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## CHELSEA

# Local woman charged with embezzlement

Woman accused of bilking Livingston County company of at least \$1 million

By Sheila Pursglove  
Associate Editor

Chelsea resident Beverly Cutler faces a pretrial hearing March 8 in Livingston County Circuit Court on charges she embezzled at least \$1 million from Hartland Lumber & Hardware, where she worked as a bookkeeper for 18 years.

Cutler, 46, who was hired as a bookkeeper in 1985, was arrested

Feb. 24, 2003, and charged with seven felony counts of embezzlement and counts of racketeering and conspiracy to take more than \$1 million from Hartland Lumber over a 10-year period.

Authorities believe Cutler embezzled the money to finance home improvements, vacations and car payments, as well as to purchase and upgrade Albion Country Lanes bowling center. She runs the business with her boyfriend,

Gerald Kuczajda of Albion, said Stewart Oldford Jr., president of Hartland Lumber and its parent company, Northville Lumber.

Kuczajda, 45, faces a pretrial hearing March 15 charged with three felony counts of embezzlement, and a count of racketeering and conspiracy.

Oldford, 38, said the original estimate of \$1 million in missing funds has risen to \$1.5 million and could increase as they continue to check

bank statements and business receipts. He said Cutler covered up the embezzlements by falsely inflating a special inventory account.

Oldford said that when he started in the business shortly after college graduation, Cutler had been working there for three or four years.

"It never crossed my mind not to trust her," he said. In fact, he added, Cutler had been a witness for the prosecution when another employee working for Oldford's father was

jailed for embezzlement. She also had also caught another employee stealing inventory.

The Oldfords' attorney, Jeffery Meek of Livonia, launched a civil lawsuit last May in the 44th Circuit Court against Cutler, Kuczajda, National City Bank of Michigan, Richard Gillikin, the Northville Lumber Co.'s private accountant, and four others. Meek said Monday that National City Bank officials

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## CHELSEA

# City committee spreads the word

Voters who will be impacted will receive flier on cityhood

By Sheila Pursglove  
Associate Editor

The nine members of the Chelsea City Charter Commission are nearing the end of a long journey.

For some, including Jack Merkel and Ann Feeney, that journey began 12 years ago when then-Village Manager Jack Myers set the ball rolling for Chelsea to move from a general law village to a city.

Merkel and Feeney, who both served on the original study committee in 1992, were joined on the commission by Cheri Albertson, Pat Conlin, Fred Mills, Janice Orbring, Stan Burke, Dale Schumann and Richard Steele.

Local voters will go to the polls March 8 to vote on approving the charter — the

"constitution" for the new city — and to vote for six council trustees and a mayor for the new city.

Voters also will be marking their ballots for a new village president and two village trustees to serve should the charter not get approval.

Frank Hammer and Charles Ritter are running for village president, and Cheri Albertson, James Bollinger, Jason Lindauer, Joseph Merkel and Robert Ponte for Village Council.

Ritter has also tossed his hat into the ring for mayor of the new city, along with Ann Feeney and Marvin Carlson.

Hammer, Albertson, Bollinger, Lindauer, Merkel and Ponte are joined in the run for the new City Council by Walter Bolt, Cindy MacFarlan, Jim Myles, Jack Myers, Kim Soule-Broekhuizen and Richard Steele.

The 15 candidates will get their time in the spotlight March 4 when the Chelsea

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## Construction Crew



Eric Whitaker (left) and Collin Babycz hone their building skills at the construction table. The boys were playing in a class at Chelsea Community Education Preschool.

Photo by Rita Fischer

## STANDARD GETS NEW LOOK

As many already may have noticed, the front page of the newspaper looks a little different this week.

In a continual effort to bring you the finest community newspaper every week, we will continue to add small, but noticeable changes over the next few months until our newly designed newspaper is completed.

After months of discussion, evaluation of other newspapers and careful consideration and input from readers, writers and editors, The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader undertook this change to put forth a newspaper that is both easier to read and navigate.

News Briefs, previously located in the far left column, has been renamed "Briefly." It's still located on the front page, but at the bottom of the paper.

"Teasers," the brief mention of an article on the front page, are located at the very top of the front page every week.

We're also using new headline fonts on major stories and features.

In the coming editions, we will be adding even more elements to the news and feature sections.

We hope you enjoy the redesigned paper. Let us know what you think by calling 475-1371, or by e-mailing editor@chelseastandard.com.

## CHELSEA

# Council may raise water rates

Residents may see 15.3 percent increase

By Michael Rybka  
Special Writer

Chelsea Village Council will hold a public hearing Tuesday on a proposed water rate hike.

Trustees plan to vote on the increase following the hearing. Water rates are expected to increase 15.3 percent, from \$4.64 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.35. Last year, the rate increased by 16

percent.

The rates would go into effect in mid-March.

The figures were presented at the council's Jan. 27 meeting. A public hearing was initially set for Feb. 10, but Acting Village Manager Barbara Fredette postponed the hearing to recalculate the numbers, which were based on estimates derived in 2002 and projected through 2008.

Whether the number crunching will increase, decrease or validate the original estimate remains to be seen.

Fredette said the water rate

increases are to pay back bond sales totaling \$9.2 million at 2.5 percent interest. The bonds paid for improvements to the system, including expansion of the treatment plant and replacing the 100-year-old water mains with wider ones that nearly doubled their capacity.

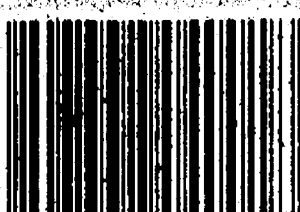
A stipulation of the bond sale was that their repayment be exclusively tied to usage rates and not other sources, such as tap-in fees.

This did not sit well with Trustee Cheri Albertson. She

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## BRIEFLY...

■ **Music boosters to offer scholarships:** The Chelsea Music Boosters will offer two \$250 Beach Middle School scholarships and one \$500 Chelsea High School scholarship for music camp and a \$500 college scholarship to a graduating Chelsea High School senior.

Applications are available at the schools or from music directors. The deadline is April 1. For information, call 475-4373.

■ **Church to host ethnic buffet Feb. 28:** The

First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea will host an ethnic buffet from 5 to 10 p.m. Feb. 28 to benefit Ten Thousand Villages of Huron Valley, an organization helping artisans from around the world.

Tickets are \$20 each or \$35 per couple. For information, call 475-1466.

■ **Recycling pick-up has new schedule:** Recycling pick-up will take place Wednesdays in the Lanewood subdivision, Pierce Lake condominiums, Main Street and streets west of Main Street. Thursday pickup will be for all streets east of Main Street.

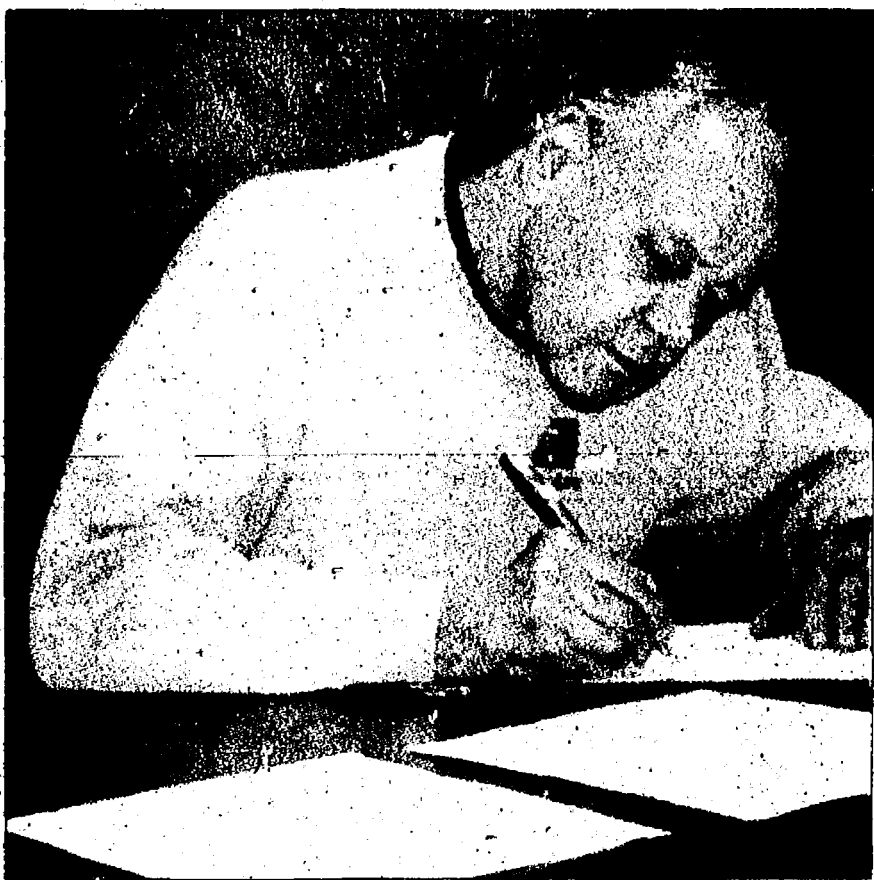
■ **Library's winter book sale set Feb. 28:** The Chelsea District Library will hold a book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 28 at the McKune Memorial Library, 221 S. Main St.

For information or to volunteer, call 475-8732.

■ **Annual Farmers' Day set March 9:** The seventh annual Washtenaw County Farmers' Day is set March 9 at the Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, in Ann Arbor.

The program includes a discussion of research results, presentation on an ethanol plant, and tillage systems, and discussion of an advisory network. To register, call 734-997-1678.





Attorney Stan Burke, one of the nine city charter commissioners, signs the charter Jan. 20 before he and fellow commissioner Jack Merkel took the document back to Lansing the following day. Chelsea's new charter will be on the March 8 ballot.

## CITY

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Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors a candidate forum 6:30 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

Commissioners have been busy giving talks around town, including to the Kiwanis Club, and residents at Silver Maples and The Pines retirement communities.

Village residents will receive a four-page flier from the Chelsea City Committee in the mail this week, providing information on cityhood.

The flier explains that a general law village such as Chelsea is not a primary unit of local government, but is part of a township — in Chelsea's case, it straddles Lima and Sylvan townships.

Among other things, the flier states that current village residents, who will only

have one government instead of three — a village and two townships — will see an immediate reduction in their property tax since they will no longer be paying a tax to the township in which they live.

Residents will receive only one tax bill and pay all city, county and school taxes to the city treasurer.

In addition, township assessors will no longer have the power to assess property within the city limits. Property assessments will be determined by an assessor who is an agent of the city of Chelsea.

The new city will provide local services formerly provided by both the village and the townships. The city will

also conduct all city, county, school and national elections.

A manager — when Chelsea finally finds someone to fill the position, which has been vacant since June 10 — and city employees will manage the day-to-day activities of the city.

Should Chelsea remain a village, then under the new Michigan consolidated elections law, Sylvan and Lima

township clerks will conduct any regular or special village elections next year for the portion of the village that falls into the respective townships.

"I think if people read, understand and are comfortable with the charter, then they'll vote to approve it," Merkel said Monday. "People have had a lot of questions, and hopefully this flier will answer them."

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## STRAIGHT FACTS

The article "Steele under fire" in last week's edition should have said Clerk Terri Burtch printed a clean copy of an Act 425 agreement from her computer. An attorney representing the village did not give it to her as reported.

In addition, the article should not have reported that Village President Richard Steele included a note in the Dec. 16 meeting packet regarding the police chief search. He addressed the issue during the Dec. 16 council meeting.

Also, the article should have stated that Trustee Cindy McFarlan was uncomfortable discussing Acting Police Chief Scott Sumner during a public meeting. She has never addressed confidential personnel issues in a public forum.

No matter how hard we try to avoid mistakes, sometimes they happen anyway. When that occurs, we rely on our readers

to let us know about them. So, please help. To request a correction, e-mail Editor Michelle Rogers at [editor@chelseastandard.com](mailto:editor@chelseastandard.com) or call 475-1371.

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# Passing the torch

## Four generations unite as Chelsea grad leaves for Iraq

By Sheila Pursglove  
Associate Editor

Chelsea High School graduate James Allen Alford III is leading an Army medical team to Iraq — the third generation of James Allen Alford to serve his country in wartime.

Four generations sporting that moniker enjoyed a reunion last month at the Chelsea home of James A. Alford Jr., director of operations for the Life Sciences at the University of Michigan, and his wife, Janet, a local artist and a teacher in Chelsea for 20 years.

Their son, Capt. James A. Alford III, is a 1990 Chelsea High School graduate. He played trumpet in the high school band, swam on the varsity team, and was in the bell choir at the First United Methodist Church.

After earning a bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan, he added a medical degree with a spe-

cialty in family practice from the State University of Pennsylvania, where he also met his wife, Andrea. The couple married in 1998.

"He found he liked working with families and all kinds of medicine," Janet Alford said.

Since his medical training has been paid for by Uncle Sam, Alford is obligated to serve for four years. He has undergone basic training at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, which has been his home base since July 2001.

Alford was deployed to Afghanistan and Uzbekistan in 2002, and is now heading up a team that will be based south of Baghdad.

Alford was inspired to enter the medical field by his grandfather, James A. Alford Sr., a retired physician living in Tallahassee, Fla.

The older Alford, an Indiana native, started out as a country doctor before doing a residency in psychiatry and finishing his career as a teacher in a family practice.

Rounding out the Alford quartet — and still too young to wield a stethoscope — is the newest member, 1-year-old James A. Alford IV.

The four James Allen Alford — who also answer to Grandpa, Pappy, Jimmy and Jimmy IV, as well as two who answer to "Doc" — were enjoying time together before Capt. Alford headed to Baghdad. The family reunion was completed by the Army captain's brother, John-David, and his wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Isobel.

Capt. Alford is following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, both of whom served as captains in the U.S. Army — Jim Sr. as a medical doctor in World War II and Jim Jr. as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam.

"We feel a tremendous amount of pride with Jim serving his country," Janet Alford said. "We feel this pride because going to war is not what he wants to do. He is serving out his obligation with courage and dignity."

"He is the third generation of Jim Alford that has served in the Army during a time of war."

"Our prayer is that Jimmy IV and his generation will never have to serve."

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Photo courtesy of Janet Alford  
Four generations of James Allen Alford got together last month at the home of Janet and James A. Alford Jr. James A. Alford III, a 1990 graduate of Chelsea High School and a captain in the U.S. Army, is now leading an Army medical team in Iraq. Rounding out the quartet are James A. Alford Sr., and 1-year-old James A. Alford IV.

### CHELSEA SCHOOLS

## Middle school language classes to change

Introduction to foreign language will be part of curriculum

By Sheila Pursglove  
Associate Editor

At the recommendation of the District Curriculum Council, the Chelsea Board of Education recently approved changes to the foreign language curriculum at Beach Middle School.

An elective course for seventh- and eighth-graders, "Introduction to Foreign Language" will be launched in the 2004-05 school year.

Eighth-graders who took French or Spanish A in seventh grade may take a semester class of French B or Spanish B, or a full year class of French 1 or Spanish 1.

Currently, Spanish and French B have pupils who took Spanish A first semester in seventh grade and those who took it first semester of eighth grade.

"This sets up a situation where the first part of Spanish B is spent reviewing for those students who have not been studying Spanish for a year," said Shawn Lewis-Lakin, director of student performance for Chelsea schools.

Classes at Beach are 50 minutes compared with 58 minutes at the high school.

"Students who complete Spanish A and B have had 14

percent less instructional time than students who complete Spanish 1 at Chelsea High School," Lewis-Lakin said.

The same holds true for French instruction.

Lewis-Lakin said the introductory class creates an opportunity for pupils to explore foreign language study. The one-semester course will introduce pupils to French and Spanish, with emphasis on listening and speaking but also with some attention to reading and writing.

"This course is particular-

ly recommended for the middle school student who is interested in taking more foreign language courses, but most likely not during the eighth-grade year," Lewis-Lakin said.

Beach has also changed

some course names to make them consistent with high school courses: Pre-Algebra 7 is now Honors Math 7, Accelerated Algebra 8 is now Honors Algebra 1, and Advanced English 1 is now Honors English 8.

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## CHELSEA AREA

# Fire Authority gets grant

Funds will be used for decontamination equipment

By Sheila Puroglove  
Associate Editor

The Chelsea Area Fire Authority is better prepared for homeland security.

The authority recently received a grant of \$62,500 from the Federal Emergency

Management Agency to purchase hazardous materials decontamination equipment. It is the Fire Authority's second FEMA grant. It received a similar amount last year.

Sgt. Matt Tuttle, a member of the Washtenaw County Hazardous Materials Team and Chelsea Area Fire Authority, wrote the grant proposal.

Tuttle said Monday the money would be used to buy a tent with showers to be used by HazMat personnel or

patients; a station for filling air cylinders; an automatic external defibrillator and other medical supplies; portable radios; decontamination suits; mercury spill kits; gas monitor; two radiation monitors; and materials for absorbing spills.

"Looking to the future, our team is preparing for any kind of situation, whether that's weapons of mass destruction or an accidental hazardous materials scene," Tuttle said.

## CHELSEA AREA

# Peace groups form alliance

Groups will explore way to counter balance military recruitment in high schools

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand  
Heritage Newspapers

The Manchester Area People for Peace and the Chelsea Area Network of Peace Activists are looking into new ways to approach similar activities in the two neighboring communities.

Several members of the Manchester group attended Chelsea's one-year anniversary vigil held last month in front of the Chelsea Post Office and a Chelsea Area Network of Peace Activists delegation attended the Manchester group's meeting Jan. 20.

"They've been sponsoring activities very similar to ours," said Eileen Parker of Manchester, one of Manchester Area People for Peace's organizing members.

Chelsea Area Network of Peace Activists has had an information table at the Chelsea Farmers' Market, hosted discussion groups, organized letter-writing cam-

paigns and other activities. Manchester Area People for Peace has had movie showings, educational meetings and promoted the peace movement with buttons and yard signs.

While Manchester Area People for Peace does not hold regular demonstrations, the group does hold regular meetings 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at Manchester Village Hall.

Two opportunities for collaboration came out of the recent joint meeting. "We agreed that we hope to provide an ongoing source of information, and discussion in our respective communities on issues of peace and justice," Parker said.

"The continuing violence and deaths in Iraq, the administration's admission that there was no connection between Saddam Hussein and the 9/11 terrorists, the overwhelming evidence that weapons of mass destruction claims by the administration were false, and the administration's efforts to stonewall the 9/11 commission should have people clamoring for answers."

To that end, Parker added, Chelsea Area Network of Peace Activists and

Manchester Area People for Peace plan to pool their resources so that each can share educational materials and programs among interested members in the two communities.

One of these collaborations will involve the Washtenaw County chapter of Veterans for Peace on ways to counter-balance military recruitment in the high schools.

And later this month, Chelsea Area Network of Peace Activists and Manchester Area People for Peace plan to meet for a potluck dinner and a viewing of the film "Uncovered: The Whole Truth About the Iraq War," which claims to document the intelligence failures leading up to the war in Iraq.

The joint meeting will be held 5 p.m. Feb. 29 at the Friends Center north of Chelsea.

Both groups have Web sites that provide information about group activities, links to relevant articles, alternative sources of information and contact information. The sites are at [www.canpas.org](http://www.canpas.org) and [www.mapforpeace.org](http://www.mapforpeace.org).

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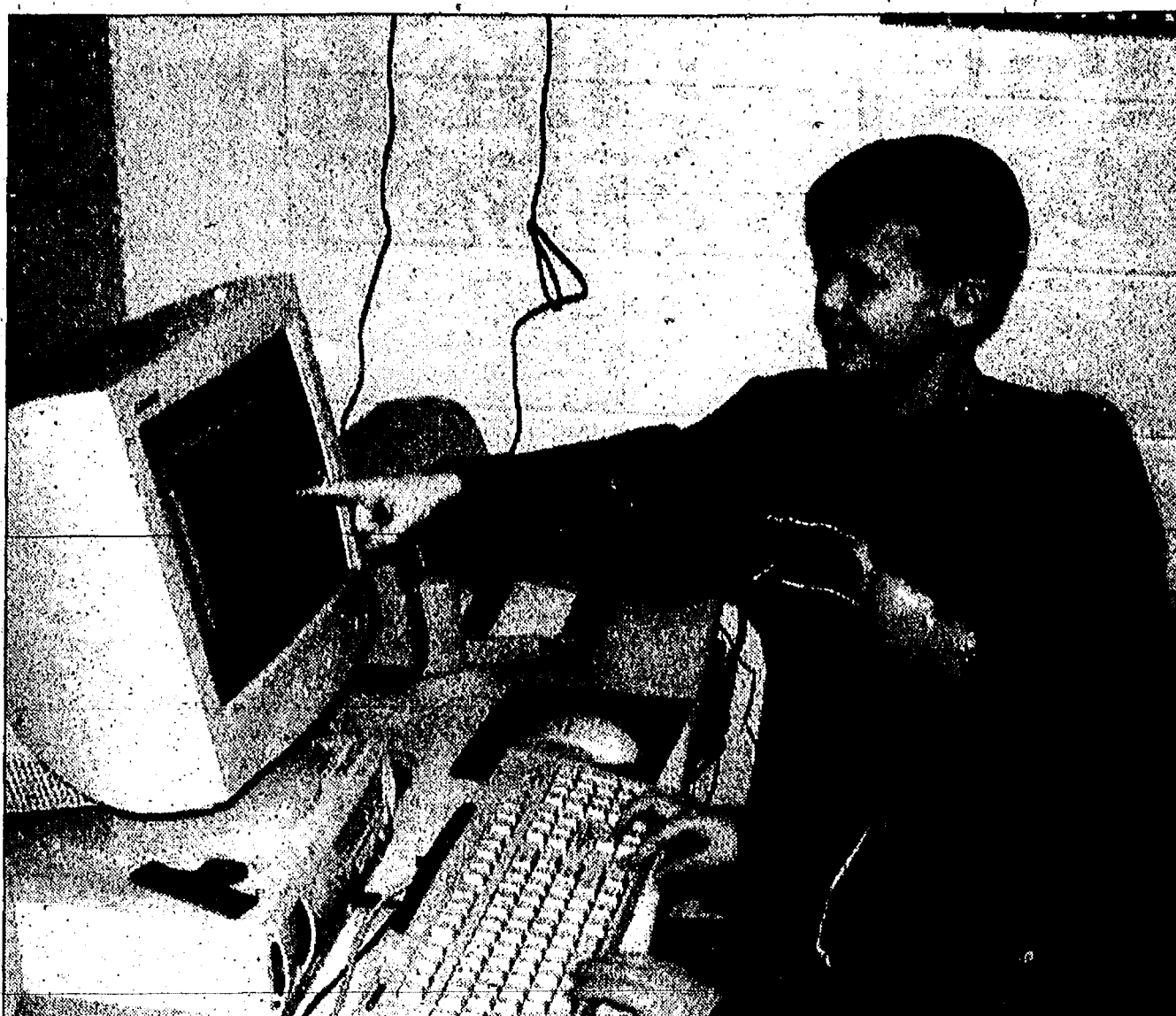


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## Computer Kids

Chelsea Baxter types as Nick Scripser points out maps on the screen during a recent fourth-grade geography class at Pierce Lake Elementary School.

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## CHELSEA

# Thief takes coins, jewelry

Door of residence  
rammed in

By Michael Rybka  
Special Writer

A pair of break-ins and petty thefts took place Monday on Kernwood Drive and Gene Drive in Chelsea.

A witness to the Kernwood Drive incident said it happened at about 11 a.m. when she realized, after the fact, that the brown car she saw in her neighbor's driveway was not that of her neighbor.

The Kernwood Drive victim said the door to his house was rammed in. The thief walked off with approximately \$50 worth of coins, which he unloaded from a jar and put in a pillowcase, as well as jewelry belonging to the victim's late mother.

State Police Trooper Teri Hatch investigated the Kernwood crime scene and told the victim that a similar incident had happened on Gene Drive in approximately the same time frame.

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Feb. 21 - 7:00 PM - Hockey - Home  
Feb. 21 - Show Choir Showcases - High School  
Feb. 23 - 7:00 PM - Board of Education Meeting  
Feb. 26 - 5:30 PM - Volleyball - Home  
Feb. 27 - 5:30 PM - Basketball - Home  
Feb. 28 - 7:00 PM - Hockey  
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Mar. 2 - 9:15 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 Members  
Mar. 9 - No School for Students - Professional Development Day for Teachers  
Mar. 9 - 7:30 PM - 7-8 Band & Choir Concert - CHS  
Mar. 22 - 7:00 PM - Board of Education Meeting  
Mar. 24 - 5:00-8:15 PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences District-wide  
Mar. 25 - 1/2 Day for Students; Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:45 PM Secondary Teachers - Professional Development - 12:30-3:45 PM; 5:00-8:15 PM - Parent/Teacher Conferences - District-wide  
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## CHELSEA SCHOOLS

# Four teachers to retire

Two positions  
will be replaced

By Sheila Purglove  
Associate Editor

Four teachers in Chelsea have announced that they will retire and start the next chapter in their lives.

Janet Rossi, Barbara Brown, Bill Beard and Roger Cox will step down at the end of the school year.

Assistant Superintendent Iva Corbett said two of the positions will be filled by staff returning from leaves of absence. The other two will not be filled because of a decline in the student count at the elementary school level.

Roger Cox will wind down a 35-year career as an educator and coach. Cox, who began teaching in 1969 in Dearborn Public Schools, later served as assistant principal, athletic director and head football coach at Lincoln High School.

He came to Chelsea in 1990 and taught social studies and English at Beach Middle School until the restructuring moved sixth-graders to South Meadows Elementary School.

Cox also served as assistant football coach and defensive coordinator from 1990 to 1996.

"Roger will be missed, not only as a friend to the staff, but also as a strong advocate for kids," Beach Middle

School Principal Andy Ingall said.

Barbara Brown has taught for 31 years, 29 of them in Chelsea. After graduating from Michigan State University, she taught sixth grade in East Lansing for two years before she and her husband, Ed, moved to Chelsea.

Brown started at South Meadows Elementary School, then moved to the old junior high — where the Schoolhouse Apartments are now located. She moved to Beach Middle School when it opened in 1968 to teach sixth grade.

After earning a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University, Brown resigned in 1971 to raise her children, Allison and Erik,

returning in 1980.

She moved to North Creek Elementary School in 1988 to teach fifth grade. In 2002, she came full circle back to South Meadows.

"Mention the words 'master teacher' and Barbara Brown instantly comes to mind," Corbett said. "It's hard to imagine starting next school year without her."

Janet Rossi, an "Air Force brat," moved all over the country in her formative years. She studied at Eastern Michigan University, where she met her husband, Joe. He started teaching in Chelsea in 1969, while Janet finished her degree and raised the couple's two daughters, Jennifer and Jeanene.

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Photo by Rita Fischer

## SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

# Officials OK pay increase

Zoning inspector sees  
hourly rate jump \$4.25

By Michael Rybka  
Special Writer

The Sylvan Township Board voted Feb. 3 to give itself and other officials cost-of-living salary increases.

The supervisor will receive \$24,885 this year, a \$560

increase over last year.

The clerk and treasurer will be paid \$22,795 each, a \$515 increase.

Each of the two trustees will now receive \$205 per month, up from \$200 last year.

Clerk LuAnn Koch said the increases were based on 2.3 percent increase in last year's Consumer Price Index.

The zoning inspector will be paid \$17.50 per hour, a

\$4.25 increase over last year.

Koch said the above-average increase was to put the salary in alignment with surrounding townships.

The township's receptionist received a 25-cent hourly increase, making her pay \$11.50 an hour.

The board decided to freeze the \$38,000 that its assessors, Kit Hoover and Karen Page of Wolverine Appraisals, split between

themselves. If Chelsea becomes a city, Koch said their work would be cut in half.

The assessors' salary will be reexamined after Chelsea's March 8 election, she said.

The new salaries will go into effect April 1.

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## CHELSEA

# New traffic survey slated

Village, school district  
to split cost

By Michael Rybka  
Special Writer

The Chelsea Village Council has agreed to share the cost of a traffic study on Freer Road with the Chelsea School District.

The survey will focus on traffic problems outside Chelsea High School, on Freer Road between Washington Street and Trinkle Road.

Traffic Engineering Associates of Haslett will conduct the study for a sum not to exceed \$5,320, or no more than \$2,660 each.

The firm is expected to provide more depth to a free preliminary analysis by the American Automobile Association. That survey concluded, among other things, that a traffic light should be placed at the high school driveway that empties out onto Freer Road.

Ron Livengood, operations director of the Chelsea School District, supported the survey's conclusions.

The traffic light is expected to cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

The AAA survey said state guidelines mandate that 550 or more vehicles per hour needed to pass through the stretch in order to qualify for

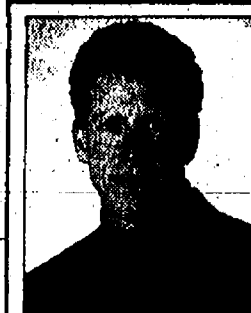
a traffic signal.

The AAA reported that this criterion was surpassed with 1,125 cars driving through it during the high school's morning arrival period, 7 to 7:30 a.m., and afternoon departure between 2:30 and 3:15 p.m.

If the more detailed stud-

ies by Traffic Engineering Associates support the AAA's preliminary conclusions, a light would not be installed until 2005 when its costs could be deferred by a grant.

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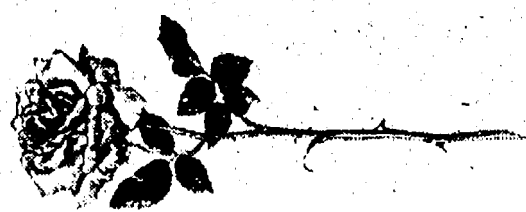
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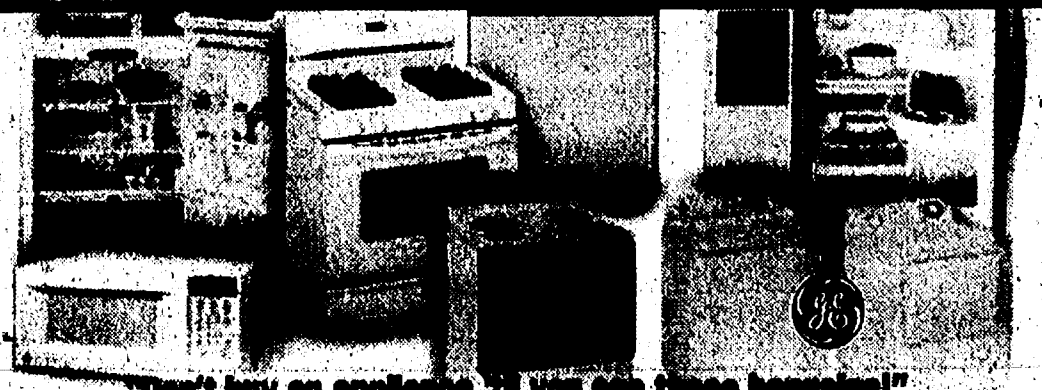


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## RETIRE

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Joe started teaching in Saline in 1977, the same year Janet started her 27-year career in Chelsea student-teaching kindergartners at North Creek Elementary School.

"Yes, Joe is a Hornet, but I will always love the Bulldogs," Rossi said.

She taught fourth grade for two years at Pierce Lake Elementary School, team-teaching with Suzanne DeVries.

"Together they provided an excellent balance for students as they worked together on preparing the everyday math program," said Pierce Lake Elementary School Principal Lucy Stieber.

Rossi then moved to teach-

ing first grade.

"She adapted quickly to the younger students, and provided a classroom designed to promote growth and meet their developmental needs," Stieber said.

"Janet is a strong educational leader. Her caring and expertise will be greatly missed."

Bill Beard came on board in 1978 to teach sixth-grade English and social studies at Beach Middle School when he was hired by then-principal Al Conklin. The following year, Beard taught sixth-grade science and math.

In 1979, he moved to a fifth-grade position at South Meadows Elementary School for three years. He then joined Sandy Hamilton in team teaching third grade for eight years before moving to the fourth-grade classroom in

1988.

He also served as yearbook adviser, working with Maryann Guenther in taking and developing photos.

"It was a lot of fun," Beard said.

In 2003, as part of the district restructuring, Beard began teaching fourth grade at Pierce Lake Elementary School. Principal Lucy Stieber praised Beard for his impact on integrating technology into the curriculum and his work on the North Central Accreditation process.

Beard, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University, also coached seventh-grade football, sixth-grade flag football, and assisted in coaching varsity and freshmen softball for more than a decade.

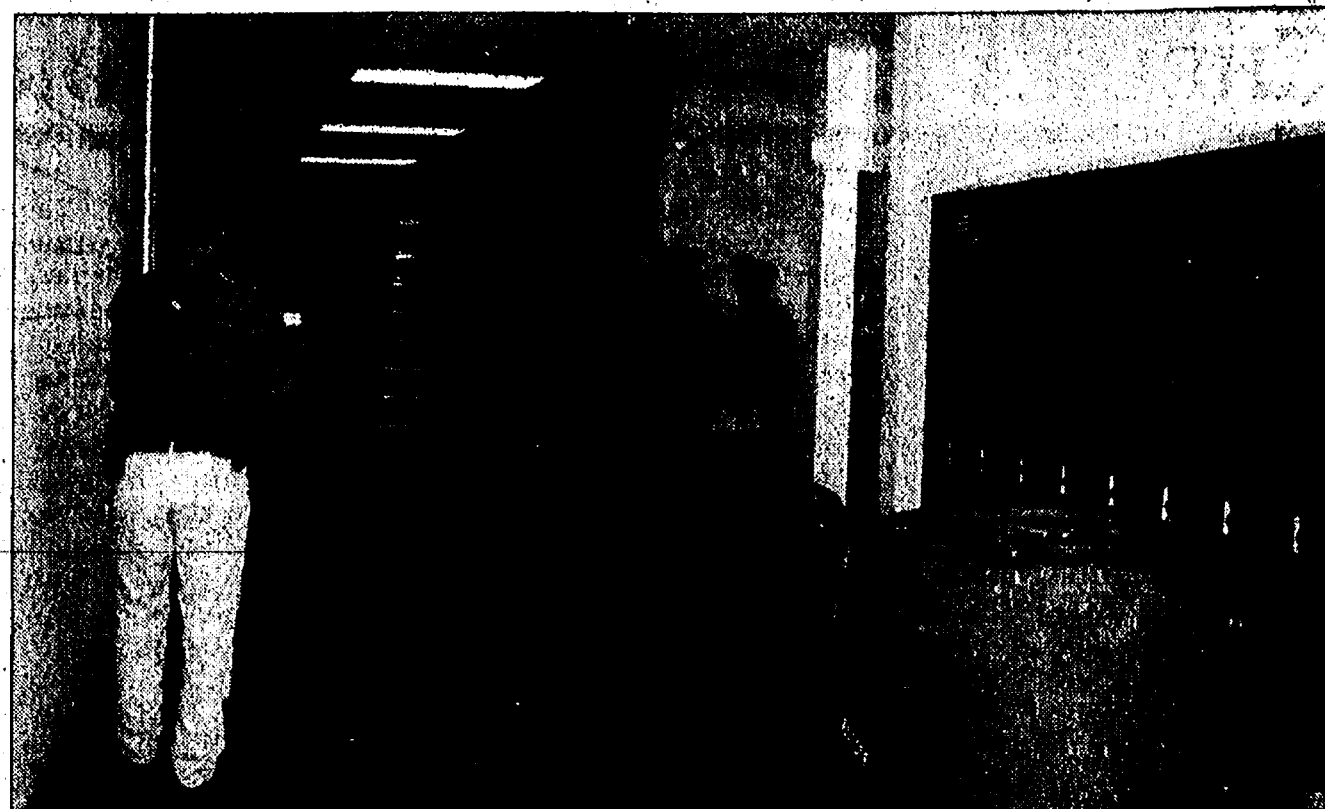


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## Watery Mess

Chelsea police and firefighters were called Feb. 12 to Chelsea High School after someone apparently tampered with a ceiling sprinkler in the science wing, setting it off. Students were evacuated for a short time before clean up began. No damage estimates were available at press time. The incident is still under investigation.

## RATES

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pointed out that tap-in fees have remained the same over the last 10 years, while water use was projected to increase 10-fold between 2002-2009.

"This puts the brunt on residents rather than developers," Albertson said.

It also would increase the bills for businesses, as Phillip R. Boham, vice president for facilities management at Chelsea Community

Hospital, pointed out in a Jan. 28 letter sent to Fredette.

Boham asked that water revenues that the village collects from the school district, Chelsea Milling Co. and other large-scale users, including the hospital, be made public before a vote is taken.

Boham, a council trustee in the 1980s, said village officials should have based the level of debt Chelsea would accrue on projected numbers of new residents and businesses.

The proposed increase follows the implementation of an ongoing \$200,000 project to install remote water-meter reading devices that are expected to save the village \$60,000 a year in labor.

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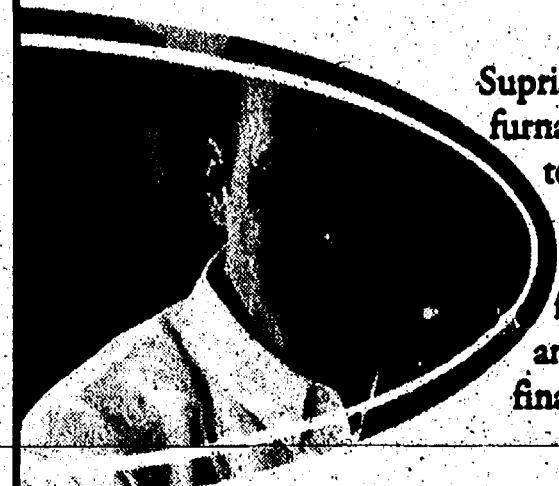
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# POLICE BLOTTER

## Chelsea Village

**Larceny**  
A 30-year-old teacher at Pierce Lake Elementary School reported Feb. 12 that four of her rings, including her wedding band, had been stolen from the bathroom at the school.  
The woman told Chelsea Police that she had been cleaning paintbrushes in the girls' bathroom and had taken off her rings. When she got home that evening, she realized

it. When she returned that evening to retrieve them, they were gone.  
The woman spoke with a janitor who informed her that she had not cleaned the bathroom yet. The woman does not know who could have stolen the rings, and told police that the only people in the building were daycare workers and cheerleaders.  
The value of the rings, three slim silver bands and a white gold ring with five diamond baguettes, is \$1,350.

**Threatening Phone Calls**  
A 35-year-old Chelsea man and his wife, also 35, reported Feb. 12 that they had been receiving a string of harassing phone calls at their home.  
On the evening of Feb. 11, the wife received a phone call in which the caller threatened the life of her husband. She then contacted Chelsea Police Department, and advised them that a three-week trace had been set up on their phone line through SBC

Ameritech, the local phone service provider.  
After investigating the situation further, the Chelsea Police Department was able to ascertain the caller's phone number. Through a check of the man's cellular phone account, police identified the man as a 30-year-old Jackson man.  
A Chelsea police officer contacted the man, who said that he was partying and had been drinking heavily the night of the phone call.

The suspect said he remembered calling three women, and said he usually makes three prank phone calls a night.  
Chelsea police advised the man that he could face charges for making harassing phone calls. The man apologized and said he would stop.  
The Chelsea couple decided not to press charges and have dropped the matter.  
Compiled by Staff Writer Scott Hagen based on reports filed with the Chelsea Police Department.

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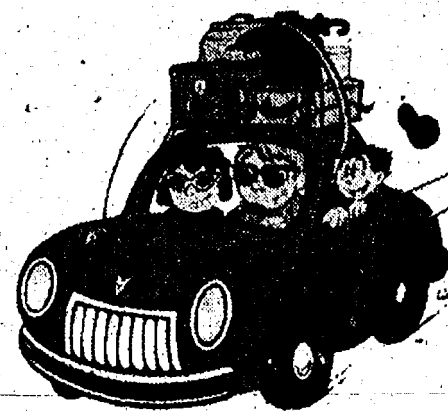
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**Urge you to call today and schedule your FREE Introductory Program. It might be the most important thing you ever do!**

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Remember, call 734-994-0333 and ask for Melanie!

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Keith Hafner  
Keith Hafner



**P.S. Remember,** there is absolutely no obligation in trying the FREE Introductory Program. If you do the Introductory program and love it (as most people do), you are welcome to register your child as a regular student. If, however, you feel that the "Keith Hafner's Karate" program is not what you are looking for, there is absolutely no obligation to continue. And your child's Karate uniform is his to keep!

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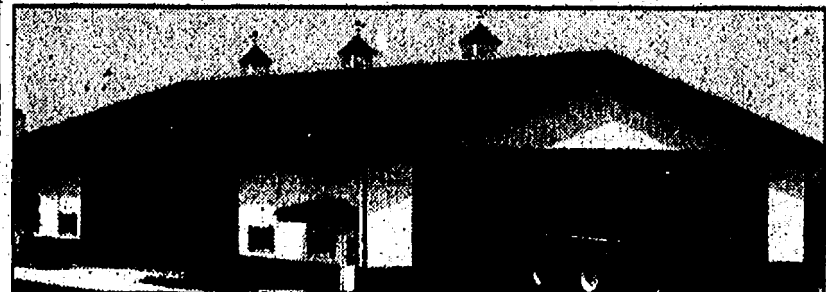
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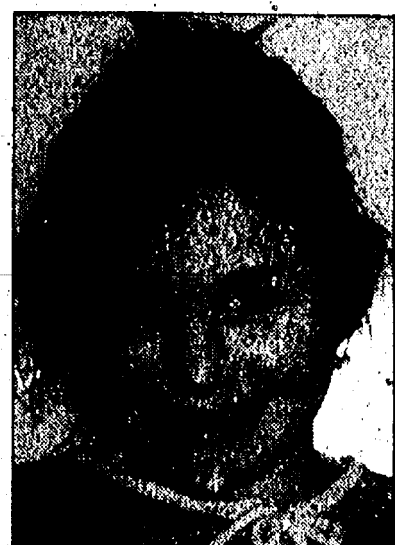
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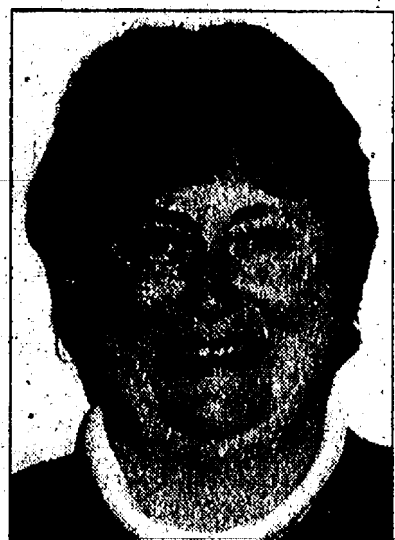
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By Rita Fischer

What's your favorite book?



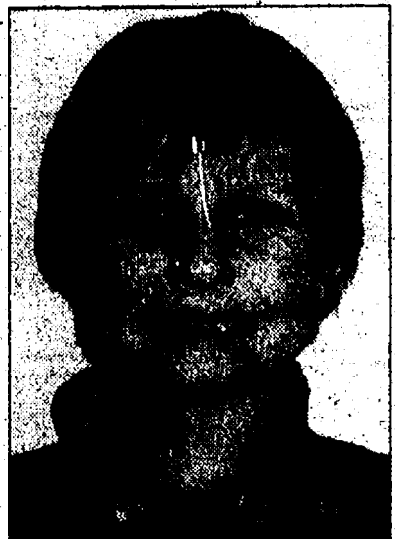
"I like to read 'Winnie the Pooh.' Any 'Winnie the Pooh' books are good."  
Stephanie Hargenrater  
Grass Lake



"I like 'The Purpose Driven Life.' It's a really good book."  
Becky Morse  
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"I like the book, 'Temporary Sanity.' I couldn't put it down."  
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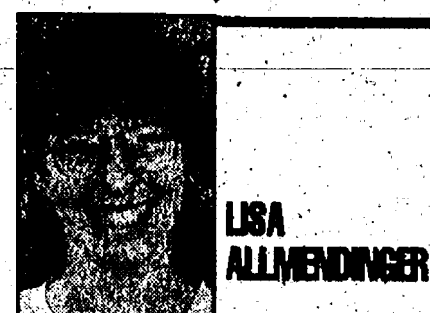


"I like it when my mom reads me 'The Snowy Day.'"  
Dylan Ousley  
Sylvan Township



"I like the book 'White Oleander.' It kept me interested in what the girl had to go through."  
Lindsay Olsen  
Sylvan Township

## Ask candidates tough questions



### CHELSEA CHAT

Are you having trouble deciding which candidates deserve your votes March 8? Attend the March 4 candidates' forum at the Washington Street Education Center and ask some interesting questions.

After asking how soon after taking office do they plan to fix potholes caused by the winter freeze, come up

with a question that will make them think.

Think of some off-the-wall question like the one a reporter asked the Democratic presidential candidates: "Where will you take your next vacation?"

The politically smart ones answered "Somewhere in the United States." The politically savvy ones talked about wonderful spots in their home state. The one who was honest and said he was headed out of the country got hammered by the press.

Is it any wonder politicians fudge the truth to get elected?

So pick your tie-breaking question carefully. And boxers/briefs, or Coke/Pepsi tells you nothing.

Ask something along the lines of, "If given an opportunity to be at any historic event since the dawn of time, what would it be?" This will give you some insight into what makes a candidate tick.

### Pooch Has Chelsea Ties

Last year, after Josh, a Newfoundland, won the Working Group at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, I was talking to Ben Sieg in Farmer's Supply. He said Josh's breeder, Carol Bergmann, stopped by the Chelsea store frequently.

Ben even saw Josh as a wee pup in a crate when Bergmann had the litter out for a car ride.

Since Josh took Best in Show at this year's contest, I say we should adopt him as

an honorary Chelsea mascot, behind the beloved bulldog, of course.

### Beware of Icicles

Have you seen the icicles hanging off the eaves on some downtown businesses?

Although beautiful, they can be dangerous, especially with temperatures expected to go above freezing, the ideal time for them to let go.

My advice is to look up before you traipse under any overhangs.

### Hospital Hospitality

No one wants to land in the hospital, but if it happens, Chelsea's own isn't a bad place to find yourself.

Having recently spent 24 hours there, I can vouch that everyone was understanding,

friendly and very helpful. Plus, the food was good.

### Kudos on the Sylvan Insider

My hat's tipped to Sylvan Township Clerk LuAnn Koch, the "master pen" behind the township's new, informational newsletter, "Sylvan Insider."

Mine is tacked on a bulletin board for quick reference to "all things" township related.

The Sylvan Insider should not be confused with The Sylvan Sentinel, produced by a group called the Sylvan Township Friends, a grassroots organization with its own political agenda.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Laws on marriage violate Constitution

I think that a great part of the uproar about homosexual unions has resulted from confusion of legal, or civil and religious concepts.

Any law regarding marriage, in a sense, violates the constitutional provision for a separation of church and state.

Marriage is a sacrament; thus, it is a religious concept. Union is a secular, legal concept. Thus, governments in theory should enact laws regarding unions, or civil unions, but not regarding marriage.

Religious institutions should make their own rules regarding marriages.

Based on this principle, governments should phrase their laws in terms of the legal status of individuals who want to be considered as a legal unit, based on a commitment to long-term partnership.

Governments can choose to recognize marriages in religious ceremonies as one form of civil union, but non-religious unions also can be recognized as valid.

We already have marriages performed by judges, justices of the peace, and even ship captains. We already recognize common law unions. So, the idea of civil unions is not new. Let's apply it to everyone.

This would mean that all laws regarding the establishment of domestic unions would avoid the word marriage and focus on the real issue: the legal status of individuals in long-term domestic partnerships.

We don't need more constitutional amendments defining marriage. Our Constitution is framed in terms of rights that preserve freedoms — not limitations on those freedoms. The writers did this deliberately because they were aware of the tendency of governments to encroach upon the freedoms of citizens.

The current flap shows just

how right they were.

To me, the issue is simple: Two people love each other. They want to make a commitment to stay together as a social unit.

Love is a good thing, right? And the social stability of long-term commitments is in the best interests of society.

Therefore, laws should encourage such unions and should endow them all with the same social rights and responsibilities.

Let the churches worry about sanctity. That's their arena. Let's keep our concepts straight.

Diana Hunt  
Chelsea Village

### City charter took much time, thought

The single largest decision that will have the biggest impact on the community will come upon local residents March 8 when many will vote on cityhood for Chelsea.

While the charm and small-town nature will not change, village residents will have positive impact on the control of our local government that we currently do not enjoy.

A millage reduction for village residents also will be seen immediately.

We have written a charter letter-made for Chelsea with input from the community, and we are ready to make it our constitution with an affirmative vote from the people.

It wasn't a speedy process. While the commissioners drafted a document within the required 90 days, the City Study Committee took on the challenge more than 12 years ago.

With careful research, planning and community input, village residents elected the charter commission, of which I am one of the nine members, to draft our first constitution.

It's a diverse group. With so many great people on our commission, how would we ever come to a decision, con-

clusion or final product?

We debated several ways to approach this task. We decided to lay out an outline table of contents and hold public meetings on each section.

Some meetings had lively discussions, and the end product was a document in which every word and string of words was pored over — sometimes for hours — for the best possible constitution for Chelsea.

Ask your children if they, too, were involved. We understood that this document will stand not only for today's generation, but tomorrow's, as well.

In early 2003 I went to North Creek Elementary School to ask children and teachers their preference for a name for the new city, since this was the first item on our list.

We debated the merits of several names. The vote was almost unanimous — "City of Chelsea" was the clear frontrunner.

I also went to every business in the village for the same input. While many of them can't vote because they don't live in the village, they have a vested interest in the community and we wanted to hear from them. Many have the word "village" in their name.

Each of them voted in a similar manner as the children at North.

So, with input from all, we set off on our amazing adventure.

Many people have asked, why become a city? You will see and hear from many other people on this question.

But, I can say that for the citizens in the village, why not? There is absolutely no reason I have heard that will be a detriment to our village by becoming a city. I urge you to read the pros so you fully understand the positive impact.

Are we worried about "leaving" the townships? The move to cityhood will eliminate confusion as to where one boundary stops

and starts. In my experience, that has caused some of the tension between the townships and the village.

Having clear boundaries and expectations is a benefit to any relationship, and I hope this will also be true for the village and townships. We will each have, for the first time in history, a clear identity for our citizens.

Working cooperatively within our boundaries for a good relationship is the first step for us to be winners in the long run.

To get the feeling of our charter, you should know that we included "Ethical Principles for the Government of the City of Chelsea" and a preamble which reads: "We, the people of the City of Chelsea ... 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."

I, and my eight fellow commissioners, have worked in your best interests to create a constitution for the betterment of our community.

I will be voting "City, yes." I would love to share the findings of our research and

answer any questions.

This vote has enormous impact for Chelsea residents. Good intentions are simply not enough. You need to vote.

Janice Orthing  
Chelsea Village

### Chelsea voters should support city charter

Nine residents of the village of Chelsea were elected to the City Charter Commission and given the rare opportunity of writing the charter for the city of Chelsea.

The proposed charter will bring new and expanded autonomy to our community.

It was a daunting task, carried out in about 30 meetings, which started after an election last January. The document was completed in the 90 days and submitted to the attorney general's office for approval.

Following approval of that office, it was forwarded to the governor's office for legal examination again and subsequent approval for a vote by the residents of the proposed city.

The charter is the single most important document to be written by residents of our community in recent history.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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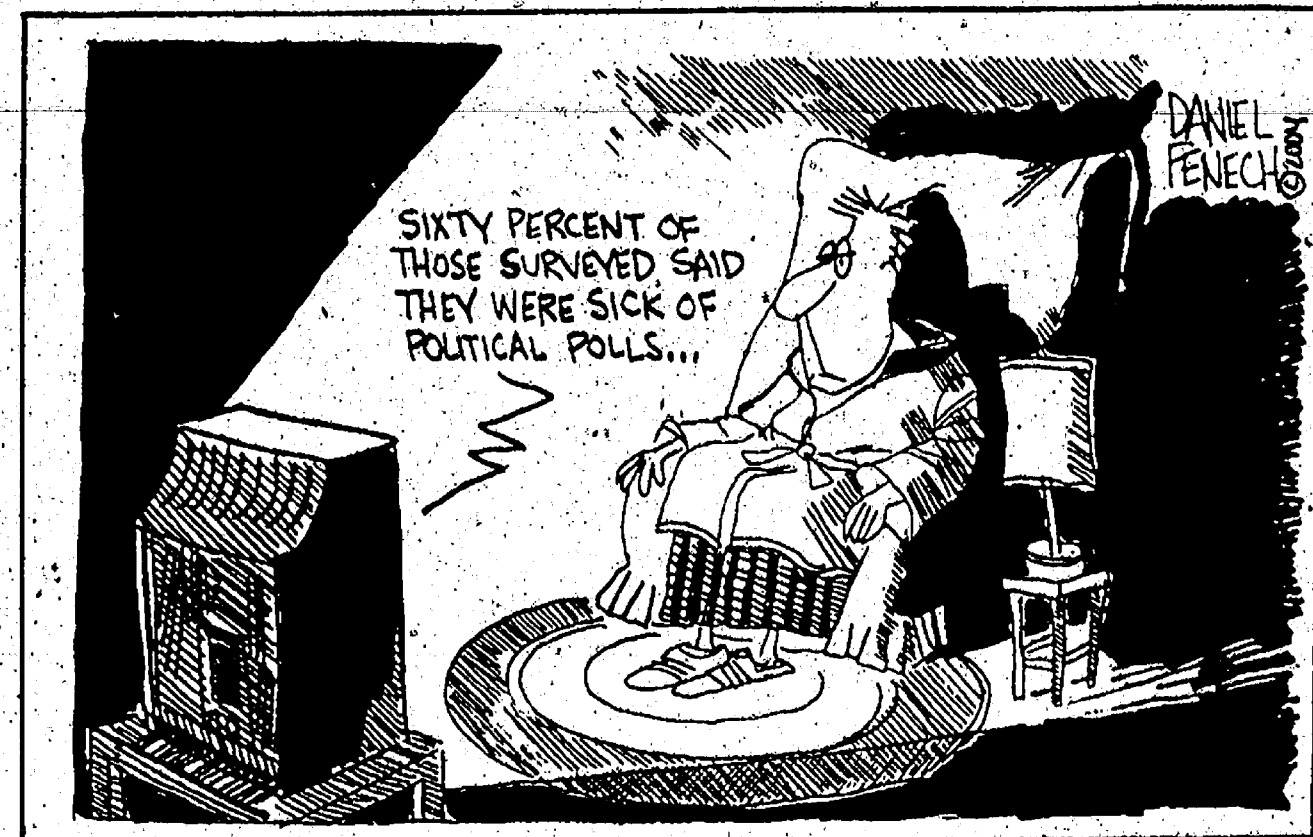
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## LETTERS

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since it will guide the functions of our elected officials and employees for decades into the future.

The charter provides for a mayor, six-member City Council and a city manager, much the same as the current village organization.

In addition, it provides that the city will have its own assessor, tax rolls, board of review, and will conduct all elections for the residents of the city, including local, state and national elections. This will eliminate the need to vote in some elections in the village and other elections in the township offices.

Contrary to some rumors in our community, your taxes will not automatically increase because we change from a village to a city. Actually, for those of us already in the village, there will be a net reduction in the total millage paid since we will no longer pay the fraction of one mill to the townships.

Millages can be increased by the council only as provided by the state law. The maximum millage for a village and a city are the same. All other tax increases will continue to be voted upon and approved by the residents of the city.

Neither your state equalized valuation nor your taxable value will be changed merely by becoming a city. The tax rolls of the townships will be transferred to the city, and your homestead tax status will remain the same. It can be changed only as provided by 1994's Proposal A, state laws and the state constitution.

As the preamble states, "We are ever mindful of the ideals and the labors of our forefathers," and the Charter Commission took great effort to preserve the good and unique characteristics of Chelsea that we all enjoy and wish to preserve for future generations.

I urge you to carefully read

the entire charter as printed in The Chelsea Standard Feb. 12, and cast a "yes" vote March 8 to bring true autonomy and control to our community.

Fred Mills  
Chelsea Village

### City charter was a labor of love

It has been my distinct honor to be the clerk for the Chelsea City Charter Commission for the past year. The citizens of Chelsea could not have chosen nine more qualified and hard-working people to write the "constitution" for the city of Chelsea.

My only regret is that more of the people that this document impacts were not present to voice their comments and/or concerns regarding this important step forward in the history of Chelsea. This has, unfortunately, led to rumors and misinformation being circulated throughout the community.

The commissioners spent many hours researching other city charters and state laws to make sure that the document written included what was best for Chelsea. Whether you vote for Chelsea to become a city (and I really hope you do) or not, Chelsea City Charter Commissioners Cheri Albertson, Stanley Burke, Patrick Conlin, Ann Feeney, Jack Merkel, Fred Mills, Janice Orbring, Dale Schumann and Richard Steele deserve your gratitude for all their hard work and dedication.

The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding a candidate forum March 4 at the Washington Street Education Center. Please attend and vote March 8.

Fran Zatorski  
Chelsea Village

### Chelsea needs to love and forgive

It appears as though Chelsea's rate of change and evolution has picked up the pace recently. Leadership roles, political structures,

business development and community activism are the most public areas of obvious change.

While "business as usual" or "the way things have always been done around here" has played a major status quo role in Chelsea, like many other small towns across the nation, we have been witnessing new leadership, different styles, opinions and a new conversation taking place in Chelsea.

This process is natural, but also a direct outcome of new leaders seeing opportunities for improvements and bringing a more inclusive, open, sometimes challenging view to hopefully creating an even better Chelsea.

Newer leaders can learn from the experience and wisdom of historical leadership. Some level of healthy collaboration, with boundaries identified, is much more effective in the long run than the creation of institutions or systems that become a symbolic representation to the human ego.

I am grateful for all the community members that find a way to make time away from their own family lives and contribute to the larger community's well-being and beyond. Even when there are strong personalities, verbal attacks followed by natural defensiveness, all these people want the same end result:

a great place to live.

The fallout of bad feelings from some verbal attacks or exclusion can often be lack of voluntarism from intelligent people who have so much to offer.

Since we get what we focus on, my personal challenge to us all is to look past the surface of our own opinions by practicing self-awareness vs. scapegoating and see the good intentions that the vast majority of community members have to offer.

One of the bravest things we can do is reflect on "where I am at" as a result of my life conditioning and experiences. When we've hurt someone with our words or actions, or are struggling with forgiveness, we can treat ourselves with loving kindness through self-awareness, acceptance, learning and behavior changes for the better.

When situations get dicey or complex, often you'll see harsh judgment, use of external power and the blame-shame game. Reflect on how these situations hold up a mirror for each of us, instead of projecting our pain onto the situation or others.

We have an opportunity to learn, grow and increase our compassion for all. Otherwise, the insidious outcome is often wasted time and sad or mad people. We can do better by connecting less

with our ego self and more with our higher self. Let's choose to enhance love and truth over fear and backstabbing behavior.

We can start by noticing our thoughts, being gentle with ourselves and others, and doing no harm. All community members have more authentic, intrinsic power when they allow their hearts to stay open.

If we aren't being conscious of our behavior and the larger vision, an external drive for power through exclusive networking and a judgmental system that appears so small-minded to

newcomers or outsiders might end up being created.

Old and new community members all have something valuable to offer. When we reach out with kindness, the web of compassion grows and beautiful projects, structures and people unencumbered and unafraid of contributing to the community are the outcome.

We truly are all in this together. I believe it is possible to change the world by our perception of the truth simply through love and forgiveness.

Julie Sverid  
Chelsea Village

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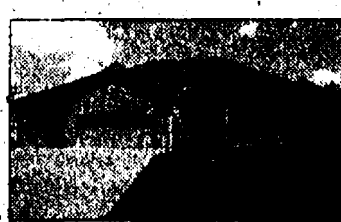
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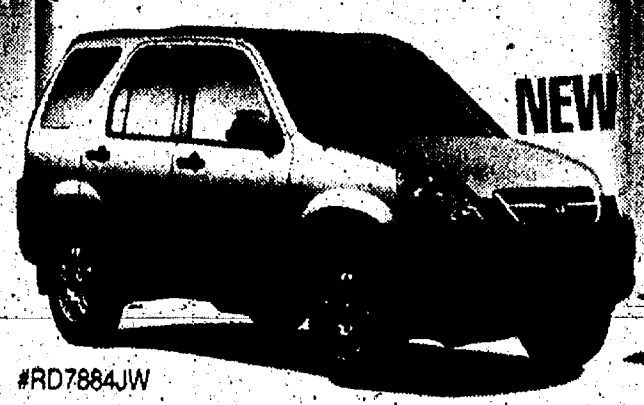


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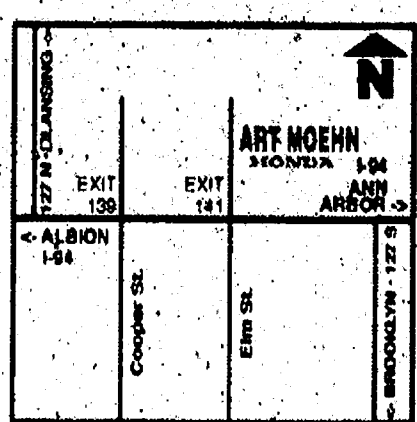


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CHELSEA AREA

# Local students earn academic achievements

Several local residents have earned academic achievements at their colleges and universities.

Edward Rieck from Chelsea was named to the fall 2003 dean's list at Baker College in Jackson.

Amy Sporer, daughter of David and Kathi Sporer of Chelsea, graduated in December from Hope College in Holland. She graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree.

Lauren O'Connor, daughter of Sherry York of Chelsea, has been accepted as an honor student at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind., for the 2004 fall semester. She will study pre-

social studies education.

Vanessa Stebelton, daughter of Mark and Lisa Stebelton of Grass Lake, has been accepted as an honor student at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind., for the 2004 fall semester. She will study marketing.

Katie Personke, the daughter of Bill and Shawn Personke of Chelsea and a graduate of Chelsea High School, has been named to the dean's list at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio.

Samuel Compton of Chelsea, the son of Paula Gerzog and James Compton, has earned a business degree in

food marketing from Western Michigan University.

Melony Aeschliman of Gregory, the daughter of Scott and Patricia Aeschliman, has earned a bachelor's degree in comparative politics from Western Michigan University.

Mark Tapping of Chelsea has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2003 semester at Holy Cross College in Notre Dame, Ind.

Karen Kuhl, Amy Sporer, Ryan Barwick, Lindsey Brink and Molly Martin, all of Chelsea, have been named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 2003-04 school year at Hope College in Holland.

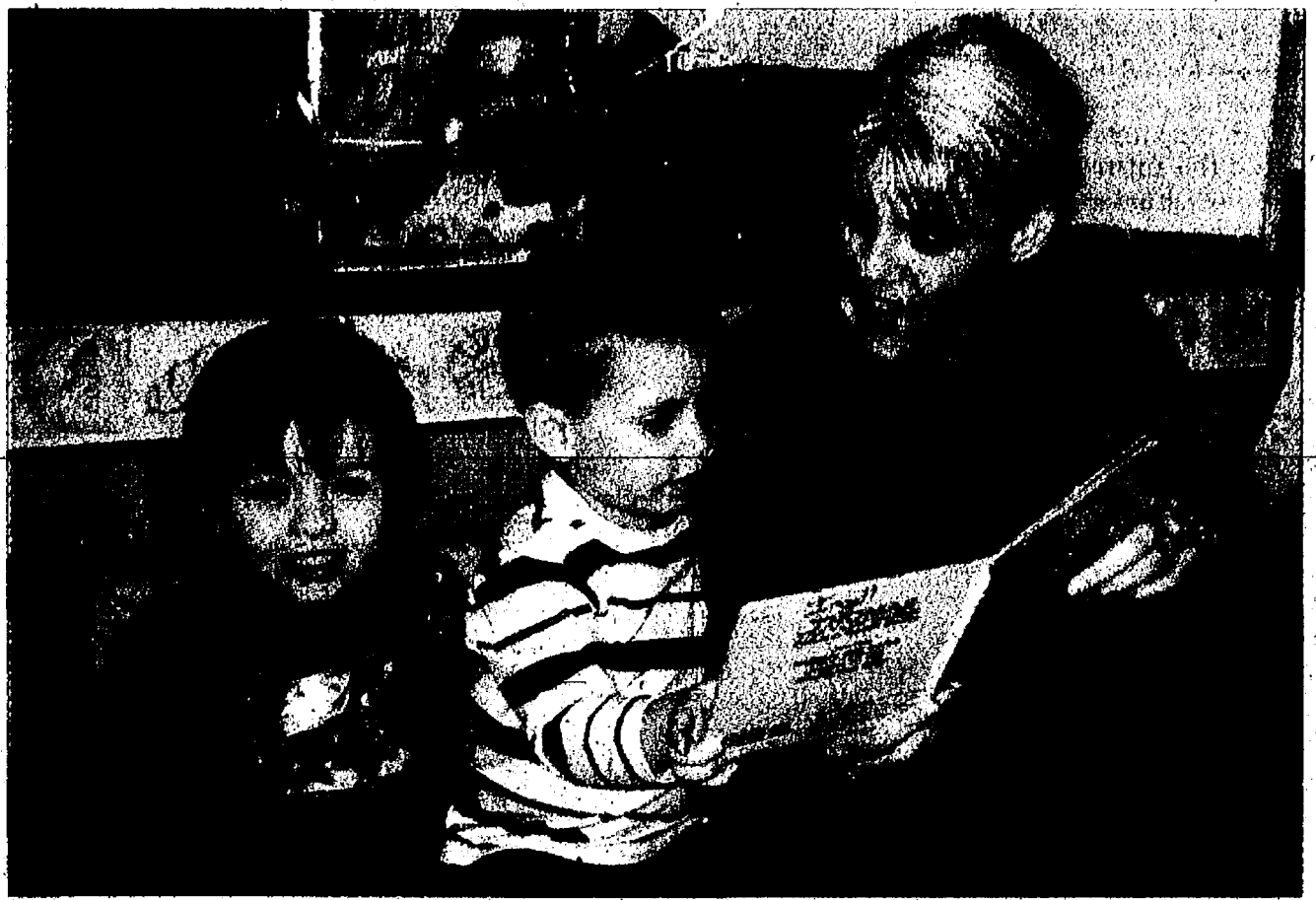


Photo courtesy of Chelsea Community Education Preschool

## Book Buddies

Chelsea Community Education Preschool teacher Beth Ingall reads to Jake Glahn (left) and Joshua Dosey. The preschool will hold a fund-raising auction from 2:30 to 5 p.m. March 28 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. in Chelsea.

CHELSEA

# Policht ends infantry training

Army Pfc. C.M. Policht has graduated from One Station Unit Training at the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

He is the son of Patti and Roger Policht of Chelsea, and a 2003 graduate of Chelsea High School.

Policht went through basic military training and advanced individual training. During basic training, he received instruction in drill and ceremonies; military customs and courtesies; map reading; tactics; basic rifle marksmanship; physical fitness; field training; and first aid. He also developed combat skills, and handled various weapons available to the infantry soldier.

During advanced training, Policht received instruction to serve as an infantryman using light and heavy anti-armor weapons, indirect-fire

support, and mechanized operations while assigned to a rifle or mortar squad.

The training included weapons qualification; tactics, patrolling, navigation, field communications, and

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# COMMUNITY

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**MAKE-A-WISH**  
Make-A-Wish Foundation  
of Michigan

## Making wishes COME TRUE

### Local man to cycle across America to help foundation

By Sheila Purslove  
Associate Editor

When Chris Todd announced he was going to ride a bicycle from California to Florida, his wife was in complete agreement.

At least, he thinks that was the case. "Last fall, as my wife, Carolyn, and I were discussing the possibility of my doing a bike trip from San Diego to St. Augustine, she gave the nod," Todd said. "She now claims that she was checking a stain on her blouse, but I took her gesture as the official OK."

Todd will dip the front wheel of his recumbent bicycle into the Pacific Ocean March 1 near San Diego.

The bike baptism will kick off a solo ride across the country until Todd reaches the Atlantic Ocean near St. Augustine, Fla., six weeks later.

The pedal push is to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, granting wishes to terminally ill youngsters and their families.

Over the past two decades, the Sylvan Township resident has participated in several other bicycle touring trips around both the lower and upper peninsulas of Michigan, and has biked from Michigan to Bar Harbor, Maine, and from Michigan to Colorado.

This will be his first attempt at a trans-continental excursion — "the Mount Everest of cycling trips."

"In the past, time was always a factor that stood in the way of completing the coast-to-coast adventure," he said.

"Now that I'm retired from 28 years of teaching elementary school in Ann Arbor, preceded by two years in the military, I have no excuses."

Todd, who works part time at Pierce Lake Golf Course, where he and his wife, and their son, Kevin, enjoy playing golf, didn't want the bike trip to interfere with his duties.

So he looked at riding the Southern Tier, a route mapped by Adventure Cycling that could be done in

March and April, allowing him to get back to Michigan as golf courses open in the spring.

"The debate I had with myself about whether to do the fund-raiser for a charity or not was short-lived," Todd said.

In the 1990s, he completed five Wish-A-Mile 300s, a three-day, 300-mile ride sponsored by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

"Wish families would invariably share the fond memories made possible by Make-A-Wish during times filled with heartache and pain," Todd said. "Because of my experience doing the WAM 300s and my years working with children as a teacher, I contacted Make-A-Wish to see if my trip could be done as a fund-raiser."

The ride, which Todd is calling "A Laid Back Tour of the Southern Tier," was approved.

"Laid back" refers to his Gold Rush recumbent bicycle made by Easy Racers.

"A recumbent looks like a lawn chair on wheels, with the rider's feet out front as in a recliner," Todd said.

"In conversations, I'm most commonly asked if that bike is as comfortable as it looks. The answer is yes."

Todd says that at the end of an 80 or 100-mile ride, he may be tired, but he won't have any of the shoulder, neck, arm, wrist or groin pain caused by a standard bike.

However, there are other challenges ahead. "When people hear of my plans to do an unsupported, solo ride across the country, the most common concern is usually related to encountering psycho killers and other weirdos," he said.

"I suppose that's a possibility, but I've found on my trips that people are overwhelmingly helpful and curious about where I'm going, and does that bike have a motor?"

Todd says the more mundane obstacles to a safe and pleasant trip are rain, heavy traffic, hills, loneliness, flat tires, and headwinds — "a surefire morale killer."

"There will be days when the sun is shining, a tailwind is behind me, and the miles seem to melt away in front of me," he said.

"The opposite will be true, also. There will be days when every pedal stroke will take all the will I have as I push the bike slowly uphill in a driving rain, cursing my choice to put myself in such a situation."

To follow Todd's progress, log on to his Web site at [www.goldrushguy.org/guyonabike.com](http://www.goldrushguy.org/guyonabike.com). To make a donation, send a check payable to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan to Christopher Todd, P.O. Box 271, Chelsea MI 48118.



Local resident Chris Todd will set out March 1 on a six-week cross-country ride on his recumbent bicycle. Todd, who will ride from San Diego to St. Augustine, Fla., is raising funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation that grants wishes to terminally ill children and their families.



Personal trainer Michelle Woods urges Chris Todd on during a spin class at the Chelsea Wellness Center.



Chris Todd watches Sunday afternoon football action as he works out indoors on an old recumbent bicycle.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## CHELSEA

**Friday, Feb. 20**

All-you-can-eat spaghetti supper 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" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 830 South Clinton St., in Stockbridge.

Pierce's Pastries Plus presents 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 Keith Parmenter.

Chelsea High School's Company C "Showcase," 7 p.m. at Chelsea High School, 740 Freer Road. Tickets are on sale at Chelsea Pharmacy.

**Wednesday, Feb. 25 and**

**Saturday, Feb. 28**

College Planning Workshops, 7 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. Saturday at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. To register, call 475-8732.

**Thursday, Feb. 26**  
Science Wizard Dave Mastie 7 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. No registration required. For information, call 475-8732.

**Saturday, Feb. 28**  
Chelsea Musical Celebrations presents "Five Guys Named Moe," 7 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle St.

## CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

**Thursday**

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

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

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 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 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. For 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 the month at Cleary's Pub, 113 S. Main St. For information, call 475-3874.

German Social Club meets 1 p.m. the last Saturday of the month at Wolverine restaurant, 20460 Old US-12. For information, call 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 at 12 noon the second Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-1493.

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 the month at 113 W. Middle St. in Chelsea. Call 433-1452 for more information.

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

**Tuesday**

Chelsea District Library Board meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Washington Street Education Center, 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.

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

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

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**Grandparents as Patients**  
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 712-3625.

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

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

**DEXTER**

**Saturday, Feb. 21**

Build a Bluebird Box program, 11 a.m. at Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter Township. "Become a Bluebird Volunteer" information session is set 1 p.m. Call 426-8211 to pre-register.

"The Marsh in February" wetlands hike, 2 p.m. at the Gamble Group Center, Independence Lake, 3200 Jennings Road, in Webster Township. For information, call 971-6337, Ext. 318.

**Sunday, Feb. 22**

"Chillin' at the Mills" family fun day, 1 to 3 p.m. at Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter Township. Activities include snowshoeing and dog sledding. Call 426-8211 for information.

**Thursday, Feb. 26 through**

**Sunday, Feb. 29**

Dexter High School will present "Damn Yankees," 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday at the school's Center for Performing Arts, 2200 N. Parker Road. Tickets are on sale at the Country Market, Dexter High School commons and Dexter library.

**Saturday, Feb. 28**

"Leap into Leap Year" program 11 a.m. at Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., featuring reptiles and amphibians. No registration required, but space is limited. Call 426-4477 for information.

**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 the month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. For information, call 426-5304.

Dexter Community Band meets from 7 to 9 p.m. every Thursday at the

Dexter High School band room, 2200 N. Parker Road. For information, call 426-2734.

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 the month at the Copeland Administration Building, 7714 Ann Arbor St.

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.

Dexter District Library Board meets 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the 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 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

**Tuesday**

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

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. the third Tuesday of the month at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St. 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 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

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

Dexter Township Zoning Board of

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

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

The Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners meets 1 p.m. every other Tuesday of the month in the Road Commission boardroom, 555 N. Zeeb Road, in Solio Township.

**Wednesday**

Dexter Touchdown Club meets 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month 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. For information, call 426-6775.

**ANN ARBOR**

**Saturday, Feb. 21**

The Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Leaders Association tack sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Farm Council Grounds, corner of Ann Arbor-Saline and Pleasant Lake Road.

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## T HOME GROWN TALENT

*Teen artist has passion for abstracts*

By Brandon Fitzsimmons  
Special Writer

Put a pencil and a sheet of paper in front of Dan Shoaf and amazing things happen.

Few students possess the artistic talent that Dan, a junior at Chelsea High School, has shown. He has developed a passion for art and drawing, in particular, since his childhood.

Dan says his interests blossomed with maturity, and, after winning a couple of "Design the Bookmark" contests in elementary school, he was well on his way to nourishing a gift into what he hopes becomes a life-long pursuit.

To further his talents, he has his eye on the College for Creative Studies and the studio doors of Pixar. The artists he admires most are Salvador Dali and M.C. Escher.

Some of Dan's work already has been displayed at galleries in downtown Ann Arbor, as a result of some work he did at a camp he attended last summer.

Most of his products are abstract, random and surreal. His favorite all-time masterpiece is an abstract drawing he created of Simple Plan guitarist Jeff Stinco, which includes

Dan Shoaf, a student at Chelsea High School, is a talented artist known for his abstract, random and surreal work.

Photo by Brandon Fitzsimmons



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High school relationships such as the one shared by Lindsay Cook and Travis Schuster can have both positive and negative effects on students' grades.

## Teen dating has many ups, downs

By Jennie Palluzzi  
Special Writer

### HOW IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP?

As sweethearts across the globe marked Valentine's Day Saturday, some Chelsea High School students encountered the romantic holiday for the first time.

According to counselors at the high school, young relationships require thought and maturity to work well.

Many are quick and painless. But for those who decide to date seriously, sometimes emotional and physical bonds affect their academic performance and involvement in other activities.

Guidance counselors at Chelsea High School agree that although some relationships can have a positive effect on students' grades, there can be drawbacks.

Counselors Sue Ash, James Andrews and Sandy Turner all agree that dating in high school can be healthy. However, they said that sometimes students get too involved and a romantic relationship can limit students' exposure to others.

Students date to figure out who they like and what they like. If they limit themselves to one person, they don't get that experience.

Ash, Andrews and Turner said, in general, having a sexual relationship can have good and bad effects. Sex, they said, makes the breakup much more emotionally devastating.

In terms of schoolwork, they have seen some students spend too much time away from the books and have emotional interference with academics. On the other hand, working on homework together can also influence students to do better.

Although there is no set age to start seriously dating, the high school's counseling staff encourages students to figure out what they are ready for in terms of dating and weigh it against their maturity level.

The counselors also encourage students who have chosen to be sexually active in high school to consider the possibility of sexual diseases, pregnancy, feelings of being devastated when the relationship ends and the effect on family and school.

Students need to be aware of other dangers in dating, as well. According to the Web

Answer the questions below and see if you have warning signs of abuse in your relationship. If you do, tell someone you trust or e-mail counselor\_for\_teens@cdvp.org.

■ Does your partner call you names?

■ Does your partner question your whereabouts, who you talk to or why you want to be with friends or family?

■ Does your partner check your pager or telephone to see if other people call you?

■ Are you afraid or scared of your partner?

■ Is the person you're dating really nice sometimes and really mean to you at other times?

■ When there are fights, does your partner blame you and say you provoked it?

■ Does your partner tell you that you're making too big a deal out of things or dismiss you when you try to talk about things?

■ Does your partner make promises to change and apologize, but repeats the unwanted behavior?

Source: [teenrelationships.org](http://teenrelationships.org)

site [teenrelationships.org](http://teenrelationships.org). one out of every three teenage relationships is abusive. Of this number, only 36 percent report their abuse.

Abuse goes all ways: males to females, females to males, males to males, and females to females.

Abuse-help Web sites explain that domestic violence is something to watch out for and be aware of in relationships.

Relationships at any point in a person's life can be emotionally, physically and spiritually challenging. However, with the right maturity and responsibility, students can find a happy medium between dating in high school and keeping their grades up, mind straight and life balanced.

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## Assemblies should be fun

BRANDON FITZSIMMONS

### PUTTIN ON THE FITZ

Some love them and others hate them because they seem so pointless and sleep inducing.

Many see them as substitutes for sitting at a desk and taking notes for an hour.

They are called assemblies, and students in Chelsea have to participate in them from time to time.

Most consist of just a hired speaker coming in to "pump" the average kid up to achieve something special in life.

Others are just long, tedious, hellfire-and-brimstone sermons class counselors give when the school is a couple million dollars behind prom budget.

Are they worth the time and effort?

Coming fresh off the heels of a motivational video assembly Feb. 8, 25 Chelsea High School students, spontaneously selected from vari-

ous cliques and social statuses, stated their opinion in a poll.

Seventy-six percent agreed that assemblies are generally enjoyable and worth their time. The remaining 24 percent expressed their dislike.

In response to the motivational video assembly, seniors Nate Chamberlin and Alise Augustine agreed that motivational assemblies are worthwhile when there are speakers rather than videos.

When questioned on the benefits of assemblies, 52 percent said they could take to heart what they learned at the conferences. The other 48 percent said they could not.

Eighty percent of the teens polled wanted to have more assemblies than the school currently provides. Twelve percent thought Chelsea High School is doing just fine with its frequency of assemblies, and the final 8 percent said they would not like to see more assemblies.

Junior Hanna Taylor said assemblies are best when they are interactive and fun. Isn't that what high school's all about?

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## Fourth annual scholarship program rewards volunteers

Kohl's Department Stores is sponsoring its fourth annual Kohl's Kids Who Care program, which rewards scholarships to outstanding youth volunteers nationwide.

Ten national finalists will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship for post-secondary education.

To nominate a young volunteer, complete a form from any Kohl's store, including the one at 3160 Lohr Road in Pittsfield Township, or at [www.kohls.com](http://www.kohls.com). The deadline is March 15.

Nominees must be ages 6 through 18 on March 15, and will be judged in two age groups: 6 through 12 and 13 through 18.

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Regional winners will compete for the 10 national scholarships. In addition, Kohl's will contribute \$1,000 to a nonprofit group on behalf of each national winner.

Those winners will be announced in July.

A recent study commissioned by Kohl's in conjunction with Professor Leonard Bickman of Vanderbilt University showed that young volunteers who gain personal satisfaction from their experiences are nearly twice as likely to volunteer again than those who did not.

The study also suggests that recognizing the work of youth volunteers can help support their desire to participate again.



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# C M A Y



Jake Riley (behind, left), Veronica Laws, Jayson Gallup, Shana Weddington, Julie Kueker and Danielle Nelson practice a dance routine.

## Show Time!

Members of Chelsea High School's Company C—formerly the Washington Street Show Choir—will perform in "Showcase" 7 p.m. Saturday in the Chelsea High School auditorium. The troupe, directed by music teacher Steve Hinz, will be joined by other ensembles from area schools. Tickets are \$8 and are on sale at the Chelsea Pharmacy or at the door.

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Jennifer Varnum



Beth Muskiewicz (left), Veronica Laws, Julie Kueker, Meghan Grau, Caitlin Dronen and Maddeline Doberstein will be on stage Saturday in Company C's Show Time performance.



Dance captain Ben Garrison and Caitlin Power rehearse a Company C duet.



Emily Meloche (left), Danielle Nelson, Caitlin Power and Luke Walters listen for instructions during rehearsals for Saturday's concert.



# The Chelsea Standard SPORTS

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## Chelsea grapplers capture league tourney

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling finished first at last Saturday's Southeastern Conference White Division tournament at Dexter.

The Bulldogs ended up with 251 points.

Placing second was Tecumseh, with 232 points, while Dexter was third, with 142 points and Ypsilanti Lincoln fourth, with 133 points.

Overall, however, Tecumseh captured the SEC White Division title.

Despite beating the Indians head-to-head in a regular season dual meet and placing first in the league tournament, Chelsea ended up second.

Because of a point system, based on how a team performs throughout the SEC, including meets against Red Division foes, Tecumseh was awarded the championship.

"I'd like to see that changed," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "I thought our kids wrestled well. They're disappointed."

In the SEC Red Division, Temperance Bedford finished first. In second place was Saline, followed by Adrian and Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Individually for the Bulldogs Geoff Wonders finished first at 103 pounds. He pinned two of three opponents to win the crown. In the crossover, against the Red champion, Wonders won a hard-fought 5-4 decision against Adrian's Kody Elliott.

At 112, Chelsea's Aaron Chiarelli placed fourth overall.

At 119, Chris Watt finished second for the Bulldogs. He pinned Lincoln's Corey Robinette in 2:48, and lost to eventual champion Jason Coffman of Tecumseh by pin in 1:51.

Marty Kelley placed third at 125 for Chelsea. He defeated Dexter's Jim Powers and was pinned by both Lincoln's



Bulldog senior Karl Wint placed second at 189 pounds at last Saturday's league meet.

Dan DiDonato and eventual champion Chris Jenkins of Tecumseh.

At 130, Fred Dehn finished third for the Bulldogs. He bested Lincoln's Jonathon Fox on a 17-0 technical fall.

Josh Clark bested the field at 135 for Chelsea. He pinned two opponents and prevailed on a 16-0 technical fall in his third match. In the championship crossover, he lost to Temperance Bedford's David Brighton on a pin in 2:22.

Cody Schiller placed second at 140 for the Bulldogs. He defeated Tecumseh's Drew Cunningham by pin in 42 seconds and lost to eventual champion Kyle O'Keefe of Lincoln 4-2 in overtime.

Stephen Kolokithas finished first at 145 for Chelsea. He was unbeaten at 4-0 on the day, defeating Saline's Joe Craigmile in the crossover final.

At 152, Matt Robinson placed first for the Bulldogs. He ended up 3-0 in the White Division. In the crossover title bout, he lost to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Marty Everin. Everin was arguably the meet's best pound-for-

pound grappler.

At 160, A.J. Suffety finished second for Chelsea. He pinned Lincoln's Scott Mitchell in 5:40 and Dexter's Jarred Dillon in 5:05. He lost to eventual champion Tecumseh's Josh Alcodray by pin in 1:27.

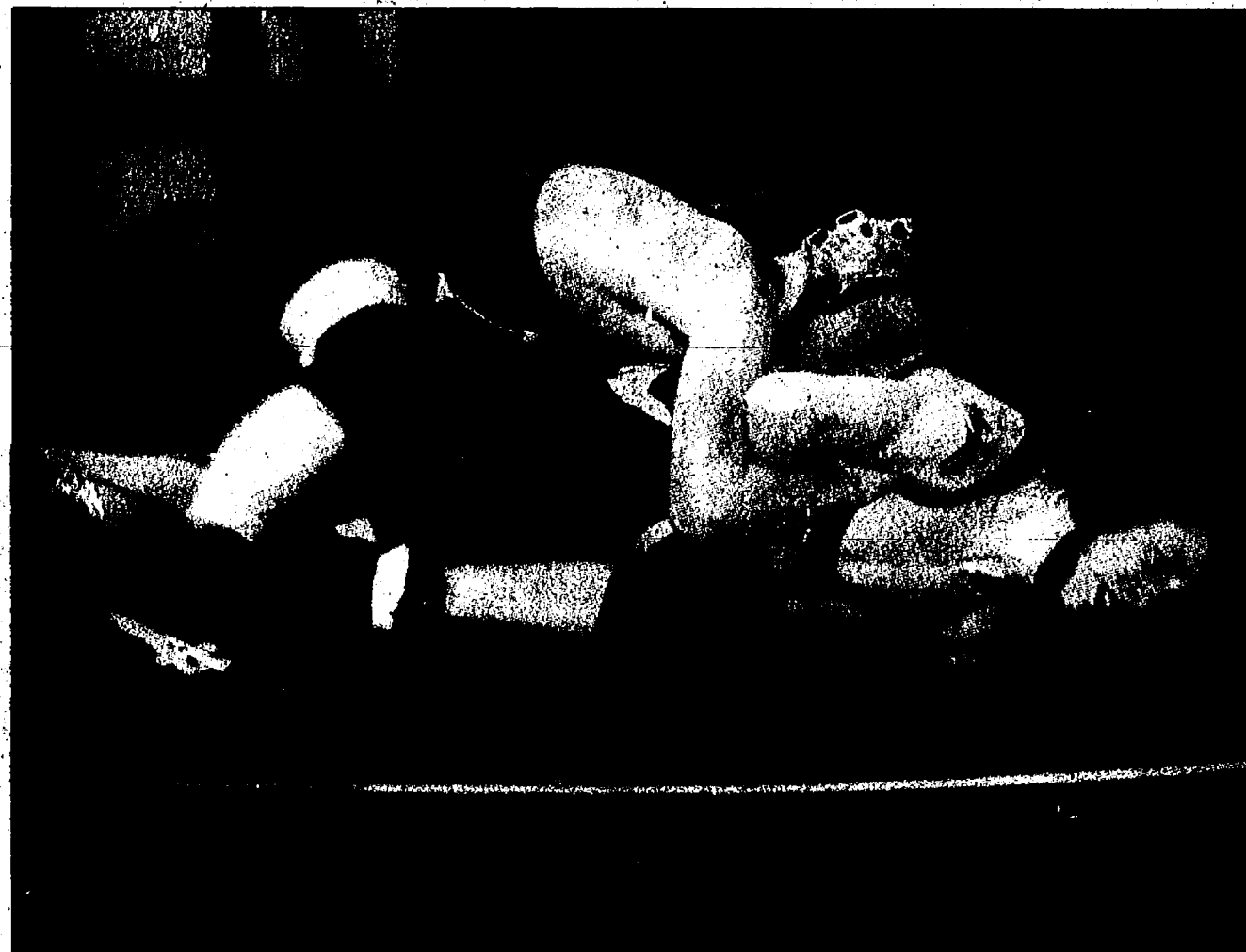
Ben Rodgers placed second at 171 for the Bulldogs. He lost to eventual champion Brad Cannon of Tecumseh 2-1. Prior to the final match, he pinned both opponents.

At 189, Karl Wint finished second for Chelsea. He lost a tough 6-4 decision to eventual champion Andrew Yarbrough of Tecumseh. In his previous two matches, Wint won by technical fall.

"The match against Yarbrough was a good one," Kargel said. "He (Wint) really pushed him."

At 215, Bulldog Joel Powers (35-4) placed first, pinning all three SEC White foes. In the crossover final, he lost to Saline's John Craigmile 5-3.

At heavyweight, Chelsea's Brad Hinderer finished second, losing to eventual champion John Ahearn of



Chelsea senior Aaron Chiarelli finished fourth at 112 pounds, at last Saturday's Southeastern Conference White Division meet. As a team, the Bulldogs placed first.

Photo courtesy of Norm Bauer

Tecumseh by pin in 2:29. In his two SEC White wins, he pinned both opponents. In the crossover, he decided Temperance Bedford's Nick Witaszek 2-1.

On Feb. 7, Chelsea participated in the Holly Invitational, placing second, with 228.5 points.

Capturing the tournament was the host Bronchos, with 268 points.

Rounding out the field was Milford, with 212.5 points, followed by Harper Woods Notre Dame, with 147.5 points, Byron, with 93 points, and Burton-Bendle, with 50.5 points.

Individually for the Bulldogs, Powers finished first, with a perfect 5-0 record at 215 pounds, while heavyweight Hinderer and Clark (135), also placed first, with 5-0 marks.

Finishing second were Kolokithas (145) and Wint (189), each with 4-1 records.

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## Bulldog icers back on winning track

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey defeated Southeastern Conference foe Ypsilanti Lincoln 7-2 Feb. 11.

With the victory, the visiting Bulldogs (9-9-3, 4-1-1) broke a six-game losing streak.

In Chelsea's previous six games, four had come against state-ranked clubs.

Against the Railsplitters, the Bulldogs' offense, which had been quieted during the losing streak, awoke with a vengeance.

A four-goal second period for Chelsea broke open a scoreless tie and ignited an offense that had been stagnant the past few weeks.

"We were able to spread the scoring around," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "They're goalie played well, but we were able to capitalize on our opportunities."

Though Wright was pleased with his offense's reawakening, he said his team still needs to finish plays.

"We could have had even more goals," he said.

After a scoreless first period, Bulldog senior Craig Urwin broke the deadlock, turning the light on unassisted at 13:28 of the second stanza.

Four minutes later, Chelsea freshman Schyler

Williams scored off an assist from senior defenseman Matt Eckler to increase the Bulldogs' advantage to 2-0.

Lincoln answered, trimming the lead to 2-1 as Jeremy Davidson hit the back of the net at 6:50 of the second period.

Chelsea winger Ryan Ford scored the first of his two goals of the night off an assist from Ryan Ruikka and Urwin at 5:04 of the second frame.

Urwin scored goal No. 2 of the contest at 1:19 of the period off an assist from senior defenseman Lee Woodruff. With the goal, the Bulldogs increased their lead to 4-1.

The Railsplitters refused to quit, however, as Eric Dehart scored with 41 seconds left in the second stanza to close the gap to 4-2.

Despite the late score, Lincoln was unable to capitalize on its momentum in the third period. Instead, it was Chelsea that dominated the final frame.

Bulldog winger Davis Turner got things rolling in the third period, scoring two goals 17 seconds apart.

Turner's first goal came at 8:18 of the stanza, followed by his second score at 8:01.

Picking up assists on the goals for Chelsea was Luc Daniels, with two, Danny Bingel and Williams.

Ford closed out the scoring, turning the lamp on at



Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Chelsea sophomore Taylor Hooper helped lead the Bulldogs to a 7-2 victory over Ypsilanti Lincoln Feb. 11. With the win, Chelsea broke a six-game losing streak.

1:26 of the period off an assist from Ruikka and Bingel. All of the Bulldogs' goals were even-strength.

Recording the victory in net for Chelsea was Zach Leszczynski.

The Bulldogs out shot the Railsplitters 40-10.

"It was a good win," Wright said. "Everybody was able to

It was a good win. Everybody was able to get a lot of playing time.

Don Wright  
Chelsea coach



## Chelsea Skater



Chelsea eight-year-old Katie Hochrein participated in the Edith Scheonrock Figure Skating Competition Feb. 7 in Port Huron. The Pierce Lake Elementary School third-grader placed first in both freestyle and compulsory events. She has been skating for two years at the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club. Pictured with Hochrein is coach Kippy Pritula.

## Frosh hoopsters fall to Dreadnaughts

Chelsea's freshman boys' basketball team lost to county rival Dexter 35-30 last Thursday.

Without leading scorer Adam Connell, who was ill, and Reece Hammer, who had an injured ankle, the Bulldogs could only muster eight first half points.

"Despite the rough first half, we only trailed by four," said Chelsea coach Jason Morris. "I thought our offense would pick-up, but it didn't. Give Dexter credit for playing a solid game."

Pacing visiting Chelsea were Josh Deaton and Jon Seelbach, who each scored nine points. Todd Elliott

added eight points for the Bulldogs.

On Feb. 10, Chelsea lost to Saline 55-41.

Connell led the visiting Dawgs, with 11 points. Nate Ripberger and Seelbach each chipped in six points for Chelsea.

"As a team, we played very well in the first part of the game, and did exactly what we wanted to do defensively," Morris said. "Unfortunately, we just could not get the shots to fall."

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

On Feb. 27, Chelsea hosts Ypsilanti Lincoln at 5:30 p.m.

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Ending up third was Chiarelli (112), Watt (119) and Austin Rodgers (215), each with 3-2 overall marks.

Others performing well for Chelsea included, Wonders (103), Dehn (130) and Schiller (140), each with 3-2 records, and Ben Rodgers (171), with a 2-1 mark, and David Bell (171), with a 2-0 record.

## Beach wrestling pins Springbrook

Chelsea's Beach Middle School wrestling team participated in the Phillip James Memorial Invitational last Saturday in Tecumseh.

The Bulldogs finished the tournament with three individual champions.

Placing first in their weight classes for Beach were Sean deGracia, James Connelly and Sam Birgy.

"I'm proud of all our wrestlers, but the three champions deserve a lot of credit," said Chelsea coach Craig McCalla. "There was some really good competition today."

Finishing second for the Bulldogs were Chad Schiller and Tim Rosentreter.

Donny Riedel, Doug Zygyer and Dean Roberts placed third for Chelsea.

Finishing fourth for the Bulldogs were Matt Otto, Peter Wilke, J.D. Prokos, Ben Christie and Sam Dyer.

On Feb. 11, the Bulldogs defeated Adrian Springbrook 110-100 in a dual meet.

"It was a good meet for our kids," McCalla said. "Springbrook placed just

above us at the last tournament (Hillsdale Invitational, Feb. 7) and our wrestlers wanted to prove they could wrestle with their team head-to-head."

Winning for host Beach on the day were Zac Delor, Jared Gentz, Rodney Ostrowski, D.J. Metzner,

Kevin Rosentreter, Paul Bell, Tim Rosentreter, John Hillaker, Jacob Hadley, deGracia, Christie, Connelly, Roberts, Dyer, Birgy and Wilke.

The Bulldogs next travel to Jackson Northwest to participate in its invitational 9 a.m. Feb. 28.

## Beach Blue beats rival Dexter

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Blue volleyball team defeated county rival Dexter in a tough, five-game match, 11-2, 8-11, 13-11, 4-11, 11-5 last Thursday.

Leading the visiting Bulldogs was Hannah Harwood with nine points. Carolyn Olsen added seven

points, while Taryn Romine had six points, including one ace, for Beach.

Amanda Koch and Krystin Schwarze each finished with five points, while Amy Bokros had four points.

Audrey Ruikka and Anissa Gregg each had two points, while Cayla Redmond and Chelsea Williams each

ended up with one point for Chelsea.

On Feb. 10, the Bulldogs beat Saline Gold 11-0, 11-2, 7-11, 12-10.

Olsen paced the squad with 16 points, including 10 points in the opening game.

Williams finished with six points, while Victoria

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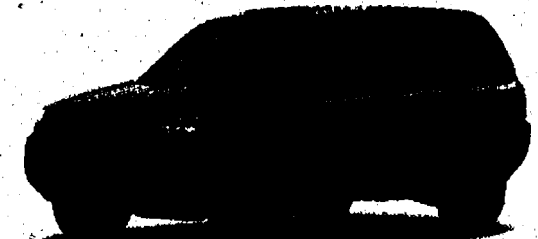
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# Chelsea cagers show character against Dexter

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

It has been quite a week for Chelsea basketball.

The Bulldogs (5-10, 2-2) began last week with a heart-breaking overtime loss to Saline, followed by a thrilling victory over county rival Dexter.

In both games, Chelsea displayed a grit and toughness uncanny for a squad its size. This season, the Bulldogs have one of their shorter teams in recent memory, with their tallest player standing 6-foot-4.

Last week, Chelsea stood tall, figuratively, in its games against Dexter and Saline, two clubs with size and strength inside.

Last Thursday, against the county and Southeastern Conference White Division rival Dreadnaughts, the Bulldogs refused to be denied, leading the entire game and winning 49-43.

In front of a riled-up Dexter crowd, Chelsea jumped out to a 6-2 first quarter lead, gaining control of the contest early.

"We answered the challenge in the first quarter," Chelsea coach Robin Raymond said. "We didn't allow them (Dexter) to come out and get on a roll."

After taking an 8-6 lead into the second quarter, the Bulldogs continued their fine play, outscoring the Dreadnaughts 15-11 and tak-

ing a 23-17 advantage into the locker room.

"At the half, I told the guys if we could win the third quarter, we could win the game," Raymond said.

He was right. In the third frame, Chelsea answered every Dexter basket with one of its own, outscoring the Dreadnaughts 11-9 and taking a 34-26 lead into the fourth quarter.

In the final stanza, the Dreadnaughts made one last run, cutting the Bulldogs lead to three points with three minutes remaining. Seniors George Royce and Brian Kinashuk responded for Chelsea.

Royce scored four points, while Kinashuk had a lay-up, quieting the Dexter crowd and ending any Dreadnaught hopes for a comeback.

Kinashuk (6-foot) led the Bulldogs with 18 points, including three steals.

Royce (6-0) added 12 points and three assists, while senior Joel Hohnke (6-1) had a fine, all-around game with eight points, eight rebounds and three assists.

Senior Tony Reifel (6-0) chipped in four points and three assists, while junior Danny Keilman (6-0) had three points for Chelsea.

Senior Kyle Kendzicky (6-4) and junior Tim Mann (6-1) each finished with two points for the Bulldogs. Kendzicky also had six rebounds.

Shooting-wise, Chelsea finished 19-of-35 from the field for 54 percent. From beyond the arc, the Bulldogs were an impressive 5-of-7.

**"At the half, I told the guys if we could win the third quarter, we could win the game."**

**Robin Raymond**  
Chelsea coach

Dexter, on the other hand, was 19-of-44 for 43 percent.

As a team, the Bulldogs finished with 13 assists. Raymond was pleased with that statistic.

"Our distribution on passes is one of the reasons we're playing better," he said. "We're looking for good shots. We're not forcing shots."

Defensively, Chelsea has played well. Against the Dreadnaughts, the Bulldogs took three charges with Kinashuk leading the way with two.

"This team is one of the best I've ever had taking charges," Raymond said.

On Feb. 10, Chelsea lost a tough 57-55 overtime game to Saline.

The visiting Bulldogs were up by two points with 10 seconds remaining in the contest.

"They cleared it out, and went 1-on-1 with Dru Dominici (senior guard, 11

points)," Raymond said of the Hornets' final play of regulation. "He took the ball inside, we rotated (defensively) and stopped him, but he made a nice bounce pass to (senior center) Bobby Tiernan, and he put it in."

Tiernan, a rugged 6-4, 225-pound post player, had a chance to win the contest in regulation. On the game-tying play, he was fouled. Though making the game-tying basket, Tiernan missed the free throw, sending the battle into overtime.

With the score knotted at 47-47, Chelsea netted the extra session's first four points as Royce and Reifel each converted lay-ups, giving the Dawgs a 51-47 lead.

The Hornets, however, answered by tying the game late in the overtime session.

With 2.4 seconds left, Saline's Paul Rodenhouse scored the game-winning basket on a back-door play. A desperation three-point shot by Mann hit the rim, but bounced off, ending the contest.

Despite the heart-breaking

loss, Raymond remained positive.

"We played very well," he said. "It was nip and tuck the entire way. It was a close game. We played consistently for four quarters. We were right there at the end."

The Bulldogs led 17-15 after the first quarter. At halftime, Chelsea held a 41-39 advantage.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs continued leading 39-34.

Royce paced Chelsea with 19 points, five rebounds and two assists.

Hohnke added 10 points, five boards and three assists, while Reifel had six points and three assists and Kinashuk five points and six rebounds.

Sophomore John Mantel (6-4) and Kendzicky each finished with four points. Kendzicky also had five rebounds.

Brett Common ended up with three points, while Jeff Elliott and Mann each had two points for the Bulldogs.

The smaller Chelsea squad out rebounded Saline 26-25

on the night.

The Bulldogs shot 19-of-34 for a season-high 56 percent from the floor.

The Hornets finished 22-of-52 for 42 percent.

John Clark and Rodenhouse led Saline with 14 points each.

Chelsea ended up with 16 turnovers, while the Hornets had 11.

"Saline has a lot of balance," Raymond said. "They rotate about eight kids. Defensively, they're very quick. I thought we handled their pressure pretty well."

Raymond said his team is playing better recently because of its confidence late in games.

"We're improving in that area," he said. "These were two of our better back-to-back games of the season. Our guys continue to work hard."

The Bulldogs next travel to Temperance Bedford for a game 7 p.m. tomorrow.

On Feb. 27, Chelsea hosts SEC White Division opponent Ypsilanti Lincoln at 7 p.m.

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# Champion sets new club scoring record at meet

Champion Gymnastics participated in the Winterfest 2004 meet in Farmington Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.

Champion's Level 7 team finished first, while the Level 8 squad placed second. Individually, 15 gymnasts placed first for Champion.

The Level 7 team set a new club record with a score of 110.525. Members of the squad include Katie O'Sullivan, Ellissa Black, Emily Black, Paige Cederna, Mary Cebula, Kristine Hintz, Chelsea Larsen, Eleanor Stewart and Sarah Gilley.

In the 9- through 11-year-old group, O'Sullivan finished first on bars (9.475), second on beam, second on floor and second all-around for Champion.

In the 12- and 13-year-old division, Ellissa Black placed first on floor (9.3), fifth on vault (9.125) and sixth all-around. Emily Black ended up first on bars (9.4), third on vault (9.275), ninth on floor (9.05) and ninth all-around. Cederna finished fifth on floor (9.175), seventh on vault and ninth on beam.

In the 14- and 15-year-old bracket, Hintz placed first on bars (9.525), second on vault (9.4), fourth on floor (9.0), ninth on beam and first all-around. Cebula was third on vault (9.3), while Larsen was first on floor (9.325), fourth on bars and fifth all-around. Stewart ended up first on vault (9.450) for Champion.

In the 16-years-old and older division, Gilley placed second on vault (9.325), sec-

ond on bars, second on beam, second on floor and second all-around.

Champion's Level 8 team finished second overall, with a score of 106.10.

Members of the squad include Ashley Bernard, Christina Coffman, Cassie Coffman, Cassie Vincke and Lisa Hoeft.

In the 10- through 12-year-old group, Christina Coffman was first on vault and second all-around.

In the 13-year-old bracket, Cassie Coffman was third on bars, fourth on vault and fourth all-around.

In the 14-year-old division, Vincke placed first on vault (9.225) and first all-around for Champion.

At Level 9, Champion's Rachel Marks finished first on bars, second on beam, second on floor and third all-around.

Also competing at the meet was Champion's Level 5 and Level 6 teams.

Members of the Level 5 squad include Lena Cashman, Alexis Tyus, Erin McCarger, Lauren Powell, Tia Wilson and Lauren Boyes.

In the 7- and 8-year-old bracket, Tyus won a sixth-place medal.

In the 9-year-old division, Powell finished first on bars (9.025), first on vault, fourth on beam, eighth on floor and second all-around (34.850). McCarger ended up seventh on bars, seventh on floor and seventh all-around. Wilson was seventh on floor, ninth

on bars and 10th on vault.

In the 10-year-old group, Boyes placed first on vault, third on bars and seventh on floor.

The Level 6 team included Morgan Eisele, Olivia Marks, Claire Tewksbury, Lauren Wilson, Stephanie Lim, Amanda Russo, Lauren Dark and Kara Williams.

In the 9- through 11-year-old bracket, Marks placed sixth on beam, while Tewksbury was fourth on bars and eighth on floor, and Wilson ninth on bars.

In the 12-year-old division, Lim finished second on floor, sixth on bars and seventh all-around.

In the 14-year-old and older group, Russo ended up first on bars, second on floor, third on beam, fourth on vault and second all-around. Williams placed sixth on bars for Champion.

Coaching the squads were Michelle Graf, Kristy Reske and Jasmine Batiste-Tillman. Great Lakes competition.

On Jan. 18 and 19, Champion participated in a meet in Lansing hosted by Great Lakes Gymnastics.

The Level 5 team consisted on Christine Mort, Cashman, Tyus, Boyes, McCarger, Powell and Wilson.

Highlights for Level 5 included Powell on floor (9.0) and Wilson on floor (8.95).

The Level 6 squad consisted of Lauren Dark, Eisele, Marks, Tewksbury, Wilson, Lim, Russo and Williams.

The squad finished with a score of 103.175.

Highlights included a first on bars and first all-around for Russo, a second on floor for Williams, a fifth on vault for Dark and a sixth on bars for Tewksbury.

Overall, for the season, Champion has qualified 30 gymnasts for the state meet later this season.

Level 5 qualifiers include Cashman, Boyes, McCarger, Mort, Powell and Wilson.

Level 6 qualifiers include Dark, Eisele, Marks, Tewksbury, Wilson, Lim, Russo and Williams.

Level 7 qualifiers include Ellissa Black, Emily Black, Carly Dalton, O'Sullivan, Cederna, Cebula, Hintz, Larsen, Stewart and Gilley.

Level 8 qualifiers include Christina Coffman, Cassie Coffman, Hoeft, Bernard and Vincke.

At Level 9, Marks has qualified for Champion.

"This is a very busy and exciting time," said Champion owner Dave Black. "Our gymnasts are doing extremely well this year, and they're having lots of fun."



Champion Gymnastics' Level 6 squad competed in the Winterfest 2004 meet in Farmington Hills earlier this month. Members of the squad include, front row, Claire Tewksbury (left) and Morgan Eisele; middle row, Amanda Russo (left) and Kara Williams; back row, Stephanie Lim (left), Lauren Dark, Lauren Wilson and Olivia Marks.

## BEACH

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Kingsinger had four points and Ashley Plemens three points for Beach.

Alyson Gines, Harwood, Koch, Romine and Ruikka each ended up with two points, while Bokros and Redmond each had one point for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs next travel to Adrian Drager for a match 4 p.m. today.

On Tuesday, Beach hosts

Adrian Springbrook at 4 p.m.

On Feb. 28, Chelsea visits Temperance Bedford for a contest at 4 p.m.

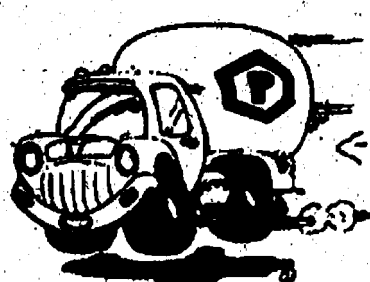
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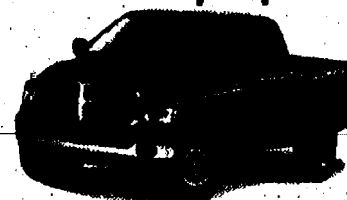
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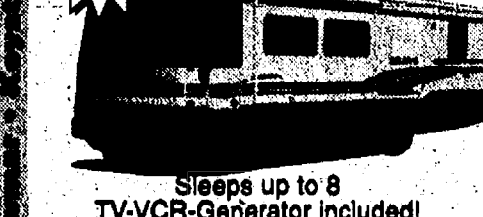
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# BUSINESS

Thursday, February 19, 2004

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Lyndon Township resident Cynthia Cargill started as a dispatcher with the Chelsea Area Transportation System last August. She directs six drivers from her office, which is housed at the Chelsea Retirement Community.

## CHELSEA

### Fielding calls

Cargill finds her niche with CATS

By Rita Fischer  
Special Writer

Bus riders with the Chelsea Area Transportation System have found a friendly, new voice in Cynthia Cargill, who was hired as a dispatcher last August.

The Lyndon Township resident works alongside CATS Director Michaelene Pawlak in their office in the basement of the Chelsea Retirement Community.

As dispatcher, Cargill directs bus drivers Gary Koch, Nina and Bob Jaques, Pam Rossettie, Joshua Smith and Bruce Hansen.

Cargill found the position through a newspaper advertisement after she was laid off from her job in dispatch for Comcast cable company.

"I figured it was a good opportunity to experience something new," she says.

Her 40-hour week, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, involves alerting the team of CATS drivers to the needs of the community, maintaining statistics, collecting fares from drivers, keeping charts of riders, answering the phone and the dispatch radio.

"It's not a difficult job or hard to do," she says. "The shuttle service helps the community and I think that a lot more people are riding."

"Most of them are senior citizens and they enjoy talking to me."

Cargill enjoyed the Festival of Lights parade in

December. Decked in a hat with flashing lights, she helped driver Joshua Smith decorate the bus and accompanied him when he ferried Santa Claus into town.

"She is young and energetic," Smith says. "I believe she is the most friendly, courteous person I've met in a long time."

"She does her best if she has to schedule people being picked up at a certain time. She's always able to find a way to get them to the doctor."

A 1999 graduate of Milan High School, where she was on the swim team, a cheerleader and played trumpet in the band, Cargill has plans to become a schoolteacher.

For now, she enjoys writing music, especially rhythm and blues, and jazz. She also likes to ride around on an all-terrain vehicle and play with her puppy, CeCe.

Rita Fischer is a freelance writer. She can be reached at [ritafischer@yahoo.com](mailto:ritafischer@yahoo.com).

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## CHELSEA

### Book store plans grand re-opening party

Cranesbill Books in Chelsea, purchased last fall by Jan Loveland, is in the final construction stage of its two-story space at 108 E. Middle St.

The store is planning a weekend of grand re-opening festivities Feb. 27 through 29.

The store also will host a Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours party Feb. 25 for all chamber members.

"It will be great to have both stores together under one roof," Loveland said. "This place is perfectly suited for a book store. Our new second-floor space is beautifully renovated, filled with light and ready to become a downtown meeting place."

The store, formerly known as the Chelsea Little Professor Book Center, will continue to carry an expanded collection of books, including discounted best

sellers, along with periodicals and music.

The store also will emphasize and promote local talent, and continue its strong community support.

"Cranesbill is a wonderful addition to our downtown," Chamber Director Bob Pierce said. "It's so good for our community to have Chelsea people investing in Chelsea as Jan is doing. This will truly be a hometown book store."

The grand re-opening will kick off Feb. 27 with a private Oscar-themed party. The grand opening will begin Feb. 28 with a full day of activities and special appearances, including Detroit-area sportscaster-turned-author Eli Zaret, who at noon will sign copies of his new book "84 — The Last of the Great Tigers."

Also appearing at noon on the main floor will be local

author Cynthia Furlong Reynolds, signing copies of her many children's books and the popular "Our Hometown: America's History As Seen through the Eyes of a Midwestern Village."

Other guests on Saturday include author Bob Tarte, who will sign his recent release, "Enslaved By Ducks," at 2 p.m.

At 4 p.m., authors Thomas Lewis ("My Piggy Bank") and Tom Grace ("Quantum" and "Spyder Web") will sign their

latest releases and chat with customers.

Origami guru Jack Smith will conduct a hands-on children's demonstration.

There will be live jazz music with the Jack Reichbart Trio performing at 3 p.m., followed by the Carl Michel Trio at 5 p.m. In keeping with the theme, refreshments will include Oscar Meyer hot dogs and free giveaways.

On Feb. 29, children's See BOOKS — Page 6-C

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DEXTER VILLAGE

# Local businesses seek council approval

Trustees postpone requests related to liquor licenses

By Lisa Allmendinger  
Special Writer

Argiero's Pasta and Pizza restaurant and Jolly Pumpkin, a new micro brewery planned for the village, will have to wait for a decision on special requests

involving liquor licenses. Argiero's already holds a Class C liquor license from the state, which allows it to serve alcohol inside its establishment. But it needs approval from Dexter Village Council to serve beer and wine outdoors in a new seating area.

Last May, the council approved a special-use permit that allowed the restaurant, located in the Dexter Crossing Shopping Center, to serve alcohol. However,

there were several contingencies attached. The restaurant was only allowed to serve alcohol until 10 p.m. and there was to be a review of the permit in a year.

Before acting on the resolution from the state's Liquor Control Commission for the new outdoor service, the council requested further information. The council wants to clarify that in granting the request, the stipulations attached to the special use remain valid.

A decision was postponed until Monday.

A request for a transfer of a liquor license for a new micro brewery called the Jolly Pumpkin, 3115 Broad St., was also postponed until neighboring businesses could be contacted for input.

"The smell of freshly baked doughnuts is one thing," said Trustee Jim Seta. "The smell of brewing beer is another. I'd like feedback from the DDA and surrounding tenants."

The brewery would share a building with six other businesses. The application states the space will be used to brew beer and distribute it and related items in a small retail area.

The brewery plans to open at 9 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. Plans call for one to three employees. Although noise concerns are not a factor, the council is concerned about odors emanating from the building.

"The applicant has also indicated that the smell from the brewing operations is not significant to affect outside of the building," according to the application.

The council wants to make sure before it gives approval. Owner Ron Jeffries hopes to expand Jolly Pumpkin into a small deli or cafe with the possibility of outdoor seating in the future. This would

require a special-use permit and include bringing the building up to current standards for parking, landscaping and other site plan requirements.

The council will reconsider the liquor license request on Monday.

Lisa Allmendinger is a freelance writer. She can be reached at 433-1082 or yankee@izzy.net.

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## Clark earns promotion

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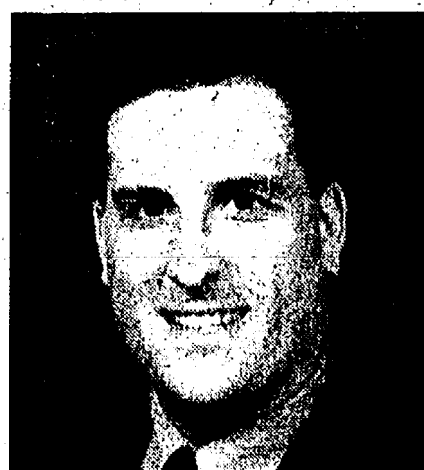
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Clark is an experienced lender who has proven sales and leadership abilities with

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A native of Dexter, he is a graduate of the University of Michigan business school.

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Todd Clark

## BOOKS

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Chapter 18, Environment, was amended to read as follows:  
Table of Contents: Section 18-34 to Municipal Civil Infraction.

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Chapter 22, Municipal Civil Infractions, was amended to read as follows:  
Section 22-7(b): Location; supervision; employees; rules and regulations. The bureau shall be located at the village hall, and shall be under the supervision of the village manager. The manager, subject to approval by council, shall adopt rules and regulations for the operation of the bureau and appoint necessary qualified village employees to administer the bureau.

Section 22-9(a): As used in this section, the term "violation" includes any act, which is prohibited or made or declared unlawful, or an offense by this Code, the Village Zoning Ordinance or any village ordinance.

Section 22-9(c) 1: For any offense, which is a first offense, the fine shall be \$100.00.

Section 22-9(c) 2: For any offense, which is a repeat offense or any subsequent repeat offense, the fine shall be \$250.00.

Section 22-10. Schedule of civil fines was amended to read as follows:

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### 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	1.1165
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

### 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, between 9 A.M. and 12 Noon. Please call by Noon  
on 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.

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	29.74	1.6812
Commercial	45.19	1.1064
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

### VILLAGE OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 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: Matt Cole, Dennis Hall, Jim Drolett, Andy Johnston, Tim  
Dark, Janice Orbring, Mike Rybka, James Bailing, Gary Adams, Fred  
Mills, Jeff Staebler, Chris Rode, Diane Kite, David Detling, Pat Conlin

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

Motion: Ritter, Support: Myles, to approve the consent agenda with cor-  
rections to the January 13, 2004 Minutes as follows: Page 3, item 3  
Trustee Myles voted no for the following two reasons, (1) we have an  
approved contract with the MML. This should be addressed first. (2) I support  
the majority of full time CPD Employees who wish the Council to go  
forward using the MML. Changes to the minutes also include changing  
from Special Council Meeting to Regular Council Meeting. It should also  
state that Trustee MacFarlan prepared a police outline for Council to review  
under council committee reports, under Public Comments Bob Porter's  
traffic concerns should indicate at Heritage Pointe and also for Joann  
Radio reason why Council was being presented award should be added.  
All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion: Myles, Support: Holmes. To approve Andrew Johnston's em-  
ployment contract with the date of Jan 27, 2004. The pay should be  
brought up to the Electric Superintendent Step 1 (\$6,527) also to include  
Resolution RE: Adoption of Retiree Health Care Insurance Coverage Plan  
for Full-Time, Non-union Salaried Employees, and the ability to rejoin the  
union as a journeyman lineman if his contract is not renewed. All Ayes.  
Motion Carried.

Motion: Myles, Support: Schumann. To table Heritage Pointe Develop-  
ment Agreement to the February 10, 2007 Council Meeting. All Ayes.  
Motion Carried.

Motion: Albertson, support: Holmes to approve the Washtenaw Devel-  
opment Council Contract in the amount of \$3200. Six (6) Ayes, One (1)  
Nay (Ritter). Motion Carried.

Motion: Albertson, support: Holmes to appoint Cindy MacFarlan as the  
Chelsea Area Fire Authority representative. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion: Holmes, Support: MacFarlan, to approve the Huron River  
Watershed testing in the amount of \$3,000. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes.  
Motion Carried.

Motion: Ritter, Support: MacFarlan to set public hearing to consider rate  
increase for February 10, 2004. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion: Holmes, Support: Albertson, to appoint Andy Johnston as alter-  
nate delegate to the Michigan Municipal Electric Association. All Ayes.  
Motion Carried.

Motion: Ritter, Support: MacFarlan, to appoint Andy Johnston as alter-  
nate commissioner to the Michigan Public Power Agency. All Ayes.  
Motion Carried.

Motion: Holmes, Support: MacFarlan, to send letter of recommendation  
to MMEA for Robert Shepherd to receive lifetime member status in the  
MMEA. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion: Myles, Support: Ritter, to offer employment contract to Michael  
Stekiac. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion: Myles, Support: MacFarlan, to bring Acting Chief Sumner's pay  
up to the Police Chief Step 1 (\$9,760) retroactive to the date of October  
14, 2003. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion: Ritter, Support: Holmes, to go into closed session for the pur-  
pose of personnel matters. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion: Myles, Support: Schumann, to adjourn at 12:08 a.m.. 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: February 10, 2004

NOTE: THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WATER RATE INCREASE  
WAS POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY 24, 2004.

### DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. AT  
DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

#### AGENDA

- 1) Copper Meadows Site Condominium, Preliminary Site Plan
- 2) Dexter Township Estates Site Condominium, Preliminary Site Plan

John Shea,  
Chairman

### VILLAGE OF DEXTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Council will hold a public  
hearing Monday, February 23, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter Senior  
Center, 7720 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of  
hearing public comment regarding the adoption of the Proposed Fiscal  
Year 2004/05 Budget.

Information regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2004/05 Budget is avail-  
able for public inspection at the Village Office, on the second floor of the  
National City Bank Building, 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI weekdays  
between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Marie Sherry  
Village of Dexter, Finance Officer  
8140 Main Street  
Dexter, MI 48130

### DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in  
the township of Dexter that the assessment Roll of said Township as pre-  
pared by Larry Merte, Township assessor, will be reviewed by the Board  
of Review on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. at  
Dexter Township Hall,  
6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd.  
Dexter, MI. 48130.

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:  
Wednesday, March 10, 2004 - from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday, March 11, 2004 - from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A resident taxpayer may file his or her protest with the Board of Review  
by letter without an appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent. A let-  
ter must be received by the first day of the Board of Review. (Wednesday,  
March 10, 2004)

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

Patricia Kelly,  
Dexter Township Supervisor

### SYLVAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2004, 7:00 P.M.  
SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL  
18027 OLD US 12, CHELSEA, MI 48118

#### AGENDA

Variance application has been received for an appeal for a Land  
Division at 1530 Liebeck Rd, Chelsea, MI 48118.

Written comments may be sent to Linda Hahn, Secretary, Zoning Board  
of Appeals, 20232 Scio Church Road, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

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

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

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

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

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

LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk

### SYLVAN TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 3, 2004

The regular board meeting of the Sylvan Township Board was held  
February 3, 2004 at 7PM in the Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12,  
Chelsea, MI 48118.

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

Also present: Mike Rybka, David Brooks, Scott Cooper, Michael  
Williams, Jerry Dresselhouse, Bob Lange.

Meeting was called to order and the pledge recited.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to approve the minutes as pre-  
sented. Carried.

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

No public hearings.

Public Participation - None

Zoning Inspector Lange reported 2 zoning permits and 2 certificate of  
occupancy were issued in January.

Supervisor Burgess reported on his attendance at the MTA Annual  
Conference in Lansing.

Clerk Koch had a last minute request from Walter Hahn, Board of  
Review member to attend a BOR Seminar in February. Koch asked for  
approval to send him. Motion by Grau, seconded by Heller to approve  
Hahn to attend seminar. Koch also briefed the board on Sylvan Township's  
Hazardous Mitigation Plan with Washtenaw County.

Treasurer Grau also reported on the MTA Conference.

Trustee Lesser reported on the CAFA meeting and the progress on  
obtaining property.

Trustee Heller reported on attending Village Council meetings, and ask  
for the Friends of Sylvan for clarification of annual meeting. The Town-  
ship's policy on the use of the Hall has been for governmental use only  
with the exception of one private road association using the Hall for one  
night a year with its members only. The Friends of Sylvan were request-  
ing a short annual meeting with its members and then opening it up to  
the public with speakers and table displays. The Board felt this was in vio-  
lation of the policy and discussed other options. It concluded with a motion  
by Heller, seconded by Koch that the Friends of Sylvan could hold their  
annual meeting at 7:30 pm and at 7:45pm the Sylvan Township Board  
would call a Special Meeting and host the Speaker Forum. Carried.

No old business.

New business:

Motion by Heller, seconded by Grau to send the recommended Fence  
Regulation amendments to Planning Commission. Carried.

Motion by Heller, seconded by Lesser to send the Sign Ordinance  
amendments to Planning Commission. Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to ratify phone poll on the release  
of the "Sylvan Insider" newsletter and approve its policy. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Lesser to approve the Salary Resolution  
as presented. Roll call vote - Carried.

Motion by Heller, seconded by Lesser to approve the Hardship  
Guidelines for 2004. Carried.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Grau to approve the Agreement for  
Operation and Maintenance of Sylvan Township Wastewater Collection  
and Transportation System and Repair of Sylvan Township Water  
Distribution System. Roll call vote - Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to adjourn.

LuAnn S. Koch  
Sylvan Township Clerk

### VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF VILLAGE BUDGET HEARING

A Public Hearing to consider the 2004/2005 Fiscal Year Village Budgets  
will be held February 27, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Street  
Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, Michigan. A copy of  
the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Village  
Administration Office, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, Michigan.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order  
that the hearing be accessible to them, are required to notify the Village  
Clerk no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing  
of such disability.

Teresa Burch  
Village Clerk

### VILLAGE OF DEXTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Council will hold a public  
hearing Monday, March 9, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center  
- 7720 Dexter-Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan for the purpose of hear-  
ing public comment regarding:

An Ordinance regulating snow removal, Division 3, Section 46-76  
through 46-81, updating a prior Ordinance, therefore, and repealing any  
ordinance or provision thereof in conflict herewith, and updating the pro-  
cedure in which property owners are notified of violations and fines relat-  
ing to the snow ordinance, which will be civil infractions. The ordinance  
also changes the way in which fines are collected. Fines that are not paid  
will be transferred to the property owner's taxes.

A copy of this Ordinance is available at the Village Office, located on the  
second floor of the National City Bank Building 8123 Main Street, Dexter  
MI weekdays between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Donna Eureste, Village Manager  
Dexter, MI 48130

### 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 pre-  
pared 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 8:00 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 let-  
ter 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 Appoint-  
ment 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

### VILLAGE OF DEXTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Council will hold a public  
hearing Monday, February 23, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter Senior  
Center, 7720 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of  
hearing public comment regarding the proposed Water and Sewer Rate  
increase.

The proposed resolution is printed below in its entirety. Also included  
with this notice is an overall impact on the monthly bill to residents of the  
Village (for water, sewer, garbage).

Usage	Total 2003	Total 2004	Difference	Percent
0	\$24.08	\$26.76	\$2.68	11.0%
1	\$25.94	\$28.93	\$2.99	11.5%
2	\$32.63	\$36.46	\$3.83	11.7%
3	\$39.32	\$43.99	\$4.67	11.9%
4	\$46.01	\$51.52	\$5.51	12.0%
5	\$52.70	\$59.05	\$6.35	12.0%

Donna Eureste  
Village Manager  
8140 Main Street  
Dexter, MI 48130

### VILLAGE OF DEXTER COUNTY OF WASHTENAW PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES

At a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Dexter,  
Michigan called to order by President John Coy on February 23, 2004 at  
7:30 p.m., the following resolution was offered:

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_ and Supported by: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the Village Council has reviewed the recommendation of  
the Utility Subcommittee, as presented in minutes submitted by said  
Committee on January 26, 2004 to adjust the water and sewer rates in the  
Village according to the following schedule, and

WHEREAS, the Utility Subcommittee minutes are available for public  
inspection at the Village Office, and

WHEREAS, the Village published this resolution prior to its adoption,  
and provided a time period for public education and comment, and

WHEREAS, Village Ordinance requires rates to be established by council  
by resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Water Rates - Effective with the March 2004 Usage Billing rate  
established as follows:

Ready To Serve Monthly Fee	\$5.15
First Meter Per 1,000 Gallons	\$2.17
Second Meter Per 1,000 Gallons	\$2.91
Water Rate Out-side Village Service Area Limits	
Per 1,000 gallons	\$3.17

Sewer Rates - Effective with the March Usage 2004 Billing rate  
established as follows:

Ready To Serve Monthly Fee	\$3.00
Minimum Charge First 1,000 Gallons	\$8.36
Per 1,000 Gallons	\$5.36
Sewer Rate Out-side Village Limits Per 1,000 gallons	\$6.36

Other Charges and Penalties: No change from last year.

Penalties on Late Monthly Charges	5%
One-half of delinquent amount must be paid to prevent shut-off	
Turn-on and Turn-off Charges	\$25
Meter Calibration Charge	\$25
Water Only Meter 1.1 inch	\$175

AYES:

NAYS:

Donna Fisher, Clerk

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF FEBRU-

ARY, 2004

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2004



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**WASHTENAW COUNTY**  
Purchasing on behalf of the Facilities Department is leasing bids for Housing Services for Washtenaw County Departments for a three year period. Detailed specifications may be obtained at Washtenaw County Finance/Purchasing Dept., 220 N. Main, Room 8-35, Ann Arbor, MI. Bid #6122. Due: March 11, 2004 by 2pm local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-6760 or see website: <http://www.purchasing.washtenaw.org>

## NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Act 344 of the Public Acts of 1982 that a REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR the year 2003, will be available for public inspection and copying from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at the Office of the County Clerk, Register, Suite 120, 200 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

**SEAL JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF ACTION  
CASE NO. 03-2872-CH  
COURT TELEPHONE NO. 909-734-3288

**COURT ADDRESS:**  
101 E. HURON AVENUE,  
ROGERS CITY, MI 49778  
Plaintiff:  
City of Onaway,  
a Michigan municipal corporation

**Defendant:**  
Wanda Vael and James Benke  
Plaintiff's attorney:  
Plaintiff's law office:  
Michael Vogler (P 38725)  
185 West Michigan Avenue  
Rogers City, MI 49778  
(989) 734-4715

**YOU, Wanda Vael,**  
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to Quiet Title in Lot 8, except the East 35 feet, Block 12, Young's Addition, City of Onaway, according to the plat thereof, Presque Isle Co., MI. You must file an answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before March 28, 2004. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Onaway Outlook and the Dexter Leader for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. A copy of the Summons and Complaint shall be sent by first class mail to Defendant Wanda Vael at 3271 Alpine Street, Dexter, Michigan; at 3321 Central Street, Dexter, Michigan; and at 6855 Jackson Road #140, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103.

Judge SCOTT L. PAVLICH  
Date: 2-19-04  
Bar No. P25593

## Notices (Legal) 102

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN

**PRIVACY COURT**  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate  
FILE NO. 04-02-DE

Estate of Aline H. Decker. Date of birth: 10/18/1905  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Aline H. Decker, who lived at 403 W. Middle St., Chelsea, Michigan died 10/09/2002. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Russell Housewright & Scott R. Remly, named personal representative c/o Susan Zale-Yeasting, 114 N. Main St., Ste. 10, Chelsea, MI 48118, or to both the probate court at 101 E. Huron St., P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 10/10/2004  
Russell Housewright & Scott R. Remly  
Personal Representative  
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114 N. Main St., Ste. 10  
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H-22: Sandra Crum-household & misc.  
L-20: John Hogan-misc.  
E-5: Malcolm Jones-household & misc.  
A-35: Nick Whit-misc.  
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#210, Anderson Boyer GP; #250, Munir Lachar; #358, John Parlier; #422, Russell Roemer. Personal, household, misc. Sale date: March 1, 2004, 1pm. U-Stor, Saline, Info, 734-429-0590.

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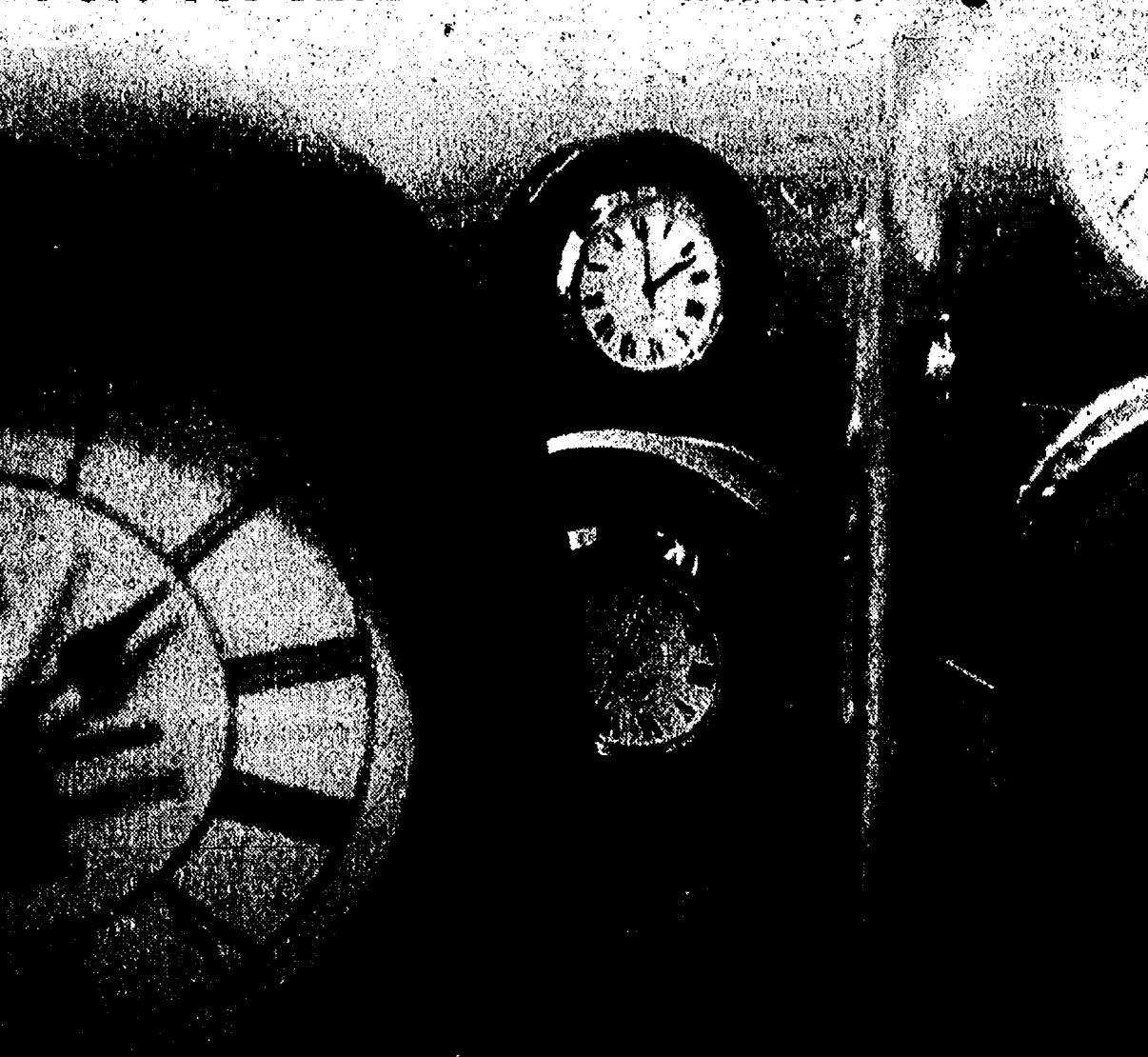
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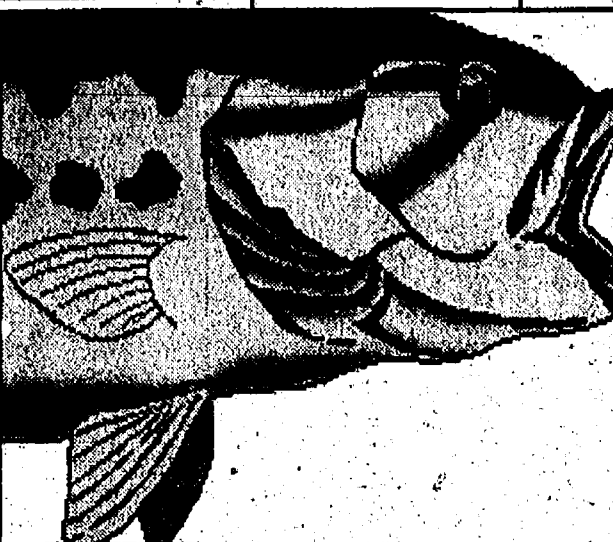
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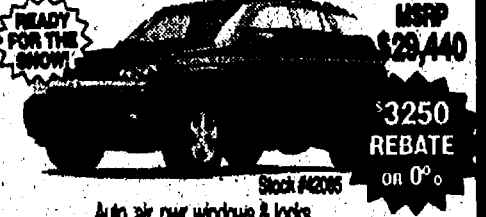
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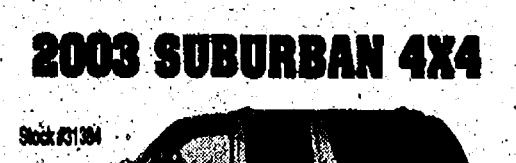
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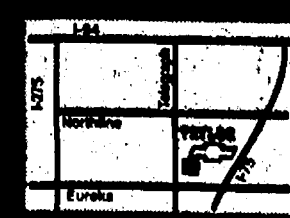
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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## DEXTER SCHOOLS

# Baseball and theater merge in 'Damn Yankees'

Dexter High School students to put on musical Feb. 26

By Scott Hagen  
Staff Writer

The New York Yankees are both the most loved and most hated team in professional sports. Accused of paying any price necessary to consume all talent on the market, the team has been the scourge of baseball fans everywhere.

And, on the eve of spring training, the musical that bears the name of the hated ball club is coming to Dexter.

The Dexter High School Drama Club will present "Damn Yankees," the only successful musical comedy built around the American national pastime of baseball.

Nearly 150 students from the high school will perform in the play, scheduled to start Feb. 26.

"Damn Yankees" tells the

story of Joe Hardy, a middle-aged couch potato baseball fan who is enticed by the devil to trade his soul for youth and talent. The devil agrees to allow him to play professional baseball on his favorite team, the hapless Washington Senators. The fan becomes a star but struggles as he yearns for his old life.

The Tony-award winning musical features some catchy tunes including "Shoeless Joe from Hannibal, Mo.," "Heart" and "Whatever Lola Wants, Lola Gets." The Dexter production also features original choreography.

Cast members include Tom Szymanski as Mr. Applegate (the devil), Mike Vickers as Joe Hardy and Sarah Simmons as Lola. "Damn Yankees" will be directed by Harry Wilcox, with vocal direction by Ruth Rollefson and choreography by Lisa Shapiro.

"Damn Yankees" was the second and last of the two

musical comedies in which Richard Adler and Jerry Ross collaborated on music and lyrics, the first having been "The Pajama Game."

Similar to its eminent predecessor, "Damn Yankees" held court on Broadway for more than 1,000 performances, the ninth musical to join this select circle. George Abbott based the play on, "The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant," a book by Douglass Wallop, and originally staged the production.

The curtain will rise on "Damn Yankees" at 8 p.m. Feb. 26, 27 and 28, and 2 p.m. Feb. 29 at the Dexter High School Center for Performing Arts. Reserved seats and general admission tickets are available at Country Market in Dexter.

General admission tickets are also available at the Dexter District Library. Tickets are \$8 for reserved and \$6 for general admission. Tickets also will be available at the door.



Photo by Mary Kumbler  
Mike Vickers, a junior at Dexter High School, takes a swing as Marshall Simmons and the cast look on as the Dexter Drama Club rehearses "Damn Yankees," which is set to begin Feb. 26.

## Murder and Mayhem



The Chelsea Area Players presents "Dead and Deader," an audience participation murder mystery, 6:30 p.m. tonight, tomorrow and Saturday at the Chelsea Community Hospital dining room. Pictured are David Fernandes, Nancy Parker and Bill Hohnke, all from Chelsea, Shannon McNally of Jackson and Brad Richert of Ann Arbor. For information and tickets, call Clara Smith at 475-8713.

## CHELSEA

# Concert to be held March 21

The American Chorale of Sacred Music and the Chancel Choir of Chelsea First United Methodist Church will combine for a performance of Johannes Brahms' "Requiem."

The concert is set for 4 p.m. March 21 at the church, located at 128 Park St., in Chelsea.

There will be a freewill offering to help defray the expenses of the performance.

MaryAnn Baldof from Ypsilanti and Suzanne

Fraker from Chelsea will be the accompanists.

The soloists will be soprano Margaret Davis from Ann Arbor and bass Warren McArthur from Chelsea.

Chelsea resident Donald Williams is the conductor of both choirs and will conduct the performance.

The public is invited to attend.

For further information, call Williams at 475-8119, Ext. 15.

## CHELSEA

# Fund-raising game slated for March 20

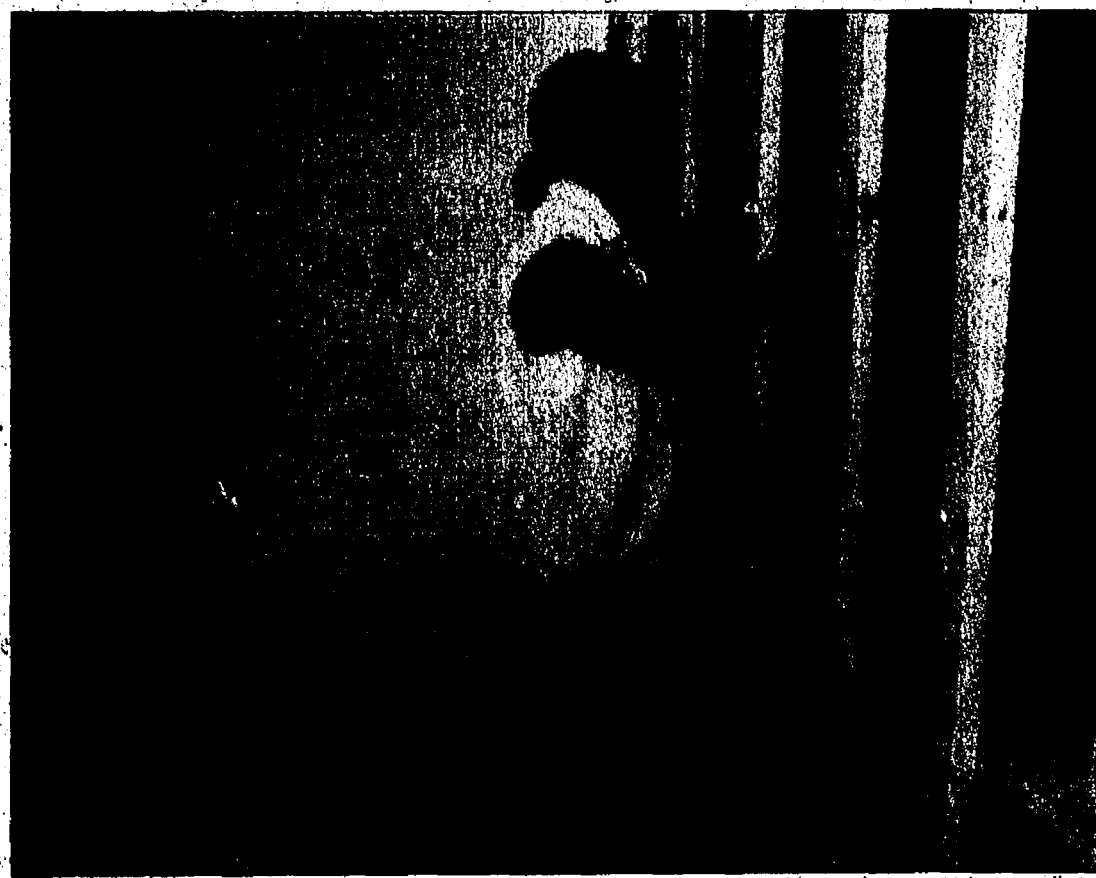
The Chelsea High School Students Against Destructive Decisions group has arranged a basketball game between high school staff and members of the Detroit Lions football team.

The fun game is set for 7 p.m. March 20 in the gymnasium of the high school, located at 740 Freer Road in Chelsea.

Advance ticket sales start March 1.

Tickets will cost \$5 for students and \$7 for adults. Tickets at the door will be \$7 for students and \$10 for adults.

Detroit Lions' players will sign autographs at half time. There also will be a raffle of autographed Lions' merchandise.



## New Gallery Opens

Linda Leatham (left) and her husband, John (right) have been working hard on creating a new center gallery, library and office at the Chelsea Center for the Arts, 400 Congdon St., in Chelsea. The exhibit, "In the Eye of the Arts," featuring paintings by Toni Stevenson and glass works by Karen Smith, will run through March 31 with an opening reception set from 5 to 8 p.m. March 6. Stevenson will give a free pastel demonstration from 10 a.m. to noon March 15.

Photos courtesy of Chelsea Center for the Arts







### Fund-raising Concert

Chelsea singer and songwriter Deb Mantel will appear at a benefit concert 8 p.m. Feb. 28 at The Ark in Ann Arbor to raise funds for the nonprofit Hope Medical Clinic. Mantel, who will appear with David Mosher, and special guests John Miklosovic, David Kirkpatrick and Chris Smith, performed in a similar concert in 2002. Tickets are available at the Michigan Union Ticket office, Hope Clinic, Border's Books, Herb David Guitar Studio and The Ark.

### SCIO

### Auction set Saturday

The American Business Women's Association's Chelsea-Dexter chapter will hold its second annual Mardi Gras Auction 7 p.m. Saturday at the Dexter American Legion Hall.

The auction is free but tickets can be picked up at Dexter Flowers or Dexter Real Estate. There will be free appetizers, punch, dessert and coffee as well as entertainment provided by Ann Arbor's Community High School jazz band.

Proceeds from the auction will fund scholarships offered to local graduating seniors or returning students.

The business group offers professional development and fellowship with other businesswomen, and meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at area restaurants.

For more information, call Pat Cousins at 426-4765.

### ANN ARBOR

### Play to be held at WCC

Clothing makes the woman in a unique one-woman play in honor of Women's History Month March 29 at Washtenaw Community College.

The free event takes place from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Towsley Auditorium.

Through story and costume, Sandra Hansen of Women's History ALIVE! Will revisit periods in history, such as the Civil War and women's suffrage. As her play progresses, she removes 11 layers of clothes to become social reformer Amelia Bloomer, equality advocate Sojourner Truth, and women's rights champion Susan B. Anthony, among others.

Hansen has produced two TV series on public access television, and has been a presenter for the Michigan Humanities Council since 1994.

Her visit is sponsored by the Student Resource and Women's Center.

For more information, call Kate Brown at 973-3730.

### CHELSEA

## Spring craft show set March 13

The former Chelsea Country Craft Folk Art Show — a major fund-raiser for the Chelsea Senior Center — has changed its name and focus.

The Chelsea Spring Craft Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 13 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

"Over half of the artists are new this year," organizer Mark Loeb said Monday. "It's an entirely new and updated show."

In the past, the show featured primarily country craft.

Starting this year, it will be a fully juried show, including

traditional and contemporary craft with a focus on quality, Loeb said. The show features 100 juried craft and folk art artisans, with an extensive selection of jewelry, wood, fabric, ceramic and glass works. All will be hand-crafted.

"Chelsea and the surrounding communities have a variety of homes and decorating," Loeb said.

"We felt that it was important to have quality arts and craft work of all styles to offer people fabulous items that would fit within their needs."

Photographer Dan O'Neil Sleep, as well as Antoinette St. Charles, who both make doll clothing.

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# DEATHS

## BLANCHE (BOUDRIE) SCHMIDT Ypellanti Formerly of Pinckney

Blanche (Boudrie) Schmidt, 70, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Pinckney, died Feb. 15, 2004, at the Arbor Hospice Residence. She was born Aug. 25, 1933, in Monroe to Clyde and Stella (Hutchison) Lay.

Mrs. Schmidt is survived by her husband, Dietmar; daughter, Sandra (John) Grammatico; son, David (Diana) Boudrie; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Pearl Henning and Delores (Pat) Smith; daughter-in-law, Catherine A. Boudrie; and son-in-law, Richard A. Taddonio.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Melvin Leo Boudrie, in 1985; a son, Melvin Lee Boudrie; and daughter, April Ann Taddonio.

Visitation and a scripture service were held at the Hosmer-Muehlhug Funeral Chapel in Dexter.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. today at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice or Gift of

Life. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

## WILLIAM P. OSBORNE Chelsea

William P. Osborne, 79, of Chelsea died Feb. 14, 2004, surrounded by his family following a brief illness. He was born Sept. 20, 1924, in Berkeley the son of Earl and Josephine (Brulsee) Osborne.

Mr. Osborne lived at Cavanaugh Lake when he was young, graduated from Caro High School in 1943, then served as a bombardier in the Army Air Corps for the remainder of World War II.

He worked as an engineer and switchman for Michigan Bell Telephone for 27 years, retiring in 1978. After retiring, he enjoyed fishing and living at Island Lake.

On Feb. 22, 1947, he married Evelyn Lehmann and she preceded him in death Nov. 14, 1975.

Survivors include a son, Gregory (Stephanie) Osborne of Chelsea; three grandchildren, Erin Allen of Kamasville, N.C., Charity Allen of Whitmore Lake and James Osborne of Chelsea; a sister, Alice DeMara; and a very special friend and companion, Gerry Blackwell.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Allen in 1986; an infant son, William in 1950; and three brothers, Harold, Richard and Earl.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. tomorrow at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. The Rev. Beth Foster will officiate. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Private burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Eye Bank or the American Diabetes Association.

## VENA MARSH Chelsea

Vena Marsh, 98, of Chelsea died Feb. 16, 2004, at Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born June 27, 1905, in Ashley the daughter of Wheeler C. and Edith L. (Fairbanks) Mumford.

Mrs. Marsh graduated from Mattawan High School in 1923, and had attended Bronson Methodist Hospital for nursing training. She moved to Chelsea in 1997, coming from Ann Arbor, where she had lived since 1940.

Mrs. Marsh had been a member of Calvary United Methodist

Church in Ann Arbor since 1940 and United Methodist Women. She did home-nursing care from 1940 to 1980.

Mrs. Marsh was a member of the Stitch and Chat sewing group, where she mended items for the residents of Chelsea Retirement Community. She also had walked in the CROP Walk for many years, including the 2003 CROP Walk.

On Nov. 12, 1927, she married Howard R. Marsh in Chicago, and he preceded her in death Oct. 2, 1939.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Lena Eagly, Ivis McClive, Arvilla Fischer and Iris Clark; and two brothers, Charles and Clarence Mumford. Survivors include 16 nieces and nephews.

She was loved and admired by many friends and the staff of Chelsea Retirement Community.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at Chelsea Retirement Community. The Revs. Beth Foster, Fred Fischer and Douglas Olson will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.



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## Young Artist

Charlie Merkel, a pupil at Beach Middle School in Chelsea, works on a multi-media project in teacher Bev Yelsik's class.

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## Special Guest

Chelsea residents Janice Ortring (left) and Joanne Radio flank Ernest Green, the oldest of the "Little Rock Nine" who attended the whites-only Little Rock Central High School in 1957. Green was a guest speaker at the University of Michigan's 50th anniversary commemoration of the Brown vs. Board "Fulfilling the Promise" lecture at Rackham Auditorium. Ortring and Radio are founding members of the One World, One Family organization and were involved in last month's celebrations in Chelsea to honor slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Photo courtesy of Todd Ortring



## CHELSEA Fund-raiser set March 13


A full-day fund-raiser to benefit the Sanctuary and Safe Haven for Animals in Freedom Township is set for 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. March 13 at Scrapbook Memories, 1125 S. Main St. in Chelsea.

The event, "Croppin' for Critters," costs \$40, and includes a goodie bag, light breakfast, lunch and dinner, make and takes from scrapbooking experts and companies, silent auction and raffle.

Messages will be available, and antique photography will be available by appointment.

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12; healthy eating and caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, 8 to 9 p.m. March 18; legal and financial issues and caring for the caregiver, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 19; and caring for a loved one with HIV/AIDS, 6 to 7:30 p.m. March 25.

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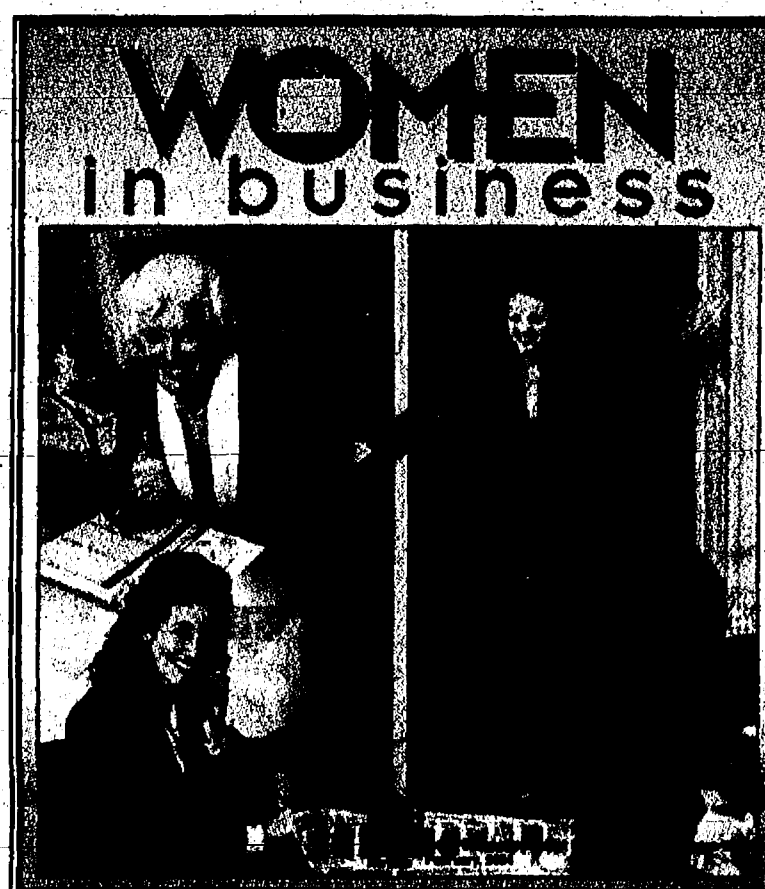
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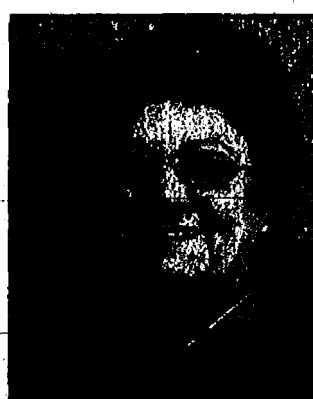


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## Sandra Ross Is Pavilion Bancorp's 2003 Employee of the Year

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Ross serves as Vice President and Retail Banking Administrator for the Bank of Washtenaw. She also brings her more than 25 years of banking experience to her duties as manager of the Bank of Washtenaw's Saline branch.

An active community member, Ross is president-elect of the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Saline Rotary Club, and a recent graduate of the Saline Leadership Institute. She also assists the Washtenaw United Way with their fundraising. Ross and her family live in Saline.

Bank of Washtenaw President and CEO, Walter G. Byers, said, "We're pleased that Sandy was awarded the Employee of the Year. Sandy perfectly represents what we as community bankers stand for — providing service that exceeds customer expectations."

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There's no doubt that one of the biggest challenges small business owners face is limited resources for building their business. Lacking the ad budgets or sales forces of more established firms, startups often lack the capital to spend on branding and conventional ad campaigns. Direct marketing and networking are two increasingly recognized approaches to business-building at any level.

In a slower, more competitive economy, people demand more accountability from their marketing efforts. The collapse of the Internet bubble has accelerated this focus. Trackable and relatively inexpensive, direct marketing can present an ideal option for any business.

"Direct marketing is an equal opportunity tool," says Lois Geller, president of New York-based Mason & Geller Direct Marketing. "Anybody in any industry can use it successfully to build their business." Geller has led several major direct marketing agencies and opened Mason & Geller in 1997. She writes a column for Fortune Small Business Online ([www.fsb.com](http://www.fsb.com)) and regularly appears on the nationally syndicated "Jim Blasingame Small Business" radio show.

"Friendship Branding," Geller's guiding principle, teaches companies how to treat their customers and prospects just like their friends.

"By communicating in a warm, genuinely human manner — as opposed to impersonal corporate-ese — the buyer-seller bond is strengthened," she says. "You are more loyal to your friends than acquaintances — a similar bond can be created between buyer and seller." According to Geller, you start by putting a human face on your company and delivering the unexpected in all your communications, from direct mail and telemarketing to customer service. In her book "Response! The Complete Guide to Profitable Direct Marketing" (Oxford University Press), Geller, who also travels widely as a professional speaker, offers secrets

to direct marketing success for small businesses. Among them:

- Capitalize on the fact that you're small and can provide the personal, one-on-one service that will help clients succeed.

- From your dedication to quality to your reputation for discovering trends, paint a vivid, memorable portrait of the characteristics that make you and your small business unique.

- Test small and think big. Develop a marketing plan, but don't be afraid to keep experimenting to uncover the right mix.

- Delight your best customers with thank you notes, birthday cards, special offers and other forms of personal recognition.

- Make your offer irresistible with incentives like "two for the price of one," discounts or even a donation to charity. (This has been a great strategy for the Newman's Own line of pastas, sauces and dressings.) People need a reason to change their well-established buying habits, and a strong offer facilitates that process. You may also want to consider a low-cost premium that's relevant to your audience.

Networking has always been a powerful tool for senior executives — think of the old golf course and country club clichés — but it's never been covered in most people's formal training. It has also been tainted by the notion of "schmoozing," which can bring to mind visions of a Lomanesque car salesman instead of a trusted business associate. But in recent years, an increasing number of business experts have paid positive attention to the power of networking, raising its profile.

As founder and principal of The Nierenberg Group, a business consulting firm based in New York, Andrea Nierenberg has shown thousands of women how to improve their personal and professional lives through the power of "self marketing." Her company provides training in sales, presentation skills, personal networking and motivation to leading business organizations, such as American Management Association, Chase Manhattan Bank and Estée Lauder.

"Networking as a lifelong pursuit, characterized by giving, rather than taking from the people you meet," says Nierenberg, who also frequently contributes to business magazines, and television and radio programs. "It's a skill that anyone can learn, no

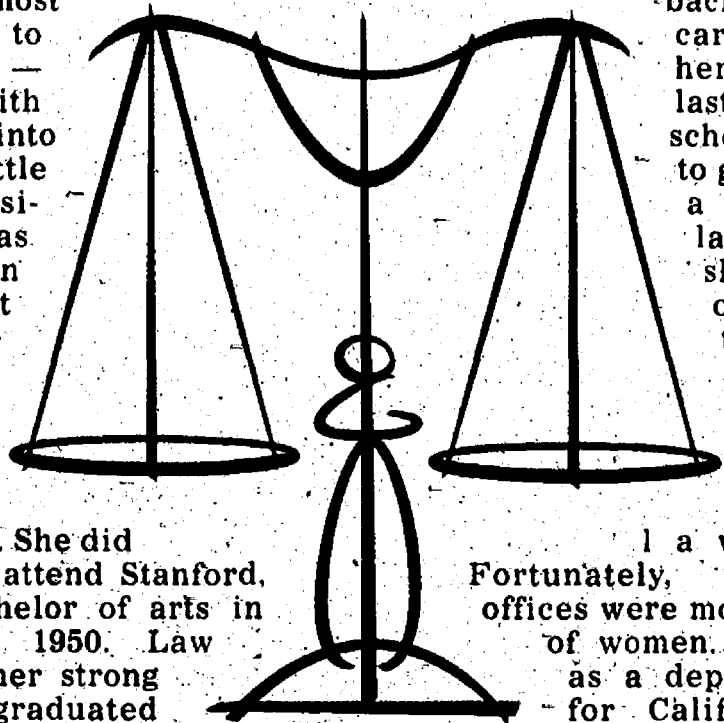
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# Sandra Day O'Connor— Supreme Court justice

Sandra Day O'Connor has a unique position in history, holding the title of the first female U.S. Supreme Court justice. William H. Rehnquist. She also fell in love at Stanford, marrying John Jay O'Connor in 1952.

O'Connor almost didn't make it to Washington — she grew up with plans of going into her family's cattle ranching business. She was born in Texas in 1930 and spent her early life on her family's Arizona ranch. She rode horses, herded cattle and helped out on the farm. She did leave home to attend Stanford, earning a bachelor of arts in economics in 1950. Law proved to be her strong suit — she graduated from Stanford Law in two years instead of the traditional three and finished third in her class in 1952. Ironically, one of her fellow law journal editors and classmates was future Supreme Court Justice



O'Connor's female status held her back early in her career. During her husband's last year of law school, she tried to get a job with a California law firm, but she was only offered positions as a legal secretary — firms didn't want to hire female lawyers.

Fortunately, government offices were more accepting of women. She worked as a deputy attorney for California's San Mateo County during the first year of her marriage. When her husband got a job in Germany, she followed him there, working as a civilian corps attorney, specializing

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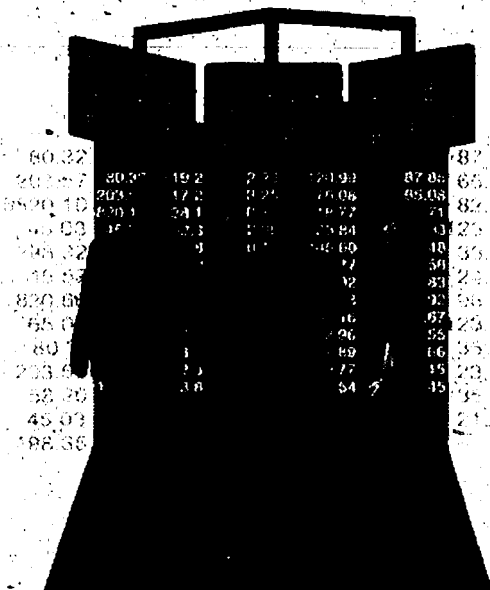
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## Fact



According to the Center for Women's Business Research (formerly the National Foundation for Women Business Owners), the rate of growth in the largest women-owned firms – those with the highest revenues and the most employees – exceeds the industry average in every major industry group. The growth in the number of women-owned firms with revenues of \$1 million or more between 1997 and 2000 is highest in finance/insurance/real estate (61.8 percent), services (43.4 percent), agriculture/forestry/fishing (36 percent) and construction (32.3 percent). However, the center also reports that just over one in 18 adult women in the U.S. is a business owner. Across the nation, 5.7 percent of all adult women are entrepreneurs.

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**Sandra Stapish**

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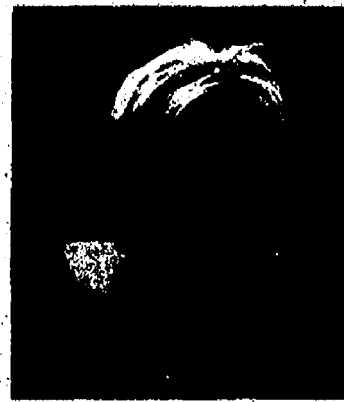
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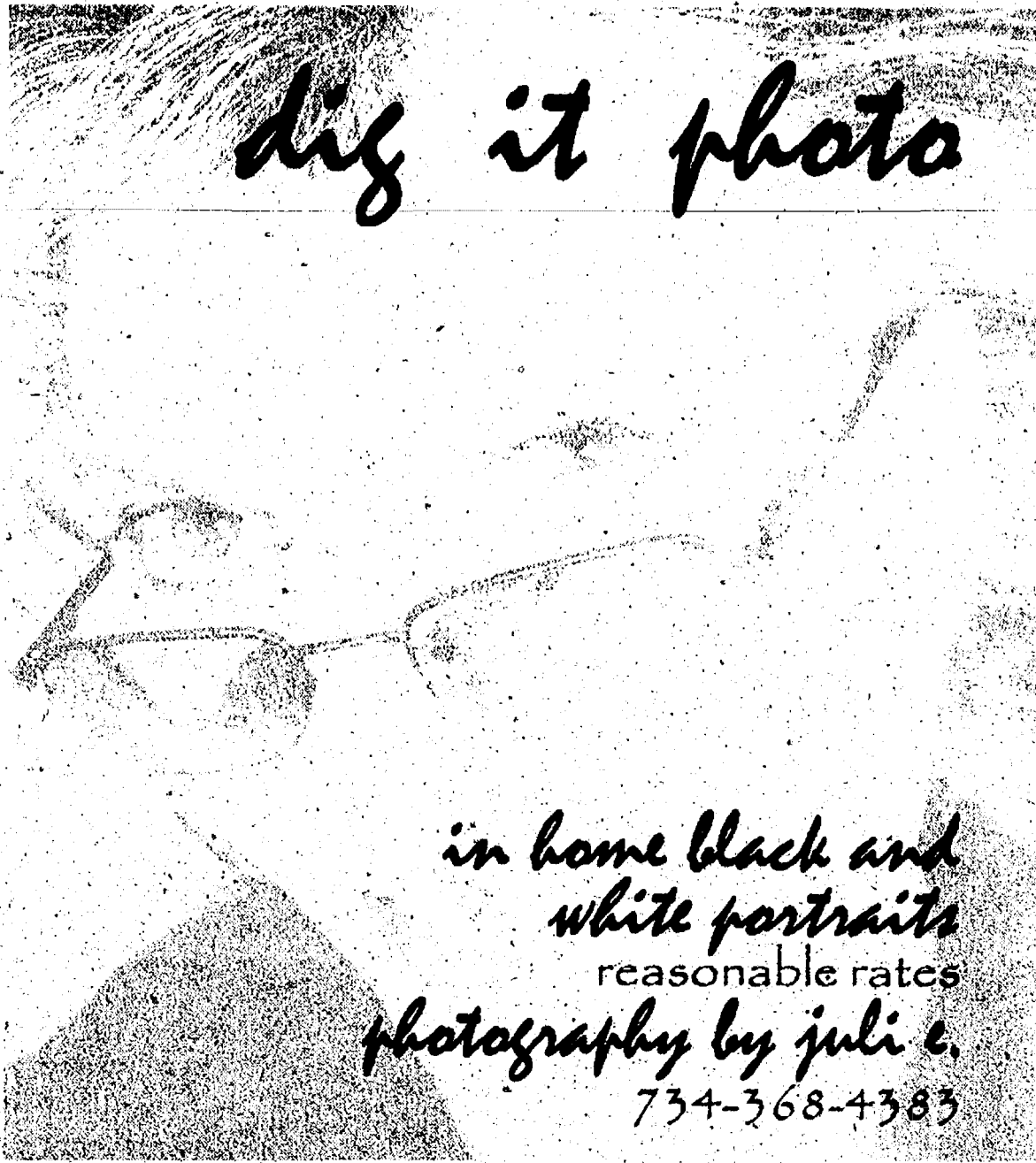
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"We sell Amish furniture and craft items, all of which are handcrafted, heirloom-quality items," she said. "The furniture is all solid oak and solid cherry." At Favorite Fortunes, customers can select from tables, chairs, and bedroom furniture of the highest quality.

"We have an attractive store presentation and invite our customers to bring a friend when they visit," she said. One of the things that Thelma likes about the Amish furniture, which is handmade and handcrafted in Ohio and Indiana, is that "nothing the Amish build is mass-produced."

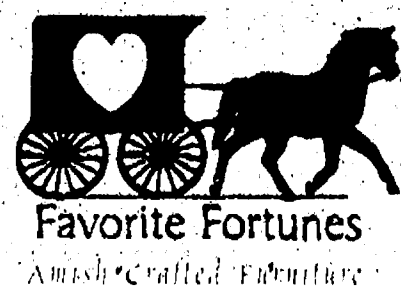
"Everything that they do is built in their own workshops," she explained. "That means it is still made in America." Favorite Fortunes keeps its overhead down to keep its furniture affordable and offers free delivery within a 25-mile radius of the store's location off Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

"We're family owned and operated," she said.

Favorite Fortunes started as a part-time venture for Thelma and her husband. "Now," she said, "we are doing what we love."



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matter what your personality type is."

Seventy percent of the participants in her recent survey cited "traditional networking functions like business functions, civic and trade show social events as valuable sources" of new business. Yet many entrepreneurs don't know how to take advantage of these forums, Nierenberg says, adding, "Without a networking plan and the right tools, they risk losing valuable opportunities."

Successful networkers are people who know who to talk to, the importance of being a resource, proper etiquette and how to manage their growing database. Here are a few tips from Nierenberg's newest book, "Nonstop Networking" (Capital Books):

- Make a list of key people in your industry whom you would like to meet.

- Develop a 30-second "infomercial" about yourself, and practice it until it becomes second nature.

- Have a list of "get to know you"

questions that facilitate conversations.

- Send three handwritten notes a day to people who are already on your contact list or anyone you want to add.

- Make and keep notes about your meetings with each contact.

- Remember those who help you with unique gifts like special greeting cards, food baskets, flowers or personalized premiums like coffee mugs and notepads.

- Give five compliments a day. Positivity is its own reward. People crave genuine recognition and enjoy being around those with a positive, enthusiastic attitude.

For more business advice or to learn more about professional training and how these unique approaches can help your business grow, e-mail [loisgeller@masongeller.com](mailto:loisgeller@masongeller.com). "Response!" by Lois Geller, and "Nonstop Networking" are both available online at [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).



Direct marketing and networking are increasingly recognized approaches to business-building, according to business experts Andrea Nierenberg (left) and Lois Geller.

## Did You Know?

The battle of the sexes rages on in the workplace. A recent study, *Leaders in a Global Economy: A Study of Executive Women and Men*, found that the higher women climb, the more they have to give up in their personal and family lives. Ten companies participated in the survey - conducted by three nonprofit organizations - of 1,200 of their women and men senior executives from around the world. Women ranked closer to the CEO were more likely to have children than women executives at lower levels. Although more men executives than women wanted to be CEO of their company, 34 percent of women as opposed to 21 percent of men lowered their career aspirations, with sacrifices to family and personal life being the most highly cited reasons by study participants.



## O'CONNOR

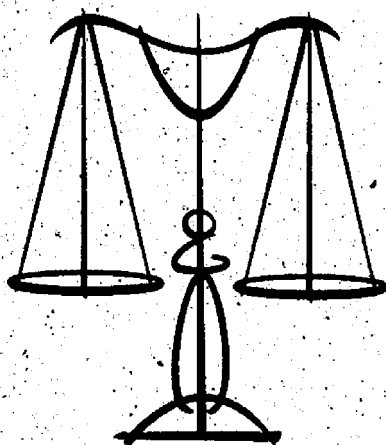
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in contracts from 1954 to 1956. They returned to the Phoenix, Arizona, area where she had three children within six years. She wanted to do legal work part time while she raised a family, but, again, being a female made it difficult for her to find a position at a private law firm. So, she started a small practice while serving on various legal committees, such as the county board of adjustments, and writing and grading bar exams. All the while, she was strengthening ties to the Republican Party by working on Republican political campaigns. By 1965, she was ready to return to the workforce full time.

O'Connor dove back into the legal field, holding various positions in state government. She was Assistant Attorney General of Arizona in 1965. Three years later, she was appointed to the Arizona state Senate. She was easily reelected for two more terms, becoming the first female Republican majority leader in the country in 1972. There, she voted moderately and conservatively. She favored women's rights — she voted for the Equal Rights Amendment and favored enhanced property rights for women who owned property with their husbands. Her career

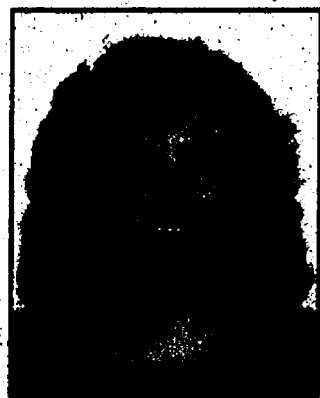
path changed when she was elected judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court in 1974, where she was tough but fair. She served for five years, until she was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals in 1979.

O'Connor made history when President Ronald Reagan — who had campaigned with the promise of bringing a woman to the bench — nominated her to the Supreme Court in July 1981. She was confirmed in September 1981, becoming the Court's 102nd justice and its first female member. Indeed, O'Connor has become an inspiration for women of all ages, showing that it is possible for women to break down barriers in all professions.



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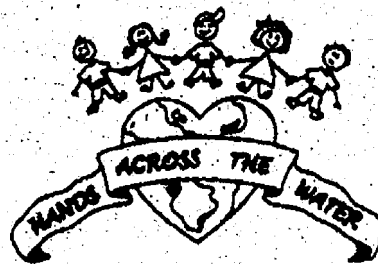
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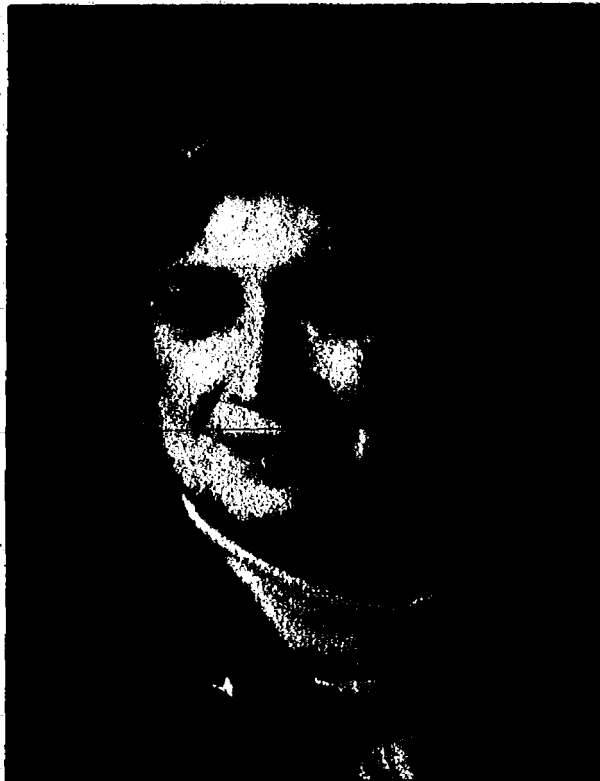
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Marian L. Faupel was one of 13 individuals honored in 1993 by The Detroit News as a "Michiganian of the Year" for her contribution as a lawyer to the quality of life in the Great Lakes State. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Faupel earned her juris doctor from Wayne State University's Law School and has written 14 scholarly articles on Michigan law, demonstrating her high commitment to legal scholarship. A resident of Saline for more than 30 years, Faupel has spent 12 years as the principal partner in her own legal practice. Her firm specializes in commercial lending, construction liens, commercial fraud, family law, employment law, and real estate law.



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Ann Arbor Academy started with four students, presently has more than 76 and is still growing. There are 24 faculty members all dedicated to helping these students meet their full potential. Students are taught how to learn. Once they understand their own learning styles, they are taught to accentuate their strengths, overcome their weaknesses and advocate for themselves both in and out of school. Ann Arbor Academy changes children's lives because it teaches them! They are capable of learning!

Ann Arbor Academy is a private, non-profit school for students in grades 6-12 with learning and/or attention issues. They are bright, creative students with different learning styles and who typically perform poorly in traditional educational settings. We are currently planning to start a lower school in the near future.

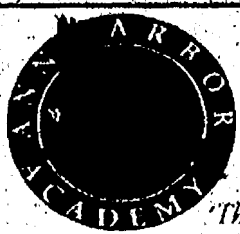
Our program is based on a two-pronged approach: emphasis on identifying and addressing academic weaknesses, and focus on discovering and enhancing talents and interests. We teach to the student's strengths, using a multi-sensory teaching methodology. Devon supervises the academic and remedial classes, while Nancy oversees the entire school curriculum.



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