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NEWS BRIEFS

Pierce takes over as head of chamber

Local businessman Bob Pierce took over Feb. 3 as executive director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

He succeeds Brian Hamilton, who left to return to his roots in journalism.

Pierce, a native of Jamestown, N.Y., who has lived in Chelsea for 10 years, owned Pierce's Pastries for four years. He is also involved with music, introducing the free "Mornings, Mochas and Melodies" on Saturdays at Pierce's Pastries and 8-Track Productions' "Pickin' on the Porch" at the Chelsea Depot last spring.

Pierce has been a member of the local chamber of commerce for six years.

Board accepts grant from Pfizer Inc.

The Chelsea school board voted Jan. 13 to accept a grant of \$1,203 from Pfizer Inc.

The funds will be used to create a forensic science unit at Chelsea High School.

Chelsea resident named to post

Chelsea resident Mary Schroer was voted chairwoman of the Washtenaw Community College Board of Trustees at the board's Jan. 14 organizational meeting. She is the first female chair of the board since 1984.

Prior to her election to the board in 1998, Schroer served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1993 to 1998, and represented northern Ann Arbor and much of western Washtenaw County.

She is currently a senior policy consultant with Public Policy Associates in Lansing.

District may reconfigure schools

School board looks to save money in wake of state cutbacks.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The face of Chelsea schools could change this fall.

In the wake of recent funding cut-

backs announced by the state, the Chelsea school board on Monday discussed ways to save money. One topic was the reconfiguration of the elementary and middle schools.

"We could see a \$2 million shortfall in the 2003-04 year," Superintendent Dave Killips said Tuesday. "We need to address how to maintain the quality of education that Chelsea has

come to expect.

"No one wants to be bankrupt. We're a business like any other and we have to be fiscally responsible."

Killips, stressing that the subject was only at the discussion stage, said the board talked about North Creek Elementary School becoming a K-2 building, Pierce Lake Elementary School housing third and fourth

grades, South Meadows Elementary School teaching fifth and sixth grades and Beach Middle School, seventh and eighth.

Dexter and Saline school districts have similar configurations.

Killips said that by reconfiguring the school district could better balance class size, give each building

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Valentine's Day



Photo by Allison Marable

Beth Copron, a student teacher from the University of Michigan, orchestrated a donation of valentines to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Fifth-graders and staff at South Meadows Elementary School made yarn love bugs, candy rose buds, paper flowers and valentine cards that were delivered Monday to children at the hospital. Many people at the school contributed, while fifth-graders and staff helped with the crafts. Pictured are Kate Lewis-Lakin (left), Graham Wagner, Copron and Jimmy Clark, with Michelle Kellogg and Jonathan Skidmore in front.

Chelsea mourns leader

Johnson died Feb. 4, two years after retiring.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The slogan for Sam Johnson's hardware store was "Do It Best," and he certainly lived up to those high expectations.

Johnson, who retired two years ago from Johnson's How-To hardware store on North Main Street in Chelsea, died Feb. 4 of cancer. A memorial service was held Saturday at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

The Ypsilanti native called Chelsea home for more than three decades after buying Gamble's store in July 1968.

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Fire board OKs weekend shift

Proposal failed to gain support at last meeting

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Chelsea Area Fire Authority's Middle Street fire station will have permanent staffing from 8 a.m. to midnight on weekends beginning March 1 and will respond to emergencies in a new rescue vehicle no later than May.

This was the news from the Fire Board's meeting Feb. 5.

The weekend platoon system was unanimously approved by the board after a misunderstanding at last month's meeting.

Last month, Fire Authority Chairwoman Maryann Noah made a motion to approve the weekend shift, but it died for lack of support.

Treasurer Andrew Adrian said last week that his colleagues may have initially misunderstood the proposal.

The platoon system will cost an estimated \$7,000 more than the current system, but he said the cost will not affect the budget.

Adrian said there is enough money in the contingency fund to cover payroll.

Charles Ritter, who represents Chelsea Village on the Fire Board, said he did not realize last month that what was being considered entailed only "money being shuffled around."

Sylvan Township Clerk LuAnn Koch speculated before the meeting that the reason the idea stalled last month was because it was the first time anyone had heard of the proposal.

The plan passed unanimously this month with a contingency that it be reviewed every six months.

The platoon system will consist of teams of two working four, four-hour shifts.

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Kind hearts

Local family fosters Dominican child

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

The Dominican Republic is well known for raising star baseball players.

It's hoped that Imanol Duran, a young Dominican boy, will have a chance to run and play with other youngsters after undergoing surgery to correct club feet, a congenital condition in which one or both feet are twisted.

The Health-Help Project has organized Imanol's trip to the United States and surgery at Oakwood Hospital. The 18-month-old arrived in Michigan last month for surgery scheduled Feb. 25.

Sylvan Township residents William and Alta Brown have opened their home and hearts to the toddler for the duration of his

four-month-long stay. His parents are unable to come because of cost and immigration challenges.

The Browns previously discussed fostering a needy child after meeting a child at Pierce Lake Elementary School who was helped by a similar organization. Touched by that situation, they decided they would like to get involved.

They learned how to help through a newsletter at Pfizer Inc., where William Brown works. Frank Patino, one of his co-workers, was bringing the child to the United States for surgery.

Patino, whose family fled to Miami from

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Photo by Rita Fischer

William and Alta Brown of Sylvan Township have welcome 18-month-old Imanol Duran from the Dominican Republic into their home. The toddler, pictured with Alta Brown, will undergo surgery Feb. 25 to correct club feet and will stay in Chelsea for about four months.

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Photo by Alison Marable

Chinese New Year

Kaitlyn Hafley (left) and Zealand Smith demonstrate some traditional Chinese accessories during Year of the Ram celebrations at South Meadows Elementary School.

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He had previously traveled the area in automotive sales, calling on Gamble's Department Store, Western Auto Stores and Boyer's Automotive, now Parts Peddler. When he found out Gamble's was for sale, he took the plunge into retail.

Sam and his wife, Joyce, partnered with George Elkins for 11 years before Elkins retired in 1979. The Johnsons' daughters, Deanna Johnson and Chris Hawker, practically grew up in the store while their parents put in 60-hour workweeks.

Starting with a half-dozen employees, the business grew to boast 14 full-time and part-time workers, including many Chelsea High School students.

Tom Clemons started working there three decades ago at the age of 14 and bought the business from the Johnsons in 2001 when they retired. Clemons said Monday that Johnson treated him like a son and was always more of a friend than a boss.

"He showed me many different facets of the business and even after retiring, the nice thing was, he was always there to call for advice," Clemons said. "I'll really miss him."

Longtime employee Tom Peckham delivered the eulogy Saturday. On Monday, he said the one thing that stood out about Johnson was his concern for staff and customers.

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shifts and is expected to dramatically reduce response time.

The system will limit the number of responders for residential medical emergencies. The turnout for fires and other calls will remain unrestricted.

In related news, a new truck is intended to be the main rescue vehicle and will replace the two to three trucks needed now to haul equipment and rescuers to an emergency scene.

Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood

"He was always ready to help out and even took time to go out of his way to do so," Peckham said.

"Another thing that amazed me was the fact that he knew almost all of his customers by name. Most of all he was a friend."

Johnson left his mark on Chelsea in many ways. When he first moved from Plymouth in 1968, he helped restart the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

As president of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club in the mid-1970s, he helped launch the Chelsea Area Transportation System.

"He was an active member of the Kiwanis Club," said Sam Vogel, president-elect of Chelsea Kiwanis Club. "Besides service projects, those activities included playing touch football and softball against the high school Key Club students."

"Over the years, Sam's store supplied the water connections and power supply for the Kiwanis trailer during Sidewalk Days."

Johnson also served on the Village Council, the Planning Commission, the Downtown Development Authority, the United Way Board and the Chelsea Depot Association.

When the couple retired, their big regret was that they would miss the regular contact with customers and friends, whom they viewed as "one and the same." While those friends have had to say farewell to Sam Johnson, they can rest assured his legacy will live on in Chelsea.

said the truck is multi-functional and completely self-contained, with equipment permanently in place. It has the capability to transport eight rescue workers.

Ellenwood said the truck will decrease labor costs and improve the department's capabilities. He estimated it will have a 10- to 15-year life span.

Ritter estimated the truck will cost local taxpayers \$336,000. Because it's a demonstration model, Ellenwood said the Fire Authority saved \$30,000. He said the savings will be used to equip it.

please help. To request a correction, e-mail Editor Michelle Rogers at editor@chelseastandard.com or call 475-1371.

STRAIGHT FACTS

A story in the Jan. 30 edition should have said Faith In-Action was founded by the Rev. Jerrold Beaumont, the vicar at St. Barnabas church, in 1980. In 1982, it was incorporated with the other churches in town.

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Cuba when he was a child, has devoted time and resources to helping people in Cuba, as well as Central and South America, and was honored last year by the Dominican Republic for his humanitarian work.

The Browns, who returned to their native Michigan a year ago from Los Angeles, have two children of their own, 3-year-old Elena, who attends preschool at Chelsea Community Education, and 11-year-old Jessica, a pupil at Beach Middle School. They say the arrival of Imanol has prompted a certain amount of sibling rivalry, especially for their youngest.

"Initially, we talked to the girls and indicated to them that we wanted to help someone in need," Alta said. "They were excited until the reality hit and they found him to be fierce competition. He wants to do what Elena is doing."

When Alta first met Imanol at the airport, the screaming baby calmed down when she spoke Spanish, something the volunteer who escorted him from the Dominican Republic was not able to do.

The toddler was also confused about the winter coat Alta brought for him.

"He didn't like the coat. I don't think he has ever worn one before as he kept trying to take it off," she said.

Alta is from Costanza, the same town in the Dominican Republic as Imanol's mother, Awilda. Alta has telephoned Awilda to update her on her son's progress.

"The mother is very happy that he is with our family," Alta said. "At first, she was worried about his diet. He likes Spanish food, like rice and beans and plantains. In his country, baby food is way too expensive. He didn't even know what it was."

The little boy, who is intrigued by his first experience of snow, tries to walk despite his deformed feet. A callus has formed on his right foot, so he sometimes compensates by walking on his knees.

Elena wanted to teach Imanol how to walk until the little boy started to pull her hair.

"It definitely was an adjustment," Alta said. "She was the baby before he came and now she is the middle child, and she's very jealous. Jessica is a big help and likes to mother the little boy."

Alta said she is trying to formulate and keep to a schedule. While her own daughters go to bed at 7:30 and 9 p.m., Imanol was used to staying up until midnight.

The extra laundry, as well as driving Imanol to doctor's appointments in Canton and Taylor, is adding to the hectic schedule. However, the Browns, who attend St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter, are finding Imanol's stay to be rewarding.

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"Parents are role models," Alta said. "It's not just about us. We need to help anyone in need. We want our children to learn that. I learned that value from my parents in the Spanish community." Anyone wishing to donate

to the Help Health Project may write to P.O. Box 557312, Miami, Fla. 33255 or email Frank.patino@Pfizer.com. Rita Fischer is a free-lance writer. She can be reached via e-mail at rita@fischerhoo.com.

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Fire Board, local officials at odds over inspections

■ Board wants village, Lima and Sylvan to adopt new policy.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Three municipalities involved with the Chelsea Area Fire Authority came under attack Feb. 5 for not approving a business inspection policy and determining what to charge once it's implemented.

The policy would require businesses to provide a list of hazardous on-site materials and other information intended to help fire and safety personnel.

The policy would also facilitate fire and safety inspections, and allow the inspectors to fine businesses that are violating the policy.

Chelsea Village and the townships of Sylvan and Lima have not approved the policy, but Waterloo and Lyndon have with the exception of billing rates.

Sandi Bird, business manager for the Chelsea Area Fire Authority, urged the board to give the issue its undivided attention. She said she has not received written communication from Chelsea Village or the townships of Sylvan and Lima

clarifying their opposition. Bird said amendments have been made to the policies and Fire Board officers have met with local business owners in an attempt to get backing.

Beginning March 1, inspections will begin under a different act that depends on the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration for enforcement, she said.

The three municipalities that haven't approved the policies are expected to receive a letter from the Fire Authority outlining the consequences of MIOSHA involvement, Bird said.

Fire Inspector Matt Tuttle said his attempts to educate and sway Chelsea and the two townships were not successful. As a result, he said government officials are failing the community.

Tuttle said those officials should be held accountable for any consequences related to not passing the policies.

Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood painted a bleak picture if MIOSHA is called in after a catastrophe.

Fire Board Chairwoman Maryann Noah said the Fire Authority should not be held liable for any fines and legal actions related to Chelsea,

Sylvan and Lima not cooperating.

In other action, a debate over billing rates met opposition from both sides. Tuttle said the only time a business should be billed is if it doesn't comply with mandated improvements.

Sylvan Township representative LuAnn Koch, who filled in for Trustee Reuben Lesser, said Sylvan has not changed its mind in believing that inspections should be part of the Fire Authority's overall service and not billed.

Koch added that Sylvan Township hasn't decided yet whether to approve an inspection policy. Bird said the township could lose \$10,000 in revenue if it doesn't.

Waterloo Township representative Ron Beyer suggested that inspections be done for free during the first year as a way to grease the policy's passage.

Bird and Noah were receptive to the idea and said, if agreed to, they hoped it would result in unanimous support expressed for the policy at the board's next meeting.

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



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Snow Seats

Kyle Bell (left) and Zoë Proegler, pupils at South Meadows Elementary School, sit in chairs they made out of snow during a recent recess.

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Sylvan board approves pay hike

■ Township officials to receive 1.5 percent increase.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Sylvan Township Board voted last week to give itself a raise.

Officials will receive a 1.5 percent pay hike. Township Clerk LuAnn Koch said the increase is based on the Consumer Price Index.

The supervisor's salary will increase from \$24,025 to \$24,325, while the clerk's and the treasurer's will jump from \$21,950 to \$22,280. Each of the trustees will see a \$5 increase per meeting, from \$195 to \$200.

Robert Lange, the township's zoning inspector, will receive a 25-cent-an-hour increase to \$13.25 an hour.

Assessors Kit Hoover and Karen Page will earn \$38,000 collectively. Koch said the figure is subject to change if Chelsea becomes a city because the city would have its own assessor.

In other news, the board approved an amendment Feb. 4 to the zoning ordi-

nance that will allow the assessors to work without first making contact with property owners. Koch said many residents asked whether the inspectors could complete their assessments regardless of whether someone was at home, which was not allowed previously.

The amendment will allow residents to sign a release form at the township hall authorizing the practice. A tag will be placed on the property owner's doorknob to indicate that the job has been completed.

The board also briefly discussed how to reduce costs the township incurs for highway crashes within its boundaries. Trustees Earl Heller and Reuben Lesser said that the city of Saline charges a different rate for people involved in crashes who do not live in the municipality.

The trustees said Sylvan Township had a similar approach until it was defeated in court. They think Saline is able to do it since it has a millage in place.

Heller and Lesser debated whether levying a special assessment on the entire

township for fire and safety would afford the Township Board the same latitude.

In another matter, Koch will replace Dresselhouse as the alternate representative on the Chelsea Area Regional Planning Team.

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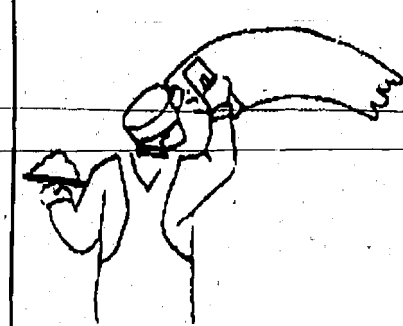
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Perhaps the biggest mistake that parents and relatives make at the onset of a divorce is drawing battle lines when confronting the issue of visitation. Most custody arrangements go through several transmutations before the children in question reach their age of majority. To learn more about the options which are available to you in bringing about an equitable arrangement, call the LAW OFFICES OF KITCHEN & STRINGER, J.D. at 426-4695 to schedule a free consultation. You'll find our offices located in Dexter, at 3249 Broad Street.

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Chelsea Fire Board overcharged township

■ Officials also looking at proposal to limit public documents.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Trustees OK'd the 2003-04 budget for the Chelsea Area Fire Authority Feb. 5, but approval was made contingent on the Fire Board first fixing a billing error that

would have cost Sylvan Township extra money.

Sylvan Township Clerk LuAnn Koch found the error. She said she looked into discrepancies after thinking the township's \$170,000 contribution, part of a \$660,000 operating budget, was excessive.

This year's budget is based on costs incurred the previous year.

Koch said she spent a day going through billing records and discov-

ered that more than a dozen crashes on Interstate 94 should have been the responsibility of Lima Township, not Sylvan Township.

Koch said there were also numerous bills that should have been sent to Chelsea Village and one incident should have been billed to Waterloo Township.

Koch said Fire Authority Chairwoman Maryann Noah and Sandi Bird, the business manager,

would work with her in factoring the adjustments and coming up with a new figure.

Any changes will affect the municipalities that were not billed. Their budget contributions will increase, as a result.

In another matter, Bird asked board members to urge their respective municipalities to adopt restrictions on who is allowed to receive copies of fire reports.

A proposed "business associate contract" would require municipal employees who are not Fire Authority Board representatives, computer consultants or insurance investigators to sign a confidentiality agreement related to viewing fire reports.

Fire Authority Board Trustee Charles Ritter, a Chelsea Village representative, debunked the proposal.

Concern rises in wake of flu-related deaths

■ Four youngsters died of flu-like symptoms.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Dealing with a sick child is tough enough for parents.

As colds and the flu sweep the area, additional anxiety has been caused by the sudden deaths of four children in Oakland and Washtenaw counties between Jan. 25 and Feb. 3.

While the children, ages 5 through 14, all experienced flu-like symptoms, only two were confirmed as having influenza, said Dr. Stan Reedy, medical director for the Washtenaw County Department of Public Health.

Reedy said in a press release Feb. 6 that the county would discuss the findings with the state and make use

of additional resources the state and Center for Disease Control have for a more detailed study.

"Active surveillance is now under way for severe illness in children that results in hospitalization and/or death, and protocols have been established for viral screening and treatment in the area emergency departments," Reedy said.

Signs of severe illness include high fever, altered mental status, unusual neck soreness or stiffness, bleeding problems, breathing difficulties, and severe, sudden and persistent headaches, he said.

"If children develop such severe illness, they should be taken in for immediate medical evaluation," Reedy said.

Flu vaccination remains one of the top preventive

measures and some vaccine is still available, he said.

"Although protective immunity takes a couple of weeks to fully develop, it can be helpful in either avoiding or reducing the impact of influenza infection," he said.

Reedy recommended that people contact their health-care providers about the availability of the vaccine.

Reedy stressed basic hygiene is fundamental in reducing overall infection transmission. He said people should cover coughs and sneezes, avoid sharing drinking and eating utensils, and not exposing others by returning too quickly to work or school.

Joyce Williams, public affairs manager for Huron Valley Ambulance, said Tuesday that in the past two weeks HVA staff has seen an

increase in emergency calls for patients with respiratory problems, severe vomiting and diarrhea.

Chelsea School District Assistant Superintendent Iva Corbett said Friday the school district encourages parents to be especially attentive to children who have fevers and are exhibiting symptoms.

"When in doubt, we encourage parents to keep students home for an additional day to ensure that the student is no longer contagious and protect the other students in class," Corbett said.

"When students exhibit symptoms at school, we will contact the parents to make arrangements for students to be taken home."

Family physician Randall Forsch, medical director at the University of Michigan

Chelsea Family Practice, said his staff is seeing a lot of viral illnesses, including some that look like Influenza A.

"These infections are lasting multiple days and are characterized by fever, runny nose, fatigue, some cough and frequently muscle aches," he said.

Forsch said the vaccine is still available and consideration should be given to immunize children, especially

those at higher risk, such as those with asthma or other lung diseases.

"Parents know their children and can usually tell best when they are not the 'normal' sick," he said. "Symptoms to watch for include high fever, difficulty breathing and excessive sleepiness."

"If any of these or other questionable symptoms occur, please contact your child's physician."

Nation put on high security alert

■ Increased threat of terrorist attacks on U.S. from al-Qaida.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Americans find themselves under a high threat of terrorism from al-Qaida, the terrorist network believed to be behind the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania that killed more than 3,000 people.

The Bush administration's national Homeland Security Advisory system upgraded the country's status level Friday from a yellow "elevated" alert level to "high risk" orange. The alert has prompted tighter security at the nation's borders and across the country.

Intelligence sources have indicated that there is an increased threat of terrorist attacks on the United States, said Marc Breckenridge, emergency management director for Washtenaw County.

Breckenridge said local government agencies should take all appropriate proactive steps to reduce the vulnerability of their personnel and facilities to terrorist attacks.

Chelsea firefighter Matt Tuttle is a member of the Washtenaw County Hazardous Materials Team that would be a first responder in the event of a chemical, biological or nuclear attack.

"Through different grants that we've received, several on the team have had training out of state to learn about terrorist activities and how to handle different forms of attack," Tuttle said Tuesday. "Those who trained shared their knowledge with the rest of the team."

"Locally, we've trained to handle many different situations. We've toured dangerous facilities, learning about potential dangers, and carried out different scenarios."

Tuttle said the HazMat team, led by Capt. Bill Wagner of the Ypsilanti Fire Department, has been putting on classes for firefighters and HazMat members from across the county, as well as local police and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

At Scio Township Fire Department, Capt. Tim Andrews also serves on the county HazMat team. Capt. Brian Koch said the department is very aware and in a

state of preparation and readiness.

Joyce Williams, public affairs manager for Huron Valley Ambulance, said ambulance crews are on alert and observant about anything unusual or suspicious.

HVA gets regular updates from the state and federal government, as well as from the Emergency Management Departments of both Washtenaw County and Ann Arbor.

The Washtenaw County

Red Cross offers a public program called "Terrorism — Preparing for the Unexpected."

Among the items it covers are creating an emergency communications plan, establishing a meeting place for family members, assembling a disaster supplies kit, checking on school emergency plans, what to do in the event of evacuation, and first aid.

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They laugh because they're so much in love they can't imagine any devastating problems ever coming between them.

I can't imagine many of us taking that same quiz after 20 years of marriage, or even 10 years, and finding it so humorous, however. Disagreements pile up, differences of opinion become exaggerated, the number of times one spouse disappoints the other, the conversations where a sharp tongue cuts like a sword.

It obviously takes more than the romantic feelings portrayed in one sugary love song after another on the radio, the romantic feelings associated with Valentine's Day, the romantic feelings on which most people unfortunately base their marriages.

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Township declines fire pact with Chelsea

■ **Dexter Township looking at other options.**

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Sharon Township Board has decided not to sign a contract with the Chelsea Area Fire Authority to supplement fire coverage near its northern boundary and Dexter Township has only signed on for a year.

The Sharon Township Board discussed the issue Feb. 6 after board members inquired about returning to a similar arrangement prior to the formation of the Fire Authority.

Currently, the township is served exclusively by the Manchester Township Fire Department.

Township Supervisor Gary

Blades said the Chelsea Area Fire Authority is in a state of transition, which makes future costs uncertain. In preliminary discussions with Fire Authority administrators, he said the township was offered the option to pay for service based on taxable value or per run.

Blades said paying per run will be comparable to what the township is billed now. However, he said that in either case the amount would change after a millage is passed.

"There is a price we would pay now and one that can only be projected," he said. "They can tell you how much they will charge, but not how much we would spend."

Blades said that there appears to be certain advantages to using Chelsea, including shorter response

time. The township's northern boundary is 4.8 miles from Chelsea's main station, as opposed to 7.9 miles from Manchester Township.

However, Blades noted that Chelsea's trucks have to maneuver down a busy Main Street, which could cause a delay. He said the problem could be solved if the Fire Authority moves forward with plans to build an additional station along the Interstate 94 corridor.

Blades, however, said Sharon Township might be asked to subsidize the cost of construction through higher fees.

"I don't think it would improve service," he said. "The costs would rise and we don't know where they're going. We can still rely on the mutual-aid agreement we have with them."

Blades said the township

severed its ties with the village and went exclusively with Manchester Township after it was asked to help pay for substations in Waterloo and Dexter townships. He said he asked the Fire Authority to rethink the township's contribution, but was turned down.

Blades said Chelsea later came back and said it would reduce the cost after all. Because a decision was already made, he said the board decided to see how well the arrangement with Manchester Township would work.

After the Chelsea Area Fire Authority was formed, Blades said it did not seem as if the Fire Authority was operating smoothly.

"We waited to see if the situation would work out, but it still appears rocky," he said. "Money is tight and I'm not

comfortable with this."

Blades recommended that he continue talks with the Grass Lake Township Fire Department. He said the neighboring department can serve an area extending to M-52 and Grass Lake Road, and rates probably would be less costly and more predictable.

Dexter Township did not renew a three-year contract with the Chelsea Area Fire Department for different reasons. Township Supervisor Pat Kelly said at the Fire Board's Feb. 5 meeting that the contract arrived after the Township Board's most recent meeting and he did not want to sign until the board could discuss it.

Kelly said Dexter Township is currently rethinking its fire and safety approach. A committee has been formed to investigate options

related to providing fire and police protection.

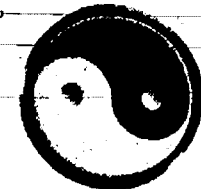
At Kelly's request, the Fire Board allowed the township to contract for only a year. Kelly said her request does not preclude Dexter Township from deciding to sign a three-year pact in the future.

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

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Portion of lake to be included in district

■ **Residents have until April 1 to change their minds.**

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Eleven property owners on West Shore Drive at Cedar Lake soon will be receiving assessments of \$715 from Sylvan Township to cover their first payment for municipal sewage.

A Feb. 4 public hearing that preceded the Township Board's monthly meeting determined that each property owner would pay a total of \$14,300, plus interest.

The amount will be payable over a 20-year period. The payments will be applied to the amount owed, which will be financed through municipal bonds.

Sylvan Township Special Projects Coordinator Gerald Dresselhouse said the initial

payment, if paid by Sept. 1, will be interest-free and penalty-free because the bonds have not yet been sold.

Up until last month, it was anticipated that residents on East Shore Drive would be included in a special assessment to form a district that would encircle the entire lake. However, after questions were raised over the integrity of the petition, the board voted to exclude the

eastern side and only include the western half.

Dresselhouse said the area represented by the disputed petition included only 39 percent of the 50 percent of property owners required to be considered for a special assessment district.

Dresselhouse declared the old petition null and void and said residents have until April 1 to submit a new one.

The West Shore Drive special assessment district is

part of the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority, which also include Cavanaugh and Crooked lakes.

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SCHOOLS

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room to grow and better utilize facilities.

Killips said the move could help reduce staffing, a major cost to the school district. He said cuts could be made through attrition.

"Layoffs would only be a last resort," he said. "Several staff members have expressed interest in retiring or resigning at the end of the school year."

"We have to make ends meet, and staff reductions could give us \$800,000 in savings, a big bite out of that \$2 million shortfall."

Killips said other rationale for the change include being better able to match styles of student learning and teacher instruction, an equitable distribution of special education resources, collaboration between teachers on lesson plans, as well as sharing of resources and materials.

He said that having the grades in a concentrated group would better meet staff development needs by grade level and assessments, such as the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests, could be better met.

"There's still a lot of work

to do and not all the questions have yet been answered," Killips said. "With all the doom and gloom from the state, we need to make adjustments quickly, keep the long term in mind and look ahead."

Killips said a final decision is about a month away. In the meantime, he proposed holding meetings to present the plan to the community, and discussing it with parent-teacher organizations and school staff.

Pierce Lake Elementary School Principal Lucy Stieber said Tuesday that the reconfiguration could be very beneficial for pupils.

"It provides an opportunity to provide a concentrated curriculum," she said. "It also allows for balanced class size and the ability to better match teacher and learner styles at one site."

North Creek Elementary School Principal Sharon Whitmore also sees benefits in the change. "Our elementary and middle school staff is professional in every way," she said.

"If the board does decide on a reconfiguration, we will all work together to create an exciting and innovative environment for our kids. Excellence in education is

important to all of us."

Board President Scott Broshar said Tuesday that although he likes the idea of multi-age buildings, "when it

comes to dollars and cents, can we justify the philosophy if we can gain significant savings by reconfiguring," he said.

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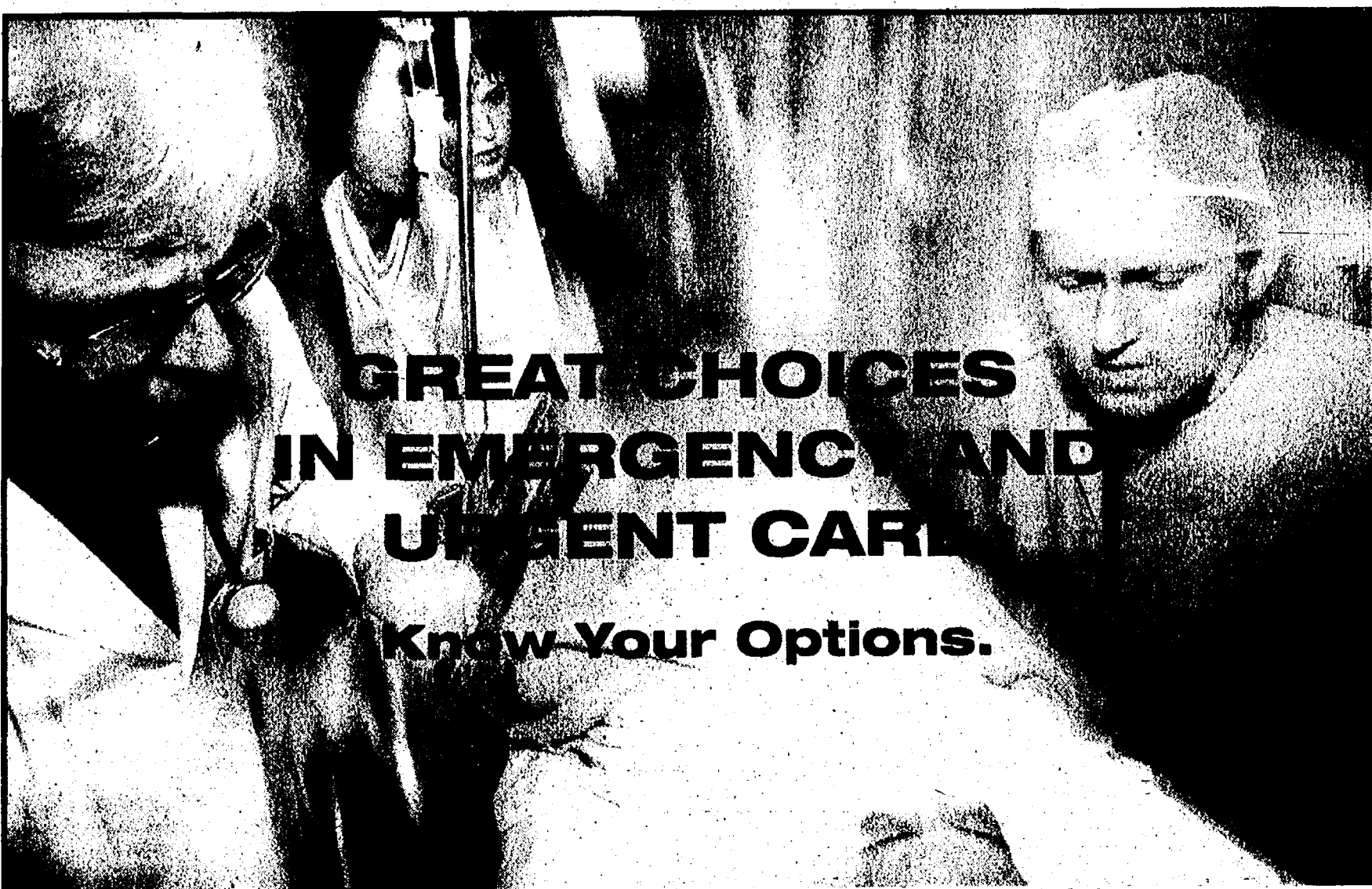
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Scio Township Shoplifting

A 16-year-old Ann Arbor girl was arrested Feb. 8 for shoplifting at Meijer, Inc., 5645 Jackson Road.

Store employees noticed her in the store's cosmetic aisle with several items in her hands. When she moved behind a pole and came back into sight, the employee noticed that she no longer had the merchandise in her hands.

Employees followed the girl to the front of the store, where she paid for some merchandise. A loss prevention officer stopped her as she left the store.

The officer recognized her as a repeat offender. She was caught shoplifting last month at the Meijer store in Pittsfield Township. This time, she was attempting to steal \$13 worth of cosmetics.

The suspect told sheriff's deputies that she only had \$4 and couldn't afford the other items. She was given a warning and released to a family member.

Larceny

Tools belonging to an Ann Arbor drilling company were reported missing Feb. 7 from a pick-up truck near Wagner and Jackson roads.

The truck was parked near a work site and the tools were left unsecured in the back of the truck. Wrenches, pipes and saws worth more than \$700 were reported missing.

Someone drove off without paying for gasoline Feb. 3 at Pilot Travel Center, 195 Baker Road.

The suspect pumped \$20 worth of gas into his vehicle and did not pay at the pump or inside the store.

A witness watched the suspect leave north on Baker road toward Dexter.

Stolen Vehicle

An Ann Arbor man reported to the sheriff's department Feb. 1 that his 1995 minivan was missing.

The van was parked near his apartment in Woodchase Apartments, 1100 Rabbit Run Circle.

The man said he doesn't know who may have taken it. He said that he paid cash for the vehicle and it isn't worth much.

Property Damage

A car was reported damaged Feb. 1 at Quality 16 Theater, 3686 Jackson Road.

An employee noticed two people standing next to a 1992 Oldsmobile in the parking lot and approached them, but they fled.

The owner of the vehicle checked his car and didn't see anything missing, but the car window was smashed. Damage is estimated at \$325.

Drunken Driving

An Ypsilanti man was arrested for drunken driving Feb. 5 near Baker and Marshall roads. Deputies stopped him after he drove his car onto the shoulder of the road a couple of times.

The man told deputies that he had just left a bar on Jackson Road. Deputies asked him to recite the alphabet as part of a field sobriety test. He did successfully and then was asked to count backward from 71 to 59, and stumbled on the last few numbers.

The driver was given a Breathalyzer test. His blood-alcohol level was 0.18 percent. A blood-alcohol level of 0.10 percent or higher is con-

sidered legally drunk under Michigan law. He was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Assist Other Agency

Deputies from the Dexter Village substation were called Feb. 4 to help Scio Township deputies handle a fight at Bel-Mark Lanes, 3530 Jackson Road. By the time that they arrived, the fight had broken up.

Lima Township Domestic Violence

Michigan State Police troopers arrested a Chelsea man Jan. 30 after he hit his wife in the face with a closed fist.

The woman told troopers that she and her husband started arguing about finances. The man was upset because their checking account was overdrawn by \$60.

The argument escalated and the man pushed the woman against the stove in the kitchen. She showed troopers a scrape on her hand and a swollen wrist.

The man was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Driving with a Suspended License

A Detroit man was arrested Feb. 5 for driving with a suspended license. Troopers initially stopped him near Interstate 94 and Baker Road for driving erratically.

Troopers checked the man's identification with the Law Enforcement Information Network and discovered that Canton Township issued a warrant for his arrest in December.

The man was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Property Damage

A Chelsea resident called the Michigan State Police Feb. 6 to report that someone damaged her mailbox on Steinbach Road.

The woman found her mailbox dented and on the ground. She told troopers that she doesn't know who did the damage.

Dexter Township Larceny/Embezzlement

A Dexter woman called the sheriff's department Jan. 30 after she realized that her credit card was missing.

The victim's bank called and alerted her to suspicious activity on the account. Someone made a few small purchases and then attempted to buy \$400 worth of merchandise at Meijer Inc. The sale was denied at Meijer.

The woman said she questioned an Ann Arbor man who is her autistic son's caregiver. The man, who comes to her home in Carriage Hills subdivision to look after the boy, denied taking the credit card.

Sheriff's deputies ques-

tioned him—several more times, and he admitted that he took it and used it without the woman's permission.

The suspect told deputies that he was getting paid \$12.50 an hour and needed more money to support his children. He said that his child support is \$2,000 a month.

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

Property Damage

A Dexter Township man called the sheriff's department Jan. 28 after finding the fence surrounding his home on Winston Drive was damaged.

The man believes that his neighbor may have damaged the fence when he was attempting to take it down. The two homeowners have been disputing the property line.

The complainant told deputies that 16 aluminum poles were removed from the ground during the incident.

Larceny

Car equipment was reported missing Jan. 28 from a vehicle parked in the 9400 block of Spring Hollow Court.

The homeowner told deputies that he works for the city of Ann Arbor and a Motorola radio belonging to his employer is among the missing items. Other items include a radar detector and a flashlight. They are valued at \$2,700.

Webster Township Home Invasion

A Webster Township woman met with sheriff's deputies Feb. 4 after discovering her home in the 6300 block of Scully Road was burglarized.

A neighbor called 911 after noticing two men lingering around the woman's house. The neighbor didn't recognize them or the vehicle that they were driving.

Deputies said the suspect entered the house by kicking in an exterior garage door.

Several pieces of jewelry, as well as, a computer, computer scanner and camcorder were reported missing from the house.

The woman told deputies when she left her house at 7 a.m. all the doors were

locked and nothing looked suspicious.

Dexter Village Larceny

A ladder was reported missing Feb. 3 from a van parked at Ronald Meyer Electric Inc., 3045 Broad St.

The 10-foot ladder was on top of the van, but wasn't secured. The ladder is valued at \$200.

A cellular phone and a CD player were reported missing Feb. 9 from a vehicle parked in a lot behind Hackney Hardware, 8105 Main St.

The owner of the vehicle went into the hardware store for 10 minutes and forgot to lock the car doors. The missing items are valued at approximately \$450.

Chelsea Village Larceny

A Chelsea woman called the police department Feb. 2 to report that her license plate was stolen.

The victim believes that someone may have taken the plate while she was shopping at Polly's Market, 1101 S. Main St.

Hit and Run

A hit-and-run complaint was logged Jan. 30 at the Chelsea Police Department. A Chelsea man told officers that he was inside Farmer Jack grocery store, 1255 S. Main St., when someone damaged his front bumper.

Driving with a Suspended License

A Chelsea man was cited Feb. 5 for driving with a suspended license. An officer initially stopped him near Madison and Adams streets for driving with faulty equipment.

The officer checked the man's identification with the Law Enforcement Information Network and discovered that he had a suspended driver's license.

Dog at Large

A woman visiting a friend on Madison Street reported to police Feb. 8 that a large dog in the neighborhood startled her.

The woman told officers that she was worried that the dog was too big for its leash and it might escape.



The officer told the woman that the dog's owner was not violating any village ordinances.

Harassing Phone Calls

A 33-year-old Chelsea woman reported to police Feb. 8 that her mother has been making harassing phone calls to her and her family.

The woman told officers that her mother is upset with her over a recent court case involving her ex-husband. She doesn't want her mother to make the calls and upset her children or family.

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

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Street Talk

By Rita Fischer

What's the most romantic thing that has ever happened to you?



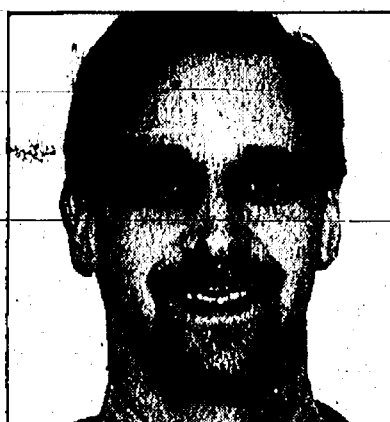
"My wedding day was the most romantic."

Lucie Smith
Sylvan Township



"When we were dating, the first time my husband said he loved me."

Margaret Baylis
Dexter Township



"When I proposed to my wife, Kim, in Chicago."

Jim Williams
Dexter Township



"My husband took me for a walk to show me a house — and bought it for me."

Lisa Heaton
Lima Township



"When my husband takes me out to dinner and gives me a card."

Mindy Martell
Sylvan Township



"Valentine's Day is always memorable because it's also my husband Glenn's birthday."

Kathy Buss
Lima Township

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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

They may be polite in public — but many of those who support the University of Michigan's use of affirmative action in deciding which students get in think that those who oppose it are thinly disguised racists.

Meanwhile, many of those who oppose the U of M's admissions policies have a vision of a school packed with poorly educated, inner-city blacks who have been given places that should have gone to brighter and better qualified white students.

The state and the nation are rapidly polarizing over the issue, which will be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court later this year. But the fact is that neither side is entirely right, and the situation is more complex than

most imagine. What's easiest to prove is the idea that the U of M is overrun with minorities is dead wrong. Though the school has used affirmative action for years, the number of African-Americans has never even come close to matching the state's population.

Today, only 8.1 percent of U of M students are black. (Statewide, blacks are 14 percent of the population.) Student percentages of other "disadvantaged minorities": 4.7 percent for Hispanics and 0.8 percent for Native Americans, according to Lisa Rudgers, U of M vice president for communications.

The Supreme Court is actually deciding two U of M cases, one involving undergraduate admissions and the other, admission to its prestigious law school. There is even less diversity there: Only 6.7 percent of law students are black.

Ironically, when President Bush decided to weigh in recently, he said "the Michigan policies amount to a quota system that unfairly rewards and penalizes prospective students, based

solely on their race." If that's true, it would seem that U of M has a quota system that calls for minorities to be underrepresented.

Mary Sue Coleman, the university's current president, said: "Let's set the record straight: We do not have — nor have we ever had — quotas or numerical targets in either the law school or the undergraduate admissions system."

What the school in fact does is to admit students (about one out of five applicants get in) based on a complex formula that gives applicants points for a number of factors.

The maximum possible score is 150. Perfect grades give students 80 points, no matter where they went to high school. A perfect SAT score is worth 12 points.

So-called "underrepresented minorities" get 20 points, which may help, but not enough in itself to guarantee admission. However, white students who are "socioeconomically disadvantaged" or attend a mostly black high school can get those points, too. And any prospective student from the sparsely populated, mainly

white Upper Peninsula, gets 16 points. There are other factors, too.

Women who want to enter the predominately male field of engineering get extra points, as do men who want to become nurses. What about the "old school tie?" If your parents went to U of M, does that help? Not much; four points at most.

What has been going on amounts to an attempt to prevent the university from having a student body that is 99 percent white and upper middle class. Today, white students from good backgrounds still are an overwhelming majority.

Why, then, the distorted perception? To some extent, the conservative talk show world fastened on the U of M as a symbol of the "quotas" it abhors. The right has been chafing ever since the high court's 1978 Bakke decision held that there was a strong public interest in trying to achieve a diverse student body.

Conservatives would like to see that decision overturned, and think the present court may do so.

The decision to fight the

present lawsuits was made by former President Lee Bollinger, who assured University regents he was at the school for the long haul. Then he tried to get the presidency of Harvard, failed, and left for Columbia University at the first opportunity.

Coleman, the most down-to-earth leader the school has had in decades, inherited these lawsuits, and has done a credible job of making the university's case.

Yet there are decent people who honestly disagree with U of M's approach. Carl Cohen, a philosophy professor, is a distinguished liberal who has attacked his school's admissions policies, arguing that they are not fair and don't work.

Regardless of the decision, both sides would do well to remember something else President Bush said: "We should not be satisfied with the current numbers of minorities on American campuses. University officials have the responsibility and the obligation to reach out."

That is what the university thought it was doing all along.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Statement made at meeting incorrect

We read The Chelsea Standard last week and saw on the front page a story about the Village Council adopting a resolution to include downtown Chelsea in the National Historic Registry. In the story, the newspaper reports statements attributed to us by others that we favor the listing. This is not correct.

We have been meeting as private citizens only since Dec. 17, 2002, and then only at the invitation of Washtenaw County Commissioner Joseph Yekulis, R-District 1, and Village President Richard Steele to review the Michigan Department of Transportation study of the M-52 bypass proposal and the alternatives suggested by the study, which reference a proposed historic district.

There is an unfortunate adverse climate between the historic preservation interests and the property owners. We have just begun to explore a middle ground between the objections of the commercial property owners and the historic district interests.

Some of us specifically asked Mr. Steele to advise the Village Council that action at this time would be misunderstood and counterproductive to our efforts.

We deeply regret the necessity of having to make a public statement, but we see no other way to correct your newspaper article and restore our credibility with our neighboring property owners.

Mark Heydlauff
Rob Winans
Pete Flintoff
Joseph Yekulis
Tim Merkel
Chelsea

dence as one becomes more physically fit. It makes one stronger, while gaining muscle and losing fat. It also helps you live longer and lead a more fulfilling life.

But there are some drawbacks, too. One could strain a muscle, and it takes a lot of time.

For the most part, however, physical activity is a plus. It changed my life, and I know it could change yours.

Liberty Dickerson
Dexter Township

We should not take the planet for granted

It seems to me that in all the furor of today's world, the idea of recycling and earth preservation has been lost to the crowd. By ignoring this incredibly important topic, we are defeating and ignoring the life's work of one of our country's most renowned ecologists.

In 1962, Rachel Carson published the book "Silent Spring." It's full of what were, at the time, revolutionary ideas concerning the earth, humans' effects on it and what steps should be taken to prevent its destruction.

According to the Web site www.rachelcarson.org, "Carson was attacked by the chemical industry and some in government as an alarmist, but she courageously spoke out to remind us that we are a vulnerable part of the natural world, subject to the same damage as the rest of the ecosystem. Testifying before Congress in 1963, Carson called for new policies to protect human health and the environment."

Though she died a very short time later in 1964, her

radical thoughts and ideas remained in the air, looming over the heads of the government as they continued to spray the country with DDT.

Within a very short span of time, the youth of the country had taken up the battle cry initiated by Carson's book, and an era of conservation began. Sadly, in comparison to the number of years required to repair the damage created by centuries of neglect toward the environment, this conservation binge lasted nowhere near long enough.

It is currently the early 21st century, a short 40 years after the commencement of the ecological movement. The preservation of our earth has now taken a back seat on the to-do list of our world. Yet earth conservation is no less important now than it was four decades ago.

Should the people of the nation sit at home, watching the news, lamenting their inability to do anything about the state of affairs in the world? Or could their time not be spent more usefully?

The phrase "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" used to be a commonly heard catchphrase in the United States. Of late, however, it seems to have fallen into disuse: The ideas and processes for which it stands seem to have done so also, at least here in Chelsea.

I live north of town, out in "the boonies." I also live in the center of our town, in the Village Place condominium complex. At both places, recycling is not an easy thing to accomplish. Recyclables have to be accumulated in the garage, then collected

and hauled to Polly's or Farmer Jack, where the local recycling receptacles are located.

At my house in the country, this method of recycling is such an inconvenience that we simply refrain from doing it.

When I lived in Rockford, Ill., the community had a recycling program. The garbage trucks were modified to accomplish both recycling and garbage disposal simultaneously.

After registering for the garbage service, you were given a small blue bin in which to place recyclables and set out each week with the garbage, of which there was usually only one bag, instead of the two or five one can see in Chelsea.

I think that if the community pooled its resources, we could properly put into action some method against the destruction of the planet, such as the process entailed above, adopting a highway, or cleaning up rivers. By doing something about our environment, we will finally be getting something accomplished.

Do everything you can to save the grass, the trees, the birds, the bees and your neighbor's dog. After all, what else besides our home's wellbeing is really worth fighting for?

Jamie Bougher
Chelsea Village

Coach's profanity inappropriate

On Jan. 31, I took a minivan full of kids through bad weather and icy roads to Adrian to watch one of the most embarrassing displays of sportsmanship that I have ever witnessed.

The varsity basketball team and coach should be ashamed. It was a very close and exciting game but, by the end, one of our team captains had a double technical and was rude and argumentative, with the referee and ejected from the game. One of our starting players had to be dragged into the locker room yelling and swearing, other players were kicking the bleacher and throwing cups (what great role models).

The worst display had to come from our head coach. He yelled, screamed and used disgusting profanity in front of his team, parents and, worst of all, the student section. Plus, it could be heard to the top row of the bleachers.

I had to explain on the drive home how in the heat of a game, teen-age boys can use poor judgment. That was difficult enough, but explaining why their future assistant principal can so freely swear was a little more difficult.

Ann Roth
Lyndon Township

Physical activity can improve your life

The sun is shining and you glance around at your teammates on the field. The referee blows his whistle and the game begins. First a person kicks the ball as hard as she can. Then both sides start to run to the ball furiously.

In the game, people are running, jumping, and kicking. They do not realize how much energy they are using.

Physical activity helps people in many ways. It keeps one active and healthy. It also keeps one motivated. It also boosts self-confi-

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WEATHER

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

THURSDAY	THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 20°-24° Cold with clouds and sun.	LOW: 8°-12° Mostly cloudy and cold.	HIGH: 27°-31° Cloudy with periods of snow. LOW: 14°-18°	HIGH: 26°-30° Mostly cloudy, snow possible; cold. LOW: 10°-14°	HIGH: 26°-30° Times of clouds and sun. LOW: 13°-17°	HIGH: 27°-31° Partly sunny. LOW: 17°-21°

MICHIGAN

Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.

LOCAL WEATHER

City	Thur.	Fri.
Chelsea/Dexter	22/13	24/10
Ann Arbor	24/10	24/10
Manchester	22/13	22/10
Saline	22/10	24/10
Ellettsville	24/14	24/10
Teetse	23/13	24/10
Albion	24/10	24/10
Dundee	23/16	24/10

MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.
Ann Arbor	24/10/pc	28/16/sn
Battle Creek	22/16/pc	31/17/sn
Bay City	20/12/pc	27/15/sn
Coldwater	23/19/pc	33/19/sn
Dearborn	24/15/pc	28/19/sn
Detroit	24/14/pc	28/18/sn
Grand Rapids	22/18/pc	30/19/sn
Holland	24/20/s	33/18/sn
Jackson	24/14/pc	30/18/sn
Kalamazoo	24/17/pc	31/17/sn
Lansing	21/15/pc	28/13/sn
Livonia	23/15/pc	28/19/sn
Midland	20/13/pc	27/14/sn
Monroe	24/16/pc	30/18/sn
Muskegon	22/21/s	31/18/sn
Pontiac	20/10/pc	26/15/sn
Port Huron	22/14/pc	28/14/sn
Saginaw	22/12/pc	27/15/sn
Saline	22/10/pc	28/18/sn
Sault Ste. Marie	8/2/sf	14/4/c
Sargis	23/18/pc	33/19/sn
Sturgis	6/8/c	14/1/c
Toronto	18/12/s	25/10/sn
Traverse City	16/12/s	24/16/pc
Warren	24/16/pc	29/19/sn

TRAVEL

Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties
High pressure over the central Plains will result in dry and cold weather Thursday despite some sunshine. A cold front will then bring a chance of snow Friday.

REAL FEEL TEMPM

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 realfeel temperature for each day.

Day	High	Low
Highest Thursday	18°	10°
Highest Friday	20°	12°
Highest Saturday	22°	14°
Highest Sunday	22°	14°

SOLUNAR TABLE

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

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Thurs: 6:35 a.m.	2:21 a.m.	9:03 p.m.	2:49 p.m.
Fri: 9:25 a.m.	3:11 a.m.	9:54 p.m.	3:40 p.m.
Sat: 10:18 a.m.	4:03 a.m.	10:48 p.m.	4:32 p.m.
Sun: 11:11 a.m.	4:57 a.m.	11:38 p.m.	5:24 p.m.

UV INDEX

Highest Thursday: 1. Minimal. 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.

WORLD CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.
Acapulco	92/74/s	90/71/r
Algiers	57/33/c	55/33/pc
Amsterdam	38/28/pc	36/28/s
Athens	45/39/r	45/41/sh
Auckland	72/56/sh	71/59/c
Bangkok	91/72/c	84/75/c
Barbados	84/74/pc	84/75/pc
Beijing	28/19/s	28/25/pc
Belrut	62/51/c	59/50/c
Belgrade	25/16/sn	30/15/pc
Berlin	27/19/pc	30/25/pc
Bogota	71/50/c	68/45/pc
Buenos Aires	81/60/pc	82/60/pc
Cairo	62/41/s	60/40/s
Calgary	42/5/s	25/5/c
Cape Town	84/65/s	81/55/s
Copenhagen	38/28/c	35/28/pc
Dublin	43/36/pc	42/38/pc
Frankfurt	31/18/s	29/24/pc
Geneva	38/23/s	32/24/sn
Hong Kong	68/82/r	72/82/c
Istanbul	42/29/s	37/37/c
Jakarta	34/75/r	35/77/c
Jerusalem	57/48/pc	55/38/pc
Johannesburg	86/58/pc	85/60/pc
Karachi	84/59/s	83/55/s

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.
Akron	22/15/c	31/22/c
Albany	14/-2/pc	13/7/s
Albuquerque	57/37/c	55/33/sh
Anchorage	31/22/sf	32/17/c
Atlanta	50/34/s	52/43/r
Atlantic City	26/14/pc	28/24/pc
Austin	61/57/r	71/50/c
Baltimore	32/22/pc	32/22/pc
Baton Rouge	64/46/pc	72/55/pc
Billings	42/21/pc	34/18/c
Birmingham	54/38/s	57/50/r
Bismarck	28/7/pc	18/1/pc
Bloomington	35/28/pc	42/28/c
Boise	48/28/c	50/30/c
Boston	19/8/pc	24/20/s
Brownsville	77/65/pc	80/64/c
Buffalo	14/2/c	17/12/c
Burlington, IA	41/28/pc	39/20/r
Burlington, VT	34/15/pc	4/-3/pc
Casper	38/22/c	35/16/c
Cedar Rapids	33/23/pc	32/12/c
Charleston, SC	55/33/s	58/45/s
Charleston, WV	36/26/pc	40/36/c
Charlotte	50/28/s	50/42/pc
Cheyenne	42/23/c	38/22/c
Chicago	30/18/s	32/20/sn
Cincinnati	33/28/pc	41/30/r
Cleveland	20/18/c	30/25/pc
Columbia, MO	47/35/c	45/27/c
Columbus, OH	27/22/pc	36/27/sn
Dallas	54/50/c	66/47/c
Davenport	33/22/pc	34/17/c
Denver	48/30/c	48/23/c
Des Moines	42/27/pc	34/14/c
Duluth	14/0/c	13/-10/sf
El Paso	61/45/r	62/41/c
Fairbanks	5/-9/sf	5/-13/c
Fargo	18/2/c	10/-9/pc
Flagstaff	43/30/r	42/23/sh
Fort Wayne	28/18/pc	34/22/sn
Gary	28/22/s	38/20/sn
Green Bay	18/8/s	26/6/sn
Helena	33/19/s	32/14/c
Honolulu	79/65/sh	76/63/sh
Houston	67/57/c	71/58/c
Indianapolis	39/28/pc	41/27/sn
Juneau	37/29/r	37/29/r
Kansas City	50/34/c	44/23/c
Knoxville	48/28/s	47/39/r
Las Vegas	63/44/r	60/42/sh
Laxington, KY	37/30/s	45/33/c
Lincoln	47/29/pc	37/16/r
Little Rock	52/44/pc	59/47/c
Los Angeles	63/52/sh	65/48/pc
Louisville	41/32/pc	48/35/c
Madison	24/18/s	33/10/sn
Memphis	53/44/pc	59/48/sh
Miami	75/59/pc	76/65/pc
Milwaukee	26/18/s	32/17/sn
Minneapolis	59/42/s	28/8/sf
Mobile	58/48/pc	68/53/pc
Nashville	48/36/pc	51/42/r
New Orleans	61/49/pc	70/58/pc
New York	23/9/pc	25/24/pc
Norfolk	38/28/pc	40/39/pc
Okahoma City	50/45/c	58/38/c
Orlando	46/26/pc	36/20/r
Oxnard	68/45/s	74/55/s
Palm Springs	67/48/sh	69/48/pc
Peoria	38/28/pc	39/22/sn
Philadelphia	28/10/pc	30/22/pc
Phoenix	67/53/r	65/50/sh
Pittsburgh	20/10/pc	26/18/c
Portland, ME	14/-5/pc	10/1/s
Portland, OR	52/38/c	54/38/c
Providence	21/8/pc	18/17/s
Raleigh	48/26/pc	50/40/pc
Rapid City	43/22/pc	34/13/c
Reno	52/30/sh	55/30/pc
Richmond	38/24/s	38/34/pc
Sacramento	58/46/sh	60/44/pc
St. Louis	47/35/pc	48/33/c
Salt Lake City	47/33/sh	48/33/c
San Antonio	60/54/r	72/53/s
San Diego	64/54/sh	68/50/pc
San Francisco	58/48/sh	60/48/pc
Santa Fe	54/30/sh	52/28/sh
Seattle	50/38/pc	50/38/pc
South Bend	25/20/pc	34/22/sn
Springfield, IL	40/32/c	41/25/c
Tampa	68/47/s	72/55/s
Toledo	24/19/pc	33/21/sn
Topeka	50/38/pc	45/25/c
Tucson	64/48/r	63/44/sh
Washington, DC	30/18/s	34/24/pc
Wichita	49/44/c	50/28/c

COMMUNITY

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Finding Love

Couples share their secrets to a long marriage

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

It has been said that the longest journey begins with a single step. In the case of two local and longtime married couples, each relationship began with a young man asking a young woman if he could walk her home.

As sweethearts get ready to mark Valentine's Day tomorrow, Dora and Floyd Homestead, and Marjorie and George Prinzing look back over their many years of wedded bliss.

The cold heats up

The Homesteads enjoyed a winter romance during the Great Depression in the 1930s. They met while ice-skating on a frozen lake in their native New Jersey. Dora went to the lake with her cousin and Floyd offered to walk her home.

Although they had lived a few miles from each other and attended the same school, the couple hadn't talked until the day at the lake.

They followed up the ice skating with more winter fun by going sledding. A long courtship followed, with dates usually involving a walk to the local movie theater.

The Homesteads settled in Clinton, N.J. Floyd worked his way through the ranks of the Metropolitan Insurance Co. in New York City, from file clerk to manager. Dora also worked in insurance until the couple started their family.

The rent on their first home was \$30 a month and utilities were approximately \$5 a month.

"We had no car or telephone; we walked everywhere," Dora says. "Salaries were so meager and gas and cars were so pricey that few could afford them."

"There was no such thing as a television until 1947 or so, and even then they were too expensive."

Marriage, work and raising children filled their days. When their three children were grown and away at college, the couple enjoyed a romantic cruise to Bermuda.

After 66 years of marriage, the Homesteads, residents of Silver Maples retirement community in Chelsea, still enjoy doing things together.

Tops on the

"Liking and loving your spouse has a lot to do with it," Floyd says.

A perfect game

George and Marjorie Prinzing met at the bowling alley in Three Oaks. This year, the Sylvan Township couple will celebrate 55 years of marriage.

George, a native of

of it until I looked down and noticed it was a diamond.

"He didn't even say anything, just waited for me to notice."

The couple got married Dec. 27, 1948. They were the third generation in George's family to choose that particular date. They recited their vows in front of 150 people at Three Oaks Methodist Church.

Marjorie, who wore a white, lace dress with a short train, bucked the trend of white



Chelsea and 1937 graduate of Chelsea High School, took a job in Three Oaks teaching history and social studies at the high school, where Marjorie was a senior. Seven months after she graduated, the pair ran into each other at the bowling alley and George asked if he could walk her home.

"I didn't think he was serious, but I went with him," Marjorie says. "I think his humor attracted me the most, and that he loved to eat and I love to cook."

George picked the right gal — Marjorie won medals in home economics at school.

The couple dated for the next year, enjoying movies and hanging out at the local lunch counter. With very little to do in Three Oaks, the pair often piled into a Pontiac coupe and headed over the border to Indiana to catch a movie.

Marjorie doesn't recall an actual proposal, but George took her class ring to a jeweler to help seal an engagement ring.

"One night, he put the class ring back in my hand," Marjorie says. "I didn't think anything

roses by choosing red. Since the little town didn't have a flower shop, the local undertaker provided the bouquet.

The pair returned to Chelsea in 1955. While George taught at Chelsea High School, Marjorie worked in the cafeteria at South School, now South Meadows Elementary School.

The Prinzing says they are even more deeply in love after 55 years than when they first met because of the blessings of six children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Their children threw a surprise golden wedding anniversary party five years ago at Pierce Lake Elementary School, with some 300 people attending.

The Prinzing, who celebrate Valentine's Day by buying each other cards and going out to dinner, say the ingredients for a strong marriage are "respect, forgiving each other and humoring each other."

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ater — the first movie they saw together was "State Fair" starring Will Rogers — followed by a stroll to the ice cream parlor.

For the longest time, the couple couldn't afford to get married, Dora says. They finally recited their marriage vows at Dora's home on May, 18 1937. They were married by the local pastor in a simple ceremony attended by family and friends, and had dinner at a restaurant.

that neither one is always right.



Cindy Close, a paramedic with Huron Valley Ambulance in Chelsea, used to work in retail sales at ABC Warehouse. She holds a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and will start work on her master's degree in the fall.

Photo by Rita Fischer

Paramedic switches from sales to medical field

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

It seems a quantum leap from selling appliances to saving lives, but that's what Cindy Close did.

The Westland native worked in retail sales at ABC Warehouse for four years before switching to a career as a paramedic with Huron Valley Ambulance in Chelsea.

"I always wanted to be in the medical field," Close says. "When I was growing up, I took classes through high school that had to do with the medical field."

Close took a class in CPR when she was 14 years old and was hooked.

"I knew ever since then that I wanted to help people in that field some day," she says.

After taking an emergency medical technician basic class in 1997, Close was inspired by a friend who worked with Huron Valley Ambulance to give the career a shot.

Close took some classes through the non-profit company and says she was impressed. In 1999, she was hired as a paramedic. Today she works a 40-hour week, dividing her time between stations in Chelsea and Ann Arbor.

A graduate of John Glenn High School in Wayne-Westland, Close continued her education while working as a paramedic. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology and German from Eastern Michigan University in 2001. Three years ago, she studied German in Graz, Austria.

This fall, Close will start her studies for a

master's degree in health-care business administration.

In addition, as a paramedic she has many continuing education credits to maintain and must renew her license every two years.

"There is also much protocol and policies that are ever-changing to stay familiar with and many new tools to stay trained on," she says.

And as if that were not enough to fill her days, Close also works on a contingency basis as a clerk and technician in the emergency room at Chelsea Community Hospital.

"I enjoy all of the staff at the ER very much, and that's the big reason I decided to work there," she says. "They are very close-knit and caring, and I enjoy working there with them tremendously."

Gratitude from patients is also rewarding. Close recently responded to a medical call involving a diabetic emergency. After paramedics administered glucose intravenously, the patient slowly regained consciousness and said, "You just saved my life."

"It's just my job, but he was so grateful and thankful that it made me feel really good," Close says.

The most difficult aspect of her job is having to deal with young children and teens in life-threatening situations, she says.

Close says her parents, who own a heating and cooling business in Westland, are supportive of her job and enjoy hearing about her workday.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Feb. 13

Business After Hours will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Palmer Family Ford, 222 S. Main St., in Chelsea. The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce will join the dealership in celebrating 100 years of the Ford Motor Co. Chelsea Grill will provide food.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Chelsea Library Used Book Sale will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at McKune Memorial Library, 221 S. Main St., in Chelsea. To volunteer or for information, call 475-8732.

The 17th Annual Winter Fleece Fair will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer Drive, in Chelsea. Admission is free and facilities are wheelchair accessible. For information, call 475-2306 or 769-1657.

Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., in Chelsea presents Mochas and Music from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This week's entertainer is Jerry Perrine.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Chelsea Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute, will offer a comprehensive 16-hour seminar called "Home Building: The American Dream without the Nightmare" from 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea. Pre-registration with payment is required by Friday.

The Chelsea Community Family Network will meet at 7 p.m. in the Chelsea High School media center, 740 N. Freer Road, Mary Lou Severin will give a presentation on sexually transmitted diseases.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Alzheimer's Association Support Group will meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Chelsea Retirement Community, Crippen Building, 805 W. Middle St., in Chelsea. Meetings are free and confidential. Call 1-800-337-3827 for more information.

Chelsea Senior Center Book Club will meet 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the library, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea. For more information, call the library at 475-8732 or the senior center at 475-9242.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Chelsea Education Foundation annual fund-raiser will be held 6:30 p.m. at the Comfort Inn Conference Center, 1645 Commerce Park Drive, in Chelsea. Call Nancy Mauti at 475-2950 for reservations.

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.

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

U.S. Congressman Nick Smith, R-7th District, offers office hours from 4 to 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Chelsea Village Planning and Zoning Office in Chelsea State Bank, 305 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For information, call 1-517-783-4486 or email rep.smith@mail.house.gov.

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.

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 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.

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.

City Charter Commission public meetings are held 5 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday, and 7 to 9 p.m. every Thursday at 140 Buchanan 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.

DEXTER

Tuesday, Feb. 18

The Dexter Village Parks Commission will be reviewing the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan 8 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter. The meeting is open to the public for input.

Saturday, Feb. 22

"Barking Trees" program will be held 11 a.m. at Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter Township. Discover the texture of trees through stories and activities. For children ages 3 to 5. Cost is \$2 per program. Call 426-8211 to register or ask questions.

Sunday, Feb. 23

Battle of the Bands will be held 7 to 10 p.m. at Copeland Auditorium, 7714 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter. Admission is \$3 with a student ID and \$5 for adults. The bands must supply a demo and lyrics of their songs in advance of the show to Debora Marsh, a teacher at Dexter High School. For information contact her at marsh@dexter.k12.mi.us or call 424-4240, Ext. 7515.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

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 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 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 8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7954 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Touchdown Club meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the library at Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road, in Dexter.

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

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

Dexter Village Parks Commission meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Wylie Elementary

School, 3080 Kensington St., in Dexter.

Independent Order of Oddfellows 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 426-8775.

ANN ARBOR

Thursday, Feb. 20

Mothers & More will meet 7 p.m. at St. Clare/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard Road, in Ann Arbor. The topic will be "Finding and Keeping a Great Babysitter. Call 327-4901 for information.

Dexter library to hold financial talk

Has the recent slump in the economy caused some concern about your retirement plans?

The Dexter District Library will present "When Can You Retire?" 7 p.m. Wednesday.

It is the second program in a series to be presented by Matt Rolfe of the Edward Jones office in Dexter.

The program will last approximately an hour and will be held in the study room at the library, 8040 Fourth St.

Rolfe will show a video hosted by a panel of Edward Jones retirement planning experts.

In the video, market analysts will discuss how to know if an IRA needs an overhaul and qualifications needed for a tax-free retirement income.

The panel will also discuss several new laws that might help sort out a retirement plan.

The analysts will also offer insights on how to select a retirement age and steps needed to get there in time.

After the video presentation, Rolfe will be available to clarify concepts and answer questions.

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WEDDINGS



Courtney Plewa, Anthony Byers exchange wedding vows

Courtney Plewa of Taylor and Anthony Byers of Chelsea were married July 12 at Crystal Gardens in Southgate with Dan Watkins officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Leonard Plewa of New Boston and Kathy and Chuck Coulter of Taylor. The groom is the son of Vernon Byers of Spring Arbor and the late Marie Byers.

The matron of honor was Sarah Wilson of Lincoln Park.

The bridesmaids were Mary Larkin of Ypsilanti, Patty Logar of Royal Oak, Laura O'Neil of Washington, D.C., Annalin Jasper of Livonia, Mandy Burnham of Chicago, and Randi Pavledes of Fenton.

Megan Bice and Olivia Outhwaite, both of Waterloo, were the flower girls.

Herschel Wimbish of Waterloo was the best man.

The ushers were Dale Byers of Brighton, Terry Lawrence, Mike Bice and

Mike Lawrence, all of Waterloo; Alan Hanna of Chelsea; Brad Kemp of Ann Arbor; Mike Alber of Chelsea; and Aaron Landrum of Ypsilanti.

John Taylor Scott of Grass Lake was the ringbearer.

A reception was held at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. The couple honeymooned on Mackinaw Island. They reside in Waterloo.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Taylor Center High School and a 2002 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed with the Chelsea School District.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Chelsea High School, a 2001 graduate of Eastern Michigan University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in engineering management at Eastern Michigan University. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he is employed as quality liaison at Dexter Stamping Co. in Ann Arbor.

Historic displays on tap for Sunday's movie premiere

In keeping with the Civil War theme for Sunday's premiere of "Gods and Generals," starring actor Jeff Daniels of Chelsea, the Jackson Armory will open its doors to movie ticket holders between noon and 1:30 p.m.

The armory is located on Mechanic Street just north of the historic Michigan Theatre, 124 N. Mechanic St., in Jackson. The film will premiere at 2 p.m. Sunday and is set for national release Feb. 21.

Purple Rose Theatre Co. Development Director Judy Gallagher arranged the event, which will showcase the wealth of Jackson's Civil War heritage through re-enactors, entertainment and a historic tour of the armory.

The Jackson Armory, built in 1838 as Michigan's first prison, has underground tunnels and cells, and boasts rumors of ghosts. Most

recently, it has been pressed into active use for training the 1461 National Guard.

Tour guests also will go through a heavy-equipment transport used in current combat.

"Gods and Generals," the screen adaptation of author

Jeff Shaara's best-selling novel, is a dramatic look at the Civil War and spans the years 1861 through 1863.

Daniels reprises his role of Union Army Col. Josh Chamberlain. Robert Duvall portrays Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee and Stephen

Lang plays Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

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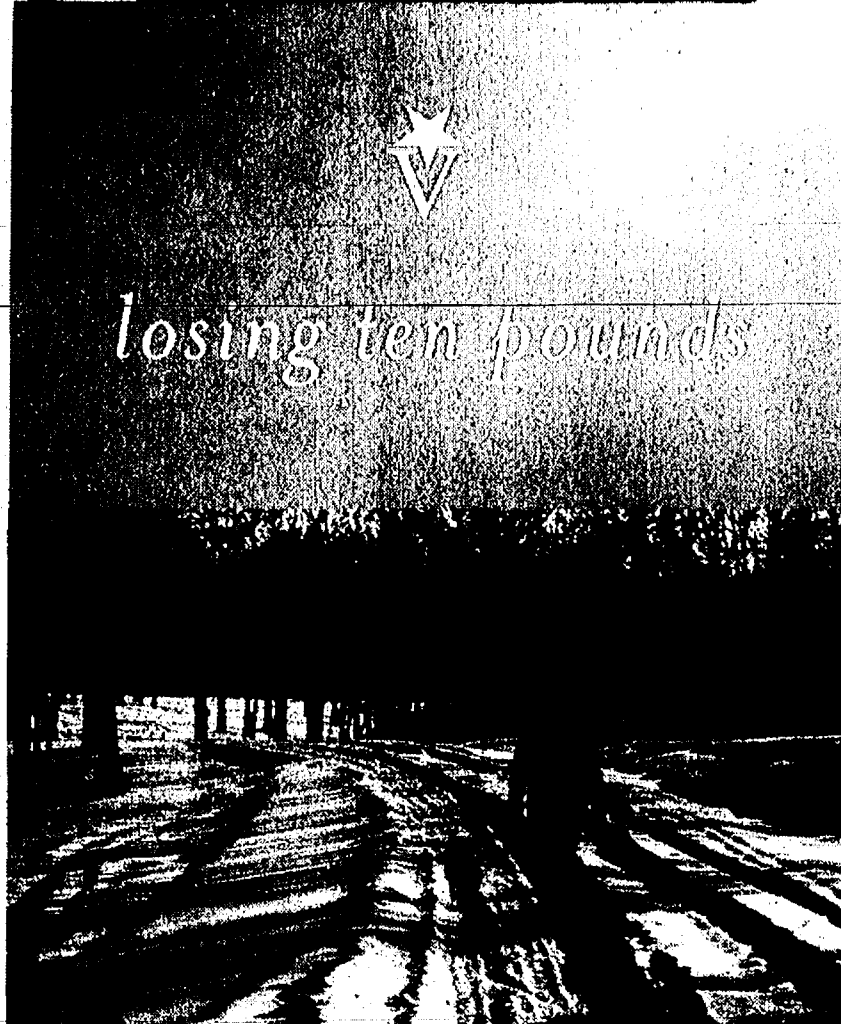
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BIRTHS

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Peace Group

Members of the activist Internet group MoveOn.org, visited local congressional offices around the country Jan. 21 to deliver a message about a possible war with Iraq. The message was "Please let the U.N. inspectors do their job." Several local members of the group visited the offices of Rep. Nick Smith in Jackson and met with his staff members Keith Brown and Ed Sharkey. Pictured are William Hayes (left) of Albion, Carol Blotter of Chelsea, Lynn Meadows of Chelsea, Keith Brown, Antonia Silverio of Chelsea, Lucy Silverio of Chelsea, Sister Durstyn Farnah of Adrian, Sister Eileen of Adrian and Ed Sharkey.

Yekulis named to dean's list

Melissa Yekulis of Chelsea has been named to the dean's list at Siena Heights University for the first semester of the 2002-03 academic year.

Full-time students who attained a 3.5 or better grade-point average out of a possible 4.0 GPA are named to the dean's list.

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In her spare time, Close enjoys working out. She is currently training for a marathon and will participate in 10k and 5k runs throughout the spring leading up to a triathlon in the summer.

She also enjoys traveling, and unwinds by spending time with friends.

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

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CHELSEA FIRE REPORT

Feb. 4
 • Firefighters were dispatched to a single car rollover at M-52 and Scio Church Road in Sylvan Township. The driver was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital with neck pain.
 • Firefighters answered a medical call in the 800 block of West Middle Street in Chelsea Village to help a person who had fallen.
Feb. 6
 • Firefighters answered a medical call in the 100 block of Van Buren Street in Chelsea after someone fell on the sidewalk.
 • Firefighters answered a medical call in the 700 block of West Middle Street. Someone was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital with chest pain.
 • Firefighters were sent to help a diabetic in the 3000 block of Sandhill Point in Lyndon Township.
Feb. 7
 • Firefighters answered a medical call in the 12000 block of Dexter-Chelsea Road in Lima Township. Someone who fell on an icy path was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital with neck, shoulder and wrist injuries.
 • Firefighters answered a medical call in the 8000 block of Clear Lake Road in

Waterloo Township. Someone was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital. No further details were available.
Feb. 8
 • Firefighters answered a medical call in the 18000 block of Waterloo Road in Sylvan Township. Someone with chest pain was taken to her physician.
 • Firefighters conducted a training burn at the former fire station at 6007 Maute Road in Waterloo Township. They were joined by firefighters from Scio Township, Dexter and Stockbridge, trainees and Explorer Scouts.
Feb. 9
 • Firefighters answered a medical call in the 300 block of Woodland Drive in Chelsea Village. Someone who had fallen and injured a hip was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital.
Feb. 10
 • Firefighters helped a local resident with a faulty smoke detector in the 500 block of Howard Street in Chelsea Village.
 • Firefighters answered a medical call in the 300 block of Garfield Street in Chelsea Village. Someone who suffered a seizure was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital.
Feb. 11
 • Firefighters answered a medical call in the 6000 block of Portage Lake Road in Waterloo Township. Someone with breathing difficulties was taken to Foote Hospital in Jackson.

Compiled by Associate Editor Sheila Pursglove based on information provided by the Chelsea Area Fire Authority.



Photo by Allison Marable

Recess Fun

Mackenzie Prince (left) and Alyssa Zangara bundled up to enjoy the outdoor play equipment during a recent recess at South Meadows Elementary School.

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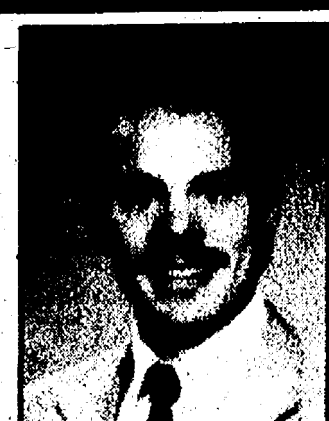
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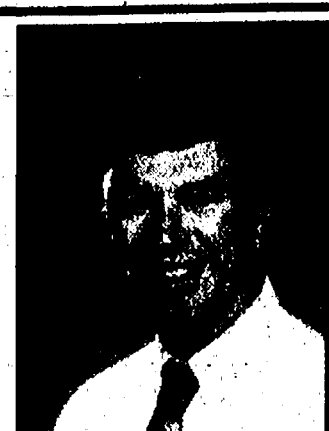
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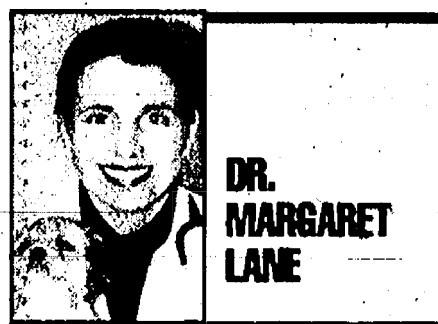
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Chocolate not good for pets



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As Valentine's Day approaches, remember pets and chocolate aren't a good combination.

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Caffeine

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Dental health

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Hospice to offer grief group

"After a Parent Dies: A Group for Adults," a four-week program, will be offered by Home Care and Hospice of Michigan, formerly Individualized Hospice, for people who have experienced the loss of a parent.

Each week, information about the grieving process will be presented and followed by discussion. Topics will include understanding the nature of grief, how grief affects individuals, dealing with difficult feelings, the impact of the loss on other family members,

finding time to grieve and ways to help oneself through grief.

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Doty, manager of Grief Support Services, will facilitate the talks.

The group will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. four successive Mondays beginning March 3. Meetings will be held at the Home Care and Hospice of Michigan office, 2090 S. Main St., in Ann Arbor.

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Chelsea cagers top Saline, Dexter

By Don Richter

Sports Editor

Employing a stifling, ball-hawking, in-your-face full-court pressure defense, the Chelsea boys' basketball team smothered county rival Dexter 64-40 last Friday.

"We wanted to put pressure on them," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "We went full court to start the game. We forced five turnovers in the first quarter and had four dunks. That set the tone for the rest of the game."

The Bulldogs (12-2, 6-1) broke out to a 15-3 first-quarter lead and a 28-19 advantage at halftime.

In the third quarter, Chelsea outscored the Dreadnaughts (8-6, 3-3) 14-8 to take a 42-27 lead into the fourth frame.

In the last stanza, the Bulldogs outscored Dexter 22-13 for the final margin.

"Our defense was outstanding," Raymond said. "We wanted to control their front line. Our tempo defensively put pressure on their backcourt. That disrupted them offensively."

The Dreadnaughts ended up 15-of-49 from the field for 31 percent, including 0-of-7

from beyond the arc.

Chelsea finished 22-of-41 for 54 percent from the floor, including 2-of-6 from three-point land.

At the free-throw line, the Bulldogs were 18-of-30 for 60 percent. Dexter was 10-of-21 for 48 percent.

On the boards, Chelsea outrebounded the Dreadnaughts 32-29.

The Bulldogs had 13 turnovers, while Dexter had 15.

Chelsea blocked 10 shots, including six by senior 6-foot-7 center Scott Dettling. The Dreadnaughts finished with two blocked shots.

Senior forward Paul Newhouse paced the Bulldogs with a double-double of 20

points and 11 rebounds. He also had five assists, five steals and two blocked shots.

Dettling finished with 13 points and seven boards, while senior guard Jimmy Baker had eight points and three

assists. Junior guard Mark Borders had six points, while seniors forward James Ballas and point guard Kyle Brown each scored five points.

Junior forward Joel Hohnke added three points, while senior guard Bryan

Hayes and junior guard George Royce each netted two points for Chelsea.

On Feb. 4, the Bulldogs defeated Saline 50-41.

The victory avenged an earlier loss to the Hornets.

Chelsea played the game without starters Newhouse and Brown.

"What often happens when short-handed is other players step up," Raymond said. "We received great play from everybody across the board."

Dettling led the Bulldogs, with a double-double of 17 points and 11 rebounds. He also swatted away four shots.

"Scott had his best game of the year," Raymond said. "He altered a lot of shots. Saline was 3-of-13 three-point shooting. One of the reasons for that was they didn't want to go inside."

Baker, with Brown out, played point guard for the first time, scoring 15 points, grabbing five rebounds and dishing out four assists.

"He really controlled the game," Raymond said. "Saline is such a good defensive team, with all the trapping they do. Jimmy did a good job of keeping the ball. He was able to get us into our offensive sets."

Royce added seven points, while Ballas had four points and Hohnke three points.

Senior forward Joe Myers and Hayes each finished with two points for the Bulldogs.

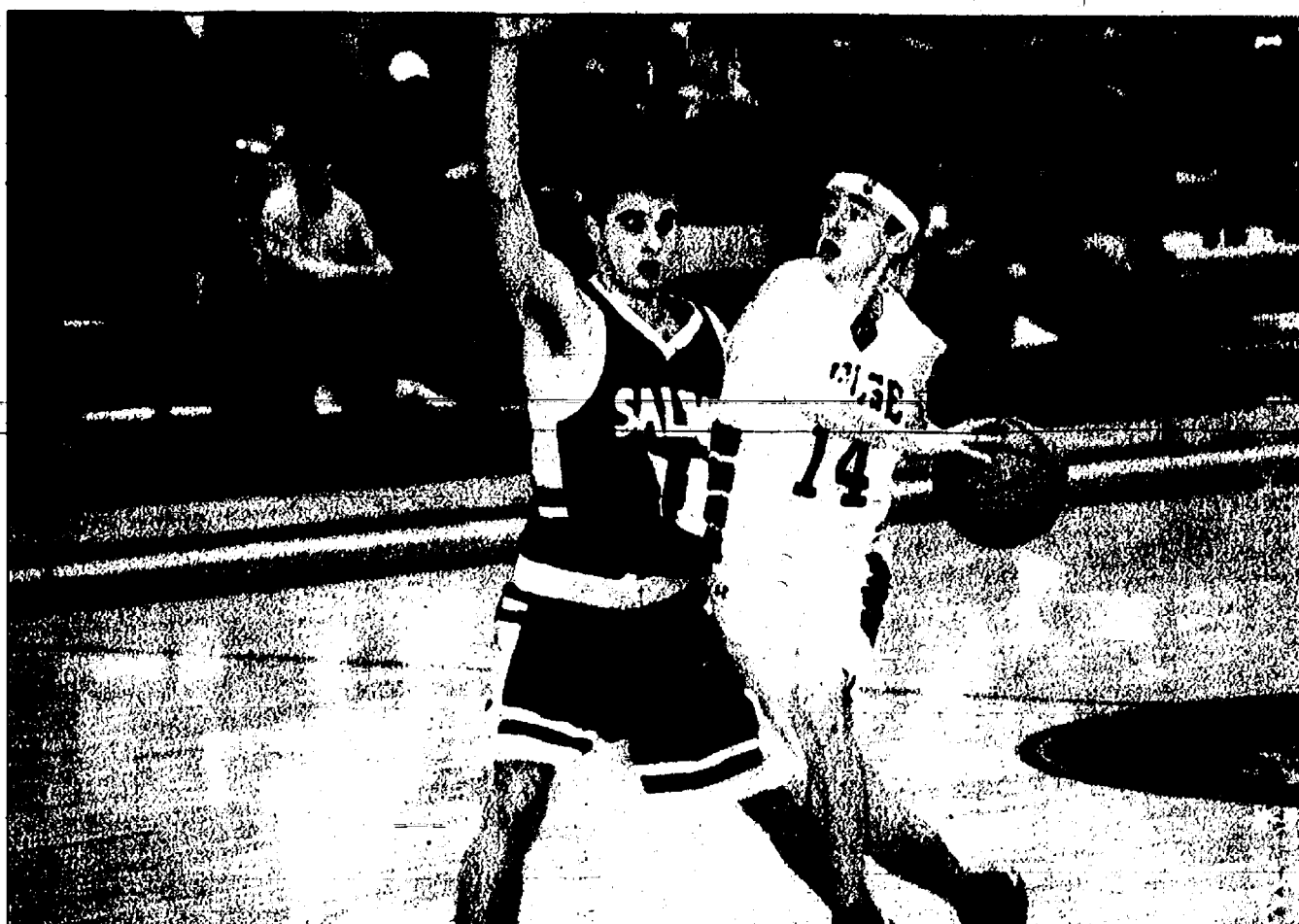


Photo courtesy of Kathleen Brigham
Chelsea senior guard Bryan Hayes drives to the basket against Saline last week. The Bulldogs avenged an earlier loss, defeating the Hornets 50-41.

"It was our best game of the year defensively. Everybody stepped up."

**— Robin Raymond
Chelsea coach**

Five Dawg grapplers earn titles

By Don Richter

Sports Editor

Five Chelsea wrestlers captured Southeastern Conference championships at the league meet at Temperance Bedford last Saturday.

Seniors Randy Ostrowski (140 pounds), Adam Egeler (160), Darl Bauer (189) and Ross Davis (heavyweight) and junior Joel Powers (215) placed first at the SEC meet.

As a team, the Bulldogs finished second to Tecumseh.

The Indians ended up with 225.5 points, while Chelsea had 215 points. Rounding out the SEC White Division standings were Dexter, in third place with 169 points, and Ypsilanti Lincoln, in fourth place with 142 points.

In the SEC Red Division, Bedford finished first with 290 points. Saline was second with 175 points, followed by Ann Arbor Pioneer with 142 points and Adrian with 141 points.

Individually, Ostrowski, who has a 40-5 overall record, pinned Drew Cunningham of Tecumseh in 5:40, A.J. Santoro of Dexter in 3:28 and Kyle O'Keefe of Lincoln in 2:22. In the crossover final, he defeated Pioneer's Marty Everin 4-3.

"He lost to him earlier in the year," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "It's always nice to avenge a loss."

Egeler (28-2) defeated Brian Sirros of Lincoln on a 9-0 major decision, Abe



Photo courtesy of Norm Bauer
Chelsea's Dave Bell finished 1-3 on the day at 171 pounds at last Saturday's Southeastern Conference meet. As a team, the Bulldogs placed second.

Burleigh of Dexter on a pin in 2:21 and Tecumseh's Brad Cannon 4-0. In the crossover final, he pinned Pioneer's Jim Petosky in 4:07.

Bauer (30-0) pinned Andrew Yarborough of Tecumseh in 1:10, Ricky Howell of Dexter in 21 seconds and Nick Moates of Lincoln in 1:08. In the crossover championship, he defeated Adrian's Cody Waters on a 15-1 major decision.

Powers (27-5) beat Ricky Tomlin of Lincoln 8-2 and pinned Eric Cooper of Tecumseh in 1:57. In the crossover final, he pinned Bedford's Jared Kinney in

2:18. "He had lost to him earlier in the year," Kargel said. "I like seeing improvement like that from a wrestler. That was great."

Davis (25-5) pinned John Ahern of Tecumseh in 2:12 and John Alford of Lincoln in 55 seconds. In the crossover championship, he pinned Bedford's Ricky Neiman in 35 seconds.

"Neiman had pinned Ross earlier this season," Kargel said. "So it was nice to see Ross come back and get him back."

Others performing well for Chelsea included Geoff Wonders at 103 pounds (1-3)

and Aaron Chiarelli at 103 pounds (1-3); Ryan Lundquist (2-2) at 119 pounds, who finished second in the SEC White; Fred Dehn (1-3) at 125 pounds; Jeremy Loe (2-2) at 130, who placed second in the SEC White; and Richard Yargeau (0-4) at 135 pounds.

In the heavier weights, competing hard were Matt Robinson (2-2) at 145 pounds, who finished second in the SEC White; Andy Hurst (1-3) at 152 and Dave Bell (1-3) at 171 pounds.

Chelsea next participates in the individual state district meet at Eaton Rapids 9 a.m. Saturday.

Senior tankers power Bulldogs

The Chelsea boys' swimming and diving team defeated Ypsilanti Lincoln 145-34 last Friday.

On Parents' Night, the host Bulldog tankers dominated the visiting Rainsplitters, snapping a four-meet losing streak in the process.

The meet was the last home competition for the Chelsea seniors. As one might expect, emotions were high on the Bulldog side of the pool.

Chelsea started the meet strong, winning the 200 medley relay, as the foursome of John Erwin, Matt Holmes, Aaron Connell and Matt Kellogg bested the field with a season-best clocking of 1:51.33.

In the 200 freestyle, Andy Kellogg touched first with a season-best time of 1:50.24. Senior Mike Policht came in second with a personal-best clocking of 1:59.57. Chris Moyle was third in 2:15.47.

Holmes, a senior, finished first in the 200 individual medley in a season-best 2:24.33. Ryan Kelly placed second in 2:29.87. Freshman Greg Daniel ended up fourth with a season-best time of 2:39.05.

The wildest event of the

night was the 50 freestyle. For seniors Jake Holton and Jeff Diekis, it was the last chance for them to reach individual milestones in the Bulldog pool.

For Holton, it was his final attempt at breaking a long-standing pool record set by former Dexter and Stanford All-American Adam Messner.

For Diekis, it was his last chance to qualify for the state meet.

Both goals were met as Holton shattered the pool record with an impressive time of 21.77, eclipsing the old mark of 21.99. Diekis ended up with a state qualifying clocking of 23.55.

In the one-meter diving competition, Shawn Bergman placed first, scoring 194.25 points. His victory qualified him for the state regional diving event. Teammate Cliff Ballard placed second.

In the 100 freestyle, senior Andre Bravo finished first in 51.64, qualifying for the state meet in his second event. Erwin, a senior, placed third in a personal-best time of 56.75.

The 500 freestyle saw Matt Kellogg best the field for Chelsea. Senior Andrew

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Chelsea icers tie rival Dreadnaughts

By Don Richter

Sports Editor

Chelsea tied Southeast Michigan High School Hockey League and county rival Dexter 2-2 last Saturday at the Arctic Coliseum.

Bulldog winger Craig Urwin scored the night's first goal at 12:17 of the opening period off an assist from Lee Woodruff and Luc Daniels.

The Dreadnaughts tied the contest as Keith Davey scored 29 seconds into the second period.

Dexter took the lead in the third stanza as winger Kevin

Vlazny turned the light on at 4:34 of the period.

Chelsea (12-9-1, 5-1-1) tied the game at 10:58 of the final frame as Drew Warren scored, off an assist from Woodruff and Urwin.

In net for the Bulldogs was sophomore goaltender J.R. Engelbert.

"We played a real strong game," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "It was our first game since the beginning of December with everybody in the line-up. We finally got (6-foot-3 defenseman) Matt Eckler back.

"I felt very good with our effort. We shut down their big scorers. We hit the post a couple times. We had our chances."

On Feb. 5, Chelsea lost to Jackson Lumen Christi 5-4. The Titans scored the game-winner with a half second left on the clock.

Wright said the Bulldogs would regroup despite the tough loss.

"It's one of those things we're going to have to learn from," he said. "Except for a couple minutes of the game, we played well. We did a lot

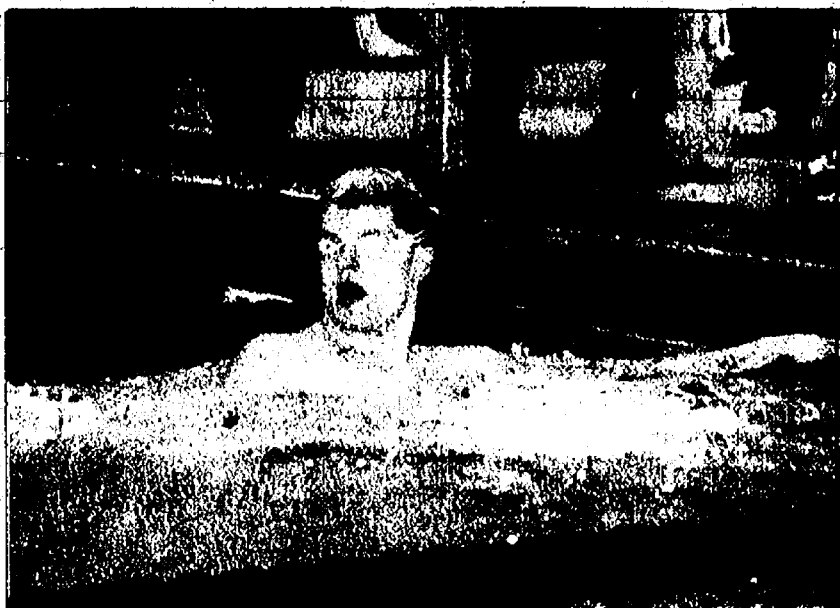
of good things.

"In the last few minutes of the second period, we got a little sloppy. But we're just going to have to learn from this."

Lumen Christi opened the scoring at 4:34 of the first period as Trevor Markovich hit the back of the net on a slap shot from the blue line.

Chelsea answered at 5:12 of the first frame as David Midura scored off an assist from Kenny Williams and Brett Common.

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Chelsea senior Jake Holton looks back at his time after breaking the pool record in the 50 freestyle. He shattered the old mark set by former Dexter and Stanford All-American Adam Messner.

JV hoopsters battle Dreads

The Chelsea JV boys' basketball team defeated county rival Dexter 43-33 last Friday.

Pacing the host Bulldogs (6-6, 5-2) was Alex Rabbitt, with 18 points. Danny Keilman added 13 points for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs ran out to an 11-6 first quarter lead before increasing their advantage to 28-21 at halftime.

In the second half, Chelsea outscored the Dreadnaughts 15-12 for the final margin.

On Feb. 4, the Bulldogs suffered a hard-fought 66-58 loss to Saline.

Keilman led host Chelsea with 18 points. Alec Penix chipped in 17 points, while Rabbitt had 14 points.

After a 15-15 first quarter, the Hornets outscored the Bulldogs 18-15 in the second frame, taking a 33-30 lead into the locker room.

In the second half, Saline netted 33 points, including 20

points in the fourth quarter, while limiting Chelsea to 28 points to claim victory.

"We have been playing pretty well," said Chelsea coach Mark Scheese. "I look for us to have a strong finish to the season."

The Bulldogs next host Temperance Bedford 4 p.m. today.

On Feb. 21, Chelsea travels to Ypsilanti Lincoln for a game at 6 p.m.

Chelsea frosh beat Dexter

Chelsea's freshman boys' basketball team beat cross-town rival Dexter 51-38 last Friday.

At halftime, the host Bulldogs led 25-22, as Matt Weber netted 11 points for Chelsea.

In the second half, the Bulldogs outscored the Dreadnaughts 29-13 to secure their victory. Pacing Chelsea in its second half run was Joe Welton, who poured in 13 points.

"(They) were the keys to our offense," Chelsea coach Mike Bareis said of Weber and Welton.

Welton finished with 19 points to lead the Bulldogs. Weber ended up with 17 points, while Robbie Moffett had eight points.

Cam Hawkins added three points, while Alex Stuart and Jeff Kampman each had two points for Chelsea.

"Robbie Moffett played

outstanding defense on their point guard, and Cam Hawkins played great defense on their post players," Bareis said. "The entire team made significant contributions to this rivalry victory."

The Bulldogs next host Temperance Bedford 4 p.m. today at the Washington Street Education Center.

On Feb. 21, Chelsea travels to Ypsilanti Lincoln for a game at 6 p.m.

Beach competes at Plainwell

Chelsea's Beach Middle School swimming and diving team took part in the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association state meet in Plainwell last weekend.

"This is the only meet of the season where our boys and girls compete separately," said Chelsea coach Dave Brinklow. "At the middle school level, that can make a huge difference."

"This was the year for our boys to shine. They really came through for us."

The 400 freestyle relay foursome of Rick Kinsey, Brett Kruse, Michael Lawrence and Nick Armstrong placed second. In the 200 freestyle relay, the same group touched third for Beach.

In the 200 medley relay, the Bulldog team of Mitch Cook, Armstrong, Lawrence and Kruse placed fifth.

Individually, Kinsey finished fourth in the 200 freestyle.

"Rick has been an excellent leader and an enthusiastic catalyst for our team all season," Brinklow said. "It was great to see his hard work rewarded with an outstanding performance."

In the 50 freestyle, Kruse placed 13th.

Jordan Skidmore finished third in diving for the Bulldogs. In the lanes, he touched 11th in the 50 butterfly.

Lawrence paced Beach, with a ninth-place finish in the 50 butterfly.

In the 100 freestyle, Armstrong ended up seventh, while Kinsey was ninth.

Cook placed ninth in the 100 breaststroke, while Trevor Hughes was 18th.

In the girls' meet, the Beach foursome of Erika Purdy, Anne Thiel, Ayla

DeTroyer and Hillary Phillips finished 11th in the 200 medley relay.

Alice Butcher touched sixth in the 100 freestyle and in the 200 freestyle for Chelsea.

"Alice provided the spark today for the girls with best times in everything she swam," Brinklow said.

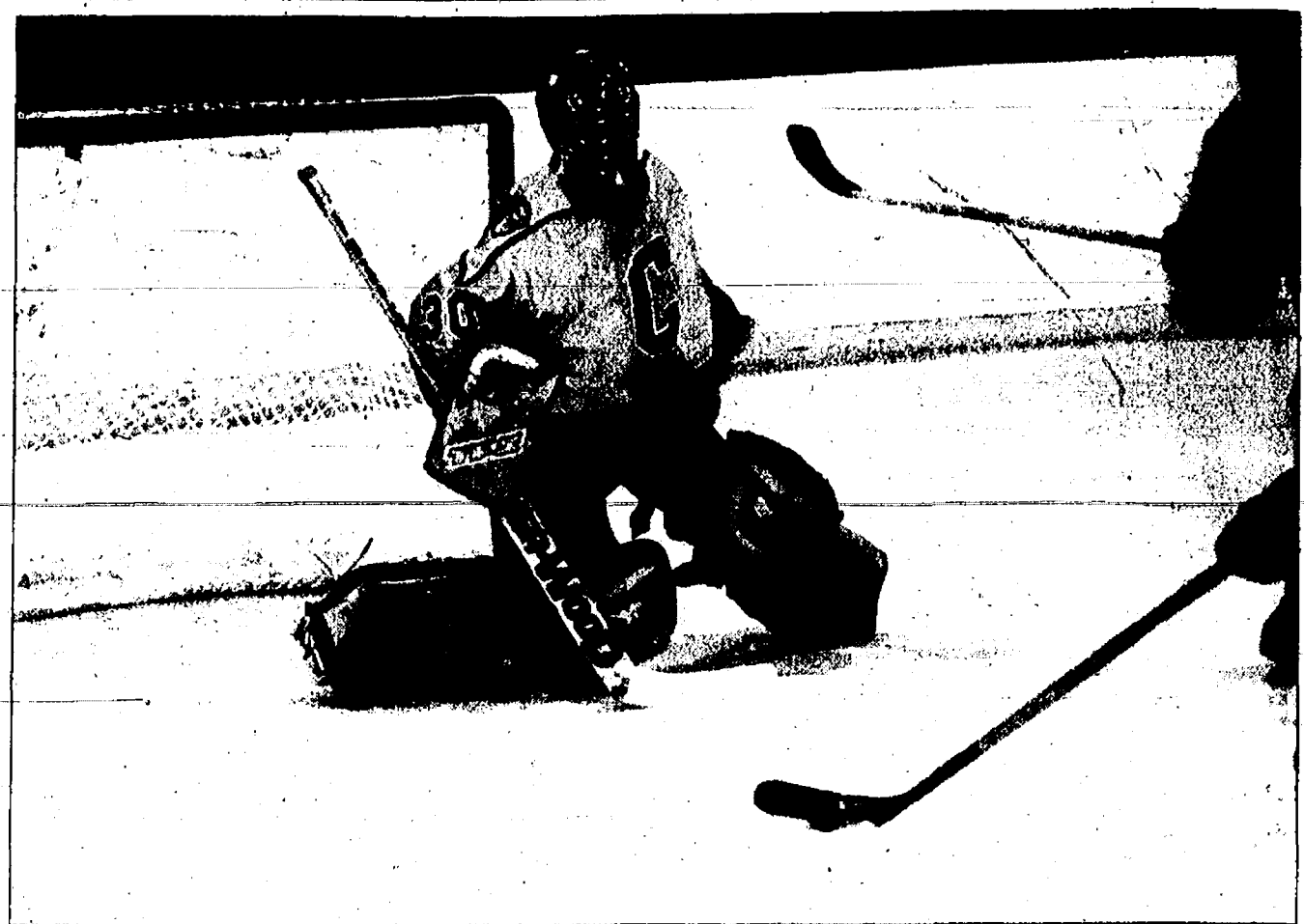
Purdy finished 13th in the 100 backstroke and 18th in the 100 individual medley.

DeTroyer ended up seventh in the 50 butterfly and eighth in the 50 freestyle for the Bulldogs.

Jillian Drow finished second in diving for Beach.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Phoebe Conybeare, DeTroyer, Phillips and Butcher placed seventh.

The Chelsea group of Butcher, Phillips, Conybeare and Purdy touched ninth in the 400 freestyle to close out the meet.



Bulldog sophomore goaltender J.R. Engelbert prepares to make a pad save. Chelsea tied county rival Dexter 2-2 last Saturday.

Photo by Doug Trojanowski

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The Bulldogs took the lead at 14:40 of the opening period as Ben Daniels scored on a power play. Luc Callow and Urwin assisted on the play for Chelsea.

To begin the second stanza, Lumen Christi tied the game again as Thomas Devine scored on a fluke goal.

Two weeks ago, the Bulldogs lost to Livonia Franklin 5-3 on a strange goal that hit numerous players before going in.

"We had another one of those weird goals go in," Wright said. "This time, it was a knuckleball-type goal from center ice."

Despite the fluke score, Chelsea refused to wilt.

At 10:38 of the frame, Callow beat the Titans' net minder off an assist from Warren.

The Bulldogs increased their lead to 4-2 as Urwin scored at 12:12 of the period. Assisting on the play were Ben Daniels and Ryan Ford.

Lumen Christi, however, battled back.

In the final minutes of the period, the Titans scored consecutive goals, tying the contest at 4-4 while heading

into the third period.

Notching goals for Lumen Christi in the late-period scoring binge were Brian Chase and Nick LeFere.

The score stayed knotted at 4-4 until the Titans' Michael Devine intercepted a Bulldog pass and scored with a half second remaining to pull out the wild victory.

"We had control of the puck with five seconds left," Wright said. "We tried to make a pass and it was picked off."

Chelsea next faces off against Riverview at Trenton's Kennedy Arena 7 p.m. today.

On Wednesday, the Bulldogs host Ypsilanti Lincoln at 7 p.m. and will be celebrating Senior Night.

On Feb. 21, the Bulldogs

close out the regular season traveling to Division I No. 4-ranked Ann Arbor Huron.

On Feb. 25, Chelsea hosts a Division III state regional at the Arctic Coliseum.

The Bulldogs take on Dearborn Heights Crestwood at 5:30 p.m. At 8 p.m., Dexter battles Lansing Catholic Central.

On Feb. 27, the Chelsea/Crestwood winner plays Lumen Christi at 5:30 p.m. At 8 p.m., the Dexter/LCC victor squares off against Division III No. 6-ranked Dearborn Divine Child.

On March 1, the regional final is at 7 p.m.

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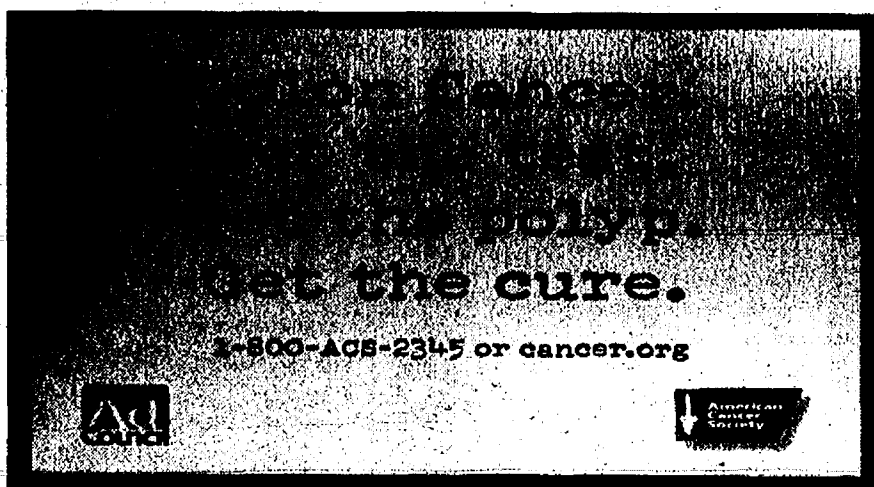
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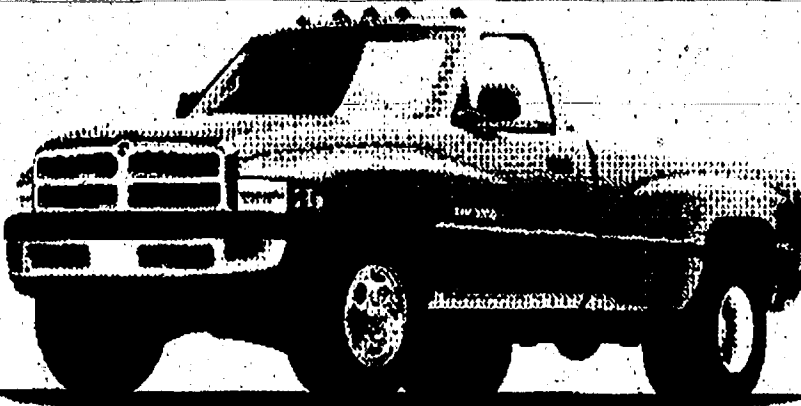


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The Quarterback

As a setter, Chelsea's Bentley drives Bulldog volleyball machine

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

John Elway, Dan Marino, Joe Montana ... Courtney Bentley?

Although she doesn't wear shoulder pads and a helmet, Bentley, a senior setter on Chelsea's Class A No. 6-ranked volleyball team, is every bit the quarterback as the aforementioned Hall of Famers.

Bentley is as important to her Bulldog team — and its fortunes — as Elway, Marino and Montana were to their respective professional football squads.

Like a quarterback in football, Bentley, as a setter, touches the ball on every play for Chelsea.

Also like a quarterback, Bentley calls plays and decides whom she distributes the ball to.

Bentley, who helped lead the Bulldogs to the Class B state semifinals last year, said playing setter is a role she relishes.

"I like getting the touches

and having control," she said. "I like having to determine who's doing well, and what play is going to work."

This season, Bentley has been uncanny in her ability to determine what will and will not work out on the court.

"She's the emotional leader of the team," Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland said. "She brings a great deal of confidence to the court. She loves to talk about the game. She's always lifting her teammates up."

Besides being a leader, Cleveland said Bentley is technically strong as a setter. "She makes good decisions," Cleveland said. "She makes sure the ball is distributed to all players. She doesn't concentrate on just one player. She gets everyone involved."

Bentley, who said she's considering attending Michigan State University, Northwood, Xavier (Ohio) or Grand Valley State, said she takes pride in delivering for

her teammates.

"When it comes to me, if my hitter keeps getting blocked, it's my fault," she said. "I was taught that if the hit doesn't get over the net, it's the setter's fault. I believe that. I'm always trying to make sure the hitter gets the ball where they want it."

Besides her deft touch as a setter, Cleveland said Bentley also is one of the squad's best servers.

"She has one of the best touch serves," Cleveland said. "She can place the ball anywhere you ask her. She can hit all six zones on the court. She's accurate and consistent in her serving."

Bentley, who also was a starter on the basketball team and played softball until her sophomore year, said she loves volleyball best.

"It's fun," she said. "Every point matters. Unlike basketball, where you have a second half, in volleyball, you've got 15 points. It's faster paced than other

sports. People don't realize how hard it is."

Bentley, who began playing volleyball in the sixth grade, said reaching the state semifinals last season, has fueled

her desire this year.

"It's motivated me so much," she said. "It was cool knowing we could get that far. We had a blast. We all want to get back."

Since its move from Class B, to the larger school Class A, the Bulldogs figure to have a tougher road to the finals this season.

Or will they?

"Bedford is in our way, but we know we can beat them," said Bentley, who helped Chelsea defeat the Class A No. 3-ranked Mules earlier this season in a five-set marathon. "That (win) gives us confidence. We know we're there with them."

Bentley said the Bulldogs' success in Class A does have its downsides.

"Last year, we kind of crept up on people," she said. "No one knew about us. We'd like to creep up on people, again."

"We thought playing in Class A was going to be hard. But we started going to tournaments and played well. We started to think we could hang with these guys."

Confidence. Every quarterback needs it.

Bentley has it.

Elway, Marino, Montana and Bentley.

Yeah, that's right.

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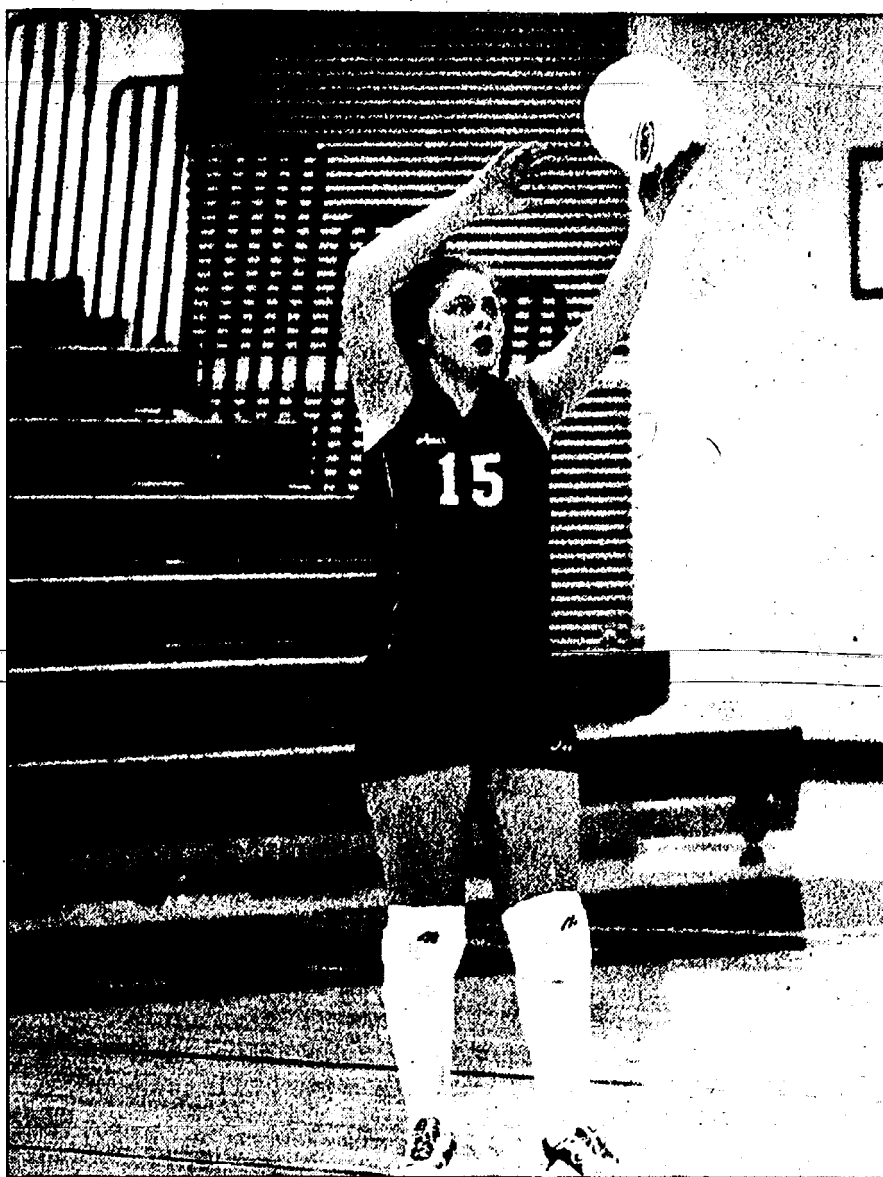


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Chelsea senior setter Courtney Bentley is the Bulldog quarterback on the court. As a setter, she calls plays and distributes the ball to teammates.

Beach Blue sweeps Drager

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Blue volleyball team defeated Adrian Drager 11-9, 11-1, 11-1 last Thursday.

Lizzy Bentley led the visiting Bulldogs with seven points and one ace.

Colleen Cottrell added six points and two aces, while Leah Ford and Kelly Whitley each served five points for Chelsea. Whitley also had two aces.

Maureen Lynn finished

with four points, while Lauren Ruffini had three points. Megan Jerant had two points and Kara Cremer one point for the Dawgs.

On Feb. 4, Beach swept Adrian Springbrook 14-12, 11-6, 11-4.

Pacing the host Bulldogs was Bentley with 11 points and two aces.

Eleanor Stewart added five points, while Jerant had four points, including one ace.

Chelsie Whitesall, Cottrell

and Ruffini each had three points and one ace. Samantha Minzey, Rachel Voicechovski and Lynn each had two points, with Voicechovski recording an ace. Vanessa Young chipped in one point for Beach.

Chelsea next travels to Saline Gold for a match 4 p.m. today.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs host Saline Blue at 4 p.m.

On Feb. 20, Beach visits county rival Dexter for a contest at 4 p.m.

Former Bulldogs excel at Albion

Chelsea's Brett Putman, a freshman at Albion College, earned a first-year varsity award after completing his inaugural season with the Briton football team.

Dan Bukowski, a freshman from Whitmore Lake High School, also received a first-year varsity award as a member of Albion's gridiron squad.

The Britons finished the

season with a 5-5 overall record and a 3-3 mark in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

On the diamond, former Bulldog Brian Sayers has earned a spot on the Briton

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From Bulldog to Charger

Chelsea's Bauer signs with Hillsdale for football

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

If one hears a big sigh of relief, don't worry, it's just the collective breaths of Southeastern Conference football coaches and, most notably, returning players exhaling.

The reason?
Chelsea's Darl Bauer will be playing elsewhere next season.

On Feb. 5, Bauer, a 5-foot-10, 190-pound running back/defensive back, signed a letter of intent to play football at Hillsdale College next fall.

A heat-seeking missile as a defensive back and a punishing runner with the football, Bauer put the hurt on numerous SEC and non-conference opponents throughout his three-year Bulldog varsity career.

At Chelsea's Al Neihaus Field, if one listens hard enough, the cracking sound of Bauer's hits can still be heard in the distance.

Bauer's signing makes it five consecutive years that the Bulldogs have had a scholarship player. Four years ago, Mike Holloway signed with Grand Valley State University. This past football season, he won a Division II national championship with the Lakers.

Rob Mida, who signed with Ferris State University, followed Holloway. Two years ago, Tony Scheffler signed with Western Michigan University and Nate Dawson, with Saginaw Valley State University. Last year, Joe Tripodi signed with Northwestern University.

After getting calls and let-

ters from such schools as Michigan State, North-western, Toledo, Bowling Green and Eastern Michigan, to name a few, Bauer said he felt most comfortable at Hillsdale.

"I got along with all the players," he said. "I loved it. There was a lot of camaraderie between the guys. I also liked the coaches. That was something I wanted to be a part of."

"Everyone seemed really sincere. They were all proud to be there. It kind of reminded me of the way people are in Chelsea."

"Plus (Chelsea) coach (Corey) Knight, coach (Marty) Walsh and coach (Grant) Fanning all played football there. And (head) coach (Brad) Bush helped with the recruiting, too. He really cared that I end up at the right place. They all encouraged me."

Also encouraging to Bauer, a two-time All-SEC and All-Area performer, was the chance to play right away for the Chargers, who last season finished 4-7 overall and 4-6 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Keith Otterbein, in his second season, coaches Hillsdale.

"I probably won't red shirt," he said. "I have a real good chance of getting playing time."

Bauer said he'd probably start out as a cover corner, and maybe move to safety or linebacker later in his career.

"I'll have to bulk up to play linebacker," he said. "But I could be the long snapper next season. I did it for

Chelsea my junior year on punts and extra points. The coaches at Hillsdale said it's hard to find a guy who can snap and run down the field and make a tackle. They said that's pretty rare."

Also pretty rare are players with Bauer's combination of strength and speed.

Bauer bench presses 330 pounds and squats 500 pounds. He runs a 4.6 40-yard dash and on the track, he runs the 100 meters in 11.0 and the 200 meters in 23.0.

"Pound for pound, he's the strongest player we've ever had in the program," said Brad Bush, who recently completed his sixth season. "He's a guy who worked hard in the weight room."

On the mats, he's one of the state's top grapplers.

Currently, at 189 pounds, Bauer is unbeaten at 30-0. For the past two years, he's finished fourth at 171 pounds at the Division II state wrestling finals.

It's not surprising Bauer is such an accomplished athlete. It's in his blood. His father Dennis was a former wrestler at the University of Michigan, while mother Sue was a member of two Chelsea record-setting track relays that still stand today.

Bauer said he seriously thought about playing at the Division I level, but ultimately decided his heart was at Hillsdale, a Division II school.

"It never panned out," he said of his recruiting by MSU, Northwestern, Bowling Green and Toledo. "They all wanted me as a preferred walk-on. They said maybe I'd earn a scholarship by my

sophomore year. I was close to walking on at Toledo, but I thought I'd have a better experience in football at Hillsdale."

Bush said Bauer will do well at Hillsdale.

"He's a guy that's played a lot of football," he said. "He truly loves to play the game. He has a passion for football."

Despite all of the worries and uncertainties the last couple of months as signing day loomed, Bauer said he enjoyed the recruiting process.

"It was all fun," he said. "Especially the first time I started receiving letters from everywhere. Also, when they're (coaches) calling you on the phone. It was fun getting recognized."

Bauer said there weren't too many bad moments during his recruiting experience, but that an unusual occasion would stand out in his mind.

"A guy from Bowling Green drove all the way up from Ohio just to tell me walking on at his school would be better than going to Toledo," he said. "That was kind of strange."

"But being recruited was an honor. In the end, though, you have to be honest with yourself."

Bauer said he'd never forget his years as a Bulldog.

"I'll just miss playing Chelsea football," he said. "I'll always remember running out of the tunnel on Friday nights and singing the fight song after the games with the other students."

"It wasn't too long ago that I was playing on the hill (next



Photo courtesy of Sue Myers

Chelsea senior Darl Bauer signs his letter of intent to play football at Hillsdale College Feb. 5. Standing behind Bauer are parents Dennis and Sue

to stadium). I remember watching Tom Poulter and Colby Skelton.

"It's hard to believe it's over."

Though high school football may be over for Bauer, in

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Chelsea Recreation is also registering for its adult kickball league.

A growing trend in cities throughout the country, adult kickball brings back many schoolyard memories for those participating.

The league is for men and women 18 and older.

Games will take place every Tuesday from 8 to 11 p.m. at Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer Drive, in Chelsea.

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Those interested may sign up in a small group or as a full team. Form a squad of 10 and receive a discounted team price of \$225.

For more information, call 475-1112.

Beach travels to Hillsdale

Chelsea's Beach Middle School wrestling team competed in the 12-team Dan Taylor Invitational in Hillsdale last Saturday.

The Bulldogs placed seventh.

Teams participating in the event included Albion, Hillsdale, Adrian Drager, Adrian Springbrook, Holt, Pittsford, Southgate, Dexter, Saline, Ypsilanti Lincoln and Jackson County Western.

"We wrestled well," said Beach coach Craig McCalla. "It's exciting to see the athletes' hard work pay off."

Individually for Chelsea, Bob Griffith and Robbie Pagliarini finished second.

K.J. LaBeau ended up third, while placing fourth were Chris Hopkins, Steven Tapping, Mark Bowditch and Adam Rosentreter.

Winning matches for Beach were Paul McKeighen,

Donny Riedel, Matt Schultz, Rodney Ostrowski, James Connolly, Blake Angelocci, Paul Bell and Robert Guysky.

On Feb. 5, Beach hosted Temperance Bedford.

Capturing victories for the Dawgs were Martin Bragalone, Rosentreter, Tapping and Guysky.

Chelsea next travels to Tecumseh to participate in its invitational 9 a.m. Saturday.

Michigan Nets



The Michigan Nets were undefeated at last month's Chelsea Tournament. The squad beat Saline, Jackson Parkside and Manchester. The team ended the season with a 9-1-1 overall record. Members of the squad include, front row, Emily Rabbitt (left), Jenna Jarvis, Samantha Minzey and Annie Hollandsworth; back row, coach Tom Hollandsworth (left), Sara Meyers, Lizzie Bentley, Anna Foley and coach Jon Bentley.

Richmond earns award

Chelsea's Jack Richmond won two Ann Arbor Bowling Association awards last month.

Richmond earned recognition for a 615 series, with an average of 160 or below, and he brought home a second award for bowling a series 125 pins over average.

Richmond bowls with the Chelsea Seniors at Chelsea Lanes.

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Bulldog senior Jeff Diekies breathes a sigh of relief after qualifying for the state meet in the 50 freestyle.

SENIORS

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Ceo also performed well, turning in a state qualifying time of 5:16.23. Moyle placed third in a season-best clocking of 5:49.50.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the Bulldog group of seniors Tim Wacker, Holton and Bravo, along with Andy Kellogg, placed first, setting a new school record in the event with a time of 1:30.22.

Kelley paced Chelsea in the 100 backstroke with a season-best time of 1:07.86. Daniel was close behind with a personal-best clocking of 1:11.82.

In the 100 breaststroke,

Holmes touched first in 1:06.31. Connell was second, while Nat Christman was third in a season-best time of 1:20.48.

In the 400 freestyle relay, the Bulldog combo of Andy Kellogg, Bravo, Wacker and Holton placed first to close

out the meet.

Chelsea next travels to Tecumseh for a meet 6:30 p.m. tomorrow.

On Feb. 21 through 22, the Bulldogs will participate in the Southeastern Conference meet at Ann Arbor Pioneer.



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LYNDON TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be advised that the Supervisor of Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County has caused a survey to be made for an Assessor's Plat to be known as ASSESSOR'S PLAT OF BRIGHTMOOR CAMPING ASSOCIATION in Section 5, Town 1, South, Range 3 East.

In accordance with Act 288 P.A. of 1967 section 201 through 213 as amended, the plat has been drawn and will be open to view from February 5, 2003 to March 8, 2003 at the Lyndon Township Hall during regular office hours.

Monuments have been installed to designate the boundaries of each parcel of land, and any person or public body having an interest in any lands affected by the plat has the opportunity to examine the map and said subdivision, view the temporary monuments and disagreements suit may be brought to have the plat corrected within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication.

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE TO VILLAGE TAXPAYERS

The final date for paying Village of Chelsea 2002 Summer Tax Bills is Friday, February 28, 2003.

Real property taxes not paid by February 28, 2003 will be turned over to the Washtenaw County Treasurer for collection, at which time additional penalties will be applied. Delinquent personal property taxes will remain payable only to the Chelsea Village Treasurer. Contact the Village Treasurer prior to February 28th to determine total amount due. POSTMARKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE PAYMENT MUST BE IN THE VILLAGE OF CHELSEA OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 28TH.

Jacalyn J. Branson, Treasurer
Village of Chelsea
305 S. Main Street, Suite 100
Chelsea, Michigan 48118
(734) 475-1771

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF TREE TRIMMING AND/OR REMOVAL WORK BEING PLANNING

The Village of Chelsea is giving notice to Village residents that tree trimming and removal work is being planned in the Village. If you have any questions regarding this work, please feel free to contact the Electric Department. Private tree removal or trimming is also being performed during this time. If you have a tree in your yard that you would like to have removed, at your cost, please contact the Electric Department and these arrangements can be made. This work will be performed by Nelson Tree Trimming Service, a professional tree trimming company. Your cooperation during the course of this project will be appreciated.

Village Administration
Chelsea Light and Power
475-5981

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2003, 7:00 P.M.
SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL, 18027 OLD US 12
CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA

1. Variance application has been received for an appeal to lot coverage, side yard setback and floor area ratio at 551 Glazier Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118.

2. Variance application has been received for an appeal to the front yard setback at 271 Glazier Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118.
Written comments may be sent to Linda Hahn, Secretary, Zoning Board of Appeals, 20232 Scio Church Road, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Sylvan Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, upon 14 days notice to the Sylvan Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Sylvan Township Board by writing or calling the following:

LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk
18027 Old US 12
Chelsea, MI 48118
(734) 475-8890

A copy of this notice and application with supporting documents are on file in the Office of the Clerk.

LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk

VILLAGE OF DEXTER PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2003 at the Senior center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following changes and/or amendments to Article 5, Planning and Land Use, of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance:

Amend Section 5.03(2), Multiple-Family Dwelling Unit Parking requirements, from 1.5 parking spaces per efficiency or one bedroom, 2.0 spaces per two-bedroom unit, and 2.5 spaces per three or four bedroom unit to 2.0 spaces per all unit types.

Add to Section 5.03(2), Multiple-Family Dwelling Unit Parking requirements, 1 guest parking space per every three units.

Change Section 5.01(B), Off-Street Parking Requirements, to the following: Off-street parking shall be convenient and pedestrian accessible, either on the same lot or within three hundred (300) feet of the building it is intended to serve, measured from the nearest point of the building to the nearest point of the off-street parking lot. Ownership shall be shown on all lots or parcels intended for use as parking by the Applicant.

Add Section 5.01(G), Off-Street Parking requirements, Flexibility in Application. The Village recognizes that, due to the specific requirements of any given development, inflexible application of the parking standards set forth in Section 5.03 may result in development with inadequate parking or parking in excess of which is needed. The former situation may lead to traffic congestion or unauthorized parking on adjacent streets or neighboring sites. The latter situation may result in excessive paving resulting in excessive stormwater runoff and an inefficient use of space, which could be left as open space.

The Planning Commission may permit deviations from the requirements of Section 5.03 and may require more or allow less parking whenever it finds that such deviations are more likely to provide a sufficient number of parking spaces to accommodate the specific characteristics of the use in question.

The Planning Commission may attach conditions to the approval of a deviation from the requirement of Section 5.03 that bind such approval to the specific use in question. Where a deviation results in a reduction of parking, the Planning Commission may further impose conditions, which ensure that adequate reserve area, is set aside for future parking, if needed.

Information regarding the application is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 2. Written comments regarding this project should be submitted to the Zoning Office, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2003. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at the Village Offices.

VILLAGE OF DEXTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting scheduled for February 18, 2003 regarding a sign variance for Robert Leighton and Associates has been CANCELLED due to improper notification. The meeting has been rescheduled to March 3, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a special meeting for a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2003 at the Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following variance application:

1) The applicant, Robert Leighton and Associates, 3045 Baker Road, Dexter, Michigan, is requesting a variance from Section 7.07A(3) of the sign ordinance to allow a thirty-eight (38) square foot ground sign. Per Section 7.07A(3) the applicant would be permitted a twelve (12) square foot wall sign. The applicant is also requesting a variance from Section 7.04(B)3 to allow the sign to have a 5-foot front yard setback. Per Section 7.04(B)3 the applicant would be required to meet the setback requirements of the district. In the VR (Village Residential) the front yard setback requirement is 15 feet.

Information regarding the application is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 2. Written comments regarding this project should be submitted to the Village Zoning Office, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2003. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Hall.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON

County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan

That the Assessment Roll of said Township will be reviewed by the Board of Review on

Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL

17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118

734-475-2401

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard

BY APPOINTMENT

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003

9 A.M. - Noon and 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2003

1 P.M. - 4 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

A taxpayer may file his or her protest with the Board of Review by letter without an appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent. A letter must be received by the first day of the Board of Review (March 10, 2003).

The Lyndon Township Board of Review will hear appeals BY APPOINTMENT. Taxpayers or their agents may set the appointment by calling the Township Hall at (734) 475-2401 on Tuesday, March 4, Thursday, March 6, or Friday, March 7, between 9 A.M. and 12 Noon. Please call by Noon on Friday, March 7, 2003 for an appointment. DO NOT leave appointment requests on the answering machine at the Township Hall.

Such Assessment Roll as reviewed and approved by said Board of Review will be the Assessment Roll of Lyndon Township for the year 2003.

Tentative Ratios and Factors

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	37.15	1.3459
Commercial	47.37	1.0555
Industrial	38.84	1.2873
Residential	46.82	1.0879
Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

This notice is posted in compliance with the PA 267 of 1976 as amended MCLA 41.72a (2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individual with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling Linda Reilly, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING WAS HELD FEBRUARY 4, 2003 AT 7 P.M. IN THE SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL, 18027 OLD US 12 CHELSEA, MI 48118

The following board members were present: Supervisor Burgess, Clerk Koch, Treasurer Grau, Trustees Heller and Lesser.

Also present: David Brooks, Ray Steinbach, Don Schoenberg, Bev Slater, Kurt Koseck, Tom Caplis, Betty and Robert Dorer, Mike Rybka, Michael Williams, Linda and Louis Galante, Wendy and Gary Burkhardt, Brian England, Greg Simon, Jerry Dresselhouse, Bob Lange.

The meeting began with a moment of silence for the Space Shuttle Tragedy and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Heller, seconded by Grau to accept minutes as presented. Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Heller to pay bills as presented. Carried.

The Public Hearing for Sanitary Sewer District #4 - West Cedar Lake - to spread the assessment roll was called to order. Jerry Dresselhouse, Special Project Coordinator made a presentation regarding the area proposed for the assessment bringing attention to Parcel No. F-08-09-475-009 owned by Lorraine Mock. This parcel has been requested by Mock to be removed from the assessment as it is unbuildable. Supervisor Burgess opened the hearing to public comment. Dresselhouse answered questions, clarifying the area proposed is the WEST side only and Supervisor Burgess then closed the public comment portion of the hearing. Motion by Heller, seconded by Grau to approve Resolution No. 3 for Sanitary Sewer District #4 to spread the special assessment to 11 parcels at \$14,300.00 each and excluding parcel no. F-08-09-475-009. Roll call vote. Carried.

Public participation:
David Brooks spoke regarding the Sylvan Sentinel.

State Police Trooper Packman reported on incidents which occurred in Sylvan Township.

Zoning Inspector Lange reported 3 permits, 1 waiver and 4 certificate of occupancy were issued in January.

Supervisor Burgess reported on the MTA Conference in Detroit.

Clerk Koch reported on the last CAPT and CAFPA meetings. Koch informed the Board that at the next CAFPA meeting there would be a call for a vote on the budget. In light of the significant number of runs that have been charged to Sylvan that did not occur in Sylvan - Koch will ask the CAFPA board to approve the budget subject to the recalculation of contributions from the municipalities. A discussion occurred on a special assessment with no action taken.

Koch also reported the receipt of a petition (2-3-03) from East Cedar Lake residents wishing to obtain sewer. Dresselhouse calculated the land area of the signatures to be 39%. The board did not take any action on this petition.

Treasurer Grau asked Dresselhouse to clarify an article that appeared in the Chelsea Standard regarding the cost of grinder pumps for the sewer project. Dresselhouse responded that the Grinder pump cost is included in the assessment and is not an additional cost to the homeowner.

Trustee Heller reported on independent survey results on CACA which gave them a rating of 5 which is the highest mark.

Motion by Heller, seconded by Grau to approve Sotirion and Hahn to attend the MTA Board of Review Seminar on February 28th. Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to table the action of setting a Show Cause Hearing for Norlight Telecommunications per Township Attorney. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Lesser to approve the Salary Resolution. Roll Call vote. Carried.

Motion by Heller, seconded by Lesser to approve the amendment to the Budget in the Audit and Accounting line item. Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Koch to approve the Hardship Guidelines for 2002. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Lesser to appoint Koch as CAPT alternate to replace Jerry Dresselhouse. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Heller to amend the Zoning Compliance Permit form to include a page to accommodate the Assessor's access to property for the purpose of taking measurements. Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to approve the amendment to the agreement with Washtenaw County and Jones & Henry and authorize Supervisor and Clerk to sign. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Koch to adjourn.

LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk
Sylvan Township Clerk

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to Assessment for taxes in the TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN

County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan

That the Assessment Roll of said Township will be reviewed by the Board of Review on March 4th, 2003 at 10:30 A.M.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL

18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, Michigan

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003

From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2003

From 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

and additional days if determined

necessary by the Board of Review

STARTING RATIOS FOR 2002 ARE:

42.89	Agricultural	1.1335
42.88	Commercial	1.1686
47.01	Industrial	1.0636
46.39	Residential	1.0778
40.37	Developmental	1.2385

The Sylvan Township Board of Review will hear appeals by letter or appointment. Appointments may be made by calling 475-8890 on Mondays and Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon or contacting the assessor.

CHARLES BURGESS, SUPERVISOR

Dated February 6, 13, 20, 2003

DEXTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 21st, 2003, 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 Brushaber, supported by Knight to approve the minutes of the December 17th Regular Board Meeting. Carried 5-0

Public comment on non-agenda items - Julie Vile informed the Board of an ongoing complaint about noise from a local day care home.

Sheriff's report was presented by Sgt. Brian Filipiak. Sgt. Filipiak informed the Board that the patrol time for 2002 fell 83 hours short of the contracted time, but the Township would be reimbursed for the shortage. Clerk Rider expressed his appreciation for the excellent job by Sgt. Filipiak and the deputies assigned to the contract area during 2002 and noted that criminal activity was down significantly for a number of crime classifications, compared with previous years. In addition, traffic crashes were down more than 20% from 2001 levels, while drunken driving arrests and warrant arrests were up 50% over the previous year.

Motion by Rider, supported by Howard to pay bills of \$74,192.99 and gross payroll of \$16,641.22. Carried 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Knight, supported by Howard to direct the Dexter Township Board representatives to vote NO on the 2003 Dexter Area Fire Department budget, as presented. Carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Kelly opened the meeting up for discussion on the proposed Zoning Ordinance. She explained that the Board could not take action on the proposed Ordinance at this time, as the proposed Zoning Map still has to be published in the paper. Planning Consultant Mark Eidelson and Planning Commission Chair John Shea were present to answer questions from members of the Board and the public.

Motion by Knight, supported by Howard to remand the proposed Zoning Ordinance back to the Planning Commission to have them consider the Agricultural Zoning district, relative to the petition circulated by Al Ruhlig, Carl Lesser and William Frame in September 2001, to take specific action and have such action appear in their minutes, and also to address Article 7.03 to allow citizens to appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and to provide a report on these issues to the Township Board by March 13th, 2003. Carried 5-0

The Board discussed the status with the recycle bins. Treasurer Knight, the Board representative to the Western Washtenaw Recycle Authority, will explain our situation to the WWRRA Board ask the WWRRA Board if there is anything that prevents our closing the Township property and access to the recycle bins from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM, as required by the Dexter Township Planning Commission.

Motion by Howard, supported by Brushaber to adopt the expense form, as presented, to be used for reimbursement of expenses by all Township Officials and employees. Carried 5-0

Motion by Brushaber, supported by Howard to reimburse Michael Harris \$300 for his ZBA appeal fee. Carried 5-0

The Board discussed a request from the Washtenaw County Road Commission to rename Courtland Drive and Webb's Lake Drive to Webb's Shore Drive. The Board agreed that a written request, with all supporting property and easement documentation, was needed from the Road Commission and that, upon receipt of that request and documentation, the Township Attorney and the Fire Department should make a recommendation to the Board.

The Board discussed employee performance evaluations. It was agreed that evaluations should be conducted within the next two weeks and that all board members should have copies of all evaluations by the February meeting.

REPORTS

Treasurer Knight submitted the Fund Report for the month of December. She also presented the Quick Tax Disbursement Report, showing that 61% of taxes have been collected so far.

Clerk Rider informed the Board that he had lunch with Sheriff Dan Minzey last week and discussed policing issues. Rider also informed the Board that Rosemary Quigley, one of our representatives to the Dexter Library Board, is now on the payroll. Rider asked the Board if they would approve retroactive per diem for Mrs. Quigley for the eight meetings she has attended this fiscal year.

Motion by Howard, supported by Brushaber to pay Rosemary Quigley retroactive per diem for Dexter Library Board meetings she has attended back to April, 2002. Carried 5-0

Clerk Rider informed the Board that Merit was the required Internet Service Provider (ISP) for the new Qualified Voter File (QVF) access and that, as explained last November, the monthly access through Merit is \$30. Merit is offering Internet access, e-mail and web support for an additional \$10 per month. The Township is currently paying \$30 per month for access through USOL. The Board agreed that we should consider Merit.

Clerk Rider informed the Board that the Planning Commission last met on January 7th for election of officers and to provide final review of the proposed Zoning Map. The meeting scheduled for January 28th has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for February 4th.

Supervisor Kelly informed the Board that the ZBA heard four cases at its January 14th meeting. The ZBA denied two applications for variance, tabled one and approved one.

Trustee Brushaber informed the Board that the next meeting of the Chelsea Area Construction Agency was scheduled for February 12th.

Clerk Rider informed the Board that the Dexter Fire Board would be holding a special meeting on January 23rd to again vote on the 2003 budget.

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

Treasurer Knight informed the Board that the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRRA) Board met on January 8th to elect officers, pass the 2003 budget and make committee assignments.

Supervisor Kelly informed the Board that Nancy Paul has resigned from the Chelsea Library Board and we are in need of a new representative.

Motion by Rider, supported by Knight to transfer \$20,170.75 from the Police Fund to the General Fund to cover current law enforcement expenses. Carried 5-0

Public comment on agenda items: Jim Drolett asked the Board to consider requesting an actuarial study to determine the cost of increasing the retirement to a MERS B-4 plan, or at least adding the E-2 non-compounding benefit. The Board responded that it would not be appropriate to increase the retirement plan at this time, in light of current and expected cutbacks in state revenue sharing, particularly since the Board just voted against an increase in fire protection.

Tom Bell asked the Board to take steps to initiate a traffic and speed study of North Territorial Road between Huron River Drive and Dexter-Pinckney Road, in light of the serious crash that happened on that stretch of road this afternoon. Clerk Rider explained the process of requesting a traffic study and Supervisor Kelly asked Mr. Bell to put his request in writing to the Board.

Motion by Howard, supported by Brushaber to adjourn. Time 11:30 PM.

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 18th day of February 2003.

BUSINESS

Thursday, February 13, 2003

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A Start

The Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce awarded Dexter School Choir Director Ruth Rollefson a check for \$200 Jan. 22 to start a fund to buy a new piano. A group of choir students performed at the chamber's annual dinner at the Center for Performing Arts at Dexter High School. Pictured are Shane Tiedeman (left), executive director of community services, Steve Gergely, chamber president, Rollefson and Bill Spargur, Dexter schools superintendent.

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A Public Hearing to consider the 2003/2004 Fiscal Year Village Budgets will be held February 25, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, Michigan. A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Village Administration Office, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, Michigan. Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are required to notify the Village Clerk no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

Jacalyn J. Branson
Village Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NATURAL BEAUTY ROAD STRAWBERRY LAKE ROAD FEBRUARY 20, 2003

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Thursday the 20th day of February, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the Webster Township Hall, Washtenaw County, Michigan, located at 5665 Straw Church Road, to determine the advisability of designating Strawberry Lake Road between Huron River Drive and Mast Road, a distance of approximately 1.66 miles in Sections 5 and 6 of Webster Township which is a public road, as a Natural Beauty Road pursuant to Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994.

Norman E. Kennedy, Chairman

DEXTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the township of Dexter that the assessment Roll of said Township, as prepared by Larry Merte, Township-assessor, will be reviewed by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI. 48130.

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:
Monday, March 10, 2003 - from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 13, 2003 - from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A resident taxpayer may file his or her protest with the Board of Review by letter without an appearance by the taxpayer of his or her agent. A letter must be received by the first day of the Board Of review. (Tuesday, March 4, 2003)

The Dexter Township Board of Review will hear appeals by appointment. Taxpayers or their agents may set the appointment by calling the Township Hall at (734) 426-3767, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. DO NOT leave appointment request on the answering machine at the township Hall.

Patricia Kelly,
Dexter Township Supervisor

LIMA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 3, 2003

The regular meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order on February 3, 2003, at 8:04 P.M. and opened with the Pledge to The Flag. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees McKenzie and Laler and Zoning Administrator Wesolowski. Also present several residents and guests.

Motion by Laler approved by McKenzie to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 6, and the work sessions with CAFA of January 6, and January 16, 2003. Carried.

The treasurer's report was received.
Zoning Administrator issued no new address, 2 permits for homes, 1 for a porch addition and 1 for an enclosed deck.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laler to sign a 3 year audit contract with Campbell & Kusterer. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laler to table the adoption of Poverty Guidelines for 2003 until information is received from the assessor. Carried.

Motion by Laler supported by McKenzie to accept the proposal from OHM to complete a sewer/water study in an amount not to exceed \$4000.00, based on their letter dated January 30, 2003. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laler to hold a special meeting on February 10, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss a sewer service area. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laler to adopt the Lima Township Fee Schedule as revised, dated and adopted February 3, 2003. Carried.

Motion by Laler supported by Laler to schedule the 2003-2004 Budget Hearing for Lima Township for Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Havens to schedule a 2003 clean up day and coordinate the event with Sylvan Township. Carried.

Motion by Laler supported by McKenzie to pay bills as presented. Carried.

Motion by Laler supported by Havens to adjourn at 11:00 P.M. Carried.
Respectfully submitted,
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

Lane installs new laboratory

In-house testing to save pet owners time.

By Lisa Allmendinger
Special Writer

The nerve-racking wait for test results is over at one local veterinary hospital.

Lane Animal Hospital in Chelsea has put in a new laboratory. Although the hospital has always had some range of in-house testing

services, most blood work was sent by courier to Antech Diagnostics in Alsip, Ill., and it took 24 hours for results.

Now results can be made available by the end of the pet's veterinary appointment, minimizing stress for the pet's owner and facilitating treatment options, said Dr. Jonathan Lane.

The new lab also translates into cost savings for the pet owner and saves time for

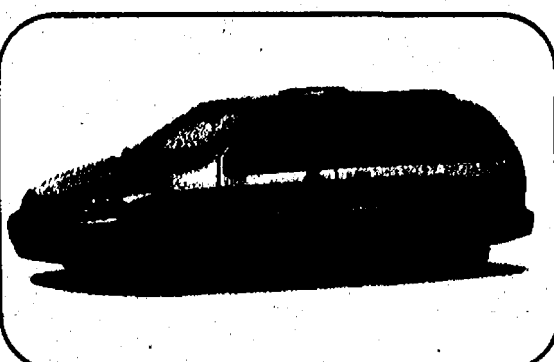
both the veterinarian and client, said Dr. Margaret Lane.

"There was a need for in-house lab work for drawing blood for senior pets, therapeutic monitoring and after-hour emergency calls," she said.

Although the hospital has always had an in-house lab that was used for pre-anesthetic testing when pets were going in for surgery, its scope

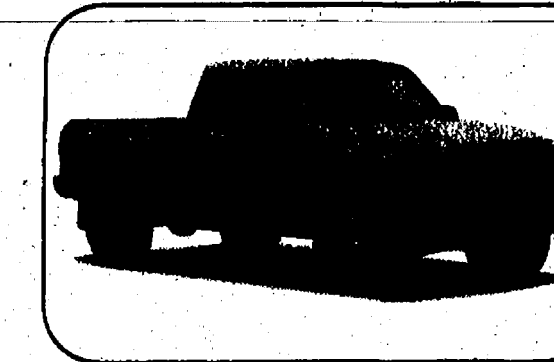
was limited. The new lab, manufactured by Heksa, includes three different machines, so the veterinarians can do baseline readings for older animals with a much quicker turn-around time.

The hospital can now provide complete blood chemistries, plus measure electrolyte levels. Even more exciting for cat owners is a new test for feline diabetes, Margaret Lane said.



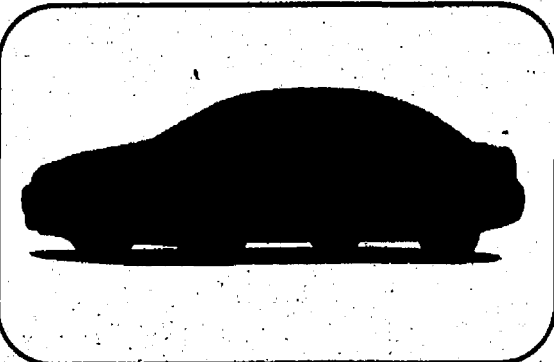
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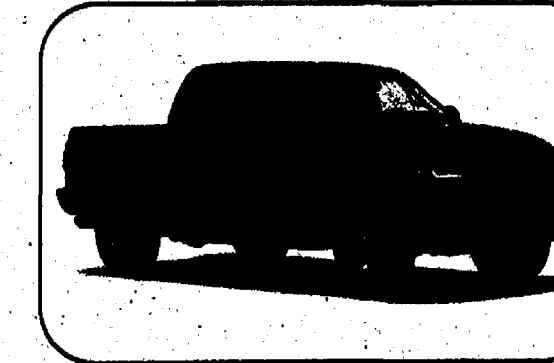
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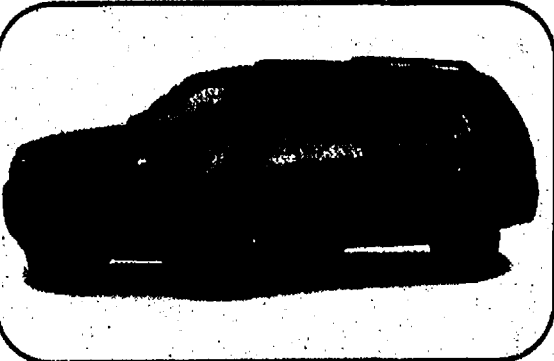
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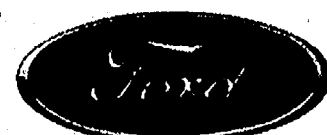
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Group seeks nominations

The Dexter Alumni Association is looking for nominations for the Dexter Hall of Fame.

The association annually recognizes distinguished Dexter High School graduates who have made contributions to society through their profession or through service to their community or country.

Those selected for the Hall of Fame will be honored May 17 at the alumni banquet. The event will be held at Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road.

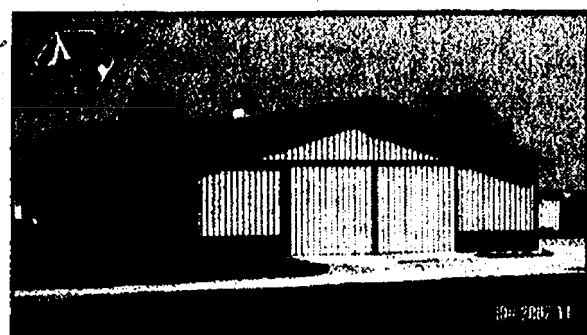
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Beware of online scams

■ *Be careful of pop-up screens on the Web.*

By Nick Brandon

Heritage Newspapers

Pop goes the window — and on it comes the potential for problems.

It happens to everyone: There we are, surfing away on the miracle that is the Internet, when all of a sudden a special message or advertisement pops up, uninvited, and crashes the party. "Click here for a great deal!" it may say — and sometimes poses as an offer that just can't be refused.

But for Sherry Haddox, a pop-up window turned into a costly surprise. And Haddox does not want anyone else to have to suffer the same shock. "I would like other people to know that this can happen to them," she said. "I just think it's dishonest."

"I say that it's fraud if they can automatically deduct from my account."

Haddox's saga began in the spring of 2002 when she decided to join America Online for a three-month trial period, a deal that appeared to have no strings.

"I didn't really like their service," she said. "I called in to get my service canceled."

That is when her problems truly began.

After AOL offered her two more months of free services, Haddox's 16-year-old daughter, Alison, accidentally set up a new "spin-off" account by following a pop-up screen — a frequent sight when using AOL — and as the company already had Haddox's credit card information on hand, it directly deducted charges from it.

Obviously, Haddox was quite surprised when she read over her next bill and

saw the extra charges.

"It automatically goes onto my account," she said. "They've been taking out double since May ... I called in October to get my service canceled."

"They still haven't canceled (my account). ... It's been \$270 extra off these spin-off accounts."

Dealing with AOL has perhaps been the most difficult part of the process for Haddox, she said.

"What I've learned about AOL is you don't talk to anyone real," she said. "You talk to preprogrammed people who talk in circular reasoning."

"You do get the runaround," said Patricia Trent, president of Strategy One, who had a similar problem with the company.

AOL suggested that Haddox should go to her bank to iron out the dilemma — and what she found out wasn't much of a surprise.

"They don't even want to fool with AOL," Haddox said. "(The bank employee) said they've had a lot of problems with unauthorized fees."

Finally, Haddox tried to reach higher on the AOL ladder.

"I demanded to talk to a supervisor," she said. "... I finally got a hold of someone who said they were. He said he understands the problem, but the only thing he could do was give me four more months of free service."

Pop-up screens are certainly something to be careful of when dealing with the Web.

"You have to tell them you don't want anyone to put charges on your phone that is not phone related," she said.

Trent also suggests that using a cable modem may cut down on pop-ups.

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 David C. McLaughlin, P.C.
 P17493, Attorney
 110 E. Middle Street
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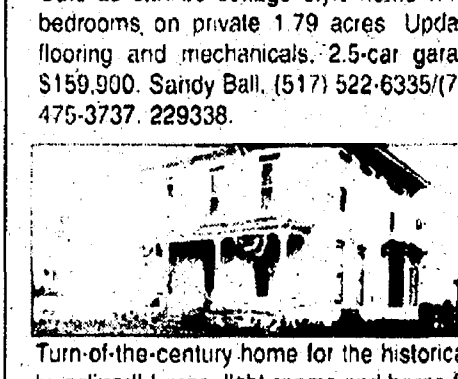
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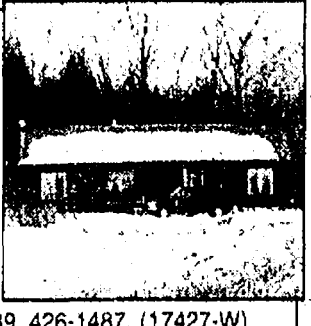
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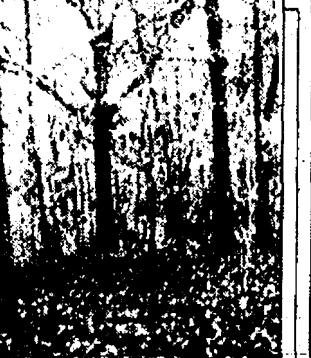
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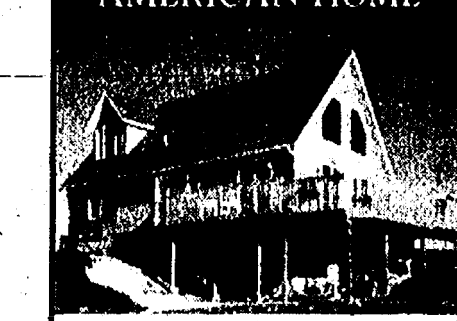
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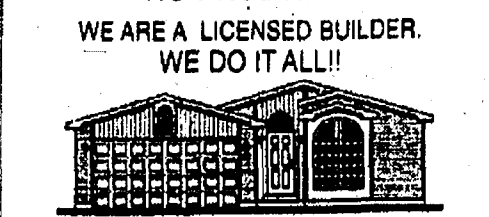
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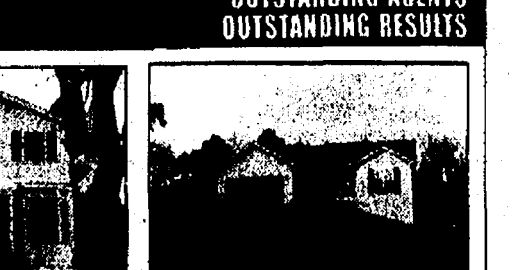
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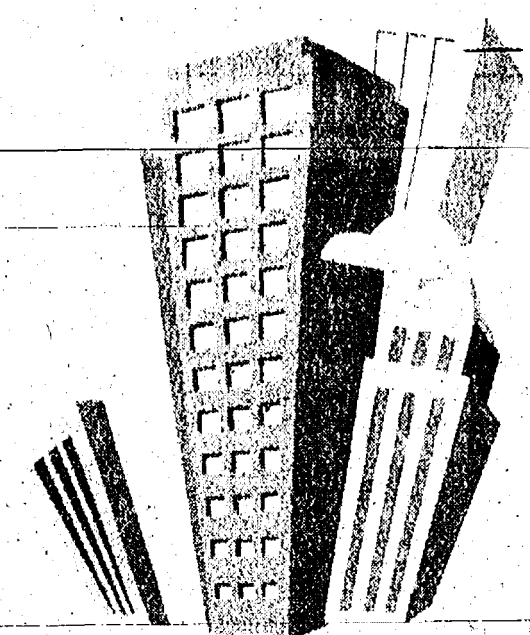
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Webelo Cub Scouts in Pack 435 in Chelsea visited the USS Silversides submarine in Muskegon last fall. Pictured are Garrett Bielecki (left), Zach Schepers, Derick Beuthin, Dylan Schepers, Kevin Burchett, T.J. Derosia and Matt Mills. Zach Chrysan and Henry Rutherford are not pictured.

Students named to Olivet dean's list

Molly Lipton of Scio Township and Gennesis Kuhn of Gregory were among 247 students named to the dean's list at Olivet College for the 2002 fall semester. To make the college dean's list, a student must be enrolled full time and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

DEATHS



SAMUEL J. JOHNSON
Chelsea

Samuel J. Johnson, 64, of Chelsea died Feb. 4, 2003, of lung cancer at his home, with his family at his side. Mr. Johnson was born Sept. 8, 1938, in Detroit the son of Samuel and Adelaide (Lucker) Johnson. He graduated from Ypsilanti High in 1956.

Mr. Johnson had lived in Chelsea since 1968. In 1968, he became an owner of Gamble's, which was later called Johnson's How-To. He retired in April 2001.

Mr. Johnson was a member of Chelsea Kiwanis Club for many years, and served as president. He served on the Village Council and Planning Commission, and was instrumental in getting the Chelsea Area Transportation System started.

Mr. Johnson was a founding member of Chelsea's Downtown Development Authority and was instrumental in organizing the purchase of the Chelsea Depot for the enjoyment of local residents.

He also served on the board of directors for "Our Own Hardware."

Mr. Johnson married Joyce A. Peters Sept. 20, 1958, in Ypsilanti and she survives. Other survivors include his daughters, Deanna Johnson of Novi and Christine (Steve) Hawker of Napoleon; a brother, Adam (Gail) Johnson of Morenci; a sister, Sharon Neilman of Orchard Park, NY; two grandchildren, Kelsey and Alyssa Hawker; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. The Rev. Mearl Bradley officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to CATS or Hospice of Michigan.

THELMA TERRY EVINGER

Sun City Center, Fla.
Formerly of Dexter

Thelma Terry Evinger, 75, of Sun City Center, Fla., formerly of Dexter, died Feb. 8, 2003, in Sun City Center. She was born May 24, 1927, in Howell the daughter of Ralph and Anna Mae (McGraft) Terry.

Mrs. Evinger was a member of Dexter United Methodist Church and the Ruskin United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Evinger is survived by her husband, Floyd H. Evinger of Ruskin, Fla.; two daughters, Terry (Jack) Buzbee of Ruskin; two sons, Richard (Irene) Evinger of Romulus and Kelly (Sandy) Evinger of Santee, Calif.; her sister, Hilda Harmon of Grass Lake; 16 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Evinger was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Anna Mae Terry, and her brother, Ralph Terry Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to the American Lung Association, 412 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Envelopes are available at the Nle Funeral Home, 2400 Carpenter Road in Ypsilanti, where the family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. today. A graveside service will be held 1 p.m. tomorrow at Bethlehem Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

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JOHN "JACK" R. SCHLAFF

Dexter

John "Jack" R. Schlaff, 73, of Dexter died Feb. 7, 2003, at his home. He was born May 22, 1929, in Detroit to Robert J. and Mary Ellen Schlaff.

Mr. Schlaff retired from AAA Michigan in 1996 after 49 years of service. He was a Korean War veteran, a member of Dexter American Legion Post 557 and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mr. Schlaff is survived by his wife, Wanda; two sons, Robert and Michael Schlaff; a daughter, Patricia (Brant) Lamb; two grandsons, Thomas Schlaff and Jacob Lamb; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation was at the Hosmer-Muehlberg Funeral Chapel in Dexter and included a scripture service. The Rev. Brendan Walsh presided over the Mass of the Christian Burial Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial followed at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Church Building Fund.

MICHAEL P. SCOTT

Hudsonville

Michael P. Scott of Hudsonville died Feb. 5, 2003. He was known as "Master Mike" and will be missed by his many young karate students, as well as his family and friends.

Mr. Scott is survived by three children, Gregory, Michelle and Christine; his parents, Huley and Frances; and a brother, Jim.

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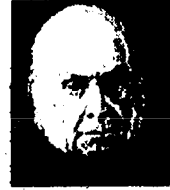
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