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Secretary of State Office to close

All Secretary of State branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed Monday in observance of President's Day.

Driver's licenses or license plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed can be renewed the following day without penalty.

American Red

Cross receives grant

The American Red Cross Washtenaw County chapter has been awarded a \$5,200 grant from the Ann Arbor Area Foundation to install a secure online registration and payment application for the chapter's health and safety lifesaving training courses.

To sign up, call 971-5300 or visit the Web site at www.wc-redcross.org.

Swing and jazz

concert set Feb. 28

Chelsea Musical Celebrations will present the swing and jazz vocals of Five Guys Named Moe 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at the First Congregational Church of Chelsea.

The music ranges from jazz, western swing and Dixieland to be-bop and classic.

The event includes a post-concert "Meet the Artists" reception. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and \$10 for students and youth.

For more information, call 475-7050.

Village to increase cost of trash pickup

The Village Council voted Tuesday to raise the cost of garbage pickup bags from \$2 to \$2.50 effective March 1.

Aco Hardware, Village Hardware, Chelsea Pharmacy and the Village Offices sell the bags.

February Hearts



Matthew Kimball and Kyle Doyle, kindergartners at North Creek Elementary School, glue hearts to calendars.

Photo by Rita Fischer

CHELSEA SCHOOLS

Officials mull \$29 million bond

■ Decision will be made at Feb. 23 school board meeting.

By Sheila Pursglove

Associate Editor

Chelsea Board of Education trustees have been burning the midnight oil as they mull whether to put a bond request on the June 14 ballot.

Superintendent Dave Killips said Tuesday that trustees met in a special meeting Feb. 2 and worked past midnight, scrutinizing line items in the budget.

"The final bond issue will be in the \$28 to \$29 million range," he said.

When Gov. Jennifer Granholm and legislators amended the 2004 state budget to address a \$800 million deficit,

the School Aid Fund was hit with budget cuts.

The final cuts for Chelsea came in at \$84 per pupil, or approximately \$245,000 for this school year.

The state is predicting a deficit budget in excess of \$1 billion for the next fiscal year, Killips said. The School Aid Fund is expected to stabilize, he said, as long as there continues to be a subsidy from the general fund to the School Aid Fund.

"If the foundation grant stays at the base level of three years ago, that means that for the last three years of school funding we have received a cut, a cut, and no increase," Killips said.

"This has forced us to live within our budget and to scrutinize all of our expenditures. We continue to attempt

to do more with less.

"Eventually, if this trend continues, the quality of education will suffer throughout the state. Also, these recent state cuts are on top of cuts from the federal government. The school district used to qualify for Title I funding, but with the new formula Chelsea no longer receives this funding."

Killips said the bond issue will help both the short-term financial crisis facing the district because of state funding cutbacks and the sluggish economy, and long-term issues such as older buildings, fixing doors and windows for energy efficiency, and upgrading heating systems.

"Some of the things we're dealing with will be preventative, rather than

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CHELSEA

Steele under fire

■ MacFarlan raises doubts over village manager and police chief search.

By Michael Rybka

Special Writer

Village President Richard Steele has been put on the defensive several times at council meetings and work sessions in the last month as Trustee Cindy MacFarlan has questioned his handling of recent events.

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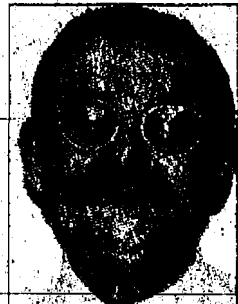
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Richard Steele



Cindy MacFarlan

Hanging up his hooks

Shepherd retires as superintendent of Chelsea Light & Power

By Rita Fischer

Special Writer

When a lineman retires, he "hangs up his hooks," as the saying goes.

Bob Shepherd, superintendent of Chelsea Light & Power for the past 11 years, hung up his hooks Jan. 31.

"My nephew took the hooks and chromed them," he said. "I have them in a display case, and the places I worked and the dates were engraved in brass."

Shepherd retired after nearly four decades of working in the electrical field — a proud survivor of the seventh-rated most dangerous job in the world.

Shepherd's original career choice was to follow his father into farming, but his father talked him out of it.

After watching a lineman at work, Shepherd became interested in the electrical field. He headed to Detroit in the 1960s with his brother-in-law to make a new life.

His wife, Karen, joined him a month later, and the Shepherds have been Wolverines ever since.

It was a big move, from a small village in Ohio with a population of 750 to the city of Detroit.

"It amazed us to move to such a big place," Shepherd said. "I never drove on a four-lane highway until we came up to Michigan. It was scary."

Shepherd served his apprenticeship with the American Line Builders Apprenticeship Training Program, putting in 6,000 hours of learning and bookwork to learn the trade.

His first job was with Harlan Electric before he moved into a civil service position with the Detroit Public Lighting Department. He climbed through the ranks to become supervising inspector of overhead lines and safety.

An advertisement in a magazine brought him to Chelsea, where he super-

vised the electrical department linemen and ensured that layout work from new construction was properly hooked to transformers.

Shepherd certainly made his mark in Chelsea. The Robert G. Shepherd substation on Brown Drive south of town honors his hard work.

"The council approved the station to be named after me," he said. "It was the greatest honor of my nearly 39 years in electrical work."

More than 80 people came to Shepherd's retirement party at the Chelsea fairgrounds Jan. 31. His co-workers presented him with a 50-pound vertical air compressor.

"It was a surprise and awesome," he said. "I didn't expect that."

Through the years, Shepherd has had his share of ice storms and power outages, including the big black-out of last summer.

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Bob Shepherd, who retired last month as superintendent of Chelsea Light & Power, is pictured in front of the substation on Brown Drive that council named in his honor.

Everlasting love
Local sweethearts
take a look back

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A dog's life
Canines, owners
enjoy competition

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Champions
Chelsea grapplers
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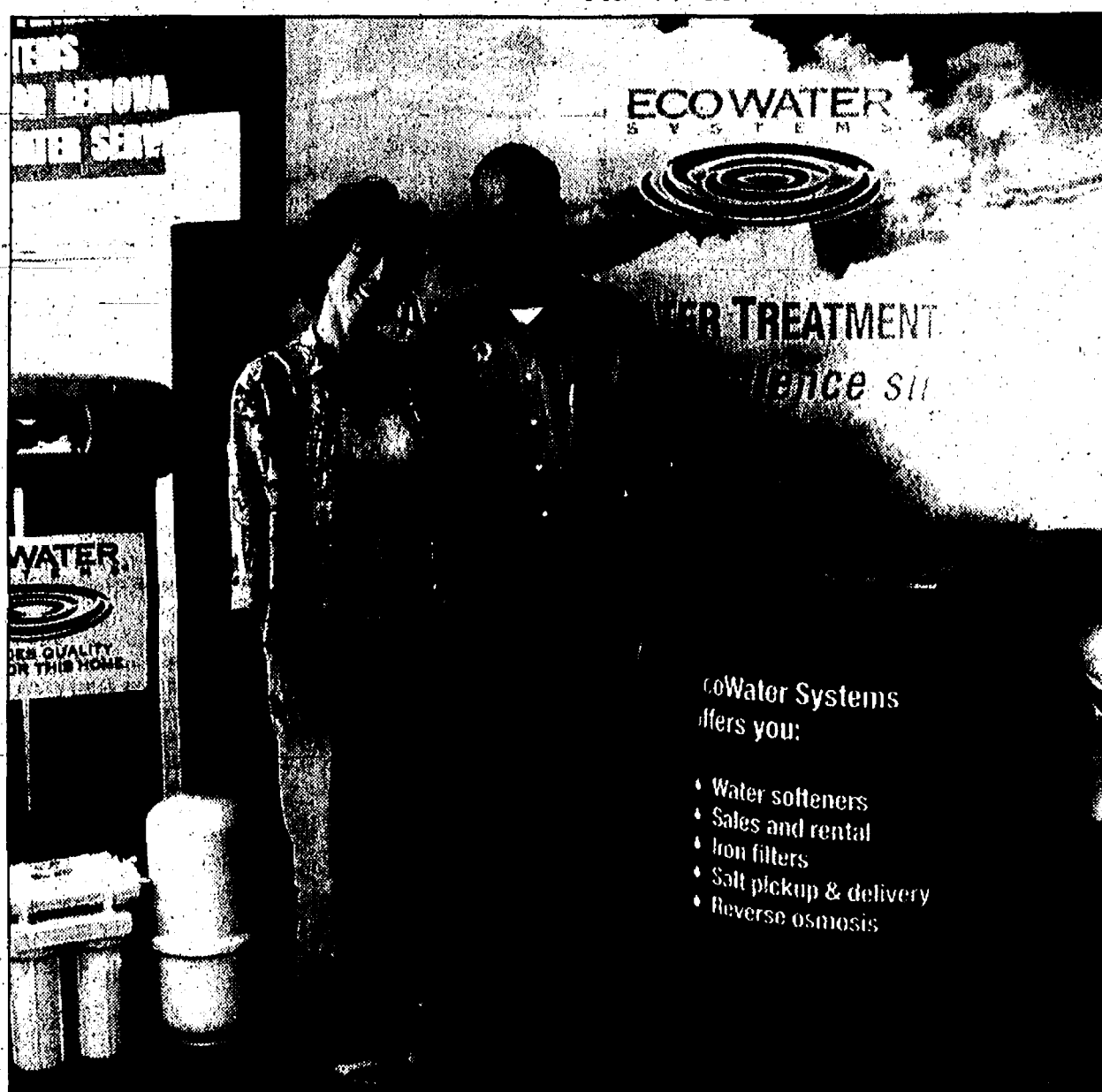
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CHELSEA

Business owner, retired teacher dies

Helen Prohaska and her husband owned Chelsea Print & Graphics.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Helen Prohaska, who taught second- and third-graders in Chelsea for 22 years, died Feb. 3.

Friends and family gathered Saturday at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home to remember the Illinois native who moved to Chelsea in 1974 from New England.

Prohaska, who is survived by two children and five grandchildren, was laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

Local resident Jennifer Kundak, whose son was in Prohaska's second-grade class in Prohaska's final year of teaching in 1999, called the local educator "special."

"I've always felt so fortunate that we

had her. As a teacher, her experience and attitude were priceless. She understood her students' needs so well," Kundak said. "And so much fun — she always had such an up style, even with some of the most difficult and serious issues facing educators."

"It made me happy to run into her at the grocery store and around town after she retired. We always enjoyed chatting, and she always asked how Michael was doing."

Pierce Lake Elementary School Principal Lucy Stieber, a former principal at South Meadows Elementary School when Prohaska taught there, said Prohaska was a very caring teacher.

One of her favorite activities, Stieber said, was the annual Stone Soup project. Children would read a story about the man who said he could make soup out of stone. Starting with a stone, he tricks the community into adding vegetables and meat to create a wonderful

soup. "Helen and her students created their own Stone Soup and shared with the staff," Stieber said.

"It was a yearly, very tasty highlight," Prohaska and her husband, Dave, owned Chelsea Print & Graphics at 102 S. Main St., a business Prohaska ran herself after her husband died in 2000.

"Helen was a kind, loving, generous woman who was loved by many and will be dearly missed," manager Lanettia Aldrich said Monday.

Aldrich said the business would continue, thanks to the generosity of the Prohaskas and their children, Scott and Julie.

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Director Bob Pierce said Dave and Helen Prohaska were very supportive of the chamber and community service organizations.

"I could always count on Helen to support our events like Summer Fest and the Festival of Lights," he said.



Photo by Rita Fischer

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

Friends to hold annual meeting

Board allows opposition group to use town hall.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Sylvan Township Board will allow Sylvan Friends to host its annual meeting 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at the town hall.

The nonprofit organization, founded by Sylvan Township resident David Brooks, has publicly stated its opposition to the policies of the sitting board in its quarterly publication, The Sylvan Sentinel. The group plans to run a slate of candidates in the November general election.

To comply with its policies concerning the township hall, the Friends will be allowed to have its annual meeting from 7:30 to 7:45 p.m. with the remainder of its program continuing under the auspices of a Sylvan Township special meeting in the presence of its board members.

Trustee Earl Heller said when Brooks first approached him for permission to use the town hall, he didn't think it would become an issue because the agenda was to only consist of electing officers. However, he said he later learned that the Friends planned an assembly with guest speakers and he no longer felt comfortable with extending his preliminary approval.

Clerk LuAnn Koch agreed. She said the board's policy states that the town hall can only be used for governmental purposes and the inclusion of guest speakers on the Friends' agenda overstepped those bounds.

However, Koch said she did not want to ruin the Friends' plans and proposed that the speakers appear as guests of the board which, consequently, would require the board's presence.

Koch said it was policy and concern for the condition of the hall that was motivating her compromise.

"We still have a nice hall

and we would like to keep it that way," she said.

Brooks and Friends coordinator Michael Williams said the Washtenaw County Road Commission, the Chelsea School District, the Huron River Watershed Council and The Natural Resources Conservation Service have all agreed to send a representative.

In addition, topographical and soil maps, as well as aerial photos, will be on display.

Brooks said an open forum on issues would be followed by a chance for everyone to get acquainted.

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

Valentine Mail

Royce Ferguson, a pupil in Sherri Plank's kindergarten class at North Creek Elementary School, puts together a bag to hold Valentine cards.

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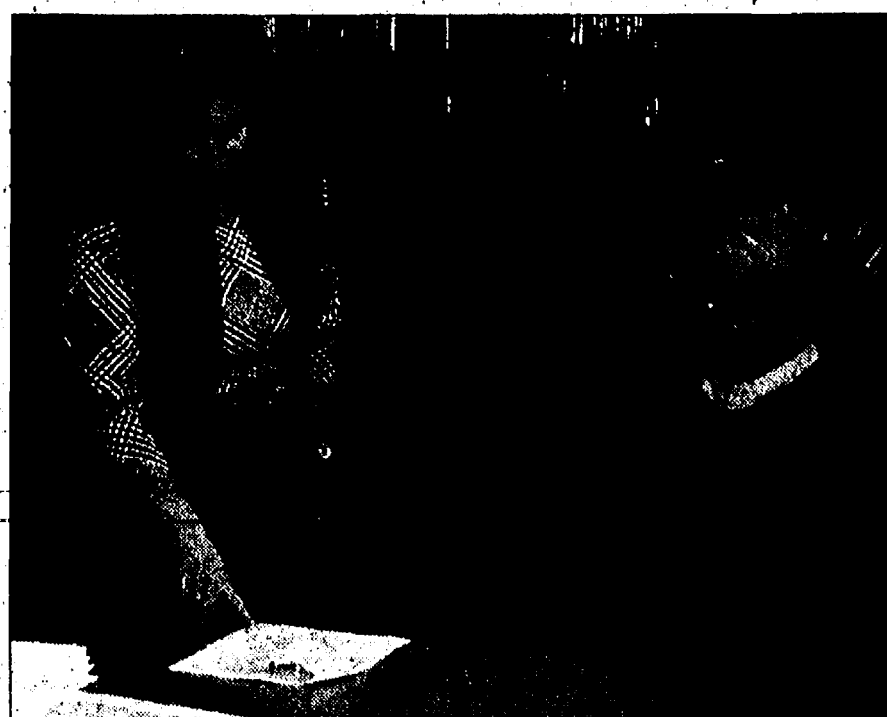
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Pam Byrnes, manager of the local site for the Michigan Presidential Democratic Caucus at the Chelsea High School, goes over details with Frank Grohnert, chair of the Western Washtenaw Democrats.

STATE

Voters give Kerry the nod in local caucus

Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry was a big winner both statewide and locally when Democrats turned out Saturday for the Michigan Presidential Democratic Caucus.

Kerry took 52 percent of Michigan's vote with 84,214 votes, way ahead of his closest rival Howard Dean, who garnered 17 percent of the vote, and John Edwards who took 13 percent.

Wesley Clark, Dennis Kucinich and Al Sharpton trailed behind. Carol Mosley Braun, Dick Gephardt and Joe Lieberman had already called it quits before the Michigan caucus.

Kerry was a big winner locally too, garnering 183 ballots from among the 398 voters from Chelsea Village and Lima, Lyndon, Dexter,

Sharon and Sylvan townships who turned out to cast ballots at the Chelsea High School media center caucus site.

Howard Dean was next with 84, then John Edwards with 67, Wesley Clark with 33, Dennis Kucinich with 13, Al Sharpton with 5, Joseph Lieberman with 1, and Richard Gephardt with 1 and one vote was uncommitted.

Many Michigan voters chose to vote by mail or by Internet.

"We were very pleased with the number of people who voted," said Pam Byrnes, manager of the Chelsea caucus site. "The Chelsea media center is a great facility and everyone helped to make things go smoothly."

"The voters seemed very determined to make their choice known."

LIMA TOWNSHIP

Officials look at sign fees

■ Fees to apply to mostly billboard signs.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Lima Township Board is making it less expensive for the average resident and business owner to erect signs.

A \$1,500 application fee and an additional \$2,000 consultant deposit for all signs will now only apply to commercial and industrial off-site advertising, which is almost exclusively billboards.

Private property owners, and commercial and industrial on-site advertisers will now pay a \$75 inspection/permit fee for any sign up to 36 square feet. Each square foot over that will be charged an additional dollar.

Township Supervisor Ken Unterbrink said the original fees were mistakenly focused on billboards, neglecting the fact that residents and businesses are also permitted signs.

Proprietors of billboards also received a break. They will only have to pay a \$50 amendment to change their signs, rather than apply from

scratch and pay another \$1,500.

Added to township fees was a \$150 inspection fee for new commercial and industrial enterprises in strip malls.

Unterbrink said the changes could be modified again when the Planning Commission submits a new zoning ordinance for board approval.

In another matter, the board set May 15 for its annual Spring Clean-Up Day with Sylvan Township at the Jim Kalmbach Recycling Facility on Pierce Road. Lima Township Planning Commissioner

Vince Spade will oversee the drive.

Unterbrink recommended that 50 cents per tire be charged. In the past, the first five were free. Unterbrink said the move could help

make up for a lack of funds from Washtenaw County, which recently withdrew its support.

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CHELSEA

Business class set Feb. 18

The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a business certification class Feb. 18 at Bee Tree Consulting, 433 Bee Tree Lane, in Dexter.

The morning session, from 8 a.m. to noon, discusses workplace violence. One in six violent crimes occur in the workplace. Participants will learn how to recognize signs of pending violence, avoid hiring decisions that create employer liability, establish policies and procedures on workplace violence, and provide training and equipment that will offer added protection if violence does occur.

The afternoon session, from 1 to 5 p.m., is on problem-solving. Participants will learn the four phases of problem-solving, methods used to gather and evaluate information, identify their own problem-solving styles and information, and understand strengths and weaknesses of those styles.

Classes are \$75 each. Deadline for registration is tomorrow.

For information, call the chamber office at 475-1145 or

e-mail chamber@chelsea-web.com.

The March 17 class will cover job descriptions and stress management.

A make-up class on hiring success and situational leadership is set for March 2, with a deadline for enrollment of Feb. 27.

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Feb. 12 - 5:30 PM - Volleyball - Home
Feb. 13-15 - No School - Presidents' Day Weekend
Feb. 17 - High School Basketball - Home
Feb. 17 - 6:00 PM - South Meadows PTO Meeting
Feb. 17 - 6:30 PM - Boys' Swimming - Home
LOOKING AHEAD
Feb. 21 - 7:00 PM - Hockey - Home
Feb. 21 - Show Choir Showcases - High School
Feb. 23 - 7:00 PM - Board of Education Meeting
Mar. 2 - 3:15 PM - North Creek Elementary PTO Meeting
Mar. 4 - 7:30 PM - 7-12 Orchestra Concert - CHS
Mar. 8 - 7:00 PM - Board of Education Meeting - South Meadows
Mar. 9 - No School for Students - Professional Development Day for Teachers
Mar. 9 - 7:30 PM - 7-9 Band & Choir Concert - CHS
Mar. 12 - 7:00 PM - Board of Education Meeting
Mar. 12 - 5:00-8:15 PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences - District-wide
Mar. 25 - 1/2 Day for Students; Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:45 PM
Secondary Teachers - Professional Development - 12:30-3:45 PM; 5:00-8:15 PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences - District-wide
Mar. 26 - 1/2 Day for Students and Teachers
April 5-9 - Spring Break
May 31 - No School for Students and Teachers - Memorial Day
June 8 - Last Day of School for Students
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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

North Creek principal stepping down in June

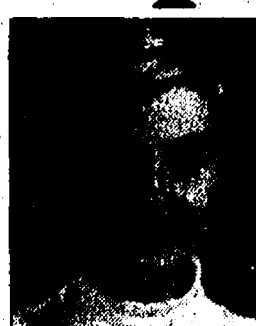
■ Sharon Whitmore at the helm for eight years.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Sharon Whitmore, principal of North Creek Elementary School for eight years, has announced she will retire at the end of the school year.

Whitmore, who began her career in 1976 as a special

education teacher in Indiana, served as a third-grade teacher and elementary resource



teacher in Clay Community Schools from 1979 to 1983.

She came to Michigan in 1989 as principal of Holmes

Elementary School in Ypsilanti before being named principal of North Creek in 1996.

"The only thing bigger than her smile is her heart," Assistant Superintendent Iva Corbett said Tuesday. "She deeply loves her students and staff."

Whitmore, who holds degrees from Northern Illinois University and Indiana State University, has continued her academic pur-

suits through graduate work at Eastern Michigan University, Western Michigan University, Indiana State University and Madonna College.

"I've enjoyed my eight years at North Creek," Whitmore said Monday. "Our staff is incredible and the support of the community

outstanding.

"But the best part is our children. Each one has won a place in my heart."

Whitmore plans to move north with her husband, Ron, and spend more time with their daughter, Kristy, and son-in-law, Jimmy.

The principal's position has been posted.

Teachers Janet Rossi, Barbara Brown, Bill Beard and Roger Cox have also announced their retirements. Corbett said two of the positions will be filled by staff returning from leave. The other two positions will not be filled because of a decline in the elementary pupil count.

McKenzie studying in Hong Kong

Kyle McKenzie of Chelsea, a junior at Beloit College in Beloit, Wis., is studying abroad at the Lingnan University in Hong Kong for the spring semester.

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In the end, the Register won its fight for access to documents—which were used to track down the criminals and public court records that revealed their histories. The newspaper also built its own data base from nearly 50,000 pages of inspection and complaint reports in Orange County. These efforts allowed the Register to unveil for the state's parents the uncomfortable truth. Throughout California, thousands of day-care workers had long criminal histories. The results of the data base analysis also showed pervasive problems of mistreatment, neglect, overcrowding and unsafe conditions.

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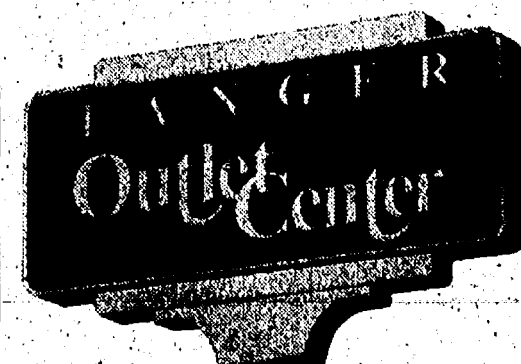
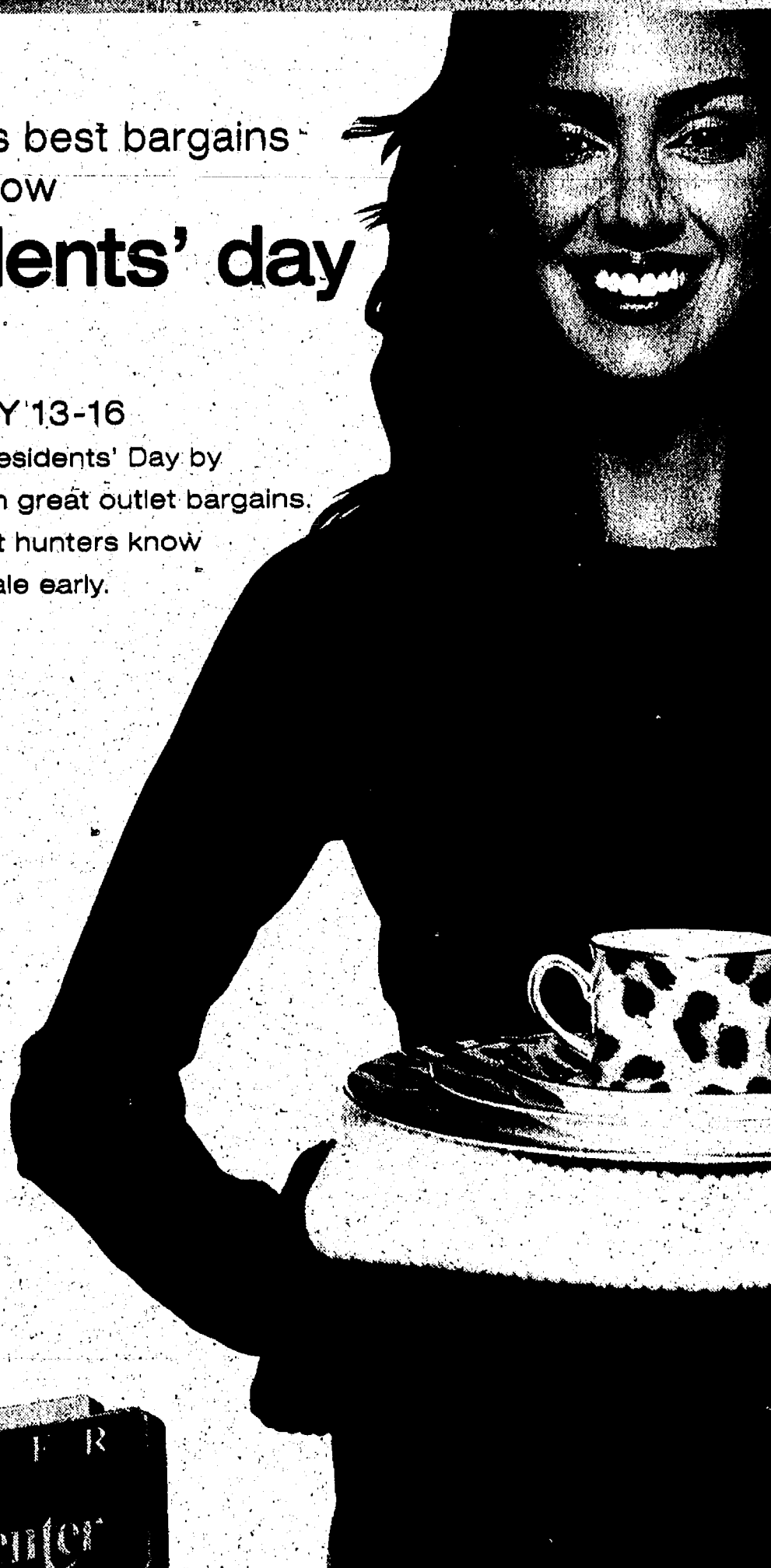
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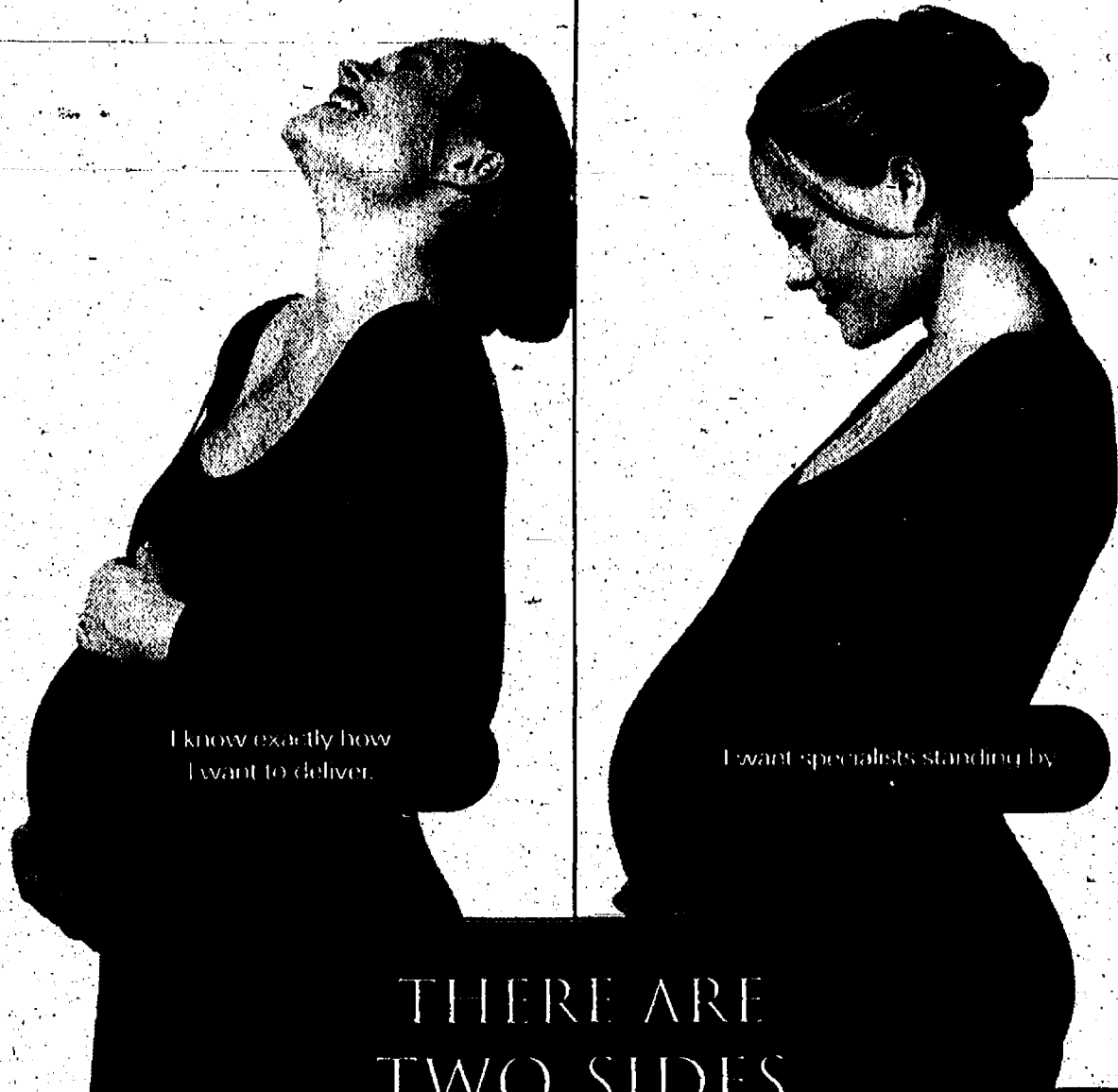
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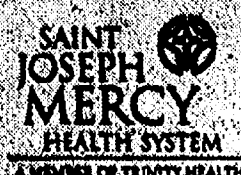


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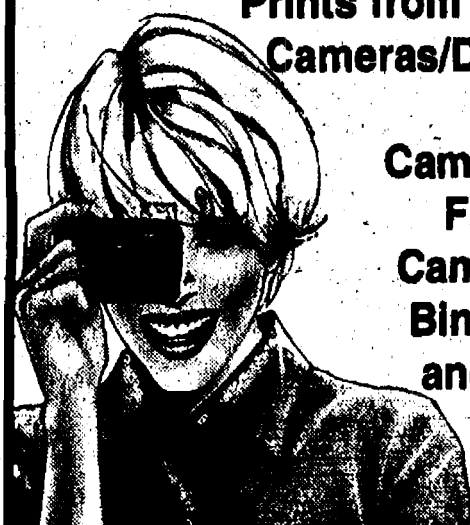
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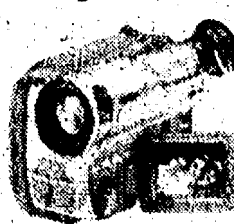
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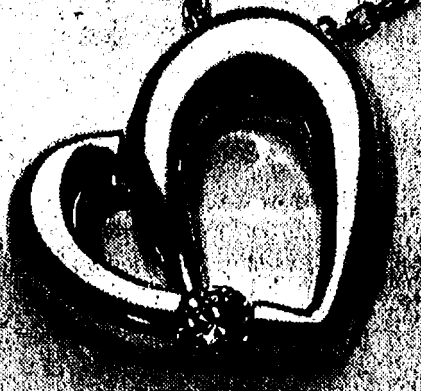


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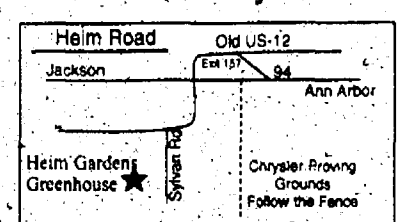
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Lima Township Domestic Dispute

Michigan State Police troopers responded to a domestic dispute between a 49-year-old woman and her boyfriend, 54, Feb. 1.

The woman said she told her boyfriend that she wanted to leave, but he wouldn't let her. The woman also said they had a fight over her prescription medication.

Troopers found no signs of physical injuries, and waited as the woman moved some items from the home and then left.

Sylvan Township Hit and Run

A hit-and-run crash was reported Jan. 31 near Cavanaugh Lake. A 29-year-old man reported his car was hit sometime during the day while it was parked at the American Legion post on Ridge Road.

Dexter Village Warrant Arrest

Deputies arrested a 20-year-old Belleville man Feb. 3 in the 3500 block of Edison Street in Dexter Village.

While investigating a larceny complaint, the suspect attempted to flee on foot. The man had three outstanding warrants for felony possession of a firearm, and two counts of contempt of court.

Scio Township Drunken Driving

A 45-year-old man was arrested for drunken driving Feb. 2 after a deputy initially stopped him for driving a vehicle with a defective tail light and failing to signal a turn.

While talking with the man, the deputy noticed a strong smell of intoxicants, and noticed the man's eyes were glassy, a sign of intoxication. The man said he had consumed a couple of beers.

A preliminary breath test revealed signs of intoxication, and the man recorded a blood-alcohol content of 0.21 percent, more than the 0.08 legal limit.

The man was taken to jail, where he refused to submit to a chemical test. Deputies obtained a search warrant to allow them to draw blood from the man. At St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township, the man had to be restrained while a nurse drew blood.

Deputies also reported that he attempted to kick, and he screamed during the procedure, and insulted the hospital staff.

The case is open pending the results of the test.

Deputies arrested a 45-year-old Chelsea man Feb. 7 for drunken driving after the man's roommate called 911 to report that the man had left the house drunk after a dispute.

Deputies located the man's vehicle, observed his driving and stopped him for driving erratically. Deputies reported that he smelled of intoxicants. They also reported that they recognized him as the same person who had

been arrested Feb. 2 for driving drunk.

The man's eyes were blood-shot and watery, a police report said, indicating signs of intoxication.

The man was driving without a license, which had been revoked days earlier after he was arrested for the first drunken-driving offense.

The man told deputies that he had consumed five beers, and recorded a blood-alcohol content of 0.14 percent, more than the 0.08 legal limit.

The case has been turned over to the prosecutor.

Property Damage
Deputies responded Feb. 5 to a report of property damage in the 3500 block of Daleview Road.

The victim, an 18-year-old Webster Township man, and his girlfriend, 18, were waiting for a friend, a 22-year-old Dexter man, to come over and pick up a borrowed item.

After waiting for half an hour, the couple left to go to dinner. The victim's vehicle was parked in the driveway. When they returned, they noticed an upright Dumpster and damage to the passenger side of the vehicle.

Deputies could not ascertain whether the suspect actually did the damage.

The damage is estimated at \$900. The case has been turned over to the prosecutor for review.

Domestic Assault

A 23-year-old employee at Concept Cabinetry and Construction, 5204 Jackson Road, reported Jan. 28 that a man exposed himself while she was working at the business.

A police report said the man came into the store and told the woman that he wanted to look at magazine cabinets. The man stayed for an hour, and was then allowed to look at other cabinets in the back of the store.

When the man called to the woman for help, she noticed his right arm moving under the table, and said she felt uncomfortable. She left to call her boss, and when she returned she saw the suspect masturbating.

She ran from the store and informed another business

what happened. When others returned to the store, the man was gone.

The suspect was described as a white man approximately 35 to 40 years old, 5 feet 10 or 6 feet tall, with dark, medium-length hair, a medium build with a two- or three-day beard.

The magazines the suspect was looking at before leaving have been preserved for fingerprints.

Stolen Vehicle

A 39-year-old woman reported her car was stolen Feb. 5 from her home in the 200 block of Chestnut Drive.

The woman said that when she went to bed, the car was there. When she woke up in the morning, it was gone. The woman had both sets of keys in her possession, and the car has been paid off.

Retail Fraud

Deputies responded Feb. 4 to a report of shoplifting at Meijer, 5645 Jackson Road.

In-store detectives observed a man stuffing items into his shirt, and using his jacket to conceal the bulges.

After employees confronted the man, he fled across Zeeb Road and into the Wendy's restaurant parking lot. Deputies were unable to locate the man. The value of the items taken is estimated at \$225.

Domestic Assault

Deputies responded to the Wendy's restaurant, 5445 Jackson Road, on report of a possible domestic altercation.

A woman reported that her boyfriend, 19, hit her while in the parking lot of the restaurant. The woman said the man had hit her in the past,

but she had not reported it. They have a child together.

The man said he didn't hit his girlfriend, but admitted to pushing her. He was arrested and taken to jail.

A domestic assault was reported to sheriff's deputies Jan. 31. A 32-year-old woman and her husband, 32, are in the process of divorcing, a police report said. As the woman retrieved an item from her car, her husband pried it out of her hand.

After a short altercation in the driveway, the man left for work. Deputies interviewed the husband and wife but made no arrests.

Bond Violation

A 42-year-old woman reported Jan. 29 that her husband had been inside her house at Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road, in violation of a "no contact" order issued from a county judge.

The woman returned home and found that some of her husband's clothes were gone. The man was only allowed to return once to retrieve clothing, and he already had done so.

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

Larceny

A 38-year-old employee of a construction contractor reported items stolen Feb. 2 from Comerica Bank, 5370 Jackson Road, which is under construction.

A 33-year-old man who works at the construction site said he returned to work after the weekend and noticed the items missing.

The cost of the missing items, including a tool chest

and electrical parts, is valued at \$2,400.

A 42-year-old employee of a construction company reported a breaking and entering Feb. 2 at a construction site, 5340 Jackson Road.

The man said that when he returned from the weekend, he noticed the doors to the building were broken and five items were taken.

The value of the missing items, including a table saw, an air compressor and a generator, is estimated at \$2,150. Property damage is estimated at \$400.

Chelsea Village Suspicious Incident

Chelsea police dispatch received a call Feb. 7 from a 52-year-old woman who sounded upset.

The woman told police that she was "sick and tired of feeling this way," and said she had been to the hospital 12 times.

Officers found the area secure, and the woman said

she just wanted someone to talk to. No suicidal threats were given.

Civil Dispute

Chelsea police responded Feb. 1 to a report of family trouble in the 100 block of Van Buren Street.


The woman said she had been arguing with her live-in boyfriend, and said she was moving out later in the week.

The woman said she wanted to go to church, but he would not let her. The man became upset and threw the TV remote control against a wall.

The man said he was not abusive and would leave the house because he was on probation and did not want any problems.

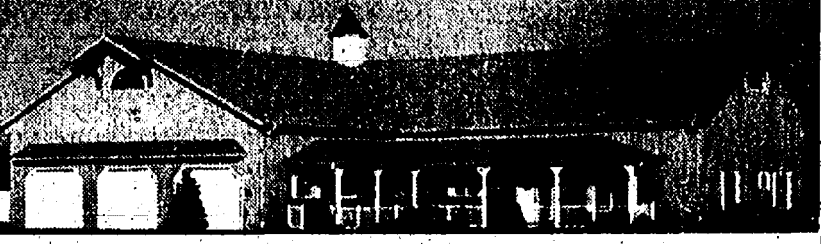
The woman and her daughter left for church, and a friend drove in from Westland to pick up the man.

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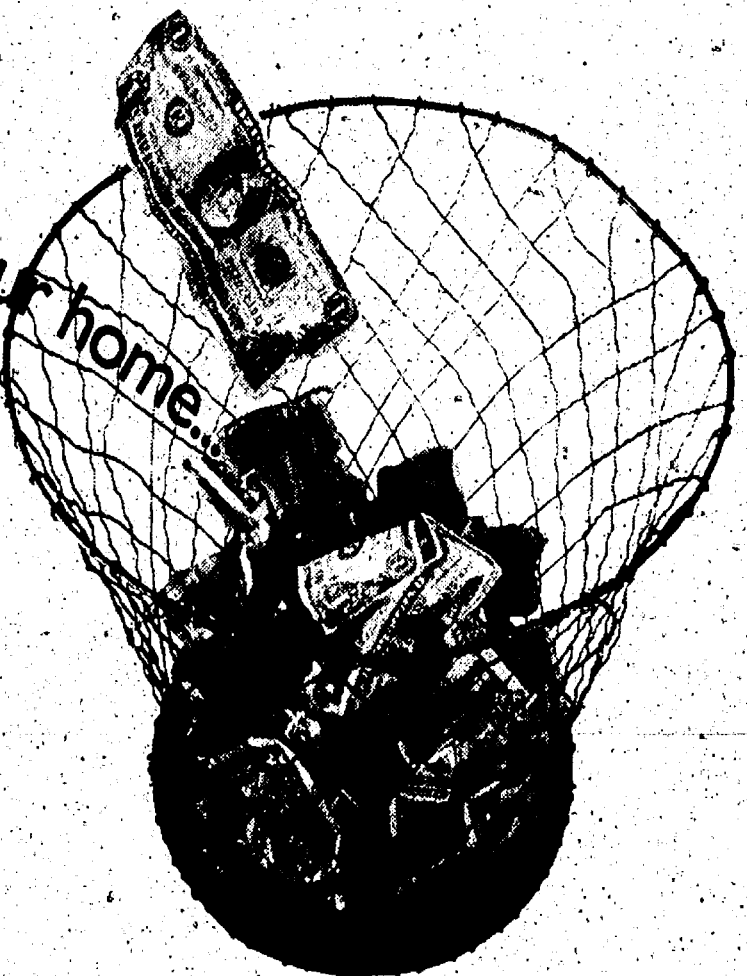
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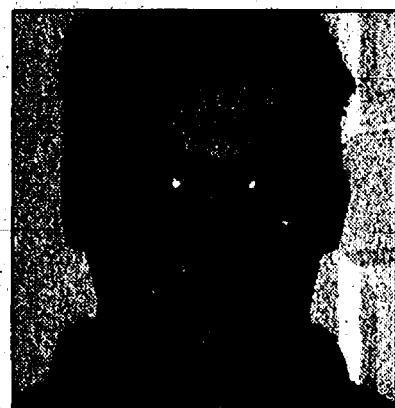
Street Talk

By Rita Fischer

What's the best Valentine's Day gift that you ever received?



"My husband asked me to marry him when we were in Nome, Alaska."
Linda Dambacher
Sylvan Township



"My mom went to Traverse City, and when she returned, she gave me three stacked hearts with chocolates."
Brandon Bush
Sylvan Township



"My wife Betty took me to the Windsor Hilton. We were on the 11th floor and could see the Detroit skyline."
Richard Jankuski
Lyndon Township



"My mom got me a really neat Transformer toy."
Jordan Wheeler
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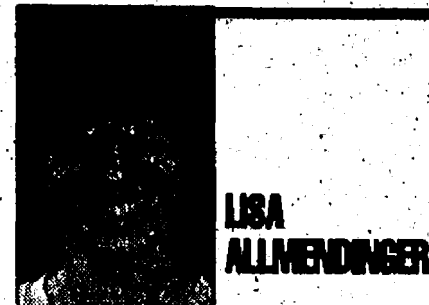


"My daddy took me to a daddy-daughter dance."
Jamie Dabrowski
Lyndon Township



"My mom got me a remote-controlled truck."
Michael Staebler
Dexter Township

Election may be mind-boggling



CHELSEA CHAT

As the March 8 council/cityhood election hovers on the horizon, the real politicking will begin in earnest.

My first question to a candidate would be: Are you for or against cityhood, and can you explain the pros and cons of it to me as a village taxpayer?

That might be followed by, can you hold my hand while I figure out what looks to be a

very confusing ballot?

Candidates should get extra points if they offer to do either.

My next question would be, why do certain individuals choose to run for village or city council, but not both? I have my own thoughts on this, but my opinion and vote as a Sylvan Township resident doesn't count, so this task and important election will be up to you.

During no time in the village's history has an election loomed this large for Chelsea's future. Please take the time to sort out all of the implications and get out and vote March 8.

*** Christmas Is Over, Folks

Has anyone noticed how many people still have

Christmas decorations up? Isn't there some sort of statute of limitations?

Saturday is Valentine's Day and the groundhog has already seen his shadow.

I know it's been cold and people perhaps don't want to venture out in the elements to un-adorn their homes, but I think the time has come to take down wreaths and turn off the Christmas lights.

I'm not a curmudgeon or against holiday decorations. I think they are wonderfully warm and fun. However, it's Feb. 12. Enough already.

With home décor guru Martha Stewart busy with her trial, I wish Emily Post were still around to ask about proper decoration etiquette.

*** Frozen Critters

It's not bad enough that critters get trampled on local roadways, but they are now being plowed into snow banks, where they become frozen in what seems like perpetuity.

I'm sure a frozen deer on Bush Road is a former member of the herd that calls my property home.

These deer are a brazen bunch. They wipe out expensive sunflower seeds from birdfeeders, thumb their noses at my dogs and make me wait as they saunter across my driveway.

There's now a large "deer cube" in a snow bank along Bush Road. A few rabbits, a squirrel, a chipmunk and even a cat have joined the ranks of the frozen critter farm.

Predators don't even bother with this frozen road kill. They are smarter than that.

*** Village hospitality

There are folks who brave the elements on a daily basis working on electrical, cable and phone lines.

In Dexter, I hear of residents who offer electrical, sewer and Department of Public Works employees hot chocolate and coffee on cold days. Haven't heard about this kind of hospitality in Chelsea, have you?

Also, please give them plenty of room when you drive past. Motorists slowing down would make their jobs less dangerous.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters criticizing Bush sadly amusing

I find myself somewhat sadly amused by the recent flurry of letters criticizing President Bush's military service. I was a student at the University of Michigan from 1970 to 1974 courtesy of the GI Bill (Vietnam service), and remember something from those days quite clearly.

When each semester began, particularly in the freshman and sophomore classes, the ratio of men to women was about 50-50 until the fifth week or so, when the student deferment came through. After that, the men's attendance dropped by about 60 percent.

I guess they got what they wanted from college.

I want to make one thing perfectly clear: You didn't have to be wealthy or privileged to avoid Vietnam, only know how to use the system. Anyone who says differently is either a fool or sadly uninformed.

I also wonder how many of those former students, those individuals who fled to Canada, as well as their families and friends, are writing the letters criticizing President Bush.

Ron Silverberg
Webster Township

Bush's vision of America a nightmare

Every time I listen to the radio or read the news, I feel alarmed and bewildered.

I do not understand how anyone can listen to President Bush's actions and plans for the future and not be alarmed.

Bush says his budget reflects his vision for America. As far as I'm concerned, that's not a vision; it's a nightmare. The only increases are for military spending, which does not include funds for the war in Iraq or for Homeland Security.

His vision is grounded in fear, which, to his natural way of thinking, must lead to more social restrictions.

If the Patriot Act is any kind of precedent, then Bush's idea of security means more surveillance and greater limits on travel and reading, privacy and civil rights.

But his budget cuts spending for local police and fire departments, and for research on clean, efficient, and renewable energy resources, both of which are significant aspects of security.

Bush's budget proposal decreases funding for the Environmental Protection Agency, weakening protec-

tions for our already-fragile environment. It decreases funding for health and human services, cutting programs for job training, and for daycare, which enables lower-income parents to hold jobs.

We don't have money for basic services, but he wants to fund ineffective abstinence-only sex education and "marriage promotion."

The budget includes the largest deficit in American history, yet makes permanent billion dollar tax cuts for those who need them least.

Let's see: heightened fear and suspicion, fewer services for average Americans, greater division between rich and poor (and more people falling into the poor class), more "militarization" and less freedom, less privacy, fewer rights, and the breakdown of the separation between church and state. This is Bush's vision for America.

Can somebody who supports Bush please explain to me why this is good?

I don't understand, I really don't.

To me, America has always been "The Land of the Free," the land of opportunity, the land of respect earned by accomplishment, not heritage.

What I treasure is the ideal

that here, if you are willing to work, you can make a good living. Here, you can worship in your own way and not be killed or shunned or have your civil rights reduced.

In an ideal America, your race, religion or national origin is interesting but irrelevant to your rights, your opportunities, your integration into a community.

America is the place where Old World habits of hatred are to be transcended, while the positive aspects of Old World cultures are to be enjoyed.

And America is a land of beauty, of vast landscapes in infinite variety and natural resources that support human activities of all kinds.

To me, what makes America strong is not its military, but what it has to offer: freedom of action, freedom of thought and opportunities to make a good life.

What makes America strong is community.

What could make us stronger would be to foster programs that develop community. Don't pass more laws to keep guns and knives out of schools, but develop school communities in which no child feels alienated, left out, put down or devalued.

What could make America stronger would be to develop further technologies that are sustainable and ecologically sound — those that don't rely on limited resources.

Produce world-leading transportation that is non-polluting, affordable, and comfortable. We should make sure everyone has opportunities for good education, necessary healthcare, and development of creativity and arts, as well as job-related skills.

America needs strengthening from within, strengthening the backbone of the culture, not further development of a military exoskeleton that separates us from the world.

The way to achieve security, in my vision, is to share what we have with the world.

We should not dump our bad products overseas, such as flammable kids' pajamas, DDT and other chemicals that can't be sold here because they're dangerous. We should share the best of our technology and knowledge, increase cultural exchanges and imports, revel in and respect the cultural heritage of many societies.

What is Bush's vision for America? What is yours?

Diana Hunt
Chelsea Village

SOUND OFF

Pam Ponte of Chelsea: What a pleasure it is to turn the corner at Dewey and McKinley streets during school days to see a smiling faced, red-mittened crossing-guard lady waving and smiling at everyone driving past.

No one is left out. I can be

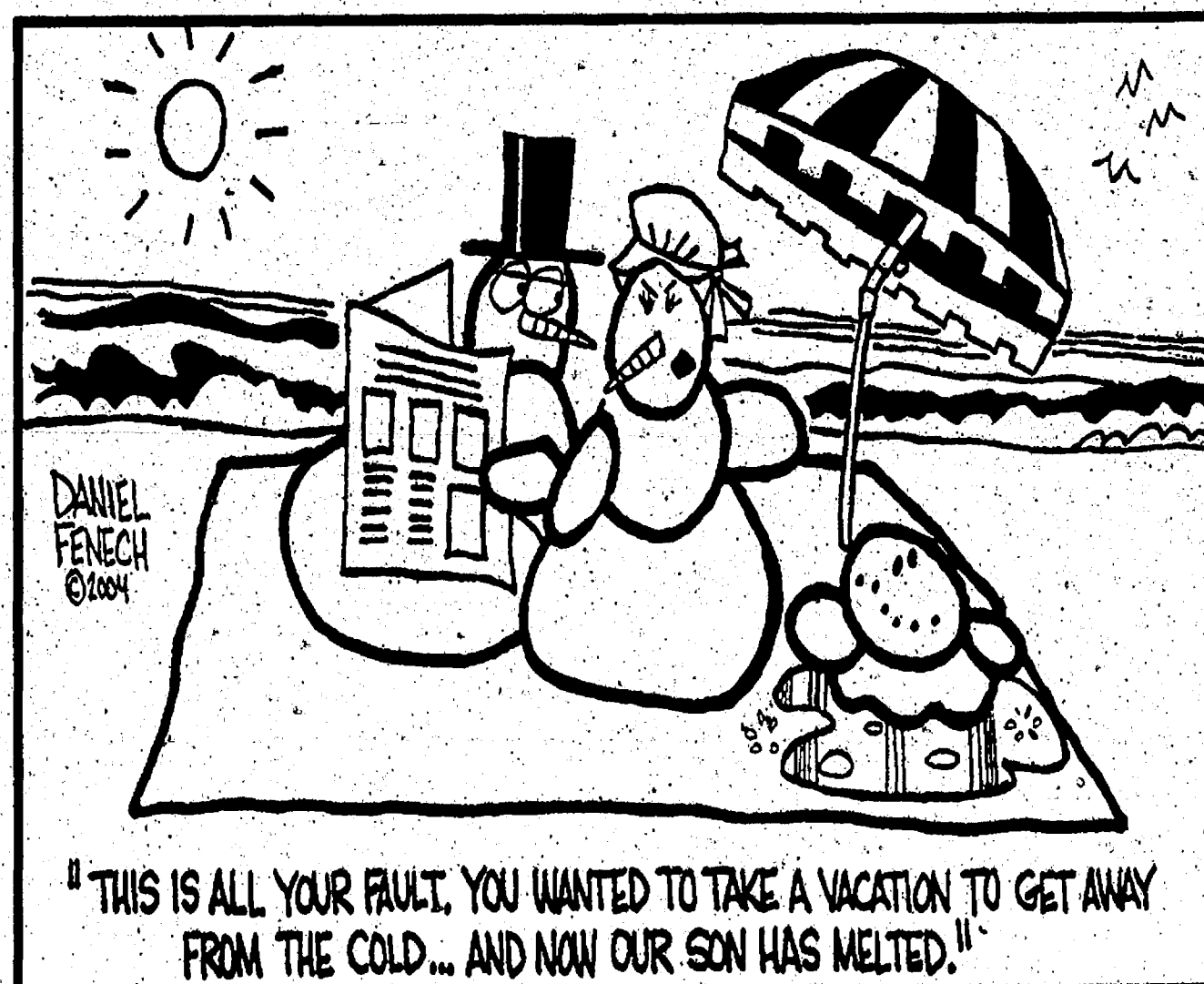
in a grumpy mood, but when I pass by her cheerful smile and that bright, red mitten waving at me, I can't help but wave and smile right back.

Wouldn't it be nice if more folks in this world were like her.

Thanks, crossing guard

lady, for your great attitude and example setting. Have a wonderful Valentine's Day!

To contribute to the Sound Off column, contact Associate Editor Sheila Pursglove at 475-1371 or e-mail your thoughts to spursglove@heritagene.com.



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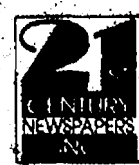
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BOND

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reactive," he said.

Killips said expenditures for buses, technology and other areas can be transferred from general fund expenditures to bonding expenditures, giving the district more flexibility in its general fund.

"With the current bonding language that is now accepted by the Department of Transportation, buses and technology can be part of a bond issue, as well as bricks and mortar and the refurbishing of buildings and acquisition of land," he said.

The bond issue would not

raise the existing annual homeowners' tax levy of 7 mills — about \$700 annually on a \$200,000 home with an assessment of \$100,000 — he said, and would not extend the payoff date of 2025, the original date of payoff for the \$45 million 1995 bond issue for new schools and building improvements.

"Since our SEV continues to grow at a substantial rate, there is no need to increase the 7 mills, rather extend the 7 mills for four or five years and still have all the bonds paid off by 2025," Killips said.

He said the millage rate would begin to decrease around 2010 or 2011, instead of 2006.

"Exact numbers cannot be

given as it's based on the SEV of the school district," he said.

"We're fine-tuning the details. At the next board meeting, I'll ask them to approve a motion to get information to the state Department of Treasury by March 10."

If trustees give the plan the green light at their Feb. 23 board meeting, the bond vote would be on the June 14 school ballot, when the terms of trustees Susan Moore and Scott Broshar end.

Broshar announced Monday that he would not seek re-election.

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STEELE

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not the draft approved by the council.

Steele said he was aware he had sent a draft but thought a preliminary agreement required his signature. He said he would call Unterbrink and send a formal letter of apology.

Clerk Terri Burtch said she had assumed a clean copy of the agreement given to her by village attorney Pat Conlin was a final draft, signed it, and left a note asking Steele to sign it.

Trustee Cheri Albertson said the signature held no weight since a public hearing never took place.

With regard to the search for a new police chief, MacFarlan said a motion to contract with the Michigan Municipal League was approved in November. She said Steele included a note in the Dec. 16 meeting packet stating the search was delayed because trustees had not submitted preliminary questionnaires for him to forward to the league.

MacFarlan said she did not suspect that implied a holding back of the contract. However, she said she learned the contract was not faxed to the Michigan Municipal League until Jan. 14, the day after the personnel committee — composed of Steele, and trustees Howard Holmes and Dale Schumann — recommended Acting Police Chief Scott Sumner for the permanent position.

Sumner's promotion was supported by a 3-1 vote with Steele, Trustee Charles Ritter and Schumann in favor and Trustee Jim Myles voting against it. MacFarlan, Albertson and Holmes declined to vote.

A subsequent legal opinion ruled the vote was invalid since at least four of the seven-member council needs to approve it.

MacFarlan said Steele's maneuverings led to confidential personnel issues concerning Sumner to be discussed twice in open sessions. One issue was a letter questioning Sumner's leadership abilities, the other was a verbal confrontation between Albertson and an off-duty police dispatcher.

MacFarlan also said the appointment of Fredette as interim village manager was six months overdue and the ongoing search for a full-time village manager was at least a month overdue.

She cited a village ordinance in which a permanent appointment must be made within 180 days of the vacancy. Former Village Manager Jack Myers stepped down June 10.

MacFarlan said Steele misled the council by acting as if the interim position could be vacant for 180 days and a search for a permanent man-

ager indefinite.

"I believe that President Steele knew the requirement for filling the vacancy, because he faced this same situation when our former village manager became ill in the early '90s," MacFarlan said.

MacFarlan said she suspected Myers, the Personnel Committee, village attorneys and, perhaps, several village employees also knew the procedure.

During a work session, MacFarlan said she suspected the council was "being played for fools."

Steele said MacFarlan was

erroneously tying together circumstances that implied there was a self-serving pattern to his actions and was insinuating that he did not know how to do his job.

"I have done this for 14 years," Steele said. "I have never misled. If you're riding that horse, it's a dead one."

Steele is not running for the village president's seat March 8, but he has thrown his hat in the ring as a member of the new City Council should Chelsea become a city.

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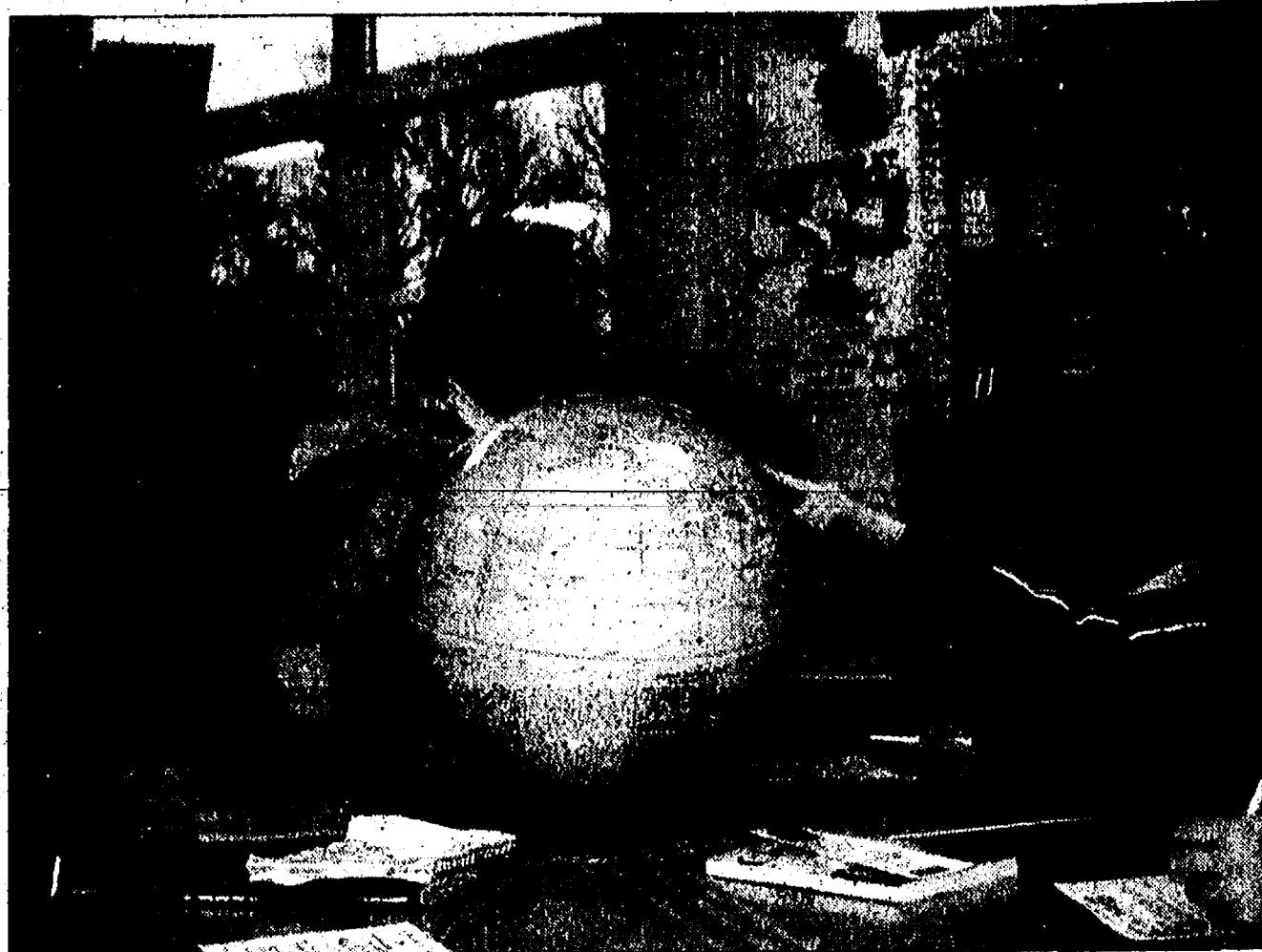


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Global Study

Travis Preston (left), Chelsea Moore and Christian Vosters, pupils at Pierce Lake Elementary School, find countries on a large globe during a geography class.

SHEPHERD

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"We lucked out during the blackout," he says. "Our transmission lines were from Consumers Energy. The blackout was on the Detroit Edison line."

In retirement, Shepherd

and his wife plan to spend time with their two daughters and their families. He will also enjoy woodworking, fishing, and working on his 1955 Packard and 1959 Edsel cars.

Shepherd, a Sylvan Township resident, has enjoyed his career with Chelsea Light & Power.

"I enjoyed my job and being outside working with the guys," he said. "It was an exciting job with a little bit of danger."

"We gave good service and I was proud of that."

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Postal service needs clear pathway

The U.S. Postal Service is reminding postal customers to look out for the safety of letter carriers.

It is the time of year when letter carriers battle frigid temperatures and deep snowdrifts to deliver the mail. Customers should make sure to clear accumulated snow and ice from their walkways and steps to ensure daily delivery of their mail, the Postal Service says.

As a condition of delivery, customers are required to

ensure that proper access is provided to mail receptacles. Proper access includes the removal of large accumulations of snow and ice from the area around the curb line receptacles, so that a letter carrier can access the mailbox from his or her vehicle.

Customers who have door delivery or receptacles mounted near the house must keep sidewalks, approaches and stairs to the receptacles free of ice and snow.

Rather than risk injury, let-

ter carriers be instructed to bypass any residence where snow and ice present a hazard to their safety, according to the U.S. Postal Service.

Threatening letter carriers for not delivering the mail is a violation of federal law. Conviction for threatening or assaulting a letter carrier carries a penalty up to 10 years in prison.

Customers who feel their homes have been bypassed unnecessarily should call their local post office.



Author in Training

Pupils in teacher Jim McCargar's sixth-grade class recently visited with first-graders at Bates Elementary School as part of a writing assignment. The sixth-graders are interviewing the youngsters with the goal of writing a book for them later in the year. First-grader Connor Hensley (left) tells Chris Baird his favorite things.

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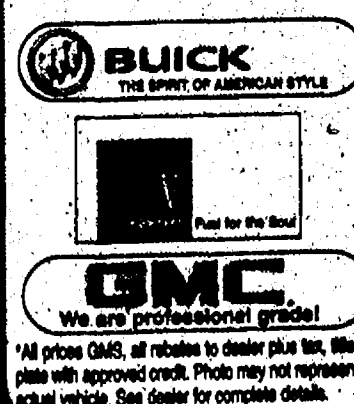
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THURSDAY

HIGH: 30°-34°

Morning flurries; clouds and sun.

THU NIGHT

LOW: 14°-18°

Partly cloudy.

FRIDAY

HIGH: 30°-34°

Partly sunny.

LOW: 12°-16°

SATURDAY

HIGH: 24°-28°

Mostly cloudy with flurries.

LOW: 6°-10°

SUNDAY

HIGH: 18°-22°

Windy and cold with clouds and sun.

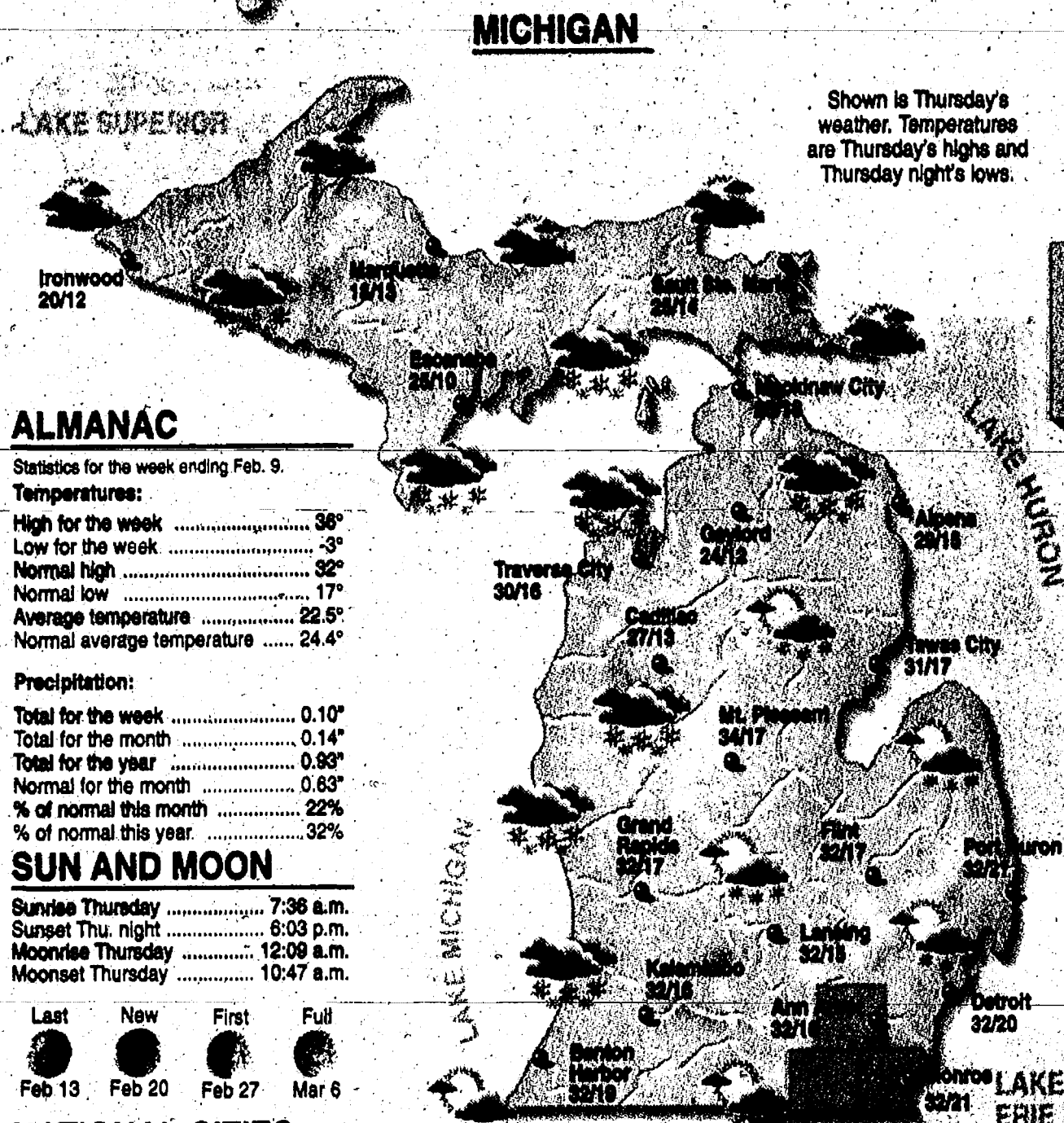
LOW: 2°-6°

MONDAY

HIGH: 22°-26°

Partly sunny and cold.

LOW: 8°-12°



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Temperatures:

High for the week 36°
Low for the week -3°
Normal high 32°
Normal low 17°
Average temperature 22.5°
Normal average temperature 24.4°

Precipitation:

Total for the week 0.10"
Total for the month 0.14"
Total for the year 0.93"
Normal for the month 0.63"
% of normal this month 22%
% of normal this year 32%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday 7:36 a.m.
Sunset Thu. night 6:03 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday 12:09 a.m.
Moonset Thursday 10:47 a.m.

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| Denver | 23/14/s | 46/18/s | Nashville | 40/13/c | 41/28/c | New Orleans | 50/44/c | 50/39/sh | New York | 38/30/c | 41/30/c | Norfolk | 42/33/c | 47/29/c |
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COMMUNITY

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Wes and Margaret Amsdill of Webster Township have been together for 60 years. The pair met during World War II and married in 1948.

Two long-married area couples
look back over the years

EVERLASTING Love

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

With Valentine's Day approaching on Saturday, two area couples look back over their unions that have withstood the test of time.

The romance between Wes and Margaret Amsdill spans six decades.

Cupid's arrows struck them during World War II. Wes, who took part in the Normandy D-Day landings in June 1944, was later hospitalized in England when he started to lose weight and felt unwell.

Shipped back to the United States on the Queen Mary, Wes was hospitalized at the Sampson Naval Base in Seneca County, N.Y.

"I hit the Navy hospital, and I had lettuce and tomatoes," he says. "I started to gain weight and I made a pass at a nurse."

The U.S. Navy nurse was Margaret. For Wes, it was love at first sight.

"She was the first thing I

saw when I went into the hospital," Wes says. "Her legs were a good thing, too, so I went back."

When Wes was back on his feet, the couple had their first date at the "passion pit" in the recreation room of the barracks. Despite the name, Margaret said: "(we) pretty much behaved ourselves."

The two went on to play tennis, picnic by Lake Seneca and enjoy films at the local movie theater.

After the war, Margaret worked as a medical technician and Wes went back to college on the G.I. Bill, studying agriculture.

The couple married on Wes' birthday, Sept. 25, 1948, at the Methodist Church in Highland Park.

In 1951, they moved to a farm in Dexter to raise milk cows and cash crops. The young couple's farm was somewhat rundown, to say the least.

"One can't imagine the filth," Margaret says. "Paper drapes on the front window and sandwiches down the register."

"I will never forget it if I live to be 100. There were mice and rats tearing into our boxes in the middle of the night."

In those early years, the pair would joke about who smelled the worst — Margaret in her laboratory gear or Wes in his dairy farm overalls.

The farm was the Amsdills' home until 1978. They raised four children, Dave, Susan, Steve and Mark. The couple also has six grandchildren.

In 1978, they left the farm and moved to their current home on Huron River Drive in Webster Township.

Looking back through the passage of 60 years, the Amsdills say that laughter and strong family ties have kept their union strong.

"We don't always agree, but believe in the importance of God and family life," Margaret says.

Uncle Sam had a role in Glen and Virginia Paulsen's romance, too. The couple, married 60 years, met at a

research and development center for the Army Corps of Engineers.

The pair started dating on Glen's birthday in July 1942. They enjoyed taking walks, visiting ice cream parlors and soda fountains, or watching movies such as "Mrs. Miniver" and "Goodbye, Mr. Chips."

The pair married in 1944 when Glen had a furlough from the Army and was afraid he might soon be shipped overseas.

"It was an unorthodox proposal over the phone," Virginia says.

"Glen knew of a friend who had recently gotten married. They convinced him that it was the thing to do. I pushed for us to get married."

Glen laughs that he had never met a Southern girl before and he married her for her money. He says that love has kept them together, while Virginia counters that "perseverance" did the trick.

Their wedding was a small

affair, since so many of their friends and family were in military service, many of them serving overseas.

In the early years of their marriage, the Paulsens were so poor that they had to walk everywhere. The couple kept a budget ledger of expenses — stamps cost 2 cents each, rent was \$30 a month, and the couple managed to live on \$50 a month. Glen made about \$1,444 a year as a teaching assistant.

Life gradually got better. The couple spent some time in Sweden when Glen earned a fellowship from the American Scandinavian Foundation to study at the Royal Academy of Art in Stockholm.

Later, they lived in Philadelphia, and Glen taught at the University of Philadelphia where he earned a degree in art.

Glen's first job was working for the famed architect Eero Saarinen in Bloomfield Hills. Finally, after 13 moves,

Glen became professor of architecture and urban planning at the University of Michigan. After retiring, the couple moved to Silver Maples of Chelsea retirement community, where they have lived for the past six years.

The Paulsens, who usually celebrate Valentine's Day by going out to dinner, have two children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Virginia says that determination kept them together: "We don't give up real easy," she says.

Glen says the secret to their success is the ability to compromise once in a while and accept the other person's point of view.

"That's how it works," he says.

"Too many people today just throw in the towel and walk away."

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Photos by Rita Fischer



Glen and Virginia Paulsen's marriage spans six decades. The Paulsens, who live at Silver Maples retirement community in Chelsea, met during World War II and married in 1944.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Feb. 12

"Buying a Home" financial workshop will be held 7 p.m. at the Chelsea library, 500 Washington St. The workshop is free, but requires registration. Call 475-8732.

Saturday, Feb. 14

Spinners' Flock Winter Fleece Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer Drive, in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-2306 or 769-1857.

Valentine's Day Benefit Program "Love, Family and Relationship: A Celebration in Story and Song" will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at Michigan Friends Center, 7748 Clark Lake Road, in Chelsea. For information, or to reserve tickets, call 475-1892.

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 entertainer is Patt Taylor.

Thursday, Feb. 19

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

Friday, Feb. 20

Spaghetti Supper all-you-can-eat will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 14600 Old US-12, in Chelsea.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Second annual Winter Garage Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, Mackinder-Glenn Post #510, 830 South Clinton St., in Stockbridge.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

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

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous meets Monday nights 6 to 7

p.m. at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road, in Chelsea. For more information, call 995-1835.

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 475-0487.

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

Thursday, Feb. 12

Girlfriends Inc. a new group targeted for moms of boys will have a "get-to-know-you" session at 6:30 p.m. Call 424-3404 for information and meeting location.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Parent Information Night for next year's kindergarten will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Elementary School cafeteria, 7480 Dan Hoey Road.

Sunday, Feb. 22

"Chillin' at the Mills" winter family fun day from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter Township. A variety of activities to include snow shoeing and dog sledding. Call 426-8211 for information. No registration required.

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 See CALENDAR — Page 4B

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Jennifer Hafner, Bryan Schipul exchange wedding vows

Jennifer Hafner and Bryan Schipul, both of Munith, were married Sept. 17 at Curtiss Park in Saline. Judge George Parker officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Lloyd Hafner of Munith and Margaret Hafner of Ann Arbor.

The groom is the son of Sandi and Steve Varney of Pinckney, and David and Angel Schipul of Clearwater, Fla.

The bride's aunt, Carol Houle of Chelsea, was the matron of honor and the bride's brother, Kevin Hafner

of Munith, was the best man. The bride is a 2002 graduate of Chelsea High School and is taking courses in veterinary technology.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Dexter High School and is taking courses in mechanical repair. He is employed by the Lighthouse Cafe in Dexter.

The couple honeymooned in Michigan and also took a trip to Florida during the holidays.

They reside in Munith along with their 7-month-old son, Conor.



ENGAGED: Diane Smith of Dexter, daughter of James and Nancy Smith of Dexter, and Colin Vince of Jackson, son of Robert and Sylvia Vince of Haslett, have set a May 22 wedding at the Monument Park gazebo in Dexter. The future bride is a Dexter High School and Albion College graduate. She is employed at Creative Solutions in Dexter. The future groom graduated from Haslett High School and Central Michigan University. He is also employed at Creative Solutions.



ENGAGED: Dawn Ledwidge of Pinckney, daughter of Beverly Ledwidge and the late Richard Ledwidge of Dexter, and Dan Driscoll of Pinckney, son of Edward and Joan Driscoll of Dexter, have set an Aug. 7 wedding date. The future bride is a 1996 graduate of Dexter High School. She has an associate's degree from Washtenaw Community College and a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University, and is employed as a tax software analyst at Creative Solutions in Dexter. The future groom is a 1994 graduate of Dexter High School and is employed as a pressman at Advance Print & Graphics in Ann Arbor.

BIRTHS

A son, Cy David, was born Nov. 20 at Holland Community Hospital in Holland to Travis and Laura Tooker of Grand Junction. Maternal grandparents are Norm and Lana Paton of Chelsea. Great-grandparents are Joe and Peggy Sullivan of Chelsea and the late Dee Sullivan; Jean and the late Jack Paton of Howell; Leroy and Linda Tooker of Allegan; and Melbert and Betty Wedge of Grand Haven; and the late Elaine Wedge. The baby's great-great-grand-

mother is Edna Haab of Ann Arbor. Cy has a brother, Jordan, 14.

A daughter, Tasman James, was born Dec. 4 in Hawaii to Robyn Hafner and Brian Burau of Waimea, Big Island, Hawaii. Maternal grandparents are Dorothy Hafner and the late James Hafner of Chelsea.

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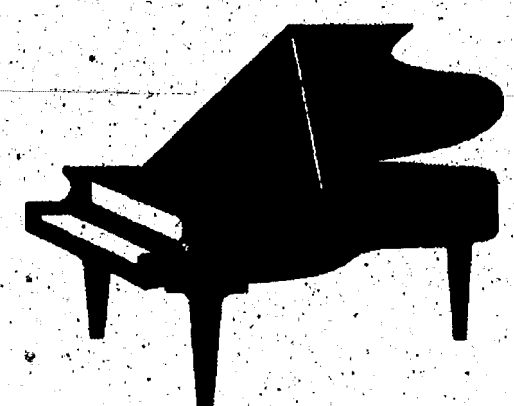
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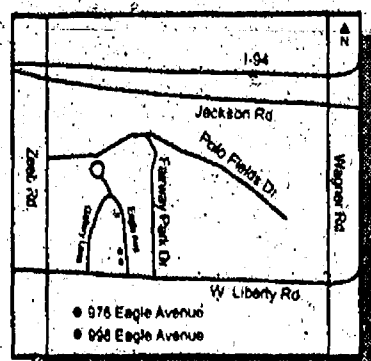
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Local residents on dean's list

Several local residents were named to the fall dean's list at Albion College.

Amy Baker, a sophomore and member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute in Professional Management, is on the dean's list. The daughter of Randy Baker of Jerome and Mariette Baker of Chelsea, she is a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Megan Carroll, a junior majoring in English, is also on the dean's list. She is the daughter of Thomas Carroll and Susi Carroll of Whitmore Lake, and a graduate of

Dexter High School.

Brook Critchfield, a senior majoring in economics and management and a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Institute in Professional Management, was recognized. He is the son of Bradley Critchfield and Lori Critchfield of Grass Lake, and is a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Katherine Knox, a senior majoring in English and minoring in psychology, made the grade. The daughter of John Knox of Gregory and Alison Knox of Chelsea, she is completing the second-

ary education program and is a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Rachel Szymanski, a first-year student majoring in music, is on the list. She is the daughter of Christopher Szymanski and Susan Szymanski of Dexter, and a graduate of Dexter High School.

Katherine Thomas, a first-year student at Albion College, was named to the dean's list. The daughter of Joel Thomas and Marilyn Thomas of Dexter, she is a graduate of Dexter High School.

Jenelle Vlcek, a sophomore majoring in physical education and minoring in mathematics and health, received the honor. She is completing the K-12 education program. She is the daughter of Edward Vlcek and Catherine Vlcek of Dexter, and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Those named to the dean's list must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Their GPAs must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed during the semester.



University Honors

Patrick Burke, a 1991 graduate of Dexter High School, was awarded a doctorate in organic chemistry from the University of Colorado at Boulder Dec. 19, 2003. His parents, Pat and Thomas Burke, and brothers, Jamie and Chris, were on hand for the commencement ceremonies held at the Coors Event Center in Boulder.

CALENDAR

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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 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of the month at Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road, 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.

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

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

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

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

The Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners meets 1 p.m. every other Tuesday of the month in the Road Commission board room, 555 N. Zeeb Road, in Dexter.

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

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

La Leche of Western Washtenaw meets the first

Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information and location, call 426-5648 or 424-0671.

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Tuesday, Feb. 17

Military Family Support Group will meet 6:30 p.m. for refreshments followed by meeting at 7 p.m. at the American Red Cross Chapter, 2729 Packard Road, in Ann Arbor. The meetings are free and babysitting is available, but arrangements must be made in advance. For information, call 971-5300. The group meets every third Tuesday of the month.

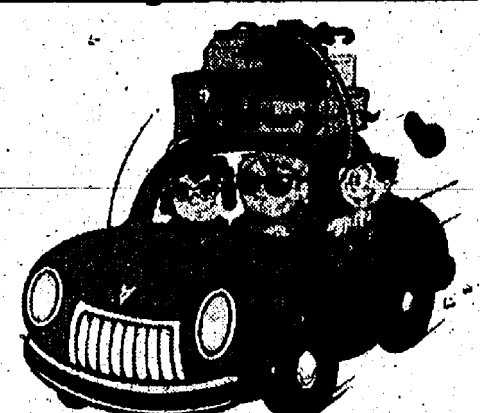
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Transition to Asia was big change



LUMAN STRONG

LETTER FROM KOREA

EDITOR'S NOTE: Luman Strong, a teacher in Chelsea schools, and his wife, Tanya, a nurse with Chelsea Family Practice, left for Korea last August to spend a year working with children at an American International School.

There are many images and connotations that come to American minds when Korea is mentioned: kimchi, North Korea and nuclear weapons, inexpensive automobiles and little tags reading "Made in Korea" on the back of plastic toys.

Most of these thoughts are quite true. However, after moving to Seoul in August to begin working in a private Christian school, my wife and I discovered that there is so much more to the country of Korea, known as the "The Land of the Morning Calm."

The transition from life in small-town Chelsea to life in Northeast Asia — in a city with more inhabitants than the entire state of Michigan — was drastic, to say the least.

We discovered that the vast majority of people in Seoul live in concrete high-rises. These 10-, 15-, even 30-story concrete honeycombs are home to millions and millions of Koreans — and now to Tanya and me.

Our home is on the 14th floor of one such building. The view out both sides of our apartment is a sea of more of these apartment buildings.

Space is at a high premium in Korean cities, much more than in American cities.

It's evident anywhere you might travel. On the subway and on buses, it's common to stand pressed chest-to-chest and back-to-back with strangers. In the grocery store, an aisle a foot wide shared by two or three people at once is standard.

Even in the nearby mountains, where thousands of

city dwellers go to get away from the crowds, we have had to wait in line along parts of the trail to cross a stream or use a handrail.

We have come to learn that sharing personal space constantly is simply a way of life for Koreans.

Korean citizens are almost exclusively of Korean ethnicity. That may sound redundant, but I think I came to take for granted that being American meant white, black, Asian and Hispanic, among the many other representatives of our citizenry.

Korea is among the most homogenous countries in the world.

That means Tanya and I stand out everywhere we go. Stares, giggles and pointed fingers are part of our excursions around the city. School-age kids love to shout out English words to us that they have learned in class.

However, we have found that almost everyone we meet is incredibly helpful and friendly to us. Virtually every time we have stopped to open a map or ponder to look helplessly up at a sign written in Korean, someone has stopped to help.

More than once complete strangers escorted us via subway to our destination, taking up an hour or more of their own time.

We have truly enjoyed the new cuisine of the country. Bibimbap (a bowl of rice and vegetables to be mixed together), kimbap (similar to a California or sushi roll), hottuk (a snack like a pancake with brown sugar inside) and jobchae (a noodle dish) are all favorites.

There are as many street-side vendors lining the sidewalks of the city as there are restaurants.

We have tried most everything we've seen — even the putrid smelling Bondiggi, a delicacy consisting of the steamed pupae of the silk worm.

Every so often though, we make our way to a Pizza Hut or burger place to satisfy our American cravings.

We are grateful for the opportunity we've had to minister in our school and to learn by experience what life is like on the other side of the world.

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Photo courtesy of Karen Pulley

Blizzard Buddies

Teacher Karen Pulley's kindergarten class at North Creek Elementary School recently celebrated winter with Blizzard Day. The children wore white clothes, covered the tables and floors with white paper and sheets, and enjoyed a picnic of all white snacks. The class includes Michael Redmon, Audra Feldkamp, Derek Schaedig, Elise Risner, Ashley Brooks, Evan Sweeney, Kelson Rose, Jamie Strader, Trevor Kinglsey, Leland Allison, Nicolas Arons, Cooper Nickel, Devon Huffman, Olivia Ballow, Allison Zyzelewski, Trey Seitz, Daimy McInro, Alec Daman and James Aughton.

Science show set Feb. 26

The Chelsea District Library will host Science Wizard Dave Mastie 7 p.m. Feb. 26.

The audience will see a librarian blow up like a balloon, witness melting steel, and enjoy hands-on science fun.

The show is free, and no registration is required.

Mastie, a Chelsea resident, taught science in Ann Arbor schools for many years, earning the title Science Wizard "magic."

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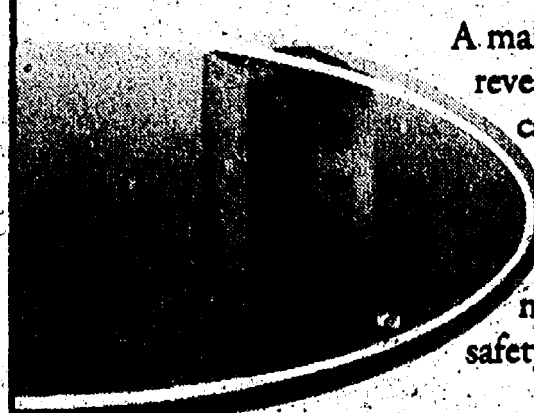
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SCIO TOWNSHIP

IHN gets new director

The board of directors at the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Washtenaw County has hired a new executive director.

Julie Steiner was named to the post in late December. She had been the human rights coordinator for the city of Ann Arbor and previously worked as coordinator for the University of Michigan Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center.

She succeeds Sarah Stanton, who left in October 2003 to become director of Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley.

"Julie brings a wealth of experience to IHN," said Mimi Harris, president of the Interfaith Hospitality Network Board of Directors. "She has a long career dedicated to organizations that struggle for social justice, and we are excited about her



Julie Steiner

commitment and energy."

The Interfaith Hospitality Network operates Alpha House, a shelter for home-

less families located on Jackson Road in Scio Township, with the cooperation of more than 30 congregations and other community organizations.

The helping organizations provide meals, mentoring, and support to the families on a rotating basis. The Interfaith Hospitality Network provides comprehensive support services to the families at Alpha House, including assistance with employment, housing, health care, child care and getting children enrolled in school, as well as other services that may be needed by the families while they are in the shelter.

The Interfaith Hospitality Network also provides up to nine months of follow-up services after families have located more permanent housing.



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SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

Wenderlich wins Chili Cook-Off

American Legion hosts 13th annual event.

By Michael Rybka

Special Writer

Michael Wenderlich of Saline appeared to have the magic touch Saturday, making a chili that bowled over judges at Chelsea American Legion's 13th annual Chili Cook-Off.

Wenderlich's chili beat out

seven other contestants by a tasting panel made up of six judges.

Wenderlich also won the People's Choice Award determined by the single vote each person in attendance was allowed to cast after laying down 25 cents each to sample the eight different recipes.

While Wenderlich said he never makes the same recipe twice, his base always consists of V-8 juice and beef broth. He also shoots for a

spicy mixture rather than a hot one.

Contestants are not allowed to use ground beef. Assisting Wenderlich with his preparation was his brother, John, and his father, Karl.

Steve Jones of Howell was second and John Bassett of Stockbridge was third. Bassett was last year's first place winner.

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

CHELSEA

Murder-mystery set for Feb 19-21

Murder and mayhem will arrive at Chelsea Community Hospital Feb. 19, 20 and 21 when Chelsea Area Players presents "Dead and Deader" by Eileen Moushey.

The play is a one-evening opportunity for armchair detectives to try out their sleuthing skills.

The event will include a dastardly deed or two, a delicious dinner and a chance to win a prize by correctly deducing "whodunit."

The cast includes Chelsea residents Bill Hohnke, Nancy Parker, David Fernandes and Corinna Christman, as well as Ann Arbor resident Brad Richert, Jackson resident Shannan McNally, and Carolyn Satanski from Ferndale.

Hohnke and Christman were seen in last summer's CAP production of "Suds."

This is the third consecutive winter show for McNally, who performed in "The Mousetrap" in 2003 and "The Seven Year Itch" in 2002.

Fernandez appeared in "The Mousetrap," while Satanski made her theater debut as Helen in "The Seven Year Itch."

CAP board member Brad Richert's performances include an appearance in the group's 1999 production of "The King and I."

"Dead and Deader" is produced by Clara Smith, assisted by Shelley Wheaton. Both have been involved in countless local productions.

The play is directed by Vicky Wurster and Christine Purchis. Wurster, who is from Manchester, also produced the CAP productions "An Evening of Love and Laughter" and "The Seven Year

Itch." Purchis, a Dexter resident, is the business manager for the Purple Rose Theatre Co., and was recently seen in last summer's production of "Suds."

Besides the mysterious goings on, detectives will enjoy a dinner and several

desserts prepared by Ron Yonkowski, chef at Chelsea Community Hospital. Dinner will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

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CHELSEA

Tae Kwon Do students hold graduation

Three students earned black belt ranks at Chelsea Tae Kwon Do's annual winter demonstration and black belt graduation Dec. 5 at the Washington Street Education Center.

Judy Gentz (3rd Dan), Jeff Kause (1st Dan) and Vincent Kause (1st Dan) were required to perform a series of skills to demonstrate that they had completed the mental and physical requirements for their next rank.

The trio performed their three highest forms to music as a warm up then proceeded to demonstrate various self-defense techniques.

Gentz, the highest-ranking student who was promoted, demonstrated self-defense against knife attacks. A nurse-practitioner, Gentz also created a skit in which she was attacked in a clinic waiting room. She demonstrated the crucial martial art skills of using words and calm as self-defense.

The father-son Kause team choreographed a skit in which they were attacked by several bullies while playing football. The trio also proved their power by breaking boards or concrete slabs.

Vincent Kause starred as Luke Skywalker in the class rendition of Tae Kwon Do Wars, a take-off on Star Wars.

Other classmates held vital roles such as "Yoga" (Steve Gentz), "I'll Be One Kanobi" (Jeff Kause), "Queen I'm A Doll-a" (Jenny Woodard) and "Pizza The Hut" (Bob Tisdale).

A.J. Gileczek played "Chewbarker" and Pete Hillaker shone as "Watto."

Junior students dressed up as aliens and were creative with costumes as they broke boards in the breaking contest, the plot of the play.

The evening ended with a potluck dinner.

An annual highlight of the winter demonstration is the awarding of the Chelsea Tae Kwon Do Student of the Year. The award, voted on by the black belts, was presented this year to Steve Gentz (adult) and Eric Gabbard (junior) by senior master instructor Michael Poxson.

Poxson, a 6th Dan, has taught and promoted more than 100 black-belt ranks in the 20 years that he has owned and operated Chelsea Tae Kwon Do.

He and his wife, Joanne (3rd Dan), are also high-ranking students in Ninjitsu, a Japanese martial art. They are able to integrate their Japanese and Korean styles for instruction of self-defense within the traditional training of the Chelsea Tae Kwon Do classes.



Judy Gentz (left), Vincent Kause and Jeff Kause earned new black belt ranks at Chelsea Tae Kwon Do's winter demonstration Dec. 5 at the Washington Street Education Center. Behind the trio are their classmates.

Photos courtesy of Chelsea Tae Kwon Do



Senior Master Instructor Michael Poxson is flanked by Chelsea Tae Kwon Do Students of the Year Eric Gabbard (left) and Steve Gentz.

Car dealer holding book drive

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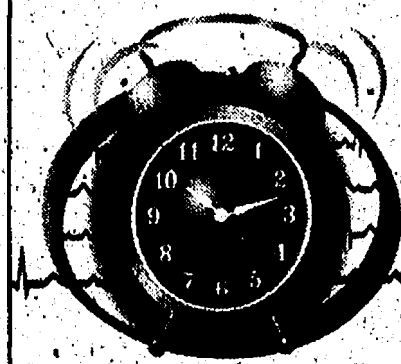


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A Show dog's Life



Mike Bohanon of Sylvan Township and his 12 year old miniature pumper, Jilly, captured third place in the 12 inch height division in the Excellent B agility class, the highest level of agility.

Photo by Lisa Allmendinger

Local dogs and their owners enjoy a weekend of events at the Novi Expo Center Jan. 16 through 18 sponsored by the Livingston County Kennel Club and Oakland Kennel Club. The American Kennel Club-sanctioned event included more than 3,000 dogs competing with their owners and handlers in many different events. Included in the three-day competition were events focused on conformation, agility, obedience and flyball.

Rebecca Burk of Seneca Township and her 5 year old Australian shepherd, Tiger, finished the novice jumpers competition with weaves. Little Mud placed second in the 24 inch height division.



Photo by Lisa Allmendinger



Corrine Williams of Saline shows off her winning conformation puppy, Chili, a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, one of the newest breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club.

Photo by Lisa Allmendinger



Lisa Allmendinger of Sylvan Township and her 2-year-old Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, Widgeon, made their American Kennel Club agility debut last weekend. Widgeon is wearing a medallion for finishing the first of his two agility trials from the 16 inch height division. The team qualified six times in a row, winning five of the six classes they entered while placing third in the other one.

Photo by Rebecca Burk

The Chelsea Standard

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Champions!

Chelsea grapplers battle state-ranked Tecumseh for SEC title

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

It came down to one match. After 1 1/2 hours of hard-nosed, back-and-forth, edge-of-your-seat wrestling, the Southeastern Conference White Division dual meet last Thursday between Division II No. 2-ranked Tecumseh and host Chelsea came down to one last match.

The heavyweight bout between the Bulldogs' Brad Hinderer and the Indians' John Ahearn would decide which team captured the SEC White regular season title.

With Chelsea leading Tecumseh 32-27, the only way the state-ranked and defending league champion Indians could win the meet and the title was if Ahearn put Hinderer on his back, sticking him.

Before stepping on to the mat, Hinderer, a broad-shouldered, barrel-chested junior, knew what he had to do.

"I was just thinking don't get pinned," he said. "I just wanted to win for the seniors."

In prep wrestling, a pin equals six points.

Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel took Hinderer aside before the match.

"I told Brad that he could lose by decision and we could still win," he said. "I told him whatever he did, don't get pinned."

The pre-match advice, left Kargel wondering if what he said was prudent once the final bout began.

"Normally, I tell Brad to go out there and win," he said. "During the match, there were a couple of times when Brad could have tossed the kid (Ahearn), and he didn't. He was a little hesitant. You



Chelsea senior Joel Powers prepares to pin Tecumseh sophomore Zach Cardenas during last Thursday's 215-pound match. The Bulldogs defeated the state-ranked Indians 35-27, capturing the Southeastern Conference White Division regular season championship.

Photo courtesy of Norm Bauer

never know what can happen when you try tossing people."

Last year, Tecumseh beat Chelsea for the SEC crown. The Indians advanced all the way to the state team finals in Battle Creek before losing.

With both teams standing, lining the mat and cheering their respective grapplers, and with fans on both sides of

the gymnasium on their feet, the final bout began.

Ahearn came out fired up, looking for the quick pin and victory. Hinderer, on the other hand, stayed calm and slow, not wanting to trip up and land on his back.

Despite numerous attempts and a few close calls, Ahearn was unable to

get Hinderer in a vulnerable position.

With the third and final period looming, Hinderer trailed Ahearn 6-3. With two minutes away from a title, one would think Hinderer would be passive in this situation.

One would think wrong. With Ahearn wildly

attempting moves to get Hinderer on his back, the Tecumseh junior left himself exposed to take downs. Hinderer, countering like a skilled boxer, turned the tables on his Indian foe, dominating the final period, outscoring Ahearn 8-1, and clinching the league title with an 11-7 decision.

With his teammates screaming at the top of their lungs in celebration, Hinderer put Ahearn on his back in a final, glorious near-pin moment as the clock wound down, sealing the SEC crown with an exclamation point.

"This feels awesome," an exhausted-yet-beaming Hinderer said. "They're No. 2 in the state, and they beat us last year. This is so great."

With Hinderer's victory, Chelsea defeated Tecumseh 35-27, winning the regular season SEC White championship with a perfect 3-0 record.

With chants of "SEC!" "SEC!" "SEC!" bellowing throughout the gymnasium, the Bulldogs celebrated their hard-earned title.

"Every point was so crucial," Kargel said. "The kids really felt good about themselves. The team had such great unity. I credit the senior leadership."

As for Hinderer's performance?

"I watched that third period, and he really excelled," Kargel said. "I credit Brad for his hard work, and for pushing himself in practice. He's been reliable all season. He's one of those guys that will wrestle for six minutes. He doesn't get pinned too often."

Neither do the rest of his Chelsea teammates. Out of Tecumseh's seven victories on the night, only one came by pin. For the Bulldogs, three of their seven wins were by pin.

"That was important," Kargel said. "Those points were crucial."

The meet began at 103 pounds, with Chelsea sophomore Geoff Wonders winning

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Bulldog tankers fall to county rival Dreadnaughts

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' swimming and diving team lost to Southeastern Conference White Division and county rival Dexter 130-58 last Friday.

The host Bulldogs captured two events.

Placing first in the 200 freestyle was Matt Kellogg with a time of 1:54.25.

Also finishing first was Shawn Bergman in diving with 239.60 points.

To begin the meet, the Chelsea foursome of Andy Kellogg, Benjamin Kellogg, Aaron Connell and Josh Haynes placed second with a clocking of 1:48.86.

Dexter captured the event with a state cut time of 1:41.14.

In the 200 individual medley, the Division II No. 6-ranked Dreadnaughts finished 1-2-3.

Andrew Ballow was the top Chelsea performer in the 50 freestyle, placing third in 24.83. Winning the race was Dreadnaught junior Bryan Vessels in 21.25. Last year, Vessels finished fourth in the event at the state meet. In second was Dexter's Matt Mead in 24.38.

In the 100 butterfly, Connell placed third with a time of 1:01.99. Dreadnaught senior B.J. Jacobs bested the field in a state cut 58.22.

Ballow touched third in the 100

freestyle with a clocking of 56.54.

In the 500 freestyle, Benjamin Kellogg paced the Bulldogs, finishing third in 5:39.00. Dexter's Alex Rolles was first in 5:18.82.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the Chelsea team of Matt Kellogg, Andy Kellogg, Haynes and Ballow placed second with a time of 1:39.01.

The Dreadnaughts finished first in a state cut time of 1:33.20.

Dexter placed 1-2-3 in the 100 backstroke, led by Vessels, the defending Division II state champion in the event, with a state cut clocking of 54.59.

In the 100 breaststroke, the Dreadnaughts placed 1-2-3.

In the meet's final event, the Chelsea group of Andy Kellogg, Matt Kellogg, Chris Moyle and Haynes finished second in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:31.10.

Dexter was first in a state cut 3:27.04.

The Bulldogs next travel to SEC White Division foe Ypsilanti Lincoln for a meet 8:30 p.m. tomorrow.

On Tuesday, Chelsea hosts South Lyon at 6:30 p.m.

On Feb. 20, the Bulldogs host SEC White Division opponent Tecumseh at 6:30 p.m.

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Photo by Mary Kumbler

Chelsea freshman Rick Kinsey and the rest of his Bulldog teammates lost to county rival Dexter 130-58 last Friday.

Four-goal second period too much for icers to overcome

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

It was a wild second period.

It was, in fact, the only period in which either team scored.

Sadly, for Chelsea fans, the Bulldogs came out on the short end of the scoring ledger, losing to Plymouth Salem 4-2 last Saturday.

The host Bulldogs (8-9-3) have lost six straight games. Four of the six defeats have come against state-ranked clubs.

"It's hard on the guys," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "We're working hard, but we have a tough

schedule. But we have a good group of kids. These last two weeks we've played tough opponents."

"It's hard on the guys. We're working hard, but we have a tough schedule. But we have a good group of kids."

Don Wright
Chelsea coach

Against the Rocks, both teams skated to a 0-0 first period tie.

In the second stanza, Chelsea opened the scoring as Schyler Williams

turned the light on with a power-play goal at 2:53 of the period.

Assisting on the play for the Bulldogs was Craig Urwin and Ryan Ruikka.

"That was a real nice goal," Wright said. "Ruikka passed to Urwin, who passed to Williams on the backside and he banged it home."

Five minutes later, Salem tied the game as Dan Crockett scored on a power play.

At 8:02 of the frame, the Rocks took the lead as Kyle Emmons hit the back of the net.

Three minutes later, the Bulldogs tied the score as Luc Daniels beat the Salem net minder on a power play.

Ruikka and Urwin assisted on the goal for Chelsea.

At 13:07 of the period, Salem's John Mower scored the game-winner, breaking the deadlock with a goal.

Twenty-two seconds later, Andrew Majorana added an insurance goal for the Rocks, ending the scoring at 4-2.

The Bulldogs out shot the Rocks 29-25 for the night.

Chelsea vs. Huron

On Feb. 4, Chelsea lost to Division I No. 10-ranked Ann Arbor Huron 3-1.

"I thought we had a lot of scoring chances, but we didn't finish," Wright said. "Their goalie, Brian Commiskey, was tough. He did a great job."

The visiting River Rats took a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Noah Bradley and Phil Coron.

In the second frame, the Bulldogs closed the gap as Daniels scored off an assist from Williams at 8:05.

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Big Bear Champs



The Chelsea Bulldogs Mite 2 team captured the Big Bear Hockey Tournament with a perfect 4-0 record Jan. 25. Members of the title-winning squad include, in front, goaltender Charlie Miller; second row, Matthew Walz (left), Michael Redmon, Mack Sullivan, Tyler Underwood, Travis Nichols, Ricky Cassell and Nathan Saarinen; third row, Billy Rinderle (left), Jacob Lochman, Joshua Cogswell, Jacob Tallo and Sam Gravel; back row, coach Mike Sullivan, assistant coach Mike Rinderle and assistant coach Bill Cassell.

Beach tankers end swim season

Chelsea's Beach Middle School swimming and diving team competed in the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association Invitational last Saturday in Plainwell.

The state-final-like meet consisted of 47 schools from throughout Michigan. Each swimmer entered in the meet had to qualify for the competition. Only the top 24 times per event made the MISCA final. No team scores were kept.

In the boys' meet, which was held Saturday morning, the Beach foursome of Warren Dyerly, Trevor Hughes, Nick Dyerly and Ryan Wrathall finished 11th in the 200 medley relay with a time of 2:15.67.

In the 200 freestyle, Wrathall placed 13th with a lifetime best clocking of 2:19.94.

The Bulldog group of Warren Dyerly, Nick Dyerly, Hughes and Wrathall touched seventh in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:56.40.

Warren Dyerly finished 11th in the 100 backstroke, with a clocking of 1:13.11 for Beach.

Hughes ended up 13th in the 100 breaststroke in 1:22.97 for Chelsea.

Warren Dyerly, Nick Dyerly, Hughes and Wrathall combined to place eighth in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 4:27.51.

In the girls' meet, held Saturday afternoon, the Bulldog quartet of Katie Lindauer, Aly Rodgers, Anna Rowland and Stephanie Everard finished 21st in the 200 medley relay with a clocking of 2:22.55.

In the 50 freestyle, Claire Stephens placed third in 26.66, while teammate Phoebe Conybeare was ninth in 28.47 for Beach.

Conybeare touched 13th in the 50 butterfly with a time of 32.11.

In the 100 freestyle, Stephens finished fifth in 59.52 for Chelsea.

The Bulldog foursome of Katherine Standerfer, Conybeare, Rowland and Stephens placed sixth in the 200 freestyle relay with a season best clocking of 1:55.16.

In the 400 freestyle relay, Standerfer, Conybeare, Rowland and Stephens finished fifth, dropping six seconds from their previous top mark and setting a season best time of 4:17.37.

Regular Season
Prior to the MISCA meet, Beach concluded its regular season with meets last week against Milan, Ypsilanti Lincoln and Adrian.

Versus Milan, the group of Warren Dyerly, Nick Dyerly, Hughes and Rowland placed first in the 200 medley relay. The team of Rachel Lawrence, Rodgers, Everard and Standerfer touched third.

Conybeare was second in the 200 freestyle, while Wrathall was third and Aurora Knopper fifth for Chelsea.

Nick Dyerly placed third in the 100 individual medley, while Emily Sparrow was fourth and Hughes fifth.

Stephens ended up second in the 50 freestyle, while Warren Dyerly was fourth and Rowland fifth for the Bulldogs.

In diving, Everard placed third, while Anna Brieland-Shoults was fourth for Beach.

In the 50 butterfly, Conybeare was second, while Rowland was third and Nick Dyerly fifth.

Stephens finished second in the 100 freestyle, while Wrathall was fourth and Knopper sixth.

The team of Nick Dyerly, Conybeare, Wrathall and

Stephens finished second in the 200 freestyle relay. Gwen Eder, Trish Hash, Sparrow and Everard touched third. Jenny Squires, Michael Kozma, Katlin Cottrell and Christie VanGemert ended up fifth for the Bulldogs.

Warren Dyerly placed fifth in the 100 backstroke, while Standerfer was fourth and Dominic Conybeare fifth for Beach.

Hughes touched second in the 100 breaststroke, while Rodgers was third and Katie McEachern fourth.

Warren Dyerly, Phoebe Conybeare, Wrathall and Stephens placed first in the 400 freestyle relay. Rowland, Knopper, Everard and Standerfer finished third.

Spikers sweep Tecumseh

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea volleyball defeated Southeastern Conference White Division opponent Tecumseh 15-13, 15-13, 15-6 last Thursday.

Lindsay Tye paced the visiting Bulldogs (32-9-2) with 20 kills.

Renee Johnston added eight kills, while Megan Korc had 33 assists.

On Jan. 31, Chelsea flirted with greatness at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational.

The Bulldogs squared off against defending Class A state champion Fraser at the Pioneer tournament, losing 25-30, 17-30.

Not a bad showing for Chelsea. The Ramblers, state runner-up in 2002, are led by seniors setter Angie McGinnis (6-foot-1) and middle blocker Katie Price (6-3). McGinnis, arguably the state's best player, is headed to the University of Florida on a volleyball scholarship,

while Price will suit up for Penn State University next season.

Besides Fraser, the Bulldogs also lost to Haslett 25-30, 27-30. Chelsea defeated Wayne Memorial 30-17, 30-26.

Leading the Bulldogs was Tye (5-11). Tye, a returning All-State performer, and also

one of Michigan's best, finished with a team-high 28 kills.

Lindsay Parker added 13 kills, while Korc had 44 assists for Chelsea.

On Jan. 29, the Bulldogs

bested SEC White Division foe Ypsilanti Lincoln 15-3, 15-6, 15-3.

Tye led the way for Chelsea with 12 kills.

Johnston ended up with five kills, while Korc had 22 assists for the Dawgs.

Chelsea next hosts SEC and county rival Dexter 7 p.m. today.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs will participate in the Temperance Bedford Invitational at 8:30 a.m.

On Feb. 19, Chelsea visits Lincoln for a match at 7 p.m.

Moffett sparks JV basketball

The Chelsea JV boys' basketball team defeated Adrian 58-49 last Friday.

The host Bulldogs (6-7, 3-1) were led by Robbie Moffett, who poured in 24 points.

Cam Hawkins added 11 points, while Joe Welton finished with eight points for Chelsea.

"We played well on both ends of the floor," said Chelsea coach Mark Scheese.

The Bulldogs ran out to an early 17-10 first-quarter advantage.

At halftime, Chelsea increased its lead to 31-20.

In the third quarter, the Maples rallied, closing the gap to 41-34.

The Bulldogs, however, responded in the fourth frame, outscoring Adrian 17-15 for the final margin.

On Feb. 3, Chelsea lost to Ann Arbor Huron 54-38.

Matt Weber paced the visiting Bulldogs with 10 points.

Mike Sauers chipped in eight points, while Hawkins had seven points for Chelsea.

The River Rats held a slim 10-9 lead after one quarter.

At the break, Huron increased its advantage to 23-20.

Heading into the fourth quarter, the outcome remained in doubt with the River Rats leading 38-32.

In the fourth stanza, however, Ann Arbor clamped down defensively and heated up on the offensive end, outscoring the Bulldogs 16-4 for the night's final tally.

Chelsea next travels to county rival Dexter for a game 5:30 p.m. today.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs host Ann Arbor Pioneer at 5:30 p.m.

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Chelsea senior defenseman Matt Eckler patrolls the blue line area for the Bulldogs. Chelsea lost to Plymouth Salem 4-2 last Saturday.

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Bulldog hoops fall to Adrian

Chelsea basketball lost to Adrian 54-34 last Friday.

The host Bulldogs (4-9, 1-2) fell behind 17-9 in the first quarter, and could never catch up.

In the second stanza, Chelsea battled back, closing the gap to 22-18 at the break.

In the third quarter, however, Adrian outscored the Bulldogs 21-14, entering the fourth frame, leading 43-32.

In the last stanza, the Maples clamped down defensively, holding Chelsea to two points, while netting 11 for the night's final margin.

Senior shooting guard George Royce (6-foot-1) paced the Bulldogs with 13 points.

Junior guard Danny Keilman and sophomore forward John Mantel each added six points for Chelsea.

On Feb. 3, the Bulldogs lost to Ann Arbor Huron 55-48.

The visiting River Rats jumped out to 15-5 first quarter lead, forcing Chelsea to come back from yet another first period deficit.



Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

Chelsea senior guard George Royce scored 13 points in the Bulldogs' 54-34 loss to Adrian last Friday.

As it did against Adrian, the Bulldogs rallied in the second quarter, heating up

offensively and scoring 19 points to trim Huron's lead to 25-24 at halftime.

In the third frame, both teams traded baskets with the River Rats entering the fourth quarter up 37-35.

In the last stanza, Huron outscored Chelsea 18-13 for the game's final margin.

Senior forward Joel Hohnke led the Bulldogs with 17 points, including two three-pointers.

Senior swing player Brian Kinashuk chipped in with eight points, while senior guard Tony Reifel finished with six points and Mantel five points for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs next travel to Southeastern Conference White Division and county rival Dexter (6-6, 3-1) for a game 7 p.m. today.

On Tuesday, Chelsea hosts Ann Arbor Pioneer at 7 p.m.

On Feb. 20, the Bulldogs visit Temperance Bedford for a contest at 7 p.m.

GOAL

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In the third period, Huron's Jeff Marley put the game away, scoring at 12:02.

The River Rats out shot Chelsea 27-23, including 14-7 in the first period.

J.R. Engelbert was in net

for the Bulldogs.

Despite the losing skid, Wright said his team is playing hard.

"I feel like the players are doing a lot of good things," he said. "We're a little snake-bitten right now, at least when it comes to scoring goals. The players are creat-

ing scoring chances, but we're just not finishing. We just have to keep working hard."

It certainly doesn't get any easier for Chelsea. The Bulldogs next travel to Division I No. 2-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer Wednesday for a game at 7 p.m.

Beach Gold outlasts Lincoln

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Gold volleyball team defeated Ypsilanti Lincoln in a five-game marathon 11-3, 9-11, 6-11, 11-7, 12-10 last Thursday.

Pacing the squad in Game 1 was Olivia Layher with seven points and four aces. Also performing well were Megan Dunn with two aces, Sarah Shrosbree with one ace and Amanda Ball with one point.

In Game 2, Amy Stacy had seven points and five aces, while Jenna Bumstead and Lisa Dorrance each had one point for Beach.

In the third game, Dunn and Shrosbree each finished

with two points and one ace, while Elyse Alligood had two points.

In Game 4, Dunn had four points with one ace, while Arielle Alexander and Ball each had three points and one ace and Kelly Maveal one point for the Bulldogs.

In Game 5, Layher had seven points with four aces, while Fawn Parker ended up with four points and one ace and Stacy one point for visiting Chelsea.

Playing well defensively for Beach were Jessica Brown, Kathryn Carroll, Kayleigh Fletcher and Shelby Fogelson.

On Feb. 3, Beach defeated

Adrian Drager 11-2, 11-1, 12-10.

Shrosbree led the way with four points and three aces, while Maveal had two aces and Alligood two points and one ace for the Dawgs. Stacy Marks and Parker each added one point.

In the second game, Dunn had five points and four aces, while Dorrance had three points with two aces and Alexander one point. Jenna Bumstead and Stacy each finished with one ace.

In Game 3, Dunn had eight points with five aces, while Shrosbree had two points and two aces and Holly Beaudette one ace for Beach.

Chelsea next hosts Temperance Bedford 4 p.m. today. On Tuesday, the Bulldogs travel to Tecumseh for a contest at 4 p.m.

On Feb. 19, Beach hosts Saline Blue at 4 p.m.

Bedford sweeps Beach volleyball

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Blue volleyball team lost to Temperance Bedford 3-11, 3-11, 5-11 last Thursday.

The host-Bulldogs were led by Ashley Plemens, Audrey Ruikka and Zoe Suffety with two service points each. Ruikka also had one ace.

Serving one point for Beach were Alyson Gines, Hannah Harwood, Desiree Luker, Carolyn Olsen and Robin Stockwell.

On Feb. 3, Chelsea lost to Adrian Springbrook in a five-game marathon 11-9, 8-11, 3-11, 11-1, 9-11.

Olsen, with 18 service points and two aces, paced the visiting Bulldogs.

Amy Bokros added six service points, while Harwood had four points for Beach.

Krystin Schwarze, Luker and Ruikka each finished with three service points, while Gines had two points.

Anissa Gregg, Amanda

Davis scores career-high

Chelsea's Sean Davis continues having a strong season for Albion College's men's basketball team.

On Feb. 4, Davis scored a career-high 17 points in the Britons' 100-85 loss to Calvin College. The senior guard finished 8-of-13 from the field, including 4-of-10 from beyond the arc.

Last Saturday, Davis scored seven points, including 2-of-5 from three-point land in Albion's 70-60 victory over Hope College.

Davis is ranked fourth in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association in three-point field goal percentage, shooting 8-of-22 for 41 percent on the year.

The Britons (15-6, 6-3) next travel to Adrian College for a game Saturday.

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by void. A void is similar to a pin in that it counts six points.

At 112, Bulldog senior Aaron Chiarelli lost to senior Jason Coffman on a 15-0 technical fall.

"Despite losing, I was proud of Aaron," Kargel said. "He didn't get pinned. Coffman's tough."

At 119, Chelsea senior Chris Watt beat sophomore Mike Wines on a 13-3 major decision.

Bulldog sophomore Marty Kelley lost to junior Chris Jenkins at 125 by pin in 19 seconds.

"That was tough for Marty," Kargel said. "Jenkins is probably their best guy."

At 130, Chelsea senior Fred Dehn lost a 9-1 major decision to Tecumseh junior Drew Lesko.

At 135, Bulldog senior Josh Clark lost a 10-3 decision to sophomore Vinnie Sorise.

With the loss, Chelsea trailed the Indians 18-10.

Bulldog sophomore Cody Schiller stopped what momentum Tecumseh had, pinning junior Drew Cunningham in 1:25 at 140.

Following Schiller was Chelsea junior Stephen Kolokithas, who pinned Elijah Millon in 3:30 at 145.

With two consecutive pins, the Bulldogs took a 22-18 lead.

"Those pins were a great boost to the team," Kargel said. "It was a big momentum swing."

At 152, Chelsea senior Matt Robinson continued the win streak, beating freshman Ricky Weirich in a 10-2 major decision.

Bulldog senior Andy Hurst lost a 10-8 overtime decision to junior Josh Alcodray at 160.

"That was a heartbreaker," Kargel said. "He (Hurst) gave 100 percent in that match."

At 171, Chelsea senior Ben Rodgers lost 6-2 to senior Brad Cannon.

At 189, Bulldog senior Karl Wint lost 7-2 to junior Andrew Yarbrough.

With three straight losses, Chelsea found itself behind 27-26 with two matches remaining.

At 215, Bulldog senior Joel Powers pinned Tecumseh junior Zach Cardenas in 1:28.

With Powers' victory, Chelsea regained the lead at 32-27, setting the stage for

Hinderer's heavyweight bout.

"This feels so good," Powers said of the SEC title. "Coming in, we were the underdogs. Our lightweights were the key."

Powers' six-point pin was also important.

"I just knew I had to beat him (Cardenas)," he said. "And then I told Brad (Hinderer) to stay off his back."

Bulldog assistant coach Dal Queenan was proud of the entire Chelsea wrestling program.

"Our kids have come a long way since the beginning of the year," he said. "A lot of the credit should go to Kerry (Kargel) and (assistant coach) Mike (Young)."

Kargel said he felt all along his team could give the highly-ranked Indians a battle.

"I told the kids all week that if any team could beat Tecumseh, it would be us," he said. "This was our best performance all year. I'm happy with where we're at, but we need to keep improving. We need to keep getting better."

After the emotional battle with the Indians, the Bulldogs faced Ann Arbor

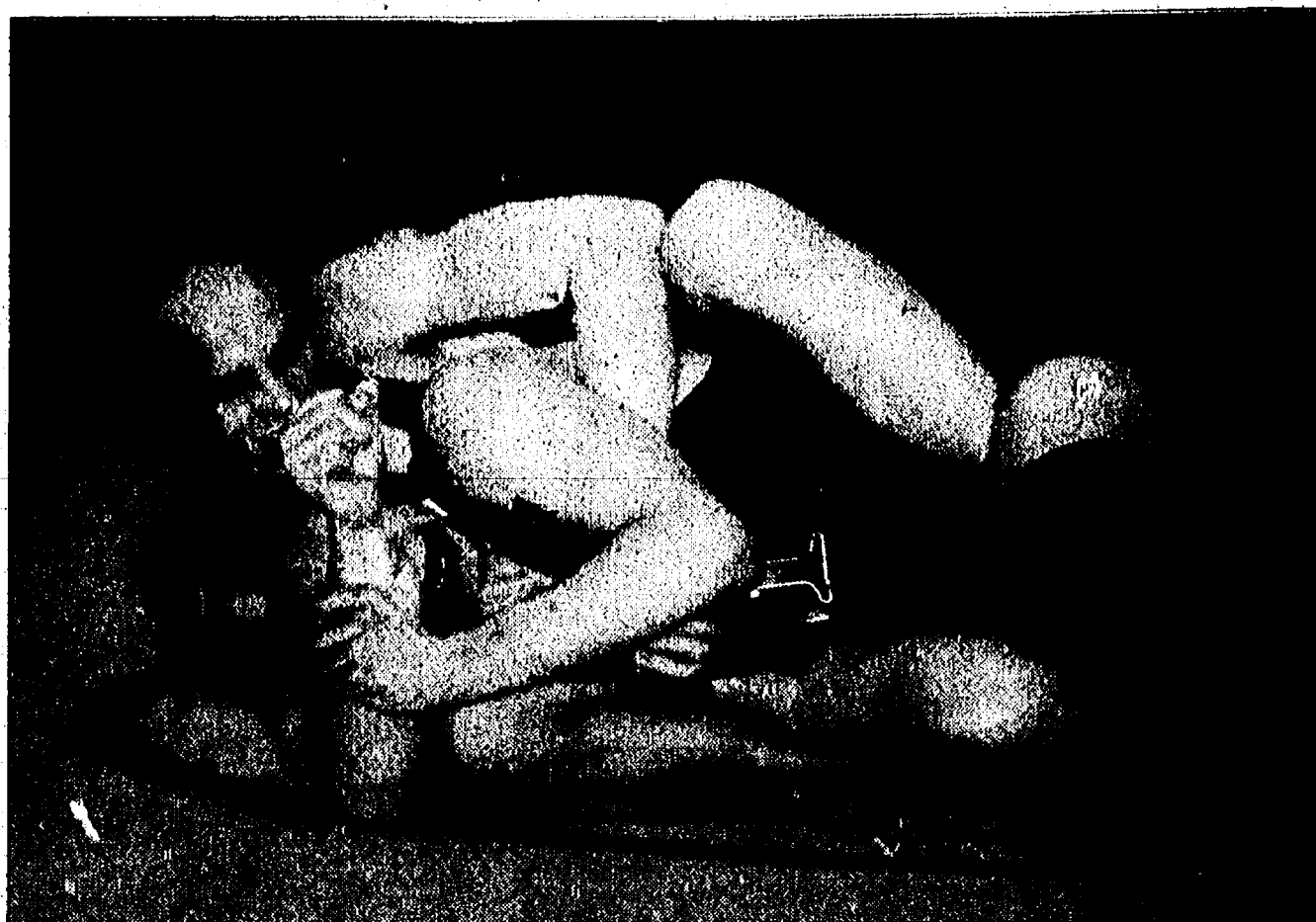


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Chelsea senior Fred Dehn ties up Tecumseh junior Drew Lesko during last Thursday's Southeastern Conference showdown with the Indians.

Huron in the last contest of the tri-match.

Chelsea prevailed over the River Rats 51-25.

Winning for the Bulldogs were Wonders (103), Chiarelli (112), Schiller (140) and Levi Breeze (heavyweight) by

void. Dehn (130), Clark (135), Robinson (152), and senior Dave Bell (171) won by pin for Chelsea. Wint (189) prevailed in a 6-1 decision.

Falling by pin for Chelsea were senior Ed Escher (160), Kelley (125) and Watt (119).

Losing by decision for the Bulldogs were sophomores Drew Wint (145) and Austin Rodgers (215).

Chelsea will meet up with Tecumseh again this Saturday at the SEC tournament 9 a.m. in Dexter.

Beach grapplers third at invite

Chelsea's Beach Middle School wrestling team finished third at last Saturday's Dan Taylor Memorial Tournament in Hillsdale.

"Coach (Corey) Knight and I were proud of the effort our team put out," said Chelsea coach Craig McCalla. "They were aggressive and wrestled extremely well."

The 12-squad tournament saw Bulldogs James Connelly and Dean Roberts each pin three opponents, capturing titles at 155 pounds and 185 pounds, respectively.

Placing second for Beach were Adam Rosentreter, Paul Bell, Chad Schiller and Tim Rosentreter.

Finishing third for

Chelsea were Nick Doll and Zac Delor, while Doug Zygner ended up fourth.

McCalla was pleased with his entire team's performance.

"It was an outstanding effort by all," he said.

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

Late rally keys frosh win

Chelsea's freshman boys' basketball team defeated Ann Arbor Huron 53-45 Feb. 3.

The Bulldogs trailed 18-11 after one quarter. At halftime, Chelsea closed the gap to 29-23.

In the second half, the Bulldogs buckled down defensively, limiting the River Rats to 16 points to secure the victory.

"I told the team at halftime if we held them under 20 points in the second half, that we were going to win," said Chelsea coach Jason Morris. "The team certainly responded to the challenge."

"We picked up the defensive intensity and executed offensively. It was certainly our most complete game of the season."

Adam Connell led Chelsea with 16 points.

Benny Johnson added 12 points, while Dan Augustine had eight points for the Bulldogs.

Last Friday, Chelsea lost to Adrian 52-46.

Connell paced the Bulldogs with 12 points, while Jon Seelbach had 11 points and Dan Rhodes eight points.

"We did not come out with much energy, but you have to

give Adrian credit, they have been playing extremely well," Morris said. "I think the fact that we did not have school hurt us. We have a good team, though, and we'll find a way to rebound next week."

Chelsea next travels to county rival Dexter for a game 4 p.m. today.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs host Ann Arbor Pioneer at 4 p.m.

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Heydlauff places at gymnastics meet

Chelsea's Samantha Heydlauff placed fifth on the Hilton Head Gymnastics Invitational in Hilton Head, S.C., Jan. 31.

The youth gymnastics meet attracted teams from 17 states.

Heydlauff, a 15-year-old student at Chelsea High School, belongs to Ann Arbor's Gym America. She competes at Level 10, the highest standard in youth gymnastics.

Softball association to hold 2004 season meetings

The Kensington Valley Baseball/Softball Association will hold a travel softball meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Brighton High School cafeteria.

The meeting is for the 2004 season, and for any new and returning U-12 through U-18 teams.

For additional informa-

tion, call Jeff David, president of the KVBSA, at 1-810-227-2332, or visit the Web site at KVBSA.com.

Besides Tuesday's get-together, there also will be meetings March 18, April 20, April 27 and May 23. All meetings will be at Brighton High School's cafeteria.

TANKERS

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Nick Dyerly, Conybeare, Wrathall and Stephens placed first in the 200 freestyle relay. Warren Dyerly, Conybeare, Wrathall and Stephens finished first in the 400 freestyle relay.

Against Adrian, Warren Dyerly, Conybeare, Wrathall and Stephens touched first in the 200 medley relay.

Stephens was first in the 100 individual medley, while Warren Dyerly was first in the 50 freestyle and Everard first in the 100 backstroke.

Finishing second for Beach were Sparrow in the 50 butterfly, Everard in diving, Hughes in the 100 freestyle, Knopper in the 200 freestyle and Rodgers in the

100 breaststroke. Warren Dyerly, Nick Dyerly, Conybeare and Stephens placed first in the 200 freestyle relay. Nick Raupp, Nick Hewitt, Kim Hansen and Todd Kruse ended up fourth for Chelsea. Rowland, Standefer, Everard and Wrathall finished first, in the 400 freestyle relay for Beach.



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Makin' music

Beach Middle School pupil an accomplished violinist

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

A gift under the Christmas tree seven years ago set 14-year-old Wes Fritzemeier's musical career in motion.

"I asked for a violin at Christmas," he said. "Sure enough, it was under the tree."

Wes' musical talents were inevitable — his father, Jed, is orchestra director for Chelsea schools and directs the Chelsea House Orchestra. His mother, Nancy, sings and plays the piano, and his sister, Ella, plays the cello. Music reverberates through the family's Sylvan Township home.

Wes credits his family for supporting him and encouraging his musical abilities.

"When Wes was about 8, his dad and Bob Phillips of the Saline Fiddlers put together fiddle workshops for kids in the summer," Nancy Fritzemeier said. "Wesley attended for three summers in a row. He just picked it up really fast and has never looked back."

However, Nancy admits that when Wes was 8 or 9 years old, she got tired of reminding her son to practice.

"He took ownership of his playing after that," she said. "It was then that I realized how serious he was."

"He gets that look on his face and he becomes a part of his music."

Her son, she said, has a talent for hearing a tune once and then being able to play it back.

Early audiences consisted of Wes' parents, sister and grandparents.

However, the young violinist, who took lessons from Suzuki violin teachers Wendy Azrak in Ann Arbor and Judy Palac at Michigan State University, soon spread his wings and began performing more publicly.

One of his first "big gigs" was at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor as one of the youngest in a group of 50 playing at the Ford Honors Program honoring violinist Isaac Stern.

Wes has played at the Saline Celtic Festival and at a festival in Glen Arbor on the west coast of Michigan. He also played onstage with the group Barrage during both its performances in Chelsea.

Wes also teams up with school friend and guitarist Will Argiroff to perform at weddings, school assemblies, the Chelsea Farmers' Market, art fairs and fundraisers, as well as at Music at McKune last summer.

"This duo could go far, given the chance," Nancy

Fritzemeier said.

An eighth-grader at Beach Middle School, Wes plays violin in the school orchestra. Last May, he played the Bach Double Violin Concerto with fellow violinist Jordan Skidmore.

"Mr. Peters, my orchestra teacher, has shown me how to mature my performing," he said.

"I like to play just for the thrill of performing for people. I like to see their faces light up when they enjoy the music."

Wes, who plays a hand-carved Russian violin dating from 1936, mostly enjoys playing classical and folk music.

"I like all the songs that are classical," he said. "Right now, I'm working on the Concerto in G major by Mozart."

One day, Wes hopes to become a solo violinist of world renown.

For now, his parents find him the best teachers and instruments, and do the best they can to give their son the tools to succeed. That includes lessons with Marian Tanau, a violin teacher in Ann Arbor and member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

"He doesn't let up when he teaches me, and he gets me ready for the recitals that I



Photo courtesy of Nancy Fritzemeier
Wes Fritzemeier (left) is an accomplished young musician who plays violin in the Beach Middle School orchestra in Chelsea. He was part of a trio with Will Argiroff and Justin McGrath who earned superior ratings at a Feb. 6 solo and ensemble festival.

have to do," Wes said. "I like him as a mentor — he's gotten me into performances with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra."

Although Wes devotes at least 45 minutes a day to

practicing, he still makes time for the usual teen pursuits, including playing video games and soccer.

"I wouldn't quit because

it's fun and I enjoy it a lot," he said.

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CHELSEA

Exhibition on tap at arts center

Art, music and literature are on tap at the Chelsea Center for the Arts with its "In the Eye of the Arts" exhibit in the center gallery.

Visitors will enjoy a newly enhanced exhibit space showcasing paintings, jewelry, ceramics and glass, among other art forms, as part of the Fine Arts Library. The library features resource materials for educators, students and community members, as well as a music studio for piano, violin and voice lessons.

"In the Eye of the Arts" features paintings by artist Toni Stevenson and glass works by artist Karen K. Smith.

Art and creating art have been key elements in Stevenson's life. She has studied drawing and painting in oil, pastel and watercolor for more than 35 years.

Her current focus is painting in pastel, which satisfies

her love of drawing. Her still life work offers a challenge to create art from the ordinary objects of life, and her recent abstract paintings provide her the freedom and joy to feel the paint as it moves around the canvas.

Stevenson's work has been displayed at the Potter Center in Jackson, the Power Center in Ann Arbor and at Baker College.

A member of the Chelsea Painters, the Ann Arbor Civic Art Association, Ann Arbor Women Artists and the Great Lakes-Pastel Society, Stevenson has received several awards for works exhibited at the Ella Sharp Museum Art Fair.

Smith took a stained-glass class in 1991 and says she immediately fell in love with glass.

Studying glass under the tutelage of Darwin's Stained Glass Studio in Chelsea even-

tually led her to working with kiln-fired glass. Fused and slumped glass are methods of kiln-fired glass developed over 3,500 years ago by the Egyptians.

Smith strives to create functional one-of-a-kind pieces and very short-run production pieces. All her bowls and plates are food safe.

The Chelsea Center for the Arts is located at 400 Congdon St. in Chelsea. The

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WASHTENAW COUNTY

Fund-raiser set March 5

The Humane Society of Huron Valley will hold "Be the Cat's Pajamas," a new fund-raising event for pet lovers, March 5.

The humane society is pioneering an untraditional approach to fundraising with the new event. Rather than asking potential donors to spend the time, effort and money to get dressed up and go out to an evening fund-raiser, it is suggesting that people instead stay at home and spend the time relaxing with their pets.

The purpose of the event is to raise community awareness and funding for animals in the humane society's care.

"Donations from this event will be applied to many important services and programs," said Josephine Kelsey, executive director of the Huron Valley Humane Society.

"For example, a \$50 donation can pay for the sterilization of a male cat to help manage

the rising cat population; \$75 will cover room and board for a shelter animal five days; \$100 provides toys and treats for three months; \$150 can pay for medical check ups and inoculations for six kittens."

The humane society would like the event to encourage a wide range of donors, and says it's a great opportunity for busy people to don their pajamas, spend some time with their pets (or loved ones) and enjoy a relaxing break from a hectic schedule.

Event participants are encouraged to take a photo with their pet(s) and send it to hshv@hshv.org, or 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Winning photos will be selected. The three top winners will be posted on the organization's Web site and will be included in the spring issue of Shelter Life, the humane society's quarterly newsletter.



Photo courtesy of Steve Hinz

PINCKNEY

Players to hold tryouts

Pinckney Players will hold open auditions for its spring production of "The Music Man" Feb. 18 and 19 at the Jane Tisch Performing Arts Theater in Pinckney.

Children may try out from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and adults after 8 p.m.

Directed by Lynn Wilde and with musical direction by Lisa Potti, the show premiered on Broadway in 1957 and has been a constant favorite of theatre-goers.

The story is about Harold Hill, a traveling salesman of questionable motives who arrives in River City, Iowa, in 1912. He convinces the townspeople that they must adopt a music program for their children or there will be "trouble."

Hill also happens to meet and fall in love with a willful spinster, Marian Paroo, thus complicating his temporary stay in River City.

Favorite tunes from the show include "Seventy-six Trombones," "Till There Was You," "Gary, Indiana" and "Lida Rose," sung by a bar-

bershop quartet.

Performance dates will be April 30, May 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 at the Jane Tisch Theater.

Those trying out should be prepared to perform a song of his or her choosing and bring sheet music, if necessary. A piano player will be provided. Children's orchestra members in sixth through ninth grades are needed.

For more information, call

Ed Jones at 1-810-225-5362 or ejones@pcs.k12.mi.us, or 1-810-220-9332.

Comic Relief

Liz Hood (left), Candace Stebelton, Nathan Taylor and Luke Walters have fun during an improv workshop of Chelsea High School's Company C, formerly known as the Washington Street Show Choir. The performers had to transform themselves into an animal using only gloves and mittens. Company C's next performance is a showcase Feb. 21 at Chelsea High School. The troupe will be joined by other area high school ensembles. Tickets are \$8 and are on sale at the Chelsea Pharmacy.

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP ATTENTION RESIDENTS — NOTICE —

THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA:

1. An application for a Variance from the Private Road Ordinance by Timothy J. Spencer of 1398 Sugarloaf Lake Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 (parcel # 05-32-258-026). Mr. Spencer is planning on building a new home on his parcel.

Written comments may be sent to: Lyndon Township Clerk, Linda Reilly, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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

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

A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.

Linda Reilly
Lyndon Township Clerk

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan.

That the Assessment Roll of said Township will be reviewed by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 734-475-2401

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard BY APPOINTMENT MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004 2:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2004 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon and 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

A taxpayer may file his or her protest with the Board of Review by letter without an appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent. A letter must be received by the first day of the Board of Review (March 8, 2004).

The Lyndon Township Board of Review will hear appeals BY APPOINTMENT. Taxpayers or their agents may set the appointment by calling the Township Hall at (734) 475-2401 on Tuesday, March 2, Thursday, March 4, or Friday, March 5, 2004 for an appointment. DO NOT leave appointment requests on the answering machine at the Township Hall.

Such Assessment Roll as reviewed and approved by said Board of Review will be the Assessment Roll of Lyndon Township for the year 2004.

Tentative Ratios and Factors

| Class | Ratio | Factor |
|-------------------|-------|--------|
| Agricultural | 29.74 | 1.6812 |
| Commercial | 45.19 | 1.1084 |
| Industrial | 49.02 | 1.0199 |
| Residential | 48.67 | 1.0273 |
| Personal Property | 50.00 | 1.0000 |

This notice is posted in compliance with the PA 267 of 1976 as amended MCLA 41 72a (2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individual with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling Linda Reilly, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.

A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.

MARYANN NOAH
Lyndon Township Supervisor

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

To be held on February 18, 2004 at 7:30 PM at the Webster Township Hall at 5665 Webster Church Rd., Dexter, Michigan

Agenda: Revision of the Webster Township Zoning Ordinance Sections 4.10, 4.310 item 14; Section 5.08; 5.26 and Definitions in Section 2.0 dealing with Roadside Stands, Landscaping Businesses and Commercial Nurseries.

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than seven days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance.

Written comments may be made in advance at the above address.

John Kingsley, Chairman

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2004 WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER

Present: Village President Steele, Acting Village Manager Fredette, Village Clerk Burch

Trustees Present: Myles, Holmes, Albertson, Ritter, MacFarlan; and Schumann

Absent: None

Others Present: Andy Johnston, Bob Shepherd, Earl Heller, Jim Drölet, Bob Ponte, Joann Ladio, Mike Rybka, G. Adams, Sandra Vadiamadi, Lynn Meadows.

President Steele called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Motion, Schumann; support, Holmes, to approve the minutes of the Dec 9, 2003 and Dec 16, 2003. Five (5) yeas, Two (2) Nays. (Albertson, MacFarlan). Motion Carried.

Motion, Myles; support, Albertson to reconsider minutes to make corrections. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion, Ritter; support, Myles; to approve the Dec 9, 2003 and Dec 16, 2003 with the following corrections: To change the word passed under Communications regarding the 425 Agreement that was sent to Lima Township to draft agreement. To include the following information on the Police Chief/MML: Trustee MacFarlan had prepared a copy of a Police Chief outline for Personnel Committee. Requested that the Acting Police Chief Sumner be given a copy of the job description of Police Chief and what is expected of him during the interim. Asked President Steele if he has a letter from the Chief McDougall that states who he would like to replace him?

President Steele, no I do not have a communication form Chief McDougall regarding the police chief position. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion, Holmes; support, Myles. To add Vets Park Pump Station under unfinished business and Proclamation regarding One World, One Family under new business. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion, Myles; support, Holmes, to remove from table, Council Video Tapes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion, Ritter; support, MacFarlan, to table to next meeting. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion, Ritter; support, Schumann, to take recommendation of the Personnel Committee to go forward with hiring Scott Sumner as Acting Police Chief for one year. Three (3) yeas, one (1) nay. (Myles). Two refused to vote (Albertson, Holmes). Motion failed.

Motion, Schumann; support, Holmes, to go with the Personnel Committee Recommendation that Acting Village Manager Barb Fredette be allowed the use of the village car and that her wages are to be increased \$1200 per month while she is the Acting Village Manager. The wage adjustment should be retroactive to December 16, 2003. Roll Call Vote. Five Yeas, two absent (MacFarlan, Albertson) Motion carried.

Motion, J. Myles; support, Ritter, to send out payment for vets park pump station. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion, Ritter; support, Holmes, to remove work sessions but to leave the regular sessions as second and fourth Tuesdays. Two (2) Ayes, Three (3) Nays (Holmes, Schumann, Myles) Motion failed.

Motion, Ritter; support, Myles, to have regular meeting 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion, Holmes; support, Schumann, to approve the resolution for MERS. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion Ritter; support, Holmes to approve One World, One Family Proclamation. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion, Ritter; support, Holmes to adjourn at 10:14. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

NOTE: This is only a synopsis of the Dec 16, 2003 Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Clerk's Office at 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea, MI.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Burch, Village Clerk

Approved: January 27, 2004

DEXTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING — TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2004, 7:30 P.M. 6880 DEXTER PINCKNEY RD, DEXTER, MI 48130 (734) 426-3767

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

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

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Kelly at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Public comment — None.

Motion by Knight, second by Brushaber to approve the agenda as amended. Carried 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Knight, second by Brushaber to approve the Consent Agenda. Carried 5-0

AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS

Motion by Brushaber, second by Howard to pay the bills in the amount of \$55,077.14 and gross payroll in the amount of \$19,342.59 Carried 5-0

There were no funds to transfer this month.

OLD BUSINESS

A. WCRC request to change names of Cortland and Webb's Shore Drive (Attachment 6-A; Clerk Rider)

Motion by Rider, second by Howard to approve Resolution 04-089, a resolution to amend Supervisor's Plat No. 1 to change the name of Webb's Lake Drive to Webb's Shore Drive and North Lake Orchard No. 2 to change the name of Courtland Drive to Webb's Shore Drive. Roll Call Vote: Yeas — 5; Nays — 0; Abstain — 0; Absent — 0 Carried 5-0

B. Financial Review and Analysis of Multi-Lake Sewer. Supervisor Kelly informed the Board that Tom Traciak has completed his review and would like to present the information to the Board. Supervisor Kelly will call a special meeting at a later date.

C. Call of Outstanding Balance on 1995 Multi-Lake Sewer Bonds — no update.

D. SBC Telecom Act Application. Supervisor Kelly informed the Board that, based on conversations with MTA, we do not need to take immediate action, as the SBC application is to recognize existing rights-of-way only. In addition, SBC has apparently changed some of the contract wording from standard and the Township Attorney needs to review it. Finally, the required infrastructure map, furnished by SBC is inadequate.

E. Homestead (Principal Residence) Exemption — Assessor Merte will report to the board in the near future. Supervisor Kelly would like the report prior to the March Board of Review meetings.

F. Fire Protection Funding — Clerk Rider provided an informational memo to the Board and the Board discussed options for communicating the funding issue to Township residents. It was agreed by the Board that with the Fire millage expiring this year, the General Fund cannot support our fire protection services. However, with the Police Fund over-funded, but with "locked" funds that can't be used for anything other than police related expenses, it would make sense to have a combined Public Safety millage that would not be any greater than the current millages; rather than separate Police and Fire millages. It was also agreed by the Board that a proposal to combine police and fire into one Public Safety millage could be a confusing issue that would need both public input and education. In addition, flyers announcing the meetings would be distributed and the information would be posted on the Township Website www.twp-dexter.org.

Motion by Rider, second by Howard to hold Special Board Meetings to solicit input from the public regarding fire protection funding; the first meeting to be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 17th; the second meeting to be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 1st, 2004. Carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

A. Office System Telephones: Motion by Rider, second by Howard to approve Advanced Electronics & Communications, Inc., as the authorized repair contractor for the Township Hall Phone System. Carried 5-0

B. 2004 Employee Performance Review Assignments — The Board divided up the performance reviews, to be completed and returned to the Supervisor by February 10th.

C. Township Personnel Policy Review — The Board discussed problems with interpretation of the sick and vacation time policies. Trustee Howard offered to recommend to the Board the names of several citizens who would be willing to form a committee to review our policies.

D. John Frame Rezoning Request: Motion by Rider, second by Howard to initiate a rezoning request on parcel D-04-07-227-008 from Public Land (PL) to Lakes Residential (LR) and authorize the Supervisor to sign and submit the request as requires in 5.02 and 5.04 of the Township Zoning Ordinance. Carried 5-0

E. Huron Creek Party Store Settlement Status — Supervisor Kelly informed the Board that a settlement conference was scheduled for January 21st.

F. Multi-Lake Sewer Debt Fund Account Authorization: Motion by Knight, second by Howard to approve Resolution 04-090, a resolution to authorize, establish and maintain one or more accounts and to engage in various transactions with or through Bear, Stearns & Co., etc., for the investment of the Multi-Lake Debt Fund. Roll Call Vote: Yeas — 5; Nays — 0; Abstain — 0; Absent — 0 Carried 5-0

G. Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program Property Nomination: Motion by Rider, second by Brushaber to approve resolution 04-091, a resolution in support of the purchase of certain property in Sections 30 and 31 of Dexter Township by the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program. Roll Call Vote: Yeas — 5; Nays — 0; Abstain — 0; Absent — 0 Carried 5-0

H. Priority List for Planning Commission Review/Action: — The Board discussed Clerk Rider's memo regarding priorities for the Planning Commission. In addition, Treasurer Knight would like to see the Zoning Ordinance more easily understandable by the general public and Supervisor Kelly would like to see more graphics to illustrate things like fence height.

I. Township Hall Building Loan Payoff (Attachment 7-1) Motion by Knight, second by Howard to review the building pay-off in March. Carried 5-0

J. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments: Motion by Knight, second by Brushaber to reappoint Marcia Ottoman to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate, with a term expiring 12/31/2006; Appoint James Cormier as a regular member to a term expiring 12/31/06; and appoint Mark Wojno as an alternate member to fill the remainder of Jim's term, expiring 12/31/04. Carried 5-0

At 10:11 PM Supervisor Kelly was called out of the meeting.

K. Fees for Shared Driveways: Motion by Rider, second by Howard to amend the Dexter Township Fee Schedule to reflect the following charges for shared driveways in accordance with the current Zoning Ordinance and the amended Road Ordinance:

| Type | Fee | Deposit |
|----------------------------|--|---------|
| Serving two properties: | \$440.00 plus additional expenses in excess of one (1) hour attorney time and two (2) hours of engineer time | \$200 |
| Serving 3 or 4 properties: | \$895.00 plus additional expenses in excess of two (2) hours Attorney time and four (4) hours engineer time | \$400 |

Motion Carried 4-0

At 10:13 PM Supervisor Kelly left the meeting to attend to an emergency. Clerk Rider moderated the remainder of the meeting.

L. Board of Review Training (Attachment 7-L) Motion by Knight, second by Brushaber to authorize any of the Township Board of Review members and the Township Supervisor to attend the MTA Board of Review Training on February 11th. Carried 4-0

M. Township Ordinances on Website — The Board expressed an interest in having our ordinances available on the Township Web Site as soon as each is reformatting and available.

PUBLIC COMMENT & OTHER ISSUES

There was no additional public comment.

Trustee Brushaber informed the Board that the Chelsea Area Construction Agency would be taking up the issue of the purchase of land for their own building at their 2/18/04 meeting and the Dexter Township Board should discuss the issue at the 2/17/04 Board meeting.

Clerk Rider informed the Board that the County will be mandating a single brand of optical scan voting machine in the near future, with the anticipation that the machines will be purchased by the State as a result of the "Help America Vote Act" (HAVA). A decision is expected in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Harley B. Rider, Clerk
Dexter Township

NOTE: These are preliminary minutes subject to approval by the Township Board at the Regular Meeting to be held on February 17th 2004.



Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

Making Music

Viktor Rozsa, a pupil of cello teacher Sara Cumming, focuses hard on the music during a recent concert at the Chelsea Retirement Community.

VILLAGE OF DEXTER PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 1, 2004 at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the proposed amendments to Article 22, Administration and Enforcement, of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance. The amendment to Section 22.09.B is proposed to read as follows:

If work continues after posting of a stop work order, the Zoning Administrator is authorized to issue a Civil Infraction violation notice per Section 22.09 of the Village of Dexter General Code. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be responsible for a civil infraction, subject to the payment of a civil fine as set forth in Section 22-9 of the Village of Dexter General Code.

Information regarding the proposed changes to the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 2. Written comments regarding this project should be submitted to the Village Offices, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 24, 2004. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Offices and on the Village website.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

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

County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan

That the Assessment Roll of said Township will be reviewed by the Board of Review on March 2, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL

18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, Michigan

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004

from 9-12 noon and 1-4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2004

from 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

and additional days if determined

necessary by the Board of Review

STARTING RATIOS FOR 2004 ARE:

| | | |
|-------|---------------|--------|
| 44.04 | Agriculture | 1.1353 |
| 47.38 | Commercial | 1.0553 |
| 44.70 | Industrial | 1.1185 |
| 47.00 | Residential | 1.0638 |
| 37.80 | Developmental | 1.3227 |

The Sylvan Township Board of Review will hear appeals by letter or appointment. Appointments may be made by calling 475-8890 on Mondays or Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 12 Noon, or contacting the Assessor.

CHARLES BURGESS, SUPERVISOR

Dated: February 12, 19 and 26, 2004

CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2003 - 5:30 P.M.

Meeting Location:

Chelsea District Library Meeting Room

Trustees in attendance: Kathy Sprawka, President; Jan Dohner, Vice President; Greg DeGraff, Secretary; John Gourlay, Treasurer; Lynn Fox, Trustee; and Metta Lansdale, Director

Absent with Notice: Kate McAuliffe, Trustee; Nancy Schumann, Trustee

Director's Report

M. Lansdale requested clear direction for the method to be used to designate the library interior designer. She pointed out that, for the work she has done for the library to date, Alyce Riemenschneider has been highly commended by the trustees as well as by the members of the community who have attended her presentations. The Director is concerned about potential confusion in the community if it appears the board is not certain about moving ahead with the Riemenschneider firm for interior design in the planned facility. The library has a strong reputation for successful use of the Request for Proposals process when the board was not certain about the selection of a consultant for specific work, but that in this case, the Riemenschneider firm is clearly recognized as the right firm for this job. To answer questions about the potential cost of the interior design of the planned library project, the Director suggests a survey of costs from similar firms for comparison purposes in addition to a cost proposal from Riemenschneider Design Associates.

Discussion

Trustee DeGraff stated that he was more comfortable with using a full Request for Proposals process for selection of the interior designer as well as for any other significant cost effort. [Having stated at the outset, he would have to leave at 8:00, Mr. DeGraff did leave at 8:00.]

Individually, Trustees Dohner, Fox, Gourlay and Sprawka affirmed that Riemenschneider Design Associates would be their clear choice, once information about cost was available.

Action

MOVED by L. Fox and Seconded by J. Dohner that the Director obtain a price proposal from Riemenschneider Design Associates, and one other firm, using whatever method the Director chooses.

Motion PASSED Unanimously

Next Steps

The information will be brought to the previously scheduled special January 7th meeting for discussion purposes. The board will take action on selection of the interior design firm at the regular January 20th board meeting.

Public Comment

None

Motion made by J. Gourlay to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by L. Fox. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY at 8:30 P.M.

Minutes recorded by M. Lansdale

CHECK OUT OUR CLASSIFIEDS TODAY!

LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the Township of Lima that the Assessment Roll of said Township as prepared by Marci Betts, Township Assessor, will be reviewed by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 1:00 P.M. at the

LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL

11452 JACKSON ROAD

CHELSEA, MI 48118

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:

Monday, March 08, 2004 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Monday, March 08, 2004 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 10, 2004 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 11, 2004 from 9:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

A Resident taxpayer may file his or her protest with the Board of Review by letter without an appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent. A letter must be received by the first day of the Board of Review, (Monday, March 08, 2004).

The Lima Township Board of Review will hear appeals by appointment. Taxpayers or their agents may set the appointment by calling the Township Hall at (734) 475-2246, Monday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9:00 A.m. to 12 noon. Please call prior to March 08, 2004. DO NOT leave Appointment request on the answering machine at the Township Hall.

TENTATIVE FACTORS:

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| AGRICULTURE | (101) | 47.86 | 1.0447 |
| COMMERCIAL | (201) | 46.74 | 1.0697 |
| INDUSTRIAL | (301) | 44.41 | 1.1258 |
| RESIDENTIAL | (401) | 47.93 | 1.0431 |
| DEVELOPMENT | (601) | 42.00 | 1.1904 |
| PERSONAL PROPERTY | | 50.00 | 1.0000 |

Kenneth Unterbrink

Lima Township Supervisor

LIMA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING -- FEBRUARY 2, 2004

The regular meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order on February 2, 2004 at 8:00 P.M. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustee Laier and Zoning Administrator Wesolowski, absent Trustee McKenzie. Also present several residents and guests.

Motion by Laier supported by Havens to approve minutes of January 5, 2004. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to amend the agenda to add Budget Hearing Date and Fee Schedule Amendment. Carried.

The treasurer's report was received.

Zoning Administrator issued 1 new address and 6 compliance permits, 3 for new homes, 1 pole barn, 1 ag building, 1 garage and 2 commercial use permits.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to send the proposed PDR Ordinance back to the Planning Commission to find out how it works in conjunction with the TDR the state has approved. Carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Bareis to table the Wexford Homes Rezoning Application #03-007, for Board study until next month. Carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Bareis to call a special meeting -- work session on Tuesday, February 24, at 5:00 P.M. to study the Wexford Homes Rezoning Application, and at 6:00 P.M. with the Planning Commission to study the sewer overlay district. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Havens to accept The Mail Shoppe estimate of \$802.00 plus envelopes for mailing of assessment notices. Carried.

Motion by Havens supported by Bareis to hold a budget hearing on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to amend the Lima Township Fee Schedule to reflect the recommendations of the Zoning Administrator as follows: 1. add f. Commercial or Industrial Use Permit \$150.00, g. Amending any of the above permits \$50.00. Under number 5. Sign Permits, a. Off Premise Commercial (billboard type) \$1,500.00, Consultant-Deposit \$2000.00, b. All other signs that need a permit \$75.00, plus \$1.00 per square foot for every square foot over 75 square feet. Carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Havens to pay bills as presented. Carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Havens to adjourn at 9:20 P.M. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ariane Bareis, Clerk

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING -- JANUARY 20, 2004

Webster Township Board Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Sup. Fisher. Present: Fisher, Baldus, Calhoun, Fink, Kingsley and 32 residents.

The meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisors Remarks

Motion Kingsley support Fink to approve the minutes of December 16, 2003 as presented. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion Calhoun support Baldus to accept Treasurer's report and pay bills as presented as well as anticipated bills received before the Feb. Meeting. Roll call vote, all eyes and carried.

Webster Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the Dec. 12, 2003 meeting received. These minutes affirmed the Planning Commission report recommending denial of the request to rezone the Nixon Property to MHP.

Parks and Recreation Committee Report received.

Zoning Inspector Report. Four permits were issued and eight properties inspected.

Sheriff's Report. None received.

Motion Kingsley support Calhoun to approve agenda as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

A) PDR Ordinance (tabled)

B) Enco-Keller Violation No additional information at this time

C) FY 2005 Budget

Preliminary budget to be presented at the Feb. meeting with final approval at the March Meeting

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

NEW BUSINESS

A) Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2004

Motion Fink support Calhoun to adopt Resolution regarding Poverty Exemption Guidelines as presented. Carried.

B) Farrell Road Name Change

Motion Kingsley support Fink to change the north section of Farrell Road to Cobblestone Lane. Carried.

C) Phase II Storm Water Permit

Mannik Smith preparing letter to be presented at the Feb. Meeting

D) Historical Society Restrooms

Motion Calhoun support Fink to table until Feb. Meeting and have proposal checked by Township Attorney. Carried.

E) Public Safety Millage

Will again need to be on the August Ballot.

F) Headlee Override

Amendment will be on the August Ballot. Renewal increase by proposed amendment will be discussed at the February Meeting.

G) Fire Department Cost for CY 2004

Request presentation from Fire Chief at the February Meeting regarding collection of accident expense costs from non-residents.

H) Township Newsletter

Motion Fisher support Fink to start quarterly newsletter, first edition general mailing as well as on the Website, amend to say without mailing cost. Carried.

I) Shafter Development Rezoning Application

Kingsley recommends to the Township Board as chairman of the Planning Commission to deny the application. Motion Kingsley support Fink to accept Preliminary recommendation of Planning Commission, receive it for consideration, table it to give the board time to review and digest the material the petitioners might like to provide for the Feb. Meeting. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Frieda Krupp resigning as Webster's representative from the Dexter Library Board due to ill health. Notice to be put in the Leader thanking her plus seeking a volunteer to fill her last two years on the board.

Letter of resignation from Zoning Inspector.

Letter from resident recommending a candidate for Planning Commission.

Dexter District Library Meeting to be held January 22, 2004 at the Library.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Motion Kingsley support Baldus meeting adjourn at 8:50. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wana M. Baldus Clerk

CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2003

7:00 P.M. - Meeting location:

Chelsea District Library Meeting Room

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Trustees in attendance: Kathy Sprawka, President; Jan Dohner, Vice President; Greg DeGraff, Secretary; John Gourlay, Treasurer; Lynn Fox, Trustee; Nancy Schumann, Trustee; Kate McAuliffe, Trustee; Metta Lansdale, Director.

Guests: Georgette De Salvo, Linda Ballard, Christy Gutekunst, Marie Brooks, Lee Draugelis, Karen Dixon, Michael Rybka

K. Sprawka called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW AND ADDITIONS

J. Gourlay suggested that we move the Interior Designer item from Action to Discussion. K. Sprawka replied that the Board actually did discuss this issue at the last board meeting; the Board concurred, and agreed to keep Interior Designer as an Action Item.

COMPULSORY SEGMENTS

Minutes

J. Gourlay said that it was not he but J. Dohner who mentioned an error in recording in October's minutes. MOTION made by L. Fox to approve the November 18, 2003 Open Meeting Minutes as amended, SECONDED by N. Schumann. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director's Report

N. Schumann noticed that C. Verge's term was incorrectly recorded as ending in Dec 2006, when actually it will end December 2007. K. McAuliffe congratulated the grant writer who developed the successful grant from Rosebud Foundation. G. DeGraff noted his satisfaction with the Library's continued programming effort for seniors.

Approval of Checks

MOTION made by K. McAuliffe, SECONDED by L. Fox to approve the list of checks.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

M. Brooks, Volunteer Coordinator, reported that in 2003, the Used Book Sale sold over 10,000 books, earning over \$8,000. She stated the number of books sold is probably higher, as children's books are sold by the inch and romances are sold by the bag. The Board congratulated her on her efforts.

DISCUSSION

Procedures for Building Project

K. Sprawka asked for feedback on her building procedures plan included in the packet. L. Fox, K. Sprawka and K. McAuliffe volunteered to serve on the Committee, and G. DeGraff said he would lend support. This issue will be an Action Item on January's Agenda.

Retreat Ideas

Trustees discussed following ideas in addition to those suggested by the Director. The Board should review the strategic plan, establish board objectives, highlight the mission and vision, complete a self-evaluation. M. Lansdale suggested Rick Frankhart for facilitator, who had helped the Library establish personnel policies some time ago. The Board discussed including staff, but left it up to the Director's discretion. Trustees concurred with Director's recommendation of Rick Frankhart. M. Lansdale said she would bring a final agenda, along with a confirmed venue, to the January Meeting for Action.

Officers for 2004

K. McAuliffe, Chair of the Nominating Committee, stated that current incumbents will hold their seats, but noted the board would need to fill the treasurer slot. She will prepare a ballot for Action at the January Meeting. It was also decided that Policy Committee should create a policy addressing nominations and elections of officers.

Policy #550: Financial Policies

J. Gourlay stated that this policy would codify current practices and put into effect the following:

to give the director responsibilities which used to be the treasurer's (in point #4), and to have checks provide for two signatures instead of one (in point #5). It was also agreed that in point #2, the phrase "capital equipment" would be added.

Policy #108: Paid Holidays

The Committee revised this policy to reflect a change in procedure to compensate full-time employees for holidays that fall on a day in which an employee is not scheduled to work.

Policy #422: Display and Solicitation

The Committee revised this policy to clarify guidelines regarding the display of literature and information from outside sources, and to prohibit the distribution of petitions and/or surveys at the Library.

Rosebud Foundation Grant

M. Lansdale stated that The Rosebud Foundation awarded a grant to support new senior programming, specifically granting funds for the expense of transporting seniors via CATS bus to the library bi-monthly. MOTION made by N. Schumann to move the Rosebud Foundation Grant from Discussion-to-Action, SECONDED by L. Fox, and after discussion, MOTION FAILED.

ACTION ITEMS

Budget Adjustment

M. Lansdale reminded the Board that she presented budget lines for year-end budget adjustment at the November meeting. MOTION made by J. Gourlay to accept the year-end budget adjustment, SECONDED by L. Fox. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Selection of At-Large Trustee

M. Lansdale noted that she introduced Colleen Verge and included her paperwork for candidacy in the last Board meeting. MOTION made by K. McAuliffe, SECONDED by L. Fox to accept C. Verge as the Chelsea District Library's At-Large Trustee, serving a term from January 2004 until December 2007. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Interior Design

M. Lansdale reported on the practical and financial reasons to have Riemenschneider Designs continue its services into Phase II of the Building Project, and asked the Board for Action to select her firm. MOTION made by L. Fox, SECONDED by N. Schumann. Trustees voiced their concern because no price or contract was provided for these services. After discussion, Trustees and the Director concurred that it would be best to submit a Request for Proposals to the public to select an interior design firm. M. Lansdale reported she would keep the Board updated on this issue. MOTION FAILED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BUILDING PLANNING UPDATE

M. Lansdale reported that she would attend a meeting on Thursday with O'Neal Construction, Jim Mumby and Alyce Riemenschneider to discuss preparations and timelines for the project. She stated Laurel Gravelyn will serve as Chair of the Capital Campaign, who is contacting other individuals to serve as chairs and members of various committees.

REPORTS

Personnel

G. DeGraff reported that tonight the Board would hold the Director's annual evaluation and review the Director's contract in closed session. He stated that the Director's contract would be an Action Item in January.

ODA

L. Fox stated that she attended the meeting last night and reported there was excitement and no serious concerns over the new building plans.

Friends of the Library

G. DeGraff stated that the Friends have planned their Annual Staff Appreciation Dinner for January 30 at the Chelsea Hospital, with Jim Mumby as the featured speaker.

PARKING LOT

K. McAuliffe brought in a recent issue of Threshold Magazine and noted a feature article about libraries. It will remain as a reference material in the Library Professional Collection.

L. Fox said that as the Board occasionally struggles with the nominating process she suggests creating a policy to outline procedures.

K. Sprawka eloquently thanked both John Gourlay and Nancy Schumann for their years of service on the Board and in challenging committee chair positions. The Board applauded their efforts and reiterated that they would sorely miss these two.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by J. Gourlay and Seconded by J. Dohner to remove to closed session. Roll call... all yes.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ask Greg for who made action to accept contract in open session.

Moved by John Gourlay and Seconded by Lynn Fox to bring contract to action - Passed

Moved by John Gourlay and Seconded by Jan Dohner to approve the contract - Passed

Moved by Lynn Fox and Seconded by Nancy Schumann to direct Secretary to sign contract as approved - Passed

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PREAMBLE

Section 16.17 We, the people of the City of Chelsea, pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Michigan, mindful of the ideals and labors of our forefathers, in order to secure the benefits of efficient self-government, and to promote the freedom, health, peace, safety and prosperity of its residents, the community and its members, do hereby ordain and establish this Charter.

ETHICAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CHELSEA

Section 16.18 1. PRINCIPLE THAT PUBLIC OFFICE IS A PUBLIC TRUST. Public servants shall treat public office as a public trust, using the powers and resources of public office only to advance public interests, and not to attain personal benefits or pursue any private interest incompatible with the public good.

Section 16.19 2. PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENT, OBJECTIVE JUDGMENT. Public servants shall employ independent, objective judgment in performing their duties, deciding all matters on the merits, free from conflicts of interest and apparent improper influences.

Section 16.20 3. PRINCIPLE OF ACCOUNTABILITY. Public servants shall assure that government is conducted openly, efficiently, equitably and honorably in a manner that permits the citizenry to make informed judgments and to hold government officials accountable.

Section 16.21 4. PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP. Public servants shall honor and respect the principles and spirit of representative democracy and set a positive example of good citizenship by scrupulously observing the letter and spirit of laws and rules.

clerk shall be the chairperson and two members of such board shall constitute a quorum. The commission shall appoint the Board of Election Inspectors for each precinct and have charge of all activities and duties required of it by statute and this charter relating to the conduct of elections in the city. The compensation of the election personnel shall be determined, in advance, by the council. In any case where election procedure is in doubt, the Election Commission shall prescribe the procedure to be followed.

Section 4.15 NOMINATIONS - FORM OF BALLOT

The form, printing and numbering of ballots or the preparation of the voting machines used in any city election shall conform as nearly as may be to that prescribed by statute, except that no party designation or emblem shall appear. In all city elections, the names of qualified candidates for each office shall be listed under a separate heading and shall be rotated systematically in the manner prescribed by the laws of the State of Michigan for rotation of names. If two or more candidates for the same office have the same or similar surnames, the Election Commission shall print the occupation or residence address under the respective names of each of such candidates on the ballots (or on labels or slips to be placed on voting machines when used).

Section 4.16 CUSTODY AND SAFEKEEPING OF REGISTRATION LISTS AND SUPPLIES

The clerk shall be responsible for the custody and safekeeping of all registration lists and supplies. On election day, the clerk shall deliver them to the respective board of inspectors of election, taking his or her receipt therefor.

Section 4.17 ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The electors of the city shall be entitled to vote by absentee ballots at any city election as provided by law.

Section 4.18 DETERMINATION OF ELECTION ENDING IN A TIE VOTE

If, at any city election, there shall be no choice-between-candidates by reason of two or more persons having received an equal number of votes, then the Washtenaw County Board of Canvassers shall name a date within five days after said election for the appearance of such persons for the purpose of determining the election of such candidates by lot as provided by law.

Section 4.19 RECOUNT

A recount of the votes cast at any city election of any office or upon any proposition may be had in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.

Section 4.20 INTERIM ELECTION CYCLE

Subject to Sections 16.5 through 16.7 of this charter, the city council and mayor shall be elected. The mayor shall be elected for a term ending November 2005. Three city councilpersons shall be elected for terms ending November 2005 and three city councilpersons shall be elected for terms ending November 2007. At each reelection, the mayor and councilpersons shall be elected subject to Section 3.4 of this charter.

Section 4.21 PURITY OF ELECTION; STATE LAWFUL AND UNLAWFUL ACTS

All laws of the State of Michigan now in force or hereinafter enacted relating to the purity of elections, and as to what are lawful and what are unlawful acts, shall apply to all elections held under this chapter.

CHAPTER V

GENERAL PROVISIONS REGARDING OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL

Section 5.1 ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

(a) No person shall hold any elective office of the city unless he or she has been a resident of the city for at least one year immediately prior to the date of the election at which he or she is a candidate. He or she must also have been a registered elector on the last day for filing nominating petitions for such office or prior to his or her appointment to fill a vacancy.

(b) No person shall be eligible for any elective or appointive city office who is in default to the city. The holding of office by any person who is in default shall create a vacancy unless such default shall be eliminated within thirty (30) days after written notice thereof has been served at his or her last known place of residence by the city clerk upon the direction of the council, or, unless the officer contests his or her liability for the default in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) No person who holds or has held the office of councilperson shall be eligible to hold any appointive office for which there is compensation paid by the city until one year has elapsed following retirement or resignation. This provision would not apply to appointments where nominal compensation may be paid by the city.

(d) No appointive city officer or employee shall seek an elective office of the city unless he or she resigns their position with the city upon election to office.

(e) All administrative officers (See Section 7.1 of this charter) shall be United States citizens.

Section 5.2 SECTION RESERVED

Section 5.3 HOLDING OF APPOINTEE OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT BY RELATIVE OF ELECTIVE OR APPOINTEE OFFICER

Unless the council shall by majority vote, and shall record as part of its official proceedings, determine that the best interests of the city shall be served, family members of any elective or appointive officer are disqualified from holding any appointive office or employment during the term for which said elective or appointive officer was elected or appointed. This section shall in no way disqualify such family members who are bona fide appointive officers or employees of the city at the time of the election or appointment of said official.

Section 5.4 OATH OF OFFICE AND BOND REQUIRED

Every officer, elective or appointive, before entering upon the duties of that office, shall qualify by taking the oath of office prescribed for public officers by the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and by filing the oath with the clerk, together with any bond required by statute, this charter or by the council. In case of failure to comply with the provisions of this section within fourteen (14) days from the date he or she is notified in writing of that officer's election or appointment, such officer shall be deemed to have declined the office and such office shall thereupon become vacant unless the council shall, by resolution, extend the time in which such officer may qualify as above set forth.

Section 5.5 SURETY BONDS

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this charter, all officers of the city whose duties involve the custody of public property or the handling of public funds, either by way of receipt or disbursement or both, and all other officers and employees so required by the council shall, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, file with the city an official bond in such form and amount as the council shall direct and approve.

(b) The official bond of every officer or employee whose duty it may be to receive or pay out money shall be conditioned that he or she will, upon demand, pay over or account for to the city, or any proper officer or agent thereof, all moneys received by him or her as such officer or employee. The requirements of this paragraph may be met by the purchase of one or more appropriate blanket surety bonds covering all, or a group of city employees and officers.

(c) All official bonds shall be corporate surety bonds and the premiums thereon shall be paid by the city. The clerk shall be custodian of all bonds of all officers or employees except that the city manager shall be custodian of any bonds pertaining solely to the clerk and/or clerk-treasurer.

Section 5.6 DELIVERY OF EFFECTS OF OFFICE TO SUCCESSOR OR SUPERIOR WHEN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE CEASES TO HOLD OFFICE

Whenever any officer or employee shall cease to hold such office or employment for any reason whatsoever, he or she shall within five days, or sooner on demand, deliver to his or her successor in office or to that officer's or employee's superior all the books, papers, money, equipment and effects in his or her custody that in any manner pertain to that office. Any officer violating this provision may be proceeded against in the same manner as public officers generally for a

like offense under the laws of the State of Michigan.

Section 5.7 DECLARATION OF VACANCY IN ELECTIVE OFFICE

Any elective city office shall be declared vacant by the council before the expiration of the term of such office:

(a) For any reason specified by statute or by this charter as creating a vacancy in office;

(b) If no person is elected to, or qualified for the office at the election at which such office is to be filled;

(c) If the officer shall be found guilty by a competent tribunal of any act constituting misconduct in office under the provisions of this charter;

(d) In the case of any member of the council, if such officer shall miss four consecutive regular meetings of the council or twenty-five percent of such meetings in any fiscal year of the city, unless such absence shall be excused by the council and the reason therefor entered in its proceedings at the time of each absence;

(e) If the officer is removed from office by the council in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.8.

Section 5.8 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Removal by the council of elective officers or of members of boards or commissions shall be made for either of the following reasons:

(a) For any reason specified by statute for removal of city officers by the governor.

(b) For any act declared by this charter to constitute misconduct in office. Such removals by the council shall be made only after a hearing of which the officer has been given notice by the clerk at least ten (10) days in advance, either personally or by certified mail, addressed to the officer in question at the last known place of residence of that officer. Such notice shall include a copy of the charges against the officer. The hearing shall afford an opportunity to the officer, in person or by his or her attorney, to be heard in his or her defense, to cross-examine witnesses and to present testimony. If the officer shall neglect to appear at the hearing and answer the charges, his or her failure to do so may be deemed cause for removal. A majority vote of the members of the council in office at the time, exclusive of any member whose removal is being considered, shall be required for any such removal.

Section 5.9 RESIGNATIONS OF ELECTIVE AND APPOINTEE OFFICERS

(a) Resignations of elective officers and of members of boards and commissions shall be made in writing and filed with the clerk and shall be acted upon by the council at its next regular or special meeting following receipt thereof by the clerk and are irrevocable upon acceptance. Resignations of appointive officers shall be made in writing to the appointing officer or body and shall be acted upon immediately.

(b) Any elective or appointive council member required to serve in the military forces of the United States causing that officer to miss four (4) consecutive regular meetings of the council or twenty-five (25%) percent of such meetings in any fiscal year shall resign and be entitled to the designation of "Honorable Resignation," unless such absence shall be excused by the council and the reason therefor entered in its proceedings at the time of each absence.

Section 5.10 FILLING VACANCY IN COUNCIL

Any vacancy in the council, which occurs more than fifty-nine (59) days before the next regular city election, may be filled within sixty (60) days by a majority vote of the members of the council then in office. Any qualified elector may apply to council for appointment. Said appointment shall be for a period of time expiring on the date of the regular meeting following the next regular city election at which election such vacancy shall be filled by a Council Member being elected to a four-year term, if the immediately preceding four-year term has expired, or to a two-year term if the immediately preceding four-year term has an unexpired balance of two years.

Section 5.11 FILLING VACANCIES IN OFFICES

Vacancies in appointive offices shall be filled in the manner provided for making the original appointment. In the case of members of boards and commissions appointed for a definite term, such appointments shall be for the unexpired term.

Section 5.12 CHANGES IN TERM OF OFFICE OR COMPENSATION

(a) Except by procedures provided in this charter, the terms of office of the elective officers and of members of boards and commissions, appointed for definite terms shall not be shortened. The terms of elective officers of the city shall not be extended beyond the period for which any such officer was elected except that an elective officer shall, after that officer's term has expired, continue to hold office until a successor to that office has qualified and is elected or appointed.

(b) The council shall not grant or authorize extra compensation to any officer or employee after the services have been rendered.

Section 5.13 COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES NOT PROVIDED FOR BY CHARTER; BONA FIDE EXPENSES INCURRED IN SERVICE OF CITY

(a) The compensation of all employees and officers of the city whose compensation is not provided for herein, shall be fixed by the council within the limits of budget appropriations, and in accordance with any pay plan adopted by the council.

(b) Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit the payment of necessary bona fide expenses incurred in service in behalf of the city.

Section 5.14 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The council may provide for a retirement system for the city employees.

Section 5.15 MERIT SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEES

The council may provide for a merit system for city employees. See Section 7.2 (a) of this charter.

CHAPTER VI

COUNCIL PROCEDURES, POWERS AND DUTIES

Section 6.1 REGULAR MEETINGS

(a) The council shall provide for the time and place of its regular meetings and shall hold at least two (2) meetings each month, except for December.

(b) The City of Chelsea does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to or treatment of employment in its programs or activities. The City of Chelsea shall provide aids or services for the assistance of individuals with speech, vision, hearing or other impairments as provided by statute. Individuals desiring such assistance should contact the city clerk twenty-four (24) hours prior to attendance.

Section 6.2 SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the City Council shall be called by the clerk on the written request of the mayor, or any three (3) members of the council by written notice to each member of the council served personally or left at his or her usual place of residence no less than 18 hours prior to the time of such meeting. The City Council may meet in emergency session on shorter notice in the event of a severe and imminent threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public and under all other circumstances provided for in Section 5 (5) of MCL 15.265, when two-thirds (2/3) of the membership serving on the Council shall decide that delay would be detrimental to the efforts to lessen or respond to the threat.

Section 6.3 BUSINESS OF SPECIAL MEETINGS

No business shall be transacted at any special meetings of the council unless the same shall have been stated in the notice of such meetings. However, any business that might lawfully come before a regular meeting may be transacted at such special meeting if all the members present consent thereto and not in conflict with this charter.

Section 6.4 MEETINGS TO BE PUBLIC

All meetings of the City Council shall be held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act of 1976 PA267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

Section 6.5 QUORUM

Four (4) members of the council shall be a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the council. In the absence of a quorum, any number of members less than a quorum may adjourn any regular or special meeting to a later date.

Section 6.6 ATTENDANCE; CONDUCT; SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

(a) Any three or more members of the council may by vote either request or compel the attendance of its members and other officers of the city at any meeting. Any members of the council or other officer, who when notified of such request for his or her attendance, fails to attend such meeting for reasons other than confining illness or extenuating circumstances shall be deemed guilty of misconduct in office unless excused by the council.

(b) The presiding officer shall enforce orderly conduct at meetings and any councilperson or other officer who shall fail to conduct himself or herself in an orderly manner at any meeting shall be deemed guilty of misconduct in office.

(c) Any police officer designated by the presiding officer of the meeting shall serve as the sergeant-at-arms of the council in enforcement of the provisions of this section.

Section 6.7 ORGANIZATION, RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Each council shall determine its own organization, rules, and order of business subject to the following provisions:

(a) A journal in the English language, of the proceedings of each meeting shall be kept by the clerk, and shall be signed by the presiding officer and clerk of the meeting.

(b) A vote upon all ordinances and resolutions shall be taken by "yes" and "no" vote, and entered upon the records, except that where the vote is unanimous it shall only be necessary to so state.

(c) Except as otherwise provided by 1968 Public Act 317, being MCL 15.321, regarding Public Contracts involving members of Council, members of the Council shall vote on any question in which he or she has a financial interest, other than one of common public interest, or on any question concerning his or her own conduct, on all other questions each member who is present shall vote when his or her name is called unless excused by the majority consent of the remaining members present. Any member refusing to vote except when not so required by this paragraph may be guilty of misconduct in office.

(d) In all roll call votes the names of the members of the council shall be called in alphabetical order, and the name to be called first shall be advanced on position alphabetically in each successive roll call.

(e) Any standing committee of the council shall be composed of at least two members. The council shall not assign the administration of any department or agency of the city to any member or committee of the council.

Section 6.8 INVESTIGATION INTO CONDUCT OF OFFICE EMPLOYEE, ETC.; POWER TO SUMMON AND COMPEL ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES AND PRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE

(a) The council or any person or committee authorized by it for the purpose, shall have power to inquire into the conduct of any department, officer, officer or employee of the city and to make investigations as to matters in which the municipality has an interest. The council, for the purposes stated herein, may summon witnesses, administer oaths, and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, and other evidence.

(b) Failure on the part of any officer to obey such summons or to produce books, papers, and other evidence as ordered under the provisions of this section shall constitute misconduct in office. Failure on the part of any employee to obey such summons or to produce books, papers, or other evidence as ordered under the provisions of this section, shall constitute a violation of this charter and such employee when found guilty of such violation by a court with proper jurisdiction may be punished by a fine of not to exceed five hundred dollars, or imprisonment not to exceed ninety-days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

(c) It is provided further that, in case of failure on the part of any person to obey such summons or to produce such books, papers, and other evidence as so ordered, the council may invoke the aid of the Circuit Court of Washtenaw County in requiring obedience of such summons or production of such books, papers, and other evidence.

Section 6.9 PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH AND SAFETY

The council may enact such ordinances as may be deemed necessary for the preservation and protection of the public peace and health, and for the safety of persons and property.

CHAPTER VII

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Section 7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS GENERALLY

The administrative officers of the city shall be the city manager, clerk, treasurer, assessor, city attorney, chief of police, planning and zoning administrator and a board of review. The council may, by ordinance or by resolution, establish such additional administrative officers or departments, or combine any administrative officers or departments, in any manner not inconsistent with law or this charter, and prescribe the duties and compensation thereof as it may deem necessary for the proper operation of the city government.

Section 7.2 PERSONNEL SYSTEM

(a) All appointments and promotions of city officers and employees shall be made solely on the basis of merit and fitness demonstrated by a valid and reliable examination or other evidence of competence.

(b) Consistent with all applicable federal and state laws the city council may provide by ordinance for the establishment, regulation and maintenance of a merit system governing personnel policies necessary to effective administration of the employees of the city's departments, offices and agencies, including but not limited to classification and pay plans, examinations, force reduction, removals, working conditions, provisional and exempt appointments, in-service training, grievances and relationships with employee organizations.

Section 7.3 CITY MANAGER - APPOINTMENT; COMPENSATION

(a) The council shall appoint a city manager within ninety (90) days after any vacancy exists in such position or they may appoint an acting manager during the period of a vacancy in the office, or the city manager, with the consent and approval of the council, may designate an administrative officer or employee of the city to act as city manager if he or she is temporarily absent from the city or unable to perform the duties of his or her office.

(b) The city manager's compensation shall be set by the council.

(c) The city manager shall be the chief administrative officer of the city government. He or she shall be appointed by the council on the basis of education, ability, training and experience. He or she shall serve at the pleasure of, and be subject to removal by the council, but shall not be removed from office during a period of sixty (60) days following any regular city election except by the affirmative vote of five members of the council.

Section 7.4 CITY MANAGER - FUNCTION AND DUTIES

(a) The city manager shall be responsible to the council for the proper administration of the affairs of the city, and shall appoint and remove all employees of the city and shall make recommendations to the council relative to the appointment and removal of administrative officers of the city. He or she shall set employee compensation within the pay plan adopted by the council, and shall supervise and coordinate the work of all of the administrative officers and departments of the city except of the city attorney, and the work of the city clerk in keeping the council records and as the clerical officer of the council. The city manager will be the main point of communication and dissemination of information of day-to-day updates from the city attorney.

(b) The city manager shall see that all laws and ordinances are enforced, shall prepare and administer the annual budget under

policies formulated by the council and shall keep the council advised as to the financial condition and needs of the city. The city manager shall furnish the council with information concerning city affairs and prepare and submit such reports as may be required or which the council may request. The city manager shall make recommendations to the council relative to all agenda items, except as directly relating to his or her employment. Subject to any employment ordinance of the city, he or she shall employ or be responsible for the employment of all city employees, and supervise and coordinate the personnel policies and practices of the city. The city manager or an authorized representative shall establish and maintain a central purchasing service and the city manager shall act as purchasing agent for the city.

(c) The city manager shall attend all meetings of the council with the right to be heard in all council proceedings but without the right to vote. The city manager shall possess such other powers as may be granted to or required of him or her by the council, so far as may be consistent with the provisions of law. The city manager shall establish any rules necessary to carry out any of the foregoing duties.

(d) The city manager shall perform such other duties in connection with the office as may be required by law, ordinances or the city council.

Section 7.5 CITY MANAGER - REMOVAL

The council may remove the city manager from office in accordance with the following procedures:

(a) The council shall adopt, by affirmative vote of not less than five (5) of its members, a preliminary resolution, which must state the reasons for removal, and may suspend the city manager from duty for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days. A copy of the resolution shall be delivered promptly to the manager.

(b) Within five (5) days after the copy of the resolution is delivered to the manager, he or she may file with the clerk a written request for a public hearing. This hearing shall be held at a council meeting not earlier than fifteen (15) days nor later than thirty (30) days after the request is filed. Notice of the date of hearing shall be promptly delivered to the manager. The manager may file with the clerk a written reply to the preliminary resolution not later than five (5) days before the hearing.

(c) The council may adopt a final resolution of removal, as provided by City Ordinance which may be made effective immediately, by affirmative vote of not less than five (5) of its members, at any time after the five (5) days from the date when a copy of the preliminary resolution was delivered to the manager, if he or she has not requested a public hearing, or at any time after the public hearing if one was requested.

(d) The manager shall continue to receive a salary until the effective date of a final resolution of removal. The action of the council in suspending or removing the manager shall not be subject to review, unless challenged by a successful appeal to the courts.

Section 7.6 CLERK

(a) The clerk shall be the clerical officer of the council and shall keep its journal in English. The clerk shall keep a record of all actions of the council at its regular and special meetings and shall certify all ordinances and resolutions adopted by the council. He or she shall be appointed by the council on the basis of education, ability, training and experience.

(b) The clerk shall have the power to administer all oaths required by law and by the ordinances of the city and shall be the custodian of the city seal, and shall affix the same to documents required to be sealed. The clerk shall be the custodian of all papers, documents, and records pertaining to the city, unless otherwise provided by this charter. All records of the city shall be made available to the general public in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, 1976-PA 442, 15.231 to 15.246. He or she shall give the proper officials ample notice of the expiration or termination of any official bonds, franchises, contracts or agreements to which the city is a party and shall notify the council of the failure of any officer or employee required to take an oath of office or furnish any bond required of him or her. The clerk shall be the chief election officer for the city.

(c) The clerk shall perform such other duties in connection with the office as may be required by law, the ordinances or resolutions of the council, or by the city manager.

Section 7.7 TREASURER

(a) The treasurer shall have the custody of all moneys of the city, the clerk's bond, and all evidences of value or indebtedness belonging to or held in trust by the city. The treasurer shall keep and deposit all moneys or funds in such manner and only in such places as the council may determine; and shall report the same to the city manager. He or she shall be appointed by the council on the basis of education, ability, training and experience.

(b) The treasurer shall have such powers, duties and prerogatives in regard to the collection and custody of state, county, school district, city taxes and other taxing entities' money as are provided by law.

(c) The treasurer shall disburse all city funds in accordance with provisions of law and this charter.

(d) The treasurer shall establish and maintain a general accounting plan which will conform to such uniform accounting system as may be required by law.

(e) The treasurer shall perform such other duties in connection with the office including the issuance of licenses as may be required by law, the ordinances and resolutions of the council, or as directed by the city manager.

Section 7.8 ASSESSOR

(a) The assessor shall possess all the power vested in and shall be charged with the duties imposed upon the assessing officer by law. He or she shall be appointed by the council on the basis of education, ability, training and experience.

(b) The assessor shall make and prepare all regular and special assessment rolls in the manner prescribed by law or ordinances of the city.

(c) The assessor shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law or the ordinances of the city, or by the city manager.

(d) The assessor shall be secretary of the Board of Review.

Section 7.9 CITY ATTORNEY

(a) The City Attorney shall act as legal advisor and be responsible to the council. He or she shall be appointed by the council on the basis of ability, training and experience.

(b) The city attorney shall be the legal advisor and counsel for the city and for all the officers and departments thereof in all matters relating to their official duties and shall file with the city a copy of all written opinions given by him or her.

(c) The city attorney shall prepare or review all ordinances, regulations, contracts, bonds, and other such instruments as may be required by this charter, the council, or the city manager, and shall promptly give his or her opinion as to the legality thereof.

(d) The city attorney shall prosecute ordinance violations and shall represent the city in cases before the courts and other tribunals. In such instances as the council shall direct, he or she shall defend officers and employees of the city in actions arising out of the performance of their official duties.

(e) Upon the city attorney's recommendation, or upon its own initiative, the council may retain special legal counsel to handle any matters in which the city has an interest, or to assist the city attorney.

(f) The city attorney shall perform such other duties in connection with the office as may be prescribed by this charter, the council or by contractual agreement.

(g) The city attorney shall comply with the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct of the Michigan State Bar Association.

Section 7.10 POLICE DEPARTMENT

The council shall provide for, establish and maintain, within the administrative division of the city, a Police Department to enforce all laws and all ordinances and codes which are in force in the city and to preserve peace and good order in the city. A Police Chief shall be appointed by the city council after consultation with the city manager.

He or she shall be appointed by the council on the basis of education, ability, training and experience. The police chief shall be under the direction of the city manager and be in command and be responsible for the operation of said police department and for the procurement and training of personnel therefor. The police force of the city shall have and exercise all the immunities, privileges and powers of the police officers under the common law and statutes of the State of Michigan for the preservation of quiet, good order, and for the safety of persons and property in the city.

Section 7.11 FIRE PROTECTION

The council shall have power to enact such ordinances and to establish and enforce such regulations and intergovernmental agreements as it shall deem necessary to guard against the occurrence of fires in the city and to protect the property and persons or inhabitants of the city against the occurrence of fires and against accident or damage resulting therefrom. For this purpose, the council may provide for, establish and maintain a Fire Department within the administrative division of the city.

Section 7.12 CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; ZONING

- The council shall maintain a city planning commission in accordance with and having all the powers and duties granted by the provisions of law relating to such commissions, and this charter including but not limited to P.A. 1921, No. 207, P.A. 1931, No. 285 and all other intergovernmental planning and zoning statutes which it deems beneficial to the health, safety and general welfare of the city.
- The council shall maintain a zoning ordinance in accordance with the provisions of law relating to such ordinances and this charter. The ordinance shall provide that zoning be coordinated with the work of the city planning commission.
- The members of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be appointed by the mayor subject to confirmation by the council and shall be residents of the city. Their functions and duties shall be in accordance with statute and city ordinance.

Section 7.13 PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The Planning and Zoning Administrator shall enforce the city Zoning Ordinances, and will receive functional and administrative supervision from the city manager. He or she shall be appointed by the council on the basis of education, ability, training and experience.

The Administrator shall:

- Issue all notices and orders to inquire compliance with zoning ordinances and prosecute as necessary;
- Process all applications related to zoning compliance, site plans, special land use permits, zoning variances and certificates of occupancy;
- Prepare documents, agendas and supporting information for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings;
- Assess all fees authorized by state statute, city ordinance or city resolution;
- Perform all other duties as may be prescribed by State law, the ordinances and resolutions of the City Council or as directed by the City Manager.

Section 7.14 OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS

- The council may create such entities as may be needed for the public health, safety and well-being including but not limited to Parks and Recreation, Transportation, Technology and a Historic District Commission.
- Such boards or committees shall serve for indefinite periods and without compensation unless otherwise provided by the council.
- The council may create other public authorities, boards or commissions or other entities to meet community needs.

CHAPTER VIII LEGISLATION

Section 8.1 STATUS OF CHARTER

This charter shall constitute the governing law of the City of Chelsea, subject only to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Michigan and of the United States of America.

Section 8.2 PRIOR CITY ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS

All by-laws, ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations of the Village of Chelsea which are not inconsistent with this charter and which are in full force and effect on the effective date of this charter shall continue in full force and effect as by-laws, ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations of the city until repealed or amended. If any such ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation provides for the appointment of any officers or any members of any board or commission by the Village President, such officers or members of any board or commission shall, after the effective date of this charter, be appointed by the council.

Section 8.3 LEGISLATIVE POWERS

The legislative power of the City of Chelsea is vested exclusively with the council, except as otherwise provided by law.

Section 8.4 FORMS OF LEGISLATION

- Resolution or Motion**
A resolution or motion shall be limited to matters required or permitted to be done by the charter, or by state or federal laws or pertaining to the internal affairs or concerns of the city government. A resolution is an official council action in the form of a motion adopted by a majority vote of the council members present.
- Ordinance**
 - An ordinance is an official council action by a majority vote of the elected council members. An ordinance is a legislative act establishing a more permanent influence on the city than a resolution and requiring greater formalities in its adoption.
 - The council shall act by ordinance when establishing a rule or regulation which provides for a penalty when amending or repealing an ordinance previously adopted or when required by law or this charter.
 - Each ordinance shall be introduced in written form and identified by a number and short title.
 - The style of all ordinances passed by council shall be "The City of Chelsea Ordains."

Section 8.5 ACTION REQUIRING AN ORDINANCE

- In addition to other acts required by law or by specific charter provisions to be done by ordinance, those council acts shall be by ordinance which:
 - Adopt or amend an administrative code or establish, alter or abolish any city department, office, or agency;
 - Provide for a fine or other penalty or establish a rule or regulation for violation of which a fine or other penalty is imposed;
 - Grant, renew or extend a franchise;
 - Adopt, with or without amendment, ordinances proposed under the initiative power and;
 - Amend or repeal any ordinance previously adopted, except as otherwise provided by this charter with respect to repealing ordinances reconsidered under the referendum power.
- Acts other than those referred to in Section 8.4(a) and (b) may be done either by ordinance or resolution.

Section 8.6 ORDINANCE - ENACTMENT, AMENDMENT, REPEAL

- Unless declared to be an emergency ordinance by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the council membership, no ordinance shall be adopted at the same meeting at which it is introduced.
- An ordinance may be repealed by reference to its number and title.

- No ordinance shall be enacted, amended or repealed until after publication of the proposed ordinance or amendment or repeal, or summary thereof.
- The effective date of any ordinance shall be prescribed therein, and shall not be less than twenty (20) days after its adoption and publication.

Section 8.7 ORDINANCE - EMERGENCY

An emergency ordinance shall:

- Be enacted only to meet a public emergency affecting public peace, health, safety or welfare of persons or property;
- Be introduced in the form and manner required for ordinances generally, except that it shall contain, after the enacting clause, a declaration stating that an emergency exists and describing it in clear and specific terms;
- Be adopted at the meeting at which it is introduced by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of council members present. An emergency ordinance may be given effect earlier than twenty (20) days after enactment if the requirements for publication are met by posting copies thereof in three (3) public places in the city. The clerk shall immediately after such posting enter in the ordinance book under the record of the ordinance a certificate stating the time and place of such publication by posting. Any emergency ordinance shall also be published in accordance with Section 8.6, but not as a requirement for the effectiveness thereof;
- Be in effect for not more than sixty (60) days or may be renewed for an additional sixty (60) days upon affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of council members present;
- Not levy taxes; grant, renew or extend a franchise; regulate the rate charged by any public utility for its services; make or amend a grant, or other special privilege.

Section 8.8 ORDINANCE - RECORD

- An ordinance when enacted shall be recorded by the clerk in a book called "The Ordinance Book."
- It shall be the duty of the mayor and the clerk to authenticate such record by their official signatures.

Section 8.9 ORDINANCE - PUBLICATION

- Except as otherwise provided in this charter, an ordinance when enacted shall be published forthwith by the clerk in the manner provided by this charter for publication of notices, or as otherwise provided by law.
- The clerk's certificate shall be entered as to the manner and date of publication under each ordinance in The Ordinance Book.
- The council may adopt any detailed technical regulations as a city ordinance by reference to any recognized standard code, official or unofficial.
- If such a code be written in detail for the city and adopted as an ordinance, the publication of a sufficient number of copies in booklet form, available for public distribution at cost, shall be sufficient publication of such ordinance, and any amendment to or revision of such adopted code or detailed technical ordinance may be published in the same manner.

Section 8.10 PENALTIES

The council may provide in any ordinance for the punishment of those who violate its provisions. The punishment for the violation of any city ordinance shall not exceed a fine as prescribed by law, or imprisonment as prescribed by law, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Section 8.11 INITIATORY AND REFERENDARY PETITIONS - GENERALLY

Any ordinance may be initiated by petition, or a referendum on an enacted ordinance may be made by petition as hereinafter provided.

Section 8.12 PETITIONS

- An initiatory or referendary petition shall be signed by not less than ten (10%) percent of the registered electors of the city, as of the date of the last regular city election, and all signatures on said petitions shall be obtained within thirty days before the date of filing the petition with the clerk.
- Any such petition shall be addressed to the council and may be the aggregate of two or more petition papers identical as to contents and simultaneously filed by one person.
- An initiatory petition shall set forth in full the ordinance it proposes to initiate, and no petition shall propose to initiate more than one ordinance.
- A referendary petition shall identify the ordinance, or part thereof, it proposes to have repealed.
- Each signer of a petition shall be a registered elector of the city and shall sign his or her name thereon and after his or her name, the date and his or her place of residence by street and number, or by other customary designation.
- To each petition paper there shall be attached a sworn affidavit by the circulator thereof, stating the number of signers thereof, and that each signature thereon is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be, and that it was made in the presence of the affiant.
- Such petitions shall be filed with the clerk who shall, within fifteen (15) days, verify the signatures thereon.
- If the petition does not contain a sufficient number of signatures of registered electors of the city, the clerk shall notify forthwith the person filing such petition and fifteen days from such notification shall be allowed for the filing of supplemental petition papers.
- When a petition with sufficient signatures is filed within the time allowed by this section, the clerk shall present the petition to the council at its next regular meeting.

Section 8.13 PETITIONS - COUNCIL PROCEDURE, SUBMISSION TO ELECTORS

Upon receiving an initiatory or referendary petition from the clerk the council shall, within thirty days, unless otherwise provided by law, either:

- Adopt the ordinance as submitted by initiatory petition;
- Repeal the ordinance, or part thereof, referred to by a referendary petition; or
- Determine to submit the proposal provided for in the petition to the electors.
- Should the council decide to submit the proposal to the electors, it shall be submitted at the next election held in the city for any other purpose, or, at the discretion of the council, at a special election called for that specific purpose.
- In the case of an initiatory petition, if no election is to be held in the city for any other purpose within one hundred and fifty (150) days from the time the petition is presented to the council and the council does not adopt the ordinance, then the council shall call for a special election within ninety (90) days from such time for the submission of the initiatory proposal.
- The result shall be determined by a majority vote of the electors voting thereon, except in cases where otherwise required by law.

Section 8.14 GENERAL PROVISIONS: SUSPENSION

- The presentation to the council by the clerk of a valid referendary petition shall automatically suspend the operation of the ordinance in question pending repeal by the council on final determination by the electors.
- An ordinance adopted by the electorate through initiatory proceedings may not be amended or repealed for a period of one (1) year after the date of the election at which it was adopted, and an ordinance repealed by the electorate may not be re-enacted for a period of one (1) year after the date of the election at which it was repealed.
- If two or more ordinances adopted at the same election shall have conflicting provisions the provisions in the ordinance receiving

the highest number of affirmative votes shall govern.

Section 8.15 CODIFICATION

- Within three (3) years of this charter's effective date and at least every ten (10) years thereafter, the council shall provide for preparing a general codification of all city ordinances and resolutions having the effect of law.
- The general codification shall be enacted by ordinance and be known as the City of Chelsea Code. Copies shall be furnished to city officials, placed in a local library, and sufficient copies maintained in the clerk's office for free public reference, and made available for purchase by the general public at cost.
- After publishing of the first City of Chelsea Code, new ordinances and resolutions shall be printed annually in a form for integration with the code currently in effect.

Section 8.16 RECALL

Any elected official may be recalled from office by the electors of the city in the manner provided by statute. The vacancy of a recalled officer may be filled within sixty (60) days by a majority vote of the members of the City Council then in office on a temporary basis and such temporary appointment shall be effective until a successor shall be elected under the provisions of the Election Code MCL 168.970 to 168.976.

CHAPTER IX

BUDGETS AND FINANCE

Section 9.1 FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal and budget year of the city shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

Section 9.2 BUDGET DOCUMENT

The budget document shall present a complete financial plan for the ensuing fiscal year and shall include those items required by the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act 621, of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended and as required by law.

Section 9.3 BUDGET - RECOMMENDED

On or before April 30 each year the city manager shall submit to the council a recommended budget for the next fiscal year which, considering any anticipated unexpended balance or deficit at the end of the current fiscal year, is within the tax limit and other anticipated revenue of the city. Such recommended budget shall include therein at least the following information:

- The detailed estimates by the city manager, with supporting explanation of proposed expenditures for each office, department, and board of the city, with a comparison of the actual expenditures for the corresponding items for the last two (2) fiscal years in full, and the expenditures for the current fiscal year to March 31 and an estimate of the expenditures for the balance of the current fiscal year;
- Statements of the indebtedness of the city, showing the principal and interest requirements for the next fiscal year, the debt authorized and unissued and the condition of the sinking and debt retirement funds, if any;
- Detailed estimates of all anticipated revenues of the city from sources other than taxes, with a comparative statement of the amounts estimated for and actually received from each of the same or similar sources for the last two (2) years in full, for the current fiscal year to March 31 and estimated revenues therefrom for the balance of the current fiscal year;
- A statement of the estimated accumulated cash and unencumbered balances, or deficits at the end of the current fiscal year;

- An estimate of the amount of money to be raised from taxes to be levied, from delinquent taxes, and the amount to be raised from bond issues which, together with available unappropriated funds and any revenues from other sources, will be necessary to meet the proposed expenditures;
- Such other supporting reasonable information as the council may request.

Section 9.4 BUDGET - PUBLIC HEARING

Before its final adoption, a public hearing on the budget proposal shall be held as provided by statute. Notice of the time and place of holding such hearing shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the city at least a week in advance thereof. A copy of the proposed budget shall be on file and available to the public during office hours at the office of the clerk, for a period of not less than one week prior to such public hearing.

Section 9.5 BUDGET - ADOPTION

The council shall, not later than the second regular meeting in June, adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and make appropriations therefor. After consideration of probable other revenues, determine and declare the amount of money necessary to be raised by property taxation, which amount shall not be greater than otherwise limited in this charter or by general law.

Section 9.6 BUDGET - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Any capital improvement items contained in the budget, upon the vote of not less than five city councilpersons, may be financed by the issuance of bonds as a part of the budget system, provided that the amount of such bonds together with the taxes levied for the same year shall not exceed the limit of taxation authorized by law.

Section 9.7 BUDGET - APPROPRIATIONS; CHARGING OF EXPENDITURES; INTERIM ACCOUNTING; END OF YEAR SURPLUS

- No money shall be drawn from the treasury of the city except in accordance with an appropriation thereof for such specific purposes, nor shall any obligation for the expenditure of money be incurred without an appropriation covering all payments which will be due under such obligation in the current fiscal year. The council may transfer any actual unencumbered appropriation balance, or any portion thereof, from one account, department, fund or agency to another.
- The council may make additional appropriations during the fiscal year for unanticipated expenditures required by the city, but such additional appropriations shall not exceed the amount by which actual and anticipated revenues of the year are exceeding the revenues as estimated in the budget.
- Except in those cases where there is no other logical account to which expenditures can be charged, expenditures shall not be charged directly to the contingency fund (or other similar fund). Instead, the necessary part of the appropriation from the contingency fund (or other similar fund) shall be transferred to the logical account, and the expenditure charged to such account.
- At the beginning of each quarterly period during the fiscal year, and more often if required by the council, the city manager shall submit to the council data showing the relation between the estimated and actual revenues and expenditures to date, and if it shall appear that the revenues are less than anticipated, the council shall reduce appropriations, except amounts required for debt and interest charges, to such a degree as may be necessary to keep expenditures within the revenues.
- The balance in any budget appropriation which has not been encumbered at the end of the fiscal year shall, subject to restrictions imposed or permitted by law, revert to the general fund.

Section 9.8 DEPOSITORIES

The council shall designate depositories for city funds in accordance with law, and shall provide for the regular deposit of all city money by the treasurer, under the direction of the city manager, pursuant to a written investment policy approved by the council.

Section 9.9 INVESTMENTS

Surplus funds may be invested in obligations permitted by law, as the council may determine.

Section 9.10 INDEPENDENT AUDIT AND REPORT

An independent audit shall be made of all accounts of the city government at least annually and more frequently if deemed necessary by the council. Such audit shall be made by certified public accountants. The auditor's report of the city's business shall be made available to the public in such form as will disclose pertinent facts concerning the activities and finances of the city government.

Section 9.11 WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS

All funds drawn from the treasury shall be drawn pursuant to the authority and appropriation of the council and upon checks signed by an officer of the city to be designated by resolution of the council. Each such check shall specify the fund or funds from which it is payable and shall be paid from no other fund or funds.

Section 9.12 ENTERPRISE FUNDS - DEFINITION

Enterprise Funds are moneys realized from the sale of goods or services to beneficiaries. They are used routinely for activities, which are fully financed through user charges, but may be used even when their primary source of finances comes from subsidies. Enterprise Funds recognize revenue when earned and expenses as soon as a liability is incurred.

CHAPTER X

TAXATION

Section 10.1 POWER TO TAX

In order to carry out the purposes, powers, and duties of the city government, established by this charter, the city may assess, levy, and collect ad valorem taxes, rents, tolls, and excise or specific taxes.

Section 10.2 SUBJECT OF TAXATION

- Exclusive of any levies authorized by law to be made beyond charter tax rate limitations, the annual ad valorem tax levy shall not exceed two (2%) percent or twenty (20) mills of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the city.
- The subjects of ad valorem taxation for municipal purposes shall be the same as for state, county, school and any other taxing entities under the general law.
- Except as otherwise provided by this charter, city taxes shall be assessed, levied, collected, and returned in the manner provided by law.

Section 10.3 TAX DAY

Subject to the exceptions provided or permitted by law, the taxable status of persons and property shall be determined as of the thirty-first day of December, or such other date as may subsequently be required by law, which shall be deemed the tax day. Values on the assessment roll shall be determined according to the facts existing on the tax day for the year for which such roll is made, and no change in the status or location of any such property after that day shall be considered by the assessor or the Board of Review.

Section 10.4 JEOPARDY ASSESSMENTS

If the treasurer finds or reasonably believes that any person, who is, or may be, liable for taxes upon personal property, the taxable situs of which was in the city on tax day, intends to depart or has departed from the city; or to remove or has removed therefrom personal property, which is, or may be, liable for taxation; or to conceal or conceals their person or their property; or does any other act tending to prejudice, or to render wholly or partly ineffectual, the proceedings to collect such tax, unless proceedings therefore be brought without delay, the treasurer shall proceed to collect the same as a jeopardy assessment in the manner provided by law.

Section 10.5 ASSESSMENT

The assessor shall annually place a value, in accordance with law, upon all property, both real and personal, in the city, which is subject to taxation. Such valuation of property shall be in accordance with established assessment rules, techniques, and procedures. The council shall provide, for the maintenance of the records and facilities of the office of the assessor.

Section 10.6 ASSESSMENT ROLL

- Prior to the date of the first meeting of the Board of Review in each year, the assessor shall prepare and certify an assessment roll of all property in the city, in the manner and form provided in the general tax law of the State of Michigan. Such roll may be divided into volumes which the assessor shall identify by number, for the purpose of convenience in handling the assessment roll and for locating properties assessed therein. The attachment of any certificate or warrant required by this Article to any volumes of the roll, either as an assessment roll or as a tax roll, shall constitute the attachment thereof to the entire roll, provided the several volumes are identified in such certificate or warrant. Values of property set forth on the assessment roll shall be determined according to recognized methods of systematic assessment.

- The assessor shall give notice by first class mail to each owner of property which has been added to the assessment roll or the value of which has been increased or decreased on such roll. The notice shall be addressed to the owner according to the records of the assessor's office and mailed not less than ten (10) days before the date of the convening of the Board of Review. Neither the failure of the assessor to give notice nor the failure of a person to receive notice shall invalidate any assessment roll or any assessment thereon.

Section 10.7 BOARD OF REVIEW

- A Board of Review is hereby created and composed of three (3) members who shall have the following qualifications: A member shall be a qualified elector of the city, and shall have been a resident of the city for at least one (1) year immediately prior to the date of appointment. The appointment of members of such Board shall be based upon their knowledge and experience in property valuation.
- The members of the Board of Review shall be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the council and may be removed for reasons of nonfeasance or misfeasance by the vote of five (5) members of the council. The first such Board of Review, appointed by the mayor under the provisions of this charter, shall be made up of three (3) qualified members appointed for two (2), three (3), and four (4) year terms. Thereafter, when terms expire or vacancies occur, the mayor shall appoint a member for a three (3) year term at the first regular council meeting in January of each succeeding year. The council shall fix the compensation of the members of the Board.
- An annual organizational meeting of the Board of Review shall be held on the first Monday in March to select one of its members as chairperson for the ensuing year, to review the assessment roll and to examine the guidelines and practices followed in preparing the assessment roll. The assessor shall be the secretary of the Board, and shall be entitled to be heard at its sessions, but shall have no vote on any proposition or question.
- Being ejected to an office of the city while serving as a member of the Board of Review shall constitute a resignation from the Board of Review.

Section 10.8 DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

- The members of the Board of Review shall be officers of the city and shall take the constitutional oath of office, which shall be filed with the clerk.
- For the purpose of revising and correcting assessments, the Board of Review shall have the same powers and perform like duties, in all respects, as are, by law, conferred upon and required of boards of review in townships, except as otherwise provided in this charter.
- At the time, and in the manner provided in the following section, the Board of Review shall hear the complaints of all persons considering themselves aggrieved by assessments. If it shall appear that any person or property has been wrongfully assessed or omitted from the roll, the Board of Review shall correct the roll in such manner as it deems just. In all cases, the assessment roll shall be reviewed according to the facts existing on the assessment of the year for which such roll is made and no change of the status of any property after said day shall be considered by the Board of Review, in making its decision.
- Except as otherwise provided by law, no person other than the Board of Review shall make any change upon, or addition or correction to, the assessment roll.
- The assessor shall make a permanent record of all proceedings of the Board of Review and enter therein all its resolutions and decisions. Such record shall be filed with the clerk on or before the first day of May following the meeting of the Board of Review.

Section 10.9 NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice of the time of the sessions of the Board of Review shall be published by the assessor in a newspaper having general circulation in the city at least one week prior to each session of the board.

Section 10.10 MEETINGS; EXAMINATION OF PERSONS APPEARING

The Board of Review shall meet in two (2) sessions in each year at such place as shall be designated by the council. The first session of the board shall convene on the first Monday in March of each year and may continue in session for three (3) days and as much longer as may be necessary for the purpose of considering and correcting the roll. In each case where the assessed value is increased or any property added to the rolls by the board, the secretary of the board shall give notice to the owners thereof according to the last assessment roll of the city by first class mail placed in the post office not later than midnight of the last day of the first session. The second session of the board shall convene on the third Monday of March of each year and shall continue in session for one (1) day and as much longer as may be necessary for the purpose of hearing appeals of property assessments. The board shall remain in session during such hours as the council may designate.

Section 10.11 CERTIFICATION OF ROLL

After the Board of Review has completed its review of the assessment roll, the majority of its members shall sign a certificate to the effect that the same is the assessment roll of the city for the year in which it has been prepared, as approved by the Board of Review, which certificate, when attached to any volume of the roll, shall constitute a conclusive presumption of the validity of the entire roll. In the event that the Board of Review shall fail or refuse to so review the assessment roll of the city, such roll, as prepared and presented to the Board of Review by the assessor, shall be the assessment roll for the year for which it was prepared; and shall stand as though it had been certified by the Board of Review.

Section 10.12 VALIDITY OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Upon the completion of the assessment roll, and from and after midnight ending the last day of the meeting of the Board of Review, it shall be the assessment roll of the city for county, school and city taxes, and for other taxes on real and personal property that may be authorized by law. It shall be presumed by all courts and tribunals to be valid, and shall not be set aside, except for cause set forth by law.

Section 10.13 CLERK TO CERTIFY LEVY

Within three (3) days after the adoption of the budget for the ensuing year, the clerk shall certify to the assessor the total amount which the council determines shall be raised by general taxation, together with such other assessments and lawful charges and amounts which the county and other taxing authorities shall authorize or require to be assessed, reassessed, or charged upon the city tax roll against property or persons.

Section 10.14 CITY TAX ROLL

(a) After the Board of Review has completed its review of the assessment roll, the assessor shall prepare a tax roll, to be known as the "City Tax Roll." Upon receiving the certification of the several amounts to be raised, assessed, and charged for city taxes, as provided in the preceding section, the assessor shall proceed forthwith to:

- (1) Spread the amounts of the general city tax according to and in proportion to the several valuations set forth in said assessment roll.
- (2) Place such other assessments and charges upon the roll as are required and authorized by the council.

(b) For the purpose of avoiding fractions in computation on any tax roll, the assessor may add to the amount of the several taxes to be raised not more than the amount prescribed by law, which added amount, when collected, shall be credited to the contingent funds of the city.

Section 10.15 TAX ROLL CERTIFIED FOR COLLECTION

After extending the taxes and placing other assessments and charges upon the roll, the assessor shall certify said tax roll and attach the assessor's warrant by the tenth day of June in each year, directing and requiring the treasurer to collect from the several persons named in said roll the several sums mentioned therein opposite their respective names as a tax or assessment, and granting the treasurer for the purpose of collecting the taxes, assessments, and charges on such roll, all the power and immunities possessed by township treasurers for the collection of taxes under the general laws of the state.

Section 10.16 LIENS

All taxes thus assessed shall become a debt due the city as provided by general law and, as of the first day of July of the year of assessment, the said taxes with any applicable charges, fees or penalties shall become a lien, paramount to all other claims, encumbrances or liens, upon the property against which they are assessed until paid.

Section 10.17 TAX PAYMENT DATE

City taxes shall be due and payable on the first day of July each year and be delinquent after September 15 and other property taxes shall be due December 1 and be delinquent after February 28, and unpaid taxes, assessments, charges and penalties shall be turned over for collection thereafter as provided by statute.

Section 10.18 TAXES DUE - NOTIFICATION THEREOF

The treasurer shall not be required to make personal demand for the payment of taxes, but, upon receipt of the city tax roll, shall, forthwith, give notice to the taxpayers of the city by forwarding a tax statement to each person named in the tax roll, which mailed statement shall be a sufficient demand for the payment of all taxes assessed. Neither the failure on the part of the treasurer to mail such statement nor the failure of any person to receive the same, shall invalidate the taxes on the tax roll or release any person or property assessed from the liabilities provided in this charter in case of nonpayment.

Section 10.19 TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The council shall provide by ordinance, a tax payment schedule and the amount of collection charges and interest to be added to taxes, charges, and assessments on the city tax roll. When so added, such collection charges and interest shall be treated in all respects as an item of taxes and collected as such. Any collection charges shall be collectable in the same manner as taxes, assessments, and charges to which they are added. All such collection fees shall be paid into the general fund of the city.

Section 10.20 FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO PAY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

If any person shall neglect or refuse to pay any tax on personal property assessed to such person, the treasurer shall collect the same by seizing any personal property of such person, to an amount sufficient to pay such tax, together with any charges and interest added thereto, whenever the same may be found in the State of Michigan. No property shall be exempt from such seizure. The treasurer may sell the property seized, at an amount sufficient to pay the taxes and all charges, fees, penalties, and interest, in accordance with statutory provisions. The treasurer may also sue the person to whom a personal property tax is assessed, in accordance with the powers granted by law.

Section 10.21 STATE, COUNTY AND SCHOOL TAXES

For the purpose of assessing and collecting taxes for state, county, and school purposes, the city shall be considered the same as a township, and all provisions of law relative to the collection of, and accounting for, such taxes and the penalties and interest thereon shall apply. For the purpose of collecting state, county, and school taxes, the treasurer shall perform the same duties and have the same powers as township treasurers under law.

Section 10.22 PROTECTION OF CITY LIEN

The city shall have the power, insofar as the exercise thereof shall not conflict with or contravene the provisions of law, to acquire such interest in any premises within the city, by purchase at any tax or other public sale, or by direct purchase from or negotiation with the State of Michigan or the owner, as may be necessary to assure to the city the collection of its taxes, special assessments, charges and any interest thereon which are levied against any lot or parcel of real property or to protect the lien of the city therefor, and may hold, lease, or sell the same. Any such procedure exercised by the city to assure the collection of its taxes or the protection of its tax or other liens shall be deemed to be for a public purpose. The council may adopt any ordinance, which may be reasonably necessary to make this section effective.

Section 10.23 TAX ROLL TO COUNTY TREASURER

Fifteen (15) days before the taxes become delinquent, the treasurer shall give notice, by first class mail, placed in the Chelsea,

Michigan, United States post office, to all persons who had not, on the first day of February, paid the taxes, assessments, and charges levied or spread against them or property owned by them on the tax roll of the city, that such taxes, assessments, and charges will be returned to the County Treasurer on the delinquent tax roll of the city, unless paid on or before the last day of February. All taxes, special assessments, charges, and collection fees, on the city tax roll which remain unpaid on the first day of March following the date when said roll was received by the treasurer shall, on that date, become delinquent and shall be returned to the County Treasurer at the time and in the same manner and with like effect as returns by township treasurers of township, school, and county taxes.

Such returns shall be made upon a delinquent tax roll to be prepared by the treasurer and shall include all the additional charges which shall, in such return, be added to the amount assessed in said tax roll against each description. The taxes, assessments, charges, and fees, thus returned shall be collected in the same manner as taxes returned to the County Treasurer are collected under the provisions of the general laws of the State of Michigan and shall be and remain a lien upon the lands against which they are assessed until paid.

CHAPTER XI

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Section 11.1 GENERAL POWER RELATIVE TO SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

The council shall have the power to make public improvements within the city, and to determine that the whole or any part of the cost of any public improvement shall be defrayed by special assessment upon property or properties especially benefited in proportion to the benefits derived or to be derived. The council shall also have the power of reassessment with respect to any such public improvement.

Section 11.2 PROCEDURE FIXED BY ORDINANCE

The council shall prescribe by ordinance the complete special assessment or reassessment procedure governing the initiation of projects, the preparation of plans and cost estimates, the creation of special assessment districts, notices and hearings, making and confirming the assessment rolls, the correction of errors in such rolls, the collection of special assessments, and any other matters concerning the making and financing of improvements by special assessment.

Such ordinance shall include provisions for the following:

- (a) The procedure for filing petitions for public improvements;
- (b) A survey and report by the city manager concerning the need for, desirable extent of, and probable cost of such proposed public improvements;
- (c) A public hearing by the council on the necessity of the making of such public improvement with a publication of notice of such hearing;
- (d) A resolution of the council determining to proceed or not to proceed with the proposed public improvement;
- (e) A public hearing by the council on the special assessment roll for the project with a publication of notice of such hearing;
- (f) A resolution of the council confirming the special assessment roll for public improvements and stating the date upon which the special assessment thereof, or the first installment thereof, if installment payments be allowed, shall be due and payable, the number of annual installments, if allowed (as allowed by law), in which the special assessment may be paid, and the rate of interest to be charged upon such deferred installments;
- (g) That no additional assessment for any public improvement which exceeds ten (10%) percent of the original assessment shall be made, unless such additional assessment be reviewed at a meeting of the council, for which meeting notices shall be published as provided in the case of review of the original special assessment roll;
- (h) If, under item (d) above, the determination is to proceed, determining the probable life of the improvement, finally fixing the special assessment district therefore, and ordering the assessor to prepare a special assessment roll therefore; Provided, that, if prior to the adoption of the resolution to proceed with the making of the public improvement, written objections thereto have been filed by the owners of property in the district which, according to the city manager's report, will be required to bear more than fifty (50%) percent of the cost thereof, or by a majority of the owners of property to be assessed, no resolution determining to proceed with the improvement shall be adopted while such objections remain, except by the affirmative vote of seven (7) members of the council;
- (i) Publication of notices required by this section shall be given in a newspaper with general circulation in the city and by first class mail addressed to the owners of the property to be affected according to the current assessment roll of the city, which publication and mailing shall be not less than seven (7) days prior to the hearing to which it applies;
- (j) In the event that funds are on hand or a revolving fund exists to defray the expense of any public improvement prior to the completion thereof, the special assessment roll therefore may be made within thirty (30) days after the improvement is completed and shall be based upon the actual cost thereof.

Section 11.3 RECONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS

In the event that the council shall fail to make any public improvement petitioned for as required by ordinance during the calendar year during which the petition is filed because of lack of funds, such petition shall be reconsidered by the council prior to the first day of March of the succeeding calendar year for the purpose of determining whether such improvement should be made during such calendar year.

Section 11.4 CONDEMNATION COSTS

The cost of condemning or otherwise acquiring property needed for any public improvement shall constitute a part of the cost of the improvement.

Section 11.5 LIEN AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Upon the confirmation of each special assessment roll, the special assessments thereon shall become a debt to the city from the persons to whom they are assessed and, until paid shall be a lien upon the property assessed for the amount of such assessments and all interest and charges which may accrue thereon. Such lien shall be of the same character and effect as that created by this charter for city taxes and shall be treated as such in all procedures for the collection of special assessments and all collection fees or charges and interest, which may have been added or accumulated thereto.

Section 11.6 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT

Moneys raised by special assessment for any public improvement shall be credited to a special assessment account, and shall be used to pay the special assessment portion of the cost of the improvement for which the assessment was levied and of expenses incidental thereto, including the repayment of the principal of, and interest on money borrowed therefore, and to refund excessive assessments if refunds be authorized.

Section 11.7 CERTAIN POSTPONEMENTS OF PAYMENTS

The council may provide that any person who, in the opinion of the assessor and not less than two-thirds (2/3) members of the council, by reason of poverty is unable to continue payments toward the cost of the making of a public improvement, may execute to the city an instrument creating a lien for the benefit of the city on all or any part of the real property owned by him or her and benefited by any public improvement, which lien will mature and be effective from and after the execution of such instrument, shall be recorded with the Register of Deeds of Washtenaw County, and shall not be discharged or released until the terms thereof are met in full. The council shall establish the procedure for making this section effective.

Section 11.8 ALL REAL PROPERTY LIABLE FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

All real property, including such as is exempt from taxation by law, shall be liable for the cost of public improvements benefiting such property, unless specifically exempted from special assessments by law.

Section 11.9 SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT POWERS

In accordance with its general power to determine the necessity for any public improvement and to defray the cost, in whole or in part,

by special assessments, the city shall have the power:

- (a) To install and connect sewers and waterworks for property within the city and to finance the same, in whole or in part, by special assessments;
- (b) To construct, grade and pave local streets within the city and to finance the same, in whole or in part, by special assessments provided that any subsequent cost of repaving or maintaining such local streets shall not be financed by special assessments but shall be paid from the general funds of the city;
- (c) To require of an owner of real property within the city to abate public hazards and nuisances thereon which are dangerous to the health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the city within a reasonable time after the council notifies the owner that such hazard or nuisance exists, and if the owner fails to comply with such requirements to abate such hazard or nuisance, to assess a reasonable cost against such property;
- (d) To require an owner of real property to remove all dead and diseased trees and to remove trees or portions of trees on private property overhanging any street, sidewalk or any other public place, and if the owner fails to comply with such requirements, to assess a reasonable cost against such property. The assessment for the cost of abatement of any hazard or nuisance, or otherwise, as provided for in Subsections (c) and (d) of this Section, shall be made by resolution of the council. Notice of the time at which the council shall act shall be given by first class mail to the owner of the property to be so assessed as shown by the current tax rolls of the city. For the purpose of collection of such assessments, the adoption of such resolution shall be equivalent to the confirmation of a special assessment roll. The amount of any such assessment shall become a debt to the city upon adoption of such resolution, and shall be subject to the collection fees and become a lien upon the property assessed as provided for in Section 10.16 of this charter.

Section 11.10 CORRECTION OF INVALID SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Whenever any special assessment shall, in the opinion of the council, be invalid by reason of irregularity or informality in the proceedings, or if any court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge such assessment to be illegal, the council shall, whether the improvement has been made or not, or whether any part of the assessments have been paid or not, have power to cause a new assessment to be made for the same purpose for which the former assessment was made. All proceedings on such reassessment and for the collection thereof shall be conducted in the same manner as provided for in the original assessment, and whenever any sum or part thereof levied upon any property in the assessment so set aside has been paid and not refunded, the payment so made shall be applied upon the reassessment or if the payments exceed the amount of the reassessment refunds shall be made.

Unless challenged by a successful appeal to the courts, no act of the council vacating a special assessment shall destroy or impair the lien of the city upon the premises assessed for such amount of the assessment as may be equitably charged against the same or as by regular mode of proceeding might have been lawfully assessed thereupon.

CHAPTER XII

BORROWING

Section 12.1 GENERAL POWER

Subject to the applicable provisions of law, the city may borrow money for any purpose within the scope of its powers, and may issue bonds or other evidence of indebtedness therefor. Such bonds or other evidence of indebtedness shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) General obligation bonds, which pledge the full faith and credit of the city for payment thereof;
- (b) Special assessment bonds which are issued in anticipation of the payment of special assessments for public improvements in a special assessment district or combination thereof, which bonds may be either an obligation solely of the special assessment district or districts, or both an obligation of such district and a general obligation of the city;
- (c) Revenue bonds as authorized by law;
- (d) Mortgage bonds for the acquiring, owning, purchasing, constructing, improving or operating of any public utility, which the city is authorized by law to finance in this manner, or for such other purposes as may be authorized by law;
- (e) Tax anticipation notes as authorized by law;
- (f) Calamity bonds issued in case of fire, flood, or other calamity as authorized by law;
- (g) Bonds for the city's share of the cost of local improvements, which bonds may be issued as a part of, or independently of any issue of special assessment bonds which are issued for the same improvement or improvements;
- (h) Bonds for refunding the indebtedness of the city;
- (i) Budget bonds;
- (j) Time-purchase contracts as authorized in Section 13.5 of this charter, to the extent that the same are considered to be debts;
- (k) Bonds issued in anticipation of future payments from the motor vehicle highway fund or any other fund of the State which the city may be permitted by law to pledge for the payment of principal and interest thereof.

Section 12.2 LIMITS OF BORROWING AUTHORITY

- (a) The net bonded indebtedness incurred for all public purposes shall not at any time exceed the maximum amount permitted by law, provided that in computing such bonded indebtedness there shall be excluded, special assessment bonds, even though they are a general obligation of the city, mortgage bonds, revenue bonds, bonds in anticipation of state returned revenues to the extent permitted by law, and any other bonds or indebtedness excluded by law from such limitation. The amount of funds accumulated for the retirement of any outstanding bonds shall also be deducted from the amount of bonded indebtedness.
- (b) The amount of emergency loans which may be made under the provisions of this charter may not exceed the maximum amount permitted by law, and such loans may be made even if it causes the indebtedness of the city to exceed the limit of the net bonded indebtedness fixed in this charter, or by law.
- (c) No bonds shall be sold to obtain funds for any purpose other than that for which they were specifically authorized, and if such bonds are not sold within the time limited by law, such authorization shall be null and void.
- (d) The issuance of any bonds not requiring the approval of the electorate shall be subject to applicable requirements of law with reference to public notice in advance of authorization of such issues, filing of petitions for a referendum on such issuance, holding such referendum, and other applicable procedural requirements.

Section 12.3 USE OF BORROWED FUNDS

Each bond or other evidence of indebtedness shall contain on its face a statement of the purpose for which the same is issued and no officer of the city shall use the proceeds thereof for any other purpose, except that whenever the proceeds of any bond issue, or a part thereof, remain unexpended and unencumbered for the purpose for which said bond issue was made, the council may authorize the use of such unexpended and unencumbered funds subject to the approval of the Michigan Department of Treasury where required.

- (a) For an additional extension of improvement of facility or project for which the bond issue was made;
- (b) For the retirement of such bond issue;
- (c) If such bond issue has been fully retired or funds are segregated which are adequate for such purpose, then for the retirement of other bonds or obligations of the city;
- (d) If there is no other indebtedness, or funds are segregated which are adequate for such purpose, then for such other purposes as may be permitted by law.

Section 12.4 SEPARATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COLLECTIONS; PAYMENT OF DEFICIENCY IN SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

All collections on each special assessment roll or combination of rolls, in anticipation of which bonds have been issued, shall be set apart in a separate fund (but not necessarily in a separate bank account) and shall be used for the purpose for which levied and for the payment of the principal and interest on such bonds. If there is any deficiency in a special assessment fund to meet the payment of the principal or interest to be paid therefrom, money shall be advanced from the general funds of the city to meet such deficiency and shall be replaced in the general fund when the special assessment fund shall be sufficient therefor.

Section 12.5 BOND INTEREST RATES

No bond or other evidence of indebtedness of the city shall bear interest at a rate exceeding the maximum rate permitted by law.

Section 12.6 EXECUTION OF BONDS

All bonds issued by the city shall be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the city clerk, and shall bear the corporate seal of the city. Said signatures may be by facsimile if permitted by law. Any attached coupons may be signed with the facsimile signature of the city clerk.

Section 12.7 RECORDS OF BONDS AND OTHER EVIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS; CANCELLATION

The treasurer shall keep a detailed record of all bonds and other evidence of indebtedness. Upon payment of bonds or other evidence of indebtedness the same shall be cancelled.

Section 12.8 PREPARATION AND RECORDS OF BONDS

Each bond or other evidence of indebtedness shall contain on its face a statement specifying the purpose for which it is issued and it shall be unlawful for any officer of the city to use the proceeds thereof for any other purpose. Any officer who shall violate this provision shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this charter, except that, whenever the proceeds of any bond issue or parts thereof shall remain unexpended and unencumbered for the purpose for which said bond issue was made, the council may authorize the use of said funds for the retirement of bonds of said issue or for any other purpose permitted by law. All bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued by the city shall be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the clerk, under the seal of the city. The signatures of the mayor and clerk, and the seal of the city may be facsimiles in the case of fully registered bonds. Interest coupons may be executed with the facsimile signature of the mayor and the clerk. A complete and detailed record of all bonds and other evidences of indebtedness issued by the city shall be kept by the clerk or other designated officer. Upon the payment of any bond or other evidence of indebtedness, the same shall be cancelled.

Section 12.9 UNISSUED BONDS

Any authorization by the electors for the issuance of bonds by the city shall, be void if such bonds shall not be issued within three years from the date of authorization.

CHAPTER XIII

PURCHASES, SALES, CONTRACTS AND LEASES

Section 13.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES BY ORDINANCE

The power to authorize the making of purchases, sales, leases and contracts on behalf of the City of Chelsea is vested in the Council, and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of law. Except as otherwise provided by ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this Charter, all contracts shall be authorized by the Council and shall be signed on behalf of the City by the Mayor and the Clerk. The City Manager shall be responsible for purchasing, and a system of centralized purchasing shall be developed and maintained. The authority to contract on behalf of the city is vested in the Council, provided that the City Manager shall have the power as authorized by ordinance to bind the city as to routine or operational items.

Section 13.2 PURCHASE, SALE AND LEASE OF PROPERTY AND SERVICES

The Council shall establish by ordinance the procedures for the purchase, sale or lease of real and personal property and services for the City for the direction of the City Manager. The ordinance shall provide a dollar limit within which purchases, sales or leases of real and personal property and services may be made without the necessity of securing competitive bids, and the dollar limit within which purchases, sales or leases may be made without the necessity of prior council approval.

Section 13.3 LIMITATIONS ON CONTRACTUAL POWER

- (a) The Council shall only have power to enter into contracts which, by the terms thereof, will be fully executed within a period of ten (10) years, unless such contract shall first receive the approval of the majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at a regular or special election. This qualification shall not apply to any contract for services with a public utility, or one or more other governmental units, nor to contracts for debt secured by bonds or notes, which are permitted to be issued by the City by law.
- (b) Except as provided by ordinance authorized in this Charter, each contract for construction of public improvements or for the purchase or lease of personal property and services; shall be let after opportunity for competition and shall require the posting of an adequate performance bond.
- (c) Except as provided by ordinance, all bids shall be opened and read aloud in public by the City Manager or the City Manager's authorized representative at the time designated in the notice of letting, and shall be reported by the City Manager to the Council at its next regular meeting. The Council may reject any or all bids if deemed advisable. If, after ample opportunity for competitive bidding, no bids are received, or such bids as are received are not satisfactory to the Council, the Council may either endeavor to obtain new competitive bids or authorize the City Manager, or other proper officials of the City, to negotiate or contract on the open market.
- (d) No contract shall be made with any person, firm or corporation in default of the City.
- (e) The Council's power to sell, lease or dispose of any real property shall be conditioned on the conducting of a public hearing thereon and receiving five (5) affirmative council votes and the requisite electoral approval if required by law.

Section 13.4 FUNDS TO FINANCE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

The city may establish and maintain funds, including revolving funds, for special assessment projects or other improvements, for the purpose of accumulating moneys to be used for financing, making, acquiring, extending, altering or repairing public improvements. Moneys so accumulated may be transferred, encumbered or otherwise disposed of only for the purpose for which accumulated unless otherwise determined and declared by formal resolution of the council and then only for the purpose of making some other public improvement.

Section 13.5 INSTALLMENT CONTRACTS

The city may enter into installment contracts for the purchase of property or capital equipment. Each such contract shall not extend over a period greater than that permitted by law, nor shall the total amount of principal payments under all such contracts exceed a sum permitted by law. Each such deferred payment shall be included in the budget for the year in which each respective installment is payable.

Section 13.6 RESTRICTION ON POWERS TO LEASE PROPERTY

Any agreement or contract for the renting or leasing of public property for a period longer than three (3) years shall be subject to the same referendum procedure as provided in the case of ordinances passed by the council. However, a summary of the terms of any such agreement or contract shall be published within ten (10) days after its approval by the council, and any petition for such referendum must be filed within thirty (30) days after such publication to be effective.

The transfer or assignment of any agreement or contract for the renting or leasing of public property may be made only upon approval of the council, but approval of such transfer shall not be subject to referendum.

Section 13.7 RESTRICTION ON POWERS TO SELL PROPERTY

The city may not sell any park or cemetery or any part thereof unless approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at any general or special election.

CHAPTER XIV

UTILITIES, FRANCHISES AND PERMITS

Section 14.1 GENERAL POWERS

The city shall possess and herby reserves to itself all the powers granted to cities by law to acquire, construct, own, operate, improve, enlarge, extend, repair, maintain, encumber, convey, dispose of or sell, either within or without its corporate limits, public utilities, including, but not by the way of limitation, aeronautical facilities, cemeteries, hospitals and public utilities for treating and supplying water and for supplying light, heat, power, gas, sewage treatment, garbage disposal, public transportation and facilities for the storage and parking of vehicles; and also to sell and deliver the products or services thereof, both within and without its corporate limits, subject to the limitations herein contained. The power to supply said utilities services, as herein possessed and reserved, shall include the power to extract, process, manufacture, transport or purchase the same from others.

Section 14.2 ADMINISTRATION OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED AND OPERATED UTILITIES

- (a) All municipally owned and operated utilities shall be administered as a regular department of the city government under the management and supervision of the city manager.
- (b) The council may enact such ordinances and adopt such resolutions as may be necessary for the care, protection, preservation, control and operation of any public utilities which the city may, in any manner acquire, own, or operate and all fixtures, appurtenances, apparatus, building, and machinery connected therewith or belonging thereto, and to carry into effect the powers conferred upon the city by the provisions of this charter and by law.

Section 14.3 RATES

- (a) The council shall fix just and reasonable rates and such other charges as may be deemed advisable for supplying municipal utility services. Discrimination in rates by the council, within any classification of users, shall not be permitted; nor shall free service be permitted other than to the city, but higher rates may be charged for utility services delivered or furnished beyond the corporate limits of the city.
- (b) The rates and charges for any municipal utility shall be fixed on a basis at least adequate to compensate the city for the cost of such service and to make reasonable provision for the extension thereof according to the needs of the city. Transactions pertaining to the ownership and operation of each municipal utility shall be recorded in a separate group of accounts, which shall be classified in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. Charges for all service furnished to, or rendered by, other city departments or administrative units shall be recorded, whether collected or not. An annual report shall be prepared to show the financial position of each utility and the results of its operation. A copy of such reports shall be available for inspection at the office of the clerk.

Section 14.4 COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITY RATES AND CHARGES

- (a) The council shall provide by ordinance for the collection of rates and charges for public utility services furnished by the city. When any person fails or refuses to pay to the city any sums due on utility bills, the service upon which such delinquency exists may be discontinued and suit may be brought for the collection thereof.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided by law, the city shall have a lien upon the premises to which utility services are supplied and, for such purposes, shall have all the powers granted to cities by law. The lien shall become effective immediately on the distribution or supplying of utility services to such premises. In each case where a lien to secure the payment of utility charges is not available to the city by operation of law or otherwise, the council shall require that an adequate deposit be made by the person to whom city utility services are furnished, for the purpose of guaranteeing the collection of charges for such utility services.

- (c) Insofar as permitted by law, all unpaid charges for utility services to any such premises, which, on the thirty-first day of March of each year, have remained unpaid for a period of six months or more, shall be reported to the council by the city manager at the first meeting thereof in the month of April. The council thereupon shall order the publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city of notice that all such unpaid utility charges not paid by the thirty-first day of April will be spread upon the city's tax roll against the premises to which such utility services were supplied or furnished, and such charges shall then be spread upon the city's tax roll and shall be collected in the same manner as the city taxes.

Section 14.5 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Separate accounts termed Enterprise Funds shall be kept for each public utility owned and operated by the city. Such accounts shall be classified and made in accordance with a general accounting practice. Charges for all services furnished to, or rendered by, other city departments or agencies shall be recorded. An annual report shall be prepared to show more accurately the financial position of the utility and the results of its operations which report shall be on file in the office of the clerk for inspection. Such system of accounts shall conform to the Uniform System of Accounts as required by law. (State Law Reference - HRCA, MCL 117.3)

Section 14.6 DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL UTILITY PLANTS AND PROPERTY

The city shall not sell, exchange, lease, or in any way dispose of any property, easement, equipment, privilege, or asset needed to continue the operation of any municipal public utility, unless the proposition to do so is approved by at least three-fifths of the electors of the city voting on the question at a regular or special city election. All contracts, grants, leases, or other forms of transfer in violation of this section shall be void and of no effect as against the city. The restrictions of this section shall not apply to the sale or exchange of articles of machinery or equipment of any municipally owned public utility, which are no longer useful or which are replaced by new machinery or equipment, or to the leasing of property not necessary for the operation of the utility, or to the exchange of property or easements for other needed property or interests in property.

Section 14.7 PUBLIC UTILITY FRANCHISES

The city may grant a franchise to any person for the use of the streets, alleys, bridges, and other public places of the city for the furnishing of any public utility service to the city and its inhabitants. Franchises and renewals, amendments, and extensions thereof shall be granted only by ordinance. Public utility franchises shall include provisions for fixing rates and charges and may provide for readjustments thereof at periodic intervals. The city may, with respect to any public utility franchise granted after the effective date of this charter, whether or not so provided in the granting ordinance:

- (a) Terminate the same for the violation of any of its provisions, for the misuse or nonuse thereof, for failure to comply with any provision thereof, or any regulation imposed under authority of this section;
- (b) Require proper and adequate extension of plant and the maintenance thereof at the highest practicable standard of efficiency;
- (c) Establish reasonable standards of service and quality of products, and prevent unjust discrimination in service or rates;
- (d) Impose other regulations determined by the council to be conducive to the health, safety, welfare, and convenience of the public;
- (e) Require the public utility to permit joint use of its property and appurtenances located in the streets, alleys, bridges, and public places, by the city and other utilities, insofar as such joint use may be reasonably practicable and upon payment of reasonable rental therefor, and, in the absence of agreement, upon application by the public utility, provide for arbitration of the terms and conditions of such joint use and the compensation to be paid therefor;
- (f) Require the public utility to pay any part of the cost of improvement or maintenance of streets, alleys, bridges and public places, that arises from its use thereof, and to protect and save the city harmless from all damages arising from such use;
- (g) Require the public utility to file with the city manager such drawings and maps of the location and nature of its facilities, as the council may request.

Section 14.8 PUBLIC UTILITY FRANCHISES - GRANTING

- (a) Public utility franchises and all renewals, and extensions thereof and amendments thereto shall be granted only by ordinance. No franchise shall be granted for a longer period than thirty (30) years.
- (b) No franchise ordinance, which is not subject to revocation at the will of the council, shall be enacted nor become operative until the same shall have first been referred to the people at a regular special

election and received the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the electors voting thereon. No such franchise ordinance shall be approved by the council for referral to the electorate before thirty (30) days after application therefor has been filed with the council nor until a public hearing has been held thereon, nor until the grantee named therein has filed with the clerk his or her unconditional acceptance of all the terms of such franchise. No special election for such purpose shall be ordered unless the expense of holding such election, as determined by the council, shall have been first paid to the treasurer by the grantee.

- (c) A franchise ordinance, or renewal or extension thereof, or amendment thereto, which is subject to revocation at the will of the council may be enacted by the council without referral to the voters, but shall not be enacted unless it shall have been complete in the form in which it is finally enacted and shall have been on file in the office of the clerk for public inspection for at least four weeks after publication of a notice that such ordinance is on file.

Section 14.9 PUBLIC UTILITY FRANCHISES - CONDITIONS

All public utility franchises granted after the adoption of this charter, whether it be so provided in the granting ordinance or not shall be subject to the following rights of the city, but this enumeration shall not be exclusive or impair the right of the council to insert in such franchise any provision within the power of the city to impose or require:

- (a) To repeal the same for misuse, non-use, or failure to comply with the provisions thereof;
- (b) To require adequate extension of plant and service and maintenance thereof at the highest practicable standard of efficiency;
- (c) To establish reasonable standards of service and quality of products and prevent unjust discrimination in service or rates;
- (d) To require continuous and uninterrupted service to the public in accordance with the terms of the franchise throughout the entire length thereof;
- (e) To use, control, and regulate the use of its streets, alleys, bridges and other public places and the space above and beneath them;
- (f) To impose such other regulations as may be determined by the council to be conducive to the safety, welfare and accommodation to the public.

Section 14.10 AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Every ordinance granting a franchise, license, or right to occupy or use streets, alleys, bridges, or public places shall remain on file with the clerk for public inspection in its final form for at least fourteen (14) days before the final adoption thereof, or the approval thereof for referral to the electorate.

Section 14.11 PLANS OF FACILITIES IN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES

- (a) The council may, by ordinance, require as a condition to the placing or installation thereof, that each public utility conducting a business in the city, file with the city manager a duplicate copy of layout plans of pipes, conduits, and other facilities which are to be placed on, under, or above the surface of the city's streets, alleys, bridges, and public places.

- (b) Every public utility shall pay such part of the cost of improvement or maintenance of streets, alleys, bridges and other public places as shall arise from its use thereof and shall protect and save the city harmless from all damages arising from said use. Every such public utility may be required by the city to permit joint use of its property and appurtenances located in the streets, alleys and other public places of the city, by the city and other utilities insofar as such joint use may be reasonably practicable, and upon payment of reasonable rental therefor. In the absence of agreement and upon application by any public utility, the council shall provide for arbitration of the terms and conditions of such joint use and the compensation to be paid therefor.

Section 14.12 TEMPORARY PERMITS

Temporary permits for public utilities, revocable at any time at the will of the council, may be granted by the council by resolution on such terms and conditions as it shall determine, provided that such permits shall in no event be construed to be franchises or amendments to franchises. A temporary permit shall be subject to the rights of the city to make independent audit and examination of accounts at any time and to require reports annually or at more frequent intervals as prescribed by resolution of the council. When the council deems it in the public interest, such permits may be exclusive.

Section 14.13 EXISTING FRANCHISES AND PERMITS

All franchises and permits to which the Village of Chelsea is a party when this charter becomes effective shall remain in full force and effect according to each agreement.

Section 14.14 PURCHASE - CONDEMNATION

The city shall have the right to acquire by condemnation, or otherwise, the property of any public utility in accordance with general law, provided that the price to be paid shall in no event include any value predicated upon the franchise, goodwill, or prospective profits.

**CHAPTER XV
MISCELLANEOUS****Section 15.1 LIABILITY OF CITY: PROCEDURE FOR FILING CLAIM**

The city shall have all the governmental immunities from claims for damages for injury to persons or property as may be permitted by State law. The procedures in regard to filing of claims and disposition of the same shall be as permitted by State law. (State Law Reference - Governmental Liability for Negligence, MCL 691.1401 et seq)

Section 15.2 RECORDS

All records of the City shall be made available to the general public in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246 and shall be kept in city offices except when required for official reasons or for purpose of safe keeping to be elsewhere.

Section 15.3 ESTOPPEL AGAINST CITY

No estoppel may be created against the city.

Section 15.4 PROCESSES AGAINST CITY

All processes against the city shall run against the city in the corporate name thereof, and may be served by leaving a true copy with the mayor or clerk.

Section 15.5 TRUSTS FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

All trusts established for any municipal purpose shall be used and contained in accordance with the terms of such trust subject to the city's doctrine. The council may in its discretion receive and hold any property in trust for any municipal purpose and shall apply the same to the execution of such trust and for no other purposes, except in cases where the city's doctrine shall apply.

Section 15.6 QUORUM GENERALLY

Except as provided otherwise in this charter, a quorum of any board or commission created by and pursuant to this charter shall be a majority of the members of such board or commission in office at the time, but not less than two members.

Section 15.7 SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS OR CITY HOLIDAYS

Whenever the date fixed by this charter for the doing or completion of any act falls on a Saturday, Sunday or City holiday, such act shall be done or completed on the next succeeding day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or City holiday.

Section 15.8 CHAPTER, SECTION AND SUBSECTION HEADINGS OF CHARTER

The chapter, section and subsection headings used in this charter are for convenience only, and shall not be considered as part of the charter.

Section 15.9 AMENDMENT OF CHARTER

This charter may be amended at any time in the manner provided by statute. Should two or more amendments adopted at the same election have conflicting provisions, the one receiving the largest affirmative vote shall prevail as to those provisions.

Section 15.10 SEVERABILITY OF CHARTER PROVISIONS

Should any provision or section, or portion thereof, of this charter be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of this charter as a whole or of any remaining portion of such provision or section, it being hereby declared to be the intent of the charter commission, and of the electors who voted thereon, that such unconstitutionality or illegality shall not affect the validity of any other part of this charter.

Section 15.11 SAVING CLAUSE

The amendment or repeal of this charter, ordinance, resolution, order or regulation or any charter, ordinance, resolution, order and regulation provision shall have no effect upon prosecution commenced prior to the effective date of this charter if prosecution is based on actions taken prior to the effective date of this charter. Those prosecutions shall be conducted under the charter provision in effect prior to the effective date of this charter.

Section 15.12 DEFINITIONS - GENERALLY

Except as otherwise specifically provided or indicated by the context or is further extended and defined:

- (a) All words used in this charter indicating the present tense shall not be limited to the time of the adoption of this charter, but shall extend to and include the time of the happening of any event or requirement for which provision is made herein.
- (b) The singular number shall include the plural, the plural number shall include the singular and masculine gender shall extend to and include the feminine gender and the neuter.
- (c) The word "person" may extend and be applied to bodies politic and corporate, and to partnerships as well as to individuals.
- (d) The word "printed" and "printing" shall include reproductions by printing, engraving, stencil duplicating, lithographing or any similar reproduction method.
- (e) Except in reference to signatures, the words "written" and "in writing" shall include printing and typewriting and any other currently acceptable similar method.
- (f) The word "officer" shall include the mayor and other members of the council, the administrative officers, members of the city boards and commissions created by or pursuant to this charter.
- (g) The word "employee" shall mean those persons not holding elective or appointive office, one who is generally subordinate to the officer and performs only those duties specifically assigned by a contract, department head, or other governmental body.
- (h) The word "freeholder" shall include any person who is purchasing property on land contract.
- (i) The word "default" shall include being delinquent in taxes.
- (j) The word "statute" shall denote the Public Acts of the State of Michigan in effect at the time the provision of the charter containing the word "statute" is to be applied.
- (k) All references to specific Public Acts of the State of Michigan shall be to such acts as are in effect at the time the reference to such act is to be applied.
- (l) The word "law" denotes the constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, and the applicable common law.
- (m) All reference to section numbers shall refer to section numbers of this charter.
- (n) The word "city" shall mean the City of Chelsea.
- (o) The word "council" shall mean the council of the City of Chelsea.
- (p) The words "public utility" shall include all common carriers in the public streets; water; sewage disposal; electric light and power; gas; telephone and telegraph lines and systems; cable television; garbage and refuse collection and disposal and reduction plants; transportation; and such other and different enterprises as the council may determine or designate.
- (q) For the purpose of this charter, the offense of "misconduct" in office includes doing a wrongful act, doing a lawful act in a wrongful manner, failure to perform an act required by the duties of the office or by rule established by the city council.
- (r) "Public record" means a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by a public body in the performance of an official function, from the time it is created. Public record does not include computer software. A Public record is subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442, 15.231 to 15.246.
- (s) The word "family" shall include: spouse, child, grandchild, father, mother, grandmother, grandfather, sister, half-sister, brother, half-brother and spouse of any of them, and all relationships including those arising from adoption.
- (t) The term "member of the council" shall mean all elected or appointed members of the council.

Section 15.13 DEFINITION OF PUBLICATION AND MAILING OF NOTICES

The requirement contained in this charter for the publishing or publication of notices, ordinances or proceedings shall be met by publishing at least once an appropriate insertion in a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of news of a general character, which newspaper shall have had a general circulation at regular intervals in the city for at least one year immediately preceding the time it is used for such publication purposes. The affidavit of the printer or publisher of such newspaper, or of his or her foreman or principal clerk, annexed to a printed copy of such notice, ordinance or proceeding taken from the paper in which it was published and specifying the time of publication, shall be prima facie evidence of such publication.

In any case in which this charter requires the mailing of notices, the affidavit of the officer or employee responsible for such mailing, that such notice was mailed shall be prima facie evidence of such mailing.

Section 15.14 VESTED RIGHTS

After the effective date of this charter, the city shall be vested with all the property, moneys, contracts, rights, credits, effects and the records, files, books and papers belonging to the Village. No right or liability, either in favor or against the Village, existing at the time of this charter becomes effective and no suit or prosecution of any character shall in any manner be affected by any change, resulting from the adoption of this charter, but the same shall stand or proceed as if no change had been made. All debts and liabilities of the Village shall be the debts and liabilities of the city and all fines and penalties imposed at the time of such change shall be collected.

**CHAPTER XVI
TRANSITION****Section 16.1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this chapter is to inaugurate the government of the City of Chelsea under this charter and to provide for the transition from the Village of Chelsea. It shall constitute a part of this charter only to the extent and for the time required to accomplish this end.

Section 16.2 ELECTION TO ADOPT

This Charter shall be submitted to a vote of the registered electors of the territory comprising the proposed City of Chelsea, as described in Section 1.2 BOUNDARIES of this Charter, at an election to be scheduled by resolution of the Charter Commission. All provisions for the submission of the question of adopting this Charter at such election shall be made in the manner provided by law. The election shall be conducted by the Charter Commission; provided that the Charter Commission may delegate such responsibilities as it deems proper to the Village Clerk and other local officials.

Section 16.3 FORM OF BALLOT

The form of the ballot for the submission of this charter shall be as follows:

Instructions: A mark in the square before the word "Yes" is in favor of the proposed charter, and a mark in the square before the word "No" is against the proposed charter.

Shall the proposed Charter for the City of Chelsea, drafted by the Charter Commission elected on January 21, 2003 be adopted?

Yes
No

Section 16.4 EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHARTER

If the votes upon the adoption of this charter show it to have been

approved, then two (2) printed copies thereof, with the vote for and against duly certified by the Village Clerk, within thirty (30) days after the vote is taken, shall be filed by the Village Clerk with the Secretary of State and a like number with the County Clerk for the County in which such city is located. On the date the aforementioned filings have been accomplished, this charter shall be effective for all purposes.

Section 16.5 SECTION RESERVED**Section 16.6 FIRST ELECTION**

An election to elect the first city mayor and city council shall be held on the same date as the election at which the charter is submitted for adoption as provided in 16.2 of this charter.

- (a) Candidates for Mayor and for City Council who shall be duly registered electors of the territory comprising the proposed City of Chelsea and who shall have been residents of the territory comprising the proposed City of Chelsea for one (1) year immediately prior to the election shall file petitions signed by not less than fifteen (15), nor more than thirty (30) qualified and registered electors of the territory comprising the proposed City of Chelsea and filed with the Village Clerk by 4:00 p.m. local time, on Thursday, February 2, 2004. The Village Clerk shall publish notice of the last day and time of filing of petitions, which notice shall be published in the Chelsea Standard and/or the Ann Arbor News by January 22, 2004. Such petitions shall be in the form designated by statute for the use in nominations for nonpartisan office. The manner of approval of nominating petitions and those who qualify to sign shall be as outlined in this proposed Charter and shall be administered by the Village Clerk.

- (b) The mayoral candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall have a term beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the date this charter becomes effective and ending at 8:59 a.m. on the Wednesday following the first Monday in November 2005.

- (c) The three (3) council candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall have a term beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the date this charter becomes effective and ending at 8:59 a.m. on the Wednesday following the first Monday in November 2007.

- (d) The three (3) council candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall have terms beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the date this charter becomes effective and ending at 8:59 a.m. on the Wednesday following the first Monday in November 2005.

Section 16.7 SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS

Henceforth, the elections for the city mayor and city council shall be held as set forth in Section 3.4 of this charter.

Section 16.8 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

- (a) Nothing in this charter except as otherwise specifically provided, shall affect or impair the rights or privileges of persons who are village officers or employees at the time of its adoption.

- (b) Except as specifically provided by this charter, if at the time this charter takes full effect a village administrative officer or employee holds an office or position which is or can be abolished by or under this charter, he or she shall continue in such office or position until the taking effect of some specific provision under this charter directing that he or she vacate the office or position.

- (c) An employee holding a village position at the time this charter takes full effect, shall not be subject to competitive tests as a condition of continuance in the same position but in all other respects shall be subject to the personnel system provided for in Section 7.2 of this charter.

Section 16.9 TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AND RECORDS

All property, records and equipment of any department, office or agency existing when this charter is adopted shall be transferred to the department, office or agency assuming its powers and duties.

Section 16.10 COUNCIL MEETINGS

The first meeting of the council shall be held on the first Tuesday following the effective date of the Charter. The council shall meet at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Chelsea Offices, 305 S. Main Street, Chelsea, Michigan 48118, for the following purposes:

- (a) The adoption of ordinances and resolutions necessary to affect the transition of government under this Charter and to maintain effective city government during that transition.
- (b) To conduct any other council business as may come before it.

Until otherwise provided by council, the council shall hold two (2) regular meetings each month at such times and places as prescribed by council.

Section 16.11 TEMPORARY ORDINANCES

In adopting ordinances as provided in Section 16.12, the council shall follow the procedures prescribed in Chapter VIII, except that at its first meeting or any meeting held within sixty (60) days thereafter, the council may adopt temporary ordinances to deal with cases in which there is an urgent need for prompt action in connection with the transition of government and in which the delay incident to the appropriate ordinance procedure would probably cause serious hardship or impairment of effective city government. Every temporary ordinance shall be plainly labeled as such but shall be introduced in the form and manner prescribed for ordinances generally. A temporary ordinance may be considered and may be adopted with or without amendment or rejected at the meeting at which it is introduced. After adoption of a temporary ordinance, the council shall cause it to be printed and published as prescribed for other adopted ordinances. A temporary ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication pursuant to Section 8.7 (c) of this Charter or at such later time preceding automatic repeal under this subsection as it may specify, and the referendum power shall not extend to any such ordinance. Every temporary ordinance, including any amendments made thereto after adoption, shall automatically stand repealed as of the 91st day following the date on which it was adopted, renewed or otherwise continued except by adoption in the manner prescribed in Chapter VIII for ordinances of the kind concerned. No ordinance shall be operative until published by the city.

Section 16.12 COUNCIL ACTION

In all cases involving the transition of the city government from that under the previous charter to that under this charter, which are not covered by this Article, the council shall supply necessary details and procedures and may adopt such rules, regulations, and ordinances as may be required therefor.

Section 16.13 INITIAL EXPENSES

Initial expenses of the city shall be paid by the city subject to an interim financial budget. There shall be an audit of this interim fiscal period in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.10 of this charter.

Section 16.14 PENDING MATTERS

All rights, claims, actions, orders, contracts and legal administrative proceedings shall continue except as modified pursuant to the provisions of this charter and in each case shall be maintained, carried on or dealt with by the city department, office or agency appropriate under this charter.

Section 16.15 VESTED RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

After the effective date of this charter, the city and all its agencies shall be vested with all property, moneys, contracts, rights, credits, effects, and the records, files, books and papers, belonging to the Village of Chelsea under and by virtue of the General Law Village Act, MCL 61.1 et seq. No right or liability, contract, lease, or franchise, either in favor of or against the village, existing at the time this charter became effective, and no suit or prosecution of any character shall be affected in any manner by any change resulting from the adoption of this charter, but the same shall stand or proceed as if no change had been made. All taxes, debts, and liabilities due to the Village from any person, and all fines and penalties, imposed and existing at the time of such change, shall be collected by the city. All trusts established for any municipal purpose shall be continued in accordance with the terms thereof, subject to the city's doctrine.

Section 16.16 STATE AND MUNICIPAL LAWS IN GENERAL

All village ordinances, resolutions, orders and regulations which are in force when this charter becomes fully effective are repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent or interfere with the effective operation of this charter or the ordinances or resolutions adopted pursuant thereto.

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Lost & Found 104
LOST: WEDDING BAND, white gold, five diamonds, and three silver rings, of Pierce Elementary School, Feb. 8th, after school, in girl's bathroom. If found, please contact owner, (734) 475-8085.

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- 18 "Li'l Abner" cartoonist
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- 2 Ship's framework
- 3 Ear-related
- 4 Neighbor of Trinidad.
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- 25 Whatever amount
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- 40 "Go, team!"
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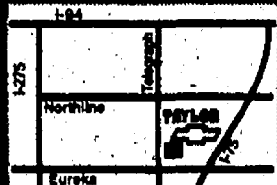
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DEATHS

HELEN F. PROHASKA

Chelsea
Helen F. Prohaska, 74, of Chelsea died peacefully Feb. 3, 2004, at her home surrounded by her family and her two cats. She was born Dec. 27, 1929, in Evanston, Ill., the daughter of George B. and Helen M. (McCauley) Shultz.

Mrs. Prohaska had lived in Chelsea since 1974, coming from New England. She was a second- and third-grade teacher for the Chelsea School District for 22 years, retiring in 1999.

Mrs. Prohaska's passions were spending time with her children, grandchildren and friends.

On July 3, 1958, she married David Prohaska in Illinois. He preceded her in death in 2000.

Surviving are her two children, Julie Ann Seagraves of Ann Arbor and Scott D. (Katherine) Prohaska of Richmond, Va.; five grandchildren, Mathew Glen Egeler, Meredith Marie Egeler, Nicholas Sean Prohaska, Brenden Everett Prohaska and Danielle Katherine Prohaska; and one sister, Mary Jo (Don) Sengbusch of Tucson, Ariz.

Also surviving are three nieces, Janet (Tim) Hagan of Succunna, N.J., Laura (Larry) Mann of East Troy, Wis., and Donna Sengbusch of

Tucson, Ariz.; a number of grandnieces, grandnephews and dear friends, including Sally Peiter and the "7+2," and Joann McArdle and the rest of the Red Hat Society ladies.

A funeral was held Saturday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea. Private burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to Huron Valley Humane Society or Leader Dogs for the Blind.

PATRICIA JANE HAMPTON

Plainwell
Patricia Jane Hampton, 83, of Plainwell died Feb. 6, 2004, at the Morning Glory House, where she had received wonderful and tender, loving care for the last two years.

Mrs. Hampton was a woman of great intelligence, independence and dedication to her family and church. She was born Feb. 15, 1920, to Maxwell J. and Genevieve M. (Smith) Scott in Kalamazoo. In 1938, she graduated from Dexter High School.

In 1942, she married Hugh McNeill, and the marriage ended in divorce. She married Donald Hampton Jan. 21, 1956, in Oshtemo.

Mrs. Hampton lived in Plainwell until 1975, when she and her family moved to Middlebury, Ind.

She had many interests in life. She

was a founding member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Plainwell, and she was very active, serving for many years on the Altar Guild and held membership in the Daughters of the King. She was a member of St. John of the Cross Episcopal Church in Bristol, Ind., while living in Middlebury.

Mrs. Hampton loved art and literature. She enjoyed participating in great book discussions, and was well-versed in the English language. She also loved music, especially classical.

Mrs. Hampton's loving nature and generous spirit will be missed by her loving family, including daughters Kathleen (Frank) Herbert of Martin, Mary (Loren) Jackson Hampton of Ann Arbor and Jane Hampton (Dennis) Leeds of Ascot, England.

She is survived by grandchildren, Sarah Patricia (Russell) Gorton and Seth Edward Hampton Herbert, Charles Hampton Jackson, Tess Catherine Leigh Jackson, Sarah Layren Genevieve Jackson, Chelsea Scott Leeds, Griffin Michael Leeds, Maxwell Joseph Leeds and Samuel Hampton Leeds.

Also adding joy to her life were adopted grandchildren Devon McKinnon, Jeffery (Sheryl) Herbert, and Kaechele, Desiree

(Bradley) McPanin and Jennifer (Keith) Dorgan, as well as several great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hampton was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, in 1982; infant son, Donald Patrick, in 1959; and her only sister, Sallie Smith in 1969.

Visitation was Tuesday at Life Story Funeral Homes at the Rupert, Durham, Marshall and Gren Plainwell Chapel. A funeral was held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Plainwell. The Revs. Wayne Oimstead and Terry Haughn officiated. Burial was at South Martin Cemetery.

To read Mrs. Hampton's life story, share a memory, order flowers or make a memorial donation online to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Church World Services or Christian Neighbors, visit her memory page at www.lifestorynet.com.

BARBARA JANE CLARK

Leesburg, Fla.
Formerly of Chelsea

Barbara Jane Clark, 78, of Leesburg, Fla., died Feb. 5, 2004. She was born in Chelsea and moved to Leesburg from Jacksonville in 1980.

A member of Tavares United Methodist Church, Mrs. Clark was retired from a career as a salesperson in a department store.

She is survived by her two sons, Martin Clark of Fruitland Park, Fla., and John Clark of Fowlerville; one brother, Richard White of Chelsea; and two sisters, Audrey Patterson of Leesburg, Fla., and Nancy Harris of Milwaukee.

She also is survived by two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Avante of Leesburg, 2000 Edgewood Ave., Leesburg, FL 34748.

LARRY R. CORNISH

Stockbridge

Larry R. Cornish, 66, of Stockbridge died Feb. 7, 2004, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township after a long struggle with injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born March 2, 1937, in Jackson the son of Estel and Janice (Lake) Cornish. He had lived in the area since 1948, coming from Jackson.

Mr. Cornish was the co-owner of Stockbridge Manufacturing for several years, and a member of Stockbridge Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, golfing, playing cards, woodworking and cooking. He was also active in Scouting and earned Eagle status as a youth.

On Jan. 12, 1991, he married Terri. Also surviving are his mother of Stockbridge; five children, Cyndi (Dan) Kuhn of Doylestown, Pa., Larry II (Lisa) Cornish of Munnich, Renne (Brian) Basore of Stockbridge, Sean (Michelle) Hamlin of Jackson and Betsy Hamlin of Stockbridge; one brother, Gary (Deb) Cornish of Jackson; and seven grandchildren, Cassie, Alex, Andrea, Danielle, Ari, Larry III and Dylan.

In addition, he is survived by his mother-in-law, Kitty Gale of Stockbridge; best friend, William Cummings; several nieces and nephews, including special niece, Sunshine Craft; two sisters-in-law, Sheryl (Ted) Craft and Dawn (Dave) Seares; his uncles, George Lake, Ralph Cornish and Stewart Lake; one aunt, Dorothy Furlong; and one great-aunt, Alice Ritten.

He was preceded in death by his father, and father-in-law, Larry Gale. A funeral was held yesterday at Stockbridge First Baptist Church. Burial was at Oaklawn Cemetery in Stockbridge. The family received friends Tuesday at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Foundation, Stockbridge Area Ambulance or First Baptist Church in Stockbridge.

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Ethnic buffet set Feb. 28

The First United Methodist Church of Chelsea will host an ethnic buffet to benefit Ten Thousand Villages of Huron Valley.

The event will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. Feb. 28 at the First United Methodist Church of Chelsea, 128 Park St., in Chelsea.

Ten Thousand Villages is a self-supporting alternative trading organization that works to improve the quality of life of artisans from around the world by marketing their handicrafts in North America.

The organization works to create economic opportunities for craftspeople through the practice of fair trade and to attempt to increase global understanding by telling the artisans' stories.

Ten Thousand Villages of Huron Valley, an incorporated and tax-exempt organization, will help to create a marketplace in Ann Arbor

for artisan products and create jobs with dignity for artisans and their families.

The store also will provide an opportunity for volunteers, and will offer alternative shopping for customers who value economic and social justice.

A display of handmade clothing made by women from the Sanzule Refugee Camp in Ghana — a mission project of Webster United Church of Christ in Dexter — will be on display at the ethnic buffet.

There will be a musical performance by Laura Massuro and Friends, and a performance of classical and contemporary Indian dance by Madhavi Mai and the Sadhana Studio dancers.

In addition, there will be childcare for children younger than 10 years old, with toys and a Disney movie, and a meal of cheese pizza and chicken nuggets.

Parents who use childcare are asked to make a free-will offering to the youth for their mission trip. To reserve childcare, call 475-1468.

The menu includes an exciting array of beverages, including spiced tea from Nepal, cinnamon coffee from Mexico, ginger tea from Kenya, spicy cinnamon cup from Israel and Philippine punch.

Breads include pita bread from the West Bank, Indian chapatis, flour tortillas from Mexico and wild rice bread from Canada.

Soups include Juliana soup from Guatemala, herbed yogurt soup from India, beef noodle soup from Vietnam, harvest stew from Chile and spicy lentil pot from Egypt.

Salads offered include beet and onion salad from South Africa, and celery and green bean salad from the Philippines.

Entrees include braised meat patties from South Africa, noodles with broccoli and shrimp from Cambodia, sweet chicken curry with yogurt from Bangladesh and ground beef curry from Kenya.

Fried plantains, rice, hummus and tabouli will be on hand as side dishes, while desserts include jalebis from India, baked plantains in orange sauce from Guatemala, sweet sticky rice from Laos, trifle from South Africa and sesame seed cookies from Nigeria.

Tickets are \$20 each or \$35 per couple. A portion of the price will be tax deductible and receipts will be available at the event.

Tickets are available from Mission Marketplace at the First United Methodist Church of Chelsea, or by contacting Kevin Frahm at 475-1468 or by e-mail at K.Frahm@msn.com.



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DEATHS

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LEONARD K. BAIRD

Chester

Leonard K. Baird, 82, of Chelsea died Feb. 10, 2004, at Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born Aug. 14, 1911, in West Middlesex, Pa., the son of John W. and Mary Olive (Campbell) Baird.

Mr. Baird moved to the Chelsea Retirement Community in 1993 from Vero Beach, Fla., where he had resided for 18 years. He worked for Wear-Ever Aluminum Inc. until his retirement in 1976.

Mr. Baird was a United Methodist and member of the Kiwanis Club.

On Oct. 3, 1941, he married Jeanne Eggers in New Wilmington, Pa., and she preceded him in death Feb. 16, 1994.

He is survived by one son, L. Kirk (Sandra) Baird Jr. of New Haven, Conn.; one daughter, Linda (Pete) Campbell of Ann Arbor; four grandchildren, Len III, Jen Hamilton, and John and Sarah Campbell; two great-grandchildren, Tyler and Kyle Hamilton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his two sisters.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel. Burial will be at Haywood Cemetery in West Middlesex, Pa. Memorial contributions may be made to the Chelsea Retirement Community Benevolent Care Fund.

Arrangements were by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

MARY JANE RUSH

Dexter

Mary Jane Rush, 70, of Dexter died peacefully Feb. 2, 2004, at the University of Michigan Hospital. She was born May 7, 1933, in Lapeer County the daughter of Robert C. and Margaret E. Beattie.

On Dec. 21, 1957, she married Jon Rush in Drayton Plains, and he survives.

Mrs. Rush was a wife, mother,

grandmother and loyal friend to many. As an artist, she was an accomplished weaver, painter and conchuska doll maker.

Active in her community, she shared her artistic ability, knowledge and skills liberally. She served on the boards of several organizations, including the Dexter District Library, Christmas in April and the Dexter Pioneer Arts Fair.

She enjoyed teaching painting classes in the Dexter area, and worked for Dexter Community Schools, placing substitute teachers for many years.

As a cancer survivor, she was also a peer counselor for the U of M Cancer Center.

In addition to her husband Jon, she is survived by two sons, Daniel (Julie) Rush of Canton, Conn., and David Rush (Carina) of Brewster, N.Y.; four grandchildren, Suzanna, Benjamin, Jakob and Gabriel; two sisters, Margaret Jackson of Waterford and Ida (Donald) Esser of Kewadin; a brother, Robert (Doris) Beattie of Clarkston; and nine nieces and nephews.

A memorial ceremony and reception will be held Feb. 21 at St. James' Episcopal Church, 3279 Broad St., in Dexter. A memorial remembrance will be held from 2 to 3 p.m., and memorial reception from 3 to 6 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dexter Education Foundation, P.O. Box 385, Dexter, MI 48130, or the U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center, Breast Cancer Research, 6312 CCGC, 1500, E.

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RUTH ANNA SCHANZ

Chester

Ruth Anna Schanz, 71, of Chelsea died Feb. 5, 2004, at Chelsea Community Hospital. She was born March 1, 1932, in Ann Arbor the daughter of Ernest and Otilla Guenther.

Mrs. Schanz was a health care provider for many years in the Chelsea area. She enjoyed painting birdhouses, gardening and giving good advice. She was a wonderful mother, mother-in-law and a loving grandmother.

Surviving are four children, Stephen (Lori) Schanz of Clinton, Michael (Annette) Schanz of Chelsea, Scott

Schanz of Chelsea and Tammy (Brian) Veal of Ypsilanti; five brothers, Elton (Ruth) Guenther of Chelsea, Roy (Gwen) Guenther of Florida, Earl (Pat) Guenther of Jackson, Dean (Sherri) Guenther of Gregory and Ralph Guenther of Chelsea; seven grandchildren, Aaron (Kara) Schanz, Joshua, Justin, Heidi, Shaun and Karah Schanz, and Brandon Veal; one great-granddaughter, Josilyn; and her mother-in-law, Edna Schanz of Dexter. She was preceded in death by her son, Mark Schanz, and one brother, Paul Guenther.

Memorial services were held Monday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea. The Revs. Ron King and Greg Grobeck co-officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Association.

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Mary Hermann, a pupil in Sherri Plank's kindergarten class at North Creek Elementary School in Chelsea, makes a bag for all her Valentine's Day cards.



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