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CHELSEA VILLAGE

Council offers manager post to Steklac

■ **Candidate resigned last month from administrative position in Nebraska.**

By Michael Rybka

Special Writer

Michael Steklac, former administrator of Gering, Neb., has been offered the village manager's job in Chelsea.

He is the fourth administrator to receive the offer. Two turned it down and the council rescinded its offer to another.

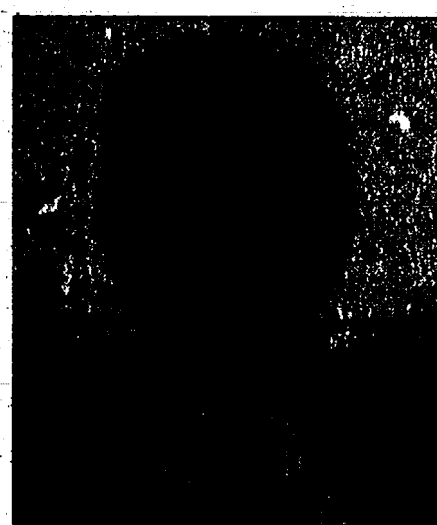
The full-time post has been vacant since Jack

Myers stepped down June 10 to take a similar position in Stockbridge.

Village Administrative Assistant Barb Fredette has been serving as interim manager since Dec. 12.

Steklac, who was interviewed by the Village Council Dec. 12, was in the Chicago area over the holidays and called Village President Richard Steele to ask if he was still in the running, Steele said.

Steklac toured Chelsea with his wife and family Dec. 30 and stayed at Trustee Jim Myles' Chelsea House Victorian Inn on East



Michael Steklac

Middle Street.

Steele offered him a contract that day, but has not yet

heard back.

Steklac said during his Dec. 12 interview that he was interviewing elsewhere and his wife, who is in the midst of completing a nursing degree at the University of Nebraska, would play a strong role in his decision.

A personnel committee composed of Steele and trustees Dale Schumann and Howard Holmes weeded out previous applicants.

Hart City Manager Shea Charles was the first administrator the council sent a contract to, but officials rescinded the offer during negotiations, saying they

thought he wanted too many perks.

An interview in October led to candidate Dennis Coryell considering the post before he opted for a similar job in Minnesota.

In November, the village's personnel committee recommended the council give a second look to Linden City Manager Dale Martin, runner-up to Charles. But Martin decided to stay in Linden.

The committee has not met since. Steklac's offer was reached through a general consensus after an interview.

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Sandbox Fun



Nick Koch plays in the sandbox at Chelsea Community Education Preschool. After two weeks off for winter break and a snow day Monday, Chelsea students returned to school Tuesday.

Photo by Rita Fischer

CHELSEA VILLAGE

Election set for March 8

■ **Special election on city charter and city council posts will run in conjunction with village election.**

By Sheila Pursglove

Associate Editor

Village Clerk Terri Burtch has her hands full preparing for the March 8 village election in which voters will face three issues.

Burtch met Tuesday with Chelsea City Charter

Commission members Stanley Burke and Jack Merkel.

Since the charter is close to being approved and signed by the governor, the village Richard Steele

got the green light from Washtenaw County to hold a special election in conjunction with the regular election, Burtch said.

Voters will cast their ballot on whether to approve the city charter for Chelsea.

Burtch said the charter, also available for viewing at www.chelsea.mi.us, would be printed in its entirety in The Chelsea Standard next month.

Residents may cast their vote for six City Council members and a mayor.

City Council seats will be filled first with candidates with the three highest votes. Their terms will begin March 9 and end in November 2007.

The mayor and candidates with the next three highest votes will have terms beginning March 9 and ending in November 2005.

In the village's regular election, voters will be choosing three trustees and a president.

Village President Richard Steele is coming to the end of his seventh term, and

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP

DNR may sell 15 acres of land

■ **Land was not to be developed.**

By Michael Rybka

Special Writer

Lyndon Township, where officials have always prided themselves on the fact that more than half of the township's land provides a designated recreation area, soon will learn if having the state in control of so much property within its boundaries can work against it.

The Lyndon Township Planning Commission recently discussed a proposal by the state to auction off 15 acres west of Guinan Road and south of Werkner Road.

The sale could impose development on the township where wilderness is desired.

The matter was brought to the Planning Commission's attention by Vice Chairman Gerald Nelson. He shared a letter written by the late Loretta Guinan, prior to her death Nov. 28, to the Department of Natural Resources and a reply written by Paul Yauk, land program manager of the parks and recreation bureau.

Guinan's letter, dated Sept. 29, states that in 1988 her late husband, Luke, sold the state more than 140 acres with the understanding that the land was to remain under state control.

Guinan said that while there was no written promise, it should have been clear that her husband could have sold the land for more money, which, she said, implied an informal under-

standing.

Youk's reply, dated Oct. 18, said about 92 acres was purchased from her husband for \$81,000.

Since then, Youk said, new construction has taken place on three sides of the parcel and that Guinan Road has since been paved — an incorrect statement — leading to the 15 acres being "effectively severed from its parent parcel."

Youk said the separation prevented the MDNR from managing and operating the land.

The commission began its discussion under the assumption that the 15 acres fell under the township's relatively new "wilderness designation," which calls for 80-acre minimum lot sizes.

This led to a short debate

on whether the state had the right to, essentially, subdivide a 90-acre-plus lot in violation of the state's own Land Division Act.

Township Treasurer Ellen McMurray, who sits on the commission, was asked if the state was aware of the designation. She said the designation never spelled out, only implied, that it was geared to state holdings.

Commissioner Leon Moore said if the state could sever the land, it meant that the designation was worthless.

Commissioner Robert Mester stunned the group by saying the discussion might be a moot point. He said the township's zoning map, approved March 15, mistakenly designated the 15 acres as lake residential, which

NEWS BRIEFS

Fund-raiser set for tomorrow at depot

The One World, One Family Task Force will hold its "Have a Bowl" fund-raiser 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St.

The event will include music, a silent auction, vegetarian dinner, and a handcrafted pottery bowl for guests.

Funds will help defray costs of events celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

For tickets, call Jackie Maveal at 475-6090.

Line dancing classes slated for seniors

Sue Bauer will teach beginning line dancing classes 1 to 2 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Chelsea Senior Center, 603 S. Main St.

Bauer also will teach line dancing for senior citizens who have taken the beginner class on Tuesdays, from 1 to 2 p.m. beginning Jan. 13, in Room 116 at the Washington Street Education Center.

For information, call the senior center at 475-9242.

African-American

music set Saturday

Singers from Lisa Hinz-Johnson's studio will perform songs celebrating African-American music 3 p.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea.

The newly formed adult choir from the Chelsea Center for the Arts, under the direction of Jeff Crowder, also will perform.

Community Forum on math set Jan. 15

A community forum on how parents can support student achievement gains with the Everyday Mathematics resources is set for 7 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. in Chelsea.

For information, contact Shawn Lewis-Lakin at 433-2208.

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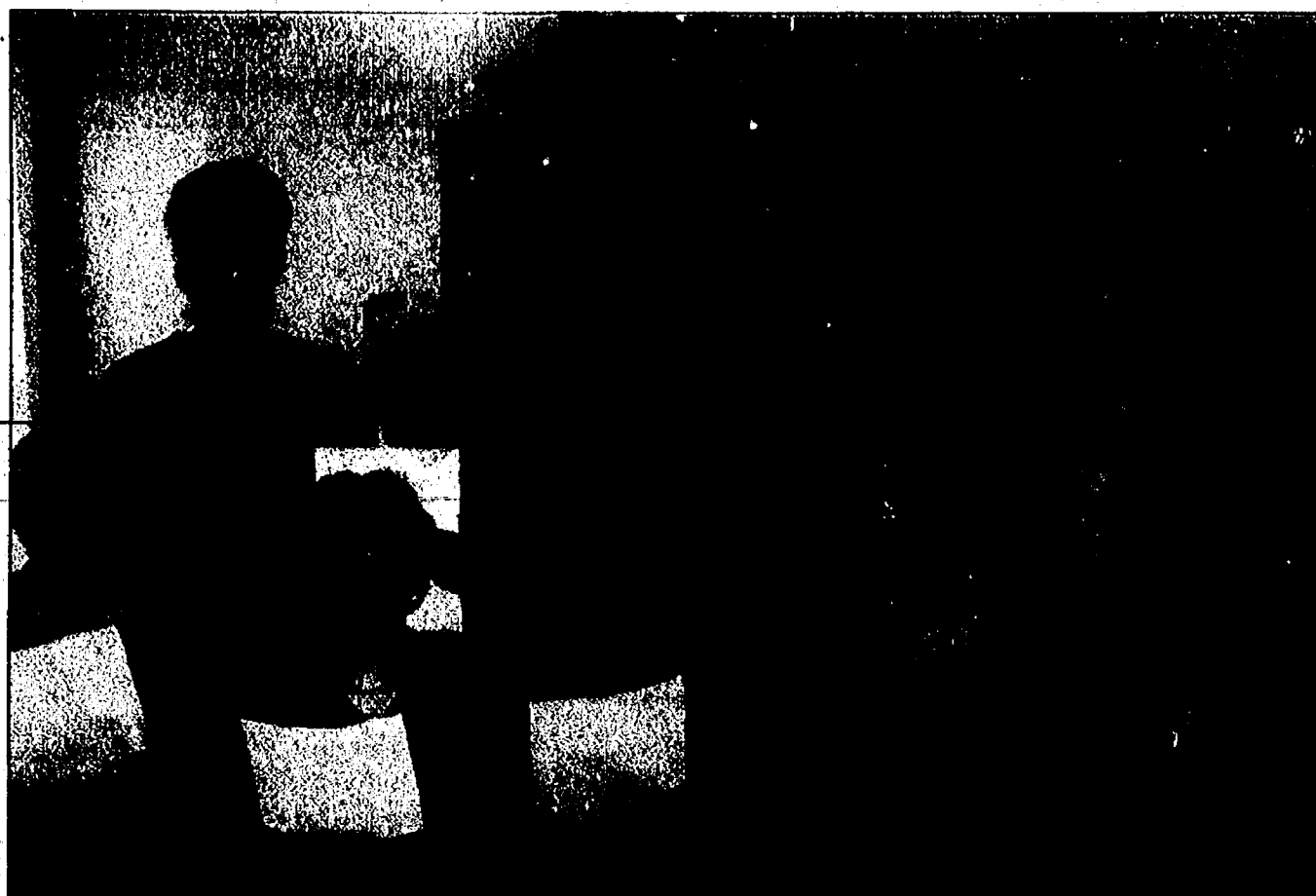


Photo courtesy of Laura Cassell

Singing Scouts

Cub Scouts in Chelsea Pack 455, Den 9, entertained local seniors Dec. 13 by singing at The Pines in Chelsea. The singers are Trevor Branham (left), Susan Vredevel, Keith Hoefflinger, Luke Hall, Michael Purdy III, Ricky Cassell, Zach Fosdick, Girl Scout helper Julia Cassell, Laurie Cassell and Chad Vredevel.

STEKLAC

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with him and follow-up phone calls, Steele said.

Trustee Charles Ritter said the process is against responsible village governing. He said it is one thing

to ask a trustee a general opinion of a candidate and another to assume that opinion supports a job offer without official council action.

Steklac resigned as the city administrator in Gering in early December after being told his contract would not be renewed

when it expired this April. Steklac previously served as city administrator in Gering and held a similar position in Keego Harbor, which is located near Detroit.

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ELECTION

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trustees Howard Holmes, Dale Schumann and Cheri Albertson are coming to the end of their two-year terms.

In March 2002, Steele — who referred to the position as “the best seat in the house” — was far and away the frontrunner for president. The Chelsea native garnered 225 votes as he fended off challenges from former Village President Charles Ritter, and Chelsea residents Carol Rauschenberger and Jim Machnik.

In a six-way race for three council seats, Schumann was the only incumbent to retain his seat, coming in second behind newcomer Holmes. Albertson came in third, beating out incumbents Brian Cashman and Frank Hammer, and newcomer Tammy Lehman.

Holmes announced toward the end of last year that he did not plan to seek re-election.

Trustees Cindy MacFarlan, Jim Myles and Charles Ritter have terms that will end March 2005, should Chelsea continue as a village.

Burtch said candidates may run for the village and city seats simultaneously.

“If the cityhood does not go through, then the village council members will continue as usual,” she said.

Anyone interested in running for office must contact Burtch by 4 p.m. Feb. 2.

The deadline for voter registration is Feb. 9.

For more information, call

Burtch at the village offices, 475-1771.

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STRAIGHT FACTS

The article “First Chelsea police dog dies” in last week’s edition should have referred to Scott Sumner as the acting police chief. In addition, retired chief Lenard McDougall’s name was spelled incorrectly.

No matter how hard we try to avoid mistakes, sometimes they happen anyway. When that occurs, we rely on our readers to let us know about them. So, please help. To request a correction, e-mail Editor Michelle Rogers at editor@chelseastandard.com or call 475-1371.

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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

Forum on math slated for Jan. 15

A community forum on how parents can support their children with the Everyday Mathematics resources is scheduled from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

"Support for Everyday Math, used in grades K-5, continues to be a priority," said Shawn Lewis-Lakin, director of student performance in Chelsea Schools.

Last November, Lewis-Lakin completed the curriculum review for math launched by Ted Gardella, executive curriculum director, in the 2001-02 school year.

"While two people led the project, the work was completed by a community of persons committed to producing the best possible curriculum for students of Chelsea Public Schools," Lewis-Lakin said.

Each stage of the math curriculum review was brought to the Board of Education for approval.

On Dec. 15, the board approved the overall K-12 curriculum revision, including the final stage with changes to high school course offerings and instructional resources.

In its review of the high school math curriculum, the team identified key issues, Lewis-Lakin said.

"These included strengthening the resources used for the basic math pathway, increasing the number and quality of fourth-year math options available for students, and adding a second advanced placement offering for strong math students, in addition to calculus," he said.

Advanced placement statistics have been added, with a major focus on preparing students to take the AP statistics exam in May. Passing this AP test may earn students college credit for the equivalent of a one-semester introductory college statistics course.

The AP statistics course, with a prerequisite of Algebra 2, may be taken as a second math course in the junior or senior year by students who will take AP calculus as seniors.

It's also recommended for seniors with strong math backgrounds who plan to pursue fields of study for which calculus may not be required.



Food Drive

The Western Washtenaw Republican Committee met Dec. 13 at Cleary's Pub in Chelsea and held its sixth annual canned food drive for Faith In Action. A vanload of food was collected and delivered to help those in need. Pictured are state Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-52nd District; Bill Stortors; Rod Anderson; Mary Anne Logue; Mark Outimet; Gary Little; Robert Carr; Doug Wright; Diane Stortors; Melissa Wright; Richard Steele; Richard Darr; Robert Hutchinson; Ann Alber; Jay Hopkins; Ken Unterbrink; Al Alber; Carole van Reesema; Fred van Reesema; Barb Alseth; Dean Alseth; Ray Kemner; Marlene Chockley; Washtenaw County Commissioner Joe Yekulis, R-1st District; Angela Randazzo; and Peter Simmons. Craig McGregor, Charles Burgess, Carl Lesser and Paul Peltes are not pictured.

Friends of Library dinner set Jan. 30

The Friends of the Chelsea District Library will host its 13th annual Staff Appreciation Dinner 6:30 p.m. Jan. 30 in the main dining room of Chelsea Community Hospital.

Guest speaker Jim Mumby, architect for the library's expansion project, will give a presentation of the library's preliminary building plans.

The dinner is a yearly opportunity for the group to show its gratitude for the hard work of the library staff.

The community is invited to show its support and join the Friends for dinner at \$25 per person.

The Friends of the Chelsea District Library was organized in 1949, and has provided support for the library in the form of fundraising, program support, public advocacy, and countless volunteer hours.

For more information about the Friends, call Marie Brooks at 475-8732.

To make reservations for the meal and speaker presentation, call Nancy Paul at 475-0425.

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Cuddly comfort

Hospital's teddy bear program continues to expand

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

A program started by a young boy and his two sisters has been growing by leaps and bounds.

In December, eight-year-old Nate Miller, a third-grader at Pierce Lake Elementary School, and his sisters, Laney, 5, and Tori, 3, raised \$2.95 by taking pop cans back to the recycling bins at Polly's Market.

The trio, the children of Vón and Jenny Miller of Lima Township, formed "The Helper Club" and donated the money to Chelsea Community Hospital.

Becky Pazkowski, director of marketing and development for Chelsea Community Hospital, contacted Bob Turner of the Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory, who came up with an 8-inch teddy bear sporting a hospital logo and a

Helper Club T-shirt.

The three Miller children went to the hospital Dec. 9 and presented their Helper Club bear to emergency room staff.

Turner and his employees at the Teddy Bear Factory decided to help Nate's Helper Club grow by offering the 8-inch traditional bear — usually retailing at \$13.95 — for \$5.

To date, 41 Helper Bears have been bought and donated to the Chelsea Community Hospital emergency room. The names of donors are listed on teddy bear cutouts that the hospital staff plans to mount on a board.

"The bear program makes a difference," ER nurse Elwin Jerabek said. "I took care of a very sick, small boy. When he left, he was smiling, clutching the bear to his chest."

Pazkowski said that heart-

felt thanks go out to all Helper Club members, and especially to Nate for caring enough about the hospital's patients to organize it.

"It swells my heart to learn of children like Nate, Laney and Tori for whom giving to others is a priority," Pazkowski said.

"These children and the additional 19 members of The Helper Club really and truly care about making other people happy."

Pazkowski said adults so often ask children what they have got. "But do we ever ask of them what they have given?"

"My guess is that if we, as parents, role models and community members, would take the time to ask what would you like to give this year, we would help the children to experience that giving is far more precious than receiving will ever be."



Nate Miller, 8, holds one of the Helper Bears.

she said.

Turner said his staff are thrilled to see the Helper Club take off in such a big way, and are happy to be a part of the project.

"We believe that the teddy bear will give a young child something to focus on, and will help take his or her mind off the confusing things that are going on around them," he said.

"It will also help to build a

bond of trust between the child and the caregiver. Giving a child a teddy bear is a way for the nurse or doctor to say, 'I am your friend and I'm here to help you.' We hope and believe that these teddy bears will help the emergency room staff to do their job even better for these reasons."

Turner said he would like to expand the Helper Club to local fire, ambulance and police departments.

"We'd like to deliver some Helper Club bears to these departments so they can have them on board the ambulance, police cars, a fire engine," he said. "In this way, these emergency respondents can hand them to a child involved in traumatic and confusing events,

such as a fire or domestic violence cases.

"The bear would allow the child to focus on the bear and away from the confusing events unfolding around them, and also will help to build a bond of trust with these important emergency first responders."

Jenny Miller said Monday that her family has been "so blessed" by how people responded to her children's act of generosity.

"God has been working to spread generosity throughout the community," she said.

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

CHELSEA VILLAGE

Council trustees take action on videotaping meetings

■ Details to be worked out with local station.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Chelsea Village Council is taking steps to ensure recordings of public meetings are maintained and aired more often on the local cable channel.

The filming of council meetings has been a topic of concern since resident Jim Machnik complained at the Nov. 25 meeting that the tapes appeared to undergo selective editing before they are aired on Cable Channel 18.

Alex Weddon, president of Chelsea's Local News Network, was expected to appear before the council to explain his procedures, but canceled after deciding he wanted to meet with each council member individually.

Trustee Jim Myles proposed Dec. 16 that a policy be instituted ensuring that existing and future tapes be preserved and maintained to complement meeting minutes for permanent, public record. Weddon has been recording over old videotapes.

Trustee Cindy MacFarlan proposed that the village enter into a formal agreement with Weddon. She said the contract could stipulate

that the meetings air more often. Currently, Village Council meeting are broadcast at 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. the day after they are recorded.

Trustee Charles Ritter suggested that meetings should be transferred from analog tape to digital disc to prevent deterioration.

The proposal was approved, but details will be worked out with Weddon at the council's Jan. 13 meeting.

The official method of recording council sessions came under fire when Clerk Terri Burch was asked to rewrite the Nov. 11 meeting minutes because they were considered too short on detail.

Ritter said the idea of abbreviating meeting minutes to save on publication was never acted upon. He said the Nov. 11 minutes did not inform the public and were in violation of an ordinance.

Filmed and written transcripts of meetings in the future will note the council commencing its sessions with the Pledge of Allegiance. MacFarlan proposed the idea, which passed by a 5-2 vote. Albertson and Trustee Howard Holmes were opposed.

Albertson said she was "seriously opposed" to the

idea because it was forced, coercive and an intrusion upon her civil rights. She said reciting the Pledge of Allegiance before a camera renders no government service.

Holmes gave no explanation for his opposition at the meeting but said afterward that he also believed it was coercive.

He also said he would feel more comfortable reciting a pledge to the constitution because it represents the "true backbone of our country."

Ritter said the idea to recite the pledge before a

meeting was voted down in 1980.

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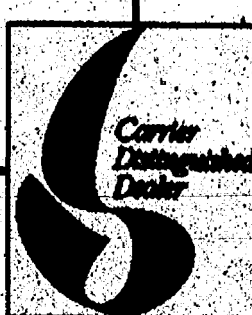
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Professor gets straight A's from state

By Scott Hagen
Staff Writer

Her husband thinks she's one in a million. To the state of Michigan, she's one in 30,000.

Rebecca Sipe, an associate professor of English methods at Eastern Michigan University, received notice last October that she was chosen as the 2003 Michigan Professor of the Year.

News of her award, which came six months after she was asked to prepare her entry, stunned the Webster Township resident.

"You sort of think you'll never hear anything about it," she said, a slight drawl from her southern upbringing still evident.

Sipe's journey to educational admiration began in North Carolina, where she was raised in a small town outside of Charlotte. She attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. After college, circumstances led her across the continent to Anchorage, Alaska, where her husband, Michael, was stationed in the U.S. Army.

While in Anchorage, she earned a master's degree from the University of Alaska



Rebecca Sipe

and immediately began a career in the Anchorage School District as a secondary education teacher and developer of curriculum.

But her education didn't stop there.

Sipe was accepted to the Boston University doctoral program and, with a few logistical obstacles, including numerous trans-continent flights and summers in Boston, earned her doctorate in administration, policy and teaching.

When she speaks, during a break from grading papers, her passion for education

and enrichment is clear. When she was looking for a job in higher education, there were two criteria she wanted most of all: a school that was nationally recognized for its educational program and a school that had both non-traditional and first-generation students, as she was herself.

"I was keenly aware of all the obstacles you have if you don't have family there before you," she said.

Sipe tried — and thinks she succeeded — in instilling into her children the same educational values that she holds.

Dera, her oldest, is 23. She has a degree from Eastern Michigan and is now in her second year of a doctoral fellowship at Villanova University, where she is studying philosophy. Justin, 21, is a junior at EMU and is majoring (she thinks) in public relations.

Sipe's accomplishments are impressive. Her newest book was published this July, and offers teachers a unique insight into children who struggle with spelling. She co-wrote it with Chelsea teacher Dawn Putnam.

Sipe has also published a textbook on writing instruction — she said that too often, writing in elementary and secondary levels is assigned and not taught — for first through eighth grades. In addition, she is researching material for a book.

When Sipe is not writing books, she reads them. She loves Shakespeare, the Bronte sisters, and one of her contemporary favorites is Harper Lee's "To Kill A Mockingbird."

"Someday, if I ever get too old, I'm just going to sit around the house and read classic books again," she said. "There's always so much more to know. I think we truly lost that art of thinking it's OK to come home and not have anything to do but read a book."

Eastern Michigan, Sipe said, is a perfect fit for her. The schedule allows her plenty of time to continue the important research she needs to continue her own education, while allowing Sipe to teach and educate others.

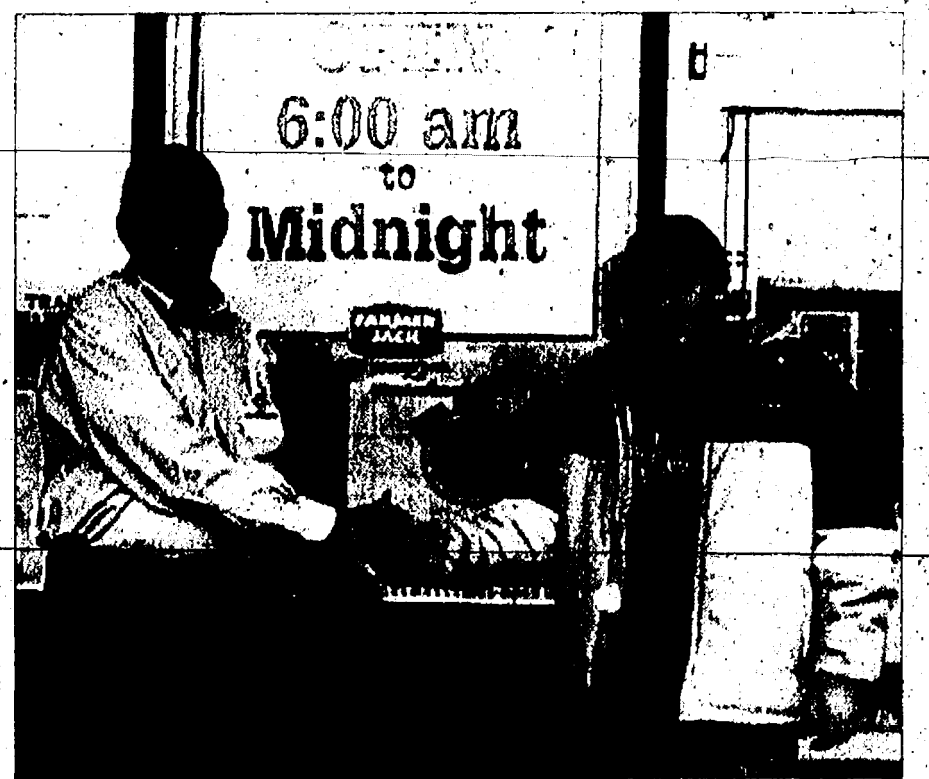


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Lucky Winner

In October, the Farmer Jack store in Chelsea ran a contest for students to win a \$500 prize of cash, food or supplies for their school. Chelsea Alternative High School student Kyle Johnson, who wrote that the school needed money for new books and field trips, was the lucky winner. His entry is eligible to win the grand prize, awarded chain-wide, of \$5,000 for the school and \$500 for the student. Tim Connolly (left), manager of the local Farmer Jack store, congratulates Kyle on his win.

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CHELSEA

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By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The Rev. Jeff Crowder, pastor at Chelsea Church of the Nazarene, got a late Christmas gift Tuesday morning.

When Crowder opened the church's mail, he found a \$20,000 check to the church building fund from the National Christian Foundation, based in Atlanta.

The foundation serves as a conduit for donors who wish to remain anonymous.

The Chelsea Church of the Nazarene, which started with four families in September 1995, has grown to about 30 families.

The congregation original-

ly met at people's homes before moving to the chapel at the Chelsea Retirement Community, 800 W. Middle St.

Crowder, who became pastor in June 1996, said the congregation bought land in Lima Township a couple of years ago, bordered by Jackson Road and the entrance ramp to Interstate 94.

Church members hope to build a half-million-dollar church there this year, breaking ground in the spring, and worshipping in a new building four to six months later.

"We've been receiving funds from our members and friends," Crowder said. "This was unexpected and very welcome, as you could imagine."

"We'd all like to thank whoever it is who made this donation. We appreciate the generosity and the fact that someone would believe in our ministry to such a degree," he said.

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Local artist holds show

Chelsea artist Flo Collins will hold a solo show of her artwork Jan. 12 through April 6 in the Raymon H. Mulford Library of the Medical College of Ohio.

An opening reception is set for 1 p.m. Jan. 12 to introduce the artist and her work. The library is located at 3045 Arlington Ave. in Toledo, Ohio.

Collins will display 12 pieces of her collection of acrylic abstract impressionism.

Collins has gained national recognition for her work in the short time that she has been painting, and holds art memberships both locally and nationally.

Currently, her work is on display at This & That in Chelsea, The Gallery in Portland, The Art Gallery of Kingwood, Texas, and Trout Creek Resort in Harbor Springs.



Chelsea artist Flo Collins will exhibit her work in a solo show Jan. 12 through April 6 at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo.



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DNR

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only calls for a 1.2-acre minimum lots.

Although it's not lake-front property, the designation would permit future lot owners to hook up to the municipal sewer planned at Sugarloaf Lake.

Mester, who also serves as deputy zoning officer, has been working with the township assessor since early October to correct the mistake, as well as other errors.

"It (the mistake) stays that way until the board approves a revision," Mester said. "The map is part of the ordinance

and has the force of law."

Not everyone agreed with Mester, however.

Chairman John Reilly said he hoped it was possible to prove it was an honest mistake and that Mester has been working on rectifying it.

Reilly also hoped a loophole could be found in the state's misconception that Guinan Road is paved.

McMurray, who sits on the commission, said rural residential would be a better fit for the land because it requires a two-acre minimum. However, she said it was unclear whether the state can impose its own rezoning before the sale.

"This is a big issue," Moore

said. "We should seek legal counsel to see if they can force us to rezone. The last I knew, this is still a home-rule state."

Activist Anniversary

The Chelsea Area Network of Peace Activists marked a year of weekly peace demonstrations outside the Chelsea Post Office on Main Street Dec. 28. Joining the CANOPAS gathering were Kurt Wheelock (left), Jennifer Hairston, Jerry Charbonneau, Kathie Gourlay, Marianne Schwartz, Suzy Morse, Lynn Meadows, Elizabeth Hammer, Raj Rahan and John Gourlay.

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Romantic fun

Chelsea's own Jeff Daniels stars in remake of 'The Goodbye Girl'

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Sparks are still flying between Elliot and Paula, even after the passage of a quarter century.

Chelsea's own Jeff Daniels stars with two-time Emmy award-winning actress Patricia Heaton in a remake of Neil Simon's classic romantic comedy "The Goodbye Girl," first brought to the screen in 1977 with Richard Dreyfuss and Marsha Mason.

The movie will have its world premiere weekend on Turner Network Television Jan. 16, 17 and 18, but local residents can catch a special premiere screening set for 6:15 p.m. Saturday at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor. Tickets are still available for the event, which will benefit the Purple Rose Theatre Co. in Chelsea.

Simon's bittersweet romantic comedy explores the growing relationship between divorcee Paula McFadden (Heaton), a former Broadway dancer with a horrendous taste in men who run out on her, and Elliot Garfield (Daniels), an aspiring egomaniacal actor with an acid tongue.

Daniels jokes that his role required "no research whatsoever."

"That was me," he says. "Elliot went from Chicago to New York. I went from Michigan to New York — that same drive down I-80."

"That jump from regional theater to New York was like climbing Mount Everest, even though you learn that it's not really that big."

Paula and Elliot become unwilling tenants in the same New York City apartment when Paula's actor-boyfriend abandons her and her 10-year-old daughter, Lucy, played by Hallie Kate Eisenberg.

To add insult to injury,



Chelsea's own Jeff Daniels stars with Patricia Heaton in a remake of Neil Simon's classic romantic comedy "The Goodbye Girl." The movie, which has a special premiere screening Saturday at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor, will have its world premiere weekend Jan. 16, 17 and 18 on Turner Network Television.

Paula's ex sublets their New York apartment out from under her to Elliot.

When the struggling actor shows up unexpectedly in the middle of the night at his new apartment and finds mom and daughter there, he and Paula strike an uneasy truce to temporarily share the apartment.

No one said it would be easy. Elliot's nocturnal guitar playing, early morning meditations and habit of sleeping in the buff start to drive Paula up the wall.

Stage life isn't any easier for the pair. Paula searches for a dance job, to find she's too out of practice and too old, at 36, to return to dancing.

Elliot has his own theatrical disaster in an off-off Broadway production of

Richard III.

A wacky revisionist director (Alan Cumming), with his own take on English history,

insists Elliot play the hump-backed Plantagenet king as a flamboyant queen — "Capital F, Capital Q," Daniels says.

"It wasn't just the hump," Daniels says. "I told the costume director, 'I'll wear anything.' It was great fun."

Opening night for Elliot — also closing night — is a disaster.

Daniels can certainly empathize with the hapless Elliot.

"I'm very familiar with off-Broadway plays like that," he says. "The director tells you his vision and you know you're dead."

"But you're totally committed — you need a job, you need the little money you'll make for the rent, so you dive in with all you've got."

Their disappointments bring Elliot and Paula closer. As she tries to comfort and console the despondent actor, the two start to fall in love.

Fate steps in again when Elliot accepts a movie role being shot in Seattle. Paula immediately assumes that, once again, she will be left behind as the "goodbye girl."

But writer Neil Simon

believes in happy endings, and the sparring performers find the way to true love.

So what's it like to follow in Dreyfuss' Oscar-winning footsteps — or hunchback — 26 years after the original?

"When (Director) Richard Benjamin called me and offered me the part, the first thing I thought about the remake was why?" Daniels said Monday. "But it's a great part and a great romantic comedy."

"Neil did a little bit of tinkering with the script to update it, but otherwise he wanted to keep it the same as people loved the story."

Daniels said that when he was offered the role in March, he watched a DVD of the original version, and skimmed through it.

"I thought I could do something with it, just different," he said. "There are some moments in the movie

that are just signature Dreyfuss moments that he'll always be remembered for, and I tried to take a different approach."

"I think after 10 minutes people will forget and stop making comparisons."

Daniels, who had not done any Neil Simon plays before, said he jumped at the opportunity to work with Simon.

"It was such a great chance to work with him," he said. "Like working with Woody Allen and other greats, you just want to impress him."

Tickets for reserved seating at Saturday's screening at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor are available at the Purple Rose Box Office or by phone at 433-7673. Preferential seating packages, which include gifts and a party at Zanzibar restaurant are available by calling 433-7782.

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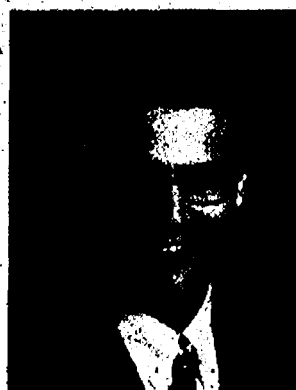
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Jefferson the famous steer finds its way back home

■ *Rescued animal scheduled for slaughter gets new lease on life at local farm sanctuary.*

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

A steer that made newspaper headlines state-wide has finally come home to roost — literally.

The Shelter and Safe Haven for Animals Farm in Manchester Township provides a fairy-tale setting and seems a fitting spot for the steer Jefferson Al-Badr to live a long life just a month after his much-publicized escape and rescue from a slaughterhouse death in Detroit.

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Jefferson, who weighs 1,295 pounds, was purchased by slaughterhouse owner Nazem Saad at the United Producers' stockyards in Manchester. The steer's papers show that it was born in Manchester about a year ago and sold to another local farm before being sold at auction at the livestock exchange.

Jefferson spent at least 20 days living in the slaughter-

house after being tranquilized and captured following his escape in Detroit.

For the next six weeks or so — a total of 60 days from his Dec. '22 release — the steer will live in a comfortably quarantined area at the farm. Volunteers constructed

the new surroundings while Dorothy Davies and Monte Jackson were negotiating for Jefferson's release with the slaughterhouse owner.

The farm's board of directors is also planning to construct a new barn and corral for the steer.

Two veterinarians from the Michigan Department of Agriculture inspected and approved Jefferson's new digs prior to granting an exception that allowed SASHA Farm to bring him home. An exception had to be granted because animals designated for slaughter are never supposed to be returned to farm life.

Calls of Concern

Hundreds of calls and e-mails from across the nation urged the sanctuary to save Jefferson's life. Davies said. After the rescue was completed, Davies received more than 350 e-mails and messages of congratulations from supporters.

"It was almost embarrassing," she said. "People were telling me, 'Bless you for being so caring.' But what's so exceptional or fanatical

about saving a life?

"That's really all we did," Jackson agreed, saying. "We don't shove in anyone's face what we do. We are just following our convictions."

The Beginning

Twenty years ago, Davies and Jackson moved to their farm on Mahrle Road hoping to raise their own meat and vegetables. An attempt to slaughter animals that they'd raised, however, changed their minds irrevocably and the couple became first vegetarians and then vegans.

At first, in the outgrowth of their new philosophy, they provided homes for rescued cats and dogs, and Davies' son, Darian, raised goats to show in 4-H. They eventually became a haven for abused and neglected animals. Horses, donkeys, poultry, goats, sheep and pigs join Jefferson and other bovines at SASHA Farm.

Though unofficially in existence for several years, the sanctuary became a non-profit organization two years ago.

The farm currently provides a safe, permanent home to more than 225 animals. It is open to visitors by appointment by calling 428-9617.

A Happy Ending

Jefferson, who made a "right turn to freedom" on

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Joni Buize

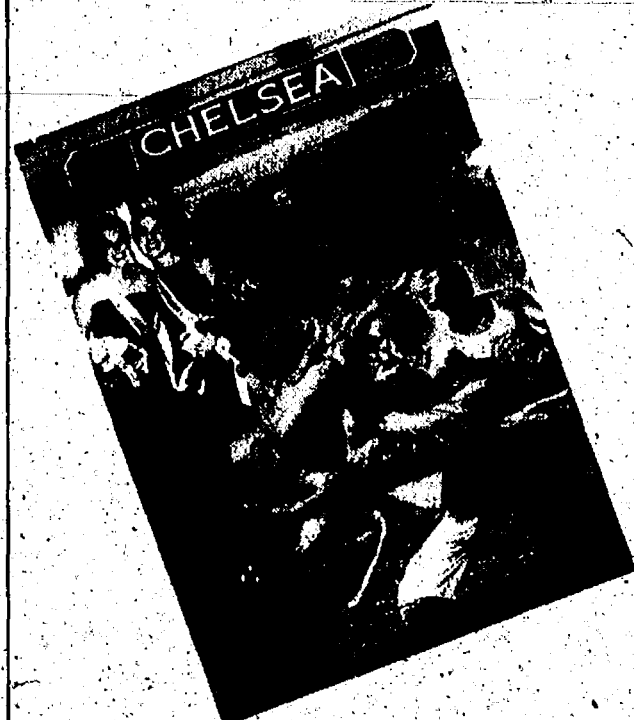
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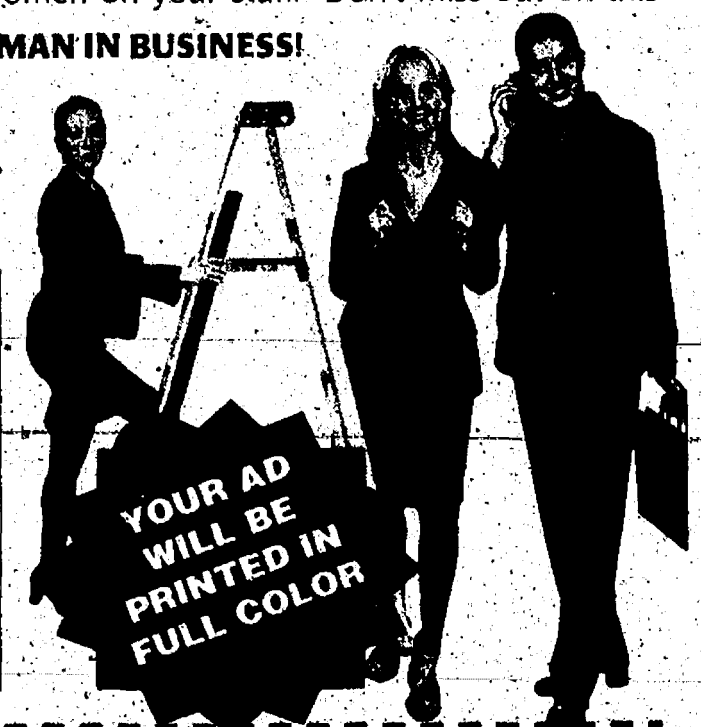
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POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township Drunken Driving

Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies and Michigan State Police troopers broke up a juvenile party Dec. 20 and subsequently arrested an 18-year-old Dexter teenager for drunken driving.

While some party-goers attempted to flee on foot, a deputy pulled over the teen who was attempting to drive away.

The deputy asked the teen if he had been drinking. He responded that he had, and was placed under arrest. He recorded a preliminary blood-alcohol content of 0.12, which violates the "no tolerance" law for minors, and was taken to jail.

Deputies arrested a 34-year-old Ann Arbor man for drunken driving Dec. 13 on Jerusalem Road.

Deputies stopped him after nearly colliding with the man's car after his vehicle crossed the centerline.

Deputies noticed a strong smell of intoxicants coming from the car, and reported the man's eyes were blood-shot and watery, which are signs of intoxication.

The man admitted to drink-

ing alcohol and driving with a suspended license.

After taking the man to jail for observation, a Breathalyzer test showed he had a blood-alcohol level of 0.25, which is more than three times the 0.08 legal limit under state law.

According to a police report, this was the man's second drunken driving offense.

A deputy arrested a 21-year-old Ann Arbor man Dec. 22 for drunken driving after a short chase ended on Tubbs Road.

While on routine patrol on Huron River Drive, the man failed to dim his high beams as a deputy passed. The deputy turned around to conduct a traffic stop, and the man began speeding up. He reportedly turned quickly onto Tubbs Road and shut off his lights.

When the deputy turned onto Tubbs, the driver began speeding off again before losing control and hitting a fence. Before the deputy arrived at the car, the man had fled on foot, a report said.

While calling for help, the deputy found the suspect and arrested him. The deputy

reported smelling a strong odor of intoxicants on the man's breath, and a strong smell of burnt marijuana on his clothing.

When asked why he ran, the suspect responded that he "panicked," a report said. The suspect also admitted to drinking six or seven beers and smoking marijuana, according to the report.

While searching the suspect's car, deputies found marijuana and a clear plastic bottle, which was modified as a pipe. The suspect also was driving with a suspended license.

This is his second drunken driving offense, a report said.

Deputies arrested a 22-year-old Ann Arbor man for drunken driving Jan. 3 on Liberty Road.

After stopping him for speeding and running a red light, deputies noticed he smelled of alcohol.

Deputies conducted a field sobriety test, and a preliminary breath test revealed the man was driving with a 0.12 blood-alcohol level. A level of 0.08 or higher is considered legally drunk under state law.

The man was arrested and taken to jail without inci-

Assault and Battery

A deputy responded Dec. 27 to Uptown Coney Island Restaurant, 3917 Jackson Road, for report of a possible fight.

When the deputy arrived, the suspects, a 26-year-old Scio Township woman and a 28-year-old Ann Arbor man, were gone. Witnesses said the fight involved a 23-year-old employee of the restaurant, who recently had begun dating the suspect's ex-girlfriend.

The woman was located at her address in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road. The suspect, who was on parole for drug violations, was also located after a car in which he was a passenger was stopped by police. He resisted deputies' attempts to arrest him, so they used mace.

The man is facing charges of assault and battery, and resisting and obstructing a police officer.

Larceny
Daycroft Montessori School, 1095 Zeeb Road, reported a larceny Dec. 19. The director of the school is unsure who took the goods because many people have been coming and going

through the building. The approximate value of the items, including gift certificates and presents for staff members and teachers, is \$575.

A 35-year-old Ann Arbor woman reported a larceny from her car Dec. 24 at the Uptown Coney Island Restaurant, 3917 Jackson Road. The items are valued at \$200.

A 20-year-old Ann Arbor woman reported a larceny from her car Dec. 31 at the driveway entrance to Saginaw Forest on Liberty Road. After going for a walk, the woman returned to her

car to find the front passenger's window had been smashed out with a small log. A jacket, purse, cell phone and other items valued at \$450 were stolen.

Breaking and Entering

A break-in was reported Dec. 23 at Yesterday's Collection, 5899 Jackson Road. A few items were disturbed, and the owner said he believes the alarm may have scared off the thief.

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

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Metroparks may install new bridge

Watershed Council concerned public may not get chance to weigh in on proposal.

By Scott Hagen
Staff Writer

The Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority is waiting to hear from the Department of Natural Resources regarding a permit to build a new pedestrian bridge over the Huron River in Hudson Mills Metropark.

A public hearing on the permit was held yesterday at Hudson Mills Activity Center in Dexter Township.

The Huron River is the only river in Southeastern Michigan to hold a Natural Rivers Zone label. Because of that, the DNR must approve the permit.

If completed, the bridge would link hiking and biking paths that could eventually run the length of Washtenaw County.

Representatives of the

Huron River Watershed Council are concerned, however, that the public would not have a better opportunity to debate the path.

"We're disappointed that the hearing is being hosted by the HCMA," said Laura Rubin, executive director for the council. "They're not the decision makers, the Department of Natural Resources is the decision maker. They should be hosting this meeting and there should be more public comment."

Rubin added that the council was neither for nor against the bridge, but wanted to give the public a chance to decide the future aesthetics of the Huron River.

"Where my concern right now is that the public process is being subverted," she said.

Dan Duncan, chief planner for the Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority, said that the public meeting is being held at the request of

the DNR, and that the hearing is part of a process the authority undertakes when making decisions on future projects.

The authority owns land on adjacent sides of Huron River. The bridge would connect a future path winding south along the west side of the river. Funding already was secured for the develop-

ment through grants from the DNR.

For those who didn't make yesterday's meeting, letters on the topic will be accepted through Jan. 15 at 13000 High Ridge Dr., Brighton, MI 48114.

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COMMENTARY

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Street Talk

By Rita Fischer

What's your favorite winter activity?



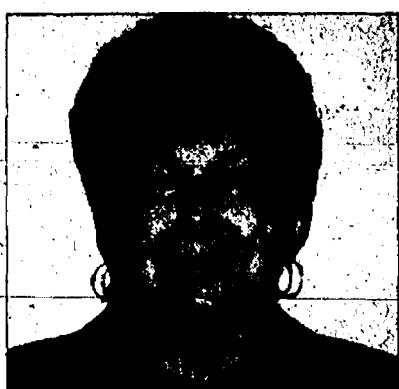
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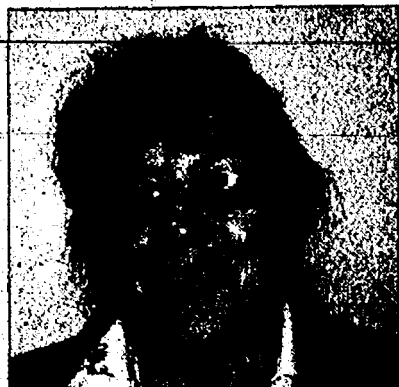
"I like skiing up north at Shanty Creek."

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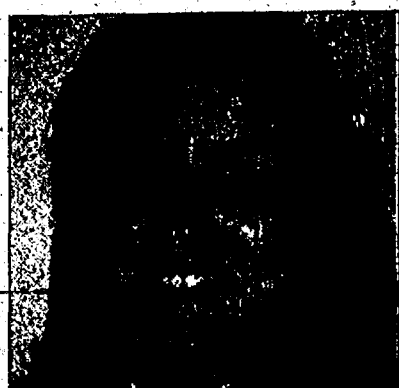
"I like to snuggle up with my husband, Mark, and read a good book by the fire."

Patti Musolf
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"I like to just stay home and not go anywhere."

Sheila Freymuth
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"I like to build a snowman with my kids."

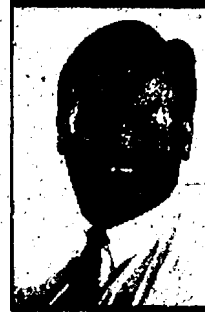
Erika Damar
Sylvan Township



"I like to snow shoe up north."

Jean Burby
Dexter Township

Michigan should consolidate elections



KARL ZIMEK

SIDEWINDER

The Michigan Legislature has agreed that the state's election dates should be consolidated into four yearly dates, and a package of bills awaits Gov. Jennifer Granholm's signature.

Hopefully, the governor's stamp of approval will be just one tiny step toward a more friendly, logical election process in America.

Some argue that the voting process is friendly, and has been for more than 200 years.

And a statement like that would be true to a certain extent.

But the 2000s aren't the 1950s, the 1850s or the 1780s. Today's society is vastly different from the one I grew up in during the 1960s, much less the one that my father grew up in the 1930s or that my grandfather, fleeing pre-World War I Poland, found in America nearly a century ago.

Too often these days, elections are literally hidden, with the hope that only those interested in seeing something pass (i.e. a school millage or bond issue) come out to vote. On other occasions, an important community taxation issue will be balloted quickly so as not to conflict with another issue. Most times, if the first one succeeds, the other will not — even if it deserves more consideration.

That is why I've always

been a proponent of the "fewer elections, the better philosophy." If it were up to me, one or two elections a year would suffice, with federal, state and local (municipal and school) questions all funneled onto the ballot together.

Many leaders do not want school and city or township issues competing against each other, for obviously selfish reasons.

But if your local school district is going for a \$50 million building improvement bond, and your city is seeking a \$35 million bond for a new city hall complex, it would benefit you to see them up against each other, because you are footing the bill.

Maybe, in a given year, you'd approve both questions. Maybe you'd approve just one. Maybe you can't afford either. Maybe a single ballot would enable you to priori-

tize in a logical fashion.

That isn't a lot to ask. After all, if your house needed a new roof and a new furnace, and you could only afford one, you would prioritize your expenditures.

The problem with a lot of public officials is that they don't want you prioritizing. They want to prioritize for you.

So when the governor gets done with her holiday vacation, maybe she'll agree and consolidate elections across the state. Like I said, it would be a start toward eliminating voter apathy.

Other ways to put people in the voter's booth are relatively obvious.

Try letting Americans vote by e-mail.

Try letting Americans vote on given questions for several days, not just one. And why hold important elections on Tuesdays? Why not have

"election weekends" when most people are not working and have more time to vote?

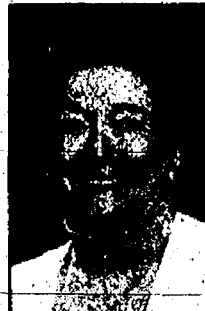
I have to admit that I recently skipped a local school vote because I was too busy at work, grabbed dinner and hustled back to work to cover local elections. There's an irony: too busy covering elections to vote in one.

Sorry, but I'm tired of hearing political leaders talk about voter apathy. The voters aren't apathetic. They have just been politically processed out of the system, a system that is more often about seating a candidate or passing a ballot question than about getting the most people out to decide the vote.

And that is sad.

Karl Zimek is the managing editor of The News-Herald, part of Heritage Newspapers. He can be reached at 1-734-246-0801 or kzimek@heritage.com.

Spelling and pronunciation can be difficult



KAY QUICK

SIN & SYNTAX

I am the first to agree that English spelling and pronunciation are difficult. Unlike the Latin languages that have very definite rules for the spelling and pronunciation, English doesn't, because English has taken so many words from other languages.

It is a hodge-podge, taken from Anglo-Saxon, Latin,

Norman French, German, the Scandinavian languages, Indian, Native American, and others. English is easy for foreigners to learn because it has few tenses, and the nouns are not divided into masculine, feminine, and neuter. But spelling and pronunciation are something else.

This, however, does not mean that you who were born and bred here shouldn't learn how to spell and to pronounce. Most people find, when they go to high school and college, that "whatever" just doesn't do it. As you might expect, there are certain pronunciations that irritate me.

One is "strenth" for strength. I hear a lot of foot-

ball coaches use this, though not, of course, Joe Paterno of Penn State. He has a master's degree in English. Another irritant is adding "th" to height. I know that it sounds reasonable to do so, because of strength and length, breadth and depth, but it's wrong. Don't ask me why. It just is. Another of those oddities of English.

We do have some rules for spelling, but the difficulty is that they don't obtain in every instance. Most of us learned early in life "I" before "E" except after "C," or when sounded like "A" as in neighbor and weigh. That works very well for receive and deceive, but what about weird or counterfeit or sovereign?

The old rule applies only when the "C" is a soft "C," sounding like "see." For instance, science is spelled "IE" because the "C" is not sounded "see." When the "C" is sounded as "SH," the spelling also remains "I" before "E" as in efficient, proficient and ancient. The "I" before "E" rules even when the letter "C" is not actually present, as in seize and seizure.

But other words, which do not come after a "see" sound, are spelled "EI." Some are either and neither, forfeit, codeine and protein. On the other hand, these words that follow a "see" sound are spelled "IE": fancier, siege, financier.

There are lots of verbs that

end with the sound "seed," but all of them are spelled "cede," except for four: succeed, exceed, proceed and supersede, the only "seed" verb which ends "sede."

What is one to do? Unfortunately, you just have to attempt to learn these rules, and when you are confused, or unsure, use your dictionary. When you do learn correct spelling, you can feel superior to those who haven't yet done so. I know I do.

I should note here that I had to look up regretfully to see if it had one or two "Ts." I find that either spelling is correct.

Kay Quick is a retired teacher.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Troops should get out of Iraq soon

It was tempting to cheer after the recent capture of Saddam Hussein. After all, by all accounts he was a brutal dictator, and without his commands and money, Iraq and the world would be a much safer place.

Since his capture, however, there has apparently been an increase in violence in Iraq, not a decrease. And, now we're under a terrorism alert in our own country. We must be doing something wrong.

The problem is that our soldiers in Iraq are seen by most Arabs as a humiliating occupying army there to do them no good. We can be sure that most Iraqis know that the U.S. invaded their country against the wishes of most of the world.

They know that the crucial weapons of mass destruction have never been found. They know that no links between Saddam and al-Qaeda have been proved.

Our tactics include the intimidation and punishment of civilians in response

to actions by insurgents. Why, at this point, would Iraqis believe our promises that we're there to help them?

In the meantime, Osama bin Laden is still at large, Afghanistan is still run by the warlords, and al-Qaeda still operates with impunity.

According to Newsweek, al-Qaeda sees the occupation of Iraq as such a rallying opportunity that it has made it its new center of military activity.

We are much less safe now than we were on Sept. 11,

2001, and we will continue to be at risk until the world becomes convinced that we are truly benevolent in our intentions.

In the short run, this means getting out of Iraq as soon as possible. If we real-

ly have Iraq's interests at heart, we should give our \$87 billion to the United Nations to rebuild Iraq according to an international consensus.

John Goufley
Lima Township

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SOUND OFF

Lynn Meadows of Lyndon Township: When the war began in Iraq, symbolic yellow ribbons appeared around town, showing support of our troops and wishing them home soon. Some of these ribbons still remain, faded, discolored and tattered. What does this symbolize?

Jackie Maveal of Chelsea: After we have counted all our blessing and enjoyed our

bounties, think about giving back. Make a donation or attend tomorrow's One World, One Family "Have A Bowl" fund-raiser, which will be held 7 p.m. at the Chelsea Depot.

Suzy Morse of Lyndon Township: It is my understanding that the Chelsea Village Council, through such passive techniques as strategic absences from meetings, tabling and simple

lack of action, has basically ended the possibility of building the bypass without having to go on record and take responsibility for its actions.

A decision such as this, with regional implications and so much money already invested, should not be made in such a passive, unilateral manner.

If the council has killed the bypass to protect the downtown business community, I feel they have made a big mistake. As a faithful downtown shopper, I feel that the greatest threat to the downtown businesses is not the bypass, but the exhaust and congestion caused by the trucks and other through-traffic on Main Street.

It is the small-town atmosphere that brings us downtown. This is what is threatened by the feeling of being in the middle of a stinky traffic jam.

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BY BILL MANGOLD



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Jefferson curiously watches some visiting chickens from a reinforced stall in an isolated barn at Shelter and Safe Haven for Animals Farm, the Midwest's largest farm animal sanctuary, located in Manchester Township.

STEER

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Dec. 2, seems quite happy in his new surroundings.

A generous stall, specially reinforced to withstand any possible forcefulness on his part, is located in the basement of the farm's original barn. Located quite a distance from the other large animals, the steer is friendly. Jackson says Jefferson is "not a normal cow."

"He seemed to realize he had something else to do besides being someone's meal," Jackson said.

That destiny was decided when the steer made an unexpected exit from a chute at the Al-Badr Slaughterhouse in Detroit's Eastern Market. He crossed over a bridge on busy Gratiot Avenue and was captured, ironically, in a Burger King parking lot.

After being tranquilized, the 1-year-old steer was considered "condemned" by the

U.S. Department of Agriculture, and was unable to be slaughtered for at least 14 days.

As news coverage of the steer's escape escalated, so did coverage of "mad cow" disease in Washington state, resulting in fears of an unsafe meat supply and a ban on imports of U.S. beef in 30 countries.

Davies said that the timing was almost prophetic. And she's sure that the extensive media coverage of both incidents helped the cause of rescuing Jefferson and ultimately bringing him to his new home at SASHA Farm.

"He'll never leave here," she said.

Making a Difference

Animals at SASHA Farm are cared for by Davies, Jackson and a large cast of volunteers. The farm operates solely on donations and there is no paid staff.

"But I'm working harder here than I've ever had to work at a job," Davies said.

Bob Harvey of Milford, a member of the SASHA Farm board of directors, has been a regular every-Sunday volunteer at the farm for more than 10 years. He says he is actually drawn by the hard work that is done at the farm each week.

"I love coming out here," he says. "I enjoy taking care of the animals, seeing that they're comfortable and fed the way nature intended them to be."

"It's peaceful and relaxed out here; it makes me feel good."

In addition to his volunteer work at the farm, Harvey is involved in Explorers and the Special Olympics program.

"Our volunteers are dedicated people who are involved in a host of other issues besides animal activism," Davies said. "They are equally as interested in helping other people."

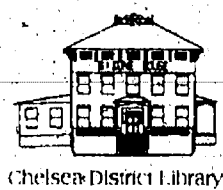
"But the animals have a tendency to get into your heart."



2004

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

EVENTS



NOW through February 7 - Community Read One Book, One Community - Chelsea Reads Together - Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Pattillo Beals. Go to the Chelsea District Library or Cranesbill Books for details. On the web @ www.chelseailb.mi.us

BOOK DISCUSSIONS AT THE LIBRARY:

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Desserts & Discussion - Th., Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. Led by Siena Heights Univ. English professor Nancy Schumann and Adult Services Librarian Christy Gutekunst. Themes of courage and perseverance.

Senior Book Discussion - Th., Jan. 15, 1:30 p.m. Led by Adult Services Librarian Christy Gutekunst. What were you doing in 1957?

Pizza & A Book for Teens - Th., Jan. 22, 6 p.m. Led by Chelsea High School Junior Diana Ladlo and Beach Middle School student Phoebe Conybeare. What would you have done?

Family Table Talk - Saturday, Jan. 24, 2 p.m. Led by Jennifer Kundak and LeAnn Soto. Themes of bravery and reaching for your dreams.

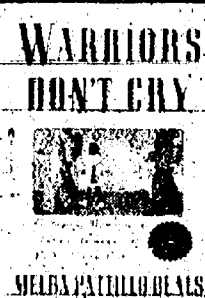
Desserts & Discussion - Th., Jan. 29, 7 p.m. Led by Chelsea District Library trustee Colleen Verge and Chelsea Village trustee Cheryl Alberson. Themes of courage and resolve in the face of danger.

At United Methodist Church: Sundays - Jan. 11, 18, 25 at 9:45 a.m. Led by Chelsea School District Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Director of Student Performance

Friday, January 9 - Have a Bowl Fundraiser Dinner and Silent Auction 7 pm - Chelsea Depot on Jackson Street, Downtown Chelsea. Special Guest Speaker, Amy Seetoo. Call Jackie Maveal at 475-6090 for tickets. \$35/person

Saturday, January 10 - Foundations in African American Music 2PM - First United Methodist Church, Park Street Join singers from Lisa Hinz-Johnson's studio as they perform a diverse range of spirituals and songs of Black American composers. Singers ranging in age from 10 to 70 will join in spirituals, jazz standards, and art songs in this vivid tapestry that witnesses the spirit of African-American Music. A special feature of the event will be a performance by the newly-formed Chelsea Center for the Arts (CCA) Adult Choir, directed by Jeff Crowder. **FREE!**

Sunday, January 18 - "Musical Foktales" 2 PM - First Congregational Church - Robert and Audrey Allison present an upbeat concert of Storytelling, World Music, African Rhythms, Brazilian melodies, more. Children are invited to actively participate. Donations accepted at the door and will go to One World, One Family. Presented by Chelsea Musical Celebrations, Sponsored by Keusch, Flintoft and Conlin, Attorneys. Admission courtesy of One World One Family Task Force **FREE!**



Mon., Jan. 19 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration!

5 PM - March from Park St. to Washington St. Educ. Center. 6 PM - Program at WSEC - Performance by Like Water Drum and Dance. Keynote speaker - Dr. Ross Ray-Taylor Ph.D. **FREE!**

Saturday, February 7 - "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." 1 pm Event marking the end of our first Community Read. This will be a one-man performance re-enacting the life of this great American. Program will be at the Chelsea District Library's current location at 500 Washington St. **FREE!**

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Chelsea's Big Fish

Local twins play role in new movie by Tim Burton

By Scott Hagen
Staff Writer

Twin actresses Arlene and Ada Tai are close.

Born in San Francisco before moving to Hong Kong, and then to Chelsea, the women have shared a life together as children, students, models, writers and producers.

But wrapped tightly in a corset for their role in Tim Burton's new film, "Big Fish," they became a little too intimate.

"Even though we're so close, there is some space you need," Arlene said, before Ada quickly chimes in: "It gets a little suffocating. You need elbow room." Arlene finishes the sentence, "That's what we had to endure."

Although they were in the costume often for hours at a time, they were thrilled to be part of the movie, and to work with Burton, as well as acclaimed stars Ewan McGregor, Danny Devito and Albert Finney.

Released in limited theaters before going nationwide tomorrow, "Big Fish" already is earning praise and award consideration with four Golden Globe nominations.

The women play Ping and Jing, conjoined lounge singers who help the main character, Edward Bloom, escape from Korea during the war. With a touch of digital magic, they appear to share the same pair of legs. So close were they wrapped in the corset — made of metal plates and wire — that some of the extras inquired where Burton found actual conjoined twins.

The new film is one of many accomplishments the twins have achieved together since they began modeling during their college days at the University of Southern

California. Arlene and Ada were discovered — they admit it sounds impractical — while walking down the sidewalks of Los Angeles.

Since then, they have appeared in the Asian versions of "Marie Claire," "Mademoiselle" and "Cosmopolitan," as well as advertising spots for Nintendo, Federal Express, Goldman Sachs and Sprint.

After modeling for a few years, they tried small roles on the big screen. In the Jackie Chan movie "Rush Hour," they played flight attendants, and also appeared in the movie "Ed Wood."

They both agree that having each other makes anything they do together more fun, and less nerve wracking when trying to prepare their lines.

Their demeanor together hints of an unbreakable bond. When they glance at each other, they explode with giggles and laughter. They finish each other's sentences, and tease each other incessantly.

At work, however, they turn serious and tediously prepare for everything they do.

Their hard work is beginning to pay off. When they walk down the street, they have begun noticing people turning their heads with a look of recognition. Before, they weren't sure if it was because they are nearly identical. But then people started talking and complimenting them on their performance in "Big Fish."

When together — which is often — people continue to ask the twins three questions: if they are twins, if they date the same person, and if they have ESP.

So often do they get the dating question that it inspired an award-winning short film,

"Rock, Paper, Scissors," where sibling rivalry becomes unruly competition when they spot a man in a restaurant and vie for his attention.

After cross-country trips to movie premieres and promotional events for "Big Fish," the twins were happy to relax for a few days in a friendly atmosphere. They recently returned to Chelsea during the holidays to visit their parents, who live at Cavanaugh Lake.

Arlene and Ada appreciate friendly surroundings, whether in Alabama, Chelsea or at home with their mother and father. Family, they said, is an important part of who they are as sisters and who they are as individuals.



Twin sisters Ada and Arlene Tai star in the new Tim Burton film "Big Fish." After moving from Hong Kong to Michigan, the women graduated from Chelsea High School. They were discovered as models while walking down the sidewalks of Los Angeles.

"We get along as friends as well as family," Ada said.

After a short vacation, the women will continue to work. They still model, and are keeping an active interest in movies by writing a romantic comedy, though the details are still rough.

If the response to their new project is similar to that of their performance in "Big Fish," which opens nationwide tomorrow, expect more from the twins down the road.

Staff Writer Scott Hagen can be reached at 475-1371.

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Jan. 8 - 5:30 PM - HS Volleyball - Home
Jan. 10 - 7:00 PM - HS Hockey - Home
Jan. 12 - 7:00 PM - Board of Education Meeting
Jan. 15 - 6:30 PM - HS Wrestling - Home
Jan. 15 - 7:00 PM - Community Forum - Everyday Math
Jan. 16 - 5:30 PM - HS Basketball Game - Home
Jan. 16 - 6:30 PM - Boys' Swimming
Jan. 16 - 6:30 PM - HS Wrestling
LOOKING AHEAD
Jan. 17 - HS Hockey - Home
Jan. 19 - No School for students - Records day (floating)
Jan. 22 - 7:00 PM - Public Forum: Potential Bond Issue
WSEC Cafeteria
Jan. 26 - 7:00 PM - Board of Education Meeting - Beach Middle School
Feb. 13-14 - No School - Presidents' Day Weekend
Mar. 9 - No School for Students - Professional Development Day for Teachers
Mar. 24 - 5:00-8:15 PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences - District-wide
Mar. 25 - 1/2 Day for Students: Elementary
Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:45 PM
Secondary Teachers - Professional Development - 12:30-3:45 PM 5:00-8:15 PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences - District-wide
Mar. 28 - 1/2 Day for Students and Teachers
April 5 - 9 - Spring Break
May 31 - No School for Students and Teachers - Memorial Day
June 8 - Last Day of School for Students
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THURSDAY

HIGH: 22°-26°

Cloudy and cold with snow possible.

THU NIGHT

LOW: 10°-14°

Mostly cloudy, flurries; cold.

FRIDAY

HIGH: 24°-28°

Gold with clouds and sun.

SATURDAY

HIGH: 26°-30°

Partly sunny.

SUNDAY

HIGH: 30°-34°

Cloudy with snow possible.

MONDAY

HIGH: 30°-34°

Partly sunny.



LOCAL WEATHER



TRAVEL

Lansing, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties
An area of low pressure will bring a chance of some snow or flurries to the region Thursday. Winds will be south at 10-20 mph.

REAL FEEL TEMPTM

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

Highest Thursday: 20°
Highest Friday: 20°
Highest Saturday: 20°
Highest Sunday: 20°

SOLUNAR TABLE

Four-day forecast indicates peak timing times for fish and game.
Major Minor Major Minor
Thurs 12:08 p.m. 6:55 a.m. 1:02 p.m. 6:57 a.m.
Fri 12:37 p.m. 6:49 a.m. 1:32 p.m. 7:14 p.m.
Sat 12:53 p.m. 6:43 a.m. 1:53 p.m. 7:34 p.m.
Sun 1:08 p.m. 6:37 a.m. 2:14 p.m. 7:54 p.m.

UV INDEX

Highest Thursday: 1
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.

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Statistics for the week ending Jan. 6.

Temperatures:

High for the week: 66°

Low for the week: 15°

Normal high: 31°

Normal low: 18°

Average temperature: 36.1°

Normal average temperature: 24.4°

Precipitation:

Total for the week: 0.41"

Total for the month: 0.41"

Total for the year: 0.41"

Normal for the month: 0.40"

% of normal this month: 103%

% of normal this year: 103%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday: 8:04 a.m.

Sunset Thursday: 5:20 p.m.

Moonrise Thursday: 6:34 p.m.

Moonset Thursday: 0:11 a.m.

Full: Jan 7

Last: Jan 14

New: Jan 21

First: Jan 29

NATIONAL CITIES

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COMMUNITY

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Family TIES

Donna Lane's roots run deep in the community

By Lisa Allmendinger
Special Writer

On Oct. 26, 1933, it cost \$35 for Dr. William Wylie to bring Donna Noah into the world.

The Noah family — and the local community — certainly got their money's worth.

The little girl who would grow up to become Donna Lane — of Lane Animal Hospital fame — was the second of three children of Esther Widmayer and Lawrence Noah, sandwiched between her older brother, Duane, and younger brother, Lynwood.

More than 250 people gathered in October to celebrate Donna's 70th birthday and to reminisce. The party took place on the same farm where Donna was born, a fitting locale for the happy celebration.

The Noah and Widmayer family roots are deeper than most trees, dating back to the 1800s in the North Lake area. In fact, Lynwood and his wife, Ommie, live in the

Dexter Township home Donna's great-grandfather built after the Civil War.

Donna herself has known only two homes — the Lyndon Township farm and the home she shared with her husband, the late Dr. Wilfred Lane in Chelsea.

Donna's first paying job was at the North Lake Store on North Territorial Road. She learned her work ethic from her mother and from her father, a tenant farmer on land owned by Claude Burkhardt, president of A. J. Nystrom Map and Globe Co. in Chicago.

The Noahs lived less than a mile from the Inverness area, where affluent visitors from Detroit, Ohio and Ann Arbor congregated each summer.

Donna's father cut ice in the winter and stored it, and then delivered it "to the ladies to keep their ice boxes cool."

"He did everything in his power to make a life for us," Donna says.

Lawrence Noah also cut wood, picked up garbage and delivered ice, in addition to

milking 40 cows by hand each day.

"My dad had huge hands," she says.

The family also took care of sheep, chickens and pigs.

Donna attended "Pumpkin College," the little school a mile from her home. The one-room schoolhouse was the educational ground for beginners through eighth grade.

There were two pupils in Lane's eighth-grade class, and never more than 18 children in all nine grades.

"I think I was able to succeed in my studies through repetition," Donna says.

"I had to listen to the seventh- and eighth-graders read."

There was no indoor plumbing at Pumpkin College. Boys and girls used separate outhouses — hot and stuffy in summer and frigid in winter.

"There was no well, either," Donna says. "Water was carried to the school in cans and we all drank out of a dipper."

From Pumpkin College, Donna headed to Chelsea High School, graduating in 1951.

"I wanted to go to MSU to take home economics, but I talked to Janie Freeman, who owned the North Lake Store, and she took me to Henry Ford Hospital and encouraged me to become a nurse because I could always find a job," Donna says.

Her high school principal was less enthused.

"He said I'd never be admitted," Donna recalls.

She proved him wrong. Three years later she was among 80 nurses who made it through the program.

The class began with 113 students and by Christmas, 13 were automatically dismissed.

"You couldn't chew gum. Your hair had to be above your shoulders and you could not get married," she says.

At 20, Donna passed the state nursing boards.

She was employed at Henry Ford Hospital until 1955, when her mother became ill.

Donna returned to Lyndon Township, taking a job at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor.

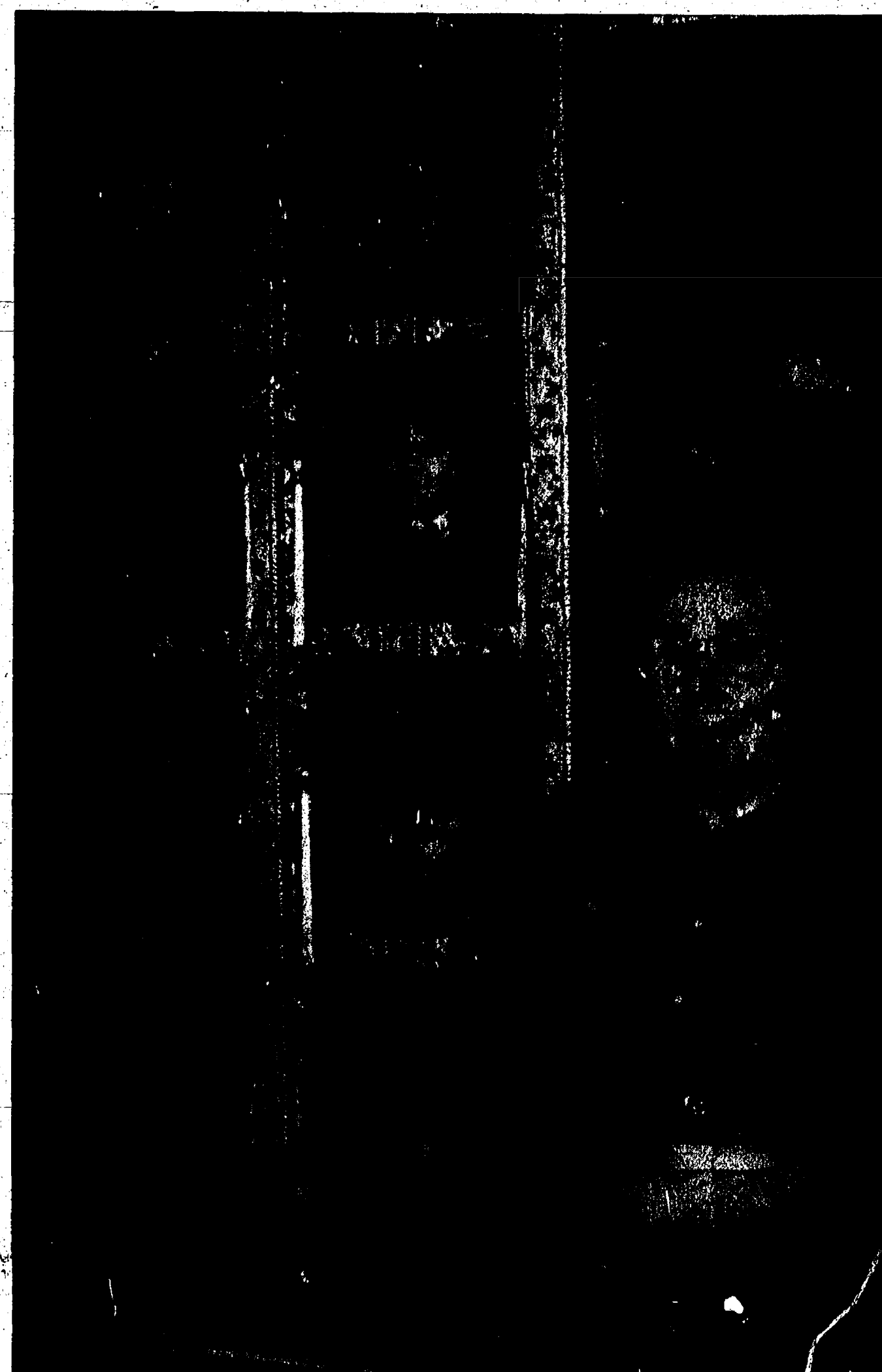


Photo by Rebecca Burk

Donna (Noah) Lane has been a fixture in the Chelsea-Dexter area all her life. Lane, who celebrated her 70th birthday in October, grew up on a farm in Lyndon Township, and was a partner in her husband's veterinary practice.

Eighteen months later, she became the youngest head nurse in any veterans' hospital.

In 1959, she met her future husband, Wilfred Lane. He was at the hospital visiting his mother, who died of cancer in 1960.

Donna and Wilfred were engaged on New Year's Eve of the same year. They married in 1961.

Donna gave up her nursing career and took on a new role helping her husband with his large-and-small animal veterinary practice in Chelsea and Dexter.

They raised four children. The youngest, Jonathan, 35, followed in his father's footsteps and is the third generation of veterinarians at Lane Animal Hospital in Chelsea.

David, 37, is a minister in Ohio. Chandler, 40, is a regis-

tered vascular technologist and lives in Chelsea. Caroline, 42, is a teacher in Traverse City.

Wilfred Lane died in 1996 at the age of 76 — a veterinarian right up to the end.

"He saw patients right up until the last minute," Donna says.

His funeral was packed. The mourners included the more than 100 young people who worked for Wilfred over the years.

Before his death, Wilfred had plans for a new veterinary hospital. Donna dedicated herself to her husband's project.

"His dream kept me going," she says.

The Lane Animal Hospital, on M-52 north of Chelsea, opened for business in 2002.

Each day, Donna crosses the road from her home to

the hospital, where she works as the practice's business manager.

"There will always be a Mrs. Lane to tell the staff what to do when that door opens," she says.

"My family, my profession and God are the most important things to me."

With the animal hospital up and running, Donna can spend more time with her eight grandchildren.

She's even working on her autobiography, a history of her life, family and profession.

You can bet the community will once again get its money's worth from Donna (Noah) Lane.

Lisa Allmendinger is a freelance writer. She can be reached at 433-1052.

Student wins 4-H award

By Scott Hagen
Staff Writer

Stephanie Fischer loves cows and farms, and hates city life.

"I like the community, but I wish it were more rural," she said of her hometown of Dexter. "I would love to have a neighbor who lives five miles away."

Actively involved with the 4-H club since she was 8 years old, Fischer was named in November as a recipient of the William Danforth "I Dare You" Award.

"It teaches you a lot of different things," Fischer said of the 4-H club. "You meet a whole bunch of different people from different places and you build friendships."

"I've learned a lot of leadership skills that have helped me through high school and helped me figure out what I want to do."

Fischer, a 17-year-old senior at Dexter High School, planned on skip-

ping college all together until recently. She enrolled in the Washtenaw County Consortium, which allows upperclassmen to take courses at five different area high schools.

She signed up for cosmetology, and thought it would be a field she would like to pursue after school.

But after learning the daily routine, she decided to head for college. Her volleyball team coach, Angie Black, also has influenced her.

Set on a path for college, Fischer will arrive at Saginaw Valley State next year and enroll in physical and health education classes. One day, she said, she hopes to return to Dexter to teach and coach.

Though she attends school in Dexter, Fischer is a familiar face to the Chelsea community.

In 2001, at 15, she was selected as the Chelsea Fair Queen. In the spring and summer, she works at Twister's where she serves up dairy treats.

Outside of her involvement in the 4-H club and volleyball, Fischer loves sports. Basketball is one of her favorites, and she attends high-school games regularly. The friends she has across the county keep her company when she goes.

During the winter, she works on a local dairy farm, and continues to raise and show beef cattle at agricultural competitions.

Fischer won the award, named after a man actively involved in 4-H, for the certain attitude and mentality with which she approaches all things.

"I have a goal of doing my best, even when I don't think it's possible. I'm always challenging myself to do better."

Though it will be tough to leave her friends next year — her best friend is still a sophomore — Fischer is looking forward to the many opportunities waiting for her in the next chapter of her life.

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Stephanie Fischer, a 17-year-old senior at Dexter High School, won the 4-H William Danforth "I Dare You" Award in November. She plans to attend Saginaw Valley State University next fall, and wants to major in physical and health education. One day, she would like to return to Dexter as a teacher and coach.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Jan. 8

"Chelsea Reads Together" discussion group will be held 7 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. For information, call 475-8732.

A public forum will be held on high-speed telecommunications technology 5 to 7 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

Friday, Jan. 9

"Have a Bowl" fund-raiser will be held 7 p.m. at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St., in Chelsea. For information, call 475-6090.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Winter birding program will be held 10 a.m. at the Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Road, in Chelsea. To register, call 475-3170.

Winter Family Reading Program animal magic show will be held 2 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. For information, call 475-8732.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Line dance class for senior citizens will be held 1 to 2 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center. For information, call 475-9242.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Beginning Line Dance class will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at Chelsea Senior Center, 603 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For information, call 475-9242.

Thursday, Jan. 15

Senior Book Discussion will be held 1:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. For information, call 475-8732.

Community forum on "Everyday Mathematics Resources" will be held 7 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center.

Thursday, Jan. 15 through Sunday, Jan. 18

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" will be presented by the Young People's Theater, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the George Prinzing Auditorium, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens. Call 971-7207 for ticket reservations.

Sunday, Jan. 18

Visit and book signing by Melba Pattillo Beals, author of "Warriors Don't Cry," the choice for "Chelsea Reads Together," 6 p.m. Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St.

Thursday, Jan. 22

Community forum about a possible school bond issue, 7 p.m. Washington Street Education Center. Call 433-2208, Ext. 6088.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

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. Call 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.

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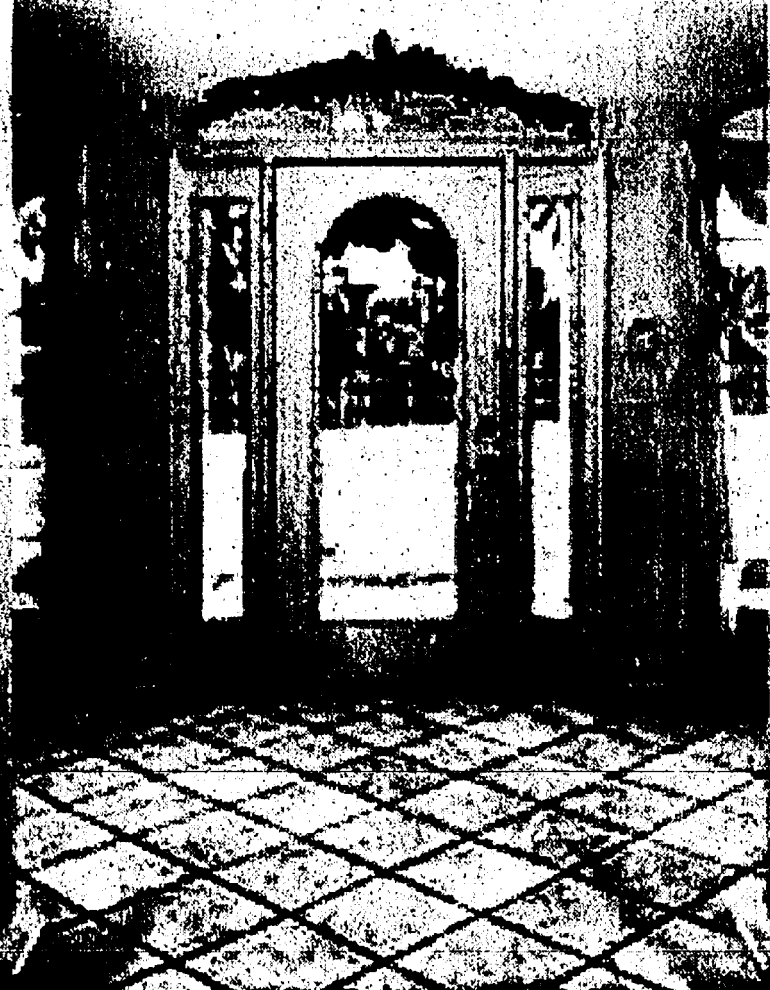
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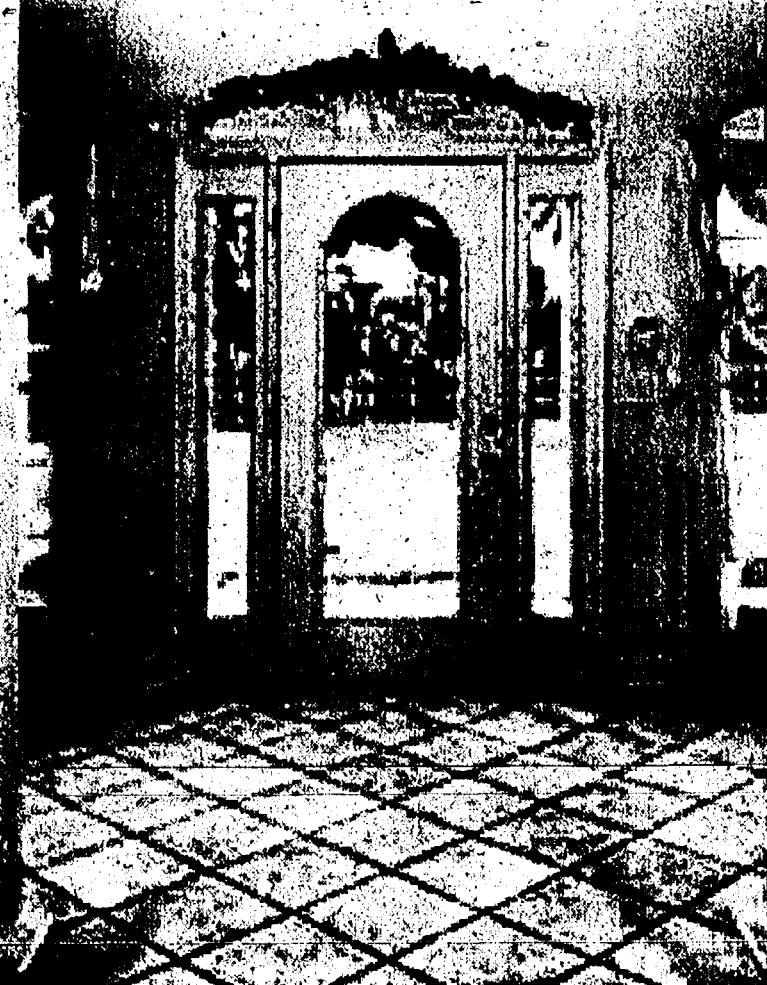
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Go See It

Tiger Cub Scouts in Chelsea Pack 435, Den 6, recently paid a visit to The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader while working on their community "Go See It" badge. The Scouts, based at North Creek Elementary School in Chelsea, learned about journalism and the newspaper business. Pictured, in front, are Jack Baylis (left), Travis Kaiser, Jonathan Obenchain, Alex Keyes and Ben Whitesall; second row, Alonzo Taylor (left), Matthew Proegler, Tyler Lukomski, Kolten Savery, Will Stubbs and Drew Deppner; back, Katie Dewyer (left), Zach Dewyer, Zoe Proegler, Nick Deppner, Nathan Obenchain and Nick Dewyer.

CHELSEA

Rossi Ray-Taylor keynote speaker

Rossi Ray-Taylor, executive director of the Minority Student Achievement Network, will be the keynote speaker at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations, Jan. 19 in Chelsea.

A 5 p.m. march is set from the Park Street parking lot to the Washington Street Education Center, where a free program will follow at 6 p.m.

Ray-Taylor has earned a state and national reputation as an innovative educator for her work as superintendent of Ann Arbor Public Schools. Prior she was deputy superintendent for Lansing Public Schools.

She has a doctorate in educational psychology, with a specialty in learning and cognition, from Michigan State University.

In an era of unprecedented budget reductions, she initiated new programs and services that improved instruction, access and choice for students and their families, according to a press release.

She also re-engineered the way the Ann Arbor district provided services to reduce the cost of doing business by the district in an effort to focus dollars to classrooms and instruction, the press release said.

At the national level, Ray-

Taylor is the executive director of the Minority Student Achievement Network, a coalition of 21 suburban school districts committed to eliminating the gap in achievement among students.

The work combines Ray-Taylor's background in the business side of schools, education, leading change and educational research.

She has been featured speaker for the Annenberg Conference on High School

Achievement Gap at Brown University and the American Youth Policy Forum conference for policy makers on Capitol Hill.

Ray-Taylor is also an affiliated consultant with Public Sector Consultants, a private Michigan-based corporation that provides policy research, evaluation, planning and strategic counsel to state and local government, school districts, colleges and universities, among other clients.

CALENDAR

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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.

Dexter AA Group meets at 8 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Joseph's Parish 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

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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.

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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Tuesday, Jan. 13

"Teens Using Drugs Part 2: What to Do" free seminar 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month through June at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, in Ypsilanti. For information, call 973-7892.

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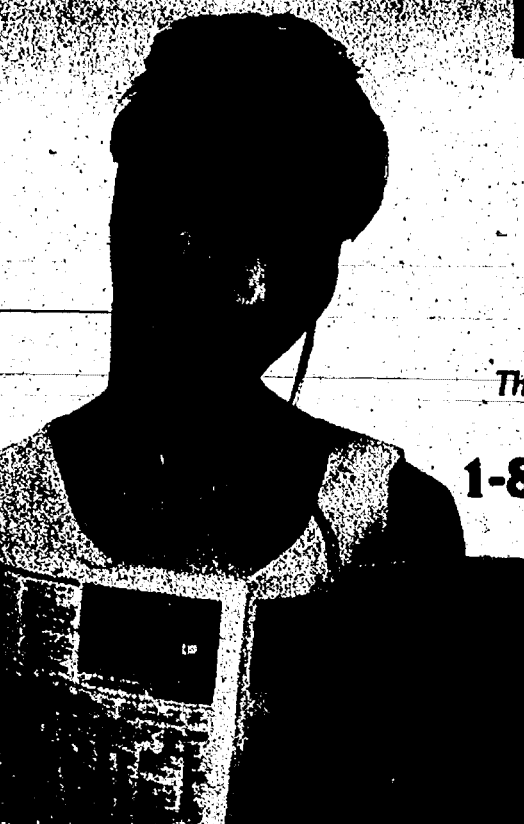
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Community read

Discussion group of 'Warriors Don't Cry' kicks off tonight

The Chelsea Reads Together project is in full swing, with local residents enjoying "Warriors Don't Cry" by Melba Pattillo Beals.

The book is a civil rights story of Beals' integration into a Little Rock, Ark., high school in 1957.

Beals was one of the "Little Rock Nine," nine black teenagers who attended "white only" Little Rock Central High School.

To add to the excitement, Beals will visit the Chelsea District Library 6 p.m. Jan. 18 and sign books.

The community read program, part of the One World, One Family task force's efforts to promote diversity, is sponsored by the task force, the Chelsea District Library, Edgar Norman Creative and Cranesbill Books.

Beals' visit is sponsored by the library and the Chelsea House Victorian Inn, owned by Jim and Kim Myles.

Discussions focusing on the book will be held throughout January.

"These events will allow the community to discuss this powerful and enlightening book in a relaxed and informal setting," said Shawn Personke, the library's community relations and development coordinator.

The first meeting kicks off at 7 p.m. tonight at the library, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

Siena Heights University English professor Nancy Schumann and Adult Services librarian Christy Gutekunst will lead "Desserts and Discussion," focusing on themes of courage and perseverance.

A senior book discussion, set for 1:30 p.m. Jan. 15, will be led by Gutekunst, who will ask, "What were you doing in 1957? How did life in these northern states differ from the segregationists' attitudes in Arkansas?"

Chelsea High School junior Diana Ladio and Beach Middle School student Phoebe Conybeare will lead "Pizza and a Book for Teens," 6 p.m. Jan. 22. The theme will be "These young people were people like you — what would you have done if faced with the horrors they experienced?"

A "Family Table Talk" is scheduled for 2 p.m. Jan. 24, with themes of bravery and reaching for one's dreams.

Chelsea Village Trustee Cheri Albertson and Chelsea Library Board Trustee Colleen Verge will head up "Desserts and Discussion" 7 p.m. Jan. 29.

Shawn Lewis-Lakin, director of student performance for Chelsea schools, will head up United Methodist Church Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Jan. 11, 18 and 25.

For more information, call the library at 475-8732.



Nancy Schumann (left), Shawn Personke, Christy Gutekunst and Diana Ladio will lead discussion groups on "Warriors Don't Cry," the book choice for the Chelsea Reads Together project. Author Melba Pattillo Beals, who wrote about her experiences as an African-American teen at Little Rock High School in 1957, will visit the library 6 p.m. Jan. 18.

CHELSEA REMINISCING

10 years ago
January 1994

The Chelsea Village Council began discussing several major projects in store for the village this year. Among them are the clean up of the Department of Public Works building on North Street, the construction of a new water tower behind McDonald's, and several paving and sidewalk repairs project around town.

Chelsea native John Mann has been appointed the new president of Chelsea State Bank. He succeeds Paul Schaible in this position.

25 years ago
January 1979

The Chelsea High School

boys' basketball team defeated Dexter 68-49 and Jackson Northwest 72-65. The team is 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the SEC.

Chelsea schools shut down Jan. 15 because of a weekend blizzard that closed many roads in the area. However, there were no major car accidents, according to Police Chief George Meranuck.

50 years ago
January 1954

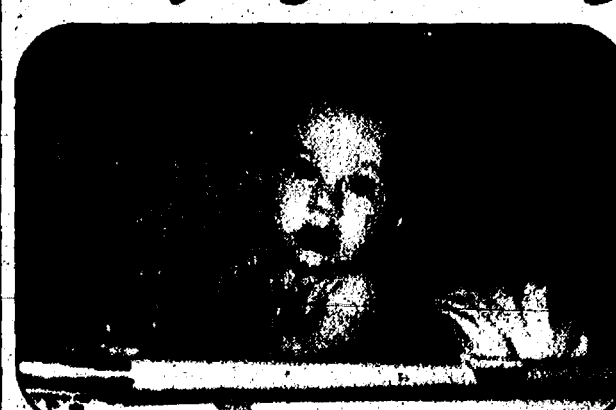
Louis C. Kingscott & Associates submitted plans for the new elementary school on McKinley Road to the school board. The plan calls for an L-shaped building similar to the elementary school on Pierce Street.

The Chelsea High School basketball team defeated Manchester 82-19, and followed it with a victory over Milan 63-25.

100 years ago
January 1904

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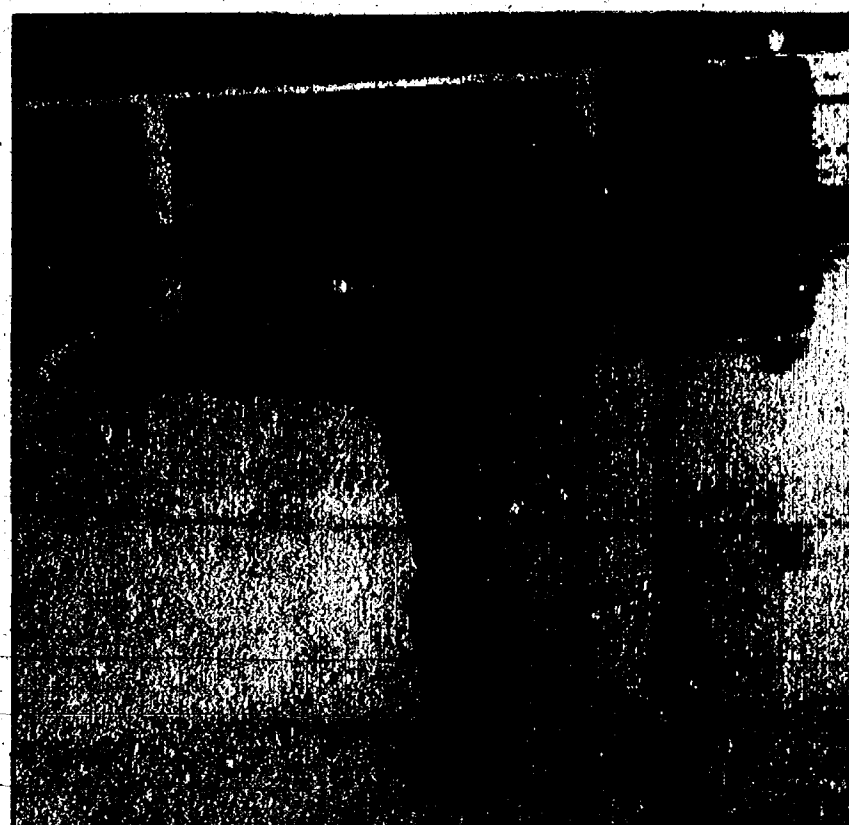
PEOPLE

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Instructor Joan Carr helps Antonia Silverio practice figure skating.



Antonia Silverio shows off what she has learned in figure skating.



Caleb Krutsch puts his arms out for balance as he learns to skate on the ice.

Ice Time Fun

The Owl home-school group of Washtenaw, Oakland and Livingston counties join together on Thursdays for ice time at the Artic Coliseum in Chelsea. The home-schooled pupils have the opportunity to learn how to play hockey or to figure skate while having fun together.



Annika Carazzol becomes the caboose to a train that Lottie, Beau and Claire Prenevost join together as they skate.



Joan Carr (left) and Lisa Day teach iceskating to students Emberton Graham, Lottie and Beau Prenevost, Antonia Silverio, Emmeline Cumming, Emily Schriemer, Mason Babcock, Annika Carazzol, Caleb Krutsch, and Claire Prenevost.

Dale Rominski teaches the boys about hockey skills. Included in the picture are David and Joseph Reynhout, Stephen Schriemer, Courtland and Eli Bowles, Brett and Kyle Hagen, Tony Corazzol and Tobin and Trevor Tarantowski.



Eli Bowles takes to the puck.



Courtland Bowles, Trevor and Tobin Tarantowski and David Reynhout of Chelsea face off while playing hockey.



Eli Bowles and Joseph Reynhout face off on the ice.



Dave Reynhout takes the puck to get it back for his team.

Photos by Rifa Fischer

The Chelsea Standard

SPORTS

Thursday, January 8, 2004

Chelsea grapplers fifth at Oxford meet

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling finished fifth at the 10-team Oxford Invitational last Saturday. The Bulldogs ended the meet with 90.5 points. It was the first time Chelsea competed in the Oakland County tournament.

Capturing the invite was the host Wildcats with 160 points.

Rounding out the top five were Armada with 139.5 points, followed by Imlay City with 98 points and Swartz Creek with 91.5 points.

"I saw some good things," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "Some of the kids who had been losing are wrestling better. They're using more moves. Their presence on the mat is getting better."

Individually, Joel Powers led the Bulldogs, reaching the final at 215 pounds before losing to Oxford's Kyle Oliver by pin in 2:33.

Placing third for Chelsea were Josh Clark at 135 pounds, Karl Wint at 189 pounds and heavyweight Brad Hinderer.

Clark beat Jake Kopins of Imlay City, 11-4, in the third- and fourth-place match.

Also in the third-fourth

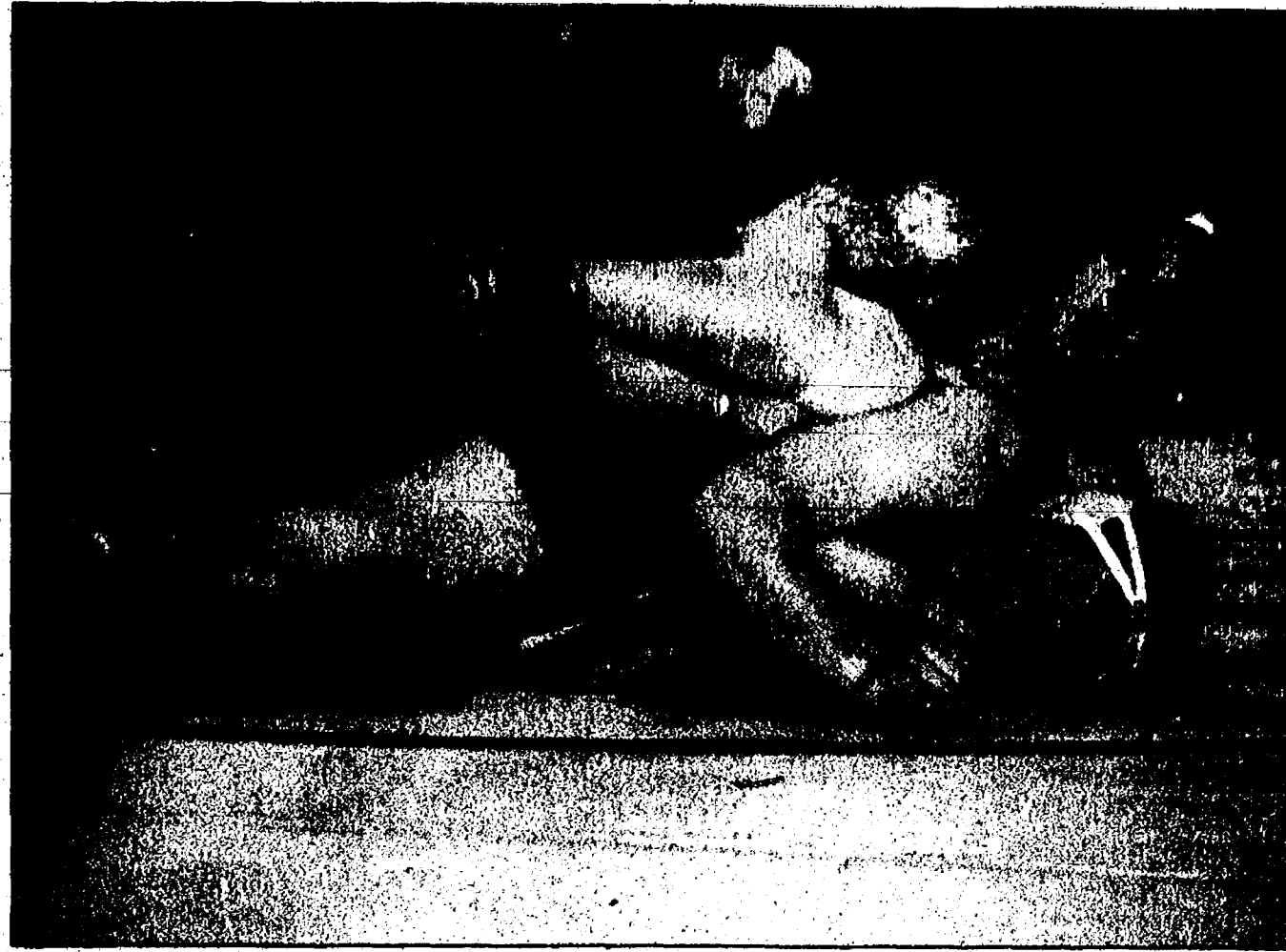


Photo courtesy of Norm Bauer

Chelsea senior Karl Wint placed third in the 189-pound weight class at the Oxford Invitational last Saturday. As a team, the Bulldogs placed fifth overall.

match, Wint beat East Wonders at 103. Matt Robinson at 152 and Dave Bell at 171.

Hinderer placed third decisioning Andrew Dupree, also of East Jackson, 6-2. Finishing fourth overall for the Bulldogs were Geoff

Despite losing, Kargel was

fourth match. Robinson's two losses on the day came against Domboski.

Bell lost to Jason Penrod of Swartz Creek, 8-2, in the third-fourth match.

Though not placing, Kargel said Chris Watt (119) and Fred Dehn (130) wrestled well for the Bulldogs.

"He (Watt) came close to placing," he said. "He was winning big, then he got pinned at the end (of match). There was less than a minute left. He's getting better; he just lacks experience. He needs more mat time. But he really improved this week."

"Fred looked pretty good, too. He feels comfortable at that weight. He showed some good things Saturday. He was able to win some matches."

Others performing well, but not placing for Chelsea, were Rob Gursky (140), Drew Wint (145) and Neil Turluck (160).

The Bulldogs next travel to Ann Arbor Pioneer today for a tri-meet with Ann Arbor Huron at 5 p.m.

On Saturday, Chelsea will participate in the Athens Invitational at 9 a.m.

On Jan. 15, the Bulldogs host perennial power Temperance Bedford at 6:30 p.m. The Mules are owners of numerous state titles.

Bulldog tankers second at DeWitt Invitational

The Chelsea boys' swimming and diving team finished second at the DeWitt Invitational last Saturday.

The Bulldogs ended the meet with 336 points.

Capturing the invitational was defending champion Grand Rapids Northview with 377 points.

A highlight of the competition for Chelsea was its diving contingent.

Shawn Bergman finished second overall with 195.1 points. Teammate Sean Cleary was eighth with 169.9 points.

"The difference in this year's meet compared to last year was (our) diving," said Chelsea coach Dave Jolly. "Shawn Bergman and Sean Cleary both performed well. Their points would factor in huge at the end of the meet."

In the lanes, the Bulldogs shined, as well.

The Chelsea foursome of Nick Armstrong, Nat Christman, Aaron Connell and Josh Haynes placed sixth in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:56.76. The Bulldog B relay group of Jordan Skidmore, Greg Daniel, Mike Lawrence and Andrew Ballow finished 11th

in 1:59.36.

In the 200 freestyle, senior tri-captain Matt Kellogg was second for Chelsea, stopping the clock in 1:58.61. Freshman Rick Kinsey ended up 11th in a season best time of 2:08.24.

Andy Kellogg placed third for the Dawgs in the 200 individual medley with a clocking of 2:11.73. Armstrong was ninth with a 2:30.72.

In the 50 freestyle, Haynes finished third in 24.39, while Ballow was ninth in 25.46.

Connell placed fifth in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:03.13, while teammate Chris Moyle was 14th in 1:08.75.

In the 100 freestyle, Andy Kellogg touched first with a clocking of 51.02. Tri-captain Haynes was 10th in a season best time of 56.31.

Matt Kellogg finished third in the 500 freestyle in 5:32.39, while Kinsey was ninth in a season best 5:41.42.

The Bulldogs continued to impress in the 200 freestyle relay. The combo of Andy Kellogg, Matt Kellogg, Haynes and Ballow finished second overall with a time of 1:36.37. The B relay team of Benji Kellogg, Moyle,



The Bulldog boys' swimming and diving team gathers together after finishing second at the DeWitt Invitational last Saturday. Chelsea finished the meet with 335 points, trailing only Grand Rapids Northview, which captured the title, with 377 points.

Connell and Bergman placed 1:07.13, while Daniel was 13th, was 11th in a career best 1:25.34.

In the meet's final event, the Chelsea foursome of

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Chelsea hockey ties rival Dexter with late goal

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey tied county rival Dexter 3-3 last Saturday at Veterans Arena.

A goal by Bulldog winger Schyler Williams, with 2:42 remaining in the game, tied the score at 3-3. Assisting on the goal was defenseman Lee Woodruff.

"It was a typical Dexter-Chelsea game," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "It always seems to come

down to the wire. It's always a close game. It's always an important game."

The host Dreadnaughts (4-4-2) skated out to an early 1-0 first period lead as center Wayne Huber scored at 4:13 of the stanza.

A few minutes later, the Division III No. 10-ranked Bulldogs (7-2-2, 2-0-1) tied the score as David Midura turned the light on off an assist from Brett Common and Williams.

In the second period, Chelsea took

the lead as senior center Craig Urwin scored a power play goal at 11:32 of the frame. Picking up an assist for the Bulldogs was Williams and Woodruff.

At 5:46 of the period, Dexter junior winger Kevin Vlazny scored, tying the county tussle at 2-2. Huber assisted on the play for the Dreadnaughts.

In the third period, Dexter regained the lead as Huber scored a shorthanded unassisted goal at 8:25 of the stanza.

The Dreadnaughts continued to lead 3-2 until Williams scored late in the third period for the final margin.

The Bulldogs dominated play, out shooting their rivals 20-9, including 10-4 in the first period.

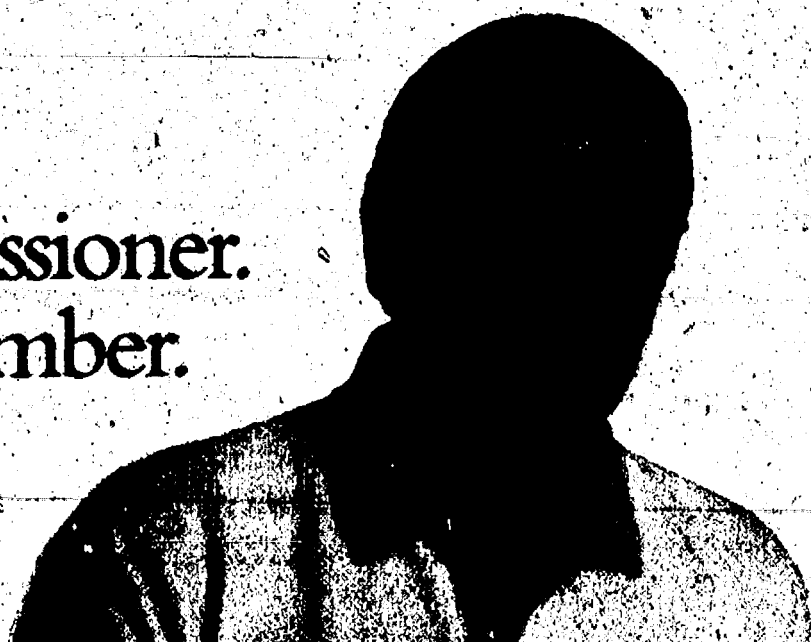
Goaltender J.R. Engelbert preserved the tie in net for Chelsea.

Paul Cynar was his counterpart between the pipes for Dexter.

"We certainly put ourselves in a good position to win," Wright said.

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Bulldog cagers win two of last three contests

The Chelsea boys' basketball team ended 2003 on a high note. The Bulldogs (3-2), currently riding a two-game win streak, are coming off three of their best performances of the season.

On Dec. 19, the Bulldogs fell to Saline in an extremely tight game, 59-56.

The contest was a seesaw match as the lead changed seven times in the final four minutes, and despite having an early advantage on the visiting Hornets, Chelsea couldn't hold on for the win.

After dominating the first quarter by scoring 21 points to Saline's nine, the Dawgs went cold in the second stanza, scoring only seven points, while the Hornets tallied 17, cutting Chelsea's lead to two at the break.

The lack of an inside presence is what hurt the Bulldogs. Similar to the Pinckney game, Chelsea's opponent seemed to find out and expose the Dawgs' major weakness. And also similar to the Pinckney game, the opponent had an answer for every basket Chelsea scored.

Down the stretch, senior Joel Hohnke proved clutch, burying three-pointers on consecutive possessions to keep the Bulldogs in the game. Hohnke finished with a double-double, scoring 22 points, including 6-of-9 shooting from three-point land.

and grabbing 11 rebounds.

But it wasn't enough as Saline senior Bobby Tiernan converted a huge three-point play with 35 seconds left to give the Hornets the lead for good.

"We expected a battle and that's what it turned out to be," said Hohnke. "Give Saline credit, they had an answer every time we made a bucket and that's what good teams do. They are one of the best teams in the area, and I think it opened a lot of eyes around the area and within the community that this team can play with the best."

In its second game in four days, the Bulldogs shook off the loss to Saline by beating a solid Manchester team in the 'nightcap' of the sixth annual Chelsea Holiday Tournament, 60-49 Dec. 22.

Manchester (3-2) kept it close in the beginning, taking an early 9-8 lead midway through the first quarter before senior Brian Kinaschuk led the Bulldogs on a 13-0 run. He scored 10 points in the quarter and gave the home team a 21-9 advantage at the beginning of the second frame.

The Flying Dutchmen, however, were not done. Senior Jordan Tallman added seven points in the second quarter as Manchester rallied to cut the Bulldogs' halftime lead to 33-

31.

The night belonged to Chelsea, however. The Bulldogs had an answer for every Dutchmen bucket.

Manchester had one last chance, trailing 53-49 with 1:50 remaining. But poor ball handling and sloppy passes caused a turnover.

That was the closest the game got in the final quarter, and Chelsea seniors George Royce and Jeff Elliott, along with Hohnke, hit four free throws down the stretch, icing the game. Royce finished with a team-high 16 points while Kinaschuk had 14 points, Hohnke five points and Elliott four points.

On Dec. 23, the Bulldogs tore into their second early present, defeating the Riverside (Ontario) Rebels, 65-49, in the championship game of the tournament.

Kinaschuk paced Chelsea with 15 points, while senior Tony Reifel had 14 points, and Hohnke 10 points.

The contest started out close, as Riverside's Dusko Pilic nailed a three-pointer, tying the score at 8-8 midway through the first quarter.

The Bulldogs answered, however, going on a 12-2 run and putting a healthy gap between the two teams.

Gradually, Chelsea continued to chip away at the Rebels. Royce's inside feeds and penetrating dishes were

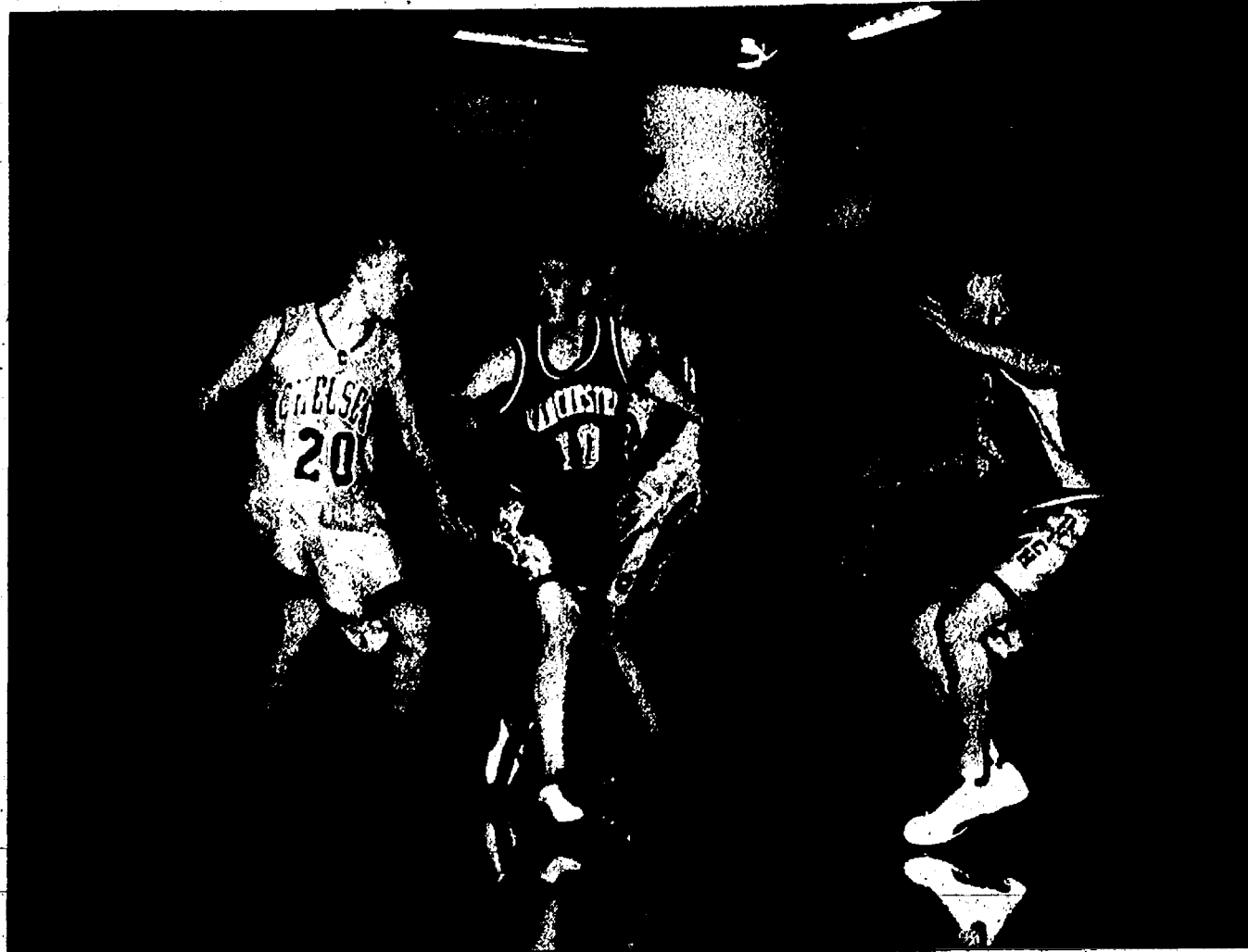


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Chelsea senior Joel Hohnke (20) scored five points in the Bulldogs' 60-49 victory over Manchester Dec. 22. On Dec. 19, he had a double-double of 22 points and 11 rebounds in the Bulldogs' 59-56 loss to Saline.

too much for Riverside. Also, Bulldog junior Tim Mann came in off the bench, handled the ball well and added a few fancy passes of his own.

By the end of the third quarter, Chelsea had broken the game open, increasing its advantage to 49-36.

Team play contributed to

the victory as the Bulldogs were unselfish in dishing out 22 assists. Reifel alone matched the Canadian opponent's assist total with six, while Elliott added five boards for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs next travel to Ann Arbor Pioneer for a game 5 p.m. Saturday.

—Sye Hickey contributed to this story.

HOCKEY

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"We limited them (Dexter) to nine shots."

On Dec. 20, the Bulldogs lost 5-1 to northern Michigan powerhouse Traverse City St. Francis, also known as Bay Reps. The team is a cooperative squad made up of players from four different high schools.

The close contest got away from visiting Chelsea in the third period. Traverse City scored four unanswered goals in 1:55 to turn a 1-1 tie into a 5-1 victory. Three of the Bay Reps' goals came within a time span of 25 seconds.

Nick Gallagher, Alex Zielinski, Scott Ponstein and Mike Tinkle scored for Traverse City in the game-turning third period.

Wright said numerous things went wrong for the Bulldogs in the third frame.

"We had breakdowns in the (defensive) zone," he said. "We didn't pick up the right people. They had guys coming in wide open. We got sloppy in our zone. They're such a strong team, you can't do that. They really capitalized on our mistakes."

Penalties also hindered Chelsea.

The Bulldogs played short-handed seven times, for a total of 17 minutes. Though allowing no goals during that time, being a man down hurt Chelsea.

"It took its toll," Wright said. "But, we'll learn from this."

After a scoreless first peri-

od, Chelsea took the lead at 2:04 of the second frame as Urwin hit the back of the net off an assist from Luc Daniels.

Bay Reps tied the game as Ponstein scored at 12:17 of the second period.

Despite giving up a late second-frame score, the Bulldogs entered the third period undaunted.

"We felt pretty good at that point," Wright said.

Traverse City would turn that good feeling sour with its late scoring barrage.

Chelsea was out shot for the night 31-16.

On Dec. 19, the Bulldogs faced another top northern Michigan squad in Gaylord. The Blue Devils entered the game against Chelsea as defending regional champions with a 6-1 overall record. Gaylord had beaten Bay Reps 3-2 earlier in the season.

The visiting Bulldogs prevailed over the Blue Devils 3-1.

"It was a great hockey game," Wright said.

Chelsea's Ryan Ruikka began the scoring at 2:32 of the opening period, turning the lamp on unassisted on a shot from the point.

Gaylord responded as Jack LeBlanc scored on a power play at 6:31 of the first frame.

The Bulldogs answered, however, as Daniels scored off an assist from Ryan Ford at 8:28 of the opening stanza.

After a scoreless second period, Chelsea put the game away as Daniels scored off an assist from Woodruff and Urwin at 11:33 of the third

frame.

Engelbert was strong in net for the Bulldogs.

"He was the first star of the game," Wright said. "He played outstanding. He made some great saves."

Gaylord out shot Chelsea 19-16 for the night.

Though going 1-1, Wright said the Bulldogs' trek north was worth it.

"Our whole purpose of going up was to spend time together (as a team) and play outstanding competition," he said. "They broadcast the games on radio, and highlights were on TV. It's (prep hockey) a big event."

Wright said despite the 1:55 stretch in the game-turning third period against Bay Reps, his team played well.

"The other 88 minutes, we played great hockey," he said. "It was good to see that type of competition. It was good for our young players."

On Dec. 17, Chelsea shut out Ypsilanti/Lincoln 4-0.

Ruikka led the Bulldogs, scoring two goals. Urwin and Williams notched the squad's final two goals.

Taylor Hooper, Ford, Urwin, Common, Daniels and Woodruff each recorded an assist for Chelsea.

Chelsea out shot the Railsplitters 45-5, including 19-0 in the first period.

Zach Leszczynski and Engelbert combined for the victory in net for the Bulldogs.

"We played very well," Wright said. "I'm pleased with the shutout."

Chelsea next travels to Riverview 7 p.m. Saturday.

Big Fish



Longtime Chelsea resident George Mayer (right) recently caught a 60-pound Spinner shark off the east coast of Florida. Mayer and his friends battled the shark from the beach for 35 minutes before reeling it in. Later it was released back into the ocean. Mayer and his wife Sandi winter in Florida.

HOOPS

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that both U of M and MSU suffered in their respective bowl games.

I'd rather move on to full-court presses. Well, at least for the purposes of this battle of "My school is better than your school."

I'm willing to just start fresh. Really. We'll see what my MSU pal decides to do.

I'm confident from what I've personally witnessed in the early going that I will be able to convince readers that U of M's talented bunch of freshmen and sophomores led by an A-1, class act, head coach in Tommy Amaker is better than Tom Izzo's seasoned warriors.

In addition, to being 5-6 heading into this week's Big Ten opener Saturday against Wisconsin, Izzo seems to be suffering through a season of Spartan malcontent.

Amaker's team, on the other hand, has nothing to

lose and everything to gain—at least in the experience department. The Wolverines have had an easier time of it in the early going with wins over such schools as High Point, Butler and Delaware State, but added in there were victories over North Carolina State and UCLA.

So, comparing straight-up records (a schedule is a schedule, right?) MSU is 5-6, with losses to Syracuse, Kansas, Duke, Oklahoma, Kentucky and UCLA.

U of M is 9-2, with losses to Vanderbilt and Boston University, against its non-conference opponents.

I know, I know. Boston University. And to make matters worse, I was a witness to that poorly played, one-point loss. However, I was also in attendance for a packed house and the team's wonderfully executed victory over UCLA.

So, let's review the stats

from the only mutual opponent thus far: U of M beat the Bruins, 70-66. MSU lost to the Bruins 64-58.

I'd say that means U of M 1, MSU 0.

So there you have it, the first three-point play of the new year.

And I'm proposing that you let both Don and I know who you think did the best job of proving which school is better. Both of our e-mail addresses are included in the paper.

I propose that the winner buy a sweatshirt of his or her alma mater and then present it to the loser.

The loser must don the garment with the winners' school colors for an entire workday.

So, Don how do you think maize and blue will look on you?

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Rugby club begins training

The Washtenaw Rugby Club will begin indoor training Monday at the University of Michigan Coliseum.

The coliseum is at the corner of Fifth and Hill streets in Ann Arbor.

The training sessions, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday, are for athletes in ninth through 12th grades.

No experience is necessary.

The club seeks new recruits to learn and play one of the fastest growing high school sports in the country.

Rugby is a team-oriented sport requiring fitness, decision-making and the ability to work as part of a team to be successful.

The Washtenaw club is coming off a 2003 season in which it came within a couple points of reaching the

Final Four in the state tournament.

The team was honored with two All-State selections last season. It had two All-State honorable mention accolades, as well.

Also, the club had one athlete qualify for the USA U-19 national player pool selection group.

For additional information, call 761-1988 or e-mail magnet@umich.edu.

TANKERS

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Andy Kellogg, Matt Kellogg, Armstrong and Kinsey finished fifth in the 400 freestyle relay with a clocking of 3:44.01. The Bulldog B relay group of Moyle, Ballow, Daniel and Connell placed 11th.

Jolly was pleased with his squad's overall performance.

"The second-place finish was a wonderful indication of the potential of this very young, but talented team," he

said.

The Bulldogs next host Saline 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16.

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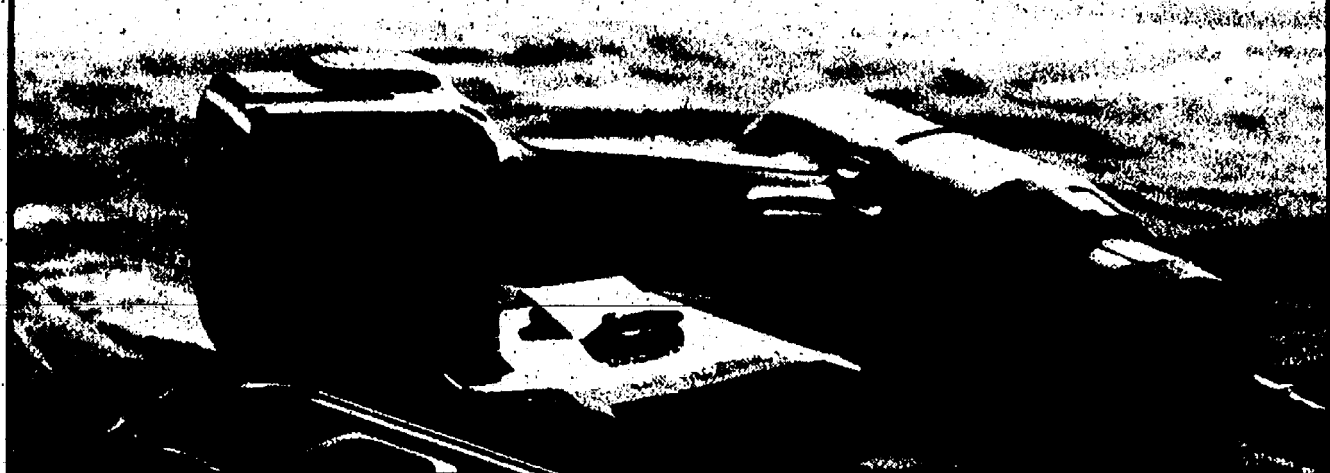
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DEATHS



GARY LEE MINIX
Chelsea

Gary Minix, 54, of Chelsea died Dec. 31, 2003, at Chelsea Community Hospital. He was born Nov. 16, 1949, in Stokbridge the son of Arnel and Katherine Minix.

Mr. Minix had lived in Chelsea since 1949. He was a member of the Chelsea Church of Christ.

Survivors include his mother of Chelsea; one brother, Arnel Minix Jr. of Napoleon; one sister, Cynthia (Dor) Messner of Dexter; and five nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A funeral was held Saturday at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. The Rev.

Brandon Coates officiated. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

The family received friends Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Church of Christ.

MARK W. MAST

Dexter

Mark W. Mast, 46, of Dexter died Jan. 6, 2004, at Chelsea Community Hospital. He was born July 22, 1957, in Ann Arbor to Glen and Lorraine (Kester) Mast.

Mr. Mast was a self-employed carpenter/builder, avid golfer, antique tractor collector, and he enjoyed golf outings with his friends and family.

Mr. Mast was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 557, Ann Arbor Eagles and the Moose Lodge.

He is survived by three brothers, Glen Christopher (Judy), Mast, Timothy Mast and Mike Mast; one sister, Becky (Rick) Elliott; and four nephews, Nick Mast, Toby Mast, Jon Elliott and Matt Elliott.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Patricia.

A graveside service will be held Saturday at Webster Church Cemetery. Contact: Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter at 426-4661 for the time of service.

ORLANDO BURIA

Tampa, Fla.

Formerly of Taylor

Orlando Buria, 76, of Tampa, Fla., died Dec. 24, 2003, and is now with the Lord. He was born May 23, 1927, in Key West, Fla., the son of Alfred and Hortensia Buria.

As a young man, he moved from Florida to Detroit for employment. It was there that, his family said, he trusted Christ as his savior. He attended Temple Baptist Church, where J. Frank Norris and later, G. Beauchamp Vick, were pastors. While in Detroit, he studied at the Detroit Bible Institute.

For several years, Mr. Buria was a member of North Sharon Bible Church in Grass Lake, where he taught a Sunday school class for Spanish-speaking children. He was a longtime employee of the Railroad Express Agency and Emery Air Freight. He also owned and operated a Domino's Pizza franchise in Coral Gables, Fla.

He will be remembered by his family and friends for his integrity, generosity, strong work ethic and his ability to relate to young people.

He is survived by his daughter, Bonita Buria; son, Orlando (Laura) Buria; three grandsons; and his brother, Robert Buria.

Funeral services were held Friday at Stark Funeral Service Moore

Memorial Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faithway Baptist School of Ministry, Ypsilanti or Sword of the Lord in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

BERNIECE MARION FREDERICK

Chelsea

Formerly of Novi and Detroit

Berniece Marion Frederick, 95, of Chelsea died Jan. 4, 2004, at the Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born Jan. 29, 1908, in Marion, Ind., the daughter of Samuel B. and Pauline (Hopp) Frederick.

Ms. Frederick lived in Detroit most of her life, moving to Novi in 1974 with her beloved sister, Roselyn. She taught in the Detroit Public Schools for 38 years, teaching literature and auditorium arts.

Ms. Frederick exemplified a lifelong commitment to community volunteerism and activism. She served as president of the Detroit Education Association (1962-63), and was past president of the Detroit Association of Retired School Personnel.

In the Novi schools, she worked with gifted and talented students, helped as a reading aide, and made tapes for blind students. In 1990, she received the Distinguished Service

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She also served as vice president and program chair of the Public Television Foundation (1959-60), was founder and president of the Community Council for Charter House of Novi Nursing Facility.

Ms. Frederick served as president of Chapter 2088 of the American Association of Retired Persons, volunteered as a tax consultant with NRTA-AARP, was secretary to the board of directors of Applegate Condominium Association, treasurer of Miller Loan Fund for Detroit Teachers, and telephone chair of Friends of the Library.

Ms. Frederick was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority, serving as financial secretary and president (1966-68) of the Michigan chapter. She was a former member of the Novi United Methodist Church, where she was a liturgist and the alternate lay leader.

She attended the Chelsea United Methodist Church for many years. She worked on the Novi Ecumenical Committee, and was active with CROP Walk in Chelsea.

At the Chelsea Retirement Community, she chaired the Religious Life Committee, was on the library committee and resident council, and worked at the front reception desk.

She was a proud volunteer for the Chelsea School District's Foster

Grandparent Program. She also received the Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aged award for innovative programming for her work with the Reader's Theater.

Ms. Frederick had no surviving family members, but was dearly loved by many friends.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Arthur, in 1925 and her sister, Roselyn in 1989.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel. The Revs. Charles R. Jacobs and Beth Foster will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Retirement Community. Funeral arrangements were by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

GOLDA (ANDERSON) SHOULDERS

Plymouth

Golda (Anderson) Shoulders, 85, of Plymouth died Jan. 3, 2004. Surviving are one daughter, Bonita Mitchell; three grandchildren, Cindy, Keith and Jarrod; and one sister, Ruth.

A graveside service was held Monday at Montgomery Cemetery in Oakland City, Ind.

Arrangements were by Patience-Montgomery Funeral Home in Jackson.

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BERNARD R. WOLF

Hazel Crest, Ill.
Bernard R. Wolf, 90, of Hazel Crest, Ill., died Jan. 5, 2004, in Smyrna, Ga. He was born Oct. 29, 1913, in Chicago the son of Louis and Bessie Wolf.

Mr. Wolf graduated in 1929 from Harrison High School in Chicago, the University of Chicago in 1934 and the University of Chicago's law school in 1936.

He was a longtime partner of Gilbert & Wolf, a Chicago-area real estate development firm, and a longtime resident of Flossmoor, Ill.

Mr. Wolf was also a longtime member of Ravisloe Country Club in Homewood, Ill., and the Tuscon National Country Club. He was a well-known developer of housing complexes, high-rise condominiums, apartment buildings, industrial parks and shopping centers, retiring from business at the age of 89.

On July 22, 1944, he married Jane Belser, and she survives. Other survivors include his children, Jonathan (Joan) Wolf, Deborah (David) Allen and David (Nancy) Wolf; seven grandchildren, Jason, Joseph, and Jeremy Wolf, Jessica and Robert Allen, and Caroline and Peter Wolf; and his brother, Arthur (Jane) Wolf.

Mr. Wolf was a loving and devoted husband of 59 years to his wife, Jane. He was a grandfather who lovingly guided and advised his children and grandchildren throughout their lives. But more than anything, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Mr. Wolf will be remembered for his keen intellect, positive spirit, kindness and compassion toward others.

A funeral will be held 2 p.m. Sunday at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. A

private burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery.

The family will receive friends 1 p.m. Sunday before the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Chicago, the University of Chicago Law School or a charity of one's choice.

HEDWIG M. IRWIN

Grass Lake

Hedwig Marie Schmid Irwin died Jan. 4, 2004, at the family farm in Grass Lake, where she lived for more than 68 years. She was a first-generation American daughter of Otto and Maria Schmid.

A lifelong career in teaching spanned 56 years with a hiatus to raise her four children.

She married Donald Irwin in 1937, and moved from Jackson to their Grass Lake homestead.

Mrs. Irwin leaves three daughters, Nancy Irwin of Grass Lake, Beth Perry of California and Barbara (Bill) Rich of California; and a son, Dick Irwin of Grass Lake.

Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, Sharon (Rick) Ervin, John (Karen) DeCoster, Matthew DeCoster, Lisa (Jim) Judy, Jane Irwin, Tom Irwin, Jim Irwin, Jill Hussey, David Rich, Sarah Rich, Leatrice Johnson and Anne Perry; and three great-grandchildren, Amy Ervin, Donald Ervin and John Patrick DeCoster.

In addition, she is survived by her brother, Frederick Schmid; sisters-in-law, Jean Johnson and Frances Schmid; and a flock of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her brothers, Edward Irwin, Walter Irwin and Eric Irwin; and grandson, Matthew Perry.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Missions Fund at the Mount Hope Bible Church, 12884 Trist

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A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Mount Hope Bible Church.

Funeral arrangements were by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

New law honors donors' wishes

Last summer, Michigan became one of about a dozen states to enact First Person Consent legislation for organ donation.

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Melissa Pregler, 19, made a decision she says she'll never regret.

But it wasn't easy. She was several days past her due date when doctors discovered that her baby's heartbeat "wasn't where it was supposed to be," she said.

Pregler had an emergency Caesarean section Sept. 21 at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital.

"After I woke up, they told me the umbilical cord had been wrapped around her neck twice," Pregler said.

The doctors said her baby girl had been deprived of oxygen for too long, and was brain dead.

Alysa Madison Pregler was rushed to Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, where she died Sept. 28. The baby's mother had no hesitation when officials asked her if she was willing to donate Alysa's organs.

"They were asking me and I told them to take whatever they could use," Pregler said. "It was hard."

Only Alysa's heart could be donated, but because of Pregler's decision, a baby in Florida lives.

"The little boy who received it had an enlarged

heart," Pregler said. "He was one day younger than Alysa when she died."

Her donation decision has made the loss of Alysa a little easier to bear, she said.

"I know she lives on in him," she said.

Pregler was honored Dec. 13 by Michigan Memorial Park of Huron Township, where Alysa's remains were

interred.

The plaque recognizes Pregler as a "gift of life donor" and features a heart with a rose and two hands on the side.

It reminds Pregler every day of the decision to turn her own loss into hope for another mother.

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VILLAGE OF CHELSEA FILING OF NOMINATING PETITIONS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF CHELSEA, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that persons desiring to qualify for any elective office shall file a petition therefore with the Village Clerk signed by not less than fifteen (15) registered voters of the Village not later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2004 which is the fifth (5th) Monday prior to the March 8, 2004 Non-partisan Regular General Village Election. Official blank petitions in substantially the same form as required by State Law for State and County officers, except for reference to party, shall be prepared. All nominating petitions shall have entered thereon in ink the name of the person desiring to become a candidate for office in the Village, or the person in whose behalf the petition is to be circulated, and the name of the office for which he/she is a candidate. No person shall sign his/her name to a greater number of petitions for any one (1) office than there will be persons elected to said office.

Notice is hereby given that Thursday, February 5, 2004 (4:00 p.m.) being the last day to withdraw, written notice required.

THE VILLAGE CLERK SHALL ACCEPT PETITIONS, THEREBY NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES, VIZ:

Three (3) Village Trustees.....Two year Term.
One (1) Village President.....Two year Term
Official Blank Petitions may be obtained at the Village Offices, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

Village of Chelsea
Teresa Burtch, Village Clerk

Published: January 8, 2004

LYNDON TOWNSHIP ATTENTION RESIDENTS — NOTICE —

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS WILL
HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M.
THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL
17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA:

To review the application of Ted Boloven, 44315 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth, MI 48170 (E-05-01-100-003, E-05-01-100-004, E-05-01-100-007, and E-05-01-100-013) for a variance from the Lyndon Township Ordinance, Section 7.04, D, regarding minimum lot width. Mr. Boloven would like to combine an existing lake-front parcel with a remainder northern parcel to create one parcel, primarily to simplify tax records.

This combination will result in a parcel which does not meet minimum lot width requirements.

Written comments may be sent to: Helena M. Robinovitz, Office Manager, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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

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

A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Clerk.
LYNDON TOWNSHIP
Linda Reilly, Clerk

CITY OF CHELSEA FILING OF NOMINATING PETITIONS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TERRITORY TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE CITY OF CHELSEA, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that persons desiring to serve on the City Council shall file a petition therefore with the Village Clerk signed by not less than fifteen (15) registered voters of the territory to be incorporated in the City of Chelsea (as noted on the map which is available in Village Clerk's office, 305 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI 48118) not later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2004 which is the fifth (5th) Monday prior to the March 8, 2004 Non-partisan Special City Charter Election. Official blank petitions in substantially the same form as required by State Law for State and County officers, except for reference to party, shall be prepared. All nominating petitions shall have entered thereon in ink the name of the person desiring to become a candidate for office in the City, or the person in whose behalf the petition is to be circulated, and the name of the office for which he/she is a candidate. No person shall sign his/her name to a greater number of petitions for any one (1) office than there will be persons elected to said office.

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THE VILLAGE CLERK SHALL ACCEPT PETITIONS, THEREBY NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES, VIZ:

Six (6) City Council Members
One (1) Mayor
Official Blank Petitions may be obtained at the Village Offices, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

Village of Chelsea
Teresa Burtch, Village Clerk

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Superintendent's Corner

David K. Killips, Superintendent

As we move into a new year, it is important for us to assess what has been accomplished so far this school year and to begin preparing for the upcoming school year.

The Board of Education adopted three District Goals for the 2003-04 school year:

- Increase individual student achievement;
- Maintain fiscal responsibility;
- Enhance interactions between school district and the community.

Strategies and plans or targets have been developed allowing the school district to monitor progress in the respective areas.

Within the goal of student achievement, the District has been aligning its curriculum with state and national standards. The revised K-12 science, health, and reproductive health curriculums have been implemented. In grades 6-8, the revised math curriculum has been implemented, while the math curriculum at grades 9-12 has been revised, with materials ordered. Partial implementation is scheduled to take place second semester of the current school year. Additional curriculum work has begun in the areas of technology, foreign language, and language arts.

All buildings are proceeding with North Central Accreditation (NCA). The NCA process has individual buildings setting goals, developing strategies to meet the goals, and implementing assessments that provide documentation that goals have been achieved. All buildings are in the second year of a five-year process. Monthly updates are given to the District School Improvement Team. Eventually, educators from outside the Chelsea School District will do a visitation to our District and evaluate the entire process and its results.

Another area under the goal of student achievement includes aligning teacher professional development with the NCA goals. Our District in-service in October was devoted to literacy. The Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) provided support through the Teaching and Learning Conference. Four of our schools are involved in this process, which aligns with the NCA process. The WISD support augments our professional development, allowing our staff members comprehensive training. Common grade-level assessments are currently being developed, which will ensure that the newly adopted report card format is more accurate in reporting the actual progress of our students. Extended learning opportunities have been developed for students in grades 1-8. These after-school options will allow students to work on their math and reading skills on an individual basis. We hope to make this available to students in February. We also have been studying alternative schedules for Beach Middle School, instructional delivery models for South Meadows, and an early literacy intervention program for North Creek.

The goal of fiscal responsibility has been a hot topic. The state of Michigan budget difficulties have translated into budget concerns for local school districts, inclusive of Chelsea. Since last June, the administration has been presenting the Board of Education with information regarding finances. Proposal A, while being advantageous to many school districts, has not been so to Chelsea. Therefore, the school district has been researching several revenue enhancement options, including the use of sinking funds, recreational millage, schools of choice, and the issuing of bonds. The Board is currently giving serious consideration to the possibility of bonding. (See related article.) Although bonding offers benefits for the short and long-term, it does not eliminate all the financial concerns within the District, since the major source of funding is based on student enrollment, known as the foundation grant. The foundation grant, recently cut by the state, has decreased by approximately \$290,000 for the Chelsea School District. This is in addition to foundation cuts that took place last year.

On the positive side, we have been able to curtail our expenditures, while restructuring our program at Cassidy Lake, in order to help maintain an appropriate fund equity. All of our employees have demonstrated a willingness to help, as they have suggested and implemented ways to save money, while agreeing to contract settlements that have been on the low end county-wide. As we continue to keep abreast on grants and state funding, we maintain a conservative approach to the budget.

The third goal of improving communications is an ongoing goal. Community forums have been held, and more are planned. We are utilizing The Chelsea Standard to bring pertinent and up-to-date information to the public in a more timely fashion and, through a donation, are providing a weekly calendar in the newspaper. Our new website offers more information than ever and is continually updated. A Key Communicators' group has been formed in order to provide input to the Board of Education. The District School Improvement Team, consisting of educators and parent representatives from various buildings, has been reinstated. Staff members continue to be involved with community service clubs and work with students on a variety of community service projects. As always, any citizen is welcome to attend Board of Education meetings.

As you can see, it has been a very busy year for the Chelsea School District. With the recent federal and state legislation requiring additional time, effort, and resources, we continue our attempt to improve in all areas, while maintaining our focus on our mission of "achieving educational goals one student at a time."

Bonding Proposal

David K. Killips, Superintendent

Recently, the governor and legislators amended the 2004 state budget to address a \$900 million deficit. In doing so, many departments and programs have received cuts to their budgets; the School Aid Fund is no exception. The basic foundation grant, which supplies the vast majority of funding for the Chelsea School District, was cut by another approximately \$100 per student. This equates to approximately \$290,000 for the year; this is in addition to the cuts that took place last school year. The legislature now will start to work on the 2005 budget, which runs from October 1, 2004, to September 30, 2005. Currently, the 2005 state budget is projected to have a \$700 million deficit. Obviously, the projection is that local schools will, once again, face budget cuts.

How has this happened? School funding previously was based on property taxes. Proposal A changed the tax structure in Michigan. Most people will agree that Proposal A supplied a significant cut in property taxes. It has provided schools with moderate increases in good financial times. However, since the inception of Proposal A school funding is primarily based on sales tax. Property taxes (8 mills on a homestead) and income taxes also contribute to the School Aid Fund. Unlike property taxes, sales and income tax are susceptible to downturns in the economy. Therefore, with the downturn in the economy during the last several years, school funding has been reduced. Entering this school year, the Chelsea School District cut \$1.2 million from the budget. Next year, the District is looking at additional cuts of up to \$2.5 million.

How did this happen? With the reduction of the foundation grant and projected declining enrollment, on top of increased expenditures in the areas of the retirement rate the District pays, salaries, benefits, utilities and special education costs, the amount adds up quickly.

In a recent survey, Michigan voters strongly supported their public schools. Eighty-one percent of voters gave the school their oldest child attends a grade of an A or B. Parents and non-parents, including senior citizens, are worried about the impact of budget cuts on their local school districts. When faced with inevitable budget cuts, voters say, "Don't cut the basics." Voters no longer feel confident that Proposal A is an effective solution to fund schools in Michigan. So, what steps can the Chelsea School District take to find additional dollars to adequately fund its facilities and programs?

The Board of Education has been discussing ways in which revenue can be enhanced locally. Ideas such as a sinking fund, recreational millage, a WISD enhancement millage, schools of choice, bonding, and grants have been discussed. Some of these options

were discussed recently at a public forum and at a Key Communicators' meeting. Although no decision has been made, it appears that the best option may be bonding. No matter what option is chosen, reductions will still need to take place for next school year; however if a successful alternative way of funding is achieved, cuts will not be as deep.

Bonding would allow the District to transfer certain expenditures from the general fund into bonding. These expenditures may include buses, technology, furniture, equipment, and library needs. By transferring these current general fund expenditures to bonding, it would allow the general funds dollars to be used in another manner. This certainly would help the budget in the short term.

For the long term, bonding dollars can be utilized to take care of many of the costly operational needs of the District, including replacement of roofs, mechanical systems, electrical systems, grounds equipment, painting, carpeting, doors, windows, furnishings, and physical building changes. If bonding dollars are not available for these needs, general fund dollars eventually will have to pay for them.

Since local property taxes pay for bonding projects, and the state equalized value continues to rise in our District, additional bonding dollars can be secured by the school district without increasing the annual levy of 7 mills and without extending the term of our current debt. The proposed amount of bonds to be sold would be determined by the Board of Education, according to the projects undertaken. The final decision would be made by the voters of the school district.

In order for the bonds to be sold in a reasonable timeframe to allow for the lessening of cuts for next year, the Board of Education must make a decision in early February. Prior to making that decision, the Board will be meeting with the Key Communicators, and a public forum will be held on Thursday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Street Educational Center to share information and to gather input. The Board, at that time, will decide if they should ask the public for permission to bond, and if they do so, the bond vote most likely would take place at the next school election on June 14.

The bottom line is this: If the Board of Education decides to bond, the annual levy of 7 mills will remain in place, and the school district will not have to extend the term of its current debt. The bond vote will be held at the next school election on June 14.

MEAP Testing

January 26 - February 13

Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests are administered during the winter testing window to students in grades 4, 5, 7, 8. The dates of the winter testing window for this year are from January 26-February 13. Normal test administration is scheduled for the weeks of January 26 and February 2; the week of February 9 will be used for "make-up" testing. High school testing will take place April 26-May 7.

You can obtain more detailed information about test scheduling from your child's teacher. Questions related to the MEAP test program, may be directed to Shawn Lewis-Lakin at 433-2208 (extension 6084) or use e-mail, slewis-lakin@gmail.chelsea.k12.mi.us.

GRADE TESTS

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BOND ISSUE

Public Forum

Jan. 22 7:00 p.m.
WSEC

...before testing and a healthy breakfast the morning of testing will ensure performance on the test.
...child arrives at school on time on test days.
...child the confidence you have in him or her to do well on the tests.
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MEAP Tests: How You can Help!

Before the Tests:

- If you have concerns regarding the testing, schedule an appointment with your child's teacher to resolve the concerns well in advance of the scheduled testing dates.
- Talk with your child about when the test will be given, what types of tests they are, and what the teacher has said about them.
- Let your child know that the tests are important and that you are confident in their ability to do well on them. Encourage your child to put forth his or her best effort.
- MEAP tests cover what has been learned over time. Encouraging your child to keep up with schoolwork is, and will be, the best preparation for any test that he or she will take.
- Avoid scheduling appointments that might disrupt your child's testing.
- Read with you child and encourage your child to read a variety of materials.

Community Education Winter Registration

Brochures are available in the Community Education and other school offices or see our WebSite at chelsea.k12.mi.us.

Does the school district have delayed starts because of inclement weather?

Chelsea School District has not utilized delayed starts. Many districts that have severe fog, which Chelsea does not experience, use delayed starts. A delayed start means that the start of school is delayed for at least two hours. During these two hours, a decision is made whether or not to cancel the entire day. Most school districts experience childcare, child supervision, and safety issues when implementing this type of system. Chelsea will always consider safety for our students. We do not anticipate implementing delayed starts in the near future.

Everyday Math Forum for Parents

January 15

What is Everyday Math? Everyday Math is the instructional resources for mathematics instruction for Chelsea students in grades K-5. How does Everyday Math meet the needs of these students? What routines are used in this program? What special terms are a part of the Everyday Math

curriculum? How can parents support student learning in mathematics in grades K-5? These questions and more will be answered in our next educational forum on January 15 at the Washington Street Education Center. The forum will be 7:00-8:30 in the Boardroom. Susanne DeVries, retired Chelsea elementary teacher and now a training consultant in elementary mathematics, will be our special guest. Everyone is welcome.

Getting Parents Ready for Kindergarten

Registering for Kindergarten 2004-2005

Take the stress out of sending your child to kindergarten; attend "Getting Parents Ready for Kindergarten". Parents who have children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2004 are encouraged to attend this annual meeting on January 27 at 7:00 in the cafeteria of North Creek Elementary School. Staff and school administrators will be available to discuss the registration process, transportation and answer other questions.

Parents planning to enroll their child in kindergarten for the 2004-2005 school year are encouraged to place your child on the mailing list. Please fax, mail, or email your child's name, birth date (must be 5 by December 1, 2004), parents name (s), address and phone number to Chelsea Community Education office, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea Michigan 48118. Fax 734-433-2216 or e-mail: khohnke@gmail.chelsea.k12.mi.us. For questions call 433-2206 x-8005 or 3005.

SCHOOL BOARD LEADERS HONORED IN JANUARY

"School Board Members Lead So Students Succeed"

School Board Recognition Month, in January, is celebrated by 560 local and 57 intermediate school districts in Michigan, as 4,100 elected school board members are honored by their schools and communities for untiring dedication to school governance.

The foundation of school leadership is ensuring equal learning opportunities for all students. We're proud of our district, and School Board Recognition Month is

the time to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our elected trustees.

In Chelsea, school board members must develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues. In order to make these policies and decisions the board spends countless hours gathering information from local and state sources. They also facilitate monthly board meetings, meet with a variety of committees and gather input from the community. It is only with all of this

valuable information, that they are able to properly serve the school, the students and the entire community. Please take the time this month to thank a school board member for his/her dedication to education.

Our school board members are:
Jon G. Bentley, President
Doreen K. Wright, Vice President
Rob Turner, Treasurer
Beth A. Starkey, Secretary
Scott Broshar, Trustee
Laurel McDevitt, Trustee
Susan M. Moore, Trustee

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 12 School board meeting
- 13 16 High school exams
- 15 Everyday math forum
- 16 End of semester
- 19 Floating receipts day no school
- 22 Bond issue forum
- 23 K-6 Geography night WSEC
- 26 School board meeting Beach
- 27 Getting Parents Ready for Kindergarten

FEBRUARY

- 5 6th grade music concert
- 9 School board meeting
- 11 16 No school Pres. Day recess
- 21 Super Saturday begins
- 24 Show Choir Showcase
- 28 School board meeting