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Fire Authority gets grant

Funds will be used for training Rapid Intervention Teams.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The Chelsea Area Fire Authority has been awarded a \$65,500 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The funds will be used to expand its Rapid Intervention Team program, Chelsea Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood said.

"Rapid Intervention Teams are a safety requirement for all fire departments," Ellenwood said. "It's called a two-in, two-out policy. When we send firefighters into a dangerous situation, we need two people outside to monitor the situation."

Ellenwood's crew currently includes 12 trained RIT personnel. The grant will help train 20 more.

The Fire Authority also plans to train two staff members as certified RIT instructors to join 11 others in the Washtenaw County mutual-aid area.

When the Chelsea Area Fire Authority sponsored its first class last year, it drew 25 people from two counties, Ellenwood said. The next class is scheduled for spring. A house already has been scheduled as a training site, he said.

Ellenwood and business manager Sandi Bird worked out a total program budget of \$72,815, which includes \$17,000 for a thermal-imaging camera. The camera is a military derivation of night vision that can detect heat, whether body heat or heat from fires.

The Fire Authority will provide the device and trained manpower to local police for searches and also help public utility agencies track heat from underground wire transmission faults.

The camera also would be made available to neighboring fire departments in mutual-aid situations.

The budget also includes:
• \$9,000 for a digital transmitter and portable receiver attachments.
• \$10,420 for a listening device and

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NEWS BRIEFS

Boy Scouts to sell Christmas wreaths

Members of Boy Scout Troop 425 from Chelsea will sell Christmas wreaths outside Chelsea State Bank, 1010 S. Main St., Friday and Saturday, and Dec. 7.

For more information or to place an order, call 475-1568.

Local doctor rated among the best

Dr. Mary Westhoff, a pediatrician at Chelsea Pediatric Center in Chelsea, is one of 19 local physicians named by Integrated Health Associates among the nation's best in two peer-rated nationwide surveys. Westhoff received her medical education at Michigan State University, graduating in 1978, and she completed her residency at the University of Michigan in 1981.

Library to host two floral workshops

The Chelsea District Library will offer two holiday floral design workshops 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Gigi Batsakis, owner of Gigi's Flowers, will demonstrate how to design holiday arrangements using fresh flowers and greens.

The workshop is free but registration is required. Participants must be library cardholders.

Red Cross to offer free babysitting

The American Red Cross is providing free babysitting to Washtenaw County children in kindergarten through sixth grade from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 14 at the American Red Cross chapter, 2729 Packard Road, in Ann Arbor.

Thanksgiving Party

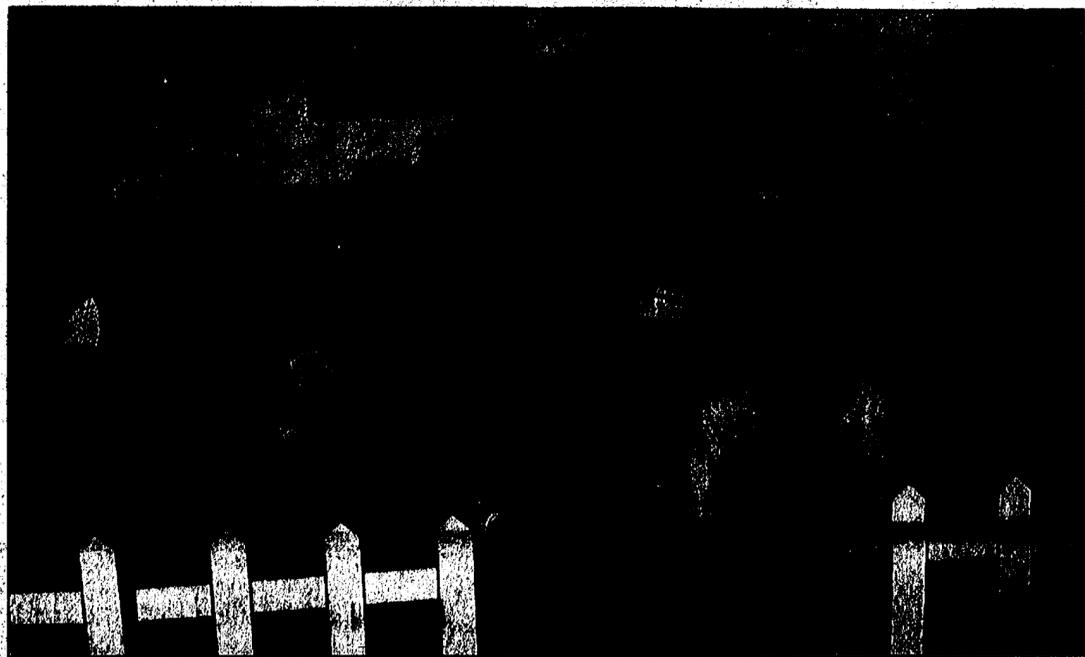


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Tim Johnson (left), Matthew Proegler, Megan Tee and Mariel Arbogast-Wilson, pupils in teacher Sherri Plank's kindergarten class at South Meadows Elementary School, welcome visitors to their Thanksgiving party. The class was studying the first Thanksgiving, celebrated together by the 17th-century Pilgrims and Native Americans.

Library approves pacts

The Breton Group to be paid \$75,000 to help build support for new library.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Chelsea District Library Board renewed its contracts Nov. 19 with fund-raising consultants The Breton Group and the architectural firm Fanning-Howey Associates.

The Breton Group will be paid \$75,000 retroactively from Nov. 1 and subsequently through the end of next year to conduct a community-wide capital campaign and build community momentum toward the successful passage of a bond issue next fall.

The contract also calls for the firm to be reimbursed by

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Fire Board looks at new budget

Each municipality to see an 11 percent hike.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Chelsea Area Fire Authority Chairman Andrew Adrian unveiled a new operating budget last week for fiscal year 2003-04 that includes an 11 percent increase.

Officials in Chelsea Village, and Lyndon, Sylvan and Lima townships must review the budget and approve it before it's adopted.

Adrian said the budget also includes a three percent increase in wages for paid, on-call firefighters.

He said it's based on an increase in taxable values within the area as opposed to the cost of living index.

Sylvan Township Clerk LuAnn Koch expressed concern at the board's meeting that the township is being asked to pay \$40,000 more than in the previous year compared to a \$15,000 decrease for Lima Township. She asked where the money would come from.

Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryann Noah said it won't be something to worry about if voters approve an operating millage in 2003.

Adrian also presented an amend-

ment to a proposed fire prevention ordinance that he said should satisfy each municipality's concerns.

Adoption of the ordinance, which gives enforcement power over those who ignore fire and safety infractions after they are pointed out during an inspection, has been stalled for many months in Chelsea Village and Sylvan and Lima townships.

The three boards are uneasy with the definition of what constitutes a business.

Adrian's amendment exempts educational facilities, 24-hour state-licensed health-care facilities, home occupations that employ less than 10

people and commercial farms that employ less than 10 people.

The modified ordinance will be presented to each municipality for approval.

Koch suggested that a representative from the Fire Authority explain the proposal to the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. Her idea, however, did not bode well with members of the fire department.

"I'm getting tired of these delays," Fire Inspector Matt Tuttle said. "Just let us do our job."

Assistant Fire Chief Bill Paul said that if businesses are against the

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Developer has plans for Meabon's building

Public walks out after long discussion.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Several residents left the Chelsea Village Planning Commission meeting Nov. 19 before having an opportunity to express their opinions.

A 20-minute delay in starting the meeting and a long discussion on landscaping

caused the meeting to drag on past 11 p.m.

The landscaping discussion related to a proposal by builder Steven Brouwer to demolish the vacant Meabon's Appliance Store, 1170 S. Main St., and replace it with a structure 56 percent larger, subdivided into six retail shops.

Plans call for a facade replicating the existing Pamida shopping center motif and

the name Chelsea Place.

Landscaping standards require the planting of 23 trees on the site, predominantly along the east property line that parallels M-52. Brouwer said that he couldn't meet the requirements because of utility easements and an existing fire hydrant.

Commissioner Rik Haugen suggested that Brouwer try to secure an agreement with

neighboring Chelsea Lanes to plant trees on its property.

Commissioner Ann Valle said trees could be planted in rock garden islands within the Chelsea Shopping Center parking lot.

A discussion ensued over how many canopy trees should be planted in ratio to ornamental trees, and the species to be used.

Another variable was

where to place a required monument sign.

A number of people at the meeting, some of whom were there by invitation to discuss recreational needs within the village, used this time to take a break.

Their return witnessed a change in emphasis from trees to the need for a street wall on the property line that

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Photo courtesy of Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce

Outgoing Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce President Ric Sauer got an opportunity to give Santa his wish list at the Nov. 21 Business After Hours event held at the Comfort Inn. Art DiIs succeeds Sauer as president of the organization in January.

Planning team continues to meet

■ *Group unhappy with MDOT's contributions.*

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Chelsea Area Planning Team met Nov. 18 at Lyndon Township Hall in its first meeting since mid-summer.

While there was no representative from Sylvan Township, a representative from the school board showed up for the first time in about three years.

Chelsea school board Trustee Susan Moore attended the meeting on behalf of the district. David Behen and Amy Golke of the Washtenaw County Advisory Board, formerly the Washtenaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission, were also in attendance.

Sylvan Township's absence hampered progress at the meeting because the Township Board has had the most questions concerning a cooperation agreement that the planning team is drafting. Sylvan is opposed to lan-

guage that implies annexation of its land by the village remains a possibility.

Lima Township Supervisor Ken Unterbrink said annexation issues have not yet been ruled out between his township and the village and the agreement language still applies.

A modification by Washtenaw County Commissioner Joseph Yekulis, R-District 1, was adopted. The language was changed from "shall pursue" to "current and future annexation agreements are completed."

The planning team also approved Yekulis' suggestions to update the document's language to reflect the fact that the team is now an established entity.

The meeting was the first since the dissolution of the Washtenaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission, a body that was instrumental in the formation of the agreement.

Behen said that he and Golke will help the regional

planners and act as a clearinghouse for disseminating information.

In the spirit of cooperation and to promote an effort to share plans, Unterbrink recommended that the agreement once again have a place for a member of the Chelsea School District.

Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryann Noah pressed Chelsea Village President Richard Steele to state his community's commitment to cooperation. She asked if the settlement of annexation issues between the village and Sylvan could strengthen the village's commitment.

Noah also asked if Village Planning Commission Chairman Chris Rode's comments after the last regional meeting, declaring the endeavor a dead issue, was reflective of how the village thinks.

Steele said Rode's comments were not an indication of how he felt and that the Village Council could re-examine the agreement next month if no more changes were written.

The planning team also discussed the "ineffectiveness" of the Michigan Department of Transportation in helping with the Chelsea West bypass and the installation of a red light at the intersection of M-52 and Werkner Road.

Noah proposed that she and Dexter Township Supervisor Pat Kelly draw up a resolution protesting MDOT's inattention to the matter.

Kelly also deplored the lack of construction signs on M-52 within the village.

Lyndon Township Planning Commission Chairman Jay Hopkins asked why there was a "road closed ahead" sign on Old US-12 when it applied to Freer Road. He said it was misleading.

Yekulis said he hoped to see many of those in attendance at a Dec. 9 meeting to discuss the bypass.

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separates M-52 from the existing parking lot.

Commission Chairman Chris Rode said that a 2½-foot-high wall was a requirement within the relatively recently formed gateway overlay district.

Rode said the purpose of the wall is to block car headlights from shining onto a roadway. He said that mitigating circumstances would allow for a wrought-iron fence instead, but because it would be the first project in the overlay district, he preferred not to make an exception.

Brouwer said if there was

no room for trees then there was no room for a street wall. Moreover, he said it would look out of place with the surrounding businesses.

Village Engineer Christine Linfield said the wall would further complicate the placement of trees and could be considered a hazard by the Michigan Department of Transportation if it impedes sight distance.

Valle asked if more trees could be substituted for the wall, but Rode said the ordinance makes no allowances for a tradeoff.

By this time, three of four people who were there to discuss parks and recreation, including Community Education Director Jeff Rohrer, left the meeting.

Commissioners postponed consideration of Chelsea Place to give Brouwer a chance to have drawings done to determine whether landscaping requirements could be accommodated.

The discussion of parks and recreation focused on convincing Commissioner Walter Bolt that various interested parties in the matter, including the village, Community Education and the recreation department, could work together without competing for the same tax dollars.

In another matter, the commission approved a request from Jim Machnik to have a 6.7 lot that he owns at the end of Gene Drive and a two-acre lot that he owns at the end of

Machnik Drive rezoned from agricultural to residential.

Zoning Inspector Jim Drott said that since more than five acres on the larger parcel are wetlands, little development will take place.

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idea and the fire department has to proceed with inspections anyway, it could cause hard feelings.

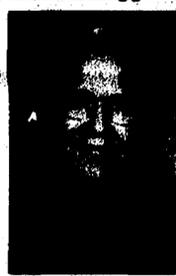
"Businesses do not run this department," he said.

Noah said that a presentation could simply serve as an informational exchange to dispel rumors and for the sake of public relations.

Noah's argument convinced Tuttle that a presentation could be used to the fire department's advantage.

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Brain teaser

Pupils take part in Odyssey of the Mind

By Shella Pursglove
Associate Editor

Humpty Dumpty would have cheered.

More than 300 Chelsea youngsters recently figured out ways to parcel an egg so it wouldn't break when dropped.

The brain-boggling experiment was part of this year's Odyssey of the Mind program, fostering creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

Pupils in second through fifth grade from the three Chelsea elementary schools participated, said Rebecca Chamberlain, coordinator of the Chelsea School District's Talent Development Program.

Chamberlain said the program is open to pupils who like to invent, think of different solutions, enjoy the challenge of hard problems and work with others on a team.

The program is voluntary and open to children who are interested in additional challenges, she said. Pupils meet once a week for eight to 10 weeks each fall during lunch and recess. They're helped by a group of about 15 parents.

"Parents go through an orientation and then run the program on their own with support from the Talent



Several fifth-graders at South Meadows Elementary School took part in the Nov. 1 Odyssey of the Mind held at the school. Graham Wagner (left), Ben Sauers and Jonathan Skidmore focus on their project.



Abby Ingall (left), Viktor Rosza and Matthew Golden package their egg.

Development Program," Chamberlain said.

Parents Deb Myers, Catherine Varner, Lori Cox, Diane Bloom, David Bloom, Laura Carry and Peggy Liggit head the team at Pierce Lake Elementary School.

Eddie Wiarda, Laurel McDevitt, Margaret Olsen, Alison Marable and Sonya Rosza volunteer at South Meadows Elementary School.

Pat Cole, Mary Boyce, Jim and Linda Cramer, Audrey Lodewyck, Karen Burchett, Tammy Crowder and Jeff Crowder are involved in the North Creek Elementary School program.

Chamberlain said Odyssey of the Mind is a nationwide program.

"Students at the elementary level don't do competitions in Chelsea, but there

are possibilities for that at the junior high and high school levels," she said.

Chamberlain said she hopes to recruit more parents to coach so she can offer more groups and extra hands-on time with smaller groups.

The Odyssey of the Mind is one of four ongoing opportunities offered by the Talent

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Fire Board rejects village lease

■ Tank could be stored at sewer authority instead.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Chelsea Area Fire Authority Board has decided to pass on a lease agreement with Chelsea Village to use its wastewater treatment plant for a training exercise.

The confined spaces training would have incorporated a decontaminated chemical tank to be donated by Pall Corp., formerly Pall-Gelman Corp.

Assistant Fire Chief Bill Paul said the tank could have been purchased for the \$200 cost to haul it from its Wagner Road location.

He said that he initially

supported the lease agreement with the village. A lack of communication, however, and the village's threat to pull out of the Fire Authority, coupled with the possibility that the fire department may have had to leave the tank in the village's possession, soured him to on the idea, he said.

Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryann Noah said she would look into the feasibility of storing the tank at the Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority site on North Territorial Road in Dexter Township.

Also at the board's meeting last week, questions were raised about the Americans With Disabilities Act and whether some regulations make sense.

Ron Beyer, a Waterloo

Township Board trustee, said the Fire Authority's substation in Waterloo Township is under renovation. While a ramp is required, the doorway does not necessarily have to be wide enough to accommodate all wheelchairs, he said.

Beyer said contractors are causing delays, too. He said there is a problem with storing vehicles because the building is not yet heated.

Paul said he is upset with the Fire Board for allowing contractor delays. He also accused the board of hiring

the firm without checking it out first because the board had no time to collect bids.

The board gave the contractor until Dec. 11 to have the work completed or be removed from the job.

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Michael Kundak-Cowall (left), Ryan Fark, Kyle Carpenter, Nicole Glander, Colin Lenehan, Aparna Ghosh and Emma Bumstead were winners in the recent Chelsea District Library Young Adult Short Story contest. Fark placed first in the high school division, while Bumstead took first in the middle school division.

Chelsea library names winners in bake-off contest

The Friends of the Chelsea District Library recently held its second annual Youth Bake-Off competition.

Katie Personke was awarded Best of Show for her apple pie, featuring her great-grandmother's "For sure vinegar crust."

Claire Stephens took first place with cinnamon maple rings, Katie Shott was second with apricot squares and Kim Hansen captured third place with fudge meltaways.

Jennifer Williams' peanut butter blossoms and Megan Emberton's super brownies both earned honorable mentions.

Prizes included copies of Debbie Fields' All American Dessert cookbook and gift certificates to area businesses.

A booklet featuring all the recipes soon will be offered at the library.

In the Young Adult Short Story Contest, middle school division, Emma Bumstead took first place with "Au-

ror's Story," Aparna Ghosh grabbed second place with "The Indian Heritage Club: Anjali and the Mystery Break-in" and Michael Kundak-Cowall took third place with his entry, "Not Really from Sea to Shining Sea."

Ryan Fark captured first place in the high school division with his opus, "Nar-rowway," Nicole Glander was second with "Cowboy Martin

and Blue Rocket" and Noelle Temple took third with "The Only Red Dragon."

The two first-place winners received gift certificates provided by The Common Grill.

Youth Services Librarian Tina Diab said the judges were impressed at the depth and creativity of Chelsea's young writers. Diab hopes to offer writing workshops next summer as part of the Summer Reading Program.

Sylvan endorses fire millage

Board doesn't think Chelsea should collect rent for fire station.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Sylvan Township Board has decided to endorse a fire millage to pay for future operations and building needs if nothing in the current agreement changes.

Last month, Andrew Adrian, chairman of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority Board, asked representatives of the authority's participating municipalities to approach their respective boards with two funding approaches.

The choices, one of which would be implemented in the spring, were to ask for a millage or continue the current system of billing, which is based on the percentage of runs per municipality.

Complicating the Sylvan Township Board's decision Nov. 12 was a letter from Chelsea Village President

Richard Steele to Adrian asking that the Fire Authority pay rent for use of the West Middle Street station.

Sylvan Township Board Trustee Earl Heller said he doesn't think the public will support a millage that would help fund renovations at the main station if the village is collecting rent for the station.

Township Supervisor Charles Burgess said that if the village is going to demand rent, it should be responsible for its own building maintenance.

Heller said that if the village becomes a city, he would not be surprised if it pulled

out of the Fire Authority and the remaining municipalities would have to rethink their approach to fire service.

Clerk LuAnn Koch said it's a bad time to be thinking of any increase in outlays because townships do not have any extra money to pay for fire runs and residents are likely to reject a millage request.

The board decided to compose a cautious reply stating that a millage is the preferred approach to funding if nothing in the current structure changes.

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Let's celebrate 'Buy Nothing Day'



KENT ASHTON WALTON

JUST A THOUGHT

We're constantly being urged to help increase the gross domestic product by being good consumers. Buy, buy, buy, we're told. The consumer's motto is "United We Spend." The gross domestic product, however, also improves in times of war. We manufacture more bombs, the rise of cancer increases hospitals'

profit, and when old-growth forests are cut down, the lumber industry thrives. Not all of us would agree these are things to encourage. Then there's national "Buy Nothing Day," which will be celebrated Friday. Ted Dave of Vancouver began the movement in 1991. On this day of the year, we're asked not to buy anything. I know this will make some people real nervous, but it's a good thing for me. I don't happen to like shopping. In fact, I've developed what is called "acquisiphobia," a fear of shopping. I have only to go into a mega store like Meijer and I start to tremble and feel queasy. I just can't cope with those endless aisles and the vastness of the place. I feel

threatened by the multitude of goods piled up to the ceiling. I'm also directionally challenged. I get lost coming out of my driveway. So when I'm faced with that huge grid of crisscrossing aisles, I want to run out to the parking lot and curl up in a fetal position on my car seat. Then there is the music. Why do stores constantly bombard customers with loud, screaming singers? It even follows you into the restroom. You can't get away from it. It destroys any peace of mind I might have left after driving on truck-crowded freeways to get to the darned store. Again, I end up running to the car and curling up. My other peeve is that even when I can stand to be in a

store to make an essential purchase, the goods are all shoddy stuff made in China or some other Asian country. The label "Made in America" seems to have gone out with the Susan B. Anthony dollar. Not only is the quality and design poor — and I've shopped in some expensive-looking stores in Bloomfield Hills — but the selection is usually between two makes and colors. We also know that everything is designed to last up to 12 months before it breaks and needs replacing. Repairs are a thing of the past. If people didn't shop for a day but stayed home, talked with their children about not using drugs, spending less money and watching less television, look how much gas that would save. We wouldn't

need to drill in the Alaskan wilderness for more oil. Shopping and spending money also makes me think about the 40 million people in the United States below the poverty level, and increasing by 1.3 million annually. When you don't have money, you buy seldom and wisely, or you go into debt quickly. Credit card debt in the United States is now \$700 billion and growing. Close to 40 percent of this debt is borne by those below the median income. A recent study found that 92 percent of college sophomores carry an average credit card debt of over \$2,300. This is a symptom of "affluenza," a disease of wanting too much. There's another bonus to

Buy Nothing Day. All store employees could be given a paid holiday. Or the stores could remain open with a skeleton staff and serve free cookies to customers. They could even tote a big sale for the following day and let customers savor the bargains. Buy Nothing Day seems like a good idea to me — in fact, I wish it were Buy Nothing Month. I know that Christmas, the biggest gift day of the year, is on us but I suspect most people have done their Christmas shopping. Will you dare to participate and not buy for a day? Kent Ashton Walton is a free-lance writer. He can be reached via e-mail at kentwalton@earthlink.net.

Deer culls in metroparks are inhumane



NOREEN OWENS

GUEST EDITORIAL

The Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority is currently in its fourth year of deer management at our metroparks. In the beginning, the culls were rated as an experiment. As the killing quietly continues, 1,000 deer have been slaughtered with more than 400 deer expected to be

killed this year. The number of parks where deer management occurs also continues to rise. The metropark uses volunteer hunters at several of its locations and trained rangers to act as sharpshooters at Kensington Metropark. This is a highly politically charged issue. Four years ago, a bill was introduced, directed specifically at the metroparks, that if passed would mandate the use of hunters to control all deer populations and other wildlife populations across the state of Michigan, making sharpshooting, or non-lethal forms of deer management, illegal. Urban parks are not the

place to use weapons, where family time is a priority. Many people are also concerned about the safety of park patrons and surrounding residents. Metroparks Deer Preservation Council opposes the use of lethal force in our metroparks and questions the humaneness, effectiveness and efficiency of lethal forms of deer control. Killing perpetuates higher reproductive rates since more food becomes available for the surviving deer and because they become desperate to rebuild their herd numbers. Deer who are living in a territory where numbers are becoming too high actually slow down their reproductive rates as food is not as

plentiful. As a result, the does reabsorb the embryos to nourish themselves and do not produce any offspring. As the Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority enters its fourth year of killing deer in the same parks, it would seem obvious that this solution is not the most effective method available. Most people aren't aware that deer wounded during bow-and-

arrow season have to be tracked and cannot be killed using a gun. Therefore, while the doe or buck is still alive, the hunter must then slit his or her throat, since it is illegal to use firearms during archery season. In our opinion, this is a sadistic and horrific form of deer control. Metroparks Deer Preservation Council believes that non-lethal

forms of deer management are more humane solutions to controlling the deer numbers. Metroparks Deer Preservation Council has researched non-lethal methods available to control deer numbers and will be working with the Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority on a plan for Lake Erie Metropark. Metroparks Deer Preservation Council believes that people and animals can coexist harmoniously. Noreen Owens, a Detroit resident, is a member of Metroparks Deer Preservation Council, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization. She can be reached via e-mail at deerpreservation@yahoo.com.

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We must close down terrorism school



LYNN MEADOWS

GUEST EDITORIAL

Some of the signs read "Take a Stand for Non-Violence," "Bread, Not Bombs," "Imagine, a Better World is Possible" and one — with a picture of President Bush — reads "Uproot every known terrorist training camp? What about the School of the Americas?" On Nov. 15, I left with four other people for the grueling 14-hour trip through rain, road construction and one accident to Columbus, Ga.

The place is home to Fort Benning military base, which includes the School of Americas — more recently renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. I met people from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, California and Colorado and many other places. All had come to ask for the closing of the school. The school, known popularly as the School of Assassins, has trained 60,000 Latin American soldiers in combat skills and psychological warfare. In 1996, the Pentagon was forced to release training manuals used at the school that advocate torture, false imprisonment, extortion and execution. Graduates are cited for some of the most horrific atrocities in Latin America, including the El Mozote massacre of 900 civilians in El

Salvador, the assassination of six Jesuits and their co-workers, terror campaigns against civilians and indigenous people in Guatemala, as well as recent massacres in Colombia. Colombia, with more than 10,000 troops trained at the School of the Americas, is the school's largest customer. Not surprisingly, Colombia currently has the worst human rights record in the western hemisphere. Human Rights Watch's February 2000 report on the Colombian military implicates seven graduates in 1999 crimes, including kidnap-

ping, murder, massacres and setting up paramilitary groups. While I was in Columbus, between 8,000 and 15,000 people joined together for mass civil disobedience, with an en masse funeral procession "crossing the line" onto Fort Benning, but outside of the gates and fence. A total of 98 people were arrested for crossing further onto the base property, by either going around or through the fence. Once again, this year, there were people arrested who accidentally drove onto the base where there is no fence. Demonstrators carried American flags and crosses honoring the alleged victims

of the abuses in Latin America. Three protesters carried a mock coffin draped in black. Others wore shirts that said "No War in Iraq." After the traditional funeral procession, the protesters danced and sang to freedom songs, including a performance by the nationally known Indigo Girls. There also was a parade of colorful puppets, and young men and women singing and beating tambourines while walking on stilts. Fort Benning officials commented on the demonstration. Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, the post commander, called it "America at its finest." Col. Richard Downie, the institute's commandant, said: "The peaceful protest today outside the gates is a celebration of democracy. At a

time when our nation is engaged in a war on terrorism, it is absolutely crucial that we build friendships." The founder of School of the Americas Watch, Roy Bourgeois, started protesting this use of taxpayer money 13 years ago with a handful of people. He was among the protesters who gathered Sunday for the annual demonstration that has grown immensely in the 13 years. Participants vow to keep returning every year, as long as it takes to close the school. I will be with them as often as possible. To learn more about the school and the effort to close it, visit www.soaw.org or call 1-202-234-3440. Lynn Meadows is a Lyndon Township resident. She can be reached at 433-9102.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Salt harms our local waterways
When we were asked to approve water treatment by osmosis in Chelsea we were told that that process would soften water without the need for water softener salt. Now it appears that the Village Council wants Tetra Tech to discharge reverse-osmosis salt into Letts Creek. Downriver those fish, bugs, plants and other aquatic and ultimately human life forms that thrive on reverse-osmosis salt can drink and swim with those life forms that thrive on other toxins that become our rivers, Great Lakes and oceans.

We are entitled by law to add our fair burden of toxins to our aquatic environment. We can expect that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, appointed by the administration that fought for years to enable air polluters in Western Michigan to pollute more than the Environmental Protection Agency required, will be more than generous with what it permits us to pollute. But shouldn't we consider removing and disposing of reverse-osmosis salt in a way that spreads its harmful effects less? Isn't that what sealed landfills are for?

Personally I think it's a shame that we didn't consider what to do about this salt

before we made it.
Robert Ponte
Chelsea Village

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Deck the halls

Pupils design banners to hang in main hallway at Pierce Lake school

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Visitors to Pierce Lake Elementary School often stop to admire the brightly decorated banners hanging in the main hallway.

The banners were created by fifth-graders under the tutelage of art teacher Patti Rogers.

Fifth-graders start designing ideas for banners each February. They dream up slogans and ideas, and discuss color, lettering, balance, contrast and design.

"Designs are made on 9-by-12 paper with markers and crayons," Rogers said. "The students have to decide how to put all the ideas together to create a pleasing design."

"The whole process takes about two art classes to finish."

Faculty and staff pick the final banner design to represent the class for the year.

The design is then sent to a company in Virginia, where it's enlarged and sewn into

fabric, a process that takes about two months.

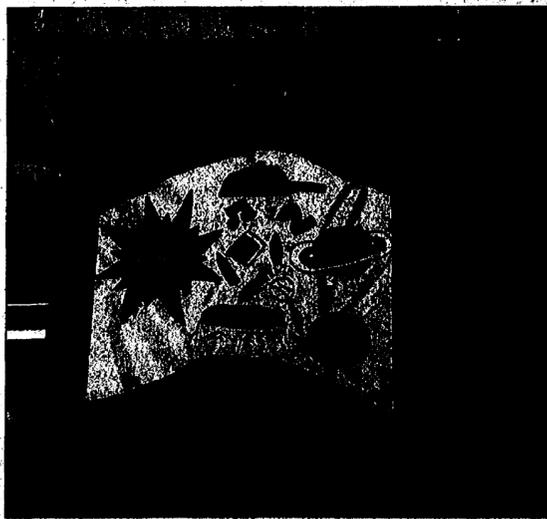
A banner costs between \$350 and \$450, depending on its complexity, money taken from the school's general fund. The cost of the first two banners, designed by Trish Terns and Ben Faeth, were donated by Kingscott Architects and Granger Construction after the architects suggested the large main hall needed some color.

"Having the students design them, rather than buying ready-made ones, made it even more special," Rogers said. "Once the main hall is filled up with banners, more will be hung up in each of the two pods."

On Sept. 23, a presentation was made at the school board meeting held at Pierce Lake Elementary School.

The fifth-graders who have designed the banners since the first year of the program were presented with framed certificates of recognition.

Eve Morrels-Samuels is



The main hallway at Pierce Lake Elementary School is festooned with banners created each year by fifth-grade pupils with the help of art teacher Patti Rogers.

now a sixth-grader; seventh-grader Brittany Gamester has moved away from the school district; George Merkel is in eighth grade; and Ben Faeth and Trisha Terns are sophomores at Chelsea High School.



Pierce Lake Elementary School art teacher Patti Rogers is joined by eighth-grader George Merkel (left), sixth-grader Eve Morrels-Samuels and high school sophomores Trisha Terns and Ben Faeth. The pupils were honored at a recent school board meeting for creating winning designs for school banners during their fifth-grade years.

A plaque naming the students and the year the banners were made hangs in the school's front hall.

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

Yule celebration

Chelsea's 15th Festival of Lights to kick off Dec. 6

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The 15th annual Chelsea Festival of Lights Kicks off 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6 with a tree lighting ceremony next to McKune House.

The Chelsea Rotary Club is sponsoring the ceremony.

"Everyone looks forward to having the tree lit. It begins the festival weekend," said festival coordinator Pam Radcliffe, assistant director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

The ceremony includes participation by Chelsea Fair Queen runner-up Sarah Misenheimer, the Chelsea High School Band and an appearance by Jolly Old St. Nick.

The tree lighting will set in motion a weekend chock-full of events around the village.

Activities include a live crèche tableau from 7 to 8:30 p.m. next to the tree with costumed actors, animals, readings and music. The crèche is a visual way for children to learn about the Christmas story in a fun, easy-to-understand format, organizers say.

Across the street, the UAW Hall will be transformed into Santa's workshop. Children will be invited to make holiday crafts while waiting their turn to visit Santa Claus.

Festival-goers may stroll through the downtown and admire gingerbread houses in shop windows, as well.

The First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle St., will offer cookie decorating classes for children from 7 to 9 p.m., as well as tractor drawn and horse-drawn hayrides.

The First United Method-

ist Church on Park Street will offer a mission marketplace, cookies and warm cider.

Members of the Youth Dance Theatre of Chelsea will preview their upcoming "Nutcracker Ballet" performance at the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, 400 Congdon St.

The evening will close with a half-hour community sing-along 9 p.m. at the Chelsea Depot on Jackson Street.

A full day of activities is on tap for Saturday, with a Yule Tree Walk sponsored by the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts.

The center, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., also offers a

holiday shop, artists market, artists reception and art gallery.

The CCDA will host an afternoon of music with the Chelsea Children's Choir and Chelsea Chorus concert, as well as a performance by the Common Chords Bell Choir.

Santa Claus will put in a three-hour appearance during the afternoon and the center will also hold a session of holiday craft making/ Beading demonstrations.

Storytelling, music, special store sales and a seminar on holiday centerpieces are also on the agenda for the village.

Palmer Ford will offer a display for the automotive

enthusiast with its miniature village and Model T exhibit. The company will also be collecting for Toys for Tots and Teens throughout the weekend.

The weekend rounds out with a holiday concert 3 p.m.

Sunday at the First Congregational Church, featuring the Chelsea Chamber Players, and a Festival of Lessons and Carols slated for 7 p.m. at the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle Street.

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Guild members will display and sell handspun yarns, knitted, woven and felted garments, as well as hats, purses, jewelry, toys and ornaments. Books and spinning wheels also will be available to buy.

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In 1636, in the midst of all these horrors, Pastor Rinckart composed the words to the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," a hymn which you wouldn't dare leave out in a Lutheran Thanksgiving service, and one that I believe is known quite well outside the Lutheran Church.

Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wonders things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices.

How could he write those words? Was he blind to the troubles around him? Didn't he notice people suffering and dying? Didn't he care? The answer is that Pastor Rinckart was aware that his God was far greater than any troubles occurring on this earth. His faith in the power and love and ultimate victory of his God led him to put the words of St. Paul into practice, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6)

We also find ourselves suddenly in a very troublesome time. War and disease are no longer just remote threats to our United States. Yet no matter what happens, we can give thanks to God, because He will make all things work together for our good. He will, as the hymn says, "keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next!"

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Development Program. The other three are "Fun with Shakespeare," "Junior Great Books" and "Chess Club."

The program also offers special programs throughout the year. Classroom speakers give presentations called "Revolutionary War Reen-

actment," "Journey Through Space," "Historic Mackinac," "Classroom Critters," "Building Bridges" and "Political Candidates."

Assemblies include such topics as native American dancing and culture, West African drumming, Thomas Edison, weather, and light and shadow.

In the mentor program, tutors and mentors from such

places as Chrysler Corp., Pfizer Inc. and The Pines Retirement Community meet with pupils once a week year-round to help with math, reading, science, writing, and such special topic areas as art, the solar system and historic literature.

The Talent Development Program services 1,200 students and 2,400 parents. As coordinator, Chamber-

lain recruits volunteers, provides training, conducts research and program development with peers, and writes grants to fund programs both locally and at the state level.

"It's a very creative and rewarding position," she said. "I believe our teaching staff is very gifted and our parent support in Chelsea is tremendous."

LIBRARY

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the library for day-to-day expenses related to its work with the library and for unforeseen expenses pending pre-approval.

Fanning-Howey will be paid \$40,000 for its services, which fall within the same time frame as The Breton Group.

Both approvals are contingent upon legal review.

The board also approved a cooperative venture with Chelsea schools to promote the school district's laptop pilot project.

The library will allow its facilities to be adapted for a wireless access base of operations for pupils in the pilot program. The library rents its current space from the school district.

Library Director Metta Lansdale said in a memorandum that she is impressed with the program.

She also said an agreement would provide an opportunity for the library to become more visible within the community.

The board also discussed renewing its lease agreement with the Chelsea School District to retain its current facility through 2004.

The fee will increase the original \$13-per-square-foot fee by an average of \$1.20 over two years and by \$1.37 if the third-year option is exercised.

Shawn Personke, community relations director for the library, said the board is likely to renew the lease in December.

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Helping Hands

Paul Weber (left), president of the Chelsea Lions Club, recently presented a new white, folding cane to Chelsea resident Carolyn Rudd. The club, whose charity work includes a focus on vision programs, meets 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chelsea Community Hospital.

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victim simulator.

- \$10,190 for an air shores kit.
- \$4,200 for a rescue saw kit.
- \$4,000 for a small trailer.
- Money for an escape air pack, portable lights and generator, halogen bars, and various tools.

An additional \$11,400 was targeted for training fees, a laptop computer, projector and screen for PowerPoint presentations, a television and VCR for video training presentations, and food and building materials.

The total cost of the comprehensive program represents more than 11 percent of the current year's budget, Bird said.

The administrator said a 10 percent match of \$7,315 will be allocated from the operating budget contingency fund,

a small reserve established annually for unanticipated costs.

Maintenance costs, including training newly hired personnel, providing continuing education, annual sponsorship of a class and repairing and replacing RIT equipment is estimated to be \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year and would be provided for in future budgets, she said.

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The banners were created by fifth-graders under the tutelage of art teacher Patti Rogers.

Fifth-graders start designing ideas for banners each February. They dream up slogans and ideas, and discuss color, lettering, balance, contrast and design.

"Designs are made on 9-by-12 paper with markers and crayons," Rogers said. "The students have to decide how to put all the ideas together to create a pleasing design."

"The whole process takes about two art classes to finish."

Faculty and staff pick the final banner design to represent the class for the year.

The design is then sent to a company in Virginia, where it's enlarged and sewn into

fabric, a process that takes about two months.

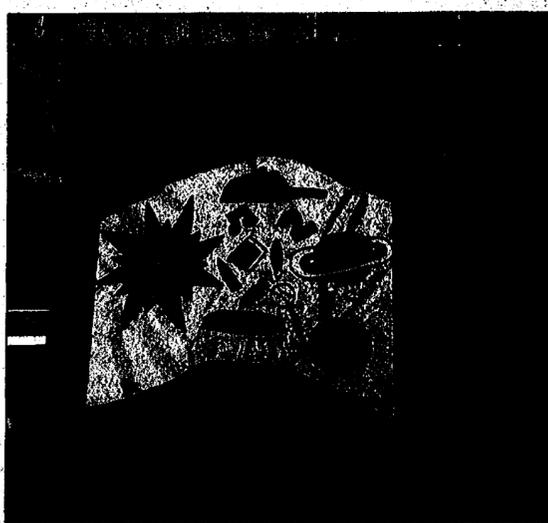
A banner costs between \$350 and \$450, depending on its complexity, money taken from the school's general fund. The cost of the first two banners, designed by Trish Terns and Ben Faeth, were donated by Kingscott Architects and Granger Construction after the architects suggested the large main hall needed some color.

"Having the students design them, rather than buying ready-made ones, made it even more special," Rogers said. "Once the main hall is filled up with banners, more will be hung up in each of the two pods."

On Sept. 23, a presentation was made at the school board meeting held at Pierce Lake Elementary School.

The fifth-graders who have designed the banners since the first year of the program were presented with framed certificates of recognition.

Eve Morrels-Samuels is



The main hallway at Pierce Lake Elementary School is festooned with banners created each year by fifth-grade pupils with the help of art teacher Patti Rogers.

now a sixth-grader; seventh-grader Brittany Gamester has moved away from the school district; George Merkel is in eighth grade; and Ben Faeth and Trisha Terns are sophomores at Chelsea High School.



Pierce Lake Elementary School art teacher Patti Rogers is joined by eighth-grader George Merkel (left), sixth-grader Eve Morrels-Samuels and high school sophomores Trisha Terns and Ben Faeth. The pupils were honored at a recent school board meeting for creating winning designs for school banners during their fifth-grade years.

A plaque naming the students and the year the banners were made hangs in the school's front hall.

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Yule celebration

Chelsea's 15th Festival of Lights to kick off Dec. 6

By Sheila Purglove
Associate Editor

The 15th annual Chelsea Festival of Lights kicks off 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6 with a tree lighting ceremony next to McKune House.

The Chelsea Rotary Club is sponsoring the ceremony.

"Everyone looks forward to having the tree lit. It begins the festival weekend," said festival coordinator Pam Radcliffe, assistant director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

The ceremony includes participation by Chelsea Fair Queen runner-up Sarah Misenheimer, the Chelsea High School Band and an appearance by Jolly Old St. Nick.

The tree lighting will set in motion a weekend chock-full of events around the village.

Activities include a live crèche tableau from 7 to 8:30 p.m. next to the tree with costumed actors, animals, feedings and music. The crèche is a visual way for children to learn about the Christmas story in a fun, easy-to-understand format, organizers say.

Across the street, the UAW Hall will be transformed into Santa's workshop. Children will be invited to make holiday crafts while waiting their turn to visit Santa Claus.

Festival-goers may stroll through the downtown and admire gingerbread houses in shop windows, as well.

The First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle St. will offer cookie decorating classes for children from 7 to 9 p.m., as well as tractor drawn and horse-drawn hayrides.

The First United Method-

ist Church on Park Street will offer a mission marketplace, cookies and warm cider.

Members of the Youth Dance Theatre of Chelsea will preview their upcoming "Nutcracker Ballet" performance at the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, 400 Congdon St.

The evening will close with a half-hour community sing-along 9 p.m. at the Chelsea Depot on Jackson Street.

A full day of activities is on tap for Saturday, with a Yule Tree Sale sponsored by the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts.

The center, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., also offers a

holiday shop, artists-market, artists reception and art gallery.

The CCDA will host an afternoon of music with the Chelsea Children's Choir and Chelsea Chorus concert, as well as a performance by the Common Chords Bell Choir.

Santa Claus will put in a three-hour appearance during the afternoon and the center will also hold a session of holiday craft making.

Beading demonstrations, storytelling, music, special store sales and a seminar on holiday centerpieces are also on the agenda for the village.

Palmer Ford will offer a display for the automotive

enthusiast with its miniature village and Model T exhibit. The company will also be collecting for Toys for Tots and Teens throughout the weekend.

The weekend rounds out with a holiday concert 3 p.m.

Sunday at the First Congregational Church, featuring the Chelsea Chamber Players, and a Festival of Lessons and Carols slated for 7 p.m. at the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle Street.

Guild to showcase crafts Saturday

A group of Dexter and Chelsea residents will show off their wares at the 14th annual Handspinners' Holiday Fair.

Spinners Flock members Barbara Ulman, Emille Polens, Suzanne Van Natter, Dorothy Brooks and Lee Ann Racine will be at the event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor.

Guild members will display and sell handspun yarns, knitted, woven and felted garments, as well as hats, purses, jewelry, toys and ornaments. Books and spinning wheels also will be available to buy.

The free event will feature demonstrations of handspinning and other fiber crafts throughout the day.

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In 1636, in the midst of all these horrors, Pastor Rinckart composed the words to the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," a hymn which you wouldn't dare leave out in a Lutheran Thanksgiving service, and one that I believe is known quite well outside the Lutheran Church.

Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things have done,
In whom His world rejoices,
In whom His world rejoices.

How could he write those words? Was he blind to the troubles around him? Didn't he notice people suffering and dying? Didn't he care? The answer is that Pastor Rinckart was aware that his God was far greater than any troubles occurring on this earth. His faith in the power and love and ultimate victory of His God led him to put the words of St. Paul into practice, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6)

We also find ourselves suddenly in a very troublesome time. War and disease are no longer just remote threats to our United States. Yet no matter what happens, we can give thanks to God, because He will make all things work together for our good. He will, as the hymn says, "keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next!"

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Development Program. The other three are "Fun with Shakespeare," "Junior Great Books" and "Chess Club."

The program also offers special programs throughout the year. Classroom speakers give presentations called "Revolutionary War Reen-

actment," "Journey Through Space," "Historic Mackinac," "Classroom Critters," "Building Bridges" and "Political Candidates."

Assemblies include such topics as native American dancing and culture, West African drumming, Thomas Edison, weather, and light and shadow.

In the mentor program, tutors and mentors from such

places as Chrysler Corp., Pfizer Inc. and The Pines Retirement Community meet with pupils once a week year-round to help with math, reading, science, writing, and such special topic areas as art, the solar system and historic literature.

The Talent Development Program services 1,200 students and 2,400 parents. As coordinator, Chamber-

lain recruits volunteers, provides training, conducts research and program development with peers, and writes grants to fund programs both locally and at the state level.

"It's a very creative and rewarding position," she said. "I believe our teaching staff is very gifted and our parent support in Chelsea is tremendous."

LIBRARY

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the library for day-to-day expenses related to its work with the library and for unforeseen expenses pending pre-approval.

Fanning-Howey will be paid \$40,000 for its services, which fall within the same time frame as The Breton Group.

Both approvals are contingent upon legal review.

The board also approved a cooperative venture with Chelsea schools to promote the school district's laptop pilot project.

The library will allow its facilities to be adapted for a wireless access base of operations for pupils in the pilot program. The library rents its current space from the school district.

Library Director Metta Lansdale said in a memorandum that she is impressed with the program.

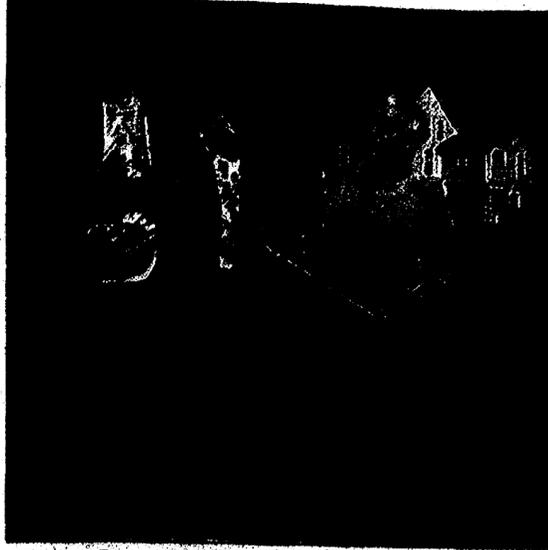
She also said an agreement would provide an opportunity for the library to become more visible within the community.

The board also discussed renewing its lease agreement with the Chelsea School District to retain its current facility through 2004.

The fee will increase the original \$13-per-square-foot fee by an average of \$1.20 over two years and by \$1.37 if the third-year option is exercised.

Shawn Personke, community relations director for the library, said the board is likely to renew the lease in December.

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Helping Hands

Paul Weber (left), president of the Chelsea Lions Club, recently presented a new white, folding cane to Chelsea resident Carolyn Rudd. The club, whose charity work includes a focus on vision programs, meets 8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Chelsea Community Hospital.

GRANT

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victim simulator.

- \$10,190 for an air shores kit.
- \$4,200 for a rescue saw kit.
- \$4,000 for a small trailer.
- Money for an escape air pack, portable lights and generator, halogen bars, and various tools.

An additional \$11,400 was targeted for training fees, a laptop computer, projector and screen for PowerPoint presentations, a television and VCR for video training presentations, and food and building materials.

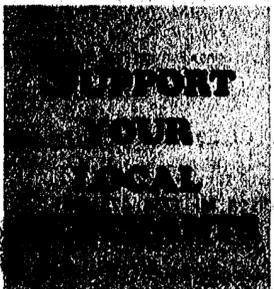
The total cost of the comprehensive program represents more than 11 percent of the current year's budget, Bird said.

The administrator said a 10 percent match of \$7,315 will be allocated from the operating budget contingency fund,

a small reserve established annually for unanticipated costs.

Maintenance costs, including training newly hired personnel, providing continuing education, annual sponsorship of a class and repairing and replacing RIT equipment is estimated to be \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year and would be provided for in future budgets, she said.

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HIGH: 28°-32° Clouds limiting sun and cold.	LOW: 12°-16° Partly to mostly cloudy and cold.	HIGH: 28°-32° Cold with clouds and sun. LOW: 13°-17°	HIGH: 35°-39° Clouds and sunshine. LOW: 23°-27°	HIGH: 37°-41° Mainly cloudy; rain or snow shower. LOW: 19°-23°	HIGH: 33°-37° Partly sunny and cold. LOW: 15°-19°

ALMANAC

Statistics for the week ending Nov. 24.

Temperatures:

- High for the week: 55°
- Low for the week: 21°
- Normal high: 44°
- Normal low: 31°
- Average temperature: 37.9°
- Normal average temperature: 37.4°

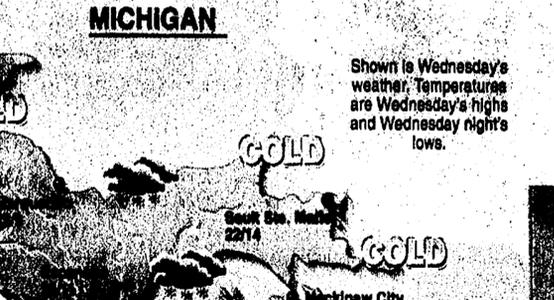
Precipitation:

- Total for the week: 0.50"
- Total for the month: 1.80"
- Total for the year: 24.75"
- Normal for the month: 2.39"
- % of normal this month: 78%
- % of normal this year: 78%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Wednesday: 7:29 a.m.
Sunset Wed. night: 5:06 p.m.
Moonrise Wednesday: 11:03 a.m.
Moonset Wednesday: 1:42 p.m.

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LOCAL WEATHER

City High/Low

Ann Arbor 30/18/c

Bay City 33/24/c

Dearborn 30/18/c

Detroit 30/18/c

Grand Rapids 30/18/c

Holland 28/18/c

Jackson 30/18/c

Kalamazoo 28/14/c

Lansing 28/13/c

Livonia 30/18/c

Midland 28/18/c

Monroe 31/18/c

Muskegon 28/19/c

Pontiac 28/18/c

Port Huron 30/19/c

Saginaw 29/17/c

Sears 30/14/c

South St. Marie 28/15/c

Sturgis 30/20/c

Troy 28/18/c

Traverse City 28/18/c

Westland 31/19/c

TRAVEL

Lansing, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties. Today will be cold with clouds and limited sunshine. Winds will be northerly at 8-18 mph. Thanksgiving day will remain dry with clouds and some sunshine and cold conditions.

REAL FEEL TEMPTM

The exclusive AccuWeather RealFeel Temperature measures how the air feels, taking into account all weather factors including temperature, humidity, wind, precipitation and sunshine. Shown is the highest real feel temperature for each day.

Highest Wednesday: 12°
Highest Thursday: 12°
Highest Friday: 12°
Highest Saturday: 25°

SOLUNAR TABLE

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

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1

UV INDEX

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

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Wed. HI/Lo/W	Thur. HI/Lo/W
Akron	30/17/c	30/18/c
Albany	27/15/c	28/19/c
Albuquerque	34/25/c	36/25/c
Anchorage	33/28/c	32/19/c
Atlanta	48/28/c	48/28/c
Atlanta City	40/24/c	38/24/c
Austin	45/28/c	45/31/c
Baltimore	40/24/c	37/24/c
Baton Rouge	47/32/c	46/31/c
Birmingham	40/30/c	51/32/c
Bismarck	44/25/c	46/25/c
Bloomington	30/18/c	41/25/c
Boston	38/24/c	44/25/c
Boise	38/22/c	34/22/c
Boston	38/22/c	34/22/c
Bostonville	52/45/r	51/47/c

MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Wed. HI/Lo/W	Thur. HI/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	30/18/c	30/15/c
Battle Creek	30/14/c	29/20/c
Bay City	33/24/c	33/24/c
Coldwater	30/18/c	30/21/c
Dearborn	30/18/c	32/23/c
Detroit	30/18/c	32/22/c
Grand Rapids	30/18/c	30/24/c
Holland	28/18/c	30/28/c
Jackson	30/18/c	30/22/c
Kalamazoo	28/14/c	30/20/c
Lansing	28/13/c	31/22/c
Livonia	30/18/c	31/21/c
Midland	28/18/c	33/25/c
Monroe	31/18/c	30/21/c
Muskegon	28/19/c	32/28/c
Pontiac	28/18/c	30/19/c
Port Huron	30/19/c	31/22/c
Saginaw	29/17/c	30/20/c
Sears	30/14/c	31/15/c
South St. Marie	28/15/c	28/25/c
Sturgis	30/20/c	30/20/c
Troy	28/18/c	21/18/c
Traverse City	28/18/c	32/29/c
Westland	31/19/c	35/24/c

WORLD CITIES

City	Wed. HI/Lo/W	Thur. HI/Lo/W
Algeria	68/52/c	70/60/c
Athens	62/59/c	64/57/c
Bangkok	88/72/c	88/74/c
Beijing	43/27/c	43/18/c
Belgrade	58/41/c	53/38/c
Bogota	70/50/c	70/50/c
Calcutta	80/58/c	79/58/c
Cape Town	88/58/c	68/48/c
Dublin	58/47/c	51/41/c
Geneva	51/41/c	51/41/c
Istanbul	60/49/c	62/48/c
Jerusalem	70/55/c	72/50/c
Karachi	63/58/c	61/50/c

WORLD CITIES

City	Wed. HI/Lo/W	Thur. HI/Lo/W
Lima	77/68/c	77/65/c
London	53/47/c	51/45/c
Manila	87/78/c	85/71/c
Montreal	18/3/c	13/7/c
Nairobi	81/65/c	79/54/c
Panama	89/78/c	89/75/c
Rio de Janeiro	80/70/c	79/68/c
San Juan	88/74/c	87/74/c
Seoul	38/28/c	48/38/c
Stockholm	38/28/c	34/27/c
Tehran	48/35/c	48/32/c
Vancouver	58/37/c	58/48/c
Warsaw	49/38/c	44/35/c

COMMUNITY

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DREAM BONES



Local man handcrafts musical bones

By Rita Fischer
Staff Writer

Bones are probably the most ancient of musical percussion instruments, predating drums. Examples have been excavated from ancient Mesopotamian graves and Egyptian tombs and depicted on Greek urns and Egyptian bas-reliefs.

They are mentioned in William Shakespeare's writings, were brought to North America by early settlers, and became a mainstay of music created by slaves.

Local resident Ray Schairer continues the ancient musical tradition, handcrafting wooden bones in a converted chicken coop on a local farm.

Schairer got into this unusual art when the son of legendary boxer and actor Percy Danforth was a director in Saline.

Danforth heard about Schairer, a former farmer and woodworker who worked with children at dance clubs, and

"Danforth didn't like the plastic bones he was playing," Schairer says. "He found out about me through 4-H and liked my work, so he struck a deal to make bones using wood."

Schairer has been custom making bones for 30 years and worked with Danforth until "Mister Bones" died. The duo is cited for their contributions to playing bones in the book "American Musical Instruments in the Metropolitan Museum of Art." Schairer proudly displays a copy at his home.

The woodworker not only continued the tradition of handcrafting bones but also took over shipping and bookkeeping. He estimates that he has since shipped more than 20,000 pairs of bones throughout the country.

Schairer, who became interested in wood-working at the age of 12 when his father made him a wooden bench, also makes wooden clocks and "limberjack" dolls, something he got into three decades ago when a neighbor in Arkansas showed him one.

Schairer named one pair of dancing dolls Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers after the famous dancers. He demonstrated his dolls and bones at the Chelsea Farmers Market this year and has been a regular at the

Pioneer Arts Fair in Dexter.

Modern rhythm bones, about the size and shape of a rib bone, are made of plastic or wood. Wood varieties are recommended because they don't crack or break. Their tone depends on the type of wood they are made from, such as pine, walnut, hickory, cherry, maple, rosewood or ebony.

The stationary bone is held firmly between the thumb and forefinger and the other bone is placed between the middle and forefinger, bouncing off the stationary bone and creating the rhythm.

When Schairer moved to the Chelsea Retirement Community, his cabin bought his 120-acre farm. Schairer still returns to use the converted chicken coop workshop, where he runs cuts wood into strips with a hand saw, uses a special convex shaper to give the bones their curve and then sands them.

He finishes his works of art in a woodshop in the basement of the Chelsea Retirement Community, rubbing on a mild wax wood sealer.

"I make these like you would make a batch of cookies," Schairer says. "I can do between six and 10 pairs in a batch, from start to finish."

In 1991, Schairer and Bob Benedict, a former principal at South Meadows Elementary School in Chelsea,

appeared on a Lansing news show about the art of making and playing bones.

The pair hooked up again Nov. 11 to perform before the men's fellowship group at the Chelsea Retirement Community, where they were joined by local pianist Brian Brill and Gemini band member Sandor Slomovits, who sang and played guitar.

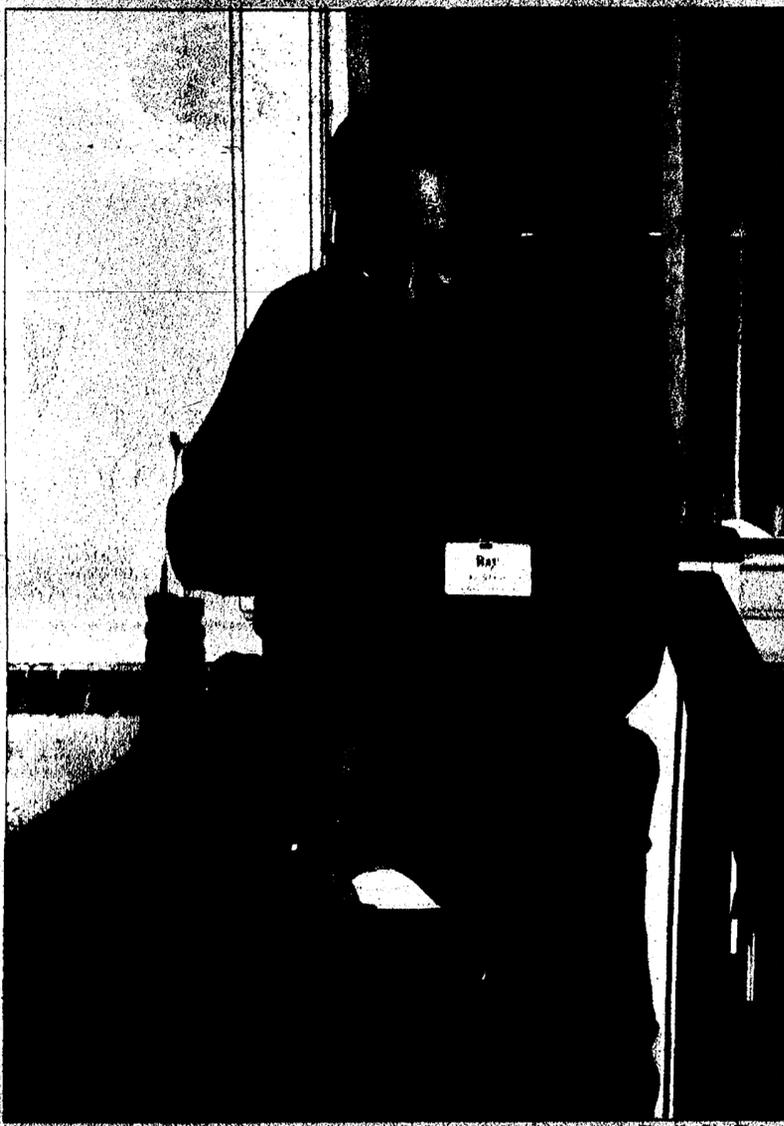
Schairer, whose biggest customers are Lark in the Morning Music House and Elderly Instruments in Lansing, is gearing up for the holiday season, when music houses carry bones as gifts for the holidays.

He says it's an interesting hobby that makes him some spending money, not something he makes a living at.

"I hope to keep making them as long as Danforth played them," Schairer says.

"Danforth was 90 when he died, so my goal is to make them till I'm 90."

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Ray Schairer, a resident at the Chelsea Retirement Community, makes wooden percussion bones and dancing dolls. The former Gold Township farmer does his woodworking in a converted chicken coop on his former farm, now owned by his cabin. For many years, he made bones for the legendary "Mister Bones," Percy Danforth.

Teacher wins state award

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

For the past decade, Eric Burris has been making a difference not only in his life but in other lives. And a recent state award has recognized his efforts.

Burris, a Chelsea elementary school teacher and a former Dexter dive coach, recently received a physical education award from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports.

"I was very pleased with the award," Burris said. "It was a very time-consuming but worthwhile process."

The purpose of the award is to recognize Michigan residents who help others become more physically active.

Burris follows in the footsteps of another Chelsea resident, Kathy Hunt. Last year, Hunt won a similar award from the Governor's Council for her dedication to health and teaching weight training at Chelsea Community Education.

Burris' award stems from

six years of teaching, 12 years as a dive coach in Dexter and the long hours of studying at Eastern Michigan University.

"I knew that there was an award process from the Exemplary Physical Education Council curriculum when I was trained in using this curriculum a few years ago," Burris said.

The curriculum was geared at building endurance and strength in students through a number of activities.

"Instead of a curriculum design, which Chelsea physical education went through, I chose to perform a self-study on the physical education program that I was running," he said.

Burris is trying to implement in his program such motor skills as walking, running, skipping, galloping, hopping and leaping.

Other skills might include throwing and catching a ball, foot dribbles, hand dribbles and underhand striking.

Burris uses FitnessGram as a testing tool to monitor and share with parents their

children's progress in gym class. The project was part of his work while he was studying at EMU, and Burris said using it was the turning point in his teaching.

His 34-page project was well received by his professor and he was later told to submit it to the Exemplary Physical Education Council curriculum to be reviewed.

Burris said that his teaching and coaching philosophy involves a lot of what was included in his college project.

His philosophy revolves around healthy living for a lifetime.

"I teach many different activities and skills to give students a choice in and the knowledge necessary to be involved with sports or activities outside physical education," he said.

Burris focuses on teaching students that organized games are not for everybody and finding one activity that they enjoy can make a difference in the health of an individual.

Burris' philosophy paid off while he was the dive coach for middle school pupils in Dexter. A former diver in college, he was able to send three pupils to state championships in the 1998-99 season.

"The goal to get kids that far is to teach them to set small goals and build upon them," he said.

Burris grew up in Fenton, a small town south of Flint, where he played football, baseball and diving. He was an All-State diver in 1985, placing sixth. In 1986, he placed second at the state competition.

Burris continued diving for two years at EMU and was part of two Mid-American Conference championship swim-dive teams.

Burris, who is married and has three children, has already started to pass on his knowledge of healthy living to his sons.

Nicholas, 7, and Jacob, 5, participate in karate and get a healthy dose of dad's philosophy.



Eric Burris was recently named the recipient of Michigan's Physical Fitness Health and Sports award. Burris is a physical education teacher at North Creek Elementary School. He was also a dive coach in Dexter schools.

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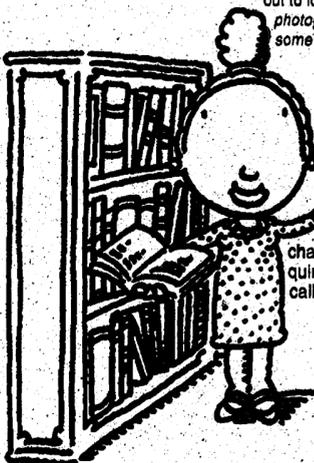
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Colleen Monroe will read from her latest book "The Christmas Humbugs," and sign autographs. She is also the author of "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree." The lively rhymes and merry illustrations make for a new holiday classic. Little Professor will have copies of the book available for purchase. Refreshments will be served and registration is not required. Families and all ages welcome. For more information, call the library at 734-475-8732.

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DATES/TIMES:

Friday, December 6, 2002

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Palmer Ford
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	Throughout Chelsea
11 a.m. - Noon	LaJolla Fine Jewelry
5-9 p.m.	McKune Memorial Library House
5:30 - 7 p.m.	Dayspring Gifts
6-7 p.m.	Vogel's & Foster's
6:30 - 7 p.m.	Next to McKune House
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	UAW Hall
7-9 p.m.	Main Street
7-8:30 p.m.	Next to McKune House
7-9 p.m.	First Congregational Church
7-9 p.m.	In front of First Congregational Church
7-10 p.m.	First United Methodist Church
7:30 p.m.	Chelsea Ctr. For the Dev. of the Arts
7:30-10 p.m.	First United Methodist Church
7:45-8:20 p.m. & 8:30-9:30 p.m.	Chelsea Depot
7:45-9 p.m.	Chelsea Depot
9-9:30 p.m.	Chelsea Depot

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 Live Music, Shopping
 Beading Demonstration
 Booksale & Holiday Music by Keyboardist Ron Andrews
 Author Cynthia Reynolds signs "Our Home Town"
 Klutz Educational Product Demonstration
 Tree Lighting Ceremony
 Santa's Workshop, Kid's Crafts
 Festive Window Displays featuring Gingerbread Houses
 Live Creche Tableau
 Cookie Decorating for Children
 Hayrides
 Mission marketplace, cookies and warm cider
 Nutcracker Preview by Youth Dance Theatre
 Wing 'N Prayer Concert (breaks at 8:15 p.m. & 9:15 p.m.)

Max Parkansky & Friends will provide Holiday Music and lead the Community Sing-Along
 Historical Museum Open and Holiday Music
 All Community Sing-Along

Saturday, December 7, 2002

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Palmer Ford
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Chelsea Ctr. for the Dev. of the Arts
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Throughout Chelsea
11 a.m. - Noon	LaJolla Fine Jewelry
11 a.m., Noon, 1 p.m.	Pierce's Pastries Plus
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Gigi's Flowers
Noon - 4 p.m.	Chelsea Ctr. for the Dev. of the Arts
Noon - 5 p.m.	First United Methodist Church
Noon	Chelsea Ctr. for the Dev. of the Arts
1-4 p.m.	Chelsea Ctr. for the Dev. of the Arts
2:30 p.m.	Chelsea Ctr. for the Dev. of the Arts
4:30 - 9 p.m.	Chelsea Gallery
7-9 p.m.	Our Savior Lutheran Church

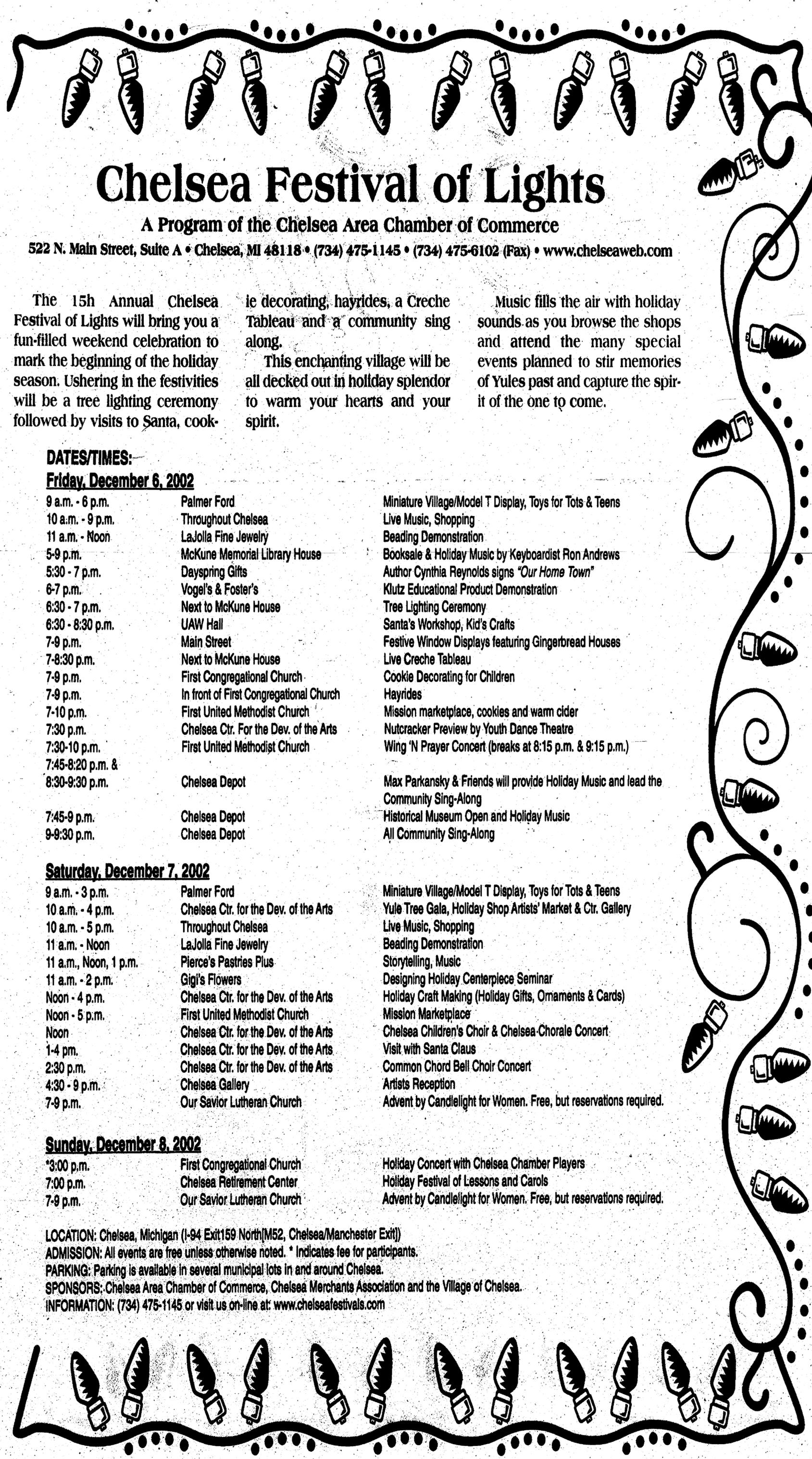
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 Designing Holiday Centerpiece Seminar
 Holiday Craft Making (Holiday Gifts, Ornaments & Cards)
 Mission Marketplace
 Chelsea Children's Choir & Chelsea-Chorale Concert
 Visit with Santa Claus
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 Artists Reception
 Advent by Candlelight for Women. Free, but reservations required.

Sunday, December 8, 2002

*3:00 p.m.	First Congregational Church
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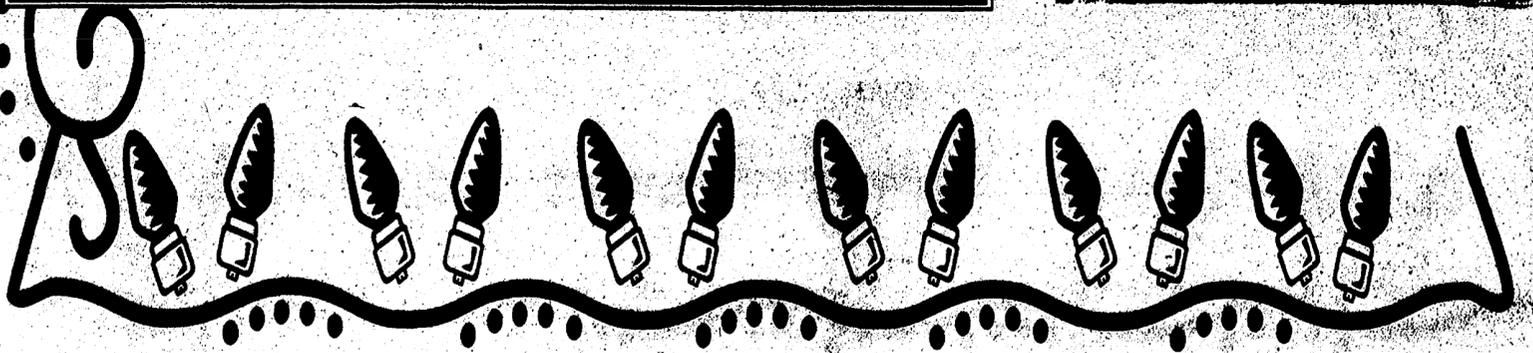
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Thursday, Nov. 28
 Thanksgiving Dinner will be served 1 to 3 p.m. at Chelsea Church of Christ, 13631 E. Old US-12, in Chelsea. Call 475-8458 or 475-8797 for reservations, transportation or delivery for the homebound.

Monday, Dec. 2
 The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Chelsea Senior Center, 500 Washington St. Call 475-9242 for an appointment or to volunteer to help.

Holiday Floral Workshop will be held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library meeting room, 500 Washington St., Building 400, in Chelsea. Registration is required. Call 475-8732 for more information.

Wednesday, Dec. 4
 Chelsea Evening Primrose Garden Club monthly meeting 7 p.m. at Lodi Farms Nursery, 2880 S. Wagner Road, in Ann Arbor. Wreath-making event and cookie exchange. Call 1-517-522-5859 for information.

Holiday Floral Workshop will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library meeting room, 500 Washington St., Building 400, in Chelsea. Registration is required. Call 475-8732 for more information.

Friday, Dec. 6
 Chelsea Retirement Community 18th annual Country Kitchen Bake Sale will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., in Chelsea. For information call 475-8633.

Friday, Dec. 6 through Sunday, Dec. 8
 Chelsea Festival of the Lights will be held all day. Events include a tree-lighting ceremony from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Friday at 221 S. Main St.

Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7
 The Madrigal Dinner will be held 6:30 p.m. at Beach Middle School's cafeteria, 445 Mayer Drive, in Chelsea. For tickets, call Shawn Personke at 475-0469 or email Steve Hinz at shinz@gmail.com. Chelsea, k12.mi.us.

Saturday, Dec. 7
 Yule Tree Gala for Christmas Around the World will be held noon to 3 p.m. at the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, 400 Congdon St., in Chelsea. Create an ornament, learn how other cultures celebrate and visit with Santa Claus.

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
 Al-Anon meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., 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 8:30 p.m. every Monday 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 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-5944.

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, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100. To contact Rogers by phone, call 1-877-333-6453.

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 433-0902.

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

Chelsea Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. on 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.

Woman's Club of Chelsea meets 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at The Pines, 325 Wilkinson St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-0467.

Wednesday
 Chelsea Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4078, 105 N. Main St., meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, call 475-1448.

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
Friday, Nov. 29
 Thanksgiving Meal with turkey and all the trimmings will be held 11:30 a.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Monday, Dec. 2 through Thursday, Dec. 5
 Wylie Elementary School Book Fair from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 4 and 6:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Dec. 5. Located at Wylie Elementary School, 3060 Kensington St., in Dexter.

Saturday, Dec. 7
 Dexter District Library Used Book Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mill Creek Middle School, 7305 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, in Dexter. Volunteers are also needed. Call 426-4477 to sign up.

Dexter Senior Citizens Christmas Bazaar will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Victorian Christmas will be held 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Dexter's Monument Park. The event will include sleigh rides, live reindeer, carolees and children's activities.

Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8
 The Dexter Area Museum will hold its 30th annual bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday in the museum's display room, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter. A raffle will be held at 3 p.m. Dec. 8 for Mr. and Mrs. Claus dolls and a patchwork holiday tree skirt. Tickets for the raffle are \$1.

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

Dexter Community Band meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Dexter High School band room, 2200 N. Parker Road. For information, call 426-2734.

Dexter Historical Society meets 7:30 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 Ann Arbor St., 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.

Dexter Lions Club meets 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month at DAPCO Industries, 2500 Bishop Circle East, in Dexter. Call 475-6945 for information.

Monday
 Dexter Board of Education meets 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 the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Village Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Tuesday
 Dexter Child Study Club meets 7 p.m. at various locations on the third Tuesday of the month. For information, call 426-3664.

Dexter Garden Club meets 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Dexter Museum, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter. Call 426-2372 for information.

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

Arbor St., 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, 3060 Kensington St., in Dexter.

Independent Order of Odd-fellows meets 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesdays at Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 W. Huron River Drive, in Dexter.

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

ANN ARBOR
Tuesday, Dec. 3
 "Teens Using Drugs Part 1: What to Know" seminar 7:30 to 9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month now through June, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, in Ypsilanti. Call 973-7892 for information or go to the Website www.hvcn.org/info/teensusingdrugs.

Tuesday, Dec. 10
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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Armstrong, Chelotti wed

Erin Armstrong of Lansing, daughter of Chuck and Judy Armstrong of Gregory, and Richard Chelotti of Lansing, son of Rick and Dawn Chelotti of Alpena, were married Aug. 17 at Michigan State University Horticulture Gardens in East Lansing. The Rev. Kelly Sprinkle officiated.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Aimee Byars of DeWitt. The bridesmaids were the groom's sisters, Andrea French of Lansing and Alyssa Chelotti of Mount Pleasant.

The groom's father, Rick Chelotti of Alpena, was the best man. The ushers were the groom's brother-in-law,

Ryan French of Lansing, and the bride's brother, Robert Armstrong of East Lansing.

A reception was held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas. They reside in Lansing.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a civil engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation in Lansing.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Alpena High School and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a civil engineer with Bergman & Associates in Okemos.



ENGAGED: Erin Schiller of Chelsea, daughter of Gerald and Betty Schiller of Chelsea, and David Brzezinski of Ann Arbor, son of George and Mary Ann Brzezinski of Hudsonville, have set a Dec. 21 wedding date. The future bride is a 1994 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 1998 graduate of Hope College. She is employed as a senior associate scientist at Pfizer Global Research and Development in Ann Arbor. The future bridegroom is a 1994 graduate of Hudsonville High School, a 1998 graduate of Hope College and a 2002 graduate from the University of Michigan Medical School. He is attending the University of Michigan Dental School.

BIRTHS

A son, Colin William, was born Oct. 17 at University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor to Brett and Cyndi Paddock. Maternal grandparents are Clair and Linda Risner of Stockbridge. Paternal grandparents are William and Veronica Paddock of Chelsea.

A son, Wesley Paul, was born Oct. 10 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township to Brett and Janel Hansen of Stockbridge. Maternal grandparents are Roger and Sue Strobridge of Greenville. Paternal grandparents are Bruce and Marsha Hansen of Chelsea. Wesley has a sister, Alexis, 2.

A daughter, Lydia Estelle Joy, was born Oct. 31 in Holland to Charity (Strong) and Jeffrey Vander Laan of

Holland. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Eleanor, Strong of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are Ray and Esther Vander Laan of Hamilton. Lydia has a brother, Clayton, 4, and a sister, Chloe, 2.

A daughter, Makayla Anne, was born Oct. 6 at the University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor to Anne and Brandon Miller of Jackson. Maternal grandparents are David and Kathleen Naebeck of Ann Arbor. Paternal grandparents are Paul and Karen Lehman of Chelsea, and Phillip and Linda Miller of Lupton. Great-grandparents are Donald and Maxine Curtis of Stockbridge, Dolbert and the late Alton Parsons of Chelsea, and Arnold and Arlene Naebeck of Tecumseh.

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Tee time

High school senior refurbishes golf course as Eagle Scout project

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

It may not improve his golf game, but Ray Schairer was happy to see Troop 425 Boy Scout Mike Policht revamp the nine-hole mini-golf course at the Chelsea Retirement Community.

"It had become quite worn over time from use and weather," said Schairer, a resident at the retirement community. "Mike did a great job."

Policht, a Chelsea High School senior, came up with the idea for his Eagle Scout project in the summer, with help from mentors Kevin and Lloyd Hafner. The project was completed in mid-October.

Policht was also helped by his parents, Patti and Roger, his brother Jake, troop leaders, Scouts, and their fami-

lies and friends.

The work, which took more than 466 hours, was sometimes messy, and involved removing old carpet on the putting surface, scraping up glue and removing mold and mildew.

And sometimes it was a head-scratcher, such as when the crew was trying to place bricks in the pathway.

"Putting bricks in the sand was like a jigsaw puzzle," Policht said. "We couldn't figure it out."

"We finally got it."

Dale Cole, CRC director of human resources, said the mini-golf course was originally installed as an Eagle Scout project several years ago.

"It's a credit to the Scouting program that, years later, another Eagle Scout candidate recognized the importance of this mini-golf

course to our residents and made it his project to complete the numerous renovations necessary to keep it functioning," Cole said.

"There's no question that the residents and their families enjoy spending time on the course and we're so pleased with the work Mike and his fellow Scouts have completed."

Policht's Eagle project book shows photos taken before and after, contrasting the beat-up old putting course and the spiffy new one.

Donations for the project came from Lumber One in Stockbridge and carpet from Continental Interiors of Troy, Merkel's and Chelsea Electric Co.

Policht, a Boy Scout for five years, has been an assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, troop historian, assistant

senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader and troop guide.

He has also attended Junior Leadership Training, Order of the Arrow, The Ordeal and Brotherhood of the Arrow. He attended Seabase in the Florida Keys in 2001 and the National Jamboree at Fort AP Hill Virginia in 2001, followed by a Boundary Waters trip in Minnesota.

A keen paintball player, he also enjoys climbing and rappelling, activities he has taught at Scout summer camp.

The 18-year-old Orlando native plays violin for the Chelsea High School chamber orchestra, and percussion with the Chelsea House Orchestra.

A member of the high school varsity swim team for three years, he has been



Chelsea High School senior Mike Policht refurbished the mini-golf course at the Chelsea Retirement Community for his Eagle Scout project. Policht is pictured with CRC residents Steve Rodgers (left), Ray Schairer and Zina Bennett, who were all eager to try out the new course.

swimming competitively since fifth grade.

Policht signed up with the U.S. Army in September in the delayed-entry program, and leaves July 14 for basic and airborne training at Fort Benning in Georgia.

"I'm really looking forward to my new career," he said. "I

know most of the stuff I learned in Scouts will be helpful to me in pursuing my career.

"It's been a great experience and a wonderful part of my life," he said. "I plan on making it a part of my life forever."

Residents named to safety committee

■ Meetings to be open to the public.

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

The Dexter Township Board has selected five members and two alternates to serve on its Public Safety Committee.

The committee will hold public meetings and look into issues surrounding public safety in Dexter Township. The meeting dates have not yet been set.

Township Supervisor Pat Kelly asked the board Nov. 19 to consider Deb Ceo, Joan Gordenier, Craig Kivi, Greg Magnuson and Scott Robertson to serve as members, and Jim Knight and Derek Wiseley as alternates. The board supported all

seven nominations.

Kelly said that the Public Safety Committee will be representative of the community and qualified in areas such as police and fire protection and general public safety.

Each committee member is either a resident or works in Dexter Township.

• Ceo is a retired Ann Arbor Police detective living at North Lake in Dexter Township.

• Gordenier is a retired Michigan State Police trooper, also at North Lake.

• Kivi owns a hardware store in Dexter Township and lives in Putnam Township.

• Magnuson is a Dexter Township resident, retired businessman and school fundraiser.

• Robertson is a firefighter for the city of Ann Arbor and resides in Dexter Township.

• Knight is a retired Ford Motor Co. employee and township resident.

• Wiseley is a firefighter for the city of Ann Arbor and a Dexter Township resident.

Prospective committee members met Oct. 3 to discuss ideas.

Clerk Harley Rider, a former sheriff's sergeant, has drawn up a list of possible goals and topics for the committee.

The county has announced the cost for services likely will increase in 2004. New contracts will be signed next summer.

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Chelsea icers open season against Pioneer

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

What a beginning. Chelsea hockey opened the 2002 season in grand fashion last week, defeating Ann Arbor Pioneer 3-1 at the Arctic Coliseum Nov. 20.

The Bulldogs (1-0) came back from an early 1-0 deficit, scoring three unanswered goals in the final two periods to secure the victory.

"This is a great way to start the year," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "Pioneer is traditionally one of the best programs in the area. We're pretty happy with the win."

The Pioneers (0-1) struck first, scoring on a power play at 13:14 of the first period.

"They're a really good team," Wright said. "They're well-coached and quick. In the first period, I thought they outskated us."

In the second and third periods, however, it was the Bulldogs skating circles around visiting Pioneer.

Thirty seconds into the second stanza, Chelsea tied the game at 1-1 as senior Luc Callow scored off an assist from senior Kenny Williams.

"That first goal really helped," Wright said. "Especially with our younger

players. I think, at that point, the momentum shifted our way. At that time, our players knew they had a chance to win."

The two squads were scoreless the rest of the period, heading into the third and final frame deadlocked at 1-1.

At 8:23 of the third period, the Bulldogs broke the stalemate as sophomore Ryan Ford scored off an assist from senior captain Drew Warren and freshman Luc Daniels.

Ford was playing in his first varsity game ever for Chelsea.

"That was pretty good getting the game-winner his first time out," Wright said.

Less than a minute later, with the Pioneers reeling, the Bulldogs put the game away as Warren scored off an assist from Ford and Daniels.

Wright said his team got stronger as the game progressed.

"I thought as the game went on, we gained more confidence," he said. "We settled down. We didn't have a tremendous amount of chances, but when we did get one, we put it in the back of the net."

While Chelsea was able to beat the Pioneer net minder, Ann Arbor had trouble solving the Bulldogs' goalie.

Despite giving up an early goal and being out shot 23-17, Chelsea's sophomore net minder J.R. Engelbert was a wall between the pipes.

"We received great goaltending," Wright said. "J.R. was in position throughout the game. He made some quality saves. He looked real good."

The Bulldogs next host their second annual Thanksgiving Tournament tomorrow and Saturday at the Arctic Coliseum.

Tomorrow, Flushing takes on Linden at 5 p.m. to begin the tournament. After the opener, Chelsea hits the ice against Holland West Ottawa at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, the consolation game is at 5 p.m. The tournament championship contest faces off at 7 p.m.

Last season the Bulldogs captured the tournament title.

On Dec. 4, Chelsea hosts Saline at 7 p.m.

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Chelsea sophomore goaltender J.R. Engelbert turned away 22 of 23 shots in leading the Bulldogs over Ann Arbor Pioneer 3-1 in the season opener for both teams Nov. 20. Junior defenseman Lee Woodruff skates back to help out Engelbert.

Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Bean dip, Harry Potter, funky hats to be thankful for



Chelsea's softball team celebrates after capturing the Division II state championship last year. The moment was an exciting one for Bulldog sports last season.

Photo by Doug Trojanowski

It's that time of year, again. Yes, the time of year when I have to laugh at my brother-in-law's jokes.

The wonderful season when I have to politely scarf down Aunt Mable's bean dip/potato chip/stuffing concoction, which somehow always makes it onto my plate.

It's also the yearly occasion when my beloved Detroit Lions embarrass themselves on national television.

Ah, it's Thanksgiving. The time when family from near and far gather around the table for a feast of thanks.

As a sports writer in this area, there's plenty to be thankful about, and it has nothing to do with bean dip.

I'm thankful for Wayne Welton and John Robinson. As Chelsea and Dexter athletic directors, respectively, their help in churning out a sports section every week is immeasurable. Their knowledge and professionalism is something I couldn't do without.



DON RICHTER

ON THE SIDELINE

I'm thankful for Sue Myers and Linda Munson, Chelsea and Dexter athletic department secretaries. The two some amaze me daily with their Harry Potter-like wizardry.

If there's a question to be asked about Chelsea or Dexter sports, give them a ring. Their Potter-like ability to come up with answers to the most mundane, out-of-left-field questions is truly un-muggle-like.

I'm thankful for all the coaches who help provide stats and results throughout the year. Without their help,

there is no sports section. I'm thankful for all of the wonderful athletic performances I've been able to witness. From state championships in softball to state titles in cross country, it has been a joy. From Swimmers of the Year to a Gatorade Player of the Year to All-Staters in numerous sports, it has been exciting.

Outside of the sports world, I'm thankful for Carol at McDonald's in Chelsea. If there is a more positive person on the face of the planet, I'd like to meet him or her. If you want to see what service and a smile actually means, head over to the golden arches at lunchtime any day of the week for an example.

I'm thankful for the Lighthouse Café in Dexter. Your AuSable Point scrambled eggs, hash browns and sausage breakfast is the best.

I'm thankful for the room to drive orange barrel-free through downtown Chelsea.

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Wolverine women's hockey visits Arctic Coliseum

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Every young person needs somebody to look up to — someone to inspire him or her onward to greater heights.

Last Sunday, two players from the University of Michigan women's hockey club visited Chelsea's Arctic Coliseum to talk with young skaters and to inform the icers of the Wolverines' upcoming mini-camp in January.

"We decided to come in and run a practice," said U of M sophomore hockey player Jackie Day, who, along with fellow sophomore Orianna Caechione, conducted the event. "It was awesome. We had a fabulous time. I think we had more fun than the kids did."

Day contacted local youth hockey coach Dennis Stockwell three weeks ago asking if his team would be interested in attending a camp run by the Wolverines during the holidays.

"I told her that my team would attend the camp if they would come and skate with us," Stockwell said.

A couple of telephone calls later, and Day and Caechione were at the Arctic Coliseum.

Day, who grew up outside of New York City, said she and Caechione were excited to run last Sunday's practice.

"It was a perfect opportunity to demonstrate our coaching abilities," she said. "And it helped us publicize our mini-camp in January."

Day, who started playing hockey at age 12 against boys, said she hopes to see Michigan's women's hockey program achieve varsity status someday.

"It's the sixth year for the club," she said. "Obviously, our ultimate goal for the program is to become a varsity sport."

Day said Wayne State University is the only school in Michigan with a women's varsity hockey team.

"Michigan State, Western Michigan, Northern Michigan and Notre Dame are some of the club teams we play," she said.

Day said U of M belongs to the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

"We play in the Central Collegiate Women's Hockey

Association, which is part of the ACHA," she said. "Our home games are at Yost Arena."

Like their men's counterpart, the women's program at Michigan is one of the nation's best.

"We went to the national finals last year in Atlanta," said Day, who didn't play against girls until high school. "We won a couple games and finished sixth in the nation."

Day, who also played lacrosse and soccer as a prepster, said her main position on the ice is center.

"But in one game I played every position but goalie," she said.

For the youngsters at last Sunday's practice, meeting the Michigan players was special.

"It was very inspirational for our girls," said Stockwell, whose girls' team, the Chelsea Lightning, attended the event. "My daughter said afterward that now she wants to go to U of M."

Day said she and Caechione had such an enjoyable time that they would like to come back next



University of Michigan women's hockey club members Orianna Caechione (left) and Jackie Day talk to Chelsea youth hockey players at the Arctic Coliseum Nov. 17. The Wolverine duo visited Chelsea to help conduct a practice for the young icers.

Photo by Doug Trojanowski

year. "We would love to continue this," she said. "We might just be making another trip to Chelsea." Sports Editor Don Richter can be reached at 475-1371 or via e-mail at drichter@heritage.com.

Beach cagers top Dexter

The Beach Middle School eighth-grade boys' Blue basketball team defeated county rival Dexter 49-16 last Thursday.

Adam Connell paced the Bulldogs (3-1), scoring 10 points.

Abe Kane added eight points, while John Seelbach chipped in six points and Mike Sauers had five points for Beach.

Antwan McClendon, George Merkel and Chris Sawyer each recorded four points, while Eric Dudek, Josh Ripberger, Kyle Bucholz and Reese Hammer each netted two points for Chelsea.

"This was by far our best offensive performance of the season, with 11 different players getting in on the scoring," said Chelsea coach Jim

Tallman. "On defense, Chelsea was able to create numerous turnovers that led directly to scores to control the game from the opening tip-off."

Beach next hosts Tecumseh 4 p.m. Tuesday.

On Thursday, Chelsea travels to Saline Gold for a game at 4 p.m.

Tae Kwon Do students tested

Several students at Chelsea Tae Kwon Do recently had the opportunity to show what they've learned at a testing for rank advancement.

The students demonstrated their ability in several areas, including basic blocks and strikes, advanced blocks and strikes, forms, one-step techniques and spring, also known as fighting.

While proving their skill level to a testing board, comprised of instructor Senior Master Micheal Poxson and several black-belt students, the testing students must also pass a verbal quiz.

The questions are often

posed to the students in the middle of doing a form to test the students' knowledge of the form and their ability to focus elsewhere.

Doing two things at once is a tough challenge and students often falter and must start over. The lesson is an important one: students need to practice forms until they do not need to be thought about and become part of the student.

With the testing behind them, students at Chelsea Tae Kwon Do now focus their energy on the upcoming winter demonstration.

The annual event is a family gathering that includes a

potluck dinner. Students perform for their families, making up funny skits, performing forms to music and showing off their talent.

This year's demonstration also may be the graduation for two black belts. Master Jenny Woodward and second Dan Kathleen Conway won't actually know if they have passed their test until the demonstration.

Their performance at the demonstration is part of their test. Woodward is coordinating the demonstration as one requirement for her fifth Dan rank.

Bow Hunter



Chelsea High School graduate Colten White kneels next to the deer he hunted Nov. 12. The eight-point buck, which he shot with a bow, weighed 215 pounds and had a spread of 22 3/8 inches.

Softball staff earns honor

Chelsea's softball coaching staff, led by head coach Kim Reichard, was selected as the Regional Coaching Staff of the Year by the National Softball Coaches Association.

The Bulldog staff helped lead Chelsea to the Division II state championship last spring.

Besides Reichard, the Bulldog coaching staff includes Jenni Driskill, Mark Musolf, Chris DeFant and

Kasie Ruhlrig.

The Chelsea group is now eligible for the National Coaching Staff of the Year award.

In other sports news, the Chelsea Athletic Boosters have directed \$40,000 for Bulldog coaches to disperse among their respective programs.

The third annual Chelsea Head Coaches Retreat occurred earlier this month at Reddeman Farms. On the

agenda were discussions about NCAA compliance and the college-bound athlete; athletic booster wish list; five-year thinking; job description review; and general sharing of new ideas, old concepts and a "what works for you" session.

The new Chelsea baseball and softball scoreboards have been ordered. Also, work has started on improving the grandstands at both fields.



Members of Chelsea Tae Kwon Do include, front row, Josh Kaminski (left), Joel Myers, Connor Hartman, Eric Gabbard, Karl Fischer and David Straub; back row, Steve Gentz (left), Yolanda Johnson, Jared Gentz, Kathleen Conway, Master Jenny Woodward, Senior Master Micheal Poxson, Dan Williams and Joanne Poxson.

SIDELINE

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I'm thankful for the new spotlight at the intersection of Dexter-Ann Arbor and Dan Hoey roads. It's a much needed and welcomed addition to the Dexter scene.

I'm thankful for the Pilgrims and their funky hats.

I'm thankful for bean dip/potato chip/stuffing concoctions and those that make it.

I'm even thankful for corny brother-in-law jokes. Though, I must admit, that's kind of pushing it.

Oh well, it's inevitable.

There's nothing I can do. Thanksgiving is here. I might as well enjoy it.

Bring on the bird! Sports Editor Don Richter can be reached at 475-1371 or via e-mail at drichter@heritage.com.

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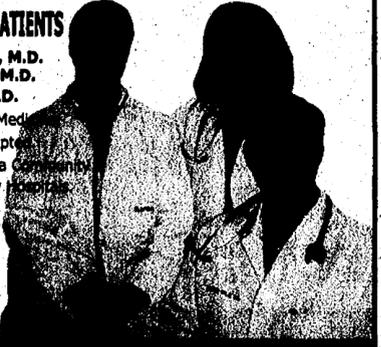
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EDUCATION

Substitute teachers fill the void in Chelsea

■ Many enjoy the job's flexibility.

By Rita Fischer
 Special Writer

It's called "the teacher look" or a stare, and every student is familiar with it.

Chelsea's substitute teachers get tips on achieving "the look," a recommended and effective technique for getting students back on task, in the school district's "Guest Teacher" handbook.

Other chapters run the gamut from school maps and calendars to lunch procedures, discipline suggestions, classroom rules, and attendance and emergency procedures.

When Chelsea teachers or paraprofessionals can't be in their classes, substitutes are on call to temporarily step in. North Creek Elementary School Principal Sharon

"Chelsea is fortunate to have highly qualified substitutes supporting our students' education."

— Lucy Stieber
 Pierce Lake Principal

Whitmore calls them "extremely important."

"They can make the difference of losing a day of instruction or continuing academics in a systemic and orderly way," Whitmore said.

"We're blessed with caring and positive people who always do their best so that our children have a safe and

productive day." Pierce Lake Principal Lucy Stieber said a substitute's job is "challenging."

"Learning the special needs of students, presenting the curriculum and following someone else's instructions on short notice is a difficult task," she said.

"Chelsea is fortunate to have highly qualified substitutes supporting our students' education."

Nancy Parker, a substitute teacher for kindergarten through eighth grades, started substitute teaching when her two children were young. She said she enjoys the flexibility of the job.

"I wanted to go back to work," she said. "This was the best way for me to do that because I can pick and choose days."

Parker, who said she enjoys the variety of substi-

tute teaching, went back to school to get certified and works every day.

She said substitute teachers must be able and willing to work with children, and have a sense of humor while understanding that children at each grade level are very different.

"Middle school is a different form of teaching than a first-grade class," she said.

Parker said she gets plenty of support from full-time staff.

"In Chelsea, teachers are always prepared for a sub to come in," she said. "The

teachers are incredible here and always follow through."

Assistant Superintendent Iva Corbett said the school district's substitute teachers are dependable and versatile.

Classroom substitutes, who must have 90 hours of college credit, are always needed. Substitutes don't need to be certified, but the state requires that the school district apply for a substitute permit for all non-certified teachers.

The school district also has 32 paraprofessionals working either as classroom aides

or directly with a special-needs student. There are five people who currently substitute for team members.

Corbett will hold an informational meeting for people interested in becoming substitutes from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

For more information, call Judy Irwin at 433-2200, Ext. 8070.

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Handful of local parents brave the MEAP test

■ Sample test offered in school districts across the state.

By Sheila Pursglove
 Associate Editor

Fourteen adults sharpened their brains and their pencils to take a sample Michigan Educational Assessment Program test offered Nov. 18 at the Washington Street Education Center in Chelsea.

In contrast, 40 people took the test Nov. 13 in Dexter.

"Take the Test" is a statewide outreach campaign to build community understanding about what students are expected to learn and how the state assesses what children should know at each grade level.

MEAP tests are given each year to pupils in fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth grades, as well as to 11th-graders.

Those who took the test had an opportunity afterward to share their thoughts on the experience.

"Test takers were generally impressed with the rigor of the test," Chelsea High School Assistant Principal Shawn Lewis-Lakin said. "They were pleased with the real-life situations that were incorporated into test questions."

Lewis-Lakin, who also serves as director of curriculum, said that participants commented on how demanding the written response items were.

"These items require students to analyze and synthesize multiple pieces of data and to include specific key elements in their responses," he said.

"Several test takers expressed surprise when we looked at the answer key for the test and saw the grade levels at which students were asked specific questions."

Lewis-Lakin said that the Michigan Curriculum Framework, as assessed with MEAP, is a challenging curriculum.

"As a district, we welcome the challenge," he said. "It's a challenge that we are committed to meeting."

He said that in addition to responding to the test, participants also discussed the significance of individual and district MEAP results and

how results are used to inform the curriculum process.

"MEAP results for a district let us know whether the concepts in the Michigan Curriculum Framework that are being tested are, in fact, being taught in a district," he said. "This helps us to examine our curriculum and instruction."

"MEAP results inform our efforts to improve instruction for students."

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Business 101

Parents teach youngsters the art of fund-raising

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

A group of parents has banded together to help middle school pupils raise funds for such school activities as sixth-grade camp and the eighth-grade trip to Washington, D.C.

Eighth-graders are currently raising funds for the D.C. trip by wrapping gifts at the craft fair and bake sale slated for Dec. 7 at Pierce Lake Elementary School.

The craft fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the bake sale, gift-wrapping and babysitting will continue until 10 p.m. Babysitting is also available for parents attending the Dec. 7 Madrigal Feast at Beach Middle School.

Informational fliers are

being sent to all local preschools and elementary schools.

The group prefers to raise funds without door-to-door sales. Future plans include dinners, movie nights and family game nights.

The group would like to involve parents in working closely with the school community, as well. Activities would include starting volunteer programs such as computer labs, sending out newsletters, utilizing the school Web site and calendar, informing parents and pupils about next year's classes and helping alleviate the stress of starting or leaving middle school.

Jo Ann Munce, volunteer coordinator for the parent group, has surveyed teachers

to see how parents can help.

"I'm really excited about the parent group because everyone is ready to pitch in on various tasks," Munce said. "We're really a working group, not just a group that holds meetings."

Munce said she hopes the group also will be a place to meet other concerned parents and get to know Beach Middle School better.

"We're getting lots of support from Principal Andy Ingall," Munce said. "He has a knack for making parents feel like a team."

Jerilynn Coulter has a daughter in eighth grade, and is serving as the secretary of the Beach parent group.

"I want to be more involved in what's going on at

the school, to find out ways that we, as parents, can help our kids succeed and to help raise funds for kids for the Washington, D.C., trip," Coulter said.

Parent Cindy Fischhaber said that fund-raising is a good teaching tool.

"It gives the students experience in coordinating, planning, and working with others in a cooperative way," she said. "Working together will teach them good work ethics, responsibility, and the feeling of achievement when they have reached success."

"I don't want my kids to think that money just comes from me. I want them to learn to earn it."



Eighth-grade pupils at Beach Middle School are raising funds for their spring trip to Washington, D.C. On Dec. 7, a group will offer an evening of babysitting for parents attending the Madrigal Dinner at Beach Middle School. Pictured are members of the fund-raising committee. In back are Kristen Coulter (left), Alicia Lambdin, Amy Whitesall and Chrissy Burman. Sitting in front are Anna Mueller (left) and Erika Purdy.

Reproductive Health Committee chooses curricular materials

■ Administrator says most parents satisfied with committee's work.

By Marissa Morgann
Special Writer

The Chelsea School District's Reproductive Health Advisory Committee met earlier this month to report its choices for material to be presented to middle and high school students.

The Board of Education approved the recommendations Nov. 11.

The committee's meeting was held a week after the committee displayed recommended resources. A school board must hold at least two public hearings on proposed revisions before adopting them into the reproductive health curriculum.

Along with such topics as abstinence, HIV and teen pregnancy, the reproductive health curriculum includes discussion of puberty, masturbation, human systems, sexual orientation, refusal techniques and dating.

The displays included educational "abstinence-based" videos, slides, and a CD-ROM on sexual health for parents and students alike.

"Part of this commitment is the hurdle of teaching parents what they may not have learned themselves," said committee chairwoman Kryss Patton.

Although advertised at parent and teacher conferences, in school newsletters and in the newspaper, the meeting didn't attract any parents.

Chelsea High School Assistant Principal Shawn Lewis-Lakin, who is also director of student performance, attributed the lack of turnout to there being good parent representation on the advisory committee.

The committee, charged with periodically reviewing all materials pertaining to reproductive systems and reporting recommendations to the board, has 22 members, including a trustee, principal and parents.

The group drafted guidelines for classroom discussion and has delayed a discussion about oral sex from seventh grade to eighth

grade.

The committee re-evaluated classroom materials as the result of student input.

"The videos were laughable," Patton said. "They were so aged that the kids ignored their message."

While high school staff makes the final decision about the curriculum, the committee will review surveys of high school seniors to determine the appropriateness and effectiveness of the materials.

Lewis-Lakin said he is confident parents are satisfied with the committee's work.

"They have ownership in the process and feel comfortable with the decisions that have been made," he said.

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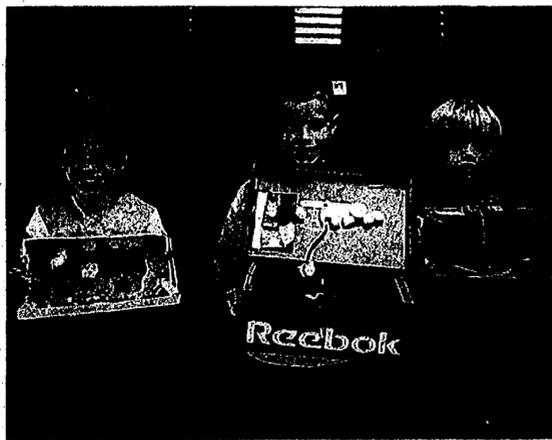
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Julie Adams, Daniel Augustine, Travis Bartlett, Michael Bazydlo, Nicole Bougher, Benjamin Bradburn, Martin Bragalone, Margaret Brill, Emma Bumstead, Christina Burman, Alice Butcher, Carolyn Callery, Emma Chervinsky, Adam Connell, Kirsten Conrad, Amanda Cooper, Kristen Coulter.

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Johanna Jackson, Rachel

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Artistic Trio

Taylor Cooley (left), Gibson Stoffer and Alan Longworth, second-graders at North Creek Elementary School, made dioramas depicting a scene from the famous story "Charlotte's Web" by author E.B. White. The tale was used by teachers D'Ann Gletzen and Martha Piper as a springboard for problem-solving, story webbing, character analysis and creative writing.



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Kitchen Art

Willa Booth (left) and Lizzy Bentley cut pictures from magazines in Beach Middle School art teacher Bev Velsik's class. The young artists were making a collage using pictures of kitchen utensils.

High school debate team reaches finals

Chelsea High School students Noelle Temple and Laura Adams reached the finals in novice two-person debates in the Groves Debate tournament.

The event was held in Birmingham earlier this month.

Although they lost the final

round, the two students placed second among 38 teams.

The pair also received Top Speaker awards. Temple was 11th and Adams was eighth out of 76 speakers.

The pair is coached by Chelsea High School teacher Amie Ohlmann.

HONOR

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Kaminsky, Abraham Kane, Julie Kedroske, Christine Kelley, Ann Kendzicky, Richard Kinsey, Kristin Kramer, Brett Kruse, Katherine McKay, Amanda McKenzie, Lee McLaughlin, Leah Morrison, Anna Mueller, Adam Neuen-schwander, Megan Nichols, Kaitlin Osborn.

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2002 Holiday Recipe Corrections

Five Cup Salad
By Patsy Kemner

One cup sour cream
One cup Mandarin oranges, well drained.
One cup shredded coconut
One cup crushed pineapple, well drained
One cup miniature marshmallows
Mix all ingredients together and chill several hours. May be doubled.

Spiced Sweet-Potato Cake with Brown Sugar Icing
By Janice Fischer

CAKE:
4 - 8 ounce red-skinned sweet potatoes (yams)
Nonstick vegetable oil spray
2-3/4 cup flour
2 tsp. Ground cinnamon
1-1/4 tsp. Ground ginger
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
2 cups sugar
1 cup vegetable oil
4 large eggs
1 tsp vanilla extract.

ICING:
1 cup powdered sugar
3/4 cup dark brown sugar (packed)
1/2 cup whipping cream
1/4 cup unsalted butter (1/2 stick)
1/4 tsp vanilla extract

FOR CAKE: Pierce sweet potatoes w/fork. Microwave on high until very tender, about 8 minutes per side. Cool, peel and mash sweet potatoes.

Position rack in center of oven; preheat to 325 degrees F. Spray 12-cup Bundt pan with nonstick spray, then generously flour pan. Sift flour, cinnamon, ginger, baking powder, baking soda and salt into medium bowl. Measure enough mashed sweet potatoes to equal 2 cups. Transfer to large bowl. Add sugar and oil to sweet potatoes; using electric mixer, beat until smooth. Add eggs 2 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour mixture; beat just until blended. Beat in vanilla. Transfer batter to prepared pan.

Bake cake until tester inserted near center comes out clean, about 1 hour 5 minutes. Cool cake in pan on rack 15 minutes. Using small knife, cut around cake. Turn out onto rack; cool completely.

FOR ICING: Sift powder sugar into medium bowl. Stir brown sugar, whipping cream and butter in medium saucepan over medium-low heat until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Increase heat to medium-high and bring to a boil. Boil 3 minutes, occasionally stirring and swirling pan. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Pour brown sugar mixture over powdered sugar. Whisk icing until smooth and lightened in color, about 1 minute. Cool icing until lukewarm and icing falls in heavy ribbon from spoon, whisking often, about 15 minutes. Spoon icing thickly over top of cake, allowing icing to drip down sides of cake. Let stand until icing is firm, at least 1 hour. (Can be prepared 1 day ahead. Cover with cake dome and let stand at room temperature.)

Raspberry Amaretto Cheesecake
By Debbie Hubbard

Crust:
1-1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
6 Tablespoons melted butter
1/4 cup sugar

Filling:
24 ounces cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup sugar
5 teaspoons cornstarch
1/4 cup sour cream
4 eggs
1 egg yolk
1/2 cup amaretto
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 cup frozen raspberries, thawed, well drained and patted dry with paper towel, or 1 cup fresh raspberries, washed and dried.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Mix together all the crust ingredients with a fork until moistened. Spread the mixture evenly in the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan. Using your fingertips or the flat bottom of a drinking glass, firmly press the mixture over the bottom of the pan. Bake until the crust is lightly browned and firm to the touch, 10 to 15 minutes. Cool it on a wire rack.

Meanwhile, combine the cream cheese, sugar and cornstarch. Add the sour cream and beat until smooth. Add the eggs and egg yolk, one at a time. Do not overbeat. Add the amaretto, vanilla and almond extract. Fold in the raspberries carefully. Pour the mixture over the cooled crust.

Bake 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Reduce the oven temperature to 225 degrees and continue baking about 1 hour and 10 minutes or until the center no longer looks wet or shiny. Turn off the oven and remove the cake. Run a knife about the inside edge of the pan. Place the cheesecake back in the oven and let it set until cool, about 2 hours. Remove it from the pan and refrigerate overnight before serving.

16 servings.

Tammy's Pumpkin Cake
By Tammy Feldkamp/Seid

1 Box of Duncan Hines Yellow Cake Mix
1 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
3 eggs
2 (11 oz.) cans of Libby pumpkin.
2/3 cups evaporated milk
3/4 cup butter, softened
1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla

PREHEATED OVEN: 350 degrees. In large pyrex mixing bowl, pour in cake mix, reserving 1/4 cup of cake mix for your topping. Set 1/4 cup aside!

Add to cake mix, 3/4 cups butter, 2/3 cup evaporated milk, 3 eggs, 2 cans pumpkin, 1 cup sugar, 1 tsp. Cinnamon, and 1-1/2 tsp. Vanilla. Mix all these ingredients in bowl, use a spatula to spread evenly into greased 13 x 9 Pyrex baking dish.

TOPPING:
1/4 cup of your cake mix
1/4 cup of sugar
1 tsp. Cinnamon
4 Tablespoons of softened butter

Sprinkle crumbled consistency topping over cake in 13 x 9 dish. Place in a preheated oven of 350 degrees for thirty minutes, then turn oven up to 400 degrees for 5-7 minutes. degrees. Watch closely these last five to seven minutes.

Check with toothpick in middle of your cake before removing!

This smells so good throughout your home.



Photo by Mary Kumbier

Autumn Colors

Second-graders at Cornerstone Elementary School in Dexter recently studied shapes and the colors of trees in art class. They painted tree trunks, limbs and branches. The youngsters then added leaves by using a dabbing technique. Pictured are pupils Brennan Blackburn (left), Peyton Olenech, Nathaniel Wing and Sarah Keen.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 69 TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Section 6: Setbacks.
A. Towers must be set back a distance equal to at least the height of the tower from any adjoining lot line. OR: An engineering report signed and sealed by a registered professional structural engineer must be submitted attesting that the failure mode of the tower will occur within the lot setback lines of the parcel that the tower is proposed to be sited upon.

Section 15: Spacing
B. Residence: A tower shall not be located within twice the specified fall radius from the structural engineer's report (see Section 6 above) or 200 feet if the report cannot certify a fall radius from a single-family or multiple-family dwelling unit, church, school, or other structure normally used and actually used for the congregation of persons. Whenever feasible, towers shall be located on Township property to reduce any negative impact on neighboring residential areas.

Adopted: November 12, 2002
Published: November 27, 2002
Effective: December 27, 2002

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA THANKSGIVING DAY HOURS

Village offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29th. The Solid Waste Facility (located on Werker Road) will be closed during this time as well. The Solid Waste Facility will be open on Saturday, November 30th. Garbage pick up will take place as usual on Tuesday, December 2nd.

CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2002 - 6:00 P.M.

Trustees in attendance:
Kathy Sprawka, President; Nancy Paul, Vice President; Nancy Schumann, Secretary; John Gourlay, Treasurer; Lynn Fox, Jan Doherty, Greg DeGraff, Trustees and Metta Lansdale, Director

Consultants: Mark Morrow, Ann Williams

Guests: Judy Smith, Tom Herron, Yvonne Herron, Larry Ogden, Irene Ogden, Daphne Hodder, Ralph Geister, Tony Bowen, Marissa Morganin, Jennifer Kundak, Shawn Personka, Linda Ballard, Tina Diab, Ron Andrews, and Marie Brooks.

K. Sprawka called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Bretton Group consultants Mark Morrow and Ann Williams presented a suggested framework for the board to use in order to devise a building plan that can be embraced by the community. The structure comprised three leadership committees:

- Building Committee
- Communications
- Capital Fund Raising

The Bretton Group recommended that these committees be:

- 1) established with up to eight committed members
- 2) comprised of membership that is predominantly community based with leadership and support from the library and its consultants.

By consensus the board asked the Director to include items on the agenda for action at the regular November 19, 2002 Board meeting:

- Acceptance of proposals for service from The Bretton Group and from Jim Mumby
- Approve the Building Project Organizational Structure
- Launch the Building Committee

MOVED by J. Gourlay and Seconded by L. Fox to offer the director contract distributed to Metta Lansdale. PASSED

Kathy Sprawka and Metta Lansdale each signed the contract as offered. **MOVED by N. Schumann and Seconded by N. Paul to adjourn. PASSED at 8:45**

Minutes Submitted by
Nancy Schumann, Secretary
Metta Lansdale, Director

ATTENTION Township and Village Offices

Notices will
Deadline at Noon
Tuesday, December 17
for the
Christmas Issue.

For the New Year's
Issue, the deadline will
be at noon Friday,
December 13.

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING - NOVEMBER 19, 2002

Webster Township Board Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Sup. Fisher. Present: Fisher, Baldus, Calhoun, Fink, Kingsley, Deputy Kevin Hause and twenty-eight residents.

The meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion Kingsley support Fink to accept the October 15, 2002 minutes as presented. Carried.

Motion Calhoun support Kingsley to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay bills as presented as well as those anticipated before the next meeting. Roll call vote, all eyes and carried.

Webster Township Planning Commission Report received.

Parks and Recreation Committee Report.

No activity this month.

Zoning Inspector Report received.

Twenty-three permits issued and twenty properties inspected since the October Meeting.

Sheriff Report presented by Deputy Kevin Hause.

Motion Fink support Kingsley to move Item H from Old Business to new item 16. Adjournment becomes item 17 and new business item is added for Daratory Special Use Permit.

OLD BUSINESS

A) Poplar Drive
Motion Fink support Calhoun to remove all "Park Lane" signs. The road is now Poplar Drive. Carried.

B) Looking Glass Lane
Mr. Tucker presented a letter to the board rescinding the agreement to allow three residents to be served by one driveway.

C) PDR Ordinance (tabled)

D) Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance (tabled)

E) Sound Studies/Noise Ordinance (tabled)

F) Tall Oaks Kennel (information update)

G) Enco-Keller Violation (tabled)

H) Huron River Watershed-"People and the Land Project"
First Meeting to be held 12/10/02. Sup. Fisher to attend.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
Questions pertaining to Township Engineer and Sewer Tape

NEW BUSINESS

A) Merkel Court
Motion Fink support Calhoun the road in question be named Merkel Ct with a sign erected at entry to the road and numbers displayed at each residence. Carried.

B) Jennings Ct
Motion Kingsley support Calhoun to name road Jennings Ct with a sign to be posted. Carried.

C) Cobblestone Lane. Private Road Application.
Motion Kingsley support Calhoun to accept Private Rd Application contingent on Mr. Daratory meeting all concerns Mr. Pindzia pointed out in report and final drawings also be approved by the Dexter Fire Department. Carried.

Private Road Variance:
Motion Fink support Calhoun to allow minimum 18' driving surface width only because of large trees, notations to be noted on road plans as to where width will be reduced and trees saved, update plans. Carried.

D) Grand/Sakwa Properties
Development Co. on Northfield Township has access to 2000 acres with 5000 houses to be built this side of US 23. Group formed in opposition called Northfield Neighbors. Township has acquired Northfield Township Growth Management Plan and Grand/Sakwa Preliminary Development Plan.

E) Daratory Special Use Permit
Motion Kingsley support Calhoun Webster Township grant a Special Use Permit to Jim and Daryn Daratory to allow a boarding stable at the SW corner of Gregory Rd and Farrell Rd intersection in A-1 district at the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
Motion Kingsley support Calhoun Township Board go into closed session with Attorney Reading and ZBA Chairman Rick Keinschmidt concerning Campbell vs. ZBA. Roll call vote and carried.

Motion Kingsley support Calhoun to adjourn closed session. Carried.

Motion by Fisher support Kingsley to reopen Regular Meeting. Carried.

Motion Fisher support Calhoun to authorize Township Attorney to enter into settlement discussion with Campbell Attorney regarding possible purchase of land. Carried.

Moved by Calhoun, supported by Kingsley to survey Joy Rd. between Webster Ct Rd and Northgate, for Joy Road Right away not to exceed \$4,000.00. Roll call vote, all eyes and carried.

Motion Baldus support Fink meeting adjourn at 10:20 and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Wana M. Baldus, Clerk

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. AT
DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA

Review/approve edits to proposed zoning ordinance/map

John Shea,
Chairman

VILLAGE OF DEXTER PUBLIC NOTICE



Dexter Village Council, Dexter, Michigan, at a regular meeting held November 11, 2002, approved the recommendation to install 4-way stops at the intersection of Hudson & Forest and at the intersection of Fourth & Dover. Both 4-way stops will be fully functional beginning December 2, 2002. Please use caution when traveling in this area.

Donna Eurate, Village Manager
Dexter, MI 48130

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. AT
THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP HALL AT
5665 WEBSTER CHURCH RD., DEXTER, MICHIGAN

Agenda:

Revisions to the Master Plan.
Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than seven days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance.
Written comments may be made in advance at the above address.

John Kingsley, Chairman

WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHELSEA WEST DRIVE

The Washtenaw County Road Commission and the Village of Chelsea are calling a Public Hearing from 3:30-5:00 PM and 7:00-8:30 PM on Monday, December 9, 2002 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 E. Washington Street, Chelsea, MI.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to provide an opportunity for public discussion of the alternative under consideration for Chelsea West Drive in Sylvan Township and the Village of Chelsea, Michigan. The proposed project includes a new two-lane road located west of the Village. The southern terminus will utilize the existing Commerce Drive/M-52 intersection and the northern terminus will utilize the existing Werker Road/M-52 intersection.

As required by federal regulations, an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to evaluate the social, economic, and environmental aspects of the project. The Environmental Assessment demonstrates that implementation of the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for public inspection at the Sylvan Township Hall, 18207 Old U.S. 12, Chelsea, MI; Village of Chelsea Offices, 305 S. Main Street, Chelsea, MI; Chelsea District Library, 500 E. Washington Street, Building 400, Chelsea, MI; and the Washtenaw County Road Commission, 555 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI.

This Public Hearing is called in accordance with the most current Federal, State and local Public Involvement/Public Hearing procedures. This Public Hearing is held to hear testimony of interested citizens regarding the economic, social and environmental impacts of the proposed project on the area. Maps, drawings and other pertinent information, including the Environmental Assessment, as well as written views received from local, state, and federal agencies, will be available for public inspection. Written statements, other exhibits in place of or in addition to oral statements made at the Public Hearing, as well as requests for copies of the responses to the testimony received, may be submitted to: Roy Townsend, P.E., Director of Engineering, Washtenaw County Road Commission, 555 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 at any time up to January 5, 2003.

Publish: November 21, 2002
November 27, 2002

DEXTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2002 7:30 P.M.

Present: Pat Kelly, Supervisor; Harley Rider, Clerk; Julie Knight; Treasurer; Libby Brushaber, Trustee; Michael Howard, Trustee

Location: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Kelly at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Rider, supported by Brushaber to approve the agenda, as amended. **CARRIED 5-0**

Motion by Knight, supported by Brushaber to approve the minutes of the October 15th Regular Board Meeting. **CARRIED 5-0**

Public comment on non-agenda items - Guerin Wilkinson (13765 Waterloo Rd., Chelsea) inquired about the possibility of the proposed Zoning Ordinance prohibiting the sale of firewood that was not cut on the seller's property.

The Sheriff's report was presented by Sgt. Brian Filipiak. Sgt. Filipiak informed the Board that the Township is 108 hours short of its contracted time. He also explained the new "D.C.O.P.S" program and the "Shop With a Cop" program.

Motion by Brushaber, supported by Howard to pay the bills in the amount of \$89,043.30 and a gross payroll of \$20,650.72. **CARRIED 5-0**

Motion by Rider, supported by Brushaber to pay \$3,376.88 to the Washtenaw County Department of Public Works for the debt service payment on the Portage-Base Lakes Sewer system. **CARRIED 5-0**

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Rider, supported by Howard to appoint Deb Cao, Joan Gordonier, Craig Kivi, Greg Magnuson and Scott Robertson to the Public Safety Committee and Jim Knight and Derek Wiseley as alternates, to serve at the pleasure of the Board and to direct the Public Safety Committee to provide monthly communication to the Board. **CARRIED 5-0**

Motion by Knight, supported by Brushaber to contract with BS&A Software for \$2,000 for web development software and daily update service and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract. **CARRIED 5-0**

Motion by Rider, supported by Brushaber to contract with Matt Romine Construction for 220' of split rail fence at a cost of \$1,480 installed. **CARRIED 5-0**

Supervisor Kelly updated the Board on the status of the Huron Creek Party Store violation. Legal action has been filed in Circuit Court by the Township.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the bids for cleaning the Township Hall. Only two bids have been received. The Board would like additional bids.

Clerk Rider explained the difficulties with the current voter registration software.

Motion by Knight, supported by Howard to authorize the purchase of hardware, software and appropriate licensing fees to connect directly with the State of Michigan Qualified Voter File. **CARRIED 5-0**

Clerk Rider explained the MERS Benefit E program. No action taken.

Motion by Brushaber, supported by Howard to adopt Resolution 02-063, a resolution to adopt Ordinance 32, an ordinance to replace Ordinance 31, the Dexter Township Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Knight - Yes; Howard - Yes; Rider - Yes; Kelly - Yes; Brushaber - Yes. Carried.

Motion by Brushaber, supported by Knight to adopt Resolution 02-064, a resolution to adopt Ordinance 33, an ordinance to adopt the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code. Roll Call Vote: Howard - Yes; Kelly - Yes; Knight - Yes; Brushaber - Yes; Rider - Yes. Carried.

Supervisor Kelly informed the Board that she has been appointed by the Local Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association as a Member At Large of the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board.

Motion by Brushaber, supported by Rider to refund \$45.17 to Lease Corporation of America to personal property tax paid in 2001. **CARRIED 5-0**

The Board discussed the annual audit report. Supervisor Kelly to get with the auditor to clarify some concerns.

Motion by Rider, supported by Brushaber to authorize the elected officials and their deputies to attend the annual MTA training conference. **CARRIED 5-0**

REPORTS

Treasurer Knight submitted the Fund Report for the month of October. She also presented the Board with the preliminary tax roll and an insert to accompany the tax bills explaining changes in tax collection.

Clerk Rider informed the Board of the results of the November General Election and presented the Board with copies of the current budget.

Clerk Rider informed the Board that the Planning Commission met on October 22nd to approve the Fox Ridge final site plan and on October 29th to discuss the proposed Zoning Ordinance. At the 29th meeting the Planning Commission voted to recommend that the Township Board adopt the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

Supervisor Kelly informed the Board that the ZBA heard five appeals in November.

Trustee Brushaber informed the Board that the Chelsea Area Construction Agency is looking for a new location, as they are out-growing the current location.

Clerk Rider informed the Board that the Dexter Area Fire Board met on October 17th and approved a contract modification relating to the new 40-hour firefighter position.

Ordinance Administrator Steve Platt presented the October Ordinance report. Supervisor Kelly directed Mr. Platt to issue a ticket to the owner of the property where a shed is encroaching onto the property of the Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority.

Treasurer Knight informed the Board that the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) will next meet in December.

No reports were submitted or presented by the Assessor, or for the Portage-Base Lakes Sewer authority, or the Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority.

Motion by Rider, supported by Brushaber to authorize Treasurer Knight to transfer \$19,583.25 from the Police Fund to the General Fund to cover current expenses. **CARRIED 5-0**

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Motion by Rider, supported by Brushaber to adjourn. Time 10:50 PM. **CARRIED 5-0**

Respectfully Submitted,
Harley B. Rider, Clerk
Dexter Township

NOTE: These are preliminary minutes subject to approval by the Township Board at the Regular Meeting to be held on December 17th, 2002.

Invasive beetle threatens trees

■ 700 million ash trees at risk in Michigan.

By Lisa Carolin
Special Writer

Michigan could lose 700 million ash trees in the next four years if it doesn't watch for a pesky invader.

The Emerald Ash Borer, a type of Asian beetle, is threatening the popular landscape tree found in neighborhoods and many downtown areas.

Millions of ash trees already have been killed or damaged in a six-county area that includes Washtenaw County. So far, the Emerald Ash Borer has not been found in Dexter, Chelsea or the surrounding area.

Bob Bricault, a horticulturalist for Washtenaw County's MSU Extension, said the beetle has been discovered in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, near Saline and in the eastern part of Livingston County.

"It doesn't matter if a tree is healthy, it can still be attacked," he said. "We're asking people not to haul any logs when they go up north. It can spread that easily."

Bricault said ash trees resemble maple trees because they have opposite branching. That means that every bud that opens has another opposite to it. Unlike the maple tree's leaf, the ash tree has a compound leaf with a stem and five to seven leaflets.

The tree also has seeds like maples called samaras. They are commonly called twirlers and fall directly under the tree and have a narrower

wing than the maple's seeds.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture issued a quarantine earlier this year on all ash trees and products in the affected counties. That means it is illegal to move ash trees, branches, lumber, firewood and wood chips larger than 1 inch in diameter outside the six county area that includes Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

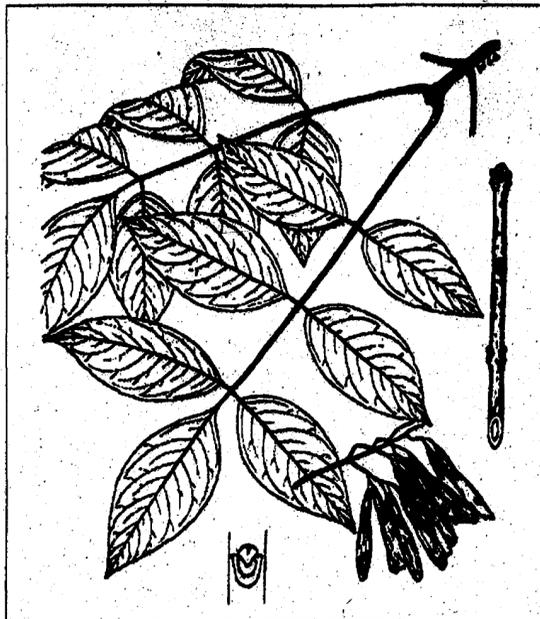
U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, held a conference last week calling for funding to study and combat the Emerald Ash Borer. The insect belongs to a group known as metallic wood-boring beetles and is thought to have traveled to Michigan on wooden shipping pallets.

Stabenow said she has been working with U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan, to try to mobilize federal agencies and resources to tackle the invasive pest. The beetle was first identified in Michigan last July.

"A quarantine has been placed on ash trees and ash wood products from 13 counties in southeastern Michigan, and it is essential we bring all resources to bear while the problem is believed to be restricted to this area," Stabenow said in a press release.

Ash trees were used to replace elm trees that had been felled by Dutch Elm disease. The state has a toll-free Emerald Ash Borer hotline at 1-866-325-0023.

Lisa Carolin is a free-lance writer. She can be reached via e-mail at LWC Carolin@aol.com.



The ash tree has a stem with five to seven leaflets.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP SUMMARY MINUTES

LYNDON TOWNSHIP ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 29, 2002

Moved and carried to appoint Election Inspectors for 11/5/2002 General Election-Absent Voter Counting Board. The Counting Board will meet in the basement of the Townhall at 4:30p.m.
Adjourned without objection at 11:37a.m.
Janis Knieper-Lyndon Township Clerk

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING November 12, 2002

Meeting called to order and opened with pledge of allegiance to the flag. Consent agenda adopted
Moved and carried to reappoint L. Moore & R. Mester to the Township Planning Commission.
Moved and carried to appoint E. McMurray as Township Board representative to Township Planning Commission effective 12/11/02.
Moved and carried to accept L. Hopkins resignation from Board of Review.
Moved and carried to appoint J. Spencer to fill the vacancy on Board of Review.
Offered and carried by roll call vote to adopt Ordinance No. 44, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance as presented.
Moved and carried to accept J. Knieper resignation as Township Clerk effective 12/10/02.
Moved and carried to appoint L. Reilly as Township Clerk effective 12/11/02.
Moved and carried to appoint K. Francis as Township representative to County MTA.
Moved and carried to appoint K. Francis as Township alternate representative to CAFA.
Moved and carried to appoint L. Reilly as Township alternate representative to Chelsea Area Traffic Study.
Moved and carried to appoint L. Shanahan as Township alternate representative to CAPT.
Moved and carried to table that an attorney be consulted on the proposed/draft Articles of Incorporation of CAFA Joint Building and Bylaws.
Reports given:
Other Business:
Adjourned without objection at 8:05 p.m.
Janis Knieper-Lyndon Township Clerk

CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 15, 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; Lynn Fox, Jan Dohner, Lynn Fox; Greg DeGraff, Trustees and Metta Lansdale, Director
Guests: Lella Draugelis, Linda Ballard, Marie Brooks and Shawn Personke
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.
Compulsory Segments
Minutes Approval
MOVED by N. Paul and Seconded by K. Sprawka to accept the minutes from September 17, 2002.
MOTION Passed.
MOVED by N. Schumann and Seconded by J. Dohner to accept the minutes from September 23, 2002.
MOTION Passed.
MOVED by J. Gourlay and Seconded by N. Paul to accept the minutes from October 7, 2002.
MOTION Passed.
Approval of the Checks
MOVED by N. Schumann and Seconded by Greg DeGraff to accept the checks.
MOTION Passed.
Director's Report
The Director provided a packet update that included a corrected financial report, revision of the Year-End expense projections, update of the September Volunteer Service report and a proposal from the Braton Group for Pre-Campaign Planning and service as Capital Campaign Counsel. M. Lansdale reported that a packet for the October 22nd meeting would be forthcoming via e-mail and would include an agenda and a proposal from Jim Mumby for an amendment to his design services.
Library Presentation - Family History File
Marie Brooks, Volunteer Coordinator, distributed material about the Family History File and invited the Trustees to an open house on the 25th of October. The Open House will feature this resource, celebrated by genealogists throughout the state, and host genealogists in Washtenaw and Jackson Counties as well as the Library of Michigan Genealogy Specialist, Carole Callard, who holds a funded Chair of Genealogy with the Library of Michigan.
Action Items
Director Compensation
MOVED by Greg DeGraff, seconded by J. Gourlay: "Resolve to offer Metta Lansdale a contract, effective October, 2002 through December 31, 2003, to include quarterly reviews in March, June and September, with an annual performance evaluation in December of 2003. Goals and objectives and job description to be mutually agreed upon by the end of the January Retreat."
PASSED
Director Contract
MOVED by John Gourlay, seconded by J. Dohner: "Resolve to offer Metta Lansdale retroactive pay increases equivalent to those received by the rest of staff and similar increases in 2003."
PASSED
[The Personnel Committee will follow up on this action with a report and revised Director Job Description in the November packet.]
Policy for Approval: Public Display in the Library
MOVED by N. Schumann and Seconded by N. Paul to approve the Public Display policy as revised by the Policy Committee and distributed in the packet.
MOTION Passed.
8:00 Discussion Items
Disability and Life Insurance for Part Time Employees
MOVED by J. Dohner and Seconded by N. Paul that this item be moved from Discussion to an Action Item. PASSED.
MOVED by J. Gourlay and Seconded by N. Schumann to extend Long Term Disability and Short Term Disability and Life Insurance benefits to eligible part time employees of the library.
PASSED
Reporting Donations
The library attorney has advised by phone conversation with the director

DEXTER TOWNSHIP BIDS

is currently accepting bids for the snowplowing of their parking lot, clearing of the sidewalks, and salting as needed. If interested please contact the office at 734-426-3767 during business hours. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Bids will be accepted no later than Monday, December 9, 2002
Pat Kelly, Supervisor
6880 Dexter Pinckney Rd.
Dexter, MI 48130

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. AT
THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP HALL AT
5665 WEBSTER CHURCH RD., DEXTER, MICHIGAN

Agenda:
Revisions to Section 2.02 and the addition of Section 4.11 to meet State open space ordinance requirements.
Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than seven days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance.
Written comments may be made in advance at the above address.
John Kingsley, Chairman

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

DECEMBER 5, 2002, 7 P.M.
18027 OLD U.S. 12, CHELSEA, MI 48118-9633

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sylvan Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on December 5, 2002, at 7 p.m. in the Sylvan Township Hall at 18027 Old U.S. 12, Chelsea, Michigan, to hear all persons interested in an amendment to the Sylvan Township Zoning Ordinance ("Zoning Ordinance"). This amendment would provide regulations regarding an open space preservation development option for development under the Zoning Ordinance. The amendment would make the following changes to the Zoning Ordinance:

1. Amend Article 2, Section 2.04, entitled Definitions, to add definitions of Conservation Easement, Open Space, Open Space Preservation Development Option ("OSPDO"), and Undeveloped State.
2. Amend Article 11, entitled Agricultural District, by providing that a parcel of land may be developed for single-family detached dwelling units under the OSPDO.
3. Amend Article 21, entitled LR District, to provide that a parcel of land may be developed for single-family detached dwelling units under the OSPDO.
4. Delete Section 20.02(C).
5. Amend Article 56, entitled Supplemental Regulations, to add provisions that permit and regulate the development of land under an OSPDO, by permitting grouping of dwelling units on portions of eligible land that are most suitable for residential development while permitting the remaining portions of land most suitable for open space to be perpetually preserved as undeveloped open space.

Members of the public are invited to attend the hearing and give comment, or to provide written comments concerning the proposed amendment to Clerk LuAnn S. Koch at the Sylvan Township Hall in advance of the public hearing. The text of the proposed amendment may be examined at the Sylvan Township Hall during the Township's ordinary business hours. Any questions may be directed to Clerk LuAnn S. Koch at (734) 475-8890.
LUANN S. KOCH
Township Clerk

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP SOIL, EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE THE TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN AS THE ENFORCING AGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PART 91, SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL, OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1994 PA 451, AS AMENDED (PART 91); TO REPEAL ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.
(Amended 11/12/02, effective 12/27/02)
THE TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

80.000 Section I. Agency Designated. Pursuant to the provision of the Michigan Soil and Sedimentation Control of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Part 91), the Building Department of the Township of Sylvan is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Township of Sylvan under Michigan Soil and Sedimentation Control of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Part 91), and all rules promulgated thereunder. The Township of Sylvan assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act throughout its corporate limits.
Section II. Repeals. All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
Section III. Publication. This ordinance shall be effective after legal publication and in accordance with provisions of the Act governing the same.
This Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township of Sylvan at its regular meeting called and held on the 2nd day of April, 2002, and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law.
(Adopted 4/2/02 effective 4/12/02).

LIMA TOWNSHIP REGULAR & SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2002 AT 8:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on November 4, 2002 and opened with the Pledge of the Flag. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustee Laier, Absent Trustee McKenzie. Also present Zoning Administrator and several residents and guests.
Motion by Laier supported by Havens to accept the minutes of the October 7, 2002 regular meeting and the October 16, special meeting with the addition to number 5, resident application. Carried.
The treasurers report was received. She indicated taxes again will be collected on Fridays in December and Tuesdays for the balance of the tax year.
The zoning administrator issued 9 permits including 5 barns, 1 house, 2 decks and 1 house addition.
Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to extend the Somoyl permit for a private road to January 1, 2008 and to comply with the private road ordinance and fee schedule in effect at the time he continues his work. Carried.
Motion by Unterbrink supported by Laier to table the sewer use ordinance and water and sewer rates. Carried.
Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to adopt the "Metro Act" Telecommunications Right of Way Resolution, providing regulations governing the issuance of permits by Township to telecommunications providers for their access to an ongoing use of the public rights of way within the Township.
Motion by Havens supported by Laier to pay bills as presented including election workers. Carried.
Respectfully submitted,
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

LIMA TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2002 AT 8:20 A.M.

The special meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order at 8:20 A.M. November 8, 2002. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustee McKenzie and Laier. Also present Ken Meyer, Steven Karbal, Sidney Moss, Attorney Fred Lucas.
The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Exhibits A and B of the Settlement Agreement among Steven Karbal and Sidney I. Moss, Eugene A. Thornton and JoAnn Thornton and Lima Township and the revisions as reflected on Exhibit B.
Motion by Bareis supported by Havens to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Settlement Agreement among Steven Karbal, Sidney I. Moss, Eugene A. Thornton and JoAnn Thornton and Lima Township, dated November 8, 2002, as presented in this form, including the attached Exhibits A and B. Ayes: Havens, McKenzie, Laier, Bareis, and Unterbrink. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.
Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to adjourn at 8:45 A.M. Carried.
Respectfully submitted,
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

that the board not report personal names of donors. Trustees are concerned about the implications this advice has for the planned capital fundraising campaign and the recognition of donors for that campaign. Trustees asked for more information about the distinction between government entities and non-profit organizations in this context and whether recognition could be made with the permission of the donor. The director will ask for written opinion of the attorney on these issues.
Year-End Expense Projections
MOVED by J. Gourlay and Seconded by N. Schumann that this item be moved from Discussion to an Action Item. PASSED.
MOVED by J. Gourlay and Seconded by J. Dohner to approve the FY 2002 budget revisions as distributed at the meeting. PASSED. Greg DeGraff abstained from this vote which provided a benefit to the Friends, as he is President of the Friends of the Chelsea District Library.
Budget changes as approved, is attached to these minutes.
Director and Board Communications
The Director notified the board that with the Bylaws change requiring director communications to be specified as to "manner and times" the board should begin discussion as to how this should be done. She supplied the board with current director communication practice as a stimulus to the discussion.
By consensus the board directed this issue to the Personnel Committee so that the communications methodology could be incorporated into the Job Description currently being revised. To the list provided by the Director, trustees added annual performance reports and an annual report to the community as suggestions for the Personnel Committee to consider.
Packet Content - PR Materials
Discussing the content of the packet and the need for trustees to have a record of press releases and publicity about the library the director was asked, by consensus, to include copies of published newspaper articles and library-issued press releases included in the board packet. Flyers about library programs and services should be collected at the mailboxes and provided at the board meeting for trustees to review. Press Releases will also be e-mailed to Trustees as they are issued.
"Learning without Limits"
The board discussed a proposal from the school district to place a wireless internet access device in the library for access to the school computer and internet access server by students using laptops supplied by the school system. The library attorney is concerned about the differing internet filtering policies of the library and the school district and may recommend that the library not enter this agreement if it is found the two filtering policies are in conflict. The trustees asked for further information before they take action at the November meeting: What agreement will parents sign with the school district when they accept laptops for their children's use? Has the school district consulted their attorney about the potential conflict in the internet filtering policies? What is the effect on the library's liability if the wireless access hub is in a nearby hallway in the same building the library users, but not actually in the library?
Major Discussion Topics
Reports
Building Committee - no report.
Finance Committee - no report.
Fund Raising Committee - no report.
Public Relations Committee - previously reported.
Friends - Greg DeGraff reported on the Friends Bake-off event and annual winter event.
DDA - no report.
Personnel Committee - Greg DeGraff is transitioning onto the Personnel Committee.
Policy Committee - scheduled to meet November 12th.
Nominating Committee - no report.
Chamber of Commerce Liaison - no report.
School Board Liaison - no report.
Public Comment
None further.
Adjournment
MOVED by J. Dohner and Seconded by N. Schumann to adjourn.
MOTION Passed at 10:05 p.m.
Submitted by:
Nancy Schumann, Secretary
Metta Lansdale, Director

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VOLUNTEER CORNER

Washtenaw County Senior Nutrition Program Volunteers are needed to deliver meals Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Dexter area to older adults who are homebound. Please call Cindy at the Dexter Senior Center at (734) 426-5397 if you have time to help out anytime during the week. (12-19)
Home Meal Service (HMS) On Wheels seeks volunteer drivers. Home Meal Service has recently experienced a large increase in demand for home delivered meals. We need one extra driver each day. Deliveries could be completed in under one hour from pick up to carrier return. This is a great chance to contribute to the comfort and well being of a portion of Chelsea's community who need assistance in maintaining their health and independence. Please contact Mary Erskine at (734) 475-9494 or Nadine Shaneyfelt at (734) 475-3305 for more information. (12-19)
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The components of a home septic system are fairly simple.

Wastewater from the home flows by gravity through a sewer pipe out the house and into a septic tank, which is a large watertight box usually made out of concrete.

Solid elements sink to the bottom of the tank, forming a sludge layer, while the majority of the tank fills with liquids called effluent.

When the tank is full, the effluent flows through an outlet pipe located near the top.

It may pass through a second tank or pass directly into the drain field, also called an absorption field. This area is composed of perforated pipes in underground trenches. The liquid flows through the pipes and percolates down into the soil.

The slowly draining effluent sinks through the soil that filters out particles and pathogens. Bacteria and natural processes break down contaminants.

The composition of the soil is important. A percolation test will determine if it's porous enough to allow the effluent to pass through.

Soil composed of fine clay or compacted soil will keep the liquids from draining and will result in a saturated drain field that will not func-

tion. If the soil has too much gravel or sand, the effluent will pass through the water table too quickly.

Drain fields must be held back from wells, lakes and streams to prevent contamination. Washtenaw County requires that septic tanks be at least 50 feet from a well and septic fields be more than 50 feet from a lake or stream and at least 100 feet from a well.

It's important to pump the contents out of the septic tank on a routine basis. A professional should do this every few years.

Routine pumping is less costly than replacing a clogged drain field. If the septic tank is sized correctly, it should be pumped out every three to five years.

Don't plant trees or bushes over the field that may clog the pipes with roots. Don't direct rainwater runoff into

the area because it will cause the field to become saturated and less able to treat wastewater.

Since a drain field needs oxygen, don't pave over it. Also, don't drive vehicles over it because the pipes may be damaged.

Don't dump trash into your septic system. Solid wastes such as diapers, cigarettes and tissues should not be disposed of in the system.

Minimize the solids you put into your sink's garbage disposer — coffee grounds and large volumes of fats, greases, and food scraps may clog the system. Never pour hazardous chemicals into your drains.

Richard Morse is a Dexter Township resident, architect, licensed builder and owner of Inside Out Home Inspection Service Inc. He can be reached at 424-9069 or at insideoutinspect@aol.com.



Muffin Mania

The life skills class at Mill Creek Middle School in Dexter recently made muffins, cakes and breads from Jiffy mixes. Pictured with fresh muffins are Justin Wensel (left) and Shawn Dagg.

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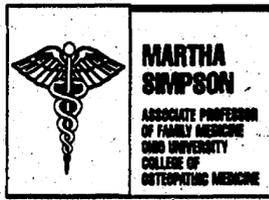
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Question: Each year when I cook Thanksgiving dinner for my family, I wonder how I can make it a more healthy meal. During most of the year, I try very hard to prepare meals that don't have too much fat or calories, but it seems during the holidays this is a much harder task. Can you tell me how to cook a Thanksgiving meal that is both delicious and nutritious?

Answer: For you and the rest of my readers, I'll devote this column to offering advice on making your Thanksgiving dinner a more healthful treat than it might otherwise be. As you asked in your question, my goal will be to give you tips that will make sure your holiday feast is both good and tasting and good for you.

First, it's nice to know that when preparing a Thanksgiving meal you are starting with a healthful staple — turkey. Its white meat is one of the leanest meats available.

When you serve your turkey, cut plenty of slices of white meat. And remove the skin, which contains a lot of fat. If you're one of those people who like dark meat better than white meat, eat it only in moderation.

When it comes time to make the stuffing, I don't advise that you use Grandma's recipe. Many of those old recipes for stuffing are loaded with fat because they

contain whole eggs, butter and the drippings from the turkey.

You can make stuffing that tastes just as good by using egg whites or a commercial egg substitute and by substituting fat-free chicken broth for the turkey drippings. To add some fiber to the stuffing, make it with whole grain bread, rather than cornbread or white bread.

Some parts of the traditional Thanksgiving meal are fine just the way they are. Sweet potatoes are loaded with fiber and beta-carotene, and cranberries are high in vitamins. Some people also like to serve green beans, peas and other healthy vegetables with their holiday feast. Just make sure you don't cancel out the positive effects of the vegetables by covering them with butter, high-fat cheese or cream sauce.

Even the traditional pumpkin pie for dessert can be good for you. Make the crust with graham crackers, rather than using a traditional flour crust that contains eggs. Choose a pumpkin filling that's low in fat, and if you want whipped cream on top, use a fat-free variety. Other options for low-fat desserts include frozen yogurt, fruit sorbet or pumpkin custard.

Finally, one other part of traditional holiday get-togethers that's not so healthy is the cocktails and other alcoholic drinks that often are part of the festivities. If you do choose to drink, do it in moderation, and never get behind the wheel of a car after you've been drinking.

Dr. Martha Simpson is assistant professor of family medicine at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She can be reached at 1-740-593-0898 or via e-mail at simpsonm@ohio.edu.



Photo by Mary Kumbler

History Lesson

Sixth-graders at Creekside Intermediate School recently finished studying the early economy of Canada in class. As a part of the project, they made trinkets to trade and learned about some of the daily activities of early Canadian settlers. Some of the activities included playing lacrosse, a javelin throw and a corn relay race. Derek Wooten runs with two large 45-pound sacks filled with corn on his shoulders.

Ganzhorn earns scholarship

David Ganzhorn, a 2002 graduate of Dexter High School, has received the Rush Rhees Scholarship and a National Merit Scholarship from the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y.

Named for the university's third president, the Rush Rhees Scholarship is given to high ability students who score 1350 or higher on the SAT or a composite of 31 or better on the ACT tests. National Merit scholarships are awarded to students with exceptional abilities and accomplishments, strong credentials, and strong performance on a qualifying examination. Finalists are selected from a pool of 15,000 semifinalists based on high academic standards, endorsements and recommendations by school officials, and information about activities, interests and educational goals. The scholarships are renewable each year of college.

Ganzhorn, a freshman, is studying brain and cognitive science. He is the son of Robert and Ruth Ganzhorn of Dexter Township.

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DOMINICK
Dominick is still a puppy at heart, but he's smart as a whip and anxious to find an owner who will teach him all the tricks of the trade. He still needs a little leash training, but he's a happy, friendly dog. His fur is very soft, and he's quite handsome, don't you think? He's here at the shelter as a stray, and he's about a year and a half old.
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DEATHS



LOUIS J. SLOAN

Dexter
Louis J. Sloan, 89, of Dexter died Nov. 20, 2002, in his home. He was born Dec. 17, 1912, in Syracuse, N.Y., the son of Henry "Harry" J. and Catherine (Coleman) Sloan.

Mr. Sloan was the founder and owner of Sloan Nursery in Detroit and Dexter. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter.

On June 19, 1937, he married Augusta Schabas in Mount Clemens, and she survives. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Kathleen (Don) Lowe of Owosso and Alice Sloan of Ypsilanti; two sons, Richard (Maureen) Sloan of Dexter and Michael (Janet) Sloan of Ann Arbor; eight grandchildren, Jennifer, Patrick, Mary, Matthew, Heather, Carrie, Veronica and Laura; and two great-grandchildren, Jordan and Dylan.

He was preceded in death by three children, Patricia (Arthur) Laventure, Joseph A. Sloan and Thomas J. Sloan; and two grandchildren, Phillip and Jeannette.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter. The Rev. Brendan Walsh presided. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

The family received friends at the Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice.

IRENE ESTHER ESTLEMAN

Grayling
Formerly of Whitmore Lake
Irene Esther Estleman, 84, died Nov. 21, 2002, at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. She was born May 1, 1908, in Ypsilanti the daughter of Frederick and Cora (Whittaker) Howlett.

Mrs. Estleman married Randolph Steiner Estleman in July 1928 in Angola, Ind., and he preceded her in death July 6, 1988.

Mrs. Estleman, who was retired from Ann Arbor Bearing, previously resided in Whitmore Lake before moving to Grayling, where she lived for the past 13 years.

Mrs. Estleman enjoyed reading and the study of astrology. She also made and gave away many afghan blankets and was known as "The Afghan Lady" in Crawford County.

Mrs. Estleman was preceded in death by her husband; one sister, Mary Howlett; and three brothers, Charles, Homer and Lester Howlett. She is survived by one daughter, Marlene (Eugene) Brown of Beaver Creek Township, and one sister, Lucy (Lloyd) Reed of Ypsilanti.

She is also survived by two grandchildren, Randy Brown of Grayling and Janet Farmer of Coldwell, Texas; four great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and two special relatives, Charles and Loren Estleman, both of Whitmore Lake.

Visitation was held Saturday. Funeral services were held Sunday at Sorenson Funeral Home. The Rev. Karen Henderlong officiated. Interment followed in Beaver Creek Township Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

LOUIS J. DEVINE

Dexter
Louis J. Devine, 89, of Dexter died Nov. 20, 2002, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after a brief illness. He was born March 31, 1913, to George L. and Florence (Monks) Devine in Dexter. On April 24, 1937, he married Evelyn D. Knight and she preceded him in death July 30, 1987, after 50 years of marriage.

Mr. Devine is survived by his three children, John R. (Jane) of Ann Arbor, James L. (Winona) of Dexter and Robert M. (Sherry) of Dexter; seven grandchildren, John II, Jeffery, Ronald, James, Kathy, Tracy and Karen; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, John, Claude, Leo and Harold; one sister, Mary; and a grandson, Robert M. Devine II.

Mr. Devine was a lifelong resident and a longtime businessman in Dexter. He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Dexter Knights of Columbus.

Visitation and a scripture service was Friday at Hosmer-Muehlly Funeral Chapel in Dexter. Mass of the Christian Burial was Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The Rev. Brendan Walsh presided.

Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Dexter Knights of Columbus Council.

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humanities, science, social science and fine arts.

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Mackres is a sophomore at Albion College and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service.

He is the son of David Mackres of Grass Lake and Martha Mackres of Man-

chester. He graduated from Washtenaw Technical Middle College in Ann Arbor.

Knox is a sophomore at Albion College. She is the daughter of Allison and John Knox of Chelsea, and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Carroll is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Thomas and Susi Carroll of Whitmore Lake, and a graduate of Dexter High School.

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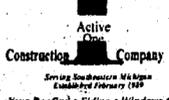


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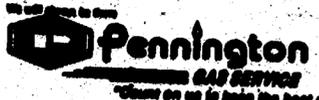


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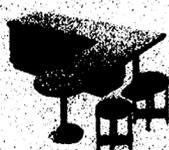
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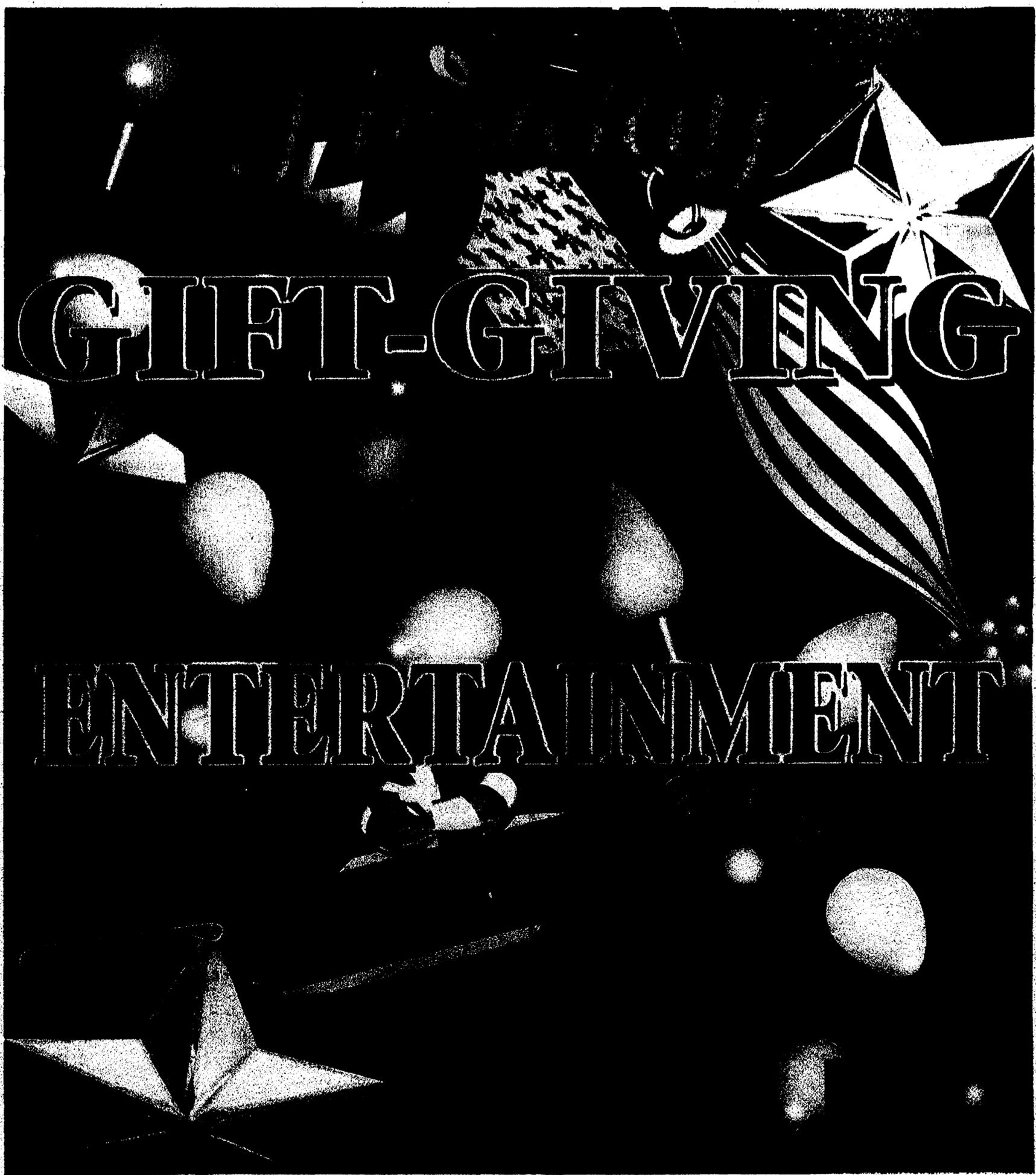
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Candles add warmth, elegance at holiday time

Silver Bells may be a well-known holiday tune, but when you walk into most stores this season it isn't bells you see - it's candles.

It seems that candles have never been more popular or more available. From department to discount stores and everywhere in between, you'll find a large selection of candles to fit almost any style and budget.

According to Tom Hunsche, vice president of marketing for leading candle manufacturer, Hearth & Home Traditions, Ltd., candles can play a large part in your holiday decorating. And, brightening your season with candles can be simple.

"Candles cast a warm and welcoming glow in any setting," Hunsche said. "From a striking display on the mantle or center of the table to single candles placed throughout the home, there is nothing that says home quite like candlelight."

Hearth & Home Traditions, Ltd. offers these tips for decorating with candles this season:

- Use a collection of 5-7 pillar candles in varying heights to make a dramatic statement. Odd numbers tend to work better in arrangements.

- Simple red or white candles on a beautiful, heat-resistant platter can make a stunning centerpiece or can stretch across the mantle to create an equally elegant effect.

- Try different colors this season. Instead of the traditional red and green, decorate your home in a collection of icy colors like silver and blue. Or, for something really different, add a touch of this year's hot color — fuchsia — to your holiday decorations.

- A long, low candle makes a wonderful centerpiece because it provides decoration without obscuring views across a dinner table. It works equally as well on a buffet table.

- Use several votive candles in glass containers around a buffet table. The twinkling lights cast a magical glow.

- Surrounding any candle with a few sprigs of holly or fresh evergreen can create an instant focal point on an entry table. (Just be sure to keep these items away from the flame.)

- If you love to put the decorations up early and can't have a real tree in your house, use a collection of pine scented candles nearby to give your entire home the fragrance of a fresh-cut tree without all those needles.

- Candles don't need to stay indoors even during the winter months. Tin punched luminaries with votive candles make a welcoming addition to a walkway or front door.

- When holiday guests stay the night, put a candle and matches in their room. Nothing is as soothing after a hectic holiday afternoon than an evening of soft candlelight.

Holiday decorations aren't the only place for candles this season. They make a wonderful gift for friends and acquaintances.

"Candles continue to be popular gifts for teachers," according to Hunsche. "The holidays provide a break for teachers and an aromatherapy or other scented candle with a note of thanks makes a thoughtful and useful gift."

Candles also offer a fantastic alternative to the traditional bottle of wine as a hostess gift. "The Original Cake Candle from Hearth & Home Traditions, Ltd. is a fun way to take a bit of 'fresh baked' goodness to any hostess.

And, you can find a candle to fit almost any personality from babysitter to co-workers. Candles are an appreciated gift for many of those hard to buy for people on the holiday gift list.

While candles make a wonderful gift or decoration for the holidays, it is important to follow a few simple safety tips.

- Trim wick to 1/4 inch at all times.
- Always keep candles away from anything that can catch fire.
- Keep a burning candle in sight.
- Extinguish a candle when 1-inch from the bottom.
- Carefully remove all wick trimming and debris.
- Always keep candles away from pets and children.
- Read the manufacturer's instructions.
- Extinguish any candle that smokes. Let cool, trim wick to 1/4 inch. If smoking persists, extinguish and return the candle.

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Christmas isn't just for kids

By Renee Lapham Collins

Heritage Newspapers

There are a host of Christmas traditions that vary from family to family, and each of us probably has a memory or two of the typical events that created what we recall today as Christmas.

For me, these memories are centered around a happy childhood spent in the company of little sisters—the brothers didn't arrive until I was in my teens. My sisters and I would wake before dawn on Christmas morning, too excited to stay in bed. We'd creep into the living room and see what Santa had brought.

I don't remember ever being disappointed—St. Nick always seemed to come through with the gifts we'd asked for, even though my parents had very little to spend. After awhile, my parents would get up and my dad would spend the morning playing with us on the living room floor while mom would make breakfast and put the Christmas chicken in the oven. I'm sure my parents didn't get too much sleep, especially if they had gone to Midnight Mass. When I was a kid, Midnight Mass really was at 12 o'clock, which made for a late night for all the parish Santas who had to rush off and prepare for the morning gift-giving.

I LOOK BACK and see that my experiences as a child have both prepared me to help others enjoy the holiday as much as I did and set me up for disappointment, since the holiday now never quite lives up to my memory of the past.

My husband isn't a Christmas kind of guy at all—he hates it. His childhood was different, and his life experiences

much more tragic than mine. My mother, whom I always figured was enamored of the holiday, doesn't like it, either. There are too many reminders there of my late father, of a time when we were all young and healthy and she didn't feel as though she was facing the future alone.

Despite her sadness, my mother's efforts when I was a child gave me the attitude I have about the holiday.

Frankly, I love it.

I love the music, the decorations, going to Mass, the smells of pine wreaths, "buckeyes," Peace on Earth, giving presents to everyone I can. Most of all, I adore the memories.

One of the great traditions we always had growing up was the Christmas cake. This was no ordinary cake—it was Jesus' Birthday Cake. Every Christmas morning, my mom would bring the cake out with a single candle burning in the center and we'd crouch around the Christmas crèche to sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus, and then all together, we'd blow out the candle. It was my mother's way of instilling in us the true meaning of Christmas—not toys or stockings but the birth of Christ.

IF YOU think about all of the material things that remind us of the holiday—the decorations in stores that seem to be going up earlier every year; the constant reminders of how many shopping days are left; the 20 and 30 percent off department store sales; and the various "great gift ideas" that spring up at Meijer's or Wal-Mart's for under \$10, well, it's easy to see how we can get so caught up in the holiday that we forget

to celebrate the "reason for the season," as the saying goes.

Seen through the eyes of a child, the Christmas tradition is a magical time of twinkling lights, Santa, shiny ornaments, and presents under the tree. It is a time for us as adults to look at our own lives and at the world around us and believe—even for just a day—that everything is going to be okay.



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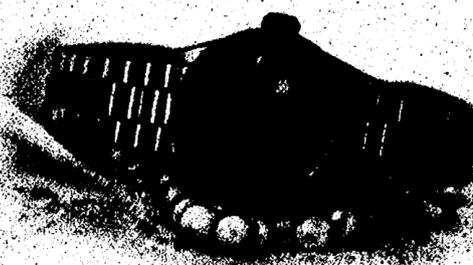


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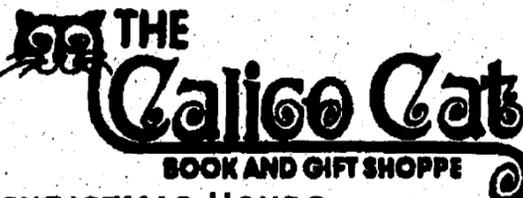
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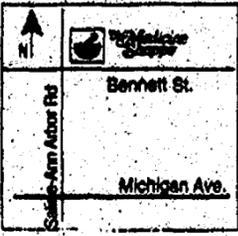
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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, sponsored by Milan Jaycees, 10-11:30 a.m. Milan Big Boy. \$3/child 12 and under; \$4 additional for picture with Santa.

SALINE CRAFT SHOW, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saline Middle School, \$2 admission, free parking. Lots of great gift and decorating ideas.

TREASURE TRAIL TO SANTA, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saline Shopping Center, photos with Santa and his crew, live reindeer, carriage rides, and much more. Free.

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BATTLE OF THE YULE TREES, CCDA invites Chelsea High School groups, clubs, and student organizations to decorate a tree for the Chelsea Festival of Lights. Awards will be given for organizations that best represent their club through creative decorating. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Decorating is Dec. 6 from 3-5 p.m.

DECEMBER 9 — HOLIDAY CONCERT, Saline Middle School 7th grade Band and Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Saline High auditorium, directed by Cara Boden and Erin Hansen.

CHELSEA MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CONCERT, Chelsea High auditorium, 7:30 p.m. featuring the Chelsea 7th and 8th grade bands, orchestras, and choir.

DECEMBER 12 — MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT, 7:30 p.m. at the High School.

DECEMBER 13 — MANCHESTER SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON, Klager Elementary School, reservations required.

MANCHESTER FESTIVAL OF TREES, 7 p.m. Village Hall.

HOLIDAY SOCIAL, MILAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 8 a.m. Dutch Treat breakfast at the Campfire Restaurant. Guest speaker.

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Making holiday memories



What would Christmas be without reindeer and cookies? Leah Schwartzenberger (above) and Riles Dobar are pictured enjoying some of the holiday traditions. Leah displays a reindeer crafted of Popsicle sticks that she found at one of the many bazaars during the Dexter Victorian Christmas Celebration last year. Below, Dobar perfects his cookie decorating technique during the Chelsea Festival of Lights last December.



Holiday GIFT GIVING AND ENTERTAINMENT

Manchester Memories



Marian Ahrens

What is your favorite Christmas memory?

"For Christmas 1972, I got a special gift from my children. It was beautifully wrapped in a huge box, but as I opened it I found it was loaded with bricks and papers. At the bottom of the box was a small box with a mother's ring in it. It didn't fit properly but I have always been careful of it. Just a few weeks ago, I was shopping in Adrian and I noticed it was missing. We looked all over the store and couldn't find it. I left my name and phone number and fortunately, by the time I got home there was a message — the ring had been found. I'm going to have it re-sized now after all these years."

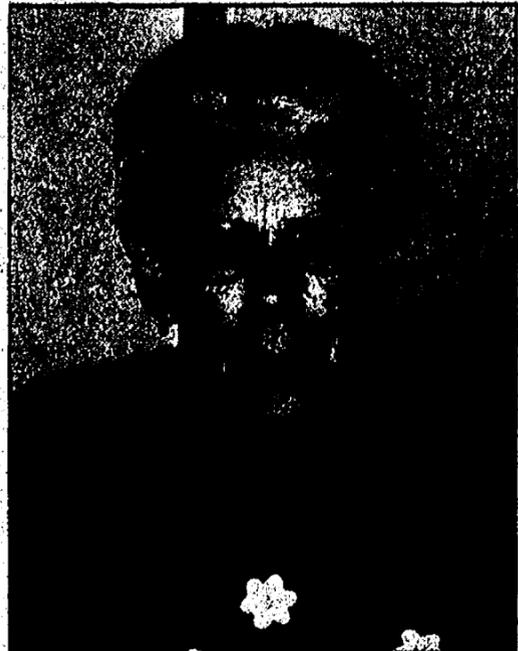
~ Marian Ahrens



Francis Heckaman

"I don't have a particularly memorable Christmas, but I certainly can't remember a bad one."

~ Francis Heckaman



TV Ludwig

"I remember when I was little, we had a Santa Claus come to our house. It was the man next door and he was dressed up in my dad's costume. He was making home brew and so he was really jolly. I always wondered why Santa smelled like something to drink. He was a wonderful neighbor, though."

~ T.V. Ludwig



Dorothy Willingham

"When I was about 13, I really wanted a typewriter for Christmas. A few days before Christmas a huge package was under the tree with my name on it. It was very heavy, and I was sure it was the typewriter. I opened it up and it was filled with bricks—and an Argus camera, which was something else I really wanted."

~ Dorothy Willingham



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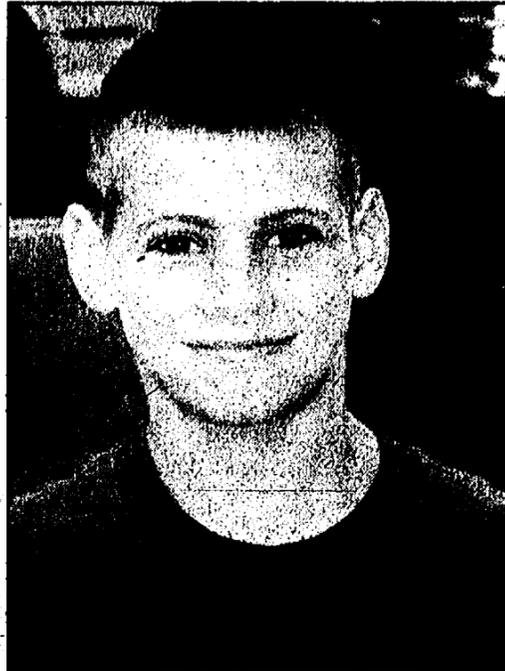
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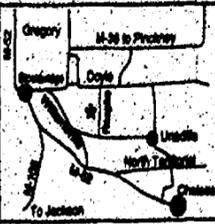
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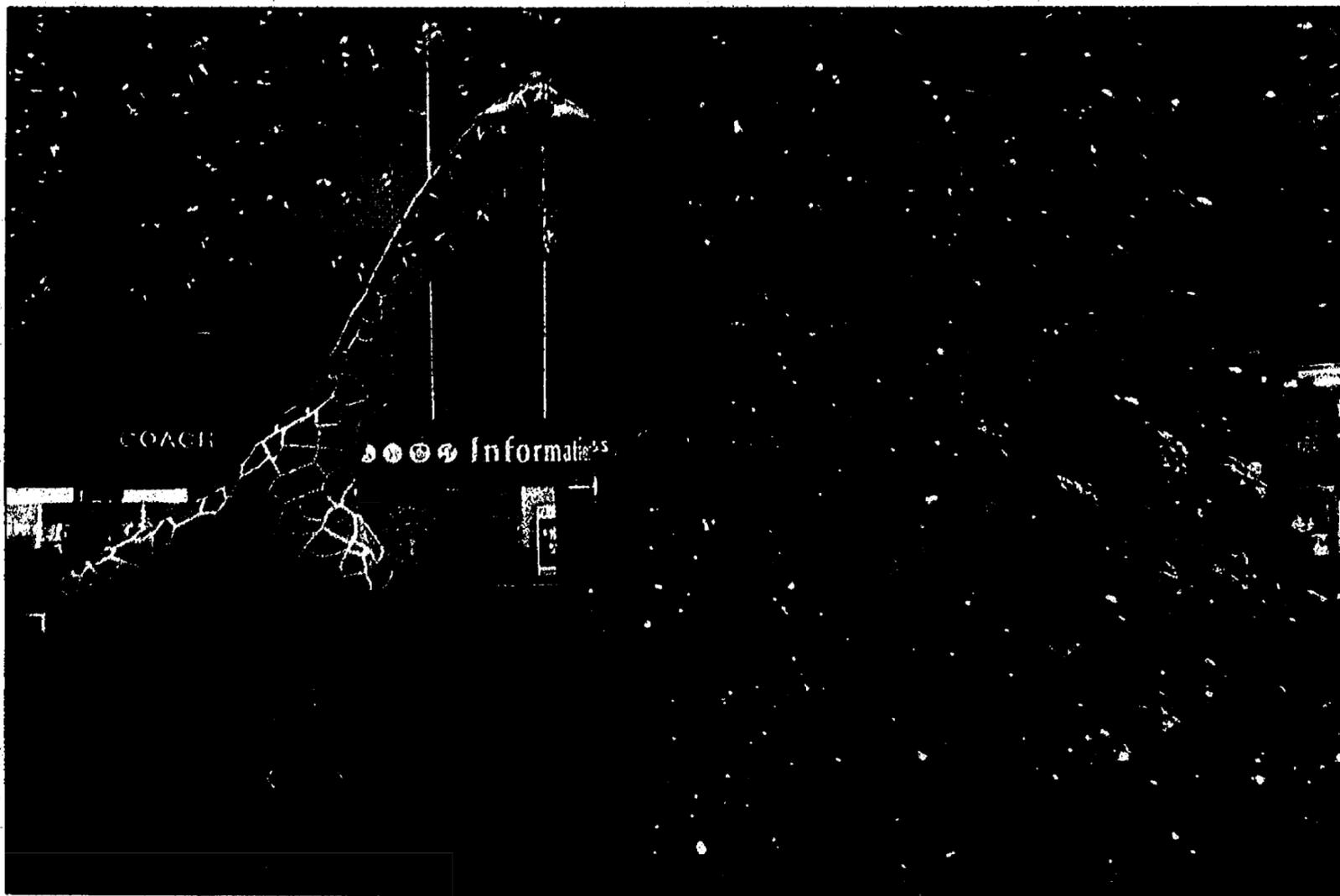
Holiday GIFT GIVING AND ENTERTAINMENT

Breakfast with Santa

The Milan-Jaycees are sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa fund-raiser on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Milan Big Boy from 10-11:30 a.m.

The cost for children 12 and under is \$3 each. Children may elect to have a picture taken with Santa for an additional \$4.

Proceeds will be donated primarily to the Benson family, who lost three children in a house fire Nov. 15, and to Aid in Milan.



The handmade life-sized animal creations of Ann Arbor artist Ira C. Imbras-Jansen fill the Briarwood holiday display now through the beginning of January. This 18-foot giraffe represents one of the menagerie.

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Season's statistics

By Margie Bovee
Heritage Newspapers

According to the International Council on Shopping Centers, the December holidays are among the busiest of the year. Here are a few statistics gathered by the organization about mall activities:

- The holiday song played most frequently at malls last year was "Jingle Bells."

- The second most frequently played song at malls was "White

Christmas."

- The average amount of money a mall spends decorating for the holiday season is \$22,998.

- The average number of children who visit Santa in a mall is 10,119.

- The average amount in gift certificates sales last year per mall was \$598,643.

- The average amount of a gift certificate purchase is \$25.

- The average number of days it takes to decorate a mall for the holiday season is eight.



Santa's Hours

The Jolly Old Elf will be in residence at Briarwood Mall from Nov. 23 through Christmas Eve.

Santa's hours are:

Monday through Saturday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Please note: Santa does take a break from 1-2 and 5-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and on Sunday from 2-3.

Holiday GIFT GIVING AND ENTERTAINMENT

Shop 'til you drop! Holiday season in full swing at Briarwood Mall

By Margie Bovee

Heritage Newspapers

Oh! You better watch out

You better not cry

You better not pout,

I'm telling you why:

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Before Christmas Eve when he comes down the chimneys in area residences to deliver Christmas toys to "good" girls and boys, Santa will be at Briarwood Mall to hear their Christmas wishes.

Santa's arrival at the Briarwood Mall on Nov. 23 heralded the official start of the shopping season at the Ann Arbor mall, even though most stores have been displaying Christmas and other holiday items since October. The Jolly Old Elf will be transported to the mall via an old fashioned trolley and will stay in his cottage, located in the south corridor of the mall. The little house is nestled among pine trees and surrounded by animals from around the world. Visitors may ride on the trolley and children of all ages can have their pictures taken with Santa.

IDA HENDRIX, general manager of the mall, expects that some 10,000 children will visit Santa this year, and each child will receive a small gift from him. Of course, St. Nick will be leaving on Dec. 24 to begin his other important duties.

This year, Santa's home is located in the mall corridor formerly occupied by Jacobson's. That area is now called the Von Maur corridor. The Von Maur chain is expected to open a store in the former Jacobson location by September 2003.

The privately-owned, Iowa-based department store chain now has 18 locations, primarily in the Midwest, Hendrix said. The company hopes to attract an upscale clientele similar to that of Lord & Taylor or Nordstrom's. Construction of the Von Maur store will begin in January.

WITH THE addition of Madstone theatre, and several seasonal retail merchandising units, the mall is presently 99 percent occupied, according to Hendrix.

"We are cautiously optimistic about this holiday season," says Hendrix, commenting on the mood of the shoppers. "Last year we were just coming off of 9/11, and this year we feel the effects of an impending war and an

uncertain economy."

She said that the number of shopping days between the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas is shorter than last year because Thanksgiving is a week later than in 2001. That means shoppers will have just 26 days to complete their gift-buying compared to 32 days last season.

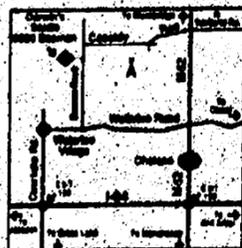
HENDRIX noted that in 2003 the mall will be celebrating its 30th year of operation. Consequently, many new renovations and updates will be taking place during the year, including renovations to the Sears and Marshall Fields stores. The mall itself will sport updates in building entrances, ceiling design, interior and exterior lighting, as well as new furniture in earth tone colors and a play area for children.

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Christmas Chatter: Milan

What is your most memorable Christmas?



Shirley Krass

"My most memorable Christmas was with my family and grandparents in Ohio."
~Shirley Krass

"My most memorable Christmas would have to be the last year my mother was alive and she spent Christmas at my house in 1974."

~Rubye Williams



Rubye Williams

"My most memorable Christmas was with my family about three years ago, with my son and daughter-in-law."

~Everett Eggert



Everett Eggert

"I remember going to midnight Mass and opening gifts afterwards back when I was a teenager in Indiana."

~Mary Lyons



Mary Lyons

"I enjoyed Christmas when my children were very young and we had just moved into a new house. The children decorated the tree except they didn't put tinsel on it. When they woke up in the morning, there was tinsel on the tree. They were so excited about it. They still talk about it."

~Helen Russell



Helen Russell

"My most memorable Christmas would have to be when my brother and his family came here for the holiday. They live in Texas."

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Christmas Chatter: Chelsea/Dexter

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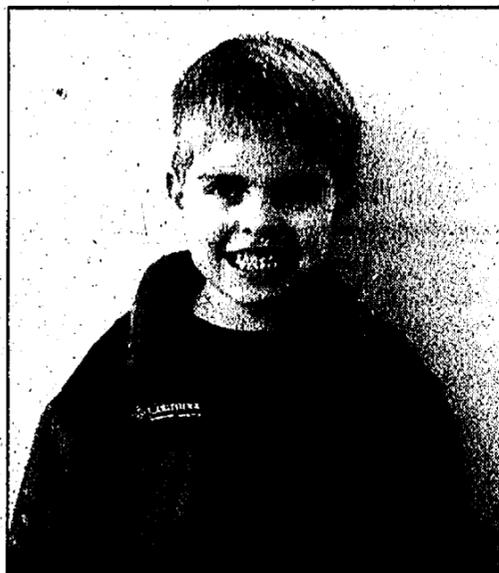
Stevie Conklin

Stevie Conklin of Webster Township has a special Christmas wish "that my brother would no longer have his disease."



Flora Hay

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Mac Guise

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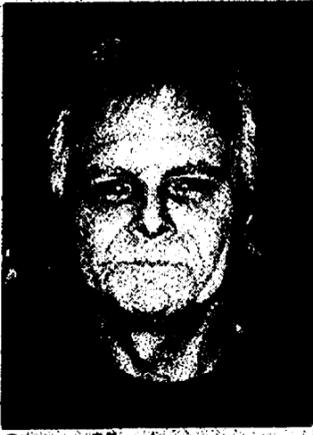
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Louis Ceriani

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~ Louis Ceriani
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~ James Montgomery
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~ Franziska Hilberer
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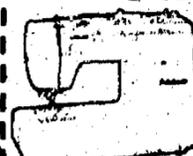
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Gifts, decor galore at Saline Craft Show

Saline Community Ed will host the sixth annual Craft Show at Saline Middle School on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

According to Scot Graden, director of Community Ed, and Cheryl Hoeft, principal organizer of the show, more than 135 crafters will be on hand, representing juried arts and crafts from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. Crafters specializing in decorative

painting, stoneware, rugs, birdhouses, holiday decorating ideas, ceramics, calligraphy and clothing will display and sell their products at affordable prices, according to Hoeft.

"Christmas greens also will be available," she said.

"Like the November Craft Show, the Community Ed event is in part designed to provide fund-raising and citizenship activities for students and student-athletes.

with set up, clean up, raffles, and the like.

"The craft show serves as a money-maker and opportunity for various student organizations to raise funds and promote leadership and citizenship at their school," Hoeft explained.

Admission is \$2. The school is accessible for the handicapped and disabled, and there is plenty of free parking. However, due to crowded conditions, organizers ask that no strollers be brought to the show.

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Oh Christmas tree: Decorating tips from the experts

Still trying to figure out the best way to get your tree to look the way it does in your imagination?

There is a trick (or two) of the trade in decorating Christmas trees.

SELECTING A TREE

Remember it will have a visual impact and be the focal point of your room throughout the holiday season. The size of your tree will partially be determined by how much space you have in your room, but also keep in mind these factors to enhance showing off your ornament collection. The more branch tips on the tree, the more ornaments you can hang.

If you want an informal look, choose a tree with long needles and upswept branches. For a formal appearance, select a tree with short needles and horizontal or downswept branches. If you are purchasing an artificial tree you should take storage into consideration and choose a tree that allows you to store it with the lights attached.

LIGHTING THE TREE

A general rule of thumb is to use one strand of lights per foot of tree. Of course the simplest way is to purchase a pre-lit tree that is hinged for easy

storage. But if you are starting from scratch, remember the lights should be strung throughout the tree, not stretched over the tips of the branches. Tuck your lights around the trunk, weave them in and out of the length of the branches to give the tree depth. Keeping the amount of lights uniform throughout the tree is important.

ADDING GARLAND

There are several ways to place garland on a tree. The most traditional is to swag your garland, beginning on the bottom, at the back of the tree. Swag the garland from tip to tip, using 12" to 20" swags, depending on the width of the tree and then twist the garland on each tip.

The swags should become smaller as you go up the tree. Other styles are to double swag the garland with one row falling lower than the other or to spiral the garland at an angle on the tree.

There are also many types of garland to choose from. Midwest of Cannon Falls suggests everything from traditional berry or gold leaf garland to elegant Vintage blown glass beads and stretches your imagination with designs of fish, sporting equipment or

gumball garland.

USING FILLER

Filling the spaces inside the tree creates an enchanting look from the inside out. This is the step that many household tree decorators don't know about. Filling inside spaces adds interest and compliments the overall mood of the tree. You can use ornaments, ribbon, garland, fruit, toys, mirrors, small gifts, cards or pinecones, whatever fits your theme.

THEMES

To make a strong statement, it is important to choose a dominant subject or color for your tree. Most trees look best with a balance of texture, shape, size and color but this should be tied together with one element being dominant.

For example, if your existing ornament collection has no theme, you can create one by introducing a significant quantity of one color or shape.

DESIGNS

Repetition establishes design and can help create the theme of your tree. Using different shapes in the same color or repeating the same texture in different colors also works.

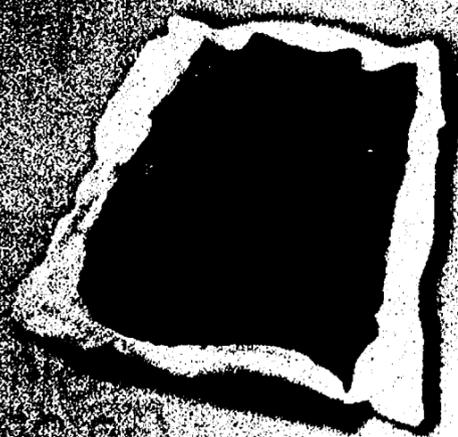
The key is to keep your theme in a basic motif — outdoors and nature, angelic and romantic, folk art and handcrafted, Western and Southwest, antique glass and heirlooms, nostalgic and family, etc.

ORNAMENTS

Be sure ornaments are suspended and hang freely so they are not touching other branches. Shiny finishes should be hung before matte or soft finishes, and bright colors before muted colors. Each size, shape, texture and color should be distributed over the entire tree. Larger ornaments should be placed on the lower part of the tree for balance.

For dramatic effects you can cluster several ornaments, combining different colors, sizes or shapes in one bunch, bound together with ribbon or a bow. These can be placed symmetrically throughout the tree or joined and placed as a swag spiraling the tree.

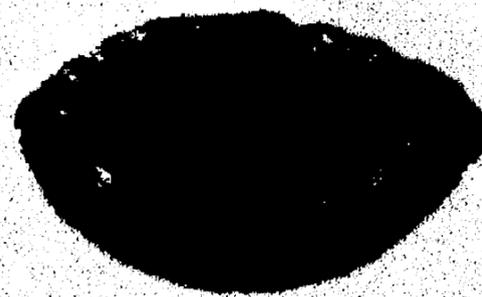
Adding bold new ideas makes the tree fun and it is certain to create conversation. If you want to decorate your tree with ornaments your children have made throughout the year, be imaginative and add them to the tree.



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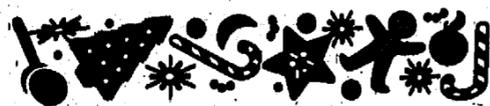
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Christmas Past--A lifetime of memories

The Littlest Tree

"I still use my late mother's little wooden table top Christmas tree—she had it when she was 4 years old in 1920, so it's more than 80 years old. I remember walking home from school in England each December down a long dark road to our house, and my mother would turn on the tiny lights on this little tree that stood in our dining room window, to guide the way. I unwrap the tree each year, tape it up as best I can and try to dress it up with tinsel and tiny ornaments. It's barely more than a wooden stick in a wooden cube with tattered, straggly branches, and would likely look pathetic to anyone else, but it means a lot to me. I asked my father to dig it out of the attic and ship it across the pond (from England) to me several years ago, when I first immigrated here and was living in the garret of an old Victorian house. For years it was my only Christmas tree."

—Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor
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The Night Before Christmas

My father owned a flower shop back in 1976 called The Fife and Drum (because it was a very patriotic time). It was a two-story house the lower level of which he had converted into a flower shop. The family lived upstairs. My three brothers and I shared a room. In the floor of our bedroom was a large square ventilation grate through which you could peer and see the shop floor below.

That year we held Christmas at our place and a gaggle of aunts, uncles, and cousins came. The cousins all piled into our room; blankets and pillows were everywhere; it was toasty up there, like a den.

Christmas Eve, the adults hustled us off to bed in our pajamas, admonishing us to be quiet, to go to sleep, Santa wouldn't come if we didn't. But few of

us still believed in Santa Clause and our excitement was too great. Instead of seeking sleep, we whispered and giggled, threw pillows, made obscene noises, but all very quiet.

And we took turns looking down on our parents through the grate as they wrapped presents and finished trimming the tree. You couldn't see everything, just the edge of the tree, a part of the couch that had been moved downstairs, some poinsettias, my grandmother's knee. But the lights glowed up through the grate; the voices drifted up; the smell of cookies and coffee wafted up — Christmas ascended through that grate.

One by one, the younger kids dropped off to sleep. I held on, too fascinated by the goings-on downstairs, too full of anticipation, too captivated by the secrets of Christmas preparation.

Finally, I alone was awake. My eyes wanted to close so badly, yet I fought them. I watched through the grate. My Aunt Marcia laughed. My Uncle Tom swore softly as he tripped over a package. My mother called a question to my father. Dishes clinked, wrapping

paper crinkled. My cousins and brothers breathed softly around me.

Then I, too, was gone. I had held out as long as I could.

I awoke Christmas morning with a large red imprint of the grate on the side of my face where it had pressed against the metal as I slept. Everyone laughed, and while I didn't find it funny, I knew then that the mark on my face was nothing compared to the mark that Christmas Eve would leave on my memory.

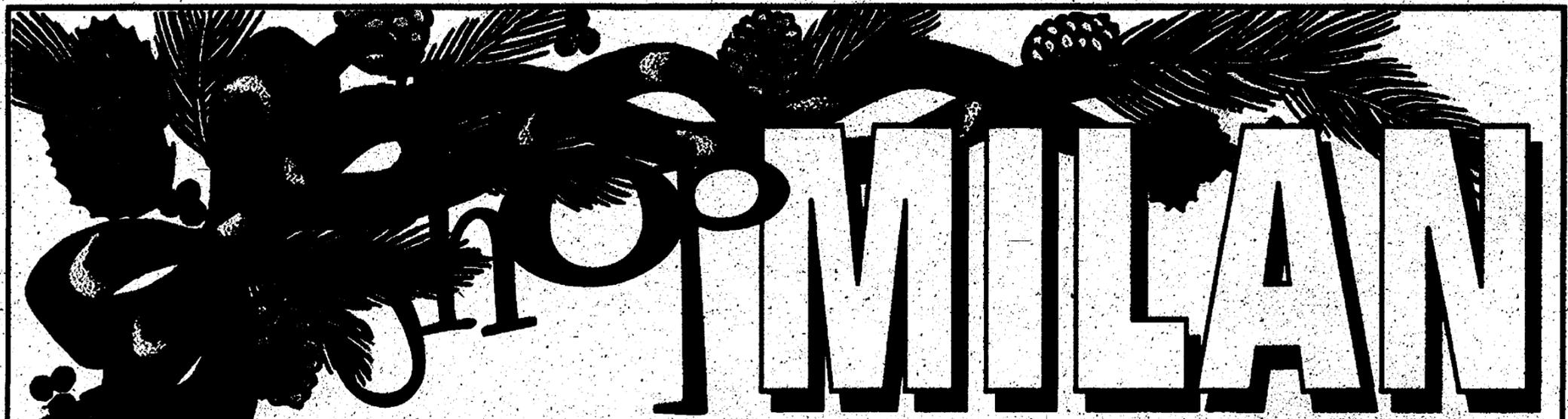
—Brian Cox
Staff Writer



Not my presents

"My fondest memory of Christmas was when I was 4 years old and waking up at 4 a.m. and going down to the Christmas tree and seeing all those gifts. Thinking that all of them were mine, I started unwrapping them. After unwrapping most of the gifts, I

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knew something was wrong, since I had unwrapped several tools, including a saw and other items. Realizing my big mistake, I hid all the unwrapped gifts under my bed, hoping that I wouldn't get in trouble. That was a memorable Christmas — my rear end remembered it, too."

—Will Keeler
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Past, Present & Future

When I was a little girl of about 7 or 8 living on Siena Heights Drive in Adrian, I was convinced that I heard Santa on our roof. Every Christmas Eve, we had a children's Christmas pageant at St. John's Lutheran Church from 7-8 p.m. The whole family would go and then we would rush home to a glowing tree packed with presents. Santa always came while we were at church.

One Christmas my father told me that we were getting home a little ear-

lier than usual and hopefully Santa was done. We were sitting in the living room, admiring the tree and presents, and taking in the ambiance of Christmas when suddenly I could hear the sound of reindeer on our roof. Bells jingled and then I heard the sound of the man who had just stuffed all those presents under the tree — Santa! I wanted to see him, but my father stopped me from going out the door.

"Oh, no, Baby Girl, nobody sees Santa," he said. "You have to just trust in what your ears are telling you and realize how lucky you are that you have heard the sounds of Santa and his reindeer."

Years later, I learned that my loving father had arranged for some of his friends to be on our roof when we arrived home and make those magical sounds just to see the look of wonder, excitement and joy on his little girl's face.

In 2001, we marked our first Christmas without my father. It had been 34 years after he arranged for the sounds of Christmas to clatter on our roof, and it was very hard to celebrate the season without the man I loved most in the world. It was going to be difficult and I wasn't sure me, my mother, or my brothers would be able to get through it, but we knew that we had to—Christ-

mas was my father's favorite holiday.

He had the decorating of the tree down to an art. He always started decorating it the very first week of December. Each day, a few more things would find their way to the tree. He would position himself in every corner of the room to see how the tree would appear to whoever was sitting in that spot. This was a ritual that lasted approximately two weeks—sometimes longer. No one was allowed to touch the tree or move a single ornament—even at 40, this father's little girl was expected to keep her hands off the tree.

That first Thanksgiving after he died, we sat around and wondered who would decorate the tree this year. Not one of us felt we could fill our father's shoes.

So, we decided that we would start a new tradition in honor of our father: we would meet at my mother's house on a Saturday in December and decorate the tree as a family. For the first year, each of us would place an ornament on the tree in memory of our father.

The day arrived. We got out the lights and the ornaments and the tree. My brother David went into the bathroom cabinets to retrieve the ornaments and lights, while Jeff and I went in search of the tree.

Now, my father had a great sense of humor and even in his death, he was

going to give us a chuckle or two. He knew that he was dying, and that he wouldn't be around for Christmas 2001.

So, all those the days that he was home alone, he prepared a few laughs for his family on a day he knew would be heart-wrenching.

Thus, David didn't find the lights or ornaments in the cupboard.

Where did he put the tree? We tore the house apart while our voices echoed, "very funny Dad" and "hope you're having fun Dad" and "Okay, we give, where is the tree?" The love and laughter kept us going all day.

Finally, there it was — the tree. My eyes filled with tears as I looked at the box that held memories of my father's love for Christmas and for his family. I knelt down and rubbed the box, hoping to pick up a scent of my father and then turned the box to discover a message from my father.

"Red goes on top, green in the middle and black on the bottom. Merry Christmas, Love Dad."

The day was filled with love, laughter, tears and memories. But what made it the best day was that I discovered I never need to feel like my father is truly gone because he is always there.

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The holiday season is a time for giving and Washtenaw Community College's Performing Arts Department is doing just that. The Dance and Music programs will host an event that benefits the children in residence at Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan Medical Center, Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in Towsley Auditorium. The price for admission is one unwrapped gift or a monetary donation.

Stars Onstage: A Benefit Concert for Children is a

joint effort of WCC and community dance studios to bring cheer to the children and families spending the holidays in the hospital. The evening begins with music performed by the WCC Jazz Orchestra and is followed by dance performances by WCC dance students and students from the Spotlight Studio LLC in Pinckney and the Dance Theater Studio in Ann Arbor.

"This is the second year that we have done a benefit and it feels good to be able to give something

back to the community," said Noonie Anderson, dance instructor at WCC. "We know how hard it is to have a child in the hospital and particularly around the holiday season. This will be a very joyous occasion."

The dancers range in age from 5 years old up to adults and will perform a variety of dances from hip hop to ballet and tap.

For more information call 677-5090.

A new idea for turkey

Students from elementary through high school are invited to enter a contest to design a patch that features the wild turkey.

The Michigan Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) and Michigan Project WILD, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), are sponsoring the contest to find a design for the 2004 wild turkey management cooperators patch.

"This is the first time in history that we've let students design the patch," said Alan Stewart, Michigan DNR upland game bird specialist. "It gives teachers and students a chance to learn more about the wild turkey and the cooperators patch program, which helps fund wild turkey management projects."

The cooperators patch program began in 1972, when the DNR provided

patches to deer hunters as an incentive to bring deer carcasses into DNR offices and roadside check stations. The DNR later added bear and turkey cooperators patches to encourage the collection of management data for these species as well.

The Michigan Chapter of the NWTf now facilitates the production of the wild turkey management cooperators patch, which is available to anyone. Proceeds from patch sales are used to fund wild turkey-related projects in Michigan. Such projects help manage wild turkey populations, once near extinction in North America.

For contest entry information, visit www.canr.msu.edu/projectwild or contact Dale Elshoff, Project WILD coordinator, at 517-355-1712.

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Beginning at 6:00 p.m. there will be face painting and balloon twisting for the kids. We will be led in song by Ethan Smith and he will be introducing some special guests beginning at 6:45.

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