

CHELSEA

Commissioners ink city charter

Residents will vote on document in March 8 special election.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Jack Merkel and Stan Burke probably could make the trip blindfolded. Yesterday, the pair, both members of Chelsea's City Charter Commission, drove to Lansing — a route they've traveled many, many times in

the past 12 years — to deliver the city charter to the attorney general's office.

On Tuesday, the nine members of the City Charter Commission, after getting final approval from Lansing, signed and had certified a resolution to adopt the charter.

Merkel said Tuesday that the day was an important one in Chelsea's history.

"For the last 12 years I've given time and energy to a committee —

first to study the issue of Chelsea becoming a home rule city and then the long, complicated and often difficult process to bring this to a vote of the people," he said.

"I believe that a home rule city governed by its own charter would bring significant and needed improvement to the general law village government we now have."

The next step is in the hands of local residents. The city charter will be on the special election ballot

March 8, as will ballots for a new mayor and city council. The special election is in conjunction with the regular village election for a new president and three Village Council trustees.

Merkel said the commission will produce brochures for residents to explain the city charter and the issue of cityhood.

Commissioner Ann Feeney, who served on the original City Study

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NEWS BRIEFS

Geography Night set tomorrow

"Geography Night: Beyond Our Borders" will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. tomorrow in the Community Education building at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

The free event will feature puzzles, games, animals, food, entertainment, art projects and much more.

For information, call Jenny Miller at 475-7811.

Friends of Library to host dinner

Friends of Chelsea District Library will hold a Staff Appreciation Dinner 6:30 p.m. Jan. 30 in the main dining room of Chelsea Community Hospital.

Architect Jim Mumby will give a presentation on the library's building plans.

The evening is open to everyone at a cost of \$25 per person.

For reservations, call Nancy Paul at 475-0425.

For information on Friends, call 475-8732.

Positions available for naturalists

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Office of Education and Outreach is accepting applications for seasonal, part-time interpretative naturalists for the Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Road, in the Waterloo Recreation Area.

Candidates should be 18 years and older. Responsibilities include preparing and presenting programs, answering visitor questions, light cleaning and building maintenance.

For information, call 475-3170 or pick up an application at the center. Applications will be accepted through March 26.

Snowflake Fun



Maggie Cole (left), Olivia Catherman and Meghan Cole try to catch snowflakes on their tongues. The trio was having fun together during a recent snowfall.

Photo courtesy of Susie Catherman

CHELSEA

Victory Lane fights fine

Business cited for dumping oil-water mix in sewer.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Victory Lane Car Wash and Oil Change has appealed a \$101,923.70 fine by Chelsea Village, an amount the company's attorney says would have a "devastating effect" on the business.

The company was fined for 19 violations of the village's sewer ordinance Aug. 26 at its 920 S. Main St. location in Chelsea after an employee cleaning water off the basement floor broke open a sealed outlet and pumped a water-oil mix into the sewer.

The employee was later terminated for failing to follow correct procedures, said Victory Lane President and CEO Derrick Oxender.

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Author's visit draws large crowd

Beals was one nine black teens that attended a "white only" high school in Little Rock in 1957.

By Sheila Pursglove
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More than 400 people filled the Prinzing Auditorium at the Washington Street Education Center Sunday evening to hear guest speaker Melba Pattillo Beals, author of "Warriors Don't Cry," speak of love and forgiveness.

It was, local resident Jennifer Kundak said, "a very, very special Chelsea event."

Beals' book, about her experiences as a black teenager at "white only" Little Rock Central High



Author Melba Pattillo Beals reads from her book, "Warriors Don't Cry" at Sunday's event in Chelsea.

School in 1957, was the choice of the "Chelsea Reads Together" community read sponsored by the One, World

One Family Task Force, the Chelsea District Library, Cranesbill Books and Edgar Norman Creative.

Kundak said that Beals' deep convictions about the fundamental need to accept all people with equality were effectively expressed through the stories she shared from her book and life.

"I'm so inspired by her bravery, love, patience and complete faith in the power of reaching for your dreams, no matter what the risk," Kundak said.

"I'm also so encouraged by the spirit of openness and readiness for education and change in the Chelsea community regarding a clearer understanding of why the desegregation efforts of the late '50s are still so significant."

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Photo courtesy of Janice Orbring

Jan Loveland, owner of Cranesbill books and a sponsor of the "Chelsea Reads Together" community read project, looks on as author Melba Pattillo Beals autographs copies of her book "Warriors Don't Cry."

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Police officer retires after two decades

■ **Kruger now working for Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.**

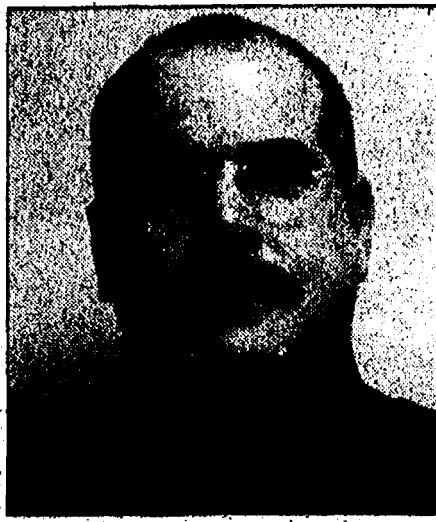
By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Chris Kruger has a new lease on life.

After spending two decades policing Chelsea, he retired Dec. 30 and is starting the next chapter in his life.

But Kruger isn't one to leave law enforcement far behind. He has begun a second career with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, working out of the sheriff's substation in Ypsilanti.

"I hope I can bring some of the experiences from Chelsea to my work out



Chris Kruger

there," he said Sunday.

The 1978 Chelsea High School graduate was drawn to a career in law enforcement while working as a security guard at Chelsea Community Hospital. He

joined Chelsea's reserve force in 1984 at the age of 21. Eighteen months later, he became a full-fledged police officer after attending the police academy at Jackson Community College.

Kruger worked as a part-time patrolman in Chelsea from January 1984 to July 1986, and went on to serve almost 17½ years as a full-time officer. He often worked the midnight shift. Dispatchers teased that when they called him over the radio, they could hear the strains of Frank Sinatra or Tony Bennett playing in the background.

When the Safety Town program was launched in 1980 in Chelsea schools, Kruger

became its first police officer.

"I had never seen a program like that, and the vision of it was great," he said.

Kruger has served as a training officer for just about every new member of the Chelsea Police Department.

"I trained an awful lot of them," he said. "It was neat to see the new ones come through."

He also taught defensive tactics and the proper techniques for using pepper spray to subdue combative suspects.

While Kruger said his two decades had its fair share of drama, community policing in a small town is filled with many small, important moments. Among the most notable, Kruger remembers climbing through a second-story window to unlock the door for a family, driving stranded travelers to hotels, chatting with residents at the Chelsea Retirement Community, taking children home from school if they missed the bus, and chasing bats out of homes.

"I thought the little things were important," he said.

"I bragged about our department and was proud to be a part of it. I liked the job

because we could make a difference."

Retired Chelsea Police Sgt. Michael Foster said that it was the little things Kruger would do for people that made him a great officer. From helping elderly residents restart the pilot lights on their furnaces to climbing down a sewer drain at midnight to rescue a kitten, Kruger was always willing to help.

"There also was no one Chris could not strike up a conversation with, and learn about that person," Foster said.

Other events were more dramatic. Kruger and his colleagues were often called on to capture escapees from local prison camps at Cassidy Lake and in Waterloo. One escapee from Cassidy Lake made it to Chelsea, where he walked right across Main Street in his prison blues.

Kruger remembers flinging open the door of his police cruiser and taking off after the man with help from Don Cole, who witnessed the incident and followed in his minivan to help Kruger recapture the prison escapee.

"It just shows you how a community works," Kruger said. "Don Cole was right

there to help."

Kruger has also saved lives. Early in his career, he and Officer Steve Jaskot resuscitated a man who was in full cardiac arrest. He also found a woman in a local park close to death from an overdose, and helped get her to hospital.

In 1983, former Police Chief Robert Aeillo gave Kruger a meritorious citation for his work. He also received a ribbon for outstanding service on a county-wide team.

Besides his top-notch police work, the veteran officer has other talents. He is the fourth member of a comedy team and has headlined in Detroit and Ann Arbor, and performed in Las Vegas and California, as well.

He also enjoys researching history and hopes to write a book about the Chelsea Police Department.

"I'm going to miss the community, the business people, the schools," he said. "I'm going to miss everyone."

"I hope people realize what a good department they have. I was proud to be a part of it and learned a lot there."

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CHELSEA

Holmes threatens to stop attending meetings

■ **Trustee says the council has become 'disabled.'**

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Chelsea Village Council Trustee Howard Holmes says he no longer will attend council meetings, although

he has not officially resigned, in the wake of the Village Council's decision to promote Acting Police Chief Scott Sumner to the post permanently.

The council voted 3-1 Jan. 13 to promote the former sergeant. He is subject to a review after one year.

The council named

Sumner acting police chief when Lenard McDougall left in October on a medical leave and retired Jan. 3.

The council's recent vote to make Sumner the permanent police chief was mired in acrimony and allegations of illegal procedures.

In November, the person-
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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

State funds dry up for laptop computer program

■ **District turns to federal grants to continue program.**

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

It's not only squirrels nibbling at the sixth-grade laptop program — funding cuts are also gnawing away at the project.

The Chelsea School District — which last fall had squirrels making a meal out of fiber lines — is looking for ways to continue the sixth-grade laptop program launched with great fanfare in the 2003-04 school year.

Assistant Superintendent Iva Corbett told the Board of Education Dec. 15 that state funds for the program had dried up. However, \$14 million of federal money is on tap for at-risk districts and possibly could be available for pilot ventures such as the laptop program.

"We'll be applying for a grant to try to obtain some of the available funds," Corbett said.

If successful, the district would receive approximately 224 laptop computers for next year's program.

The original \$100,000 state grant provided for the purchase of hardware and software and for staff training.

The pilot program is to determine if laptop technology makes a difference both in

academic gains and in how teachers deliver instruction, and whether delivering software through a centralized Citrix server provides eco-
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CHELSEA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 13th
Country Craft & Folk Art Show
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Community Ed. Center

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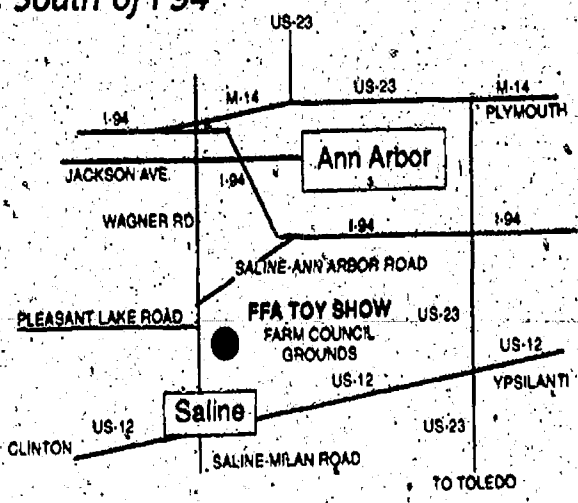
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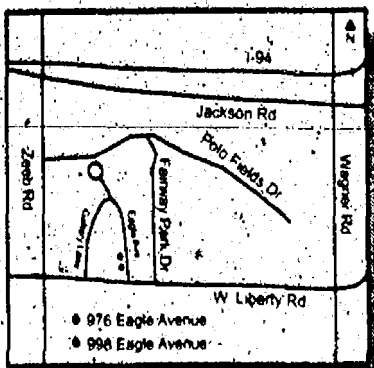


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CHELSEA

Police officer retires after two decades

■ **Kruger now working for Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.**

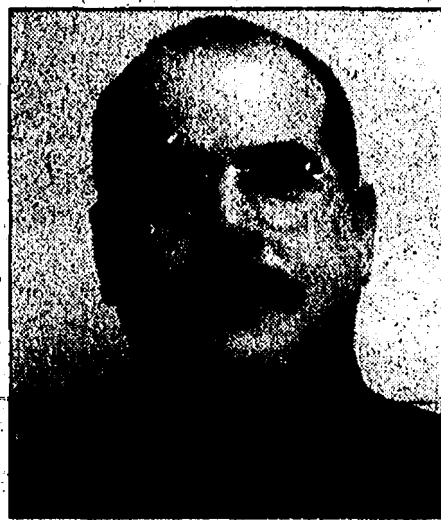
By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Chris Kruger has a new lease on life.

After spending two decades policing Chelsea, he retired Dec. 30 and is starting the next chapter in his life.

But Kruger isn't one to leave law enforcement far behind. He has begun a second career with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, working out of the sheriff's substation in Ypsilanti.

"I hope I can bring some of the experiences from Chelsea to my work out



Chris Kruger

there," he said Sunday.

The 1978 Chelsea High School graduate was drawn to a career in law enforcement while working as a security guard at Chelsea Community Hospital. He

joined Chelsea's reserve force in 1984 at the age of 21. Eighteen months later, he became a full-fledged police officer after attending the police academy at Jackson Community College.

Kruger worked as a part-time patrolman in Chelsea from January 1984 to July 1986, and went on to serve almost 17½ years as a full-time officer. He often worked the midnight shift. Dispatchers teased that when they called him over the radio, they could hear the strains of Frank Sinatra or Tony Bennett playing in the background.

When the Safety Town program was launched in 1980 in Chelsea schools, Kruger

became its first police officer.

"I had never seen a program like that, and the vision of it was great," he said.

Kruger has served as a training officer for just about every new member of the Chelsea Police Department.

"I trained an awful lot of them," he said. "It was neat to see the new ones come through."

He also taught defensive tactics and the proper techniques for using pepper spray to subdue combative suspects.

While Kruger said his two decades had its fair share of drama, community policing in a small town is filled with many small, important moments. Among the most notable, Kruger remembers climbing through a second-story window to unlock the door for a family, driving stranded travelers to hotels, chatting with residents at the Chelsea Retirement Community, taking children home from school if they missed the bus, and chasing bats out of homes.

"I thought the little things were important," he said.

"I bragged about our department and was proud to be a part of it. I liked the job

because we could make a difference."

Retired Chelsea Police Sgt. Michael Foster said that it was the little things Kruger would do for people that made him a great officer. From helping elderly residents restart the pilot lights on their furnaces to climbing down a sewer drain at midnight to rescue a kitten, Kruger was always willing to help.

"There also was no one Chris could not strike up a conversation with, and learn about that person," Foster said.

Other events were more dramatic. Kruger and his colleagues were often called on to capture escapees from local prison camps at Cassidy Lake and in Waterloo. One escapee from Cassidy Lake made it to Chelsea, where he walked right across Main Street in his prison blues.

Kruger remembers flinging open the door of his police cruiser and taking off after the man with help from Don Cole, who witnessed the incident and followed in his minivan to help Kruger recapture the prison escapee.

"It just shows you how a community works," Kruger said. "Don Cole was right

there to help."

Kruger has also saved lives. Early in his career, he and Officer Steve Jaskot resuscitated a man who was in full cardiac arrest. He also found a woman in a local park close to death from an overdose, and helped get her to hospital.

In 1983, former Police Chief Robert Aeillo gave Kruger a meritorious citation for his work. He also received a ribbon for outstanding service on a county-wide team.

Besides his top-notch police work, the veteran officer has other talents. He is the fourth member of a comedy team and has headlined in Detroit and Ann Arbor, and performed in Las Vegas and California, as well.

He also enjoys researching history and hopes to write a book about the Chelsea Police Department.

"I'm going to miss the community, the business people, the schools," he said. "I'm going to miss everyone."

"I hope people realize what a good department they have. I was proud to be a part of it and learned a lot there."

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CHELSEA

Holmes threatens to stop attending meetings

■ **Trustee says the council has become 'disabled.'**

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Chelsea Village Council Trustee Howard Holmes says he no longer will attend council meetings, although

he has not officially resigned, in the wake of the Village Council's decision to promote Acting Police Chief Scott Sumner to the post permanently.

The council voted 3-1 Jan. 13 to promote the former sergeant. He is subject to a review after one year.

The council named

Sumner acting police chief when Lenard McDougall left in October on a medical leave and retired Jan. 3.

The council's recent vote to make Sumner the permanent police chief was mired in acrimony and allegations of illegal procedures.

In November, the person-
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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

State funds dry up for laptop computer program

■ **District turns to federal grants to continue program.**

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

It's not only squirrels nibbling at the sixth-grade laptop program — funding cuts are also gnawing away at the project.

The Chelsea School District — which last fall had squirrels making a meal out of fiber lines — is looking for ways to continue the sixth-grade laptop program launched with great fanfare in the 2003-04 school year.

Assistant Superintendent Iva Corbett told the Board of Education Dec. 15 that state funds for the program had dried up. However, \$14 million of federal money is on tap for at-risk districts and possibly could be available for pilot ventures such as the laptop program.

"We'll be applying for a grant to try to obtain some of the available funds," Corbett said.

If successful, the district would receive approximately 224 laptop computers for next year's program.

The original \$100,000 state grant provided for the purchase of hardware and software and for staff training.

The pilot program is to determine if laptop technology makes a difference both in

academic gains and in how teachers deliver instruction, Citrix server provides eco- and whether delivering software through a centralized Citrix server provides eco-
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CHELSEA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 13th
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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

Study recommends traffic signal outside high school.

■ District may seek second opinion before making decision.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The Chelsea School District received the results of a traffic safety study from the insurance company AAA in mid-December that recommends a traffic light at the intersection of Freer Road and the driveway into Chelsea High School.

The study was put in place after band parent Erica Knopper was struck by a car Sept. 12 as she helped band

members cross Freer Road from the high school to the football field. Knopper died 10 days later from her injuries.

The traffic study, sent to Chelsea schools, the Chelsea Village and the Chelsea Police Department, focused on driveway access to the high school during morning arrival, 7 to 7:30 a.m., and afternoon dismissal, 2:30 to 3:15 p.m.

Traffic engineers noted: •Long lines of traffic, both morning and afternoon, on southbound Freer Road as cars waited for gaps to turn left into the school's driveway.

•Backups — longer in the afternoon — waiting to exit the school's driveway.

•Long lines of traffic on northbound Freer Road caused by cars stopping at the intersection of Freer and Washington Street.

•Many traffic conflicts — when a driver makes an evasive maneuver to avoid a collision — between vehicles trying to turn into and out of the school during afternoon dismissal.

•Lack of pavement markings on Freer Road at the school's driveway.

Engineers found the high school driveway has 240 vehi-

cles per hour during the afternoon dismissal period. In addition, traffic volume data provided by the village showed 1,125 vehicles per hour on Freer Road during the same period.

Jeffrey Bagdade, a traffic engineer with AAA Community Safety Services, recommended a traffic signal operating during school hours and on school days.

For the rest of the time, the signal would operate in a flashing mode — yellow on Freer and red for the school's driveway — or in demand actuated mode where the school's driveway would only

see a green signal if a vehicle is present.

The installation of a traffic signal is estimated to cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000, according to Bagdade.

In addition, Bagdade recommends the existing pedestrian crossing be moved south to the intersection, and that pedestrian signals be installed in conjunction with the traffic signals.

The sidewalk would need to be extended south on the west side of Freer from the existing crossing.

Bagdade recommends that, if a crossing guard remains on duty, the guard would use the new crossing at the traffic signal, rather than stop moving traffic on Freer Road.

The study does not recommend the realignment of the driveway to the Washington

Street Education Center to line up with the high school's driveway because it could encourage drivers to cut through the parking lot to

avoid turning left into the high school from Freer Road. The study also recommended that the center and traffic lane lines are painted on Freer Road.

Bagdade wrote that a traffic signal would help improve safety and traffic flow, and allow the police department to remove the officer directing traffic during the morning arrival period.

Superintendent Dave Killips said the board has not taken action on the report.

"The school district shared the information with the village, who in turn will share it with their traffic engineer," he said.

"We may seek a second opinion as we want to do this right the first time."

"No timelines have been set."

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WATERLOO TOWNSHIP

Man loses leg in farm accident

■ Jeff Warner listed in good condition at U of M Hospital.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Jeff Warner of Munith is recovering at the University of Michigan Medical Center after losing the lower part of his right leg in a farm augur.

Warner was injured around 5 p.m. Jan. 12 as he and his father, Jim, were cleaning out a gravity feed box at their farm on M-106 between Mount Hope and Dewey roads in Waterloo Township.

Warner, 31, lost his footing and was pulled into the machine.

Jim Warner immediately shut down the machine and called for help for his son.

John Beck, director of EMS for Stockbridge Ambulance and a firefighter with Stockbridge Fire Depart-

ment, said most accidents involving farm augurs are fatal. Beck responded to a similar incident last year that resulted in a fatality.

Beck's crew got the call from Jim Warner at 5:09 p.m. Three emergency responders raced to the scene, closely followed by five firefighters in the first fire truck. Another seven firefighters were also called to the scene.

Waterloo Township Police Sgt. Dale Markiewicz also offered help at the scene.

Beck said it took an hour from the time the call came in to the time the crews successfully extricated Warner from the augur.

"It wrapped his leg up pretty bad," Beck said. "His father had already cut part of the augur, but the tough part was cutting the back of the feed box. He was conscious and had started to push out."

"Fortunately, the weather was really cold, which shut-

ed blood to the core."

As a Survival Flight helicopter stood by for Warner, a second Survival Flight carrying a trauma surgeon was on its way to carry out a field amputation. However, by the time the chopper arrived, Warner had been successfully removed from the augur, but with part of the machine still attached to his limb.

He was flown to the U of M Medical Center, where he underwent surgery to remove his right leg below the knee.

Warner was initially listed as critical, but upgraded to serious by the following day. On Monday, a spokesperson for the U of M hospital said he was in good condition.

Jim Warner, who said

friends and neighbors were helping him and his wife, Diane, and providing support, said his son had come through surgery well, but is expected to remain in hospital for at least two weeks.

Warner also is expected to be off for about six months from his day shift on the line at Collins and Aikman Plastics in Manchester.

"He came through good on the surgery," Jim Warner said Monday. "He's had his skin grafts done."

"He's in good spirits, joking and dealing with it well — better than I am."

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nomical access to information.

Challenges have been varied, Corbett said, from squirrels eating through fiber lines to conflicting broadcasting over the district's wireless environment. Hardware issues were also challenging.

"Our technology department has worked diligently to correct problems when they arise," Corbett said.

The 112 sixth-graders participating in the program enjoyed tracking the path of hurricanes last fall with teachers Amy Doma and Jill

Albert, who introduced pupils to "information on demand" on the Internet.

Corbett said the laptops have warranties, which limits the cost of repair. "If we continue the program, warranty costs will need to be addressed," she said.

Results of a University of Michigan evaluation of the pilot program should be available at the end of the school year.

"Technology is the learning modality for today's students," Corbett said. "We need to continue to find ways to provide access to learning."

"Our pilot program will give us information to help make future decisions."

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The question is, How do we reach you with this message? You might think holding a sign in a football stadium is out of place. Perhaps you're right. But please, there is a day coming when no excuse will be accepted for not believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior.

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cant for us all in today's world."

Joanne Ladio, co-chair of Monday's activities to mark the birthday of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., said Monday she was impressed by Beals' comments to her audience.

"She has been the victim of incredible racial prejudice all her life — even after she left Little Rock — yet she began by saying that the most important thing we can have is love," Ladio said. "She has every right to be bitter and angry, yet she continues to reach out to try to change minds with love and education."

"How fitting a message at the time we're celebrating Martin Luther King Jr., another American who fiercely fought discrimination and hate with non-violence and love."

Shawn Personke, communications coordinator for the

library, said the library staff was very pleased to see such a large crowd on a cold Sunday evening.

"There was a really good mix of people, especially young people, who in some ways are so very removed from the sights and sounds of the early civil rights era," Personke said Monday.

"Melba said to us that when she's asked if she's always preaching to the choir, that the message of tolerance and love is often spread like seeds and that everyone can make a difference."

Library Director Metta Lansdale called Beals brilliant, warm and open.

"She had a kind and inspiring comment for every person she met," Lansdale said. "What a beautiful and giving person."

"This is so striking because she has lived her life, as a child and into her adulthood, in the context of violence and threats and the need for continual care for her and her family's personal safety."

Lansdale said Beals carries with her a "palpable sense of love and spiritual comfort that is a testament to the maternal love and nurturing given her by her mother and grandmother, and through them, her church."

Bob Pierce and his wife, Nadine Anderson, had dinner with the author, who is one of only 300 Congressional Medal winners. Pierce said they were "moved beyond words" by Beals' message of love and forgiveness.

"It isn't often that a community can have such an intimate conversation with a figure who is so instrumental in shaping the culture of our country," he said.

"I doubt that I could have endured all of the horrendous acts perpetrated on her by our society throughout her life — events that continue to this day — and maintain such a positive approach in everything she does in her personal and professional life."

Jackie Maveal said she was delighted by the good turnout for Beals' talk and



Shawn Personke (left), Christy Gutekunst, Sandra Vladamudi, Metta Lansdale, Janice Ortring, Melba Pattillo Beals, Joanne Ladio, Jan Loveland and Linda Ballard gather during Sunday's book discussion at the Washington Street Education Center.

said that the author is a "lesson to all in practicing forgiveness and equality."

"I think the Community Read has been great for Chelsea," Maveal said. "The One World One Family Task

Force worked very well together as a team. I look forward to good things to come."

Pierce urged anyone who has not yet read Beals' book to do so, and attend one of the remaining discussion

groups to share thoughts and emotions about this compelling time in America's history.

For information on discussion groups, call the Chelsea District Library at 475-8732.

FINE

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The violations included unlawful discharge, discharge of polluted water to a public sewer, discharge without a permit, bypass, and failure to mitigate.

The fine was \$5,000 per violation for a total of \$95,000, plus \$6,923.70 in costs.

The company's attorney, Claudia Rast of Pear Sperling Eggen & Daniels in Ann Arbor, asked the village to decrease the penalty to \$8,000.

The village's board of appeals — headed by Village President Richard Steele — has asked for a \$15,000 fine and costs of approximately \$9,000, Oxender said.

A meeting between the board of appeals and Victory Lane was set for 4 p.m. yesterday.

"No other fine for a similar incident anywhere in the state even came close to this," Oxender said. "The closest is the Ford Motor Co., who were fined \$18,000 after dumping into the Rouge River. For cases like ours, the usual penalty has been from \$2,000 to \$7,000."

Oxender said that a court case could be lengthy and expensive. He added that if the village would not reduce the penalty amount, he would ask for time to repay.

"That amount represents six to eight months of profits, and the economy has been slow since (the terrorist attacks of) 9/11," he said.

Oxender, who also owns Victory Lane facilities in Ypsilanti, Howell, South Lyon and Ann Arbor, said the Chelsea operation has six employees, five of them Chelsea residents, and has been in business for 11 years.

The operation also works with high school students in the South-West Washtenaw Consortium and donates to the consortium scholarship fund.

This is not the first time the company has been fined. Victory Lane had earlier been assessed \$300 for an incident July 15 during construction work on Main

Street. Brad Roberts, superintendent of the village's wastewater treatment plant, found the sewer line from the car wash and the village sewer, to be full of sand. The sewer line from Victory Lane was partially blocked by paper towels and there was oil coming from the line.

In a letter to the village obtained by The Chelsea

Standard under the Freedom of Information Act, Rast wrote that Victory Lane's actions after the July and August incidents were "swift and responsive," and new cleanup procedures, environmental health and safety policies, training programs and record-keeping requirements were implemented in Chelsea and at five other

locations.

In addition, four of Victory Lane's corporate management personnel attended a training seminar on spill prevention, control and countermeasures sponsored by the Ingham County Department of Health.

Rast wrote that "the act, giving rise to the November notice of violation, may have

been careless, regrettable and in violation of the ordinance, but it was not endorsed or encouraged by management. It was not part of a pattern or practice of negligence, and it did not result in unremitable environmental harm."

Roberts could not be reached for comment at press time.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Dexter Township Suspicious Incident

A 52-year-old woman reported a prowler Jan. 13 at her home in the 13000 block of North Lake Road in Gregory. The woman told sheriff's deputies that she went to bed at about 11:20 p.m., and her daughter arrived home at midnight.

They were both upstairs when they heard a noise coming from the back of the house. The woman looked out the window and saw someone dressed in a dark-colored snowsuit holding a ladder.

The woman said she is seeking a divorce from her husband after 25 years of marriage. She also told police that her husband, 48, has trouble with alcohol and is using street inhalants.

Scio Township Retail Fraud

A 43-year-old truck driver was arrested for retail fraud Jan. 12 at the Travel America Truck Stop, 200 Baker Road.

Employees of the restaurant complained the man was causing a disturbance, and refused to pay for his meal. When deputies asked the man if he could pay the \$10 for the food, he swore and was subsequently arrested.

A preliminary breath test showed the man had a blood-alcohol content of 0.29, more than three times the 0.08 legal limit. A bottle of vodka was confiscated from his jacket pocket.

The man was taken to jail. While en route, he reportedly put his feet on the roof of the patrol car and walked them from one side to the other.

Embezzlement/Larceny

The owner of Nagle Precision, 288 Dino Drive, reported Jan. 9 that an employee had embezzled and possible stolen more than \$14,000 in company equipment and travel expenses.

In the past, the man has sent the suspect, a 32-year-old Commerce man, to drug rehabilitation for an addiction to crack cocaine. The owner said that the suspect was a good employee, but since he started taking drugs, his work performance has declined.

The suspect was sent to Mexico to perform a service operation for one of the many companies the business contracts with worldwide.

The owner confirmed that the suspect had not boarded the flight from Detroit to Houston for two straight days. The owner called the suspect and demanded he return to the office with the company's laptop computers and travel money, but the suspect did not return.

The owner fears the man is spending the money on drugs, and is concerned the employee will sell the computers or use them to sabotage the company.

Two laptop computers valued at \$8,800, travel expenses

totaling \$2,800 and a GE motor valued at \$2,320 are among the \$14,420 worth of money and goods the suspect will be charged with stealing should he fail to return them to the company.

Home Invasion

A couple told sheriff's deputies that someone entered their home in the 2900 block of Whispering Woods Drive Jan. 11 without permission.

The woman, 51, said she fell asleep at 11:22 p.m. and awoke when her dog growled. At that time, she noticed the green light on their home alarm was flashing, indicating motion in the house.

The woman said she screamed to her husband and the couple chased the man, who was described as wearing a hooded sweatshirt, out of the house. The intruder stole items, including a 14-inch television, a cell phone and a digital camera, valued at \$2,082.

Retail Fraud

Meijer, 5645 Jackson Road, reported a shoplifter at the store Jan. 9.

Store employees saw the suspect, a 37-year-old Ann Arbor man, as he pocketed a portable telephone, five CDs, a bottle of vodka, a watch and batteries. He then left the store without paying and a loss prevention officer confronted him.

The report has been sent to the prosecutor's office for review.

Larceny

A 23-year-old man reported items stolen from his vehicle sometime between 8 p.m. Jan. 9 and 5 a.m. Jan. 10.

The man parked his car in the driveway and left the vehicle unlocked, as he said he usually does.

The approximate value of the goods, including a bottle of cologne and a pair of shoes, is \$400.

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

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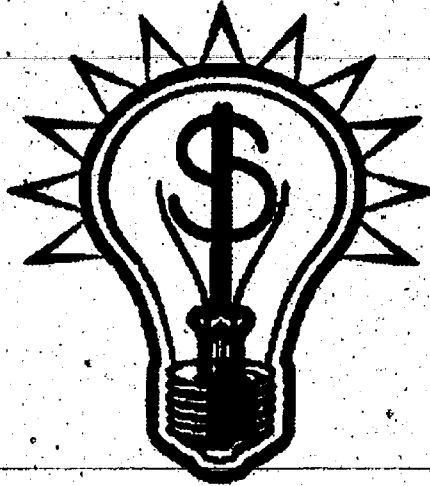
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Jan. 23 - 6:30 PM - Y-6 Geography Night-WSEC
Jan. 24 - 10:00 AM - Wrestling
Jan. 24 - 7:00 AM - Hockey - Home
Jan. 25 - 7:00 PM - Board of Education Meeting - Beach Middle School
Jan. 27 - 6:30 PM - Boy's Swimming - Home
Jan. 29 - 5:30 PM - Volleyball - Home
Jan. 30 - 5:30 PM - High School Basketball - Home
LOOKING AHEAD
Feb. 5 - 6th Grade Band, Orchestra, and Choir concert - CHS
Feb. 12-14 - No School-Students' 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
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Street Talk

By Rita Fischer

What's your favorite TV show?



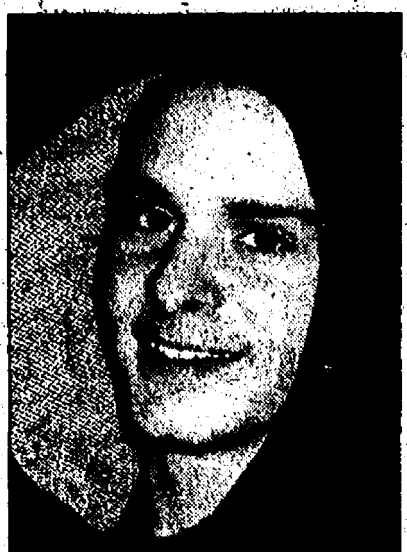
"Dharma and Gregg." Dharma doesn't worry about anything and she keeps her head up."

Danielle Platte
Sylvan Township



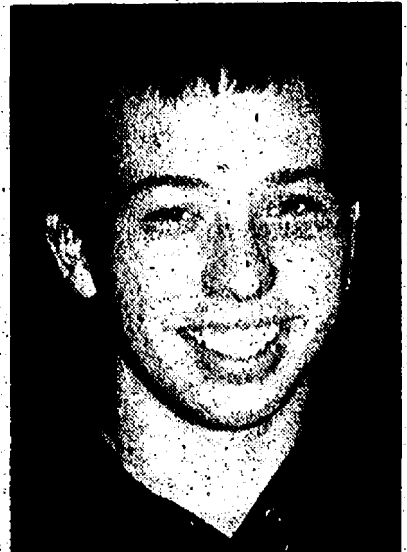
"I like 'Will and Grace.' Grace is awesome and funny."

Amber Marriott
Lima Township



"I like 'South Park' because Kenny is funny."

David Ahrens
Sylvan Township



"I like anything with Keanu Reeves. He's cool and does a lot of neat tricks."

Randy Boyer
Grass Lake



"Average Joe." It's interesting to watch and see how people act."

Stephanie Fischer
Dexter Township

MLK Day has meaning for all



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GUEST COLUMN

One of my daughters asked me why we celebrate Martin Luther King Day. I read her the following paragraphs from the proclamation that President Reagan read in 1986 establishing MLK Day as a national holiday:

"This year marks the first observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as a national holiday. It is a time for rejoicing and reflecting. We rejoice because, in his short life, Dr. King, by his preaching, his example, and his leadership, helped to move us closer to the ideals on which America was founded. We reflect on his words and his works."

"Dr. King's was truly a prophetic voice that reached

out over the chasms of hostility, prejudice, ignorance and fear to touch the conscience of America. He challenged us to make real the promise of America as a land of freedom, equality, opportunity and brotherhood."

"His story is well-known. As a 26-year-old minister of the gospel, Dr. King led a protest boycott of a bus company that segregated blacks, treating them as second-class citizens."

"At the very outset, he admonished all those who would join in the protest that 'our actions must be guided by the deepest principles of our Christian faith. Love must be our regulating ideal.' Otherwise, he warned, 'our protest will end up as a meaningless drama on the stage of history ... shrouded with ugly garments of shame.'"

"Dr. King's 'unshakable faith inspired others to resist the temptation to hate and fear. His protest became a triumph of courage and love."

"Almost 30 years ago, on Jan. 30, 1968, Dr. King stood amid the broken glass and splinters of his bombed-out

front porch and calmed an angry crowd clamoring for vengeance. 'We cannot solve this problem through retaliatory violence,' he told them. Dr. King steadfastly opposed both the timid and those who counseled violence."

"To the former, he preached that 'true peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice.'"

"To the latter, he said that 'in the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds.'"

"Dr. King's activism was rooted in the true patriotism that cherishes America's ideals and strives to narrow the gap between those ideals and reality. He took his stand, he once explained, 'because of my love for America and the sublime principles of liberty and equality on which she is founded.'"

"He wanted 'to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.'"

"The majesty of his message, the dignity of his bearing, and the righteousness of his cause are a lasting legacy."

In a few short years, he changed America for all time. He made it possible for our nation to move closer to the ideals set forth in our Declaration of Independence: that all people are created equal and are endowed with inalienable rights that government has the duty to respect and protect."

"Let all Americans continue to carry forward

the banner that, 18 years ago (in 1968) fell from Dr. King's hands. Today, all over America, libraries, hospitals, parks and thoroughfares proudly bear his name. His likeness appears on more than 100 postage stamps issued by dozens of nations around the globe."

"Today we honor him with speeches and monuments. But let us do more. Let all Americans of every race and creed and color work together to build in this blessed land a shining city of brotherhood, justice and harmony. This is the monument Dr. King would have wanted

most of all."

We honor Dr. King because he loved America, and had the courage to try to narrow the gap between the sublime principles upon which this country was founded and reality."

His life provides an example of a true patriot who challenged America through non-violent means to make real the promise of "freedom,

equality, opportunity, and brotherhood" for all."

In a society where violence is too often the means to an end — where the struggles of the past are too often forgotten and where racism, sexism and discrimination are alive and well — we need positive role models like Dr. King to remind us of the gap between America's ideals and reality so that we can continue to work at narrowing it and become an even more perfect union."

David Cleaver-Bartholomew is chairman of the One World, One Family Task Force in Chelsea.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Council trustees owe apology to residents

A vote taken at the last Village Council meeting offends the people of Chelsea.

As we all know, a month before this meeting, council met in public and decided to hire the Michigan Municipal League to screen candidates for the police chief position.

Meanwhile, council's personnel committee, which was charged, if anything, to get our candidate requirements over to the Michigan Municipal League, instead went off on another track.

They decided that the better part of our community, except, of course, the police department, wants the acting police chief to be permanent chief. They decided this in private, among the three of them, without holding a public meeting to get our opinions. They name but one person they spoke to privately.

Then the committee recommended council hire the acting police chief permanently. They recommended that his performance not be evaluated for another year. If he does a poor job in the

meantime, the personnel committee does not want council to know.

Then all hell broke loose. Trustee said that folks want council to screen candidates through the Michigan Municipal League. Sickened by proceedings, she was excused from the meeting.

Another trustee declared that the committee's proposal, since it was decided in secret, violated the Open Meetings Act. She refused to vote upon the "illegal" motion.

Another trustee who had made the proposal on the committee's behalf reconsidered, then decided not to vote.

Since other movers bulled ahead to vote, another trustee voted "no" on the merits. To his belief, the better part of community opinion still supports screening through the Michigan Municipal League.

That leaves Trustee Dale Schumann, Village President Richard Steele and Trustee Charles Ritter, who chose to disrespect the will of the other four trustees by proceeding to vote.

What makes their sampling of community opinion the only one that counts? Are they so special that our community can reveal its wishes only to them? Can we only reveal our opinions to them in private?

Aside from these three, what prevents us from revealing our opinions in public? What prevents us from revealing our opinions to the other four trustees, as well?

These three owe this community an apology. They need to accept retraining in leadership skills.

If, after what they did Jan. 13, any of them run for reelection this coming March, by our vote we must rate whether they have since then learned to respect others.

Robert Ponte
Chelsea Village

Village Council is embarrassing itself

The performance of members of the Chelsea Village Council at their meeting last week was an embarrassment for the entire community.

Recently, I have described the current council as being

dysfunctional, but their performance last week was unusually poor.

In the middle of the meeting, one member, claiming to suddenly feeling ill, asked to be excused and walked out during the vote on a motion. This was shortly after she asked how she could avoid voting on that motion.

Two other members stated that they were not voting and refused to vote on that same motion. Then one of those two left the meeting for approximately 15 minutes.

Village representatives have consistently made serious errors that will have negative long-term effects on our community. Their actions have seriously impeded cooperation with surrounding townships.

They have threatened the existence of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority. They have seriously impacted the work of the Chelsea Area Traffic Committee.

Past actions caused the creation of separate village and township sewer and water systems. The regional cooperation and plan that many of us worked hard to create through the Chelsea Area Planning Team has been compromised.

The list of recent failures includes the abortive attempts to hire a village manager. The list goes on.

I urge village residents to become more aware of and involved in village government, and to make changes in their representation.

I hope that the election during March will give village residents that opportunity.

Gary Adams
Lima Township

Retired police officer served Chelsea well

On Dec. 30, Officer Chris Kruger retired from the Chelsea Police Department after serving for more than 20 years. I would like to thank Chris for his faithful and caring service to the village of Chelsea and the Chelsea Police Department.

During most of that time, I had the privilege to work with Chris and observe firsthand the quality of police professionalism and the dedication of duty. I believe Chelsea has lost a great asset to its police department.

Whether it was starting out as one of the first Safety Town instructors or working with the Youth Explorer Post or collecting historical research on the Chelsea Police Department, Chris always gave 110 percent of himself.

When you think and hear of the term "Community Policing," Chris was just that. No one cared for the people and the community of Chelsea more than Chris.

I would like to wish Chris and his family the best in the future and again thank you for your service to the village of Chelsea.

Michael Foster
Sylvan Township

SOUND OFF

Mindy Martell of Sylvan Township: Congratulations to the Chelsea Area Network of Peace Activists for spending one year of Sundays on a street corner with their anti-American signs. Let's just pretend that instead of wasting their time on a street corner, they instead volunteered their time in another way.

If they had spent time in a senior center or in a hospital,

they could have made a difference in someone's life. I only hope their Sunday protest gave them something to look forward to.

Debra Schmeltz of Chelsea: I want to take a minute to thank and commend the crossing guards and police staff who help the school district. They all do a great job. The crossing guard on Dewey Street even waves to every-

one. But, I wonder, has anyone noticed how very dangerous the only entrance/exit to Pierce Lake is?

I think something needs to be done before there is another tragedy in Chelsea.

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CHARTER

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Committee in 1992, said Tuesday that she was "pretty excited" at the culmination of so much effort by so many people for such a long time.

Feeney said she was proudly affixing her signature to the charter and that she is glad Chelsea will have a document that reflects its selected way of doing business.

"Cities are so much more autonomous than villages, which can be subject to the

whim of the Legislature," she said.

"The charter is an excellent document for which Chelsea can be grateful to the dedication of the charter commissioners," she said. "Each commissioner was diligent in preparing for and researching the topics being dealt with at each meeting."

Former Village Manager Jack Myers, who now holds a similar position in Stockbridge, set the wheels in motion for Chelsea's cityhood back in 1992.

"A lot of good people put a lot of hard work and effort

into this," Myers, who lives in Chelsea, said Tuesday. "I'm happy to see it come to conclusion."

"I certainly hope people vote to accept the charter so that Chelsea can go forward into the future as a city."

Commissioner and Village Council Trustee Cheri Albertson said Tuesday that she is glad to get the final nod from Lansing.

"The commission spent many long hours working on developing a charter that would reflect Chelsea currently, but would also accompany Chelsea far into

the future," she said. "Envisioning that future, for our community, was a responsibility taken very seriously by all members of the commission."

"We are very fortunate to have had the dedicated and diverse views of this body. It was the diversity, experience, and sense of stewardship of the nine commissioners that brought forth this important document. The charter provides the guidance needed to ensure that Chelsea will continue to thrive."

"My sincere hope is that

our community will now choose to endorse the charter as Chelsea moves into the 21st century," she said.

Commissioner Janice Ortbring said Tuesday marked a "big and important" day for Chelsea.

"While the document is long and detailed, it is the single most important document in progress today," she said. "Becoming a city will allow our citizens to have the say in how our community will be run — that's huge."

"Our structure of continuing the 'weak mayor' form of government means that government will remain accessible on all elected levels — even an average Joe can become mayor with the right amount of votes."

Ortbring said she hoped all residents would read the charter and attend community meetings so they are well informed in casting their vote March 8.

The commissioners — Pat Conlin, Dale Schumann,

Richard Steele and Fred Mills round out the nine — were chosen in a special election last January to take Chelsea from a general law village to a city. Sitting through at least 25 public meetings, the group had 90 days to write the document, which provides a framework of government for the new city.

If the process is successful, Chelsea will become the fifth city in Washtenaw County, joining Ann Arbor, Saline, Ypsilanti and Milan.

As a home rule city, Chelsea, currently straddling Sylvan and Lima townships, would gain control over voting, tax assessment and other matters now assigned to the two townships.

Chelsea's city charter will be published in its entirety in The Chelsea Standard next month, according to Village Clerk Terri Burch. It's also available online at www.Chelsea.mi.us.

HOLMES

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nel committee — comprising Village President Richard Steele, Trustee Dale Schumann and Holmes — recommended the council contract with the Michigan Municipal League for \$8,500 and an additional \$500 set aside for advertising to look for outside candidates for the position.

Although approved, the failure of council members to return a questionnaire — described as "laughable" by Trustee Cindy MacFarlan — stalled the search.

At the Jan. 13 meeting, Holmes read a summary from the personnel committee on why it was recommending Sumner for the post.

The recommendation was introduced by Trustee Charles Ritter and supported by Schumann.

Trustee Cindy MacFarlan, after expressing her displeasure over the change in direction, left before the vote took place.

Trustee Cheri Albertson said it was an illegal procedure for the committee to change its mind. She refused to participate in the vote.

Holmes, in a gesture he described as "good for the (elective) body," tried to persuade Ritter to retract his motion. After Ritter refused

to do so and Trustee Dale Schumann refused to retract his support, Holmes also refused to vote on the matter.

A legal opinion on several aspects of the proceedings is expected this week from the village attorney.

Holmes' declaration that he would no longer involve himself in council activities until he "deems it necessary to do so" was made in a Jan. 15 e-mail forwarded to the council, Clerk Terri Burch and executive secretary

Georgia Beeman.

In the e-mail, Holmes said the actions of Albertson and MacFarlan at the last council meeting have caused the Village Council to become "disabled."

He added that he could no longer work with a group that is "hell-bent" on "causing pain through its shortsightedness."

He also said the council could no longer function as a cohesive group until "the current madness" ends.

Holmes announced prior

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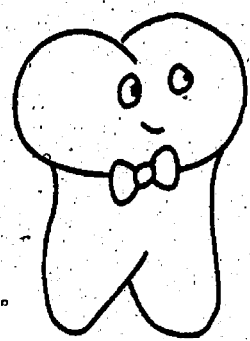
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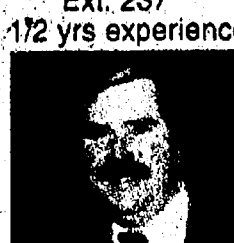
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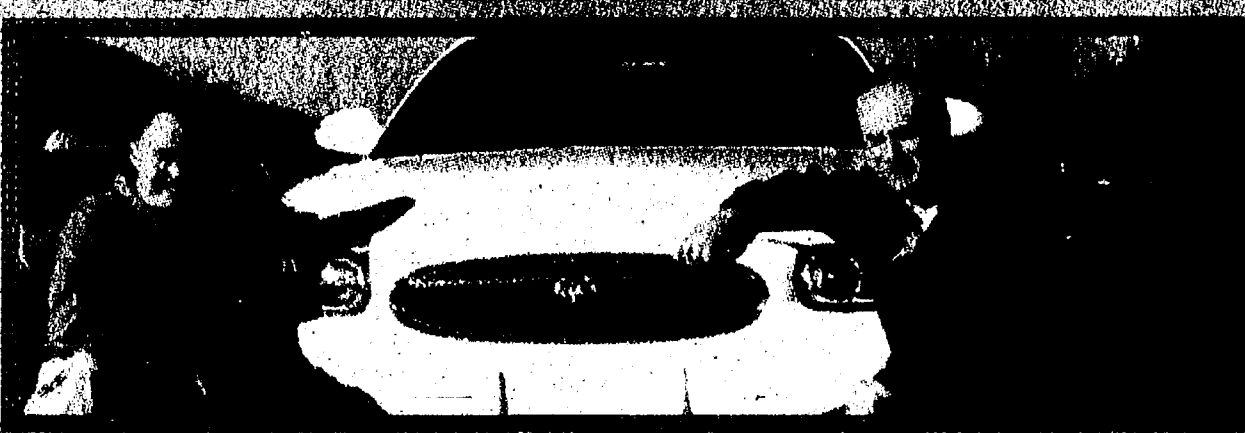


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Temperatures:

High for the week	43°
Low for the week	5°
Normal high	30°
Normal low	16°
Average temperature	19.6°
Normal average temperature	23.0°

Precipitation:

Total for the week	0.25"
Total for the month	0.67"
Total for the year	0.67"
Normal for the month	1.40"
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% of normal this year	48%

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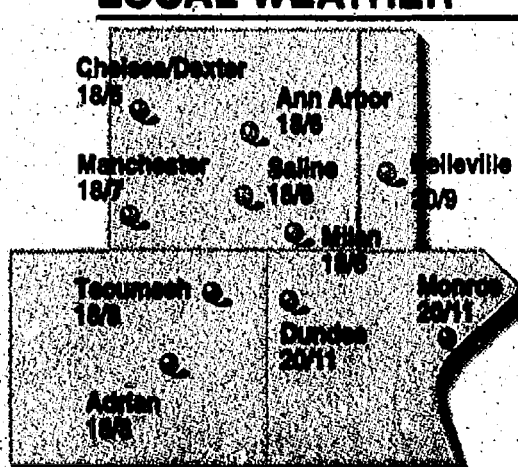
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Moonrise Thursday	8:59 a.m.
Moonset Thursday	6:34 p.m.

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City	Thur. H/L	Fri. H/L	City	Thur. H/L	Fri. H/L	City	Thur. H/L	Fri. H/L
Akron	18/11/f	18/12/c	Buffalo	24/12/f	18/6/f	Denver	42/20/p	48/22/s
Albany	27/12/c	19/0/p	Burlington, IA	20/11/p	36/23/c	Des Moines	17/13/c	38/22/c
Albuquerque	45/25/p	51/27/p	Burlington, VT	22/8/c	11/-7/c	Duluth	-1/-8/p	9/-5/p
Anchorage	33/18/c	25/20/c	Casper	36/19/f	42/21/p	El Paso	51/31/p	56/32/p
Atlanta	52/28/p	48/32/s	Cedar Rapids	12/11/c	32/18/c	Fairbanks	15/-4/f	10/-4/f
Atlantic City	40/21/p	32/15/p	Charleston, SC	59/30/p	53/28/p	Fargo	10/-3/c	12/0/c
Austin	53/34/c	58/40/c	Charleston, WV	34/14/p	36/24/p	Flagstaff	39/17/c	41/17/p
Baltimore	40/20/p	32/16/p	Charlotte	52/27/p	46/25/s	Fort Wayne	18/9/f	22/12/c
Baton Rouge	58/38/c	58/40/c	Chevyenne	38/22/p	48/24/p	Gary	17/13/p	28/19/c
Birmingham	42/25/p	46/19/c	Chicago	16/6/p	24/14/c	Green Bay	7/0/p	17/1/c
Bismarck	51/28/p	47/34/s	Cincinnati	28/13/f	30/22/c	Helena	35/16/p	35/19/c
Bloomington	23/15/f	30/8/c	Cleveland	19/13/f	19/13/f	Honolulu	81/69/c	79/67/sh
Boise	28/14/p	32/23/c	Columbia, MO	28/18/c	42/28/p	Houston	54/42/c	56/44/c
Boston	32/20/c	24/10/p	Columbus, OH	22/13/f	20/18/c	Indianapolis	23/12/p	29/23/c
Brownsville	60/50/r	58/52/r	Dallas	52/38/c	52/38/c	Juneau	39/28/r	38/27/p
			Davenport	14/12/p	31/17/c	Kansas City	34/23/p	48/28/p

LOCAL WEATHER



MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. H/L	Fri. H/L	City	Thur. H/L	Fri. H/L
Ann Arbor	18/6/f	20/8/c	Bay City	15/7/f	18/6/c
Battle Creek	15/8/c	19/10/c	Cadillac	11/3/c	11/3/c
Bay City	15/7/f	18/6/c	East Lansing	11/3/c	11/3/c
Coldwater	13/9/f	18/12/c	Flint	15/7/c	15/7/c
Dearborn	20/10/f	20/12/c	Grand Rapids	15/6/c	15/6/c
Detroit	20/8/f	20/12/c	Kalamazoo	18/3/c	18/3/c
Grand Rapids	15/9/c	20/11/c	Lansing	18/7/f	18/7/f
Holland	17/12/c	23/15/c	Livonia	20/9/f	21/11/c
Jackson	18/8/f	20/8/c	Midland	16/7/f	17/5/c
Kalamazoo	18/8/c	20/12/c	Monroe	20/11/f	19/12/c
Lansing	16/7/f	17/8/c	Muskegon	17/13/c	22/15/c
Livonia	20/9/f	21/11/c	Port Huron	15/8/f	17/8/c
Midland	16/7/f	17/5/c	Saginaw	18/7/f	18/8/c
Monroe	20/11/f	19/12/c	Sault Ste. Marie	19/5/f	20/8/c
Muskegon	17/13/c	22/15/c	Sturgis	19/9/c	19/13/c
Pontiac	15/8/f	17/8/c	Toronto	24/9/f	12/2/f
Port Huron	21/10/f	19/8/c	Traverse City	13/9/c	13/5/c
Saginaw	18/7/f	18/8/c	Warren	20/12/f	20/12/c

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

TRAVEL

Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties
A cold front will bring flurries to the region Thursday. Northwest winds of 10-20 mph. More flurries are possible Friday afternoon.

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	6°
Highest Friday	14°
Highest Saturday	18°
Highest Sunday	24°

SOLUNAR TABLE

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

	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Thu: 12:09 p.m.	5:54 a.m.		6:58 p.m.	
Fri: 12:41 a.m.	6:54 a.m.	1:08 p.m.	7:21 p.m.	
Sat: 1:36 a.m.	7:51 a.m.	2:03 p.m.	8:16 p.m.	
Sun: 2:33 a.m.	8:44 a.m.	2:55 p.m.	9:07 p.m.	

UV INDEX

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

Highest Thursday	1	Minimal
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WORLD CITIES

City	Thur. H/L	Fri. H/L	City	Thur. H/L	Fri. H/L
Acapulco	68/71/p	87/70/p	Kiev	18/9/c	14/3/sh
Algiers	56/38/p	61/42/p	Lima	82/68/p	82/68/p
Amsterdam	44/38/c	41/36/p	Lisbon	58/47/p	57/48/p
Athens	43/27/p	43/26/p	London	52/43/c	48/41/p
Auckland	71/57/p	73/59/p	Madrid	52/43/c	52/41/p
Bangkok	83/65/p	85/66/s	Manila	81/65/p	82/65/p
Barbados	85/69/p	86/69/s	Mexico City	69/40/c	69/39/c
Beijing	25/5/c	21/5/p	Montreal	18/5/c	8/7/c
Belrut	68/51/f	57/43/sh	Moscow	21/10/sh	27/15/sh
Belgrade	27/14/p	23/10/p	Nairobi	66/56/s	66/57/p
Berlin	23/15/c	22/15/c	New Delhi	81/31/f	81/31/f
Bogota	69/52/c	68/52/p	Panama	90/74/p	90/74/s
Buenos Aires	84/58/p	83/61/p	Paris	43/47/f	43/46/p
Cairo	68/39/s	58/34/c	Rio de Janeiro	78/67/f	78/68/c
Calgary	43/19/c	38/16/c	Rome	43/31/f	43/30/p
Cape Town	80/60/s	81/59/s	San Juan	82/72/p	82/72/p
Copenhagen	25/18/c	23/17/c	Santiago	84/54/f	86/55/s
Dublin	53/43/c	51/36/p	Seoul	12/-3/c	12/-2/c
Frankfurt	35/25/sh	28/24/p	Singapore	88/75/p	84/56/c
Geneva	37/32/sh	36/28/p	Stockholm	20/12/p	19/14/p
Hong Kong	82/48/s	63/58/p	Sydney	66/62/c	74/59/c
Istanbul	39/15/sh	27/15/c	Tehran	50/38/p	47/34/c
Jakarta	84/74/f	89/79/c	Tokyo	41/28/s	42/30/c
Jerusalem	50/41/r	48/28/c	Vancouver	48/37/c	48/38/c
Johannesburg	70/53/r	65/62/p	Vienna	21/10/p	19/11/p
Karachi	69/44/s	71/44/s	Warsaw	19/10/sh	23/10/p

COMMUNITY

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World TRAVELLER

Library worker has international background

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Travel, adventure, international intrigue — patrons of the Chelsea District Library will find plenty of books with these themes on the library shelves.

Or, they can just talk to administrative assistant Mia Gale.

Gale's own life story would pack the pages of a best-selling novel, from her early life in a wooden shack in the Australian outback to her capture as a possible spy behind the Iron Curtain.

All of it is a long way from her quiet life today in Tecumseh, or her job at the library.

Rose-Marie Gale — "Mia" to her family and friends, the result of her toddler tongue stumbling over her first name — was born and raised in the Australian outback, the daughter of Swedish pioneer missionaries.

Her father, a Lutheran minister, and her mother, a housewife, wanted to live like the people they served, self-sufficient and living off the land.

Shortly after Gale's birth in Brisbane, Queensland, her parents packed their family and belongings into a tiny trailer-caravan and moved out to land about an hour from the nearest city.

"My father worked day and night clearing bush," Gale says. "When he had cleared enough he began planting the banana plantation, which ended up being our staple for the next 12 years."

With no electricity, the family used kerosene lanterns. Gale's mother cooked meals for the family of seven on an outside stone campfire.

The family finally moved into a new home — a large

wooden crate Gale's father brought home, that had once served as a shipping box for a tractor.

"With some imagination and ingenuity, it became our new home," Gale says. "Dad turned it upside down, cut holes for the windows and doors and put a corrugated tin roof on the top."

"It had a dirt floor for some time but it was home. Our simple furniture consisted of wooden fruit crates and boxes. But, after all, we had a loving home with plenty of laughter and good times."

Gale and her siblings played and tended the garden under the watchful eyes of kangaroos and koalas, two herds of milking goats and 300 chickens, along with many other species.

Gale's mother did all the laundry for her large brood by hand.

"During all the years we lived in the bush, we never had running water but that was fairly common out there," Gale says. "We collected all our water from the roofs and it was stored in large water cisterns."

"When we had dry seasons and it didn't rain for months the water ran out and we had to carry water."

Gale and her siblings attended a small country school with about 150 pupils.

"Most of them attended school barefoot or in thongs," she says. "Life was simple but yet so very rich."

When Gale was 11, her father built a sprawling, split-level home with seven rooms — the "tractor box" home remaining at the heart of the home, serving as the kitchen.

A couple of years later, the family moved on, taking a six-week boat trip back to Europe, via South Africa, Tenerife, Canary Islands,

Portugal and finally to Rotterdam, Holland.

When the family's Land Rover arrived from Australia six weeks later, Gale's parents found a 30-foot trailer-caravan that served as their home for the next three years as they traveled Europe, visiting relatives and friends.

"Sometimes living alongside gypsies, and sometimes feeling like one," Gale says. "This was a wonderful free and adventuresome life for a teenager as myself."

The family lived in Sweden, where Gale attended school, and in England, where, as a Swedish citizen she was not allowed to attend school. So, at the ripe age of 13, Gale worked for a year at a local Brussels-sprout farm. The work was hard and cold.

"All work done indoors was paid on a piece-work basis, which included cutting the sprouts from their stems," she says.

"There I stood among 50 other immigrant women in a farm outhouse. We all wore bundles of clothes as the only heat we had was each other and what we could muster up through our own efforts."

In 1977, the family emigrated to the United States, and made their home in Sacramento, Calif.

Gale graduated with honors, at age 16, from a private school and went on to college, where she was the youngest graduate at the age of 18.

"I love books and was granted a full, paid scholarship to medical school, but turned it down because I wanted to be close to my family," she says.

For several years, she worked with a nonprofit humanitarian organization,



Mia Gale, administrative assistant at the Chelsea District Library, was born and raised in Australia. She is pictured in 1969 with a kangaroo.

a job that took her to many third-world countries, including Africa and the former Eastern Bloc countries in Europe.

Fluent in Swedish, German, Romanian and English, and comprehending several additional languages, Gale worked as an interpreter, tour guide and administrative assistant to the president of the organization.

During her many travels to Romania, Gale met her future husband, Dan, a mechanical engineer.

"We fought for five years for his release from Romania, working with politicians and foreign secretaries," Gale says. "This story of enduring love between us has been a requested story throughout the world and I've told it to many large groups, usually resulting in tearful eyes."

On one of her trips to Romania, Gale was arrested, classified as a spy, beaten for seven hours during interrogation, and raped at gunpoint by the police chief there.

Officials marked her passport so that she wasn't allowed to return for 10 years. Her fiancé remained behind that Iron Curtain. After an investigation by the White House and much political pressure, Gale and her fiancé received the official approbation of marriage from dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, allowing the pair to marry in Romania.

"After many disappointing trips, being marched across airport tarmacs as a 'most dangerous criminal' and being held at gunpoint for hours, my fiancé managed to leave Romania for Sweden," Gale says. "He had to give up his citizenship, his family and leave penniless with the clothes on his back."

"Oh, what bliss, after waiting for five long years, to be united in marriage."

After a year in Sweden, the couple traveled back to California, where Gale had a business, and spent 12 years there. They lived in Sweden for three years to let their

three children experience a different culture.

The family came to Michigan seven years ago, to make their home in a rustic 150-year-old one-room schoolhouse outside Tecumseh.

"It feels natural to live in a place of learning just as it feels natural to work in a place of learning," Gale says.

"Today we have three lovely teenagers who have also had the joy of traveling the world and who have received the love of books from both their mother and their father."

Gale started work as an administrative assistant at the Chelsea District Library in October, a job she calls "wonderful."

"The world is becoming smaller with all our modern technology, but nothing in the world can replace that fantastic smell and feel of a good book," she says.

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Mia Gale's first childhood home in Narangba, Australia, was a tiny wooden house her father made for the family out of a Massey Ferguson tractor crate. Later, when her father built a seven-room home, the tractor box remained at the heart of the home, serving as the kitchen.

Mia Gale met her husband, Dan, in his native Romania. Dan (left) is pictured in his hometown of Craiova, while their son, Isaac, enjoys riding a horse on the cobblestone streets helped by two distant relatives.



Mia Gale and her husband, Dan, raised their children for a few years in her native Sweden. The couple is pictured at Sweden's most southern point with their children, Isaac, Anastasia and Erika, and Gale's aunt who was visiting from South Africa.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Jan. 22

"Chelsea Reads Together" pizza and a book for teens will be presented 6 p.m. at Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. For information, call 475-8732.

Community forum about a possible school bond issue will be held 7 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center. For more information, call 433-2208, Ext. 6088.

Friday, Jan. 23

Geography Night will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

Saturday, Jan. 24

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

"Chelsea Reads Together" family table talk will be presented 2 p.m. at Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. For more information, call 475-8732.

European Dinner and Dance will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. at Waterloo Village United Methodist Church in the new fellowship hall, 8110 Washington St. It's open to the public and free-will offerings are accepted. For more information, call 475-2697.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

"Getting Parents Ready for Kindergarten" will be held for the 2004-05 school year. The meeting will be held 7 p.m. at North Creek Elementary School, 699 McKinley St., in Chelsea. The meeting will cover curriculum and the registration process.

Thursday, Jan. 29

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

Thursday, Jan. 30 through Sunday, Feb. 1

Cavanaugh Lake American Legion Winter Carnival will be held at Post 31, 1700 Ridge Road, in Chelsea. Events will include a fishing contest, euchre tournament, chili cook-off, Monte Carlo Night and a drawing for an all-terrain vehicle. For information, call Gus Hansen at 475-7212.

CHELSEA

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

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 infor-

mation, call 475-1145.

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

Friends of Chelsea District Library meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Call 475-2424 for more information.

Senior Nutrition Program meets at noon Thursdays for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For reservations, call 475-7439.

Friday

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

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

Saturday

Hope Clinic, a free clinic for people with no health insurance, is held 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of the month at Faith In Action, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-3305.

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

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

Sunday

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets 1:30 to 4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month. For more information, call 1-800-852-9781.

Monday

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

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

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

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at 8:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-5944.

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

Senior Nutrition Program meets noon every Tuesday for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo.

For more information, call 475-7439.

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

Wednesday

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

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

DEXTER

Saturday, Jan. 24

"Animal Track and Trail" program will be held 2 p.m. at Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter Township. Call 426-8211 to pre-register.

DEXTER

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

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

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

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

Dexter Rotary Club meets 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at

The Tuscan House, 7954 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

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

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

Monday

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

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

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

Dexter Village Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month at the Dexter Senior

Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

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

Tuesday

Dexter AA Group meets at 8 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Joseph's 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 The Tuscan House, 7954 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

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

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Larry Doll, Stephanie Elliff exchange vows

Stephanie Elliff and Larry Doll, both of Chelsea, were married Aug. 2 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea. The Rev. Joseph Rinaldo officiated.

The bride is the daughter of the late Cash and Sophie Elliff of Livonia. The groom is the son of Donald and Therese Doll of Chelsea.

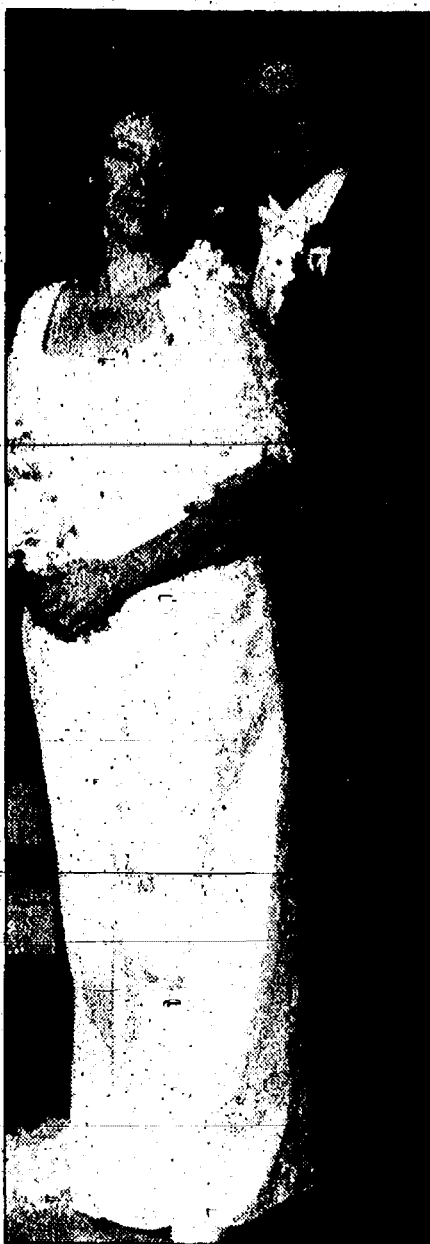
The matron of honor was the bride's cousin, Linda Rundel, of Redford.

The groom's brother, Kevin Doll of Chelsea, was the best man.

The ushers were the bride's friend, Tim Rice, of Whitmore Lake and the groom's nephew, Nicholas Doll, of Chelsea.

Altar servers were the groom's friends, Miles and Anna Marie McCalla of Stockbridge.

An outdoor summer picnic reception was held at the home of the groom's father in Chelsea. Guests enjoyed barbecued chicken prepared on site. Other picnic activities included swimming and fishing in the family pond.



The couple honeymooned on Mackinac Island and in Ludington. They reside in Chelsea.

ENGAGED: Debbie Glowacki of Kalamazoo, daughter of Tom and Vicki Glowacki of Dexter, and Matt Slezak of Portland, son of Jon and Alice Slezak of Royce City, Texas, have set a June 12 wedding date. The future bride is a 1996 graduate of Dexter High School. She received a bachelor's degree in community relations in 2000 from Michigan State University. She is currently working on her master's degree in occupational therapy at Western Michigan University. The future groom is a 1996 graduate of Greenville High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Michigan State University in 2000. He is working on a master's degree in curriculum and teaching at MSU, and is employed as a math teacher at Ionia High School.



ENGAGED: Heather Nobriga and Daniel Alber of Hawaii are engaged and have set a May 4 wedding date in Hawaii. The future bride is the daughter of Sheila Ogg of Livonia and Albert Nobriga of Hawaii. She is a graduate of Churchill High School in the Creative and Performing Arts program. While attending Eastern Michigan University, she became interested in massage therapy and began attending massage school. She returned to Hawaii, where she was born, to study Lomilomi massage. The future groom is the son of Eugene and Mary Alber of Chelsea. He is a 1994 graduate of Chelsea High School, and has a bachelor's degree in philosophy and English from EMU. They both practice massage therapy and enjoy exploring the native Hawaiian culture of their island home.

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A son, Chase Jarrett, was born Dec. 18, 2003, to Amber and Michael Montange of Ft. Campbell, Ky. Maternal grandparents are Gary and Sandy Williams of Branson, Mo. Paternal grandparents are Ron and Nancy Montange of Gregory. Chase has a sister, April, 21 months.

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The Rev. Mearl Bradley is flanked by Andy Zeigler, Kathy Zeigler, Ingrid Knoff and Jeremy Zeigler at his Jan. 11 retirement party. Bradley served as pastor of Chelsea Free Methodist Church for 25 years.

Photo by Rita Fischer



The next chapter

Mearl Bradley retires as Methodist pastor

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Rainbow Bird has retired, and so has the man behind the feathered puppet.

The Rev. Mearl Bradley, who used Rainbow Bird to add color to Bible school and sermons, has stepped down after 25 years as pastor of Chelsea Free Methodist Church.

The congregation held a party Jan. 11 with 350 people from Chelsea, Dexter and across the country gathering at the Chelsea High School commons area to celebrate.

The party, which ended with everyone humming "Zip-a-dee-doo-dah" on kazoes, was filled with music, speeches, poems, tears and laughter. The "Minnick Chicks" sang a song, and the sister duo of Lori Minnick and Sue Myers acted out a skit.

Bradley's two sons, Jared and Jeff, each said a few words about their father and his ministry.

Jeff Bradley, who is also a pastor, joked that Rainbow Bird took up a lot of room in Bradley's little Honda Civic. Jeff said he could never figure out why his father could not stop moving his mouth when talking for Rainbow Bird.

Jared Bradley said that if he had been paid for each time his father used him as an example in a sermon, he would probably be worth about \$10,000 by now.

Bradley, who will step in for pastors who are on vacation or on sabbatical, will continue serving as police chaplain for the Michigan State Police posts in Monroe, Adrian, Ypsilanti, Jackson and Jonesville.

"Working with the

Michigan State Police has just been a vital part of my ministry," he said. "I hope to continue other needs in the community, if I'm needed."

While "Mearl the Pearl," as he was known, is looking forward to retirement — and a much-needed vacation in California — he said he will "miss the people and being involved in their lives."

Cindy and John VanTiem are among those people.

"Pastor Mearl and Joyce were present when our children were born, and when John had cancer surgery in 1987, and when John's parents passed away," Cindy VanTiem said.

"They have been friends who enjoy rejoicing with you in the good times."

Carey Lynn Plaughter is another member of the congregation who will miss Bradley.

Students may apply for role in festival

Applications are being accepted for the 2004 Michigan Shakespeare Festival high school monologue contest.

The event is open to high school students, and requires participants to perform a monologue of up to two minutes from any Shakespeare play.

It will be held 1 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Jackson Symphony Hall, 215 W. Michigan Ave., in Jackson.

"We really encourage students to apply now and begin working on their performance," said Mary Matthews, the festival's managing director.

"Students from previous years have always mentioned how much fun they had during the contest; even if this is the first time they have been involved in the event. All the judges, teach-

ers and other participants are very supportive of each other."

Two winners will receive an award plaque, a \$100 cash prize and a copy of "The Riverside Shakespeare: The Complete Works of Shakespeare," and an invitation to perform at the

Festival Feast in July.

The monologue contest judges include professionals from theater, print and broadcast media.

For more information, call the Michigan Shakespeare Festival at 1-517-788-5032 or visit the Festival Web site at www.michshakefest.org.

CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

Friends of Dexter District Library meets 12:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., in Dexter. For more information, call 428-8775.

ANN ARBOR

Sunday, Jan. 25

The Genealogical Society of

Washtenaw County will meet 1:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, at the McAuley Health Center. Use parking lot "P." The topic will be "Finding Your Ancestor's Handprint in Township Records." Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, call 1-734-340-2307.



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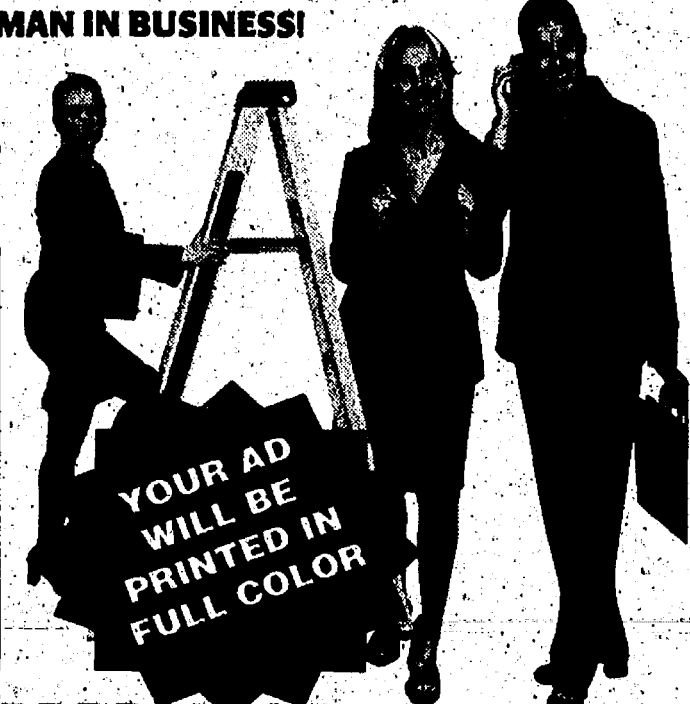
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CHELSEA

Winter carnival set next weekend

Not everyone appreciates the current frigid temperatures, but organizers of the annual Cavanaugh Lake American Legion Winter Carnival love it.

American Legion Post Cmdr Gus Hansen and his crew are keeping their frozen fingers crossed that January's deep freeze continues.

"Last year the carnival had excellent ice conditions and was a huge success," Hansen said.

The carnival, celebrating its 14th year, takes place at Post 31, 1700 Ridge Road, in Sylvan Township. Carnival-goers are invited to bring snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, ice skates and cross-country skis, while enjoying a weekend of winter fun, both indoors and out.

The annual fishing contest kicks off at noon Jan. 30 and runs through 4 p.m. Feb. 1.

Three decades ago, what is now the winter carnival started out as a Saturday fishing derby, attracting eight competitors. Now it draws several hundred participants.

A euchre tournament will be held 7 p.m. Jan. 30.

The annual chili cook-off is set from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 31.

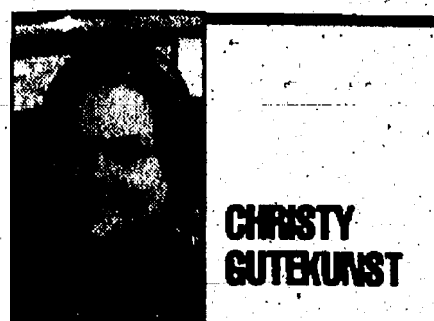
Later on the Saturday, the Legion and the Chelsea Knights of Columbus will run Monte Carlo Night, starting at 7 p.m.

The weekend's festivities conclude with a drawing at 5 p.m. Sunday. This year's drawing is for an all-terrain vehicle.

Proceeds from the event support veteran-related activities and programs.

For information, call Hansen at 475-7212.

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CHRISTY GUTEKUNST

LIBRARY NOTES

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The library has several new titles available that are sure to bring entertainment your way. Below is just a sample of the new fiction titles:

"The Comfort of Strangers" by Ian McEwan (2003): While

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"The Disorderly Knights" by Dorothy Dunnett (2003): In 1551, in the sequel to "Queen's Play," a member of the Knights of Malta and his sister oppose Francis Crawford of Lymond as they travel between Malta, Tripoli and Scotland.

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"Zeke and Ned" by Larry McMurtry (2003): After the Civil War, in 1870's Oklahoma, Zeke and Ned are

forced to fight against the injustice toward their tribe and create safe homes for their women. Between brutal feuds and running from the law, both men must carefully watch their backs. Zeke and Ned are proud, skilled, and brave, and together they offer hope for a new Indian Territory.

"Stone Cold" by Robert B. Parker (2003): Investigating a thrill-seeking pair of serial killers who are targeting the residents of an affluent suburban town, police chief Jesse Stone finds his job complicated by local politicians, the media, his drinking problem, and his ex-wife. The descriptions above are from Novelist, an electronic database that can be accessed at the library or from the convenience of your home computer.

Novelist allows readers to use a favorite author or title as a template to locate other authors and titles of interest.

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Navy hospital apprentice Gretchen Vermeylen, daughter of Nancy Kinsky of Chelsea and William Vermeylen of Grass Lake, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, Vermeylen learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid, and assist Navy doctors and nurses.

She also received introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Graduates' new skills and knowledge will enable them to help provide quality health care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families.

Vermeylen's first assignment after school will involve direct patient care. But, with her training, Vermeylen can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and food service inspections.

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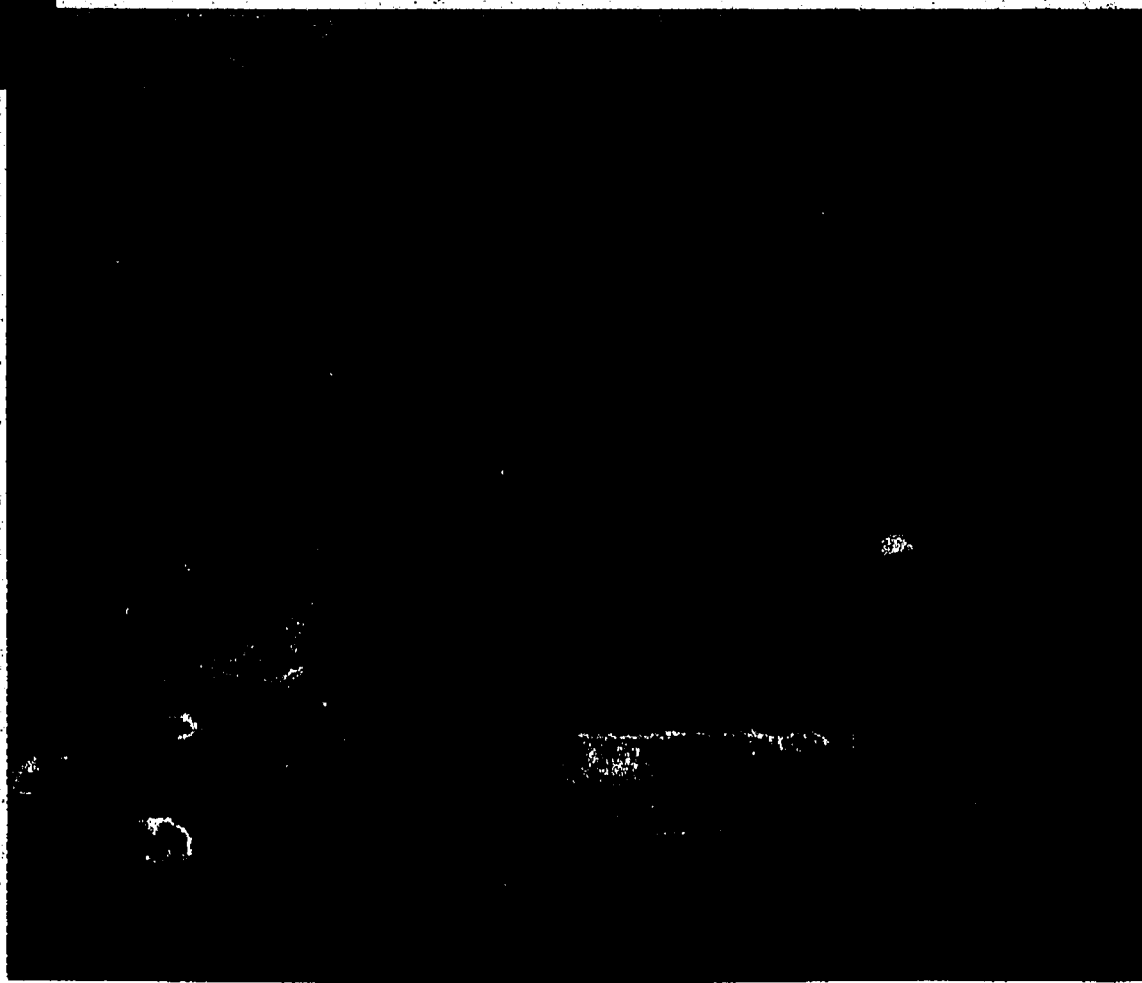
The free playgroup is open to all local families. Participants do not need to be church members.

Daily sessions include play, crafts, story time, songs, games and prayer. Parents take turns bringing snacks.

Sarah Lantis plays in a colorful tunnel.



Lori Peterson and her son, Sam, measure rice in a container.



Kristin Neff helps her children, Addison and Hunter, make candles.

Katie Rae Hayduk balances on climbing blocks.

Kira Zhou invites her father, Kevin Frahm, to a make-believe tea party.

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**DON
RICHTER**

ON THE SIDELINE

MSU wins round one in hoops

It wasn't pretty by any means. But a win, is a win.

Last Saturday Michigan State captured Round One in its annual basketball showdown with intrastate rival Michigan, prevailing 71-54 at the Breslin Center.

My colleague in blue, columnist Lisa Allmendinger, has been strangely silent this week. Hmmm... I wonder why? Maybe she doesn't like the way she looks in a green MSU sweatshirt.

Anyhow, I'm not gloating too much, the Spartans still have to make a trip later in February to Crisler Arena to face, what I'm sure will be, a fired-up Wolverine squad seeking revenge.

Besides being the place where my high school held its graduation ceremonies, Crisler Arena is also known as "The House That Cazzie Built."

Though MSU is clearly the superior basketball program right now in the state, it's hard to dismiss the Wolverine program.

Sure there's been scandal recently, with the Chris Webber and Ed Martin fiasco, and Bill Frieder's conduct at the end certainly didn't make U-of-M faithful jump up and down, but I think Wolverine basketball is bigger than those unsavory characters.

How can anyone dismiss a program that has produced a player such as the late Russell who spent time from 1964 to 1966, changed Wolverine basketball forever. He led U-M to two NCAA Final Fours.

When Russell was starting, Michigan played its basketball games at Crisler Arena, currently home of Wolverine hockey. Because of Russell's standout, eye-opening play, U of M hoops outgrew Yost. Russell's basketball talents fueled fan interest so much a new venue was built.

Welcome to Crisler Arena, "The House That Cazzie Built."

What a great story. Or, how could anyone dismiss a program that developed Rudy Tomjanovich? Or Glen Rice? Or Rickey Green? A U of M all-time modern era team is pretty impressive. Here's my squad:
Point guard: Green.
Shooting guard: Russell.
Power forward: Phil Hubbard.
Small forward: Rice.
Center: Rudy T.
Coach: Johnny Orr.
That's quite a team.

I'm disappointed I never was able to see Cazzie.

See MSU — Page 2-C

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey defeated Saline 2-1 last Saturday.

The Bulldogs (8-3-3, 3-0-1) clamped down on the visiting Hornets, playing one of their best defensive games of the season.

"I thought we played a great game," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "This is one of Saline's best teams. They have 13 seniors on their team. They're very tough. We played strong."

The Hornets (7-3-1) scored a late goal, ruining Chelsea's bid for a shutout.

"They scored with 27 seconds left," Wright said. "They pulled their goalie and took a shot from the point. It hit a player's knee in front of the net and deflected in."

The Bulldogs, ranked in the state's top 10 in Division III, opened the scoring in the first period at 1:38 as Luc Daniels turned the light on, off an assist from Craig Urwin and Ryan Ford.

"It was an even-strength goal," Wright said. "There was a scramble in front of the net, and Luc banged in a rebound."

After a scoreless second period, Chelsea increased its advantage to 2-0 at 12:03 of the third frame as Matt Eckler hit the back of the net on a power play. Urwin and Ford assisted on the goal for



Chelsea's Luc Daniels scored a goal in the Bulldogs' 2-1 victory over Saline last Saturday. With its win, state-ranked Chelsea improved its overall record to 8-3-3 and 3-0-1 in the Southeastern Conference.

Photo by Doug Trojanowski

when it was shorthanded.

"We killed off back-to-back penalties in the first period," he said. "In the third period, we were two-men short and killed that off, with seven minutes to go. At that time, it was still 1-0. After killing off the penalty, we came back and scored, making it 2-0."

Goaltender J.R. Engelbert recorded the victory in net for the Bulldogs.

For the game, Chelsea outshot Saline 20-16.

"I thought we played very well," Wright said. "We used our speed to our advantage."

Despite playing well, Wright said his team could still improve.

"We had a couple opportunities where we missed the net," he said. "We need to finish in those instances. But, overall, we did a good job of creating opportunities and limiting theirs."

The Bulldogs next host county and Southeastern Conference rival Dexter 7 p.m. Saturday.

Always a tight, hard-checking, yet clean contest, the two foes battled to a 3-3 tie on a Chelsea goal in the final minutes Jan. 3.

On Wednesday, the Bulldogs travel to Livonia Franklin for a game at 6 p.m.

Sports Editor Don Richter can be reached at 475-1371 or at drichter@heritage.com.

Bulldog meet with Hornets goes down to wire

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' swimming and diving team beat Saline 94-92 last Friday.

The hard-fought competition came down to the night's final event. The Bulldogs needed to finish at least second in the 400 freestyle relay, one of the Hornets' strongest races.

The Chelsea foursome of junior Chris Moyle, sophomore Andrew Ballow and freshmen Rick Kinsey and Nick Armstrong placed second in 3:48.75, out-touching Saline's B relay by an eyelink, clinching the victory.

"Rick anchored the relay and both he and Nick had career best times," said Chelsea coach Dave Jolly. "Rick was able to get his hand on the wall first (beating Saline)."

The Hornet A relay placed first in a blistering 3:40.46.

Jolly was pleased with his squad's performance.

"This is what sports are all about," he said. "The team really came together tonight. The freshmen were most impressive with numerous best times."

To begin the meet, the Chelsea quartet of seniors Matt Kellogg and Aaron Connell, and juniors Andy Kellogg and Josh Haynes placed second in the 200 medley relay with a clocking of 1:52.06.

The group of junior Shawn Bergman, sophomore Benjamin Kellogg, and freshmen Michael Lawrence and Armstrong finished fourth in 1:59.94.

In the 200 freestyle, Matt Kellogg bested the field, clocking 1:59.94.

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Photo by Mary Kumbler

Chelsea's Matt Kellogg finished first in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle, helping spark the Bulldogs to a 94-92 victory over Saline last Friday.

Chelsea fifth at Williamston, faces Bedford

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling finished fifth at the Williamston Invitational last Saturday.

The tournament was a measuring stick, of sorts, for the Bulldogs.

"We did well," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "There were a lot of good teams in the tournament. There was a lot of quality competition. It's always a really solid meet."

Chelsea advanced two grapplers to the invitational finals.

Joel Powers, at 215 pounds,

placed second overall, falling in the tournament final to Yale's Zack Moody 8-2.

On the day, Powers finished 3-1 for the Bulldogs.

Also reaching the finals for Chelsea was Karl Wint. Unseeded to begin the day, Wint wrestled out of the brackets to advance to the tournament 189-pound title match.

In the final, Wint lost to Belleville's Chris Watson on a 6-4 decision.

To reach the final, Wint beat the No. 3 seed John Vanderbush of Yale 3-1 in overtime before defeating

Lansing Eastern's Paul Hutchinson, the No. 2 seed, 12-3 in the semifinals.

"It was exciting to watch Karl," Kargel said. "He was on task that day. He beat some tough competition."

Finishing fourth for the Bulldogs was Matt Robinson (2-2) at 152. In the third-fourth match, he lost to Belleville's Steve Bray 6-1.

Placing sixth for Chelsea was heavyweight Brad Hinderer (3-2). In the fifth-sixth bout, he lost 11-2 to New Boston Huron's Garrett Eastride.

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Photo courtesy of Norm Bauer

Chelsea's Joel Powers defeated Temperance Bedford's Dave Bailey 8-0 at 215 pounds during last Thursday's dual match against the Mules. The Bulldogs lost to Bedford, a perennial state power, 32-25.

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Chelsea cagers fall to county rival Dexter

Chelsea basketball fell to Southeastern Conference White Division and county rival Dexter 46-40 last Friday.

It was a game of runs, ups and downs, highs and lows, and guts and glory. It was a typical Chelsea-Dexter gut check match up of intense, in-your-face basketball that went down to the wire.

It was only the Bulldogs' (3-5, 0-1 SEC White) third loss to Dexter in the last four seasons and first loss since 2002.

The Dreadnaughts jumped out to a quick 16-3 lead toward the end of the first quarter. Chelsea's only points were from senior Brian Kinashuk.

In the second quarter, however, the Bulldogs rallied, outscoring Dexter 17-3, taking a 20-19 lead into the locker room.

The third frame, on the other hand, looked a lot like the first quarter.

The Dreadnaughts (4-5, 1-0) regrouped, finding the range from the outside and taking a four-point advantage into the final quarter.

Despite battling back and refusing to quit, Chelsea ran out of time as Dexter was able to answer the Bulldogs' rally with baskets of its own.

Kinashuk led the Dawgs with 13 points, including 2-of-4 from beyond the arc.

Junior Danny Keilman made his presence felt, coming in off the bench, scoring eight

points and grabbing three rebounds for Chelsea.

Senior Joel Hohnke added five points, while George Royce, Jeff Elliott and Tony Reifel each netted four points for the Bulldogs. Reifel also had three steals and three assists.

For the night, Chelsea finished 11-of-34 from the field for 32 percent.

The Dreadnaughts ended up 18-of-34 from the floor for 53 percent.

At the free-throw line, the Bulldogs sizzled, shooting 15-of-17 for 88 percent.

Dexter was 7-of-11 for 64 percent from the foul stripe.

On the boards, the Dreadnaughts held the upper hand, hauling down 26 rebounds, while Chelsea grabbed 17. The Bulldogs scrapped underneath, battling the taller Dexter squad all game.

Dexter had 21 turnovers, compared to the Bulldogs' 15.

Fouls were even, as Chelsea drew 15 whistles and the Dreadnaughts 17.

The Bulldogs next travel to SEC White opponent Ypsilanti Lincoln for a game 7 p.m. tomorrow.

On Jan. 30, Chelsea hosts SEC White foe Tecumseh at 7 p.m.

—Sye Hickey, a student at Chelsea High School, contributed to this article.



Chelsea senior Brian Kinashuk scored 13 points against county rival Dexter last Friday. The Bulldogs fell to the Dreadnaughts 46-40. Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

Last second shot sparks JV Dawgs

Chelsea's JV basketball team defeated Dexter 41-39 last Friday.

The county rivalry game had all the elements of a classic, with an early lead, a late comeback and a game-winning shot.

Nate Schwarze's buzzer-beater brought the Bulldog faithful to their feet in celebration as Chelsea pulled out the annual county hardwood tussle.

Heading into the fourth quarter, the host Bulldogs (4-4, 1-0) trailed 33-24. The contest appeared in the Dreadnaughts' hands, but Chelsea refused to hang its head. Despite being out-hustled, out-rebounded and out-played by Dexter, the Bulldogs rallied.

Bulldog Mike Sauers checked in and began heating up, hitting two clutch jumpers and a three-pointer, quickly cutting Dexter's lead to seven points.

With momentum suddenly swinging Chelsea's way, Schwarze began to zero in on the basket. The freshman, who played all of the second half, began drilling three-pointers, including one with 2:05 left, bringing the Dawgs within two points, 39-37.

With 1:00 remaining in the game, Schwarze made a back door cut, received sophomore Cam Hawkins' pass, and laid the ball in to tie the score at 39-39.

After a quick defensive

stop, Chelsea got the ball back and called a timeout with 28.1 seconds left.

After the ball was inbounded, Chelsea coach Mark Scheese called his final timeout with 17.3 seconds left.

After the timeout, a miscommunication left Schwarze dribbling in the corner with about 10 seconds remaining. He looked to pass the ball into the post, but no one was there. So, he hesitated, drove the baseline, left his feet and swished an off-balance floater as time ran out to clinch the victory.

"We put together a good fourth quarter against Dexter," Scheese said. "Being behind by nine against Dexter in the fourth and being able to come back was a positive after not responding in a similar situation against Pioneer (49-28 loss Jan. 10)."

Schwarze finished with 16 points, all of which were scored in the second half, going 6-of-10 from the field. He also had two rebounds and eight steals.

"Nate did an excellent job," Scheese said.

Joe Welton added eight points.

Sauers ended up with seven points, going 3-of-6 from the floor. He also netted all of his points in the second half.

Hawkins had a fine all-around game, finishing with

seven points, 11 rebounds, two assists and seven blocks for Chelsea.

Despite leading 9-7 after one quarter, the Bulldogs went dry, scoring only five points in the second stanza, heading into the locker room trailing 20-14.

Leading the way in the first half for Chelsea was Welton, who scored seven points on 3-of-6 shooting from the field.

The Bulldogs' drought continued throughout the third quarter as Dexter outscored them 13-10 before the fourth quarter fireworks began.

On Jan. 10, Chelsea lost to Ann Arbor Pioneer 49-26.

The host Pioneers jumped out to a 13-6 first quarter advantage.

In the second frame, the

Bulldogs regrouped, outscoring Ann Arbor 11-8, entering the break trailing 21-17.

Entering the fourth quarter, Chelsea was behind 29-23. But unlike the Dexter game, the Bulldogs were unable to mount a comeback against the Pioneers.

In contrast, Ann Arbor dominated the last frame, outscoring Chelsea 20-3 for the final margin.

Welton paced the Bulldogs, with 10 points.

Chelsea next travels to Ypsilanti Lincoln for a game 5:30 p.m. tomorrow.

On Jan. 30, the Bulldogs host Tecumseh at 5:30 p.m.

—Sye Hickey, a student at Chelsea High School, contributed to this article.

Beach grapplers open season with win

Chelsea's Beach Middle School wrestling team opened its season Jan. 8 with a defeat against Saline 113-51.

Paul Bell, Kevin Rosentreter, James Connelly, Rodney Ostrowski and Sam Dyer each won two matches for the host Bulldogs.

Winning one match for Beach were Adam

Rosentreter, Peter Wilke, Sean DeGracia, Luke Midura, Jacob Hadley, Chad Schiller, John Hillaker, D.J. Metzner, Sam Birgy and Tim Rosentreter.

Against Dexter and Tecumseh last week, the Bulldogs wrestled well.

"All of the wrestlers are becoming more confident in their abilities," said Chelsea coach Craig McCalla. "They are more aggressive and able to capitalize on their opponents' mistakes."

Versus the rival Dreadnaughts, winners for Beach included Doug Zygnier, J.D. Prokos, Nick Doll, Jared Gentz, Donny Riedel, Schiller, Connelly, DeGracia, Bell and Hillaker.

Wrestlers capturing matches against the Indians included Adam Rosentreter, Kevin Rosentreter, Ostrowski, Dyer, Birgy, Wilke, Gentz, Hillaker, Doll, Schiller and Bell.

Beach next hosts Ypsilanti Lincoln 4 p.m. Wednesday.

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Russell play in college. I bet that must have been exciting times for Wolverine students and alumni.

Yes, MSU is currently basketball king in this state. And, of course, Magic Johnson, in my opinion, is the greatest player to ever lace up the sneakers, but Michigan has a proud history all its own.

Hopefully, fans today realize that fact.

Round Two in February at Cazzie's place. It should be a dandy.

Good luck, Ms. Allemen-dinger. Your Wolverines will be underdogs, I'm sure.

Of course, only one question remains. No, not what the final outcome of the game will be. We all know that!

What I need to know, Lisa, is if you would like to wear a gray or white MSU sweatshirt around the office next time?

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Beach dunked by Dexter

Chelsea's Beach Middle School swimming team lost to county rival Dexter 132-45 Jan. 13.

In the 200 medley relay, the Bulldog foursome of Warren Dyerly, Trevor Hughes, Phoebe Conybeare and Stephanie Everard finished second. Placing fifth was the group of Anna Brieland-Shoultz, Becca Brezee, Christie VanGemert and Katie McEachern. Touching sixth for Beach was the quartet of Katie Lindauer, Kristin Angelocci, Aurora Knopper and Trish Hash.

In the 200 freestyle, Claire Stephens finished second for Chelsea, while teammate Ryan Wrathall placed third and Grace Benton sixth.

McEachern paced the Bulldogs, finishing fourth in the 100 individual medley, while Angelocci was fifth.

Conybeare ended up fourth in the 50 freestyle, while Hughes was fifth and Everard sixth for Beach.

In the 50 butterfly, Conybeare bested the field, touching first, while VanGemert was fifth and Knopper sixth.

Stephens finished first in the 100 freestyle, while Wrathall was fifth and

Everard sixth for Chelsea.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the Bulldog team of Hughes, Conybeare, Wrathall and Stephens placed second. Aly Rodgers, Abby Lewis-Lakin, Michael Kozma and Hash finished fourth. The foursome of Amanda Johnson, Gwen Eder, Kaitlin Cottrell and Dominic Conybeare ended up fifth.

Dyerly finished third in the 100 backstroke, while Brieland-Shoultz was fifth and Lindauer sixth for Beach.

Hughes placed third in the 100 breaststroke, while

Angelocci was fifth and Brezee sixth.

In the 400 freestyle relay, the quartet of Stephens, Everard, Wrathall and Dyerly finished third. Lewis-Larkin, Rodgers, Kozma and Benton placed fourth. The group of Dominic Conybeare, Johnson, Cottrell and Eder ended up fifth.

Chelsea next travels to Erie-Mason for a meet 9 a.m. Saturday.

On Monday, the Bulldogs visit Adrian for a contest at 4:30 p.m.

On Jan. 29, Beach hosts Saline at 4:30 p.m.

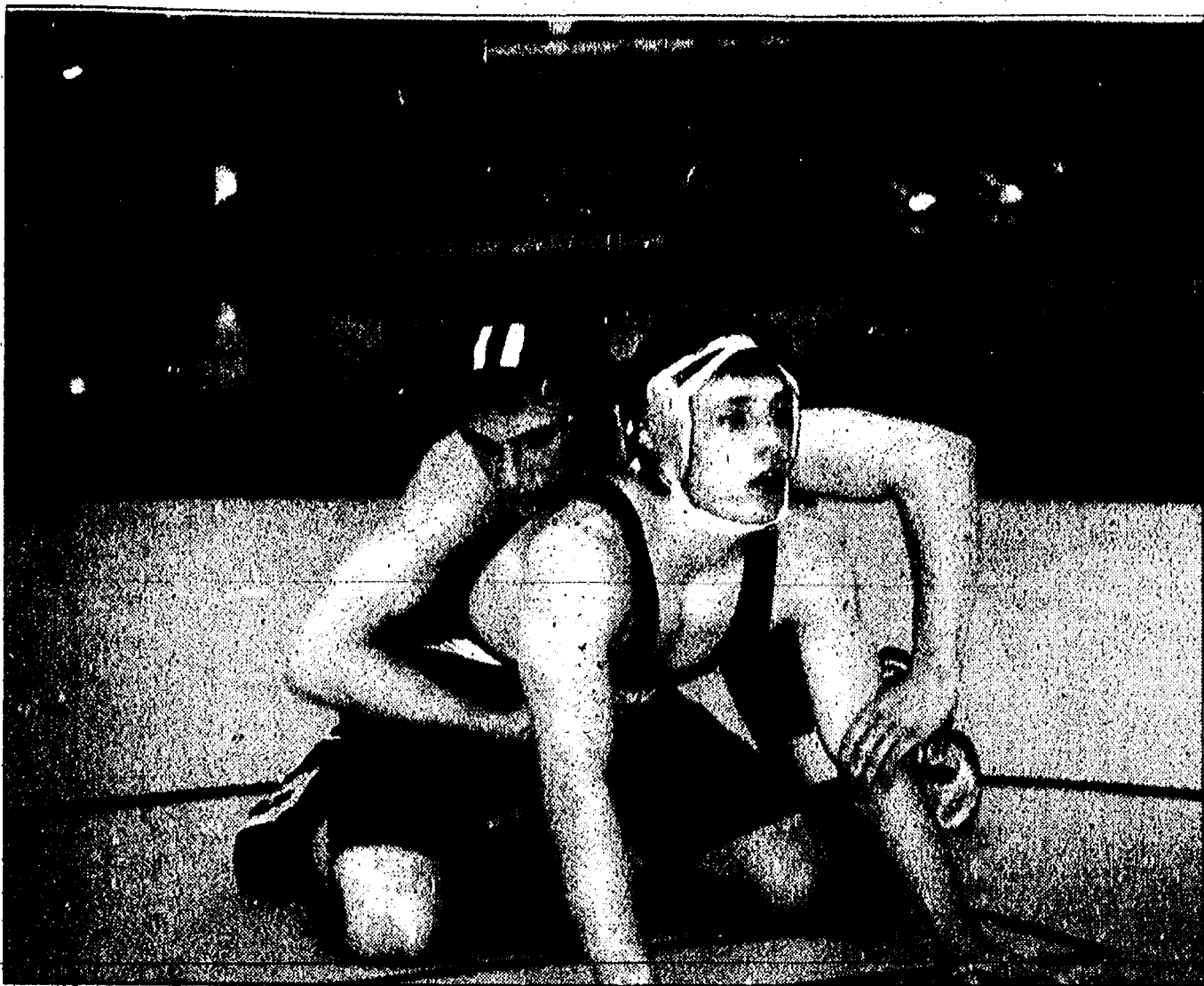


Photo courtesy of Norm Bauer
Chelsea's Matt Robinson beat Temperance Bedford's Scott Heidtman 6-1 at 152 pounds in last Thursday's dual match against the Mules. Bedford prevailed 32-25.

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Others performing well for the Dawgs, but not placing, included Aaron Chiarelli (1-2) at 112; Evan Helvey (0-2) at 119; Danny Ngo (1-2) at 125; Fred Dehn (0-2) at 130 and Josh Clark (2-2) at 135.

At 140, Chelsea's Cody Schiller (2-2) gave a strong effort, as did teammates Stephen Kolokithas (2-2) at 145, A.J. Suffety (0-1) at 160 and Ben Rodgers (2-2) at 171.

Rodgers lost both of his matches by a combined three points.

Last Thursday, the Bulldogs lost a hard-fought 32-25 match against perennial state power Temperance Bedford.

"We had our opportunities to win," Kargel said. "That was one of our best performances against Bedford. I told the kids (beforehand) we could get them."

Though not winning, Chelsea showed it could com-

pete with the state's best.

Both teams won seven matches apiece. The visiting Mules dominated the lower weights, while the Bulldogs had the upper hand in the heavier weights.

At 103, Chelsea's Geoff Wonders lost to Bedford's Steve Brighton 6-3.

At 112, Chiarelli was pinned by Chris Lewis in 3:10.

Bulldog Chris Watt was pinned in 3:45 by Nate Wittenberg at 119.

At 125, Ngo was pinned by the Mules' Andy Swift in 49 seconds.

Dehn lost a 9-2 decision to Scott Potzrevouski at 130.

"Fred is coming around," Kargel said. "He's starting to turn the corner."

At 135, Clark lost 4-2 to Colin Arnold.

At 140, the Bulldogs began winning. Schiller beat Bed-

ford's Tyler Johnston 12-6.

"That was an excellent job by Cody," Kargel said.

Kolokithas decided Jason Sulewski 8-6 at 145.

At 152, Robinson beat the Mules' Scott Heidtman 6-1.

Chelsea's Andy Hurst was pinned at 160 by Bedford's Kevin Zink.

At 171, Rodgers prevailed 9-8 over Ryan Coulter.

At 189, Wint pinned Aaron Bouer in 3:28.

Powers decided Dave Bailey 8-0 at 215.

At heavyweight, Hinderer beat Nick Witaszek 9-2.

The Bulldogs next host county rival Dexter 6:30 p.m. today.

Tomorrow, Chelsea hosts Belleville at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's scheduled quad was canceled.

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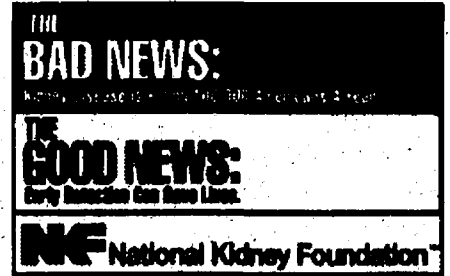
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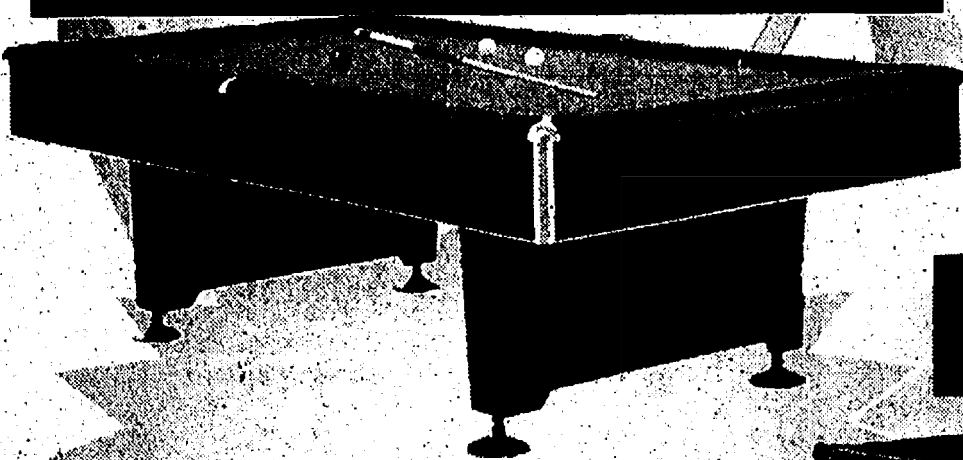
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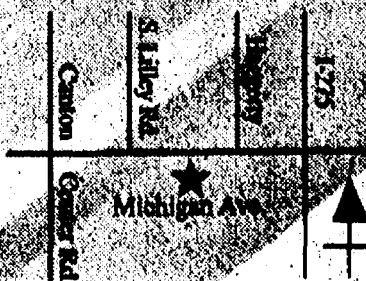
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Champion gymnasts travel out of state for meet

Champion Gymnastics traveled to Cincinnati earlier this month for a Region V meet.

The club, based in Washtenaw County, had 12 gymnasts participating in the event, which drew more than 2,100 gymnasts from throughout the Midwest.

Champion's Level 7 team consisted of Catie O'Sullivan, Ellissa Black, Emily Black, Carly Dalton, Sarah Gilley, Kristine Hintz and Chelsea Larsen.

The group finished 18th with a final score of 108.725 points.

In the 11-year-old division, O'Sullivan placed second on bars (9.525), third on floor (9.0) and fifth all-around.

In the 12-year-old bracket, Ellissa Black finished third on floor (9.325), sixth on vault and eighth all-around. Emily Black placed second on vault (9.4), seventh on bars (9.150), eighth on floor (9.05) and ninth all-around.

In the 13-year-old group, Gilley placed first on floor (9.15), seventh on vault (9.0), ninth on bars and seventh all-around. Hintz finished first on bars (9.325), third on vault (9.3), third on floor (9.1), 10th on beam and second all-around. Larsen was fifth on bars (9.0), fifth on floor (9.025), sixth on vault (9.0)

and sixth all-around.

At Level 8, Christina Coffman finished third on vault, third on beam, fourth on bars and third all-around for Champion in the 11-year-old division.

In the 12-year-old bracket, Ashley Bernard was second on floor (9.050) and fifth all-around. Rachel Marks placed first on bars (9.2), first on floor (9.2), second on beam, seventh on vault and first all-around.

In the 13-year-old group, Cassie Coffman ended up fourth on floor, sixth on vault and eighth all-around.

In the 14-year-old and older division, Cassie Vincke finished third on beam and fourth on vault for Champion.

At the Twistars Invitational in Lansing, also held earlier this month, Champion's optional team performed well.

The event is the largest gymnastics club meet in Michigan. Teams from five states and Canada competed in the meet.

Champion captured first place in 11 different events.

The club's Level 7 squad finished eighth overall with a record 109.825 points.

In the 11-year-old bracket, O'Sullivan was first on bars (9.250), first on beam (9.075)

and fifth all-around.

In the 12-year-old group, Ellissa Black placed first on beam (9.125), second on floor (9.275), fourth on vault (9.125) and third all-around. Emily Black finished first on vault (9.475), third on floor (9.175), fourth on bars and fourth all-around.

In the 13-year-old division, Mary Cebula ended up third on vault (9.225), while Paige Cederna was second on floor (9.050) and fifth on vault (9.125). Hintz was first on bars (9.125), fourth on vault (9.175) and second all-around, while Gilley was fifth on bars. Larsen finished first on floor (9.10), second on beam, fourth on bars and third all-around, while Eleanor Stewart was first on vault (9.3) for Champion.

At Level 8, Christina Coffman placed first on floor, third on bars, third on beam and third all-around in the 11-year-old bracket.

In the 12-year-old group, Bernard was fourth on beam.

In the 13-year-old division, Cassie Coffman finished first on bars (9.050), fourth on vault, fifth on beam, sixth on floor and fourth all-around.

In the 14-year-old and older bracket, Lisa Hoeft placed first on bars, fourth on floor, sixth on vault, sixth



Champion Gymnastics ventured out of state earlier this month to compete in a meet in Cincinnati. Members of the team include, front row, Catie O'Sullivan (left), Chelsea Larsen, Cassie Vincke, Christina Coffman, Kristine Hintz and Rachel Marks; middle row, Eleanor Stewart (left), Mary Cebula, Lisa Hoeft and Paige Cederna; back row, Cassie Coffman (left), Emily Black, Sarah Gilley, Ellissa Black and Ashley Bernard.

on beam and fourth all-around. Vincke ended up first on vault (9.05), fifth on floor, sixth on bars and third all-around.

At Level 9, Marks was fifth on beam and sixth on floor for Champion.

Coaching the squad was Michelle Graf and Jasmine

Batiste-Tillman. Champion next travels to Farmington Hills and Chicago for meets later in February.

Chelsea volleyball spikes Pioneer

Chelsea volleyball defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer 15-9, 15-9, 15-12 Jan. 8.

Lindsay Tye led the Bulldogs with 18 kills.

Lindsay Parker added 12 kills, while Maggie Dusbiber had 27 assists.

Chelsea next travels to

county rival Dexter for a match 7 p.m. today.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs will participate in the Battle Creek Lakeview Invitational at 8:30 a.m.

On Jan. 29, Chelsea hosts Ypsilanti Lincoln at 7 p.m.

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A new look

Restaurant gets makeover, new name

By Lisa Allmendinger
Special Writer

If you're an entrepreneur, sometimes the best thing to do in a bad economy is return to your roots and to do what you know best. The rest, as they say, will follow.

For Ray Lance, who bought Cousins Heritage Inn three years ago from Pat and Paul Cousins of Dexter, returning to what he knows best means changing the 20-year-old restaurant's theme to Italian, something a little more familiar to him.

"Change is certain," he said. "It's like art. You have to find what people want, and Italian food never goes out of vogue."

This concept, combined with a recent survey he conducted of Dexter residents showing they wanted an affordable restaurant that wasn't a bar, prompted him to change the restaurant's offerings to Italian cuisine and rename it The Tuscan House.

Lance said diners have been looking for something more affordable than what Cousins traditionally offered.

"We want to accomplish the same things as we did before," he said. "It will have the same elegance, same quality food and service, but with a casual price."

Lance got his start in the restaurant business at age 14 washing dishes at an Italian restaurant. Last Friday, he returned to his roots, re-opening his re-modeled restaurant to serve a type of food with which he is most comfortable.

"My mom is Italian. Catalano is her maiden name, and I've always worked in Italian restaurants," he said, "so it's in my blood."

With more than 30 years of experience in the restaurant business, Lance said he'll be in the kitchen preparing all of the new entrees and desserts on both the lunch and

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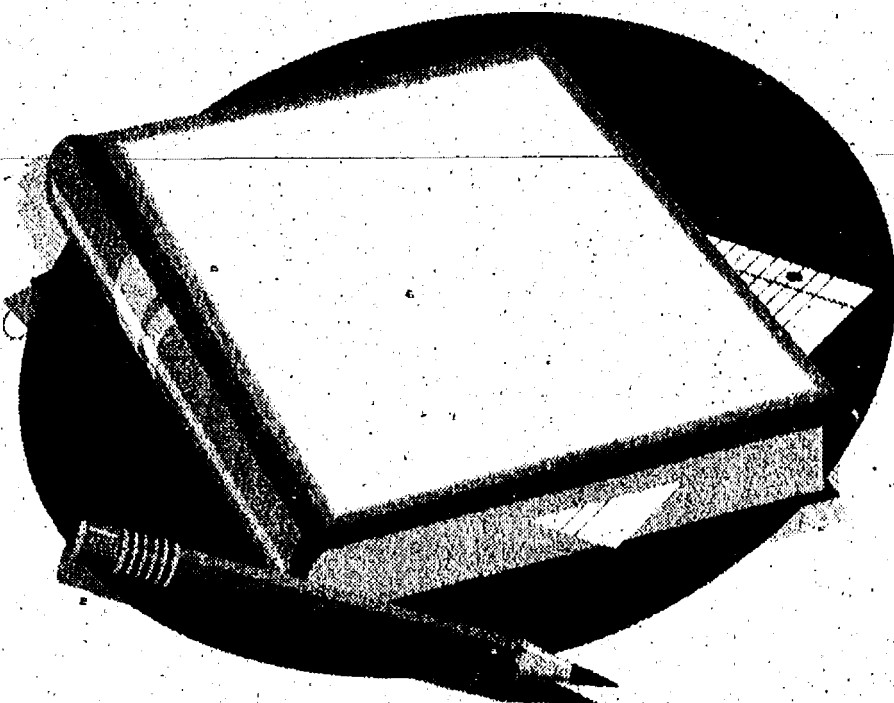
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Pick of the crop

Freedom Township cider mill recognized as among top in state

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

For the second straight year, Alber Orchard and Cider Mill in Freedom Township has been recognized as having one of Michigan's top three ciders.

Mike and Therese Bossory have owned the orchard for the past five seasons and credit Ann and Al Alber, whose family business the cider mill was for more than 100 years, with their willingness to share generations of knowledge as part of their recipe for success.

"There's no way we could ever have received this award without their help and support," Mike Bossory said.

"They've been so willing to share their knowledge with us and this wouldn't have been possible without them."

For the second consecutive year, Alber's cider has placed third among the entries in the seventh annual Michigan apple cider competition. This

year's contest had 32 entries from across the state.

Both the first-place and second-place ciders were newcomers to the top three, Bossory said.

"Therese has picked our cider the past two years when we have won," he said. "We feud a little bit over what to pick, but she makes the final choice."

This is the third year the Bossorys have entered the contest since making cider on their own premises. The entry is a late-season blend, which tends to be sweeter as the apples traditionally develop higher sugar content in November.

"You tend to have your best ciders later in the season," Bossory said. "At least for those that like sweet cider."

Among this year's judges was a member of the state's beer-making guild, which provided some diversity to the panel.

"They look for different

flavors, not just sweetness," he said. "One thing about ours was it had Northern Spy apples, which puts a little zip into the cider."

According to a news release from the Michigan Apple Committee, there are eight criteria on which the ciders are tested: appearance and color, aroma and bouquet, acidity and sweetness, sugar-acid balance, body, flavor, finish and overall quality.

Bossory said that Alber Orchard is a member of the Michigan Cider Makers Guild, an organization that prides itself on helping provide a high-quality and safe product to its consumers.

In addition, he said, the guild helps apple growers across the state in selecting new products for "value-added" marketing.

The orchard is a second full-time job for the couple. While the cider-making season may be over for this year,

the work of preparing the trees for next year's season continues for Mike throughout the winter and right up to and through next season.

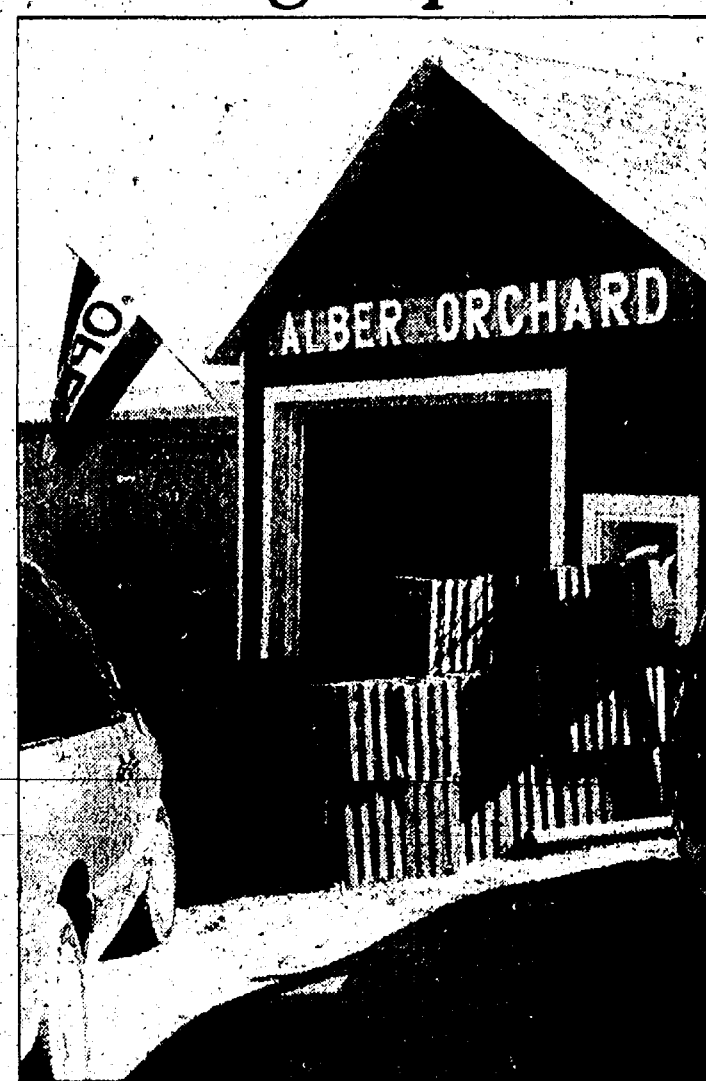
"We just find a way to make it all work," he said. "Therese really keeps it all together, running the store, greeting the people. She does a great job with that."

"She knows who our customers are. She remembers what they like. That's really an important part of our business, too."

Bossory said that he and his wife enjoy entering their cider in the competition, developing relationships and learning from other growers and cider makers.

"We'll continue to enter each year," he said. "Regardless of how we place in the horticulture show, our customers believe our cider is at the top of the list."

Marsha Johnson Chartrand is editor of The Manchester Enterprise.



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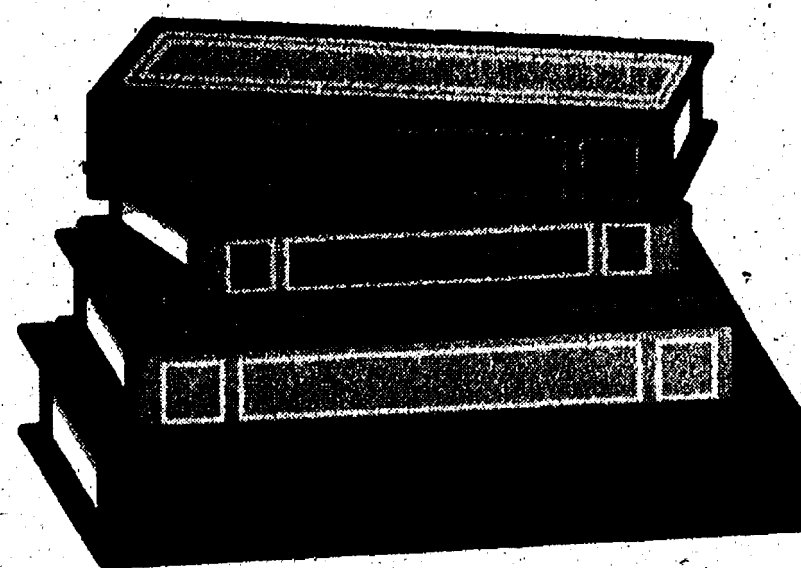
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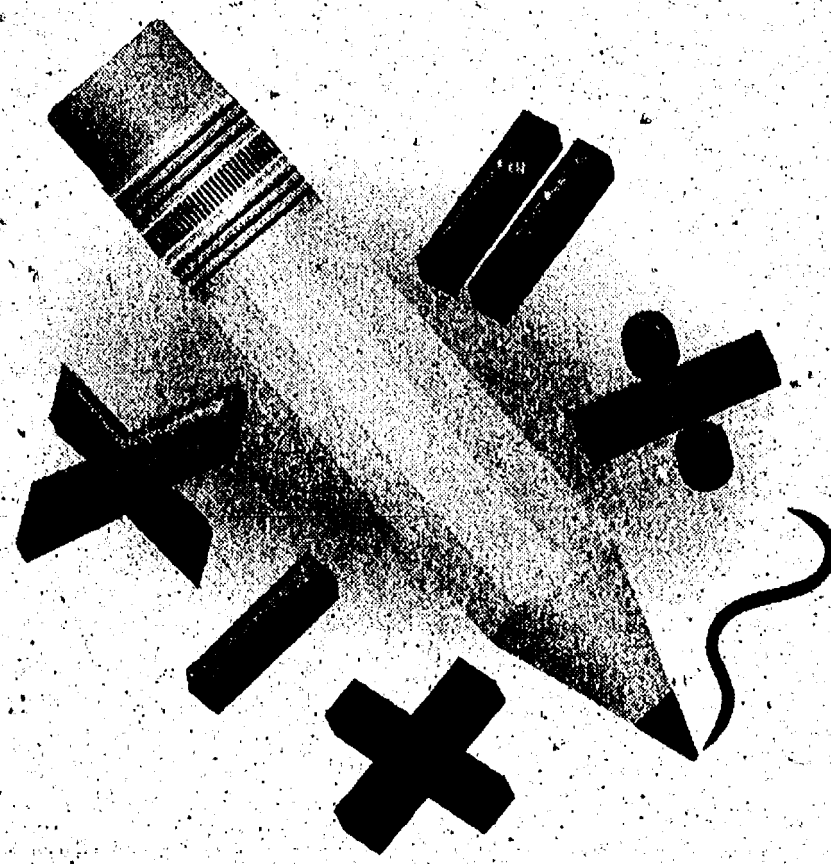
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HERALD ASHLEY WATT

Chelsea
Herald Ashley Watt, 83, of Chelsea died Jan. 15, 2004, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. He was born Aug. 14, 1920, in Duluth, Minn., the son of Herald Ash and Eleanor (Raybein) Watt.

Mr. Watt served with the U.S. Navy on the submarine USS Boarfish during World War II. He owned Oak Sash Construction in Berkley until his retirement in 1982. Later he worked for his son-in-law at Parrish Construction.

Mr. Watt was an avid golfer and worked as a golf ranger at Reddeman Farms. He ushered at University of Michigan basketball games until a few weeks ago. He also was a member of the Livingston Model A Club.

Mr. Watt was an elder for many years at Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church in Ferndale, as well as an active elder for 12 years at Lakeland Presbyterian Church in Waterford. He was most recently an active member and usher at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Watt married Virginia Marie Van Amberg Sept. 5, 1942, in Royal Oak, and she survives. Other survivors include a daughter, Sally (Don) Parrish of Brighton; a son, Terry (Nancy) Watt of Troy; a sister, June Pool of Royal Oak; six grandchildren; six great-

grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Monday at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor. The Revs. Stephen Carl and Roy Lambert officiated.

The family received friends Sunday at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church.

EDWARD J. ORLOWSKI

Formerly of Chelsea

Edward John Orłowski, 81, of Brooklyn died Jan. 19, 2004, at Highland Home for the Aged in Jackson. He was born May 30, 1922, in Jackson the son of Frank and Helen (Pacewicz) Orłowski. He married Lois (Gajewski) Orłowski Feb. 26, 1949, in Lansing, and she survives.

Mr. Orłowski was a member of St. Rita Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus 7945, and Polish Legion of American Veterans 83.

He served the country in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the South Pacific during World War II.

Mr. Orłowski was employed at Rockwell Standard for 25 years during which time he made his home and raised his family in Chelsea. Mr. Orłowski was also a partner/owner of Xact Products in Brooklyn. He retired in 1986.

Along with his wife of 54 years, he is survived by his children, David (Patsy) Orłowski of Clinton, MarcyAnne (Richard) Bollinger of Chelsea, Constance (Patrick) Doherty of Jackson, Deborah Orłowski of Chelsea, Roxanne (Bradley) Angelocci of Chelsea and Jacqueline (Thomas) Zaski of Woodstock, Ga.; two brothers, Stanley Orłowski and Bernard (Mary) Orłowski of Jackson; and two sisters, Dolores (James) Hawley and Helen (Donald) Rhoades of Jackson.

In addition, 14 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews survive.

He was preceded in death by one brother, John Orłowski; one sister, Theresa Wilmoth; and two grandsons

Thomas Lee and Kevin Bollinger.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Borek Jennings Funeral Home's Braun Chapel in Brooklyn. A scripture service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

A celebration of Mr. Orłowski's life will be held tomorrow, beginning with prayers 10:15 a.m. at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will follow 11 a.m. at St. Rita Catholic Church. The Rev. Lehr Barkenquest will officiate.

Interment will be 3 p.m. at Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Rita or St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea, Hospice of Jackson and Oaklawn, or the Interfaith Shelter. Envelopes will be available at the Borek Jennings Funeral Home's Braun Chapel in Brooklyn.

DOROTHY E. BROOKS

Jackson

Formerly of Unadilla Township

Dorothy E. Brooks, 85, of Jackson, formerly of Unadilla Township, died Jan. 13, 2004, at Highland Homes for the Aged in Jackson. She was born April 21, 1919, in Redford the daughter of Elmer and Amelia (Wagner) Blehn.

Mrs. Brooks had worked for Chelsea Milling Co. (Jiffy Mixes) in Chelsea and retired after

service. She enjoyed ceramics, bowling, walking and gardening, and was a member of the Unadilla Presbyterian Church.

She married Arthur Brooks and he preceded her in death in 1971.

Mrs. Brooks is survived by three daughters, Janet (Jim) Rorabacher of Jackson, Barbara (Arnold) Otto of Virginia and Nancy (Ronald) Dovey of Florida; two brothers, Maurice Blehn of Florida and Warren (Irene) Blehn of Gregory; seven grandchildren; and

seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one grandson, Craig Dovey.

A funeral was held Saturday at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge. The Rev. Brian Dovey officiated. Burial was at Unadilla Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Unadilla Presbyterian Church, or Hospice of Jackson and Oakland.

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SCIO TOWNSHIP

Local car dealer may withdraw offer

■ **Businessman says land may not fit his needs.**

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Scio Township Development Authority recently learned that its sale of land to board member Douglas Fox for a Nissan car dealership may

be negated.

Fox, owner of Ann Arbor Acura on Jackson Road, agreed at the DDA's November meeting that his company, Ann Arbor Motor Enterprises, would pay \$625,000 for 4.33 acres north of Park Road.

Fox bought the land contingent on it being rezoned to accommodate a car dealer-

ship, and on its final site plan being approved by the township. At the time, he said he thought the site would be large enough to accommodate a new line of full size, V-8 pick-up trucks the company is preparing to roll out.

Now he says that the land may not meet his needs.

"I'm afraid to rezone for nothing," he said. "The site may not be buildable for the

number of cars I had in mind."

Fox was required to put down \$10,000 in earnest money, which would be refunded upon the successful completion of the project. He was given six months to acquire site plan approval before being asked to file for an extension.

Since Jackson Road has

been transformed into a boulevard and the land condemned by the Washtenaw County Road Commission through eminent domain, the property Fox is purchasing has been administered by the DDA.

Fox said preliminary discussions with professional planner Doug Lewan in conjunction with the Scio Township Planning Commission raised questions about the usefulness of the property once its slopes, wetlands and size were taken

into consideration.

"I also did not realize that the road would cut through a third of it," he said, referring to another road that would reduce Park Road's parallel course with Jackson Road and direct it in a more perpendicular manner.

Fox said he would continue to meet with planners before a final decision is made.

Michael Rybka is a freelance writer. He can be reached at Mhrybka@aol.com or 475-8597.

SCIO TOWNSHIP

Boulevard project to move ahead

■ **Old barn, house have no historical value, county says.**

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Jackson Road Boulevard project seems to be moving ahead.

Ken Reiter of the Washtenaw County Road

Commission recently told the Scio Township Board that a barn and house on Jackson Road are not considered to be of historical value.

The property, owned by Terumo Cardiovascular Systems and standing in the middle of the boulevard project's westward progress, could have otherwise stalled the project.

In addition, an archeological survey in the swath of the boulevard found only minor artifacts, while a study for contamination found nothing of significance.

Reiter said the township should be ready for a public hearing on the entire environmental analysis in late February or early March.

In another matter, the board reported that Lowe's home improvement store is preparing for a Feb. 1 opening after missing an original Thanksgiving target date.

Scio Township Supervisor E. Spaulding Clark, a member of the Downtown Development Authority, blamed the delay on an ambiguous contract crafted by the Washtenaw County Road Commission's legal

counsel.

Clark, an attorney, said Lowe's representatives likely did not see the fine print requiring the home improvement franchise to pay a 15 percent surcharge totaling \$80,000 for the Road Commission to oversee the engineering process.

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

DEXTER VILLAGE

Restaurant to help club

Dexter's Pub plans to donate a portion of its profits made Tuesday to the French Tour Students.

Anyone who dines at the restaurant between 4 and 11 p.m. that night will help the Lycee Dexter Tour Francais, a group of 23 Dexter High School students who will be traveling to France in the summer for a month-long tour and study opportunity.

The students and their families have been raising funds for the tour, and are hoping the community supports this new venture.

Dexter's Pub will feature French items that evening in addition to its regular menu.

Harry Wilcox, a French teacher for 33 years, has taken students on more than

18 study tours. MaryAnn Ullman, a French teacher at the high school, and Janice Wilcox, a retired teacher who has traveled to France before, will join him this summer.

The students will tour all the major regions of France. They will begin in Paris and work their way through the Alsace region, the French Alps, Nice, Provence, the Loire Valley and Normandy, site of the U.S. invasion on D-Day 60 years ago this summer.

The students will also visit Spain and Switzerland. While in France, the students will have a chance to live with French-speaking families to further immerse themselves in the culture.

MAKEOVER

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dinner menus. His daughter, Courtney, will serve as the dining room manager and Christine Samons will handle all the catering.

Renovations at the restaurant began two weeks ago and have added a Tuscan feel to the dining room.

"It's very different," Lance said. "It will be like you are walking into someone's house in Tuscany for dinner."

Light-colored walls and art that depicts the new type of cuisine replace the former darker ambience. The white-linen tablecloths and cloth napkins will remain, however.

The Tuscan House will still have a romantic feel, but it offers prices that will allow people to dine more often, Lance said.

The lunch menu features two kinds of soup, five salads and four types of sandwiches, while the dinner menu will include four types of pasta served with a house salad or a soup and either risotto or stuffed potato tortellini.

"Everything is made daily

in-house," Lance said.

Wild game, poultry, fish and seafood dishes will be available, as well. A wild boar dish, which Lance said is popular in Northern Italy, will be offered.

"I don't want to be viewed just as a pasta house," he said.

There are four fish and seafood dishes and a vegetarian menu.

Don't forget the desserts or the wine, which will be primarily Italian in variety. In fact, wine lovers might be interested to know that Lance is selling his current inventory at cost to make room for more Italian varieties. He plans to have 70 percent of his wine list as Italian and 30 percent of other varieties.

The restaurant, located at 7954 Ann Arbor St., will continue to cater in-house parties and events.

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Lisa Allmendinger is a freelance writer. She can be reached at 433-1052 or yan-kee@izzy.net.

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The Potting Shed offers eclectic mix of collectibles and more

By Rita Fischer

Special Writer

Bonnie Cook's store, The Potting Shed in Chelsea, has its origins in an old barn at her Lyndon Township home.

The original shed, from which her store takes its name, was a 100-year-old barn that Cook and her husband, Don, moved from its location on North Territorial Road.

The couple rebuilt the barn in their own garden to serve as a potting shed, then Cook and her daughter, Ashley, started selling antiques, plants and dried herbs, as well as wrought iron and garden statues.

The early business venture put Ashley in a good position. She's now studying merchandise management in college while helping her mom in the store when she's home.

As her business operation grew, Cook moved into a small store at the Manchester Mill before relocating last November to her current location at 105 W. Middle St. in Chelsea.

"The shed was cute but it was only seasonal and had limited space," she said. "Having a shop is better."

"I've always wanted to have a shop like this and I waited until the kids were

out of the house — it's less of a juggling act."

"It's lots of work and my husband and I can spend as much time as we need on it."

Cook, a member of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce who played a very active role in the chamber's Twelve Days of Shopping contest before Christmas, finds her love of antiques meshes well with her other passion of herbs and gardening.

Her store offers an eclectic mix of vintage collectibles, one-of-a-kind reproductions, soaps, bath-and-body items, candles, garden items, potted herbs and dried lavender.

The Cooks trek south to get garden cement in the spring, and also visit a gift show in Atlanta for vintage items.

Cook also scours estate sales for unusual items, and enjoys her customer's reactions when they come across a unique piece.

"I like people coming in and enjoying what they find," she said. "We've had a really good response. It's more retro and vintage, not really country, and it's a good mix with other shops in town."

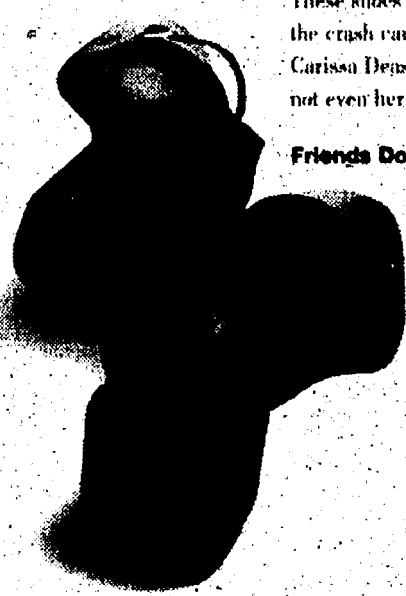
"A lot of people like it and it's been really good. Business has been good with a lot of support from local people."



Bonnie Cook of Lyndon Township has opened The Potting Shed on West Middle Street in Chelsea. The store offers a mix of antiques, dried herbs, candles, soaps and vintage collectibles.

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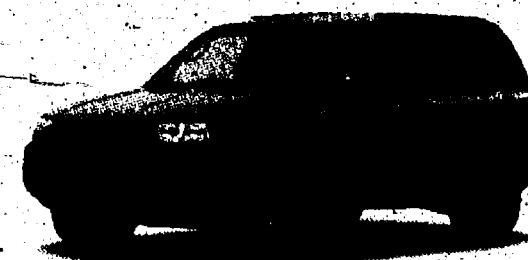
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























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ACROSS

- Petty quarrel
- Apprehend
- Performs
- Sandwich treat
- Hockey great Bobby
- Alphabet
- Sauce thickener
- Dearth
- Charge with a crime
- Reservation residence
- (Var.)
- Continental coin
- Econ. statistic
- Eating voraciously
- Have an inclination
- Co-owner of a small store?
- Bat an eye?
- Zee predecessor
- Intensely excited
- Capone epithet
- Potential syrup
- Incessantly
- Star-related
- Pipe-dream phrase
- Bonnie Blue's mom
- Bean known for its oil
- Shakespearean shrew
- Through
- Rain-delay need
- Un-a dele
- "Of course"
- The distaff side

DOWN

- Amos or Spelling
- Golf-bag item
- Vendetta
- More crafty
- They're good for a breather
- Joan of
- Bart Simpson, often
- Climb
- Lake Superior tribe
- Orry
- Eye woe
- U.S. Pat. Off.
- Place for a missing link?
- Reserved
- Resort
- Gear tooth
- Religion repudiator
- Extreme seriousness
- Big Apple abbr.
- Actress Ruby
- Non-kosher
- Area under the roof
- Tops tortes
- Crony
- Requests
- "Get lost"
- Eugene of
- "A Mighty Wind"
- Ancient mariner
- Erat's symbol
- Shrill barks
- Dead heat

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Lease **\$393.01**** mo.
GMS **\$31,035.39***
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Lease **\$359.31**** mo.
GMS **\$21,250.89***
Total due \$359.31 + 1st payment

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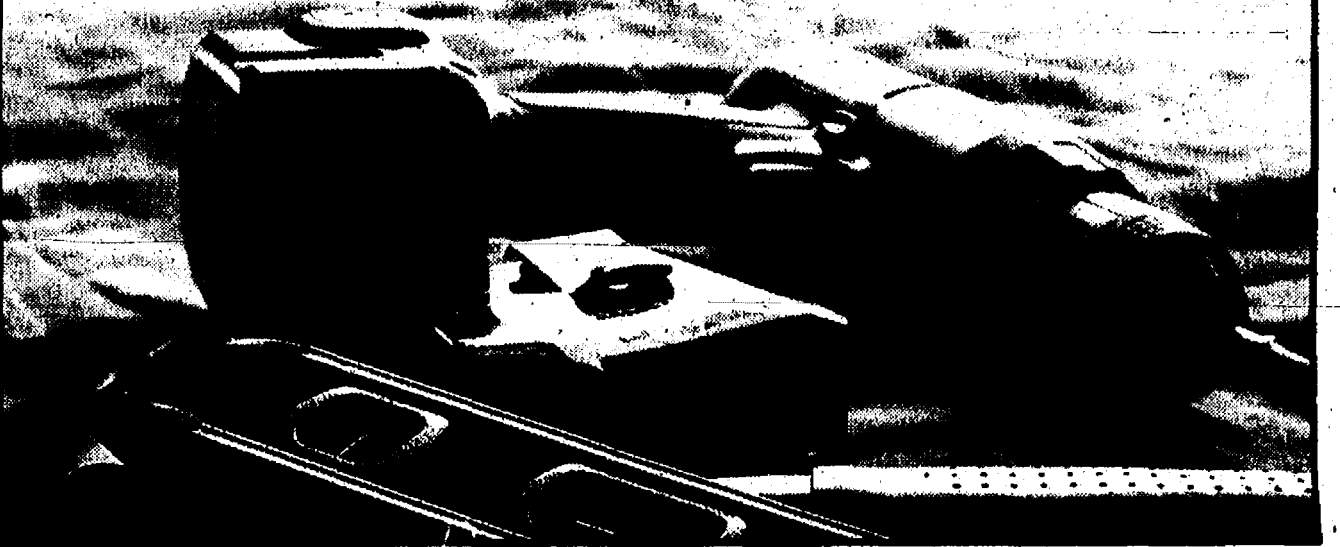
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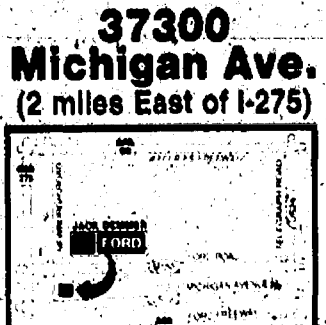
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That's why it's more important than ever for families to work together to live a healthier lifestyle. Even in this busier-than-ever day and age, it's easier than you might think. Here are some tips:

- Take to the playground — There's plenty of free fitness equipment at your nearest playground that you and your family can enjoy together. You may look a bit silly hanging around on the monkey bars, but the activity is great for burning calories, and even better for having fun with the kids. You can even adapt your workout to the park equipment. After all, park benches aren't just for sitting.
- Learn a new sport together — When you and your kids take up a new fitness hobby together, like bicycling, field hockey or roller skating, you'll always have somebody around to play or talk with about the sport. Consider taking tennis lessons with your kids at the local club, or just lace up your sneakers and let trial-and-error be your guide. Besides, what better way could there be for your children to learn about sportsmanship than from you?
- Run for "it" — Outdoor children's games such as "Tag" or "Red Rover" are usually high energy. There are millions of games to play, so once your kids tire of being "it," you can try a different one. You can even use games to give your kids a lesson in social studies. Search the Web to find out how to play Da Ga, a game from Ghana, or Australia's Down, Down, Down game.
- Use TV time wisely — There's nothing wrong with watching some TV, just work a bit of fitness into the mix. There are plenty of kid-friendly fitness videos and DVDs out there. Pop one in and get your hearts pumping.
- Focus on nutrition — Healthy food is a key element to a fit life. Invite your kids into the kitchen, and let them help you prepare the meals. Encourage them to stir, knead, mix and help gather ingredients. As you cook together, don't forget to talk to your kids about the foods that make up a balanced diet. You may even want to head to the local library or bookstore for child-friendly, healthy cookbooks. These ideas make it easy to improve your fitness and well-being together as a family. They're no sweat, and lots of fun to boot. Now get your family out there and get everybody moving!

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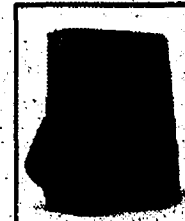
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