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NEWS BRIEFS

Foundation awards grant to arts center

The Chelsea Community Foundation has awarded the Chelsea Center for the Arts an $18,500 grant to expand marketing and programming efforts.

CCA Director Ginger Sissom said the grant will make a significant difference in the development of the center, allowing it to support current programs and lay the foundation for further growth.

Local painters will exhibit in Ann Arbor

Martha Ceccio of Chelsea will exhibit oil paintings and Vincent Castagnacci of Dexter Township will display graphite drawings at an exhibit in January at the Washington Street Gallery, 120 E. Liberty St., in Ann Arbor.

Ceccio earned a degree in fine arts from the University of Michigan. Castagnacci is a professor of art at the U of M School of Art and Design.

The "12+12" exhibit will run Jan. 6 through Feb. 1. An opening reception is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 9.

For information, call 761-2287.

Fund-raiser slated for Feb. 28

The Chelsea Education Foundation Board will hold its 13th annual benefit fund-raiser, "Venetian Masquerade," 6 p.m. Feb. 28 in the grand ballroom of the Chelsea Comfort Inn Conference Center.

The event will include dinner, auction and dancing.

Proceeds will fund grants and scholarships to benefit education in the Chelsea community.

Tickets are $100 per person and are available from Jami Camburn, 475-0791 or Laurie Stucki, 475-7820.

Santa's Shoppers



Photo by Rita Fischer

Ananth Ghosh and Alexa Moore get in some Christmas shopping during a play session at Chelsea Community Education Preschool.

CHELSEA VILLAGE

Fredette sworn in as interim village manager

■ *Council interviews city administrator from Nebraska.*

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Chelsea Village finally has someone in the manager's chair — albeit an interim position.

Village Administrative Assistant Barb Fredette was sworn in yesterday as interim Village Manager.

The manager's chair has been empty since Jack Myers stepped down June 10 to take a similar position in Stockbridge.

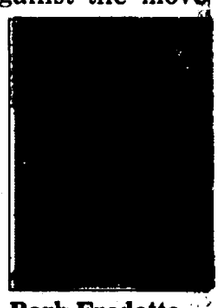
Council has made overtures to three candidates so far, with no success. Dale Martin and Dennis Coryell declined the position, and council rescinded its offer to Hart City Manager Shea Charles when trustees felt he asked for too much in salary and benefits.

There was some confusion about Fredette's position after council selected her as interim manager on Dec. 9 by a 4-3 vote.

Before she could be sworn in, Zoning Administrator Jim Drolett discovered an ordinance requiring a manager to be approved by at least five votes.

On Tuesday, her appointment got the unanimous backing of the council.

Trustee Jim Myles, who had voted against the move Dec. 9, still had reservations Tuesday.



Barb Fredette

Myles said he did not believe the "responsibilities and consequences" of the position had been adequately explained either to Fredette or to council trustees.

However, Myles said he would go along with the move because both the council and Fredette had left the Dec. 9 meeting with the belief she had been appointed and only a technicality denied her the position.

Trustee Cindy MacFarlan, who had also voted against the appointment Dec. 9, said she was against the way the

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WASHTENAW COUNTY

Residents react to capture of Saddam

■ *Iraqi dictator was hiding near hometown.*

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Americans woke Sunday morning to the news that a raid by 600 troops from the U.S. 4th Infantry Division and Special Forces soldiers had netted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

The deposed dictator was found hiding in a hole in the basement of a farmhouse about 10 miles from one of his former palaces in his hometown of Tikrit.

"When I heard, I immediately thought this was an early Christmas present for our country and the world," Washtenaw County Commissioner Joseph Yekulis said Monday.

The Chelsea resident said he was proud of American troops and President George W. Bush.

Americans were transfixed by images of Saddam — heavily bearded, disheveled and haggard — receiving a physical checkup at the hands of the Americans.

"I think him being checked for lice put him in his place," said Washtenaw County Road Commissioner Pam Byrnes of Lyndon Township.

"It took away all that façade of grandeur. He's just a mere mortal and all those statues in his honor mean nothing."

Dexter Village attorney Brad Smith said that America's steadfast resolve "netted us the most wanted man in Iraq" and Paul Cousins of Dexter, a member of the Huron River Watershed Council's board, found it interesting that Saddam, when captured, had $750,000 worth of American cash on him.

Lyndon Township resident Milton Wood said he was glad Saddam had been captured.

"I'm not sure if it will end the war, but it may slow it down some," he said.

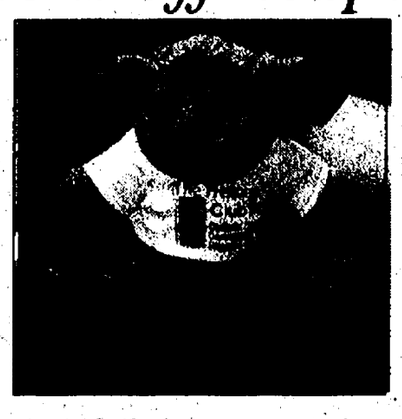
Chelsea Realtor Shari Osojnak's high school friend has a son serving

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Helper hero

Boy's idea kicks off hospital program

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor



Great oaks from little acorns grow, as the saying goes.

This was certainly true in the case of Lima Township youngster Nate Miller, whose generous-hearted donation started a new project for sick children at Chelsea Community Hospital.

Eight-year-old Nate, a third-grader at Pierce Lake Elementary School, and his sisters, Laney, 5, and Tori, 3, wanted to donate money to help sick children in the hospital. Laney needed stitches in the emergency room after a mishap last summer.

The youngsters, the children of Von and Jenny Miller, started their own organization, The Helper Club. They raised $2.95 by taking pop cans back to the recycling bins at Polly's Market.

The trio wrote a note to the hospital that read: "Dear Hospital Workers, we hope you can use this money to help the sick people. Happy holidays. The Helper Club (Nate, Laney and Tori Miller.)"

Becky Pazkowski, the hospital's marketing and development director, was touched at the youngster's compassion.

"It's never too soon to become a philanthropist," she said.

Pazkowski and her team put their heads together to think what meaningful thing they could do with the gift. One idea was for a teddy bear for the emergency room department, a cuddly companion for a child arriving in ER to help make their visit less traumatic.

Enter Bob Turner of the

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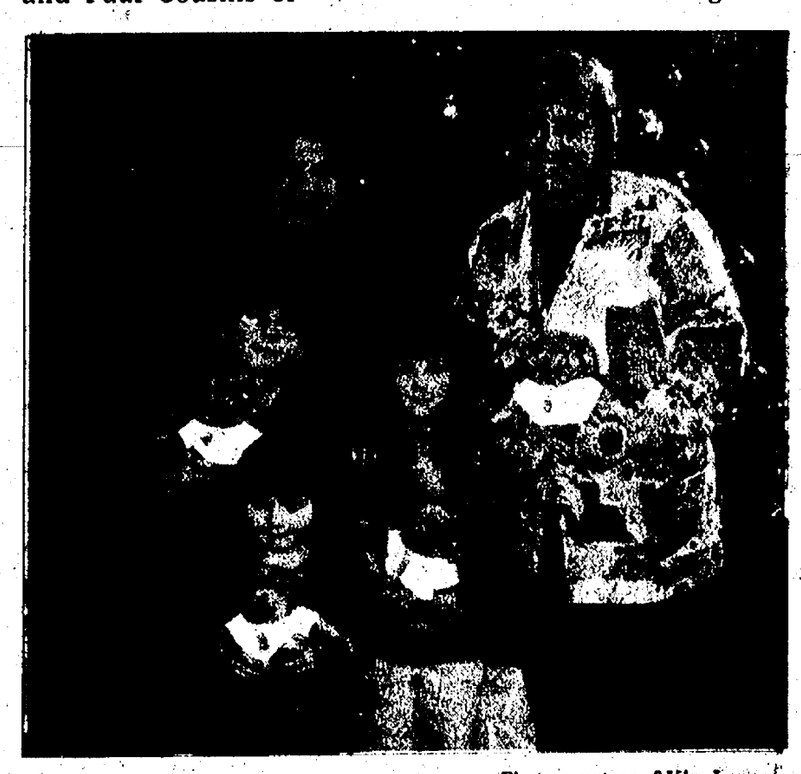


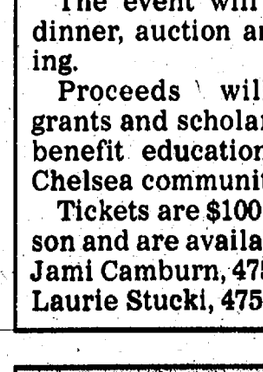
Photo courtesy of Kim Lennox

Nate Miller, 8, and his sisters, Laney, 5, and Tori, 3, donated $2.95 to help children in Chelsea Community Hospital. The trio's generosity has helped start a program to provide cuddly teddy bears for sick and injured children. The youngsters are pictured with their mom, Jenny, and nurse Janet Wamboldt.

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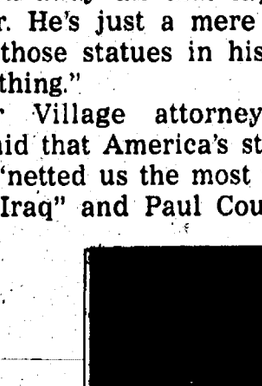
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Photo courtesy of Karen Burchett

Christmas Carols

Cub Scouts in Pack 435 and Girl Scouts in Troop 810 of Chelsea joined for some holiday caroling at Silver Maples retirement community Dec. 8. They sang with residents and brought cookies and ornaments for them. Pictured with residents are David Slusser (left), Kevin Burchett, Zac Chrysan, Julia Cassell, Lacy Goderis, Schuyler Adkins and Melanie Burchett.

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with the military in Iraq.

"I pray that he will return soon," she said.

Osojnak also recently met a Realtor's wife who came alone to a social event because her husband had gone to Iraq to help his family.

"This is first-hand knowledge that touched my heart," Osojnak said. "It was great to hear that they felt the war was helping their family still living in Iraq.

"I have not talked to her again to know if he is home safely. My thoughts immediately went to her."

Dexter Township resident Justin Nadolny, home for Christmas from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, was also pleased with the news of Saddam's capture.

"It's good that they got him," Nadolny said. "Maybe it will speed up the rebuilding programs for the Iraqi people.

"I think the troops will stay until the job is done."

And it's the troops that are first and foremost in the minds of Todd and Janice Ortbring of Chelsea.

"We just pray for the safety of our troops and want them home," Janice Ortbring said.

—Freelance writers Lisa Allmendinger and Rita Fischer also contributed to this article.

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council was doing business.

She said the personnel committee — comprising Village President Richard Steele and trustees Howard Holmes and Dale Schumann — has still not discussed whether to give Fredette a salary adjustment and that it was uncertain how long Fredette would have to fill the interim role before a long-term candidate took over.

Trustees interviewed Chicago native Michael Steklac, former city administrator of Gering, Neb., Tuesday. Steklac spent yesterday touring Chelsea with Drolett, and has met with some officials and business people in town.

Village Clerk Terri Burtch said yesterday that council has not made an offer, and Steklac has not indicated his level of interest.

Steklac resigned his position as city administrator of Gering, a city with a population of 8,000, earlier this month.

He said Tuesday his departure was prompted by a change in staff, department heads and the make up of the Gering city council.

"I suddenly found I was painting the wrong house," he said.

Steklac said the mayor of Gering had informed him some time ago that his contract would not be renewed when it expired in April.

After Steklac found there was a vacant village manager position available in Chelsea and arranged for an interview, the mayor of Gering asked him to resign before his contract was up, he said.

Steklac said one of his greatest accomplishments in Gering was forming a citizen-based economic development council that, after four attempts, managed to pass a half-mill tax increase that brought in $300,000 a year.

He said the money was targeted for local use under the auspices of the citizen-backed council.

He said the city council could accept, reject or return the economic council's recommendations but that it could not amend them.

Steklac said he was prompted to go this route because he learned it is more cost effective to help promote and expand local businesses than to bring in new ones.

If chosen for the job, Steklac said his decision to accept the offer would depend on his wife. He and his wife will be in the Chicago area over the holidays, giving her time to look over the Chelsea community.

Even if Chelsea is to her liking, Steklac said his wife would stay in Nebraska to finish her final semester of a nursing degree.

Holmes said after the meeting that an informal poll indicated council trustees have sufficient interest in considering Steklac for the position of village manager for the personnel committee to discuss the matter further at an undetermined future date.

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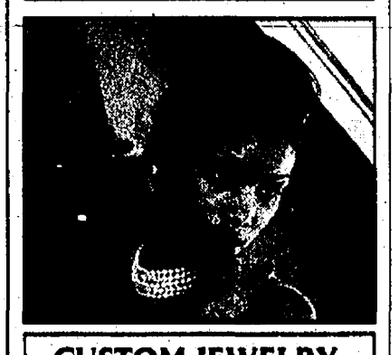
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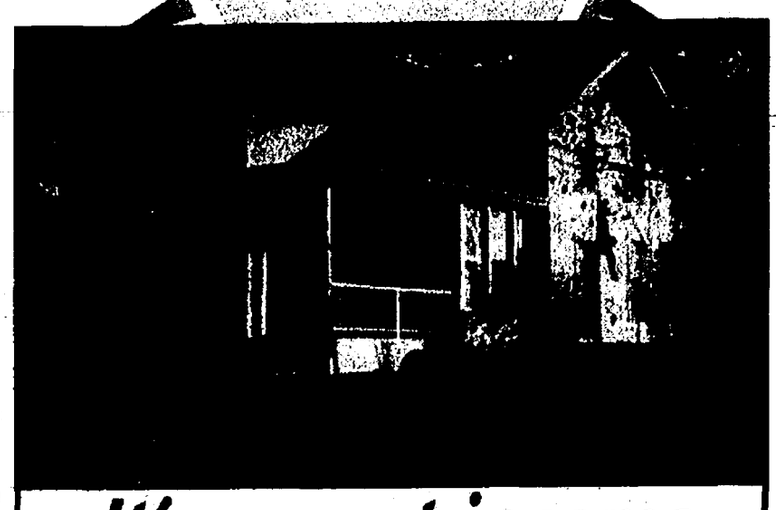


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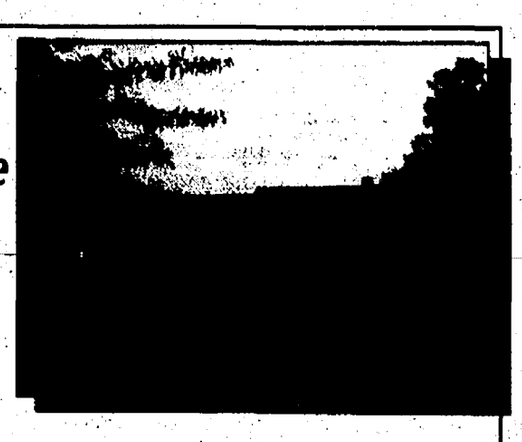
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CHELSEA

Council rejects land purchase

■ *Site would have cleared way for bypass.*

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

An offer from Magellan Properties to sell the village property that would have been a link vital to the proposed Chelsea West Drive was rejected last week by the Village Council.

Magellan wanted $350,000 for the land.

The council decided at a Dec. 2 work session not to pursue the matter as a future agenda item.

Nevertheless, the presence of Sylvan Township Trustee Earl Heller at the council's Dec. 9 regular meeting raised the subject again.

The two acres offered is located between Wendy's restaurant and Holiday Inn Express within the village limits, but abutting Sylvan Township to the west. It would have served to extend Commerce Park Drive westward into Sylvan's jurisdiction. From there, plans were to continue it in a northwesterly arc to Old US-12 near the Weinberg Dairy building.

The Dec. 2 meeting showed trustees Howard Holmes, Charles Ritter, Cindy MacFarlan and Cheri Albertson opposing the purchase. Village President Richard Steele and Trustee Jim Myles favored it, while Trustee Dale Schumann seemed uncertain.

"There will be no Chelsea West Drive in our lifetime," Albertson said.

Holmes called the idea of Chelsea West Drive "a fiasco," "a gerrymandered mess" and "a horrible solution" to diverting truck traffic away from the downtown business corridor.

MacFarlan agreed, saying that it was poor planning to have it involve extending Commerce Park Drive rather than Brown Drive, where a manufactured home community is being built.

Albertson said the $350,000 asking price was too steep and suggested renegotiating with Magellan Properties to lower it to $275,000.

Steele said Magellan Properties was set to build a day-care center on the site, which would be taken over by a secondary party, making

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Photo by Rita Fischer

Grinch Clinch

"Mr. Grinch" visited the Chelsea Community Education Preschool last week. The green guy is flanked by Autumn Johnson (left) and Chloe Cowman.

Regional team argues over document

■ *Chelsea Planning Commission chairman says plan cannot be enforced.*

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

There was a certain amount of dissent at Monday's Chelsea Area Planning Team meeting, with representatives from Chelsea Village, and Sylvan, Lyndon and Lima townships.

Dexter Township did not send a representative and has not yet endorsed the plan. Lyndon, Sylvan and Lima townships have already adopted the plan.

Chelsea Village Planning Commission Chairman Chris Rode drew criticism after introducing a draft document stating Chelsea's position.

He said a mix-up caused the draft to be excluded from the last council meeting's agenda.

"I'm really upset," Sylvan Township Clerk LuAnn Koch said. "Everything was supposed to be done tonight. For you to bring only a draft shows me you're not interested."

Rode also took heat for the wording of the draft that tacitly rejects the plan while advocating continued cooperation. He said this was done purposely to try to find a middle ground.

All four townships endorsed an earlier plan in the spring of 2002, but the village did not. The team did not meet from March 2002 to the end of that year.

Rode said it was only the fresh influx provided by a restructured county planning commission that resurrected the meetings.

He said there is only "a slim possibility" that Chelsea would support the plan, and he didn't want the team to collapse again.

He said the last year of work did not produce a genuine regional plan but simply compiled the participating municipalities' general development plans.

This was a useful tool, he said, but would do nothing to deter exclusionary lawsuits, an original goal of the team, because each municipality still had the right to independently change its general development plan.

"We could not do that with the village's master plan," Rode said. "It would lead to a lawsuit because we violated procedures."

He said an adopted plan is not necessary to address mutual concerns, and that if it were thrown out and the team went back to where it was five years ago, it would not necessarily be a bad thing.

"We became so hung up on creating a plan based on possibilities and probabilities that we no longer discussed concrete issues," he said.

Rode said the plan is mainly the product of four townships whose issues are more in tune with each other than

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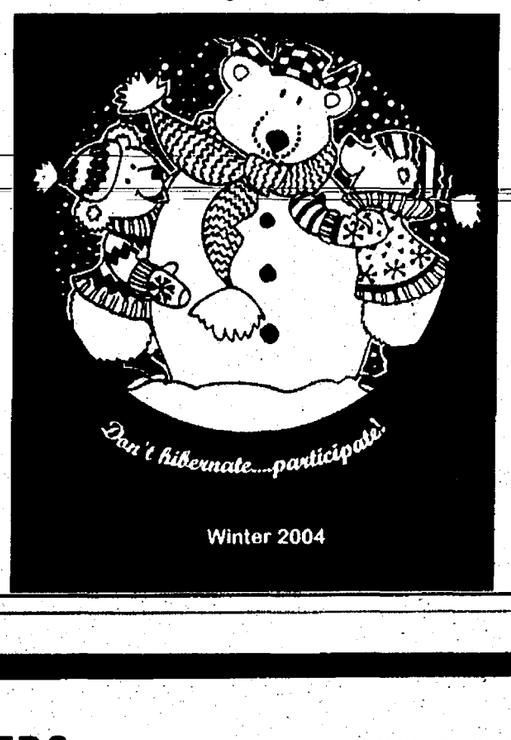
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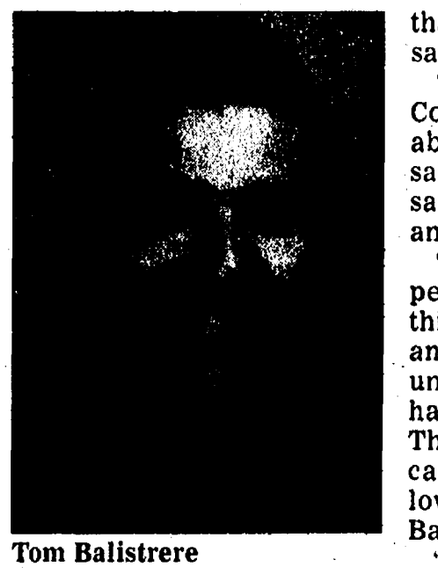
Former Chelsea High School coach dies

■ *Tom Balistrere was athletic director and coach at Chelsea High School in the 1970s.*

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

To Wayne Welton, Tom Balistrere was, simply, "the best."

Balistrere, who died unexpectedly of heart failure Dec. 10 at the age of 60 in his native Pennsylvania, was Welton's football coach when he played quarterback for the freshman Bulldog team.



Tom Balistrere

Welton, who is godfather to one of Balistrere's sons, was a pallbearer at Balistrere's funeral last Saturday. A large crowd of people came to mourn and pay their respects to the dedicated teacher, coach and mentor.

In his five years in Chelsea as athletic director, recreational director and head varsity basketball coach at Chelsea High School from 1973 to 1978, Balistrere made a huge impression.

"Coach Balistrere and I maintained a wonderful relationship over the years," Welton said. "He was a father figure, mentor, friend and confidante.

"Coach Balistrere's passing is like losing a father. He was, and remains, a pillar of strength, courage, conviction and love in my life."

Welton described his former coach as "a man of deep faith, a man of family, a wonderful husband and father, a great friend to many and a passionate coach."

Balistrere exemplifies all that is good about life, Welton said.

"Among other things, Coach B. was an unbelievable storyteller," Welton said. "He could laugh at the same jokes and stories over and over."

"He could get people to do things with him and for him unlike anyone I have ever met. This was because everyone loved Tom Balistrere.

"Everyone loved Tom Balistrere. His heart was as huge as his person."
Wayne Welton
Athletic Director
Chelsea High School

"His heart was as huge as the person."

Welton said that Balistrere's legacy will live on in his two sons, Tony and Jeff, "and all of us who loved him and were loved by Coach."

Mary Boylan Reisinger, a 1981 graduate of Chelsea High School who grew up on Park Street in Chelsea, said that Balistrere, his wife, Char, and their dog, Brutus, had been a part of her life since she was 5 years old.

"We became fast friends and have remained in close contact ever since," Reisinger said.

"As a small child, their apartment was a fantasy escape for me. Coach was so full of ideas and energy to play and be silly at times."

As a teenager, Reisinger would babysit the two Balistrere boys, even going on vacations with the family.

Reisinger said that Balistrere always inspired her and drove her to aim high.

She signed up for his "Earn, Learn and Play" summer program when Balistrere headed up the Summer Recreation Program in Chelsea.

"He led us kids to understand the correlation between hard work and the pay off of accomplishment and some cash," she said.

The Boylans continued to stay in touch after Tom and Char moved to Pennsylvania and would visit them there.

"There are few decisions or accomplishments in my life that Tom wasn't a part of in some way," Reisinger said. "They were always there when I needed them.

"Tom was a deeply spiritual man and was willing to share his thoughts with an understanding heart."

Chelsea resident David Donovan was a neighbor and close friend.

"Tom was a very good man," Donovan said. "He was fantastic — an excellent person, gentle, kind, and he did a lot for the children of Chelsea.

"He loved them."

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HELPER

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Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. Pazkowski and Turner met during the Dec. 1 Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event at the Teddy Bear Factory.

Turner also was touched at the childrens' gesture, and swung into action.

He offered an 8-inch traditional teddy bear, sporting the hospital logo and imprinted with the words, "The Helper Club."

Nate, Laney and Tori went to the hospital Dec. 9 and presented the "Helper Club" bear to the emergency room department.

But the story doesn't end there.

After Turner's employee, Kim Lennox, mentioned the story during an interview with Linda Meloche on Local cable Channel 18, airing today, Turner and his staff at the Teddy Bear Factory decided to go a step further.

"We decided it would be neat to continue growing Nate's Helper Club, and keep going what he and his sisters started," Turner said.

Children may buy the 8-inch traditional bear — usually retailing at $13.95 — for $5 and take it to the emergency department at the hospital, open 24 hours a day, for donation to a sick child.

"What a nice way to get children involved in helping others and the idea of philanthropy," Pazkowski said.

"Nate, Laney and Tori are now our littlest angels at CCH."

As for Nate, who said he got the idea from a TV show, he's proud to be the hero of Nate's Helper Club.

"It makes me feel very good," he said.

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Emergency room nurse Janet Wamboldt accepts a Helper Bear from eight-year-old Nate Miller.

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WASHTENAW COUNTY

State funding has big consequences for education

■ *Proposal A needs an overhaul, experts say.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

As Michigan citizens, school board members and school administrators try to decipher the ins and outs of school funding, Michigan State University professors David Arsen and David Plank have developed a report on school finance under Proposal A titled "State Control, Local Consequences."

Plank was the featured speaker at a discussion called "Understanding School Funding" hosted by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District Dec. 11.

Superintendents, business officials, school board members and political representatives joined WISD board members as participants in the discussion.

Plank and Arsen's report illuminates the ways that Proposal A has transformed the state's public school systems over the past 10 years. Plank expressed a commitment to preserve the current system, albeit with adaptations that will better serve districts and students.

The roundtable discussion fell the day after a tentative budget "deal" was made to help lessen the $350 million deficit in the school-aid fund for the 2003-04 budget.

The shortfall was supposed to cost schools almost $200 per pupil in state foundation grants, but Sen. Ken Sikkema's proposal on Dec. 10 would reduce the cut to $100 per pupil.

The shortfall is a cumulative one, Plank said, because the revenues earmarked for the School Aid Fund under Proposal A have never been adequate to satisfy the promises the Legislature made to public schools in the form of per-pupil foundation grants.

To make up that "structural deficit," the state has transferred about $500 million per year from its general fund to the School Aid Fund.

Under Proposal A, Michigan's radical shift in funding for public education, from property taxes to income and sales taxes, has changed the educational system from locally controlled districts to the most centralized statewide control in any state other than Hawaii. This has resulted in a reduction in property taxes and increased the equity among most school districts.

But, Plank said, one disadvantage is that the rises in school funding haven't kept pace with the rate of increases from 1980 to 1994.

"In 2004, we'll actually have $1,000 less per pupil than if the increase had continued at the levels we saw between 1980 and 1994," he said. "The really bad news is that next year we'll be doing this all again. It's not just a 2003 problem, it's a built-in feature of Proposal A."

The current budget crisis is, in part, the result of a cyclical decline in the School Aid Fund revenue.

"Sales tax and income tax are both vulnerable to recession," Plank said. "Our revenue sources for school funding are not stable. In fact, 40 percent of the revenue growth under proposal A has come from property taxes."

Plank added that a number of one-time fixes have floated the state school aid fund over the past few years.

"But one-time sources can only be used once," he said. "The Legislature can't find any more pockets that haven't already been picked."

The structural deficit in the general fund is likely to exist even after an economic rebound, and has been exacerbated by recent tax cuts.

Chelsea Board of Education Trustee Scott Broshar said Monday that Proposal A has made financial planning for local districts more difficult.

"And the rate of funding increases for schools has decreased — and may actually decrease in constant dollars — since the passage of Proposal A," he said.

"It is, however, a fact that we will have to live with unless and until there is a grassroots movement to change the way our schools our funded."



Photo courtesy of Janice Ortbring

Candlelight Ceremony

Several people gathered Sunday at the Pathway to Renewal spiral mosaic in Timber Town Park to participate in a worldwide candle-lighting ceremony in remembrance of loved ones. Diana Hunt of the Chelsea Community Choir sang, while social worker Mary Tomac shared tips for getting through the holiday season after a loss. Pictured are Mary Tomac (left), Diana Hunt, Dawn Ianelli, Cathy Brigham, Joe Kummer, Marcy Bollinger, Lorin Kummer and Marijo Grogan.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

Sewer project back on track

■ *Chelsea Proving Grounds to connect to Sylvan sewer system.*

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority announced Dec. 10 that everything is back on track to construct public sewer systems for its own residential lake areas, as well as some in Lyndon Township.

Funding for the project was stalled when Washtenaw County held back on issuing bonds because of irregularities in development agreements that the township entered into with developers Warren Hamill and Magellan Properties.

Authority Chairman Gerald Dresselhouse said that after the matter passed through several county committees, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners Dec. 3 gave it the go-ahead.

Dresselhouse said the approval will allow the engineering firm Jones & Henry to continue with its design of the system.

Municipal sewer service is being constructed for residences around Cavanaugh, Cedar, Crooked and Sugarloaf lakes, as well as for the Cassidy Lake Correctional Institute and the Sugarloaf Lake Campground.

It was announced that DaimlerChrysler's Chelsea Proving Grounds will enter into a agreement before the end of the year to tap into the authority's sewer system. Dresselhouse said the automobile testing site has relied on a lagoon system that has become outdated.

CHELSEA

Police department supports search for new chief

■ *Scott Sumner serving in interim post.*

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Allowing Acting Police Chief Scott Sumner to assume the top post without an outside search is not a move supported within the Chelsea Police Department's ranks.

Officer Rick Cornell, the Chelsea Police Department's union representative, told the Village Council Dec. 9 that the department supports the village's decision to contract with the Michigan Municipal League in its search for a successor to Chief Lenard McDougall, who is out on medical leave and retires Jan. 1.

Cornell said Trustee Charles Ritter was stating mistaken presumptions on the matter that the police department would be "demoralized" by doing so.

Cornell represents seven, full-time officers, three full-time dispatchers and an administrative assistant to the chief. He said a vote was taken showing nine members supporting the search, one member supporting Sumner in the post without a search and one member abstaining.

"We believe the MML would expedite the matter," Cornell said.

Ritter said three police chiefs were brought in from the outside before McDougall was promoted from within the department's ranks, and they "were all a disaster."

"I don't care what the union thinks," Ritter said. "It will not change my position a bit."

Cornell's report to the council was followed by a show of support for Sumner from former Chelsea Village Council Trustee Brian Cashman.

Cashman urged the board to reconsider contracting with the Michigan Municipal League because, he said, it sends out a message to the community that no one in the department is qualified for the post.

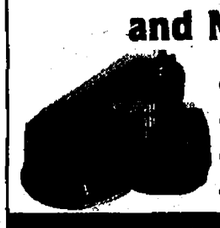
"Scott would provide continuity and make for a smoother transition," Cashman said. "Try him out for one fiscal year."

Michael Rybka is a freelance writer. He can be reached at Mhrybka@aol.com.



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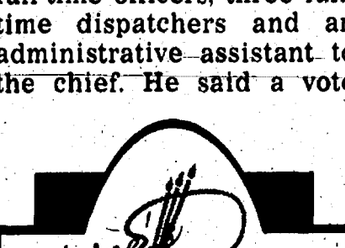
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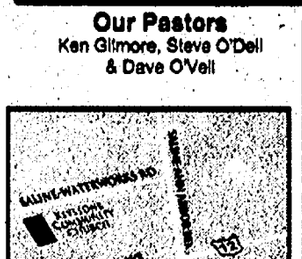
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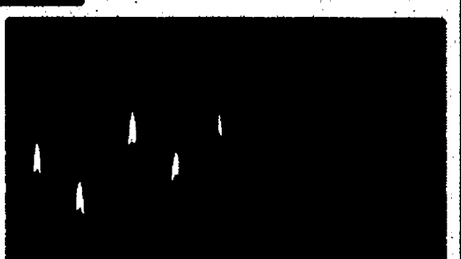
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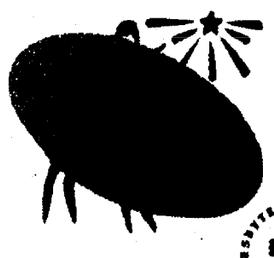


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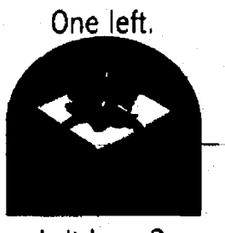
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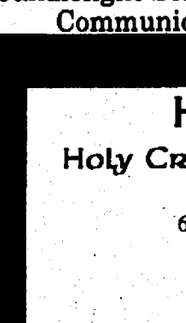
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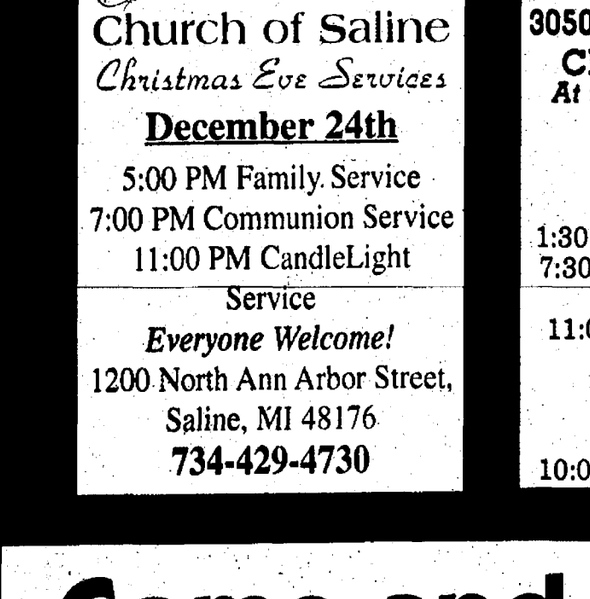
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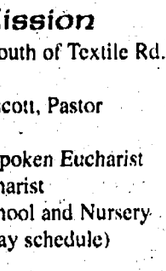
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POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township

Breaking and Entering

Deputies responded at 4:20 a.m. Dec. 12 to a silent alarm at Scio Party Store, 6950 Jackson Ave. When they arrived, they found damage to the door's window.

Deputies noticed inside that several items were disturbed and there was a hand dolly near an ATM machine.

The 33-year-old owner told sheriff's deputies that the cash register containing $200 was missing. In addition, 16 cartons of Marlboro cigarettes valued at $33 per carton and 11 cartons of Premium cigarettes valued at $39.46 per carton were missing.

Estimated value of the stolen property is $1,512. Damage to the door window is estimated at $500.

Disorderly Conduct

Deputies responded Dec. 9 to a complaint of disorderly conduct at Creekside Bar, 3535 Jackson Ave. Two men were becoming aggressive in the bar and were asked to leave, but continued to fight in the parking lot. They fled before deputies arrived.

Deputies were given a description of the two men, and a 39-year-old man was later identified and arrested at the Meijer store on Jackson Avenue.

The man told the deputies that he had been drinking, and another patron was trying to entice him into a fight.

A deputy told the suspect that he could not drive home because he was drunk. He was taken to the Clark gas station on Jackson Avenue to call his wife.

The man then became aggressive and began yelling at the deputy, a report said. The suspect, a Detroit resident, was then placed under arrest for disorderly conduct.

Missing Person

Deputies responded to a missing person call Dec. 10 at Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road.

A 49-year-old woman reported her father, 76, missing from a Monroe County hospital.

The missing man is on several medications and was last seen in gray slacks, gray sweater and brown suede shoes.

Breaking and Entering

A 35-year-old man reported a breaking and entering Dec. 7 after he returned home from vacation to find several items missing from his garage in the 5000 block of Jackson Road.

The man suspects a former employee.

The missing items include a $10,000 power chair, a $2,500 chop saw, a $500 air compressor and a racing bike.

Larceny

Deputies investigated a larceny Dec. 10 at Pilot Travel Center, 195 Baker Road.

Someone identified himself as a truck driver for a moving company, put $185.60 worth of diesel fuel into his truck's tank, and drove off without paying.

When the employee contacted the moving company with the information, she was told the truck was not registered.

The case is closed for a lack of investigative leads, a report said.

Disorderly Conduct

Deputies responded to a 911 hang-up call Dec. 12 in the 200 block of Willow Tree.

A 38-year-old man and his uncle, 45, told police they had been drinking whiskey all day, and witnesses say they began fighting.

The younger man was arrested on two outstanding warrants, and the older man was taken to hospital for a cut on his face.

Chelsea Village

Obtaining Prescription Under False Pretenses

Chelsea Community Hospital contacted Chelsea Police Nov. 11 based on concerns a patient was obtaining prescription narcotics under false pretenses.

A 43-year-old Highland Park woman checked herself into the hospital under an alias and told physicians she needed pain medication, a police report said. The woman received the medicine, but after employees suspected a fraudulent identity, treatment was stopped.

Hospital workers also were concerned the suspect was using illegal narcotics after employees found non-hospital syringes and other narcotic paraphernalia in the patient's bathroom.

After obtaining the suspect's true identity, Chelsea Police drove the suspect to a shelter in Jackson.

She may face charges if the hospital can prove its claim, a report said.

Disorderly Conduct

Chelsea Police helped a security officer at Chelsea Community Hospital Dec. 8 after the security officer reported an unruly patient who was combative.

No further information is available at this time.

Civil Dispute

A 24-year-old Chelsea woman told police Dec. 10 that her ex-boyfriend was not responding well to their recent break up and she was concerned.

The boyfriend, a 34-year-old Alpena resident, has been making threats against her life. In addition, he has been calling the victim's mother and father repeatedly, a report said.

Officers advised the woman to ensure she is with someone at all times and to tell her friends where she is and where she is going. Officers also advised her to contact police before confronting him if he were to show up in Chelsea.

Driving Without a License

A Chelsea resident contacted police Dec. 9 after he discovered his 16-year-old son had taken his car without permission and was driving without a license.

The complainant was advised that if he wanted to file a formal complaint about the vehicle being taken without his permission, he would have to contact Michigan State Police.

The car was recovered in Grand Rapids. No further information was available at press time.

Suspicious Activity

An officer was dispatched to Vogel's Party Store, 20490 N. M-52, Dec. 13 after someone reported a minor was trying to have people purchase liquor for him.

By the time an officer arrived, the teen was gone.

Dexter Township

Suspicious Incident

A deputy responded Dec. 10 to a suspicious incident in the 4800 block of Dexter-Pinckney Road.

A 19-year-old man was home alone watching television when he heard footsteps in the living room area. The complainant looked out the window and saw an unoccupied black pickup truck. He also noticed a set of muddy footprints on the carpet, and the deputy observed a set of footprints that led from the driveway to the front door.

Police do not have any suspects.

Malicious Destruction of Property

A 51-year-old Chelsea man called police after someone broke into his car at the Pickerel Lake state-access park. The man left his car for 45 minutes and when he returned, he noticed the driver's-side window had been broken out.

The man says a few items were stolen, including the owner's manual and a coupon. Damage is estimated at $500.

Arrest Warrant

A deputy stopped a 31-year-old Lincoln Park man Dec 8 for speeding on Meadow View Drive. He was arrested on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

While en route to the Washtenaw County Jail, the deputy received a preliminary notice of jail overcrowding, so the man had to be released.

Dexter Village

Breaking and Entering

A 24-year-old Dexter resident called police when he returned from work to find someone had broken into his apartment.

The victim told police that when he returned to his apartment at 2 a.m., the door was partially open, although he recalls locking it when he left.

Items taken include a DVD player valued at $259 and a VCR valued at $80.

Webster Township

Assault and Battery

A 17-year-old Webster Township woman called the sheriff's department after an altercation with another woman Nov. 23 left her with a bloody lip and bruises.

An 18-year-old Hamburg resident was at the party with the woman when the older teen grabbed her as she was trying to leave, according to the victim's statement to police.

The suspect grabbed the victim's shirt and yelled at her, then grabbed her hair and punched her in the back of the head.

The suspect then straddled the victim and punched her in the mouth, and continued punching her on the side of the head and on the forehead.

The case has been turned over to the prosecutor for review.

Compiled by Staff Writer Scott Hagen based on reports from the Michigan State Police, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and Chelsea Police Department.

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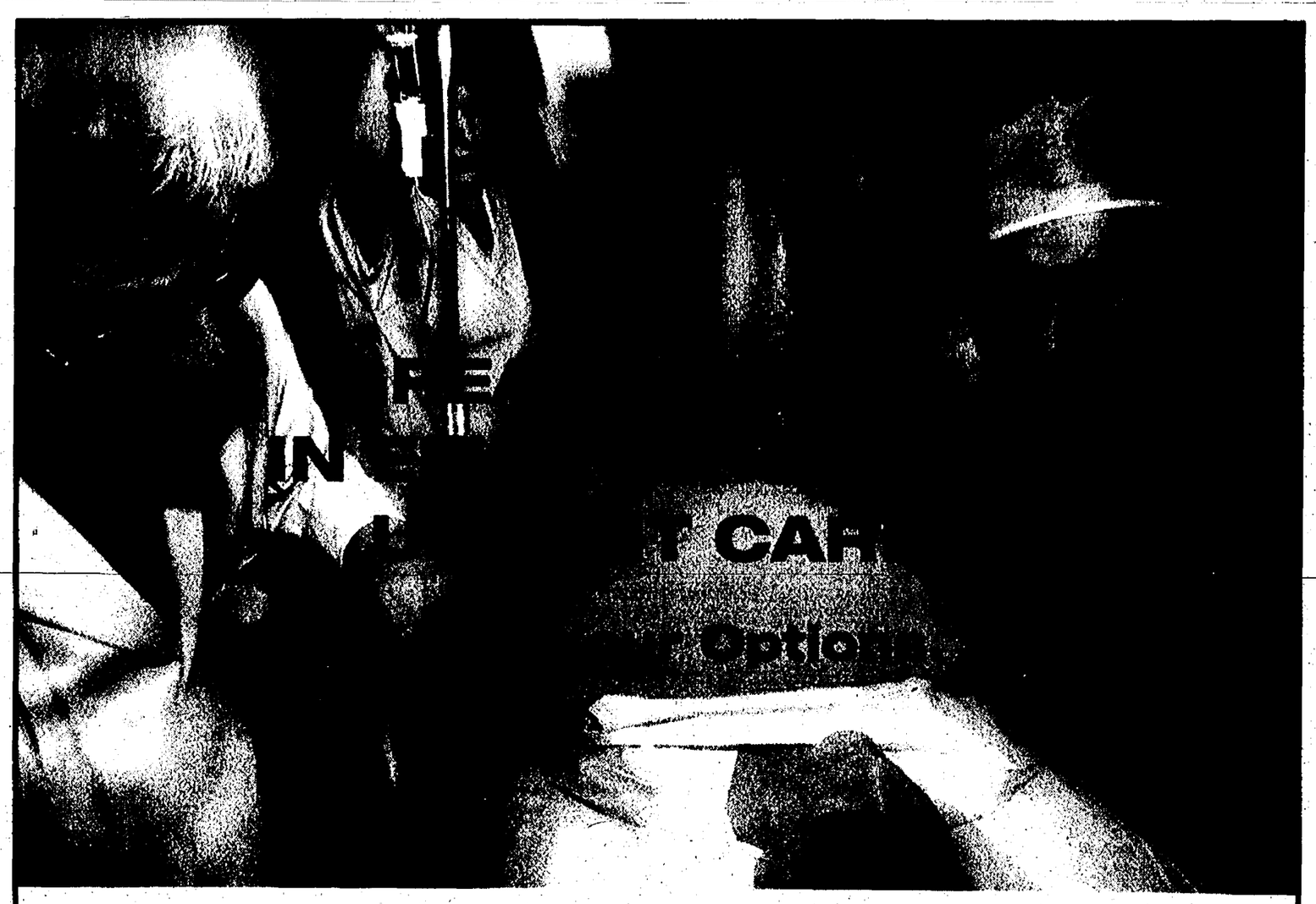
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Street Talk

By Rita Fischer

What's your favorite holiday music?



"I like any spiritual songs, 'Silent Night.'"

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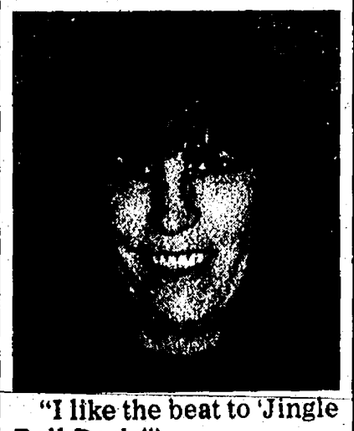
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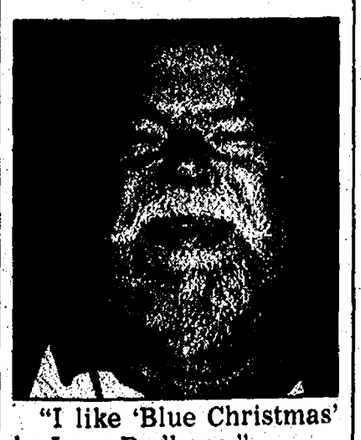
"I like 'Mary, Did You Know.'"

Leah Bloomfield
Waterloo Township



"I like the beat to 'Jingle Bell Rock.'"

Peggy Kaiser
Grass Lake



"I like 'Blue Christmas' by Leon Redbone."

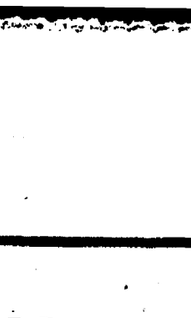
Jim Coleman
Sylvan Township



"I like anything that is holiday music — I like it all."

Diane Stegg
Sylvan Township

Christmas shopping brings us together



LENA KHZOUZ

HOME FRONT

Christmas shopping is a little like the blackout of 2003. There is a light at the end of both tunnels.

After the lights went out in August, something became very clear: the darkness opened people's eyes.

They turned off their televisions — or accepted the fact that they couldn't turn them on — and had conversations with their families. They stepped out onto their porches and met their neighbors. For one brief day or two, people bonded.

Through all the bumping, pushing, shoving, mumbling, waiting in line and digging through wallets and purses for money that holiday shopping is notorious for, what is the common thing on your mind? The whole, entire time?

It's the person you're shopping for — and that's meaningful. For that hour or day or week or month that you shopped, that person was special or loved or at least thought of, even if you are shopping only out of obligation.

Of course, one of the things you'll think as you shop is: "Is this person going to like what I got?"

To find out the best gift to get for your loved one, or even an acquaintance or a coworker, you might start to look at the person more.

You might, oh, peek in his or her closet to find out what he or she might need.

Now you know his style.

You might compliment her on her perfume just to learn what kind she wears.

You might ask her what her favorite color is, nonchalantly of course, so she doesn't figure out why you're asking.

You might ask him what his favorite movie is, what type of music he likes, what his hobbies are, what he really dislikes.

I once literally surveyed two people over the phone to find the perfect gifts, and I remember some of their answers until today, years later.

For someone closer, if you want to get more sentimental, you might think of something nice to do for that person on your own. As you try to figure out what that is, you might recall conversations you've had, times that you've shared or jokes that have stood out over the years. You'll probably smile fondly the whole time, too.

What's the end result in all of this? You've bonded with that person, even if that person doesn't know it.

There are some devil's advocates out there, so I'll give you this. Yes, the quality time might be even nicer if you forgot about the shopping altogether and just spent that time with the person you would have been shopping for.

That's a nice little fantasy, but it probably won't come true. You'll end up shopping anyway, like it or not.

Shopping during Christmas brings people closer together not only mentally, but literally, as well. How often do you see fathers and teenage sons shopping together, especially in a women's clothing store?

They're shopping for mom, and they're doing it together, and they're thinking of mom while they're doing the shopping.

Spending time together, even if it's shopping or talking about the right gift to get, is part of what makes the holiday feeling last all month.

The next time someone complains about shopping, ask him or her to tell you about the person they're gift hunting for.

Chances are they've learned at least a little something more about that loved one or acquaintance than they knew in October.

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Holiday traditions have seen changes



JOAN DYER ZINNER

VINTAGE VIEW

While discussing plans for the upcoming holiday season, one of my friends lamented that she misses the visiting that was done during the "good old days."

We recalled that, between Christmas and New Year's Day, people always visited the homes of friends, family and neighbors — often unannounced — to view their Christmas trees and express their good wishes for the holiday season. Fresh-baked cookies, cakes and pies were also sampled during the round of visits, along with a glass of holiday cheer.

Youngsters would show off their new toys and games — minus batteries and remote-control devices — and compare their Christmas bounty with that of their peers.

Today, when friends meet, they often say, "Come to see us," but, although the intentions may be good, the visits seldom become a reality.

Most of us seem to be caught up in a frenzy of the busy holiday season. If it's not holiday shopping, then it is holiday gift returns or after-Christmas sale shopping. If it's not work, then it is work-related activities, club meetings or holiday trips.

Or, if the excuse for not visiting is not one of the above, then it is probably because we'd rather stay home watching holiday specials on television, playing a new DVD, surfing the Internet or just relaxing in the new leisurewear that we received as Christmas gifts

It was not so in the good old days.

With a minimum of entertainment options available, spending an evening with friends was a major social event. It was an opportunity to take the lace tablecloth out of the linen closet and set the table with the good china

My mother always wore a dress and high heels, like Beaver Cleaver's mom, and my dad wore a shirt and tie, topped with a sweater, like Beaver's dad, when they expected holiday company.

During the holidays, we always had bountiful trays of Pfeffernuesse and other German holiday cookies, which were sent to us by our Swiss-German aunts, a large box of prune tarts made by a Finnish-born aunt and an array of butter tarts baked by my Irish grandmother.

Although there was always an array of home-baked cookies during the holidays, visitors were usually treated to slices of two-layer chocolate cake or an orange cake chock full of walnut pieces when they came to call. The adults loved my mother's orange cake, but the youngsters opted for the chocolate cake with thick, creamy chocolate frosting.

Visiting also provided an opportunity to chat about the news of the day, like whose son was balking at entering the family business or whose daughter received an engagement ring at Christmas. Back then, it was news, even a week or two after it happened. Today, news is exchanged daily over the telephone or by e-mail. In fact, electronic visiting seems to be taking the place of personal contacts.

What's next? Perhaps, we'll have a virtual holiday visit, complete with the sights and sounds of the holidays, and the aroma of fresh-baked cake. I hope that doesn't happen any time soon.

Joan Dyer-Zinner is the retired editor of The View, a publication of Heritage Newspapers, part of the 21st Century Newspapers chain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Programs will continue at rink

Last week, there was an article in The Chelsea Standard about a tax/mortgage sale of the Arctic Coliseum.

This article has created confusion and concern for Chelsea Hockey Association families and players, as well as many other community members who participate in the extensive programs offered at the rink.

The Chelsea Hockey Association Board has been in close contact with the Arctic Coliseum owners throughout this process, and we are confident that a satisfactory financial arrangement is forthcoming.

We want to assure you that Chelsea Hockey Association programs are not in jeopardy, and we anticipate continuing our very positive working relationship with the rink owners.

The Chelsea Hockey Association recognizes the significant contribution made by the Arctic Coliseum to the families and children of our community, as well as our local businesses through their support of our programs.

We invite you to join us in support of the Arctic Coliseum.

Jennifer Holmes
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Immediate Past President
Chelsea Hockey Association

Gate should be open at holidays

A special holiday plea: Since the mowing, leaf raking and pickup have been completed for the year, is there any reason for the Oak Grove and Mount Olivet cemetery gate to continue to be locked?

What a lovely Christmas present it would be to unlock the gate and let visitors travel directly between the cemeteries. This would not only be appreciated now, during the holidays, but for the rest of the winter season when getting about is difficult enough without having to go so far out of our way.

Patricia Wood
Sylvan Township

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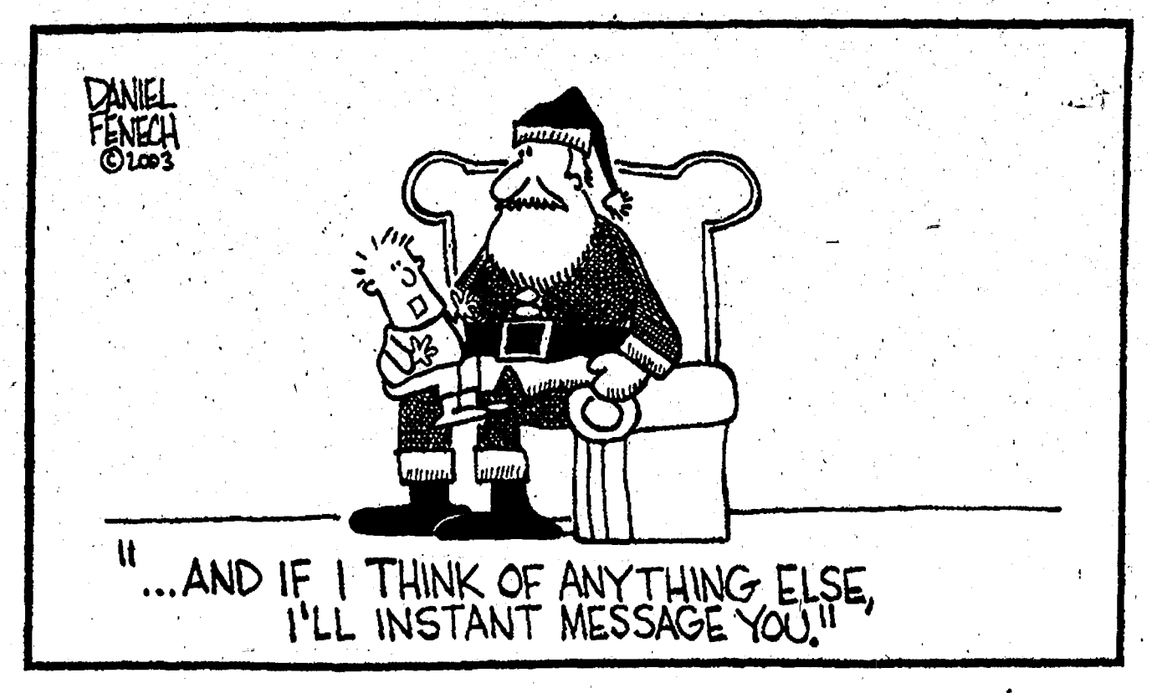
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SOUND OFF

Susan Morse of Lyndon Township: Tonight we went by the new mall between Village Motor and Polly's, where they paved over the wetlands for a parking lot. There is a bulldozer sitting there and a couple of boulders to block off a pond that has formed in the northwest corner of the lot. It seems that you can put a parking lot on a wetland, but you can't take a wetland out of a parking lot.

Got an opinion on something? Here's your opportunity to be heard. Send a brief Sound Off e-mail to spursglove@heritage.com. Keep it brief and to the point. We reserve the right to edit.



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it unlikely that the price would be lowered.

Myles said the land is not worth the asking price now, but would only rise in the future. He also said the purchase would allow the village to control the piece of land in relation to the bypass.

Schumann said he is in favor of the purchase if it expedites a bypass, but against it if a roadway is built only to serve private means.

Steele said the village could purchase the land, then sell it for a profit while still being able to retain the right of way.

"We don't want to be land speculators," MacFarlan said.

Myles said in a phone interview later that a bypass would depend on the condemnation of property through eminent domain, a fact that was so evident to the council that it was not always made clear in discussions.

No matter how the land was acquired, Myles said it still would involve condemning property belonging to Holiday Inn Express, and to Mark Dreyer near the Weinberg Dairy building and additional landowners.

He said neither he nor the council wanted to be placed in the position of condoning such moves.

Heller said at the Dec. 9 meeting that he was disappointed in the council's decision.

Schumann told Heller that no one wants Chelsea West Drive more than he does, but said the proposed land purchase did not satisfy the original plan of having a true bypass. Schumann would like to see a bypass commence from M-52 and Commerce Park Drive to the south and terminate at Werkner Road and M-52 to the north.

"We need the whole loaf, not half a loaf," he said. "However, we'll leave the door open."

"There will be no doors left to be open if the land is sold to someone else," Heller said. "It was offered to you in March for free. Things have changed financially and he (Rene Papo, a principal in Magellan Properties) had to change his plans."

The last time the connection was discussed free of charge was at an Oct. 30 informal meeting between village and township officials that was called by Washtenaw County Commissioner Joe Yekulis, R-1st District.

It was prompted by the promise that a connection would release $4.6 million in federal grant money.

The amount would not only have covered the cost of extending Commerce Park Drive to Peilemeier Drive, but also would have contributed to connecting West North Street to Cavanaugh Lake Road and Cavanaugh Lake Road to Old US-12.

The council made no promises at that meeting other than to revisit the issue in the near future.

Since that meeting, Magellan Properties formalized its plans to build a day-care center on the site and, according to Washtenaw County and Sylvan Township officials, also fell behind on special assessment payments owed to Sylvan but administered by the county.

Representatives for Magellan Properties were unavailable for comment.

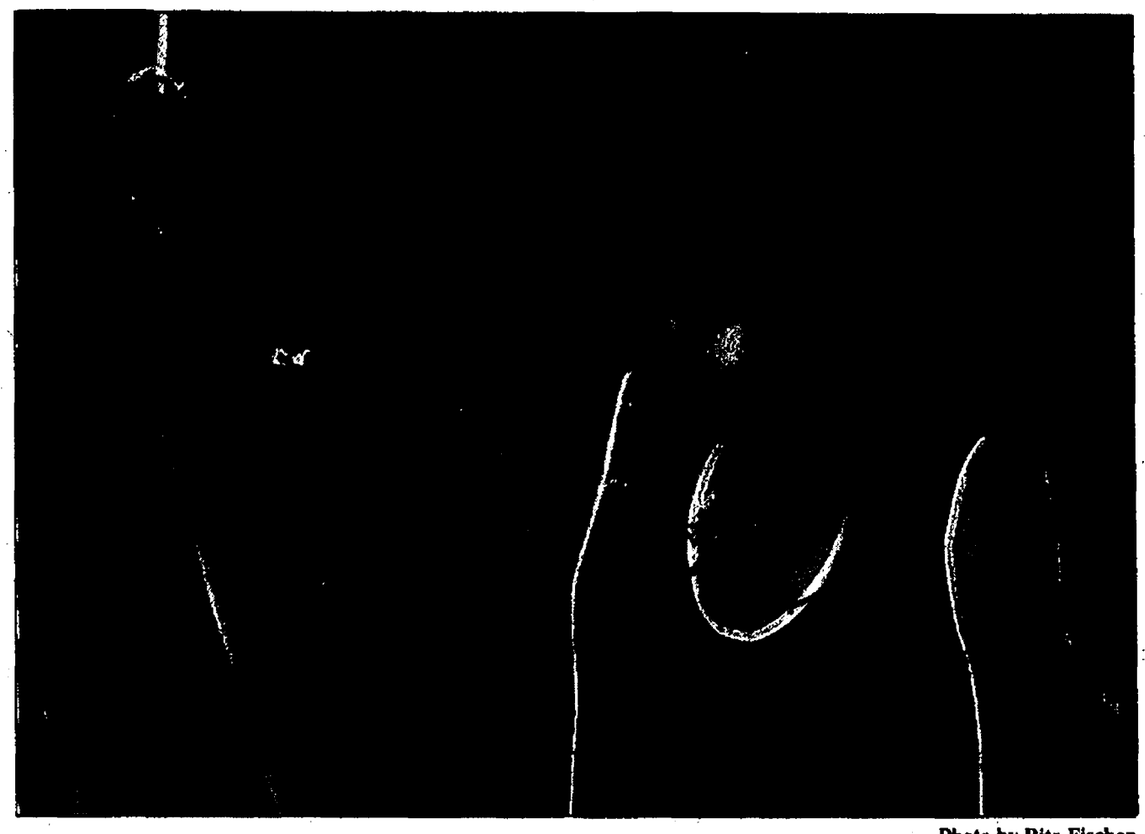


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Candy Canes

Meghan O'Neil paints candy canes at Chelsea Community Education Preschool.

TEAM

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the village.

"We are a community," Rode said. "But we have very different goals, objectives and problems. (For instance), we don't have room for a mobile home park."

Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryann Noah said she could not relate to Rode's thinking.

She said a mobile home park in Lyndon Township would affect the village's schools and traffic, and there are actions in the village that affect the municipalities around it.

"If one of us springs a leak, the whole boat sinks," she said.

Noah said she could not understand why the village would want to meet without being part of the plan.

"It's like having a vote without a seat," Noah said.

Washtenaw County Commissioner Joe Yekulis, R-1st District, said the wording of Rode's draft subverted the process.

"You can't say this is a village resolution when the village is never mentioned," Yekulis said. "You made it sound like everyone in the room wrote it."

Koch and Lima Township Supervisor Ken Unterbrink said the wording assumed their municipalities would agree to the village's revisions.

Rode said the wording might be changed when reviewed by the Village Council Tuesday.

Yekulis and Unterbrink were upbeat about new legislation being considered that would allow two or more municipalities to form joint planning commissions.

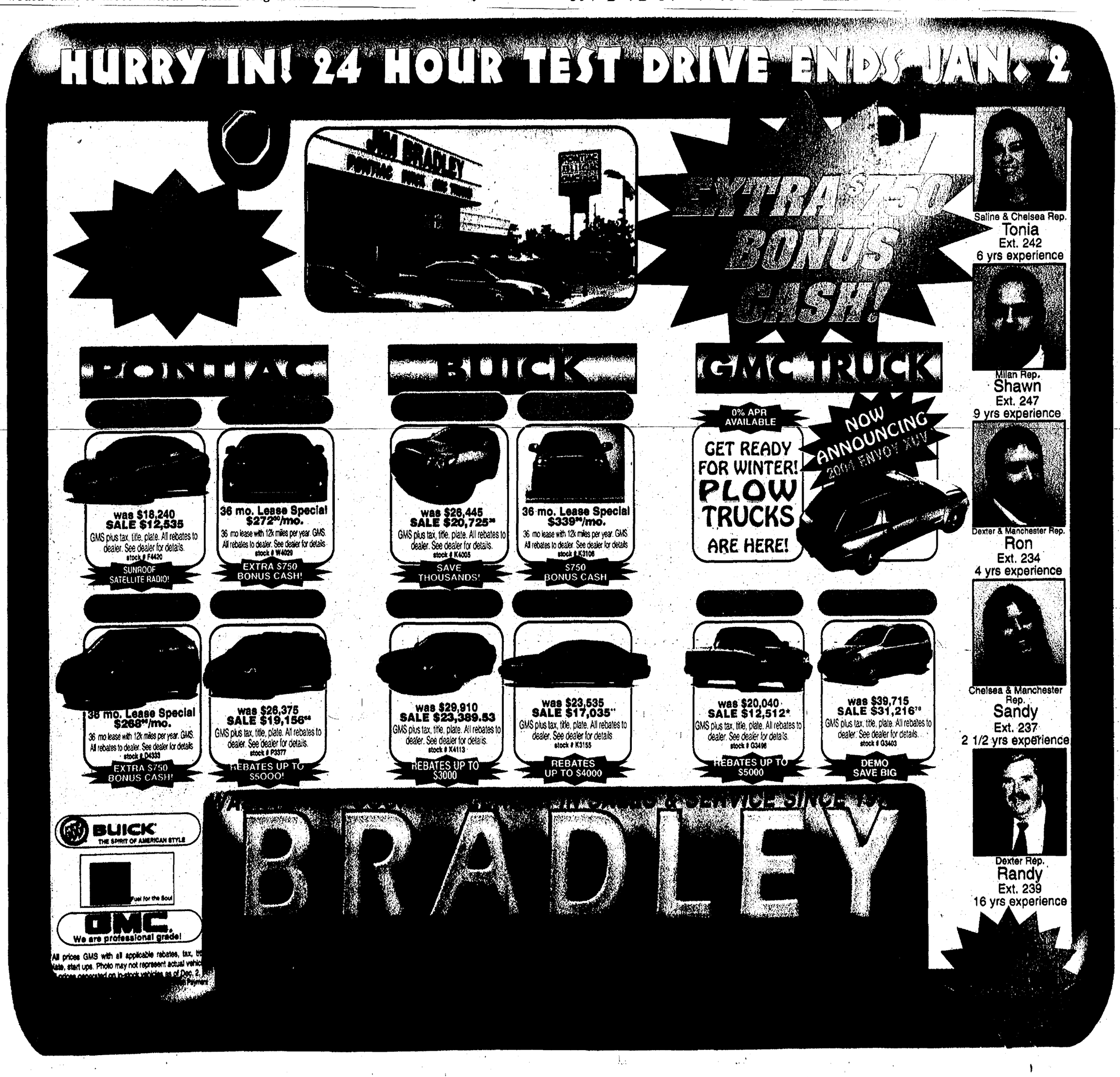
Yekulis said if Rode's problem was the inability to enforce the plan, this could solve the problem because it allowed for the formation of a controlling body

Tony VanDerworp, director of the Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment, said that since the team had composed a viable regional plan, it could be adopted at a public hearing with a commission formed afterward to enforce it.

The team will next meet Feb. 16 at Sylvan Township Hall.

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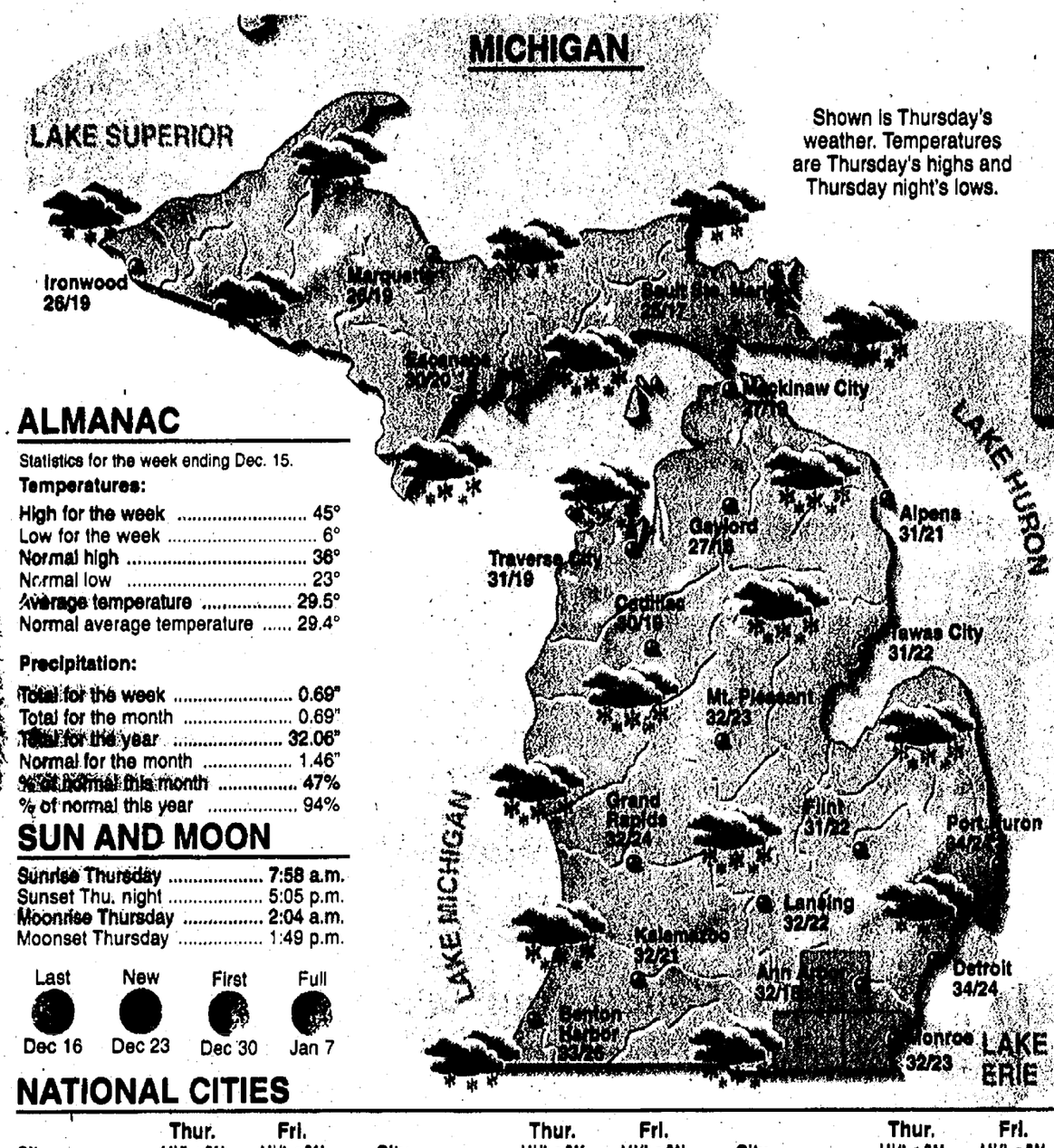
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

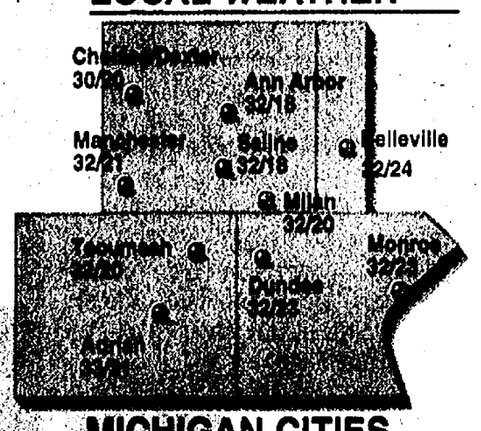
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THURSDAY	THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 30°-34°	LOW: 16°-20°	HIGH: 32°-36°	HIGH: 32°-36°	HIGH: 34°-38°	HIGH: 34°-38°
Mostly cloudy with flurries.	Partly cloudy.	Clouds and some sunshine.	Cloudy with snow possible.	Partly sunny.	Mostly sunny.
		LOW: 20°-24°	LOW: 18°-22°	LOW: 20°-24°	LOW: 24°-28°



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

LOCAL WEATHER



REAL FEEL TEMP™

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.

Highest Thursday	26°
Highest Friday	32°
Highest Saturday	30°
Highest Sunday	34°

TRAVEL

Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties

A cold front will bring some flurries to the region Thursday with northwest winds at 10-20 mph. Dry weather is expected Friday.

SOLUNAR TABLE

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

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Thu.:	6:55 a.m.	12:43 a.m.	7:16 p.m.	1:07 p.m.
Fri.:	7:39 a.m.	1:26 a.m.	8:05 p.m.	1:52 p.m.
Sat.:	8:27 a.m.	2:12 a.m.	8:55 p.m.	2:41 p.m.
Sun.:	9:19 a.m.	3:03 a.m.	9:49 p.m.	3:34 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.

ALMANAC

Statistics for the week ending Dec. 15.

Temperatures:

High for the week	45°
Low for the week	6°
Normal high	36°
Normal low	23°
Average temperature	29.5°
Normal average temperature	29.4°

Precipitation:

Total for the week	0.69"
Total for the month	0.69"
Total for the year	32.06"
Normal for the month	1.46"
% of normal this month	47%
% of normal this year	94%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday	7:58 a.m.
Sunset Thu. night	5:05 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	2:04 a.m.
Moonset Thursday	1:49 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30	Jan 7

MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	32/18/sf	34/22/pc
Battle Creek	32/21/sf	31/23/pc
Bay City	32/21/sf	32/23/pc
Coldwater	32/23/sf	29/26/pc
Dearborn	34/25/c	33/26/c
Detroit	34/24/c	34/26/c
Grand Rapids	32/24/sf	31/25/pc
Holland	33/26/sf	34/29/c
Jackson	32/20/c	34/22/pc
Kalamazoo	32/21/sf	33/25/pc
Lansing	32/22/sf	31/24/pc
Livonia	33/22/sf	31/25/pc
Midland	32/22/sf	32/24/pc
Monroe	32/23/sf	31/26/pc
Muskegon	32/26/sf	34/28/c
Pontiac	31/22/sf	30/23/pc
Port Huron	34/24/sf	33/25/pc
Saginaw	32/21/sf	32/23/pc
Saline	32/18/sf	34/22/pc
Sault Ste. Marie	25/17/c	27/18/c
Sturgis	32/22/sf	32/26/pc
Toronto	33/24/sf	31/22/sf
Traverse City	31/19/sf	32/26/c
Warren	35/26/c	34/27/c

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

WORLD CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	90/72/s	87/71/s	Kiev	28/23/c	34/27/pc
Algiers	57/40/c	58/42/c	Lima	80/63/c	79/61/c
Amsterdam	45/38/pc	43/34/pc	Lisbon	55/44/pc	58/47/pc
Athens	41/33/s	53/40/pc	London	46/39/pc	50/39/c
Auckland	68/57/s	72/58/s	Madrid	48/40/r	50/42/pc
Bangkok	82/64/c	80/58/c	Manila	84/67/pc	83/64/pc
Barbados	87/71/s	86/70/s	Mexico City	65/38/s	64/42/s
Beijing	28/10/pc	29/18/s	Montreal	35/18/sn	26/17/pc
Beirut	55/48/c	55/44/pc	Moscow	19/8/sf	27/20/c
Belgrade	36/29/sn	44/33/pc	Nairobi	81/54/pc	77/52/c
Berlin	42/37/c	41/31/pc	New Delhi	66/40/pc	71/42/s
Bogota	69/52/c	68/51/c	Panama	90/75/pc	90/75/pc
Buenos Aires	92/64/s	91/66/s	Paris	44/34/pc	46/36/pc
Cairo	58/35/s	58/38/pc	Rio de Janeiro	72/63/sh	77/67/c
Calgary	41/16/c	28/8/pc	Rome	48/37/pc	51/40/c
Cape Town	73/56/s	83/61/s	San Juan	86/74/pc	84/74/pc
Copenhagen	49/42/pc	44/33/pc	Santiago	86/55/s	86/55/s
Dublin	50/39/c	49/37/pc	Seoul	28/9/c	15/-1/pc
Frankfurt	41/33/pc	43/31/pc	Singapore	85/71/t	84/73/c
Geneva	41/30/pc	43/32/pc	Stockholm	44/37/r	38/22/c
Hong Kong	67/55/s	58/48/s	Sydney	85/70/s	86/72/pc
Istanbul	32/28/c	40/34/c	Tehran	62/48/c	49/28/s
Jakarta	91/71/t	91/71/c	Tokyo	48/35/pc	48/30/pc
Jerusalem	54/36/sh	46/31/c	Vancouver	48/39/c	46/37/pc
Johannesburg	74/53/r	87/61/pc	Vienna	42/36/c	45/35/pc
Karachi	85/58/s	85/55/s	Warsaw	45/36/r	37/30/pc

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Akron	29/21/sf	31/24/pc	Buffalo	30/22/sf	30/22/sf	Denver	50/34/pc	56/32/pc	Knoxville	38/27/c	41/28/pc	Norfolk	48/33/pc	43/33/s	Sacramento	60/40/pc	58/44/s
Albany	34/22/sf	33/21/pc	Burlington, IA	32/21/c	40/24/pc	Des Moines	32/20/pc	41/22/pc	Las Vegas	62/42/s	62/42/pc	Oklahoma City	52/30/s	58/34/s	St. Louis	40/29/c	43/31/pc
Albuquerque	56/27/s	55/29/s	Burlington, VT	36/20/sn	30/18/sf	Duluth	24/14/c	26/18/c	Lexington, KY	34/27/pc	39/29/pc	Omaha	40/20/s	45/23/pc	Salt Lake City	42/26/pc	46/28/pc
Anchorage	20/17/c	26/20/sn	Casper	44/20/pc	44/18/pc	El Paso	58/30/s	58/32/s	Lincoln	45/20/s	48/23/pc	Orlando	62/42/s	66/44/s	San Antonio	66/36/s	67/40/s
Atlanta	44/30/pc	52/34/s	Cedar Rapids	29/18/c	38/20/pc	Fairbanks	-5/-10/c	0/-8/c	Little Rock	55/34/s	58/36/s	Palm Springs	76/48/pc	74/48/pc	San Diego	73/50/pc	69/50/pc
Atlantic City	42/28/pc	40/28/pc	Charleston, SC	51/33/pc	53/34/s	Fargo	28/15/c	30/14/c	Los Angeles	76/50/pc	70/50/pc	Peoria	32/22/pc	40/25/c	San Francisco	62/48/s	58/48/pc
Austin	69/33/s	67/40/s	Charleston, WV	33/28/c	38/27/pc	Flagstaff	55/20/s	54/22/pc	Louisville	37/28/pc	38/32/pc	Philadelphia	40/28/pc	38/28/pc	Santa Fe	51/20/s	50/23/s
Baltimore	40/26/pc	38/26/pc	Charlotte	46/28/pc	50/30/s	Fort Wayne	32/22/sf	34/28/pc	Madison	30/18/pc	33/20/c	Phoenix	73/46/s	74/48/s	Seattle	53/40/c	50/40/c
Baton Rouge	60/37/s	60/37/s	Cheyenne	45/30/pc	50/26/pc	Gary	32/23/sf	33/26/c	Memphis	47/34/pc	55/36/s	Pittsburgh	32/24/sf	32/24/pc	South Bend	32/22/sf	32/26/pc
Billings	43/33/pc	46/24/pc	Chicago	32/22/sf	34/26/c	Green Bay	28/15/sf	31/22/c	Miami	65/51/s	70/54/s	Portland, ME	40/24/pc	34/18/pc	Springfield, IL	33/23/pc	42/26/pc
Birmingham	47/35/pc	53/33/s	Cincinnati	32/26/pc	34/26/pc	Helena	40/26/pc	39/14/c	Milwaukee	31/18/sf	34/24/c	Portland, OR	56/40/pc	50/38/c	Tampa	59/45/s	62/44/s
Bismarck	39/19/pc	37/15/pc	Cleveland	31/27/sf	33/27/pc	Honolulu	80/70/s	82/70/s	Minneapolis	30/15/c	32/17/c	Providence	40/27/c	38/23/pc	Toledo	32/22/sf	31/24/pc
Bloomington	33/23/pc	37/27/pc	Columbia, MO	34/24/sf	42/34/pc	Houston	66/36/s	66/40/s	Mobile	59/38/s	59/36/s	Raleigh	46/26/pc	50/28/s	Topeka	46/22/s	51/27/pc
Boise	45/30/pc	42/32/pc	Columbus, OH	32/25/sf	34/27/pc	Indianapolis	31/24/pc	32/28/pc	Nashville	43/33/pc	46/34/pc	Rapid City	48/26/s	52/22/pc	Tucson	72/40/s	72/42/s
Boston	42/30/c	36/26/pc	Dallas	64/34/s	65/38/s	Juneau	35/30/c	36/29/r	New Orleans	61/42/s	60/40/s	Reno	51/26/pc	53/32/pc	Washington, DC	40/30/pc	38/30/pc
Brownsville	70/48/s	72/52/s	Davenport	29/20/c	40/20/pc	Kansas City	42/25/s	48/27/pc	New York	43/32/pc	37/31/pc	Richmond	43/30/pc	45/27/s	Wichita	47/25/s	53/29/s



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CAROL RAUSCHENBERGER

NOTES FROM ABROAD

Saipan has the good, bad and ugly

Living on an island located 15 degrees north of the equator and bordered on the west by the Pacific Ocean and east by the Philippine Sea has its good, bad and ugly aspects, just like anywhere.

So, I thought I would mention my personal favorites for the good, and point out some of the bad, and just mention an ugly.

The Good

The Beaches: Saipan is 14 miles long and five miles at it's widest, ringed with some 30 beaches, and the snorkeling off them is superb. They are breathtakingly beautiful. While some are quiet and remote, others are full every day with bathers and picnickers.

This is an island of "partyers." Not exactly the Beach Blanket Bingo kind, but the family-friendly kind with lots of food and drink. The local Chamorrans and Phillipinos party hearty. The beach is a favorite location, ribs are the favorite meat, and any excuse will do.

And what tropical isle would be complete without a great beach bar. I like the Oleia Beach Bar, the place to be for dollar tacos on Friday for the sunset.

Veggies: Agriculture is not particularly diverse here. Besides lots bananas trees, papayas that grow along the roadside and mango shade trees, there are few vegetables. But my personal favorite, grown on the little local farms, is the cucumber.

They are long and thin, with few seeds, and refreshingly sweet. Even my daughter, Zoë, who never liked cucumbers, eats them.

The other fun island vegetable is the green string beans. No less than 12 inches long, they can be fun to eat. No tomatoes, though.

Flowers: Who could not love the ubiquitous flowers that grace the landscape? The sultry hibiscus in white, red and orange varieties, vibrant clusters of red Boudardia, beautiful bougainvillea hedges and the milky white plumeria that is the perfume of the tropics.

And, besides, the wild orchids growing everywhere, the gardeners' favorite here is the Hawaiian orchid. Typically grown in coconut shells, they are attached to trees and grace many back yards. We have yet to see the flame trees that bloom in the spring and star in a festival.

No junk-mail, no telemarketers: Though the 21st century has made its inroads here, we are remote enough that no telemarketers harken nor junk mail darken our post offices boxes. On the other hand, no one calls or writes me much, either.

Honorable mentions: the geckos that grace the walls, inside and out, the sunsets that are stunning, the sneaky rain shower that drenches you but feels so good, the Asian food shops of various nationalities, waking up to the cock crow, the five-mile beach path, outrigger canoe paddling for exercise, gas station attendants that pump your gas and check your oil, kids not having to wear shoes in school and "boonie" dogs

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Beach pupils enjoy day at career expo

CONSTRUCTION ZONE

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Beach Middle School teacher Duane Moss knows all about trades. That's because working in the trades industry helped him pay his way through Eastern Michigan University.

Moss, who has taught at Beach since 1994 and is the Science Olympiad coach, enjoys taking his Technology II class to the "Just Build It" Construction Career Expo each year. This year, 33 pupils took the trip.

The 2003 Expo, presented by the Washtenaw Contractors Association and targeted at students in eighth through 12th grades, was held Nov. 5 at the EMU Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

More than 2,000 students from some 40 middle and high schools in six counties enjoyed live demonstrations by skilled trades apprenticeship programs, demonstrations by architects and engineers, as well as exhibits by construction firms, educational institutions and industry organizations.

"The trip provides students with an opportunity to see the many trades associated with the construction industry," Moss said.

More than 30 trades were represented, and many representatives had hands-on activities for the youngsters to try.

"The students really enjoy being able to try things out," Moss said. "Some examples include laying blocks and bricks, bending electrical conduit, driving nails, soldering pipes, and building structures from limited materials.

"Students also had an opportunity to try out tools of the trades such as stilts, screw guns, torches, trowels and hammers."

Seventh-grader Jason Kolokithas, who wished he had had more time to take in all the exhibits, enjoyed a group activity of building a skyscraper that had to hold a certain weight.

"This was like building a normal skyscraper. We had a budget, materials and we had to design a logo and the tower before we built it," Jason wrote in his report after the trip.

Jason also learned he would need a license if he wants to work in the electrical field, as well as two years in college studying algebra, technology and computers.

Kathryn Brieland-Shoultz tried her hand at bending metal poles with a tool, and learned about the career choices available in the construction field.

"The National Women's Association for Construction was something I did not know existed before visiting EMU," she wrote in her report.

"It was interesting to meet people who had jobs based in construction and to ask them questions."

Emily Harris made buildings out of marshmallows using cardboard, and enjoyed participating in a nailing contest, using a screw driver, bending pipes, walking on stilts, and soldering.

"I like bending the pipes the most because it gave you an experience of a real career," she wrote.

"I also learned about different tools such as the stilts that allow a worker to put in drywall where they usually couldn't reach. With the stilts, they don't have to mess around with a ladder. They can just walk to the next spot."

For David Case, the best part was making a piece of piping.

"First, I deburred the pipes," he wrote. "After this, I put a flux layer on the pipe and connector. After that, I welded and soldered it together and I got to keep it."

Devin Steiger was pleased to find that 12 percent of construction business owners are women.

"I also liked the screw gun that I tried out," she said.

Pupils in Moss' Tech I and Tech II classes learn to use a variety of tools to solve problems. They are encouraged to try new and different things as they work through the activities.

Some samples of activities include constructing structures, manufacturing goods, exploring electronics, designing and building model robots, designing and building prototype vehicles to protect egg passengers, exploring magnetic levitation transportation systems and computer programming.

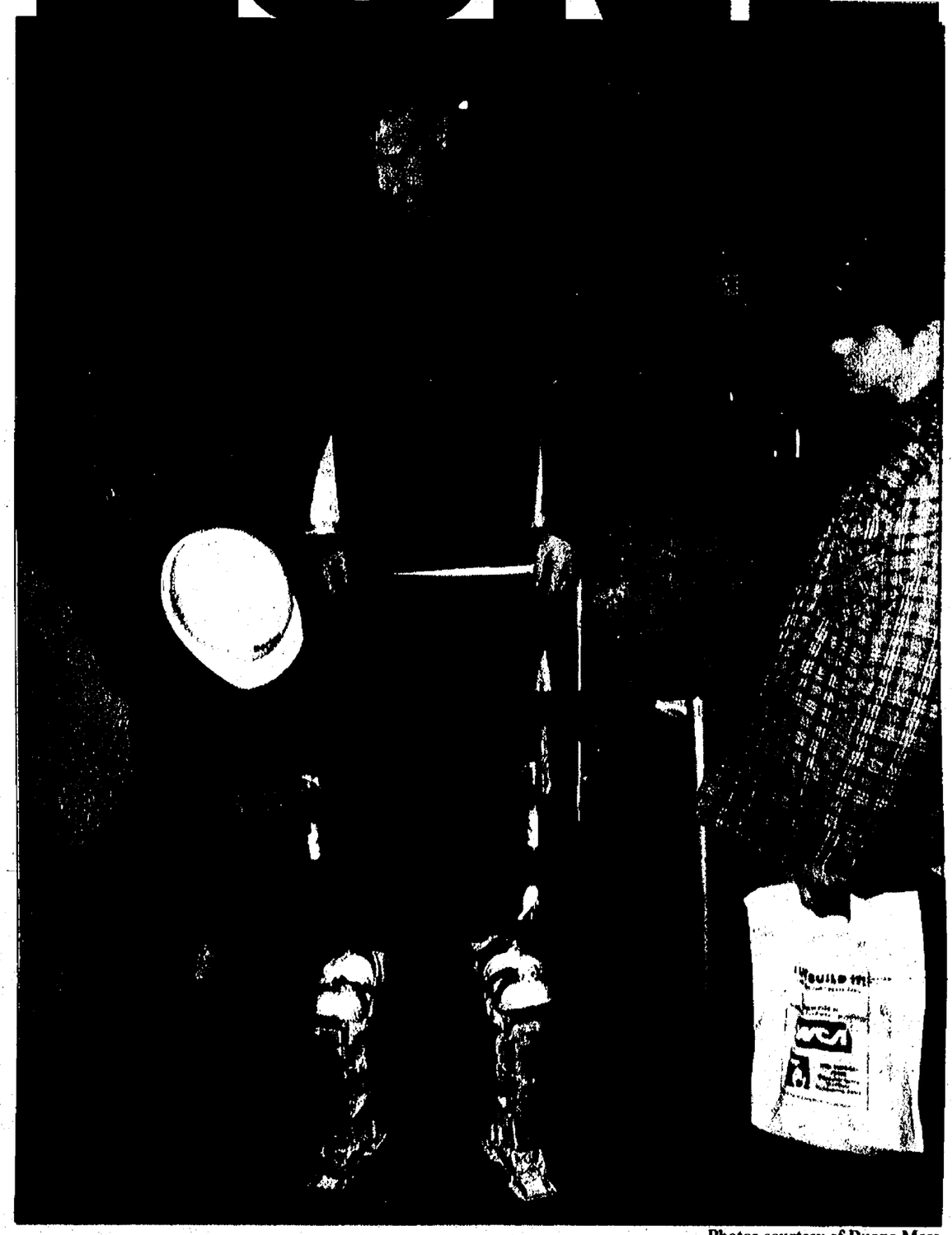
Moss' pupils are currently constructing a model robotic arm they have designed.

"The goal of this activity is to pick up and move a ping pong ball 90 degrees and then release it," Moss said. "The catch to this is that they may not touch the ball with their hands — all movement is to be done from a control panel located on their robot."

The robot is made out of wood and other materials. Syringes are used as hydraulic cylinders, and each robot must be wired with an alarm.

"Each robotic is as unique as the student who created it," Moss said..

"The beauty in this activity is that every single student will be successful in moving the ball with a robot designed and created by them."

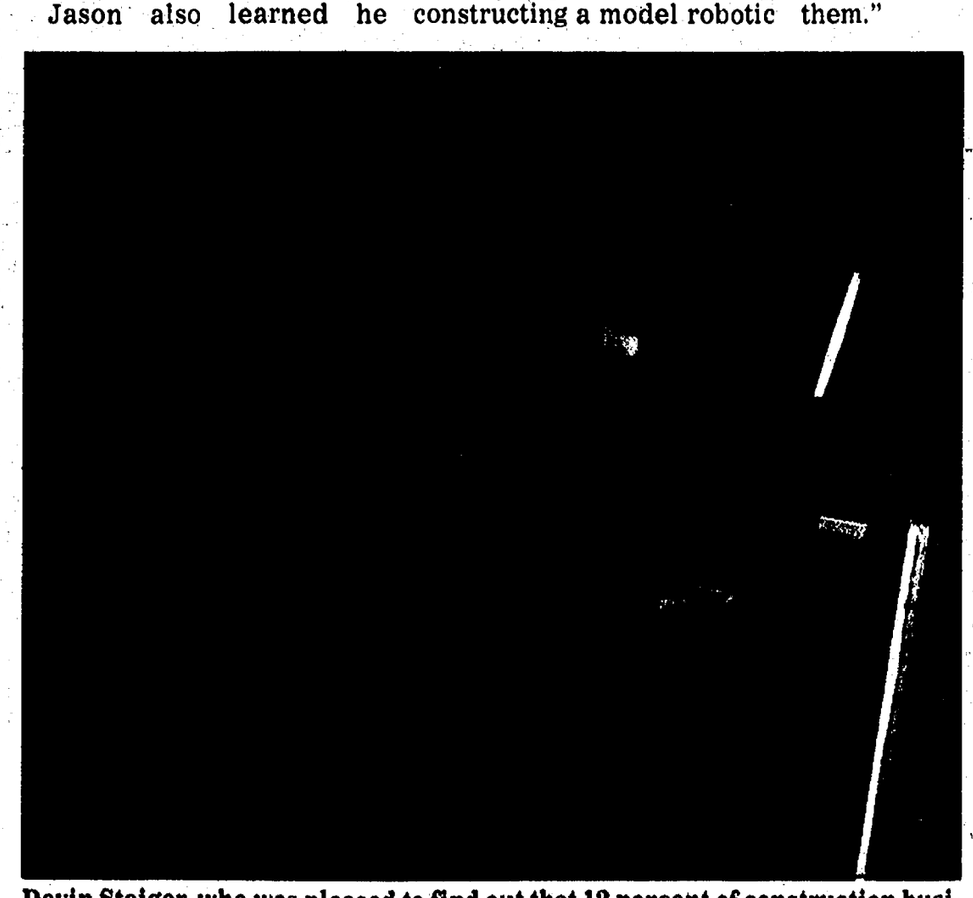


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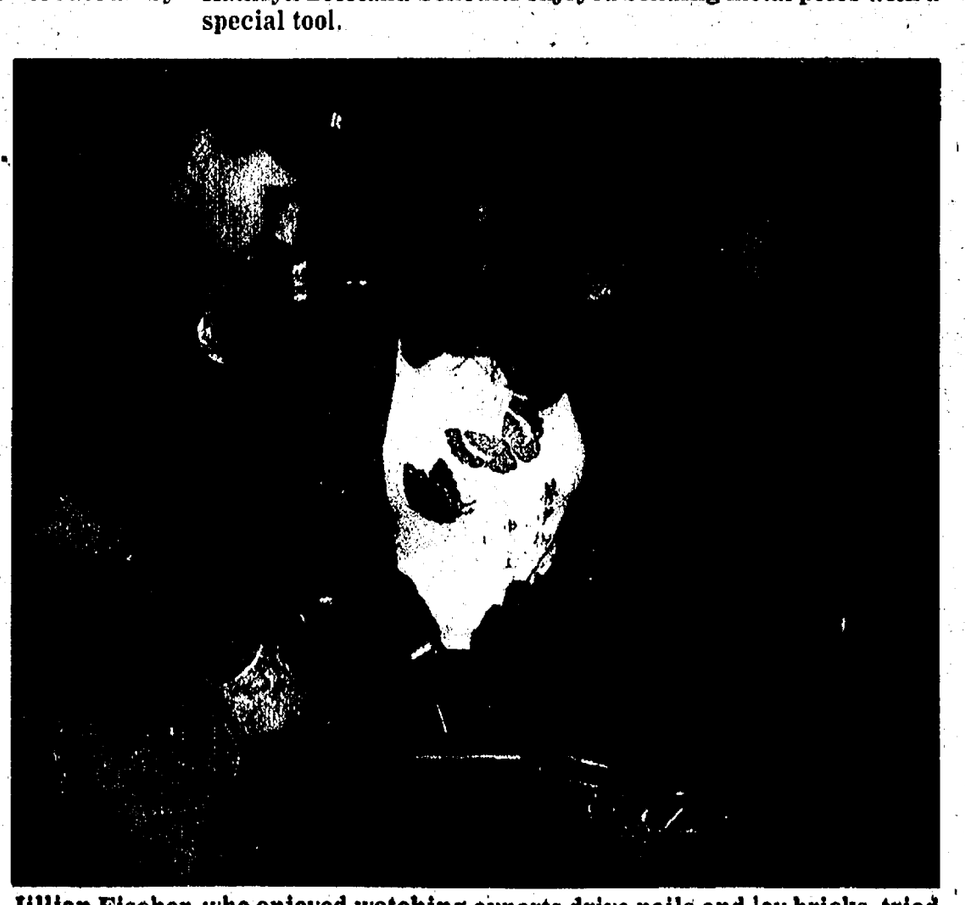
Nathan Vlcek took a turn on the stilts that construction crews use to reach drywall.



Kathryn Brieland-Schoultz enjoyed bending metal poles with a special tool.



Devin Steiger, who was pleased to find out that 12 percent of construction business owners are women, had a turn with the screw gun.



Jillian Fischer, who enjoyed watching experts drive nails and lay bricks, tried her hand at soldering metal.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA
Thursday Dec. 18

Holiday Story Time. "Twas the Week Before Christmas." will be presented from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. It's planned especially for children ages 2 through 5. Registration is required. Call 475-8732.

Saturday, Dec. 20

Pierce's Pastries Plus will present morning Mochas and Melodies 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 103 W. Middle St. in Chelsea. This week's entertainment is Golden Griffon Stringtet.

Sunday, Dec. 21

An Evening of Christmas Music will be presented by the Chelsea Church of the Nazarene 6 p.m. at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St., in Chelsea. Enjoy music, warm beverages and snacks The event is open to the public. For information, call 475-2526.

Sunday, Dec. 28

"Winter Trees and Shrubs" program will begin at 2 p.m. at Park Lyndon North, located on North Territorial Road, in Lyndon Township. Enjoy a walk in the woods and learn about Michigan trees and shrubs. For information, call 971-6337, Ext. 318.

CHELSEA
MISCELLANEOUS
Thursday

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

Bingo is held 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Chelsea American Legion and VFW, 1700 Ridge Road, in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-7212.

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. For information, call 1-517-783-4486 or e-mail 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.

Bingo is held 6:30 p.m. every Friday night at Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, 7103 Lingane Road, in Chelsea. Proceeds will benefit the building fund. For more information, call 475-7910.

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 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at Cleary's Pub, 113 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-3874.

German Social Club meets 1 p.m. the last Saturday of the month at Wolverine restaurant, 20460 Old US-12, in Chelsea. For information, call Edith Weber 475-1583.

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 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in the Woodland Room. For more information, call 475-1462.

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

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

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-5944.

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

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

Overeaters' Anonymous meets Monday nights 6 to 7 p.m. at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road, in Chelsea. For more information, call 995-1835.

Tuesday

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

Chelsea Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

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

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

Grandparents as Parents Program is held 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. For more information, call Virginia Boyce at 712-3625.

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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Thursday

Dexter AA group meets 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at St. Joseph's Perish Hall in the education building, 3470 Dover St., in Dexter.

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

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

Dexter Historical Society meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter.

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

Dexter Downtown Development Authority meets 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Copeland Administration Building, 7714 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Lions Club meets 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month at DAPCO Industries, 2500 Bishop Circle East, in Dexter. Call 426-8549 for information.

Monday

Dexter Board of Education meets 7:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month at the Copeland Administration Building, 7714 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

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

Dexter Village Council meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

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

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

Tuesday

Dexter AA Group meets at 8 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Joseph's Perish Hall (Education Building), 3470 Dover, in Dexter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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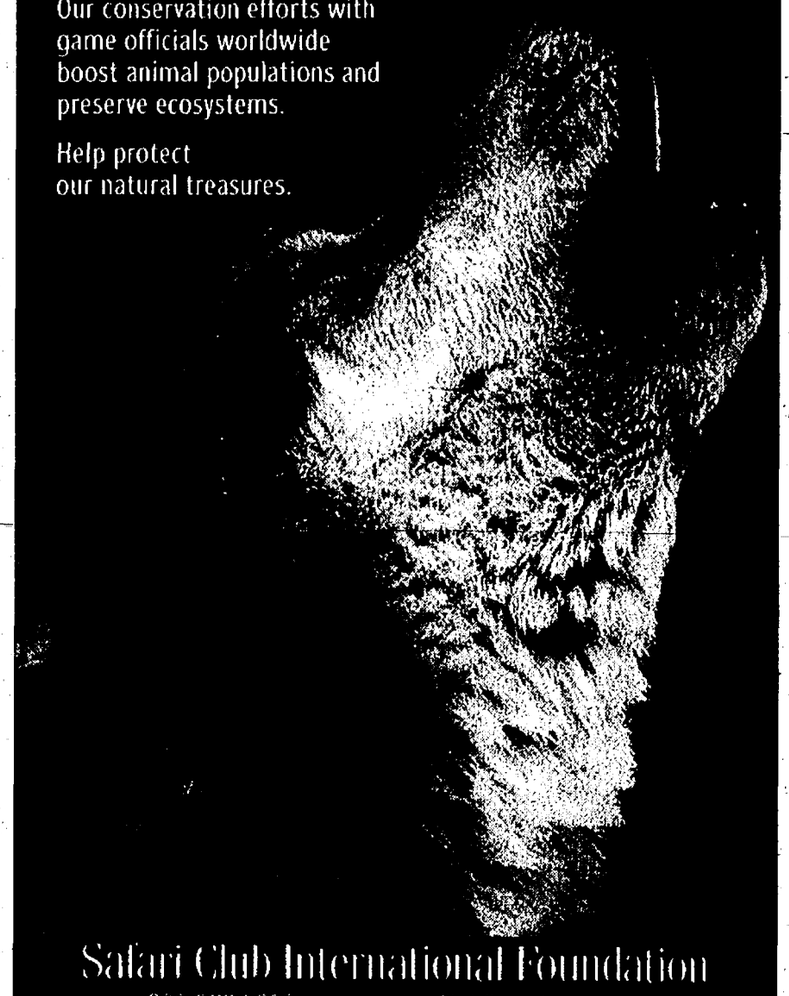
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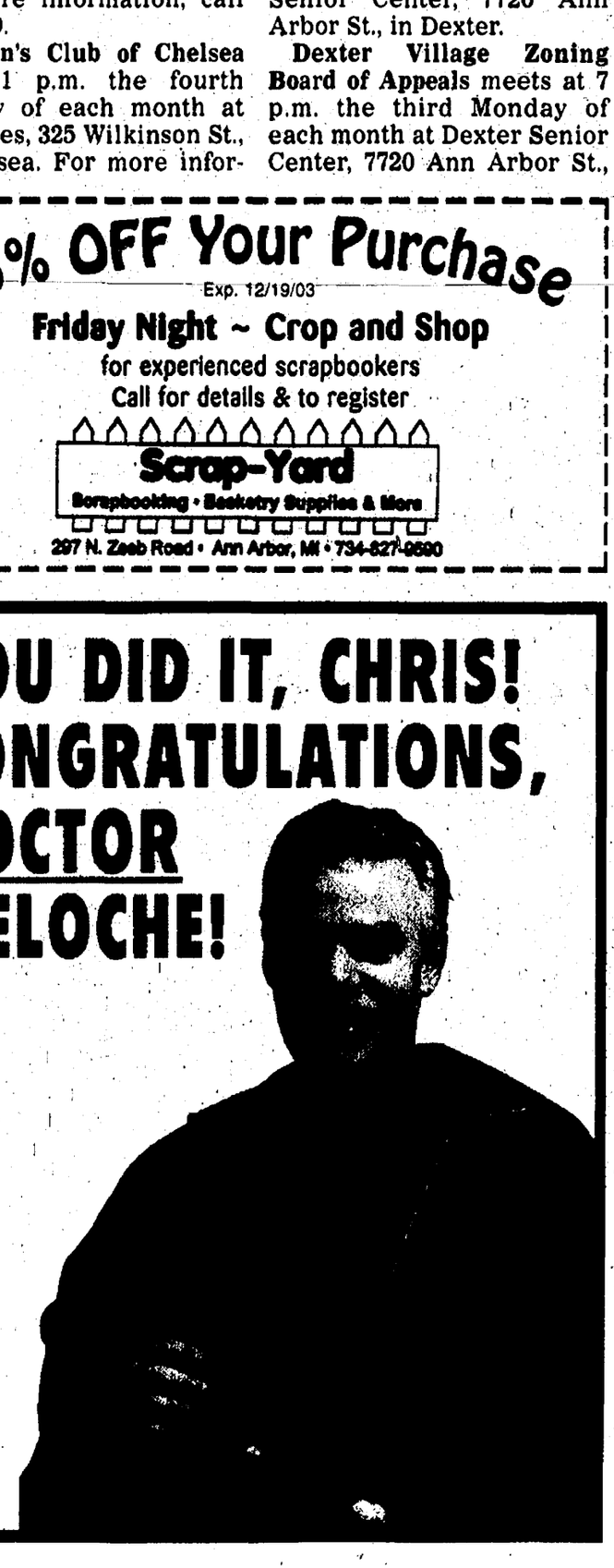
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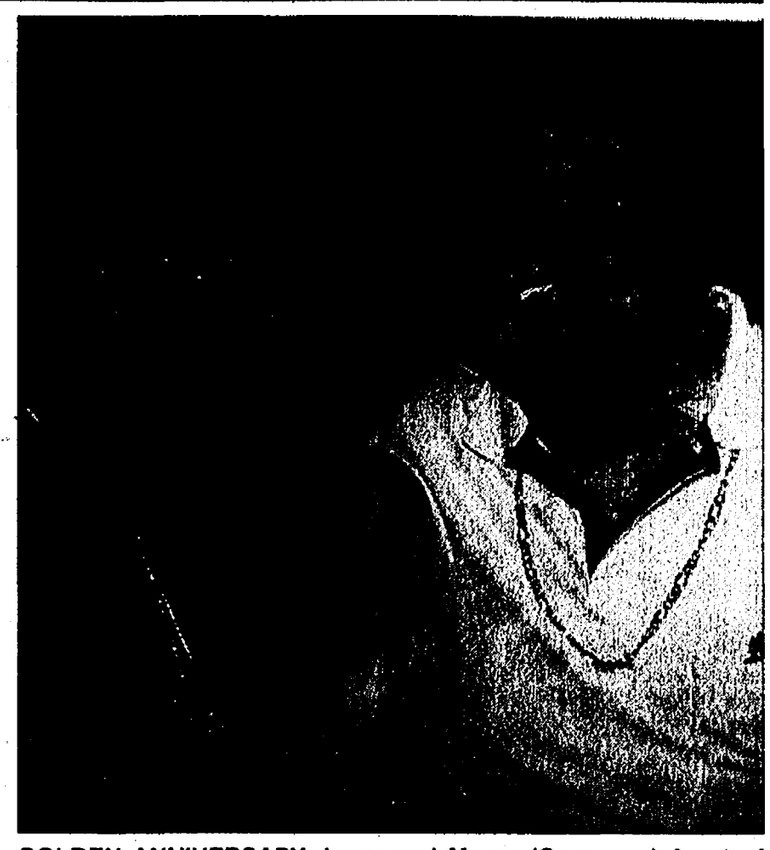

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WEDDINGS & ANNIVERSARIES



ENGAGED: Mitra Eskandari-Azari of Berkeley, Calif., daughter of Bijan and Cynthia Azari of Butler, Pa., and Thomas Robinett of Bremerton, Wash., son of William and Elaine Robinett of Dexter, have set a July 8 wedding date in Las Vegas. The future bride graduated from the University of Washington. She is studying law at University of California at Berkeley. The future groom is a Dexter High School graduate. He is employed as an electronics technician with the U.S. Navy and is stationed near Seattle.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: Larry and Marge (Genovese) Arnet of Dexter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 12. They were married in Ann Arbor in 1953, and have four children, Joseph (who died in 1973), Stephen and Caryl who live in Dexter and Martha (Floyd) Moomey from Chelsea. The Arnets have seven grandchildren, Joseph Arnet, Maggie (Ryan) Dunkley, Becky (Bryan) Jankovic, Melissa (Jacob) Butler, Angela Bondie, Jimmey Moomey, Heather Moomey and Noel Moomey, and two great-grandchildren, William and Kaitlynn Dunkley. Larry and Marge retired in 1997. They have alternated their time between Dexter and Florida ever since.

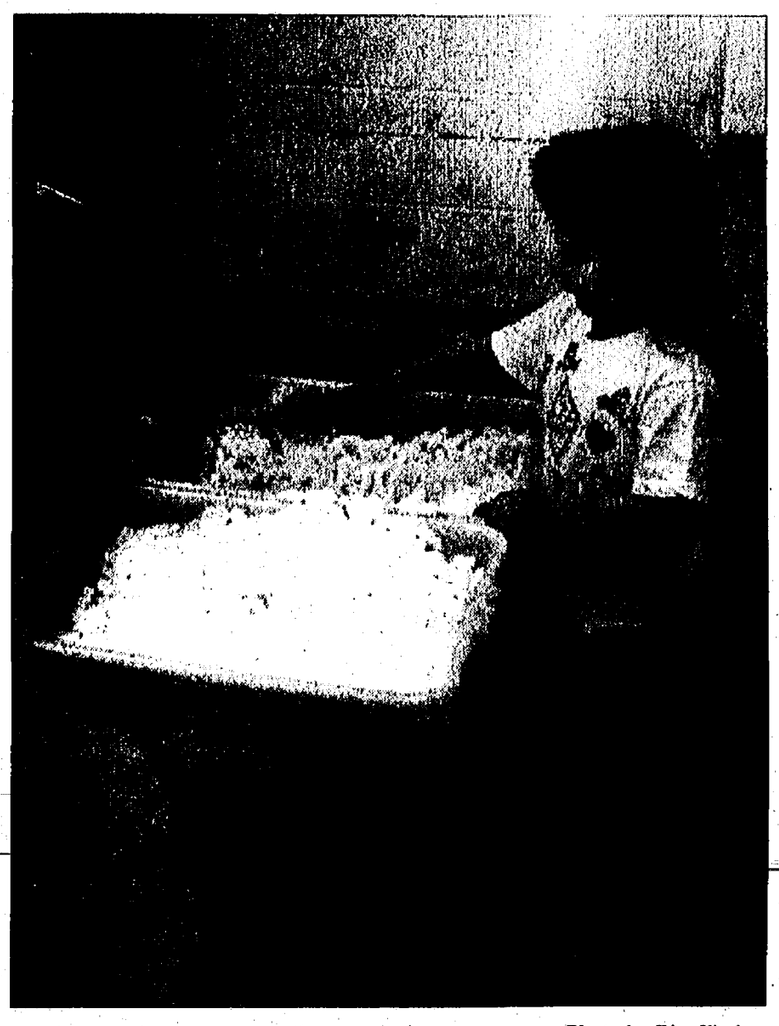


Photo by Rita Fischer

Snow Duo

Matthew Reeves and Emma Rude enjoy playing in Styrofoam "snow" at Chelsea Community Education Preschool.

BIRTHS

A daughter, Gabrielle Rose, was born Nov. 14 in Ann Arbor to Daniel and Melissa Bowles of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Beverly Schumann of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are David and Karla Bowles of Stockbridge, and Dick and Julie Burnett of Redford. Great-grandparents are Margaret Mynning of Chelsea, Howard Schumann of Ann Arbor, and Mary McCormick of Plymouth.

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A daughter, Lydia Ruth Bauer, was born Nov. 13 to Tor and Gayla (Bauer) Blaisdell of New York City. Maternal grandparents are Norm and Gail Bauer of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are Ted and Trisha Blaisdell of Allentown, Pa. Lydia has a brother, Tristan, 6.

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A son, Samuel Josiah, was born Nov. 25 to Todd and Karen Kauranen of Chelsea at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Maternal grandparents are Howard and the late Claire White of Livonia. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Pamela Kauranen of Metamora. Great-grandmother is Dorothy Beardsley of Metamora. Samuel has two brothers, Jacob, 4, and Luke, 2.

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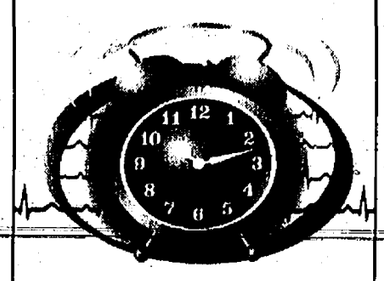
Twin daughters, Clara Elizabeth and Annabelle Jeanee, were born Nov. 22 to Ed and Sharon Gauthier of Westbrook, Maine, at Maine Medical in Portland, Maine. Maternal grandparents are John and Nancy Bihlmeyer of Manchester. Paternal grandparents are Edward Gauthier of Escanaba, and Joseph and the late Jeanee Baldini of Gladstone. Great-grandparents are Edmond and Betty Gauthier of Escanaba, Esther Bihlmeyer of Saline Evangelical Home, the late Roy Bihlmeyer, and the late Alex and Ruth Mshar.

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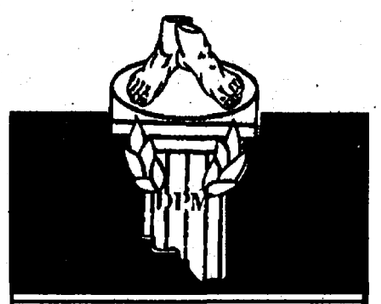
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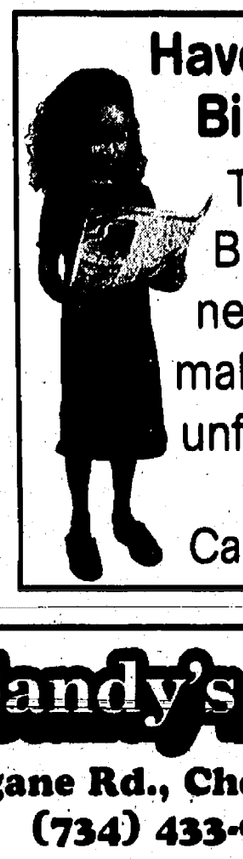
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The greatest gift

Local teen recovering from delicate spinal surgery

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

It's not yet Christmas but Mary Jane Kitchens of Dexter Township already has had the greatest gift of all.

Her 14-year-old daughter, Mandy, is walking after recent surgery on her spine.

Mandy, who was born with VATER Association — an acronym for a series of birth defects including short arms; one kidney; brain and spinal cysts; hearing loss; and asthma — had delicate and painful surgery Dec. 2 to correct severe scoliosis caused by a malformed third lumbar vertebra.

The surgery lasted 10 hours — twice as long as expected — and Mandy lost so much blood that she required a transfusion of seven pints of blood during surgery and three more pints later.

Mandy had fluid in her lungs and was unable to eat for several days, losing seven pounds in six days.

A scar from the incision in her back measures 15 inches, and Mandy must wear a back brace except when she's flat on her back asleep.

Kitchens says there was a very strong risk of her daughter losing feeling in her lower extremities with the removal of the vertebra because it was positioned at the end of Mandy's spinal cord.

"She's still in a significant amount of pain, yet continues to do everything she can to improve," Kitchens says. "She's on enough pain killers to knock out a horse, yet spends a good part of her day awake and alert.

"Her fighting spirit is her own best recovery tool, and it's working. She's too active of a kid to be content just lying around waiting to get better."

Life for Kitchens — who divorced from her husband just before Thanksgiving — is a struggle, as she tries to juggle her job for Campus Management in Ann Arbor with caring for Mandy and Mandy's brothers, Jake and Josh.

The family moved in with a close friend in Dexter Township, without whom, Kitchens says, "we would probably be out on the street."

"I already received the best gift possible — my daughter can stand on her own two feet and walk."
Mary Jane Kitchens

The family is receiving help from Faith In Action, the staff at Beach Middle School, where Mandy is in eighth grade, and from several church congregations in the area.

In addition, complete strangers have come forward with stuffed animals, art supplies and financial donations. They've also sent cards, run errands, picked up groceries for the family, and provided transportation for the boys.

"I cannot begin to express the gratitude I feel toward everyone who helped make this most difficult time so much brighter," Kitchens says. "I know that God's angels truly are at work right here.

"Despite the financial setbacks this Christmas, I already have received the best gift possible — my daughter can stand on her own two feet and walk."

Anyone wishing to volunteer or help with donations may contact Mary Jane Kitchens at 475-8130.



Dexter Township teenager Mandy Kitchens, who underwent delicate surgery on her back for scoliosis Dec. 2, rests in her hospital bed surrounded by her beloved stuffed animals. Mandy, a pupil at Beach Middle School in Chelsea, will be recovering at home for several weeks.

Down on the farm

Runaway steer finds sanctuary in Manchester

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

They'll no longer be calling him "Jefferson."

But today he has a new home — and perhaps it's not too far from the one he had before he made news two weeks ago.

Last weekend, Dorothy Davies of SASHA Farm in Manchester discovered that Nazem Saad of the Al Badr Slaughterhouse in Detroit had actually purchased the 1,800-pound steer at auction in Sharon Township at United Producers.

"He was trying to get back here; I know it," she said.

Thanks to a last-minute deal brokered Monday morning by Davies' husband, Monte Jackson, he's made it.

Davies said that Jackson made one final trip to the slaughterhouse Monday morning to talk to Saad.

"He asked if he had made a decision and he said he hadn't," she said. "Monte finally gave him an offer and said this was the best he could do. We didn't have that much, but we could get it.

"Mr. Saad made it clear that he'll still be losing money, but he agreed."

Part of the deal, however, is that Davies will have to give the rescued steer an Arabic name.

"We have to name him after the slaughterhouse," she said.

While she may take some criticism for that decision from some animal rights colleagues, she says right now, she is too tired to care.

"This is the best deal we could get at the last minute," she said. "I wasn't going to risk any more."

She says the undisclosed amount the animal sanctuary is paying for the steer is "fair."

"I understand he has expenses," she said. "I'm not going to try to change his mind about what he does for a living. It's just one animal I'm trying to save.

"But my God, if I saved them all, where would I put them?"

Davies has had to put all the adrenalin she's worked up over the past two weeks into figuring out how to care for the big guy.

"We spent all day Sunday, with a bunch of volunteers, reinforcing the inside of half of one of our barns," she said. "We put in extra fencing and Monte bought the strongest gate he could find at the farm store. If he decides he wants to go through the metal door, he'll have to go through the gate too."

Volunteers also built a corral for the steer so he can "get to know" the other cows.

"He will need to be quarantined; we will need to have our vets take a look at him," Davies said. "And most of all, he needs to learn to trust people again."

Marsha Chartrand Johnson is the editor of The Manchester Enterprise, a Heritage Newspaper.

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100 Years Ago . . .
December 1903

School Notes: Grade IV has the best record for attendance this year. A group of high school students went to Cavanaugh Lake for a skating party and oyster supper. Double windows add to the comfort of those seated in the seventh- and ninth-grade rooms.

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Eugene Freer of Lima Township has filed a lawsuit in Circuit Court against Lewis Freer, his father, seeking $5,000. He asserts that in 1874 he made an agreement with his father to stay with him and work the farm for something in return. His father's end of the agreement never held up.

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75 Years Ago . . .

The Chelsea High boys swamped Dexter last Friday. "Fritz" Steiner, "Arn" Fahrner and "Abe" Staffan all contributed to showing Dexter some real basketball. The final score was Chelsea 40 and Dexter 20.

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50 Years Ago . . .

Children's Christmas party for all children will be held Dec. 19. There will be a free movie at the Sylvan Theatre. Santa will be there with a gift for every child.

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The First Methodist Church celebrated its centennial Dec. 6. Among the events, a new chancel was dedicated and a silver trowel, used by the late Mrs. Frank Glazier for laying the cornerstone, was on display. The church was filled to its capacity to accommodate present and former members and other guests.

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Chelsea merchants are holding the window shopper's treasure hunt.

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25 Years Ago. . .

Chelsea State Bank's proposed branch office on the southwest corner of M-52 and Old US-12 was unanimously approved by the Village Council. The two-acre branch will have drive-up windows.

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Jolly Old Saint Nicholas is coming to town, this year aboard the Chelsea fire truck. Santa, loaded with treats for the children, will stroll through Chelsea's downtown business district, lavishing Christmas good will to everyone he meets.

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10 Years Ago . . .

Chelsea's Festival of Lights begins with a tree-lighting ceremony at Pierce Park. Chelsea High School choir and band members will lead the crowd in carols. Santa Claus will make an appearance in a horse-drawn wagon. Free hayrides through downtown will be available.

—Compiled by Chelsea District Library volunteer Nathan Taylor.



Photo courtesy of Shawn Personke

Community Read

Local residents are encouraged to join in the community read of "Warriors Don't Cry," by Melba Patillo Beals. The book is an account of segregation in the south in the 1950s, specifically the 1957 integration of a high school in Little Rock, Ark. The community read is sponsored by the One World, One Family task force, Cranesbill Books and the Chelsea District Library. Pictured are Joanne Ladio (left), secretary of One World, One Family; Christy Gutekunst, community read co-chair and Chelsea District Library adult services librarian; Chelsea High School student Diana Ladio who will lead a book teen discussion group Jan. 22; Chelsea District Library Trustee Nancy Schumann, who is a Siena Heights University professor and co-discussion leader for the kick-off discussion Jan. 8; and Todd Ortbring of Edgar Norman Creative in Chelsea.

Chamber brass to hold competition

The Michigan Chamber Brass is now accepting applications for its first Youth Concert Competition.

This year's competition is for the trumpet and is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors in Washtenaw County schools.

The winning candidate will be a featured soloist on the group's spring concert in March 2004 and also will receive a gift certificate to the Woodwind & Brasswind in South Bend, Ind.

Applicants can contact executive director Michael Grant for rules, music and free information. Call Grant at 734-485-2902 or e-mail mikeymike2@mac.com.

The competition and spring concerts are sponsored in part by Pfizer Corporation through their Pfizer Community Arts Grants program and by the Woodwind & Brasswind.

The Michigan Chamber Brass is southeastern Michigan's premier brass ensemble.

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that wander the neighborhoods, as well as boonie chickens, cats and cows.

The Bad

Though snow and ice are far from our minds here, the "black ice" effect on the roads can be a real hazard. As I am told, the first few minutes of heavy rain after a dry spell can make the roads dangerously slippery, similar to black ice.

The island's many hills exacerbate the situation and my nervousness. Thankfully, there is nowhere on the island that one can go faster than 40 miles an hour, which is just about my speed.

Ants: Ants here come in black and red and in all sizes. You learn to live with them and, as our neighbor commented," We are one with the ants."

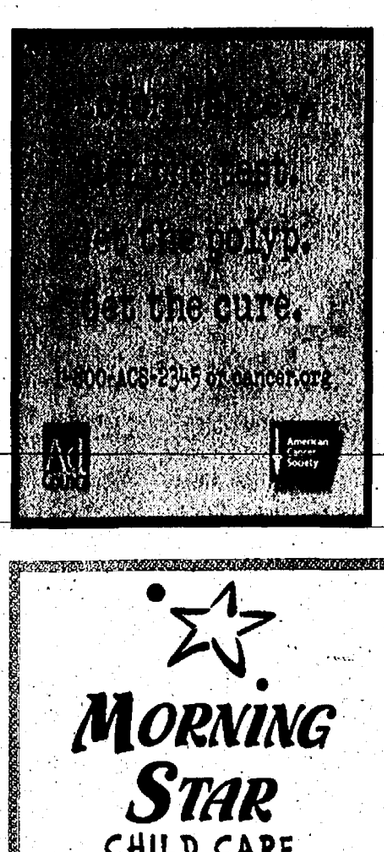
The house ants mostly keep to themselves and just head for the sugar (thus the larger red ones are called sugar ants). There are little red ones that sort of wander around inside, and tiny red ones outside that bite. But it is the fire ant, a teeny-tiny red ant that can bring a grown man to his knees. Their bites smart for hours and itch for days.

The sun can be good (hey, it's December and 80 degrees outside), bad (major sunburn), and downright ugly when one has to get in a car standing at high noon.

The Ugly

Pollution: After heavy rains, organic pollution from the hillsides and sewage system makes many of the island's west-side beaches so you can't swim. This is downright ugly. And the fact that the problem continues to exist is a result of the age-old story of politics, money and corruption.

Carol Rauschenberger is a Chelsea resident living in Saipan for two years. She can be reached at carol@compuman.com.





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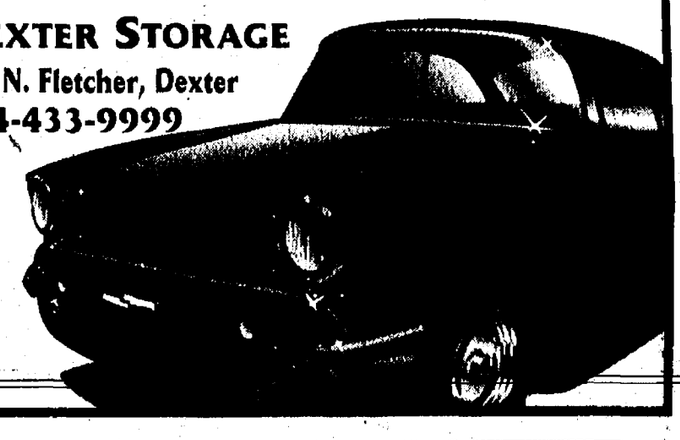
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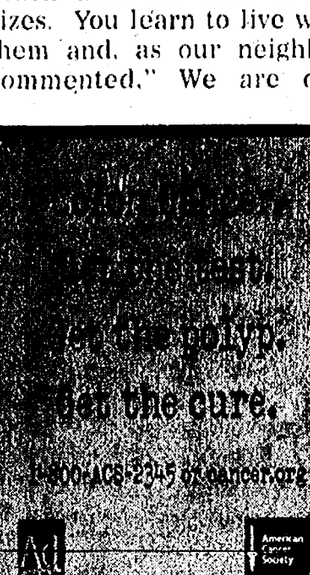
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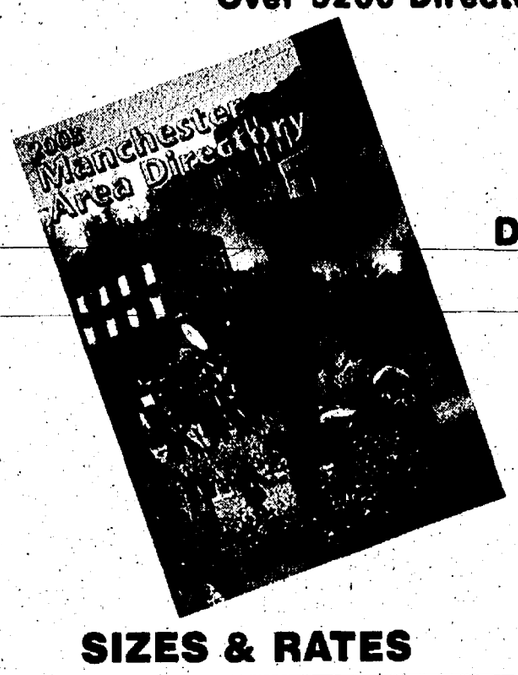
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WASHTENAW COUNTY

Flu vaccine not available

■ *Some vaccine available for at-risk groups.*

By Scott Hagen
Staff Writer

News that the flu vaccine was in limited supply and running out increased demand on what little remains.

After the two companies that make the vaccine announced Dec. 5 their entire supply was gone — and that no more could be produced to satisfy demand for this season — people began calling the Washtenaw County Public Health Department to ask if any remained.

Early this week, the health department procured a limited number of doses. But clinics distributing the vaccine were open only to at-risk groups.

The amount of people seeking the vaccine has increased across the country.

"We vaccinated 300 more people than we normally do in any other year," said Clara Smith, office manager at Chelsea Family Physicians. "Everyone was afraid, so everyone asked for it. Everyone was demanding that we have it."

A forecast from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta that said this year's flu season could be devastating forced Michigan to request eight times more of the vaccine than last year, or 80,000 doses, to supply health departments across the state. But that supply also is gone.

Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the CDC, held a press conference Dec. 9 to address concern about the influenza epidemic.

"We know that some areas of the country are particularly hard hit with influenza, and it's been a very difficult and frightening thing for many people," she said, "particularly in the context of reports of vaccine shortages.

Although 36,000 people die from influenza each year, most people will have a typical mild illness, she added. Michigan is not on the list of states with widespread outbreaks — the heaviest hit states are in the west and south — but the Michigan Department of Community Health continues to monitor the situation closely.

"Right now, we expect we have hundreds of cases around the state," said T.J. Bucholz, a spokesman for the Community Health Department. "We've sent 15 cultures to the CDC in Atlanta for strain typing and what we have around the state are sentinel physicians to monitor the virus."

The concern this year stems from a new strain of the virus: the Fujian strain. Although the vaccine does not directly protect against the new strain, it still can offer a base level of immunity.

Lisa Butler, community wellness coordinator for the University of Michigan Visiting Nurses, said she noticed an increase of calls for the vaccine after children in Colorado died from the virus. Ten children had died as of Dec. 10.

Private industry manufacturers of the vaccine created 83 million doses this year, with four to five million doses coming in the form of the new intranasal FluMist. The CDC, however, figures there are 185 million Americans who they recommend to receive the vaccine, which has caused the shortage.

Although Michigan has not reached a widespread classification, the peak of flu season will hit the state in January and February.

"We're certainly not restricting vaccine access to anyone at this point in time," Gerberding said. "But, like all situations, when there is a possible shortage, we want the people who need the vaccine the most to be the first in line to receive it."

The remaining doses of vaccine will go to people most in need.

"The state has been able to procure 4,000 additional doses," Bucholz said. "We're recommending that health departments use these last doses to give to more at-risk groups such as children and the elderly."

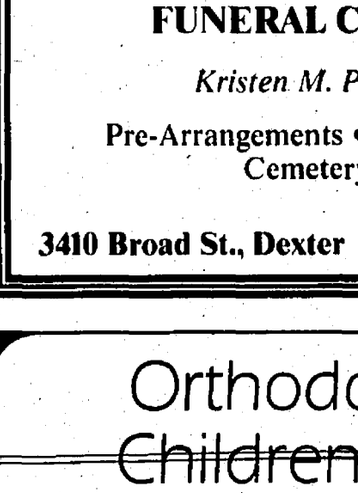


Christmas Cookies

Teacher Alicia Rey's second-grade class at North Creek Elementary School recently baked cookies for the holidays. Pictured are Aaron Fojtik (left), Grant Ortbring, Paul Wozniak, Dee Fojtik, Alicia Rey, Janie Bush, Bailey Verardi, Haley Eghotz, Billy Rinderle and James Gaken.

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Long road

Motorcycle journey helped raise funds

By Andrea Blum
Heritage Newspapers

It was a long road, but every mile was a mission for Dennis Kernan.

A nearly 4,000-mile motorcycle journey to California wasn't merely a pleasure cruise for Kernan.

His purpose behind the escapade was to raise money for children dealing with serious illnesses.

An avid motorcycle rider, Kernan pledged to help by raising money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, an organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

Those wishes range from meeting celebrities to spending a day with a local police department.

The Michigan chapter of the foundation has granted wishes to more than 3,600 children during the past 19 years.

Kernan, 43, embarked on his excursion Nov. 7. He made his way through Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, among other places, on his 2003 anniversary edition Harley Davidson.

"I took my time and enjoyed it," he said. "I went about 300 to 400 miles a day."

And he drew a lot of attention from fellow motorists with his shiny hog emblazoned with Make-a-Wish stickers.

Stopping at roadside family diners, as well as spots off the beaten path, he came in contact with a wide range of people.

"I met a man in Alabama who gave money," he said. "He was a gospel singer and put a sticker on my motorcycle.

"Everywhere I went, people were talking to me and wanting to know what I was doing," he said. "They were interested and very supportive."

Two of his favorite stops on the road were Vandenberg Air Force base and the Hearst Castle, both in California.

He chose to raise money through a motorcycle ride because he loves the experience. He began riding at age 18.

"It's relaxing and I love the freedom," he said. "You have to do it to appreciate it."

Riding a motorcycle is a completely different experience, he added.

"Your senses are so much keener than in a car," he said. "You see things and smell things that you never noticed before."

He racked up 3,900 miles on the road trip and raised money from friends, family and community sponsors, including local police departments.

His sister, Roxanne Flint, supported his ride, as did his wife and their five children.

"I thought it was pretty awesome," Flint said. "I'm so proud of my brother."

Now in the process of collecting donations, he said he's thrilled that all of the money goes toward helping sick children.

"This is 100 percent for the kids," he said. "I don't know how much I raised but I got the name out there."

The ride will become an annual tradition for Kernan, who hopes to add travel companions next time.

"I'd like to get other people to ride with me," he said. "There may be people who want to go on a trip like this and have no one to go with."

For more information about joining future rides, e-mail Kernan at Harley1123@aol.com or to make a donation on his behalf, call 1-888-857-WISH, Ext. 44.



Photo by Mary Kumbier

Music Maestro

Dexter High School sophomore Bryce Skeenan focuses while playing the euphonium as a member of the symphonic band. The Dexter High School band performed a Winter Concert Dec. 10 at the Center for the Performing Arts. The concert featured the three bands.

CHELSEA

'Have-A-Bowl' fund-raiser set

The One World, One Family organization will sponsor its second annual "Have a Bowl" fund-raiser dinner, kicking off activities to be highlighted by a march Jan. 19 commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The fund-raising dinner will be held Jan. 9 at the Chelsea Depot. Tickets are $35 per person.

Paesano's restaurant in Ann Arbor is donating a vegetarian dish and Chelsea's Common Grill will donate its famous rolls. Homemade desserts, beer, wine and soft drinks also will be included.

Dinner will be served in a pottery bowl with no utensils to emphasize the many people around the world who are not as fortunate. The bowls have been handcrafted by local artisans and will be given to dinner guests.

Funds raised will benefit the One World, One Family Task Force to help defray the cost of the 2004 Martin Luther King Jr. Day events and celebrations.

The fund-raiser will feature musical entertainment and a silent auction.

Amy Seeto, a Chinese American woman named Business Direct Weekly's Most Influential Woman in Washtenaw County, will be the guest speaker.

The Chelsea Depot has limited seating. Advance tickets may be purchased from any committee member or by calling Jackie Maveal at 475-6090.

Other programs are scheduled, as well:

•On Jan. 10, Foundations in African American Music Chelsea celebrates diversity through a musical tribute. Singers from teacher Lisa Hinz-Johnson's studio will perform a diverse range of spirituals and songs of African-American composers in honor of King's birthday.

A special feature of the event will be a performance by the newly formed Chelsea Center for the Arts adult choir, which is directed by Jeff Crowder.

•On Jan. 18, Chelsea Musical Celebrations will present Musical Folktales, an upbeat concert of storytelling, world music, African rhythms and Brazilian melodies by Robert and Audrey Allison. It will be held 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Chelsea.

Donations will be requested at the door and will benefit One World, One Family.

•On Jan. 19, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day march will start at the Park Street parking lot and make its way to the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., for a free 6 p.m. program.

The evening will include a performance by Like Water Drum and Dance, a presentation from the village declaring Martin Luther King Jr. Day an official holiday in Chelsea, and keynote speaker Rossi Ray-Taylor, executive director of the Minority Student Achievement Network. Children's activities will be provided.

•On Feb. 7, the Chelsea District Library will signify the end of a community read by hosting a one-man performance at 1 p.m. re-enacting the life of King.

The program will travel through time with the characters and events surrounding King's life, and will be expressed through song, poetry and oration.

The audience will see how King's life and ideas were molded through a life-long commitment of unquenchable thirst for freedom and equality.

DTE Energy offers tips to save money

Homeowners who want to significantly reduce their heating bills this winter might want to watch a 30-minute video produced by DTE Energy.

The video, called "Managing Your Home Energy Costs," gives tips on how to increase the energy efficiency of a home, reduce natural gas consumption and lower heating bills, according to DTE.

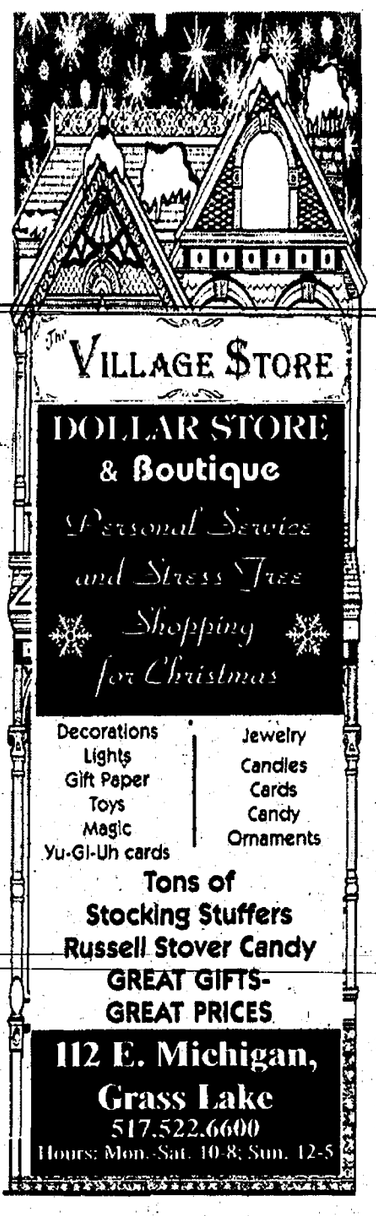
The video features Rob Derksen, one of the state's leading energy consultants, and Larry Kaufman, an energy efficiency specialist with DTE Energy.

"DTE Energy is committed to providing our customers with information that will help them manage their energy costs," Kaufman said. "We appreciate the opportunity to help customers save money and use natural gas wisely."

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CATS Christmas

The Chelsea Area Transportation System staff and board held a Christmas party Dec. 13. Pictured above are Nadine Anderson (left), Ann Feeney, Mike Feeney, Bob Pierce, Nancy Schumann and Dale Schumann. At right, Becky and Paul Pazkowski enjoy the fun with CATS Director Michaelene Pawlak. CATS is a member agency of the Chelsea United Way and receives some of its funding from CUW.

Photos courtesy of Janice Ortbring

Foundation awards three grants

The Chelsea Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, recently awarded $35,230 in grants to three nonprofit organizations to support projects that benefit the greater Chelsea community.

•A $18,500 grant was given to Chelsea Center for the Arts for support to expand marketing and program efforts.

Funds will be used to build the organization's marketing capabilities across key media channels, including its Web site, newsletters, press releases and program fliers.

The grant will also support increased adult supervision to encourage greater child participation and increase the number of classes offered each semester. CCA will achieve its goals by establishing a new staff position of program/marketing coordinator.

•A $10,130 grant was given to St. Louis Center, a facility for the developmentally disabled, to help expand a community activities program meant to engage Chelsea residents with those in the center to help improve their quality of life.

Six high-functioning youth residents at St. Louis Center will be encouraged to build their socialization skills through twice-weekly visits to Chelsea to participate in events and volunteer at the local hospital, library and other institutions.

•A $6,600 grant was awarded to Chelsea Chamber Players for support to offer a free chamber music concert series to senior citizens and youth residents who may not be able to afford or have easy access to performances.

The free concerts will be held at local senior facilities or other community venues accessible to both youth and seniors.



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Equine Adventures

Nancy Bailey, a Gregory resident and author of "Clifford of Drummond Island," a true story about her Morgan horse, signed books at the Dexter Mill last week. The book is a compilation of essays about Bailey's summers with Clifford on Drummond Island in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Bailey recently completed a screenplay adaptation of the book for a movie. She is currently working on a sequel, which she expects to publish next spring.

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Farewell, friend

Jerry Waldyke retires from 40-year medical career

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Dr. Jerry Waldyke is dusting off golf clubs that haven't seen a fairway or green in 10 years.

The good doctor deserves a little tee time after recently retiring from a career in medicine that spans four decades.

The Zeeland native attended Calvin College in Grand Rapids from 1956 to 1959, then attended the University of Michigan Medical School, graduating in 1963.

He completed a year's internship at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids before starting his medical career at a small hospital in Schurz, Nev., that treated patients from half the state.

Waldyke mostly worked with Native Americans on the Walker River reservation. This was his first opportunity to be in general practice and still have time for his family.

Although Waldyke was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1963 during the Vietnam War, he did not have to serve.

"I did get drafted, but they needed me at the reservation," he says.

"I liked being at the hospital better than being sent off to war. We had three small children at the time and I didn't want to leave them behind."

His Native-American patients welcomed him and his family, and made them a part of their lives. Waldyke still has the beaded leather dress someone made for his daughter, Kathryn.

After two years in Nevada, Waldyke moved to Chelsea in 1966 to join fellow physicians Jim Botsford, Michael Papo and Bruce Stubbs in downtown Chelsea, where Heydlauff's Appliances is now located.

The Chelsea Medical Clinic moved to its current location, on what became the grounds of Chelsea Community Hospital, in 1968.

Waldyke was also a driving force in starting Chelsea Community Hospital, with eight other hospital and non-hospital staff — his own three partners and Dr. James Shadoan, as well as Paul Mann and Ferd Merkel.

Waldyke decided to move in 1976, when the hospital came under the wing of the University of Michigan.

He decided to go back to his specialty of family practice, moving into a building on North Territorial Road in Dexter Township, with Dr. Michael Smith and Dr. Marguerite Shearer.

"I just had always wanted to be a family doctor and work with families, doing a little bit of everything," he says.

In 1991, he moved back into Chelsea to work for Chelsea Family Physicians.

He has also worked at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township, and was the attending physician at Cedar Knoll Care Center in Grass Lake for 37 years, visiting patients twice a week.

"I just liked to work with the old people," he says. "They were all my friends

"People I worked with out there were fantastic."

He also found time to volunteer with the Special Olympics program, doing the required annual physicals for the athletes.

Waldyke, who lives in Chelsea, is looking forward to playing golf, flying radio-controlled airplanes, stargazing through his telescope, photography and documenting family photos.

He and his wife, Mary, also look forward to spending more time with their children and their 1-year-old grandson, Jason, who lives in South Carolina.

Waldyke's son, Michael, a professor at Schoolcraft College, lives in Dexter. David works in construction in the local area. Daniel is a machinist and welder in Denver, and Jeffery is a chemical engineer in South Carolina.

Waldyke's daughter, Kathryn, followed her father into medicine and is a physician in Illinois.

Although Waldyke is enjoying retirement, he says he will miss his career.

"I will miss working with the people," he says. "I see people every day and some don't realize that I've retired.

"Everyone has been very appreciative, and I like that."

Chelsea Family Physicians held a retirement dinner for Waldyke and his family Nov. 21. Dr. Anthony Choe of Tecumseh is succeeding Waldyke at the clinic.

Rita Fischer is a freelance writer. She can be reached at ritafisch@yahoo.com.



Dr. Jerry Waldyke has retired after a 40-year career in medicine in Nevada and Michigan. Waldyke was one of four partners to start the Chelsea Medical Clinic in 1966, and played a role in starting Chelsea Community Hospital in 1968. He was the attending physician at Cedar Knoll care center and a doctor at Chelsea Family Physicians.

Photo by Rita Fischer

CHELSEA

Daniels reprises one-man show

Jeff Daniels will reprise his popular one-man show, "Onstage and Unplugged," for a limited eight-show engagement at the Purple Rose Theatre Dec. 26 through Jan. 4.

Daniels, the executive director and founder of the theater, returns to the Purple Rose stage for the third time since the company opened in 1991.

A prolific songwriter as well as playwright, Daniels, a Chelsea resident, performs with his acoustic guitar and an arsenal of songs that are alternately touching and humorous.

The original "Onstage and Unplugged" was a huge success in 2001, with all three performances selling out.

Audiences laughed uproariously as Daniels told the stories behind each song and delivered them with his own unique, wry humor.

In 2002, demand required the addition of five extra performances.

All proceeds support the theater company.

Call the box office at 433-7673 for information on tickets and show times or go to the Web site at www.purplerosetheatre.org.

Thomas named to choir

Katherine Thomas of Dexter has been selected as a member of the Albion College Concert Choir.

The singers in the concert choir are selected each fall by audition.

The choir performs at a variety of concerts and functions each year. This year's choir of nearly 80 voices is under the direction of Douglas Rose, director of choral music at Albion College.

Thomas is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Joel Thomas and Marilyn Thomas of Dexter and a graduate of Dexter High School.

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Club Spirit

Winners of Washtenaw County 4-H's Club Spirit award are, in front, Rachel Ehnis (left) of Dexter, Nick Alexander of Chelsea, Grant Bater of Chelsea and Melany Clark of Dexter; second row, Casey Hirth of Dexter, Courtney Cook of Dexter, Michael Mioduszewski of Dexter, Garrett Fischer of Dexter and Shannon Bater of Chelsea; third row, Olivia Scheffler of Dexter, Arielle Alexander of Chelsea, Heather Cook of Dexter, Elly Mioduszewski of Dexter, Ally Rodgers of Chelsea and Cassy Mioduszewski of Dexter.



Recognizing Leaders

Washtenaw County 4-H recently recognized volunteers and youth participants with leadership pins. Pins were awarded to, in the front row, Deanne Welshans (left) of Dexter, Dawna Innis of Dexter, Elaine Bater of Chelsea, Karen Lamb of Ann Arbor and Cheryl O'Brien of Ann Arbor; second row, Cindy Zarrow of Saline, Ben Olberg of Ann Arbor, Pam Miller of Ann Arbor, Joan Lansdell of Dexter and Judi Gilmore of Britton.

Sunday hunting bill now law

■ *Old law prevented hunters from using others' property in Washtenaw County.*

By Scott Hagen
Staff Writer

A bill sponsored by state Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-52nd District, to repeal a decades-old law prohibiting hunters from using others' land in Washtenaw County on Sunday is now law.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the bill Dec. 2. Hunters are now free to hunt on private and public land, if they have permission, throughout the weekend.

"This is a great victory for all sportsmen in Washtenaw County," DeRossett said. "The law now allows sportsmen to legally have the opportunity to take advantage of an extra day of hunting."

Washtenaw County was the only one of Michigan's 83 counties to have the law. Representatives in DeRossett's office said they believed the law was created to prevent minorities and blue-collar workers who resided in urban areas from hunting in rural southeast Michigan.

The immediate impact on hunters, however, may be marginal.

"For a good portion of hunters, it won't have that much of an effect," said Maureen Cross, who works at Mill Creek Sporting Center in Dexter. "Most people had private land that they hunted on anyway.

"As a hunter, it's very hard to go out and find public land to hunt on."

But for those who did hunt on public land, the new law will now allow them an extra day to do so.

"Private property owners should have the same jurisdictional rights as state government on the land they own," DeRossett said.

The 1.7 million sportsmen in Michigan contribute more than $2.06 billion each year to the Michigan economy.

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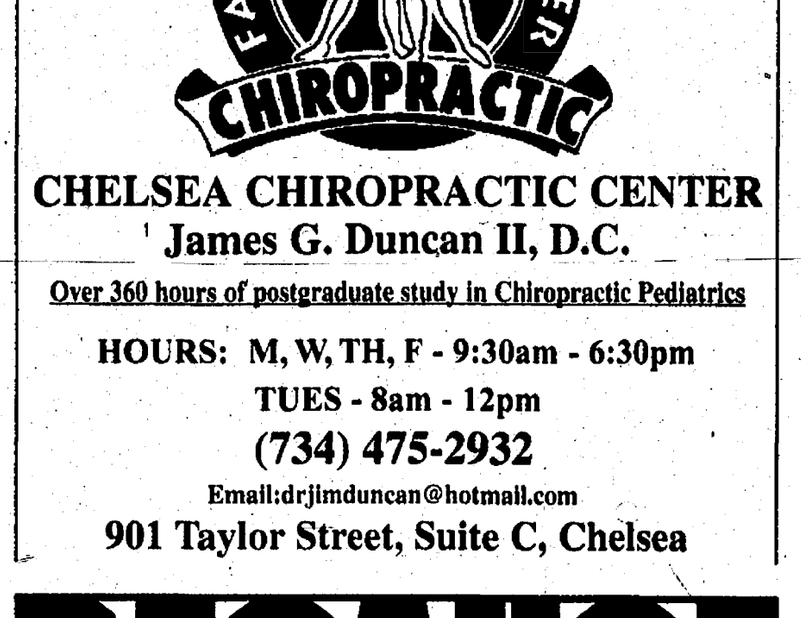
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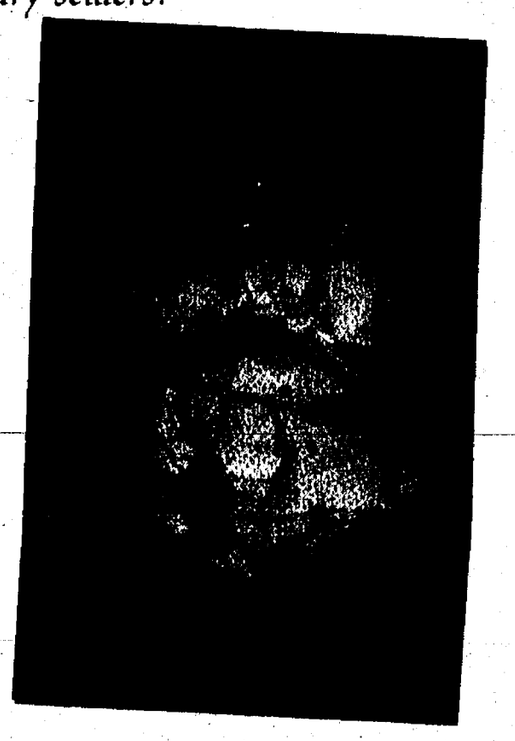
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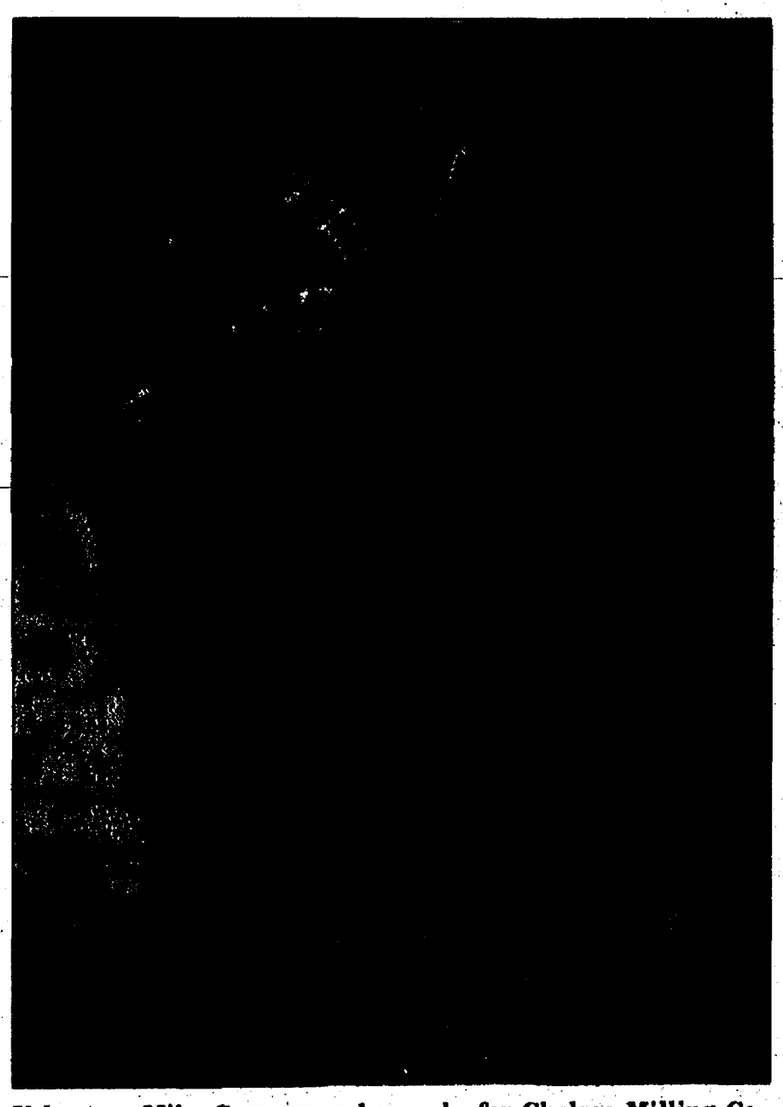
The Waterloo Farm Museum, established in 1962, celebrates its 41st anniversary this year. The all-volunteer organization focuses on education, and members work hard to make the setting and events as authentic as possible.

The Realy family arrived from Germany in 1844 and lived in a log cabin on the property. The house, built in the 1870s, still does not have plumbing. The same family lived on the property until 1960.

The farm museum holds events throughout the year, and visitors can enjoy a taste of life as seen through the eyes of 19th century settlers.



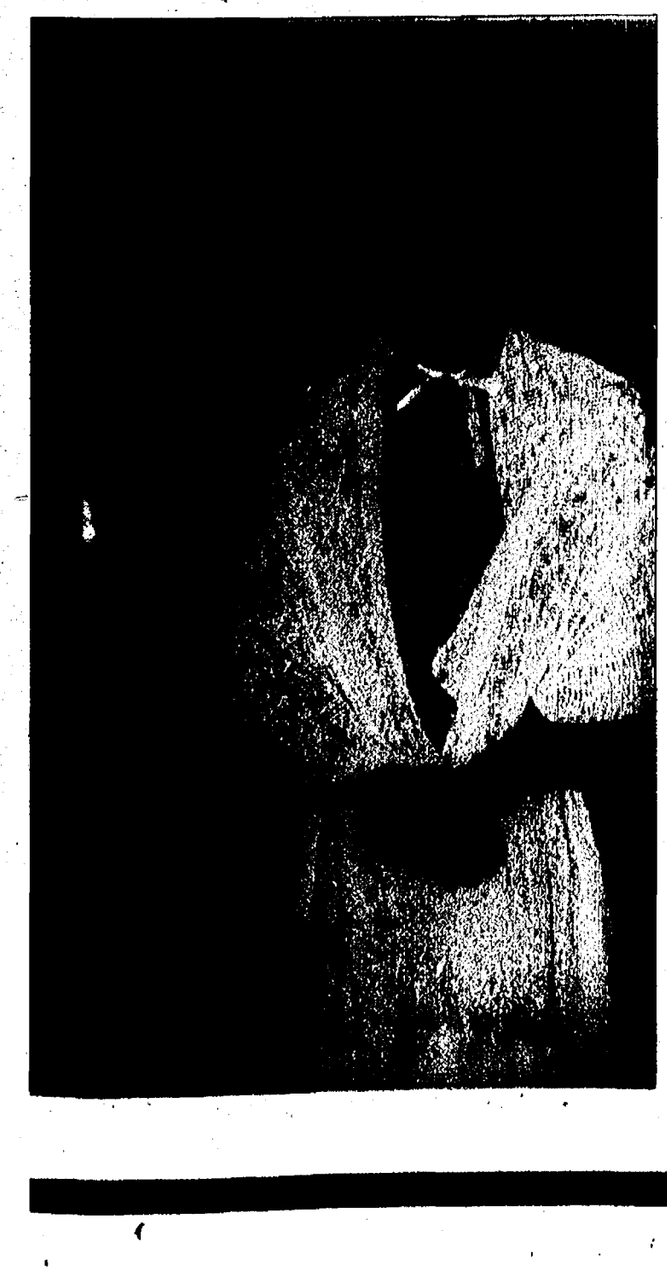


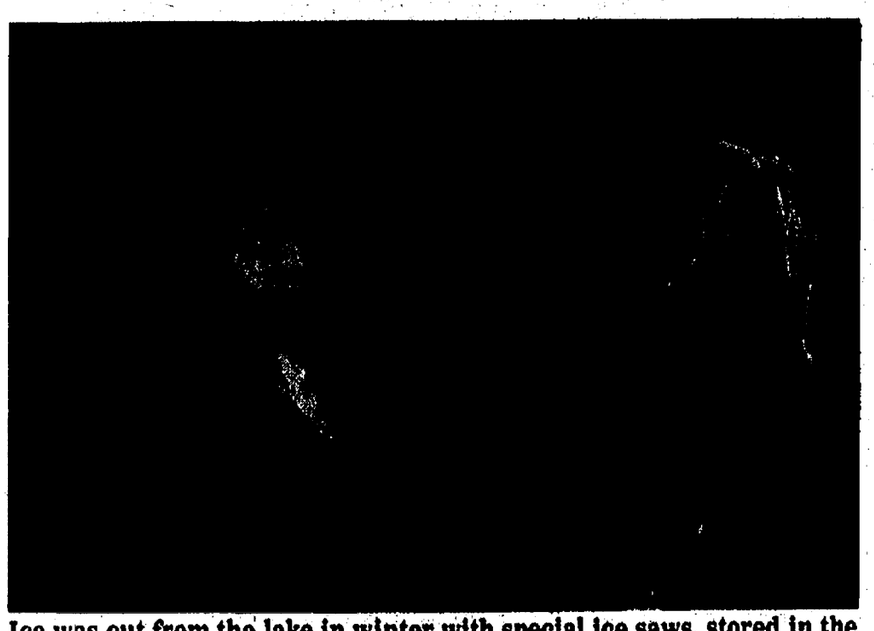


Volunteers Dianne Moulton (left) and Jeannine Wayman dress in historical attire.

Volunteer Mike Cameron, who works for Chelsea Milling Co., gives a demonstration of metal work for visitors. Farmers made their own nails, horseshoes, cast iron pans, dippers, hooks, and hardware for doors and cupboards.

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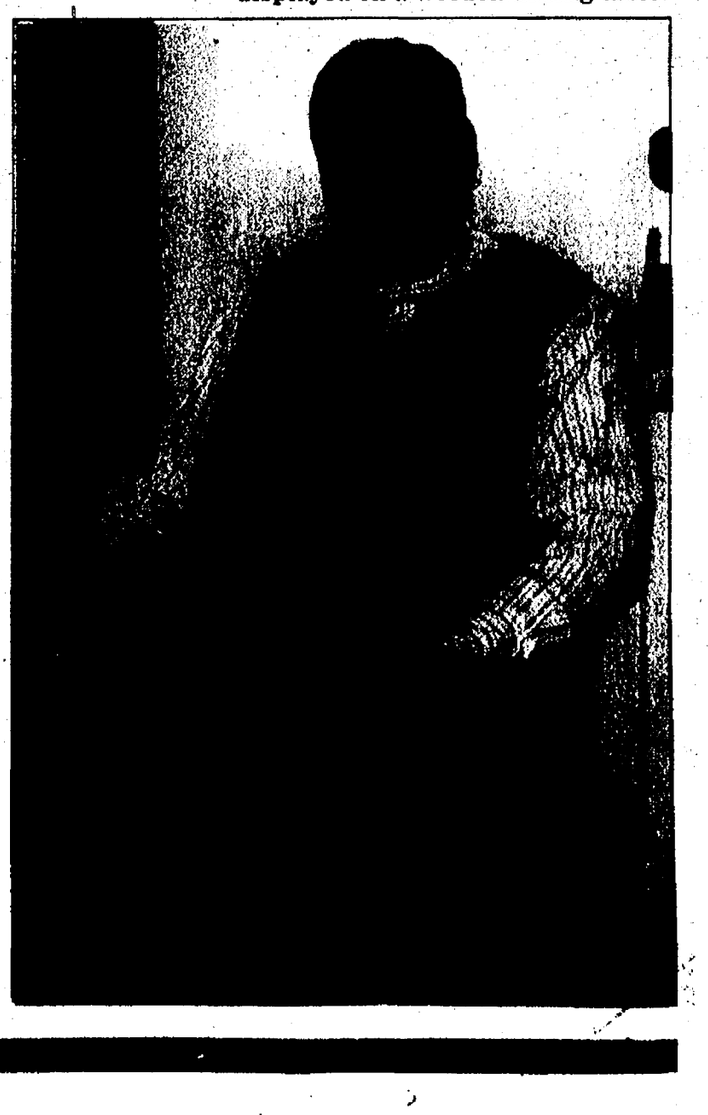




Ice was cut from the lake in winter with special ice saws, stored in the icehouse, and sold to other families. The icehouse contains tools used to retrieve the ice, an old icebox, and holiday decorations. Volunteer Lorin Kummer adjusts a wreath hanging inside the icehouse.

The parlor was rarely used except for funerals, weddings and visits from special guests such as a pastor. April Gasbarre stands in front of the melodeon, an instrument similar to a piano. It has pedals, and is portable with fold-up legs. The parlor has several wreaths made of hair on display and a traditional Christmas tree with a bird's nest in it, which is a symbol of good luck.

The Rev. Bob Castle plays Christmas songs on a mountain dulcimer in the dining room. The dining room contains a wood stove, a daybed, and a traditional holiday meal displayed on a wooden dining table.



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Swimmers drop dual meet opener

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' swimming and diving team lost to Adrian 94-89 in its dual meet season opener last Friday.

The upset loss to the Maples was a surprise. In the past 16 years, the Bulldogs were 16-0 against Adrian.

Despite the loss, Chelsea coach Dave Jolly remained positive.

"It was hard to be too terribly disappointed after the meet," he said. "Everyone swam and dove well, and in most cases, better than expected.

"We are just not as deep as we have been in the past. We will need to make that our focus as we prepare for the rest of the season."

Though dropping the meet, Chelsea's veteran swimmers showed improvement over last year.

"Nearly every performance for the upperclassmen was faster than this same time last season," Jolly said.

In the 200 medley relay, the Bulldog foursome of Matt Kellogg, Andy Kellogg, Aaron Connell and Josh Haynes placed first with a time of 1:51.07.

The group of Greg Daniel, Matt Christman, Michael Lawrence and Andrew Ballow placed fourth in 2:05.80.

Freshman Rick Kinsey touched second in the 200 freestyle with a clocking of 2:06.58. Teammate Chris Moyle was third in 2:10.35, while Ben Kellogg was fourth in 2:13.16.

In the 200 individual medley, Chelsea freshman Nick Armstrong finished third with a time of 2:29.78. Connell placed fourth in 2:31.58, while Greg Daniel was fifth in 2:44.50.

Haynes bested the field in the 50 freestyle, finishing first in 24.51. Teammate Ballow ended up fourth in 25.65, while Corey Policht was fifth in 27.05.

In the one-meter diving competition, Bulldog Jordan Skidmore placed third with 143.45 points.

Adrian's B.J. Turek finished first with 242.65 points.

Connell touched second in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:02.28. Armstrong was third in 1:11.41, while Lawrence was fourth in 1:16.52.

Andy Kellogg finished first for Chelsea in the 100 freestyle with a clocking of 52.25. Haynes was fourth in 57.55, while Kinsey was fifth in 58.26.

In the 500 freestyle, Matt Kellogg ended up second with a time of 5:29.04. Ben Kellogg was third in 6:01.34, while Moyle was fourth in 6:10.78.

The Bulldog team of Andy Kellogg, Haynes, Ballow and Armstrong placed first in the 200 freestyle relay with a clocking of 1:39.22.

Ben Kellogg, Jake Policht, Corey Policht and Lawrence touched fourth in 1:52.14. The group of Alex Valle, Doug Wrathall, Chris Blocksman and Doug Lance ended up sixth in 2:13.91 for Chelsea.

In the 100 backstroke, Matt Kellogg was third in 1:10.93. Daniel placed fifth with a time of 1:16.93, while Jake Policht was sixth in 1:29.74.

Andy Kellogg picked up his second victory of the meet, winning the 100 breaststroke

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Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

Chelsea's Greg Daniel is in the middle of the action during last week's meet against Adrian. The Maples upset the Bulldogs 94-89.

LISA ALLMENDINGER

TALKING FOOTBALL

Bowl games used to mean something

There was a day, many years ago, when college bowl games and New Year's Day used to mean something.

They went hand-in-hand like vanilla ice cream and apple pie.

They had flower or fruit names such as Cotton and Sugar and Orange and Rose.

They were played, one game after another, on New Year's Day.

And, for someone who hates New Year's Eve, getting through the amateur drunk night meant waking up to a freshly made bowl of Chex mix, the Rose Parade, and then football, football, football.

What a wonderful way to not only begin the new year, but also it was a perfect excuse to relax on the first day of a new year, park myself in the La-Z-Boy and watch great contests between the best teams in the nation from the biggest and best football conferences.

Love the teams or hate them, it was one exciting match-up followed by the next.

For a football purist, it just doesn't get any better than that.

But somewhere along the way, the bowl scene changed, and not for the better.

This year, the bowl season began last Tuesday with the New Orleans Bowl, which matched North Texas and Memphis — teams with 8-3 and 8-4 records, respectively.

Quick, can anyone name what conference these two schools are from?

Does anyone know what their nicknames are?

I mean, come on. Let's be honest. How many of you sat in front of the television and watched?

I can tell you I didn't. And I profess to be a huge college football fan.

I'd be willing to go out on a limb and bet that the only people who cared about this bowl game were a few alumni, a smattering of pro scouts, bookies and office-pool participants.

Tonight is the GMAC Bowl pitting Louisville (9-3) and Miami of Ohio (10-1).

OK, so at least I've heard of these two teams, and know what conferences they play for (Conf. USA and MAC). I'm shaky on nicknames, but that's OK. And, since the MAC conference was very competitive this season, I might even tune in to root for a team from Ohio (Horrors!).

Next up, on Monday is the Tangerine Bowl, at least this

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Bulldog icers pull out victory with late goal

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey defeated Temperance Bedford 3-2 Dec. 10.

Bulldog senior center Craig Urwin scored the game-winning goal at 4:31 of the third period. The power-play goal was set up by senior defenseman Lee Woodruff, who recorded an assist on the play for Chelsea.

The host Bulldogs (5-1-1, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) opened the scoring 1:08 into the first period, as Ryan Ruikka turned the light on off an assist from Davis Turner.

The score stayed 1-0 until the Mules hit the back of the net on a power-play goal at 6:45 of the second period.

Chelsea answered right back, however.

Just over a minute later, senior defenseman Matt Eckler joined the rush, and scored, wristing a shot past the Bedford net minder for the go-ahead goal.

Assisting on the play for the Bulldogs were Schyler Williams and Urwin.

The Mules regrouped, tying the game at 2-2, scoring at the 11:28 mark of the period.

The game remained deadlocked until Urwin's power-play goal in the third period.

Earning the victory in net for Chelsea was goalie J.R. Engelbert.

The Bulldogs out shot Bedford 29-12 for the night, including 10-4 in the decisive third period.

"I felt we certainly got our shots on goal, and limited their number," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "But they (Bedford) were able to keep the score close. They're a hard-working team. Their goalie played well."

Chelsea finished 1-of-3 on the power play, while the Mules were 1-of-2.

Wright, whose team has dominated most of its games this season, said he was proud of how his squad played in a tight, hard-checking contest.

"I thought it was good for us to win a close game," he said.

To begin the season, Wright was concerned how his young team might fare.

"They're coming around," he said of his youngsters. "They're starting to make an impact."

The Bulldogs next head north for two games. No, not north to Pinckney or Brighton, but north, as in past Mount Pleasant and Clare.

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Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Chelsea's Lee Woodruff battles a Bedford foe for the puck during last week's game against the Mules.

Chelsea volleyball avenges district defeat

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Revenge is sweet.

Chelsea volleyball defeated Adrian 8-15, 15-8, 15-11, 15-8 last Monday, in its home opener.

The Bulldogs avenged last year's upset district loss to the Maples, with Monday's victory. Adrian ousted Chelsea from the state playoffs a season ago on its own floor.

The Bulldogs finished 54-4-4 last year.

Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland said it took her squad time to get into the match.

"The team started out slowly and did not serve or play defense with much intensity," she said. "Early into the second game the team picked up the defensive intensity. We were led by Lindsay Tye in the back row and Lindsay Parker, Ann Kendzicky and Megan Korc."

Cleveland said her squad became stronger as the match went on.

"They were able to sustain their intensity level as a team, and played better defensively as a unit," she said.

Tye paced the Bulldogs, with 15 kills and 13 digs.

Parker added 12 kills and 10 digs, while Kendzicky had nine kills.

Setter Maggie Dusbiber led Chelsea, with 37 assists.

Cleveland was pleased with her squad's effort, but she looks for improvement.

"This team has a mix of seniors and younger players who are getting used to playing with each other," she said. "We want to improve our communication as a group overall."

The Bulldogs next travel to Saline for a match today at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Chelsea will participate in the always-tough Portage Northern Invitational at 8:30 a.m.

The Dawgs will compete 9 a.m. Jan. 3 in the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational.

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Bulldog wrestlers fall to Adrian in dual match

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling lost to Adrian 46-21 in a dual meet last Thursday.

"The score was no indication of how close the match was," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "It could have went either way. I thought we did a great job.

"Adrian is a solid team. Each week we're getting tougher."

In the lighter weights, the Maples dominated.

At 103 pounds, the Bulldogs' Matt Schultz lost by pin, while Chelsea's Aaron Chiarelli (112) and Chris Watt (119) both lost by pin, as well.

After a void at 125, Bulldog Martin Bragdalone lost by pin at 130.

At 135, Chelsea's Josh Clark pinned Adrian's Ty Waters in 2:57 for the Dawgs' first victory.

At 140, John Lowry lost a hard-fought 8-7 decision.

Cody Schiller prevailed at 145, beating the Maples' Ed Underwood 11-5.

"He always gives a good battle," Kargel said of Schiller.

At 152, Chelsea's Matt Robinson lost 9-2, while teammate Andy Hurst was beaten 12-4 at 160.

In the heavier weights, the Bulldogs ruled.

At 171, Chelsea's Ben Rodgers beat Jimmy Kolle 14-7.

At 189, Karl Wint was pinned by Adrian's Cody Waters in 5:13.



Chelsea's Brad Hinderer prepares to pin the Maples' Andy Brown during last week's dual meet.

"That match could have gone either way," Kargel said.

At 215, Joel Powers decisioned the Maples' Charles Williams 6-0.

In the heavyweight division, the Bulldogs' Brad Hinderer pinned Adrian's Andy Brown in 1:26.

Last Saturday, Chelsea participated in the JAWS Invitational in Jackson.

"It's always a good experience for the kids," Kargel said.

For the tournament, the Bulldogs finished 2-3 overall.

In its opening match, Chelsea beat Jonesville 43-30.

Picking up victories for the Bulldogs were Clark (135) by pin; Lowry (140) on an 11-3 decision; Schiller (145) on a 19-4 technical fall; Robinson (152) by pin; and Hurst (160), also by pin.

Others winning for Chelsea included Ben Rodgers (171) on a 5-2 decision; Wint (189) by pin; Powers (215) by pin; and Hinderer (heavyweight) by pin.

For the tournament, Robinson, Rodgers, Wint and Powers went undefeated.



Photos courtesy of Norm Bauer

Chelsea's Josh Clark has Adrian's Ty Waters in a bind during last week's dual meet.

In their next match, the Bulldogs lost to Jackson Northwest 40-36.

Chalking up wins for Chelsea were Robinson (152) by pin; Neal Turluck (160) by pin; Wint (189) by pin; Austin Rodgers (215) by pin; and Hinderer (heavyweight) by pin.

In its third match, Chelsea lost to Napoleon 52-25.

Recording victories for the Bulldogs were Lowry (140) by pin; Stephen Kolokithas (152) on a 5-4 decision; Ben Rodgers (171) on a 20-7 major decision; Wint (189) by pin; Powers (215) by pin; and Hinderer (heavyweight) by pin.

In its fourth match, Chelsea defeated Hudson 39-36.

Winning for the Dawgs were Clark (135) by pin; Robinson (152) by pin; Hurst (160) by pin; Wint (189) on a 5-1 decision; Powers (215) by void; and Hinderer (heavyweight) by pin.

In its final match of the day, Chelsea lost to Jonesville 54-23.

Earning victories for the Bulldogs were Steve Tapping (135) by pin; Robinson (152) by pin; Wint (189) by pin; and Austin Rodgers (heavyweight) on a 21-3 technical fall.

Chelsea next hosts Saline today at 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs travel to Coldwater to participate in its five-team invitational at 9 a.m.

Chelsea frosh dominate Pirates

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's freshman boys' basketball team defeated Pinckney 59-28 in its season opener Dec. 9.

The Bulldogs (2-0) ran out to a 22-2 first quarter lead.

At halftime, Chelsea increased its advantage to 38-8.

Adam Connell led the host Bulldogs, with 10 points.

Reece Hammer added eight points, while Josh Deaton and Todd Elliott each netted six points for Chelsea.

"We got off to a nervous start and missed some easy shots," said Chelsea coach Jason Morris. "I think this was due to the excitement of the first game. After we took a short timeout, I thought the team really responded.

"I was pleased that we were able to get everyone in, and that 12 of our 15 players were able to score."

On Dec. 12, Chelsea defeated Adrian 49-36.

Connell paced the Dawgs, with 12 points.

Dan Rhodes and Benny Johnson each added nine points. Deaton had eight points.

Chelsea used a big second quarter, taking a commanding 30-13 lead at halftime.

"I thought the big key in the game was that we did not let them make a run in the third quarter," Morris said. "That made it real tough for them to come back late in the game."

Though winning, the Bulldogs struggled from the free throw line.

"The fact that we had 34 (free throw) attempts to their five on the road is amazing," Morris said. "However, we shot less than 50 percent from the line. We have to get better there. The players know this and understand it.



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Bulldog Antwan McClendon goes up for two points versus Pinckney.

"We have a tough game against Saline coming up, and we will need every point that we can get.

"Overall, though, I am obviously happy with our start. We will work to keep getting better."

The Bulldogs next travel to Saline tomorrow for a game at 5:30 p.m.

On Monday through Tuesday, Chelsea will participate in its own Holiday Classic tournament at 10 a.m.

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Tomorrow, Chelsea visits Gaylord for a game at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs face off against Traverse City St. Francis at 1 p.m.

"It'll be two really tough games," Wright said. "But we're looking forward to the competition.

"Gaylord is a good Division III team, while St. Francis is a cooperative program, combining four high schools. They're a Division I team, and reached the (state playoff) quarterfinals last year."

Wright said he'd like to possibly make this an annual trek.

"It's a long trip, but it will be good to spend a few days together as a team," he said. "It's a bonding-type thing."

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Tandy receives award

Chelsea native Meghan Tandy recently received a varsity award for her participation as a member of the Albion College women's cross country team.

The Britons finished fourth in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association this fall.



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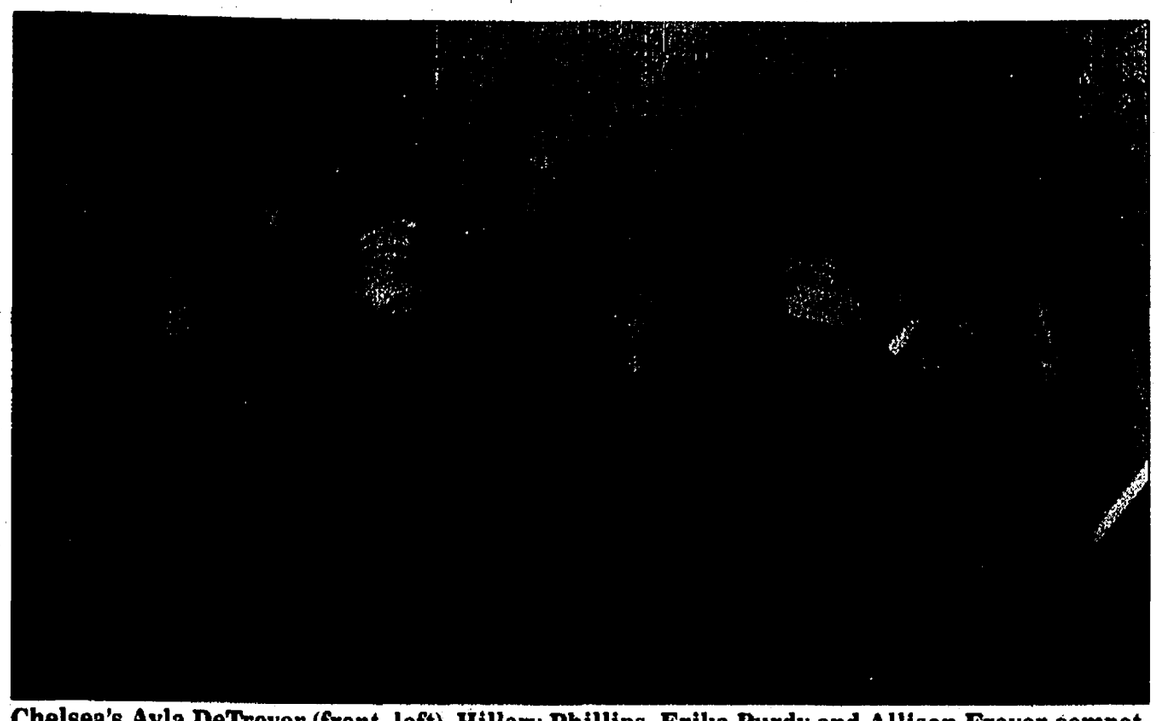
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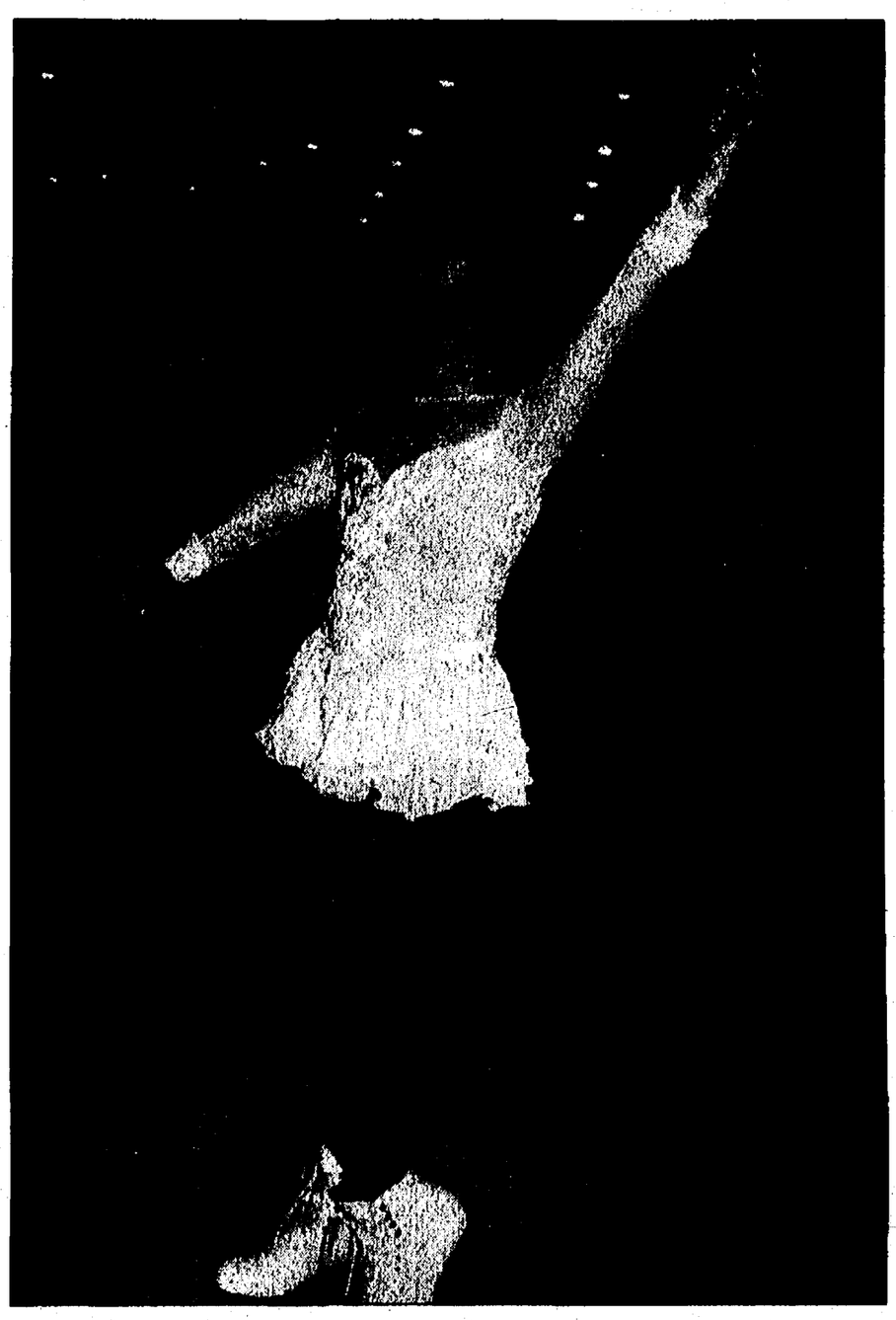
CHELSEA SPORTS SNAPSHOTS



Chelsea's Ayla DeTroyer (front, left), Hillary Phillips, Erika Purdy and Allison Frayer competed on the 200 freestyle relay A team this past season, while in back, Sherrie Peters (left), Julie Adams, Tori Salas and Claire Frankhart participated on the 200 freestyle B relay for the Bulldogs.



Chelsea's John Knox prepares to kick the ball up - field.



MacKenzie Martin performed to "Silver Bells" at last Sunday's Figure Skating Spectacular at the Arctic Coliseum.

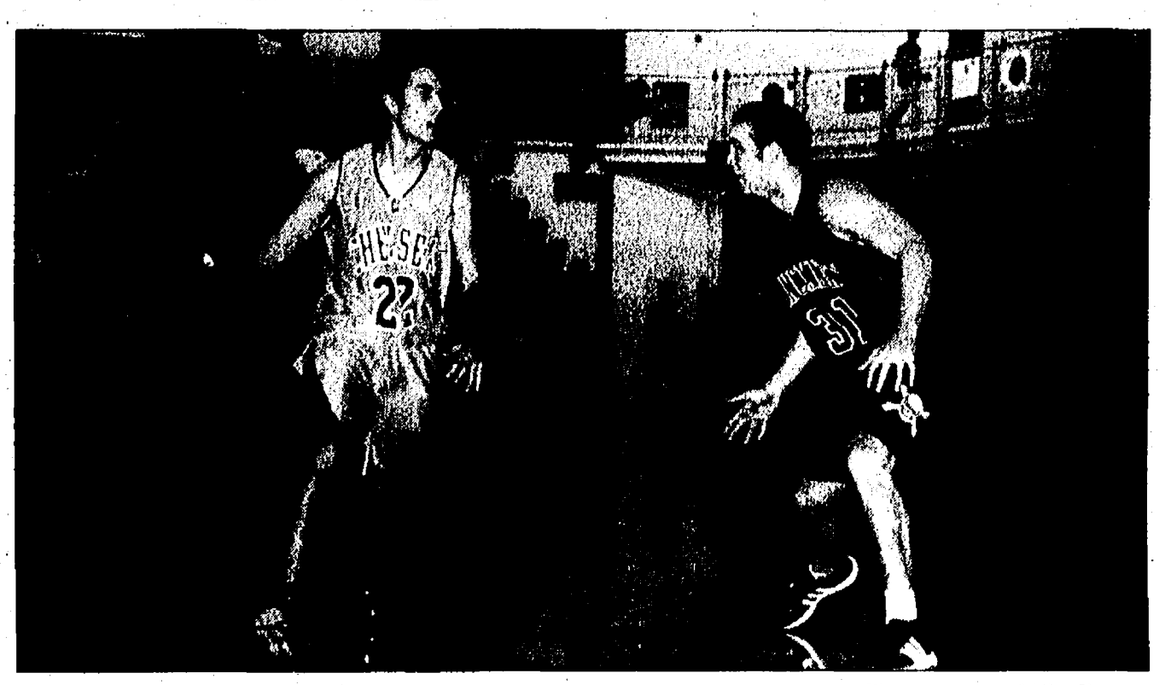
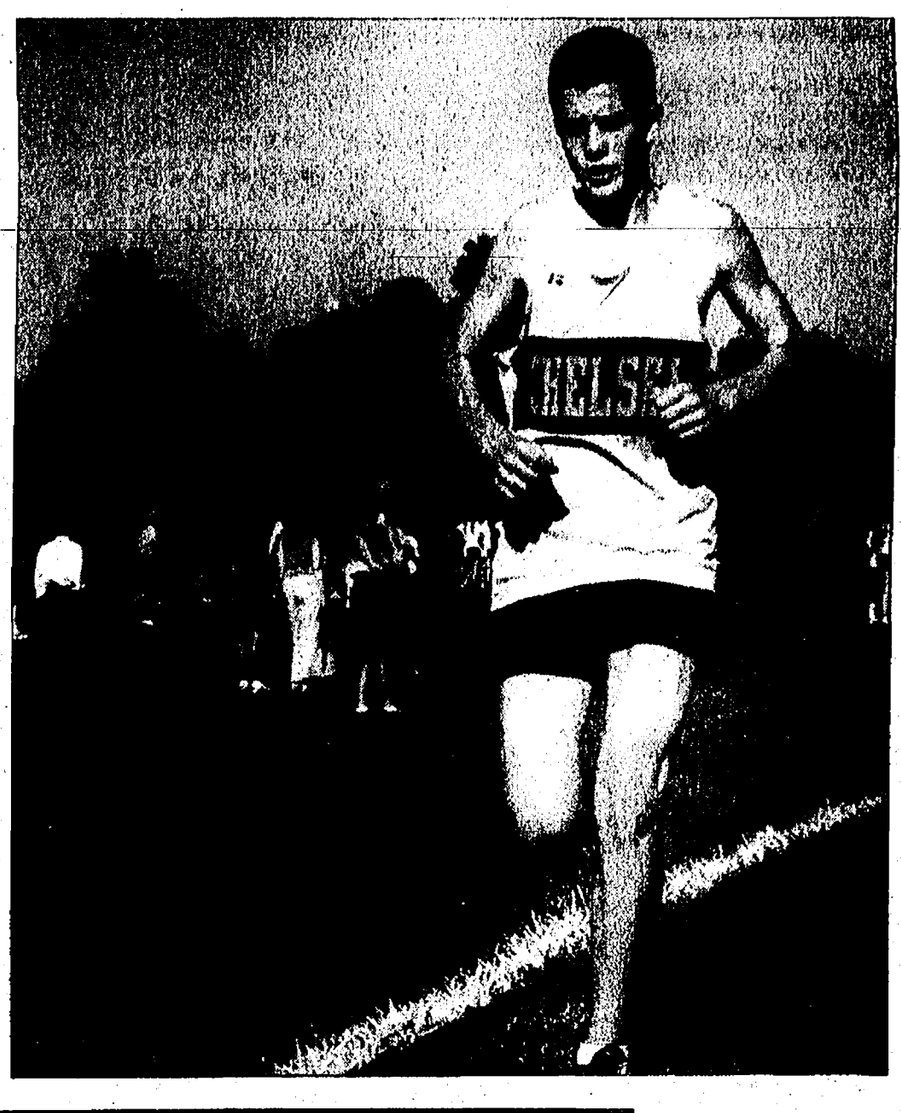


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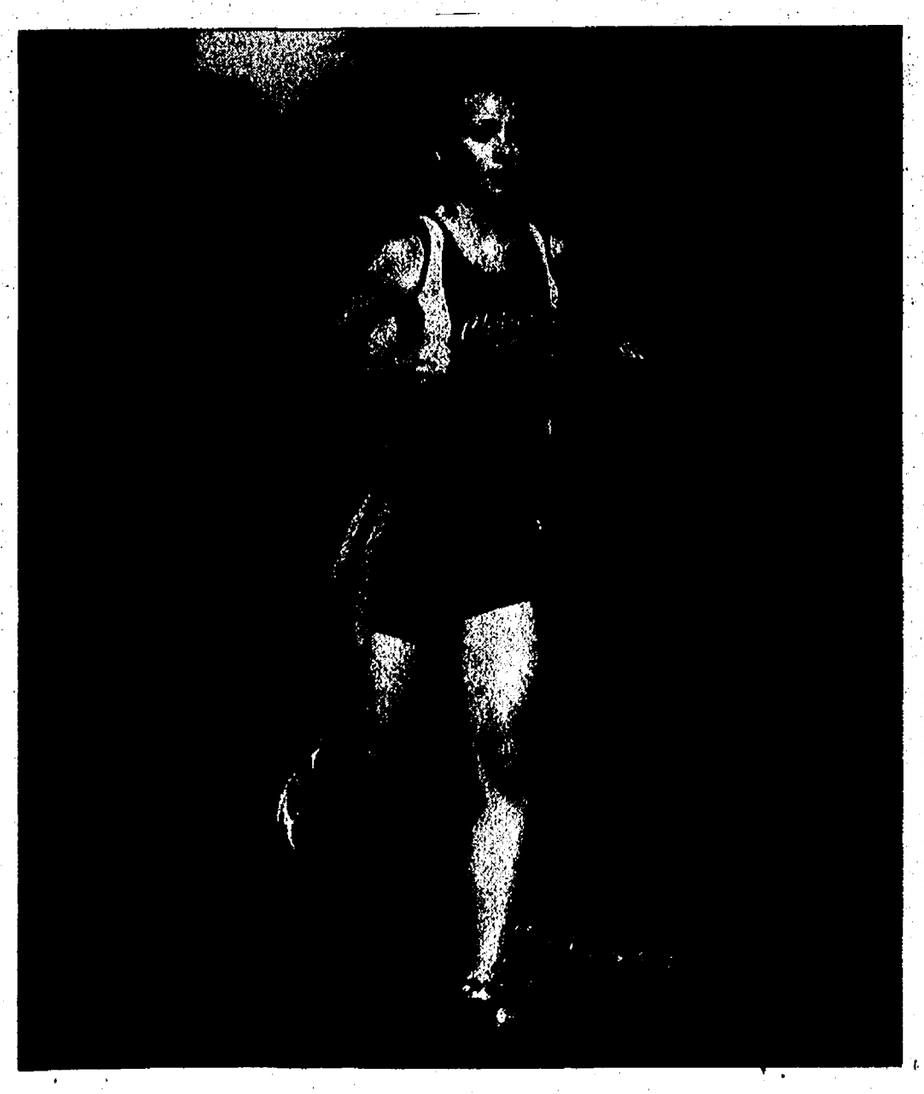
Chelsea's Tony Reifel runs the offense from the point, against Pinckney earlier this season.



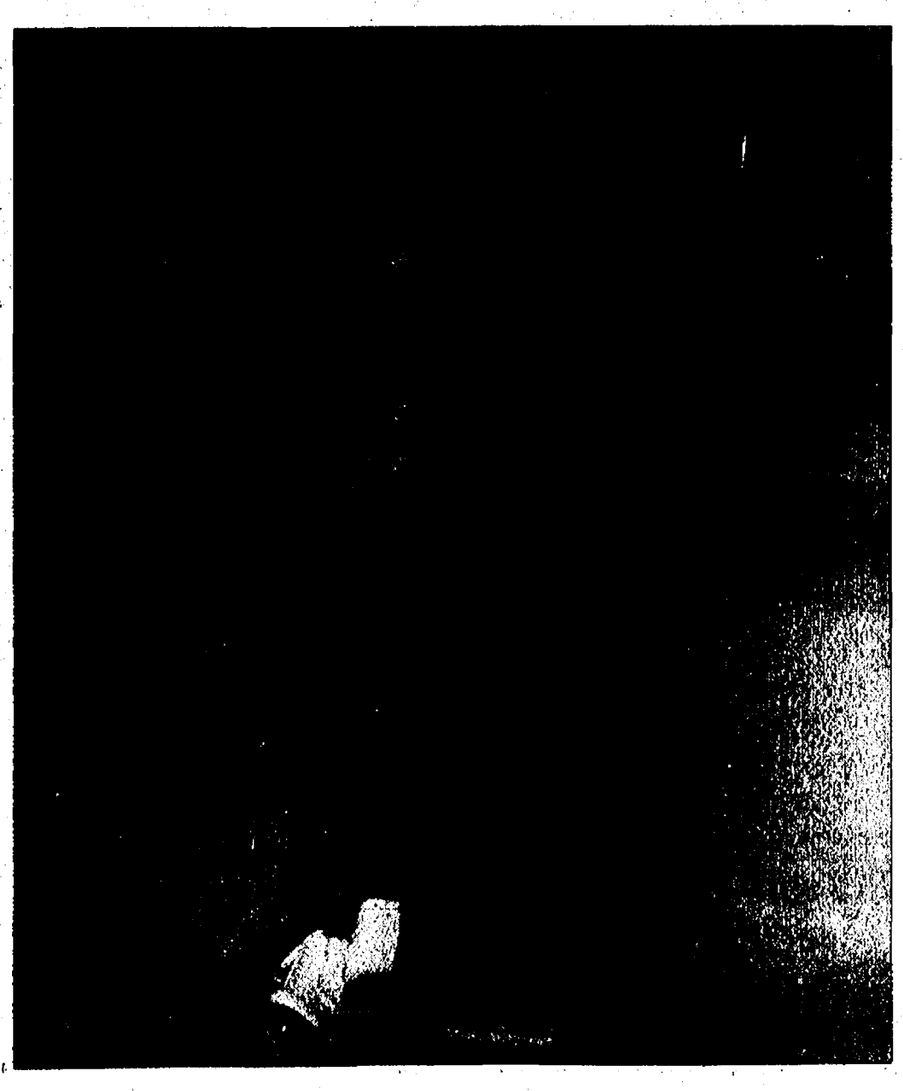
Chelsea's Kelly Kennedy competes during an equestrian event last fall.



Bulldog J.P. Severin runs the final straight -away during cross country action last fall.



Meg Wheeler runs alone during Chelsea girls' cross country action this fall.



Ellen Christie (left) and Chrystal Hohman performed to "Sleigh Bells" during last Sunday's Figure Skating Spectacular at the Arctic Coliseum.

Balanced scoring keys Chelsea basketball victory

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

There is no "I" in team.

That common athletic term definitely applies to Chelsea's boys' basketball team this season.

Behind balanced scoring and team play, the Bulldogs defeated Adrian 38-35 last Friday.

Chelsea (1-1) showed its inner resolve, battling back, on the road, from a 15-2 first quarter deficit.

Over the next three quarters, the Bulldogs put the clamps on the host Maples, outscoring Adrian 36-20 for the final margin.

The senior trio of forward Joel Hohnke, guard George Royce and swing player Mark Borders paced Chelsea.

Hohnke and Royce led the squad, each scoring eight points.

Borders added seven points for the Dawgs.

On the glass, Hohnke (6-foot-1) pulled down a team-high six rebounds.

From the field, Chelsea was 9-of-30, while the Maples were 13-of-40.

From beyond the arc, the Bulldogs finished 3-of-11, while Adrian was 1-of-4.

At the free throw line, Chelsea ended up 11-of-21, while the Maples were 6-of-8.

On Dec. 9, the Bulldogs opened the season losing to Pinckney 49-47.

Chelsea led virtually the entire game, before the visiting Pirates rallied late, taking their first lead of the night, with three minutes left in the contest.

Despite being the home team, the Bulldogs shot fewer free throws than Pinckney.

Chelsea ended up 16-of-20 from the line, while the Pirates were 21-of-29.

The Bulldogs, again, received balanced scoring on the night.

Hohnke led Chelsea, with 11 points.

Borders chipped in 10 points, while Royce had seven points.

Senior guard Brian Kinaschuk hauled down a team-high six boards for the Bulldogs.

While Pinckney made a living at the line, making 13-of-15 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter, Chelsea also had trouble holding on to the basketball.

For the game, the Bulldogs committed 18 turnovers, compared to the Pirates' 11.

From the floor, Chelsea finished 11-of-25, while Pinckney was 14-of-37.

From three-point land, the Dawgs were 3-of-10, while the Pirates ended up 0-of-12.

Chelsea next hosts Saline 7 p.m. tomorrow.

On Monday and Tuesday, the Bulldogs host their own Holiday Classic tournament.

On Jan. 6, Chelsea travels to Jackson Northwest for a game at 7 p.m.

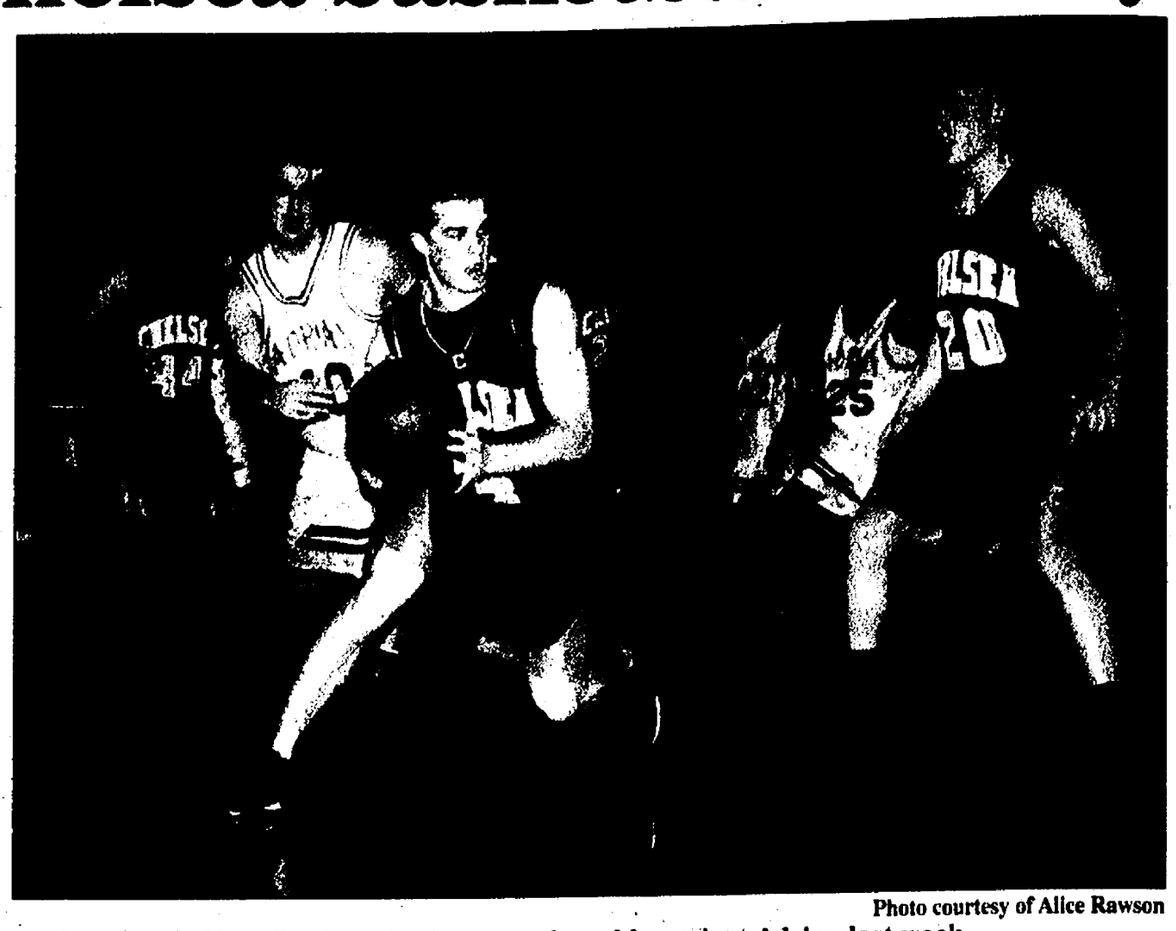


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Chelsea senior Mark Borders dribbles out of trouble against Adrian last week.

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with a clocking of 1:08.21.

Christman was fourth in 1:20.41, while Wrathall was fifth in 1:30.37 for the Bulldogs.

In the 400 freestyle relay, the Chelsea foursome of Matt Kellogg, Connell, Kinsey and Ballow placed second in 3:55.69.

Armstrong, Lawrence, Daniel and Moyle were right behind in third spot with a time of 4:06.89.

In fifth place for the Bulldogs was the combo of Corey Pohlicht, Jake Policht, Ben Kellogg and Valle in 4:30.54.

Chelsea next travels to DeWitt to participate in its invitational 10 a.m. Jan. 3.

On Jan. 6, the Bulldogs visit Brighton for a meet at 6:30 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Gary Haynes

Chelsea's Andy Kellogg takes a deep breath while competing in the 100 breaststroke against Adrian last week.

Fourth quarter dooms JV cagers

Chelsea's JV boys' basketball team lost to Adrian 51-42 last Friday.

The visiting Bulldogs (0-2) led 37-33 heading into the fourth quarter, but were outscored 18-5 in the frame by the Maples for the final margin.

At halftime, the contest was deadlocked at 24-24.

In the third quarter, Chelsea netted 13 points, while limiting Adrian to nine points.

Mike Sauers paced the Bulldogs with 11 points.

Matt Weber, Cam Hawkins and Robbie Moffett each added six points for Chelsea.

To begin the season, the Bulldogs lost to Pinckney 51-42 Dec. 9.

Chelsea entered the locker room, leading 27-24.

In the second half, the Pirates outscored the Bulldogs 27-15, rallying for the victory.

Moffett led Chelsea, with 14 points.

Hawkins chipped in 12 points, while Welton had nine points and Weber seven points for the Bulldogs.

Despite two opening losses, Chelsea coach Mark Scheese remains optimistic.

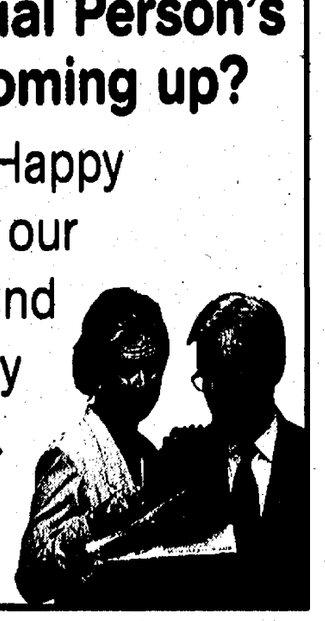
"We are playing hard, but struggling on offense," he said.

The Bulldogs next host Saline 5:30 p.m. tomorrow.

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Beach Gold battles Bedford

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Gold boys' basketball team lost to Temperance Bedford 32-29 Dec. 4.

Matt Schwarze paced the host Bulldogs, with nine points.

Taylor Hopkins added eight points, while Jeff Adams had four points.

Matt Johnson finished with three points, while Nic Avila and Chris LeDuke each netted two points and Drew Martin one point for Chelsea.

"We played our best team game of the season," said Chelsea coach Mike Bareis. "I was really proud of our effort the entire game."

On Dec. 8, Beach lost to Tecumseh 51-38.

Hopkins led the visiting Bulldogs, with nine points.

Adams ended up with seven points, while LeDuke had six points and Jason Kolokithas five points for Chelsea.

"Taylor Hopkins and Jason Kolokithas played tremen-

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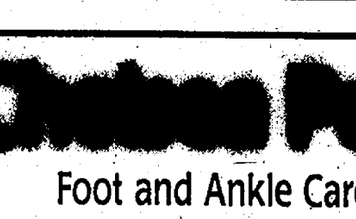
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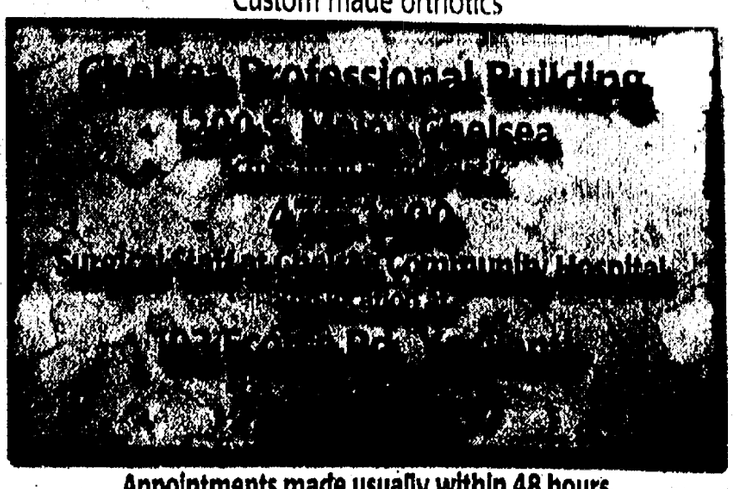
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High-scoring Urwin sparks Bulldog hockey

Craig Urwin could be the best goal-scorer to ever play hockey for Chelsea.

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Craig Urwin *is* the best goal-scorer ever to play for CHS.

Want proof? Check the stats.

Last season, he led the team in scoring with 32 goals, setting a new school record.

In nine games this season (including scrimmages), Urwin leads the team with 12 goals and 13 assists.

And because of this, the 6-foot, 185-pound senior is responsible for much of the Bulldogs' (5-1-1) recent success.

During the last two weeks, Urwin has had two goals and two assists, including a crucial goal midway through the third period in the Bulldogs' 2-2 draw with Jackson Lumen Christi.

The center, however, has had better games this season.

In the opener against Flint Kearsley, Urwin had one goal and one assist, as the team cruised to a 7-1 bittersweet victory over the Hornets, a team that had beaten Chelsea last season.

So why is he so good and how does he score so many points?

Urwin credits junior Ryan Ford for a lot of his success.

"Having Ford as one of my linemates helps out a lot because we have really good chemistry together," he said.

"We simply know where each other is without even looking."

Urwin also has an intense determination to get the job done.

"No matter if we are playing an okay team or a team ranked in the top-10 in the state, I have a drive to get points on the board," he said.

To Urwin, hockey is the best game in the world.

"It's fast, physical, and requires the most skill out of all athletics," he said. "There is nothing I would rather do than strap my skates on and get on the ice."

Urwin is also an avid hockey fan. His favorite player in the NHL is Detroit Red Wing Brett Hull.

"He has got the quickest shot in the league and he really gets on his teammates in practice because he believes if he is yelling at them, then he has to stay in tip-top shape as well," Urwin said, of Hull.

As far as past memories go, Urwin's personal favorite was last year's double-overtime win over Lumen Christi in the regional semi-finals.

"I have never felt so good after a game," he said. "We scored with .8 seconds left in regulation to force the game into overtime and after that, I knew we were going to win."

Urwin is not just a hockey player, but also an all around athlete.

Besides being on the varsity hockey squad since his sophomore year, he has played both football and baseball since his freshman year.

This past season, Urwin received All-Southeastern Conference honorable mention for football.

Off the ice, Urwin is a good student. He carries a cumulative 3.85 grade point average and is in a few advanced classes, including AP Calculus.

He also has a job at the Arctic Coliseum.

In the future, he hopes to continue playing hockey.

"Hopefully, I can play junior hockey and mature enough to work my way up to the college level," he said.

— Sye Hickey contributed to this story.



Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Chelsea senior Craig Urwin is one of the best goal scorers in Bulldog hockey history.

Hubbard 16th at world championship

Chelsea's Henry Hubbard finished 16th at the World Amateur Rollerblading Championship Nov. 17 in Pamona, Calif.

The Beach Middle School seventh-grader is the youngest American to ever place that high at the world amateur championship.

More than 1,000 extreme rollerbladers competed in various locations throughout the world, including the U.S., Germany, France, England, Australia, Japan, Canada and Lebanon for a chance to qualify for 100 spots at the finals.

At the championship, each skater was judged on style, consistency, difficulty of tricks and course utilization. Each participant was allowed two one-minute runs to show the judges their talent.

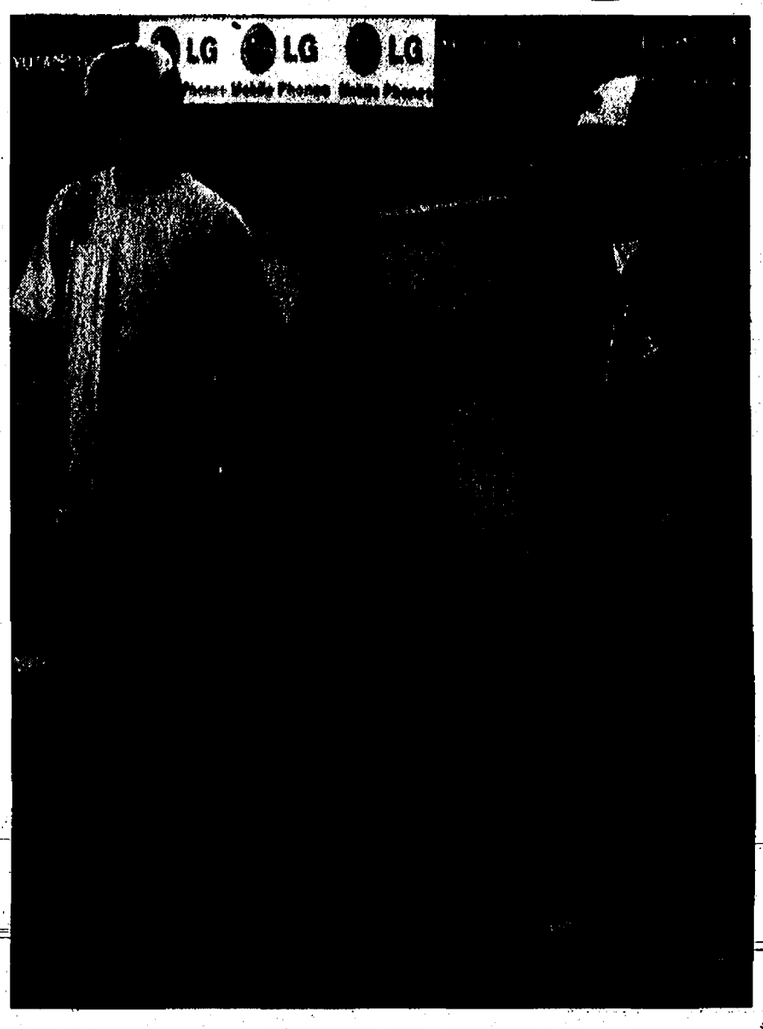
Hubbard finished with a score of 79.75.

To advance to the final round of competition and a chance at earning a pro card, a skater had to place in the top 15.

Hubbard barely missed the cut off. The 14th- and 15th-place skaters tied, each recording a mark of 79.88.

Prior to the world championship, Hubbard participated in the Rolling Foundation Competition Circuit Nov. 22 at Airborne Skate Park in Roseville.

To qualify for the pro event, Hubbard had to compete in a preliminary round Nov. 21. Forty-three skaters competed in the preliminary round, with the top five qualifying for the pro event.



Henry Hubbard (center) finished 16th at the world rollerblading championship last month.

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dous basketball at both ends of the court," Bareis said.

Rounding out the Bulldogs' scoring was Kyle Raymond, with four points, Schwarze, with three points and Avila, with two points.

"As a team, we have come a long way from the beginning of the season," Bareis said. "We look to continue our progress as a team over our last three games."

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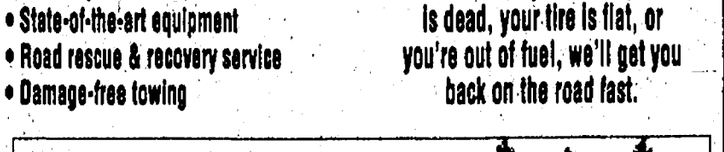


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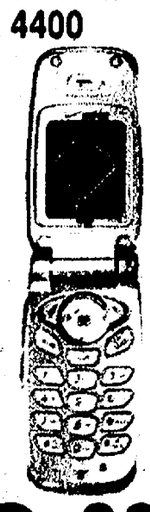


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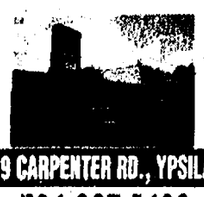
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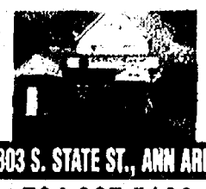
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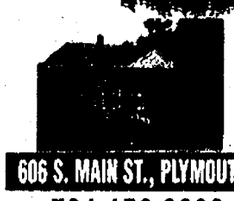
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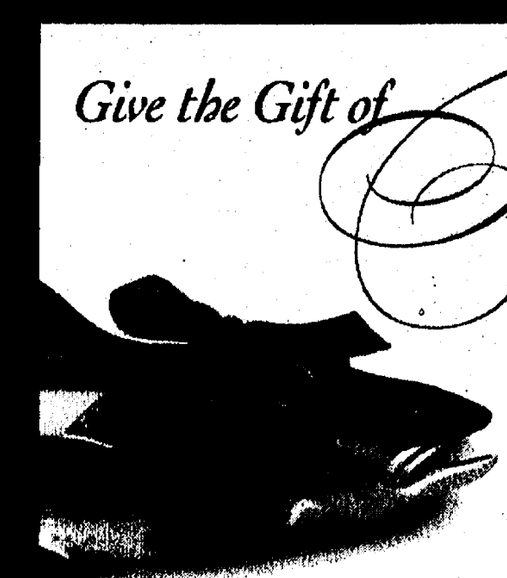
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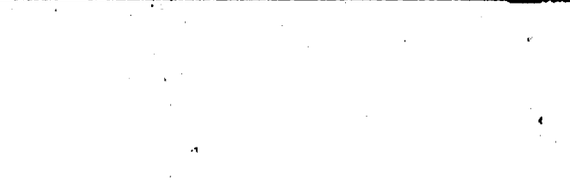
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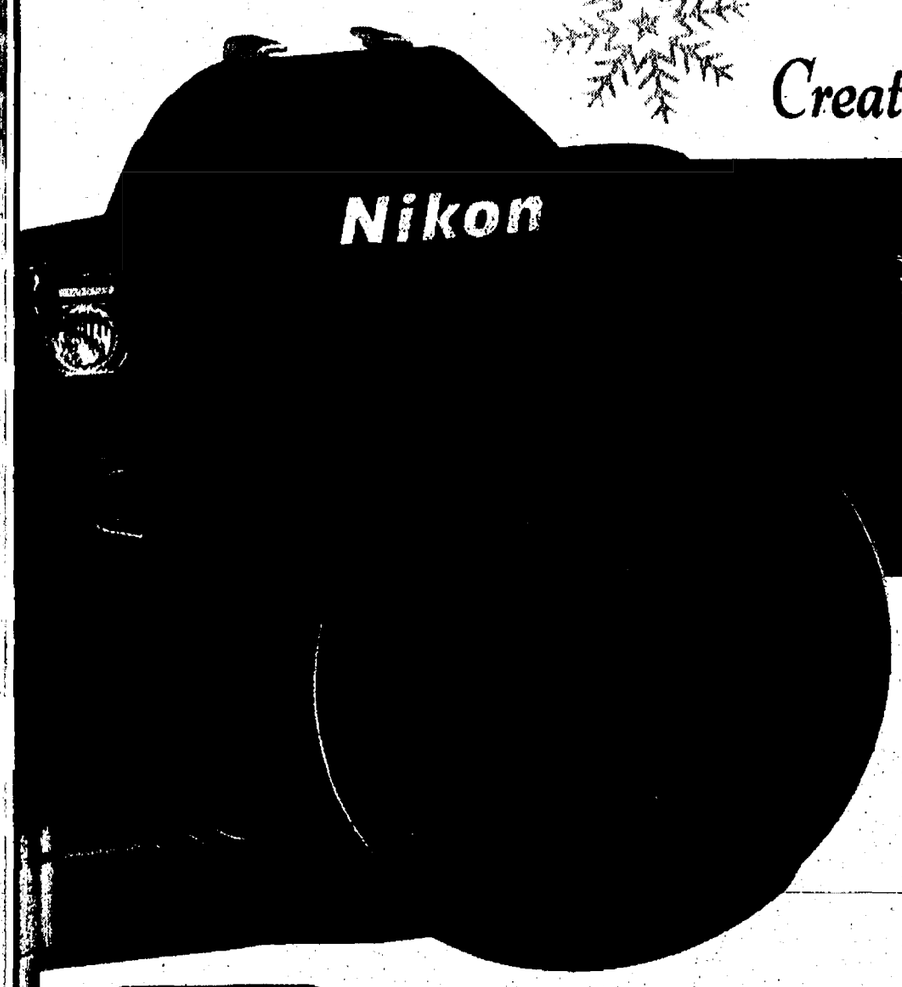


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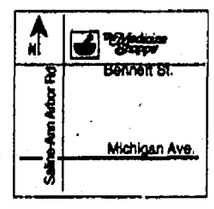
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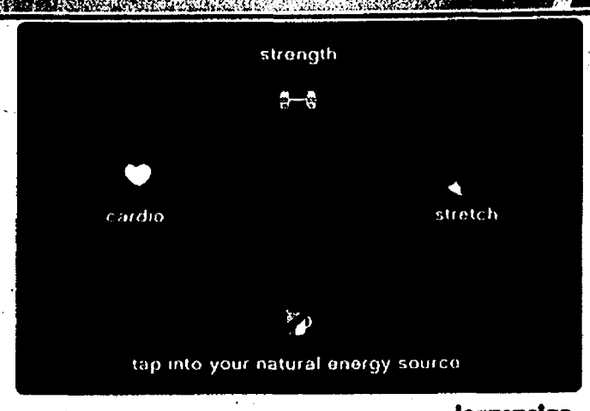
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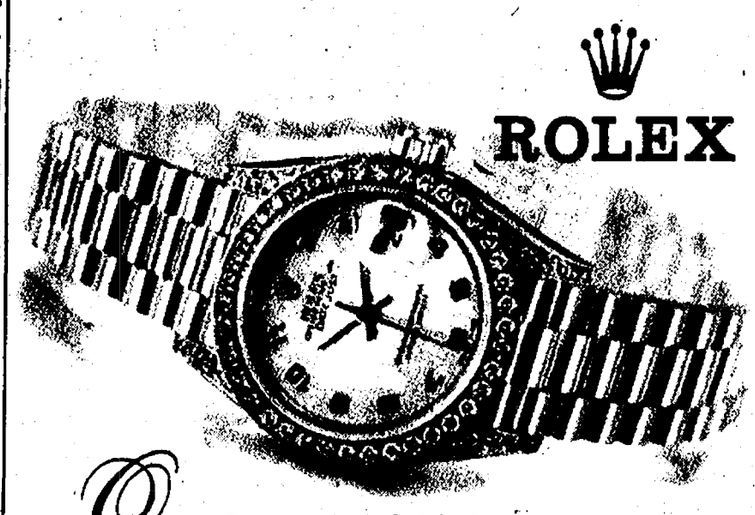
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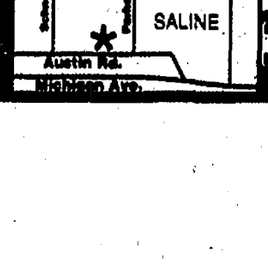

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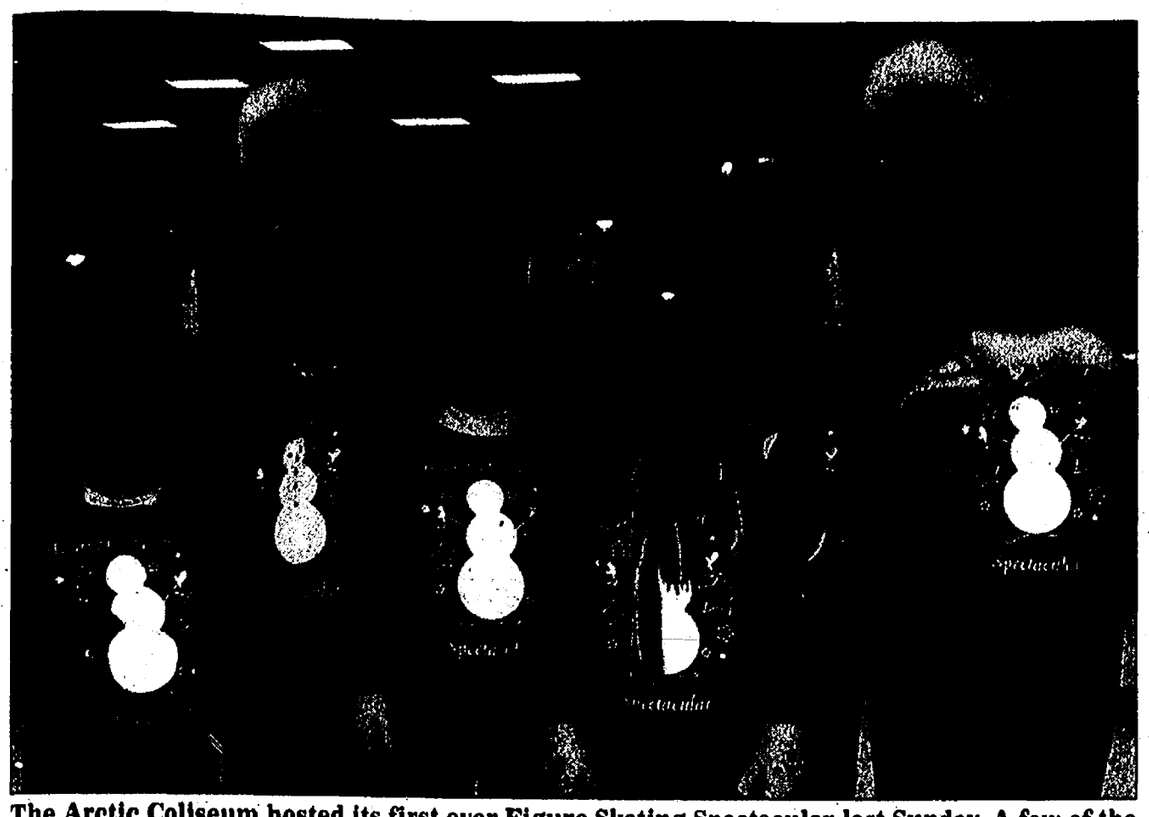
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The Arctic Coliseum hosted its first ever Figure Skating Spectacular last Sunday. A few of the performers included, front row, Leigha Rosol (left), Ronin Hackworth, Katie Ankenbauer, Janie Bush, Erika Scheu, Marisa Linski, Paige Sanders and Annika Corazzol; back row, coach Joan Carr (left) and coach Debi Kiley.

Coliseum hosts skating event

The Learn-to-Skate program at Chelsea's Arctic Coliseum held its first Figure Skating Spectacular last Sunday.

The performance showcased basic to advance students, along with members from the U.S. Figure Skating Association.

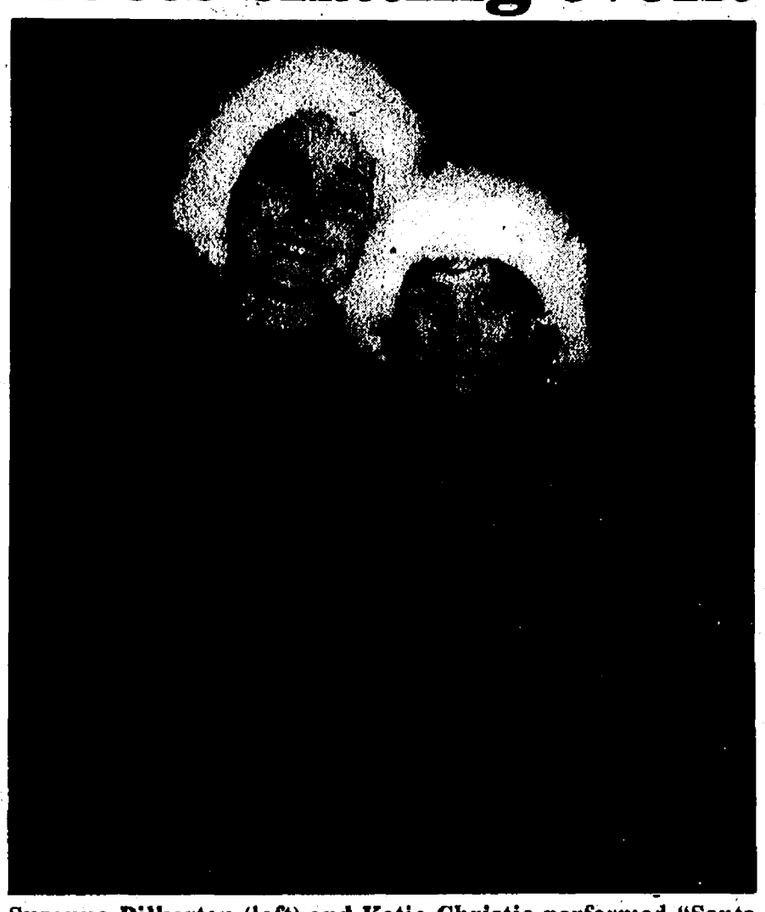
The students skated to a Christmas-theme show, presented with traditional music and decorations to honor the season. Performances included a large range of songs, from "Mozart Christmas Concerto" to "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer," followed by a finale of all students included in the show.

After the show, families and friends joined the performers for an open skate.

Skaters performing in the event were Katie Ankenbauer, Morgan Barber, Janie Bush, Alex Carr, Katie Christie, Ellen Christie, Annika Corazzol, Tony Corazzol, Dar Downer and Madison Downer.

Others performing in the skating show included Arielle Gerard, Ronin Hackworth, Chrystal Hohman, Marisa Linski, Megan Linski, MacKenzie Martin, Kendra Moyle and Melissa Keil.

Andrew Ko, Matthew Ko, Susanna Pilkerton, David Reynhout, Joseph Reynhout, Leigha Rosol, Sarah Roy, Paige Sanders, Erika Scheu and Antonia Silverio also skated.



Susanna Pilkerton (left) and Katie Christie performed "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" at last Sunday's figure skating event at the Arctic Coliseum.

The Arctic Coliseum offers Learn-to-Skate classes all year round. The lessons follow U.S. Figure Skating Association guidelines.

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Then there's the Holiday Bowl, which, I seem to remember, spending one New Year's Eve watching Michigan play in and win. It took the fun out of watching them play on New Year's Day.

Considering my lack of affinity for New Year's Eve celebrations, I guess I should be thrilled that there are five games on my least favorite day of the year and 20 college football bowl games before Jan 1, but I'm not.

The bowl season is the only time I root for all the Big 10 teams, even Ohio State.

Yes, I will watch Wisconsin play Auburn at noon and, depending on the score, program the remote to watch Minnesota and Oregon at 2 p.m. But it still leaves me with the following nighttime match-ups: Missouri and Arkansas in the Independence Bowl at 7:30 p.m. and, oh boy, Colorado State and Boston College, two 7-5 teams at 10:30 p.m. in the San Francisco Bowl.

Do I really care who wins either of these games? Will the second game keep me awake until midnight? Probably not.

And, quick, a show of hands. Who reading this cares who wins the Liberty Bowl, which pits Utah against Mississippi?

There are so many bowl games that 58 teams have a chance to play. And I'm sorry, but that's just way too many teams that just aren't that good.

The bowl season now stretches from Dec. 16 until Jan 31, if you include the showcase bowls, the East-West Shrine game Jan. 10, the Hula Bowl Jan. 17, the Senior Bowl Jan 24 and something called the Gridiron Classic Jan 31.

The bowl season is starting to resemble the baseball and hockey seasons, where the boys of summer are donning snowshoes and the boys of winter are wearing shorts and sunglasses. Enough is enough already.

I thought it was supposed to be "to everything a season." I'm not even sure I like the fact that the first college football games are starting in August.

Football should be played in the fall, and that means September, just like college bowl games should be played Jan. 1.

Sure, I'm proud that the Big 10 has eight of its 11 teams playing in bowl games, but I've watched all of them play at one time or another during the season and most of them aren't that good. Do they all deserve to be in a bowl game? I don't think so.

Has any .500 team earned the honor of playing in a bowl game? You be the judge and jury.

It's beginning to resemble the basketball season, where 64 teams make it into The Big Dance and the leftovers go to the NIT's. I've always said the winner of the NIT is the 65th best team in the nation. What an honor, huh?

The bowl game bottom line has become dollars and no sense. It's no longer games between the best teams in the nation. It's become a game of which teams can bring in the most fans to fill the most hotels and spend the most money to occupy the most seats in large stadiums, with games with sponsors such as Continental Tire and Insight.Com.

Where once it was the Rose, Cotton, Orange and Sugar, there was added Fiesta, Peach, Gator, Outback and on it goes.

My personal "favorite" has to be the Humanitarian Bowl. Please, name one thing that's humanitarian about the game of football. And it shows with the two teams playing, Tulsa (8-4) vs. Georgia Tech (6-6) and, even worse, it's being played Jan 3. Well past what I consider an appropriate bowl game time frame.

Come on, folks.

The bowl season has gone beyond the point of ridiculous. It's bordering on the absurd. And it seems there's no turning back.

First was the introduction of the BCS Championship Game that has always been played after Jan. 1, and has turned this purist's pairing of traditional conference rivals upside down. Now this year the "big game" doesn't take place until Jan. 4.

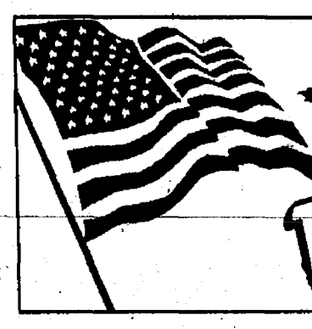
And I don't even want to get into the BCS rankings versus the coaches, and AP polls and what might or might not happen to the choice of the best team in college football. That's fodder for yet another column.

Perhaps I'm not looking at the bowl season in the spirit in which it should be viewed, but you tell me.

One thing's for sure, I may watch the Big 10 teams play prior to New Year's Day, but my television won't get warmed up until Jan. 1.

Go Blue!

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Figure skater performs well at nationals

By Austen Smith
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea's Kendra Moyle started ice skating at 6 years old and hasn't stopped.

Kendra's parents introduced her to figure skating when they signed her up for a local skating group. They couldn't have known that now, at 13, she could be well on her way to the Olympics.

Since Kendra recently brought home a silver medal for the pairs competition and a sixth-place title for freestyle in the Junior Nationals in Scottsdale, Ariz., her parents are incredibly proud of her.

"She does both the freestyle skate and the pairs," said mother Tracy Moyle. "That is hard to do, both in a regional competition. It's quite an accomplishment.

"She was one out of a handful of kids who did the freestyle and pairs in the junior nationals, and she was the only girl who actually made it into the final rounds. She has been working really hard to get here and we are really proud of her."

Competing successfully at the national level is something that Kendra has been working for throughout her lifelong passion of figure skating. However, she is no stranger to competition.

Kendra says that she skated in her first competition when she was 6 years old. She has participated in competitions in Detroit, Ann Arbor, St. Clair Shores, Plymouth, Wyandotte and Grand Rapids, and competed in her first junior national event last year, winning a third-place award.

Kendra, who is the daughter of Ollie's Pizza owner Chris Moyle, says a lot of her success comes from her parents and the people who support her.

"Everybody has helped me out a ton," she said. "I probably wouldn't be here if it wasn't for my parents and coaches and everybody who has been helping me."

Kendra's mother said that her coaches have done a great job with her. Skating coach Melanie Bolheis instructs Kendra for freestyle, while Adrian Linda is her pairs coach.

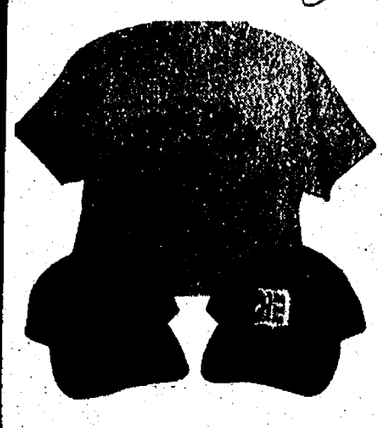
When Kendra competes in the Junior Nationals next year, she will be skating the novice level, where the competition gets a little tougher.

At the most recent competition, she participated at the juvenile level.

While her success at the event marks the end of her season, she plans to practice at the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club.

Kendra's mother said because of her success at the Junior Nationals, Kendra would be on the developmental team with the U.S. Figure Skating Association.

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FORMING A Family

By Brandon Fitzsimmons
Special Writer

As the first semester at Chelsea High School draws to a close, three new teachers seem to be coming into their own.

Heather Benz and Karen Kurcz, two new math teachers at Chelsea High School, and Adam Taylor, a physical education instructor, were considered the new kids on the block. But now they're considered part of the family.

When teacher Chris Orlandi stepped into retired teacher Vincent Brumfiel's shoes, Benz was hired for Orlandi's spot. A 1996 graduate of Troy State University in Alabama, Benz, a native of Holton Lake, had accumulated three years of teaching under her belt at Grand Ledge High School before coming to Chelsea.

She looks back on her first semester in Chelsea as an overall enjoyable time. While she didn't know anyone when she started, she does now.

In particular, Benz says she enjoys Chelsea's proximity to Ann Arbor.

"There is a lot of culture around here," she said.

If there's ever a tough entrance for a new teacher in a new school, it has to be starting a job three weeks after the first day. And that's exactly what Kurcz did at Chelsea High School.

She succeeded Mark Arrigan, a well-respected math teacher who announced his resignation on opening day of classes. A substitute teacher filled in for the first three weeks until Kurcz came on board, ending a four-year teaching hiatus after moving from Indiana to Michigan.

Kurcz looks back on her first semester as challenging, but strongly flourishes in the school environment.

"Everyone seems friendly and willing to help," she said.

Taylor, on the other hand, is a name that is anything but foreign in Chelsea. A 1992 Chelsea High School graduate, he is most recognized for his achievements on the baseball diamond, having played for a Cleveland Indians farm team after 4 years at Ferris State and the University of New Mexico.

These days, though, Taylor is making a name for himself as a physical education teacher, succeeding Jim Tallman, who retired.

With the departure of teacher and coach Brad Bush, Taylor is expected to inherit some of the more advanced fitness classes next year.

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Photo by Brandon Fitzsimmons

Math teacher Heather Benz is among three new staff members at Chelsea High School. She joins Karen Kurcz and Adam Taylor.

Teen Talk

By Jennie Palluzzi

"What are you looking forward to over holiday break?"



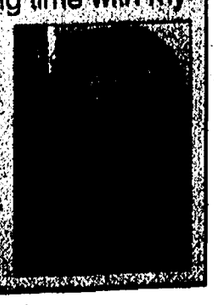
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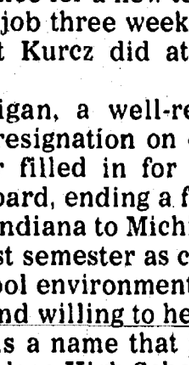


"Sleeping in and having no school."
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"Spending time with my family and sleeping in."
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Students can balance school, work



BRANDON FITZSIMMONS

PUTTIN' ON THE FITZ

The life of a typical high school student is overflowing with activities and responsibilities, from school, sports and friends to cutting the lawn and taking out the trash.

Many parents, eager to prepare their offspring for real-world situations, require that those who drive pay for gasoline and, sometimes, car insurance. Some pay for their own clothing and other necessities.

But should high school students add more to the mayhem of their lives and add jobs to an already loaded schedule? Do they risk bringing down their grade point averages?

I asked some students who are employed and each agreed that the money made from their jobs is entirely worth it in achieving economic freedom and independence from their parents.

There's nothing better than young people developing a strong work ethic and acquiring some money management skills along the way.

Surprisingly, those polled said having a job does not detract from their academic, athletic or spiritual lives. Social time seemed to be the only aspect of their lives that was affected by their jobs.

So, if one can manage, a job — and the money it brings — is certainly a worthwhile investment of time and energy.

There's nothing better than young people developing a strong work ethic and acquiring some money management skills along the way.

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Hunter's Feast a local tradition

By Jennie Palluzzi
Special Writer

Physics students swarmed art teacher Kerry Kargel's classroom early Dec. 5 to feast on a variety of food during teacher Eric Swager's annual Hunter's Feast.

This year, students brought a wide variety to the event, which boasted, among other things, pheasant, cookies, cakes, ice cream, eggs, venison, bratwursts, pies and mud pudding.

The event was held at 6 a.m., with parents grilling up some of the more interesting offerings.

Students arrived throughout the morning, adding more food to the table.

"We have had more variety as far as meats go, but this year won for quantity," Swager said.

Past events have featured bear and buffalo meat, along with Alaskan mountain goat.

Parents, students, teachers and alumni attended the event, which has been a tradition since 1996. Swager said it attracts a bigger following every year.

The event left many Chelsea High School students rubbing their tummies afterward.

"The feast had better food than my Thanksgiving," said Chelsea High School senior Alice Gauvin. "I felt terrible the rest of the school day because I ate so much, but it was worth it."

Senior Kelly Reinhardt added, "I always look forward to the feast because there is so much food."

For the rest of the day, students felt full but content. Some were seen with Tupperware containers holding the remnants of the morning's activity.

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Photo by Jennie Palluzzi

Pieter Boshoven (left), Matt Neff and teacher Chris Orlandi were among those who participated Dec. 5 in the Hunter's Feast at Chelsea High School. This year, students brought a wide variety, including pheasant, cookies, cakes, ice cream, eggs, venison, bratwursts, pies and mud pudding.

Byrnes named to pharmacy board

Pam Byrnes of Lyndon Township has been appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to the Michigan Board of Pharmacy.

Granholm made the announcement Nov. 25.

Byrnes is appointed to represent the general public for a term expiring June 30, 2007.



Pam Byrnes

She succeeds Bonita Patricia Gibson, whose term has expired. The appointment is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

"The cost of prescription drugs is a huge concern to everyone", Byrnes said.

"I'll work to safeguard everyone's access to life saving medicines, and I'll carefully scrutinize quality standards to protect the health of Michigan's citizens."

Byrnes is an attorney who has practiced family law for the past 25 years in Washtenaw County. She is a former director of the Washtenaw County Friend of the Court, and has served on various boards, including Child and Family Services, the Washtenaw County Bar Association, Saline United Fund and the Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce.

Byrnes currently serves as a Washtenaw County Road commissioner and a Rotary Club assistant district governor.

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Fund-raiser

The One World, One Family fund-raising committee met Dec. 10 to put the finishing touches on the "Have a Bowl" auction dinner slated for Jan. 9 at the Chelsea Depot. Pictured in back are Suzy Morse (left), Sandra Vadlamudi, David Cleaver-Bartholomew, Joanne Ladio, Colleen Verge and Shawn Personke; sitting in front are Lynn Meadows (left), Jennifer Kundak, Jackie Maveal, Kathy Brigham, Christy Gutekunst and Sandra Peterson.

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Tax breaks offer relief to investors

The reduction of tax on dividends, a key part of President George Bush's tax-cut proposal, is renewing interest in dividend-paying stocks and mutual funds. Dividends have historically helped reduce volatility and provided resilience during declines.

New favorable tax treatment may provide additional benefit to dividend-focused mutual funds and those who receive them as income.

If you look at the long term, approximately 40 to 45 percent of the total return in equities has come out of the dividend stream.

Even though, according to Factset Data Systems of Greenwich, Conn., the number of dividend-paying companies in the S&P 500 dropped from 96.7 percent in 1990 to 74.8 percent in 1999. But with the tax cut that number may increase as more investors flock to dividend-paying stocks and mutual funds.

So what does this all mean to us?

You may be wondering how the tax cut will affect the stock market or what it will mean to the overall economy in regards to job creations and budget deficits.

Economists differ on what the ultimate outcome will be and listening to their opposing views all day long could cause quite a headache.

With that said, let's take a look at just the dividend income tax break portion of the tax bill and what its effect will be for those receiving them.

According to the White House, 35 million American households receive taxable dividend income that will directly benefit under the new plan. And more than half of these dividends goes to seniors, many of whom rely on a steady stream of dividend income.

Investors who receive dividends are, in effect, taxed twice. The IRS taxes a company on its profits, and then it taxes the investor who receives those profits as dividends. According to the White House, for every dividend dollar, as little as 40 cents actually reaches shareholders.

Here's how the dividend tax cut will look: the top rate falls from 38.6 to 15 percent, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2003. If you're in the 10 or 15 percent rate bracket, your dividends will be taxed at only 5 percent. For 2008, the rate will be 0 percent, but just for one year.

This is tax relief for those who are trying to rebuild their portfolios after the pop of the '90s growth bubble and tax relief for those who are receiving dividend income in their retirement years and are battling rising health care costs and inflation.

Let me give you an example of a client of mine who will benefit from the tax relief on dividends: with his pension and social security,

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Christmas cards

Shoppers finding easy way to shop for holidays is by purchasing cards

■ *Majority sold in December and redeemed in January.*

By Lara Moss
21st Century Newspapers

Available in vibrant colors and themes, the popularity of gift cards is on the rise.

Small businesses are starting to join national chains by offering gift cards, and today's consumer can even buy a prepaid credit card for use just about anywhere.

At Target, gift cards feature pictures of birthday cakes, wedding bouquets and baby faces. Nordstrom sells gift cards with pictures of a menorah, Kwaanza candles and a traditional bow for the holidays.

But it's not the flashy colors that are drawing customers.

"Consumers love them because they solve the dilemma for gift givers," said Dan Pinkney, a spokesman for Bain & Co., a New York-based global consulting firm. "Of course, the perfect gift would be a present you picked out especially for that person. If you can't get that, the next best thing is a gift card. It's better than cash, easily stored and carried."

The majority of gift cards or gift certificates are sold in December, but redeemed in January. In addition, nearly two-thirds of shoppers spend more than the value of the card, he said.

Gift cards could reap $17.24 billion in sales this holiday season, which would be nearly 8 percent of holiday sales, according to a survey conducted by the National Retail Federation, based in Washington D.C.

The poll showed that 70 percent of consumers plan to buy gift cards this holiday, spending an average of $34.24 per card.

Unlike gift certificates, which are issued in $5 increments, gift cards can be purchased for any denomination, although some stores set a limit or base price. Also, some retailers allow value to be added to the gift card.

Typically gift cards can not be redeemed for cash. Although the majority of gift cards do not have expiration dates, some expire after 12 months. And some stores' cards reduce in value each month if they are not used for a certain period of time.

Annual sales of gift cards are expected to reach between $42 billion and $45 billion this year, a 15 percent to 25 percent increase from last year, according to research by Bain & Co.

"Retailers love them because they can promote them so aggressively," Pinkney said. "They can actually put the gift cards out in the open where consumers can see them, on the register in the store. They can send them in catalogs because there is no risk or value until a consumer adds it. They are not like gift certificates that can be stolen, forged or copied."

This is a plus to Matt Prentice, president of Unique Restaurant Corp., based in Bingham Farms. This is the second year his business has sold gift cards, rather than gift certificates. Last year, gift card sales doubled, he said.

"The gift card just makes life so much easier for people and it makes life easier for us as well," he said. "They're a lot more secure than a paper gift certificate that if they got out in the public they can be copied, which unfortunately has happened."

The company's gift cards can be used at any of the 11 restaurants but must be used within 12 months of the purchase.

Some shopping malls offer gift certificates or gift cards that can be used throughout the center. Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi sells gift certificates that can be used at any Taubman Centers mall such as Great Lakes Crossing.

"A lot of people use them especially for teen gifts in particular," said Peggy Hayes, a spokeswoman for Twelve Oaks Mall. "It's good at any store or restaurant in Twelve Oaks."

There is no expiration date on the gift certificate and change is given back when the card is used.

"We try to encourage people to get gift certificates in small enough denominations, so they can use them in a number of stores easier," she said. "It's better to buy four $25 gift certificates than one for $100."

Since the mall started offering the gift certificates five years ago, sales have grown 20 percent on average each year, she said.

Demand also is growing for prepaid credit cards, issued by Mastercard or VISA. Consumers can obtain a prepaid credit card at most banks without a credit check, but they should be wary of fees. Prepaid cards may have purchase fees, monthly fees, transaction fees and fees when they are used for an ATM cash withdrawal.

Still, the benefit might outweigh the fees for some.

"It's a great way to keep your budget in check, especially for holiday spending," said Tracey Mills, a spokeswoman for American Bankers Association, based in Washington D.C. "You know exactly how much you're spending."

Young inventor

Luke Olinyk patents unique cell phone

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Alexander Graham Bell would have been impressed.

Luke Olinyk of Chelsea, a senior studying engineering at Hope College in Holland, has designed a unique cell phone that also analyzes blood-alcohol content.

Olinyk, a 2000 graduate of Chelsea High School, got the idea for the "Breath-a-Phone" this past summer during associate professor John Krupczak's semester-long engineering design course.

"It came to me that potential drivers who've had a few cocktails need an easy and convenient way to testing their blood-alcohol content before jumping in a vehicle," Olinyk said.

"Drinking and driving is obviously a significant problem in this country, let alone the world, and this would provide a convenient means of testing one's BAC."

Olinyk said the cell phone would probably sell for between $30 and $40, but if mass produced, the price probably would be less. His final version was about 20 percent larger than a regular cell phone.

"What I had to do was reverse engineer a second back casing to the phone that could incorporate the Breathalyzer," he said. "This was done with computer-aided design software called IDEAS.

"The finished product has a separate button and display screen on the back of the phone. It will show the actual (blood-alcohol content) number."

Olinyk, the son of Mark and Jeanne Olinyk of Chelsea, will graduate from Hope College next May. He is applying to graduate schools at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, American University, Princeton University and the University of Wisconsin.

"My ideal choice is American University because they have an audio-technology program, and since I have a passion for writing music and engineering, a mix of the two concepts would be a great career choice, in my opinion.



Chelsea High School graduate Luke Olinyk, a senior studying engineering at Hope College in Holland, has designed and patented a "Breath-a-phone," a unique combination of a cellular phone and a Breathalyzer so that people can check their own blood alcohol content.

"Of course, anything is possible."

Olinyk, who plays piano and guitar, has been a musician since he was 4 years old, and has studied with a teacher in Jackson.

He credits two of his former teachers — Vincent Brumfiel and Eric Swager — for his success in college.

"They were both inspirations, and I'm now realizing this more than ever since I will be pursuing a career in engineering, which involves a lot of mathematics and physics," he said.

Olinyk, who hopes for commercial success with his patent, said he has enjoyed his time at Hope College.

"It's a great place to be," he said.

"I was surrounded by a great group of people."

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CHELSEA

Local residents attend 'cool cities' conference

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

They are the duly appointed "Commissioners of Cool."

Fourteen local residents were part of a sellout crowd at the Dec. 11 "cool cities" conference in Lansing who were appointed "Commissioners of Cool" by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and challenged to create cool communities.

The group — Shawn Personke, Ginger Sissom, Linda Cramer, Lorin Kummer, Doris Galvin, Cecily Donnelly, Patti Schwarz, Deb Greer, Bob Pierce, Pete Lenehan, Gail Turluck, Ann Feeney and Cynthia MacFarlan were drawn from the Chelsea District Library, Chelsea Center for the Arts, Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, Chelsea Music Boosters, Chelsea Chamber Players, Chelsea Village, Downtown Development Authority and the River Gallery.

"The keynote by Richard Florida was tremendous," said Gail Turluck of the Chelsea Music Boosters.

Florida, the author of "The Rise of the Creative Class," says the economy is now linked to the creative class, arts and culture and to workers whose work calls upon creative skills — science, writing, technology, art, music, medicine, law and more.

Businesses now factor where to do business based on the quality of people in the location, and how "cool" that town is.

Shawn Personke said she found the speakers inspirational.

"Richard Florida's insights on the changing dynamics of our economy were thought-provoking," she said. "Bill Strickland's efforts in the inner city of Pittsburgh demonstrated that everyone, no matter their social status or color of their skin, has something to offer to every community.

"It seems we have a lot of the building blocks in place. The people that attended plan to meet again, and see how we can continue the energy and excitement of helping to create an even cooler Chelsea."

DDA Director Ann Feeney said she was entertained by Florida and reaffirmed in the idea of supporting the arts as an economic tool.

"Strickland was truly the expression of the power of one person with a clear goal," she said.

Feeney said she was even more inspired by the workshops.

"Neta DeLaney from Jackson and the Marquette group were actual examples of good things happening because of effective leadership," she said. "Marquette has captured its own identity and is capitalizing on it.

"Maybe what we in Chelsea need to do next is analyze our community and decide what is the best image to project, and how that would translate into economic benefits.

"We have work to do, but I think we were all inspired by the conference."

CCA Director Ginger Sissom said that the Chelsea community already has a community of people who care about each other, and that the village has wonderful cultural and leisure opportunities.

"We have an energy-filled downtown with pedestrian traffic, excellent dining, theater, art galleries, coffee shops, local hangouts. We are cool," she said.

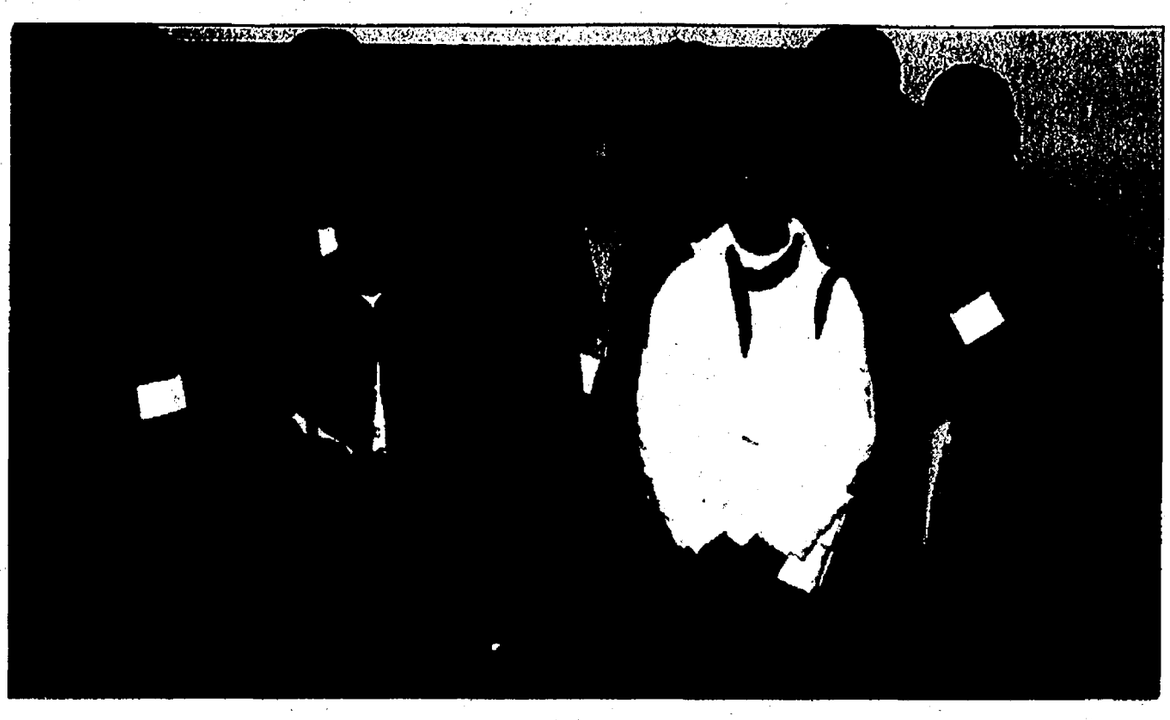
"Sure, we can be cooler, but we're pretty cool now."

Sissom said she was glad to be in Chelsea at this time, a time in which the village has much going for it and the potential for so much more.

"I'm excited about the possibility of the Chelsea Center for the Arts improving the economic climate by taking a leadership role in forging links between art, culture and commerce," she said.

"I think every Chelsea stakeholder needs to hear what we heard."

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Representatives from the Chelsea District Library, Chelsea Center for the Arts, Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, Chelsea Music Boosters, Chelsea Village, Downtown Development Authority and the River Gallery attended the Dec. 11 "cool cities" conference in Lansing. The group, shown wearing "cool" purple shades, included Shawn Personke, Ginger Sissom, Linda Cramer, Lorin Kummer, Doris Galvin, Cecily Donnelly, Patti Schwarz, Deb Greer, Bob Pierce, Pete Lenehan, Gail Turluck, Ann Feeney and Cynthia MacFarlan.

STATE

Steel industry says it needs tariffs

■ *Opponents say tariffs driving up prices.*

By Matt Milkovich
Heritage Newspapers

If President George W. Bush drops the national tariffs he imposed on foreign steel 20 months ago, it will be a disaster, according to one industry labor leader.

"If the tariffs come off, we'll lose jobs all over," said Harry Lester, director of United Steelworkers of America, District 2. "It's going to affect us dramatically."

The president enacted the tariffs to protect the U.S. steel industry, which has been struggling for the past two decades. The tariffs were supposed to last three years, to give the industry time to consolidate its resources and become more efficient.

But because of pressure from the international community, the World Trade Organization and many domestic steel users, Bush was expected to drop the tariffs this week.

"The current tariffs were put in place after four years of unfair trade practices by our so-called trade partners," U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-15th District) said. "They have proved effective in protecting American steelworkers and industry from unfair practices."

Lester said dropping the tariffs would equate to a breach of trust.

"We've done what we promised to do," he said. "He'll be going back on our agreement if he drops the tariffs."

The steel industry has become more competitive since the tariffs were enacted, but it needs more time to reorganize and consolidate, Lester said.

But opponents of the tariffs

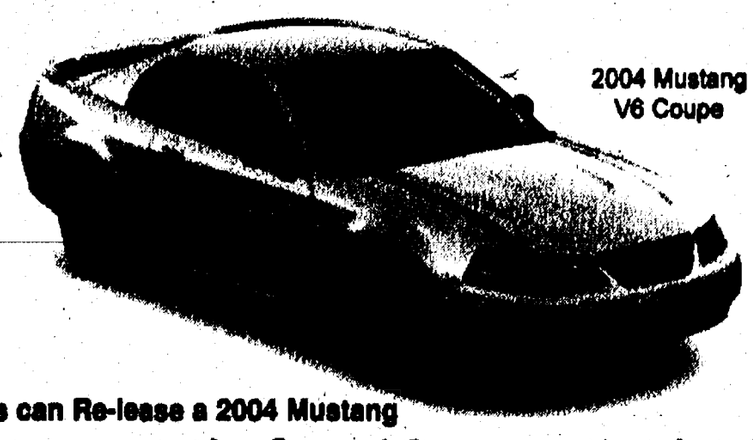
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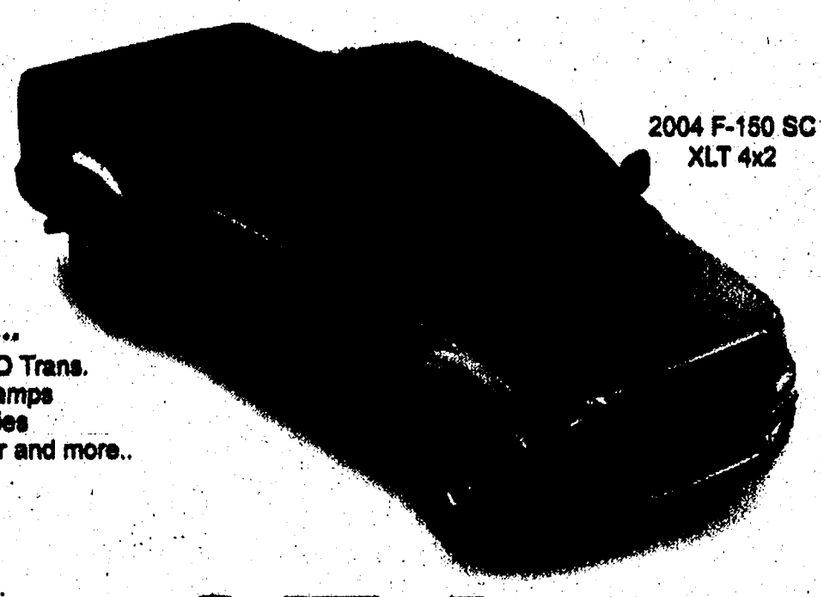
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STATE

Universities face state budget cuts

■ *Financial woes don't appear to be coming to an end soon.*

By Chad Livengood
Special Writer

State universities are faced with a 5 percent mid-year cut under an executive order handed down Dec. 10 by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

It's the fourth such cut to higher education in the past year, totalling 15 percent.

Universities could see a 2 percent reduction instead if they agree not to raise tuition next semester and restrain tuition increases to the rate of inflation for the fall 2004 semester, according to state officials.

If schools abide by the tuition guidelines, they will see the remaining 3 percent returned on Sept. 30, the last day of the state's 2003-2004 fiscal year.

"We're encouraging our university presidents, regents and trustees to look at ways to keep tuition at reasonable rates that working families can afford," said Peter Wills, chief of staff for state Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-52nd.

Executive-order cuts require approval from both the House and Senate appropriation committees. Both approved the order Dec. 10, which includes a six-month delay in the state income tax reduction.

The same day, the Senate voted 24-12 in favor of delaying the tax cut, which, if fully approved, would give the state an additional $77 million toward its $920 million deficit.

House approval of the delay may not be so easy, said Sen. Alan Cropsey, R-Dewitt, who voted against the measure.

The Republican-led House resumed this week, seeking ways to cut the budget further past Granholm's executive order to avoid a delay in the tax cut.

"There are a number of us that still have concerns," Rep. Sandy Caul, R-Mount Pleasant said of the tax-cut pause.

The non-partisan House Fiscal Agency estimates the delay will cost a family of four earning $52,000 approximately $25 a year.

Caul, chairwoman of the House Subcommittee on Higher Education, said she is concerned about cuts to higher education, as well. She questions how the tuition constraint requirements can be guaranteed to the universities.

"This is just a proposal," she said, "there is absolutely no guarantee that what is being proposed will actually happen."

Universities are worried they may fall victim to the state's budget ax when the governor proposes a 2004-2005 budget early next year, said Mike Silverthorn, a spokesman for Central Michigan University.

CMU, which stands to lose more than $4 million if this executive order is approved, will also see increases in utilities, faculty, and staff wages this year as well, which will produce a $16 million deficit.

"We're just going to wait and see how it all shakes out in Lansing," Silverthorn said of CMU's budget strategy.

Caul said there is no bill or law that would protect universities in case of another mid-year reduction between now and Sept. 30.

"Every time we start to have that conversation with the executive branch, the only answer is, 'Cut the fat out of universities and put a cap on tuition,'" she said.

There is concern that universities will be restrained to raise tuition by the Detroit Consumer Price Index's rate of inflation, a guide Caul says isn't in touch with the rising cost of education.

"Detroit CPI is really in no way knowledgeable in calculating education cost," Caul said.

The Detroit CPI is currently in the 1.8 to 2 percent range, she said.

Other budget decisions affecting college students include a delay in the payments for Merit Scholarship recipients next fall.

Instead of seeing the scholarship money before the beginning of the fall 2004 semester, recipients will not receive their awards until Oct. 1, when the state's fiscal year begins.

The whirlwind state budget crisis affecting higher education began Dec. 6, 2002, when former Gov. John Engler, faced with a $337.4 million deficit before leaving office, cut university funding 2.5 percent.

Upon taking office, Granholm was faced with an increasing deficit from the Engler administration and was forced to reduce higher education another 1.5 percent Feb. 19.

Just months later, the governor was faced with a $1.2 billion deficit in the upcoming 2003-2004 budget.

In July, the governor and legislators agreed to an average decrease in university funding of 6 percent.

On Oct. 14, state budget officials announced another deficit totalling $920 million in the two-week-old 2003-04 budget.

"I just get very frustrated cause higher education has been on the table so many times," Caul said.

Cropsey, a Senate Appropriations Committee member, said the latest figures indicate the state's budget woes may not be coming to an end anytime soon.

"We hope there won't be more cuts, but there's no guarantee on anything here," Cropsey said.

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disagree, saying they have hurt the economy as a whole by driving up steel prices and need to be lifted.

"Anybody looking at steel prices today can see how anti-consumer they are," said David Littmann, chief economist for Comerica Bank. "Steel prices are through the roof."

Tariffs will weaken the steel industry in the long run, not strengthen it, he said.

Steel producers need to be weaned from their dependence on the federal government and to stand on their own and be more competitive, Littmann said.

"If the steel industry can't come to grips now, it never will," he said. "(Steel mills) have 18 months of special advantage behind them. How much more do they want, for how much longer?"

Lester's union represents 200,000 workers. Two decades ago, it represented three times as many, he said.

"We've lost 400,000 steelworker jobs due to foreign imports," Lester said. "It's hard to tell how many jobs will be lost if the tariffs are lifted."

The U.S. steel industry is close to being dead, he said. Most steel producers have declared bankruptcy or have been liquidated, affecting not only the steel industry, but its supporting industries as well, he added.

"Everything we use is made from steel," he said. "Who will supply us with steel if the industry is gone?"

An economic market system doesn't care about one industry, but about what's good for all, Littmann said. Steel producers don't deserve a temporary boost, he said.

"Steel mills need to get more efficient," he said. "The consumer shouldn't be bailing them out."

Dingell said the American steel industry needs more time to restructure, and removing the tariffs would be a mistake.

"Removing the tariffs at this time would be extremely unwise," he said. "It could prove quite harmful to the American steel industry."

Bush visited Dearborn last week to raise money for his 2004 re-election campaign and stopped in Canton Township, as well, to discuss the economy at a metal-treating plant. Many expected him to talk about the steel tariffs during his visit, but he didn't bring them up.

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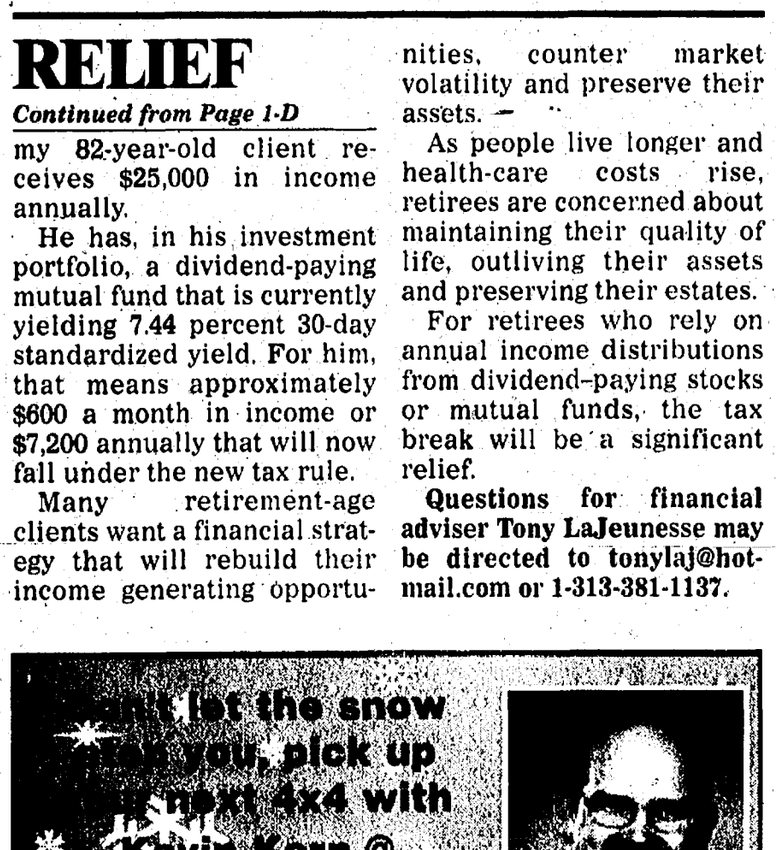
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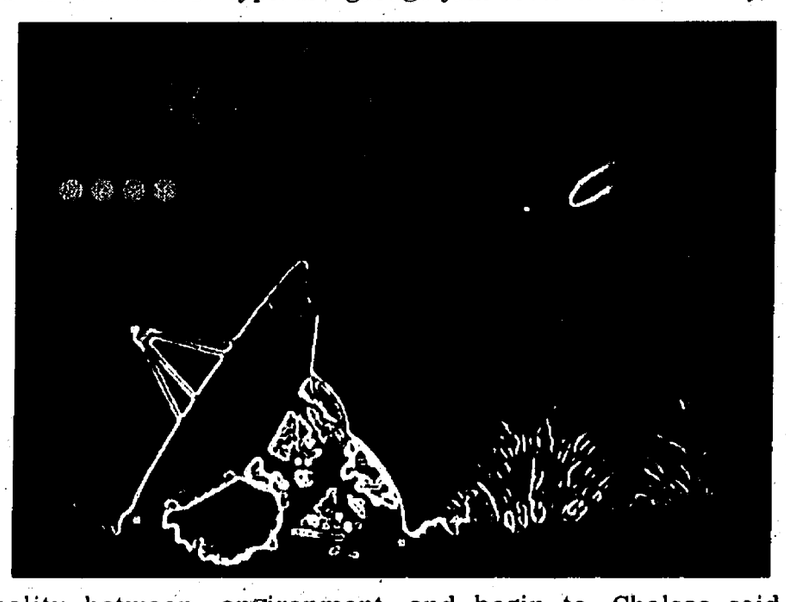
Chelsea rock band has big dreams

By Chad Livengood
Special Writer

Changing the face of mainstream music is a top priority for local musicians Tim Clairmont, Rob Knopper, Jeff Alber and Jared Yellin.

The four combine their long history of musical success to bring forward a tuneful style that aims to challenge mainstream pop culture.

Their band is Fortune's Fool, and members say it was literally just a matter of fortune that brought them together.



The group formed in the fall of 2002, after each member split from unsuccessful bands in hopes of finding a new commonality between one another.

While the band does not conform to a single style of music, Fortune's Fool strives to combine multiple genres into its own unique blend.

"It's just cool music," said guitarist Tim Clairmont. "It's almost like commercialized Pink Floyd. It's very marketable."

"We're kind of like power pop. We have harder, faster songs and we're kind of like Third Eye Blind, U2ish," said bass player Jeff Alber, a senior at Chelsea High School.

Despite previous bands that didn't work out, this match seems to fit better, said Clairmont, a 2002 Chelsea High School graduate. Now a sophomore at Western Michigan University, he writes all of the band's original music and is the lead singer, in addition to playing guitar.

Chelsea High School junior Rob Knopper keeps the group in rhythm as the drummer, and Yellin, a West Bloomfield Hills native, is the band's backup guitarist.

Although each of the musicians have different influences, they all contend the music of Fortune's Fool is unique in a world of wannabe rock stars.

"My mission would be to exterminate mediocrity," Clairmont said. "It's time for a music that matters."

Knopper, a proclaimed percussionist, said the band's goal is to put an end to "fad rock."

"I'm just glad we're out of the 'boy band' era," Knopper said of the current state of the music industry.

The group's goal was to take its show outside of the typical garage-jam-session environment, and begin to play venues that would propel its name and talent outside of Chelsea.

"It took two years of playing together to realize, Hey, we are good and we can do this,'" Clairmont said.

The musicians have found refuge at benefit concerts, small concert halls, bars and clubs to support their cause.

They also have formed a strong fan base at venues around town, as well as at Ypsilanti clubs Mugs Hideout and the Elbow Room. Recently, they played at the Blue Stage Club in Napoleon.

Yellin, who met Clairmont at WMU during their freshman year before joining the group this summer, said there is a sense of commitment among the four to seek success.

"I wouldn't have wanted to join the band if I didn't want to see the band succeed and go places," said Yellin, who was influenced by Randy Rhodes and Zakk Wylde before learning guitar in the seventh grade.

Clairmont describes the addition of Yellin to the group as irreplaceable.

"He really adds a lot of stage presence," Clairmont said. "He just adds a little goofiness and it helps us."

Knopper, a classical percussionist in the Detroit Civic Orchestra and University of Michigan Youth Orchestra and Band, says that despite his busy schedule, he is devoted to the band's cause.

His father, Mark Knopper, has also been at Fortune's Fools' side since the band's inception. Since forming, the band has continued to practice weekly, in many cases, in Knopper's basement.

Knopper also has been instrumental in starting a Web site for the group, and keeping a well-documented photo gallery, said band manager Becky Patrias.

Patrias, a Chelsea doctor and founder of local teen group Audible Vision of Chelsea, said she jumped on board the Fortune's Fool train when she realized the group's immense potential.

"It's a lot of hard work and doing a lot of things that has paid off for these guys," Patrias said of the band's work ethic.



Tim Clairmont and Jared Yellin are part of Fortune's Fool. They join Rob Knopper and Jeff Alber, and say it was literally just a matter of fortune that brought them together in 2002.

In the past two years, the band has been fortunate enough to record two demo albums, which members distribute free to friends and classmates at school, as well as to audience members every time they perform.

Mark Knopper spends a lot of time making copies of the CDs for the band to distribute, Patrias said.

Alber and Knopper said they distributed more than 200 copies of their latest CD at school. The results were favorable.

"The week later, everyone I talked to just loved it," said Knopper, whose influences vary from Stravinsky to Primus.

The band has found a popular local backing, Alber said, which led to the formation of a "street team."

Street team member Kylee Goedert said the group takes care of selling tickets, handing out CDs, making fliers, and designing T-shirts and stickers.

"We love their music and we want to help them get what they deserve - to make

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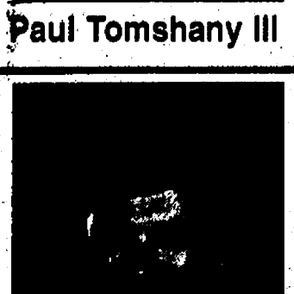
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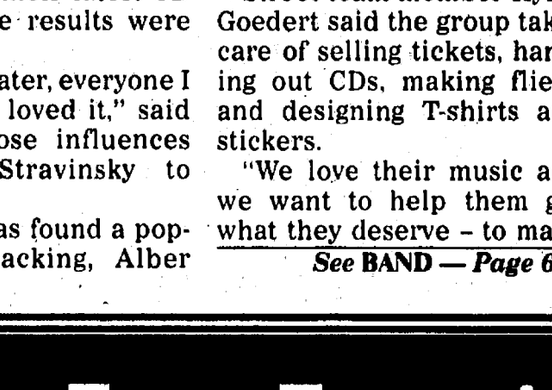
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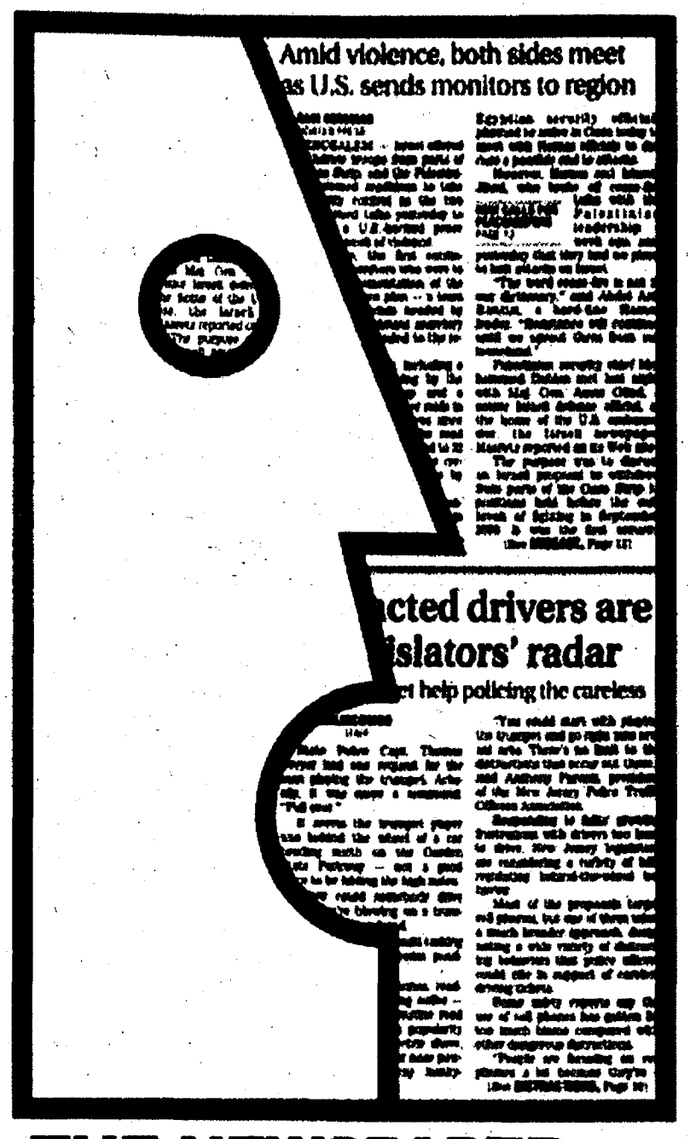
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#1 Chelsea Standard
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Don Richter

Very interesting, well-written story of a woman's very unique talent. A real stand out among entries.

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#2 Chelsea Standard
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#2 Chelsea Standard
Toss up between 2nd and 3rd place. Went with The Standard for 2nd on strength of its writing. Seemed to have stronger leads in stories. Like editorial pages, except for commentary standing head, which was way to big and heavy for page.

#3 Dexter Leader
Again, this could easily have finished in 2nd place, too. Please tone down commentary standup head on opinion page. Otherwise, nice looking newspaper.

SPOT NEWS STORY

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Will Keeler
Voters reject bond
Numbers tell the story, and disappointment comes through in quotes. Clear and informative. What do townsfolk say about results?

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Dexter Leader
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Rita Fischer

Excellent writing. sensitive subject is explored tastefully and provides reader with information and sorrow.

FEATURE STORY

#3 Dexter Leader
Memories of 4 Mile Lake
Rita Fischer

Snappy lead.
Interesting story.

ENTERPRISE REPORTING

#1 Dexter Leader
Lisa Carolin
Shiela Pursglove

This was an evocative look back at Sept. 11 through the eyes of a community. Comprehensive and nicely done.

Rockin' success

Michigan musician pens song for Kid Rock

By Nick Brandon
Heritage Newspapers

From Rock City to the City of Angels, it has been quite a journey for Huck Johns.

A rock 'n' roll ride that is, one that has resulted in a dream come true.

Johns, a notable Southeast Michigan songwriter and musician, penned the song "I Am," one of 15 tracks included on the latest self-titled album from Detroit hero Kid Rock.

"It's a real pinnacle point in my career," Johns said. "I'm really thrilled and excited to be on this record.

"It's an honor."

But without his Downriver roots, the dream might never have been realized.

"The community itself is inspiring," he said. "I love the Downriver people. There were a lot of great bands down there.

"The whole Detroit area is so talented and has so many talented musicians."

After receiving further education in auto design and 3-D computer software in 1992, Johns started frequenting an Allen Park establishment called Simon's to see a regular group, The Raisin Band. That was the launch pad for his career in music.

"I jumped up one night and gave a try at singing a cover song with the band," Johns said. "It went over better than expected considering most of my practice was in the shower.

The band told Johns he sounded good, and led him to guitarist Tom Bachleda. And although the duo never played in a longstanding project together, Huck credits him with much of his accomplishment.

"It taught me a great deal about what playing music was like and making people feel as if they're a part of something great," Johns said. "Tom and I have been best friends ever since.

"He inspires me to keep pushing with my career."

The next move for Johns was to join Broken Toys, a local band that gave him the vehicle to make progress with his career locally.

"I was honored to be in a band with such greatness," said Johns, adding that drummer Johnny Badanjek played previously with Mitch Ryder, Alice Cooper and Edgar Winter. "We were pretty popular."

After what Johns describes as a great four-year stretch, the band split in 2000, leaving the Huck to find himself as a solo artist.

Johns found a break when Art Penhallow Jr., son of WRIF radio personality Arthur P, signed on to manage him. The partnership soon led to Johns collaborating with Kenny Olsen and Jimmy Bones, members of Kid Rock's band, and the basis for what would become "I Am" was set.

"We hit it off and began to write songs together," Johns said. "I was running with the big dogs of Detroit."

Following a gig at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with members of The James Gang to induct famed producer Eddie Kramer, which Johns describes as "a great experience," the time had come for Johns to leave Downriver behind and move to Los Angeles in 2002 to pursue his dream.

Since being on the West Coast, Johns has collaborated with members of defunct rock band Buckcherry, Alice Cooper guitarist Ryan Roxie and Gilby Clarke of Guns 'n' Roses.

But the high point of this phase has certainly been "I Am."

Originally written by Johns with Penhallow and friend Christian Wojcek in early 2001, the track's inclusion on Kid Rock's album will put Johns' creation into the CD collections of millions.

"It's an amazing thing to have such an outstanding artist record and perform a song that began in your living room," Johns said. "It was a true collaboration."

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BAND

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their dreams come true," said Goerdert, a freshman at Chelsea High School.

"We know what potential they have, and we want to do everything in our power to help them reach that."

Clairmont said the latest demo recording from this summer is a big improvement from the previous recordings.

"I'm thinking the song quality got better because we got more mature," said Clairmont, who has been influenced by U2, The Cure, The Beatles and Bryan Adams since beginning guitar at age 12.

Alber and Clairmont said they have spent a significant amount of time sending their demo tracks to a variety of recording companies in hopes of getting noticed.

"We've heard back from Virgin Records in Canada, but they couldn't sign us because we're not Canadian," Alber said.

Although their demo hasn't landed them a record deal yet, they were able to secure a spot on the Mitch Albom show last January.

From there, the band spent three hours standing, waiting for Albom's none-too-often cue to play before a national audience, which they said was exciting, yet nerve racking.

Band members said the addition of Patrias has helped promote the band beyond its abilities.

"We wouldn't be doing what we're doing without her," Clairmont said.

Though time constraints have begun to tighten for band members, they have not let it get to them.

Clairmont and Yellin, who drive from Kalamazoo to Chelsea twice weekly to practice and perform, said it's another challenge they're willing to deal with.

"I think you can't be good unless you struggle," Clairmont said.

Yellin will continue to pursue a bachelor's degree in broadcasting as the band evolves.

"I figure, if I can't be a famous rock star, at least I can be on the radio," he said.

Alber said he plans to attend Albion College next fall. When he leaves for college, Knopper will be left with just a year of high school.

Knopper, who was principal percussionist in the World Youth Symphony at Interlochen this summer, has high hopes for success in his field. Along with his involvement in groups outside of high school, he also performs in the Chelsea High School Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Chamber Orchestra and Chelsea House Orchestra.

For more information on Fortune's Fool, visit the band's Web site at www.fortunesfoolrocks.com. Webmaster Mark Knopper has made band photos, biographies, booking information, and songs available to be downloaded as MP3s.

Chad Livengood is a freelance writer. He can be reached at Livenlcj@cmich.edu.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M. AT
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AGENDA
1) Canceled

John Shea,
Chairman

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 2003

The second monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Steele at Washington Street Education Center.

Present: Steele, Myles, Holmes, Albertson, Ritter, MacFarlan, Schumann

Absent: None

Others: Jim Drolett, Dan Rosentreter, Brad Roberts, Jim Machnik, Andy Johnson, Bob Shepherd, Mike Rybka, Bob Ponte, Earl Heller, Don Ratliff, Pat Conlin

Approved Consent Agenda with corrections to minutes.

Approved Regular Agenda.

Approved action on the GASB contract.

Approved action to go into closed session to discuss attorney/client information.

Approved action to come out of closed session.

Approved action to release emails in question to Chelsea Standard.

Approved action to go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider written communications protected by the attorney-client privilege and exempt from disclosure under Section 12(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Approved action to come out of closed session.

Approved action to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition.

Approved action to come out of closed session.

Adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Richard Steele
President
Teresa Burtch
Village Clerk

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING — DECEMBER 2, 2003

The regular meeting of the Sylvan Township Board was held December 2, 2003 at 7PM 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, David & Willadean Miles, Don Schoenberg, Mike Rybka, Scott Cooper, Tom Caplis, Bob Lange, Jerry Dresselhouse and Joe Johnson.

Meeting was called to order and the pledge recited.

A moment of silence was observed for the recent tragedy of Haskill & Lillie Worden.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Heller to approve minutes as presented. Carried.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Grau to pay bills as presented. Carried.

Representatives from C.A.T.S. were scheduled on the agenda at this time and no one was present. The Board entered into discussion regarding the contribution of monies to CATS. No action was taken.

Trooper Greg Setla from the Michigan State Police was present to comment on recent activities in the Township and take any questions.

Public Participation:

Scott Cooper inquired on any feedback regarding the service from the State Police.

Dave Brooks spoke in support of CATS and ask the board to do the same.

Zoning Inspector Lange reported 11 permits and 4 certificate of occupancy's issued in the month of November.

Reports: Burgess attended a presentation by the Chelsea District Library, Koch reported on the Washtenaw County meetings regarding the Sylvan/Lyndon Lakes Sewer Project and the CAFA meeting, Grau reported tax bills are out, Trustee Heller reported he would be attending the Village Council meetings.

Motion by Heller, seconded by Lesser to approve Dresselhouse as a liason between MCM Insurance Group and the Township regarding the Kvetko lawsuit. Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to approve the text change for the Bed & Breakfast Operations. Carried.

Motion by Heller, seconded by Grau to appoint Corrine Sikorski as the WWRA Delegate for Sylvan Township and ask Sikorski to also attend the Washtenaw County Consortium for Solid Waste meeting. Carried.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Heller to approve the Agreement for Operation and Maintenance between Sylvan Township and Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority. Roll call – all ayes – Carried.

Motion by Heller, seconded by Lesser to approve the Operation and Maintenance Agreement for Water Supply, Treatment and Distribution Facilities with Jones & Henry Operating Services, Inc. Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to approve the Resolution for SBC Metro Act Permit for existing service. Roll call vote – all ayes – Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Heller to approve the Resolution for SBC Metro Act Permit for new service. Roll call vote – all ayes – Carried.

The CAFA budget was presented to the board for comments – the CAFA board will adopt at their February meeting.

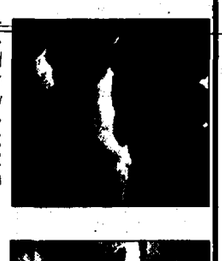
Motion by Lesser, seconded by Koch to make payment of monies to Washtenaw County, in anticipation of the County Board of Commissioners approval, for monies received from Special Assessment at the lakes for fund design and reduce the amount of bonds for the lakes project. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Koch to adjourn.

LuAnn S. Koch
Sylvan Township Clerk

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HEIDI
Heidi is a walker hound, 1½ years old, and here at the shelter because her previous owner couldn't keep her anymore. She's very energetic (like walker hounds are!) and would love it if she could find an owner who had a yard or would give her ample opportunity to exercise. She's very much a sweetie, and would benefit greatly from some obedience training. She understands some of the basics, but would need to learn how to walk on a leash without pulling too much, and things like that! She's good with other dogs, too!



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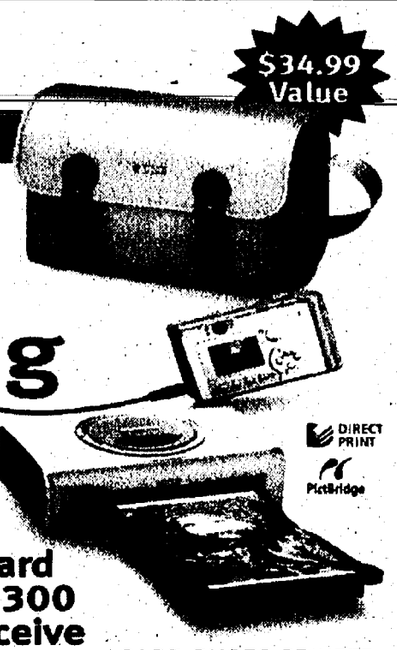
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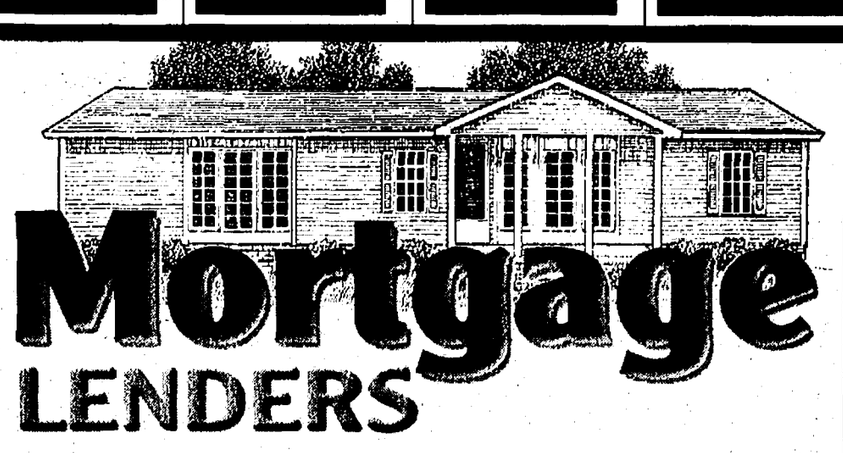
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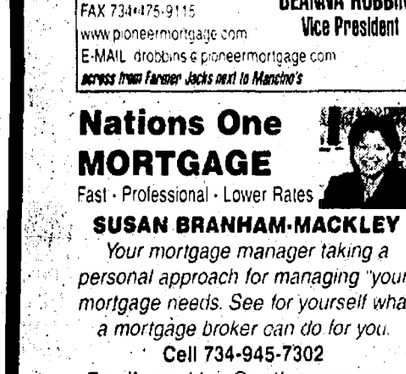
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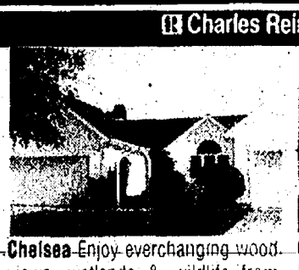
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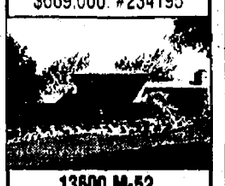
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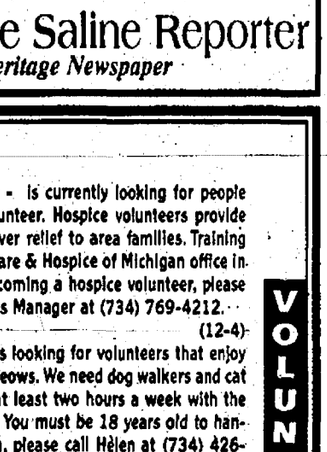
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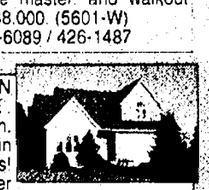
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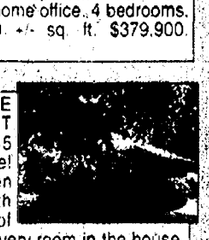
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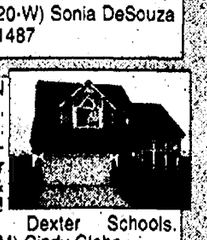
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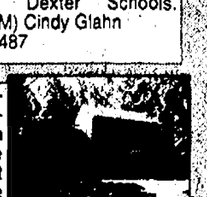
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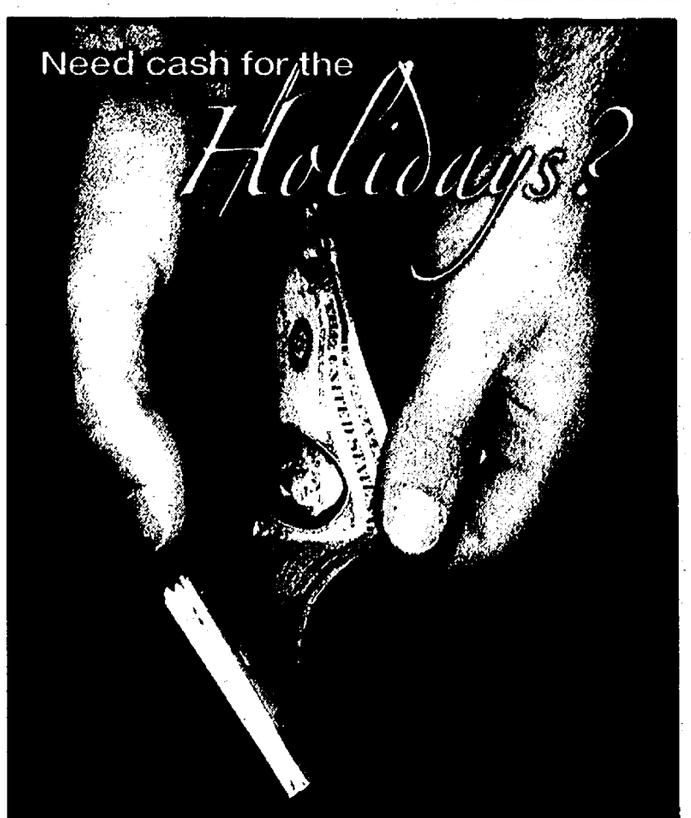
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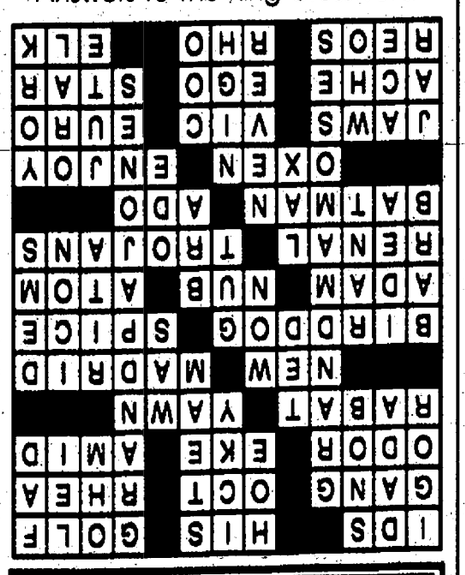
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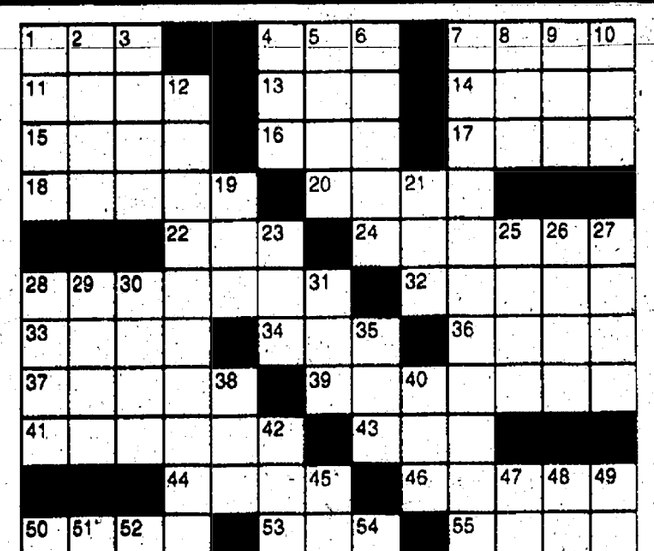
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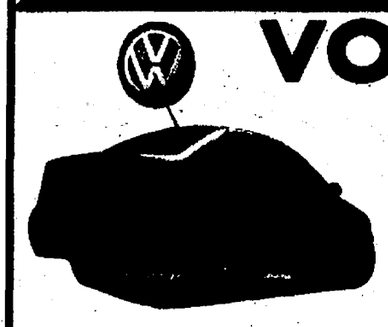
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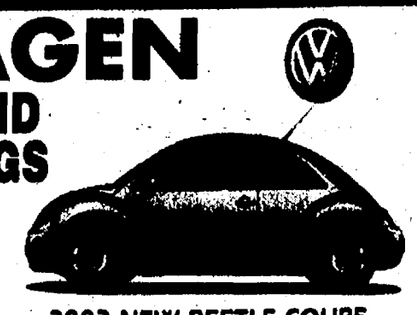
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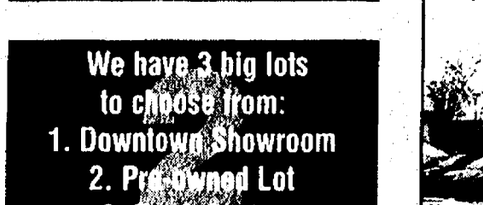
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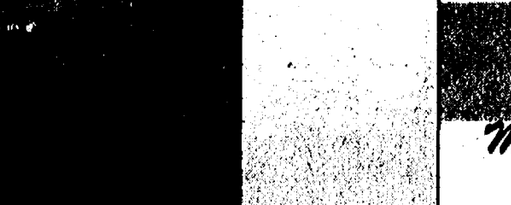
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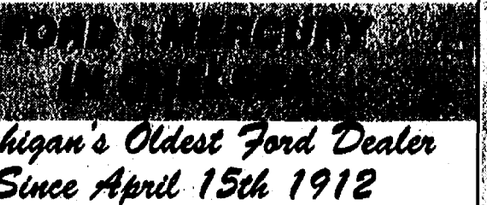


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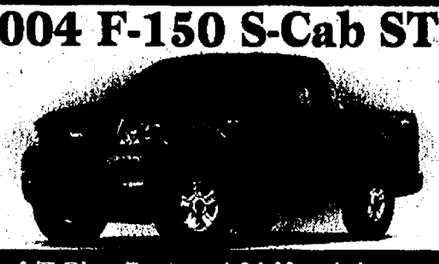
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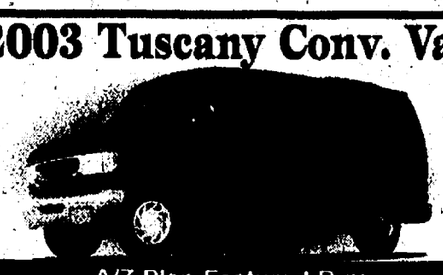


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$0 Down $182.07* $342.99 due at signing*
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Blazing Yellow, automatic, sliding rear window, AM/FM stereo, 6 CD in dash, fog lamps, cloth seats. Stk. #40288

A/Z Plan Featured Buy
WAS 26,300 $19,071.23

2003 Tuscany Conv. Van

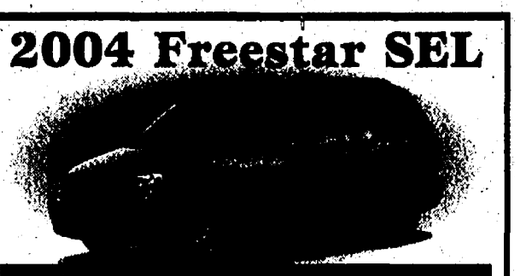


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A/Z Plan Featured Buy
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Stk. #32621

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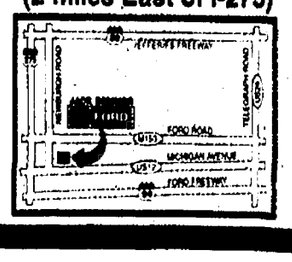
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DEATHS

JOSEPH THOMAS "TOM" BALISTRERE
Waynesboro, Pa.
Formerly of Chelsea

Joseph Thomas "Tom" Balistrere, 60, of Waynesboro, Pa., died Dec. 10, 2003, at Waynesboro Hospital in Waynesboro, Pa. His death was unexpected and attributed to heart failure.

He was born July 9, 1943, in Harrisburg, Pa., the son of the late Anthony F. and Pauline (Cornelia) Balistrere. He lived his early life in Harrisburg, Pa.

Mr. Balistrere graduated from Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1961. In 1964, he received an associate's degree in English and physical education from York College in York, Pa.

In 1966, he earned a bachelor's degree in English and physical education from Albion College. Three years later, he added a master's degree in physical education from Eastern Michigan University.

In 1972, Mr. Balistrere studied administration courses at Western Maryland University in Westminster, Md. In 1984, he earned a master's degree in educational administration from Shippensburg University in Shippensburg, Pa.

Mr. Balistrere and his wife, Charlene W. (Pflager) Balistrere, were married June 24, 1967, in Detroit. They had lived there since 1997.



Mr. Balistrere was first employed at Fraser High School in Fraser, where he taught English, coached several sports, and was assistant recreation director from June 1966 to June 1968. From August 1968 to June 1969, he was employed as physical education instructor and coach of freshman basketball and baseball at EMU.

Mr. Balistrere left EMU for Albion College, where he worked as a physical education instructor, coach of various sports and recreational director from August 1969 to June 1970.

From August 1970 to June 1973, he served as the recreational director and head varsity basketball coach for the Big Spring High School in Newville, Pa. He then was employed as athletic director, recreational director and head varsity basketball coach at Chelsea High School from August 1973 to August 1978.

From September 1978 to June 1985, he was employed as the head varsity basketball coach at Waynesboro High School in Waynesboro, Pa.

From July 1985 to 1995, he was employed at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmittsburg, Md., serving as athletic director/director of Knott Recreational Complex from 1989 to 1995. He was associate athletic director/director of Knott Recreational Complex from 1987 to 1989, and director of Knott Recreational Complex from 1985 to 1987.

Mr. Balistrere was last employed as the athletic director and girls' basketball coach at Fairfield High School in Fairfield, Pa.

Mr. Balistrere was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Waynesboro, where he served as Eucharist minister, Knights of Columbus Council 2068 in Waynesboro, and vice president of the Maryland Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

He served as master of ceremonies for many community events, public speaker for churches, schools and community groups, and was a guest speaker for various conventions and groups.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Anthony Balistrere of Reading, Pa., and Jeffrey Balistrere of Frederick, Md.; four grandchildren; two sisters, [illegible]ville, Md., and Pauline Kreider of Annville, Pa.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Francis Balistrere.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place Dec. 13 at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Waynesboro. Burial followed in St. Andrew Cemetery in Waynesboro.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Tom Balistrere to the John Paul II Center for Special Learning, 1092 Welsh Road, Shillington, PA 19607, or to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society/Mark Shore Memorial Team, 11230 Troy Road, Rockville, MD 20852.

CARL W. LAIER
Chelsea

Carl W. Laier, 76, died Dec. 13, 2003, at home. He was born Nov. 26, 1927, in Chelsea Village, the son of Gustave and Rose (Merkel) Laier. He was a lifelong resident of Chelsea and member of St. Mary Catholic Church.

Mr. Laier was blind from birth, but he knew his livestock by touch and was able to put each animal in the correct stall. He also was accurate with names, dates, places and times. No one cleaned a barn better than Carl and his brother, Bob.

Surviving are his two sisters and two brothers, Sister Helen Laier and Robert F. Laier, both of Chelsea, Teresa (George) Trumbull of Springhill, Fla., and Donald A. (Penny) Laier of Chelsea. Several nieces and nephews survive, as well.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Lawrence, Edward and Thomas; and his nephew, Rodney Laier.

A funeral Mass was held yesterday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea. The Rev. William Turner officiated.

The family received friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, where a Rosary was held. Burial was at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Louis Center or Pious Union.

PERRY L. KLEIN
Pinckney

Perry L. Klein, 50, of Pinckney died Dec. 14, 2003, at the University of Michigan Hospital. He was born April 8, 1953, in Ann Arbor the son of Jerry and Jean (Clark) Klein.

Mr. Klein was a resident of Pinckney for many years, enjoying his home, boating and diving at Portage Lake. He graduated from Dexter High School in 1971.

Mr. Klein was a water well driller at Cribley Drilling Co. for many years, and more recently at Keller Drilling. He enjoyed his many friends, photography and scuba diving.

Mr. Klein is survived by his companion, Karen E. Carpenter of Pinckney; his son, Derek L. Klein of Seattle; his twin sisters, Margo (James) Douthat of Saline and Marti (Gijsbert) Pons of Dexter; a brother Herbert (Sandy) Klein of Dexter; and a half-sister, Terri (Terry) Gordinier of Ann Arbor; and five nieces, Emily Gibbs of Santa Rosa, Calif., Tracy and Laura Klein of Dexter, and Claire and Hannah Douthat of Saline.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jean L. Klein, and his niece, Amy Jean Klein.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. today at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, in Dexter. The Revs. Patrick Bonnie and Gary Kwiatek will officiate.

The family received visitors at Hosmer-Meuhlig Funeral Chapel.

Contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in memory of Mr. Klein's mother, Jean (Clark) Klein.

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Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
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WEBSTER

Church receives grant

■ *Church is one of five in Michigan to receive national grant.*

By Scott Hagen
Staff Writer

The Rev. Laverne Gill returned from an African missionary trip in Ghana to find good news waiting for her.

Webster United Church of Christ, where Gill heads the congregation, was chosen to receive a grant as part of a national program to support pastors' sabbaticals.

The 117 churches chosen are participants in the 2003 National Clergy Renewal Program, which is funded by Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc. The total amount of the awards is $4,492,316. Webster United Church of Christ received $44,474, the second highest amount awarded of the five Michigan churches that also received a grant.

"It's really an opportunity to reflect on this five years of ministry here at Webster," Gill said. "I think that coming here and having been selected by the church was a very progressive step on their part, and it was a new venture on mine. This will give me a chance to reflect on what that means to the Christian community and what it has meant to me."

Gill will use most of the three-month hiatus to spend time with her husband, a professor who still lives in Washington, D.C. Because of their jobs, the two haven't been able to spend much time together since Gill took over the church in 1999.

The first month will be spent traveling with her husband out of the country to the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland. Gill will participate in two seminars, one on music and worship and another on race and racism. When she arrived in Dexter, Gill became the first woman and first African American to head the Webster congregation.

After the trip to Europe, Gill will head to Princeton, N.J., where she received her master's of divinity degree at Princeton Seminary. There, she will work on a research project with her former homiletics professor.

The third month will be spent at the family home in Reston, Va., where she will visit old friends, colleagues and family.

"This is the fourth round of this program, and we are more than pleased with the results," said Craig Dykstra, the endowment vice president for religion. "Pastors and congregations from previous years have let us know how much these sabbaticals have meant to them and their congregations.

"They give pastors — many of whom have never had a sabbatical — time to take an extended leave to explore scholarly pursuits, strengthen family ties, see the sites of early Christianity, experience totally new environments, visit other churches, write, read and renew neglected spiritual disciplines."

Gill plans to begin the sabbatical in June. When she returns to Webster United Church of Christ after her time off, she hopes it will be as part of the 170th anniversary celebration of the congregation.



Photo by Rita Fischer

Grinch Dance

John Robinson and Michaela Maynard dance with the Grinch during his recent visit to Chelsea Community Education Preschool.

DEATHS

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PEGGY M. ANDERSON
Dexter



Peggy M. Anderson, 81, of Dexter died Dec. 13, 2003, at Chelsea Community Hospital. She was born May 11, 1922, in Bay City, the daughter of Stephen V. and Gertrude (Brill) Deering.

Mrs. Anderson retired from University Microfilm after working there for 17 years. She was an accomplished amateur artist, and enjoyed making quilts. She was a member of the Ann Arbor Quilting Club.

On Jan. 3, 1946, she married Vernon L. Anderson.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Thomas (Pauline) Anderson of Bradenton, Fla.; a brother, Stephen (Janice) Deering of Chesterfield; three grandchildren, Stephen, Kelly and John Anderson; and special friends, Bill and Millie Fitzgerald.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Palmeri.

A celebration of her life will be held 2 p.m. today at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

MARTHA E. BAUER
Grass Lake



Martha E. Bauer, 93, of Grass Lake died Dec. 8, 2003, in her home. She was born Feb. 11, 1910, in Webster Township the daughter of Steams T. and Fannie E. (Lound) Wheeler.

Mrs. Bauer lived in Webster and Dexter townships most of her life. She had been a member of the local congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1954.

She married Walter H. Bauer Sr. June 7, 1930, in Dexter. He preceded her in death Nov. 8, 2003.

Survivors include two sons, James L. of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Gary (Vicki) of Grass Lake; four daughters, JoAnn (Gene) Thornton of Chelsea, Jeanne Scott of Dexter, Cathy (Paul) Kamba of St. Peter, Minn., and Cynthia A. Bauer of Grass Lake; eight grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, daughter-in-law and son-in-law, Walter Bauer Jr., Sharon Bauer and Eddie Scott, respectively, as well as four brothers, Fred, S.T., Matt and Jean Wheeler.

A memorial service was held Sunday at Chelsea Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Paul Kamba officiated. Private burial was at St. Andrew's Cemetery in Dexter.

Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Arrangements were by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

DAWN (HOAGLAND) TAYLOR
Tecumseh

Dawn (Hoagland) Taylor, 41, died Nov. 29, 2003. She was born Sept. 22, 1962, in Tecumseh, the daughter of Rosemary Chestney of Chelsea and Charles Hoagland of Milan.

Mrs. Taylor was a 1980 graduate of Chelsea High School and was employed at Ford Motor Co. in Milan. She loved hunting and fishing.

She is survived by her parents; husband, Dave; daughter, Hillary Jordan; and two sisters, Lee Ann Straits of Milan and Stacey (Gary) Ford of Chelsea.

Other survivors include two nieces, Jessica and Sara Straits of Milan, and a stepfather, Gilbert Chestney of Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

GLORIA F. WILES
Dexter

Gloria F. Wiles, 82, of Dexter died Dec. 12, 2003, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was born Sept. 16, 1921, to Albert and Martha (Sleuter) Greene. She was a very loving and caring mom, and her children always came first.

Mrs. Wiles is survived by two children, Sandy (Norm) Wilson and Sherralyn Blust; six grandchildren, Lance (Angela) Sprague, Jason (Lynette) Wiles, Julie Wiles, Michelle (Kevin) Warr, Daniel Blust and Leah Marie Blust; and a sister, Alberta Strickler.

She was preceded in death by her husband, LeRoy "Pete" Wiles; a son, Michael L. Wiles; his wife, Joelean; and a grandson, Todd Blust.

The family appreciates the staff at Chelsea Retirement Center for their wonderful care, and the doctors and Nurses at U of M, especially Dr. David Lien and Dr. Mirabelli at Chelsea Family Practice.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place. A private family service has been held.

Arrangements were by Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

EVELYN H. McBRIDE
Belleville

Evelyn H. McBride, 82, died Dec. 11, 2003, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born May 1, 1921, in Little California, Pa., the daughter of Sestilio and Josephine (Levi) Giannini.

Mrs. McBride had been a resident of Belleville for seven years after moving from Trenton. She retired from General Motors Corp., where she had been a seamstress in the interior dept.

Mrs. McBride was a very spiritual person and was baptized in the Catholic faith.

She married George R. "Dick" McBride July 28, 1947, in Detroit and he preceded her in death in 1982.

Surviving are her children, Richard Cole "Rick" McBride of Belleville and Alayne (Mark) Brenneman of Ohio; three grandchildren, Kara Ann (Steve) Taylor, Ryann Kelly McBride and Seth Brenneman; and one great-grandson, Tyler Cole (Rookie) McBride.

Also surviving are two brothers, Dennis (Carol) Giannini of Fowlerville and Buddy Giannini of Clinton Township; a sister, Eva (Norm) Pickering of Franklin; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea. Visitation was held Monday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home. Burial was at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery in Brownstown Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to Oprah Winfrey's Angel Network.

VINCENT R. IVES
Grass Lake

Vincent R. Ives, 86, of Grass Lake died Dec. 12, 2003.

Mr. Ives was a lifelong farmer and lifelong member of the Grass Lake United Methodist Church. He was active in many agriculture organizations.

Mr. Ives is survived by his wife, Dona (Thelen) Ives; two sons, Kenneth (Diane) Ives of Brighton and Keith (Beverly) Ives of Grass Lake; one stepdaughter, Linda Raser of Ypsilanti; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; one brother, Raymond Ives of Las Vegas.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazel (Spiegelberg) Ives.

A funeral was held Tuesday. Burial was at Oakwood (East) Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements were by Charles J. Burden and Son Funeral Home in Jackson.

EDWARD ALLEN LaROE
Dexter

Edward Allen LaRoe, 64, of Dexter died Dec. 11, 2003, at the Veterans' Affairs Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born Jan. 4, 1939, in Ann Arbor the son of Lowell E. and Vesta Faye (Roderick) LaRoe.

Mr. LaRoe was employed in the printing industry, and was an avid racing fan.

Survivors include four children, Edward Jr. (Lisa) LaRoe of Dexter, Mark LaRoe of Ann Arbor, Laura LaRoe of Tenneesee and Heidi LaRoe of Dexter; a stepson, Chuck (Julie) Graham of Dexter; a sister, Elane (Leo) Laraway of Ann Arbor; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a girlfriend, Linda Graham of Dexter; mother of his children, Lenora LaRoe of Ann Arbor; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Robin LaRoe; two brothers, William and Larry LaRoe; and a sister, Linda Szegda.

A celebration of Mr. LaRoe's life was held Monday at Borek Jennings Funeral Home's Hamburg Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family for future designation. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Sign Mr. LaRoe's guest book at borekjennings.com.

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Johns said that when Rock heard the song, he truly felt a relation to its patriotic, American message.

"Kid Rock, with the amazingly talented person he is, heard a story about himself and where he's been and came from in that song," he said. "He worked on it, adding lyrics of his own in the song, and came up with the version which is on the new record.

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With a few current projects giving him the hope of inking a record deal soon, Johns will keep working hard and continue to credit those who have assisted his path.

"I wouldn't be in any position in my life without God, great friends and a great family," Johns said. "They have always supported me and have been there at all costs.

"Although I'm closer to the goal, I haven't reached it yet, so I'll keep pushing."

Nick Brandon is a reporter for Heritage Newspapers. He can be reached at 1-734-246-0861 or nbrandon@heritage.com.

Christmas Tree Directory

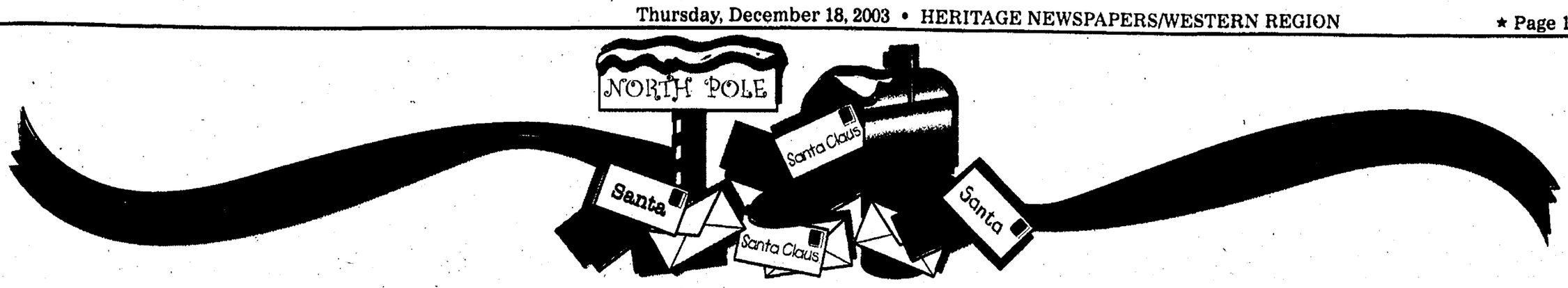
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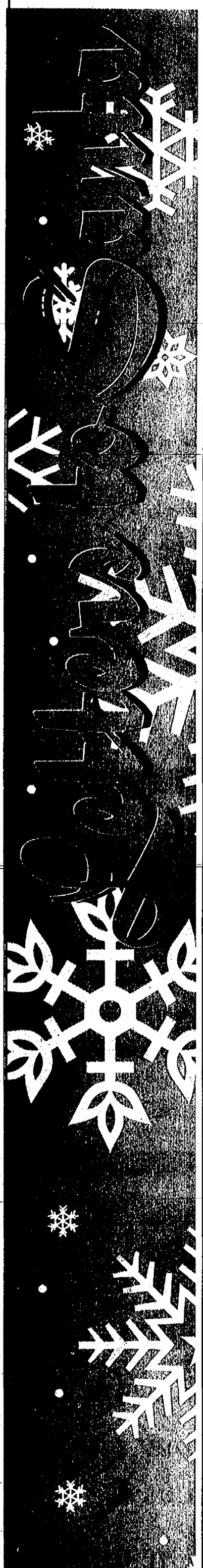
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Rachael Beagle, Age 5
Manchester

Dear Santa,
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Maggie T., Age 3 1/2
Saline
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Cody Paul, Age 7
Manchester
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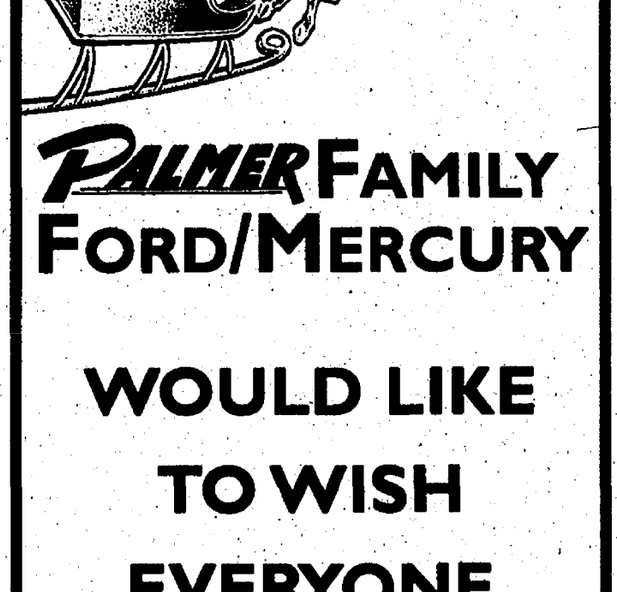
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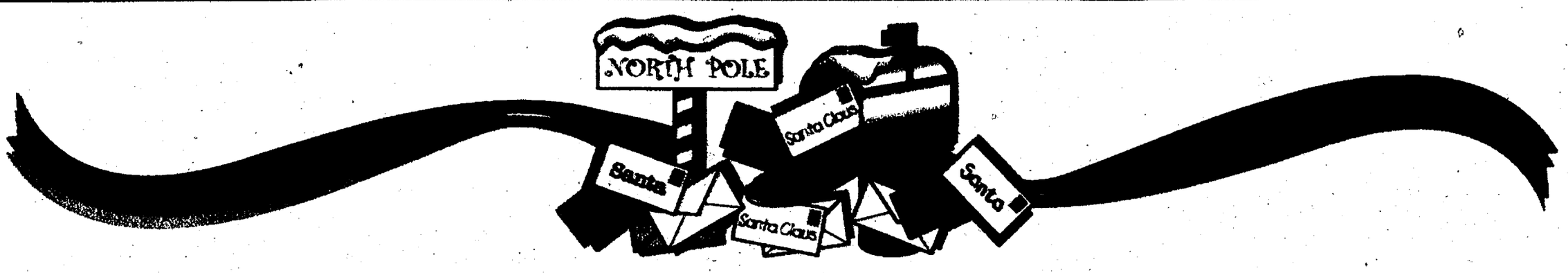

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Benjamin Schmidt, Age 3
Saline

Dear Santa,
I want a firetruck, a bulldozer, a dinosaur movie, and lots of John Deere tractors. My Grandpa and Daddy have John Deeres and they are the best! Do I have to be good everyday? I will try so you will come to my house when I am sleeping. Make sure you don't crash into my house. Thank you Santa.

Andrew Klink, Age 5
Chelsea

Dear Santa,
I want a Christmas tree in my room. I want an Elmo toy. I want a princess cup like Abbie's and something that plays music. I want a big horse from the farm. I've been a little bit good and I hope I see your reindeeer.

Sophie Moccio, Age 2 1/2
Milan

Dear Santa,
I hope I see Rudolph with the red nose. I've been very, very good. Can I please have a Barbie from Swan Lake and a princess tent? I also want a Sleeping Beauty movie. Does Rudolph really have a red nose that lights up the sky? Santa, I hope you come to our next Christmas party. I think you're really, really, really, really, nice.

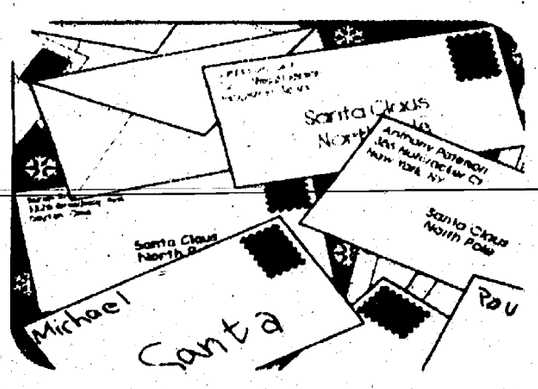
Abby Moccio, Age 5
Milan

Dear Santa,
My bike broke. Please bring a new one. And, Mom wants peace on earth.

Butchie, Age 5
Salina

Dear Santa,
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Graham Wagner, Age 12
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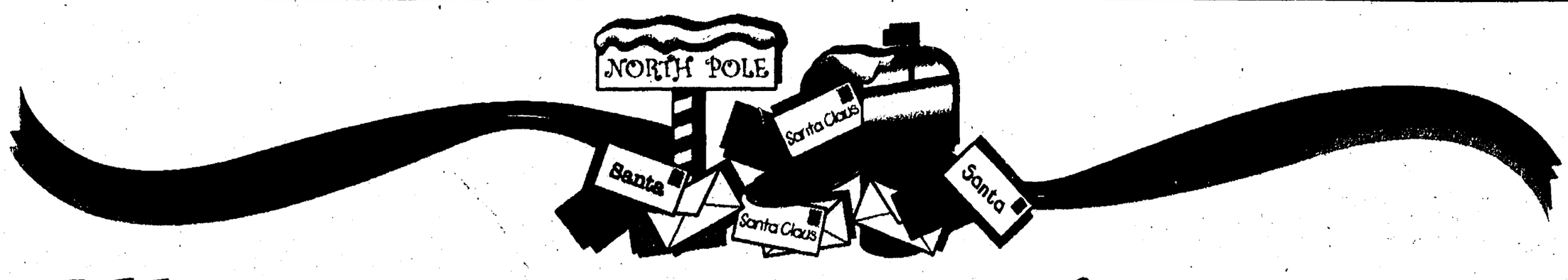
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Crystal, Age 6
Dexter



Dear Santa,
Christmas is coming soon. How are you? Can I please have a toy fire truck and toy gun.
Love,
Zac Smith, Age 4
Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents last year. I have been such a good girl and hope to get lots of toys and baby dolls for Christmas. I love Winnie the Pooh, Dora the Explorer and Sponge Bob Square Pants the most. I will make sure I leave cookies and milk out for you and carrots and water for the reindeer. Have a safe trip. I love you Santa. Love,
Angela Gray, Age 16 months
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Dear Santa,
For Christmas on my list I would like 5 things. I would like a U of M Jersey, a Game boy Advance game, a GI Joe action figure with a tank, and a CD Player. Thank you Santa for all gifts you gave me last year. The treats will be on the kitchen table when you come. Bye Santa!
Love,
Jordan Russell, Age 9
Saline

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me unicorns, ponies and horses? I've been a good girl and can't wait to see you at the north pole. My sister wants a dog. I love you Santa!
Gretchen Walker

Dear Santa,
I have been a little bit good. Please bring me some new markers, Queen Teresa from "Swan Lake", a Princess Scooter with Light-up wheels & a pretty Pony. (Pink) My little sister Claire has been pretty good & shes likes baby books & Teddy bears. Thank you & Merry Christmas!
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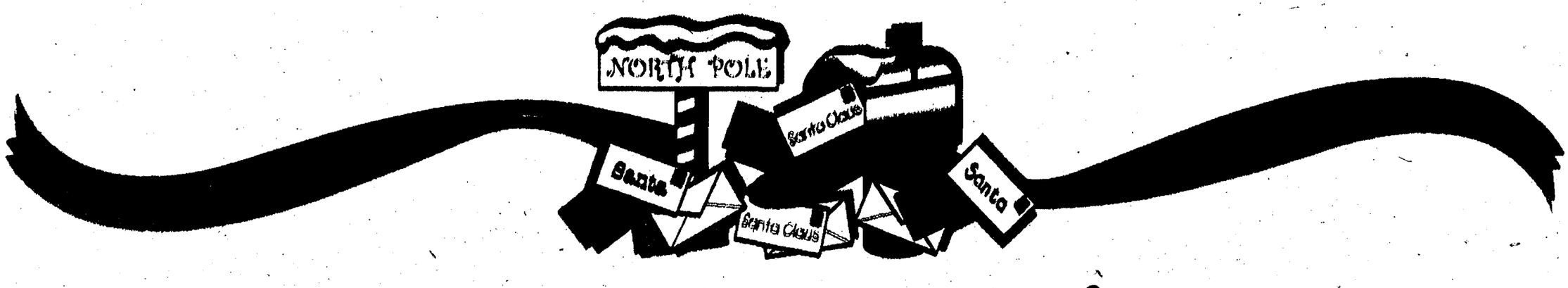
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Ted Walton, Age 7
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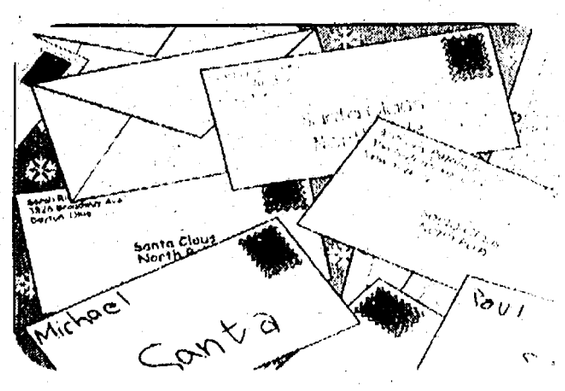
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Benjamin Schmidt, Age 3
Saline

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike for Christmas. I would also like a gameboy, a brat boy, and a refrigerator. Thank you Santa for being a great guy.
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Dear Santa,
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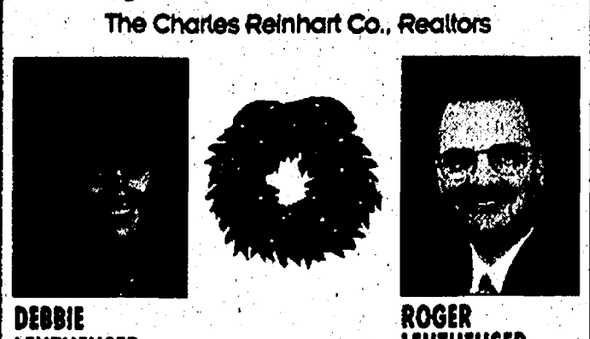
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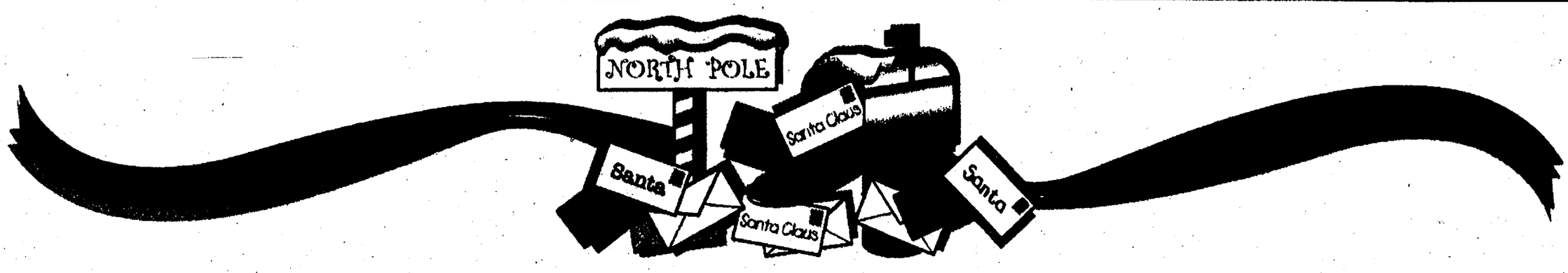
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Ryan Claire, Age 4
Manchester

Dear Santa,
My name is Elizabeth and my brother's name is Andrew. Andrew wants a SpongeBob trampoline and a soccer ball game. I want 2 walkie talkies, a Michelle Branch CD, a guitar, and a Finding Nemo DVD. Your friends,
Andrew and Elizabeth, Age 5 & 7
Saline

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Is there snow at the North Pole? Does Rudolph still have a red nose? Please bring me a Ninja Turtle truck that pops out and a Spiderman motorcycle and four wheeler. Thank you, Santa! Love,
Andrew Furness, Age 4
Saline

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good year. I would like Ninja Turtle castle and more glitter glue, and the Land Before Time movie. Can I please have markers, and marbles.
Conner Paul, Age 5
Manchester

Dear Santa,
I would like a Video Now. I hope you, Mrs. Clause and the elfs have a wunderful christmas. Plus we are going to be at my gammy and papa's house we will put some cooke on the table!
Zealand Smith, Age 7
Chelsea

Dear Santa,
Bring so many toys that it will fill my house up, well, almost that much. Santa, you are the best person in the universe! Oh, and thanks for the presents from last year and the year before and so on.
Logan Marable, Age 8
Chelsea

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl and I was wondering if you could bring me a swing set for Christmas? Can you also bring my brothers and my Grandma and Grandpa to my house for Christmas? I miss them. Thank you for everything.
Shannon Gan, Age 10
Dexter

Dear Santa,
What I Whant for X-Mas is a Capitin Under Pance Book Call The Attack of the Wicked Wegx Women. And The mega Blockes Dragons Battle Ship, And The End to world Hunger.
Brandyn Gallup, Age 10
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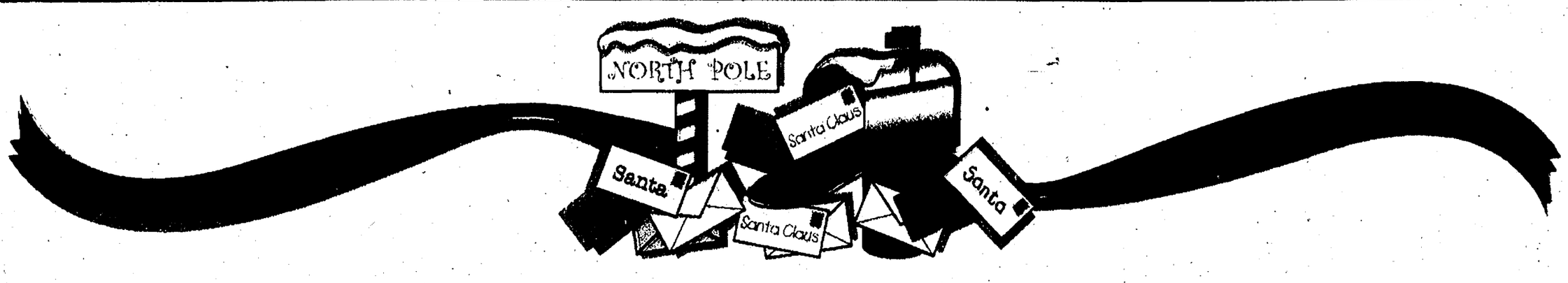
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The employees of Chelsea State Bank extend our warmest holiday wishes to you and your families. Our holiday banking hours are:
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th:
Lobby open 9:00am - Noon
Drive thru open 8:30am - Noon
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th:
CLOSED - MERRY CHRISTMAS!
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31st:
Lobby open 9:00am - 4:00pm
Drive thru open 8:30am - 4:00pm
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1st:
CLOSED-HAPPY NEW YEAR!
As always, you can bank on-line 24/7 at csbonline.com, by phone with Bank Access at 769-BANK(2265), or use your ATM/Check Card any time.
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All I Want For Christmas...

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I will leave food and drink out for you and your reindeer. Don't get stuck in the chimney. I liked the presents you made me last year. This year, I would like a Barbie doll on a motor cycle. Please leave a note.
Love,
Emily Diehl, Age 6
Saline

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Nintendo Gamecube, a blue Mintsey Neopet and a Chalkzone DVD. Merry Christmas!
Ben Vanneste, Age 6
Chelsea

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Here is a short list of things I would like. an american girl doll, blowpens, and a DVD. Thanks!
Erica Vanneste, Age 8
Chelsea

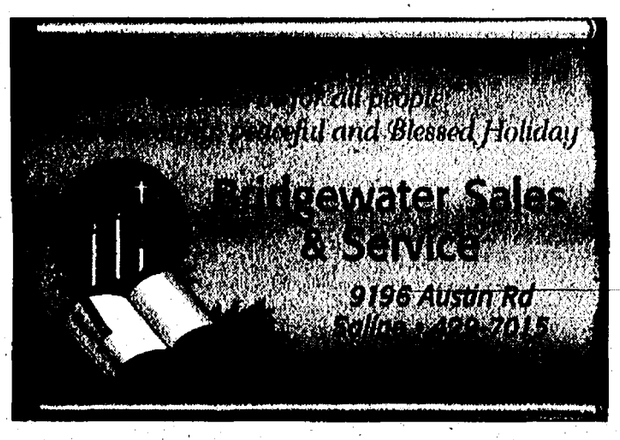
Dear Santa,
When will you be loading up your sleigh? I hope you can bring as many presents as possible. I would really like: Knight Legos, flip-over notepad, Pokemon 3 the movie, and a Japanese gyrados pack and how are your reindeer and elves. I'll wright soon! Bye Bye, Love,
Ben T., Age 7 1/2
Saline

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Kirsten the American Girl doll, a Bratz Doll, and a Stuffed Animal Dog. Well that is all!
Anna Vanneste, Age 4
Chelsea

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a Hopscotch Hill girl named Hallie and A princess phone. I have been trying to be good. How are you doing? I hope you have a good year. I love you from,
Kylie Smith, Age 6
Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Jamie. I would like for christmas - a real cd player with DC's. Books for my leap pad - 3 Ken dolls, mommy little patient doll, Just a small bed for dolls. Some games like Ants in Pants, Elepant, Spongebob game.
Hope you and Mrs. Claus have a nice Christmas too!
Happy new year too. thank you for all you bring me.
Jamie Strader, Age 5
Chelsea

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I hope you have been doing good and the same with Mrs. Claus and your reindeer. This year I would want to have a gear bike, Steve McNair football jersey or Super Mario Kart. Merry Christmas! Sincerely,
Tyler Eiesmann, Age 8
Saline



Wishing past, present and future clients a HOLIDAY SEASON filled with good health, gratitude, and appreciation
Real Estate One
Janice Heidtman of Real Estate One
Cell 734-645-8830

Happy Holidays
May you enjoy a season full of much love and laughter with those near and dear to you.
The Manchester Pharmacy
128 E. Main St.
428-8393

Have A Jolly Holiday!
Hope this is a truly happy holiday season for you and yours! Our sincere thanks go out to each and everyone of you for your kind patronage this past year.
Manchester Collision & Towing
18481 W. Austin, Manchester
734-428-9538

The staff of Briarwood Ford would like to wish you and your family a joyous and peaceful Holiday Season.
BRIARWOOD
1-800-317-5478 NEW VEHICLE CENTER CORNER STATE & MICHIGAN AVE., SALINE
734-429-5478 USED VEHICLE CENTER ACROSS FROM VISTEON
OPEN MON & THURS 'TIL 9 P.M., TUES, WED, FRI 'TIL 6, SAT 'TIL 4
www.briarwoodford.com

Holiday Greeting to all my clients.
May Mother Earth be peaceful, may the rivers forever flow as gentle winds carry thoughts of goodwill to those we feel blessed to know.
Debra Myers
Artistry on Walls and Such
734-475-7621
www.walls2love.com

Let The Holiday Spirit Ring!
It's the most wonderful time of year to celebrate kindness, friendship and family. We're grateful to have you in our family of customers, wish you all the best this holiday season.
VILLAGE GIFTS
(734) 428-9640
134 E. Main St., Manchester
M-F 10-5, Sat. 9-3, Sun. 12-4

CELEBRATE THE SEASON
Your patronage has filled us with good cheer, and made our year bubble with happiness.
R.D. Kleinschmidt
19860 Sharon Valley Rd., Manchester
734-428-9360

Happy Holidays
May Christmas bring you the blessings of peace, hope and joy. We thank you for your continued patronage this past year.
Stitches
Sewing & Alterations
428-1461 • 145 E. Main St., Manchester

The Holiday is Almost Here!
Before the season really takes off we wanted to wish everyone all good things for the holidays and beyond.
Thanks so much for your support and continued patronage!
Kleinschmidt True Value Hardware
19870 Sharon Valley Rd. • 428-8337

Throughout the world, in every nation, from every heart, one prayer...that all can live in freedom and peace reign everywhere. A Holiday Wish for you and all the world...Peace! With our sincere appreciation for your business and warmest wishes for a Happy Holiday season and a Prosperous New Year.
WACKER OIL & PROPANE
The Wacker's - George, Lois, Tim, Kim, Lauren, Courtney & Nickolas
Our Driver's - Ron, Ken, Steve, Bob, Dan, Chris, Keith & Lewis
Our Office Staff- Rebecca & Debbie
Our Special Projects Staff - Paul & Cliff
Our Store Staff - Martha, Al, Cindy, Amanda, Kevin, Melanie & Amy
Our Stock Staff - Bob, Josh, David, Cassandra & Steve

Special Holiday Delivery
They say that snow is on the way, Just in time for the big day,
And when all is said and done, It'll bring fun for everyone!
Happy holidays, neighbors!
Sharon Valley Mini Storage
19970 Sharon Valley Rd. • 428-9360

May the blessings and the majesty of this holiday be yours, as we celebrate this holy season. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your friendship.
J. Proctor Company
20657 Logan Rd., Manchester
428-0700

A SEASON OF GIVING
From our family to yours, please accept our sincere wishes for a blessed and happy holiday.
Fahey Realty
215 E. Main Street, Manchester
428-9298

Happy Holidays
To all our cherished friends and customers. We truly appreciate your business.
Manchester Antique Mall
116 E. Main • 428-9357