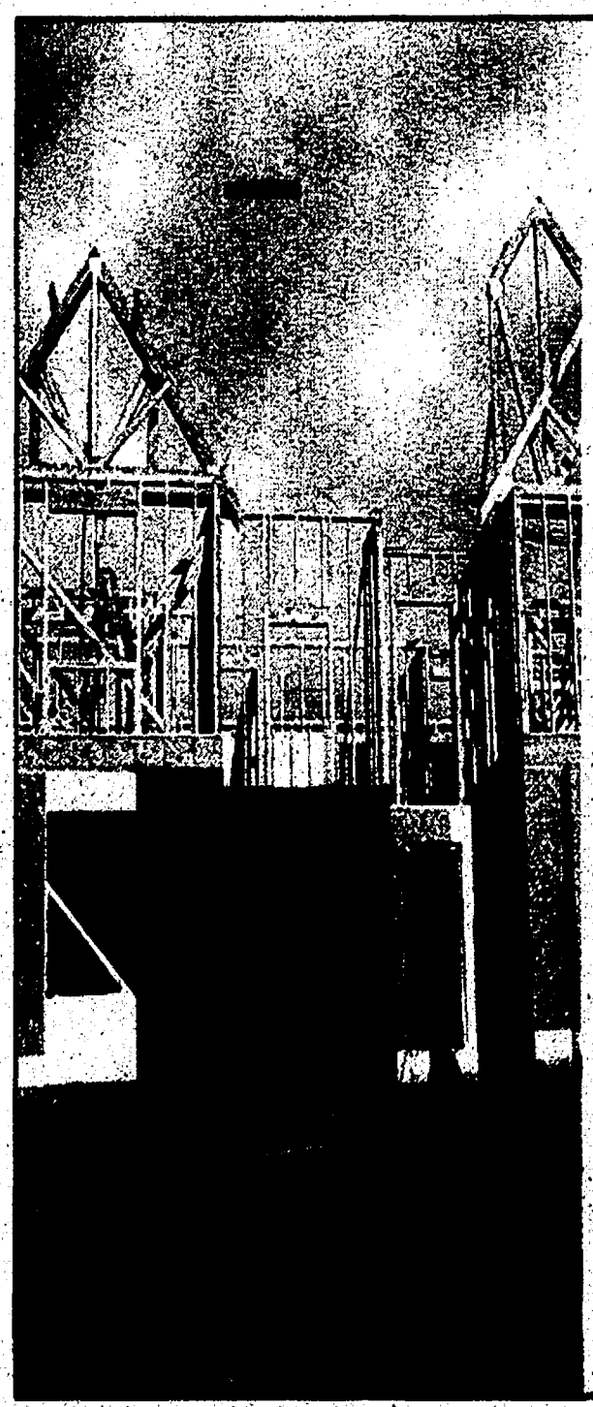


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Old newspaper makes a good "cloth" for washing windows, but do not use newsprint on Plexiglas windows or scratches may occur.

Easter Lilies

Once your Easter Lily has finished blooming indoors, remove the dead flowers and keep the soil moist until the threat of frost is gone, then plant it outdoors. Select a well-drained site in a sunny location. Good drainage is important. Since lilies grow from large bulbs, dig to a depth of about six inches. Work some of the soil in andround the root system for a well-established plant, and water immediately after planting.

Lilies like their "heads" in the sun and their "feet" in the shade. A two-inch mulch will keep the roots cool enough and will retain moisture in hot or dry weather. Cut browned leaves back to the first healthy leaf. Though new growth will emerge in a few weeks, the plant probably will not bloom until the following season. Cut the plant back to soil level in the fall and cover with a thick layer of mulch as soon as the cold months arrive. As new shoots emerge in the spring, move the mulch back from the plant and watch it grow. Easter lilies grown on their own timeframe will bloom in June or July.

### Flowerbed Borders

Before you begin, plan out your border. Make sure you have an idea of this design prior to shopping for flats of flowers. Once you've created a color and height design, and purchased the flowers, lay them out in the planting bed according to your design. Dig holes deep enough that the root ball will be completely covered, but not so deep that the plants get choked. A good rule of thumb to follow is to cover the plant approximately one-half to one inch deeper than the height of the soil in the pot.

Do not fertilize at the initial planting. All plants need time to put down roots. If fertilized too soon, the plant may send the energy into leaf making and not concentrate on the root system. After all plants have been planted, mulch and water. Fertilize the plants later in the season—preferably one to two weeks after planting.

### Cool Weather Veggies

Sow the seeds of cool weather vegetables like beets, turnips, carrots, Swiss chard, onions, and peas as soon as the soil can be worked. The soil is workable when it is reasonably crumbly and doesn't make large clumps or clods when using a shovel.

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your planting. In any garden, including a container garden, you need a focal point. An upright plant will give you a vertical focus and your eye will be drawn to it first. Trailing plants off the edge of your planter will soften the edges and create a more finished look.

**PLANT TEXTURE** is divided into three categories: fine, medium and coarse. Textural contrast can be even more effective than color contrast. Plants that are described as fine in texture are those that are quite soft, and often have many delicate flowers, such as lobelia or baby's breath. Medium-textured plants tend to have some distinct shape such as geraniums or flowering tobacco. Coarse plants are those with very distinct textures such as ornamental cabbages or large begonias.

You can create a bold display by combining trailing blues and yellows with columnar spires and feathery foliage. Use your accent plants in the center with complementary plants surrounding it and trailing herbs or lobelias softening your edges.

**IF YOU WANT** to create instant impact with your hayrack or hanging basket, pack it full of plants. Leave no unused space in the planter and you will have a very dramatic planting.

As long as you provide what the plant needs—enough room for its roots, water, nutrients and sun or shade—any plant will work in a container. So be creative! Plant what you like. And remember, your local nursery can help you select plants that will thrive in your area.

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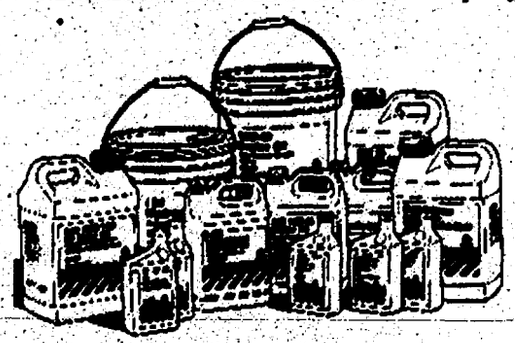

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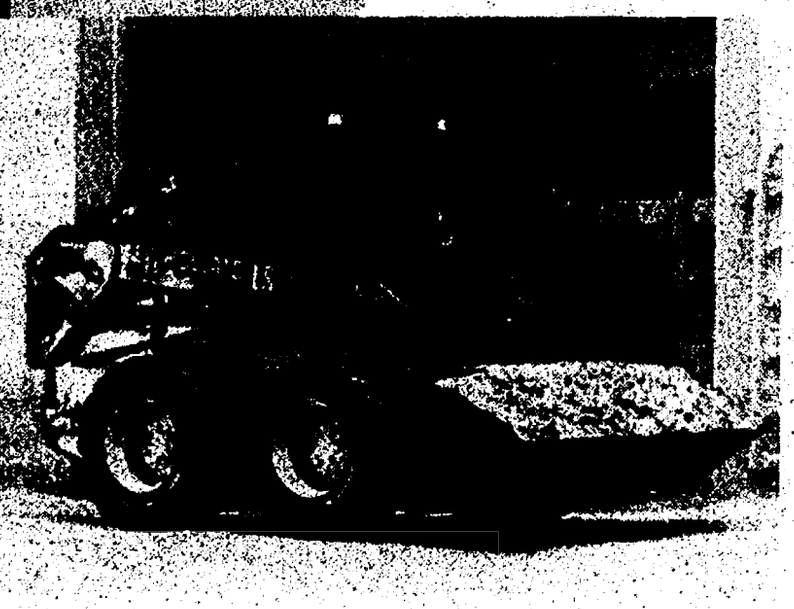

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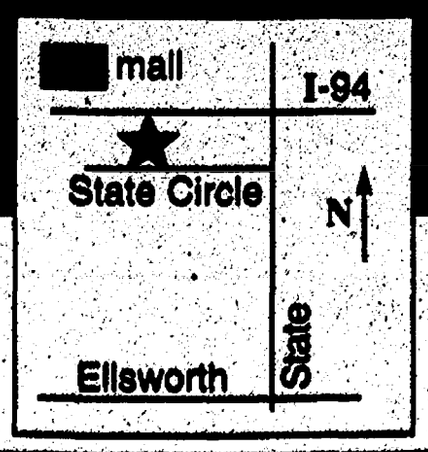


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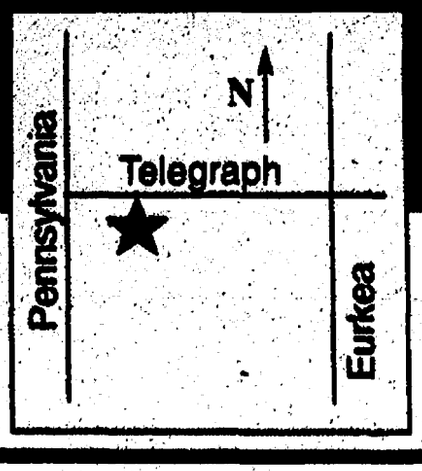

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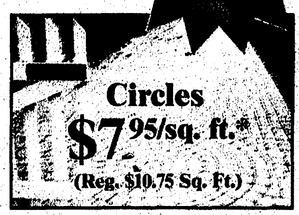

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