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WASHTENAW COUNTY

Voters to consider special education millage

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday

By Scott Hagen
Staff Writer

School superintendents across Washtenaw County are crossing their fingers and holding their collective breath until the final vote is cast in the Sept. 14 special education millage.

Voters will head to the polls Tuesday to

decide if they will fund a 1-mill tax increase for the Washtenaw Intermediate School District. The tax would fund the intermediate school district's rate at which it reimburses the 10 districts across the county for special education services.

Since the millage was proposed in July, parents have been scrambling to get the word out about its perceived importance.

Supporters say the increase, while costing the owner of a \$200,000 home \$100 each year, would benefit all children in the school district.

The federal government mandates special education services. When districts cannot cover costs associated with special education, money from the general fund is used to make up the difference.

Richard Leyshock, assistant superintendent for school services at the WISD, said the rate at which schools are reimbursed would drop from 87 percent to 82 percent — with more cuts coming in the following years — if the millage does not pass.

For Dexter, that would mean a one-year cost of about \$500,000. For Chelsea, it would

mean about \$450,000.

Previous fears about the millage vote involved the numerous bond issues that have appeared in school districts across the county. Milan, Manchester, Saline, Dexter, Chelsea and Ann Arbor all have either built, started construction or are planning to start construction on new high schools.

In June, Ann Arbor voters approved a \$205 million bond issue. Chelsea voters have passed two bond issues this year — \$28.1 million for school improvements and \$8.2 million for school improvements and \$8.2 million for school improvements.

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CHELSEA

Student fighting back after mishap

Brian Livengood electrocuted while trimming trees

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

It's a hard fact of life that often the most devastating mishaps take place in the service of upstanding deeds.

Such was the case Aug. 14, when Chelsea High School

graduate a n d Central Michigan University junior Brian Livengood, 20, was electrocuted as he

was working at a home on Pleasant Lake Road near Manchester, while trimming tree branches in a vertical lift.

Livengood is the son of Ron Livengood, operations director for the Chelsea School District, and Chris Livengood, director of the Chelsea Senior Center.

Brian's brothers, who were working with him at the time of the accident, are Darrin, 16, a Chelsea High School junior, and Chad, 21, a Central Michigan University senior.

Brian, who is currently in a coma, was initially treated at the University of Michigan Medical Center. He was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital last week.

Brian was studying entrepreneurship and business, and was working to build his own irrigation and landscaping business, to make into a career after graduation.

"He loved being outdoors, and he was gifted mechani-

cally," Chris said. Friday while visiting her son at Chelsea Community Hospital.

According to family members' accounts, details of the accident are sketchy.

Chad, who was driving a truck below and did not see the electrocution, said he believes Brian was operating controls for the lift, and had a running chainsaw sitting close to him on the floor of the lift when the accident occurred.

Family members say the electricity somehow arced, or jumped, to the lift or to the crane that supported the lift.

"There's a rumor going around that Brian chafnsawed through an electrical wire," Chris said. "We do know he didn't cut the wire or touch the wire with the chainsaw."

"He didn't cut through the power line; it was still there," Chad said. "I think he had his hands on the controls. He wasn't even holding the chainsaw."

Chad said he estimated his brother was 6 to 10 feet away from the closest power line when the accident occurred.

Brian slumped down in the lift, which was lowered to the ground, and the brothers called 911. Within five minutes after the accident, volunteer firefighters were on the scene, administering cardiopulmonary respiration to Brian's stopped heart.

After about five more minutes, an ambulance arrived with a defibrillator. While in the ambulance, paramedics got oxygen flowing throughout Brian's system again, but exactly how long his brother was without oxygen is unknown, Chad said.

Brian suffered third-degree burns on a finger of

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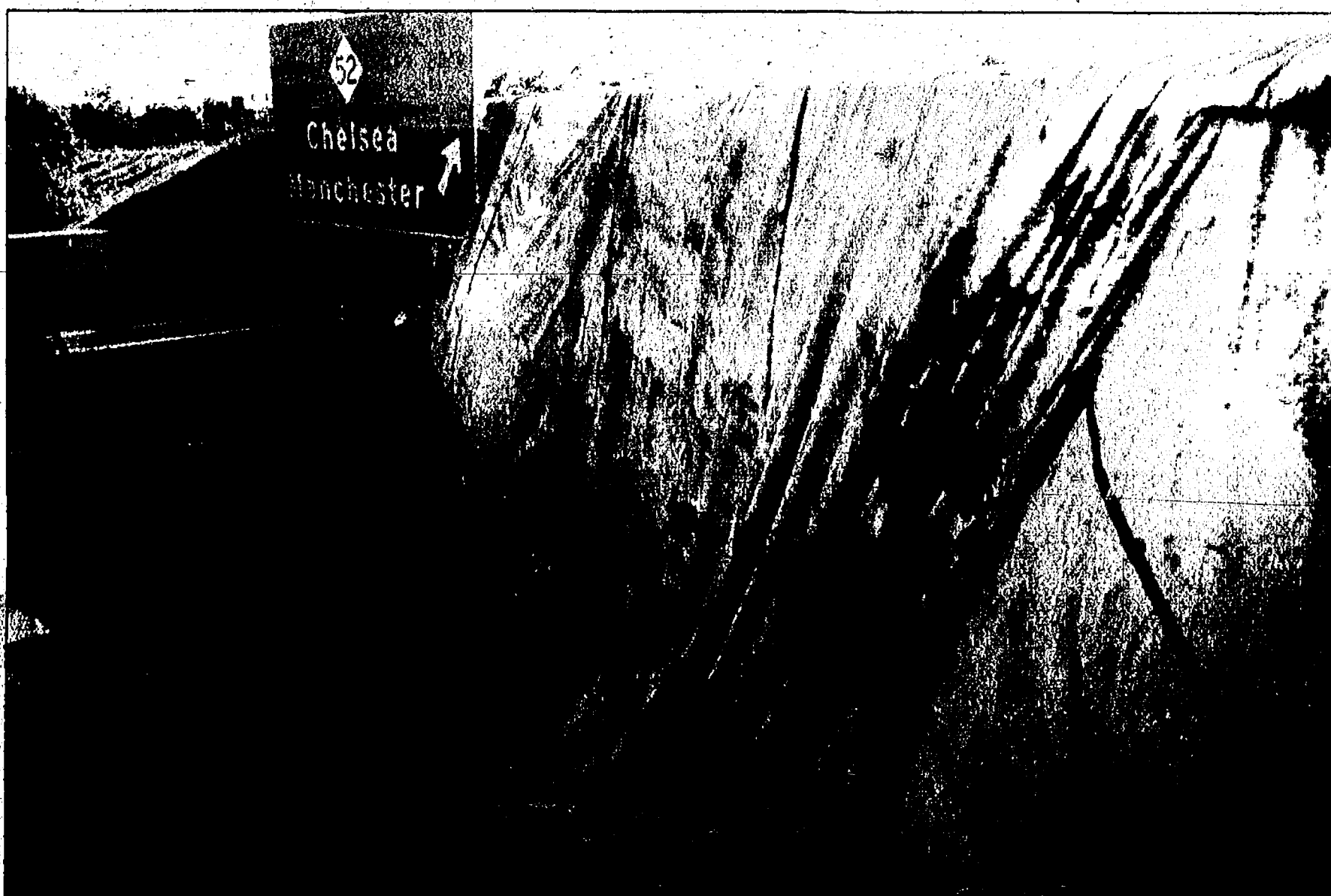


Photo by Scott Hagen

Repair work to the M-52 bridge crossing Interstate 94 began Tuesday, with traffic reduced to one lane in each direction on the bridge. Work is scheduled to be completed on the bridge by early October, followed by a complete, three-week closure of the Fletcher Road bridge.

CHELSEA

Bridge work causing delays

Crews start on M-52 bridge; construction on Fletcher Road bridge set next month

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

For drivers in Washtenaw and Jackson counties, the summer of 2004 has been a time-consuming, frustrating and occasionally fatal exercise in driving along Interstate 94 as a rehabilitation project for 21 bridges along the corridor has taken place.

And for drivers passing through Chelsea, the nightmare isn't over yet.

Repair work to the M-52 bridge began

Tuesday, with traffic reduced to one lane in each direction.

Work is slated to be finished there by the beginning of October.

Upon completion of the M-52 bridge, rehabilitation will commence on the Fletcher Road bridge, which will be closed entirely for approximately three weeks.

The massive project, which began this spring, entails bridge deck replacement, structural steel repair and painting for bridges just west of US-23 in Washtenaw County to Mount Hope Road in Jackson County.

Over a span of fewer than four months, four drivers died in construction-related crashes along a 10-mile stretch of I-94 between Jackson and

Ann Arbor during the project, including 25-year-old Christy Gutekunst, who worked at the Chelsea District Library.

Road shoulders along I-94 will be closed under the M-52 and Fletcher Road bridges during construction, which will cause traffic delays.

Speed limits will be lowered under the bridges and will be posted, Michigan Department of Transportation spokeswoman Barbara Hicks said Tuesday.

Numerous detour routes will be posted for motorists attempting to cross the Fletcher Road bridge. Detour routes will direct drivers to Baker Road and M-52 bridges, Michigan Department of Transportation

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BRIEFLY...

■ **Contest set Saturday for kids:** The Chelsea Farmers' Market and the Chelsea District Library are teaming up to celebrate the harvest season with a gourd-decorating contest from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Chelsea Farmers' Market on Park Street.

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charge to children of all ages so they can create their own masterpiece. Prizes will be awarded at 11 a.m.

For more information, call 433-0354.

■ **Open house to be held Monday:** Beach Middle School will hold an open house from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday. The program will begin with a general meeting. Parents will meet in the cafeteria and are encouraged to arrive at 6:15 p.m.

■ **CCA, preschool to hold open house:** Chelsea Center for the Arts and the Chelsea Children's Co-op Preschool will host a joint open house from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at 400 Congdon St.

Visitors may tour the preschool's new classrooms and a fine arts exhibit in the CCA's Center Gallery. There will be hands-on activities, artist demonstrations, live music and refreshments.

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP

Officials consider dangerous building ordinance



Photo by Scott Hagen

Dexter Township officials are searching for ways to clean up the old Countryside Catering and Restaurant building without spending taxpayers' money. An arsonist damaged the building in November.

Solution could fix two eyesores

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

Dexter Township officials are searching for a plan to fix up two eyesores that just won't seem to go away.

They said they are hoping a proposed "dangerous building" ordinance will do what the township's current blight ordinance has been unable to do — force delinquent property owners to clean up their act.

The Township Board has been researching ways to update the blight ordinance for years.

They now are optimistic they could agree on a solution later this month.

Local officials say the eyesores in question don't just pose a visual or aesthetic problem for the community. Should someone choose to explore either site without

permission, the buildings pose physical hazards, too.

One of the buildings officials are hoping to address is the burned down Countryside Catering and Restaurant at the corner of

North Territorial and Dexter Town Hall roads. The building sustained \$200,000 in a November 2003 fire and still sits vacant.

Owner Uwe Peter Holzer is facing arson charges, and the

building has remained in disrepair since the incident.

Officials have complained about the building's lack of sufficient protection against vandals, as well as the num-

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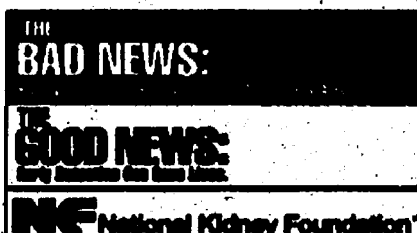
STRAIGHT FACTS

A photograph describing two professional hunters on an African safari was published by mistake Aug. 26. The photograph was inadvertently used and was not part of the story on artist Stacey Burmeister's experience in the bush.

An article in last week's newspaper should have said that workers from Chelsea's electrical department, not DTE Energy, moved power lines for a house move.

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

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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

Teachers see salary hike

But teachers have to make concessions to push deal through

By Scott Hagen
Staff Writer

Teachers in the Chelsea School District will receive a 2.25 percent salary increase for the upcoming school year.

The Board of Education approved a new three-year contract at a meeting last month, shortly after teachers approved the contract.

As a sign of difficult financial times across the state, teachers also had to make concessions to push the contract forward. Teachers will now have to pay slightly more for prescription drug coverage than in the past.

The contract included a provision that would give all teachers an additional 0.67 percent increase if the district's enrollment surpassed a designated number.

Teachers and bus drivers

are the only unionized departments in the district. Theresa Zigman, executive director of business and operations, said that other employees typically receive the same benefits and salary increases as the teachers. Across the board, the new salary increase will cost the district about \$500,000, Zigman said.

The administration, after spending about 60 hours on the negotiations during closed-door sessions, is pleased with the new contract.

"Overall, feedback's been fine," Zigman said. "I haven't heard anything negative."

Though the district finds itself in uncertain financial times at the dictation of state decisions, the salary increase was necessary to retain the talent parents have come to expect in the district.

"You have to look at what you can afford and you have to look at what is fair," Zigman said. "You don't want someone to steal all your good teachers away."

As part of the new contract agreement for the school schedule, Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday will now be a holiday for the Chelsea School District.

Board President Dayle Wright said she has heard positive feedback from both sides.

"We're pleased that we have a three-year contract. We think it's a good settlement for the teachers and the district," she said. "With limited resources, we're both really pleased."

Wright added that credit should go to the teachers for realizing the financial state of the district when it came time to settle on a new contract.

"I think that they have worked very well with the district to try to use limited resources wisely, for the benefit of the children," Wright said.

In Dexter, teachers received a 1.5 percent salary increase for the 2004-2005 school year.

Chris Kochan, president of the Chelsea Education

Association, the union representing the teachers, could not be reached for comment.

Staff Writer Scott Hagen can be reached at 475-1371 or at shagen@heritage.com.

CHELSEA

Events planned downtown

If you enjoy good music, art and shopping, Chelsea merchants have the event for you.

Sounds & Sights, an event to attract people to Chelsea's downtown, will be held Sept. 16. It will include a variety of entertainment and activities throughout the business district.

As many as eight bands will perform on the sidewalks lining Main Street and other side streets. Also planned are children's activities, including face painting. The Chelsea Center for the Arts will offer demonstrations by artists.

Planned musical entertainment will include a variety of jazz bands, as well as the Chelsea House Orchestra.

"This is a great way to end our first season of Thursday night downtown entertainment," Bob Pierce, director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, said in a press release.

"We have a great evening of activities and entertainment for everyone, and the merchants hope that the community will take part and come down for the evening and enjoy this."

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activities, carriage rides will be available for a fee.

The Thursday night downtown activities will resume again next summer, starting in June. For information, contact the chamber office at 475-1145.



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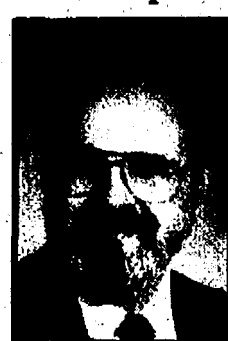
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They're Back

The staff at Beach Middle School returned Aug. 30 ready to take on the new school year with the theme: "We're back, working at the Beach for our students." Pictured in front are Jill McKale (left), Andrea Bareis, Ingrid Smart, Karen Wineland, Patricia Compton and Lyn Hess; second row, Jim Otto (left), Patti Musolf, Linda Dyer, Joanne Masters, Loren Thorburn, Sheri Hillman, Kim Eder, Marie Lombardo, Debbie Lee, Nathan Peters, Duane Moss, Rahn Rosentreter and Sally Rendell; third row, Carole Murphy (left), Pat Clarke, Sue Riedel, Bev Yelsik, Lu Kramer, Kristi Henry, Margaret Spaly, Kathy Gilbert, Judy Armstrong, Kathy Callery, Jenni Driskill, Dennis Strzyzewski and Stephen McDonald; fourth row, Dave Jolly (left), Pete Warburton, Craig McCalla, Todd Blomquist, Becky Poole, Jason Morris and Corey Knight.

BRIDGE

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spokeswoman Julie Yapp said.

Hicks said completion dates for the projects are estimates only, and that bridgework could continue late into the fall, depending on weather conditions and other factors.

In light of the deadly history of the construction project, Hicks emphasized that motorists should slow down when entering the construction zones.

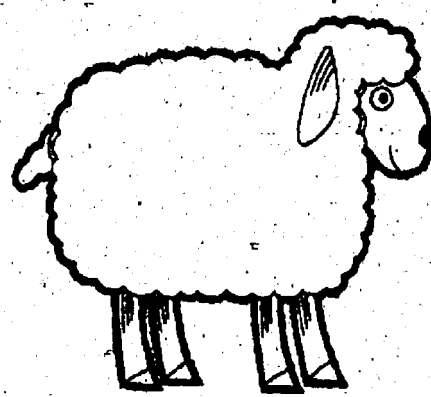
"Folks need to know they can't go 65 through there," Hicks said. "They should slow down in these construction zones."

"It's still dangerous to themselves and to workers to speed through construction zones. It does make a big difference if they slow down. We're asking that they bear with us a little longer."

Up-to-date information about the construction projects is available online at www.michigan.gov/mdot.

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ROAD RULES

Watch for school buses

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Drivers are asked to watch for the buses and drivers should remember that they must stop for flashing red lights. Do not pass a bus with red lights flashing.

By state law, buses activate their yellow overhead flashing lights 200 feet before a stop and the red flashing stop lights come on when the bus stops. When you see the yellow overhead flashing lights, slow down and be prepared to stop.

There are a number of new stops on bus runs this year and many buses are traveling different roads to avoid the back-ups on M-52 and Old US-12. Chelsea buses will attempt to pull over where it is safe to allow traffic to get past the buses.



SAM
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The transportation department and the high school administration thanks the high school parents for adapting so quickly to the new drop-off and pick-up areas at Chelsea High School. Having parents pick up and drop off at Trinkle Road has separated most of the parent and student traffic, resulting in less congestion on Freer Road.

The transportation department will continue to work with the city of Chelsea and the Washtenaw County Road Commission to obtain the necessary traffic control devices to make traffic flow safe and as efficiently as possible on Freer Road and Trinkle Road.

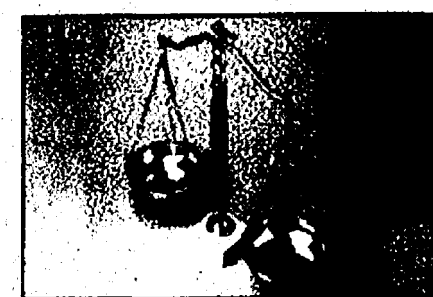
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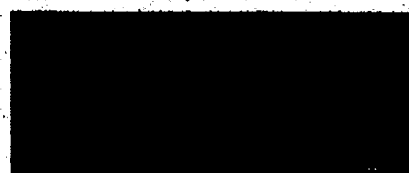


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POLICE BLOTTER

Dexter Township Family Offense

A 35-year-old Dearborn woman contacted police Aug. 31 after she suspected her ex-husband was drinking while he had custody of their two children, a violation of their child custody agreement.

The man, 40, told police that drinking is a violation and that he had consumed several beers during the night.

Both children said they were not having problems with their father.

Police advised the woman of the findings.

Domestic Assault

A 36-year-old Dexter Township man called police Aug. 31 after witnessing a fight between a man and his girlfriend.

The 42-year-old man told police that his live-in girlfriend attacked him while the couple was arguing about breaking up. The woman arrived at the house earlier in the evening to collect her things, and the man said he waited outside.

The man said the woman came outside and started pushing him, and telling him that they should go inside and talk.

The man said he was scratched on the arm by a key in the woman's hand.

The witness who called police, a friend of the victim's, told police that he saw the woman push the man. The friend said he tried to call 911 on his cell phone and the woman became angry and grabbed and pulled the back of his shirt, but he was not hurt in the confrontation.

The woman told police that she did not push the boyfriend, but may have accidentally scratched him with the key.

The woman was arrested.

Larceny from Vehicle

A 30-year-old woman called police Aug. 28 after discovering that numerous items had been stolen from three vehicles parked outside her house in the 9400 block of Hidden Lake Circle.

The woman's mother-in-law had been visiting from West Virginia. After the mother-in-law left, she called and asked if she had left her credit cards at the house. The woman went outside and realized that items were missing from all three cars.

Among the items stolen from the cars include a digital camera valued at \$170, a credit card from the mother's purse — although the purse and case was not taken — and another credit card.

Suspicious Incident

A 42-year-old woman called police Aug. 3 after she was out jogging and noticed a man following her.

The woman said she was out jogging in the morning on

Riker Road. She said that a man with blond hair in a pick-up truck drove by very slowly.

The woman said she didn't think much of it at the time, and thought he was a construction worker. But the man continued to drive by, very slowly each time.

The woman ran to a friend's house and asked for a ride home.

Michigan State Police reported to deputies that troopers in Sylvan Township were investigating similar claims by other women. Troopers said the man would drive around until he located a lone female and then would try to pick her up.

Dexter Village Assault and Battery

Two workers from DTE Energy called police after one was allegedly assaulted while they were trying to execute an electricity shutoff at a home in the 7900 block of Grand Street.

The men told police that the woman who lives at the house hit one of them in the nose while he was trying to post a shut-off notice for unpaid electric bills.

The woman, 42, told police that she ripped the paper out of the man's hand, but did not attack him.

Deputies helped the employees with the shutoff notice.

The case has been forwarded to the prosecutor's office for review.

Breaking and Entering

The 43-year-old owner of a Mobil gas station at 7177 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road called police after discover-

ing that a breaking and entering had occurred at the business.

The owner told police that he arrived for work at 4:45 a.m. and noticed that cabinet doors and the cash register drawer were open, as well as the door leading to the office.

The owner's son, who manages the business and was the last one in the building, said he did not know anything about the incident.

The son told police he closed and locked the business after securing the alarm system at midnight the night before.

The men told police that they have become lax with security measures because of the low crime rate in the area.

Police determined that entry was made through a rear window that was broken.

The cabinets and drawers of the cashier's office were completely ransacked. The security system was never alerted to the entry.

Items and money stolen from the business include \$2,562 in checks, \$4,825 in cash and ATM cash reserves of \$2,000. A laptop computer and various telephone cards were also stolen.

The case is open pending an investigation.

Drunken Driving

An 18-year-old Ypsilanti man was arrested Aug. 6 for drunken driving.

Deputies were dispatched to the parking lot of DAPCO, 2500 Bishop Circle, in the Dexter Business and Research Park after receiv-

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Photo by Rita Fischer

Ready, Aim, Fire

Eric Manta of Chelsea shoots a ball while Amber Shepard of Mid America Shows watches during the Chelsea Community Fair, which was held Aug. 24 through 28. The community event also included Ladies' Day events, a livestock auction, demolition derby and tractor pull.

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A call to 475-0111, the Helpline number, will result in assistance from highly trained professionals at the University of Michigan Hospital's Psychiatric Emergency Services in Ann Arbor. If this sounds daunting, it isn't. The skilled and kind people answering the phone know how and where to find help or advice during desperate times and in situations where there is nowhere, or no one, to turn to. The service is absolutely confidential, not even the phone bill has a record of incoming calls.

The Chelsea Helpline card is posted in every High School and Middle School student locker. They also advertise in the local newspaper and distribute pens and other material with bearing their contact number.

Chandler takes care of day-to-day operations for the Helpline service, which includes making sure the phone is operating correctly. Chandler is grateful for the funding from Chelsea United Way, one of only two sources responsible for their existence.

"Historically, approximately 75% of our funding comes from the Chelsea United Way, and the balance comes from the Chelsea Kiwanis Club," said Chandler. "Without the support of the Chelsea United Way, this Helpline service just wouldn't exist."

Unfortunately, Bill Chandler will retire from Chelsea Helpline in the spring of 2005, having served 8 years. Ron Mead, the High School Principal, will remain as the sole founding board member of the current 13-member volunteer board. Board members represent all segments of the population, from preschool, with the director of Parents as Teachers, to seniors, with representatives from the Chelsea Retirement Community and the Chelsea Senior Center.

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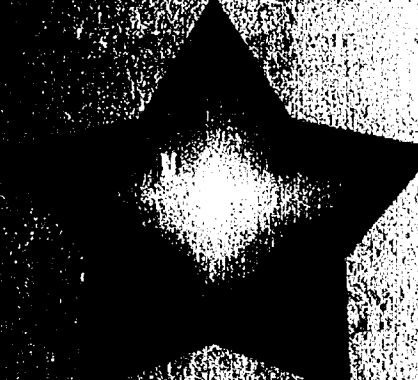
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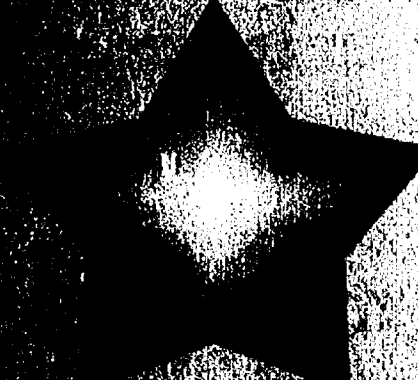
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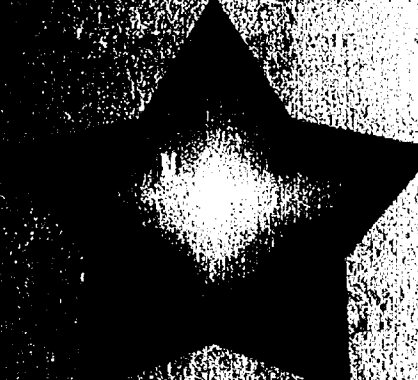
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fair committee deserves thanks

I would like to thank the Chelsea community for its support of the annual fair. I would like to specifically thank the Fair Committee members and all other volunteers who helped make this fair possible.

In addition to many individuals who encouraged me to enter the champion homemaker award, I appreciate the words of support I received from Marge Schiller, Sue McCalla and Diane Edman.

Receiving the runner-up champion homemaker award and receiving the recognition during Ladies' Day is a wonderful memory that will stay with me forever.

Terry Peyton
Chelsea

Bush has done a good job protecting the U.S.

What world has Howard Holmes been living in the last four years ("Americans should fire President Bush" letter to the editor, Aug. 28)?

Bush has done nothing and should be fired?

That's a ridiculous statement.

George W. Bush has done everything in his power to see that this country is safer from attacks than any other president in history.

Mr. Holmes seems to have forgotten Sept. 11. How soon the liberals forget. Would he liked to have negotiated with Osama bin Laden, or would he like to have been hit again by the likes of a Saddam Hussein?

History will show George W. Bush will have opened the door to democracy in the Middle East. Freedom will spread in our lifetime like a fire out of control.

U.S. withdrawal of the occupation (as he calls it) is absurd. The liberating forces should stay as long as it takes to eliminate the terrorists intent on ruling through fear and intimidation.

When elections take place, and law and some kind of order is restored, then and only then should our troops come home to a hero's welcome.

The only way to keep the terrorists off our front door is to confront them at their. This is what a commander-in-chief's most important job is — protecting the homeland — and George W. Bush has done exactly that.

Dave Husak
Scio Township

We should quit falling for untruths

With all due respect to Tom Caplis ("Where there is smoke, there is fire") in last week's letters to the editor, he shows us precisely why dirty politics do pay.

Americans have swallowed the Bush campaign's negative advertisements, full of their unsubstantiated claims,

because "where there is smoke, there's fire," right?

In a disturbingly un-American way, the Republican party forces the objects of their smear campaigns to be seen by the people as guilty until proven innocent.

Use your head, America. Don't tell me that John Kerry is not fit to be commander-in-chief because his documented service record is smeared by a bunch of partisan Republicans.

Bush lacks any military experience at all. That makes him better fit? Come on. That's just not logical.

But that's just the problem, isn't it? When you've been propagandized like you have, you lose sight of logic.

America, the Republican party is using the same psychological techniques that the advertising industry uses — fooling you into being afraid, into voting to re-elect a proven loser because of the fear that any change could be worse.

But that's not playing to win; it's playing not to lose. A convention sign on television last week read: "A Nation of Cowards." Are we really "A Nation of Cowards?"

Wise up, America, and quit falling for the Republican untruths. Use your own brain and quit being told to be afraid. The Democratic party is the cleaner, fairer, more honest party and John Kerry is the better man, by far.

Roy Schmidt
Sylvan Township

Don't give Bush/Cheney another four years

Like many of my neighbors in the Chelsea area, I've been following the coverage of the Republican National Convention and other parts of the Bush/Cheney campaign.

It seems to me that the convention is a prime example of "bait and switch" — little coverage of the GOP platform which is far right in ideology and lots of exposure — for Republican moderates such as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Rudolph Giuliani and John McCain, who had little voice in crafting the platform and aren't highly regarded by those who did write it.

What is a moderate Republican who is having serious second thoughts about the man who ran as "uniter not a divider" and a "compassionate conservative" to do?

Instead of less government, we now have more and more personally intrusive government. The Bush/Cheney administration is not fiscally conservative; it has spent us into a deep hole.

Children have been "left behind" by under-funding education initiatives, while money is spent to fight a poorly planned war in Iraq that didn't need to be fought in March 2003 without the peace firmly secured in Afghanistan and while other

hot-spots such as North Korea and Iran went untended.

Think of what we could be doing with the billions of dollars the war is eating up, retraining workers whose jobs have been outsourced, keeping the Social Security trust fund in good shape, funding important research, beefing up security at home, and ensuring veterans and troops on active duty and their families get what they need and deserve. We also could be making sure that our air, water and food are safe and that we can get proper care when we are sick.

The moderate Republicans whom I know believe in responsibility and accountability. So, I ask these questions: "What has the Bush/Cheney administration done to deserve a second term?" and "How have the president and his administration shown competence in governing?"

No one has given me a convincing answer to these questions. Sorry, but answers such as "George W. Bush is keeping us safe" — to which I say, "How? Show me." or "He's a nice, regular guy, the kind you could go out for a beer with and yuk it up" — just don't do it for me.

I wouldn't judge the competence of a CEO and his team by those standards, let alone the president of the world's most powerful nation. Let's face it. By all the espoused standards of moderate Republicans, it's time to say "Your time's up" to the Bush/Cheney administration.

We can begin the process of undoing the damage of the past four years by electing those who will replace ideology with pragmatism and who realize that complicated questions often require complicated answers.

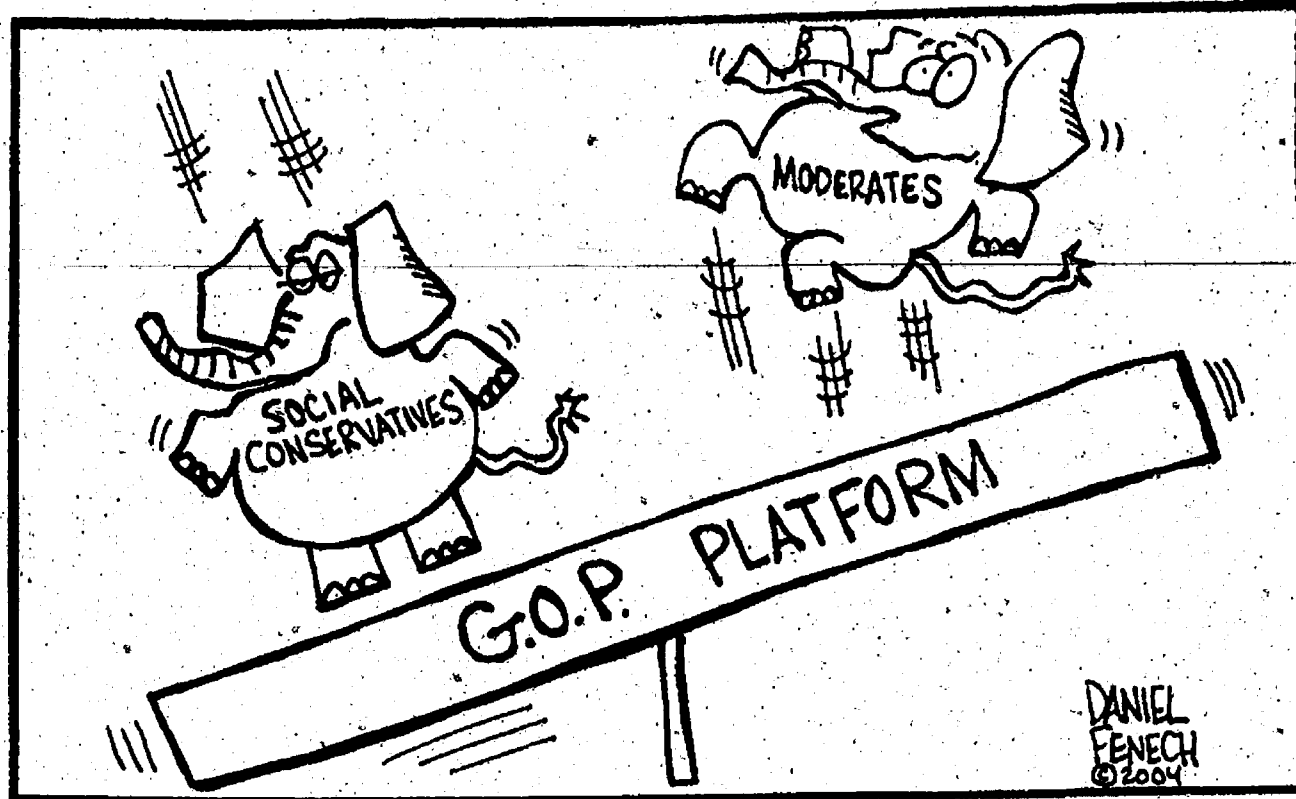
And for starters, we can reject the covert "sliming" tactics that are being used by the Bush/Cheney campaign in their efforts to make sure we don't focus their record and the things that are important to all Americans today.

We can turn off the "infotainment" on cable TV "news" shows and refuse to let their "talking heads" define the candidates and tell us what to think. We can read the political parties' plans for the next four years, think about them, and talk about them. We can refuse to let the Bush/Cheney campaign play on our fears and scare us into giving them another four years. They don't deserve it.

Administrations change and Americans keep right on doing what needs to be done. We can do it better without George Bush, Dick Cheney and the rest of their failed administration.

Bernadette Malinoski
Lima Township

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OTHER VOICES

Political candidates should address issues

Back at day camp, the counselors settled disagreements by standing the kids face to face.

President Bush and Senator Kerry, step right up. We'll start with the senator.

We're glad you served with distinction in Vietnam, but what you did more than 30 years ago has little bearing on what kind of president you might make. Drop it.

Military service is an honorable thing, and thank God there are men and women who enlist. But it makes you no better a citizen, leader or person than anyone else. When you pay your taxes every year, you serve your country.

Enough with the war record. Tell us how you're going to run the country.

Mr. President, we still can't seem to figure out how you got into the so-called "champagne unit" of the National Guard during Vietnam, and we're still waiting to find out where on earth you were for about a year of your service, when you apparently went AWOL.

Given that (not to mention the fact that your vice president dodged military service), it's probably not a good idea to have your lackeys pooch-pooch Kerry's record in Vietnam. The Washington press corps, pampered stenographers they may be, might start asking about your military service again. You don't want that.

Meanwhile, back where people actually live and pay the bills, here's what's going on:

•The Big Three automakers, not exactly a den of socialists, have floated the idea of a national health care plan because their fear costs eventually will strangle them.

•Medicare and Medicaid, two of the largest expenses states must bear, have con-

tributed mightily to the rash of budget crises across the nation, including one here in Michigan.

•Prescription drug prices remain far higher than those charged in other industrialized countries because the federal government institutes no price controls. Ah, the power of the lobbyist.

•Manufacturing jobs continue to disappear, which perhaps might be a sign of progress. At the same time,

however, there appears to be no coherent federal plan to train the next generation of workers for the next generation of middle-class-building jobs.

•Big cities are laying off police officers and firefighters and other personnel to balance their budgets. School districts in many areas are cutting valuable staff and programs to do the same. And let's not even talk about what college is going to cost for a child born this year.

•The threat of another massive terrorist attack in

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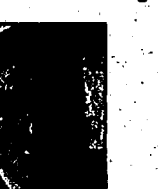
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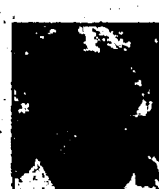
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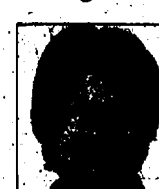
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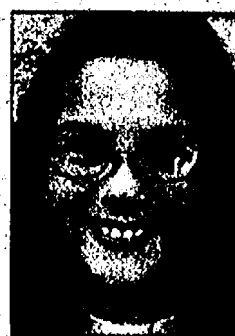
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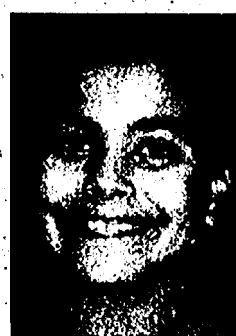
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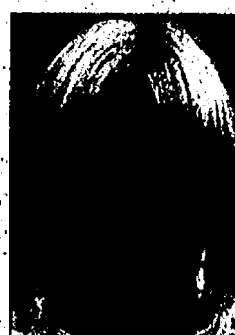
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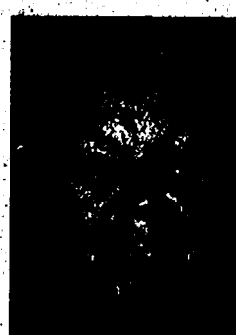
"I enjoyed watching pole vaulting. I like watching them jump."

Aaron Johnson
Chelsea



"I enjoyed watching the swimming when I had the chance."

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"I really liked the swimming. I love to swim and I am proud of the gold medal that the girl got."

Shirley Moody
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OTHER VOICES

School lunch has seen changes over the years

School hot lunches today consist of many more choices now than when I was growing up.

Today children are offered a menu variety consisting of a salad bar, taco bar, pizza, hamburgers, steamed rice, fruit, or chicken sandwiches and much more. All variations of milk, including chocolate, are available, as well as bottled water and soft drinks.

While attending second through fifth grades at the now-defunct St. Joseph Catholic School in Dexter, there was no hot lunch. Students brought brown bags or lunch boxes from home. A small carton of milk could be purchased for 2 cents.

Lunch was held in the school basement, where there was a kitchen, but the ovens were only used to warm up the hot cross buns that we were given occasionally for breakfast.

I didn't own a superhero or comic character lunch box. Mine was a metal, purple-plaid pattern that came with a matching thermos. Thermoses were metal on the outside and glass on the inside. If a thermos was accidentally dropped, the inside shattered and the whole thing had to be thrown away.

On occasion, my sister, brother and I had

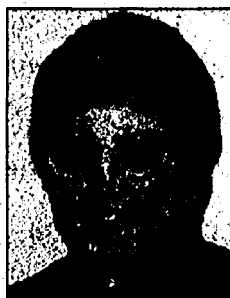
hot dogs for lunch. In the morning before school, we simply put a hot dog into the thermos, added hot chicken noodle or tomato soup, and screwed the lid on. By lunchtime, the hot dog would be all warmed through.

Getting the hot dog out of the thermos in one piece was a little tricky. First, we carefully poured the soup into the thermos lid, making sure the hot dog didn't come out at the same time. Once the soup was poured out, we could then dump out the dog.

We packed a hot dog bun with catsup or mustard already on it and, voila, it was hot lunch. Other kids thought it was weird, but I always considered my mom a genius for introducing us to that great idea.

I remember making an assembly line of sorts in our home kitchen to prepare sandwiches ahead of time. Slices of bread were laid out on the counter, where we all had our own job of either spreading on the butter and then the mustard.

Each sandwich got one or two pieces of bologna, and then it was all put together, wrapped tightly in wax paper and stored in the big chest freezer in our basement.



MARGARET STEPTOE

In the morning, we simply had to retrieve a sandwich from the freezer and add it to our lunch box or brown bag. By noon, the sandwich was thawed out, but still cold, as well as everything else that needed to be kept chilled.

Bananas always seemed to be the fruit of choice in my lunch until my jokester dad packed my lunch one morning and thought it would be a hoot to put a banana in my lunch that came from the fake fruit bowl that sat on the dining room table.

I was really embarrassed when I pulled it out, but I think I was more upset that he had not included a real banana, as well. I had looked forward to the fruit all morning and didn't have anything to eat in its place. Even though he was at work, I could hear him silently snickering in my mind.

Homemade cookies were sometimes included with our meal, as well as potato chips wrapped carefully in wax paper or plastic wrap.

In sixth grade, I changed schools and registered to attend the brand-new Wylie Middle School, now Wylie Elementary, in Dexter. There was no lunchroom or cafeteria

there at that time. We carried our brown bag lunches (it wouldn't have been cool to carry a lunchbox) to the school's gymnasium.

We retrieved a metal folding chair from the stacks of them that were stored there and sat around in a circle with our friends while we ate. After we finished, we had to return the chairs and then we would walk the halls until class time, or if it was nice outside, we'd stroll around the school, arms interlocked, catching up on all the latest gossip.

In high school, I still enjoyed my brown-bag lunches, as did most of my friends. We would rather be chatting together at a lunch table instead of waiting in the hot-lunch line.

But when the lunch line had dwindled, we did enjoy those peanut butter sandwiches the lunch ladies gave out for free. It was a sloppy peanut butter concoction spread over a piece of fresh, white bread. The sandwiches became so popular that they started charging a nickel.

I would gladly pay more for one of those creamy tasting sandwiches, and pass up any taco or salad bar they have today.

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LETTERS

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Holmes should stop complaining about Bush

I am writing in regards to the weekly editorials by Howard Holmes. I will be pursuing other like-minded individuals like myself to have him removed from The Chelsea Standard.

I will not tolerate another four years of his doom-and-gloom anti-Bush bashing. He, like his fellow liberals, has been given a platform by the media to whine about being out of power and how this country and its leadership have destroyed us.

I would like to know what he and the Democratic candidate are proposing to protect and strengthen America. I have heard about how President Bush is the wrong man for the job, so how about giving me a better more committed candidate to vote for.

We, the conservative voters of America have not wasted the last four years whining about not getting our way but have stood proudly supporting our president, troops and our country.

So, to Mr. Holmes, I say: Give me a better candidate and a stronger, more direct platform to gain my vote. Otherwise, quit complaining and move on.

Robert Jaynes
Lyndon Township

Urge fair board to bring back clown band

On Aug. 28, the Chelsea Fair Parade experienced its first parade with the Scottville Clown Band, to the delight of hundreds of spectators who crowded the streets from downtown to the fairgrounds.

Since 1903, these famous clowns from Scottville have been entertaining music lovers throughout the state in various parades and con-

certs. Although the total band consists of more than 200 members, usually about 30 to 50 band members appear at any one function. They come from all walks of life, from all parts of the country and range in age from 14 to 80. Many professions are represented, from executives to students to retirees.

I have been a member of the clown band for two years and was instrumental in bringing the band to Chelsea. However, the Clown Band Board has recommended that I pass on this responsibility and leadership to a legitimate organization that can be the host for the band to appear at the Chelsea Community Fair function. This organization should be the Chelsea Community Fair Board.

If you enjoyed the parade and the Scottville Clown Band as much as I did performing in it, then I appeal to the Chelsea community to

contact local fair board members and urge them to bring the band back for next year's parade and a concert following at the fairgrounds.

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donations, the Scottville Clown Band would not have been here.

Also, many thanks to Chelsea Police Chief Scott Sumner and Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood for their help with setup and traffic.

Don Kvarnberg
Dexter Township

WHO'S WATCHING THE CHILDREN?

The Orange County Register thought its readers might like to know about the criminal histories of workers in the state's day-care facilities. After all, the paper's readers were placing their own trust and their children's well-being in the hands of those workers.

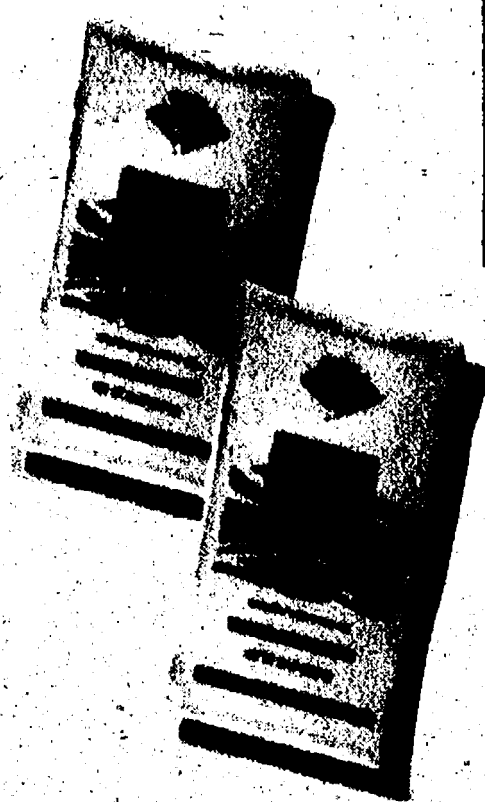
But the state of California turned down a series of newspaper Freedom of Information requests to look at those histories, citing the privacy rights of the workers. It also refused access to its data base of offenses and other day-care center violations unless the newspaper paid \$45,000 for the information.

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

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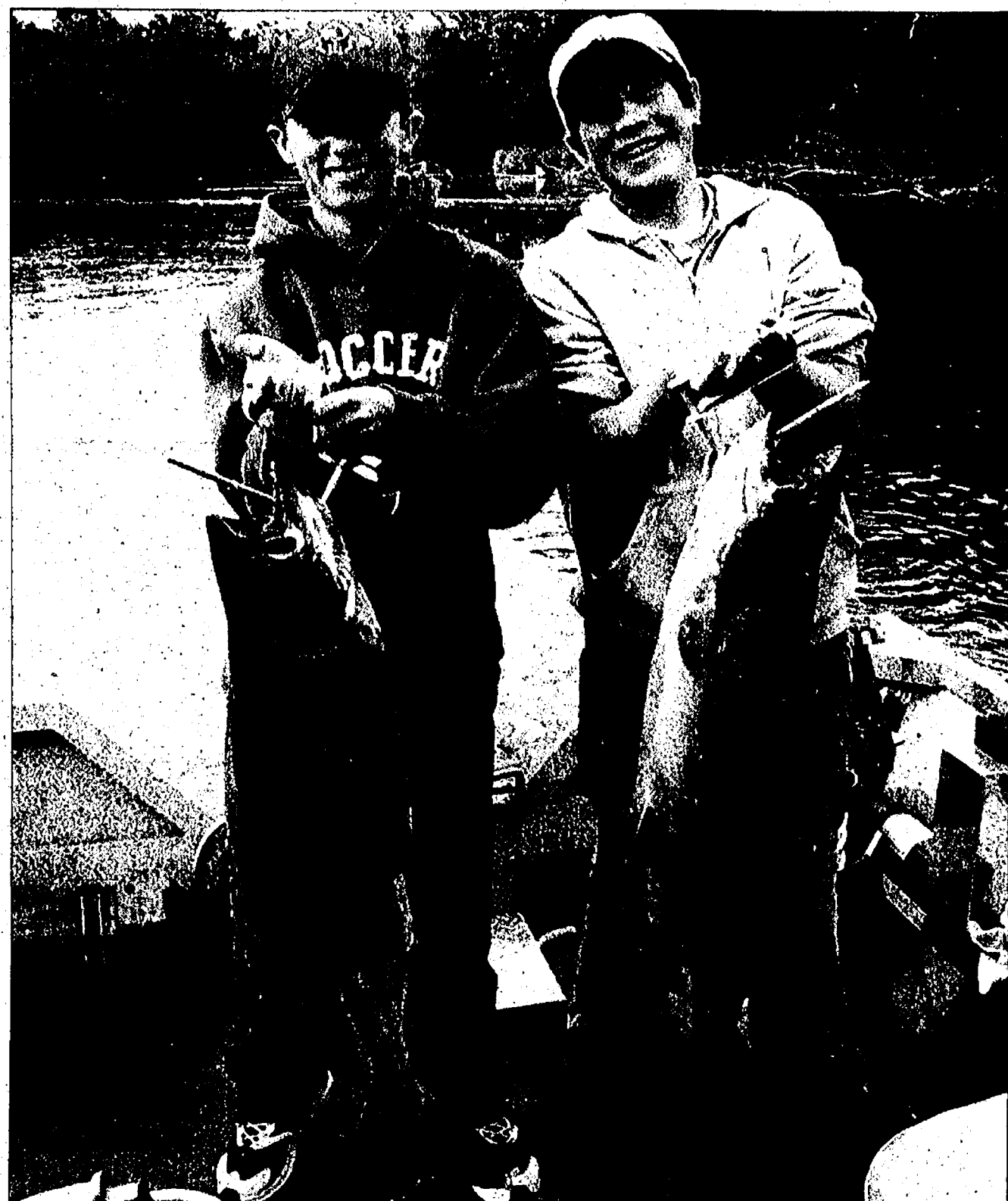
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Fish Tale

While fishing the Manistee River Aug. 20, Dexter's Scott Maggio and Chris Henes each landed a king salmon weighing almost 20 pounds. They were fishing with Scott's dad, Steve, and Capt. Dave Kane of Benzie Fishing Service. The boys are freshmen at Dexter High School.

CHELSEA

Olinyk at American University

Sidney Olinyk, a 2004 graduate of Chelsea High School, is now studying at the American University. Classes began Aug. 30. Located in Washington, D.C., American University is a leader in global education, enrolling a diverse student body from throughout the United States and more than 150 countries, according to a press release from the university. It also provides opportunities for academic excellence, public service and internships in the nation's capital, as well as around the world.

POLICE

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ing complaints of a barefoot man yelling at the building, which was empty.

The man had a hard time walking and keeping his balance. Deputies could smell a strong odor of alcohol on him.

Police asked the man what he was doing at the business and the man started talking "gibberish" that deputies could not understand, a report said.

The man said he had no car and that he didn't know where his shoes were, or where he was at.

Deputies were driving the man home when they noticed a car on school property, across the street from DAPCO, with the lights on and the engine running. The vehicle had crashed into a ditch and sustained heavy damage to the front.

Police also noticed that the man had been driving on the fields near Mill Creek Middle School.

The man said he had been driving the vehicle and told police he had consumed half a pint of gin.

The man recorded a blood-alcohol content of 0.18 percent, which violates the no-tolerance rule set for minors younger than 21.

Webster Township Domestic Assault

A 20-year-old woman called police Aug. 28 after her ex-boyfriend, the father of her child, threatened her

life and allegedly assaulted her.

The woman told police that her ex-boyfriend, 28, came over to her house to go shopping. The couple got in an argument after the victim told the man that she was going to visit her new boyfriend in Chicago, a report said.

According to the woman, the man then became irate and told the woman that he wouldn't leave until she gave him some money. The man took the woman's ATM card and started to leave, but the woman said she would call the bank and change the personal identification number.

The woman told police that the man grabbed her arm, shook her and pulled the phone out of her hand. The woman said she tried to kick him, but missed. The woman picked up her 2-year-old son and retreated to her parents' bedroom, but the man pushed the door open and followed her into the bathroom.

The woman told police that the man swung at her with his fist but that she blocked the punch. The man then

started yelling that if he wasn't happy, than she wasn't going to be happy. The woman also told police that her ex-boyfriend said he would kill her and her new boyfriend if he ever came to visit.

The ex-boyfriend left the house and the woman called police.

Fraud

A 32-year-old woman called police Aug. 31 after discovering that a man who purchased three Jet Skis from her passed a bad check.

The man came to the woman's house and brought a \$4,900 check with him after seeing a classified ad in a trade magazine. The woman's husband met the man and sold him the Jet Skis.

A week later, the bank called the couple and told them the check was fraudulent.

The couple contacted police and the case has been forwarded to the prosecutor's office for review.

Compiled by Staff Writer Scott Hagen based on police reports from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office.

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ORDINANCE

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ber of loose boards and other materials.

"That one in particular scares me because it would be easy to get into for kids," said Township Supervisor Pat Kelly.

Although she has not been made aware of any injuries occurring on the property so far, Kelly doesn't want to have to wait for one to occur. But officials said they are

having problems properly enforcing the blight ordinance to make the owner pay for the clean up.

The other property is an abandoned residence located in the 8000 block Portage Lake Boulevard. The last time a person was known to live in the house was in 1999.

By 2001, the home had been completely abandoned. To comply with the township's blight ordinance, the owners placed a tarp over the dilapidated roof and boarded up the building's windows.

The home was declared uninhabitable by the Chelsea Area Construction Agency in January 2002.

It was then that the building got its trademark covering — big, black plastic sheets hanging on all four sides of the building.

"It looks like it's wrapped up in garbage bags, and it has been that way for two or three years," Kelly said. "It should come down, but we have no mechanism to make those things happen."

Neighbors have com-

plained of wind tearing at the tarp and the plastic siding, allowing animals to inhabit the home. But officials have been unable to do anything more with the property.

"As long as that property is secure, that's the most our current ordinance will allow us to enforce," said Bart Hamilton, the township's ordinance officer. "That's why we are looking for something more viable."

Under the proposed ordinance, owners could be

forced to pay for the demolition of abandoned buildings, as well as any associated fees.

If the ordinance is passed, people failing to comply would be subject to a fine up to \$1,000 and could be charged with a misdemeanor.

The new ordinance would help officials force owners to clean up their properties by collecting the money the same way in which property taxes are collected.

Under the blight ordi-

nance, a person failing to comply could be charged with a misdemeanor and a fine of not more than \$500.

Jail time is also possible as part of both ordinances.

If the ordinance is adopted, the buildings may still remain in tact for a while.

The proposed ordinance outlines a set of procedures officials must follow when assessing property owners with penalties.

The process could take from 10 to 90 days if court procedures are necessary.

MISHAP

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his left hand and a burn to his groin area, where the electricity exited his body.

Although he also suffered a bout of pneumonia in the hospital, Brian otherwise sustained minimal damage to his body.

Brian's most serious damage resulted from anoxia, or depletion of oxygen to the brain. Currently, the level of Brian's coma, the extent of any brain damage and the prognosis for his recovery are unknown.

A team of three doctors

specializing in brain injury, as well as speech and physical therapists, are currently helping Brian at this crucial, early point in his recovery.

Brian has responded to some stimulation, but still has room to improve.

Chris said her son is opening his eyes, recognizing voices and moving his limbs. During Labor Day weekend, Brian held his head up and stood on his own legs with the help of nurses, Chad said.

Individuals respond differently to brain damage and comas, Chris said, and plateaus can be reached at any point while recovering.

"Every case is different.

The doctors have cautioned us between being overly optimistic and not giving up hope. It's possible there could be minimal damage," Chris said. "We're praying for a miracle. We don't know what's out there for him, but we're not giving up hope."

"Regardless of the outcome for Brian, I'm not sure he'll ever be the same, nor will we."

Chris emphasized that her son got hurt doing something he loved. He had always lived life to the fullest, she said — hunting, fishing, four-wheeling and riding personal watercrafts — and had three cars ready to use in a demolition derby at the

Chelsea Community Fair.

"I don't believe Brian would have ever shied away from the job with hazards in mind. If he comes out of this, I can see him back at it. I don't think it would keep him from doing something he enjoys," Chris said.

Families, friends and unacquainted community members have rallied around the Livengood family in response to the accident.

Several hundred people attended an Aug. 19 candlelight vigil for Brian at Pierce Park.

On Aug. 27, members of the Chelsea Bulldogs football team, which Brian formerly

played for, wore his jersey — No. 61 — on their helmets during their first home game.

Members of Zion Lutheran Church, 3050 S. Fletcher Road in Freedom Township, also have supported the family with prayers and meals.

"Our faith has given us incredible strength and a sense of peace that I could have never imagined," Chris said. "We're at peace with whatever God decides. That doesn't mean it hurts any less. But whatever his will is for us, we'll accept it."

The Livengoods express thanks for the overwhelming show of support they've received from the Chelsea community, and invite families who have experienced brain injuries among their

members to contact them.

To reach the Livengoods or share resources, community members may contact Gail Tomaka at Chelsea schools, at 433-2200, Ext. 6079, or Mary Underwood at St. Mary Catholic Church, 475-8164.

Chad, who also thanked Chelsea community members who have prayed for Brian and supported his family, said Monday that his brother is a fighter.

"Brian is a pretty tough guy with a lot of resolve inside of him," Chad said. "He's got to be scared to death, but he's fighting hard. We're thankful for every extra day we have with him."

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MILLAGE

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lion for renovations to the Chelsea District Library.

"We're trying to get the word out, especially to the parents of the children, but it's a hard read," said Chelsea Schools Superintendent Dave Killips. "The tough part is, it's the third situation that's hitting the ballots recently. I think each time you go, it makes it that much more difficult."

Killips added that he has heard a mixture of support and opposition to the millage. But, overall, he said, feedback has been positive.

"I've heard 'The schools already have what they need. Why are they asking again?' to 'Boy, it's too bad we're asking for the special-needs kids last because some of them need it most.' I've heard it from every angle," Killips said.

In Dexter, Superintendent Evelyn Shirk is hesitantly optimistic that voters there will approve the millage.

"It's important for all kids, it will help everybody," Shirk said.

The impact of news that the Dexter School District

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When Congress passed the Individuals with Disabilities Act in 1975, the government promised to fund 40 percent of the cost for special education students. Although funding has been steadily increasing since that time, the government is still falling well short of fully funding its share of special education costs. That shortfall is beginning to create problems inside school districts, as money from other programs must be reshuffled and certain employee cuts must be made to account for the difference.					
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1997	5,806	\$13,440,830	\$3,107,522	9.2	
1998	5,978	\$14,457,195	\$3,801,000	10.5	
1999	6,133	\$15,445,347	\$4,310,000	11.1	
2000	6,274	\$16,641,157	\$4,869,000	11.9	
2001	6,381	\$17,882,114	\$6,323,685	14.1	
2002	6,485	\$19,446,408	\$7,612,533	15.4	
2003	6,611	\$20,740,029	\$8,858,366	17	
2004	6,737	\$21,563,789	\$10,052,106	19.6	

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ended the 2003-2004 fiscal year with a \$1.5 million surplus remains to be seen at the polls.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. in Chelsea; for Chelsea voters and at the Dexter Community Pool lobby, 3060 Kensington St. in Dexter, for voters in Dexter schools.

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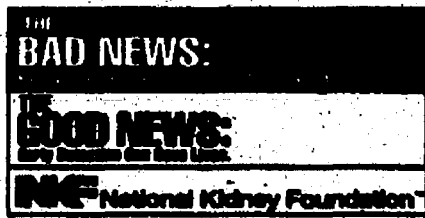
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department's Web pages located under "departments" at the Chelsea School District Web site, chelsea.k12.mi.us.

Included on the transportation Web site is a "road construction" page, where road closures are posted, as the city, county and state

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Sam Vogel is the transportation director at Chelsea schools. He can be reached at 433-2274 or svogel@gmail.com. chelsea.k12.mi.us.



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WASHTENAW COUNTY

MapWashtenaw provides benefits in commerce, research

Interactive map viewer provides access to aerial imagery

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

A new, free, online service providing access to county residents of the most recent maps of property parcels and data was launched by Washtenaw County late last month.

MapWashtenaw is an interactive map viewer that provides access to aerial imagery, natural features information, watershed locations and district maps for the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.

"This is really the first of a two-phase launch," said Kimberly Wright, Geographic Information System coordinator. "The second phase, due early next year, will combine these images with online e-commerce. The combined applications will allow you to connect with property deeds from the county Clerk's Office and with delinquent tax information from the county Treasurer's Office and more."

Wright said that the application, in most cases, will be used by residents to find out a variety of information about their own properties, including soil information, watershed locations, natural features and other property data, as well as an aerial photo of the property.

"They might need this information if they intend to sell the property," Wright said. "Or they may plan to make an addition to their home ... or they may simply be looking out of curiosity."

The application also is intended to assist potential property purchasers, title companies and Realtors, but it can be a great resource for local government units, as well, Wright said.

"We've also been working with local schools, mostly the Ann Arbor Public Schools, to use the Web site for computer mapping instruction," she said.

Planning for the public launch of the site has been under way for two years as the site has been up internally during that interval. The past three months have been the most intense preparation as the site prepared to go live Aug. 27.

The MapWashtenaw Web site is easily reached on eWashtenaw, the county's public Web site, by clicking Online Services.

The application covers any property in Washtenaw County, with the exception of parcels within the boundaries of the city of Ann Arbor, which has a separate site that is linked to the MapWashtenaw Web site.

The aerial photo feature is what Wright considers one of the ways the MapWashtenaw site will be extremely useful, not only to individual residents, but as an econom-

NEED TO KNOW

MapWashtenaw provides access to the latest parcel maps and property data available from Washtenaw County through an interactive map viewer. Searchers can access the site from www.eWashtenaw.org and clicking on "MapWashtenaw Property Mapping" on the right side of the page or directly at www.gisweb.eWashtenaw.org/

www.gisweb.eWashtenaw.org/ website/publicMS/publicMain.html. Among the viewable layers available on maps are county base, railroads, section lines, roads and road rights-of-way easements, parcel plat boundaries, county drains and right-of-way, streams and lakes, Board of Commissioners districts, watersheds, soils and 2002 aerial photos.

ic development tool benefiting the entire county.

Aerial photos, taken in 2002, can provide a wide-angle or close-up view of individual properties throughout the county. The maps can also show a variety of layers, which increase as a user zooms in on the property location.

"I know title companies are using it already," Wright said. "We've had some calls from companies that are using it for research purposes. One of the big services we offer is to sell printed aerials; we currently get about 50

to 75 requests per week. People now can get these via the Web."

"I anticipate a lot of those people will be using that application."

The MapWashtenaw site utilizes a Geographic Information System, which allows data on digital maps to be placed in layers linked to a variety of databases.

"It's a marriage of computer mapping and database technology," Wright says. "The online mapping application allows you to not only view a map of a property, but also pull up a list of all as-

sing information, for any spot in Washtenaw County."

A second launch, set for early next year, is where the county will start to see a return on its investment, Wright said.

"This is such a good economic development and research tool," she said, "especially for companies that want to locate in Washtenaw County. They can get much of the information they want and need via the Web. It will be very exciting when companies can get all the pieces of information they need at one site."

When the system is merged together, users can obtain parcel information from mapping to tax and deed information, and find parcels listed for sale, all on a single

Web site. "That will be a really great economic development tool for the county," Wright said. "We want to make sure people know that the information is available; it's a free service and a great research tool for the community."

MapWashtenaw joins a comprehensive list of online services provided through eWashtenaw that include certified vital records, deeds, document search and retrieval, online environmental data, online ticket payment, the MapStore and HistWeb, a historic Resource database, among others.

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STATE

Guide to help rock collectors

For years, the secrets of where to find Petoskey stones have been held tightly by rock collectors, dealers and rock hounds throughout the Great Lakes, but now a new book reveals these locations and much more.

"The Complete Guide to Petoskey Stones," by Bruce Mueller and William H. Wilde, was written to not only reveal where to find these prized stones, but to reveal how they were formed, the laws and regulations for taking them home and how to clean them.

"I kept looking for a book that would answer all my questions about Petoskey stones, and I couldn't find one," Wilde said in a press release. "So with the help of Bruce Mueller, who has a master's in geology from the University of Illinois and who has run one of northern

Michigan's rock shops for over 20 years, we have put together the most complete book on Petoskeys.

"A great example of what we discovered is that Petoskeys are found as far away as Iowa and you can even find them in the Upper Peninsula. Bruce even showed me an Alaskan Petoskey, which we put in the book."

Both Mueller and Wilde wanted the book to help continue the family tradition of rock hunting and discovering new places to find Michigan's state stone, and to ensure success in finding them.

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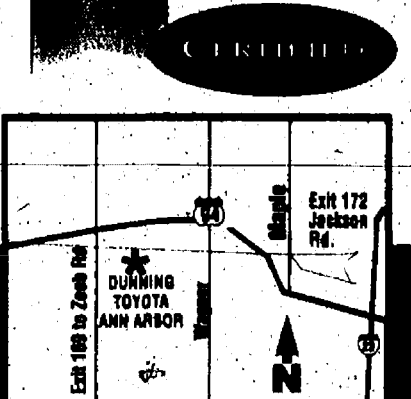
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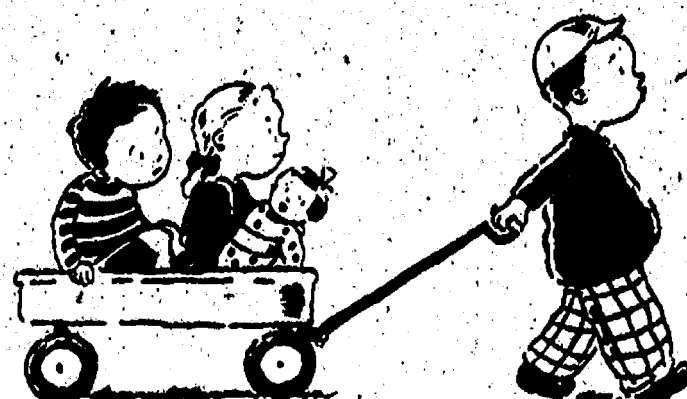
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Finding A Niche

Allison Heinen finds her niche in kindergarten as she begins the school year. The youngster is in teacher Lexa O'Brien's class at North Creek Elementary School.

Photo by Rita Fischer



ISSUES

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America still looms, but many federal, state and local agencies, including those all-important first responders, still lack the coordination and funding to adequately deal with a variety of scenarios.

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CHELSEA

Sing joins group

Zoe Sing of Chelsea is a new junior member of the American Angus Association.

John Crouch, executive vice president of the national organization, which is headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo., recently made the announcement in a press release.

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Chelsea's own Tara Platt is MAKING IT IN HOLLYWOOD

Actress adds
producer to title

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

If Hollywood is a dog-eat-dog world, former Chelsea resident Tara Platt is determined to swallow as much as she can chew.

Platt, an actor, recently added the title "producer" to her resume. She and her husband, Yuri Lowenthal, together have founded Monkey Kingdom Productions.

"Being basically newcomers in the industry, we realized that it's really tough to break into the feature film industry, as writers, as actors, as anything," Platt said. "The best way to do it is to be developing our own projects. So we just sat down and we said, 'This is what we are going to do. This is what we have to do.'"

The company's office doors officially opened Sept. 1.

The production company's first film attempt will be "Barstow," which Platt describes as a character-driven, intense drama inspired in part by the movie "The Station Agent."

According to a press release, Barstow will be "the hopeful tale of three strangers who cross paths in a small desert town and begin a mystical journey to bury their ghosts."

"It's not big chase scenes. It's really a character-development piece," Platt said. "It's within our means, and it's something that we are really passionate about."

The production team is still working on casting for the film, which Lowenthal

wrote and Platt will star in. Making it in Hollywood as an actor has been Platt's dream since she was a young girl.

"Before that, I wanted to be a neurosurgeon," Platt said, laughing. "Then Dad became a doctor. ... When my dad was working in school, I went to go see theater with my mom."

Those innocent trips to the theater proved to be the beginning of a very, very long journey.

Watching a chorus of young actors seemingly playing through the musical "Annie," Platt decided she wanted to do that, too.

She immediately began searching for acting roles in her community. Her first gig was in a play called "Wait until Dark."

Platt describes the play as a thriller about a blind woman trying to escape some very bad men. She played a young girl trying to help the woman outlast her enemies.

"It was a really intense show for a little kid to be a part of," she said.

She had been living in Oklahoma City at the time, but the family moved shortly after. From there, her desire to act followed her everywhere she went.

Platt said she came to Chelsea in 1993 and stayed for two years, when she graduated from high school. Her family still lives in the area.

While in Chelsea, she performed in the play "The Boyfriend," and was involved in several shows at The

Purple Rose Theatre Co.

In one of her early roles, Platt played a rape victim. That role, she said, helped teach her the true significance of her career when a rape victim who saw the play came up to her after it was over to thank her — and to cry.

"That's what acting is about — to be able to let someone else have their moment, to have their cathartic release, to be able to go on the journey that they weren't on before," she said.

Later, Platt worked on a canceled series called "Struggling Truths" for the Performance Network. Though the job didn't land her any notoriety among the general public, she said it was still a valuable experience.

Fame, after all, isn't everything.

In fact, to Platt, fame is just a side effect of her job — sort of like weight gain can be a side effect of cooking at a restaurant.

It's the acting that counts.

"I consistently check in with myself so that I'm always sure I'm on the right path," she said. "Love what you do and you never work a day in your life."

Platt has been living in Los Angeles for 2 1/2 years. She had previously lived in New York City for three years after college.

The move to Los Angeles had been risky, but Platt felt the timing was right. A move there was the next logical step on her metaphorical

See PLATT —
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The cast of "Barstow" includes Michael Brown (left), Yuri Lowenthal and Chelsea's Tara Platt. Platt and Lowenthal have founded Monkey Kingdom Productions.



Holding a script for the film "Barstow," Tara Platt, a Chelsea High School graduate, stars in the scene in the film "Barstow." She and her husband are producing the flick.



Chelsea's Tara Platt plays Rebecca in the film "Barstow." In this scene, she stands at the Barstow train station.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Sept. 9

The Chelsea Area Cub Packs will be registering new Scouts in first through fifth grades 7 p.m. at Pierce Lake Elementary, 275 N. Freer Road. For more information, call Cubmasters Mark Wesley 475-1201, Tom Benetateu 475-1670 or Michael Dalley 734-368-4345.

Saturday, Sept. 11

A gourd decorating contest will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Chelsea Farmers' Market. It will be hosted by the Chelsea District Library. Supplies will be provided. Judging will take place at 11 a.m. and the gourds will be on display at 500 Washington St. For information, call 475-8732.

A joint open house will be hosted by the Chelsea Center for the Arts and the Chelsea Children's Co-op Preschool from 4 to 8 p.m. at the CCA, 400 Congdon St. For more information, call 433-2787.

Sunday, Sept. 12

"Incredible Edibles" walk will be held 1:30 p.m. at the Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Road, in Chelsea. Because of limited space, reservations are required by calling 475-3170. Program length is 90 minutes.

Wednesday, Sept. 15

Fall story time will be held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. for 2- to 3-year-olds and 11:30 to noon for 4- to 6-year-olds. A parent or caregiver must remain with the children. Story time is free, but registration is required. Call 475-8732.

Parents as Teachers Program open house will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at the playground in the Washington Street Community Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea. For more information, call Sara Champion at 433-2206, Ext. 6018.

Thursday, Sept. 16

The Senior Book Discussion Club will begin meeting for the fall session 1:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St., in Chelsea. For more information, call Tracy Malek at 475-8732.

Lima Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing 6 p.m. at Lima Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road, in Chelsea.

Sunday, Sept. 19

The 21st annual Fall Fleece Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer Drive, in Chelsea. Admission is free and the facilities are wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 475-2306 or 769-1857.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the third Thursday of the month. Call 475-1145.

Chelsea Community Farmers Market is from 4 to 8 p.m. every Thursday through October at the Chelsea Fairgrounds on Old US-12.

U.S. Congressman Nick Smith, R-7th District office hours are from 4 to 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at 305 S. Main St. Call 1-517-783-4486.

Friends of Chelsea District Library, for more information please contact Marie Brooks at 475-8732 or Jennifer Kundak at 475-2424.

Senior Book Club meets 1:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. For information, call 475-8732.

Senior Connections is held the second and fourth Thursday each month 10 a.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. A free bus ride is available by pre-registering. A \$2 lunch is also available at the Chelsea Nutrition Service. For more information or to register, call 475-8732.

Senior Nutrition Program meets noon every Thursday 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 Center Great Room. Call 475-1462.

Bingo is held 6:30 p.m. every Friday night at Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, 7103 Lingans Road, in Chelsea. Call 475-7910.

Saturday
Chelsea Farmers' Market is held every Saturday through October, weather permitting, from 8 a.m. to noon on Park Street in Chelsea.

Hope 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. Call 475-3305.

Western Washtenaw Republicans meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Cleary's Pub, 113 S. Main St. Call 475-3674.

German Social Club meets 1 p.m. the last Saturday of the month at Wolverine restaurant, 20460 Old US-12. Call 475-1583.

Sunday

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets from 1:30 to 4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month. Call 1-800-852-9781.

Monday
Al-Anon meets 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. 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 noon the second Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Call 475-1493.

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-5944.

Chelsea Senior Nutrition Lunch Program has moved to the cafeteria on the campus of the Old Chelsea High School, 500 East Washington St. Open to the public Monday-Friday at noon. To reserve a lunch call at least one day in advance at 475-9242.

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous meets

6 to 7 p.m. every Monday at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road. 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.

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

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

Euche Party is held 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center, 512 E. Washington St. Call 475-9242.

Grandparents as Parents program is held 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Call 712-3625.

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

Woman's Club of Chelsea meets 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at The Pines, 325 Wilkinson St. Call 475-0467.

Wednesday

Chelsea Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4076, 105 N. Main St., meets 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. Call 475-1448.

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

DEXTER

Tuesday, Sept. 14

Dancing Pencils writing group will be held 10:30 a.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann

Arbor St., in Dexter. It's open to the community. Participants should bring work to be reviewed. For more information, call 426-7737.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Thirty years of ministry celebration for the Rev. John and Winnie O'Dell will be held 5:30 p.m., with a covered-dish dinner followed by an evening of music at 7 p.m. The event is open to the public and will be held at Dexter Gospel Church, 2253 Baker Road, in Dexter.

"Calling All Owls" program will be held 7 p.m. at Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter Township. A short slide presentation will be followed by a guided hike. The fee is \$5 per adult and \$2 per child. Call 426-8211 to pre-register.

DEXTER MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Dexter AA group meets 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in the education building, 3470 Doyer 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. Call 426-3112.

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

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

Dexter Rotary Club meets 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at The Tuscan House, 7954 Ann Arbor St.

Dexter Downtown Development Authority meets 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Copeland Administration

Building, 7714 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

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

Girlfriends Inc. is for women of all ages. The group meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Call 424-3404.

Monday

Dexter Board of Education meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays at Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road, in Dexter.

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 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

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

Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals meets 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at 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 Doyer St.

Dexter Child Study Club meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. 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.

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays at The Tuscan House, 7954 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Township Board meets 7 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 Tuesdays 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.

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

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

The Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners meets 1 p.m. every other Tuesday, 555 N. Zeeb Road, in Scio Township.

Wednesday

Dexter American Legion Auxiliary meets 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. Call 426-3112.

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

Friends of Dexter District Library meets 12:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. Call 426-4477.

La Lache of Western Washtenaw meets from 10 a.m. to noon the first Wednesday of the month. Call 426-5648.

TOPS Weight Loss Group meets weekly from 8:30 to 9 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor-Dexter Road. Call 426-4031 for more information.

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Hubert, Ritter exchange marriage vows in New York

Jimae Ritter and Doug Hubert, both of Endicott, N.Y., were married Aug. 6. They had a humanist ceremony at Wagner Vineyards in Lodi, N.Y.

The bride is the daughter of Linda Ori of Price, Utah. The groom is the son of David and Kathie Hubert of Queensbury, N.Y.

The bride's daughter, Rhianon Tucker of Strasburg, Va., was the maid of honor.

A reception was held at Carnie's Irish Pub in Binghamton, N.Y. The couple will be taking a honeymoon to Ireland in the spring.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Chelsea High School. She attended Michigan State University, Elmira College and graduated from Binghamton University, in Binghamton, N.Y. She is an English teacher at Vestal Middle School in Vestal, N.Y.

The groom is a graduate of Queensbury High School in Queensbury, N.Y. He also earned a degree from Binghamton University and works as a science teacher at Union-Endicott High School in Endicott, N.Y.



ENGAGED: Emily Peters of Howard City, daughter of John and Patty Peters of Grand Rapids, and Curtis Satterthwaite of Howard City, son of Ronald and Jean Satterthwaite of Chelsea, have set an Oct. 9 wedding date. The future bride graduated from West Catholic High School and is employed at Wolverine World Wide in Rockford. The future groom is a 1989 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University. He is an officer with the Grand Rapids Police Department.



ENGAGED: David Kvamberg of Chelsea and Julie Sanfilippo of Forest Park, Ill., are engaged. A wedding date has not been set. The future bride is the daughter of Bruce and Terry Sanfilippo of Oak Brook, Ill. She has a bachelor's degree in dance from Beloit College in Beloit, Wis. She performs and teaches ballet dance at the Academy of Dance and Music in Oak Park, Ill. The future groom is the son of Donald and Carol Kvamberg of Chelsea. He is a graduate of Rush Medical College and has completed one year of internship at Rush-Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. He is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, serving as a general medical officer with the Marines in Iraq.

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP

Grief series to begin

St. Joseph Mercy Hospice will present a five-part grief recovery series on five consecutive Tuesdays beginning Sept. 28.

Each weekly session will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the education center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, in Superior Township. Registration is required.

The series will help people who have lost loved ones adapt to the loss and develop new skills in coping. The series offers participants healthy ways to move through the grief process and provides support understanding and friendship to those who may believe they are alone with their feelings of grief.

The goals of the group are to understand how grief affects one physically, emotionally and spiritually; learn to deal with difficult emotions such as anger, guilt and loneliness; learn to take care of oneself and reinvest one's energy; and to take steps to reconcile with grief, and grow because of it.

The series is open to the public and there is no charge. It's recommended that participants attend all five sessions.

Call St. Joseph Mercy Hospice at 327-3409 to register.



ENGAGED: Angela Whaley of Linden, daughter of Sue and John Whaley of Linden, and Ryan Schmoekel of Pinckney, son of Patricia and David Schmoekel of Dexter, have set a Feb. 26, 2005, wedding date at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Dexter. The future bride is a 1998 graduate of Fenton High School. She is employed at Century Truss Inc. The future bridegroom is a 1996 graduate of Dexter High School and is a structural engineer at Century Truss Inc.

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Chelsea Cadette Troop 1264 traveled to Costa Rica recently and enjoyed the many activities, including a zipline course. Scouts Willa Booth, Nikki Oberholtzer, Chelsie Whitesall, Jenny Franklin, Jennifer Swain, Heather Neff, Danielle Williams and Laura Strader are pictured during the fun.

CHELSEA

Scouts travel to Costa Rica

Chelsea Cadette Troop 1264 recently returned from 11 days in Costa Rica.

The troop thought about the trip for four years and prepared for two years, corresponding with elementary school pupils in the Heredia province and then meeting them during the trip.

Costa Rican locals generally cannot afford the exciting activities offered to tourists, so 17 Costa Rican schoolgirls and their school

director were invited to join the troop for a day of activities. They experienced everything from horseback riding along trails to zipline traversing through the rain forest canopy and whitewater rafting on the Sarapiquí River at Hacienda Pozo Azul.

The troop also donated many bilingual books, both to the school and to the owner of La Quinta Country Inn who teaches English as a

second language to local children and who helped the troop correspond with the school.

The troop chose Journeys International travel agency to manage the trip, and they helped underwrite the cost of the Costa Rican students' participation along with Hacienda Pozo Azul.

Traveling by either boat or bus on canals and cobbled back roads, the troop went to both the Caribbean and

Pacific Coast of Costa Rica, three national parks, Earth University, Inbioparque park, an artist's cooperative, oxcart factory and banana plantation.

— Submitted by Troop 1264

CHELSEA

Fall story times begin

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4- to 6-year-old story time.

Story time, always a fun event for toddlers and preschoolers, is filled with stories, songs, crafts and finger plays. Karen Persello, head of youth and teen serv-

ices, will lead this fall's session.

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40th Class Reunion

The Chelsea High School class of 1964 held its 40th class reunion July 24 at the Comfort Inn in Chelsea. In attendance were, in front, Jim Lounsbury (left), Jeff Flintoft, Nancy Luick Carr, Marcia Bertke Westerbeke, David Hargrave, Gordon Beeman, Beverly Bergman Holly, Lynn Harvey and Warren Porath; second row, Larry Fletcher (left), Jim Hanson, Ken Bollinger, John Hand, Janice Wood Perry, Pauline Johnson Porath, Barbara Worden Stobbe, Gayle Schauls Murphy, Evelyn Rothfuss McGuire, Kay Buss LeFurge, Donna Brand Wahr, Karen Buss Polley, Patsy Hageman Kemner, Mike Scholtens and Frank White; third row, Jock Crawford (left), Marilyn Smith Monroe, Carolyn Smith Flintoft, Carol Mayer, Gloria Heydlauff, Laura Weir Morton, Mike Hitchingham, Beverly Windell Card, Roberta Devine Myers; fourth row, Curt Farley (left), Jim Schiller, Rose Marie Porter Walker, Jim Schneider, Penny Boyer Hannevald, Rose Ann Zahn Daniels, Ginger Bozas Snedecker, Jerry Bristle, Pam Davis Bristle, Bob Reed, Jeanene Dvorak Riemenschneider and Linda Blaess Grandy.

BIRTHS

A daughter, Felicia Elana, was born July 23 at Banner Hospital in Mesa, Ariz., to Phillip and Camille Hart of Mesa, Ariz. Grandparents are Don and Nancy Bowman of Waterloo Township, and Tom and Mary Helen Strabala of Mesa Ariz.

A son, Eric Walter, was born Aug. 6 in Pontiac to Ernie and Karren Bristle of Royal Oak. Grandmother is Ruth Bristle of St. Joseph. Eric has two siblings, Ryan Bristle, 10, and Brandon Gray, 11.

A son, Collin George, was born Aug. 2 in Ann Arbor to Derek and Eva Johnson of Ypsilanti. Maternal grandparents are Todd and Gail Smith of Webster Township. Paternal grandparents are Steve and Dorothy Johnson of Dexter. Great-grandmother is Jeanette Machuta of Webster Township.

Triplets, Levi Winans, Jake Douglas and Theresa Gwen, were born May 26 to Donald and Colby (Gorton) Fletcher of Corley, Idaho. Maternal grandmother is Gayle Winans of Phoenix. Maternal great-grandmother is June Winans of Chelsea.

A son, Travis Dean, was born Aug. 6 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township to Wes and Aubree (Gerardi) Shemwell of Grass Lake. Maternal grandparents are Robert and Barbara Yopko of Sylvan Township. Paternal grandmother is Anita Young of Peoria, Ill. Travis has a sibling, Cheyenne.

A daughter, Emma Mary Jane, was born Aug. 11 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township to Michelle and Adam Spiess of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Ronald Krull of Whitmore Lake and Marilyn Krull of Ann Arbor. Paternal grandparents are Tom and Sue Spiess of Whitmore Lake. Great-grandmother is Charlotte Krull of Ann Arbor.

A daughter, Emily Madison, was born July 19 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor to Carrie and Chad Trinkle of Dexter. Maternal grandparents are Patrick Vargo of Chelsea, and Darlene and

Larry Kaminski of Stockbridge. Paternal grandparents are Doug and Penny Trinkle of Dexter. Great-grandmothers are Barbara Beeman and Virginia Perry, both of Chelsea. Emily has a sister, Samantha, 9.

A son, Clayton James "CJ", was born Aug. 24 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor to Rachel Zinke and Justin Greenwood of Gregory. Maternal grandmother is Diane Zinke of Howell. Paternal grandmother is Evelyn Greenwood of Gregory. Great-grandmother is Clarissa Walker of Tecumseh. Clayton has a sister, Alexis, 3.

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NATION

Organizer keeps moms on task

Book keeps an inventory of cards sent and received, as well as parties and potlucks to attend

By Lisa Viadurri-Bowling
Special Writer

It's only September, but it's a pretty sure bet Theresa Fiorani has most of her Christmas shopping done.

In fact, not only are the gifts purchased and ready to be wrapped, but each one has been carefully jotted down in "The Busy Mom's Christmas Organizer," a book Fiorani published.

After working 18 years as a claims adjuster for Allstate Insurance Co., Fiorani took a leave of absence in 2003.

"It just became too difficult to balance work and family, so we decided I would take this leave to stay home for a while," she said.

Fiorani and her husband, Doug, have three children: Natalie, 11; Megan, 7; and Brendan, 5.

"I am organized and I am always trying to be more organized," she said. "I call myself a 'bin-oholic,' because I can't go shopping without buying some type of box, basket or bin."

"I have been organized for a long time, but I can't trace back where this obsession started."

"The (holiday) organizer has helped me be better organized because it forces me to think about some aspects of Christmas that I may overlook until the last minute."

She said she can "obsess over Christmas," becoming concerned about what to get the kids, and making sure that they each get about the same number, size and price range, because they compare among themselves.

"I kept a spreadsheet on my computer of what I had purchased and would update it periodically and print it out so I could have it with me," Fiorani said. "But it was cumbersome."

"I tried to find some kind of Christmas-related organizer in bookstores, gift shops, office supply stores, on the Internet, but there was little out there."

So two years ago, she decided to make her own holiday organizer. She tested it on family members, including her mother, Nancy Marcantonio, and her sister, Rose Angela Lowrey, and her father, Albert Marcantonio, along with friends.

Then Fiorani took a self-publishing class through an adult education program near

her home.

"I learned I had the skills to self-publish a book," she said. "So that's what I did. Learning about self-publishing made me realize that anyone can publish a book about anything, and they do."

"It's the marketing of the book that is the real challenge."

She started her own publishing company, Cold Toast Press, and in 2003 published her first Christmas organizer.

Fiorani said she came up with the name "Cold Toast Publishing" because she always complains that she never gets to eat her toast when it's warm.

"Just when it pops out of the toaster, someone calls me away or I start doing something else, and when I return, my toast is cold," she said.

"Cold toast just seemed like a good metaphor for a busy mom, so that's what I named the business."

Fiorani's "The Busy Mom's Christmas Organizer" retails for \$10.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling.

The 90-page softcover book comes with a holiday pen and keeps an inventory of everything from Christmas cards received and sent to potlucks and parties.

The author uses spreadsheets to help keep track of holiday budgets, and vinyl pockets inside both covers are ideal for storing receipts, coupons, stamps and recipes.

There's even a section titled "Gift Bank." Here's where busy moms can log that "perfect gift" they buy for someone and keep an inventory.

"I included gift bank pages to help me manage the inventory, and to resist from building up another inventory," she said. "Some people like to keep a cache of gifts, and that's fine, too."

"This section helps you inventory what you have."

Fiorani said you don't have to be a "busy mom" to use her holiday organizer.

"It's created to help busy women, as well as men, keep it all together this holiday season," she said.

"Like a day planner, the intent of the organizer is to fill it out this year, save it for historical record, and buy another one next year."

"The Holiday Wrap-up pages at the end of the book allow you to reflect on your holiday and make notes for next season. Then, review those pages when you start planning in your new organizer."

Although the spiral-bound book is only available through Fiorani's Web site at



Theresa Fiorani has created "The Busy Mom's Christmas Organizer."

www.coldtoastpress.com, she is contemplating other marketing possibilities.

"I am considering putting it on Amazon.com again, but I will have to raise the price so I can clear a profit, and I may submit it to Borders," she said. "We are also looking at eBay."

She also is offering the book as a fund-raiser to schools and moms' organizations. They

can sell the book and their groups earn \$2.50 per book sold, she said.

"I like to say that this fund-raiser is a 'carb-free' alternative to the candy sales many schools opt for," Fiorani said. "And we know that the moms are buying much of the product to support their school."

"So they might as well buy something practical."

GRASS LAKE

Fall Focus Festival set Sept. 18-19

The Michigan Center for the Photographic Arts, a Grass Lake-based nonprofit organization, will host its fourth annual Fall Focus Festival Sept. 18 and 19.

Through its work in local schools, the center brings the photographic process to young people from kindergarten through high school while introducing them to art professionals.

The center provides a variety of learning experiences for school-age children to help them learn the basics of good photography and gives them a chance to use a camera and see their finished work.

Growing each year through tax-deductible donations from corporations, foundations and individuals, the

center's Student Mentoring Program has helped more than 1,200 young people discover photography as a powerful tool of expression, according to a press release from the organization.

With the professional photographers volunteering their time as program mentors, the program's cost is just \$20 per student, including the cost of a disposable camera, film processing, and one 8-by-10 enlargement, which is mounted and matted for display at the center's annual Fall Focus Festival.

The festival will showcase the photographic arts through photography related seminars and by featuring a display of the local students. Additionally, professional photographers will be on

hand to present their work and discuss the field.

Special guest artists will include Detroit native Marco Mancinelli, who is perhaps one of Michigan's most celebrated photographers. He will be at the Fall Focus Festival Sept. 19.

Recently, he traveled to Guatemala and photographed an all-girls ele-

mentary school and he has been invited to photograph an orphanage in India.

When he participates in the festival, Mancinelli will share many of his works and talk in general about photography as art and as a career.

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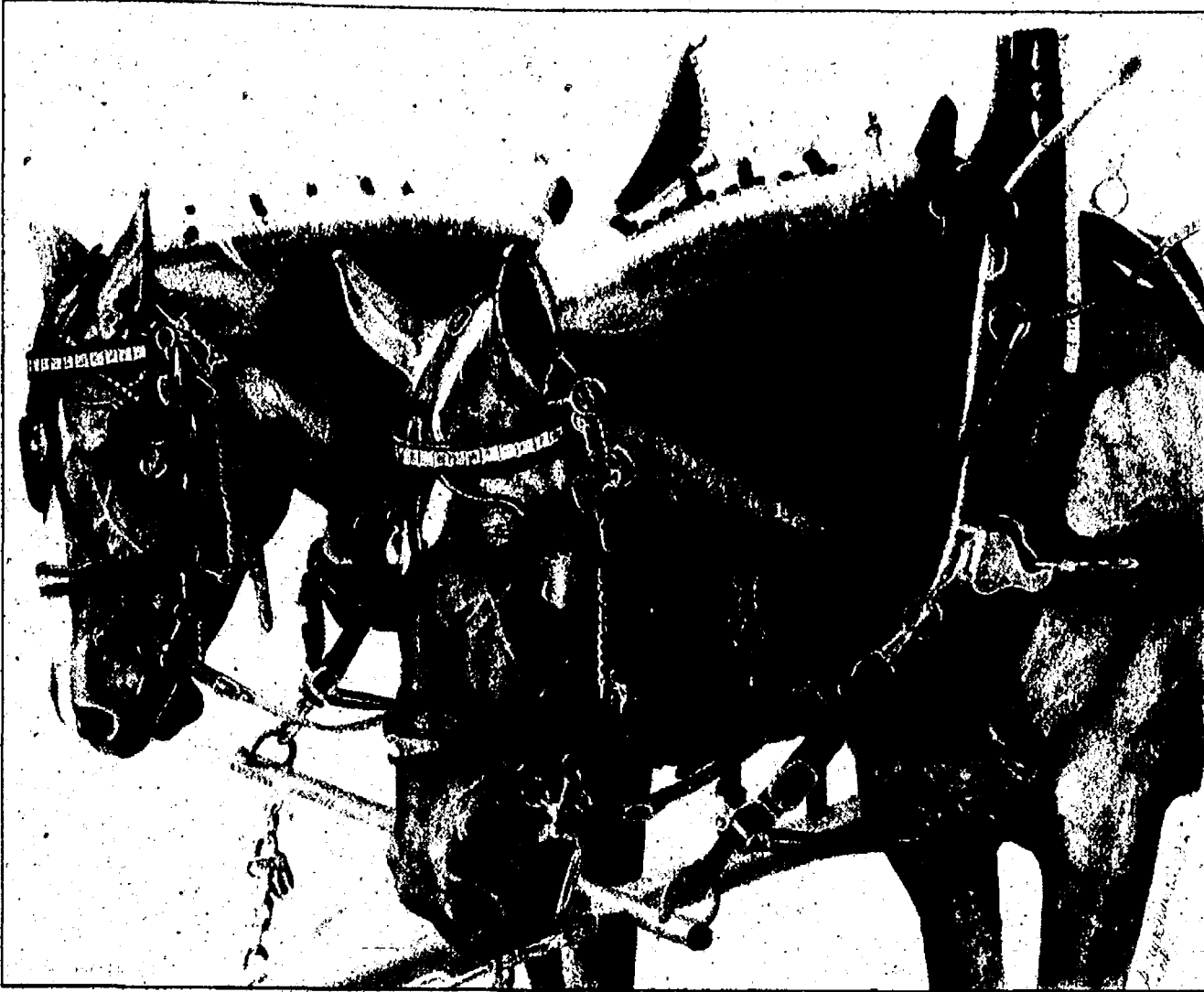
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Creating Art

Local artist Stacey Burmeister's work, "Show Ring Breather," (above) was produced by photographing horses at the Saline Community Fair last year and then using the photograph as a reference in creating a pencil drawing. She will be creating similar works based on photographs she took in South Africa while on safari (see "African Safari" in the Aug. 26 edition). Her goal is to create a series of five drawings of the bushmen in different poses portraying their beliefs, hunting strategies and daily life.

PLATT

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cal yellow-brick road, and a necessary one.

Moving to New York, on the other hand, had been a relatively safe move for Platt. She had studied acting at Rutgers University in New Jersey and already had made contacts in the city through her school.

"At that time, that was where I needed to be," she said of her decision to move to New York. "I was trained for stage acting and was already so close to New York. I already had contacts and connections."

As much as she loved the city, Platt felt a desire to give the stage a rest and try film and television.

"I miss New York every day," she said. "It's a wonderful place to be."

But actually living near Hollywood was a big adjustment from her dreams.

"Most of what Hollywood is, is a publicity machine, which is not what I expected at all. I thought Hollywood was the work — the acting,"

Platt said. "It was a little bit of a let down. But now that I know what Hollywood is, I'm going to use that."

Not that Hollywood doesn't have its bright spots.

"It's very exciting here," she said.

Not to mention overwhelming.

"You get off the plane and out of your car, and the first thing you think is, 'I'm in Los Angeles. What do I do here?'" she said.

"At first when you come to the city, it's totally new, but you just keep on working," she said. "It's hard to break into it, but once I found work, it has been very constant."

Although Platt's name has never headlined a tabloid and doesn't typically come up during dinner conversations, many avid movie and TV fans may have seen her without knowing it, or at least, seen her work.

In addition to performing various stage work, she appeared on an episode of "The Gilmore Girls" in April, as well as an episode of "The Queen Latifah Show," in which she played herself.

Platt also was an assistant

to the director for "Secretary," an award-winning independent film from 2002 that played at art house theaters nationwide.

Platt also has appeared in a variety of independent films, none of which gathered much publicity — or an audience.

But still, every little thing counts. In Hollywood, "making it" takes time, dedication, perseverance, talent and a little bit of luck.

For those aspiring actors, directors or producers in the area, Platt offered some advice.

"Don't second guess yourself," she said.

And if not having a job for a period of time wears you down, Platt said to remember: "There's always the opportunity right down the road or right around the corner to be doing something."

Upcoming projects, in addition to her new production company, include the film "Fastback," which is currently in its post-production stages.

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CHELSEA-DEXTER

Residents competing in event

Four Dexter residents and three from Chelsea will participate in "Dances With Dirt," 100k relay, 50k and 50-mile races starting 6 a.m. Saturday in Hell, located near Pinckney.

The local residents will lead their teams through miles of swamps, river crossings, hills and ankle-twisting footing — or, in other words, 62 miles through Hell.

The Dexter teams are Feds on Treds, led by Rob French; The Black Holes, led by Kelly Craft; The Sole Sisters Return, led by Mary Pierce; and Damned Unpleasant, led

by Tom Sisson.

The Chelsea teams are Grime and Punishment, led by Tom Osbeck; Bringing Up the Rear, led by Christine Burg; and Four Roses and A Prick, led by Scott Stoner.

Susan Douglas is running the full 50K ultra marathon.

Dances With Dirt was selected by the national publication Trail Runner maga-

zine in the September 2000 issue as one of the "Dirty Dozen" — the 12 most difficult trail running events in North America.

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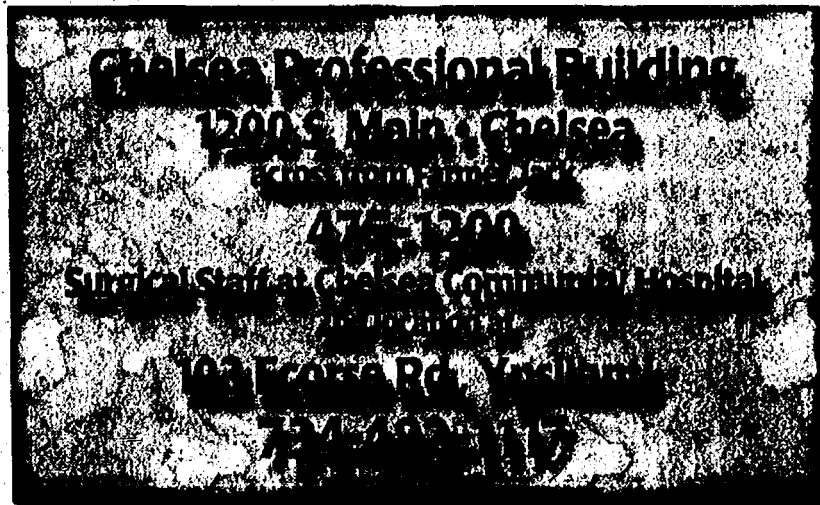
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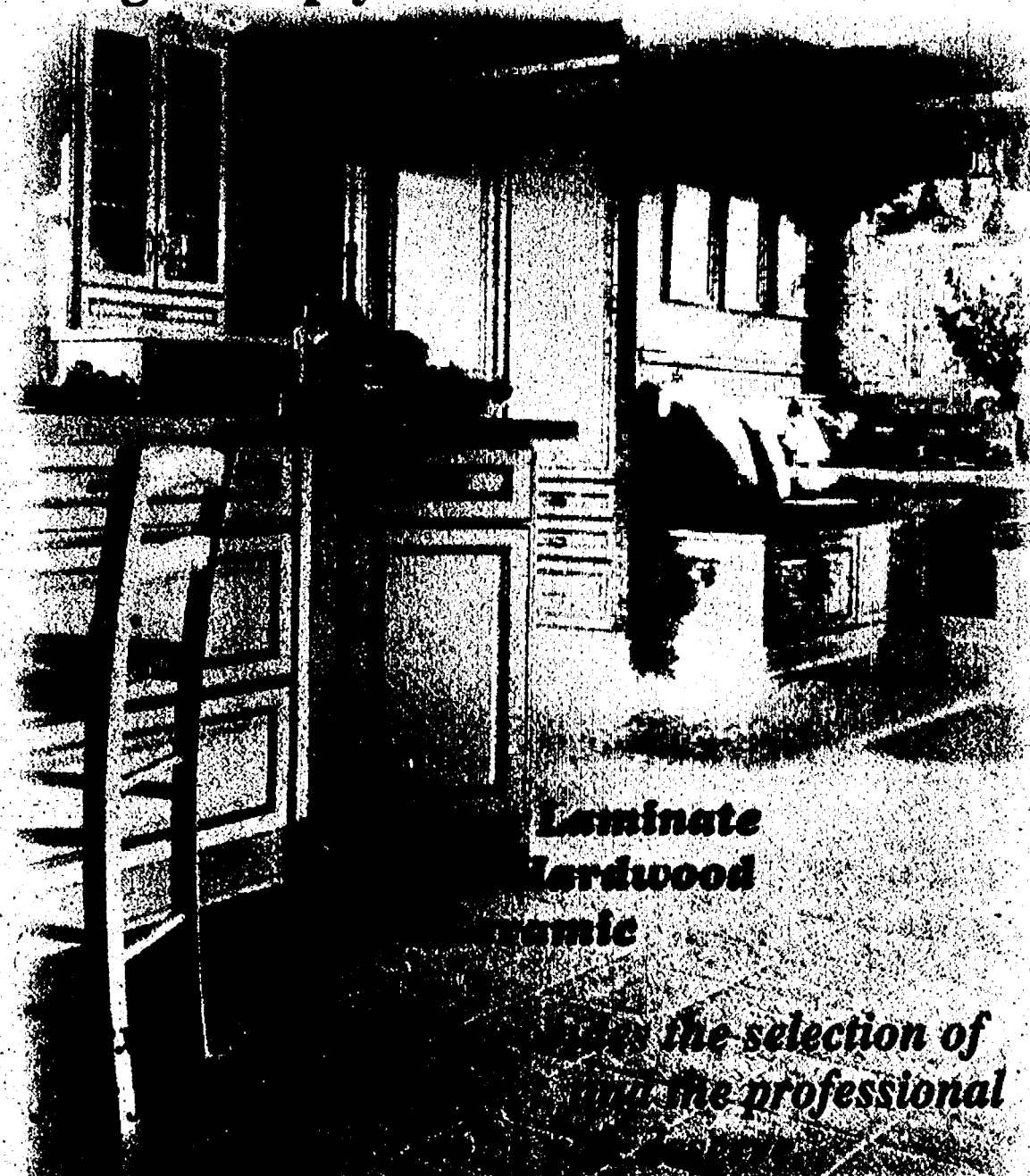
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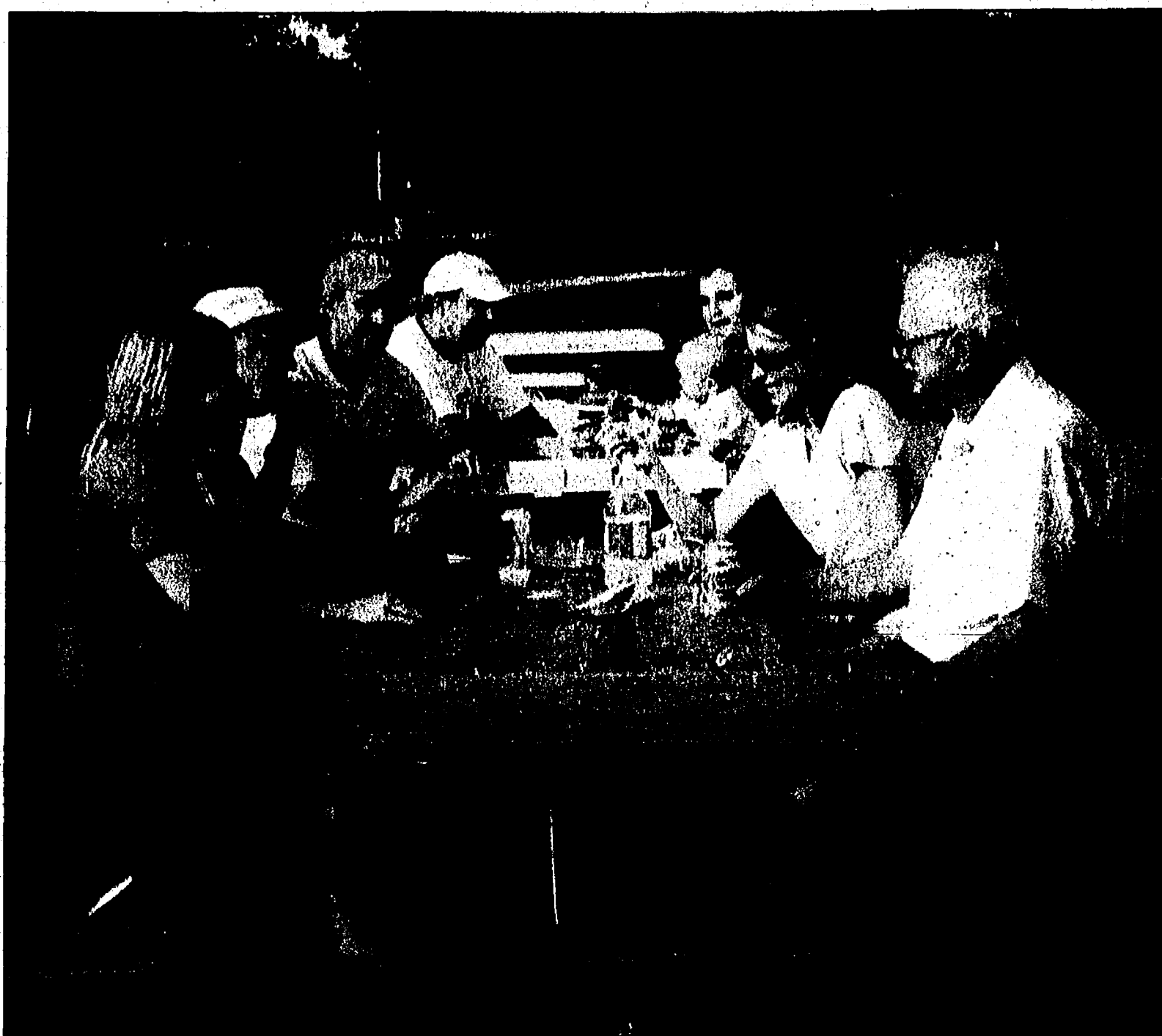
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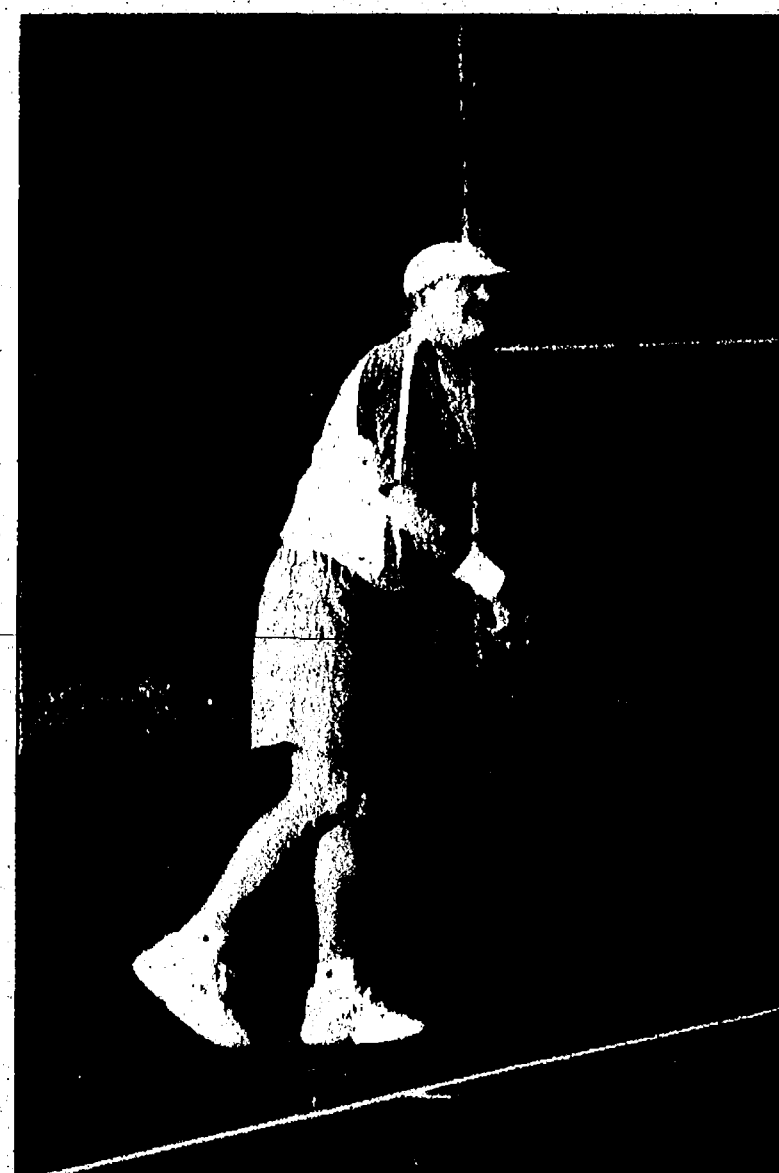
Dog DAYS

Near the end of a cold and rainy summer, area residents made the most of a rare-for-this-year late August dog day at Hudson Mills Metropark in Dexter Township. Whether they played disc golf, tennis, ran, or just hung out for a pknk, the outdoor revelers clearly enjoyed the sun.

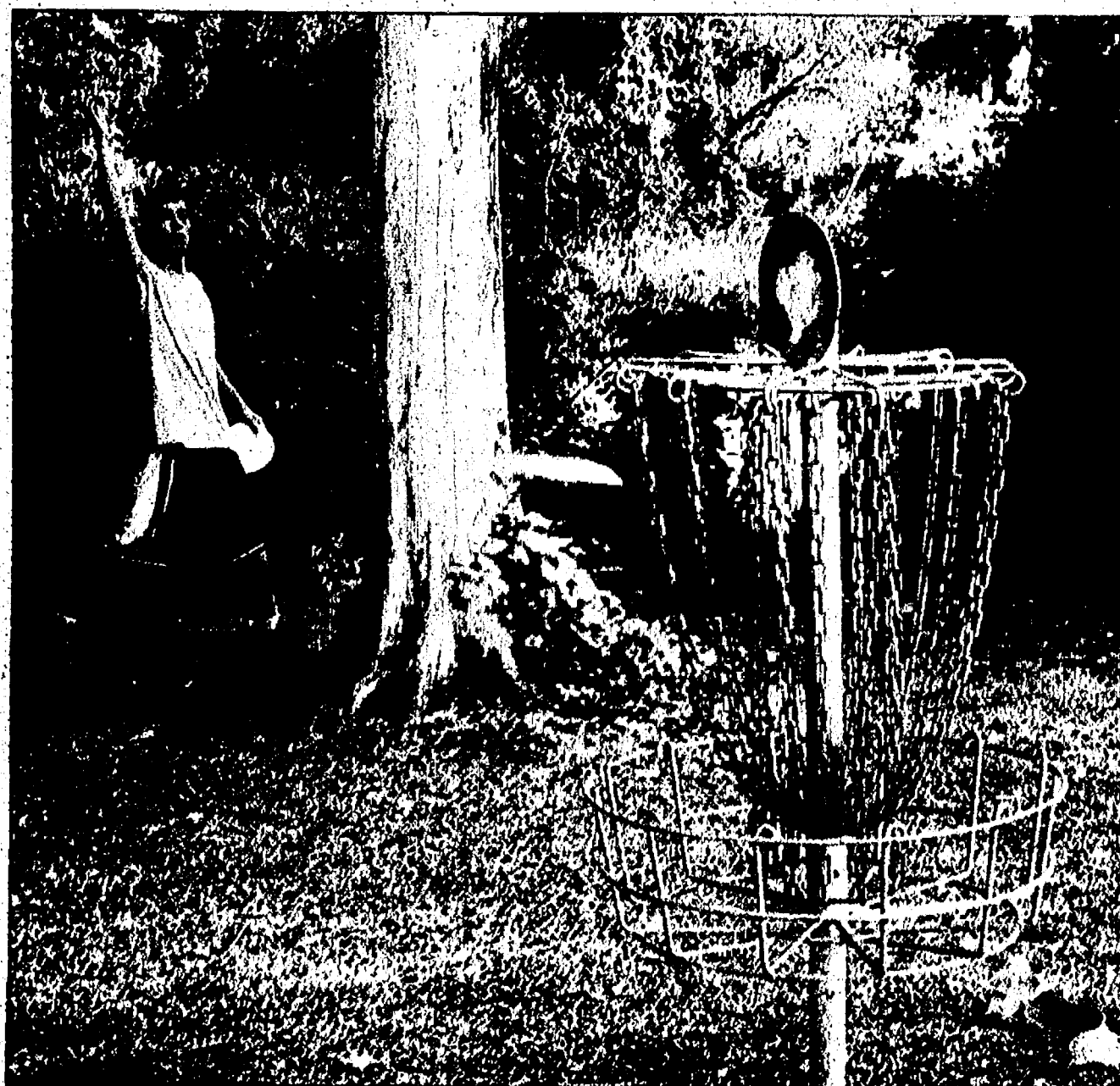


The Eddings clan took advantage of the hazy August heat and humidity to enjoy a family picnic, where they ate pies from Classic Pizza of Dexter. Seated are Stacy Eddings (left) of Salt Lake City, Utah; Joe Eddings of Troy; Gary Eddings of Dexter; Brian Corcoran of Dexter; Gar Eddings of Hamburg; 10-month-old Vivi Eddings of Dexter; Kim Eddings Corcoran of Dexter and Bill Lowery of Dexter.

Pals Becky Barry (left), 23, of Livonia and Shannon Slebodnik, 24, of Canton made some disc golf practice throws in a field.



Dennis Davies of Dexter serves an opening shot to his wife, Mal. The couple moved from England to Dexter in 1977. Dennis Davies used to coach girls' soccer at Dexter High School.



Eighteen-year-old Bobby Smart of Dexter nails a disk golf putt at one of many of the park's disc golf holes.



Gar Eddings Jr. (left), 2, of Hamburg; Sammi Corcoran, 3, of Dexter; Jessica Eddings, 5, of Hamburg and mom Julie Eddings of Hamburg have some fun with pebbles and slides at Hudson Mills Metropark.

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VARSITY FOOTBALL

Bulldogs ground out victory over Mules

Chelsea rushing attack gains 367 yards to top Bedford

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

For a program noted for its passing proficiency the past few seasons — setting multiple state records in the process — Chelsea football has switched gears, at least early this year, pounding foes on the ground, instead of through the air.

Last Friday, the visiting Bulldogs (2-0) defeated Temperance Bedford 41-20, scoring five rushing touchdowns and grinding out 367 yards on the ground.

Chelsea coach Brad Bush said he has a quality stable of running backs to choose from this season.

"I think our starting lineup of (Justin) Esch, (Alex) Rabbitt and (Alec) Penix gives us good depth," he said. "Having those guys back there shifts the focus of the offense a little bit."

A senior, Esch paced the offense scoring two touchdowns, including a 51-yard burst.

"Esch had some great plays running and catching the ball," Bush said.

Esch finished the game with 66 yards on three carries. Penix added a team-high 91 yards on 10 attempts, including two touchdowns,

while Rabbitt had 44 yards on five rushes.

Others contributing on the ground for the Bulldogs included junior Zack Gregory, with 47 yards on seven totes; senior Terry Arnold, with 35 yards on one carry, with a touchdown; junior Joe Welton, with 23 yards on three attempts; junior Drew Wint, with 15 yards on two rushes; junior Cody Schiller, with 10 yards on one attempt; and junior Jeff Kampmann, with five yards on one carry.

While the running backs have been impressive, the Bulldogs' offensive line is also starting to click.

"I thought they played smart," said Bush. "They're getting better."

Chelsea began the game against Bedford, taking a 7-0 first quarter lead, as Penix scored on a 2-yard run. Rabbitt drilled the ensuing extra point, giving the Bulldogs momentum heading into the second stanza.

In the second quarter, Esch caught an 11-yard touchdown pass from Welton, upping Chelsea's advantage. With Rabbitt's point after kick, the Bulldogs led 14-0.

The Mules answered with a 40-yard touchdown run, but missed the extra point to trim Chelsea's lead to 14-6.

The Bulldogs responded quickly to Bedford's score, as Esch sprinted 61 yards for a touchdown less than a minute later, increasing

Chelsea's lead to 21-6.

To begin the third quarter, Penix scored his second TD of the game, rambling in from five yards away. With Rabbitt's kick, the Bulldogs led 28-6 with 9:55 remaining in the frame.

With 3:14 left in the third quarter, Arnold exploded for a 35-yard touchdown run, increasing Chelsea's advantage to a commanding 35-6.

With 25 ticks remaining on the third quarter clock, Bedford scored on a 6-yard TD pass to close the Bulldog gap to 35-13.

In the fourth quarter, Gregory scored on a 6-yard scamper for Chelsea's final touchdown of the night.

With 3:24 left in the game, the Mules scored on a 2-yard run for the contest's ending margin.

While Bush was pleased with his squad's running attack, he also said his passing game was strong.

"I thought the first thing we did was throw the ball better," he said. "(Brian) Dunn and Welton played well."

Welton finished 8-of-8 for 66 yards, while Dunn was 4-of-7 for 65 yards, with one interception.

Penix paced the receiving corps, snaring three passes for 22 yards. Wint had two receptions for 32 yards, while senior tight end Pat Brooks had two catches for 30 yards.

The Bulldogs racked up 503 yards of total offense,

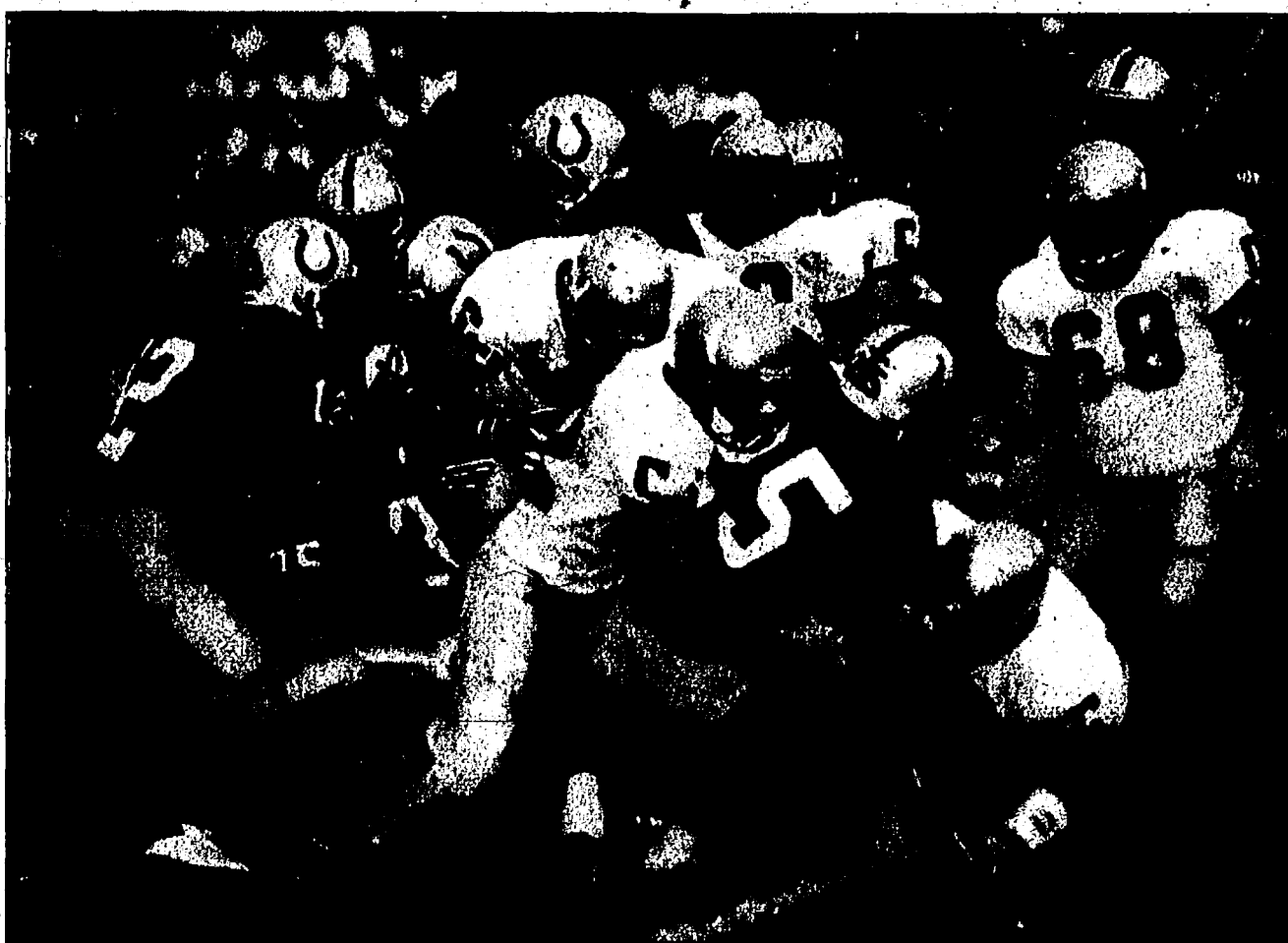


Photo by Jerry Miller
Chelsea senior Bryan Seyferth (center) wraps up a Temperance Bedford ball carrier as teammate senior defensive tackle Brad Hinderer (68) moves in to assist. The Bulldogs beat the Mules 41-20 last Friday, improving to 2-0 overall on the season.

while Bedford had 313 total yards, including 205 yards on the ground.

Bush said his defense played well overall.

"We caused a couple turnovers," he said. "We're going to be pretty good."

Chelsea picked off two passes and sacked the Mules' quarterback four times.

Senior linebackers Mike Ernst and Aaron Parisho

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*** SPECIAL REPORT ***

MHSAA, courts battle over realignment

Volleyball, basketball, tennis, golf could face seasonal switch

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Is the current Michigan High School Athletic Association seasonal sports setup discriminating against girls?

Is it unfair to girls in this state to play basketball in the fall and volleyball in the winter?

Michigan is the only state in the country playing prep girls' basketball in the fall. And in volleyball, Michigan girls are said to receive unfair treatment because they're playing in a nontraditional season.

Everywhere else around the nation at this time, girls are spiking, setting and serving on the volleyball court, instead of dribbling, driving and dishing, as Michigan girls do in the fall.

Is this wrong? Is this discriminatory?

The Communities for Equity, a Grand Rapids-area group that advocates for female athletes, thinks so.

And up to this point, so does the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, which earlier this year upheld a 2001 decision by a federal district court

that found the MHSAA's sports season alignment, which places only girls and never boys in an inferior season, violates Michigan's civil rights law, Title IX of the federal education law and the Equal Protection clause of the 14th Amendment.

By a 3-0 decision, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the federal district court's earlier decision.

The dispute began in 1998 when the Communities for Equity sued the MHSAA alleging discrimination against high school female athletes. The complaint took a variety of forms, including different rules for boys and girls golf; inferior facilities for female athletes at state softball and basketball tournaments; inequitable publicity at association tournaments; lower athletic participation opportunities for female athletes; volleyball rules of play; and season alignment.

By 2001, all except one issue had been resolved between the Communities for Equity and the MHSAA, with the sports seasons issue still needing to be settled.

The original lawsuit filed in 1998 sought to put all girls' and boys' sports in the same seasons, which would affect basketball, golf, soccer,

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Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

If the Michigan High School Athletic Association gets its way, the current sports alignment will stay the same, keeping Chelsea volleyball in the winter. The MHSAA is currently in a legal battle to determine if seasonal realignment is best for Michigan girls.

VARSITY SOCCER

Chelsea kickers blanked by Bedford

Bulldog intensity low in shutout loss to Mules

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' soccer team lost to Temperance Bedford 2-0 last Thursday. "Our intensity was extremely low in the first half," said Chelsea coach Chad Scaling. "We didn't play well as a group and committed 20-plus turnovers in the first half. You aren't going to be com-

petitive in many games when that happens."

Despite their poor first half performance, the host Bulldogs (4-3, 0-1-1) trailed only 1-0.

"We regrouped and controlled play for the majority of the half," Scaling said. "We limited them to just three shots in the second half."

Chelsea out shot the Mules 9-3 in the second stanza.

"We had three to four quality chances, but hit the post on one and didn't execute on the others," Scaling said.

Bedford put the game away, scoring with five minutes remaining in the contest.

"We changed our formation to try and get the equalizer, but they caught us in transition on a miscue by our defender," Scaling said. "The ball was played to the middle and they took a great shot from 22 (yards out) and it found its way in the goal."

Scaling said he's not concerned with the wins and losses at this point.

"We are focused on our play," he said.

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Chelsea's Stacia Morrison is 10-0 at No. 4 singles for the Bulldogs this season. Behind Morrison, Chelsea is 4-1-1 this year.

VARSITY TENNIS

Bulldog netters drop match against Saline

Chelsea earns two victories in singles flights

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea girls' tennis team fell to perennial area power Saline 6-2 last Thursday.

The host Bulldogs (4-1-1) captured two victories in singles play.

In singles, Heather Neff recorded one of two Chelsea wins, beating the Hornets' Katie Perry in straight sets 6-3, 6-3 at the No. 3 flight.

"Heather is currently 9-1 and playing great tennis," said Chelsea coach Jill McKale.

At No. 4 singles, Bulldog Stacia Morrison defeated Saline's Shannon Kanter 6-4, 6-1.

"Stacia is currently undefeated with a record of 10-0," McKale said.

At No. 1 singles, Chelsea's Ariel Schepers lost 6-3, 6-0 to Princine Opalia, while Jackie Daane lost 6-3, 6-3 to Hornet Jackie Shipman at the No. 2 flight.

In doubles, Bulldogs Lindsay Olsen and Rachel Gentz lost 6-0, 6-3 at the No. 1 flight.

At No. 2 doubles, Hanna Taylor and Taryn Hammer fell to Saline's Lauren Stephaniak and Jenni Musback 6-2, 6-3.

Natalie Johnson and

Amanda Arnston lost 7-6, 6-1 to the Hornet duo of Chelsea Picken and Bethany French at No. 3 doubles.

At No. 4 doubles, Maggie Valle and Liz Hood lost to Saline's Marissa Sawyer and Rachel Jeineck 6-4, 6-3.

Chelsea vs. Pinckney
On Aug. 31, Chelsea beat Pinckney 7-1.

The Bulldogs swept the singles competition.

At the No. 1 flight, Schepers prevailed 6-2, 6-2 over Pirate Matti Samons.

Daane defeated Sarah Due 6-3, 6-2 at No. 2 singles.

At No. 3 singles, Neff bested Pinckney's Joan Proos 6-2, 6-3.

Morrison beat Kaitlyn Harrington 6-2, 6-2 at No. 4 singles.

In doubles, Olsen and Gentz beat the Pirate two-some of Abbey Ventrone and Allison Diaz 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 at the No. 1 flight.

At No. 2 doubles, Taylor and Hammer lost to Kim Klask and Christine Rebsamen 6-4, 6-2.

At No. 3 doubles, Johnson and Arnston beat Pinckney's Ashley Tiliard and Nikki Flavel 6-1, 6-3.

Valle and Hood defeated Erika Freiberg and Davon Woodward in three sets 6-4, 6-7, 6-1.

Chelsea next travels to Ann Arbor Pioneer for a match today.

On Sept. 18, the Bulldogs host their own quad at 8:30 a.m.

GOLF

Chelsea sinks Bedford on links

Bulldogs also defeat Ann Arbor Huron last week

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' golf team defeated Temperance Bedford 155-158 Sept. 1.

The match was at Reddeman Farms Golf Course.

Brett Common and Kevin Todd paced the host Bulldogs, each shooting a 36.

Josh Deaton added a 41, while Nick Harwood and J.R. Engelbert each recorded a 42 for Chelsea.

In the JV match, the Bulldogs lost 162-172. Elliot Marshall led Chelsea, carding a 38.

Chris LaDuke chipped in a 42, while Austin Herter had a 44 and Jimmy Krichbaum and Danny Battistone each a 47 for Chelsea.

"Those are pretty good scores," said Chelsea coach Joe Ewald.

On Aug. 31, the Bulldogs bested Ann Arbor Huron 161-162.

The match was at Reddeman Farms.

Harwood blistered the course, leading Chelsea with a 35.

"That was really impres-

sive," Ewald said.

Todd added a 41, while Chris Ballow had a 42 and Common and Engelbert each finished with a 43 to round out the Bulldogs' scoring.

In the JV match, Deaton led the way, recording a 37.

Marshall ended up with a 40, while LaDuke had a 44 and Herter a 45 for Chelsea.

"That was a very solid showing for a JV match," Ewald said.

In the freshman match, Jonathon Mykala carded a 45 to pace the Bulldogs.

Battistone had a 48, while Garrett Nichols had a 47 and Alex Angel a 49 for Chelsea.

Despite the victory over the River Rats, Ewald said his team could improve.

"Our varsity didn't play as well as it should have, but our JV and freshmen were encouraging," he said.

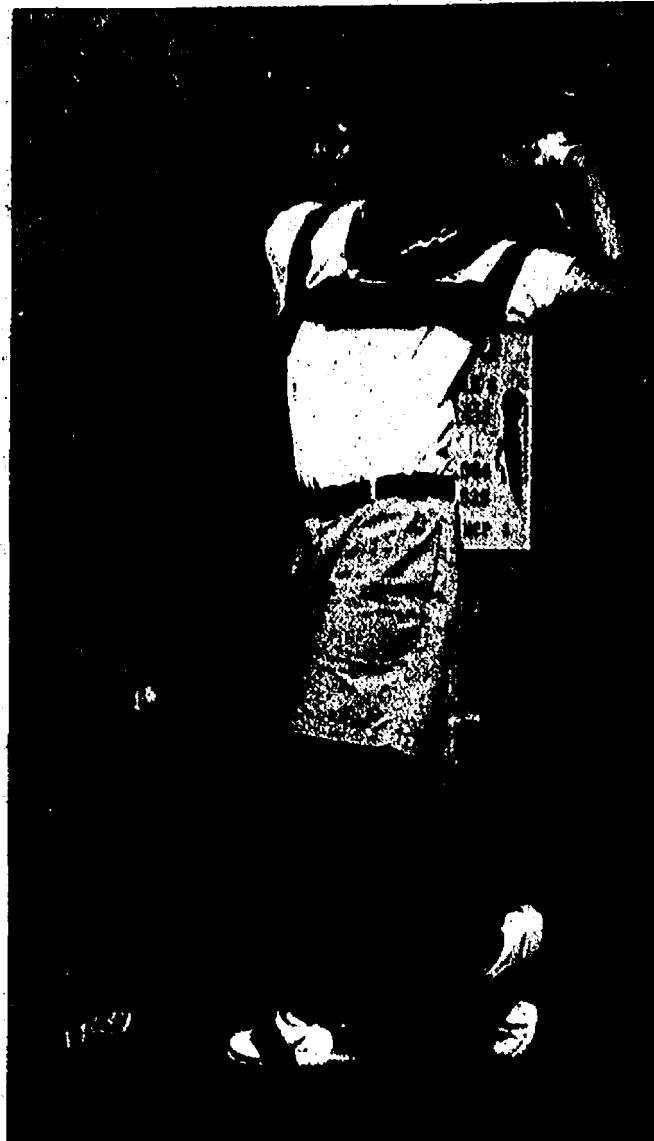
On Aug. 27, the Bulldogs finished sixth at the Pinckney Invitational.

Chelsea ended up with a team tally of 312.

County rival Dexter placed first, shooting a 296.

Ewald said the competition at the invite was tough, but that his squad performed well.

"A 312 is our best score of the year," he said. "I think it's just off the school record. We've been pretty consistent this season."



Bulldog Brett Common (left) and teammate Kevin Todd each shot a 36, leading Chelsea to a 155-158 victory over Temperance Bedford last week.

Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

The match was at Rush Lake Golf Course.

Leading Chelsea was Common with a 75.

Todd finished with a 76, while Engelbert had a 79, and Harwood and Ballow each shot an 82 for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea next hosts a Southeastern Conference White Division quad 3 p.m. Wednesday.

On Sept. 22, the Bulldogs host Saline at 3 p.m.

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JV FOOTBALL

Connell leads Dawgs

Chelsea's JV football team defeated Temperance Bedford 33-22 last Thursday.

The host Bulldogs (2-0) opened up a 28-7 halftime lead.

"We scored on our first drive, but they tied it up after their first drive," said Chelsea coach Chris Orlandi.

"We punted on our next series, but scored three more times before the half was over."

Adam Connell scored three touchdowns and Jon Seelbach had two for Chelsea.

"They simply couldn't stop the Seelbach-to-Connell combination," Orlandi said. "The success throwing the ball opened up the running game later."

Orlandi said the Bulldogs struggled, at times, defensively.

"Bedford is always big and they block well," he said. "Still, we made it tough on them to move the ball. Their final score came on the game's final play, with the result well in hand."

Chelsea next hosts Tecumseh 7 p.m. today.

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"(We want) high intensity and focus for the entire game, and to work as a team."

When we work out these issues, everything else will come together for us."

Chelsea next travels to Adrian for a game 5:30 p.m. today.

On Sept. 18, the Bulldogs host Saline at 5:30 p.m.

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The event is free and open to boys and girls ages 8 to 15 years old.

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Chelsea returning All-State runners Rachel Severin (right) and Amanda McKenzie finished first and second, respectively, at last Thursday's Corunna Early Bird Meet. The Bulldogs placed first as a team, scoring 34 points.

CROSS COUNTRY

Bulldog runners best field at Corunna

Chelsea beats Flint Kearsley, Mason at meet

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea girls' cross country team captured the Corunna Early Bird Meet last Thursday.

The Bulldogs bested the 15-team field with 34 points.

Rounding out the top five was Flint Kearsley with 66 points, followed by Mason with 72 points, Haslett with 115 points and Chelsea's B team with 123 points.

Chelsea's C team ended up 10th with 245 points.

"This was a very good start for us," Chelsea coach Pat Clarke said. "Kearsley was the No. 14 (ranked) team in the state last year. They had everyone back."

Pacing the Bulldogs was junior Rachel Severin, who finished first overall with a meet record time of 19:31.

Placing second was Chelsea teammate sophomore Amanda McKenzie in 19:38.

Both Severin and McKenzie are returning All-State performers.

"Both Rachel Severin and Amanda McKenzie broke the meet record of 19:41 in the very hot conditions," Clarke said. "We are starting to build our pack behind them, but we have a long way to go."

Finishing seventh overall was Bulldog Katelyn Ciacio, with a clocking of 21:44. Meg Wheeler ended up 10th in 22:05, while Athena Eyster was 14th in 22:25.

Chelsea's Joy Wilke was 17th in 22:43, while teammate Laura Oberholtzer was 19th in 22:58, Nicole Bougher 20th in 23:01, Kelly Catalina 33rd in 24:00 and Leah House 34th.

CROSS COUNTRY

Harriers open season at invitational

Smith leads the pack in first race for Chelsea

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' cross country team finished first at last Thursday's Corunna Early Bird Invitational.

The Bulldogs bested the seven-team field with a score of 41 points. The championship was Chelsea's second in a row at the Corunna invite.

Linden placed second with 57 points, while Haslett was third with 58 points. DeWitt ended up fourth with 111 points, while Mason was fifth with 113 points.

Pacing the Bulldogs was Brendan Smith, who finished first overall with a time of 17:00.

"Brendan Smith was outstanding in

his first race here at Chelsea," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager. "To be overall champion as a sophomore is incredible. I am very proud of his effort."

In addition to Smith, the Bulldogs received strong performances from Dan Lewis, who placed fourth with a clocking of 17:28, and Max Wineland, who ended up seventh in 18:27.

Chet Hopp crossed the line 13th in 18:42, while teammate Chris Moyle was 16th in 18:49, Drew Hamilton 26th in 19:37 and Jeff Squires 30th in a lifetime best 19:48 for Chelsea.

Bulldog Mike Hankerd finished 34th with a time of 20:10, while Teddy Eyster was 35th in a lifetime best 20:15, Dolan Personke 55th in 21:16, Josh Fitzsimmons 56th in 21:21, Nick Huehl 58th in a lifetime best 21:29, Joe Turek 61st in 21:41 and Ben Fournier 64th in 21:43 for Chelsea.

Bulldog Abe Booth was 65th in 21:43,

while Seth Breezee was 68th in 22:02, Zac Zeigler 81st in 24:58 and Steve McDonald 82nd in a lifetime best 24:59 for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs next travel to Bath to participate in its invitational Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

"We will continue to train hard for our first big test (at Bath)," Swager said. "We need to become mentally tougher as the season progresses. Conquering pain is the key to racing well. We need to improve in this regard."

On Tuesday, Chelsea travels to Temperance Bedford for the Southeastern Conference Jamboree No. 1 at 4:30 p.m.

On Sept. 18, the Bulldogs visit New Boston Huron to compete in its invitational.

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MULES

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each intercepted passes for the Bulldogs.

Junior linebacker Robbie Moffett led Chelsea's defense with seven tackles. Senior defensive end Josh Liebeck and Parisho each added five stops; senior defensive back Cory Stewart, junior linebacker Derek Brown and junior linebacker Lucas Daniels each had four tackles; and senior defensive end Eric Mathis, sophomore defensive tackle Doug Duval (6-foot-2, 230) and Ernst each recorded three tackles for the Bulldogs.

While Bush was happy with the win, he said there is still plenty of room for improvement.

"Our penalty yardage is a concern," he said of Chelsea's 12 penalties for 118 yards. "Though they were effort penalties, that's a lot."

The Bulldogs next travel to Southeastern Conference White Division rival Tecumseh for a game 7 p.m. tomorrow.

The Indians (0-2) lost to Adrian 23-7 last week.

Despite Tecumseh's record, Bush said his squad is looking forward to the challenge of playing the Indians.

"Our guys get excited to play that game," he said. "It's a good rivalry. Tecumseh is the only team to beat us in the division in the past six

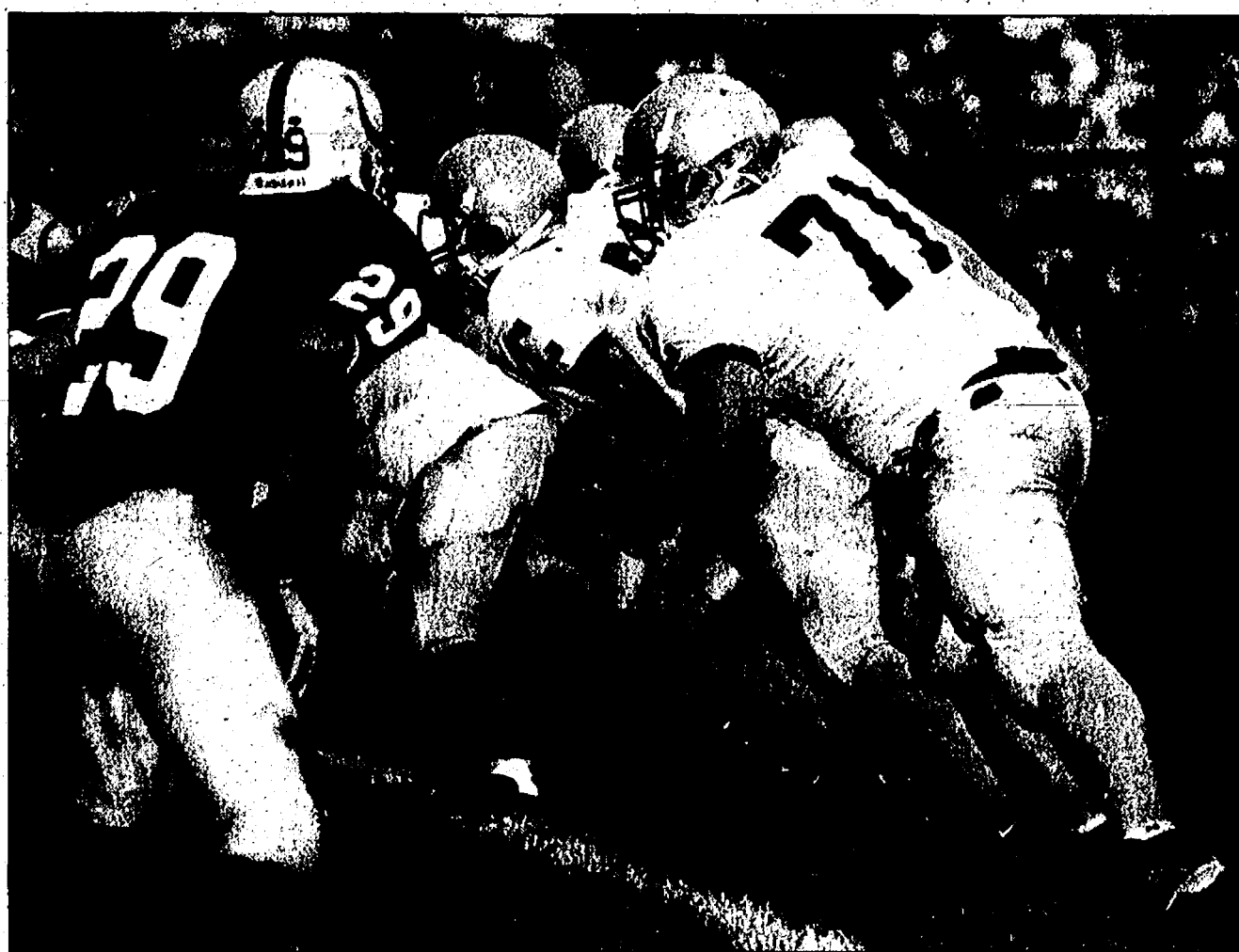


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Chelsea senior offensive tackle Nick Toth (6-foot-2; 290) helped open holes for Bulldog halfbacks last Friday against Temperance Bedford. Behind Toth and his offensive linemates, Chelsea ran for 367 yards and scored five rushing touchdowns.

years. They always have a good team. That's what makes it a good rivalry."

Last season, Chelsea beat the Indians 44-23. Tecumseh was 2-7 a year ago.

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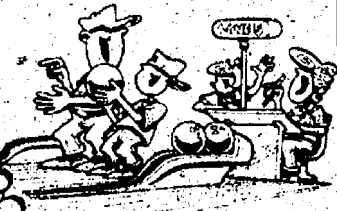
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BASKETBALL

Turnovers doom Bulldogs versus Pinckney

The Chelsea girls' basketball team lost to Pinckney 47-33 in its season opener Aug. 31. The Bulldogs (0-2) committed 19 first half turnovers, falling behind 30-14 at halftime. Chelsea also struggled at the free-throw line, converting 17-of-31.

Pacing the visiting Bulldogs offensively was junior Emily Woodruff, who had 19 points and three rebounds.

Sophomore center Paige Denison added four points and three boards for Chelsea.

The Pirates improved to 3-0 on the young season.

Chelsea JV vs. Huron

In JV action, Chelsea defeated Ann Arbor

Huron 27-25 last Thursday.

The host Bulldogs (1-1) led 13-9 at halftime. In the second half, the River Rats outscored Chelsea 16-14 for the final margin.

Lizzie Bentley made a three-point play with 1.4 seconds left in the game to seal the victory.

Bentley paced the Bulldogs with eight points. Liz Gunden added six points and a team-high eight rebounds, while Hannah Guenther scored six points.

Katie Lynn, Bridget Lynn and Kate Shrosbree each scored two points, for Chelsea. Anna Foley had one point for the Bulldogs.

"It was a hard fought, but sloppily played game," said Chelsea coach Paul Terpstra. On Aug. 31, the Bulldogs lost to host Pinckney 42-35.

The Pirates led 16-15 at halftime. A 12-7 third quarter upped Pinckney's advantage to 28-22 entering the fourth frame. Gunden was Chelsea's leading scorer with 10 points. She also pulled down five boards.

Annie Hollandsworth added nine points, while Guenther had five points and a team-high six rebounds. Foley had four points for the Bulldogs.

Katie Lynn, Bentley and Shrosbree each

had two points, while Bridget Lynn netted one point for Chelsea.

Defensively, Bentley led with five steals. The Bulldogs committed 26 turnovers, contributing to their defeat.

Chelsea shot 24 percent from the field and 48 percent from the free-throw line.

The Bulldogs next host always-tough Temperance Bedford 7 p.m. today. JV starts at 5:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Chelsea travels to Jackson Northwest for a game at 7 p.m. JV begins at 5:30 p.m.

On Sept. 16, the Bulldogs visit Adrian for a contest at 7 p.m. JV starts at 5:30 p.m.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Adams passes gridgers over Temperance Bedford

Chelsea's freshman football team defeated Temperance Bedford 25-14 last Thursday.

The host Bulldogs (1-1) were led offensively by quarterback Jeff Adams, who finished 5-of-13 for 105 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for a 3-yard TD.

Chris Schmelz paced the ground game, gaining 113 yards on 22 carries.

Matt Heinen added 28 yards on 11 attempts, while Rodney Ostrowski had 12 yards on four rushes and scored on a 2-yard touchdown run.

Receiving-wise, Stu Mann

caught a 34-yard touchdown pass from Adams, while Donny Reidel hauled in a 27-yard toss.

"We looked a little sharper in the passing game today," said Chelsea coach Dennis Strzyzewski. "I felt that we protected pretty well up front."

Defensively, Dean Roberts led the Bulldogs with five tackles, one sack and three fumble recoveries.

James Connelly finished with a team-high seven tackles. Jamie Brooks had an

interception and a fumble recovery.

"We played harder and ran to the ball much better this week," Strzyzewski said.

"Obviously, all of the fumbles benefited us, but I

think some of that is a product of our defense playing with more intensity. Hopefully, we can build on that."

Chelsea next hosts Tecumseh 4:30 p.m. today.

FIELD HOCKEY

Whippets begin field hockey

The Washtenaw Whippets prep field hockey club played its first game of the season this week.

It is still recruiting additional players, either experienced or novice.

The squad opened its season last week with a game against the Livonia Ladywood JV team. The contest was at the Whippets' home field at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District campus on South Wagner Road. Washtenaw held its own tying the Blazers 0-0.

Also last week, the Whippets tied host Ann Arbor Huron JV 0-0. Washtenaw played with energy and defensive stamina in tying the River Rats.

The team is comprised of players from schools

throughout Washtenaw County. The Whippets compete in the Michigan High School Field Hockey League, which is comprised of 16 teams from throughout the state, including Ann Arbor Huron, Ann Arbor Greenhills, and Ann Arbor Pioneer, as well as schools in

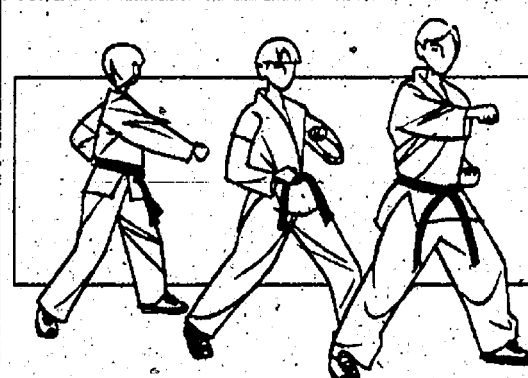
Birmingham, Dearborn, Livonia and Gross Pointe.

Washtenaw is playing at the JV level this year and will participate in 13 games, including a tournament at Farmington Hills Mercy.

Coaching the team is Donald Hes and volunteer Rueban Mascarenhas.

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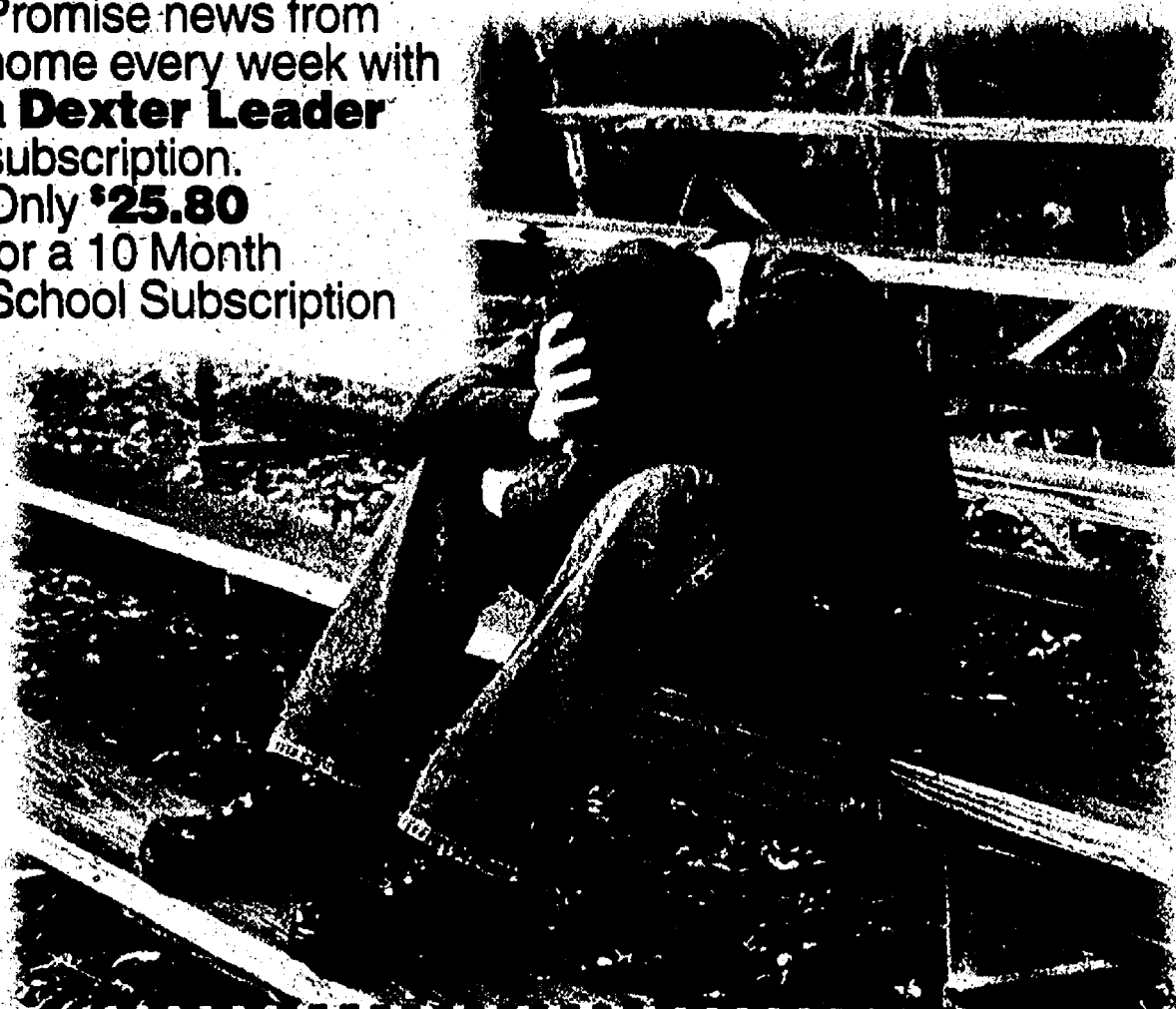
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TALKING BASEBALL

Tigers free agents receive late season grades

Now that the Detroit Tigers are winding down their season and using September to evaluate the future, we can now draw some conclusions about the free agents brought in for the 2004 season.

Regardless of how they play from here on out, this season can only be viewed as a huge step toward success. Sure, the Tigers may have stumbled into Labor Day weekend playing some less than stellar baseball, but the fact remains that this team equaled its win total for the entire 2003 season as early as July 17.

So what's the reason for such a contrast from last year to this year?

The answer is proven Major League talent.

After years of standing by, the Tigers finally became players in the off-season free-agent market, bringing in several proven veterans. It's time to grade those signings, using performance and impact as guidelines.

Since Mike Illitch and Tigers' management thankfully stepped up to the plate this year, we'll discard the

traditional letter grade system and use home run, triple, double, single and strikeout for grades.

Here is the report card:

Pudge Rodriguez: Easily the biggest and most well known addition, Rodriguez has taken a leadership role and been the solid No. 3 hitter the Tigers lacked. Entering Monday, his batting average stood at .338 and he had already topped his 2003 home run total with 17.

He's had an off year defensively with 11 errors, but there are no statistics to show the confidence he has given to a young pitching staff. Rodriguez has been somewhat mortal lately, tiring a bit down the stretch, which is nothing abnormal for a 32-year-old catcher. Manager Alan Trammell can easily avoid that next year by giving Rodriguez more starts at designated hitter.

Above all, his presence and leadership have given the Tigers credibility and respect throughout the league.

Grade: Home run
Carlos Guillen: It's hard to figure out what the Seattle

Mariners were thinking when they practically gave Guillen away in a trade for Ramon Santiago. The 28-year-old shortstop was just entering his prime and has capitalized on his opportunity in Detroit with a career season.

Through Sunday, Guillen was leading the Tigers in nine offensive categories, including home runs with 20, and a .543 slugging percentage. His sound defense has solidified the middle infield and his presence has been invaluable for fellow infielder Omar Infante.

Perhaps most impressive, Guillen needs only nine more RBIs to break Trammell's Tiger shortstop record of 105.

Grade: Home run

Jason Johnson: More than a few eyebrows were raised last winter when the Tigers signed free-agent starter Jason Johnson and made him the opening day starter. He came into the season with a 36-58 career record and six



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seasons of mediocrity.

At 8-12 this year, Johnson has been far from an ace. However, he is second only to Mike Maroth in innings pitched and his season statistics have been marred by a few poor starts and little run support.

The Tigers didn't find an ace, but did find a solid American League veteran in his prime who, more often than not, gives them a chance to win.

Grade: Double
Fernando Vina: The first free agent the Tigers signed last winter, Vina was expected to anchor the double play at second base and provide a selective bat at the top of the lineup. But injuries have limited him to only 29 games this season and his future is in doubt.

It wasn't unforeseen, though, since he played in only 61 games last year and struggled with a .251 average. Perhaps the Tigers missed the writing on the wall that

led other teams to steer clear of Vina.

Grade: Strikeout
Rondell White: White roared out of the gate this season with a superb April and May. Since then, however, his statistics have fallen off. Still, 18 home runs and a .281 average aren't shabby numbers for the veteran hitter. Most importantly, White has not gone on the disabled list at any point this season. That's certainly a positive for the player once known as Ron-DL for his injury frequency.

Grade: Double
Ugueth Urbina: Just before the season began, the Tigers addressed their need for a proven closer by adding the 30-year-old Urbina. Through Sunday, he had 21 saves with an unimpressive 4.50 ERA. He has hardly been able to slam the door this year, often being victimized by his own untimely walks (32 in only 54 innings). If rookie Fernando Rodney would have been healthy this year, one wonders just how much different his stats would be.

Grade: Single

Esteban Yan: A man who came to spring training with a Minor League contract has emerged as the team's most versatile reliever five months later. Yan may have originally competed for a starting spot, but he's been invaluable as a reliever for the Tigers, filling every role Trammell has asked him to fill.

His 3.43 ERA is second on the team and his wicked splitter has been a late-inning equalizer for the Tigers. With free agency looming for Yan, the Tigers have reason enough to reward him with a contract.

Grade: Double
With a free agent class rich in pitching, the Tigers will look to strengthen their weakness this off-season. General Manager Dave Dombrowski has a selection to pick from that includes pitchers such as Carl Pavano, Russ Ortiz, Matt Clement, Derek Lowe and Eric Milton. Thanks to the veterans graded above, Dombrowski now has a strong core to build on.

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BATTLE

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swimming and diving, and tennis, and it also advocated moving volleyball from winter to fall. The MHSAA has been successful in limiting the court's actions so that only basketball would have to be played in the same season for boys and girls.

The district court also has ordered an exchange of seasons for girls and boys in Lower Peninsula golf and tennis. No changes were ordered for soccer or swimming and diving in the Upper Peninsula.

Currently, the MHSAA continues to fight the recent decision in court, while the rest of the populace interested in the issue, fights it out in the court of public opinion.

Manchester Athletic Director Wes Gall said his school is prepared to handle the potential new setup.

"Luckily, we (recently) built a new school," he said. "If we had to do it (switch seasons) in the old building, it would have been tough."

Gall said switching volleyball to fall and girls' basketball to winter, coinciding with the boys' hoop season, would cause problems.

"We would have to have two teams in the gym practicing," he said. "We'd have to split the court. The gym would be loud. The coaches would have to try and talk over each other. That would be a factor."

Gall also said locker room space and time would cause headaches.

"At least we can divide our shower room off," he said. "We wouldn't have been able to do that at the old high school."

Gall also said the biggest hurdle to get over with the possible basketball and volleyball switch would be finding enough officials.

"We're going to have a limited amount of officials," he said. "There could be basketball games six days a week. Officials will have to work doubleheaders. That will be difficult."

Gall said scheduling games also would pose problems.

"Every conference could have a different way of scheduling basketball games," he said. "It could be tough scheduling non-league games."

Gall said he didn't see any problem with the current seasonal alignment.

"I think girls' basketball and volleyball teams get more visits from college coaches now," he said. "They (college coaches) can recruit because they're in their off season."

"I have two daughters and they like the (current) system."

Gall said other sports would be affected if a switch were made.

"Boys' golf and baseball will be at the same time," he said. "Girls' soccer and cross country will also be at the same time. There could be problems."

Gall said, however, the wheels appear to already be in motion for seasonal realignment to happen.

"I see it as almost a done deal," he said.

In Chelsea, Athletic Director Wayne Welton welcomes the change, especially concerning girls' basketball.

"I've always maintained this will be a good move," he said. "Basketball is meant to be played November through March. I think the girls have always missed out on an exciting time. I think the switch will be a good thing for girls."

Welton said potential basketball scheduling hassles are what concern him most.

"Will the boys and girls play on the same night?" he asked. "When will they play? What days? I think we need to be consistent. The KVC (Kensington Valley Conference) can't play one day and another conference another day."

Welton said he doesn't believe the current setup is unfair or discriminatory toward girls.

"In Michigan, we made it work," he said. "But, I think (switching seasons) is a good move, especially with volleyball and basketball. I'm not as excited about switching golf and tennis."

Welton said his athletic department is ready for the realignment.

"Actually, everyone here is very prepared for the

change," he said. "Once we get the word, we'll move into action."

The impact would be greater on volleyball than basketball, Welton said.

"Volleyball will be competing with other sports for athletes," he said. "They've never really had to do that before. Kids will have decisions to make."

Besides volleyball, girls will have the option of participating in cross country, swimming and diving, and possibly golf in the fall, if realignment occurs.

Dexter Athletic Director John Robinson said he was confident everything would work out eventually if girls' basketball was moved to the winter.

"I think it depends on how they decide to run the post-season," he said. "If they run both tournaments (boys and girls) at the same time, the girls might take a back seat. It will hurt if they go head-to-head with the boys (tournament)."

Like Manchester's Gall, Robinson said it would be difficult for officials.

"It'll be harder to get quality officials for the games," he said.

Robinson said Dexter's facilities would be able to handle the extra work in the winter.

"Our gym is OK," he said. "Gym space is not an issue. It's the little guys, the (Class) C and (Class) D schools with smaller gyms who'll find it tough."

Robinson said he felt just because Michigan was the only state with the current sports alignment, that didn't make it wrong.

"My daughter is a softball and tennis player, so she's going to have to choose," he said. "I'm sure that will happen to other kids, too. Any change is always difficult."

Robinson said the current athletic setup hasn't been unfair or discriminatory toward girls.

"Girls get recruited in volleyball in Michigan," he said. "That's not a legitimate concern. I don't put a lot of stock into it (lack of recruiting opportunities). It's not unfair. The girls have their own time and space."

In Saline, Athletic Director Ed Gall said his department is prepared for the possible switch.

"We have five practice

courts for basketball, so there will have to be some accommodation," he said. "But we're as well off as anybody could be."

Gall said he was unsure if seasonal realignment was beneficial for high school athletes in Michigan.

"Do I think it's the best thing?" he asked. "I don't know. I guess time will tell."

One of the original arguments for switching seasons was the thought girls playing volleyball had fewer college scholarship opportunities in Michigan with its current

seasonal alignment.

Michigan is ranked in the nation's top 10 in girls receiving volleyball scholarships.

"I don't know how you can argue that statistic," Gall said.

Gall said he's for whatever is beneficial for girls.

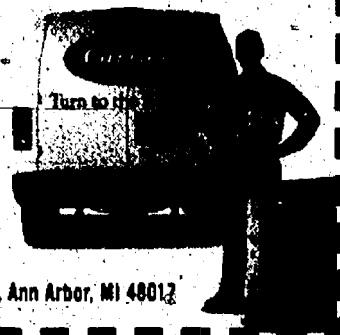
"I'm open to change," he said. "I think most ADs are. We can make anything work. If it's best for the girls, it's best for the girls."

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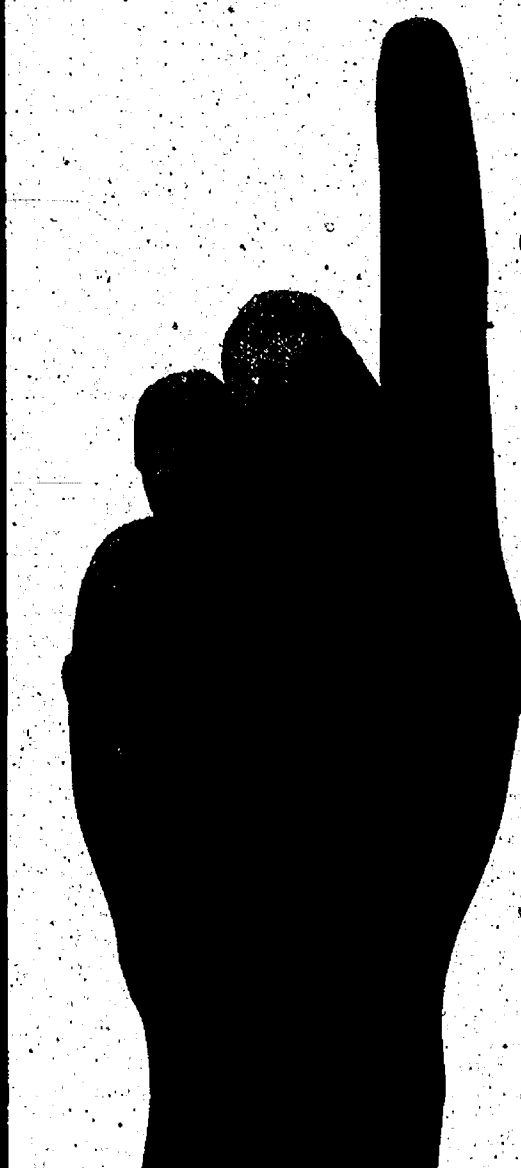
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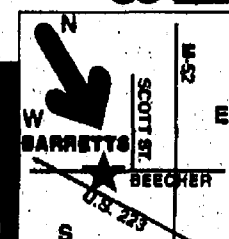
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

DEXTER VILLAGE

Restaurant owner regrets closing doors

Ray Lance says terrorist attacks of 2001 and economic recession impacted the popular business

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

When Ray Lance, owner of The Tuscan House in Dexter, closed his restaurant doors July 18, it was a heart-wrenching decision.

Lance said Friday the decision to close the eatery — a decision made after three years of decreased customer traffic in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and a concurrent economic recession — “broke his heart.”

“Cousins’ Heritage Inn was a Dexter icon,” he said. “I felt like I was taking something away.”

Still, Lance said, he’s not giving up with his decision to operate a catering and event planning service out of the former restaurant, 7954 Ann Arbor St.

Lance, a 49-year-old Gregory resident who grew up in Ohio, bought the restaurant — originally opened as Cousins’ Heritage Inn in 1984 — from Dexterites Paul and Pat Cousins in February 2001.

Prior to buying it, Lance worked for eight years at Livonia-based Little Italy Management Co., a restaurant development company.

The Cousins enjoyed strong foot traffic and favorable media reviews during the 17-year

run of their restaurant, which was renowned for its wild game dishes served with fresh vegetables and seasonal sauces.

Not wanting to tamper with success, Lance retained the Cousins’ Heritage Inn name, its rotating, wild game menu and dining philosophy until last January, when he renamed the restaurant The Tuscan House, changed restaurant fare primarily to Italian cuisine and reduced general menu prices.

“I was trying to create the same kind of environment with lower prices,” he said. “It wasn’t inexpensive, but it wasn’t expensive like Cousins’ was.”

Lance said Friday that he made the changes because of the economic downturn that took place when he purchased the restaurant.

“The problem with the Cousins’ concept was people just weren’t spending money like they used to,” he said, pointing to recent closings of once-popular restaurants Touché in Novi and The Golden Mushroom Inc. in Southfield.

“The ‘90s were a boom time.”

Lance said pre-recession mainstays such as corporate pharmaceutical and other private parties dried up, and that many of the loyal customers he inherited from the Cousins’ usually dined only for birthdays and special occasions. And that wasn’t enough to keep the restaurant afloat, he said.

Lance retained chef Dale Sinclair for six months and then hired Chef Kurt Williamson

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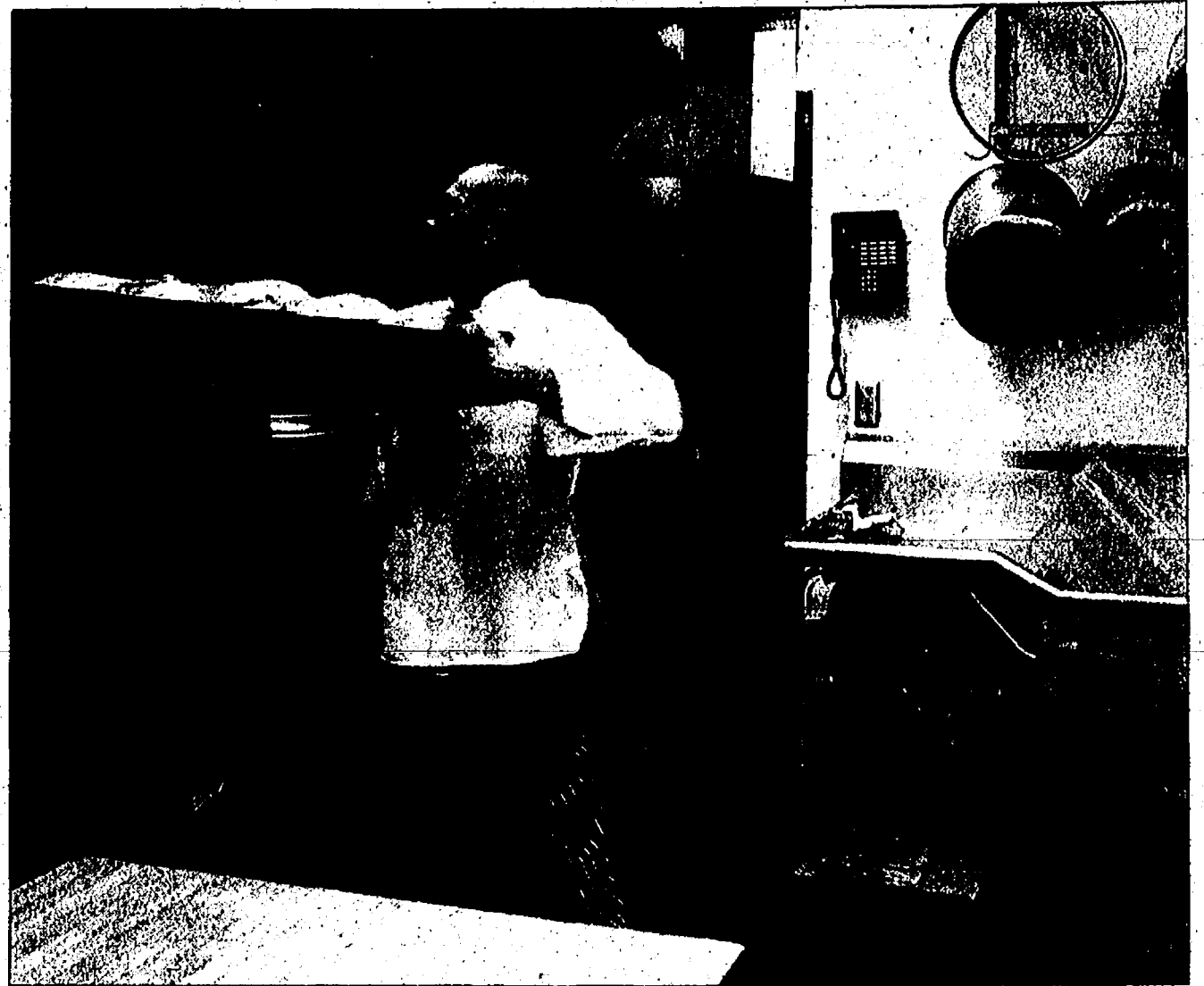


Photo by Scott Hagen

Ray Lance, owner of The Tuscan House, says the decision to close the restaurant’s doors was difficult. He is now running a catering and event planning service.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

The Garrison Co. has completed construction of a new Comerica Bank branch in Scio Township located just off Interstate 94 at Jackson Road, this branch has been described by the owner as an example of outstanding construction quality.

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Parents as Teachers, an early childhood parent education and family support program, will host an open house.

Registration and orientation will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and next Friday at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

The program provides playgroups several times a day, including evenings. Special programs and field trips, speakers for parent education and home visits by a certified parent educator are also provided.

For more information, call Sara Champion at 433-2206, Ext. 6018.

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There will be hands-on activities for kids, artist demonstrations, live music and refreshments.

The CCA is located at 400 Congdon St. For more information, call 433-2787.

The National Association of Career Women will meet for a luncheon from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Wednesday at Weber’s Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, in Ann Arbor.

The program topic is “Putting together your business plan, and the speaker is Kathi Boyle, director of business development of Center for Empowerment and Economic Development.

The cost is \$16 for members, \$20 for non-members.

To make a reservation, call Lorrie Douglas at 669-5841 or e-mail Ldouglas@reinhartrealtors.com.

The National Association of Career Women will meet for a luncheon from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Oct. 20 at Weber’s Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, in Ann Arbor.

The program topic is “Women and Finance,” and the talk will be delivered by Alicia Botti of American Express.

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Local kids take honors at 4-H Youth Show

4-H CAT SHOW

Best in Show

"Weasel," owned by 9-year-old Kimber Creteau of Redford, a member of Little Britches 4-H Club.

4-H DOG SHOW

Junior Handling Champion

Age 9-12

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Nicholas Moenck, 12, of Franklin, a member of the Blue Ribbon Livestock 4-H Club.

Junior Handling Champion

Ages 9-12

Shown Before

Casey Hirth, 11, of Whitmore Lake, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.

Junior Handling Champion

Age 13-14

Shown Before

Sarah LoPresto, 13, of Saline, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Obedience/Sub-Novice

Andrew Schneider, 10, of Ann Arbor, a member of Silver Leaves 4-H Club.

Obedience/Novice/Open

Katie Keister, 12, of Milan, a member of Basic Equestrians 4-H Club.

Best Handler

Casey Hirth, 11, of Whitmore Lake, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.

4-H LLAMA SHOW

Champion Showmanship

Jessica Zalucha, 15, of Dexter, a member of Ann Arbor Llama Lovers 4-H Club.

Senior Showmanship

Jessica Zalucha, 15, of Dexter, a member of Ann Arbor Llama Lovers 4-H Club.

Intermediate Showmanship

Sarah Blovits, 13, of Saline, a member of Double L Llama Club.

Junior Showmanship

Melanie Burchett, 11, of Grass Lake, a member of Double L Llama Club.

Young Showmanship

Benjamin Blovits, 10, of Saline, a member of Double L Llama Club.

Champion Trail

Misty Gautz, 11, of Dexter, a member of Ann Arbor Llama Lovers 4-H Club.

Reserve Champion Trail

Dylan Croasdill, 10, of Ann Arbor, a member of Ann Arbor Llama Lovers 4-H Club.

Champion Pack Class

Misty Gautz, 11, of Dexter, a member of Ann Arbor Llama Lovers 4-H Club.

Reserve Champion Pack Class

Melanie Burchett, 11, of Grass Lake, a member of Double L Llama Club.

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POULTRY SHOW

Champion Showmanship

Alisha Finkbeiner, 14, of Saline, a member of Barn Yard Kids 4-H Club.

Senior Showmanship

Forest Cohn, 15, of South Lyon, a member of TLC 4-H Club.

Intermediate Showmanship

Alisha Finkbeiner, 14, of Saline, a member of Barn Yard Kids 4-H Club.

Junior Showmanship

Alex Witus, 12, of Ann Arbor, a member of Blue

Ribbon Livestock

Club

Young Showmanship Jennifer Whitney, 8, of Dexter, a member of Blue Ribbon Livestock 4-H Club.

Grand Champion

Production Pen Kristen Hayes, 17, of Milan, a member of Green Acres 4-H Club.

Reserve Grand Champion

Production Pen Brad Naebeck, 15, of Ann Arbor, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Grand Champion

Market Pen Janet Zalucha, 14, of Dexter, a member of Silver Leaves 4-H Club.

Reserve Grand Champion

Market Pen Kristen Hayes, 17, of Milan, a member of Green Acres 4-H Club.

Champion Ducks

Eric Matteson, 13, of Saline, a member of Stars and Stripes 4-H Club.

Reserve Champion Ducks

Gina Mann, 10, of Milan, a member of City Slickers 4-H Club.

Champion Goose

Kristen Hayes, 17, of Milan, a member of Green Acres 4-H Club.

Grand Champion Waterfowl Eric Matteson, 13, of Saline, a member of Stars and Stripes 4-H Club.

Reserve Grand Champion

Waterfowl Kristin Hayes, 17, of Milan, a member of Green Acres 4-H Club.

Grand Champion

Fancy Chickens Kristin Hayes, 17, of Milan, a member of Green Acres 4-H Club.

Reserve Grand Champion

Fancy Chickens Cyle Schroeder, 14, of Milan, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.

Grand Champion Bantams

Westen Schroeder, 11, of Milan, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.

Reserve Grand

Champion Bantams Kristen Hayes, 17, of Milan, a member of Green Acres 4-H Club.

Champion Game Bird

Ornamental Kristen Hayes, 17, of Milan, a member of Green Acres 4-H Club.

Reserve Champion

Game Bird/Ornamental Cyle Schroeder, 14, of Milan, a member of Saline 4-

H Farmers Club.

Champion Pigeon

Kristen Hayes, 17, of Milan, a member of Green Acres 4-H Club.

Reserve Champion Pigeon

Camille Figarra, 9, of Ypsilanti, a member of Paint Creek 4-H Club.

Champion Turkey

Alyssa Rodgers, 12, of Dexter, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.

Reserve Champion Turkey

Brad Naebeck, 15, of Ann Arbor, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Champion Mixed Breed

Joshua Hirth, 14, of Whitmore Lake, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.

Grand Champion

Other Poultry Cyle Schroeder, 14, of Milan, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.

Reserve Grand Champion

Other Poultry Kristen Hayes, 17, of Milan, a member of Green Acres 4-H Club.

Best of Show

All Poultry Classes Western Schroeder, 11, of Milan, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.

Champion Eggs

Brad Naebeck, 15, of Ann Arbor, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Reserve Champion Eggs

Casey Hirth, 11, of Whitmore Lake, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.

SWINE SHOW

Senior Showmanship

Bryan Armstrong, 17, of South Lyon, a member of Little Britches 4-H Club.

Intermediate Showmanship

Alicia Jedele, 13, of Saline, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.

a member of Saline 4-H

Farmers Club.

Junior Showmanship

Ryan Ernst, 12, of Ann Arbor, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Young Showmanship

Aaron Johnson, 9, of Chelsea, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.

Grand Champion Individual

Market Hog Nick Baldus, 10, of Howell, a member of Blue Ribbon Livestock 4-H Club.

Reserve Grand Champion

Individual Market Hog Kaylyn Rohkohl, 17, of Chelsea, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.

Grand Champion

Pair Market Hogs Alicia Jedele, 13, of Saline, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.

Reserve Grand Champion

Pair Market Hogs Daneille Dicks, 11, of Chelsea, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.

Club Herd

4-H Club Saline 4-H Farmers Town Best Homegrown Market Hog

Nick Baldus, 10, of Howell, a member of Blue Ribbon Livestock Club.

SHEEP SHOW

Senior Showmanship

Julie Thelen, 16, of Saline, a member of Townline Workers 4-H Club.

Intermediate Showmanship

Amanda McKenzie, 14, of Dexter, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen.

Junior Showmanship

Erin Ellicott, 11, of Saline, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers.

Young Showmanship

Ryan Koenn, 9, of Chelsea, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.

Grand Champion Individual

Market Lamb Trevor Hanewold, 13, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Reserve Grand Champion

Individual Market Lamb R.J. Layher, 16, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Grand Champion

Pair of Market Lambs Natalie Horning, 8, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Reserve Grand Champion

Pair of Market Lambs Patti Vaassen, 12, of Ann Arbor, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.

Rate of Gain Champion

Trevor Butler, 16, of Saline, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Club Flock

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Best Homegrown

Market Lamb Tyler Bauer, 8, of Saline, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Champion Suffolk Ewe

Julie Thelen, 16, of Saline, a member of Townline Workers Club.

Reserve Champion

Suffolk Ewe Lauren Schmitt, 11, of Milan, a member of Townline Workers 4-H Club.

Champion Other

Breeds Ewe Julie Thelen, 16, of Saline, a member of Townline Workers 4-H Club.

Reserve Champion

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Other Breeds Ewe

Joshua Hirth, 14, of Whitmore Lake, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.

Champion Crossbred Ram

Breanna Haeussler, 13, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Reserve Champion

Crossbred Ram Breanna Haeussler, 13, of Manchester, a member of Townline Workers 4-H Club.

BEEF SHOW

Senior Showmanship

Brook Welshan, 15, of Ann Arbor, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.

Intermediate Showmanship

Jeff Grau, 14, of Chelsea, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.

Junior Showmanship

Patricia Vaassen, 12, of Ann Arbor, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.

Young Showmanship

Garrett Fischer, 10, of Dexter, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.

Champion Angus Female

Rachael Vaassen, 12, of Ann Arbor, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers.

Reserve Champion

Angus-Female Julie Thelen, 16, of Saline, a member of Townline Workers 4-H Club.

Champion Crossbred

Female Nicholas Moenck, 12, of Franklin, a member of Blue Ribbon Livestock 4-H Club.

Reserve Champion

Crossbred Female Roxanne Ernst, 16, of Ann Arbor, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

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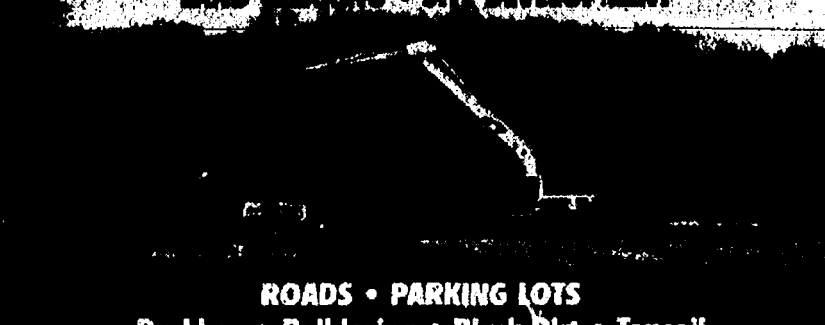
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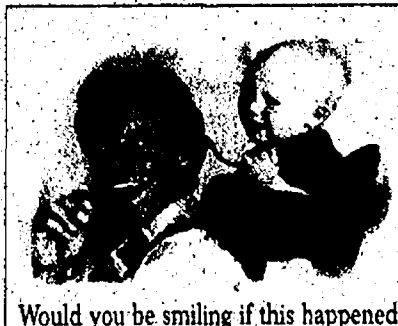
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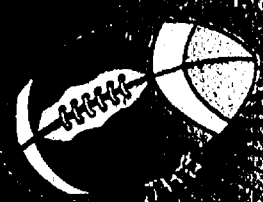
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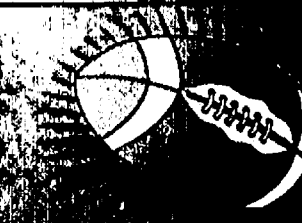
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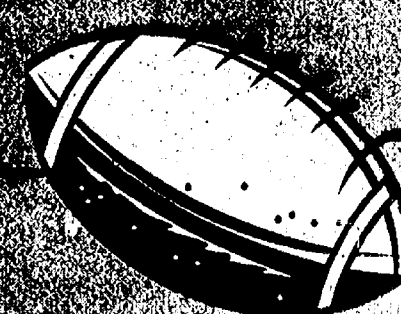
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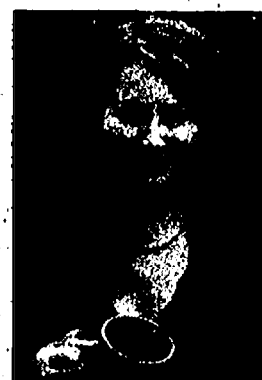
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- Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 possible points as you can. Simply review the week's schedule of games, listed on entry form, and decide which game you are SUREST of picking a winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on the 16-point line, and so on down to the 1-point line, which game you figure to be a loss. Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's designated game. If this step fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yardage from scrimmage in this game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The weekly highest regional winner will receive \$1000.
- Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
- Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each of every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and other similar teams.
- No points are awarded on the games or in case any game is not played for any reason during the scheduled week.
- Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and reasonable promotional purposes at no charge.
- Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.
- Any inquiry about a protest of weekly results must be made by noon on the Friday following the announcement of winners.
- No purchase necessary. Facsimile game entry forms will be accepted. Enter contest by dropping entry form into POWER POINTS container at participating co-sponsors.
- Weekly deadline for entry will be 2 p.m. Thursdays except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.
- Neither this newspaper nor any co-sponsor will be responsible for illegible entry forms or those lost, stolen or damaged in any way.
- Limit: one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of an entrant, group entries, systems or other attempt to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filling out extra forms and putting your friends and relatives names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
- Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

Coffee with the Editor

Meet with Michelle Rogers,
editor of
The Chelsea Standard
and **The Dexter Leader**,
from 7 to 8 p.m. on
Thursdays, Sept. 9, 16
and 23
at **Zou Zou's**
101 N. Main St., in Chelsea



Share story ideas, suggestions for improvement
and general concerns about the newspapers,
or just shoot the breeze about
current events in Chelsea and Dexter.
We want to hear from you.

DEXTER DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the Budget Hearings of Local Government Act (PA 43 of 1963) the Dexter District Library Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the 2004-2005 Budget on Monday, September 13, 2004. This hearing will take place at 7:00 p.m. and be held in the meeting room at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. in Dexter. This hearing is open to the public. Copies of the budget are available at the Library for inspection.
Publish: September 2, 2004
September 9, 2004

CITY OF CHELSEA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR AMENDED FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL

An application has been filed by Ed Horodecki of Hatch Stamping for an Amended Final Site Plan approval of a proposed parking lot expansion on the following-described parcel of land:

TAX CODE: #06-06-12-250-019
635 E. Industrial Drive, Chelsea

The application for Amended Final Site Plan Approval will be considered by the Chelsea Planning Commission on Tuesday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI.

Signed, written comments, concerning the application will be accepted prior to the Planning Commission meeting, and will be read at the meeting. Comments should be addressed to the Chelsea Planning Commission, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

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

CHELSEA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Chris Rode, Chair

Publish: September 9, 2004

CITY OF CHELSEA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR AMENDED FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL

An application has been filed by Dan Joseph of Versatile Investments LLC for an Amended Final Site Plan approval of a proposed Office Building on the following-described parcel of land:

TAX CODE: #06-06-13-450-019
1301 S. Main Street, Chelsea

The application for Amended Final Site Plan Approval will be considered by the Chelsea Planning Commission on Tuesday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI.

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CHELSEA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Chris Rode, Chair

Publish: September 9, 2004

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WASHTENAW AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the Board of Education, pursuant to a directive from the Intermediate School Board of Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Michigan, has called a special intermediate school district election to be held in the district on Tuesday, September 14, 2004.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7:00 O'CLOCK, A.M., AND CLOSE AT 8:00 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special intermediate school district election:

SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal requests additional millage to permit the continued levy by the intermediate school district of the maximum millage for special education previously approved by the electors and to increase the total rate to help cover the costs for services to students with disabilities.

Shall the current charter limitation on the annual property tax rate for the education of persons with disabilities in Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Michigan, be increased by 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation), for a period of seven (7) years, 2004 through 2010, inclusive (this increase will allow the intermediate school district to levy the maximum rate of 3.50 mills previously approved by the electors which has been reduced as required by the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and to increase the rate by .435 mill for a total authorized levy of 3.935 mills) (\$3.935 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation); the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2004 is approximately \$12,500,000 from local property taxes authorized herein?

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Dexter Community Pool, 3080 Kensington, Dexter, Michigan

PRECINCT NO. 2

Voting Place: Dexter Community Pool, 3080 Kensington, Dexter, Michigan
All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Dexter Community Schools, Washtenaw and Livingston Counties, Michigan.

Jane B. Hoggard
Secretary, Board of Education

Publish: September 2, 2004
September 9, 2004

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2004
AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP HALL AT
5665 WEBSTER CHURCH RD., DEXTER, MICHIGAN

AGENDA:

Changes in the Zoning Ordinance to Sections 2.02, 9.13, 9.20, 9.21, 10.04, 11.07, 13.06 and 14.02 all of which deal with the Township's Fee Schedule and the escrowing of funds.

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

Written comments may be made in advance at the above address.
John Kingsley, Chairman

Publish: August 26, 2004
September 9, 2004

CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT WASHTENAW AND JACKSON COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

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THE VOTING PLACE IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Washington Street Educational Center, Cafeteria
All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of the Chelsea School District, Washtenaw and Jackson Counties, Michigan.

Laurel L. McDevitt
Secretary, Board of Education

Publish: August 26, 2004
September 9, 2004

DEXTER TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2004 7:30 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL 6880 DEXTER PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA

1) 04-14-400-018
04-ZBA-581

Faith Lutheran Church
9575 North Territorial Road

Applicant requests relief from:
Section 22.04.A.16. To allow a 52.5 square foot sign (16 square foot permitted). Also to allow the sign to be 5'3" tall, where 4' is permitted.

And to recognize the following existing non-conformities:
All non-conformities were recognized in January of 2004.

To allow for the removal of a 63 square foot sign, and to construct a 52.5 square foot sign. Sign is requested to be 5'3" tall. A variance was granted in 1973 for the sign that exists today.

2) 04-01-108-039
04-ZBA-589

Tamala Wonnacott
8600 Portage Lake Blvd.

Applicant requests relief from:
Section 9.10. To allow a 19' rear setback from property line to overhang of new construction.

3) 04-ZBA 592
04-07-108-017

Katrina Stewart
13521 Edgewater Drive

Applicant requests relief from:
Section 18.23.A to allow 40' to new screened in porch and new entry deck.
Section 9.10 to allow 1.4' from overhang to the property line on the West Side. (10' required)

And to recognize the following existing non-conformities:
37.5' from Edgewater Drive to the existing front porch, which is proposed to be torn off.

2.7' from the rear property line to the existing shed, which is proposed to be torn off.

Lot less than one acre.
Lot less than 150' wide.

Applicant is proposing to build a 26' x28' garage on the East Side of the existing one story home.

On the West side of the home a 10.4' x28.2' screened in porch is proposed. Also a second story over the new garage and existing home is proposed to be constructed.

The existing front porch, as well as the 17'x10' shed will be removed.

4) 04-01-182-006
04-ZBA-593

Donald and Lori Rademaker
9547 Portage Lake Ave

Applicant requests relief from:
Section 9.10 to allow 5' from new addition to side property line on the South Side.

To allow 8' from new deck to property line on the South West Side. Also to allow 4' from new deck on the North West Side. (9' is required)

And to recognize the following existing non-conformities:
Lot less than one acre.

Lot less than 150' wide.

This variance is asked to allow for a 17'x18' addition to the existing house and garage. Addition is to connect the house and garage. Existing garage is to be converted into living space. Also to include a 12' x 32' deck attached to the lakeside of the existing dwelling. Already in place are a set of steps that will be kept to gain access to the deck.

5) 04-24-300-007
04-ZBA-684

Huron Creek Party Store (Ali Damesez)
6100 Dexter - Pinckney Road

Section 22.03.A to allow a 42-sq. ft. lighted sign. 32-sq. ft. maximum is allowed. (Dexter Township vs. Optima oil settlement agreement mandates the allowance of 117.4-sq. ft. minus the existing "Huron Creek Party Store" building signage.)
Section 22.03.B to allow a 6'6" front yard setback from Dexter-Pinckney Road to edge of existing lighted sign. (30 required) To allow 9'6" from the North side property line (20' required) To allow the sign to be with in a required buffer area.

Section 22.03.C to allow a 9'10" high (existing) lighted sign. 4' Maximum allowed.

Publish: September 9, 2004

DEXTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE SECOND READING OF PROPOSED "DANGEROUS BUILDING" ORDINANCE

At the Regular meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees on September 21st, 2004, the Second Reading of the proposed "Dangerous Building" ordinance will be offered by the Township Board. This Ordinance, proposed ordinance #36, is "AN ORDINANCE TO SECURE THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DEXTER, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, MICHIGAN, BY THE REGULATION OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS INJURIOUS TO LIFE OR HEALTH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEANS BY WAY OF HEARINGS FOR THE MAKING SAFE OR DEMOLITION OF SUCH DANGEROUS BUILDINGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A HEARING OFFICER; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE COST OF SAID MAKING SAFE OR DEMOLITION OF DANGEROUS BUILDINGS; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH."

The Dexter Township Board of Trustees meets at the Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI 48130, at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month. The agenda for the meeting can be obtained the day prior to the meeting by calling the Township Hall (734-426-3767), or by checking the Township web site www.twp-dexter.org.

Submitted by:
Harley B. Rider, Clerk
Dexter Township

Publish: September 9, 2004 & September 16, 2004

CITY OF CHELSEA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2004

WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Feeney, City Manager Steklac, Clerk Burtch
Council Members Present: Myles, Albertson, Hammer, Lindauer, Bollinger and Merkel

Absent:

Others Present: Art Stoll, Sue Lackey, Richard Steele, Karen Dixon, Dayle Wright, Estelle Humenay, Earl Heller, Reuben, Lesser, Christine Linfield, Chuck Schauer and Charlotte Schauer

Mayor Feeney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes of Regular meeting of July 27, 2004

2. Approval of Bills

MOVED Merkel SECONDED Bollinger to approve bills and minutes with corrections. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Regular Agenda

MOVED Bollinger SECONDED Hammer to remove items two and three from agenda under New Business and to add the scheduling of a work session to review/discuss these items for August 18th at 7:00 All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comments

Presentation given Del Dunbar, Ellen Schumelster and Diane Davidson on behalf of Washtenaw County. The Washtenaw Housing Alliance would like to update Chelsea on the Blueprint to End Homelessness and to solicit input on the development of the plan as well as to invite citizens to the September 21, 2004 forum at which time the final blueprint will be presented and discussed.

Art Stoll 733 Provincial Drive, concerned about possible closing of landfill and having all services contracted out for garbage pick up. Would like to see better use of the transfer station facility.

Mayor Feeney informed Mr. Stoll that no decision has been made as of yet and the City Council will let citizens know if or when any changes come about.

Karon Dixon, of the Chelsea District Library Building Committee reported that the Slayers have scheduled the moving of the house on Orchard Street for the 20th of August. The week after it is removed from the property they will start the process of moving Mr. Stefan's house over.

Public Hearing

Community Development Block Grant # MSC 203043 EDIG, Economic Development Infrastructure Project Chelsea Clock Tower

Mayor Feeney opened the public hearing.

Sue Lackey explained the CDBG grant and amounts that the City of Chelsea is applying for.

MOVED Hammer SUPPORT Albertson to close Public Hearing. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Council Committee

Council Member Merkel attended the CAFA meeting on behalf of Council Member Bollinger.

Council Member Lindauer attended the School Board Meeting last night and was introduced to Deb Ream who will be working at Pierce Lake in the Special Education Dept. Also noted that South Meadows will be going high tech with interactive white boards and laptops.

Council Member Albertson received the map from Ken Reiter, Transportation Planner for the Washtenaw County Road Commission. The map will be sent to Christine Linfield at the City Office and to Ann Dilcher of the Planning Commission to reproduce it and then it will be sent to Ann Valle, also on the Planning Commission, who will have it laminated. This map pertains to Roadway Connectivity, it was put together over a number of years. A portion of the map is specific to Chelsea. This is a draft document to be used as a planning tool.

New Business

1. Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of the CDBG Grant Application.
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Albertson to approve the Authorizing Resolution for the submittal of the CDBG Grant Application. All ayes. Motion Carried.

2. Awarding of Elm Street Paving Contract

City crews are in the process of installing 12" watermain on Elm Street. Once the watermain and services are finished, the City plans on replacing the roadbed and repave the street.

Three bids were received for the paving project with the lowest bid of \$29,519 being submitted by Advanced Asphalt Paving. Since the bid opening, the quantities for the project has been revised. Advanced Asphalt Paving has reviewed the revised quantities and agrees to honor the original unit pricing. The revised bid amount now totals \$20,676.60.

MOVED Bollinger SECONDED Hammer to award the Elm Street Paving Contract to Advanced Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$20,676.60. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Awarding of Elm Street Concrete Work

The City has been reviewing the costs to determine if there are enough funds in the \$60,000 project budget to replace the concrete curbing, drive approaches and problem sidewalks on Elm Street.

Two bids were received from Doan Construction Company and GM & Sons, Inc. Doan proposed a lower price for the curb, while GM & Sons had a lower price for the driveways. City Engineer, Christine Linfield spoke to each company and they both agreed to split their bids. The city has worked with both contractors on the Madison Street project and is pleased with their workmanship.

MOVED Bollinger SECONDED Hammer to award the concrete curb work to Doan Construction Company in the amount of \$13,875.00 and to award the concrete flat work to GM & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$11,561.50. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Rezoning of 118 N. Main and 110 Jackson St

On June 16, 2004 a petition was filed by John Langs of Magellan Properties, L.L.C. requesting the rezoning of two parcels of land located on N. Main St., commonly known as the Longworth Building from I-1 and C-5 to C-5, Central Business. On July 20, 2004 a Public Hearing was held by the Planning Commission on the rezoning request. A motion was passed by the Commission that based on the request's consistency with the future land use plan in the Comprehensive Plan the commission recommends the parcels be rezoned as requested.

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Merkel to adopt Ordinance 79 SSSSS to rezone Tax ID Parcels #s FC 06-12-182-007 and 008 from I-1 and C-5 to C-5, Central Business. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

5. Appointment to the ZBA

Due to the recent death of David Shiel, there is now a vacancy for a regular member on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Charles Schauer, 732 Provincial Dr. has served as an alternate member on the Board for many years and is interested in filling the vacancy. Mr. Schauer has regularly attended nearly all of the meetings, even as an alternate and has been a very positive contributing member as he has had zoning experience in Northfield and Lima Township where for a time he served as the Zoning Inspector and served on the Planning Commission.

MOVED Merkel SECONDED Bollinger to appoint Charles Schauer to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term ending in September 2007. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

6. Discussion of Rescheduling the August 24th Council Meeting.
MOVED Merkel SECONDED Albertson to move the Regularly Scheduled second meeting for August to Monday, August 23, at 7:30 p.m. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Merkel to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approved: August 23, 2004 with corrections

Ann Feeney, Mayor
Teresa Burtch, City Clerk

Publish: September 9, 2004

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Champion
Other Purebreds
Female
Jeff Grau, 14, of Chelsea, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers 4-H Club.
Reserve Champion
Other Purebreds Female
Garrett Fischer, 10, of Dexter, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.
Champion Shorthorn
Female
Krystal Welshans, 17, of Ann Arbor, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.
Reserve Champion
Shorthorn Female
Shelby Welshans, 13, of Ann Arbor, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.
Grand Champion
Market Heifer
Nicholas Moenck, 12, of Franklin, a member of Blue Ribbon Livestock 4-H Club.
Reserve Grand Champion
Market Heifer
Brock Welshans, 15, of Ann Arbor, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers.
Grand Champion
Market Steer
Rachael Vaassen, 16, of

Ann Arbor, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.
Reserve Grand Champion
Market Steer
Julie Thelen, 16, of Saline, a member of Townline Workers.
Club Herd
Saline 4-H Farmers 4-H Club.
Best Homegrown
Market Beef
Sara Hammond, 15, of Saline, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.
Champion Pair of
Market Beef
Nicholas Moenck, 12, of Franklin, a member of Blue Ribbon Livestock 4-H Club.
Champion Rate of Gain
Mathew Noggle, 16, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.
Herb Duible Memorial
Beef Award
Julie Thelen, 16, of Saline, a member of Townline Workers 4-H Club.
DAIRY SHOW
Senior Showmanship
Roxanne Ernst, 16, of Ann Arbor, a member of Country Expressions.
Intermediate Showmanship
Sara Girbach, 13, of Saline, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.

Junior Showmanship
Casey Hirth, 11, of Whitmore Lake, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.
Young Showmanship
Garrett Fischer, 10, of Dexter, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.
Grand Champion
Senior Holstein
Geiger Memorial Award
Katelyn Horning, 11, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.
Reserve Champion
Senior Holstein
Nathan Cort, 17, of Northville, a member of Born in the Barn 4-H Club.
Champion Junior Holstein
Natalie Horning, 8, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.
Reserve Champion
Junior Holstein
Justin Hanewald, 16, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.
Grand Champion
Dairy Animal
Katelyn Horning, 11, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.
Reserve Grand Champion

Dairy Animal
Nathan Cort, 17, of Northville, Born in the Barn 4-H Club.
Club Herd
Country Expressions in Ann Arbor.
Individual Herd
Jared Cort, 15, of Northville, a member of Born in the Barn 4-H Club.
Best Udder
Katelyn Horning, 11, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.
Best Exhibitor
Bred Champion
Nathan Cort, 17, of Northville, a member of Born in the Barn 4-H Club.
RABBIT SHOW
Senior Showmanship
Forrest Cohn, 15, of South Lyon, a member of TLC 4-H Club.
Intermediate Showmanship
Amanda McKenzie, 14, of Dexter, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.
Junior Showmanship
Jenny Kempher, 11, of Manchester, a member of Basic Equestrians 4-H Club.
Young Showmanship
Elizabeth Boyce, 8, of Gregory, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.

Champion Showmanship
Emily Hardcastle, 15, of Chelsea, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.
Best of Breed-Mixed Breed
Jacob Truitt, 9, of Ypsilanti, a member of Challengers 4-H Club.
Grand Champion Market
Pen of Three
Sheri Robbins, 10, of Grass Lake, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.
Reserve Champion
Market Pen of Three
Cyle Schroeder, 14, of Milan, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.
Best of 4 Class Breeds
Shelby Collins, 10, of Chelsea, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.
Best of Six Class Breeds
Chris Mason, 15, of Stockbridge, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.
Best of Show All Breeds
Chris Mason, 15, of Stockbridge, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen.
GOAT SHOW
Intermediate Showmanship
Amanda McKenzie, 14, of Dexter, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.
Junior Showmanship
Elly Mioduszewski, 11, of Dexter, a member of Rogers

Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.
Young Showmanship
Amanda Johnson, 9, of Chelsea, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.
Grand Champion Dairy Goat
Amanda McKenzie, 14, of Dexter, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.
Reserve Grand Champion
Dairy Goat
Amanda McKenzie, 14, of Dexter, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.
Best Mother/Daughter
Dairy Goat
Amanda McKenzie, 14, of Dexter, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.
Best Mother/Daughter
Pygmy Goat
Shannon Bater, 10, of Chelsea, a member of Country Sunrise 4-H Club.
Champion Angora Goat
Billy Poet, 8, of Manchester, a member of Country Sunrise 4-H Club.
Champion Pygmy Goat
Kristen Hayes, 17, of Milan, a member of Green Acres 4-H Club.
Reserve Champion
Pygmy Goat
Shannon Bater, 10, of Chelsea, a member of Country Sunrise 4-H Club.
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Celebrate

2004-2005

Webster United Church of Christ
5484 Webster Church Rd.,
Dexter, MI
(734) 426-5115
The Rev. LaVerne Gill

SUNDAY:
Holy Communion 8:00 a.m.
Church School, 9:15 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church
128 Park Street,
Chelsea, MI 48118
734-475-8119

Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Night Oasis: meet 5:45 p.m.
Program for All Ages 6:30 p.m.
www.chelseaumc.org

The Rev. Joy Barrett
The Rev. Barbara Lewis-Lakin

Join us this Sunday...

8:15am Heritage Service
10:30am Celebration Service

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Dexter, MI

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First Assembly of God

14900 Old US-12
Chelsea, MI 48118
(across from Polly's)

Sunday Worship
11am & 6pm

Sunday School Adult-Children 10am

Wednesday Family Night 7:00 pm

PEACE Lutheran Church
8260 Jackson Rd.,
(Corner of Jackson & Parker Rds.)

SUNDAY SERVICES
Traditional 8:30 a.m.
Praise 11:00 a.m.
Education Hour 9:45 a.m.
Pastor Larry Courson
(734) 424-0899
e-mail: peace@lutheran@cuua.edu

Chelsea Church of Christ

13661 East
Old US-12
Chelsea, MI 48118
(734) 475-8458

Brandon Coats, Preacher
Sunday School 9:30 am
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4-H

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Champion and Reserve Champion Nigerian Goat Two Classes

Alyssa Rodgers, 12, of Dexter, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.

Best Mother/Daughter Nigerian Goats

Alyssa Rodgers, 12, of Dexter, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.

Champion All Other Breeds Goat

Kristen Hayes, 17, of Milan, a member of Green Acres 4-H Club.

Reserve Champion All Other Breeds Goat

Amanda McKenzie, 14, of Dexter, a member of Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club.

Grand Champion Market Goat

Olivia Arnett, 13, of Saline, a member of Stampedeers 4-H Club.

Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat

Ashley Thomas, 11, of Ann Arbor, a member of Country Sunrise 4-H Club.

Club Herd

Rogers Corners Herdsmen in Dexter.

ANIMAL DECORATOR

Animal Decorator Contest Winner 8-10

Kallyn Atkinson, 10, of Dexter, a member of Silver Leaves, Bantam chicken decorator, with the theme "Bantam Chicken Hula."

Animal Decorator Contest Winner 11 and older

Nick Moenck, 12, of Franklin, a member of Blue Ribbon Livestock, beef calf, with the theme "Bride and Groom."

Overall Winner

Nick Moenck, 12, of Franklin, a member of Blue Ribbon Livestock, beef calf, with the theme "Bride and Groom."

LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY JUDGING AND SKILL-A-THON

Top Junior Dairy Judge Katelyn Horning, 11, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Top Senior Dairy Judge Roxanne Ernst, 16, of Ann Arbor, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Top Senior Swine Judge Matt Noggle, 16, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Top Senior Beef Judge

Matt Noggle, 16, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Top Senior Sheep Judge

Brock Welshans, 15, of Ann Arbor, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers 4-H Club.

Top Junior Swine Judge

Katelyn Horning, 11, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Top Junior Beef Judge

Kristie Litwin, 13, of Manchester, a member of Basic Equestrians 4-H Club.

Top Junior Sheep Judge

Kristi Litwin, 13, of Manchester, a member of Basic Equestrians 4-H Club.

Top Junior Livestock Judge

Kristi Litwin, 13, of Manchester, a member of Basic Equestrians 4-H Club.

Top Senior Livestock Judge

Matt Noggle, 16, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

First Place Team

Brock Welshans, 15, of Ann Arbor, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club and James Noggle, 11, of Manchester, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Second Place Team

Roxanne Ernst, 16, of Ann Arbor, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club, and Ryan Ernst, 12, of Ann Arbor, a member of Country Expressions 4-H Club.

Third Place Team

Patti Vassee, 12, of Ann Arbor, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club, and Lindsay Robison, 12, of Saline, a member of Saline 4-H Farmers Club.

EWELD WITH WOOL CONTEST WINNERS

Junior Division

Courtney Cook, 9, of Dexter, a member of Townline Workers 4-H Club.

Senior Division

Julie Thelen, 16, of Saline, a member of Townline Workers.

4-H SHOWMANSHIP SWEEPSTAKES

Champion Sweepstakes

Showperson Kay Bulman

Memorial Award

Jessica Zalucha, 15, of Dexter, a member of Silver Leaves 4-H Club.

Reserve Champion Sweepstakes Showperson

Dr. Susan Quinlin

Memorial Award

Julie Thelen, 16, of Saline, a member of Townline Workers 4-H Club.

Ray Girbach Swine Memorial Award

Nicholas Baldus, 10, of Howell, a member of Blue Ribbon Livestock 4-H Club.

Ray Girbach Sheep Memorial Award

Julie Thelen, 16, of Saline, a member of Townline Workers 4-H Club.

HORSE SHOW

Grand Champion Showmanship

Katherine Guyon, 16, of Pinckney, an independent 4-H member.

Reserve Grand Champion Showmanship

Nicole Feldkamp, 17, of Manchester, a member of Flying Equestrians 4-H Club.

Championship Hunt Seat Fitting and Showing

Ages 10-12 Casey Fry, 10, of Chelsea, a member of Moonlight Riders 4-H Club.

Champion Hunt Seat Fitting and Showing

Ages 13-15 Katie Kile, 15, of New Hudson, a member of VIP Kids 4-H Club.

Champion Hunt Seat Fitting and Showing

Ages 16-19 Amanda Verna, 16, of Dexter, a member of Invincible Equestrians 4-H Club.

Champion Stock Seat Fitting and Showing

Ages 10-12 Andrea Armbruster, 12, of Milan, a member of Exploding Stars 4-H Club.

Champion Stock Seat Fitting and Showing

Ages 13-15 Erika Kasemodel, 14, of Ann Arbor, a member of Classic Equestrians 4-H Club.

Champion Stock Seat Fitting and Showing

Ages 16-19 Tenille Horvath, 17, of Ann Arbor, a member of Flying Equestrians 4-H Club.

Reserve Champion Stock Seat Fitting and Showing

Ages 16-19 Nicole Feldkamp, 17, of Manchester, a member of Flying Equestrians 4-H Club.

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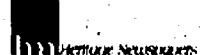
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WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners is looking for citizens to volunteer for a slate of positions with the various Boards, Committees and Commissions. The Board of Commissioners will make these appointments at their November 20, 2004 session at 8:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Individuals interested in applying should submit a letter of interest and resume, including a home address to Tammy Richards, County Administrator's Office, P.O. Box 8845, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107. Letters and resumes may be received via the internet by sending to richardt@washtenaw.org, faxing Tammy Richards, County Administrator's Office at (734) 222-8715 or apply online at www.washtenaw.org.

Those resumes received by October 31, 2004 will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for its consideration on November 17, 2004. The appointments will become effective January 1, 2005. These appointments will include:

- **Accommodations Ordinance Commission.** The Board is looking to fill two positions representing at large for one-year terms expiring on December 31, 2005. The Accommodations Ordinance Commission was established in 1976 with the purpose of enhancing the economy of Washtenaw County, through the promotion of the area as a destination for overnight visitors.
- **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.** The Board is looking to fill two positions representing General Public for three-year terms expiring on December 31, 2007. The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was established in 1999 in conformity with Act 861 of 1996. The purpose of this authority is to facilitate the redevelopment of previously developed sites, consistent with the community's commitment to sustainability and its vision for the future.
- **Building Code/Construction Appeals Board.** The Board is looking to fill seven positions, one architect, two building, one electrical, one engineer, one mechanical, and one plumbing representative, for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2006. The Building Code/Construction Appeals Board was established in 1974. A member of the Board of Appeals should be qualified by experience or training to perform the duties of members of the Board of Appeals.
- **Citizens Advisory Council for Children in the Family Court.** The Board is looking to fill one position for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2007 and one position for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2005. The Citizens Advisory Council for the Children in the Family Court's purpose is to promote programs to aid children in the Family Court. No person who is an elected county official, a juvenile court employee, an employee or appointee of the Family Independence Agency, a member of any law enforcement agency organization or an employee of the County of Washtenaw involved in juvenile services shall be appointed or designated for membership. Persons who are members or employees of the special interest groups enumerated above may be requested to participate and consult with this Council as needed.
- **Community Action Board.** The Board is looking to fill four positions representing private and one position representing public for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2007. The Community Action Board was established in 1990 for the purpose of providing community services programs to the community. The Board consists of 12 members who represent three sectors: Consumer (1/3), Private (1/3) and Public (1/3).
- **Concealed Weapons Licensing Board.** The Board is looking to fill one position representing prosecuting attorney for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2007. The Concealed Weapons Licensing Board is charged with approving applications for concealed weapons licenses.
- **Economic Development Corporation.** The Board is looking to fill one position representing the general public for a six-year term expiring December 31, 2010. The Economic Development Corporation was established for the purpose to alleviate and prevent conditions of unemployment, to assist and retain local industries and commercial enterprises, to strengthen and revitalize the economy of the County. In addition, to provide the means and methods for the encouragement and assistance of industrial and commercial enterprise in locating, purchasing, constructing, reconstructing, modernizing, improving, maintaining, repairing, furnishing, equipping and expanding in the County. The Economic Development Corporation encourages the location and expansion of commercial enterprise to provide needed services and facilities to the County and the residents.
- **Emergency Medical Services Commission.** The Board is looking to fill one position representing consumer for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2006. Consumers not employed by any of the major health care providers in Washtenaw County or otherwise having a pecuniary interest with any other organization already represented on the Commission. The Emergency Medical Services Commission was established in 1978 with the purpose to plan, monitor and evaluate the Washtenaw County Emergency Medical Services system in concert with the Washtenaw-Livingston Medical Control Authority Board. In addition to plan, monitor and evaluate the pre-hospital aspects of the County Emergency Operations Plan.
- **Environmental Health Code Appeals/Public Health Advisory Board.** The Board is looking to fill a position for a five-year term expiring December 31, 2009. The Environmental Health Code Board of Appeals/Public Health Advisory Committee was established in 1988 to provide review and advice on matters pertaining to Public Health and/or the organization and operation of the Environmental Health Division of the Department of Environment & Infrastructure Services/DEIS. In addition, the board shall have such authority to hear appeals of environmental actions by the Division and to grant variances from local environmental ordinances and state regulations as was previously vested in the Board of Health. The Environmental Health Code Board of Appeals/Public Health Advisory Committee consists of five members.
- **Family Independence Agency Board.** The Board is looking to fill a position for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2007. The Family Independence Agency Board is vested with the authority to oversee the administration of the local activities of the Family Independence Agency.
- **Grading/Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Appeals Board.** The Board is looking to fill one position representing the Soil Conservation District for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2007. The Grading/Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Appeals Board was established in 1998 for the purpose of being available for the right of an appeal and the interpretation of the ordinance.
- **Hearing Board for the Health Department Food Service Regulation.** The Board is looking to fill two positions to represent Food Service establishments for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2006. The Hearing Board for the Health Department Food Service Regulation was approved in 1981 for the administration and enforcement of Part 129, Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1978.
- **Historic District Commission.** The Board is looking to fill one position for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2007. The Washtenaw County Historic District Commission was established in 1975 and is composed of 9 members. The Board ensures that efforts are made to safeguard the heritage of Washtenaw County by identifying and preserving sites, structures, objects and other resources of historical, cultural, archaeological, economic, political, or architectural significance. The commission seeks to promote the establishment and use of historic districts, markers and other programs for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people of the county.
- **Huron River Watershed Council.** The Board is looking to fill four positions to serve as representatives and alternates for the Board of Commissioners for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2006. The Huron River Watershed Council is a collection of representatives from local government units who use the Huron River for water supply or waste disposal.
- **Library Board of Trustees.** The Board is looking to fill one position for a five-year term expiring December 31, 2009. The Library Board of Trustees was established pursuant to 1917 PA 138 (MCL 391.301 et seq.) and have the powers enumerated in section 2, 1917 138 (MCLA 397.302). The Library Board of Trustees is a five-member board responsible for providing specialized services and programs to the community.
- **Local Emergency Planning Committee.** The Board is looking to fill thirty-two positions representing Agriculture, Broadcast Media, Civil Defense, Firefighting, First Aid, Health, Hospitals, Law Enforcement, Local Environment, Owner/Operator of a Title II Facility, Print Media, and Transportation. The positions are for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2007. The Local Emergency Planning Committee was established in 1988, to serve as an emergency planning district under Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986. The purpose of this committee is to report on hazardous and toxic chemicals in the community as it pertains to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986.
- **Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee.** The Board is looking to fill four positions representing botany/forestry, fisheries biology/aquatic ecology, professional land use planning, and wildlife management. The positions are for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2006. The Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee was established function as an advisory body to assist the Parks and Recreation Commission in determining whether it should purchase a particular natural areas parcel offered for sale to the County. Members must be residents of Washtenaw County.
- **Neighborhood Advisory Council for the Huron Street Shelter.** The Board is looking to fill three positions representing the Huron-Jackson Neighborhood Association, Old West Side Neighborhood, and a resident of Shelter Impact Area for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2007. The Board is also looking to fill one at-large representative for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2006. The Neighborhood Advisory Council for the Huron Street Shelter is to communicate current issues, concerns and information, as needed, in the Washtenaw Housing Alliance meetings (Operations Committee). The Neighborhood Advisory Council for the Huron Street Shelter serves as an education and outreach resource for the community.
- **Planning Advisory Board.** The Board is looking to fill two positions representing at-large general public for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2007. The charge of the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board is to advise and make recommendations to the BOC and Administration on planning issues; to implement BOC policies through discussion and development of planning initiatives; to facilitate the cooperation and collaboration of the Planning Department with other County departments or agencies, especially those whose responsibilities affect planning issues; to facilitate the cooperation and collaboration of Washtenaw County with other municipalities; to support staff and the BOC in fulfilling planning responsibilities as mandated by Michigan law.
- **Board of Public Works.** The Board is looking to fill two positions for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2007. The Board of Public Works was established in accordance with MCLA 123.732 to assist communities in the construction of infrastructure improvements and provide planning and coordination of solid waste, wastewater, lake level improvements and recycling issues with Washtenaw County.
- **Road Commission.** The Board is looking to fill one position for a six-year term expiring December 31, 2010. The Road Commission is responsible for maintaining certain County roadways.
- **Sheriff's Community Relations Advisory Board.** The Board is looking to fill four positions for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2007. The Sheriff's Community Relations Advisory Board was established in 1991 to act as an official liaison between the Sheriff and the surrounding communities.
- **Washtenaw County/City of Ann Arbor Community Corrections Advisory Board.** The Board is looking to fill six positions representing the areas of City Councilperson, City Police Chief, Judge of District Court, Prosecuting Attorney, service area, and County Sheriff for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2007. The Board also is looking to fill one position representing Communications Media for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2005. The Board was established in 1991 and is responsible for designing, implementing, monitoring, assessing, and evaluating Community Corrections programs in Washtenaw County. Its objectives are to provide the appropriate alternative sanctioning options for the non-violent offender; to address the unique needs of the local offender population; to reduce the likelihood of recidivism; to provide the means to improve the utilization of the county jail, and to target at-risk population groups such as youthful offenders, special population groups, domestic violence and pre-trial offenders for programming designed to address their specific needs.
- **Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board.** The Board is looking to fill ten positions representing the areas of Economic Development, Organized Labor, Public Assistance, and eight private. The terms are for three-years expiring December 31, 2007. Individuals interested in appointment to the private sector must submit resumes through their local chamber of commerce. Individuals interested in appointment to an Organized Labor sector must submit resumes through their local labor federation. The Workforce Development Board was established in 1995 to provide oversight and management of employment training initiatives and programs within the community.

For additional information please contact Tammy Richards, Washtenaw County Administration, (734) 222-8731 or email: richardt@washtenaw.org

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before taking over himself as head chef in 2002.

Lance said that during his tenure as head chef, the restaurant received positive reviews in various publications, including Gourmet magazine, which lauded his Amish sweet bread.

Traffic at the restaurant dropped by one-half on Sept. 12, 2001, and came back slowly, which badly damaged Lane's bottom line during the critical first year of a new business.

"When you get behind, it gets hard," he said. "My timing was not good."

After the change to The Tuscan House, Lance said he got business back up to two to three times the guest counts that Cousins' Heritage Inn was drawing.

But it was too late, he said. So, Lance said he fell back on catering, which he said has always worked well for him.

Lance's current goal is to sell the building and lease the kitchen for his catering business. If he cannot lease the kitchen, Lance said he has another location lined up in the Ann Arbor area.

The house is currently listed for sale, and Lance said there is "activity" with the listing that he couldn't comment on.

Ideally, he said he would like to reopen The Tuscan House, and hopes to sell the restaurant with an option to buy it back if the next owner decides to sell.

The goal in selling the restaurant is to help pay off the owed taxes, he said.

"I didn't feel good when I got behind in taxes," he said. "That's why I chose this."

Lance said another factor that contributed to his difficulties was a tripling of his real property tax assessments between 2002 and 2003 tax years.

The raised taxes resulted in part from an error his

accountant made, but Lance said his appeal to the tax board was not successful.

"The personal property tax got really whacked out," he said, adding that he kept most of the same restaurant equipment that Cousins used.

Washtenaw County Treasurer Catherine McClary said Friday that while she didn't know the details of Lance's case, the tax increase could have been related to either "uncapping," a process where assessed values of properties are raised after transfers of properties, or the taxes themselves could have increased.

The assessor could not be reached regarding the taxes.

Currently, Lance said he is working out payment plans to pay back all the restaurant's real and personal property taxes that have been turned over to the county.

"They make it all very workable," Lance said of the

county's willingness to set up payment plans. "I commend them for that."

Lance said he is considering setting up a low-carbohydrate, gourmet takeout service from the kitchen.

He added that although he respects Paul Cousins, they have had their differences.

"It has to be a very difficult thing for Paul to see the restaurant gone, and I'm sure there are some emotional things going on there I can't understand," he said.

"Paul is a great community leader, and he's strong willed. I give Paul a lot of respect for the things he's done in the community."

"But there are things he's done toward me and the community that are inappropriate."

Lance mentioned the Dexter Village Council's longstanding squabble over a village sandwich-board sign ordinance, and noted that Cousins opposed the signs.

"The whole scenario never

made much sense to me," he said of the sign disputes. "Paul was a retail guy, so I don't know why he wouldn't want signs."

Lance said he was hurt by the Village Council's eventual decision to prohibit the sandwich-board signs, and that his lunch business dropped from 20 to 30 percent after he pulled the sandwich boards.

Lance added he would have liked to attend council meetings discussing the signs, but that his restaurant duties didn't allow the time.

In any event, he said if he reopens the restaurant, it would not be based on Cousins' business model.

"I think the concept is old," he said. "At the time, it was wonderful. But you need to think differently because times change."

"I decided to quit struggling and start striving."

Staff Writer Steve Ricci can be reached at 475-1371 or via e-mail at sricci@heritag.com.

Coffee with the Editor



Meet with Michelle Rogers, editor of The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader, from 7 to 9 a.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 9, 16 and 23 at Zou Zou's, 101 N. Main St., in Chelsea.

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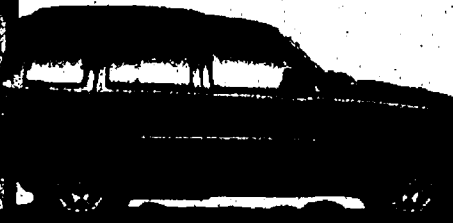


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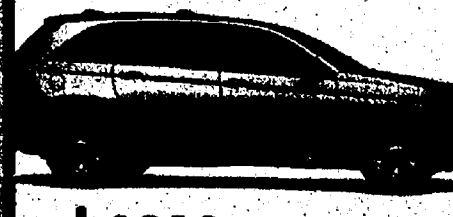


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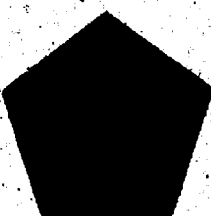
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ALLEN PARK 15809 McLean, Sat. September 11 9-3 p.m. Multi family sale household toys & clothes.

ALLEN PARK 15713 Jonas, 4 families! Sept. 11-12, 9-4. Lots of good stuff. No early birds.

ALLEN PARK 17119 Arlington near Southfield/Outer Drive. 9/10 and 9/11, 9-5 p.m.

ALLEN PARK 2 Fam. Sept. 10 & 11. Kids clothes, toys, tools, misc. No xmas, sports supplies. 9710 & 9702 Midland. 4pm-6pm

ALLEN PARK 3 home sale. 17087 O'Connor (Southfield and Outer Dr.). Friday and Saturday, 9-4. 8-3 p.m. Dishwasher, snow-blower, leafblower, exercise machine, clothes, children's toys and more.

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ALLEN PARK 4600 SHENANDOAH, Thurs. Fri., 8-3, baby/children clothes, furniture, and misc.

ALLEN PARK 4 block sale. Rose and Promenade, Friday and Saturday, 9-4 p.m. Lots of stuff!

ALLEN PARK 6785 & 6781 Shenandoah, Thurs. & Fri., 10-6, HUGE SALE! Misc. & baby items.

ALLEN PARK 7717 Larmer, Fri. & Sat., 9-5. Mower, wood chipper, adult hockey bag, artist easel.

ALLEN PARK 8006 Park Avenue, September 11-12, 8-5. Hot tub, books, CDs, antiques, lots of misc. items, everything must go!

ALLEN PARK 9633 Laurence, Thurs. - Sat., 9-4 p.m. Household, clothes, collectibles, & more.

ALLEN PARK 9653 Becker, Wed. Thurs. & Fri., moving sale, tools, baby, & household & misc. items.

ALLEN PARK 9824 Becker, Sat. Sept. 11, 9-4p.m. Various items.

ALLEN PARK Estate Sale Jane and Melissa Lalonde Number 4 Park Place - Park in the woods condos. Saturday and Sunday 8-4, entire contents of condo.

ALLEN PARK Friday - Saturday 9-5 14904 Anne, Six Families Furniture, clothing, books, toys, household, and misc.

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ALLEN PARK Sept. 9, 9-4. 18188 Thomas, dead end St., off Allen Rd. Lots of Misc. items.

ANNUAL STREET SALE 3 blocks between Northline & Woodward. Sept. 11th, 9 am-5 pm. Something for everyone!

BELLEVILLE 385 E. Huron River Sept. 11-12 9-3 p.m. Estate Sale

Antiques and collectibles, entire house sale, tools, furniture and household furnishings. No early birds and no checks.

BELLEVILLE 42062 Lincoln St. (Haggerty Sub) Sept. 11-12, 8-5p.m. Baby & household items.

BELLEVILLE 62 South Edgemoor, Sept. 11-12, 9-5. Antiques, collectibles, household salesmen samples home decor.

BROWNSTOWN 20487 Seneca, Ramblewood Sub. off Allen Rd., Sept. 9-6, collectibles, vintage, rare & unusual.

BROWNSTOWN 20829 Indiana S. on Allen, Rocher & Merick, Sept. 9-10, 9-4, 2 family home interiors, TV, VCR, computer monitor, lamps, bedding and beyond.

BROWNSTOWN 25948 Rebecca (Van Horn and Telegraph, off Alicia) Saturday 8-4 p.m. Refrigerator, trampoline, kids' jackets, clothing, comforters and curtains.

BROWNSTOWN, BOY'S clothes 0-3T, pack and play, swing, computer cart, dart board, misc. baby, household items. 32785 Stearns, off N. Huron River Dr., between 175 and W. Jefferson, Sat. 10a.m.-4p.m.

BROWNSTOWN Huge sale 25400 West Road between Telegraph & Beach Daily, 9-5 Thurs. - Sun.

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BROWNSTOWN, Sept. 11, 9-5. Jefferson (sub behind A&W) Baby, toys, household, misc. items.

BROWNSTOWN YARD sale, 9/11 possibly 9/12, 33277 W. Jefferson, S. of Huron River Drive. 9-5 PM

CHELSEA 421 Garfield, Sept. 11, Sat. 9-5, antique vanity, lawn table w/umbrella & tools, misc. Please No early birds.

CHELSEA ANNUAL multi-family yard sale. Fri. Sept. 10, 9-5 p.m. and Sat. Sept. 11, 9-5 p.m. 518 Lane. Teen & adult clothing, household items and misc.

CHELSEA MOVING Sale 1700 Sylvan Rd., US-12 Exit 157. Toys, tools, albums, named brand clothing & patio furniture. Sept. 11-12, 9-5.

CHELSEA MOVING SALE, 449 Rail Road St. Furniture, bed, top, misc., pots, pans, dishes, garden tools, tables. Thurs. 9-6, Fri. 9-4.

CHELSEA MULTI family garage sale 7521 Meester Rd., (off Waterloo Rd.) Sept. 11, 9-4.

CHELSEA MULTI-FAMILY garage sale Fri. & Sat. Sept. 10-11. Coopersfield Rd.

CHELSEA Sept. 10-11, 9-3. 14318 Forest Ct. off Stoffer Rd. Bikes, clothes, antiques, Jenni's stove top, bathroom vanity, 35mm camera, 8 in. telescope, video camera, printer, ice-cream maker, sewing machine, much more.

CHELSEA Sept. 11, 10-3. 14 Chestnut. Lamp bases from 40-50's, furniture, household goods.

CHELSEA Sept. 11, 9-5. 267 Glazier, Cavanaugh Lake. 1 Day Only, something for everyone! Bikes, tools, ski X-mas, kitchen stuff, antiques, and more.

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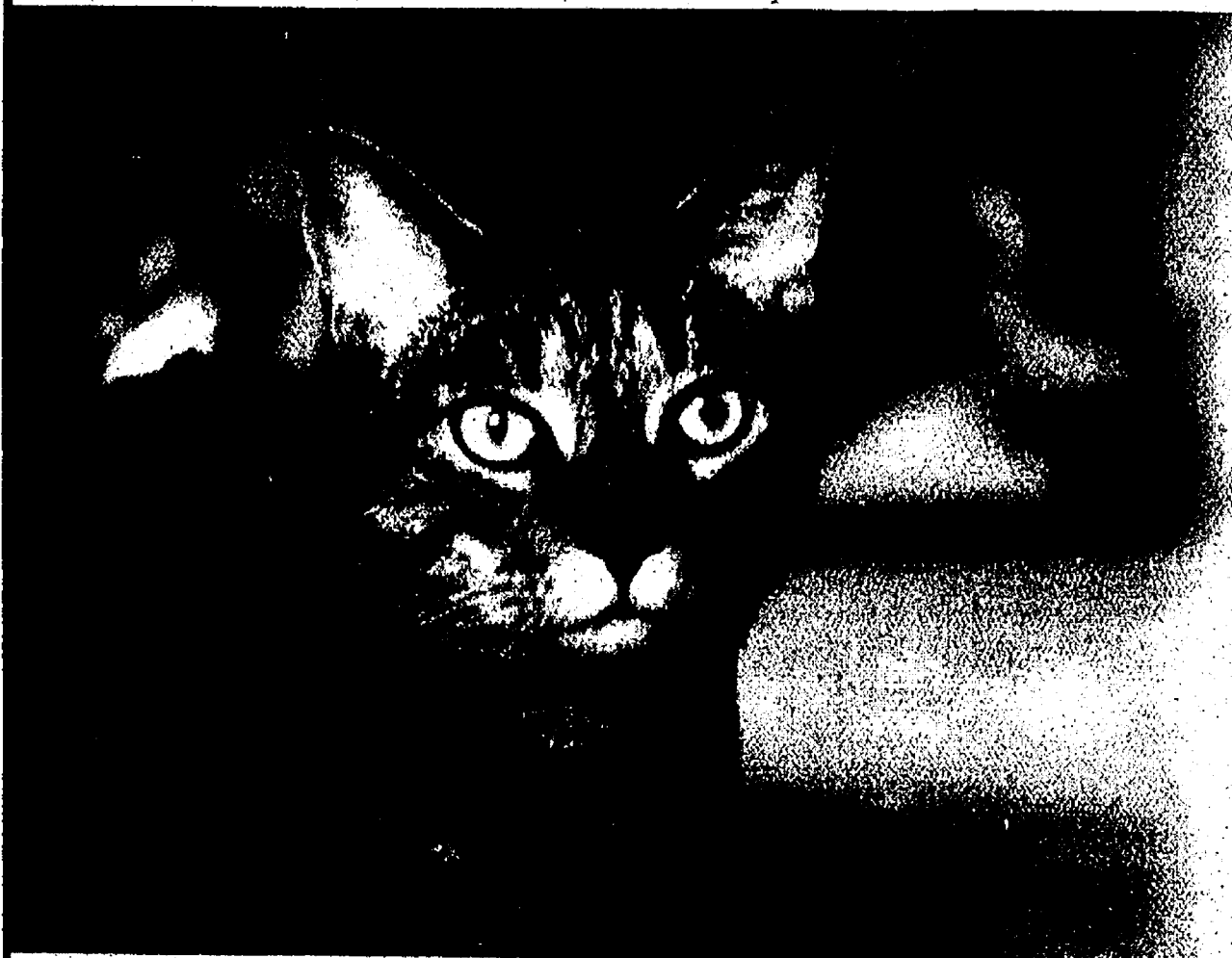
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Campout looks to attract new scouts

Chelsea Boy Scout Troop 476 will hold an overnight campout Sept. 18 for sixth-grade boys and their parents who are interested in learning more about Scouting.

The "Learn About Scouting" campout will be held at Camp Munhacker near Gregory and will include hiking, cooking, Scouting skills and a campfire.

The event will run from 11 a.m. Saturday to 9 a.m. Sunday.

Boy Scouting is a program for youths in sixth grade and higher who are interested in outdoor activities. Troop activities in recent years have included caving, canoeing, skiing, shooting, archery, backpacking, tobogganing and sailing.

Older Scouts have the opportunity to participate in high-adventure trips that have included sailing a tall ship in the Bahamas, back-

THE FACTS

■ **Who:** Chelsea Boy Scout Troop 476

■ **What:** Overnight campout for sixth-grade boys and their parents.

■ **Where:** Camp Munhacker near Gregory.

■ **When:** 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 until 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19.

packing on Isle Royale and backpacking at Philmont Scout Ranch in the mountains of New Mexico.

For spring break 2005, the troop will have two crews sailing in the Florida Keys.

Troop 476 is sponsored by the Chelsea Kiwanis Club and meets 7 p.m. Monday at the Chelsea Community Fairgrounds.



Boy Scout Troop 476 will hold a "Learn About Scouting" campout Sept. 18. In July, the troop went on a backpacking trip to Isle Royale National Park. Jamie Coleman (left), Cody Robbins, Todd Kruse, Kirt Heumann, Scoutmaster Steve Gentz, Jared Gentz, Cameron Girard, Derik Heumann, Judy Gentz and Julie Coleman were among those who went on the trek.



Chelsea High School sophomore Joe Turek climbs a spar pole at Pueblano Camp at Philmont Scout Ranch.

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Scouts explore New Mexico

Sixty-eight local Boy Scouts and Venture Crew members spent part of the summer on a 18-day expedition to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

The contingent was made up of six crews from various local communities, including Crew 6, whose core members are part of Chelsea Boy Scout Troop 476.

Nicknamed "Deep Six," the Chelsea crew had the toughest itinerary and most experience of the Great Sauk Trail Council-sponsored contingent, according to a press release from the group.

The ranch is the Boy Scouts' oldest and largest high-adventure base, occupying 215 square miles in the Santa De Christo Mountains in northern New Mexico. Completing a trek at Philmont is unusual, as only 1 percent of all Scouts have had the experience.

Five members of Crew 6 returned to Philmont, including all four adult leaders. Crew 6 includes Andy Ramsey, Joe Turek, James Daly and John Daly of Troop 476 in Chelsea; Tim and Dan Leonard of Pinckney; Daniel Atwood and James Kinsey of Gregory; Keith Learmont of Howell; Patrick Ward and Austin Phibbs of Fowlerville; and Dave Hudson of Hanover.

One of the highlights of the expedition was a side trip to La Junta, Colo., where a Boy Scout troop maintains a museum and a traditional Koshare Indian dance team that performs in a "kiva" attached to the museum.

Koshares, in southwest Indian tradition, are similar to jesters for medieval European courts. The kiva is a large, round, domed room capable of entertaining audiences of about 300 people with dances in traditional Indian costumes. A boy must be an Eagle Scout to become a "chief" on the dance team.

Philmont crews are led by an elected boy, who for Crew 6 was 16-year-old Learmont. The adult adviser is responsible for the health and safe-

ty of the crew but, otherwise, the youth leader makes all of the other decisions.

John Daly, a four-time Philmont veteran, was the crew adviser. He had been the youth crew leader on an expedition in 1970. Philmont crews are accompanied by a ranger their first two days, but are otherwise on their own.

Crew 6 had an 80-mile trek that included climbing five mountains, more than 10,000 feet high, in 11 days. The tallest was Mount Baldy, elevation 12,441 feet. Baldy, a double-peaked mountain, is located in a remote area of the ranch that had been the site of numerous gold mines in the 19th century.

Crew 6 began its ascent of Baldy at dawn and made the tree line in time for an early lunch. While it would have been a hot summer day on the desert floor nearly 8,000 feet below, high winds on the peak made it cold and difficult to stand.

Making the final ascent in three groups, the first members of the crew to arrive on the summit rested in rock shelters away from the wind, while the rest completed the climb.

Andy Ramsey, a Chelsea High School junior and Troop 476's senior patrol leader, stepped into action during a crisis on Day 8 on the trail. Another Scout, who was overdressed for the hot desert weather, began hyperventilating in the mid-day heat and did not quickly return to normal when a rest stop was called. Ramsey took charge of the first-aid effort, which eventually led to the Scout being evacuated to base camp for medical evaluation.

Fun activities at camps the Scouts visited included climbing a 20-foot spar pole, exploring two gold mines, horseback riding and shooting black-powder rifles.

Troop 476 is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and meets at the Chelsea fairgrounds. Boys 11 or older interested in joining may call 475-1951.

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