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Police fear mom, baby dead

■ **Former Chelsea student suffered from bipolar disorder.**

By **Sheila Pursglove**
 Associate Editor

Efforts continue in the Straits of Mackinac to recover the bodies of 20-year-old Mindy Lou Arnett and her 6-month-old daughter, Jersey. State Police believe Arnett jumped from the Mackinac Bridge in the early morning hours last Thursday.

Arnett, who left Chelsea

Alternative High School in 1999, was reported missing Aug. 15, said Lt. Pat London of the Michigan State Police post in St. Ignace.

"Judging from our investigation, we're confident she did jump," London said. "A check into her history revealed suicide attempts and that she had made threats to kill herself and her baby."

"We sent information to behavioral science experts who are 99 percent sure, because of her bipolar disorder, and previous statements

and actions, that she did jump from the bridge."

Arnett's white 1992 4-door Honda Civic, with a purse, a diaper bag, half-full baby bottle and a child seat, was found in the northbound right-hand lane at the mid-span section of the bridge at 2 a.m. last Thursday.

London said various sightings indicate that Arnett drove north to the tollbooth but turned south without paying, drove back to the south end of the span and exited, entered Interstate 75,

then drove north again.

He said there was no evidence of foul play, or evidence that Arnett walked 2½ miles off the bridge or caught a ride into the communities at either end.

The bridge at the mid-span is about 190 to 200 feet above water.

The water below is 300 feet deep with heavy currents, hampering rescue efforts for divers who can only operate to a depth of 200 feet.

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Mindy Lou and Jersey Arnett

NEWS BRIEFS

Memorial service set for Sept. 11

The Chelsea Ministerial Association is planning to hold a "Service of Remembrance and Hope" to commemorate the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. The service, which is open to the public, is planned for 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at Chelsea High School auditorium, 740 Freer Road. For more information, call the Rev. Larry Lyons, at 475-1391.

Group to discuss 2002 CROP Walk

A meeting for CROP Walk recruiters is set for 7 p.m. Monday at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 14600 E. Old US-12. Churches and organizations interested in participating should send a representative to the meeting. The 2002 CROP Walk, which raises money to fight hunger, is set for 1:30 p.m. Oct. 6. For more information, call Jan Roberts at 475-3615 or Heidi Doyle at 475-7348.

Village takes a step toward cityhood

Village Manager Jack Myers said Monday that the 45-day referendum period regarding Chelsea's quest for cityhood ended Aug. 8. No one petitioned against cityhood, he said. Myers said Village Clerk Jill Branson has contacted the county clerk's office for information on the next stage, the election of a nine-member charter commission.

Artist slated to give gallery talk Sept. 7

Artist Nancy Feldkamp, a member of the Chelsea Painters Group, will give a talk during a free reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, 400 Congdon St.

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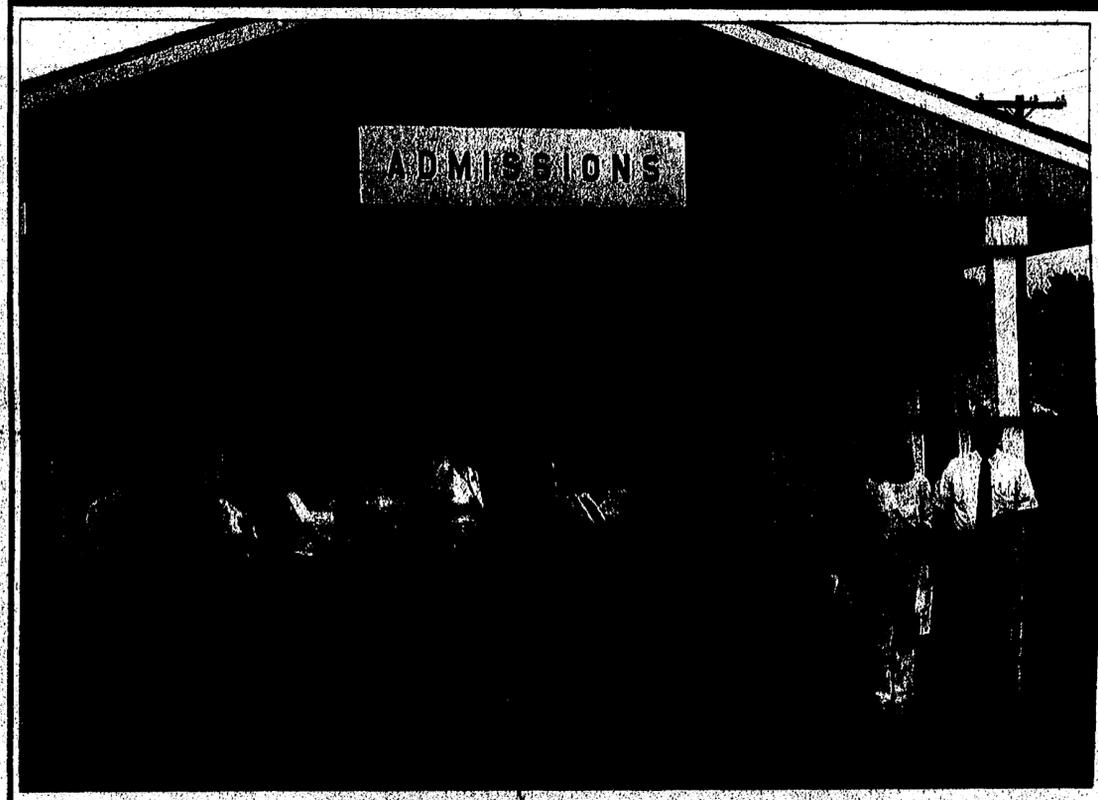


Photo by Rita Fischer

The Chelsea Community Fair kicked off with a ribbon cutting Monday by fair queen candidates and local officials. Doing the honors are Village President Richard Steele (left), Kelsey Benton, Emily Leidner, Sarah Misenheimer, Tara VanRiper, Fair Board member Ron Stoffer, 2001 Fair Queen Stephanie Fischer, Fair Board President Ken McCalla, Erin Nelson, Jessica Katz, Ashli Welshans and Village Manager Jack Myers.

Sylvan delays program

■ **Board grills fire chief over registration form, fines.**

By **Michael Rybka**
 Special Writer

The Sylvan Township Board was not swayed last week by Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood's appeal to have the board sign on to a new

tion and on-site safety inspections for all businesses.

The board raised many of the same questions officials in Lima Township brought up when the Lima board postponed adoption of the same ordinance last week.

Trustee Earl Heller and Clerk LuAnn Koch were the most vocal skeptics at the Sylvan Township Board's Aug. 13 meeting.

Heller asked what defined a business and if it would include home-based consulting and booths at the Chelsea Summer Fest. Ellenwood confirmed that it would.

Heller said that farmers have more hazardous material on their property than

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Citizen of the Year

Ed Greenleaf honored in surprise ceremony on Friday

By **Sheila Pursglove**
 Associate Editor

Add another title to Ed Greenleaf's resume. Chelsea's own "Mr. Bowling" and Hall of Famer was honored Friday as Chelsea's Citizen of the Year.

Greenleaf thought he was meeting friends at Chelsea Lanes before heading out for dinner. Then he walked Brian Hamilton, executive director of Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, Village President Richard Steele and DDA President Ann Feeney, handing him the key to the village — possibly the last of its kind since by this time next year, Chelsea may be a city.

Greenleaf's wife, Kathy, and children, Ed Greenleaf

III and Heather Schemanske, were also in on the secret and on hand to celebrate. Walt and Sandy Zeeb of Chelsea Greenhouse, last year's winners, sent a bouquet of flowers.

Kathy Greenleaf said Monday that she had a hard time keeping the award a secret.

"I'm extremely proud of Ed. He's been involved in youth programs since way back when," she said. "He was really shocked. He had no clue that this was coming."

Greenleaf said Monday that he had "no inkling" about what was afoot.

"When the three of them walked in, I wondered what was going on," he said. "I never thought of this honor

being bestowed on me.

"I asked Richard (Steele) what the key would open, thinking perhaps it would open the door to the new village offices. Richard told me it might open all those orange barrels."

Hamilton said that Greenleaf has a "soft spot for kids" and has worked hard over the years for their benefit.

"He's used Chelsea Lanes for the After Prom party for many years and has sponsored programs for CART (Chelsea Area Responding to Teens), Scouts, athletic boosters, Big Brothers and Sisters, and many other organizations," Hamilton said.

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Photo courtesy of Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce
 Village President Richard Steele (right) presents Ed Greenleaf with the key to the village while Kathy Greenleaf looks on. The owner of Chelsea Lanes was named Chelsea's Citizen of the Year on Friday.

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Rabbit Show

Kevin Doll (left) inspects 10-year-old Olivia Layher's rabbit during the Chelsea Community Fair. The fair runs through Saturday and includes a demolition derby, tractor pull, carnival rides and a fair queen competition.

Library may cut millage rate

■ **Director reports surplus of funds.**

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Chelsea District Library opened its Aug. 13 board meeting with a public hearing on its 2003 operating budget.

The board discussed lowering the current 1.63 millage levied on library district patrons to 1.4737.

Board Treasurer John Gourlay said it's a fiscally responsible approach.

"We're sending a strong message to constituents that we're thoughtful about their money," Board President Kathy Sprawka said.

The board will officially vote on the budget Sept. 17.

Library Director Metta Lansdale said the library took in more revenue than expected in 2001, leaving the

library with a surplus.

If approved, the reduced rate would be reflected in the 2002 tax statements sent out in December.

The proposed 2003 budget includes funds to increase the number of computers with Internet access and expand the large print and talking book collection.

Voters approved 1.75 mills for library operations in October 1999. The library has operated on 1.63 mills since the 2000 fiscal year.

The board also discussed updating the library's bylaws from 1997. A working revision was presented to the board after it was reviewed by an attorney and the library's policy committee.

The revision essentially tightens the language of the old bylaws by eliminating redundancies and extraneous language. It also will

allow an agenda to be revised before approval.

In another matter, Lansdale said the library is accumulating equipment, furniture and computer hardware that it no longer needs. She proposed a policy governing the disposal of surplus items.

She has suggested that library property be sold "as is" at, for example, a silent auction or through a used book sale. Items not sold would be discarded.

Lansdale would determine the minimum price for an item at a silent auction. An

auction would be open to the public and library staff, but would exclude the director.

A minimum of one week's notice would be permitted for submitting bids prior to the actual auction. A date, time and place would be posted on notice boards at the library.

Official bid forms established by the library would be needed for an entry.

The price of items sold at a used book sale would be determined by the managers of the event.

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STRAIGHT FACTS

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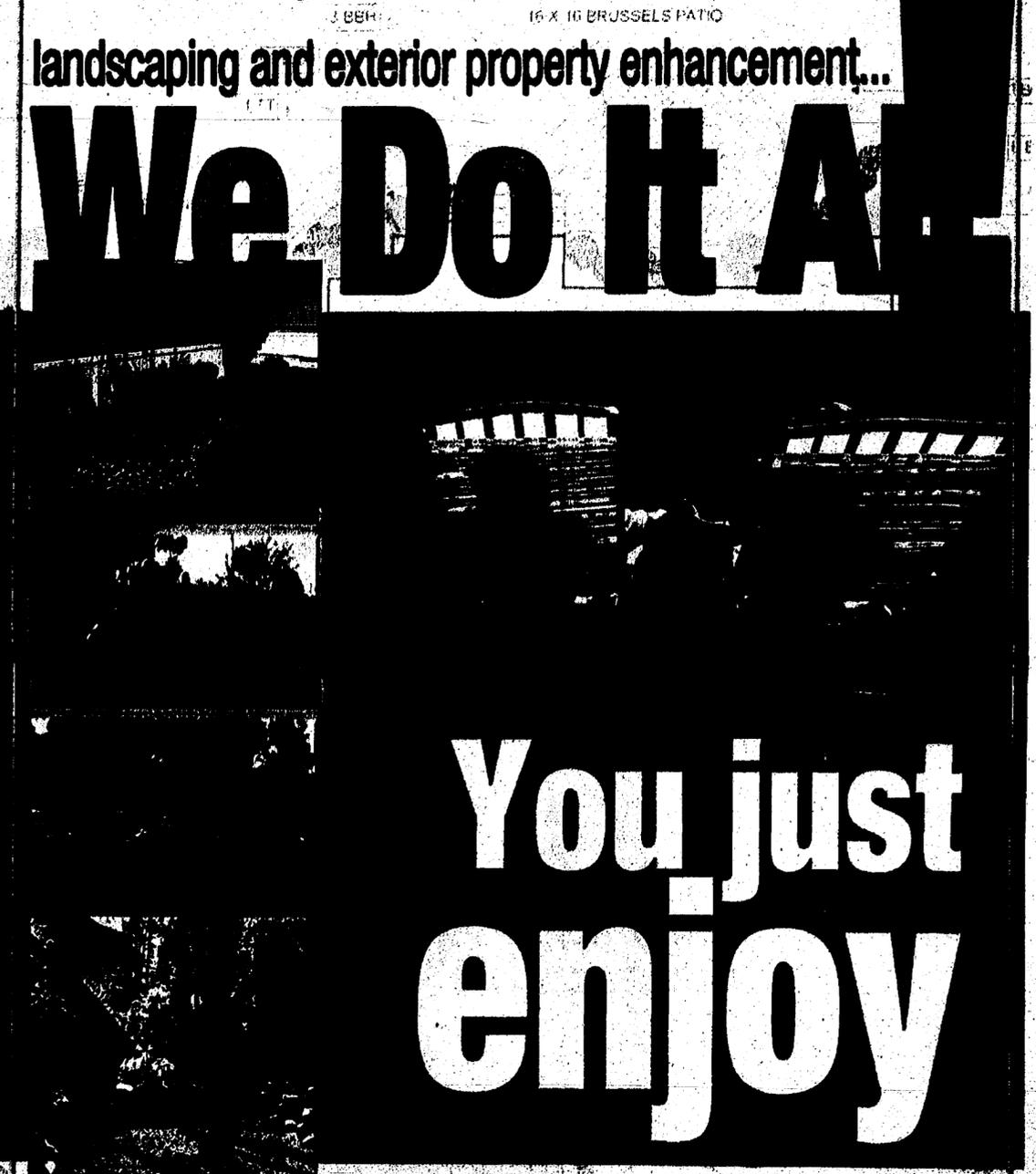
CHELSEA CALENDER OF EVENTS

- **September 8th**
Music at McKune
By Friends of
Chelsea District Library
- **September 21**
Super Kicker Rodeo
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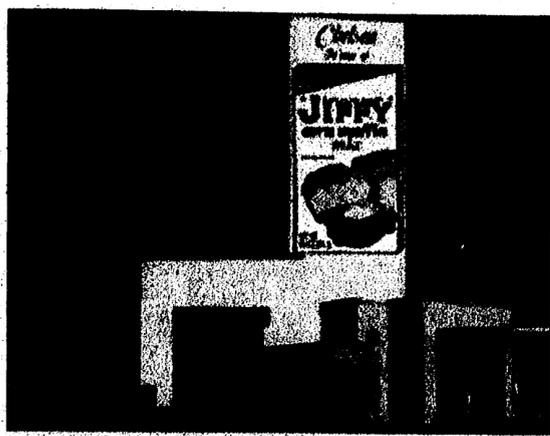
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Chelsea Milling Co. will erect a mural portraying a box of corn muffin mix on one of its towers. The Village Council gave the nod last week.

Council OKs mural

■ **Chelsea Milling Co. president argues for mural over sign.**

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

The Village Council gave Chelsea Milling Co. the go-ahead last week to erect a picture of a Jiffy corn muffin box on one of its buildings.

Company President Howdy Holmes plans to place a 62.5-foot-by-23-foot picture depicting a corn muffin mix box on the flour mill building located on Main Street.

Holmes had some difficulty convincing the Village Zoning Board of Appeals in May that it was a good idea. The board tabled a vote to grant a variance for a sign and the request eventually made its way to the Village Council as a mural.

At the Aug. 13 council meeting, Holmes argued that the sign is actually a mural and doesn't have to meet the village ordinance, which allows a maximum of 200 square feet per site and a height of 25 feet in the village industrial zoning district.

The 1,437.5-square-foot picture will feature the words "Jiffy" at about 5 feet in height, and the words "Net Wt. 8 1/2 (240g)." It will also say, "See back panel for other Jiffy muffins," together

er with "add egg and milk."

As on the box, the mural will depict a couple of corn muffins, drawn at about 10 feet high, and butter. It will stand 75 feet above the ground on the building.

Holmes said that approximately 15,000 people visit Chelsea every year to tour the Chelsea Milling Co. factory, bringing customers to Chelsea restaurants and shops.

He said the company does not advertise because it doesn't sell the mix; it only manufactures it.

Holmes said that the mural will accent the tie between Chelsea and Jiffy, and that the company is a Chelsea landmark.

Council Trustee Janice Ortbring called it a great installation and work of art, not a sign.

Trustee Charles Ritter said that it would be an agreeable addition to the landscape while promoting Chelsea at the same time.

Trustees Howard Holmes and Jim Myles showed some concern that other industries might want murals on their sites.

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Board amends master plan

■ **Land south of I-94 changed to light industrial.**

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Sylvan Township Planning Commission hosted a public hearing on its master plan amendment Aug. 15 and approved it 3-0.

Chairman Bob Lange and Commissioner Barb Satterthwaite were not in attendance. Vice Chairman Pat Merkel chaired the meeting.

About a half-dozen people attended, including a sizable number from Kernwood Drive interested in learning whether township progress would impede their quality

of life.

The master plan amendment consists of rezoning land south of Interstate 94 from agricultural residential to light industrial.

Resident Jim Machnik voiced his concern over the rezoning. He said it could place the village in a position where it wouldn't have room to grow.

Machnik said that the township's new developments could take advantage of village facilities, with the village receiving nothing in return, and the township would benefit from the new tax base.

Machnik asked if the township ever gave any thought to the needs of the village.

Merkel said the township is basically concerned with the township.

Machnik said that he is concerned about a potential increase in traffic from the new developments. Commissioner Earl Heller said traffic problems are nothing new.

Kernwood Drive resident Dorothy Fugate asked what would prevent the village from annexing township land after it's developed.

Merkel said it's difficult for a city to annex land that is already serviced by municipal water and sewer because most land is annexed specifically for that reason.

Fugate said the Kernwood

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LIBRARY

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The board was also presented with a plan summary and plan document that establishes the library's flexible benefit plan for full-time employees. The policies were issued by Harbor Benefits after two years of research and planning.

The plan includes medical and dependent care reimbursement accounts, deferred compensation, and health, life and disability insurance.

A short benefit period would begin Sept. 1 and expire Dec. 31.

In November, the staff would re-enroll for the first

full benefit year that begins Jan. 1.

Greg DeGraff sat through his first board meeting as an official at-large trustee after he was sworn in by Magistrate George Parker. Shawn Personke attended her first board meeting as the library's new community relations and development coordinator. Personke began her duties on Aug. 12.

In addition to coordinating the promotion of library services and resources, Personke will help with identifying grant opportunities and writing grant requests. She was chosen from among 25 applicants.

A new posting is asking for a temporary adult services librarian to fill in for

Julianne Smith, who is on maternity leave.

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most other enterprises. He asked Ellenwood what he knew about farming to discern whether a citation would be warranted.

Heller also asked whether inspection reports would be forwarded to insurance companies.

Ellenwood brushed aside the questions and told Heller they displayed a lack of understanding of what would occur if the ordinance were adopted.

Ellenwood said that there is no physical way for every business in the village and Sylvan, Lima, Lyndon and Waterloo townships to be inspected. He said the Chelsea Area Fire Authority would only inspect the most potentially hazardous.

Ellenwood said that only if a farmer decided to conduct children's tours on his farm, for example, would it draw the fire department's attention, and he wouldn't necessarily inspect for hazardous material.

Koch said it would be in everyone's best interest to fudge the registration form to avoid intrusion on one's property and potential fines.

She said she believed insurance

companies inspected every building once a year and the fire department's inspection would be redundant and unnecessary.

Heller said that Sylvan Township Planning Commission Chairman and Zoning Inspector Bob Lange has enough authority to do what the fire department is proposing. Ellenwood said he doubted it, although Lange said he is empowered to cite civil and criminal infractions.

Heller said the township usually first writes a letter to the violator, which, he said, is a more friendly approach than an automatic fine.

Ellenwood said that even if people choose not to fill out the form, he

would have some knowledge of who has hazardous material and who doesn't because he receives a list from the county every five years. But he said it's only a list and it doesn't tell the fire department what the chemicals are used for or if the public is involved.

Ellenwood also said that the registration form would be more up-to-date than the county's list.

Koch said all one had to do was to move hazardous material from one barn to another to make the registration form obsolete.

She said she foresees a lot of time and money wasted on hearing

appeals from Sylvan Township residents concerning fines.

Ellenwood said he is only a facilitator concerned with protecting residents and minimizing the danger for his crew, and he doesn't know if it would be the township's responsibility or the fire department's to go after unpaid fines.

He said the board asked a lot of administrative questions that he was unprepared to answer. He said those questions would be better directed at the fire authority's business manager, Sandi Bird.

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PLAN

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Drive neighborhood does not receive water and sewer service from the township or the village. They have individual wells and septic fields.

Sylvan Township Special Projects Coordinator Gerald Dresselhouse said that the State Boundary Commission

recommended that Kernwood Drive not be annexed. However, he said the village could supply those properties with water and sewer if village leaders decided to do so.

Fugate said the new septic field she was required to put in cost too much for her to abandon for municipal service.

Fugate also asked if there

are any plans to extend Kernwood Drive to incorporate it into a new traffic configuration. Dresselhouse said only if Kernwood residents demanded it.

Questions were asked about the logistics of the proposed westward bypass that would begin at Commerce Drive, loop around to intersect Old US-12, and then extend to Ivy Road and from

there to Werkner Road. There is also talk of connecting Pielemeier Drive to an extended Commerce Park Drive.

Merkel said there is no doubt that an eastside bypass would be a better choice but that the idea is cost prohibitive.

Merkel said the current plan has developer funding and will hopefully receive

federal and state funding.

In addition, Merkel said that only one house would have to be moved in the current plan.

Dresselhouse added that it's logical to assume that in the future the Michigan Department of Transportation would improve the I-94 and M-52 interchange in the same way it's improving the I-94 and Zeeb Road Inter-

change.

Dresselhouse said that at that time it may be possible to have a bridge built over I-94 with its ingress south of McKernan Drive and its egress connecting with Pielemeier Drive, and directly into the bypass.

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GREENLEAF

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Some of those organizations include the Relay for Life, Jaycees, Key Club, Kiwanis, Show Choir, honor society, Youth Appreciation Day, car club, Chelsea Community Fair, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, and the United Way board, where Greenleaf served an extended term as president.

"He's also still very active in chamber activities," Hamilton said. "It's hard to imagine what we'd do without him and Kathy at our annual golf outing."

Greenleaf said that throughout the years, he has enjoyed the support of his family and the community.

"You see a challenge and come forward to try and help out," he said.

Greenleaf, who has served as president of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce twice, and six years on the fledgling Chelsea Lanes

in 1962.

A mechanic at a service station — and a non-bowler — at the time, Greenleaf, then 30 years old, took a huge career leap in taking over the struggling bowling alley.

The gamble paid off — four decades later. Chelsea Lanes is now one of the most successful bowling centers in the area.

Greenleaf enlarged the facility, added automatic scoring machines and a full bar, attracting bowlers and leagues.

Last year, Greenleaf was inducted into the Ann Arbor Bowling Association Hall of Fame for meritorious service. He has also served on the board of directors of the Michigan Bowling Proprietors for 23 years.

The self-described farm boy from Huron County turned out to be as much a success on the lanes as in business. In 1989, he was a member of the Jiffy Mix team that won the Champion of Champions tournament. In 1999 and 2001, the self-

taught bowler paired with Jerry Emery to capture the Michigan State Seniors Tournament.

A professional bowling instructor since 1987, he's also won numerous singles titles throughout the years.

Greenleaf retired from running the day-to-day busi-

ness at Chelsea Lanes last spring, turning over the reins to his son, Ed Greenleaf III.

The Citizen of the Year banquet honoring Greenleaf will be held Oct. 1 at Chelsea Community Hospital.

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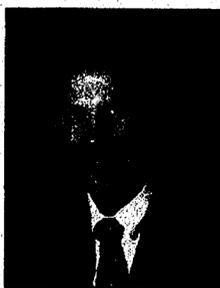
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COMMENTARY

Thursday, August 22, 2002

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Street Talk

By Erin Dronen

What's your favorite part of the Chelsea fair?



"The barn where they have all of the canned goods and the people who won the blue ribbons."

Peggy Patrick
Sylvan Township



"Going on the rides with my son."

Laura Kasischke
Freedom Township



"The games."

Jack Abernathy
Freedom Township



"Working with my grandkids on their projects."

Barbara Goderis
Dexter



"The derby."

Dominick Goderis
Dexter

Manic depression can be devastating



HOME FRONT

I feel Wanda Raney's pain. Her daughter, Mindy Lou Arnett, is believed to have committed suicide by jumping off the Mackinac Bridge a week ago today with her infant daughter, Jersey.

Mindy, a former student at the Alternative High School in Chelsea, suffered from bipolar disorder, a mental illness marked by extreme changes in mood, thoughts, energy and behavior. There is no cure for it, but it can be managed with medication.

I feel Wanda Raney's pain because my sister had bipolar disorder and took her own life five days before Mindy is believed to have taken her own and her daughter's.

I never dreamed that my sister would be among the suicide statistics. According to the World Health Organization, some 1 million people die from suicide every year, and it's the third leading cause of death among 15- to 44-year-olds.

I knew my sister, Megan,

had bipolar disorder, more commonly known as manic depression, but I thought she was strong enough to overcome any thoughts of suicide. That doesn't mean I didn't take her threats seriously. I always expressed my concern and most times she was hospitalized as a result.

Some 2.3 million Americans suffer from manic depression. That's about 1 percent of the population age 18 and older. Living with the illness must have been difficult for Megan and Mindy.

I know Megan experienced severe mood swings, from feelings of euphoria, marked by impulsiveness, racing thoughts and reckless behavior, to deep despair and thoughts of suicide.

Megan would stay up days on end, max out her credit cards and jump from job to job while in a state of mania. When she was depressed, all of her problems would come crashing down hard and there was no convincing her that life would get better.

Megan had been hospitalized more than 20 times in the last 10 years for manic depression and, after she was released and feeling more stable, often thought she was doing well enough that she didn't need to take her medication.

I stressed to her that she would always have to take medication to keep her brain chemistry level, but she so badly wanted to be normal

and not have to live with the illness.

In the months leading up to my sister's death, she began using illegal drugs. I think she was trying to escape her feelings of depression. The World Health Organization says it's not unusual for someone with bipolar disorder to turn to drugs.

Now I understand that no one really has a handle on something like this. There needs to be constant vigilance on everyone's part.

The organization warns that drug use by someone with mental illness is a sign that suicide may be to come. Illegal drugs worsen the symptoms of depression and mania, decrease the effectiveness of medication, enhance impulsive behavior and cloud judgment. My sister tried to overdose and later hanged herself at age 31.

I saw the signs, yet, for the most part, relied on the professionals to help my sister. She was getting help from Washtenaw County Community Mental Health. In addition, she was seeing a

caseworker daily.

I thought the medical professionals had a handle on her illness and were watching her closely. But now I understand that no one really has a handle on something like this. There needs to be constant vigilance on everyone's part, from family and friends to co-workers and mental health professionals.

I don't blame anyone for what happened to my sister. Ultimately, this was Megan's choice. I only wish that suicide wasn't something someone viewed as a choice. I know it's not a choice in my mind. I cannot fathom leaving this earth any earlier than the time I am allotted.

Three days before Megan took her own life on Aug. 10, I talked to her about how precious life is and how we only have one chance to experience what it has to offer. But, obviously, my words weren't getting through. I think the depression was too deep, the pain unbearable and the despair overwhelming.

I will always remember Megan as my best friend. But, as many older siblings can attest to, it didn't start out that way. In our early years, I remember my dad bribing me and my playmates to let my little sister join in our fun. He would give us nails to build forts in the woods behind our house if Megan could join our secret club, and he would give us money for candy if she could ride

her bike with us to the store.

Later in life, though, I didn't need that extra incentive to hang out with my sister. She was interesting and fun to be with. She was artistic, athletic and a gifted hair stylist.

Megan could recall memories from our childhood like it was yesterday. She also had a very keen insight into people, their behavior and what made them tick.

When she wasn't caught up in the alternating moods of manic depression, my sister was a very caring, thoughtful and loving person. My fondest memory is sitting on the couch and her flopping down at the other end. We would curl our feet together and just talk.

It's difficult to think that I'll never hear her voice again, see her beautiful face or feel her touch.

The pain is doubled for Wanda Raney, who will never see her daughter mature into a woman and mother, and her granddaughter grow up and lead a fulfilling life.

I don't blame my sister for what happened and I hope Wanda Raney doesn't blame her daughter. I blame the illness, and I hope more funding goes toward research so, in the future, other families will not have to endure the same heart-wrenching pain.

Editor Michelle Rogers can be reached at 475-1371 or via e-mail at mrogers@heritage.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cemetery gate not a good solution

This is a story about a gate, no, folks, this is not the Golden State Gate. It is an ugly farm gate that separates Oak Grove Cemetery, Mt. Olivet Cemetery and Oak Grove East Cemetery.

This gate is not only dividing the cemeteries, but it is dividing our quaint little town of Chelsea.

We can't visit the cemeteries without going out and around, to get to the other side. This causes a great hardship for people when they go to visit their loved ones at the cemetery.

We understand that there is a problem with increased traffic because of construction and that everyone is going every which way, including using the cemetery as a shortcut.

Yet, there does seem to be better solutions than blocking people from going to the cemeteries where their loved ones are buried.

For example, speed bumps could be put in that would slow down drivers, and perhaps discourage drivers who are just looking for a shortcut to find another route.

Another option would be putting a permanent obstacle, such as a fence, gate or statue, to force traffic to go through the narrower roads.

And, finally, there is the option of having keys made for every family that has a plot in one of the three cemeteries. It would be expensive and time consuming, but it is still an option to the current gate.

So, for myself and all the other wonderful people who visit these cemeteries, let's say bye-bye gate. Although, we can't say it was nice knowing ya!

The Cemetery Committee has agreed to schedule a special meeting early in September to discuss the problems caused by the gate. The committee is open to all suggestions for a solution.

Patricia Wood
Sylvan Township

The system failed Mindy Lou Arnett

As we all know, there are two sides to a coin and sometimes two sides to a story.

A sad story has been told over the last few days in various newspapers. One would have us believe that a drug-addicted young woman would not only take her own life but also the life of her young child in such a wanton manner.

Are we interested in the truth?

My daughter, Mindy Lou Arnett, at times, would appear troublesome. As an observer, I witnessed her making wrong choices in life. I thought those were the acts of someone who didn't care about authority.

Approximately two years ago, I realized Mindy was not rebelling, but truly needed medical attention. In January 2001 she was diagnosed as being bipolar, a thought disorder in which she believed that what she thought was really true.

Medication helped her sort out her thoughts and interact with others without any sort of confrontational attitude.

On March 12, 2001, when asked by Washtenaw Community Health if she had ever done drugs, Mindy indicated yes a few times. And with this information, they would have you believe that only an addicted young woman could do something like this, other than a young woman who needed medical attention.

Last June, realizing she was pregnant, Mindy even quit smoking cigarettes, her last and hardest vice to give up.

The newspapers would have you believe Jersey was an unwanted baby. What they don't tell you is that in the months before Jersey's birth on Jan. 31, how Mindy worked to make a home for herself and the baby. How she attended birthing classes on Saturdays. How, after the baby's premature delivery, Mindy took a big sob and said, "Mom, I didn't know you

could love something so much."

And after Mindy was discharged from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital prior to Jersey's release, she would drive from Stockbridge to Ann Arbor daily to tend to her baby.

In an attempt to protect Jersey the court system made Mindy feel that regaining custody was an unattainable goal.

I'm not trying to say that Mindy was an angel without fault. I'm trying to say she loved her baby, Jersey.

The system put more emphasis on keeping the child from Mindy than in exploring the cause and treatment of a young woman's medical problems.

Wanda Raney
Chelsea

Backpacks can lead to injuries

I am writing in response to the letter to the editor in the Aug. 15 edition of The Chelsea Standard by Chelsea High School senior Mike Groesser regarding the ban on backpacks at school.

I only have the ability to address one of the issues he raised, but I feel it is one of the most important ones.

Student health in relation to backpacks is a very real issue. One of the main reasons that you have not heard about it sooner is that it has

only been brought to light in recent years.

I have submitted a column to the paper for publication that gives more details on the issue. I will present some of the significant statistics in this letter.

New research indicates that by the end of their teen years, close to 60 percent of youths experience at least one low back pain episode. This may be, at least in part, due to improper use of backpacks, according to the researchers.

Back pain leads to more than 19 million doctor visits per year, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates 7,277 emergency room visits each year result from injuries related to book bags.

The commission also reports that backpack-related injuries are up 330 percent since 1996. These numbers show that this problem is reaching near epidemic proportions.

I am not taking sides on this issue but, as a doctor of chiropractic, this problem is of importance to me. Improper use of backpacks can lead to posture problems and adds increased stress to a growing spinal column, which could predispose it to future problems.

Letters to the editor policy

The newspaper welcomes letters from readers. Readers have a better chance of being published if they do letters on local issues.

The newspaper reserves the right to accept or reject letters for publication, and to edit letters for length, grammar and punctuation.

Letters for publication must include the author's name and telephone number. The deadline is 10 a.m. the day before publication.

Letters to the editor should be sent to the Chelsea School District by mail or by electronic mail. The deadline for electronic mail is 10 a.m. the day before publication.

There are guidelines for proper use of backpacks. One of the biggest stumbling blocks to their proper use is an issue brought up by Sarah Eisenberg in her column on the CHS Current student writing page. She states that students' backpacks are "expressions - perhaps extensions - of their personalities."

Unfortunately, the proper-use guidelines do not address the coolest or most fashionable way to carry a backpack, but the safest and most appropriate way. Are students willing to sacrifice some style for safety?

James Duncan
Chelsea

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POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township Drunken Driving

A 25-year-old Lapeer man was arrested Aug. 11 for drunken driving at Liberty Road and Interstate 94.

Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies noticed the man swerving his car into the oncoming lane and then weaving it back and forth before driving back into his lane.

The man told deputies that he had been out with some friends for his birthday. Deputies could smell alcohol on the man's breath. He was given a Breathalyzer test.

The driver's blood-alcohol level was .16 percent. A blood-alcohol level of .10 percent or higher is considered legally drunk under Michigan law. He was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

A 31-year-old Dexter man was arrested Aug. 10 for drunken driving near Joy and Zeeb roads.

Deputies followed the man for a couple of miles after noticing his car cross over the center line three times within a span of 200 yards.

Deputies said the man's eyes were bloodshot and watery and they could smell a strong odor of alcohol from him. He was given a Breathalyzer test.

The driver's blood-alcohol level was .12 percent. A blood-alcohol level of .10 percent or higher is considered legally drunk under Michigan law. He was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

A 21-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested Aug. 11 for drunken driving at Jackson and Staebler roads.

Deputies noticed that the man did not make a complete stop at an intersection, where there is a flashing red light. Deputies followed the man's car and noticed that it was weaving into the oncoming lane.

When the man stopped, deputies could smell alcohol on his breath. He was given a couple of sobriety tests, and failed them.

The driver was given a Breathalyzer test. His blood-alcohol level was .15 percent. A blood-alcohol level of .10 percent or higher is considered legally drunk under Michigan law. He was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Michigan law. He was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

A 29-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested Aug. 3 for drunken driving at Jackson and Wagner roads.

Deputies stopped at the intersection and noticed the driver wasn't wearing a seat belt.

When deputies stopped the man, they reported smelling a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. The driver was given a Breathalyzer test. His blood-alcohol level was .20 percent. A blood-alcohol level of .10 percent or higher is considered legally drunk under Michigan law. He was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

A 30-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested Aug. 16 for drunken driving at Jackson and Zeeb roads.

Deputies stopped the man for speeding. He was driving his car 58 mph in a 35-mph zone. Deputies questioned the man and reported smelling alcohol on his breath.

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

Driving with a Suspended License

A 41-year-old Dexter man was arrested Aug. 9 for driving with a suspended driver's license.

A deputy was patrolling Dexter-Ann Arbor Road when he noticed the suspect's car. The deputy checked the man's license plate with the Law Enforcement Information Network and found that the car's license plate expired in May and the driver's license was suspended.

The driver was arrested and taken to the Washtenaw County Jail. The sheriff's department reports that this is the suspect's fourth arrest for driving with a suspended license.

Property Damage
A car window was smashed between 9:50 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. Aug. 3 at the Quality 16 Theater, 3668 Jackson Road.

The locked car was parked in the back parking lot of the theater. The owner did not notice anything missing from the vehicle. Damage is estimated at \$200.

A car window was smashed between 10 p.m. Aug. 1 and 8:30 a.m. Aug. 2. The car was in the parking lot at Bel-Mark Lanes, 3530 Jackson Road.

The owner told deputies that it was locked. Nothing was reported missing.

Larceny
Three pieces of identification were stolen Aug. 13 from

a home in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road.

The identification belongs to a 41-year-old man who was planning a trip to Italy. He had his social security card, birth certificate and an engine repair license in a folder to prepare for applying for a visa.

The homeowner was letting a stranger stay at his home and believes he might have taken the identification. The stranger left abruptly and did not return Aug. 13.

Webster Township Property Damage

A home that is under construction was damaged between 5 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Aug. 7 in the 7800 block of Poplar Drive.

Deputies later caught three teen-agers who admitted to damaging the house.

Two plumbing pipes in the basement were broken, an electrical panel box was smashed, two heating boots were taken out of the floor and smashed and an out-house was tipped over in the driveway. Damage is valued at \$400.

The homeowners decided not to prosecute the three boys. The boys' parents agreed to pay for the damages.

Lima Township Larceny

More than \$4,000 worth of beef was stolen from a semi trailer Aug. 13. The trailer was parked in a lot near Stiver's Restaurant, 11 S.

Fletcher Road.

The truck driver was sleeping when someone unlocked the trailer. He felt the trailer shake and awoke and ran to the back of it and then noticed a pick-up truck driving away.

The driver looked in the trailer and noticed a pallet of meat was tipped over and approximately 20 70-pound boxes of beef were missing.

The semi trailer was parked behind several other trucks and the driver believes that someone used scissors or something sharp to cut the seals on the trailer's latches.

False Alarm
Troopers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Parker Road July 27 for a home alarm.

When troopers arrived, the homeowner identified herself and said that she accidentally tripped the alarm.

Larceny
Someone stole a riding lawn mower between midnight and 4 a.m. Aug. 1 from an unlocked garage on Dancer Road.

The mower is approximately 15 years old and is worth \$700. The homeowner did not hear or see anything suspicious throughout the night.

Lyndon Township Harassing Telephone Call

Someone left a vulgar message on a family's answering machine Aug. 10. The message was left for a boy at the home.

The family was told to have the son listen to the message to see if he could identify the caller. The boy was able to identify the voice on the machine. Troopers contacted the caller.

Sylvan Township Noise Complaint

A Sylvan Township resident called the Michigan State Police Aug. 10 about excessive noise coming from the Chrysler Proving Grounds on M-52.

The homeowner, who lives within 1,000 feet of the proving grounds, told troopers that the noise from the cars being tested was so loud that it awoke her at 5:30 a.m. The woman could hear the cars over the fans of her air conditioner.

When the woman called the proving grounds, personnel apologized and said that the driver was driving at a high rate of speed that particular day.

The woman has been tracking several noise complaints

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from the proving grounds since 1994. She has taken decibel readings and has called Sylvan Township officials about the problem. The woman believes that the noise levels are violating the township noise ordinance.

Domestic Assault
A Sylvan Township woman was arrested for assaulting her husband Aug. 11.

The woman returned to her home and appeared to be

drunk. She reportedly started yelling at her daughter.

According to a police report, the woman became violent and slapped her husband in the face five or six times when he attempted to leave the house. She was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Possession of Marijuana
A Stockbridge man was arrested for possession of marijuana July 29 near I-94 and M-52.

Troopers stopped the driver because his muffler was loud and dragging on the

road. When troopers stopped the man, they could smell burnt marijuana in the vehicle. A baggie of suspected marijuana residue was on the car's console.

After searching the car, troopers found a marijuana cigarette, approximately three grams of marijuana and a baggie of the substance. The man was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Dexter Village

Larceny
Several blank checks were stolen between July 1 and

July 8 from a home in the village.

The owner of the checks noticed that they were missing when she received her bank statement. Two checks were written and cashed for a total of \$300.

Found Property
A bike was found Aug. 15 at Cornerstone Elementary School, 7480 Dan Hoey Road.

A school employee called 911 after she found the bike. The bike had been at the school for more than a month.

Chelsea Village

Larceny

Someone pumped 14 gallons of gas Aug. 16 at the Perky Pantry gasoline station, 501 S. Main St., and drove away without paying.

A store employee called police after he noticed someone drive off in a van without paying for \$21 worth of gas.

Suspicious Situation
A Chelsea resident called police Aug. 18 after noticing a 19-year-old woman speeding through the Bridgetown Condominium complex on

Moore Drive.

The man noticed the woman and another passenger driving a vehicle at a high rate of speed through the residential area. He tried to approach the driver, but she made a hand gesture and sped off.

Compiled by Staff Writer Will Keeler based on reports filed with Chelsea Police, the Michigan State Police and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. Reports from the State Police were obtained under the Freedom of Information Act.

FEAR

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On Monday, the weather was calm enough for recovery workers to use two sonar units, London said. A retrievable robot is on hand on-board ship and a helicopter was conducting an air search.

London, who said the search was a long and tedious process, would continue until police felt they had expended all resources.

Arnett, a graduate of the Huron Valley Beauty Aca-

demy, was diagnosed in January 2001 with bipolar disorder, said her mother, Wanda Raney.

Raney said when the family lived in Stockbridge, her daughter was a successful student but had trouble settling down and making friends after the family moved to Chelsea. Two years ago, Raney said she realized her daughter needed medical help.

While her daughter admitted in March 2001 to some drug use, Raney said that when her daughter realized

she was pregnant last June, she worked hard to prepare a life for herself. She attended birthing classes and quit smoking for her baby's health.

Arnett, who earned her high school diploma in June from the Stockbridge adult education program, had set up a basement apartment in the Stockbridge home of her grandparents, Buck and Jewelline Hale.

Arnett gave birth prematurely to Jersey Jan. 31. Court records show that five weeks later, state child protective

services employees received an anonymous complaint that she was emotionally unstable.

After threatening to kill herself and her baby in March, Arnett was taken to Washtenaw County Community Mental Health.

The state Family Independence Agency gave Arnett's sister temporary custody of Jersey this summer. Arnett took the baby from her sister's home in Flint Aug. 14. London said a missing person's report was filed at 1:15

a.m. the next day.

Raney said the court system, in trying to protect the infant, had made her daughter feel that regaining custody was an unattainable goal.

"It's very sad," said Robin Raymond, assistant principal at Chelsea High School and Chelsea Alternative High School. "Mindy was well-liked by fellow students and staff. She was very interested in modeling after her high school career."

Chelsea Alternative High

School lead teacher Barb Fisher said Tuesday that Arnett was one of 17 students who enrolled when the school opened in 1997, Arnett's sophomore year.

"Mindy was very outgoing and a pretty determined young lady," Fisher said. "She was very interested in cosmetology and physical fitness."

"I've been getting a lot of phone calls from former students who were her classmates. Everyone is very shocked and saddened."

Students named to deans' lists

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

Burdette Gunden of Chelsea; Joshua Howell of Dexter; Anthony Kelso, William Frye and Kristofer Mackmiller of Whitmore Lake; and Kathryn Mikol, Omar Kanan, Gary Lindow and Amory Diecon of Scio Township were all named to the dean's honor roll for the fall semester at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Caitlin Black, Paul McKeever, Alexander Pappas and Maura Warshawski, all of Scio Township, were named to the dean's list for the win-

ter quarter 2002 at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga.

Matthew Kolodica of Chelsea was named to the dean's list of Carthage College, Kenosha, Wis., in recognition

of outstanding academic performance during the fall 2001 term.

Kolodica, a religion major, was among 387 Carthage students honored for academic distinction.

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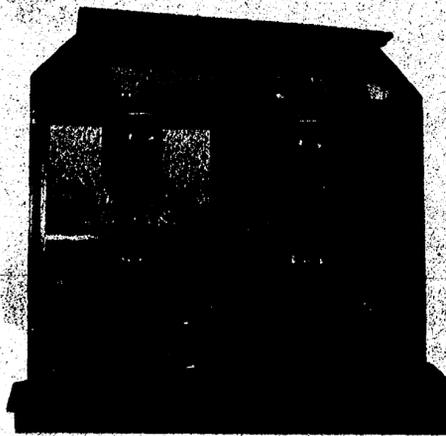
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Miniature Heritage

Local man creates a world of tiny toys and furniture

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Like Gulliver in his fictional travels, Earl Long lives in a Lilliputian world. While a lot of parents struggle to follow directions when assembling toys for their children, Long's children and grandchildren have been the lucky recipients of his tiny toys and dollhouse furniture, which are built on an inch or half-inch scale.

Long, who retired from a 17-year career as a senior test technician with Ford Motor Co. in 1979, is a chip off the old block — his father was a woodworker and Long learned his skills firsthand.

"All I have to do is see a picture and get the dimensions and I'll reproduce it to scale," he says. "The more challenging, the better I like it. The harder it is to make, the more I want to make it."

The local resident became fascinated with miniatures when his wife, Bernice, asked him to replicate a Queen Anne highboy pictured in an antiques magazine. Long complied, creating a piece that has tiny dovetail joints — precision work on a full-scale piece of furniture, let alone on a one-inch scale.

"The dovetail joint is hard enough for a normal size piece, but my dad just makes it look so easy," says Sheree McConville, Long's daughter. "Dad sometimes can't find a particular kind of hinge that he wants, so he just makes it."

Long's dollhouses, lit by electric lights, are filled with tiny, functional furniture. The brass bed is bent and polished, while the sides of the baby's crib slide up and down. The dresser drawers pull open, desk lids roll up and chairs move on their castors.

Gun cases hold six miniature shotguns in a cabinet that opens and closes. Long's little firearms take about two weeks to create. Each gun, with its carved rosewood handle, lies in its own velvet-lined gun case.

"Some guy asked me if they fired," Long says.

The former Navy man — he retired after 20 years of service in 1962 — also makes miniature ships. About 50 pieces of string go into making up the rigging.

Long's favorite piece is an award-winning 12-inch-high carousel with a gear-box. The carousel animals — no two are alike — go up and down, and round and round, at a speed of 7 rpm.

His first carousel took 18 months to build; ones that followed took less time as he became more skilled. They are among hundreds of pieces he has made in the last 15 years.

To make his creations, Long, who uses a magnifying glass, uses scaled-down tools. Many of the nails and screws are about the size of the tiny screws used in a pair of eyeglasses.

Long makes most of his specialty tools, such as a table saw, with a 2-inch blade and 16-inch trimmer.

"To cut things of this delicate detail, you can't use a normal size saw," he says. "You have to use tools that meet the size specifications of what you're making. Tools must be adapted when working with things this small."

"The smaller the piece, the bigger the challenge."

The dollhouses, which each take about a month to build, become a family affair. Bernice makes the tiny bedding and quilts, and collects plates, cups and dolls to fill the tiny domiciles. The two-story houses open in front for easy access.

Long's creations are not for sale and he doesn't do woodworking as a commercial enterprise. He gives his miniatures to family members as gifts from the heart.

"A lot of my life is lying right here in these houses and miniatures that I've made," he says.

Rita Fischer is a free-lance writer. She can be reached via e-mail at ritafisch@yahoo.com.



Photos by Rita Fischer
Earl Long creates a miniature world of dollhouse furniture, ships and carousels for his children and grandchildren. The former Ford Motor Co. employee builds items on a 1-inch or half-inch scale using scaled-down specialty tools and a magnifying glass.

Firefighter holds award for heroic rescue

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Ken Bauer played with fire trucks as a child, never dreaming he would one day be behind the wheel of the real thing.

Today, Bauer can thank Chelsea Area Fire Department's Capt. Keith O'Neill for the career path he chose. O'Neill recruited Bauer in 1987 after Bauer had been a reserve firefighter for six months.

"He encouraged me to try it out first and then I ended up liking it," Bauer says.

"I remember when I was on my first burn with O'Neill and I was in my first flashover. The smoke was 3 feet off the floor and it was 700 to 800 degrees. I couldn't see my hands (because) the smoke was so thick. I really had to think this over, if I wanted to do this or not. The other firemen were real good about it and I learned that it was safe."

When he's not at the wheel of a fire truck, Bauer is at the wheel of a hi-lo for Chelsea Milling Co., where he's working for 17 years. He occasionally gets called from his job to help at the fire department.

"Chelsea Milling has been



real good at letting me leave work if I'm really needed," he says.

Bauer received an award from the Police and Fireman's Insurance for his heroism in October 1997, when a hunter got lost in a local swamp and Bauer helped rescue him.

"The man was 500 yards into the swamp and didn't know which way was out," Bauer says. "Dressed in a T-shirt and hunting pants, the guy literally froze up as his core body temperature reached a dangerous level and he was nearly unconscious."

Bauer and fellow firefighters Doug Armstrong and Randy Stowe risked their own lives to save the hunter.

"I went out there and he was so cold that he could hardly move," Bauer says. "It

took me 45 minutes to get out to him and I had waders on."

The water temperature was between 32 and 35 degrees and the hunter had been out in the swamp for four hours.

"Something inside told me to do it," Bauer says. "I'm an avid hunter and I felt that I had enough in me that I could save him."

"I got half way out and knew I had to keep going to save him. I told the man, 'I have kids and a wife at home. You're going to walk out of here.' A hundred yards from the shore, we got a canoe and somehow, with his last burst of energy, he jumped into that canoe and we did it."

By that time, the man's temperature had dropped to 78 degrees. Bauer, Stowe and Armstrong didn't wait for the rescue helicopter. They rushed the man to safety on their own.

Bauer has taken Firefighter 1 and 2 classes, and is currently finishing up classes to become a certified emergency medical technician. He is also trained in rescues from confined spaces, trench, water and ice.

A member of the extrication team, Bauer competes in the annual three-day compe-

dition held each fall in Roscommon. The event challenges firefighters, town against town, to better their techniques.

"The challenge will be more difficult this year because at the competition the cars will be upside down and that adds a whole new angle," he says.

Bauer, who volunteers at the Chelsea Community Fair and helps with the fair parade, also helps train Explorer Scouts.

"I hope to keep teaching our youth as I have been taught, and pass the training down," he says.

The fire department has become a family affair. Bauer's wife, Brenda, one of the original members of the Ladies Auxiliary, currently serves as its president.

The auxiliary supports the fire department with fundraising efforts, including selling reflective address signs. Their efforts have provided a pediatric car seat, blood pressure cuff and a spinal mobilization board for the fire department.

The couple's 17-year-old stepson, Robert, recently graduated from Chelsea High School and is headed off to

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Photo by Rita Fischer
Chelsea firefighter Ken Bauer joined the fire department in 1987 after serving in the reserves for six months. Bauer won an award a decade later when he and fellow firefighters Doug Armstrong and Randy Stowe risked their lives to rescue a hunter who was lost in a swamp on a cold October day.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Saturday, Aug. 24

Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., in Chelsea presents Mochas and Music from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. This week's entertainer is Keith Parmentier, a contemporary folk musician.

Monday, Aug. 26

CROP Walk recruiters meeting will be held 7 p.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 14600 E. Old US-12. Churches and organizations interested in participating should send a representative to the meeting. The CROP Walk is set for 1:30 p.m. Oct. 6. For information, call 475-3615 or 475-7348.

Tuesday, Aug. 27

La Leche League of Western Washtenaw will meet from 10 a.m. to noon at the First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle St., in Chelsea. For information, call 475-2094.

Saturday, Aug. 31

"Wildlife Folklore" will be held 2 p.m. at the Waterloo Recreation Area, Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Road, in Chelsea. Advance registration is required. Call 475-3170.

Thursday, Sept. 5

Annual Flag Burning at Cavanaugh Lake, 1700 Ridge Road, in Chelsea. If you have any torn or dirty flags to dispose of, contact any American Legion member or call 475-7212.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Alzheimer's Association Family Caregiver Support Group meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the 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.

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.

Al-Anon meets every Friday at 12:30 p.m. at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main Street, in the White Oak Inn. For more information, call 475-1462.

Saturday

Hope Clinic, a free clinic for people with no health insurance, is held 9 a.m. to noon, on the second Saturday of the month 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

Al-Anon meets every Monday at 8:30 p.m. at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in the Woodland Room. For more information, call 475-1462.

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 8:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-6090.

Congressman Mike Rogers' traveling office staff is scheduled in Chelsea from 9 to 10 a.m. the third Monday of each month at the Chelsea Village Hall, 805 S. Main St., Suite 100. To contact Rogers by phone, call 1-877-333-6453.

Domestic Violence Project Safe House Support Group meets 8:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays at Chelsea Community Hospital, Behavioral Health Services Building, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 426-0389.

Masonic Lodge 156 of Chelsea meets 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at 113 W. Middle St. in Chelsea. Call 433-1452 for more information.

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 433-1452.

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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 the first and third Tuesday of the month 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. every Tuesday 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 every Tuesday 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. Mair St., meets at 7:30 p.m. on the

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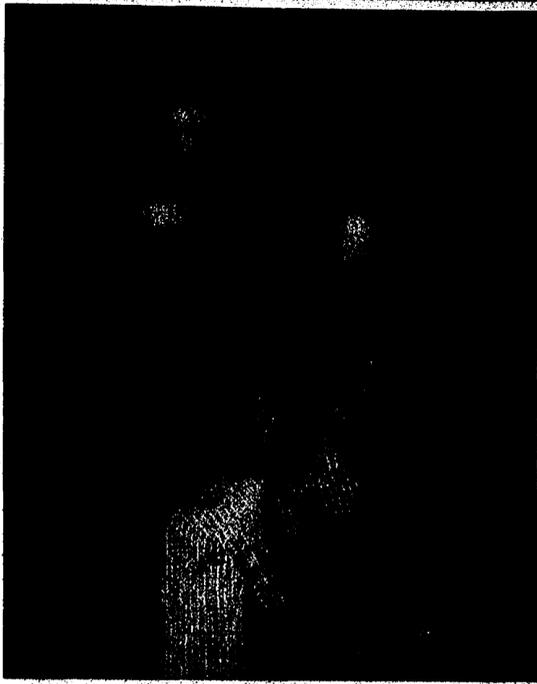
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ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHS



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: Alfred and Mary Ann Kowalski of Chelsea celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by repeating their wedding vows May 30 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Wyandotte, where they were married 50 years ago. The Rev. Thomas Duffey officiated. Also in attendance was the Rev. John Hardy, who was a co-celebrant at their wedding. The couple's daughter, Cindy Affonso, and son-in-law, Mike Whaley, were soloists at the service. Family and friends celebrated afterward at Fratello's Restaurant in Trenton. The couple's children, Sharon and Mike Whaley of Kalamazoo, Debra and Mike Lillenthal of Manchester, Marilee and Ken Opoka of Hartland, Laurie and Mark Bouchard of Trenton, Cindy and Joseph Affonso of Jerome and Tim Kowalski of Columbia, S.C., hosted the celebration.

A daughter, Caitlyn Noel, was born June 23 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, to Rickelle McIntosh of Stockbridge and Jason Tomshany of Pinckney. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Vicki Erskine of Stockbridge. Paternal grandparents are Lynn Harvey of Pinckney and Tim Tomshany of Pinckney.

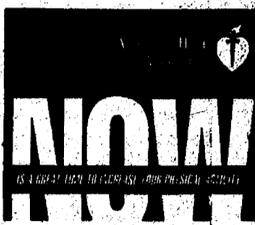
A son, Owen Richard, was born July 1 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor to Karen and Rich Fahle of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Ken and Nancy Campbell of Liverpool, N.Y. Paternal grandparents are LeRoy and Karen Fahle of Rochester Hills. Great-grandfather is Norman Fahle of Chelsea. Owen has three siblings, Aidan, 8, Campbell, 4, and Nora, 2.

A son, Evan Franklin, was born July 17 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township to Joseph and Jennifer Krolewski of Dexter. Maternal grandparents are

the late Franklin and Betty Messman of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are John and Sandra Krolewski of Pinckney. Great-grandmother is Adeline Krajenka of Detroit. Evan has a brother, Jonathan, 7 and a sister, Alyssa, 4.

A son, Ethan Edward, was born June 3 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor to Jason and Myra Dunahoo of Pinckney. Maternal grandparents are Connie and Phil Musolf of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are Dan and Linda Cirner of Chelsea, and Rick and Barb Dunahoo of Westland.

ENGAGED: Heather Stevenson of Holland, daughter of Glenn and Margaret Stevenson of Howell, and Scott Wilcox of Holland, son of Bonnie and Phillip Wilcox of Chelsea, have set an Oct. 23 wedding date. They plan to exchange vows in Hawaii. The future bride is a 1991 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia. The future bridegroom is a 1991 graduate of Ferndale High School. They each earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Adrian College in 1995 and master's degrees in international business from Aquinas College this year. They are both employed with Johnson Controls Inc. in Holland. The future bride is an international account financial manager and the future bridegroom is an electronics buyer.



Local residents earn honors

Several colleges and universities have announced their deans' lists.

Northern Michigan University has named Amanda Davis of Whitmore Lake, Christine Potter of Gregory and Sarah Seiter of Pinckney to the dean's list. James Laughlin of Ann Arbor was named to Columbia University's dean's list. Elmhurst College included Christine Therese Herndon on the dean's list.

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Beatles Bash

Beatles fans of all ages gathered at the Chelsea District Library July 27 to watch the movie "Yellow Submarine." Jennifer Kundak (right) guided discussion on the making of the 1968 movie, and shared some of her memorabilia collection in giveaway prizes. Zoë Travis (left) of Chelsea and Patrick Palmer of Stockbridge were two lucky winners. The Beatles movie "Hard Day's Night" is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 13 at the library.

CATS new route starts Monday

The Chelsea Area Transportation System will start its own Chelsea-Dexter Connector bus Monday.

"This date marks over two years of preparation and training, anticipating the end of the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority's fixed bus route, and the beginning

of our CATS limited pick-up on demand service," CATS Director Michaelene Pawlak said.

CATS will offer service on a wheelchair accessible bus weekdays between 6 and 10 a.m. and 3 and 7 p.m. The bus can accommodate a maximum of two morning and

evening runs between communities, Pawlak said.

Pick-up locations will be pre-arranged with dispatch, Pawlak said. Riders, who need to register with CATS should call dispatch at 475-9494 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to schedule their rides.

The bus will meet the AATA bus at the Dexter Senior Center.

Fares, partially subsidized by state transportation dollars, are \$1 per ride. Passes, which may be purchased from the driver, cost \$15 for 16 rides. Rides are not eligible for reimbursement under the Go-Pass program.

HEROIC

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Kettering College, Steven, 12, while too young to be an Explorer, helps out by rolling hoses.

Bauer says the hardest part of his firefighting job is putting on a full-honors funeral for someone close. The death of firefighter and friend Mike Spears almost two years ago hit particularly hard.

"Mike Spears was like fam-

ily to us. He always made time for kids," Bauer says. "Spears has taught me to live life to its fullest and keep going."

"Life is short. One never knows. Each call we go on, we're risking our lives."

Bauer says he helps his community because he enjoys what he does.

"I'm proud to say that Chelsea has one of the best-trained team of volunteers in the state of Michigan," he

says. "We have the same training as any full-time fire department."

Bauer, who enjoys hunting and fishing, is also an avid collector of fire memorabilia, with a large cabinet full of "stuff" he says only another collector would appreciate.

KEN BAUER'S SAFETY TIP

Slow down and look out for emergency vehicles. Keep a safe distance away from vehicles and drive safely.

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Financial options for long-term health care need to be considered

By Sarah Sharp
John Hancock Financial Services

The high cost of long-term care is increasingly becoming a financial risk to retirees.

Long-term care is an important issue that is often neglected. It is not planned for ahead of time, it can be financially devastating. Many people believe that Medicare will pay for their care if they develop an illness or disease that requires long-term care.

The truth is, Medicare will provide only for those who need skilled care, which only 0.5 percent of nursing home residents require (Health Care Financing Administration, 1996). Skilled care is usually needed for medical conditions that require help from doctors, nurses, or other medical professionals. Most people need personal or custodial care, which means that they need assistance with daily activities, including bathing, eating, using the toilet, dressing themselves, and maintaining continence

and being transferred from bed to chair and back. This type of care typically is not covered by Medicare.

The other 0.5 percent of nursing home residents require intermediate care, which means that they do not need skilled care every day.

Since Medicare's skilled nursing facility benefit does not cover most nursing home care, you should not rely on Medicare to pay for your long-term care needs.

The optional average cost for a nursing home stay is \$5,000 annually and can run as high as \$93,000 annually in some states, according to information from the United States Health Council (2001). The Health Insurance Association of America reports that 13 percent of people age 65 and older may spend time in a nursing home and 7.5 percent may need home health care. People pay for their care in a variety of ways, including personal resources, long-term care insurance, help from family, and assistance from Medicaid.

Long-term care insurance is one way that you can pay for long-term care, and it is becoming increasingly popular due to the need of people for options.

Those who want to protect assets and income, pay for their own care, and be independent of the support of others should choose the type of insurance. A recent VARF survey stated that about one-third of

Americans over the age of 45 believe that their medical insurance covers the costs of long-term care. The truth is, according to the Health Insurance Association of America, only 6 percent have this type of insurance. Because the cost for long-term care is rising much faster than inflation, it is important to plan ahead to make sure that you and your family are adequately covered.

Bank announces eight promotions

Richard Dornier, president and CEO, has announced eight promotions at Ann Arbor Commerce Bank.

John Wilkins has been named First Vice President in the Business Loans & Services Department. He joined the Bank in 1995 and has 16 years experience, including analyst, credit management, loan officer, credit underwriting, and bank management.

Noelle Grigg and Angela Cavanaugh, also in the Business Department, have been promoted to Business Loan Officers. Grigg joined the Bank in 1996 and has 13 years banking experience in loan processing, credit and loan administration. Cavanaugh began with the Bank when it was formed

in 1990. After a few years away for education and training as a Credit Specialist, she re-joined Ann Arbor Commerce Bank in 2000.

David Bahr and Raymond Singer have been promoted to Mortgage Loan Officers in the Bank's Mortgage Plus Department. Bahr has been with the bank for two years and is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Singer joined Ann Arbor Commerce Bank in 2001 and has 17 years experience in consumer finance. He has an MBA from Eastern Michigan University.

Mary Gyorke has been named Assistant Vice President in Deposit Services. She has been with the Bank for almost two years and has 18 years banking experience.

Lisa MacDonald was promoted to Private Banking Officer. She began with the bank in 1998 and has worked in the financial services industry for 19 years, primarily in Personal and Private Banking. James Wood was named Assistant Customer and Operations Officer. Wood has been with the Bank for six years and has 19 years experience in Operations and Accounting.

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Library to sponsor workshops

SmartCard to replace traditional library card.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Members of the Chelsea District Library Board attended a half-hour workshop Aug. 13 to learn more about Library Guardian, a software program aimed at protecting minors from pornographic material on the Internet by filtering certain sites.

The board is now the first group to be registered and trained on the Internet filtering system, which has been in the process of implementation since Oct. 17, 2001.

The system is designed to comply with Michigan Public Act 212, also known as the Internet Access Policy.

Technology Librarian Ron Andrews oversaw the ses-

sion, which included information about the SmartCard.

Andrews said the system would provide adult patrons the ability to choose one of five levels of access while allowing parents to select one of four levels of filtered access for their children.

The levels range from full, unfiltered access, available only to adults, and "Safe Harbor" access, which provides 15,000 sites pre-selected by Internet advocacy organizations concerned about child exposure to obscene or sexually explicit material.

The new system will mean a minor no longer has to be accompanied by an adult when using the Internet.

The microchip imbedded SmartCard will replace the traditional borrowing card.

SmartCard Registration and Internet Access Training workshops will begin Monday, with periodic sessions through Oct. 24 at a variety of times. The sessions are targeted at adults who may register themselves and their children.

Class size will be limited to 10 people. Library patrons may register in advance by calling the circulation desk at 475-8732.

Michael Rybka is a freelance writer. He can be reached at 475-8597.

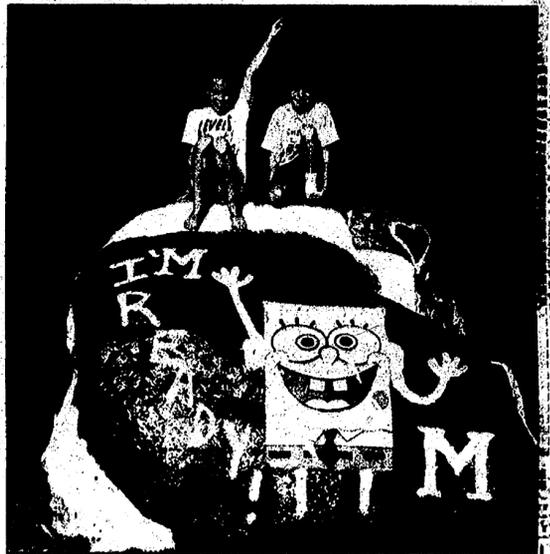
Corporation donates golf cart to CRC

Earlier this year, the Yamaha Golf Car Co. of Newnan, Ga., made a donation of an electric golf cart to United Methodist Retirement Communities. Today, it's being used by the Chelsea Retirement Community.

The donation not only allows Chelsea Retirement Community residents the

ability to visit family and friends at Towsley Village at will, it also has proved to be a source of great joy for residents at Towsley Village.

The cart allows staff to take residents of Towsley Village for a spin in the summer sun to see the gardens and wildlife on the campus.



Cartoon Capers

Alyssa Young (left) and Nick Young enjoy a summer afternoon at Pierce Park, where cartoon character SpongeBob graced the rock.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Analyst still neutral on CMS Energy

By David Banks
Research Analyst

On Aug. 7, 2002, CMS Energy reported better than expected second quarter operating earnings.

Operating earnings were \$0.14 per share versus \$0.27 per share a year ago, a gain of 63 percent. This was well above the consensus estimate of \$0.27 per share.

The company benefited from favorable weather in the quarter. More specifically, its gas business got a boost from cold weather in May while its electric business received a lift from a warmer than typical June. The utility also benefited from reduced power costs versus those of last year. A routine outage last year occurred at the Pacific Falls nuclear plant.

Finally, CMS's power production business contributed \$23 million in operating income versus \$25 million last year. The company's marketing, service and trading business reported a net income drop from \$48 million to a loss of \$24 million, reflecting a difficult environment for merchant energy players.

Perhaps the biggest news from the company is its exploration of selling its domestic pipeline and field service businesses. The proposal is on the table in order to accelerate balance sheet improvement and enhance financial flexibility. Among the assets considered for sale would be CMS's Panhandle and Frontline interstate natural gas pipelines.

At Hilliard Lyons, we think the fact that the company is considering selling the assets demonstrates a commitment to improve its finances. We think that these assets could be worth approximately \$2 billion, implying a 6.5 to 7.5 multiple on EBITDA of \$250 to \$300 million. While this is not an ideal market in which to sell, we find the assets attractive and believe that they will generate considerable interest.

The new assets that may be sold carry debt in the range of \$900 million to \$1 billion. Net proceeds from any sale of the assets could be applied toward reducing debt further. However, it should be noted that the company has not yet decided on the matter.

The contemplated asset sale could be over and done with by the end of the year. CMS proposed to sell with that in mind, and will be announcing the results of the sale in the next few weeks. The sale would provide a net cash inflow of approximately \$250 million to \$300 million. The company's operating performance in 2002 is strong, and we believe that the company is well positioned to handle the sale.

Final sale: these could bring in another \$200 million next year. The company is clearly considering all options with respect to asset sales.

Balance sheet

Debt as a percentage of total capitalization stood at 69 percent at the end of second quarter 2002. This higher than expected debt ratio represented a boost of 3 percent over first quarter statistics. However, CMS's total debt did not grow in the quarter. According to the company, charges to equity are responsible for the increase. The most prominent of these was a \$400 million write off of the company's Argentine operations.

The company provided revised year end guidance for debt/total cap of 66 percent. This is higher than its 60 percent to 62 percent target from earlier this year. More recently, officials spoke of trimming the figure to 61 percent by year end. Total debt is estimated to be between \$6.6 billion and \$6.7 billion by the end of 2002. This would represent a drop of \$1.2 billion from year end 2001. The company indicated in its earnings conference call that its long term goal is to get debt down to 60 percent of total capitalization.

Dividend

As part of new loan agreements arranged with banks on July 16, 2002, CMS was forced to cut its annual dividend from \$1.46 per share to \$0.72 per share. Moreover, two of the new loan agreements have covenants that prevent a dividend from being paid unless the company is able to pay off the credit facilities through asset sales or the issuance of \$250 million in equity linked securities, such as convertibles.

CMS said that it plans to

pursue a stock-linked offering late this year. Asset sales could eliminate the need for a new offering, but one or the other has to occur for the new \$0.72 dividend to be maintained. We think managers want to keep the current dividend, but investors should realize that it carries risk.

Investigation Update

CMS indicated that the committee it assigned to examine the company's round trip trades is expected to complete work by the end of September. The company's new auditors, Ernst & Young, are expected to offer an opinion on restated financial statements in October. Because CMS lacks audited results, it will not be able to certify financial statements by the Aug. 14 deadline set by a new law, officials said. As for various external investigations scrutinizing the company, managers said that they cannot predict when they will be concluded, or their possible outcome.

Conclusion

Our opinion on CMS Energy is neutral and we carry a 3 suitability rating on the stock. We were pleased with second quarter results, and that management has reiterated earnings guidance of \$1.36 to \$1.50 per share for 2002. We were encouraged that the company is considering additional asset sales as a further attempt to strengthen the balance sheet.

The company was able to secure a new credit facility that alleviated short term liquidity issues. As we have said previously, we believe the new management at CMS is committed to trying to reverse the company's fortune. Yet we continue to think the best way to help the company remain the resolution of the current

ous investigations it faces. Almost everything else is secondary.

Realistically, a cloud of uncertainty will hang over CMS until the round trip trading situation is resolved. Assuming no new major revelations, we think the company will emerge from this difficult stretch eventually. However, if there are significant new revelations, CMS could face serious financial hardship.

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Investment Ratings

Buy: We believe the stock has significant total return potential in the coming 12 months.

Long term Buy: We believe the stock is an above average holding in its sector and expected total returns to be realized over a longer time than our Rated Buy.

Neutral: We believe the stock is an average holding in its sector, currently fairly valued, and may be a candidate for a buy if better opportunities arise.

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CALENDAR

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second Wednesday of the month. 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. every Wednesday. 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, Aug. 24

"Beautiful Bluebirds" will be held 2 p.m. at Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter Township. Discover the history, habitat and food source of the bluebirds. Call 426-8211 to pre-register.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Dexter Village Planning Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Creekside Intermediate School, 2815 Baker Road, in Dexter.

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 428-5304.

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. every Thursday 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 the Copeland Administration Building, 7714 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Monday

Dexter Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each

month at the Copeland Administration Building, 7714 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

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 Village Council meets at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of the month at Wylie Elementary School media center, 3080 Kensington St., in Dexter.

Tuesday

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

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

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

Dexter Township Zoning

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

Dexter Village Parks Commission meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Wylie Elementary School, 3080 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 428-8775.

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.

Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Wylie Elementary School media center, 3080 Kensington St., in Dexter.

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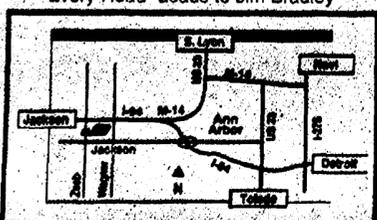
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BUSINESS

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Spice of life

Indian garden offers tempting exotic selection

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

Customers come from Ann Arbor and the suburbs of Detroit to purchase Indian spices, herbs and vegetables from Sandra and Babu Valamudi's half-acre garden on Boyce Road in Lyndon Township.

After working a full day as a computer programmer, Sandra says she spends about 40 hours a week tending to the plants in the height of the growing season. She takes Mondays off in the summer to work all day in the garden.

Surveying the neat rows of plants, she points out some of the varieties to interested onlookers.

"I kind of have the garden divided into four," she says. "Here are tomatoes, chili peppers and oriental eggplants — the long thin ones."

Exotic-looking plants pepper her gardens. "Those are amaranth," she says while pointing to some tall plants. "You can eat the leaves, and the seeds are tiny. You can grind them into flour. Indians buy it and eat the leaves along with dal in a curry."

Sandra adjusts her wide-brim straw hat and gestures toward some rows of small green plants with pods. "This year, for the first time, I'm trying soy beans — green soy beans — they aren't ready yet," she says.

Sandra picks out the seeds from a couple of the furry pods to sample. They taste a bit like young green beans.

"I'm certified organic" she says.

As she moves along the plant rows, she says: "These are called finger beans," pointing to some long thin bean-like pods that reach upward instead of hanging down like other beans. "And these," she says, pointing to another row, "are Chikkudu, — in my husband's language. I call them bush beans."

Sandra's husband is from Andhra Pradesh, a state in southern India, and he speaks Telugu.

"My husband doesn't like gardening," she says. "He doesn't do a whole lot. My brother-in-law, Rama Mohanarao, and nephew, Madan, live with us and help us out."

Babu is a retired biochemist. They met while studying at the University of Wisconsin. Sandra has a bachelor's degree in zoology.

While continuing along her gardens, she comes across some coriander plants. The seeds are used to spice Indian curries. The leaves, she says, are used as a kind of garnish, sprinkled on cooked curry.

Apart from her estimated 50 regular customers for herbs, Sandra says she has rounded up and taken away

some 20 raccoons this year.

She moves to another row of plants with an unusual white lacey flower, which she says is snake gourd. The fruit, which is long and green, can be sliced and cooked in curry.

Sandra says that most of the vegetables she grows are typical of southern India. She points out some Indian cucumber, okra plants and luffa.

"It's like the luffa you use in the bath" Sandra says, "but edible when young. You peel the outside, which is tough. I like it cooked in a tamarind sauce."

As she looks at bitter melon, a spiky green gourd-like fruit, she says: "I don't like it, but those who do usually consider it a delicacy."

Sandra points out some donda kaya, a buttery tasting squash, okra and some gongura leaf, a sour vinegary tasting leaf often used in making chutney.

She mentions that she has four children, including daughters Leela, who lives in Saline, and Vaena who resides near Mount Pleasant. Their son, Ravi, is a family doctor practicing in Louisiana, and the youngest daughter, Shanti, is studying

for a master's degree at Michigan State University.

Sandra has lived at her Boyce Road residence for 20 years and has been cultivating her Indian garden for about five.

She is a practicing Baha'i, and says that the Baha'i believe in the oneness of God, religion and humanity. They also employ a 19-day month, 19-month solar calendar.

Abdul-Baha, the son of the founder Baha'u'llah of Baha'i, traveled to the United States in the early 1900s, bringing the Baha'i spiritual and social teachings to this country, she says.

As she wrapped up a tour of her Indian garden, Sandra talked about some of the Indian dishes she makes for her husband. Below is one of her recipes.

LEMON RICE

Use already cooked basmati rice. First, in a quarter cup of oil, fry a mix of cumin, black mustard, coriander seeds and cashew pieces with a cup of cooked yellow split peas.

Add some crushed red pepper depending on taste. When this has been cooked for a few minutes, pour onto the rice.

Finally, stir in turmeric, a quarter cup of lemon juice, and salt to taste.

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



Photo by Kent Ashton Walton
Sandra Valamudi of Lyndon Township stands in her Indian spice, herbs and vegetable gardens, located off Boyce Road.

"This year, for the first time, I'm trying soy beans — green soy beans — they aren't ready yet."

— Sandra Valamudi
Lyndon Township

Local man appointed to chiropractic board

By Andrea Blythe
Staff Writer

Giving back and healing the back are two things T.J. Spencer does well.

Spencer, who lives in Dexter Township, has been a practicing chiropractor for 25 years. He loves to be connected to the community, as well.

And his involvement has paid off. Gov. John Engler recently appointed him to the Michigan Board of Chiropractic.

Spencer grew up in Wayne and attended Adrian College for three years. He finished his bachelor's degree in food science at Michigan State University and headed out to Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. There he earned a doctorate in chiropractic.

Spencer and his wife, Brooke, returned to Michigan and settled in Dexter. Shortly after, he opened Premier Chiropractic Clinic, a general practice with an emphasis on low back disorders, and that is where the community involvement began.

As part of his involvement, Spencer has announced the high school football games in the school district where his wife teaches seventh grade. In addition, he served on the Dexter Board of Education from 1989 to 1993.

"I like being connected to the community," Spencer said. "Everyone has a social rent to pay. That is, there is something for everyone to become involved in. That is part of why I stay connected." He also used to coach soft-



T.J. Spencer

ball and baseball, and served on the Dexter Village Planning Commission.

Until recently, Spencer was district president of the Michigan Chiropractic Society and vice president of the State Society.

In seeking his appointment

to the Michigan Board of Chiropractic, Spencer had to fill out an application and submit his resume.

An appointment staff recommends the top candidates to the governor after reviewing all of the applications. The governor then appoints the positions to those he feels would best serve the state.

Spencer's term will begin Jan. 1, 2003 and expires Dec. 31, 2006. There is a two, four-year term limit.

The board meets bimonthly in Lansing and is comprised of nine members. Five of the members are professional chiropractors and the other four are members of the public at large.

The board has many responsibilities. For one, it's designed to serve and protect

the people of the state. It oversees the licensure of chiropractors to ensure they are qualified.

The board is also in charge of regulation via evaluating and approving post-graduate chiropractic programs.

In addition, the board administers disciplinary actions when necessary.

"I have no aspirations for a political office," Spencer said. "I do enjoy politics, though."

When he is not fixing backs or involved in politics, Spencer enjoys spending time with his family. "I would like

to say how much my family means to me," he said.

He has two children, Olivia and Ben. Olivia is engaged to be married and Ben is attending Alma College.

Spencer also enjoys hunting, fishing and golfing in his spare time.

His future plans are to continue his practice for at least the next 25 years.

"I know that my business is the type that I can go to part time if I need to," he said.

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"Everyone has a social rent to pay. That is, there is something for everyone to become involved in."

— T.J. Spencer
Chiropractor

Developer continues with West Ridge project

■ Judge dismisses bankruptcy case.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

John Shekerjian, owner and manager of John Richards Homes, is looking ahead and says he will continue building in the Dexter area.

A Detroit bankruptcy court recently dismissed a lawsuit against his business, which is currently building homes in Westridge subdivision in Dexter Village.

After the July 15 ruling, Shekerjian said in a written statement that "operations continue as normal and will continue to update customers and employees."

On Monday, he added: "We're functioning as usual and will continue working in

the Dexter area."

Work crews are about 50 percent done with the work in Westridge, said Dexter Village Zoning Administrator Allison Menard. Once completed, Westridge will include 120 single-family units just west of town.

Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes ruled July 15 that an involuntary Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition against Shekerjian's company was invalid.

Chapter 7 bankruptcy law states that a debt must be an undisputed fact. Shekerjian said that he did not owe plaintiff Kevin Adell any money and fears his reputation may have been injured because of a failed land deal involving Adell.

The judge ruled that Adell did not have any right to file for bankruptcy because the

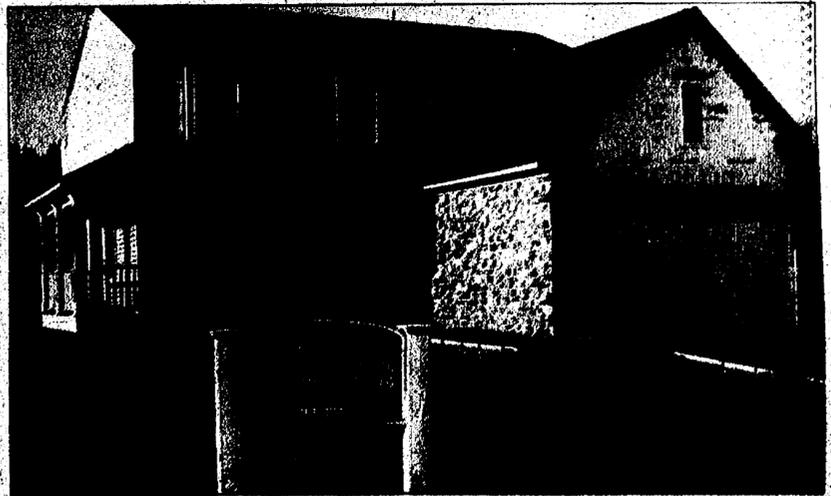
debt was disputed.

Adell filed the petition in the spring over a \$3 million deal involving a home in Bloomfield Hills. Adell bought approximately 2 acres from Shekerjian in December.

The deal included the land, as well as costs of materials for a new house. The two disputed the cost of the land and construction of the house.

Rhodes will rule Sept. 25 on possible damages. Shekerjian could receive punitive damages as a result of the dismissed lawsuit, said Norman Ankers, Shekerjian's attorney.

Adell could not be reached for comment as of press time. Staff Writer Will Keeler can be reached at 475-1371 or via e-mail at wkeeler@heritage.com.



Construction crews continue building houses in West Ridge subdivision in Dexter Village. John Richards Homes, developer of the subdivision, was recently faced with a lawsuit in Detroit, but it was later dismissed.

Lowe's seeks approval for store

■ Board postpones decision on site plan.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Scio Township Board listened to a request for final site plan approval Aug. 14 by two representatives from the Lowe's home improvement chain.

The retail giant has proposed a store west of Wagner Road and north of Jackson Road behind Pizza Hut and Arby's restaurant.

Lowe's case got off to a bad

start when Evan Vlaeminck of Lowe's cut off Board Trustee Jerry Schleicher's rundown of questions that he wanted addressed.

Vlaeminck said that if the final site plan were tabled again, Lowe's would leave the township altogether, forcing the board to have to start from scratch with one of the store's competitors.

Lowe's has entered into a development agreement with Scio Township to contribute to the next phase of the Jackson Road Boulevard

Project.

Township Supervisor E. Spaulding Clark said he favored tabling the matter because the board did not receive documentation from the Washtenaw County Road Commission regarding Lowe's boulevard extension.

Moreover, Clark said there are other studies and permits the board has not yet received.

Todd LeBlanc, a representative of Lowe's, said the Washtenaw County Road Commission gave Lowe's the

go-ahead the previous week. Vlaeminck said other letters and permits should be arriving soon.

He added that he told the road commission that he wouldn't commit further to the boulevard project unless the Township Board gave final site plan approval. Lowe's has contributed \$46,000, so far.

Clark said the township engineer and planner need more time to review documents.

Vlaeminck said time is essential because Lowe's has an agreement with the property owner that is set to expire Sept. 15.

Vlaeminck said he thought the project would be further

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Star on Board

Dexter resident Joe Star, product manager of Converted Tapes for ADCO Products, recently was elected to the board of directors of the Gasket Fabricators Association. A member since 1995, Star has served on the membership committee, becoming a chairman in 2001. He has more than 20 years experience as a supplier to the gasket fabrication industry.

New staff joins practice

Bobbi Jorkos, who joined Chelsea Internal Medicine two days a week last winter, came on board full time in July.

Jorkos, who is board certified in internal medicine, completed her residency and internship at the University of Rochester and Strong Memorial Hospital. She attended medical school at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo.

She and her husband, Pat, avid golfers and cyclists, live in Brighton but are looking forward to moving to the Chelsea area.

Kristina Tomasik, a certified adult nurse practitioner will join the practice next month. Tomasik, a member of the American Academy of

Nurse Practitioners, is a 1995 graduate of the Rutgers College of Nursing in New Jersey. She earned a master's degree as an adult nurse practitioner at the University of Michigan School of Nursing.

Tomasik, who will provide patient education, will see patients for routine preventive health exams, urgent illnesses, and do hospital and nursing home rounds with physicians.

Next month, Chelsea Internal Medicine, currently affiliated with the University of Michigan Health System, will become an independent practice. The practice will maintain close ties with

UMHS. Dr. Steven Yarows will remain an associate professor of internal medicine in the Hypertension Division.

Yarows is also a co-developer of the practice's Web site at www.cimMD.com, which is expected to launch next month. The site will streamline the process of prescription refills and registration, Yarows said.

The practice will also continue its longtime and close relationship with Chelsea Community Hospital. It's located on the hospital's campus.

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Animal crematory opens in Scio Township

■ Sensitivity important at a difficult time.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

The death of a pet is a very real loss, and many pet owners seek to have such a loss acknowledged and dealt with in a compassionate and understanding manner.

Caryl Arnet and her sister, Martha Arnet Moomey, learned about this when a friend had a pet cremated and waited more than two weeks to have the remains returned to them.

"It was traumatic," Arnet said. "We found that the area here was really in need of pet cremation services."

Arnet said many communities have ordinances prohibiting burial of animals in private yards. Officials in Chelsea, Manchester and Saline said they know of no reason to deny residents the opportunity to bury house-

hold pets on private property.

Ann Arbor and Milan, however, are two Washtenaw County communities where ordinances specifically prohibit burial of pets other than in authorized locations.

Some pet owners, naturally, do not own their own home or live in an apartment or condominium, and have no place to bury a beloved pet.

Winter months, too, can present a problem for pet burial, even where the practice is permitted. Other people are uncomfortable in dealing with the remains of their deceased pets, or simply don't know where to turn.

Whether a pet is euthanized after an extended illness or dies suddenly, the owners are in need of sensitive and respectful care. For these reasons, Arnet and Moomey realized that they wanted to provide pet own-

ers and veterinarians with a compassionate and caring service.

"We are giving owners and veterinarians some options," Arnet said. "There is a pet cemetery in Ypsilanti, but nothing on this side of the county."

A&M Pet Crematory and Memorials offers a price at about half the cost of other crematories, and its services are substantially less expensive than pet burial at a cemetery.

The business is located at 4495 Jackson Road in Scio Township, with Arnet's Inc., a monument company that has been in business since 1904. The pet crematory is a subsidiary of Arnet's and was established in April of this year.

Arnet and Moomey also offer pet urns or inexpensive natural memorial rocks with the pet's name engraved on it.

"Pets normally are returned in a simple plastic urn, but many beautiful ones are available for purchase," Arnet said.

Connie Cushing of Dexter is one of A&M's customers. By the time she had her 12-year-old St. Bernard, Baron, put to sleep in June, she had already met Caryl Arnet and had decided that pet cremation was the right choice for Baron and for her.

"When I went over to the vet, I told them I wanted to deal with Caryl," Cushing said. "She was caring and understanding, while remaining professional and concerned. I really liked the way they dealt with it."

One of Cushing's concerns was that if she buried Baron at her home and then subsequently moved, Baron's remains would be left behind.

"Twelve years with a dog is a long time," Cushing said. "I'm single; it was just he and

I. Caryl was very consoling and considerate of me when I brought him in."

Cushing is having a monument marker created for Baron and says she is very happy with the way it has been handled.

"They've taken the time to make sure of what I wanted," she said.

A&M Pet Crematory and Memorials will pick up the pet at the veterinarian's office or at home, or clients may bring the pets themselves. While some people may want to view the cremation, most people prefer not to, Arnet says that clients should be able to watch if they wish to do so.

"It's not too often that people want to witness it," she said. "Sometimes people say they would like to, but when it comes down to it, it's just too difficult."

Since opening its doors in April, the business has served a growing number of

families — and veterinarians — in the Washtenaw County area. Offering both group and private cremations helps to keep the price affordable for nearly everyone.

Typical turnaround time for an individual pet cremation is 24 to 48 hours.

"Some people want to know how they can be assured they're getting their own pet's remains," Arnet said. "We use the utmost care, and people are welcome to come and investigate how we handle this."

"People should have a choice. They can save money and be treated fairly. We really try to respect the sensitivities of our clients."

"Ultimately, it comes down to trust."

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along by this time. He said rising costs forced him to go before Lowe's corporate leaders in July for additional

approval.

"We're an old, conservative company," Vlaeminck said. "I have to bring the project in at the same cost I presented to them in July."

Schleicher told Vlaeminck that he should know site plan

approval is a long process. He said he is disappointed that the project still has so many unresolved contingencies.

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Backpacks can cause injury to students

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For many students, hitting the books leads to academic achievement. Students who carry those books in overloaded backpacks may be participating in the beginning of a health epidemic.

Scientific research reveals an alarming danger associated with improper childhood backpack use. This research stems from the increasing number of reports of childhood back pain in recent years.

By the end of their teen years, close to 60 percent of youths experience at least one low back pain episode. And new research indicates that this may be due, at least in part, to the improper use of backpacks on young spines.

Watch children in any schoolyard struggle to walk while bent sideways under the weight of an overloaded backpack on one shoulder. You will quickly realize the potential danger of this commonplace item. How exactly does carrying a backpack affect the spine?

Common sense tells us that a load, distributed improperly or unevenly, day after day, indeed causes stress to a growing spinal column. The old adage "As the twig bends, so grows the tree" comes to mind.

The Consumer Products Safety Commission estimates that 7,277 emergency room visits each year result from

injuries related to book bags. The commission also reports that backpack related injuries are up 330 percent since 1996. This is the beginning of an epidemic, one that will cause serious damage to a child's health for a lifetime.

Hauling a heavy backpack over one shoulder every day may cause serious postural misalignments. These postural imbalances often trigger a condition called vertebral subluxation.

Vertebral subluxations are dysfunctional areas in the spine where movement is restricted or bones (vertebrae) are out of alignment. This predisposes patients to a number of ailments, such as neck and back pain, headaches and osteoarthritis.

In addition, a recent scientific experiment found that carrying a backpack alters the mobility of spinal bones and can lead to restricted movement, which is a risk factor for pain. Yet another study used magnetic resonance imaging to examine the effect of backpacks on the intervertebral disc of the spine, the fluid filled "pillows" between spinal bones.

According to the report, backpacks alter the fluid content of these discs, which is a risk factor for disc herniation and osteoarthritis.

To quantify how much weight children are likely to carry in their backpacks, researchers in Milan, Italy, determined the weight of all the backpacks used by sixth-graders at several schools.

The average load carried daily was found to be 20.5 pounds, reaching as much as 27.5 pounds, with the maximum daily load averaging 25.3 pounds. More than one-third of students carried more than 30 percent of their body weight at least once during the week.

Research presented at the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation's annual meeting in San Francisco exposes yet another potential danger of heavy backpacks: They promote falls in students who wear them.

Specifically, students who carried packs weighing 25 percent of their body weight exhibited balance problems while performing normal activities such as climbing stairs or opening doors, which in turn increases their risk of falls.

In contrast, students who carried packs weighing 15 percent of their body weight maintained their balance moderately well. Those carrying 5 percent of their body weight were most effective at maintaining balance, compared with their peers who carried more weight.

Roller bags are not necessarily the answer. An empty roller bag can weigh up to 80 percent more than an empty backpack. Factor in that there is a tendency to add more things to a roller bag, it can end up weighing 50 pounds or more. At some point during the day, a child needs to lift that bag onto the bus, into a car or into a locker.

Consider more than looks when choosing a backpack. An improperly fitting pack can cause back pain, muscle strain, or nerve impingement. You want to have padded shoulder straps to avoid pressure on the nerves around shoulder girdle. Some backpacks have waist straps designed to stabilize the load. These should be used whenever possible.

The proper maximum weight for loaded backpacks

should not exceed 15 percent of the child's body weight. For example, an 80-pound child should not carry more than 12 pounds in a pack. If the pack forces the carrier to bend forward, it is overloaded.

In loading, it is obvious that excessive backpack weight can cause problems. Prioritizing the pack's content is very important. Avoid loading unnecessary items.

Often ignored is the act of lifting and positioning the pack. Lifting 20 pounds improperly can cause damage.

Follow these simple steps:
• Face the backpack before you lift it.
• Bend at the knees.

• Using both hands, check the weight of the pack.

• Lift with your legs, not your back.

• Carefully put one shoulder strap on at a time.

• Never sling the pack onto one shoulder.

• Use both shoulder straps.

• Make them snug but not too tight.

• Fasten the stabilizing strap around the waist.

Carrying the backpack on one shoulder, while fashionable, can cause long-term neck, shoulder, back and postural problems.

Dr. James Duncan is a graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic and owner of the Chelsea Chiropractic Center. He can be reached at 475-2932.

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CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 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, Gregory P. DeGraff (not yet sworn in), and Metta Lansdale, Director
Guests: Lella Draugelis, Tina Diab, Marie Brooks, and Ron Andrews
K. Sprawka called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Agenda Review and Additions
There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Presentation
M. Lansdale gave a presentation on the USA Patriot Act; discussion and questions followed.

Compulsory Segments
Minutes Approval
MOVED by N. Paul and Seconded by J. Gourlay to accept the minutes from June 25, 2002.
MOTION Passed.

Approval of the Checks
MOVED by N. Schumann and Seconded by L. Fox to accept the checks.
MOTION Passed.

Director's Report
M. Lansdale discussed her report and welcomed Gregory P. DeGraff as the new At-Large trustee. The Budget hearing is scheduled for August 13th. At 6:30 pm, prior to the meeting, Ron Andrews will present to the Trustees a special training and registration session on Library Guardian. Two copiers will be replaced by leased machines by the end of August. One of the copiers will have a networked faxing capability to replace the current fax machine. The Chelsea School District will replace the aged roof for the entire building which houses the library at Washington Street Education Center in either September or October.

Communications
M. Lansdale distributed paperwork that was submitted to the Chamber of Commerce nominating Mr. and Mrs. George L. Staffan as Citizens of the Year. K. Sprawka thanked her for completing the nomination while on vacation.

Comments from the Community
G. DeGraff announced the planning of "Music at McKune" Friends event rescheduled for September. Music and food will be provided. Surovell Reaty and ProQuest will be corporate sponsors.

Action
Children's Area Donation
MOVED by N. Schumann and Seconded by L. Fox that the library accept the gift from the estate of Doris Schumacher which has the restriction for use in the library children's area.
MOTION Passed.

Fund Definitions for Year 2002
MOVED by N. Schumann and Seconded by J. Dohner to approve the fund definitions for the Fiscal Year 2002.
MOTION Passed.

Personnel Policy - Gifts to Employees
MOVED by J. Dohner and Seconded by L. Fox to accept the new policy.
MOTION Passed.

Petition for McKune Transfer
MOVED by J. Gourlay and Seconded by L. Fox to authorize N. Schumann to sign the petition on behalf of the Library Board. MOVED by L. Fox and Seconded by J. Gourlay to amend the motion by changing paragraph 8 on page 3 to begin: "Contingent upon the issuance of bonds to finance the upgrade and expansion of McKune Memorial Library, the District Library plans to update and expand"
Amendment MOTION Passed.
MOTION Passed.

Authorization to pay final Fanning/Howay Invoice
MOVED by N. Schumann to move topic to an action item.
MOTION failed for lack of a Second.

MOVED by N. Paul and Seconded by J. Dohner to authorize the Library Director to pay the final Fanning/Howay invoice for Phase I of the building project after the board acceptance of the architect's perspective rendering.
MOTION Passed.

Major Discussion Topics
Board Membership Renewals
M. Lansdale reminded Board members to turn in membership renewal forms for MLA and ALA.

Reports
Building Committee - L. Fox stated the next meeting would be July 23rd at 7:00 pm to review the Perspective Rendering.
Finance Committee - J. Gourlay stated the budget proposal will be forthcoming.
Fund Raising and Public Relations Committee - The library is setting up appointments for Breton Group interviews.
Friends - G. DeGraff stated the Second Annual Bake-Off will be in October and that the Friends are considering speakers for the Staff Appreciation dinner in January.
DDA - L. Fox will attend the July 17th meeting.
Personnel Committee - N. Schumann stated the committee is working on the evaluation of the Director.
Policy Committee - N. Schumann stated the next meeting is July 30th to consider bylaws revisions.
Nominating Committee - No report.
Chamber of Commerce Liaison - No report.
School Board Liaison - No report.
Public Comment
None.
Adjournment
MOVED by J. Gourlay and Seconded by J. Dohner to adjourn.
MOTION Passed at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Nancy Schumann, Secretary
Metta Lansdale, Director

Sylvan board reviews traffic study

Officials look at how development will affect M-52 corridor.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Sylvan Township Planning Commission looked at a preliminary site plan and heard a presentation about how the development, as well as recent amendments to the township's master plan, will affect traffic along the M-52 corridor.

Developer Rene Papo of Magellan Properties returned to the commission with a preliminary site plan for five office and storage buildings to be built north of Chelsea Self Storage on Pellemier Drive.

The development is to be called the Sylvan Business Center and will encompass 15,000 square feet.

Engineer Lee Fahrner of Midwest Consulting said that any problems the commission may have had with an earlier submission were solved when Papo reduced the number of parking spaces.

Papo said the original plan called for 260 parking spaces when only 226 were required. In addition, Fahrner said Papo was doing everything he could to preserve or replace trees.

Commission Vice President Pat Merkel asked that the complex be fully encircled by sidewalks.

"Pedestrian circulation is very important to us," Papo said.

The developer said that he had a problem with wording

in the development agreement and said he would promise to build a bypass when needed.

Papo's associate, John Langa, said the agreement made it sound as if the development company was building the entire Chelsea bypass.

Papo reminded the commission that the first phase of the bypass was a joint effort between him and Mark Lewis, developer of the manufactured home community to be constructed west of Brown Drive.

Papo said he didn't want to commit to building a bypass until the housing park is in place. He said he wouldn't build the second step of the bypass' first phase until Lewis did the primary stretch.

Sylvan Township Special Projects Coordinator Gerald Dresselhouse said the issue could be solved if Papo had the mutual agreement put on paper and submitted it to the township.

The preliminary site plan was approved 3-0.

Fahrner presented to the commission computer-simulated traffic scenarios showing traffic density five years from now and how it's projected to be in the year 2020. He also showed possible ways to deal with traffic congestion.

Fahrner said the program used information based on a study by the engineering firm Johnson, Johnson & Roy, now known as JJR-Smith, that was recently done for the bypass committee.

Fahrner said original programming had to be added to include the area south of Brown Drive because it was not analyzed by JJR.

Fahrner said his analysis showed that Sylvan Township growth alone is not creating the traffic problems.

Fahrner showed that traffic in the next five years could be controlled by the bypass and by simple linkages.

These links were Manufactured Drive to the bypass, Old Commerce Drive to the bypass, Pellemier Drive to the bypass and Pellemier Drive to Old Commerce Drive.

Manufactured Drive is the proposed name for the primary egress to the manufactured home park, while Old Commerce Drive is the name for the part of the current Commerce Drive that will not

become part of the bypass.

Fahrner said a traffic light would be needed at the T-square intersection of Commerce Park Drive and M-52.

Resident Jim Machnik said someone should contact the state to see if it would allow a traffic signal at the location.

For the year 2020, Fahrner said that with the bypass plan as envisioned, north-bound left-hand turns onto Brown Drive would have to be eliminated.

Fahrner said that a five-lane roadway would be needed from Interstate 94 to where it convenes at M-52 and Commerce Drive.

As with the five-year scenario, a traffic signal would be installed there.

Fahrner said that the Commerce Drive section of the bypass would commence with three lanes.

Fahrner said that JJR had

that same stretch tapering down to two lanes after the Holiday Inn.

He said he did not think the tapering could be accomplished in such a short distance, but noted that there was no land available to continue the three lanes.

Old Commerce Drive would need a right-hand turn lane.

A traffic signal would be needed at the intersection of Manufactured and Pellemier drives.

Having said that, Fahrner noted that so many commercial driveways along a five-lane highway would create access control problems for

people trying to enter or trying to leave the establishments.

In relation to that, Fahrner said his studies showed a better route for the bypass.

He said a bridge over I-94 connecting to Pellemier Drive would eliminate the need for a five-lane roadway and eliminate the need for a signal at M-52 and Commerce Drive.

Merkel said the township didn't think it could afford a bridge.

"That may be," Fahrner said, "but I don't think your present plan will work."

Machnik suggested that

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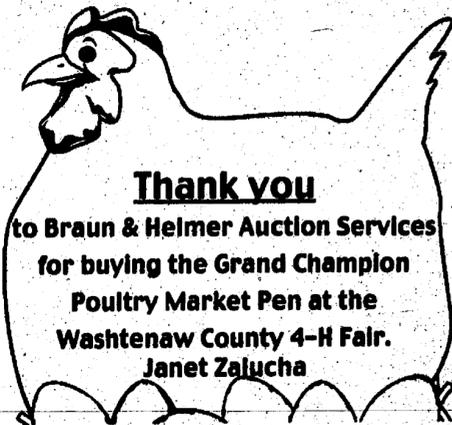


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Pucker Up, Pooch

Kayla Pfitzenmaier of Sharon Township, formerly of Chelsea, gets a big, wet smacker from her dog during a recent playtime at Pierce Park. The youngster was playing in the park with her sisters, Christin and Katelynn, and mom, Kelley.

TRAFFIC

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Fahrner program into his computer a scenario showing an eastbound exit ramp onto the southern extremes of the Pierce Lake Golf Course extending into an alignment with Brown Drive.

Machnik said that could

eliminate the need for a signal at M-52 and Commerce Drive.

Fahrner said it was a good idea. "Anytime you can eliminate left-hand turns, you're improving things considerably," he said.

Michael Rybka is a freelance writer. He can be reached at 475-8597.

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**DEXTER TOWNSHIP
 PLANNING COMMISSION
 MEETING NOTICE**

Tuesday, September 3, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. at
 DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
 6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA:
 1) Informational Meeting regarding Proposed Zoning Ordinance. Presentation to the public summarizing proposed amendments. (Copies of Proposed Zoning Ordinance available at Dexter Township)
 John Shea,
 Chairman

Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with the Budget Hearings of Local Government Act (PA 43 of 1963) the Dexter District Library Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the 2002-2003 Budget on Monday, August 26, 2002. This hearing will take place at 7:30 p.m. and be held in the meeting room at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. in Dexter. This hearing is open to the public. Copies of the budget are available at the Library for inspection.

**LYNDON TOWNSHIP
 SUMMARY MINUTES**

LYNDON TOWNSHIP ELECTION COMMISSION, July 11, 2002
 Moved and supported to appoint election inspectors for 8/8/02 election and set public accuracy test date.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD PUBLIC HEARING, July 16, 2002
 Moved and supported to approve PROV request for R. Wellhoff with conditions.

Moved and supported to approve PROV request for Michigan Friends Center with conditions.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, August 13, 2002
 Meeting called to order and opened with pledge of allegiance to the flag. Consent agenda adopted

Moved and carried that based on the history of Mr. Glynn's PROV variance that Lyndon Township Ordinance Officer is authorized to issue a zoning permit.

Moved and carried that Westbourne Hills land division be approved when they have met the requirements of Lyndon Township Land Division Ordinance and the Township receives a letter from WCRC that they have accepted Westbourne Drive as a public road.

Moved and carried to seek the advise of the Township Attorney and get appropriate language to consider for a variance that could be issued to the Werkner Road property owners.

Moved and carried to retain Township Attorney on a per call base for Township legal questions.

Offered and carried to proceed with a purchase agreement on Knieper's vacant property of approximately 5 acres.

Moved and carried to give earnest money to the Knieper.

Moved and carried to approve not to exceed \$7,000.00 for a well on the vacant land.

Reports given:
 Other Business:
 Adjourned without objection at 9:50 p.m.
 Janis Knieper-Lyndon Township Clerk

**DEXTER TOWNSHIP
 PLANNING COMMISSION
 MEETING NOTICE**

Tuesday, August 27, 2002 at 7:30 P.M. at
 DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
 6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA:
 1) Deliberate and/or action on Proposed General Development Plan
 2) Castleton Farms Final Site Plan

John Shea,
 Chairman

**LYNDON TOWNSHIP
 PUBLIC HEARING
 NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2002 AT 7:00 P.M.
 LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL
 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD
 CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA:
 1. An application for a Variance from the Private Road Ordinance by Robert L. Bratten, 4028 Homewild Drive, Gregory, MI 48137 (parcel # 05-03-305-001 & 05-03-285-003). Mr. Bratten plans on building a new cottage.

Written comments may be sent to: Lyndon Township Clerk, Janis Knieper, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing.

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A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk,
LYNDON TOWNSHIP
 Janis Knieper, Lyndon Township Clerk

**LYNDON TOWNSHIP
 BOARD OF APPEALS**

WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON
 TUESDAY, August 27, 2002, at 7:30 P.M.
 The Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Road
 Chelsea, MI 48118

AGENDA:
 To review the application of Gilbert Chestney (parcel #05-35-200-004) 19055 M-52, Chelsea, for a variance from the Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance Article V, Section 5.04, Paragraph E. 2, Side Yard Setbacks. Mr. Chestney would like to construct an addition to his existing pole barn. This will require a variance from the side yard setback requirement of 30 feet to 12.5 feet because the property borders a swamp.

The application for the variance and supporting documentation is posted on the board. Written comments may be sent to: Helena M. Robinovitz, Office Manager, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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VILLAGE OF CHELSEA
 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING — JULY 23, 2002
 WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER

Present: President Steele, Village Manager Myers, Village Clerk Branson
Trustees Present: Trustees Holmes, Myles, Ortring, and Schumann
Absent: Trustees Albertson and Ritter
Others Present: Tony Keezer, Mike Swartz, Martin Olejnik, Molly Golke, Ann Feeney, Jim Drolett, Chris Rode

President Steele called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
 Motion by Schumann seconded by Ortring to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ortring seconded by Holmes to approve the Regular Agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Audience Participation:
 Susan Lackey and Steve Daut gave an update on SummerFest, July 26 and 27. They thanked the Village for the cooperation of staff.

Communications to Council:
 President Steele brought to the attention of Council the following correspondence: Information from Michcon re: expectations for michcon contractors, memo re: Village Manager's vacation schedule, MML Fax Alert re: revenue sharing, letter from Butzel Long re: Bull Transport, letter from DEQ re: landfill annual inspection, FY02, CACA June 2002 Permit Statement, letter from Dept. of Agriculture re: insect pest, DWRP Watermain Improvements Phase II progress meeting minutes, memo re: CACA information, project cost summaries (July 23, 2002) for Water Treatment Plant and Utilities and Phase II Water Main Improvements, NACP CAMP Commissioner Training Workshop, letter from Washtenaw Development Council re: EDC/Frame Hardwoods, letter from Spiegel and McDiarmid re: FERC approval of settlement with Michigan Electric Transmission Co., Summer Fest update, DDA meeting minutes, Chamber of Commerce meeting minutes, preliminary schedule for Vet's Park Lift Station rehabilitation, letter from Scott McElrath re: city street conditions, certificate from Emergency Management Institute re: Tony Keezer's completion of Emergency Preparedness study course, letter from Village Manager Myers to District Engineer re: Lett's Creek, memo from Village Engineer re: sidewalks along M52, memo from Chelsea District Library Rep. Nancy Schumann re: library updates.

Report from Council Committees:
 Trustee Schumann advised Council there was not a CATS meeting this month.

Reports from Village Officers:
 Ann Feeney, DDA Director, announced that Peter Pfeiffer of McKinley Properties resigned from the Board due to a change in employment. Envirologics has been advised that the DDA expects \$500 per month rent after August 15th for the former Pump and Pantry site since the extraction wells are still onsite. The DDA Board of Directors wants to make it perfectly clear that they want no part in developing the property east of the Purple Rose into a park.

Tony Keezer, Emergency Management Director, has talked to West Shore regarding siren updating.

Dan Ellenwood, Fire Chief, said there were two structure fires this month. The licensure for Basic Life Support (BLS) has gone to the state for approval. There has been a slight increase in runs. There will be a public meeting at the end of August to look at CACA's long range plans, including the millage request.

Jim Drolett, Planning & Zoning Administrator, said that part of the development agreement for Fieldstone Village included improving Meadow Lane prior to issuance of a building permit for Building 6. The units are selling well, and property owners on Meadow Lane will be getting a letter from the developer soon to inform them of the impending improvements.

Village Manager Myers advised Council that the water plant is up and running. The landscaping has been done. The base coat has been applied to Werkner Rd. and the intersection of Werkner and Sibley Roads will be milled. Regarding the watermain construction, the pipe is in to the bridge south of Sibley and they will directional bore under the bridge after SummerFest. The pressure testing blew a hole at the Park St. Main St. South St intersection, and that will be repaired tonight. Service leads up to Summit St. have been done. In answer to Trustee Ortring's questions, the contractor on the watermain project will be bringing in topsoil and will rake, seed and straw the disturbed areas. Trustee Ortring agreed with Scott McElrath's letter concerning the poor condition of the streets and dust. Village Manager Myers said the Village has applied calcium chloride twice and will bill it back to the contractor. Regarding the weeds at Chelsea Fairways, Jim Drolett has spoken to builders about the need to clean them up. The Board of Education is paying for some drainage work on AD Mayer Drive and the Village may participate.

Village Manager Myers reported the FERC approved the Village's settlement with Michigan Electric Transmission Company and they will refund with interest the amount required within 30 days.

Unfinished Business:
 Motion by Myles seconded by Schumann to remove the dedication of water system at Chelsea Fairways from the table. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Jim Drolett recommended that Council accept the dedication.

Motion by Myles seconded by Ortring to approve the dedication of water system at Chelsea Fairways. All Ayes. Motion carried. (Dedication attached as Appendix A)

New Business:
 Mike Swartz of Plante and Moran presented the audit and said the accounting records were in outstanding shape. The were giving an "unqualified opinion" which is the best that the Village can get. He discussed the Fund Balance which has increased and he asked that the Village continue to build it up.

Molly Golke reviewed the graphs in the Audit Presentation. Martin Olejnik reviewed the audit letter. He mentioned the growing fund balance, said the water and sewer funds were in good shape and encouraged the Village to do a security review of the new computer system, which is something that Plante and Moran can do. The new Financial Statement Reporting Model will change things drastically and will require additional accounting. Village Manager Myers said that Marilyn Troyer updates the five year model.

Motion by Ortring seconded by Schumann to accept the audit report. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Chris Rode, Planning Commission Chair, asked that Council endorse the Planning Commission's recommendation that they prepare a Park and Recreation Plan for the Village which would be establish policy that the Planning Commission would use in reviewing plans. He stated the financial burden would be possible room rental costs for public hearings, unless they were held at regularly scheduled meetings and advertising of public hearings. Trustee Myles said he felt this is needed and applauds Mr. Rode's effort. He would like to see a timetable for preparing the plan.

Motion by Myles seconded by Schumann to support the Planning Commission's Village of Chelsea Parks and Recreation planning proposal. All Ayes. Motion carried. (Proposal attached as Appendix B)

Dan Ellenwood, Fire Chief, discussed the proposed Ordinance No. 138 Adoption of Fire Prevention Code. This ordinance would give CACA the authority to go in and inspect properties and write up or ticket them if life safety issues were found. The CACA has always inspected businesses to see what they have onsite in case a fire were to occur. However, CACA currently needs to refer cases to the state in order to have life safety issues corrected. CACA has one Fire Inspector on board already, Chief Ellenwood is taking the test to also become a Fire Inspector and he would hold the title of Fire Marshal.

Ordinance No. 139 Adoption of Business Registration was also discussed. Trustee Myles asked if any business with a license would need to register and the answer was yes. There would be no cost to register unless the registration did not occur in a timely manner. Chief Ellenwood stated there is no grandfathering regarding life safety issues. Discussion ensued including the cost of adopting an ordinance. Trustee Myles suggested the Village ask their attorney if the Village can authorize CACA to inspect without incurring the cost of ordinances which will have to be changed once the Village becomes a city.

Motion by Ortring seconded by Myles to table Ordinance No. 138 RE: Adoption of Fire Prevention Code to the August 13, 2002 meeting to allow time for the Village attorney to render an opinion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ortring seconded by Myles to table Ordinance No. 139 RE: Adoption of Business Registration Ordinance and Business Registration Form to the August 13, 2002 meeting to allow time for the Village attorney to render an opinion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ortring seconded by Schumann to make Trustee Howard Holmes the Village's voting delegate to CACA until the current delegate is able to resume his responsibilities. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Myles seconded by Holmes to send letters to property owners along M-52 who were required to install sidewalks according to site plans or development agreements and ask them to comply with the requirement by installing sidewalks. All Ayes. Motion carried.

President Steele said he will possibly schedule a work session on August 12th or August 22nd to discuss the Recreation Agreement. He asked Council to let Clerk Branson know which dates they are available.

Motion by Ortring seconded by Myles to adjourn Regular Session. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
 Approved: August 13, 2002

Richard Steele, Village President
 Jacalyn J. Branson, Village Clerk

Lyndon may buy clerk's land

■ **Property would be used for a new township hall.**

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

After reviewing an appraisal on land that it's eyeing as a future location for a new town hall, the Lyndon Township Board voted to enter into a purchase agreement with the landowners.

The five acres are located on the west side of M-52 between North Territorial and Boyce roads. Township Clerk Janis Knieper and her husband, Rodney, own the property.

Knieper excused herself from the premises during the board's discussion and from decisions regarding the topic.

The Gerald Alcott Co. of Ann Arbor appraised the land at \$114,000.

A disclaimer in the Alcott appraisal stated that it did not take into account professional soil samplings or a wetland survey. It was also noted that the property is not serviced by public utilities.

The board decided to offer \$100,000 contingent on finding an acceptable water supply. The board plans to put down a \$5,000 good faith deposit as testament to its

interest. The board also voted to spend up to \$7,000 installing a well on the property.

The site is zoned as an agricultural residential district, which allows two houses to be built, but is currently used for farming.

The board noted that there is no known history of the land ever being used for chemical, fuel or solid waste disposal.

The Kniepers will provide a land survey and title insurance.

In another matter, the township received the highest rating possible by auditor Pat Hanniford regarding its budget management in the 2001 fiscal year.

Township Supervisor Maryann Noah said she would meet with a Washtenaw County Road Commission representative and township engineer Lee Fahrner to fill a hole in land division policies.

The road commission will not accept a new public road until half of the land is sold and the homes are built.

Until that happens, any existing roadway is deemed a private road.

This flux period can last for some time with a land division and Noah said an

ordinance is needed to decide who is responsible for maintaining the road during the time frame.

The board decided it would only pay attorney Peter Flintoft when his services are needed and abandon the \$850 monthly retainer it was using.

One of Flintoft's first responsibilities under the new arrangement will be to look into whether a variance should be considered for two township homeowners who share a 24-foot driveway.

The homeowners, J. Hood and Thomas Capper, each own their own respective side of the driveway.

A 1997 zoning permit was issued to Capper with an

agreement that a barrier is built to separate the two driveways.

The agreement was temporarily suspended while the home was being built to allow construction access, but no barrier was erected after the construction was completed.

An attempt by the property owners to have the driveway recognized as a private drive in its current state failed. To bring the driveway up to the standard of a road would be costly because it requires widening it into a swampy area.

The board appeared sympathetic and agreed that a barrier down the driveway could create a safety hazard.



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Relay Race

Elizabeth Boyce concentrates as she takes part in a water balloon relay race July 10 at the Vacation Bible School at North Lake United Methodist Church.

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DEXTER VILLAGE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Council will hold a public hearing Monday, August 26, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wylie Middle School, Cafeteria - 3060 Kensington Street, Dexter, Michigan for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding a Resolution authorizing an application to be filed with Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program for grant funding in the amount of \$219,162.00 to construct a parking lot which is part of the "Dexter Main Street Project".

A copy of this Resolution and the complete application 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 Euresie, Village Manager
Dexter, MI 48130

VILLAGE OF DEXTER PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 3, 2002 at the Creekside Middle School Media Center, 2616 Baker Road, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following:

- 1) An amendment to Section 8.11(A) 27 and 8.11(B) 27, to delete the district specific requirements on outdoor seating areas in response to the recently approved amendment that added "Outdoor Seating at Restaurants only" as a Special Use in the General Business District (C-1).
- 2) Charles Moore and Mike Walton, of Bluewater Development, location 7444 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, Dexter, Michigan, are applying for Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning change to allow for the redevelopment of the Wolverine Moore Glass Building. The redevelopment will consist of facade improvements and an approximately 12,500 square foot addition on the piece of property currently zoned Multiple Family (R-3).

Information regarding this application is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 2. Written comments regarding this project should be submitted to the Village Clerk, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 27, 2002. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Hall.

CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT WASHTENAW AND JACKSON COUNTIES, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of Chelsea School District, Washtenaw and Jackson Counties, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Monday, September 23, 2002.

TAKE NOTICE that the following propositions will be submitted at the special election:

I. MILLAGE PROPOSAL, BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Chelsea School District, Washtenaw and Jackson Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2002 to 2011, inclusive, to provide additional sinking funds for the construction or repair of school buildings, the purchases of real estate for sites and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2002 is approximately \$578,000?

II. MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE EARMARKED FUNDS TO OPERATE A SYSTEM OF PUBLIC RECREATION AND PLAYGROUNDS

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Chelsea School District, Washtenaw and Jackson Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2002 to 2011, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating a system of public recreation and playgrounds; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect for such recreational program if the millage is approved and levied in 2002 is approximately \$578,000?

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2002, IS MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2002. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2002, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city, or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.
Susan Moore
Secretary, Board of Education

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE

The Heritage Pointe PUD development, also known as the Merkel Property north of Dexter Chelsea Rd., will NOT be heard at the August 27, 2002 Village Council meeting, as the attorney for Steven Fisher is still reviewing the PUD Agreement.

Jacalyn J. Branson, Village Clerk

ATTENTION

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for the

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SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AUGUST 13, 2002

At a regular meeting of the Sylvan Township Board, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held at the Sylvan Township Hall, on the 13th day of August, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Burgess, Koch, Grau, Heller, Lesser

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Heller, and supported by Treasurer Grau.

WHEREAS, Sylvan Township Planning Commission has requested the rezoning of certain parcels for the Townships Municipal Use;

WHEREAS, notice of public hearing on the proposed rezoning was given as required by law, a public hearing on the proposed rezoning was conducted by the Township Planning Commission on June 27, 2002 and was recommended to the Township Board to rezone;

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed rezoning was provided to the Washtenaw County Planning Commission, which waived its right to review;

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems that it would be in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of Sylvan Township to rezone the property from LR Low Density Residential to MU Municipal Use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sylvan Township Board that the following ordinance be and is hereby adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 68

THE TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN ORDAINS:

1. The property described in the attached Exhibit A is hereby rezoned from LR Low Density Residential to MU Municipal Use.

2. This ordinance amendment shall be effective immediately or as otherwise required by law.

3. All prior resolutions in whole or part inconsistent with this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Yeas: Burgess, Koch, Grau, Heller, Lesser

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT A

PARCEL "A"

The Northerly 128.56 feet thereof parallel to Old US-12 and the Easterly 118.59 feet of the Northerly 217.24 feet thereof parallel to Old US-12 of the following-described parcel. Commencing in the North line of Lot 4 in Block 14, 1 rod West from the Northeast corner of said lot and running thence Southwardly along the East line of the school lot to the Southwest corner of Lot 11; thence Eastwardly along the North line of Maple Grove Cemetery to the East line of Block 15; thence North to the Northeast corner of Lot 8 in said Block 14; thence Westwardly along the North line of lots to the PLACE OF BEGINNING, being lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; and part of Lots 4 and 11 in Block 14 in the Village of Sylvan, Washtenaw County, Michigan, according to the Plot thereof as recorded in Liber H of Deeds, Pages 386 and 387, Washtenaw County Records, Containing 1.06 acres of land, more or less.

PARCEL "B"

Commencing in the North line of Lot 4 in Block 14, 1 rod West from the Northeast corner of said lot and running thence Southwardly along the East line of the school lot to the Southwest corner of Lot 11; thence Eastwardly along the North line of Maple Grove Cemetery to the East line of Block 15; thence North to the Northeast corner of Lot 8 in said Block 14; thence Westwardly along the North line of lots to the PLACE OF BEGINNING, being Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, and part of Lots 4 and 11 in Block 14 in the Village of Sylvan, Washtenaw County, Michigan, according to the Plot thereof as recorded in Liber H of Deeds, Pages 386 and 387, Washtenaw County Records.

EXCEPTING, the Northerly 128.56 feet thereof parallel to Old US-12 of the above-described parcel. ALSO EXCEPTING the Easterly 118.59 feet of the Northerly 217.24 feet thereof parallel to Old US-12 of the above-described parcel. Containing 0.39 acres of land, more or less.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk for Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Sylvan Township Board at a regular meeting held on the 13th day of August, 2002, and further certify that the above Resolution and Ordinance were adopted at said meeting.

LuAnn S. Koch, Township Clerk

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Showing her true colors

Local clown entertains crowds at the Chelsea fair

By Dennis Oblander
Heritage Newspapers

For Colors the Clown, the makeup goes on and off, but one thing stays the same:

"I'm like this all the time," Colors explains. "I'm like this all the time!"

Colors, who in deference to the clown code of ethics will be called Kelly in this writing, has been clowning all her life.

"But I've been wearing the makeup for about 10 years," she said.

A native of the Manchester-Chelsea area, Kelly will perform from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the Chelsea Community Fair, 3 to 7 p.m. tomorrow and on Saturday.

She comes to the fair on the heels of a performance at the Monroe County Fair, where she performed four 20- to 30-minute shows daily, a heavier workload than her usual one or two daily 40-minute shows.

Clowning year around, Colors makes between 250 and 300 appearances annually.

Prior to donning makeup 10 years ago, Kelly was "an artist by trade" and, in college, a marketing major.

"It's all the things you ever wanted to do in one package," she said of clowning. "The marketing is there, and the show business. You can play and be your own boss."

For Kelly, who lives on a farm, clowning keeps her in touch with another passion

— animals.

She will incorporate as many as 15 critters in her performance.

Her pot-bellied pig, Petunia, used to do tricks, including rolling out the red carpet to open the show.

"She stopped doing them about two years ago," she said. "She's a little too smart for me now."

The menagerie includes rabbits, pigeons, chinchillas, chicks... even a hedgehog.

"They're all on ice bottles to keep them nice and cool!" she said.

She credits her grandfather with her link to levity.

"He was too funny," she said. "He would dance on the tables. He would make us laugh."

Colors is a "white-faced clown." Unlike largely slapstick "auguste" clowns or the somber tramp-like clowns, white-faced characters are caring and perfectionist — in the case of Colors, possessing "more the prissy, little girlie" personality.

The transformation from Kelly to Colors takes about an hour.

"I have to do it in steps," she said. "There is a process. Everything has to be done a certain way."

"The makeup has to be taken off. Then I powder. Then I put the makeup on, and I powder again, and then I put on all the details."

Though her hair color has

changed, Colors' makeup and basic costume have been unchanged for some nine years.

Kelly creates her own tricks for her show. She is largely self-taught, having studied clowning through Ringling Brothers clowns and other entertainers that attend clown conventions held by several clown groups to which she belongs.

Ultimately, it is the kids and their reactions that inspire and shape her performance.

Key to connecting with the kids is overcoming "the Santa Claus syndrome."

"Kids are afraid of Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. It's not just clowns."

"Hollywood hasn't done us any big favors, I'll tell you that."

Her experience with the little ones is extensive.

Married with children,

Kelly has a 14-, 12- and 10-year-old.

"I have one in every school," she said. "Plus, I have my 44-year-old husband who's trying to tolerate all of this."

"I'm a PTA president, so I have to be a clown for that job, especially in the middle school."

Along with several other volunteer duties, Kelly organizes talent shows at the schools to help ensure that budding young entertainers have a means of expression.

"If you don't create that now, when they get older they're not going to create it because they didn't do it when they were kids."

"My job is to create fun," she said. "I could never put it away and hang it in a closet. Even if I did something different, I don't think I could get rid of it. Even if I won the lotto."



Colors the Clown will perform today, tomorrow and Saturday at the Chelsea Community Fair. She is pictured with Sidney Aldrich of Ann Arbor at a previous Dexter Daze performance.

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 In accordance with the Budget Hearings of Local Government Act (PA 43 of 1983) the Dexter District Library Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the 2002-2003 Budget on Monday, August 26, 2002. This hearing will take place at 7:30 p.m. and be held in the meeting room at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. in Dexter. This hearing is open to the public. Copies of the budget are available at the Library for inspection.

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Up north feeling and 2 miles from the town of Chelsea. Easy access to I-94. Neutral décor, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. \$345,000. Mary Lou O'Quinn, (517) 522-8888/(734) 475-3737, 222266.

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DEADLINES
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 Classified Advertising Deadline: Friday, August 30 at 5 p.m.

Have A Safe and Happy Holiday!
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AUGUST 2002

Mortgages/Financing 210

NEED A LOAN DESPITE BAD CREDIT? Honest lenders won't guarantee a loan before you apply. Call the Federal Trade Commission to find out how you can avoid advance-fee loan scams. 1-877-FTC-HELP. This message is from the FTC and Heritage Newspapers.

Real Estate Wanted 211

FAMILY looking for three or four bedroom house. Chelsea Schools. Near I-94 between Dexter and Jackson. Willing to pay Cash or Terms. (734) 482-1292.

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT 300

ADRIAN: 112 W. MAUMEE, new loft apartment, 2400 sq. ft., two bedroom, two baths, three balconies, two fireplaces, master bedroom suite, laundry, two levels, Amish cherry kitchen, parking, deck, one year lease, \$1,700/month plus utilities, \$2,500/depot. (810) 231-5566.

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ONE AND TWO BEDROOM inquire: 734-426-4022

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Houses for Rent 301

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Rummage/Garage Sales 712
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 Multi family sale, Aug. 23-24, 9-5pm. Nordic, Trak, desk, typewriter, ladder, old cupboard, dishes, glassware, carrying supplies, books, educational toys, puzzles & more. 6081 Front Road. No Early Sales!

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 Sat., Aug. 24, 9-4pm
 154 East Middle St.
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 Furniture, microwave, bikes, household, clothes & much more!

DIXTER: THREE FAMILY MOVING/GARAGE SALE!
 Moving dishwasher (new), tiled stove hood (new), five cu. ft. freezer, kitchen table, child's dresser with convertible changing table, crib, desk, three-piece glass case book, shelf, sofa bed, wall light fixtures, much more!
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 Fri-Sat, 9-7pm
 20735 Logan Road,
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 Name brand clothes,
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 Ram 2500, extended cab

MILAN
 Garage Sale, Aug.
 23-24, 9-5pm. Baby
 items, lots of odds &
 ends. 289 Ideal.

SALINE Aug. 24, 9-3pm.
 136 Wallace, SoCo, rugs,
 clothes, household items,
 lots of stuff. Nobody
 before 9:00!

SALINE
 Garage Sale & Lemonade Stand to benefit Habitat for Humanity by a six yr. old on Sat., Aug. 24, starting at 7am. Construction material including new sinks, cute kid's clothes, home decor, books, antique teapots, roller skates, high chair & car seat, toys, computer stuff, monitor, bikes, more! (734) 429-0851 to donate items. 318 N. Lewis.

SALINE (TOWNSHIP), Antique furniture, household items, Girl Scout clothes. Fri., Aug. 23, 10am-4pm. No early sales! Monroe-Macon - Jordan - left at 2nd Oak Park. 3631 Tammy Ct.

SALINE, 475 N. Maple, off Michigan Avenue, take right on Maple, Saline Mobile Park, #80, Aug. 24, 8:30-3:30pm, in case of rain #42. Three families, show special crafts, furniture, clothing, books, shadow boxes, welcome sign paintings, etc.

WILD GOOSE LAKE COMMUNITY YARD SALE
 Off Hadley Rd., near North Territorial, 10-14 families. Furniture, appliances, clothing. 9am-6pm, Aug. 24.

ANNUAL YARD SALE at the Saline Mobil Park. Antiques, books. Don't miss this one! 475 N. Maple August 24 8:30-2:30pm.

CHELSEA, CAVANAUGH LAKE, household, toys, clothes, crockery, life drum, large outdoor toys, many home school books, educational items. 641 GLAZIER, Friday & Saturday Aug 23 & 24, 9-1pm.

CLINTON ATTC garage sale, multi-families. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, housewares, toys, adult and children's clothing and much more. August 23-24, 9-5pm, 101 Kathy Drive, across from Clinton Police Post/Michigan Ave.

ESTATE SALE Fri-Sat, Aug. 23 & 24, 8:30-4pm. 14477 HEM, east 167 W. on old US-12 in Sylvan to Hem. Furniture, yard, many household electronics, clothes, (very man) antiques, VERY reasonable prices.

HAMBURG TOWNSHIP Annual 25 family Dunleavy Lane Garage/Yard Sale, Coffee, donuts, hot dogs & pop sold. Lots & lots of household sports, auto, hardware, clothing & misc. items. Large items include: 25 HP On engine, 1986 Bronco, 24 ft. Pontiac boat, 1-2 Go. gas golf cart with lights & dump box, unvented gas 90,000 BTU's heater. Wall tanning bed, 20x10 ft., telescopic climbing net, Navajo weaving loom & furniture. Located at Dunleavy Lane near Strawberry Lake & Mast Road, Sat., Aug. 24, 9-3pm.

MANCHESTER, MEGA BARGAIN Friday, August 23, 9-6pm and Saturday, August 24, 9-3pm. 19442 Belmont Church Rd. 1/2 mile W. of M-22. Many Kay 10% off, Teddy Bear Collection, beanies, golf balls, nice large and XL women's sweatshirts and sweaters, kids clothes, men's suits, toys, craft supplies, country items and much more!

MULTI FAMILY, SALINE, Fri., Aug. 23, 9-4pm. 1800's of Brookview Dr. (off Torline, W. of Maple) Remodeling, sink, lights, door, cabinet, toys, towel bars, clothes, lots, much more including UTILITY TRAILER.

SALINE SEVERAL FAMILY Garage Sale. Golf clubs, medicine cabinets, clothes, household items, something for everyone. August 22-23 8am-4pm 368 HOLLYWOOD DR.

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Ann Arbor Scouts Chris Theille (left, back) and Phillip Jackson share plants with Chelsea Retirement Community residents Leonard Baird and Delphine Erickson. Theille's recent Eagle Scout project was creating raised flowerbeds to make gardening accessible for seniors in wheelchairs.

Scouts build raised gardens at retirement community

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Residents at the Chelsea Retirement Community are enjoying the sweet smell of summer.

Chris Theille, 16, of Ann Arbor has installed new flowerbeds accessible to wheelchairs as part of his Eagle Scout project.

The teen-ager, a member of Boy Scout Troop 4 in Ann Arbor, has been visiting residents at the home for several years.

"I chose CRC because they did not have any wheelchair-accessible gardens," Theille said. "I always knew that the elderly enjoy gardening, but it involves bending. The aboveground flowerbeds allow them to garden without straining themselves."

"Gardening is therapeutic and includes many senses —

touch, smell, sight and taste," he said.

Theille had seen raised flowerbeds at other retirement homes and thought it would be a good idea in Chelsea.

"I wanted the seniors to continue what they can no longer do," he said. "The aboveground flowerbeds are more enjoyable for those that are unable to get on the ground."

Theille took the initiative to raise the funds to buy soil and lumber. Troop members built the boxes and filled them.

Theille also bought especially adapted tools that are bent for people who are sitting in a wheelchair and are easier to grip for people with arthritis or wrist problems.

Delphine Erickson, a resident at the Chelsea Retirement

Community for two decades, said she enjoyed watching the Scouts plant the flowers.

"My sons were in Scouting when they were younger," Erickson said. "It's wonderful to see an active Scout troop do something so nice for us."

Leonard Baird said the project was a great idea.

"They help us and we help them," he said.

Activities Director Sarah Millar said it was nice to see young people and the elderly work together on the gardening project.

"The seniors are so happy to be able to continue a lifelong interest," she said.

Rita Fischer is a free-lance writer. She can be reached via e-mail at rita@fischer@yahoo.com.

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DEATHS

ROBERT C. WAITE

Muir
Formerly of Chelsea
Robert C. Waite, 70, of Muir, formerly of Chelsea, died Aug. 18, 2002, at his home. He was born July 5, 1932, in Redford, the son of William M. and Mabel I. (Winn) Waite.

Mr. Waite was a resident of Chelsea from 1972 until moving to Muir in 1996. He was the former owner of B. and J. Alternator and Generator Service in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Waite was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed woodworking,

vegetable gardening and reading. He had attended St. Mary Catholic Church.

Mr. Waite is survived by his wife, Joann M. McDonald, whom he married April 27, 1953; four children, Robin (Christopher) Tompkins of Chelsea; James (Debbie) Waite of Hubbardston; Dana Widmark of Muir and Deborah (Floyd) Tanner of Leesburg, Fla.; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his mother of Urbana, Ohio; his sister, Susan Hall of Urbana, Ohio; and three brothers, William of Semi, Calif.; David of West Branch and George of Inkster.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Richard.

Mr. Waite will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

The family will receive friends 9 a.m. today at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea. A funeral Mass will be held 10 a.m. today at the church, with the Rev. William Turner officiating. The rosary was held yesterday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.

Interment will be in Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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Sylvan to add fluoride to water

Program to cost \$2,800 to start.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Sylvan Township Board has decided to put fluoride in its new municipal water system.

Gary Williams of the engineering firm Jones & Henry said at the board's Aug. 13 meeting that Sylvan Township's water supply is naturally low in fluoride and recommended adding more.

Jones said that after start-up costs, fluoridation would cost \$800 a year assuming 3,000 gallons of water is pumped a day.

Jones said installation would not be too costly because the plant has been built to allow for added supplements.

Sylvan Township Special Projects Coordinator Gerald Dresselhouse said the \$2,800 in start-up cost should not be a source of consideration in the board's decision.

Dresselhouse said the township would pay Jones & Henry to oversee the project but forward the receipt to Washtenaw County. He said the county typically refers the cost to the users in a monthly bill.

Dresselhouse said there would be approximately 1,500 users of the township's water system.

He said the fluoridation process would come out to a one-time charge of \$1.87 per customer for the installation of the fluoridation system and an additional cost of 35 cents a month to maintain the system.

Board Trustee Reuben Lesser said it's a small price to pay for dental health.

Trustee Earl Heller asked if there is any side effect to fluoridation. Williams said that in excess it could cause mottling, staining and bone problems. He added, however, that municipal water is more highly regulated than bottled water.

Heller said he heard of another municipality's fluoridation system that required \$2,800 to be spent annually on repairs.

He said that the fluoride in toothpaste should be more than adequate for dental health, but ended up voting for the expense.

In another matter, Michigan State Police Trooper Greg Setla said that in July there were 12 car crashes, two mailboxes were vandalized, there were two larcenies and a fugitive was captured in Sylvan Township.

Setla updated the public on a series of breaking and entering complaints in the area of Notten, Kilmer and Kambach roads. He said three people were responsible for stealing cash and jewelry. One suspect confessed and identified a partner after he was arrested.

Setla said that one of the suspects still at large hails from the Kalkaska area in the northwest region of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. He said the group usually works during daylight when people are at work.

The trooper encouraged residents to give the State Police a call if a strange vehicle is seen at someone's house during the day.

Sylvan Township Supervisor Charles Burgess said the township has no complaints with the State Police's service and said the board is satisfied with its presence in the community.

In another matter, Clerk LuAnn Koch reported that Washtenaw County waived its right to review the proposed change in the zoning designation of the property west of the town hall that the township acquired in June.

The board went through the formality of voting to change its designation from residential to municipal use.

Lima adopts ordinance

Some fear municipal services will attract more development.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Lima Township Board held a special meeting Monday to decide whether to adopt the Sylvan Water and Sewer Authority's Article of Incorporation.

After some reservations from Trustee Greg McKenzie, the board unanimously adopted the water and sewer ordinance.

Although the ordinance is for water and sewer, Lima Township has only committed itself to sewer service.

Sylvan Township Special Projects Coordinator Gerald

Dresselhouse was on hand to answer questions from the board.

McKenzie's major issue was whether the township wanted to invite municipal utilities within Lima Township. He said municipal utilities could be a magnet for developers.

Township Supervisor Ken Unterbrink said a zoning need on its master plan will be addressed by having sewer. He said developers could not come in demanding utilities and village annexation at some other location.

McKenzie said he doubted that having public utilities would deter developers, but he acknowledged that it would stymie any effort by the village to annex land in Lima Township.

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