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The headquarters of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority, 200 W. Middle St., near downtown Chelsea, would be ripped down and rebuilt with passage of a fire millage. The request likely will go before voters in Fire Authority municipalities next year. Construction bids from contractors would help determine the cost of the proposed millage.

Photo by Steve Ricci

CHELSEA

## Fire Board to form building authority

### Voters to see millage proposal

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

Now that the municipalities comprising the Chelsea Area Fire Authority have agreed to form a new building authority — and have inked newly amended articles of incorporation — requests for bid proposals soon will be sent to contracting firms for construction of a new main fire station in downtown Chelsea, as well as three new substations in Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships.

The bids will help determine terms of a

fire millage proposal, which likely will go before voters in the participating municipalities next year.

Changes to the articles of incorporation for Fire Authority members — which currently comprise the city of Chelsea and Lyndon, Lima and Sylvan townships — were brought about by Waterloo Township's withdrawal from the Fire Authority last April.

Waterloo officials withdrew because they feared a situation in which their taxpayers would pay into a building fund, yet have no equity.

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COUNTY

## Voting straight ticket had impact

Scio Township loses longtime Republican leaders as a result

By Maria Sprow  
Staff Writer

The effects of straight-ticket voting in local elections hit some candidates harder than others.

Straight-ticket voting has been blamed for Republican losses on the Scio Township Board and independent candidate losses on the Dexter Township Board, as well as the Democrat's victory in the county clerk/register race.

More than 43 percent of Washtenaw County voters chose the straight-ticket method of voting Nov. 2, said Melanie Weidmayer, county elections director.

While that figure is only slightly higher than in past elections, the 8 percent increase in voter turnout for the national election meant that straight-ticket voters had a larger impact on the local election level.

Weidmayer said straight-ticket voting has both positive and negative implications. Voters two years ago rejected a state proposal that

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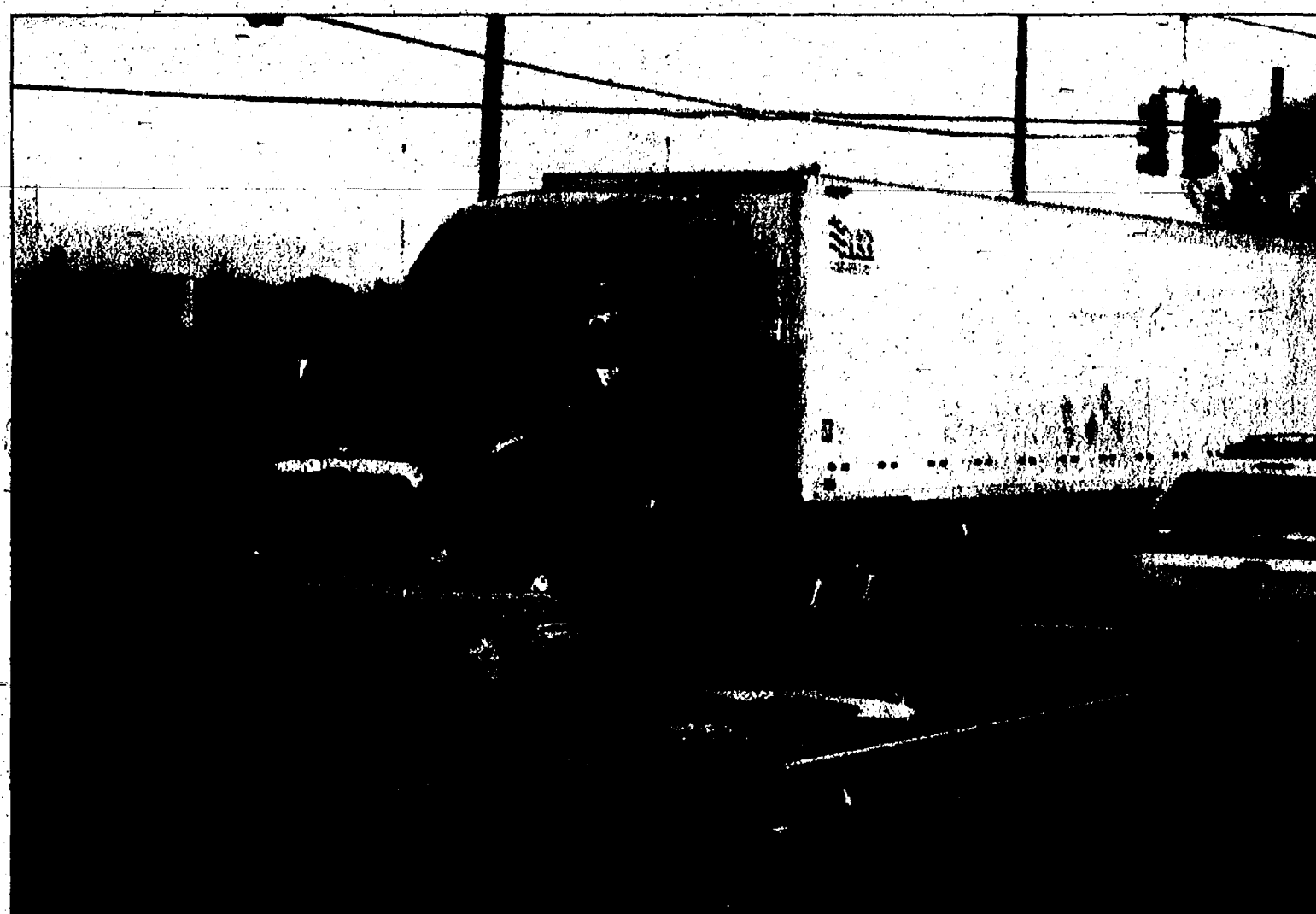


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A tractor-trailer heads northbound on M-52 toward downtown Chelsea. Local government officials are speaking out against House Bill 4358, proposed state legislation that would allow longer and heavier trucks to traverse more state roadways.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

## Truck bill evokes scorn

Proposal would extend truck length to 65 feet and reduce fines

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

Local government officials are criticizing proposed state legislation that would allow longer and heavier trucks to traverse more state roadways.

Sponsored by state Rep. Gene DeRossé, R-Manchester, House Bill 4358, which was approved by

the House of Representatives, would increase allowable truck lengths from 59 to 65 feet. It also would permit trucks to travel on any state highway, road or local street, and would impose a \$250 cap on fines for overweight trucks weighing up to 4,000 pounds, supplanting a per-pound fee system.

In an Oct. 6 memo sent to local governmental bodies, the Michigan Municipal League derided DeRossé's proposal, which is backed by the Michigan Road Builders Association, Associated Underground Contractors and the trucking industry, as "lame duck craziness." Democrat Pam Byrnes was

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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

## Districts: MEAP may be replaced

### Move may cure student apathy

By Scott Hagen  
Staff Writer

A new proposal that would replace the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test in high schools across the state could extinguish students' apathy for the exam.

The state Senate voted last week 35-1 to swap the MEAP test with the Michigan Merit Examination, which could include either the SAT or ACT test, both used now as a yardstick of college potential. The proposal next heads to the House, where it will either come to a vote by mid-December or die as the Legislature adjourns for the year.

If the bill passes in the House, current freshmen in high school would take the ACT

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"I am in favor of it. But I would like to see it made more simple instead of more complicated."

Ron Mead  
Chelsea High School Principal

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### BRIEFLY...

■ **Early deadlines coming up for Thanksgiving:** An early editorial deadline for The Chelsea Standard is in effect this week for the Thanksgiving holiday. The deadline for photo submissions, press releases and letters to the editor is 1 p.m. tomorrow for publication in next week's paper.

The newspaper will be delivered Wednesday. The Chelsea Standard editorial office, 20750 Old US-12, will be closed Thanksgiving day.

■ **City seeking applicants for Board of Review:** Chelsea is seeking applications from residents interested in serving on the city's Board of Review. The board hears appeals for assessed property values and adjusts the city assessor's values, if needed. Applicants may

send letters of interest detailing their qualifications to Mayor Ann Feeney, c/o Chelsea City Clerk, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea, MI 48118.

■ **City assessors start office hours:** Greg and Pat Zamenski, the city's new property assessors, will begin office hours from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the city offices, 305 S. Main St. in Chelsea.

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Chelsea Dollar Store staff members Angel Medina, owner Jill Seitz, Kaitlin Blough, Leola Brennan, Nancy White and Mary Harris are waiting to help customers. (Not pictured: Joyce Dietle and Judy Murphy)

## Store offers bargain bonanza

By Candace Platt  
Special Writer

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care," according to the well-known Christmas poem, "The Night Before Christmas." But this Christmas, someone in the Chelsea area is going to have a stocking that's just too big to hang.

An 8-foot long Christmas stocking full of toys and goodies will be awarded in a drawing at the Chelsea Dollar Store, and everyone who signs up is eligible to win.

Simply come to the store any time between now and Christmas Eve morning, and put your name in the box. The drawing will take place noon that day.

Shoppers also may get a head start on Christmas shopping thanks to some incredible bargains.

Lovely cloisonné necklaces made of hand-painted inlaid enamel will make the perfect gift for the ladies on your list. Men and women will appreciate the variety of cell phone accessories, including phone chargers, hands-free earphones, belt-clips and phone covers in fun colors.

You'll find something for kids of all ages on a wall full of toys. For all those battery-run gifts that need to be up and running on Christmas morning, check out the rack of Eveready batteries.

The best part is every one of these items is just \$1. The Chelsea Dollar Store is locally owned and managed by Jill Seitz in partnership with Dan Murphy, who owned the Chelsea Pharmacy for 55 years.

"When we decided to open the Chelsea Dollar Store, there was no store of this kind in the entire Chelsea-Stockbridge-Dexter-Manchester area," Seitz said. "We could see a need for quality merchandise at deeply discounted prices, sold in a friendly, inviting setting."

Many people in the Chelsea area know Seitz from her years at the Chelsea Pharmacy. She started in retail sales and, throughout her 40-year career, worked in various capacities, finally serving as bookkeeper for Murphy's four stores located in Chelsea, Stockbridge, Manchester and Grass Lake.

Now she's moved back into retail with her role as owner-manager of the Chelsea Dollar Store.

Since the store's grand opening in June, the number of customers has continued to increase.

"Word of mouth is our best advertising," Seitz said. "When people come in and see the high quality of the merchandise we

carry, they tell others who become new customers."

Every item in the Chelsea Dollar Store really does cost just \$1. This seems hard to believe when you see the quality of products available and realize a dollar will buy a bottle of vitamins or a box of Christmas cards, a pair of sunglasses or reading glasses, or beautifully made tapestry place mats, pillow covers and wall hangings.

"We wanted to provide great bargains," Seitz said, "but felt that Chelsea deserved a classy establishment that would offer top-quality goods."

"We like the fact that we can order our merchandise from a number of suppliers, and pick and choose unique products to get the items we think our customers will love."

The store itself has the ambience of a more upscale establishment to match the quality of goods on the shelves. The space is open and light, well laid out with shelves and racks stocked with inviting items. Seitz points out that the warm, friendly staff members greet incoming customers and cheerfully offer assistance.

As the holiday season approaches, you'll want to shop at the Chelsea Dollar Store for gifts for everyone on your list. And be sure to check out the stocking stuffers, party favors, decorations, Christmas lights and ornaments, as well as wrapping paper and gift bags.

To help kids with their holiday shopping, Seitz will be scheduling a time for children to come by the store and get help selecting gifts for their parents. Staff members will be available to help them choose just the right item for mom or dad, or for their other relatives and friends, or even their dog or cat.

Parents who want to teach their kids to think of others during the holidays can bring them



Christmas items adorn the shelves at the Chelsea Dollar Store.

in any time to put together a substantial-but-inexpensive care package to give to those in need or send to American soldiers who are at war.

"For \$10, you can put together a really terrific care package," Seitz said. "Church groups, especially, will be interested in the variety of items available for the holiday care packages they assemble each year for the needy."

Depending on who the recipient of the package will be, you may buy items such as shaving cream, toothbrushes, adhesive bandages, cologne, razors, and socks. Or you can choose from a line of baby supplies, including tiny socks and shoes, bottles, teething rings, pacifiers and bibs. A line of Carlyle charms is sure to delight any jewelry lover.

You can put together an assortment of toys, being sure to include Disney pencils, notepads and erasers — items just recently made available to upscale dollar stores. If you know a lady who has joined the Red Hat Society, you'll be pleased to find an assortment

of Red Hat attitude jewelry and ball point pens. There truly is something for everyone.

Although the Chelsea Dollar Store stocks plenty of items for each holiday as it rolls around, there are many other items that will appeal to customers throughout the year.

For those with school spirit, there are items in school colors. For creative souls, there are a variety of craft items, rolls of lace trim, sewing notions, scissors and scrapbook tape runners that can be used for home, school and business projects. There is also a wide selection of cards-for-all-occasions, which sell 2 for \$1.

Two favorite items at the Chelsea Dollar Store are balloons and artificial flowers. The balloon selection is excellent, with 65 different Mylar designs for all occasions. At this time of year, the artificial flowers displayed feature warm fall colors suitable for holiday arrangements. But when spring arrives, an array of bright colors, more in keeping with that season, will take their place.

In addition to items you might expect to find in the store, from wrapping paper, tissue paper and crepe paper to candles and candleholders, the Chelsea Dollar Store stocks many unique items.

There are multi-purpose gift bags in a variety of materials, including lovely cloth bags in sizes ranging from some just a few inches long to large ones about 18 inches in length. Smaller bags for jewelry, wedding rice, or party favors are also available.

As a lifelong Chelsea resident, Seitz knows the importance of being involved in the community. She is happy to provide products requested by area businesses and organizations.

From Halloween decorations for a local day-care center to balloons, plates, napkins and tablecloths for Chelsea Community Fair's Ladies' Day festivities, she accommodates as many requests as she can.

Sometimes items are requested, and other times Seitz thinks of a need that must be filled. For example, realizing that round tables are used for local church bazaars, Seitz decided to stock round tablecloths, which sometimes can be difficult to find and are expensive.

Seitz is constantly searching for new, top-quality items for the store.

"I believe Chelsea deserves the best," she said. "The Chelsea Dollar Store will always carry merchandise of a quality you might find in bigger retail stores. But all our items cost the customer only \$1. That's a good deal."

No matter what items you're looking for, it's worth a stop at the Chelsea Dollar Store. Bargains abound all year long. For now, it's definitely a great place to start your Christmas shopping, and sign up for the Jumbo Christmas Stocking Giveaway.

For selected groups, Wednesday is Discount Day at the Chelsea Dollar Store. Church groups and senior citizens age 60 and older are allowed a 10 percent discount on all purchases every Wednesday.

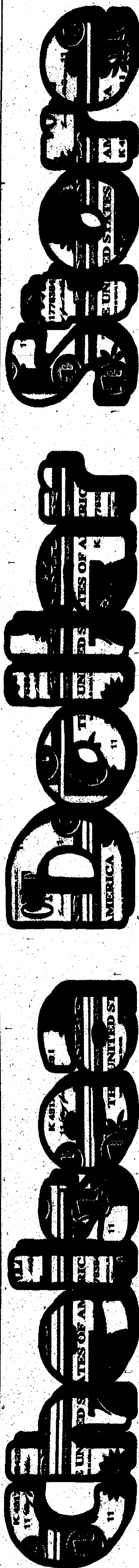
Located just east of Chelsea at 12855 Old US-12, the Chelsea Dollar Store has plenty of free parking. The store's telephone number is 475-5888.

The Chelsea Dollar Store is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Jill Seitz invites everyone to "Come in and check us out!"



Kaitlin and Mary show the large assortment of Christmas gift bags available at Chelsea Dollar Store.





CHELSEA

# Rape trial meets delays

Other cases could push Chelsea police officer's trial to 2005

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

A long list of pending trials on the Ingham County Circuit Court docket likely will push the start of a sexual assault trial for 22-year-old Chelsea police officer Andrew Bulson into 2005.

Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney Carol Bucher, who will prosecute the case, and attorney Mike Nichols of Lansing-based The Reynolds Law Firm, who

will represent Bulson, originally requested an Oct. 14 trial date.

When the trial does take place, Bulson will stand before Ingham County Circuit Court Judge Beverly Nettles-Nickerson.

Bulson faces three third-degree criminal sexual conduct charges for allegedly assaulting a woman during an Oct. 12, 2003, party at the Stockbridge home of full-time Chelsea police officer and paid on-call Chelsea firefighter Matthew Francis.

Francis and Bulson were friends at the time.

Bulson is currently suspended from the Chelsea Police Department.

Francis has not been suspended from the police department, and has not been charged with any crime related to the alleged incident.

Chelsea Police Chief Scott Sumner will conduct an internal investigation of the two police officers after Bulson's criminal case concludes.

The alleged victim testi-

fied at a Nov. 20 preliminary examination that she met Bulson for the first time at the party, and that she had intimate relations with Francis during the last five years.

The woman testified she was asleep in bed with Francis when she awoke to find Bulson assaulting her.

Nichols said Thursday that

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## CAFA

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The revised articles of incorporation make the prospect of municipal members withdrawing from the Fire Authority much more difficult.

Those rules stipulate that if a Fire Authority millage for operations or capital equipment were passed, a withdrawing municipality's residents still would be obligated to pay contributions for the duration of the millage.

"If we had a 20-year millage for rebuilding the main station, and (a municipality) pulled out in year one, they'd still have to pay for 19 more years," Fire Authority Chairwoman Maryann Noah said.

"We did everything we could to strengthen the union. (A municipality) could still pull out, but they would leave a lot of money on the table."

The building authority was proposed as the most efficient way for Fire Authority members to fund capital improvements.

Under Michigan law, the Fire Authority can accept donations, but cannot borrow for capital improvements directly.

Municipalities cannot borrow money from banks under typical loan agreements.

A building authority, however, could issue bonds and borrow money. It could own a facility and lease it to a municipality.

Once the bonds are paid off — for a new main station in Chelsea, for example — the building authority would transfer the facility back to

the city.

"In the end, the city is in the same position as it would be if it borrowed the money directly," said Paul Wyzgoski, an attorney with law firm Dickinson Wright PLLC, which the Fire Authority hired for bond counseling.

Chelsea Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood said Monday that funding requests for operational costs in a proposed five-year fire millage would stay under 2 mills.

The capital improvements portion of the millage is currently the unknown factor, Ellenwood said, adding that he expects the bids will be returned by February.

Ellenwood said many Fire Authority members are currently struggling to fund the service.

"Right now, almost all the municipalities are in financial straits — they're maxed right out," Ellenwood said. "So the millage is a major thing that would have to occur."

The Fire Authority is currently discussing ripping down the old main station in downtown Chelsea and building a new, two-story facility in its stead, to be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and equipped with business offices, sleeping quarters and four or five vehicle bays.

Part-time firefighters would staff each substation, with a full-timer manning the main station. A Sylvan Township substation possi-

bly could contain a training facility. The main station site doesn't have enough room for a training area, Ellenwood said.

Lyndon Township has set up a four-year special assessment district to fund its Fire Authority contributions. But roughly 52 percent of the township's total area — comprised of state land — is not taxed. Noah said the state would pay a fire tax if the millage were passed.

Noah said funding the Fire Authority is a problem for other townships.

"We're all set for right now because we have a special assessment district, but it's definitely a huge burden for other townships," Noah said.

Currently, municipalities must allocate fire budgets based on estimates of future use. A passed millage would create a more stable budgeting picture.

Ellenwood, 62, is nearing retirement, and his contract will expire this year. The fire chief said he would consider staying on board as a full-time officer for a few more years.

Once the bids are returned, Ellenwood said Fire Authority leaders would work to inform voters about a millage proposal.

"Education is the major thing," Ellenwood said. "I think we can show the taxpayers that we're justified in what we want to do."

"We'll talk to anyone who will listen to us."

### Who Can Bump Off Ken?

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Jeopardy website indicates that Ken Jennings so far has won \$2,355,001. In the process he has defeated 130 other contestants and given 2000 correct answers since his first appearance on the show June 2. He is currently taking a break as the show changes venue for two weeks, but is scheduled to return November 24. I have to admit I do not follow the show, though I did watch October 8 when I heard that a pastor from my church body (from Montrose, Michigan) was going to be on. I cheered for my fellow pastor, only to watch Ken demolish him and the other contestant that evening.

Can anyone stop this man? I'd like to think that could take him in a quiz on strictly Bible topics. But I can't conceive of having such a broad acquaintance with such a wide number of categories.

Eventually — unless he first retires from the program — someone will defeat him. Even if he stays on until he's 90 years old, eventually his mind will become feeble, or his body will be unable to appear on the show. Eventually, like all of us, he will no longer be living on this earth.

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WASHTENAW COUNTY

# Clerk candidates prepare for very different futures

*Kestenbaum says his legal know-how a plus*

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

In Washtenaw County, results of the Nov. 2 general election revealed an increasingly partisan slant among local voters in favor of the Democratic Party — so much so that Republican Peggy Haines, a popular and well-respected county clerk, lost her job of 14 years to Democratic challenger Lawrence Kestenbaum.

The shakeup at the clerk's office, where Kestenbaum will take the helm Jan. 1 for a four-year term, will cause both a major life change for Haines and build even more partisan muscle in the county's Democratic stronghold — a power base that went against the grain on the national scale, where Republicans enjoyed widespread gains.

Kestenbaum will be the first Democratic county clerk elected to office in seven decades.

Haines, who concluded a sleepless Election Day night with a 6 a.m. congratulatory phone call to Kestenbaum, said last week that her fears of straight-party voting ousting her from office were validated.

"I was pretty sure, with straight-party voting, that we couldn't get enough votes to pull it out," she said.

Anticipating that scenario, Haines said she campaigned especially hard to retain her seat, knocking on doors, sending letters to every voter who applied for an absentee ballot and placing numerous radio and newspaper advertisements.

The Haines campaign also made literature drops to about 50,000 local homes.

Up to 20,000 new voters were registered in the county, many of whom were either too young or too new to the area to know who she was, Haines said.

"Two major universities, plus a community college, made registration drives throughout the county, emphasizing new people to vote straight Democratic," Haines said. "I think it had a far-reaching effect."

Despite the Democratic trend evidenced locally, Haines made no apologies for running as a Republican, adding that it would have been difficult to run as an independent.

"I am who I am," she said. "In other elections, I won because I was Peggy Haines."



Peggy Haines



Lawrence Kestenbaum

"I'm a public servant, not a politician."

Haines said her loss of office was "a long time coming," starting in 1992, when Republican officials in the county began to lose local races.

The county now has Democratic officeholders in its clerk, sheriff, prosecuting attorney, treasurer and drain commissioner positions.

Nevertheless, Haines said she's proud of how close her race was with Kestenbaum.

"I'm humbled by the amount of people who crossed party lines to vote for me," she said.

At 63, Haines, who has worked for the county for 44 years, said she wouldn't run for office again. But she said she would miss her job, as well as her co-workers.

"This has been the love of

my life," she said. "I really loved my job, working for people and giving excellent service. I'll miss everybody."

Haines said she looks forward to spending more time with her husband at their vacation condominium in Florida, and that she might consider doing volunteer work for the community in the future.

Kestenbaum said last week that the county is experiencing greater partisanship on both sides.

"This year, there was lots of anger expressed either toward the president or John Kerry, and that was really a major factor," Kestenbaum said.

But Kestenbaum said his technical background and legal experience also won him votes.

Because of the county's

demographics, Kestenbaum said that any redrawing of voter districts he could make in office still would result in a Democratic majority.

A partisan difference could be made with regard to political appointments, however, Kestenbaum said a three-member panel — which he will be a member of — could appoint Democrats to fill vacant county positions for the sake of continuity.

"We'll have to take into account the choice voters made," Kestenbaum said.

While Kestenbaum said he hopes to retain as many of the clerk's office employees as possible to maintain quality of service, he's only asked one of three political appointees on the staff to stay.

Kestenbaum said he hopes to continue his Web site, [www.politicalgraveyard.com](http://www.politicalgraveyard.com), which he said registers more than 1 million hits a month. He added that a sense of obligation prompted him to run for office.

"My personal feelings aside, it was really necessary to do what was best for the county," Kestenbaum said. "I didn't want any joker who could walk on at the last minute, affiliate himself with the Democratic Party, and get elected."

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# POLICE BLOTTER

## City of Chelsea Drunken Driving

Chelsea police arrested a 25-year-old man for drunken driving early Nov. 12.

An officer first observed the man driving eastbound down West Middle Street without his vehicle headlights on and in the west-bound lane. He was stopped near the corner of Main and East Middle streets.

According to a police report, the man admitted he had been drinking at Stivers Restaurant on Fletcher Road and was on his way to another local bar. He was given a series of sobriety tests and failed several.

The man admitted that he should not have been driving his car at the time, but refused to take a preliminary breath test. He was issued a ticket for the refusal.

The driver was then placed under arrest for drunken driving. His vehicle was searched, and officers located an open container of alcohol in a pocket on the driver's side door.

Police then took the man to Chelsea Community Hospital to get his blood drawn. The results are pending.

The man spent the rest of the morning at the Washtenaw County Jail. He posted bond in the morning and was released.

## Suspicious Incident

A woman notified police Nov. 8 that she believed two youths hanging out at Pierce Park were waving pornographic materials to passing cars.

Officers responded to the scene at 5:03 p.m. and found the two youths, one 14 years old, with a lingerie catalogue. The youths were taken to the 14-year-old's residence, where the child's mother destroyed the magazine.

## Assault

An employee of Polly's Market complained to police that a stranger assaulted him at about 8:30 p.m. Nov. 2.

According to a police report, the man stated that he was outside of Polly's when a man yelled at him from a vehicle. The employee ignored the other man and returned to the store. The other man then went inside the store and threatened the victim. The victim told an officer that the man counted to three, then swung at him in the face. The employee was able to block the swing, and the other man then left the area.

The employee said he had no recollection of having

seen the man before. Police have no suspects.

## Community Assistance

Police on the morning of Oct. 26 helped a lost woman return to her residence after the woman called On Star and informed a dispatcher that she had been following another vehicle into Chelsea and could no longer locate it.

The woman later told officers she had been confused because of the Fletcher Road bridge closure. She was not familiar with the area's back roads, she said.

## Dexter Village Drunken Driving

A 21-year-old woman was arrested Nov. 11 for drunken driving on Dexter-Ann Arbor near Meadowview Drive.

A deputy saw the woman speeding through town on Main Street, traveling 20 mph above the posted speed limit. A police report stated the deputy had to drive 50 to 60 mph to catch up to the woman.

After stopping her for speeding, the deputy smelled a slight odor of intoxicants coming from the car. The woman said she had been drinking and was on her way to see her boyfriend in Ann Arbor.

The woman passed numerous field sobriety tests, but registered a 0.10 percent blood-alcohol content, which is higher than the 0.08 legal limit. She was taken to jail.

A 33-year-old man was arrested for drunken driving Nov. 9 on East Ridge Drive near Webster.

A deputy observed the man driving at a high rate of speed before rolling through a blinking red light at the corner of Baker Road and Main Street.

A deputy smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the car and the man turned his head away when asked a question. The man said he had not been drinking.

When asked to complete parts of a field sobriety test, the man admitted to drinking a few glasses of liquor.

The man registered a 0.19 percent blood-alcohol content, which is more than twice the 0.08 legal limit. He was arrested.

## Larceny from a Vehicle

A 26-year-old Ypsilanti man talked to police after finding a spoiler ripped off the trunk of his car Nov. 2 while it was parked at his workplace at ReCellular,

2555 Bishop Circle West.

The man told police he arrived at work in the Dexter Business and Research Park at about 7 a.m. When he returned to his car at 3:30 p.m., the spoiler had been taken forcefully off the trunk. The trunk was also damaged.

A security officer for the business told police that he reviewed surveillance tapes but did not see anything suspicious.

The value of the spoiler is estimated at \$404.

## Scio Township Breaking and Entering

The manager of Smede-Son Steele Building Supply Inc., 7240 Jackson Ave., reported to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department Nov. 3 that two men broke into the business and stole more than \$3,000 worth of merchandise.

According to a police report, the theft took place at

6:26 p.m. A Global Security alarm, which included an audio and video surveillance system, alerted the manager to the theft.

Police have two suspects, but their names are not known. One is a man in his 40s, with an uneven beard. See POLICE — Page 7-A

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# New policy to help improve creek's health

Observant visitors at Veterans Park in Chelsea may begin to notice that the grass is growing taller along the banks of Letts Creek.

The city's mowers didn't run out of gas and city workers didn't miss a spot. Instead, it's the result of a new policy instituted by City Manager Mike Steklac at the urging of the Committee for Chelsea Parks.

The committee has been consulting with Debi Weiker of the Huron River Watershed Council regarding the health of Letts Creek.

Management of watershed assets shows that the taller the vegetation, the deeper the roots. Deeper roots better serve to stabilize the bank, as well as provide a better filter mechanism for storm water runoff, according to a press release from

the Committee for Chelsea Parks.

Letts Creek in Veterans Park is on a list of impaired bodies of water in Michigan and, as such, has been designated a "priority restoration opportunity," making federal and state funds available for projects to stabilize the stream banks and establish a buffer composed of natural vegetation.

When the water was sampled in the winter of 2004, no sensitive insect families were found in Letts Creek, which reflects the less-than-healthy nature of the area's natural resource.

The Committee for Chelsea Parks considers the creation of a buffer to be a first step in the group's efforts for good stewardship of Letts Creek at Veterans Park. Its members plan to work with local resource

groups to recommend plantings that are better suited for their root development and ability to define the new buffer in lieu of the existing turf grass.

They also will investigate methods to reverse or restore the areas of the banks that have been severely undercut by erosion.

The committee anticipates working with the city on the two major components, and possibly to obtain federal and state funds to offset the costs of future projects in the stream corridor.

## POLICE

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and a missing tooth. The other is in his 30s, with a clean-shaven face.

The manager told police the two men had first walked into the establishment at 5:05 p.m. The first suspect questioned the manager about prices on a variety of items while the second suspect paced near the door. The pair stayed for about 10 minutes, then left. The manager left shortly afterward.

Deputies believe the suspects returned to the store shortly after dark. They allegedly used a blunt object to break through a glass door. They then went directly to the counter, where they removed construction tools from the display racks. They passed the items back out through the same door and escaped with \$3,210 worth of merchandise. Damage to the door was estimated at \$400.

**Internet Scam**  
A 38-year-old woman informed deputies Nov. 8 that she believed she had been the target of an online scam.

According to a police report, the woman had attempted to sell her used car on the Web site [www.autotrader.com](http://www.autotrader.com). A person who said he was from a foreign country e-mailed her from a Yahoo account, saying he was interested in purchasing the vehicle. The name given in the e-mail was "Roland More."

The man told the woman that he would send her a cashier's check for the car, which was being sold for \$9,800. The man wrote the check for \$17,000, asking the woman to cash it and wire the extra \$7,000 on to an

agent who would take care of the vehicle.

The woman became suspicious and contacted a bank, and was told the check was counterfeit.

The e-mails sent by the man, as well as an e-mail sent by the alleged agent, are filled with spelling errors.

**Retail Fraud**  
A 35-year-old woman was accused of attempting to shoplift from the Jackson Road Meijer Nov. 11.

According to a police report, the woman had been in the store with her two children, ages 15 and 6. The family was stopped by a store security employee after the woman failed to pay for 31 different items, ranging from cucumbers to Play Station 2 video games, which were in the woman's cart and hidden under a stack of ad papers.

The woman said she had been shopping for groceries and had not been paying attention to her children, saying they were responsible for the incident.

**Embezzlement**  
A 20-year-old Meijer store detective confessed to deputies Nov. 13 that he had stolen \$1,495 from the business within the last month.

According to a police report, the detective stole money from cash drawers on at least six different occasions between Oct. 13 and Nov. 7. The stolen money ranged from \$75 to \$440.

The employee admitted to the thefts after his supervisor confronted him about more than \$8,000 in missing money from the store since the beginning of October. The man admitted to stealing some of it, but not all. He also admitted to destroying the store videotapes that caught

him in the act.

In a statement to police, the man said he was sorry and that he had decided to steal based on some personal problems he was experiencing. At least part of the

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Compiled by Staff Writer Maria Sprow based on reports filed with the Chelsea Police Department and Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office.

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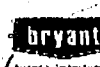
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# The Chelsea Standard

## COMMENTARY

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2004

### EDITORIAL

## Merkel deserved Chelsea Citizen of the Year award

The twinkle in Jack Merkel's eyes and excitement in his handshake was contagious last Thursday as he greeted well-wishers at the Chelsea Citizen of the Year dinner in his honor.

I was so energized by his enthusiasm that I almost wanted to jump up and down in jubilation for him. But I didn't.

Instead, I kept my cool.

The program, which is sponsored by the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, has recognized in the last 10 years many of Chelsea's movers and shakers, from Mayor Ann Feeney to former Chelsea Standard publishers Walter and Helen Leonard.

Many of the recipients — also including Katie Chapman, Joe Merkel, Gloria Mitchell, Bob and Mari Daniels, Richard Steele, Walter and Sandy Zeeb, Ed Greenleaf II and John Keusch — are so active in the community that they must feel personally rewarded on a daily basis as they look around and see what kind of impact their work has had.

But it's nice to be recognized in public by your fellow residents and community leaders.

Next year, The Chelsea Standard will partner with the chamber in presenting the award. It's an exciting opportunity for us and an honor.

We're looking forward to continuing the tradition, while also giving the nomination process, award winner and dinner a little more publicity. Among other things, we hope to generate more than the half dozen or so nominations the chamber has received each year by publishing ads and articles encouraging local residents, business owners and community leaders to put forth names of worthy individuals.

Just off the top of my head, I can think of many potential candidates. I am sure you can, too.

There's no question Merkel, who owned and operated Merkel Furniture and Carpet One in Chelsea with his brother Bob before passing on the legacy to son Tim, had the award in the bag this year. Instrumental in Chelsea's push to become a city, he was the perfect choice.

At the dinner in Merkel's honor, fellow Chelsea City Study Committee member Stan Burke reviewed the process that led to Chelsea's new status. He said Merkel, who served as chairman of the group, made some



MICHELLE ROGERS

crucial decisions early on that were beneficial, including getting a political science professor involved and help from the village-turned-city mayor of Saline who could speak to the advantages and disadvantages.

Burke also noted that it was Merkel's "home-spun manner" in dealing with the Boundary Commission and top-notch negotiating skills with the townships that helped Chelsea eventually achieve

cityhood with residents' blessings.

Tributes were also given by longtime Merkel friend Daphne Hodder, fellow Chelsea High School graduate Paul Schaible, younger brother Pat, son Matt, Chelsea attorney Peter Flintoft and former council trustee Steve Daut.

Feeney presented a council-adopted resolution honoring Merkel, while newly elected state Rep. Pam Byrnes presented a special tribute from Gov. Jennifer Granholm and outgoing state Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-52nd District.

Chamber Director Bob Pierce shared a proclamation that 7th District Rep. Nick Smith plans to introduce to the U.S. Congress as part of a congressional tribute before Smith leaves office.

Of all the heart-felt speeches, it was his son Matt's comments that touched me the most, when Matt recognized that his children and future grandchildren will benefit from his father's work on the cityhood initiative for years to come.

Being the gentleman and modest leader that he is, Merkel recognized others, such as former Village President Richard Steele's and former Village Manager Jack Myers' work toward the effort.

He also paid tribute to his hometown and the people, especially all the volunteers, who make it special. Merkel said those volunteers — in the churches, schools, library and in service clubs — are the community's greatest strength.

Merkel embodies the spirit of volunteerism that runs deep in Chelsea, and so do many others. I can't wait to see who next year's committee picks as the 2005 Chelsea Citizen of the Year.

And if that person is anywhere near as excited as Merkel was at last Thursday's dinner, I just might let loose and jump up and down. All I ask is, "No photos, please."

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### EDITORIAL

## Soldier left warm memories

This is a tale of the ties that bond, of a small 4-H group that spent summers together at the county fair and of two young men from Monroe County.

Those young men are Juan Garza and Dennis Miller. On the surface, they are only connected by the county they lived in and the way in which they died. They are the only two young men from Monroe County, where I am from, to die in Iraq.

Army Pfc. Dennis Miller Jr., 21, died Nov. 10, a soldier who lost his life while serving in Iraq. It was Veterans Day when his family, and the world, was notified of his death. I knew him simply as Denny, a childhood friend from the Giddy Up 'N' Go 4-H Club. At 14, 15, 16 years old, Denny was a small kid, just over 5 feet tall. I remember him as a mischievous guy who liked to have fun, who was always friendly and who was always willing to help.

Even more than that, I remember spend-



MARIA SPROW

ing nights at his house during fair week, then spending the hot summer days with Denny and the other kids from the club, climbing on stalls and rafters with big plastic spiders in hand. We would drop them from the ceiling on people's heads and laugh emphatically whenever anybody pretended to get scared.

Oh, those were the days — some of the best days. My 4-H club, over the years, became a second family to me, an extended family that has since dispersed but who is bonded because there are things stronger than time and space that keep humans together.

I never knew Marine Pfc. Juan Garza Jr., 20, who became the first soldier from Monroe County killed in Iraq while in combat on April 8, 2003.

I never knew him, but I knew of him. He married my childhood friend Casey, a member of the Giddy Up 'N' Go 4-H Club, an

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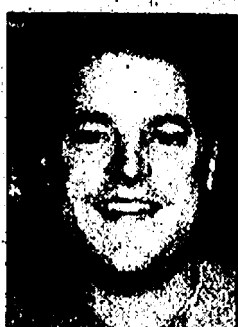
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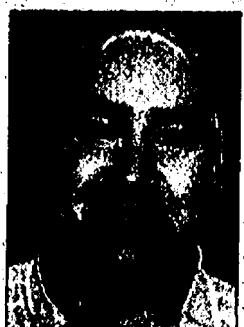
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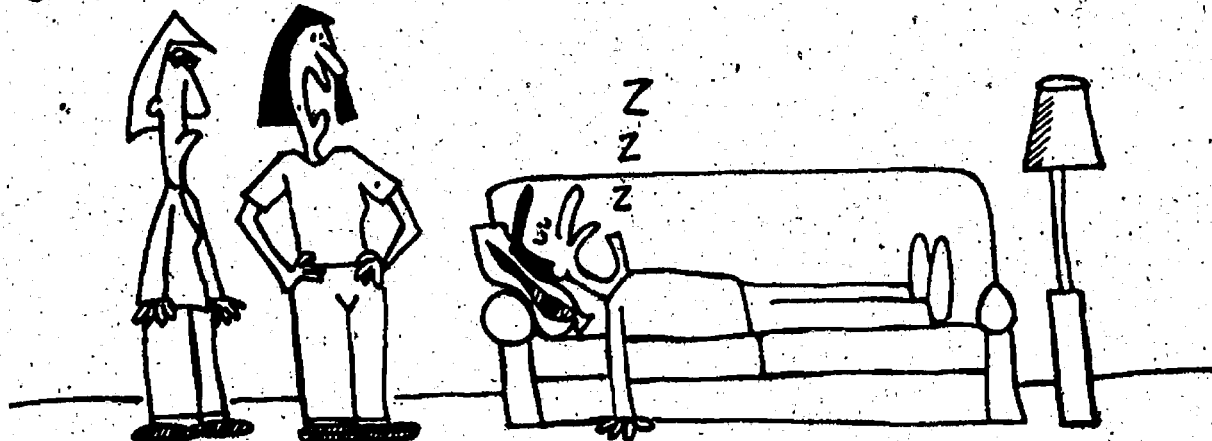


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"I would like to go to Nantucket Island and make baskets for a day."  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### What has Bush done to bridge the divide?

In a previous letter, I stated that 49 percent of the voters who turned out Nov. 2 did not vote for the Bush/Cheney ticket. I have started an "accountability watch" to see if the views and needs of those 56 million voters are being taken into consideration by the president.

So far, things are not looking good. The president has selected Alberto Gonzales to replace John Ashcroft as attorney general. Gonzales is a good friend of George Bush, but the legal advice he has given over the years is highly questionable.

As White House counsel, he approved a memo authorizing torture, stated his belief that many of the provisions of the Geneva Conventions — which are meant to protect our troops as well as those of our adversaries — are outdated, and blocked information about judicial nominees from the senators who are charged with voting on the nominations.

As Texas chief legal counsel, Gonzales was negligent in his counsel to then-Gov. Bush regarding death penalty cases, leaving out mention of crucial issues that could have prevented the execution of the innocent or the mentally retarded.

As a Texas Supreme Court justice, Gonzales wrote opinions favoring Enron and Enron's law firm, the biggest contributors to his 2000 election campaign. He also accepted donations from companies involved in cases that he was deciding within weeks of hearing arguments in those cases.

This leads me to doubt that he will be putting the interests of average citizens ahead of those of big corporations with ties to the White House.

Surely, given all the legal talent available in this country, the president could have found someone whose sur-

passed Alberto Gonzales in expertise and ethics. But it appears that Bush values Gonzales' loyalty to him above the qualities that are important to most of us.

I continue to hope that the president soon will take a few bold steps toward those of us who did not vote Bush/Cheney Nov. 2. Perhaps he has, and I've missed them. If so, I invite fellow readers to write and tell us about it.

Bernadette Malinoski  
Lima Township

### Damage at building shows deeper problem

Two weeks ago, my son and I went to use the vending machine at the Washington Street Education Center,

where our church services are held. A snack from the vending machine is something he looks forward to on Sundays. This time, however, it was broken, covered with cardboard, and the snacks were gone.

My 6-year-old son asked me, "Mommy why would someone smash the machine so no one else can have anything?"

I did not have an answer for him. I told him that sometimes people get mad and make dumb mistakes and it wrecks everything for others.

"Why did they have to break the other windows, too," he asked.

Hmmmm, why did they have to do that? Do these

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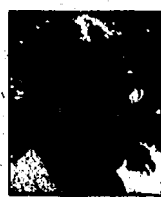
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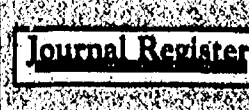
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## LETTERS

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kids have nothing better to do? Are they that desperate for attention that they have to wreck, damage and destroy other people's property?

My heart went out to my son. Granted the "little" things that waste the time of our police officers and school staff are small compared to the big crimes that happen in larger cities. But, to my son in his city, this was a big thing.

If you are one of those people who say, "Oh, my little Johnny or Mary would never do that," I challenge you to make a difference in our city. Stand up and do something.

People should change their busy schedules and take time to see what their kids are really doing. Don't just think because your kids say things are OK that they are. Drop in and see where they are going and what they are doing.

Other parents, neighbors and friends who know that a particular kid is having a problem should stop saying, "I don't want to get involved." Or thinking it's not their problem. It's our problem because it's our community.

Come on, Chelsea, show the same spirit that you have for your football games — step up to the plate and take back our kids before it's too late.

The problem is that instead of taking time with our kids and playing with them, we buy them too much stuff and video games to pacify them. They don't appreciate us because many of us do not take time to appreciate our kids.

Few people train their kids anymore because they are too busy working too many hours to pay for a big house, the newest clothes and cars. That's taking a toll on our families and our city.

These kids who damaged the school are slowly dying inside. They have anger eating at them. If you happen to be a neighbor, friend or parent of one of those kids and you know something, step forward for your community's sake.

Rita Fischer  
Dexter Township

### Rise in abortion rates linked to administration

Under George W. Bush's administration, abortion rates have increased sharply after a 10-year decline.

It's easy to say you're against abortion. We are all against abortion. Democrats, Republicans and independents alike understand that abortion is a tragic, horrible thing. None of us want our daughters to have one.

So why such a remarkable decline in abortion rates under a pro-choice, sexually irresponsible President Bill Clinton and why such a sharp rise under pro-life, steadily

monogamous Bush?

It's a direct function of the rise in unemployment, the rise in poverty levels, the rise in health-care costs and the loss of health-care insurance among our people.

Bush has created an environment wherein more and more unmarried women and teenage girls are desperate enough to feel cornered into making such a devastating choice.

The Democratic Party understands that to eliminate abortion, we must eliminate the terrible circumstances that create the market for it. That's what Clinton's administration had begun to do.

Banning it without taking those necessary steps will create an even more dangerous environment for impoverished, frantic women.

But I urge you to watch as, over the next four years, the Bush administration continues to give lip service to such hot-button issues while it consistently pushes for policies that benefit only the wealthiest among us. And abortion rates continue to rise.

Badria Jazairi  
Lima Township

### Pack a nutritious lunch for your health

Hundreds of parents waste

their precious money on school-nutrition hot lunches. But is it really nutritious?

Sure they've got a salad bar, but most of the children dive for the cheeseburger, not the lettuce.

The fruit and vegetable bar is a choice, which is why lots of kids battle obesity, instantly eating what they are served: fat and sugar. They don't feel compelled to slap together a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, throw in an apple, add a juice and have a simple cold lunch. Instead, they go for the chicken nuggets.

In my opinion, I'd say the school is falsely advertising just to stay in business. If the lunches were healthier, most kids wouldn't buy them anymore. So, to keep making money, the school tries to please the children's appetites with sugar- and fat-filled diets, not their important health needs.

To a vast majority of kids, the fruit bar is Russia to them — a strange, new, unknown place where chances are very slim that they're ever going to visit.

I know that the rare day I must buy hot lunch, my mother will ask me what I got when I come home from school. She will scoff when I tell her.

Some people can throw away \$100 for a year of

healthy school lunches. Uh-huh. That's what they think. Filled with sugar and fat, these lunches are far from healthy. They consist of many things from the top of the food pyramid.

Cheeseburgers and fish sticks, pancakes and tacos, French toast and chicken nuggets — yum, yum, "healthy" ... or wealthy?

If you consider my opinion, you will realize that the school is just trying to make money. The administration doesn't seem to care much about children's health. Even the gym teachers' vain attempts to help kids eat right aren't much use.

School nutrition, indeed. Basically, the school is misleading everyone. It says "school nutrition" on each lunch menu, when, really, the food your child is consuming is filled with unhealthy ingredients that I can't even pronounce.

To make a stand, help me protest, keep your child healthy, stop wasting your money and pack a nutritious lunch.

Maggie Grundler  
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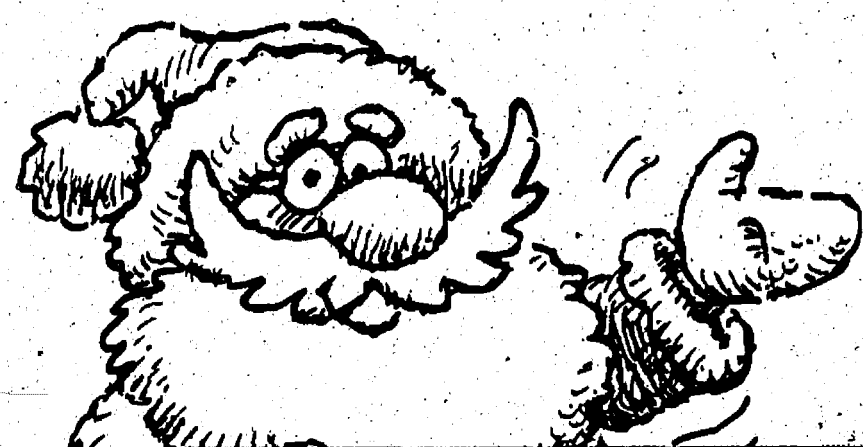


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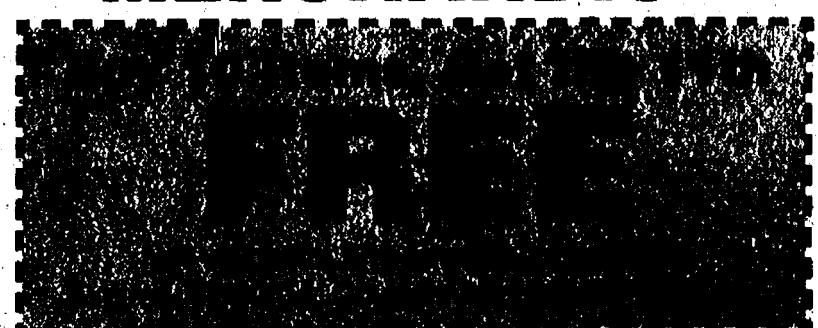
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## SOLDIERS

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outgoing, funny, athletic girl who also chose a military career.

One of Casey's good friends — a childhood friend of mine, too — was another outgoing, funny, athletic girl named Ann Miller, a member of the Giddy Up 'N' Go 4-H Club, whose brother recently died while in Iraq.

It's a small world, after all.

As of Veterans Day, more than 1,163 U.S. troops had been killed in Iraq. That does not include my friend Denny, who became number 1,166. Of those, 1,025 died after the war had officially ended.

Sounds like there's still a war going on to me.

People say the war isn't a local issue, but it is. It's also a youth issue, and a socio-economic issue.

Locally, dozens of recent high school graduates have enrolled to serve in the war. They are kids my age and younger working toward completing their basic training.

I know a number of kids — I call them kids, because in my mind, we'll always be kids growing up together — who are now in Iraq.

These are not kids who grew up wanting to die nobly in battle. Largely, they are boys who wanted to make something of themselves and who wanted others to be proud of them.

Some messed up once upon a time and felt joining the military would give them a second chance. Others didn't feel they were smart enough to make a difference without the military. Some joined the military for financial reasons.

They are all good kids,

bright kids, kids who wanted to help.

They are kids from average towns, with average educations and average family incomes.

They wanted to become extraordinary.

They are kids who were in 4-H and the Boy Scouts, the nerdy kids who, growing up, I always imagined would end up teaching advanced algebra to a new generation of students.

They are kids who wanted to experience love, who were scared to die too young. They were kids who desperately wanted to return home one day, and who married young and fast so they would have someone to come home to.

America is losing some of its best kids, while others are still fighting.

But while America is strong and will accept the losses as they come, I'm just a person, just a kid, who remembers the days spent at the county fair.

I am still just a kid, and possibly a selfish one at that. To a kid, winning is everything. I don't want to lose any more.

To my friends: Hey, guys? Guys? Can we play something else, please?

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The Happy Holiday Children's Parade, bringing Santa to town on a horse-drawn carriage, will begin 6:30 p.m. Friday. A reception for Santa will follow the parade at the historic Manchester Mill.

Hot cocoa will be served on the mill porch and children may visit with Santa from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Many downtown shops will remain open until 9 p.m. Friday to help shoppers get a head start on their Christmas lists. In addition, merchants and eateries downtown will offer special prices and drawings throughout the day.

For those seeking a special handcrafted gift for someone on their list, the American Legion Hall, located at the corner of Duncan and Adrian streets, will showcase dozens of crafters.

An annual cookie walk and bake sale, set from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, will be held at the Manchester United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Hill.

Emanuel United Church of Christ on West Main Street will offer German pretzels and baked goods by the Women of Emanuel.

In addition, carolers will be strolling along Main Street and horse-drawn carriage rides will be available.

For those looking for a history lesson, Carol Curtis will be at the Blacksmith Shop on East Main Street teaching Manchester's 25-year lumina tradition.

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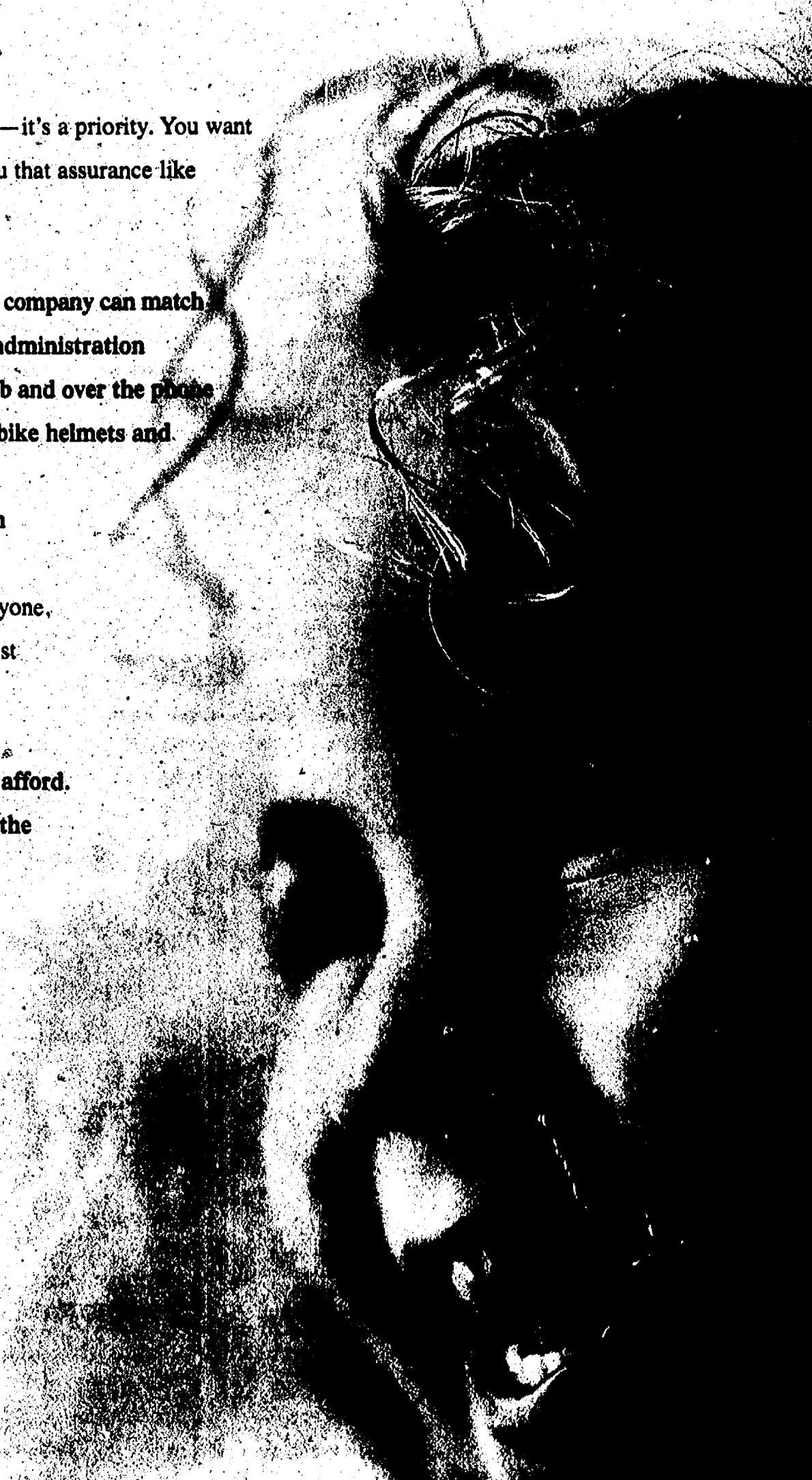


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## VOTES

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would have terminated the option.

"Michigan's got one of the longest ballots in the nation."

"The positive is that if someone knows that they want to vote for one party, it saves them time in voting," she said.

The negatives, she added, are that straight-ticket voters often do not take the time to fill out non-partisan sections of the ballot, or do not take the time to research local candidates.

"People who vote straight party may not know those local offices and who is running and what they are running for, but if they are vot-

ing straight party, then it automatically votes for those candidates," Weidmayer said.

Straight-ticket voters may choose to split their tickets by picking a party and then individually selecting candidates who do not fit into the party on a local or state level.

However, many voters simply do not know this is an option, Weidmayer said.

Additional confusion is created because those who vote in the August primaries are told they cannot split their ticket.

Without straight-ticket voting, the new Scio Township Board may be slightly different.

The figures suggest outgoing Supervisor E. Spaulding Clark and Trustee James

Cameron would have been re-elected to their posts.

In Scio Township, Democrats had 574 extra straight-ticket voters than Republicans. Clark lost his post by just 164 votes.

Of residents who voted specifically for a Scio Township supervisor candidate, 2,812 voted for Clark. Only 2,404 voted for his Democratic opponent, Charles Nielsen, who will take over the position Nov. 20.

Cameron also had a high enough percentage of individual votes to possibly be re-elected had straight-ticket voting not been an option in Michigan.

Mathematically, straight-ticket voting does not appear to have impacted elections in Sylvan Township.

Republicans Earl Heller

and Rueben Lesser, who lost seats on the Sylvan Township Board, did so despite the fact that more voters in the township voted straight-ticket Republican than Democrat.

In Dexter Township, 834 residents voted straight-ticket Republican and 495 voted straight-ticket Democrat.

That gave the Republican candidates a large advantage over the independent candidates who do not receive any straight-ticket votes.

But the numbers show the outcome would have been the same, even had the independent candidates run as Democrats.

All the independent candidates received at least 505 fewer individual votes than the trailing Republican candidate, Mark Wojno.

Anne Williams, the leading independent candidate with 1,017 votes, could have possibly come within 10 votes of catching Wojno had she received the 495 extra votes cast by straight-ticket Democrats.

Perhaps the hardest hit was Washtenaw County Clerk Peggy Haines, who has held her position for 14 years.

Countywide, there were 26,687 ballots cast straight-ticket Republican and 48,972 cast straight-ticket Democrat.

Without the straight ticket vote, 48,738 people voted individually for Haines and 32,350 voted individually for Kestenbaum.

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## RAPE

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he is "fairly confident" the trial won't start in December.

"The way the docket is called, is people in custody will be called first, in order of the most serious charges," Nichols said. "Those who aren't in custody will be called after that."

Bulson is currently free on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.

Nichols said he expects some evidentiary motions — which will lay down theories related to the incident — will be drafted and filed before the trial starts.

Probable witnesses in the case would be Bulson, Francis, the alleged victim and other people who attended the party, Nichols said.

Nichols said he would also call a medical professional to the stand.

Bulson could be sentenced from 17 months to 15 years in prison if convicted on any of the third-degree criminal sexual assault charges.

At the 17-month juncture, a parole board would determine whether Bulson would be eligible for parole.

The three counts entail three separate incidences and methods of sexual penetration with the alleged victim.

All three counts stipulate that Bulson knew the alleged victim was unable to give consent because she had been drinking alcohol at the party.

Nichols said he expects the trial, including a 12-member

jury selection process and closing arguments, would likely last no longer than a week.

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## TRUCK

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elected Nov. 2 to take over DeRossett's 52nd District seat. In August, DeRossett lost a bid for the Republican Party's nomination for the 17th District U.S. congressional seat being vacated by Nick Smith.

The Michigan Senate passed a modified version of DeRossett's bill Nov. 10. Gov. Jennifer Granholm must sign the bill before it becomes law.

The modified bill would bring allowable lengths back down to 59 feet, and would set a maximum \$800 fine for trucks up to 4,000 pounds overweight. It also would give gravel-hauling trucks more leeway to traverse non-highway roads to make pickups and deliveries.

Michigan already has the highest gross load limit for trucks in the country.

Dexter Village and Lyndon Township recently adopted formal resolutions opposing the House-approved version of the bill.

Additionally, a number of local officials have sharply criticized the House version of it. Those leaders include Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac, Dexter Village President Jim Seta, Sylvan Township Supervisor Michael Williams, Lima Township Supervisor Kenneth Unterbrink, Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryann Noah and Dexter Township Supervisor Pat Kelly. They cite damage to local roads as a primary concern.

As presented by the House, Seta said the bill would reduce fines for overweight trucks crossing the foundering Main Street bridge in downtown Dexter from thousands to only hundreds of dollars.

"Basically, we don't believe the fines we have on local roads should be overridden by the state Legislature," Seta said.

Steklac, who wrote a letter to state Sen. Liz Brater opposing House Bill 4358, said trucks cause disproportionate damage to local roads.

"Many studies recognize

that trucks do not pay their fair share of road taxes relative to the amount of damage that they cause to road pavement," Steklac wrote, adding that "a legal 80,000-pound tractor trailer does as much damage to road pavement as 9,600 cars."

Steklac said overweight trucks commonly use M-52, which runs through the heart of downtown Chelsea, to circumvent a state-operated weight station on Interstate 94 in Jackson County. To "effectively lower penalties to \$250," as set forth by the bill, would make the fines "virtually meaningless" to most trucking companies," Steklac said.

Noah, who said the proposed bill would unduly batter local roads and cause safety hazards stemming from longer stopping distances, called reduction of the fines to \$250 "ridiculous" and "a joke."

Noah said the bill would negatively impact townships with gravel pits, such as Sharon, Lodi and Freedom townships. Gravel hauler

traffic accidents have caused 10 fatal accidents in the last 10 years in Lodi Township, Noah said.

Kelly criticized the bill for taking away local judges' discretion on fines for overweight trucks.

Kelly also censured the bill for allowing truckers to lower lift axles when weighed by enforcement officers — a practice that would inaccurately portray true weight loads exerted on gravel or paved roads.

Kelly said she didn't disagree with increasing truck lengths to 65 feet, as much of the country currently allows.

"This is another one of Gene DeRossett's not-so-bad ideas that turned into a bad bill," Kelly said.

Unterbrink also said the proposed bill's method of weighing axles would cause problems.

"If (truckers) are allowed to spread weight across the axles with their wheels being lowered, you're not really doing anything for our roads," Unterbrink said, adding that he wouldn't

oppose the increase in length to 65 feet.

"Knowingly or not, I think trucks are many times overloaded," Unterbrink said. "It beats the hell out of all the roads — even paved roads."

Williams said the \$250 fine would do little to protect roads or promote safety.

"It doesn't strike me that this is a bill designed to make our county roads safer," Williams said. "A \$250 fine wouldn't be much of a deterrent to large trucking

companies."

Joe Fivas, a Michigan Municipal League transportation manager, said Tuesday that the Senate-approved version of the bill could protect roads through fines.

"We think it's enough of a deterrent to keep (trucking companies) from violating the law on purpose," Fivas said.

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## MEAP

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test as juniors.

Replacing the MEAP would alleviate two common complaints. Some students and teachers say the MEAP testing at the high school level is a waste of time, since universities don't consider them during the admission process. Administrators also have said there is a certain level of apathy that runs through the students when taking the test.

"A lot of the kids don't see the value in taking the MEAP test," said Dexter schools Superintendent Evelyn Shirk. "The universities don't look at it, so I think it would have more value to our kids. If they're college bound, it's something they're going to take anyway."

Results from MEAP tests are a weighted component of the state's new Education Yes! program of awarding school report cards.

Shirk said the idea of swapping the tests has some merit, but she also would like to see the state design a consistent system of standards and benchmarks that could be incorporated into the grading for each school.

But House speaker Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, is still unsure if the proposal will come to a vote.

"We're still taking a look at it," said Johnson's spokesman, Keith Ledbetter. "It's still a possibility, but we haven't made a final decision."

State Sen. Wayne Kuipers, the bill's sponsor, said the new test would be more indicative of future educational performance. The

MEAP, he said, tests only what a student has learned up to that point.

"I think there's a point in the students' development where it's important to look forward, and to look at what's next, rather than look back" he said. "The MEAP test measures retention of information. It's important, at the high school level, to begin looking forward. The MEAP does not do that."

Dexter High School senior Alexandra Goss said she was in favor of the replacement.

"I think it's good for the kids that are going to have to be taking it," she said. "But

it's not so good for some of us who had to take both."

Chelsea High School Principal Ron Mead approves of the idea, at its most basic theory. He wanted to see the national ACT exam completely replace the MEAP, but instead he is watching more tests piled on top of it, such as additional exams that measure reading and math skills.

Mead said that he would like the students to have options. Those who are heading to college would take the ACT as part of the required testing, and those heading directly into the work force

would take an alternative version that measures important knowledge for potential employers.

"I'm in favor of it," he said. "But I would like to see it made more simple instead of more complicated. And it looks like it's going to be made more complicated."

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CHELSEA

# Police investigating vandalism at school

## Windows, trophy case and vending machines sustain damage

By Maria Sprow  
Staff Writer

The Chelsea Police Department is investigating an act of vandalism that occurred at the Washington Street Education Center.

The damaged property includes several broken windows, a broken trophy case and a busted vending machine.

A weekend custodian working the morning of Nov. 6 discovered the mess.

Police believe the incident occurred the night before or sometime before 6 a.m. the morning it was discovered.

Officer Jeff Staebler, one of two Chelsea Police Department officers to respond to

the incident, said it appears a person or group broke into the building by smashing the plate-glass windows.

The culprits then walked through the hallways, breaking windows inside. They also tried to steal candy from a vending machine, Staebler said. Damage is estimated at \$2,200.

Police are conducting interviews and investigating leads, but have not gathered a suspect list or identified any suspects, Staebler said.

"At this point, it's still under investigation in regards to the possible suspects," he said.

"We don't even know that it was a student. The investigation has not been narrowed down to just students."

Ron Livengood, director of facilities and operations for the school system, said there was a trail of blood leading from the vending machine to a nearby restroom, indicating that someone had been injured while trying to break into the machine.

The glass in the trophy

case has been replaced, but Livengood said it could be several weeks until the trophies are displayed again.

He said that while he finds the incident disappointing, property damage is a common problem at the former high school.

"It happens fairly often,"

he said. "People get upset and then take out their frustrations in a poor manner."

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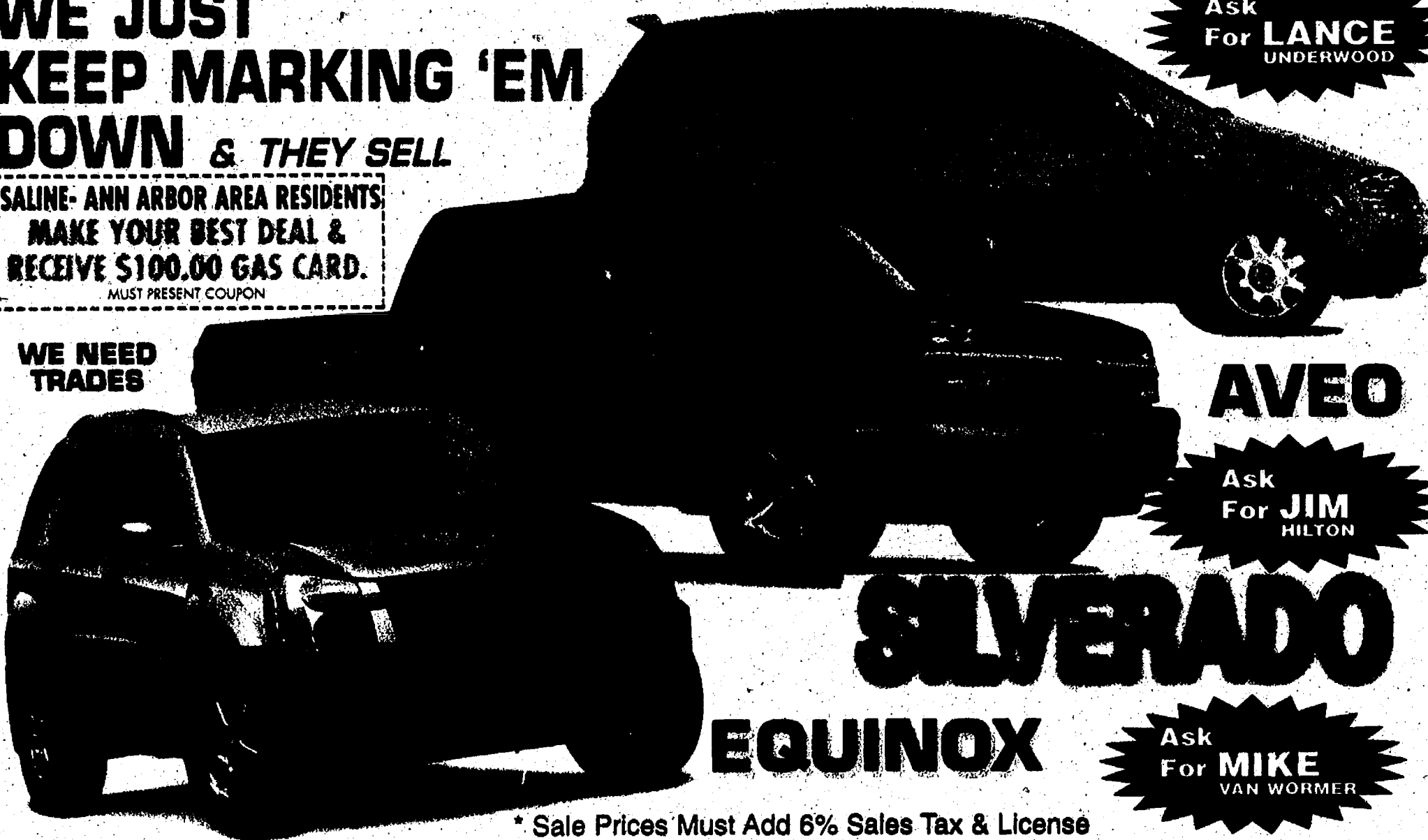
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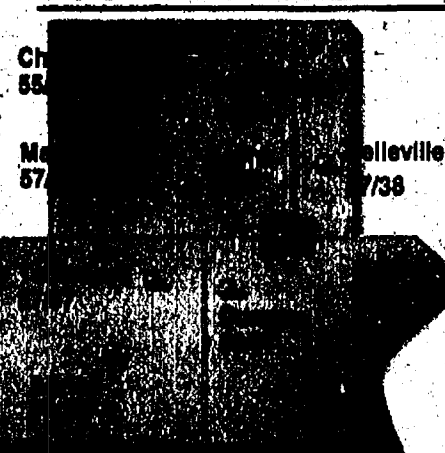
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Low for the week ..... 15°  
Normal high ..... 48°  
Normal low ..... 34°  
Average temperature ..... 36.2°  
Normal average temperature ..... 41.0°  
Precipitation:  
Total for the week ..... Trace  
Total for the month ..... 0.59"  
Total for the year ..... 22.90"  
Normal for the month ..... 1.45"  
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% of normal this year ..... 74%

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Sunrise Thursday ..... 7:29 a.m.  
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Baton Rouge	73/53/pc	70/58/r	Cheneyenne	52/32/c	42/22/s	Gary	60/42/pc	67/44/r	Memphis	67/52/pc	68/48/r	Pittsburgh	68/40/pc	68/45/pc
Billings	51/31/pc	45/24/pc	Chicago	56/42/pc	54/42/r	Green Bay	51/34/pc	46/35/sh	Miami	80/67/sh	80/69/sh	Portland, ME	48/35/pc	49/29/pc
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Boise	50/31/sh	44/25/pc	Columbus, OH	60/44/pc	59/48/pc	Indianapolis	59/45/pc	60/47/sh	Nashville	64/48/pc	63/49/r	Rapid City	55/30/pc	51/19/sh
Boston	54/40/pc	54/36/s	Dallas	68/55/sh	68/48/pc	Jackson	58/38/pc	52/41/sh	New Orleans	74/82/sh	72/61/r	Reno	55/32/pc	54/27/pc
Brownsville	82/62/t	84/62/pc	Davenport	54/42/sh	55/36/sh	Kansas City	59/47/sh	60/38/sh	New York	67/48/pc	58/44/s	Richmond	68/45/pc	66/43/s

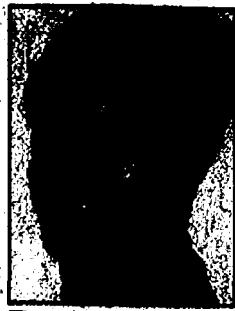


# COMMUNITY

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## YOUR DECORATING DOLLAR



PAT ALLEGRA

## Set a festive table

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. The combination of family, friends, wonderful food and a thankful spirit make for a memorable day.

Food is definitely the main event of this holiday, so I think your table setting should be second to none.

As a decorator, my natural propensity always has included some terrific table decor for my entertaining, especially for holidays. I plan my table setting in advance, just as I plan my menu.

Setting a creative and beautiful table does take some time, so this is a task I do a day or two early. If you are using your dining room table, then this is not typically a problem. If, however, your everyday table is being used, then plan accordingly. Have an easy meal, such as sandwiches, the night before and seat your kids in front of the television. It's a nice treat for them and easy for you.

Begin with choosing what dishes you are using. If you are having a very large crowd, paper products are just fine. There are so many wonderful holiday and autumn patterns to consider. Maybe use one pattern for the plates and a coordinating pattern for the napkins. Do the same with your dishes.

Mix your patterns and glassware. Just keep them all in the same color palette. Remember each place setting can even be different, as long as it blends.

Table linens are next. Go through your tablecloths. If nothing is going to work, then head to the fabric store with your table measurements — add 10 inches for the overhang — and buy a coordinating length of material to use. Or use your imagination and cover your table with a quilt or beautiful blanket, or a plain tablecloth with a striking runner. How about using 2 cloths placed on the diagonal?

I love to layer my tables. On top of my tablecloth, I also will use place mats. Certainly, traditional mats are great, but how about using lace doilies or bandanas?

Get the kids involved and cut cardboard into desired shape and size, and glue on fall leaves. Paper place mats come in all colors at any party goods store.

A centerpiece is a must. Flowers and candles are terrific, but think unusual containers. A pumpkin is perfect for either. Just cut a hole in the top to fit a candle or large enough to insert a juice can (to hold the water) if you want flowers.

Apples, artichokes and squash also work well for this idea. A cornucopia is fun to make. The "horn" basket can be bought at a craft store. Place a large tray and fill to overflowing with fruits and nuts.

Napkin rings and place setting cards are details that add the extra pizzazz to your table. You can also combine the two. Colorful ribbon simply tied around the napkin looks great, but write your guests name with metallic

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Chelsea freelance composer Brian Brill works full time out of his McKinley Street home and recording studio, writing and recording a wide variety of music for diverse clients, including automakers, network and public television stations, and corporations such as The Coca-Cola Co., Nike Inc. and diamond company De Beers LV. This year, Brill, who is also a member of local jazz trio Home From Work, released "Sunday Morning," a CD benefiting First United Methodist Church of Chelsea, and wrote a new theme song for local cable TV show "Around Town with Linda."

# Makin' Music

## Composer lives his dream

By Steve Riccio  
Staff Writer

Unlike legions of other talented and passionate musicians — who, for various reasons since time immemorial, have struggled or failed to eke out livings doing what they love — Chelsea composer and pianist Brian Brill is living his dream of working as a full-time artist while also paying the bills.

In fact, the two-time Emmy award winner is doing much better than simply subsisting — he's in-demand and up to his ears in work, and hopes to eventually parlay his successes into writing more film scores.

The 45-year-old Ionia native is a 1981 graduate of the Western Michigan University School of Music in Kalamazoo, where he met his wife, Ann, a fourth-grade teacher who currently works for Dexter Community Schools.

The young couple, married in 1982, endured some lean years at first.

While Ann landed her first teaching job in Kendallville, Ind., Brian drove 2 1/2 hours to Ann Arbor four to five times a week to rehearse and perform with Fast Tracks, a jazz-fusion quartet that toured the Midwest.

"One year, I racked up about 60,000 miles on my car," Brian Brill recalled last week at his McKinley Street home and recording studio in Chelsea.

"When I first graduated from college, I wanted to be in a group and tour. It was

## Did You Know...

### Brian Brill's accomplishments

Composer and arranger for Dan Yessian Music in Farmington Hills, Mich. Clients include General Motors Corp., Delmar Chrysler, and more. Co. The Cook Co., Nike Inc. and the Michigan Broadcasting Service. Brill is a composer and arranger for musical production companies, including Joy Art Music Inc. in Chicago, Soundstage 1 in Kalamazoo, and Crossfire Productions in Grand Rapids. Brill is a producer and arranger for the music band Home From Work, along with Gabe Rabinowitz and Sander Somovits. Brill is a member of local jazz trio Home From Work, along with Gabe Rabinowitz and Sander Somovits. Brill is a composer and arranger for Dan Yessian Music in Farmington Hills, Mich.

Arranged and provided keyboards for "One Shining Moment," in addition to numerous tracks for CBS Sports. Won Midwestern regional Emmy awards for Public Broadcasting Service TV biographies of author C.S. Lewis and Ohio State University football coach Woody Hayes. Wrote music for PBS television biography of Vice President Henry Wallace, to air in 2005. Released "Sunday Morning" CD this year to benefit First United Methodist Church of Chelsea. Wrote and recorded new theme song for local cable TV show "Around Town with Linda" this fall. 1981 graduate of Western Michigan University School of Music in Kalamazoo.

great for the first three years, but I realized I didn't want to do it into old age."

When Ann found a job in Dexter in 1984, the couple moved to Ann Arbor.

Brill started working as a composer and arranger for Audiograph Productions in Lansing that year.

"I was a starving jazz musician when I started to do studio work," Brill said. "I didn't have a formal, home studio until 1992."

But Brill hung with it, and his persistence started paying dividends in 1986, when he began a partnership with his good friend and Ann Arbor composer David Barrett.

Barrett wrote "One Shining Moment," a theme song played by CBS Sports for video montages in its coverage of the NCAA men's basketball tournament. Brill arranged music for the song, which debuted on television in 1987, and is still used

every year — the latest version sung by Luther Vandross.

By 1987, the Brills were looking for an affordable house in the Ann Arbor area, and almost bought a home in Ypsilanti before a friend tipped the couple off that a Summit Street house was up for sale in Chelsea.

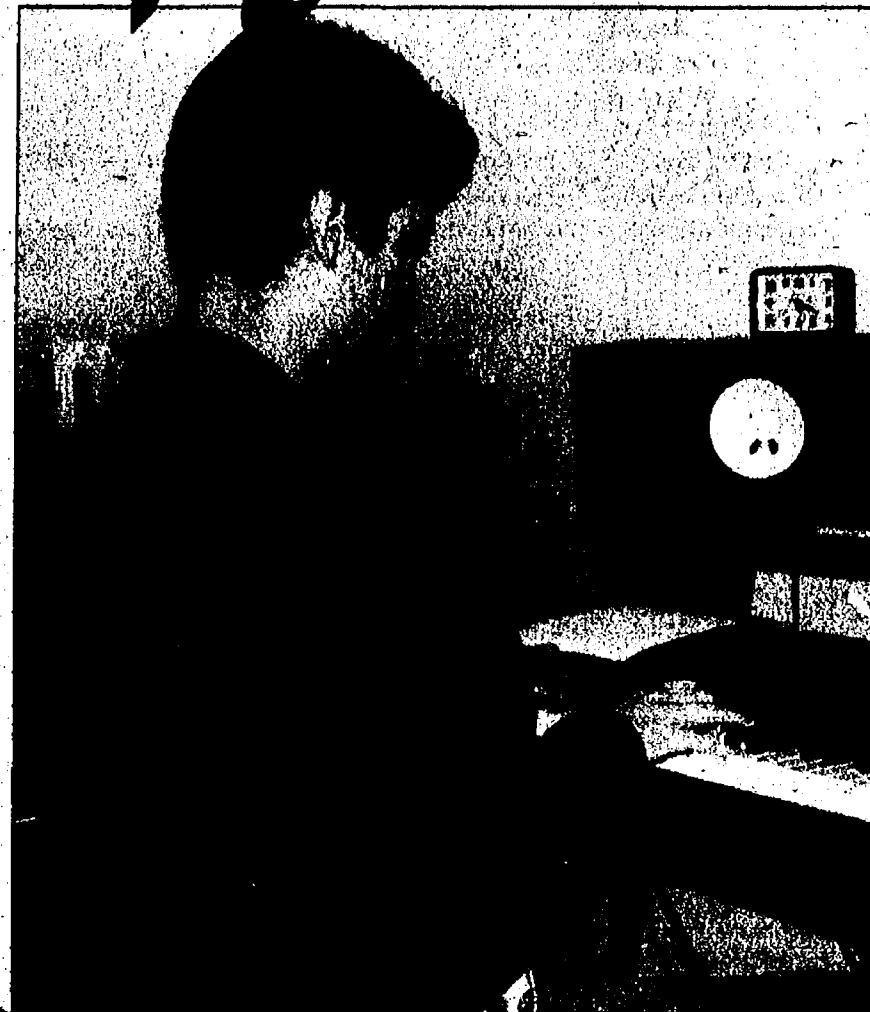
The Brills moved to their McKinley Street home in 1992.

"The taxes were more reasonable in Chelsea than they were in Ann Arbor," said Brill, whose 15-year-old daughter, Mary, attends Chelsea High School.

"I like Chelsea's small-town atmosphere, and I like that we have neighborhoods. The schools are great, too."

Over the years, Brill steadily augmented his portfolio and built his musical networks, allowing him to become a full-time freelancer in 1989.

Although Brill was trained



Brian Brill plays an electronic keyboard in his attic studio as his Macintosh G4 Titanium PowerBook processes the music.

in school to write music in longhand and to use analog recording methods — while learning orchestration and music history — he's been well served in his current endeavors by his innate interest in computers.

Because of that interest, he taught himself how to use software in making music along the way — a skill that has helped immensely in his ability to find jobs, work from home and be his own boss.

Brill laughed as he recalled his first computer, which he bought in 1990. It was a \$4,000 Macintosh SE/30, with five megabits of random access memory and a four-megabit hard drive.

Today, Brill works almost entirely digitally, employing tandem Macintosh G4 desktop and Macintosh G4 Titanium PowerBook computers along with an electronic keyboard.

The electronics allow him

to work from his attic studio, communicating with — and producing music in digitally finished form for — a multitude of clients via the Internet.

About 60 percent of his work is done over the Web. "I always had an interest in technology and gizmos, even in high school," Brill said. "It was natural for me to get computers and work that into what I was doing."

"For what I do, you have to be computer literate. You have to have some computer skills to do work in 2004."

Today, Brill is a freelance composer and arranger for numerous musical production companies, including Joy Art Music Inc. in Chicago, Soundstage 1 in Kalamazoo and Crossfire Productions in Grand Rapids.

He devotes a large chunk of his time to Dan Yessian Music in Farmington Hills, a company whose clients

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## CHELSEA

### Thursday, Nov. 18

**Johnathan Rand**, the "American Chills" author, will read, visit and sign books 7 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. The event is part of the Children's Book Week festivities. The program is free and registration is not required. For more information, call 475-8732.

### Friday, Nov. 19

**Writers' Open House** will be held 7 p.m. at Cranesbill Books, 108 E. Middle St., in Chelsea. All local writers are invited to attend to help set times as part of a regular open mic for reading poetry and any other creative writing. For information, call Jan Loveland 433-2665.

### Saturday, Nov. 20

**"Fossils: Clues from the Ancient Past"** program will be held 2 p.m. at the Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Road, in Chelsea. The free program explains what fossils are, how they formed and where they can be found. To register, call 475-3170.

**Jerry Perrine** will perform from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., in Chelsea, as part of the Morning Mochas and Melodies program.

### Saturday, Nov. 20 and Sunday, Nov. 21

The Stockbridge Area Arts Council will present "American Music: Our Melting Pot Heritage," featuring The Stockbridge Festival Chorus 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the Stockbridge Township Hall on South Clinton Street. For more information, call Joan Noel at 1-517-851-4737.

### Sunday, Nov. 21

**American Girls Club: Samantha and Nellie's Christmas** will be held 2 p.m. at Cranesbill Books, 108 E. Middle St., in Chelsea. The program complements the TV premiere of an American Girls film Nov. 23. Reservations are required by calling 433-2665.

**Chelsea Film Society** will present "The Big Sleep" (Howard Hawks, 1946) 6 p.m. at Cranesbill Books, 108 E. Middle St. The film will be shown free of charge in the second-floor theater. For more information, call 433-2665.

### Friday, Nov. 26

"Monster Inc." will be shown 2 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Popcorn will be served and the event is free. For more information, call 475-8732.

### Friday, Nov. 26 and Saturday, Nov. 27

**Old Friends 15th annual Holiday Open House** will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at 1131 Scio Church Road in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-4651.

## 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.

**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** meets on a regular basis. For more information, call Marie Brooks at 475-8732 or Jennifer Kundak at 475-2424.

**Senior Book Discussion 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 8:30 p.m. every Friday night at Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, 7103 Lingane Road, in Chelsea. Call 475-7910.

**Mothers of Preschoolers** meets 9 a.m. the second Friday of the month October through May at

the Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Free childcare is available on a limited basis. For information, call 475-8119.

### Saturday

**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 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Cleary's Pub, 113 S. Main St. Call 475-3874.

**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 475-5844.

**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.

**Euchre 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 433-9733.

### DEXTER

### Thursday, Nov. 18

The Communications Committee will meet with Dexter School District residents so they can express their hopes, aspirations, and concerns for the district from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Mill Creek Media Center, 7305 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road. Refreshments will be served.

### Saturday, Nov. 27

**Dexter High School class of 1994** 10-year class reunion will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Ypsilanti Marriott Eagle Crest

Clubhouse, 1275 S. Huron St., in Ypsilanti Township. For more information, call Jeni (Stoker) Sobry at 1-734-845-1091.

## DEXTER MISCELLANEOUS

### Thursday

Dexter AA group meets 7:30

p.m. every Thursday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in the education building, 3470 Dover St., in Dexter.

**Dexter American Legion** meets 8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the American Legion

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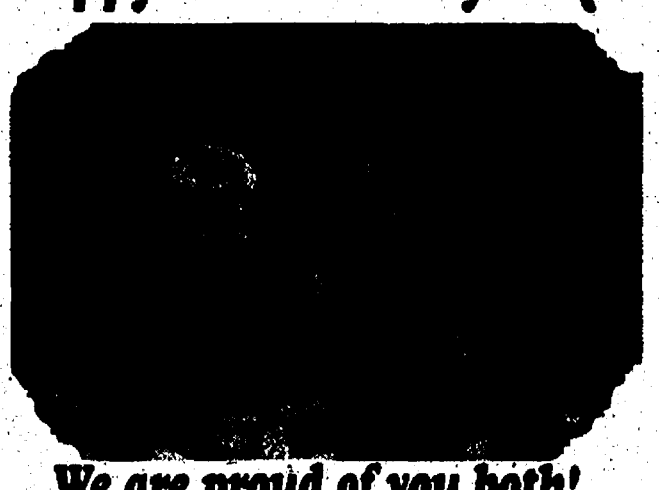
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## ENGAGEMENTS



### Cosby, Gillikin set date for upcoming wedding

Kayla Cosby of Westland and Nathan Gillikin of Dearborn, formerly of Chelsea, have set a Jan. 15 wedding date.

The future bride is the daughter of the late Vicki Harrington. She is a 2000 graduate of Hale High School and has an associate's degree from Madonna University. She is employed at

Autometal Craft in Oak Park. The future groom is the son of Jerry and Sue Gillikin of Chelsea. He is a 1994 graduate of Chelsea High School and a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed at Global Exports & Travel in Troy.

## BIRTHS

A daughter, Alyson Lynn, was born July 23 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township to Heidi and Garth Baize of Grass Lake. Maternal grandmother is Priscilla Apostol of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Karen Baize of Gregory. Great-grandmother is Mary Baize of Chelsea.

A son, Connor Jeremy, was born Aug. 18 to Jill and Steve Atwell of Napoleon at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. Maternal grandparents are Jean and Jeff Virgine of Dexter, and Ken Toney of Ann Arbor. Paternal grandfather is William Atwell of Dexter. Great-grandparents are Dix and Fay Van Daff of Battle Creek.

A daughter, Kyli Jade, was born Oct. 10 to Jessica and Michael Milliken of Chelsea at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. Paternal grandparents are Mary Beth and Jerry Milliken of Chelsea. Great-grandmothers are Joan Allen of Chelsea and Ellen Hansen of Ferndale.

A son, Grady Lee, was born Oct. 7 to Rebecca and Benjamin Wheeler of Dexter at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. Maternal grandfather is the late Lee Green. Paternal grandparents are Jim and Sharon Wheeler of Pinckney. Great-grandparents are Leroy and Barb Wing of Ann Arbor, and Lela McDonald of Bridgeport, W. Va.

## CALENDAR

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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 Thursday. Call 424-3404.

**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 Dover St.

**Dexter Child Study Club** meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Call 426-3684.

**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, 3080 Kensington St.

**Independent Order of Oddfellows** meets 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Dexter United Methodist Church, 6949.

7643 W. Huron River Drive.

**ANN ARBOR**

**Sunday, Nov. 28**

The 30th annual Western Kiwanis Christmas Sing will be held 1:30 p.m. at the Michigan Theater, 603 W. Liberty St., in Ann Arbor. Tree trimming in the lobby begins at noon. For more information, call Eason Ghung at 668-8949.

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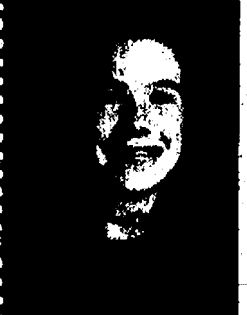


# WRITING MATTERS

Poetry and prose from the students in Chelsea schools

## The impossible question

Who am I?  
I am scarlet red sunsets  
reflecting off the lake.  
I am cold winter wind rushing  
past my sled.  
I am the fiery autumn  
leaves, falling in clouds.  
Or maybe the bright, bold  
wildflowers, growing  
in rolling  
meadows.



Maybe  
loud,  
pleasing  
thunder-  
storms  
with sweet plump raindrops.  
Or the age-old, recipes  
wafting through raindrops.

I am as boistefous as 100  
voices, singing at a Sunday  
service.

And as quiet as a reminis-  
cent conversation up  
amongst emerald leaves.

I can sometimes be as  
pleasing as hot Girl Scout  
campfires on cool summer's  
nights.

Or as wild as wind drown-  
ing out hoof beats, as I push  
my powerful partner harder.

Sometimes I am as ener-  
getic as arms and legs beat-  
ing water with great force,  
Or feet carrying me over  
grassy hills.

Sometimes, I am as calm  
and as deep as the crisp win-  
ter sky.

And sometimes I am as  
clear and as shallow as a  
glassy seaside tide pool.

I can be as mischievous as  
a little brown field mouse,  
Or as helpful as a busy hon-  
eybee, pollinating a summer  
garden.

Usually, I giggle like a  
sunny babbling brook run-  
ning into a reflecting pond.  
And flit about as happy as  
a monarch butterfly in a field  
of milkweed.

Yes, I am an ocean with  
changing tides.

I am a forest with many dif-  
ferent seasons.

However, no matter what  
season it is in my life,

I am always steadfast in  
one way.

In one way, I am as hard as  
granite block.

I am always me.

No matter how stormy life's  
seas get, I am always me.

Who am I?  
To answer the question is  
impossible, but that's the way  
like it.

Katie Lindauer  
Eighth Grade  
Beach Middle School

## The Truth

The songs stream from the  
starry skies.  
"Silence!"

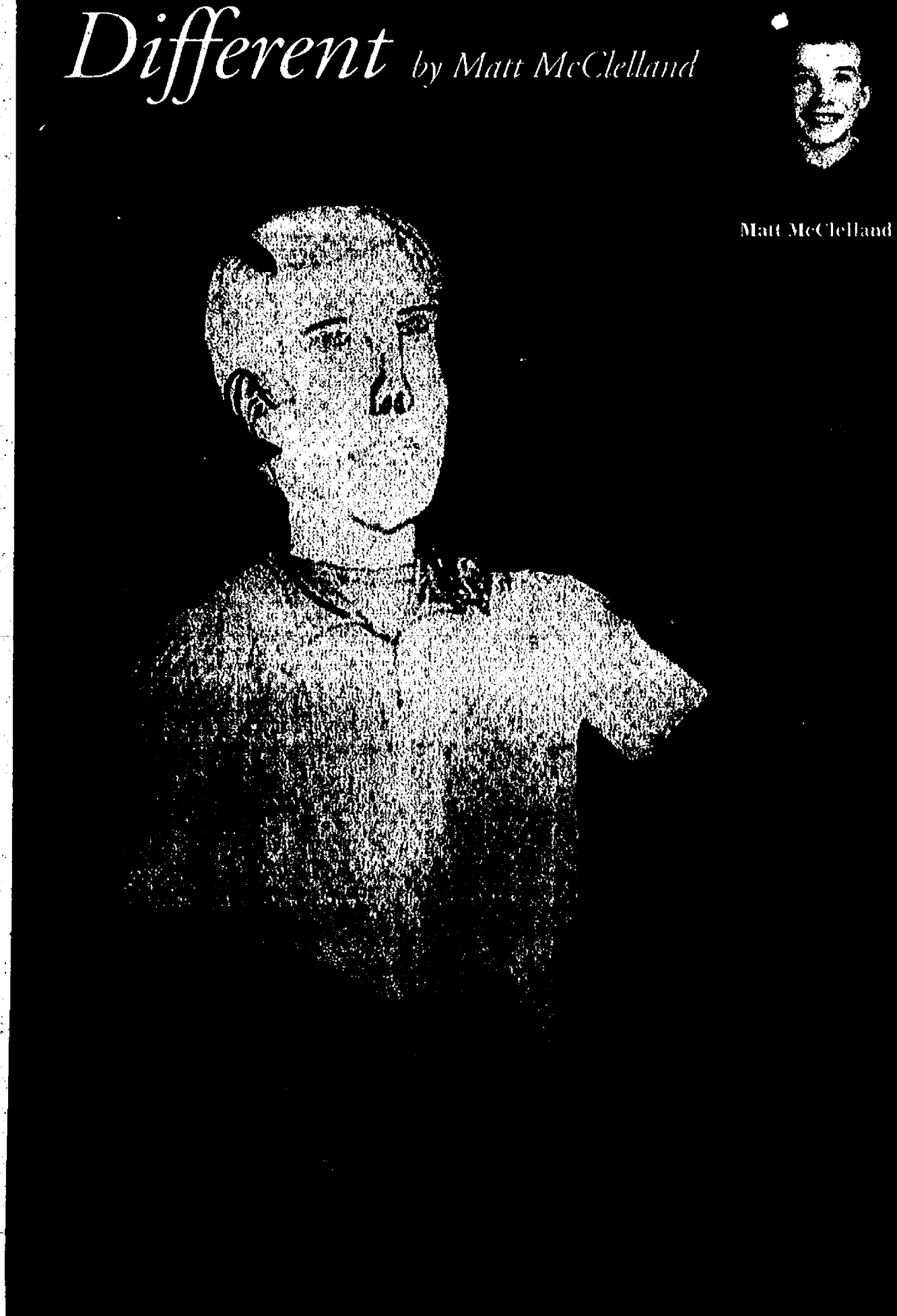


Sing they,  
"Eternity!"  
But no  
one knows,  
they call  
them  
dreams.  
That  
dance  
beneath  
their  
unclosed  
eyes.  
Evie Morrel-Samuels  
Eighth Grade  
Beach Middle School

## Different by Matt McClelland



Matt McClelland



## Thin Blue Ribbons

"Sadness will always be  
near to us, even when we are  
surrounded by happiness."

I knew right away what I  
wanted my art to communi-  
cate. I knew I wanted to do  
something that would show  
that no matter how happy  
things are around us, we will  
always have something sad  
that stays close to us.

After I knew what I wanted  
to communicate through my

work, I had to decide exactly  
how to communicate it. I  
knew I wanted to be able to  
show sadness without mak-  
ing it seem to overwhelm the  
person in my drawing. I start-  
ed to think, and I thought of a  
ribbon.

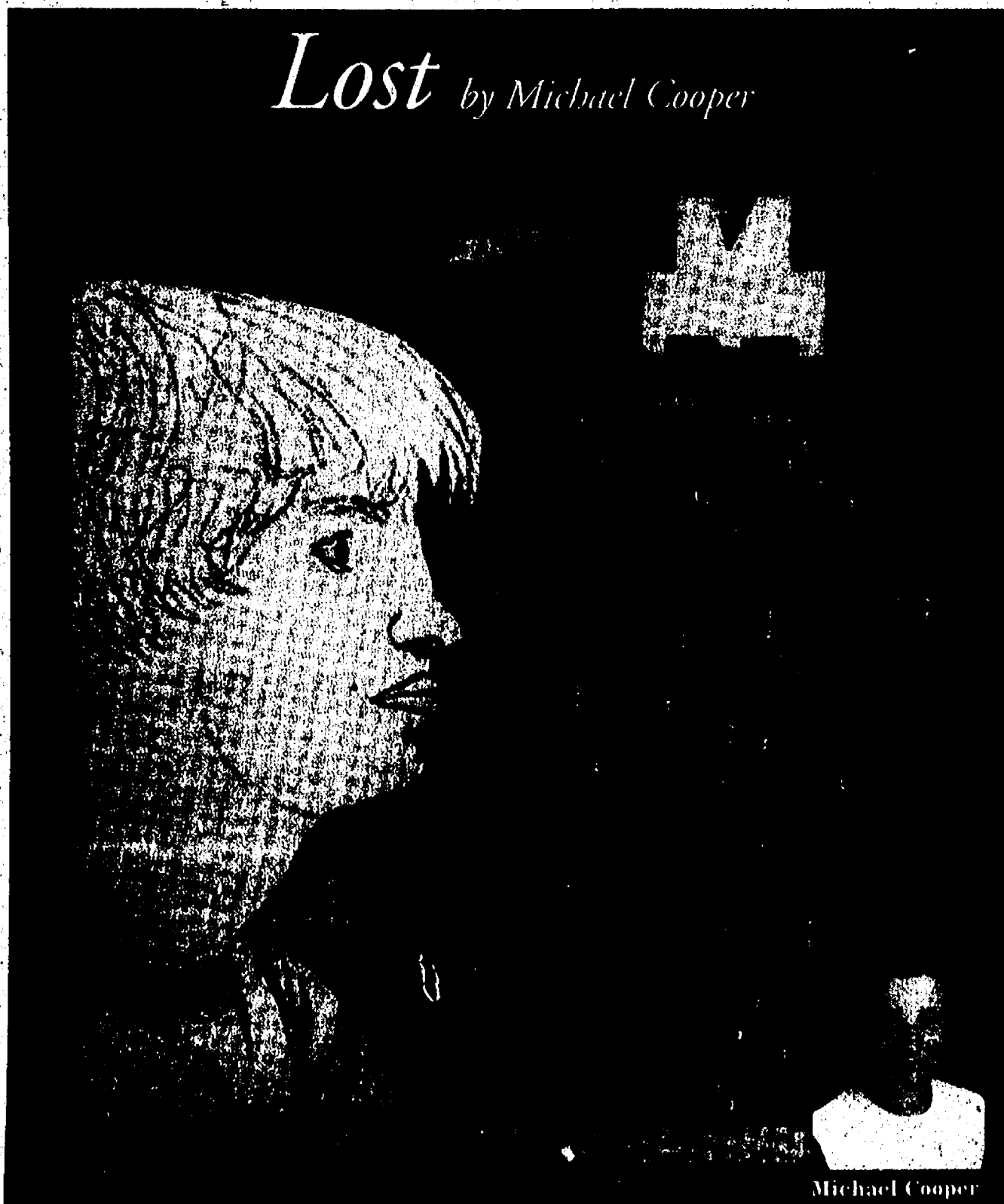
When I first drew the  
ribbon around the person,  
it seemed to hold her in,  
like someone tied her up,  
and that wasn't what I wanted

to show.  
So I had  
to redraw  
the ribbon  
so it looked  
looser, like  
it was just  
"there" instead  
of holding her in. I knew that  
to show sadness in the rib-  
bon.



Sam Keene

Sam Keene  
Eighth Grade  
Beach Middle School



## Lost by Michael Cooper

Michael Cooper

## Heroes

Ebony smoke rose in a great  
mass, engulfing everything in a  
heavy, burnt smell. It was like  
a giant cloud, quickly rising  
high above everything in sight  
for miles and miles. Voices  
could be heard from inside the  
school, high-pitched and des-  
perate.

"Somebody save them," a  
bystander yelled, "the ceiling is  
going to cave in!"

Sirens could be heard in the  
distance, coming closer but not  
fast enough.

"The firemen will be, too  
late," a girl yelled, coughing  
from all the smoke, "we need a  
hero!"

There are many types of  
heroes in the world, fireman  
and police officers, singers  
and actors. Many consider  
them heroes. But you don't  
have to be famous to be a  
hero. Anyone can be a hero,  
even if it's just by doing  
something small.

People can be heroes by  
doing what's right. There are  
so many situations and prob-  
lems that come up in our  
world where somebody has  
to step out of the crowd and  
stand up for what is right.  
Many people don't.

So by standing up for some-  
one who is constantly being  
picked on, you are doing  
what is right and helping that  
person.

Say your friend is blamed  
for something you did. By  
admitting it was your fault,  
you are accepting the conse-  
quences instead of letting  
them fall on your friend.

What happens if your  
friend is taking drugs and  
makes you promise never to  
tell? You don't tell, right? Of  
course you do! Tell an adult  
immediately, even if you will  
hurt you and your friend's  
relationship. In the long run,  
they will be much better off.

People are heroes by being  
brave. When I think of brave,  
I think of firefighters. They  
must be scared beyond  
scared when they rush into  
burning buildings. But they  
rise above their fear and do  
their job.

I think being brave is tak-  
ing action, no matter how  
scared you are. If there is a  
tornado warning and you and  
your little sibling are scared  
senseless, being brave is

being calm  
and col-  
lected.  
Reassure  
your broth-  
er(s) and/or  
sister(s).

Many  
girls and  
women are  
brave and  
give birth to  
their child  
instead of choosing abortion.  
They are incredibly strong,  
even as they might be single  
moms or teenage girls.

There was a professional  
football player who was  
offered a contract worth \$7  
million, but he refused it.  
Instead he chose to fight in  
Afghanistan and died while  
serving his country. He  
decided to risk everything  
and fight for the United  
States. That was extremely  
brave, and I admire him. He  
is a hero to many people by  
risking all but being brave.

A person can be a hero in a  
very small way, such as being  
thoughtful. Many people  
don't take the time to say  
"hi," so by being thoughtful  
and helpful to others, you  
could be a hero.

Helping your teammates  
up after they fall during a  
game might be insignificant  
to you, but it lets them know  
you care. Or by donating  
money, clothes and toys to  
Toys for Tots or UNICEF, you  
are a hero to the kids who are  
getting your "old" doll or  
your "old" bike.

Kids can be heroes by  
opening doors for senior citi-  
zens or mowing an older  
neighbor's lawn. You are  
making their life much easi-  
er by being thoughtful and  
taking the time to help them.

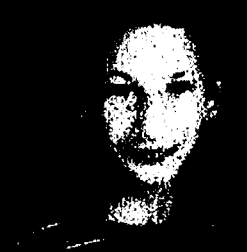
Heroes come in all shapes  
and sizes. Whether you are  
big or small, young or old,  
everyone can be a hero. Do  
what's right when you come  
across problems or situa-  
tions. Try to be brave, for  
yourself and for others. Be  
thoughtful and considerate,  
let others know you care.

You don't have to be a sol-  
dier, actor or actress to be a  
hero. By being yourself, in  
some way or another, you are  
a hero.

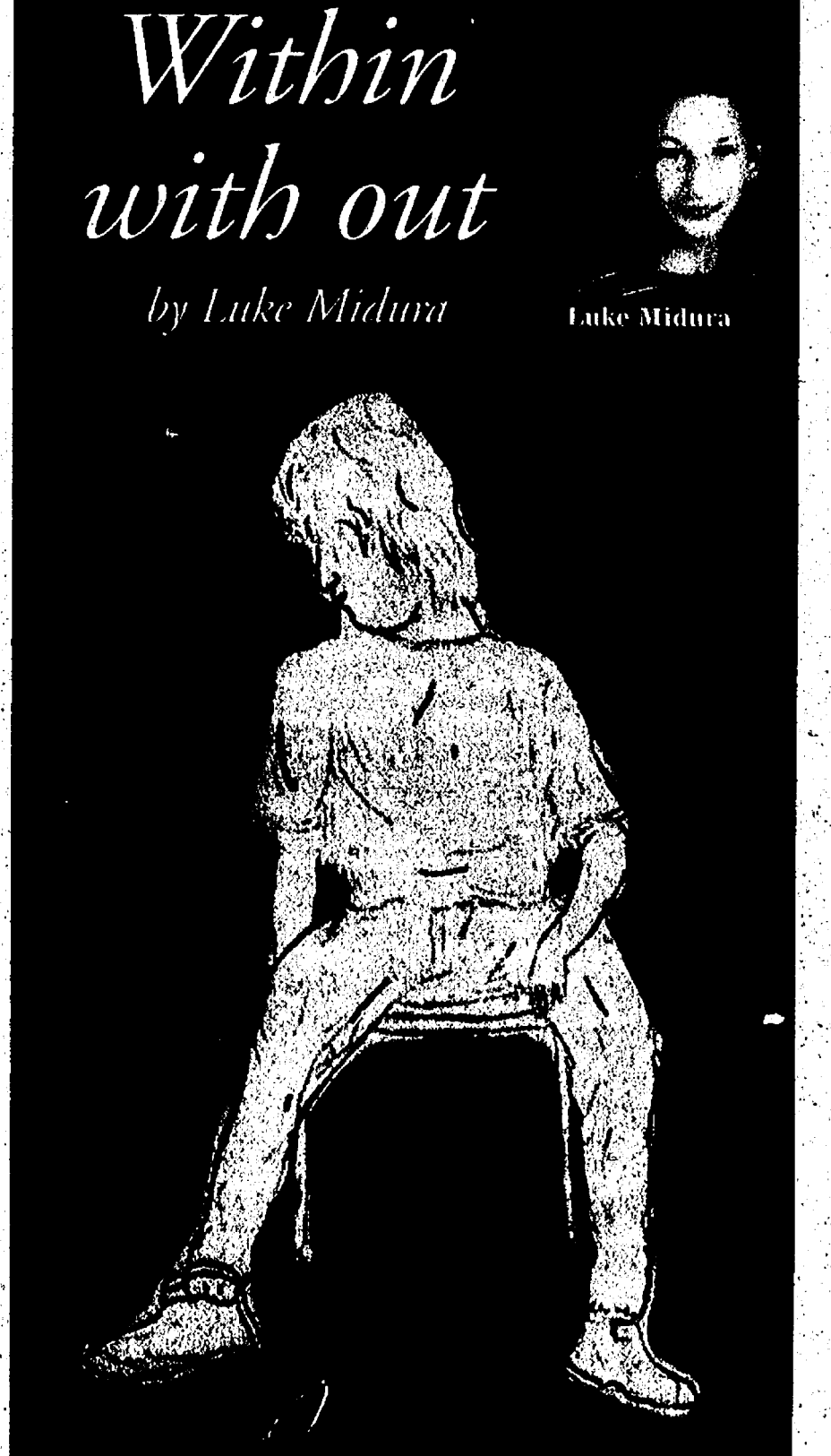
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Eighth Grade  
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## Within with out

by Luke Midura



Luke Midura





## COMPOSER

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include General Motors Corp., DaimlerChrysler AG, Ford Motor Co., The Coca-Cola Co., Nike Inc. and the Public Broadcasting Service.

About 85 percent of his current work is done for advertising, films or TV shows, which usually results in 40- to 50-hour workweeks that often spill into his weekends.

"It's very easy to become a workaholic when you're a freelancer," Brill said, noting that a home office can facilitate that tendency.

In addition, Brill occasionally plays gigs with Gemini, an Ann Arbor children's music band headed by twin brothers Sandor and Laz Slomovits, and is a member of Home From Work, a local jazz trio that also includes Gabe Bolkosky and Sandor Slomovits.

Although Brill's musical background is strongly rooted in jazz, he has earned a professional reputation as a proficient musician and composer in diverse styles who can produce on the tight deadlines demanded by commercial clients.

Three-day turnarounds are typical, Brill said, although some clients demand one- or two-day deadlines.

Late last week, for example, GM requested music for a SmartMoney Lease TV commercial, which Brill wrote a demo for in one day. The commercial was set to air that Sunday.

Although Brill is compensated for his demos through the production companies he works for, corporate clients seek the demos competitively from a number of different musicians — meaning there's no guarantee Brill's music will be chosen. If the demos are selected, Brill gets a bigger paycheck, plus residuals. "Freelancing is good and bad," Brill said. "Usually I average about one or two commercials a week, and I

try to do a demo a day. You're always dealing with tight deadlines.

"Music is usually the last element done (for the commercials). They leave a pretty small window to fill in the music.

"I've learned to work on deadline. Sometimes, it's frustrating and stressful."

Through his powerful computers, Brill watches the video portion of the commercials, and sometimes is given a snippet of the music required — such as an unaccompanied vocal track. His clients describe or supply "temp" recordings of the sort of music they want — including suggestions for style, tempo or mood.

Brill takes it from there. Often, further collaboration is necessary before the finished product is recorded.

One of Brill's more notable advertising successes was beating out 19 other composers to supply music for a national advertisement by diamond company De Beers LV. The commercial first aired in 2002.

Brill invested a couple of weeks' worth of time for that project, which included writing out orchestral parts for other musicians to record.

But the investment in time paid off — both in prestige and a fatter paycheck than normal.

"It's not going to pay for my daughter's education, but it's better than playing in a nightclub," Brill said with a laugh.

The De Beers story is illus-

trative of the supply-and-demand struggles a freelance musician faces, Brill said.

"There are lots of talented people out there — people from all around the country vying for a finite number of jobs," he said.

"Even the Detroit music houses are competing with Chicago, New York and Los Angeles for the auto commercials.

"For me to make this work, there's a fair amount of quantity involved. I need to keep the work flowing."

To date, Brill has supplied music for three nationally syndicated PBS specials: biographies of writer C.S. Lewis, Ohio State University football coach Woody Hayes and Vice President Henry Wallace, who served under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Brill won Midwestern regional Emmys for the C.S. Lewis and Woody Hayes specials.

Earlier this year, Brill released a new CD, titled "Sunday Morning," as a fundraiser for First United Methodist Church of Chelsea, which the Brill family attends. He wrote five of the album's 10 tracks. Fifty-percent of the CD's proceeds will benefit the church. Brill has played piano for the church's contemporary choir since 1999.

"We really enjoy attending the church, and we have lots of friends there, so I like to do my part to help," he said, while describing the George

Winston-like style of the CD. "It's more inspirational than overtly religious," he said. "It's designed to be relaxing and meditative — for quiet time, contemplation and reflection."

Brill, who cited legendary jazz musician Miles Davis as one of his biggest influences, also wrote and donated a new theme song for local cable show "Around Town with Linda" this fall.

The child of two musicians, Brill, who started playing piano at age 7, said he feels most comfortable working as a composer, although he's worn many hats along the way — performing pianist included.

There are lots of politics involved in his profession, Brill said, but he gravitates toward the creative side of it.

In the future, Brill said he hopes to do less advertising work and more documentary, TV show and film score composing.

But he has no plans to move to Los Angeles, the epicenter of America's creative industries.

"I'm a Midwestern guy, born and bred," Brill said. "I don't see myself leaving."

All in all, despite the deadline pressures and sundry headaches, Brill said he's thankful for his lot in life.

"It's really tough to make it as a musician or a composer," he said. "I've been very fortunate to be able to make a living doing this."

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The works of 18 local artists will be featured.

Among the artists will be Mary Ann Chamberlain, who makes natural soaps and skin care products; Sarah Chamberlain and her stylish vests and aprons; Karen Champion, who makes gourd art; and Mary Coscia, who creates functional and decorative baskets.

In addition, Susan Falcone will bring her nature-inspired watercolors, Deborah Fredericks will showcase her creative calligraphy and Mary Jane Haddon will offer hand-painted clothing.

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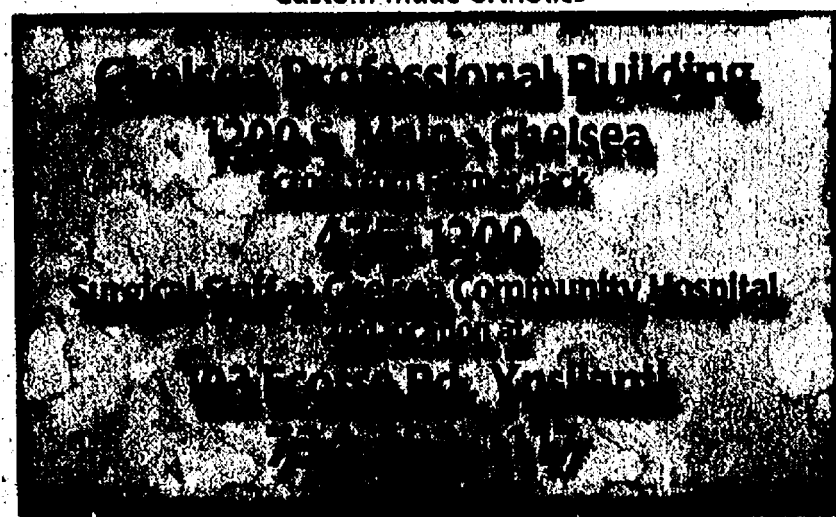
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# Celebrating the Harvest



One of the most popular activities at this year's event was square dancing. Bob Benedict had to use more hand gestures this year because of a bad case of laryngitis.



Gina Paulsen (left) swings her daughter, Georgele, into the air during the square-dancing segment of the festival.

This year, pupils at Pierce Lake Elementary celebrated the Harvest Festival Oct. 29. The event highlights the state of Michigan, history and autumn. Storms that day made the hayrides and outdoor pioneer games difficult, but the indoor activities were popular. Children rotated around the school to enjoy square dancing, folk dancing, crafts, snacks, musical games and history lessons. Despite a quick power outage, the festival and two assemblies following it were a success.



Madison Nelson makes a fish out of craft materials. The children used dried beans, rice and seeds to create a picture on paper.



The children were mesmerized by the story "Piggie Pie!" Sally Pieter, a retired Chelsea elementary school teacher, dressed as a witch for story time. Her shrill voice and wild gestures kept her audience jumping.



Music teacher Andrea Miller taught the kids a game using plastic cups and an autumn rhyme. Jessi Baldwin (right) passes off her cup to the teacher. The pupils also played musical chairs to spooky music.

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### BASKETBALL

## Rally sparks Dexter cagers over Chelsea

Rebounding, second chance points doom Bulldogs

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

The Chelsea girls' basketball team lost to county and Southeastern Conference White Division rival Dexter 47-39 last Thursday.

The visiting Bulldogs (4-16) jumped out to a 13-8 first-quarter lead as sophomores forward Rachel Fitzsimmons and guard Leah Morrison scored five and four points, respectively, for Chelsea.

Early in the second quarter, the Bulldogs increased their advantage to 17-8 as senior center Megan Kerc swished a jumper from the right wing and junior swing player Emily Woodruff dropped in an inside bucket with 6:01 remaining in the first half.

The Dreadnaughts (9-11), however, roared back as junior guard Jenny Cowen nailed a triple, followed by junior forward Bailey Wandyg's inside bucket to trim Chelsea's lead to 17-13.

With 16 seconds left in the second quarter, Dexter senior guard Emily Prusakiewicz sank two free throws to trim the Bulldogs' advantage to 24-23.

Chelsea junior post player Sarah Iverson, however, answered the Dreadnaught score with a basket of her own, laying in a shot at the halftime buzzer and giving the Bulldogs a 28-23 lead at the break.

In the third quarter, Dexter heated up offensively, beginning the frame on a 10-2 run as Cowen torched Chelsea for eight points, including a three-pointer from the top of the key. With the rally, the

Dreadnaughts took the lead 33-28 with 2:30 left in the period.

With 50 seconds remaining in the third quarter, Bulldog sophomore forward Paige Denison scored to close the gap to 33-32.

Wandyg, however, finished the quarter, sinking two free throws to increase Dexter's advantage to 35-32 entering the fourth frame.

In the final quarter, the Dreadnaughts pounded the offensive boards, grabbing numerous rebounds and scoring on second chance shots.

"Rebounding has been a big concern for us," said Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist. "And it was in the Dexter game, as well. We had 11 defensive rebounds the entire game."

The Dreadnaughts upped their lead to 41-32 to begin the fourth quarter, scoring four points on put-back baskets by junior forward Julia Keinath and Cowen.

"We've been practicing on crashing the boards," said Dexter coach Mike Bavineau. "Getting extra shots is important. We didn't give up too many second-chance points, either. We played with a good rhythm."

Fitzsimmons provided a spark for the Bulldogs late, scoring on a three-point play down low, trimming the Dexter advantage to 41-35 with 3:32 left in the game.

It was as close as Chelsea would get, however, as baskets by junior guard Maegan Michalik and Keinath secured the victory for the Dreadnaughts.

Cowen paced Dexter with 19 points, including two three-pointers.

Wandyg and Keinath each added six points, while Michalik had five points and Prusakiewicz had four points.



Chelsea sophomore Rachel Fitzsimmons scored a team-high 16 points in the Bulldogs' 47-39 loss to county rival Dexter last Thursday.

Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

Senior forward Kristin Burrows finished with three points, while sophomores forward Brianna Krull and guard Chantel Jennings each had two points for the Dreadnaughts.

Fitzsimmons led the Bulldogs with 16 points.

"Rachel played a very solid game," Blomquist said. "She has improved so much this year."

Woodruff ended up with seven points, while Morrison, Denison and Kerc each netted four points. Senior guard

Liberty Dickerson and Iverson each had two points for Chelsea.

Bavineau said it was important to control the normally high-scoring Woodruff.

"Burrows did a great job on her," he said. "For the most part, this was one of our better games of the season."

JV Basketball

In JV basketball, Dexter defeated Chelsea 32-30 last Thursday in overtime.

The visiting Bulldogs (14-6) led 17-8 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the

Dreadnaughts caught fire offensively, outscoring Chelsea 11-5 to trim the Bulldogs' lead to 22-19 heading into the fourth frame.

In the final period, Dexter scored six points, while limiting Chelsea to three points, tying the game at 25-25 at the end of regulation.

In overtime, the Dreadnaughts outscored the Bulldogs 7-5, sealing their victory.

"That was the kind of game I hope the girls remember for some time," said Dexter

coach Joel Anderson. "We have not been in too many final minute or last-second situations this year and the entire team responded with great effort and poise."

Dexter, behind Kelsea Johnson (6-of-11) and Heather Bradshaw (2-of-4), was able to can some late free throws down the stretch in regulation and overtime to secure the win.

In contrast, Chelsea had difficulty with its shooting. "Poor field goal shooting

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### FOOTBALL

## Bulldog gridgers earn postseason honors

Thirteen Chelsea players selected to SEC first team

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Chelsea football finished its season, losing 28-7 to Riverview in a Division III district final Nov. 5.

The Bulldogs, who were ranked No. 1 in the division throughout the season, ended up with an impressive 10-1 overall record and a perfect 7-0 mark in the Southeastern Conference.

Because of its impressive execution on the field, Chelsea, as one might expect, had numerous players on this year's All-SEC White Division first team.

On offense, the Bulldogs placed seven players on the 13-man squad.

In the backfield, Chelsea senior running backs Alec Penix (5-foot-10, 180) and Justin Esch (5-10, 170) were named to the first team.

Joining the Bulldog two-some in the backfield were Tecumseh junior quarterback Mark Mitchell, Ypsilanti Lincoln junior running back Eric Williams (5-11, 175) and Dexter junior quarterback Jeff Ziegler (6-6, 200).

Receiving-wise, Bulldog senior tight end Pat Brooks (6-3, 195) was selected to the first team, while Dexter senior David Muchmore (6-5, 185) also made the elite squad.

Up front, Chelsea had three players selected to the first unit.

Massive senior tackles P.J.

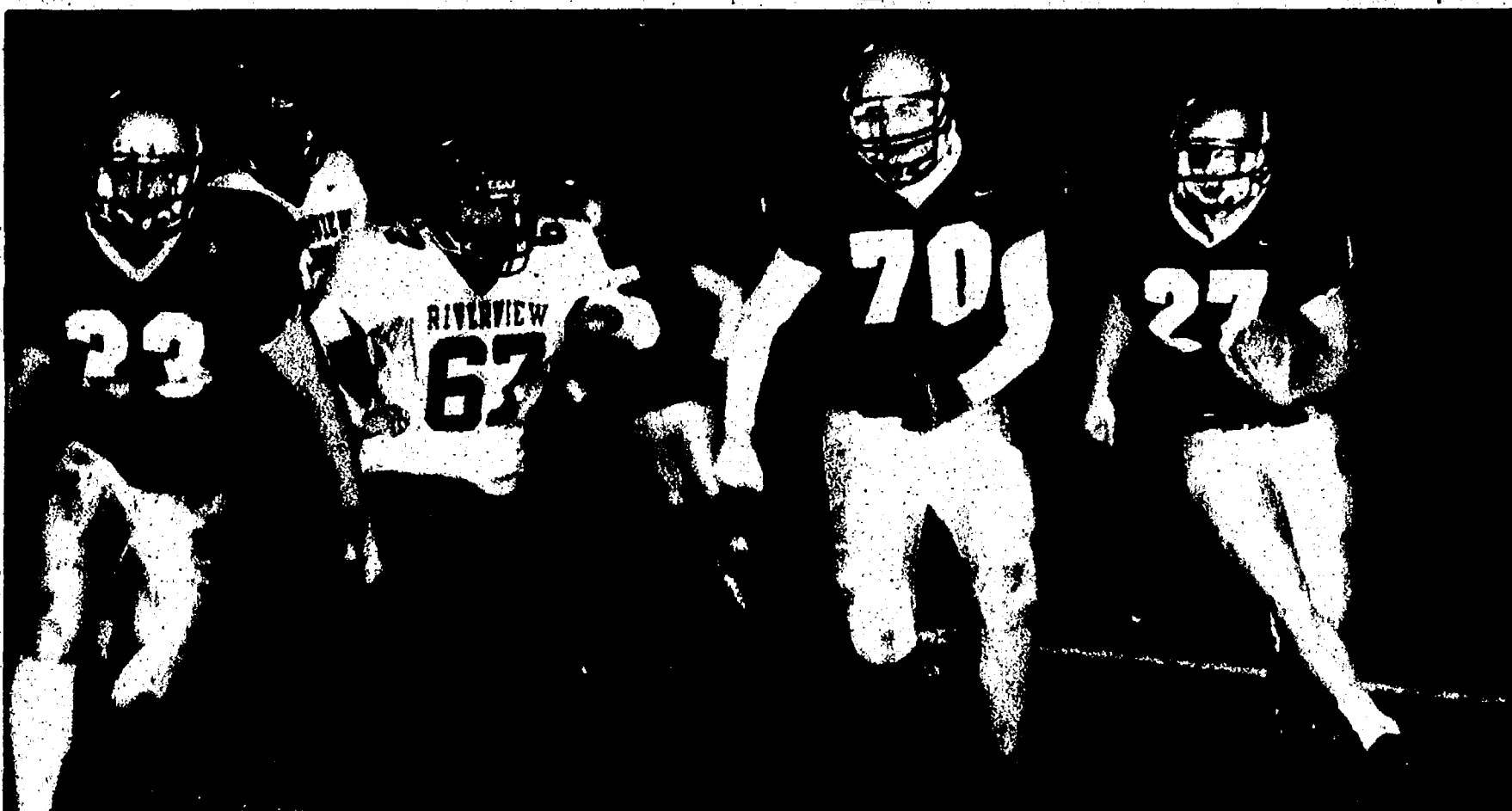


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Chelsea junior guard C.J. Boyer (70) leads the way for senior running back Justin Esch against Riverview in the Division III district final Nov. 5. Boyer earned second-team All-Southeastern Conference White Division honors, while Esch made the first team.

Sawicki (6-4, 285) and Nick Toth (6-2, 300), along with senior center Chris Knight (6-0, 225), made the first team for the Bulldogs.

Joining the Chelsea trio were Tecumseh senior tackle John Ahearn (6-3, 285) and Dexter junior guard Jared Westwood (6-2, 250).

The place kicker for the team was Chelsea senior Alex Rabbitt (5-10, 185). This season, Rabbitt consistently booted his kickoffs deep into the opponent's territory and often into the end zone. His longest field goal this year was a school record 47-yard kick against Carleton Airport

in the first round of the Division III state playoffs.

Defensively, the Bulldogs placed six on the SEC White Division first squad.

In the trenches, Chelsea senior defensive ends Eric Mathis (6-1, 195) and Josh Liebeck (5-8, 185) were selected to the top team.

Joining Mathis and Liebeck up front were Tecumseh senior Sam Valdez and Ypsilanti Lincoln senior Shane Dillon (6-3, 320).

At linebacker, Bulldog seniors Mike Ernst (6-0, 200) and Aaron Parisho (6-2, 185) made the first team, along with Ypsilanti Lincoln senior

Drew Askew and Tecumseh senior Andrew Yarbrough.

In the secondary, Bulldog seniors Danny Keilman (6-1, 175) and Terry Arnold (6-0, 170) were selected to the first team, as were Dexter senior Craig Baldus (5-10, 180) and Tecumseh senior Drew Cunningham.

The first team punter was Dexter senior David Ager (6-1, 185).

Receiving the SEC White Division Sportsmanship Award for Chelsea was senior defensive back Cory Stewart (5-8, 160).

Dexter's Mark Wisniewski, Lincoln's Kyle O'Keefe and

Tecumseh's Drew Lesko earned the sportsmanship award for their schools.

Earning All-SEC honorable mention for the Bulldogs on defense were junior defensive tackles Paul Ernst (6-2, 215) and Austin Rodgers (6-2, 225). On offense, junior offensive guard C.J. Boyer (6-1, 220) and Rabbitt, at running back, were selected for Chelsea.

In the SEC White Division standings, Tecumseh finished second behind the Bulldogs with a 3-4 league record. Dexter and Lincoln tied for third with a 1-6 mark.

In the SEC Red Division,

Ann Arbor Pioneer placed first with a 6-1 record. Saline was second with a 5-2 mark, while Adrian was third at 4-3 and Temperance Bedford fourth at 2-5.

Named to the SEC Red Division first team offense from Pioneer were senior quarterback Mike McCoy, junior running back Richard Franklin, senior receiver Alex Seyferth and senior linemen Zach Hamilton and Matt Fonville.

From Saline, senior quarterback Sean Brown (6-2, 190), junior receiver Dave Stasiak (5-8, 140), senior lineman Josh Dubose (5-11, 220) and sophomore fullback Vince Helmuth (6-2, 250) made the first unit.

Junior back Ronald Walker and senior lineman Ryan Graham, along with Bedford senior back Jim Simpson and junior lineman Nick Nicol, rounded out the first team offensively.

Making the first team on defense for Pioneer were seniors Joe Yonkoski, Ladel Harris, Dan Shammass, Jon Sebolt, Peter Fremuth, Casey Keenan and Rob Thornbladh.

Senior Donnie Wurtzel (6-2, 200), junior Ben Kupka (5-10, 170), junior linebacker Jimmy Zak (6-1, 225) and junior Ben Wood (6-1, 195) made the first team from Saline.

Completing the first squad on defense were seniors Todd Meyers and Eusebio Varo from Adrian.

Earning SEC Sportsmanship Awards were Pioneer's John Danci, Saline's Ryan Mariucci, Adrian's Ron Tindall and Bedford's Mike Bonawitt.



## BEACH BASKETBALL

# Beach hoops open season

Chelsea's Beach Middle School boys' eighth-grade Blue basketball team lost to Dexter 38-24 last Thursday.

The visiting Bulldogs (0-2) were led by Chad Schiller, who had 12 points. Tyler Fischhaber added six points, while Brett Everding and Mike Goedert each had two points for Beach.

The Bulldogs played a strong first half, trailing Dexter by one point at halftime.

In the third quarter, Chelsea stumbled defensively, while Dexter converted a couple three-point plays, increasing its advantage to nine points entering the fourth frame.

On Nov. 9, the host Bulldogs opened the season losing to Saline Gold 34-25.

Beach fell behind 8-1 in the first quarter before righting the ship and playing Saline evenly the rest of the night.

Schiller and Fischhaber paced the Bulldogs, each scoring eight points.

Everding chipped in five points, while Drake Olejniczak had two points, and Kyle Coburn and Jon Thompson each had one for Beach.

"I was particularly pleased with the

aggressiveness our guys displayed on defense and under the boards," said Chelsea coach Jim Tallman. "We were troubled by the typical first game inconsistencies. But, all in all, I thought they displayed some promise for the future if they can cut down on their mistakes and improve their shooting a little."

Also last week, Beach's eighth-grade Gold boys' basketball team opened its season, losing to Adrian 38-19 and Temperance Bedford 50-28.

Against Adrian, Chelsea trailed 20-12 at the break.

"We played well in the first half at both ends of the court," said Chelsea coach Mike Bareis.

Versus the Mules, Mike Roberts led the Bulldogs with 12 points.

Mike Lenneman added six points, while Cameron Girard had four points and Sean Ciciacco two points for Beach.

"Our starting backcourt of Mike Roberts and Mike Lenneman did a nice job of handling the defensive pressure throughout the game," Bareis said.

## — MADONNA SIGNEE —



Chelsea senior Mary Kate Setta (front row, right) signed a letter of intent to play softball at Madonna University earlier this month. Joining her for the special occasion is, front row, mother Mary Lou Setta; back row, Chelsea head coach Kim Reichard (left), Madonna head coach Al White, Madonna assistant coach Steve Gentilia and Chelsea Athletic Director Wayne Welton.

## BOWLING

### SUNDAY NITE COME ONS - 11-07-04W

Lon's Fane	29	13	Sand Baggies	38	32
Gitterer Done	27	15	Sugar Loafers	38	32
What's Left	27	15	Go Getters	38	32
It's and Out's	25	17	Puls	38	32
Pin Busters	25	17	Spotters	35	35
Strookettes	25	17	Keglers	37	33
Who Cares	22	20	Hit or Miss	35	35
St. Stan's	21	21	Squares	33	37
900 Gang	20	22	Spurys Crew	31	39
Ha Ha's	19	23	Spare Ribs	31	39
Yo Yo's	19	23	Good Times	31	39
The Family	19	23	Wild Ones	30	40
B & G	19	23	K & C	28	42
T Birds	19	23	Three Cookies	26	42
WMS Embroidery	17	25	Hot Shots	25	45
Fire & Ice	16	26	High Game: Kathy Hayward, 199		
Waterloo Aces	13	29	Jerry Emery, 289		
Strikers	11	31	High Series: Ginny Wheaton, 526		
			Jerry Emery, 686		

High Game: Jennifer Guenther, 234;  
Bob Clouse, 269  
High Series: Jennifer Guenther, 628;  
Jeff Vogel, 694

### KAHUNA LEAGUE - 11-07-04

Selgal	70	45	Chelsea Lane	43	34
Watch Out	67	48	Creative Starchy	41	36
Bud's Bones	66.5	48.5	3-D	39	38
Navin's Team	64	51	R.G. Scorpions	36	41
Great Ball of Fire	59.5	55.5	Veterans Cab	34	43
The Gutter Balls	54.5	56.5	Toy's Girls	33	44
So Close	47.5	67.5	Ghost Team	2	75
Neighbors	43	58	High Game: Chrissy Va'go, 243		
Vacant Team	33	62	High Series: Jennifer Guenther, 581		
Apples & Oranges	32	67			

High Game: Justin Navin, 266;  
Carole Augustine, 206  
High Series: Justin Navin, 732;  
Carole Augustine, 537

### JUST WANNA HAVE FUN - 11-09-04W

Greenwood Acres	40	30	Chelsea Lane	43	34
Chelsea State Bank	37	33	Creative Starchy	41	36
Flow Ezy	31.5	36.5	3-D	39	38
Chuck Elkins Excavating	-31.5	38.5	R.G. Scorpions	36	41
High Game: Cyndi Hollister, 211			Veterans Cab	34	43
High Series: Dawn Foster, 553			Toy's Girls	33	44

High Game: Justin Navin, 266;  
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### SENIOR FUN TIME - 11-10-04

The New Kids	50	20	Chelsea Lane	43	34
Coach & Experts	42	28	Creative Starchy	41	36
Alley Cats	39	31	3-D	39	38

High Game: Justin Navin, 266;  
Carole Augustine, 206  
High Series: Justin Navin, 732;  
Carole Augustine, 537

## RALLY

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(28 percent) and a lack of offensive aggressiveness in the second half were instrumental in our loss," said Chelsea coach Paul Terpstra.

Pacing the Bulldogs was Liz Gunden and Bridget Lynn, each with six points. Gunden also hauled down five rebounds.

Lizzie Bentley, Katie Lynn and Kate Shrosbree each netted five points for the Bulldogs. Shrosbree also grabbed a team-high six boards.

Annie Hollandsworth rounded out Chelsea's scoring with three points.

With its victory, Dexter tied the Bulldogs for the league championship.

Anderson said his team's defense was the difference in the second half.

"We pressed for most of the second half," he said. "That led to some steals and extra opportunities at the offensive end."

"It was enjoyable to see all

the girls pull together and play as a team on and off the floor. I don't think the girls ever sat down during the last couple of minutes of the fourth quarter and over-time."

### Freshman Basketball

In freshman basketball, Chelsea defeated Dexter 39-38.

Emily Rabbitt paced the visiting Bulldogs (14-5) with nine points.

Casey Keilman chipped in seven points, while Karah Schanz had six points and Brogan Darwin and Sara Myers five points for Chelsea.

Samantha Minzey finished with three points, while Nellie Daniels and Jenna Jarvis each had two points for the Bulldogs.

"What a great way to end the season," said Chelsea coach John Ruhlig. "The girls played hard the whole game. We pulled off a very emotional win."

With 17 seconds left, the Dreadnaughts held a two-point lead.

A turnover on an inbound

play gave the ball to Chelsea.

"The plan was to tie it up, but Dexter did a good job filling the lane. So, we took an outside shot and hit a triple with seven seconds to go. That put us up by one (point) as time ran out."

"I was very happy with the girls."

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## GOLF

# Common named golf MVP

Harwood, Krichbaum also receive awards for Chelsea linksters

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' golf team concluded its season last Thursday with its end-of-season banquet at Redden Farms Golf Course.

Receiving Bulldog MVP honors was Brett Common. The senior finished with a scoring average of 39.0. His mark was the third-best average since 1990, the first year Chelsea golf began keeping records.

"He's technically very sound," said Chelsea coach Joe Ewald. "He does everything well. He works hard at his game. I'd take a whole team of Brett Commons."

Common also was named first-team All-Southeastern

Conference White Division and earned the SEC Sportsmanship Award.

Receiving the Most Improved Award was Jimmy Krichbaum. The sophomore had a scoring improvement of 9.2 strokes this season.

Presented the Coach's Award was Nick Harwood. The senior also earned All-SEC honorable mention accolades.

"He really stepped up this year," Ewald said. "He showed senior leadership. He helped out a lot of the younger kids."

Besides Common, junior

also named All-SEC first-team.

This season, the Bulldogs placed second in the SEC White Division, behind county rival Dexter.

At the Division II state match, Chelsea finished ninth overall.

Last year, the Bulldogs placed 13th in the state.

"We're graduating three seniors in Brett, Nick and J.R. (Engelbert)," Ewald said. "But we have some talent left. We should have a very competitive team next year."

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But champagne was flowing elsewhere, too - in Chillicothe, MO, for example. That's where Dana Stanley was celebrating his victory in Week 9 of the POWER POINTS of the Midwest Football Contest. Stanley tallied 124 of the possible 136 points to claim region high honors and the accompanying weekly cash prize of \$1,000 in the contest.

Stanley entered the contest through the Constitution Tribune newspaper.

Local winners in Week 9 were:

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Southgate... Keith Spicer, Lincoln Park (105 points)

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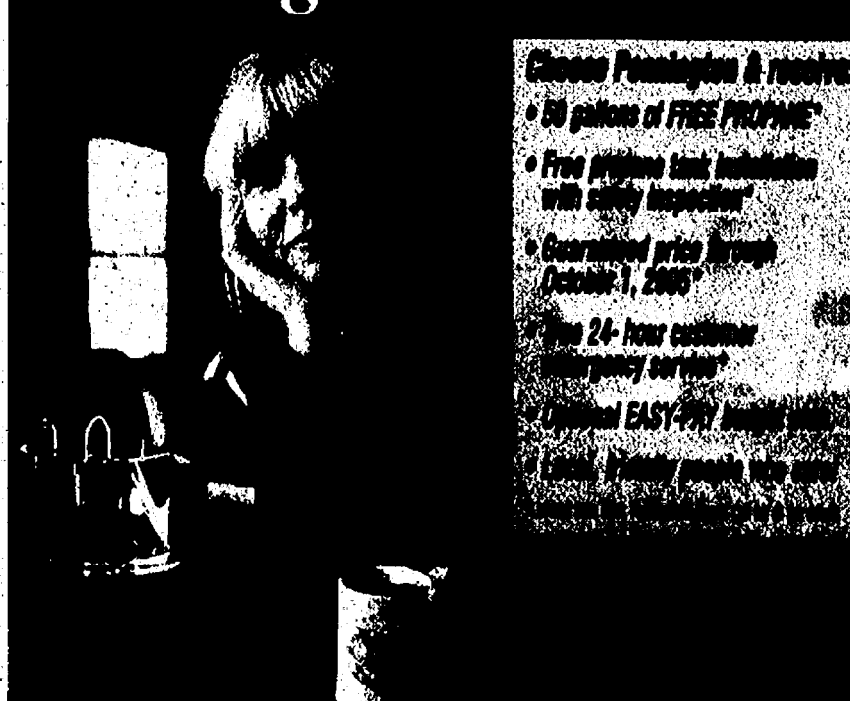
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## CROSS COUNTRY

# Chelsea runners overcome adversity to succeed

*Bulldog harriers succeed despite setbacks, hardships*

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Cross country is a grueling sport.

From training in 90-degree heat in the summer, to running in 30-degree cold at the state meet in November, cross-country athletes run the gamut of emotions and the elements.

This season, Chelsea's girls' cross country team overcame hardships both on and off the course, placing sixth at the state meet, posting one of the school's best finishes ever.

While most of the headlines, deservedly so, went to Bulldog junior captain Rachel Severin, who finished fourth overall at the Division II state meet Nov. 6, numerous Chelsea runners also had memorable years.

Bulldog sophomore Katelyn Ciacio battled walking pneumonia during the season, but still managed to finish 62nd at the state meet, while teammate sophomore Johanna Jackson overcame a leg injury to qualify for the state meet, as well.

"I was injured before my first race this season at cross-country camp in August," Jackson said. "My mistake was that I doubled my mileage overnight, from five to 10 miles a day. Then I ran over the shin pain. The third day of camp, (boys' cross country coach) Mr. (Eric) Swager touched my tender shin, and I screamed. We knew something was wrong after that."

For first-year cross-country runner Leah House, a sophomore, her obstacle entering the year was to overcome a stress fracture suffered last spring during track season.

"I wasn't sure what to expect," she said. "I had

always thought cross-country runners were crazy. They train so much and run so far. I ran the two-mile in track and figured that was enough for me."

"But when (girls' cross country coach) Mr. (Pat) Clarke, the middle school boys' track coach and my old math teacher, asked me to run 'his sport' this fall, I had a hard time saying no. I reminded him that I wasn't very good, but he said that he wanted my heart. If I could give him my heart, he would do the rest."

For sophomore Amanda McKenzie, one of the state's top underclassmen, running this season was all about the team.

"We came together and believed in one another, and had faith that the others would do what needed to be done," she said. "Everyone trusted everyone else, and with that, we were able to do great things."

McKenzie, who placed 14th this year at the state meet, said she was most proud of the fact the team qualified for the finals this season.

"After going alone last year (as an individual qualifier), it was the most wonderful thing that could have happened," she said. "I was so happy. And looking around our circle and seeing everyone else happy and having the chance to run one more race with this fantastic group of girls was an amazing feeling. It was truly unforgettable."

For junior Mallory Weddon, she will never forget all the bumps and bruises this season's team endured.

"Every day after practice, the training room would be filled with injured or sore cross-country runners," she said. "We dominated that room. We had at least a dozen runners occupying it each day after practice."

Jackson, who said she felt isolated from her teammates during her rehabilitation from injury and battled

inner, self-regret over training too hard, never stopped, however, in her attempt to recover in time for the state meet.

"It's not that my teammates shunned me or anything during my season," she said. "Instead, the girls were very supportive. But I couldn't even run a partial workout with our team for seven straight weeks. That was one of the hardest parts of the season."

"I spent a lot of the season waiting out the orthopedic surgeon's sentence of six weeks. During that time, I did everything the doctors said would help, even the smallest bit. I iced in the training room and iced in the car, and iced in my sleep. I went StairMaster crazy. However, I spent a lot of my season in the shadows."

For House, whose heart Clarke asked for, the beginning of the season was nerve-racking.

"I'd trained as much as I could without hurting myself, but I still wasn't sure if I could do it," she said. "The team and Mr. Clarke were really supportive and encouraged everybody. I finished (first race) in 24:00."

Three weeks later, in a meet at Jackson, House's heart and legs came to the forefront.

"I ran my personal record in 21:49," she said. "I finished seventh for our team."

A few weeks later, however, House's season came to an abrupt and disappointing end as she suffered a stress fracture.

"Those are the dreaded words for any runner," she said. "I didn't get to run states. I did show up to cheer on our girls' and boys' (teams)."

Despite not making it through the season healthy, House has no regrets about her first season as a cross-country runner.

"Our team worked together from the start and became



Chelsea sophomore Johanna Jackson strides for the finish line at this year's Division II state meet. Jackson suffered a leg injury, forcing her to miss the entire regular season. She finally was well enough to compete in the state meet, where she placed 194th in 21:49.

Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

closer as the season went on," she said. "All I can think about is how everybody encouraged everybody else."

"It (sixth place at the state meet) was a great end to the season. I know we're all looking forward to next fall."

"Another great end to the season was Jackson's appearance in the state meet."

"The state meet was all I was hoping for (during recuperation)," she said. "I don't know how to say it, but it was my one and only chance."

"Lining up for the starting line, there were a lot of thoughts going through my

head. I didn't want to waste this opportunity."

Though crossing the line 194th in 21:49, Jackson was satisfied.

"Though I was hoping for my finish time to be in the low 21s, I decided at the end that I had still championed, just in a different way than what I was hoping for," she said. "I really did give my all that race, and I'm proud of how I ran."

"We (as a team) went through disappointment and challenge and triumphed together."

McKenzie said this season

made her not just a stronger runner, but a better person.

"Mr. Clarke is a great guy," she said. "He reassured me when I had my doubts. He has so much knowledge as it's unbelievable. Every time I had a question, he would know the answer."

"Through all of his inspirational words, and those of my team, I learned what it's like to believe, to really believe in something."

Though cross country may be a grueling sport, it appears to be a rewarding one, as well.

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## COLLEGE ATHLETICS

# Baker, Deis lead Alma volleyball

Chelsea's Lindsey Baker and Caitlin Deis concluded their college careers in style, leading Alma College to the second round of the NCAA Division III volleyball playoffs before falling 3-0 to No. 2-ranked Wittenberg (Ohio) University last week.

Behind the two former Bulldogs, the Scots (34-2) advanced to the NCAA post-season playoffs for the second time in school history. The first appearance was in 1984.

No. 18-ranked Alma won its initial NCAA playoff match, sweeping Benedictine in a first round match, 3-0.

The Scots set a school record for wins in a season this year with 34.

Baker, a senior setter, was named the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Player of the Year. She ended up with 1,573 assists, for an average of 14 per game. She also was tops on the team with 47 aces. The 5-foot-10 Baker had 119 kills, 428 digs and 74 blocks.

Deis, a senior 5-10 outside hitter, finished with 359 kills, third best on the squad, along with 39 aces, 63 blocks and 375 digs. She earned All-MIAA honorable mention accolades for her performance this season.

Alma finished first in the MIAA with a perfect 16-0 record.

In other local college sports news, Chelsea's Lindsay Tye helped lead Ferris State University to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference volleyball tournament championship last Sunday.

The Bulldogs, ranked No. 20 in NCAA Division II, defeated No. 14-ranked Grand Valley State University 30-27, 30-24, 30-16. The title was FSU's first ever in the league postseason tournament.

With their victory, the Bulldogs (25-6) received the conference's automatic berth into the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament tomorrow through Sunday at GVSU.

A freshman, Tye has seen plenty of

quality minutes this season for Ferris State, appearing in eight matches. Against Mercyhurst last month, Tye played arguably her best game of the season, recording 17 digs.

Tye, a 5-11 outside hitter, was a two-time All-State performer for Chelsea. As a sophomore, she helped lead the Bulldogs to the Class B state semifinals.

Former Chelsea standout Emily Drinkwater, a freshman at Ohio Wesleyan University, will compete on the Bishops' women's swimming and diving team this season.

Last year, Drinkwater sparked the Bulldogs to a third-place finish at the Division II state meet.

In bowling, Chelsea's Theresa Guysky will participate on the Grand Valley State University squad this season.

A freshman, Guysky sports a 160 average. Last year, as a member of the Bulldogs' bowling club, she began the season with an average of 50.

## SKATING

# Hubbard competes in Texas showdown



Chelsea eighth-grader Henry Hubbard (right) competed at the Showdown at the Hoedown in Texas earlier this month. Here, he sits with professional skater Brian Shima.

Chelsea's Henry Hubbard competed in the eighth annual Showdown at the Hoedown Oct. 30 at Arlo Eisenberg's Skatepark in Plano, Texas.

The event was a professional contest and featured a few select amateurs who were invited to participate.

Fifty-one skaters competed in three heats of 17. The two other groups watching scored each 15-minute skating session.

Seven skaters from each heat were selected to advance to the event's semifinals. Hubbard, an eighth-grader at Beach Middle School and the youngest competitor, qualified for the semifinals as an amateur.

Also participating in the event were top pro skaters Brian Shima, Randy Spizer, Brian Aragon and Chris Haffey.

Hubbard was also invited to participate in a new 4-by-4 team skating video later this month. The video is called "Leading the Blind."

## SKATING

# Local figure skating club holds exhibition

The Arctic Figure Skating Club will perform its second annual holiday exhibition at the Arctic Coliseum 5 p.m. Dec. 12.

The event is free of charge. All skaters will be performing to holiday songs.

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SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

## Morning muse

Radio show host brings laughs to area listeners

By Renee Lapham Collins  
Heritage Newspapers

Brian Cowan grew up dreaming about being an airplane pilot.

But, as fate and less-than-perfect eyesight would have it, Cowan landed a gig that is about as far from air travel as he is from his native California.

Since 2002, Cowan has hosted his own morning radio show, "Breakfast with Bubba," which airs Monday through Friday on W-4 Country, 102.9-FM.

"It's really a fluke how I ended up on radio," he says, cueing up the signature W-4 weather music and signaling his co-host, Claire Wiley, to give listeners the latest National Weather Service forecast.

Once the commercial spots start, Cowan and Wiley pull their headphones off and kick back for some "Q & A."

Cowan recalls that after a few years doing nighttime programs and the afternoon drive time in Los Angeles, he decided to make a move east.

"I really wanted to do a morning show," he says. "That's pretty much everyone in radio's goal. Not just because of the listening audience, but it pays better, too."

"I knew I wouldn't find it in L.A., so I started looking east."

In four days, Cowan had interviews in Phoenix, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Victoria, Texas; and Kalamazoo.

"I took the Kalamazoo job because it was the one I felt the best about," he says. "I liked the people there. In the 5 1/2 years I was there, we went from worst to first, moving from a six percent market share to a 27 percent share."

Cowan jokes that, after having his original dream of being a pilot shot down, he started working on a business degree, "because everyone knows that you go into business when you don't really know what you want to do."

But, he says, "I really wanted to try radio."

"It was pretty late in my college career, but I was able to get an unpaid internship, and afterward I started working at that station."

"I love it."

His first job also was the place where Cowan became "Bubba."

"The name Bubba was given to me on the first day of my internship in radio," Cowan says. "The general manager of KIK-FM was walking down the hallway

near the studios. When he saw me, all he could get out was the 'B' before he forgot my name. He stammered a little and stuttered and Bubba came out."

"It has stuck ever since." In the two years he has been with W-4, the ratings have been on a steady rise. The mix of new country and traditional favorites has a wide appeal over the listening area demographics.

Rob Walker, director of operations for the four-station family owned by Clear Channel Radio, says W-4 does "well in the main demographics," which include adults 18 to 34 and 35 to 54. He attributes the success to the mix of music that has been the hallmark of W-4 Country, "New country and your all-time favorites."

"People see radio as a utility," he says. "It's like their water faucet — when they turn it on, they get water. When they turn on the radio, they want music."

In addition to W-4, Clear Channel also has WLBV-1290 AM, liberal talk radio; WTKA-1050 AM, which is sports talk, Michigan games, Tigers, and Red Wings; and WQKL-107.1 FM, adult album alternative music.

"We want to have what somebody would expect to hear on a radio station consistently," Walker says.

On W-4, DJs Sheryl Fender, Ron Brand, and Sean Lynch fill the time slots from 5:20 a.m. to midnight. For the night owls, W-4 has Blair Garner's national "After Midnight" call-in program.

"We like to have a lot of fun contests, and make sure that we work hard to keep it consistent," Walker says.

"It's really important to us to be a radio station that is safe for everyone who listens — that it's family friendly. The kind of station that you can have on in the car with your kids and not have to worry (about something inappropriate being played)."

Fender, who hails originally from Springfield, Mo., has the 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. show, and Ron Brand is the afternoon drive-time host from 3 to 7 p.m.

"Ron just came here about two weeks ago from WYCD in Detroit," Walker says.

Sean Lynch, a native of Ypsilanti, hosts the evening show from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Assisting Cowan and co-host Wiley on "Breakfast with Bubba" is Kristen "Brittney" White, a Saline High School graduate in her last semester

at Eastern Michigan University, and Joe "the Monkey-boy" Saltarelli, who lives in Plymouth.

News Director Scott Bradley is on duty for all four of the Clear Channel stations. Prior to coming to Ann Arbor, he worked for Metro Traffic, doing helicopter broadcasts for Detroit area stations. He is a graduate of Henry Ford High School in Dearborn and the Specs Howard School of Broadcasting. Bradley has been at W-4 about 18 months, and does the once-weekly movie clip contest.

Cowan's co-host, Wiley, who also is the promotions director for W-4 Country, earned a degree in advertising from Spring Arbor College. A native of Concord, she recently moved from Chelsea to Dundee.

"I did radio in Jackson, and some TV in Lansing, and then I was in marketing for awhile," she says.

Wiley has been with W-4 for six months.

White, a cross-country and track runner in her prep years at Saline High School, is majoring in communications at EMU. She and Saltarelli provide Cowan with an extension into the community. Cowan refers to White as the "goodwill ambassador" for the station.

She has chased chickens around Saline during Fair Week, stood in corn-filled waders in the River Raisin in Manchester to attract carp, and most recently had a one-person parade down Michigan Avenue in Saline during the morning rush hour.

"I'm really girly, so doing anything with animals freaks me out," she says with a grin. "Standing in the river in Manchester during the carp spawn was probably the worst thing I've had to do."

Cowan says that he gets many of his ideas from Chase's Almanac. "That's how we happened to have Brittney in Saline (Nov. 8) driving 20 miles per hour down Michigan Avenue," he says. "It was National Parade Day and we decided to have a one-woman parade."

The next day, Saltarelli was sitting in an unmarked car in



Brian Cowan, a.k.a. "Bubba," has been hosting the "Breakfast with Bubba" morning show on WWWW-102.9 since 2002. A resident of Belleville, Cowan enjoys being involved in the local community.

front of a paint store in Ypsilanti with tickets to a Martina McBride concert while Cowan gave on-air clues to his location. The first person to figure out where Saltarelli was and approach him got the tickets.

There are many more contests and games that are played on the program. Not a single day passes without prizes being given away to listeners.

"I love meeting people, whether it's on the phone, by e-mail, on the broadcast, or at a charity event," Cowan says.

Cowan looks at radio as "so much more than just that person hosting a show."

"Radio is a direct, immediate contact with the audience," he says. "We are part of the community."

Unlike larger stations,

Cowan sees local radio as significant because "it's an extension of the community. 'This is where we live,' he says.

On-air, Cowan aims to keep it "light and fun."

"We are bombarded with bad news, politics and the like," he says. "I like to give people more fun things to think about."

"If I am able through the show to make someone who's

having a bad day or just had a fight with a spouse — if I can make them smile, then I'll feel I've made a difference."

"I am blessed to have a job like this, a job where I can come in, be myself, have fun, and make people smile."

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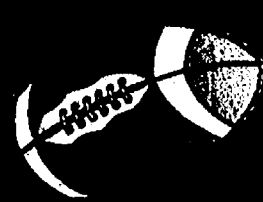
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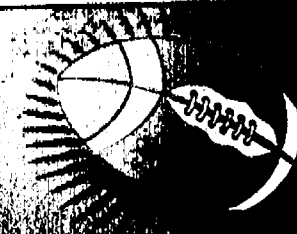




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12. Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

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## WATERLOO TOWNSHIP

# Christmas on the Farm set

Waterloo Farm Museum takes a look at what a rural 1880s Michigan farm family did at Christmas when it presents Christmas on the Farm Dec. 4 and 5.

The farm will welcome visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for ages 5 to 17.

Natural decorations of dried herbs, spices, flowers, nuts, cedar and pine will set the scene in the downstairs rooms of the house, where costumed guides will detail the activities that would have been taking place in each room at Christmas time.

Music will be played during the day on Dulcimers and the parlor melodeon. Singers also will entertain as days past on a Michigan wilderness farm will be brought to life once again.

In the warm farm kitchen, typical foods of the season will be prepared on the wood stove, which will lend their own special scent to the house, reviving memories of those

folks who once occupied the historic farmstead.

Visitors will be asked to pause in the dining room for a living history reenactment of some family members, portrayed by Dennis Petsch and Archie King. They also will be invited to visit the upstairs of the house, which also will be open for the weekend.

The log house will be decorated as it would have been in the 1850s before the family moved into the bigger farmhouse. In addition, the gift shop will offer books, toys, soaps and candles.

Baked goods, jams, jellies and other tempting treats will be available, as well as wreaths, swags and table centerpieces made of fresh greenery, in the icehouse. Be sure to visit the blacksmith working at the forge.

Waterloo Farm Museum can be reached from I-94 by going north on Clear Lake Road into Waterloo Village, then three miles north on Waterloo-Munith Road. For more information, call 1-313-278-3701 or 1-517-596-2254.

## CHELSEA

# FIA director on cable show

Nancy Paul, director of Faith In Action, is the featured guest this week on "Around Town With Linda," a local interview program on cable Channel 18 that highlights the people who live and work in the city of Chelsea.

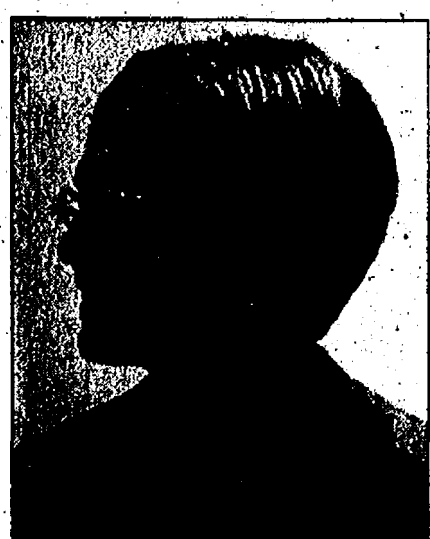
Paul chats with host Linda Meloche about the history of Faith In Action, which began as a community outreach program by the Rev. Jerry Beaumont and the parishioners of St. Barnabas Church in response to the recession of the early 1980s.

Along with Nadine Shaneyfelt, assistant to the director, Paul describes the evolution of Faith In Action, which today serves people living throughout the Chelsea and Dexter school

districts. Faith In Action receives operating funding from the Chelsea United Way, the Dexter Area Service Agency, a large number of Chelsea and Dexter area churches, and through private donations.

In addition to her role as director of Faith In Action, Paul also shares stories about growing up in Chelsea, meeting her husband, Jim, raising four daughters, and serving as seamstress and costume coordinator for the Chelsea High School vocal music department's upcoming Madrigal Dinner.

"Around Town With Linda" is created and produced entirely by local volunteers through Coconut Productions. The program may



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be seen at 7:30 a.m., noon, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. each day on cable Channel 18.



Anthony Elliott, a renowned music professor, recently visited Chelsea and taught a group of Chelsea students. Among the group were Alice Butcher, Claire Eder, Ella Fritzemeier, Emmeline Cumming and Viktor Rozsa. Students Amber Rose, Andrew Chou, Emily VanDusen and Jack Hermann are not pictured.

## CHELSEA

# Renowned teacher leads class

Anthony Elliott, professor of cello at the University of Michigan School of Music, conducted a master class Nov. 6 for students of cello in Chelsea.

Nine cellists each performed a work of music for Elliott and the audience. Elliott, who also accompanied most of the students on his cello while they played, offered specific suggestions,

ranging from phrasing of the music to hand positions and finger exercises. He also worked with each on incorporating the suggestions in their playing.

Elliott has been a member of the U of M faculty since 1994 and is internationally known for his performance and teaching abilities. He has given master classes at most leading American con-

servatories, is a frequent soloist with major orchestras in the United States, performed as guest artist at major music festivals, and performed as a member of the Quartet Canada and guest artists with other major string quartets.

He devotes his summers to teaching and performing at the Aspen Music Festival and School.

## CHELSEA

# Jeff Daniels to put on one-man show at Purple Rose Theatre

The Purple Rose Theatre Co. in Chelsea will present actor Jeff Daniels' one-man show "Onstage & Unplugged" for a limited 10-show engagement Dec. 28 through Jan. 8.

Daniels, executive director and founder of the Purple Rose, returns to the theater's stage for the fourth time since the company opened in 1991. A prolific songwriter, as well as playwright, Daniels will perform with his acoustic guitar and an arsenal of songs that are alternately humorous and touching.

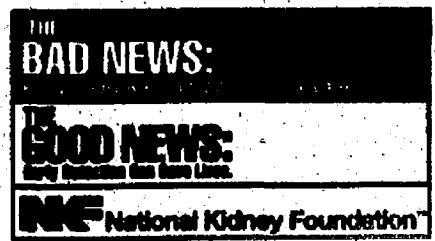
The original "Onstage & Unplugged" was a huge success in 2001, with all three performances selling out in one day. Audiences laughed uproariously as Daniels told the stories behind each song and delivered them with his unique, wry humor. In 2002, demand required five addi-

tional performances.

This year, CDs of Daniels' previous live performances will be available for sale at the theater or at [www.jeffdaniels.com](http://www.jeffdaniels.com) as a fund-raiser for the theater. The CD includes the crowd-pleasing favorites "If William Shatner Can, I Can Too," "The Lifelong Tiger Fan Blues," "State Trooper," and "Recreational Vehicle."

Tickets for the event go on sale to the general public beginning Nov. 29. Reservations are recommended and may be obtained by calling the 433-7873.

The theater is located at 137 Park St. in Chelsea.



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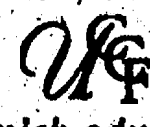
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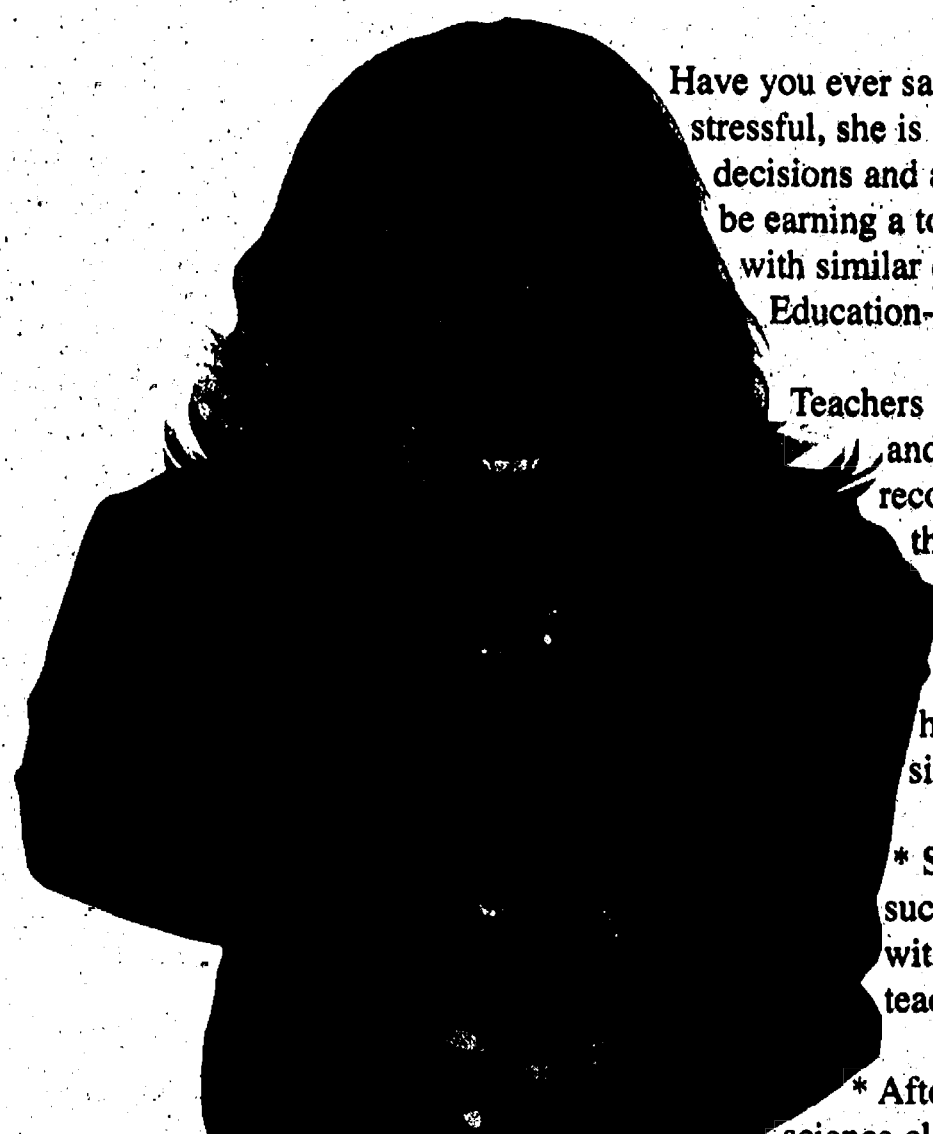
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Have you ever sat back to consider just why your child's teacher became a teacher? Think about it: The job is stressful, she is on her feet all day, she is under constant scrutiny by administrators, parents often second-guess her decisions and ability, not to mention the fact that she puts in long hours in the classroom and at home. She must be earning a top-notch paycheck, right? Actually, salaries for teachers are among the lowest of all professions with similar educational requirements, and opportunities for advancement are virtually nil, according to Education-World.com.

Teachers -- good teachers -- join the profession because they want to make a difference in students' lives and, ultimately, in the world around them. They're not in it to get a pat on the back, but some recognition definitely wouldn't hurt. Honor your teachers by showing them how much you appreciate their efforts. Here are some ways to thank teachers with more than just apples:

\* Get involved at school: Taking some burdens off a teacher will make her job that much easier. If you are aware of lesson plans and homework goals, you can continue the education process at home with your child. That way, the teacher won't have to review lessons repeatedly for them to sink in.

\* See how your school district rewards teachers: Perhaps the school already has something in effect, such as a teacher of the year award or an annual teacher luncheon. If not, organize something yourself with the help of the community or PTA. Even a simple plaque or a breakfast out tells a hardworking teacher, "We appreciate what you do."

\* After your child graduates, relay his or her progress to a favorite teacher: If Mr. Bell's fourth-grade science class inspired your daughter to pursue a college degree in chemistry, let Mr. Bell know about it. He will be excited to know his early lessons influenced a student's future.

\* Research grant and gift donations from outside businesses: Good teachers create good employees and good citizens. Many businesses and community organizations are willing to return the favor with significant monetary rewards. A teacher of the year may win software for the classroom or a new computer from a sponsoring business or organization.

\* Recognition can be simple: A small gesture can work wonders. A simple word or note of encouragement from you or your child can make a difference. A nod of approval from the school principal, like an announcement over the school's PA system, can also boost teacher morale. The number of teachers entering the profession is dwindling, and some areas of the country are experiencing teacher shortages (notably inner-city districts). Attracting and keeping quality educators should be a community's main priority. If teacher recognition can help in the process, get out there and show your appreciation as often as possible.

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## CHELSEA

# 'American Chillers' author to speak

Johnathan Rand, author of "American Chillers," is coming to the Chelsea District Library to read, visit and sign books.

Best-selling author Rand's "American Chillers" has consistently outsold the Harry Potters series in Michigan markets, recently reaching the one million copies mark.

His books have been a hit with fans since his work, "The Michigan Mega-Monsters," appeared in 2001.

Rand will meet fans 7 p.m. today at the Chelsea District Library as part of Children's Book Week festivities.

Rand, who lives in Northern

Michigan and grew up in Waterford, said he began writing the series because he wanted to write something fun and different.

"I wanted to write a book that I would enjoy reading, as I read just about everything from children's books to adult fiction," Rand writes on his Web site. "Plus, I thought it would be fun for kids to read about places that they might know about."

The series began as "Michigan Chillers," but when he began to receive letters from kids across the country who wanted him to write about their city or state, he decided to expand the idea

and began the "American Chillers" series.

"I thought that I could write a series about each state, and hopefully readers around the country would enjoy the 'American Chillers' as much as Michigan readers have enjoyed the 'Michigan Chillers,'" Rand said.

Rand has written 18 books in the "American Chillers" series and has plans to write another 32, topping out at 50 books.

Rand will have books available for sale and signing. The program is free and registration is not required. For more information, call 475-8732.

## CHELSEA

# Rotary club hosts housing speakers

Chelsea Rotary Club hosted three representatives of the Workforce Housing Initiative at a recent meeting.

The initiative helps provide reasonably priced home options intended to make it possible for teachers, firefighters and other service workers in communities such as Chelsea to live in the municipalities they serve.

The talk was the last in a series of three programs the local club is providing for its members focusing on affordable housing in the county.

The group previously hosted a speaker from Habitat for Humanity and representatives from the Community

Land Trust initiative. Club members next will hear a speaker from Workforce Housing Initiative.

Also at the meeting, the group welcomed new member Jan Loveland of Cranesbill Books. She will give her initiation speech Nov. 23.

As part of the celebrations of Rotary International 100-year anniversary, Chelsea Rotary Club purchased and donated to the Chelsea District Library and the Chelsea School District copies of the recently released history of Rotary.

The club meets regularly at 12:15 every Tuesday at the Common Grill's lower level.

## DEXTER VILLAGE

# Friends of the Library name new leaders

Friends of the Dexter District Library recently met, setting monthly book sales and electing officers and committee chairs.

The monthly used book sales hosted by the group have resumed, with the most recent sale held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 6 at the library's meeting room.

There will be a sale on the first Saturday of each month through June, except for January.

The group also has named officers and committee

chairs for the coming year. Rosemary LaVoie will serve as president, Cindy Evans as vice president, Betty Chaffee as secretary and Marilyn Sieder as treasurer.

Committee chairs include Sue Smith, membership; Mary Aleksoff, volunteer coordination; Kristi Mansour, decorations; and Marty Davis, used book sales.

Information about membership in the group is available at the library or by calling Sue Smith at 424-1495.

## DEXTER VILLAGE

# Library celebrates Children's Book Week

The Dexter District Library is celebrating Children's Book Week through Saturday.

Children ages 12 and younger who come into the library this week and check out five books or more will receive a free book bag compliments of Dexter District Library.

At 7 p.m. today, "The Amazing Clark" will appear at the Dexter District Library in a special show for the entire family.

The act is being billed as a

comedy, magic and puppet combination sure to entertain all ages. Audience participation is a must.

All programs at Dexter District Library are free and open to everyone. Registration is not required.

The library is located at 8040 Fourth St. For more information, call 426-4477.

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## VILLAGE OF DEXTER PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Monday, December 6, 2004 at the Village of Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following:

The Village of Dexter Planning Commission review of the 2005-2010 Capital Improvements Plan, a program that projects and coordinates public expenditures for improvements to the transportation and utility systems, municipal facilities, and other improvements over a five-year period.

Information regarding the plan is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 15. Written comments regarding this plan should be submitted to the Village Clerk, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 30, 2004. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Hall.

Publish: November 18, 2004

## VILLAGE OF DEXTER ORDINANCE NO. 18-2004 AN ORDINANCE TO ELECT VILLAGE TRUSTEES TO 4-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF 2004 PUBLIC ACTS 286-300

WHEREAS 2004 Public Acts 286-300 provide for consolidated elections and allow general law villages to provide for the term and manner of elections of their trustees; and

WHEREAS the Village of Dexter desires to increase the length of trustee terms to four years and to stagger the elections of trustees to be conducted on even-numbered years at the November general election.

Therefore THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER ORDAINS:

The Code of Ordinances for the Village of Dexter is hereby amended by adding section 2-32 as follows:

Section 2-32 Village Trustees terms of office and election.

(a) Six trustees shall serve staggered four-year terms until their successors are qualified.

(b) Three trustees shall be elected on even-numbered years at the November general election to be conducted by the appropriate township clerk pursuant to MCL §168.642.

(c) The terms of incumbent trustees shall be extended as follows:

1) The terms of office for the three trustees elected in March of 2003 (or any appointed successors to these trustees) shall continue through November 19, 2006.

2) The terms of office for the three trustees elected in March of 2004 (or any appointed successors to these trustees) shall continue through November 19, 2008.

(d) Elections for the trustee positions expiring on November 19, 2008 will be held as part of the 2008 November general election. Elections for the trustee positions expiring on November 19, 2008 will be held as part of the 2008 November general election.

(e) All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full effect.

(f) This ordinance shall take effect 45 days after the date of its adoption unless a petition signed by not less than ten percent of the registered electors of the village is filed with the village clerk or village office within 45 days. If a petition is filed within such period of time, this ordinance shall then take effect only upon its approval at the next general village or special village election held on the question of whether the ordinance shall be approved. Notice of the delayed effect of this ordinance and the right of petition under this section shall be published separately at the same time and in the same manner as the ordinance or a notice of the ordinance is published in a local newspaper of general circulation.

(g) The village clerk and village manager shall cause this ordinance and to be published as required by law.

Motion made by: Keough  
Seconded: Walters

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P. Cousins, Trustee  
D. Fisher, Trustee  
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ADOPTED this 8th day of November, 2004.  
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REVIEW FOR FORM AND  
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Jim Seta, Village President  
David Boyle, Village Clerk

YES  
ABSENT  
YES  
YES  
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YES  
YES

Brad Smith, Village Attorney

## VILLAGE OF DEXTER NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Dexter Village Council has amended Article 20, Section 20.01, Schedule of Regulations, of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance. The amendments will be effective on December 8, 2004. The amended section is as follows:

Section 20.01 SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS FOR PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS - NON-RESIDENTIAL									
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VC Village Commercial	-	-	3.0	45	15 max.	-	-	80%	-
CBD Central Business District	-	-	3.0 max and 2.0 min.	45	1 max.	-	-	100%	See Note 1--

Note 1: Min Lot Footprint = Frontage (in feet) x 40 feet (For corner lots, the frontage shall be determined by the location of the street number)

Information on the ordinance amendment is available for public inspection or purchase at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## LIMA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 1, 2004

The regular meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order at 8:00 P.M. on November 1, 2004 and opened with the Pledge to The Flag. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees Laler and McKenzie and Zoning Administrator Wesolowski. Also present several residents and guests.

Motion by McKenzie seconded by Laler to approve the minutes of the October 4, regular meeting and October 12 and October 18, 2004 special meetings. Carried.

The treasurer's report was received.

Zoning administrator reported one new address, zoning compliance permits for 5 new homes; 2 barns; 2 decks and one house addition.

Motion by McKenzie seconded by Laler to support the appointment of Washtenaw County Road Commissioners from residents who live in the townships. Carried.

Motion by Laler, seconded by McKenzie to table the proposed open space and farmland preservation ordinance to the November 29th meeting. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie seconded by Laler to adopt the First Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of Chelsea Fire Authority as submitted. Carried.

Motion by Unterbrink, seconded by Bareis to amend the agenda to add estimate from Floyd Boyce for tree trimming, cutting and clean up, to new business. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie seconded by Laler to extend the private road variance for Trinkle Trail, previously known as no name road, to August 29, 2004, owners are Bob and Sharon Langen. Carried.

Motion by Laler seconded by Unterbrink to accept the bid from Floyd Boyce in the amount of \$1325.00 to cut, trim and remove trees and add an additional \$500.00 for stump removal. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie seconded by Laler to pay bills as submitted with the exception of \$515.00 for OHM to be held for future payment. Carried.

Motion by Laler seconded by Bareis to adjourn at 9:07 P.M. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

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## VILLAGE OF DEXTER PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Monday, December 6, 2004 at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the proposed amendments to Article 5, Parking Standards, of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments to the article are comprehensive and should be viewed by those interested.

Article 5, Parking and Loading- The proposed amendments include:

Section 5.01 - Within the Village Commercial (VC) District, two options exist for meeting parking requirements: on site private parking or participation in the voluntary public parking program. Refer to Section 5.09 for public parking program standards.

Section 5.02.1 - The section has been deleted.

Section 5.02.2 - The section has been deleted.

Section 5.03 - Parking Space Numerical Requirements has been amended to the following: The number of off-street parking spaces by type of use shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule. The Planning Commission encourages the following schedule to be used as maximum requirements unless an applicant can demonstrate a need for additional parking; excessive parking diminishes opportunities for new buildings and new businesses thereby reducing business activity and the commercial viability. Less impervious surfaces are also desired to minimize stormwater demands and increased runoff. The Planning Commission also encourages participation in the public parking program within the Village Commercial (VC) District which provides more efficient land usage, fewer private curb cuts, improved safety and higher density.

The following table provides the parking requirements for districts other than the Central Business District (CBD) by usage: (only the amendments are listed) Multiple Family Dwellings, 2 spaces per dwelling unit and 0.5 guest spaces per every 3 dwelling units; Senior Independent units, 1 space per unit; Fraternity or Sorority, amended from whichever is more to which ever is less, reducing the requirements; Public Libraries, 3 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area; Public Recreation Centers 5 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area; Shopping Center or enclosed mall, 3 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area; Restaurant - sit down type with liquor license, 12 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area; Bar/Lounges/nightclub with liquor license and dancing, 12 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area; Restaurant take out with less than 6 tables and/or booths, 5 spaces plus 1 space for each employee at peak shift; Restaurant standard (a family type without a bar or lounge area), 12 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area or 0.5 spaces per seat whichever is greater, plus any spaces required for any banquet or meeting rooms; Restaurant fast food with drive through window, 1 space per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area; Appliance store, 3 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area; Convenience store with or without gasoline service, 4.0 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area, plus spaces required for an auto service station activities; Equipment repair, 1 space per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area; Funeral Homes, 1 space per 50 s.f. of gross floor area for service parlors, chapels and reception area, plus one space per each funeral home vehicle stored on premises; Motel/Hotel with lounge, restaurant, conference or banquet rooms and exhibit space; Motel with Restaurant and Lounge, 1 space per guest room, plus 10 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area for restaurant/lounge space; Automobile Sales, 5 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area, plus 2 spaces per each auto service bay. The areas devoted to customer service and employee parking shall be clearly delineated on the parking plan and reserved for that purpose; Auto service station and auto care centers without convenience goods, 2 spaces per service bay, plus 1 space per employee, plus 1 space per each tow truck, plus 2 spaces for each 1000 s.f. devoted to sales of automotive goods; other general retail uses not specified, 3 spaces per 1000 s.f. gross floor area; Health Fitness Centers without swimming pool, 4 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area; Racquetball/Tennis Centers, 1 space per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area, or 6 spaces per court whichever is greater; Branch Bank, Credit Unions or Savings and Loan, 5 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area plus 2 spaces per 24-hour teller; General Office Building, 3 spaces per 1000 s.f. gross floor area; Medical/Dental Clinic/Office, 4 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area; Business and Professional, 3 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area, for second and upper story office uses; Light Industrial, Manufacturing, testing labs, research and development centers, 1.5 spaces per 1000 s.f. of gross floor area, or 1.2 spaces per employee at peak shift, whichever is less; plus 1 space for each corporate vehicle; Warehousing, 1.5 spaces per each 1000 s.f. of gross floor area, or 1 space per employee at peak shift, whichever is greater; plus 1 space for each corporate vehicle (separate standard provided for mini-storage); Bicycle Parking, All building over 4000 s.f. of gross floor area shall provide 1 bicycle hoop for every 2000 s.f. of gross floor area.

Section 5.06.B, Off Street Parking Space Layout, Standards, Construction and Maintenance. Maneuvering Lane Widths have been amended to the following: Parallel Parking maneuvering lane 11', 54-74 degree parking maneuvering lane 15', and 75-90 degree parking maneuvering lane 22'.

Section 5.06.H, All lighting shall be shoebox fixtures with no recessed lighting, has been added.

Section 5.09, Village Commercial District Parking, a new section will read as follows: VC district Parking may be either on-site private parking as outlined in Section 5.03 or the property owner may participate in the voluntary public parking program. The Public Parking Program has the same parking by usage requirement of Section 5.03 but is met by a contribution of \$2000/required space, or as established per resolution by the Village Council, to the voluntary "Public Parking Fund". Elimination of an existing curb cut provides a credit of \$2000 towards any voluntary "Public Parking Fund" obligation as incurred through participation. No cash refunds are given. No new mid block curb cuts are permitted. Shared driveways are strongly encouraged. Access changes are permitted where drives can be consolidated or repositioned for sharing, improved safety, or more on-street parking can be provided. Public Parking/Land Swap Option: Where a portion of a lot can be potentially developed for public parking the DDA and Planning Commission will consider swapping land in exchange for any Public Parking Fund contribution. Any exchange must be reviewed by the DDA and approved by the Planning Commission prior to approval of any site plan.

Information regarding the proposed changes to the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 15. Written comments regarding the proposed amendments should be submitted to the Village Offices, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 30, 2004. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Offices and on the Village website.

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COUNTY OF WASHTENAW  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate  
Estate of David Ward James Trustee of the David Ward James Trust dated 6-20-1994, Date of birth: 09/13/1916  
TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, David Ward James, who lived at 3546 West Pineview Drive, Dexter, Michigan died 09/14/2004.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Maryjane Buck c/o Susan E. Zale, P.C., named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 N. Huron St., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.  
Date: 11/08/2004  
Maryjane Buck c/o Susan E. Zale, P.C.  
Personal representative  
114 N. Main Street  
Chelsea, MI 48118  
(734) 475-5777  
Law Offices of Susan E. Zale, P.C.  
By: Susan E. Zale P53736  
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ANN ARBOR

# Performance to tackle breast cancer

A diagnosis of breast cancer may seem scary at first. But an innovative production wants to impress people touched by this disease with an uplifting message of courage, persistence and hope.

The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center will sponsor "For Our Daughters," a theatrical performance that combines live stage acting and singing with filmed interviews with breast cancer survivors and family members. It will be performed 7 p.m. today at Kellogg Auditorium, 1000 Wall St., in Ann Arbor.

"For Our Daughters" is produced by IlluminArt

Productions and Illusion Theater, whose mission, according to a press release from U of M, is to create theater that illuminates the human condition by addressing societal illusions, myths and realities.

The play grew out of a St. Paul, Minn., woman's own experience with breast cancer. Joan Wernick's mother and sister were diagnosed with breast cancer within four months of each other in 1977. Fourteen years later, Wernick herself developed the disease. She worked with a friend, Gail Hartman, to create something positive from her experience.

The result combines elements of live theater and documentary film. Songs express the emotional aspects of breast cancer, while acted scenes follow one woman's story from biopsy to surgery to chemotherapy to life after treatment.

Interspersed with the live portions are filmed interviews in which women talk about their experiences with

breast cancer. All the actors involved in the performance have been affected by breast cancer in their family.

Following the performance, faculty from U of M's Breast Care Center will be available to answer questions and provide information on area resources.

The performance and parking are free. To reserve seats, call 1-800-865-1125.

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### Section 15.01 INTENT

The intent of the Village Commercial District (VC) is to promote the orderly development, redevelopment, and continued maintenance of Dexter's commercial district. This District is also intended to serve the comparison, convenience, and service needs of the Dexter Area. The VC district shall complement the CBD district with less intense office, service, and retail uses, all within a safe pedestrian environment and within convenient walking distance from the CBD district.

Because of the variety of uses permitted in the VC district, special attention must be focused on site layout, building design, vehicular circulation, and coordination of site features between adjoining sites. Off-street parking shall be located on the side or rear yard although participation in the public parking program is strongly encouraged. (Refer to section 5.1). Permitted uses should be complementary to each other, and should not have an adverse impact on street capacity, public utilities and services, or the overall image and function of the district. A mixture of uses within a building, such as retail, office and residential is encouraged.

### Section 15.02 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES

A. Retail establishments for the sale of such products as art/supplies, hardware, books, stationary, flowers, clothing, shoes, music, sporting goods, painting and wallpaper supplies, drugs, and notions, gifts, and home entertainment supplies and rental, and similar specialty retail shops.  
B. Personal service establishments such as barber shops, beauty salons, and dry cleaners; including repair shops for watches, bicycles, jewelry, and other such items.

C. Food establishments, retail up to 2,000 square feet of gross floor: such as for the sale of groceries, fruit, meat and fish; baked goods; and dairy products.

D. Restaurants, sit down which do or do not serve alcohol.

E. Banks, savings and loan institutions, and credit unions without drive up windows.

F. Business and professional offices such as administrative, legal, architecture, engineering, insurance, real estate, accounting, medical, dental, Computer and Internet Services and other similar offices.

G. Printing and photographic reproduction establishments.

H. Public buildings and offices, post offices, museums, libraries and community centers and Senior Centers.

I. Schools, commercial: such as dance, art, and music.

J. Theaters, cinemas.

K. An integration of upper floor residential dwelling, commercial/retail, and office uses within a building.

L. Off-street parking and loading see Article V.

M. Signs subject to the provisions of Article VII.

### Section 15.03 SPECIAL USES

The following uses may be permitted upon review by the Planning Commission and approval by the Village Council in accordance with the general standards for all Special Land Uses listed in Section 8.03, and the standards for the specific uses listed in Section 8.11.

A. Food establishments, retail over 2,000 square feet of gross floor area but not to exceed 10,000 square feet of gross floor area: such as for the sale of groceries, fruit and meat; baked goods; and dairy products.

B. Restaurants, carryout.

C. Bars/Taverns/Lounges.

D. Vocational and technical training facilities.

E. Banks, savings and loan institutions, and credit unions with drive-up windows.

F. Service Establishments of an office/workshop/retail outlet or showroom nature, such as plumbing, electrician, interior decorating, dressmaking, tailoring, upholstery, home appliance and similar establishments of similar character subject to the provision that not more than fifty (50) percent of the total useable floor area of the establishment shall be used for servicing, repairing, or processing activities.

G. Outdoor eating areas.

H. Small animal clinics.

I. Private clubs, fraternal organizations, and lodge halls.

J. All buildings over 10,000 square feet gross floor area require a special use permit per Article 8.

### Section 15.04 REQUIRED CONDITIONS

A. All buildings shall have at least 70 percent of their 1st floor facade on the street-facing sidewalk as non-reflective/non-tinted glass. The use of reflective/tinted glass on the first floor side and rear building windows requires Planning Commission approval.

B. No new mid-block curb cuts are permitted. Shared driveways are strongly encouraged. Access changes are permitted where drives can be consolidated or repositioned for sharing, improved safety, or more on-street parking can be provided.

C. All buildings shall have at least one pedestrian entrance on the front.  
D. All business establishments shall be retail or service establishments dealing directly with customers. All goods produced on the premises shall be sold at retail on premises where produced.

E. All business, servicing, or processing, except for off-street parking or loading, shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building.

F. Exterior walls facing public rights-of-way, customer parking areas, and adjoining property that is zoned or used for residential purposes shall have a finished appearance, using the same materials as used on the front of the building. Wherever possible, meter boxes, dumpsters, and mechanical equipment should be screened on a side of the building that faces residentially-zoned or used property, or mounted and screened on the roof.

G. Architectural standards: All new commercial buildings, additions and significant exterior changes or renovations shall be found to be architecturally compatible with the intent of the Village Commercial District. In making such a determination, the following will be considered:

1. Front facade materials; general architecture and design are consistent with the traditional/historical buildings in the downtown; multi-story, brick, no reflective glass. General architecture, front facade, and overall building appointments should be consistent with the traditional/historical buildings of the downtown Main Street area. As an example, a multi-story, brick building with historically formatted windows and doors with upper and lower cornices.

2. Remodeling or rehabilitating an existing historical commercial building: the guidelines set forth in the National Park Services, Technical Preservation Services for Historical Buildings should be followed where possible to preserve the Villages historical heritage. Refer to <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/tsp/care/index.htm>, for detailed information and preservation services available. In addition, all other Section 15 Required Conditions must be met.

3. Colors are consistent with the majority of the established buildings. Stark or bold colors, and similar "non-traditional" downtown colors are not permitted. The use of an historical color palette is encouraged.

4. Desirable Materials include brick, stone accents (natural and cast) and glass. Undesirable materials include EIFS (exterior insulation and finishing system), siding (vinyl, wood or metal), composite accents at the street level and reflective glass.

5. The site design shall be sensitive to pedestrian and bicycle needs. Bicycle hoops are required per Section 5.03 of the Parking and Loading Standards.

6. Rear or side entrances should be provided where parking is on the side or rear of the building.

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### Section 15.01(A) INTENT

This District is the historical old Central Business District or commercial center. The intent is to foster continued improvements and redevelopment around the historical theme and heritage of the "old Dexter" thereby adding to the character, social and environmental diversity and improvement in economic viability of the downtown area. Off-street private parking facilities are not required due to the location of on-street and municipal parking areas. Store frontage with appealing windows and entrances and contiguous building mass along Main and other streets in the CBD are strongly encouraged.

To foster an appealing high-density pedestrian environment, the CBD is intended to be physically compact and to provide a diversity of products and services, convenient parking, and pedestrian and vehicle safety. Buildings should front primary streets with parking lots to the rear of buildings. Mixed-uses are encouraged within buildings. Along primary streets (Main, Broad, and Central) retail and eatery uses should dominate ground floors, office uses and residential dwellings on upper floors, and all buildings should be clustered within shoulder-to-shoulder block groups wherever feasible.

### Section 15.02(A) PERMITTED USES

The dimensional standards and required conditions of this overlay district shall apply simultaneously with the list of uses permitted or regulated as Special Uses in the underlying district. All uses shall meet the applicable standards for the CBD District listed in Section 15.04(A) and Article XX, Schedule of Regulations.

A. Retail establishments for the sale of such products as art/supplies, hardware, books, stationary, flowers, clothing, shoes, music, sporting goods, painting and wallpaper supplies, drugs, and notions, gifts, and home entertainment supplies and rental, and similar specialty retail shops.

B. Personal service establishments such as barber shops, beauty salons, and dry cleaners; including repair shops for watches, bicycles, jewelry, and other such items.

C. Food establishments, retail up to 2000 square feet of gross floor: such as for the sale of groceries, fruit and meat; baked goods; and dairy products.

D. Restaurants, sit down which do or do not serve alcohol.

E. Banks, savings and loan institutions, and credit unions without drive up windows.

F. Business and professional offices such as administrative, legal, architecture, engineering, insurance, real estate, accounting, medical, dental, and other similar offices.

G. Printing and photographic reproduction establishments.

H. Public buildings and offices, post offices, museums, libraries, community centers, and Senior Centers.

I. Schools, commercial: such as dance, art, and music.

J. Theaters, cinemas.

K. An integration of upper floor residential, commercial/retail, and office uses within a building.

L. Off-street parking and loading, see Article V.

M. Signs subject to the provisions of Article VII

### Section 15.03 SPECIAL USES

The following uses may be permitted upon review by the Planning Commission and approval by the Village Council in accordance with the general standards for all Special Land Uses listed in section 8.03, and the standards for the specific uses listed in Section 8.11.

A. Food establishments, retail over 2000 square feet of gross floor area but not to exceed 20,000 square feet of gross floor area: such as for the sale of groceries, fruit and meat; baked goods; and dairy products.

B. Restaurants, carryout.

C. Bars/Taverns/Lounges.

D. Banks, savings and loan institutions, and credit unions with drive up windows.

E. Service Establishments of an office/workshop/retail outlet or showroom nature, such as plumbing, electrician, interior decorating, dressmaking, tailoring, upholstery, home appliance and other establishments of similar character subject to the provision that not more than fifty (50) percent of the total useable floor area of the establishment shall be used for servicing, repairing, or processing activities.

F. Outdoor cafes and eating areas.

G. Small animal clinics.

H. All buildings over 20,000 square feet gross floor area require a special use permit per Article 8.

### Section 15.04(A) REQUIRED CONDITIONS

A. No minimum lot size or front, side or rear yards are required in this district providing the provisions of Section 5.07 Off-Street Loading and Unloading Requirements are complied with.

B. Uses in this district are exempt from the requirements of ARTICLE V Off-Street Parking Requirements. New curb cuts are prohibited and closure of existing curb cuts is promoted. Where setback and minimum lot size requirements have been met, per Section 20.01, exceptions will be considered if vehicle access is required and not otherwise possible.

C. All buildings shall have at least 70 percent of their 1st floor facade on the street-facing sidewalk as non-reflective/non-tinted glass. The use of reflective/tinted glass on the first floor side and rear windows is discouraged. Use of reflective/tinted windows requires Planning Commission approval.

D. All buildings shall be built to within one foot of the front lot line and street side lot line on corner lots.

E. All buildings shall have at least one pedestrian entrance on the front.

F. All business establishments shall be retail or service establishments dealing directly with customers. All goods produced on the premises shall be sold at retail on premises where produced.

G. All business, servicing, or processing, except for loading, shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building.

H. Exterior walls facing public rights-of-way, customer parking areas, and adjoining property that is zoned or used for residential purposes shall have a finished appearance, using the same materials as used on the front of the building. Wherever possible, meter boxes, dumpsters, and mechanical equipment should be screened on a side of the building that faces residentially-zoned or used property, or mounted and screened on the roof.

I. Architectural standards: All new buildings, additions and significant exterior changes or renovations shall be found to be architecturally compatible with the intent of the Central Business District. In making such a determination, the following will be considered:

1. Front facade materials, general architecture and design are consistent with the historical buildings in the downtown district; multi-story, brick, no reflective glass. General architecture, front facade, and overall building appointments should be consistent with the traditional/historical buildings of the downtown Main Street area. As an example, a multi-story, brick building with historically formatted windows and doors with upper and lower cornices.

2. Remodeling or rehabilitating an existing historical commercial building: the guidelines set forth in the National Park Services, Technical Preservation Services for Historical Buildings should be followed where possible to preserve the Villages historical heritage. Refer to <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/tsp/care/index.htm>, for detailed information and preservation services available. In addition, all other Section 15 Required Conditions must be met.

3. Colors are consistent with the majority of the established buildings. Stark or bold colors, and similar "non-traditional" downtown colors are not permitted. The use of an historical color palette is encouraged.

4. Desirable Materials include brick, stone accents (natural and cast) and glass. Undesirable materials include EIFS (exterior insulation and finishing system), siding (vinyl, wood or metal), composite accents at the street level and reflective glass.

5. The site design shall be sensitive to pedestrian and bicycle needs. Buildings over 6,000 square feet gross floor area must provide a minimum of two (2) bicycle hoops.

6. Rear or side entrances should be provided where parking is on the side or rear of the building.

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### CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Chelsea School District will conduct two public hearings on  
**November 22nd, 2004**  
and  
**December 6th, 2004**  
from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
at the Chelsea School District Administration Office  
500 Washington Street  
Chelsea, MI

This meeting is to present the following to the community: Review adjustments to Reproductive Health Curriculum of Chelsea Public Schools. Adjustments include modifications to benchmarks at grades 5 and 8, as well as an addition to the benchmarks for the High School Health Course - Reproductive Health Unit. Changes to the resource for the Spring Grade 5 lesson may also be presented.

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November 25 & December 2, 2004

### VILLAGE OF DEXTER PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Monday, December 6, 2004 at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the proposed amendments to, Article 8, Section 8.11.B.27, Outdoor Seating Special Land Use requirements, of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance is proposed to read as follows:

27. Outdoor eating areas

Restaurants shall be permitted to operate outdoor eating areas that are physically adjacent, and accessory to the principal restaurant use. Including areas within the public right-of-way and in courtyards, provided that pedestrian circulation and access to store entrances shall not be impaired.

Outdoor Seating shall be permitted to provide a unique environment for relaxation, food and beverage consumption, and the need to encourage additional pedestrian traffic and activity.

a. To allow for pedestrian circulation, a minimum of five feet of clear sidewalk along the street frontage, and leading to the entrance to the establishment shall be maintained free of any encumbrances. A minimum of ten feet of sidewalk width must be provided to accommodate outdoor seating.

b. When outdoor seating is located at a street corner, a ten-foot setback from the corner of the building shall be maintained along both frontages.

c. Planters, posts with ropes, or other removable enclosures are encouraged and shall be used as a way of defining the area occupied by the outdoor eating area.

d. Extended awnings, canopies, or large umbrellas shall be permitted and located to provide shade. Colors shall complement building colors.

e. Tables, chairs, planters, trash receptacles, and other elements of street furniture shall be compatible with the architectural character of the building where the establishment is located. Photographs, drawings or manufacturers brochures fully describing the appearance of all proposed tables, chairs, umbrellas, awnings, canopies, or other fixtures related to the outdoor seating area shall be included with the application.

f. Outdoor eating areas shall not be entitled to additional signage, over and beyond what is permitted for this type of establishment.

g. The operators of the establishment shall be responsible for keeping the outdoor eating area and the immediately adjacent area, clean and void of litter at all times. Outdoor eating areas shall be required to provide additional outdoor trash receptacles.

h. The village may restrict the hours of operation for outdoor seating areas immediately abutting residential districts.

i. Outdoor seating furniture and elements such as umbrellas and awnings, associated with outdoor seating furniture, must be of substantial weight so that at no time will the outdoor seating furniture present an obstruction or risk to public safety. If the outdoor seating furniture and elements associated with outdoor seating furniture is temporary in nature it is the responsibility of the proprietor to remove the outdoor seating furniture during inclement weather. All umbrellas should be closed and removed each evening. The Village of Dexter accepts no liability for any injury/damage caused by outdoor seating furniture. Applicants for outdoor seating will also be required to sign and submit the village's Hold Harmless Agreement.

j. Each permit application for a sidewalk cafe or outdoor seating shall be accompanied by a policy or certificate of insurance, in an amount acceptable to the Village, including workers compensation, naming the village as an additionally insured. Establishments serving alcohol shall also provide a liquor liability policy or certificate of insurance naming the village as an additionally insured.

k. The permittee shall be responsible for repair of any damage to the sidewalk caused by the outdoor seating furniture.

l. All outdoor seating furniture is to be maintained in a manner that is compatible with the buildings site elements, i.e. signs, awnings and walls. No broken, peeling, rusting or other aesthetic elements should be left outdoors for continued use.

m. Each permit shall be effective for one year from October 1 until September 30 and must be renewed annually through administrative review. The annual permit fee for establishing and maintaining outdoor seating shall be established by Village Council resolution.

n. The Village of Dexter reserves the right to deny, revoke or suspend an outdoor seating permit if the permittee has failed to correct violations of the outdoor seating permit within the time specified on the violation notice. If the village denies, revokes, or suspends the permit the village will notify the permittee in writing. The decision to deny, revoke, or suspend a permit may be appealed to the Village Council. Variances from the outdoor seating standards must be appealed before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Information regarding the proposed changes to the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 15, or the information can be found online at [www.villageofdexter.org](http://www.villageofdexter.org). Written comments regarding the proposed amendments should be submitted to the Village Offices, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 30, 2004. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Offices and on the Village website.  
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## ANN ARBOR

# Performances to benefit hospital

The holiday season is a time for giving and Washtenaw Community College's Performing Arts Department is doing just that.

The dance and music programs will host an event 6 p.m. Dec. 9 that benefits kids at Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan Medical Center. The price for admission is one new, unwrapped gift or a monetary donation. The event will be held in Prosser Auditorium.

All proceeds will benefit the children and family programs at Mott Children's Hospital.

"Stars Onstage: A Benefit Concert for Children" is a joint effort of Washtenaw

Community College and community dance studios to bring happiness to the children and families spending the holidays in the hospital. The evening will begin with music performed by the college's jazz orchestras and will be followed by dance performances by WCC dance students and students from the Spotlight Studio in Pinckney.

"This is the fourth year that we have done a benefit and it feels good to be able to give something back to the community," Noonie Anderson, dance instructor at WCC, said in a press release.

For more information, call 677-5090.

## VILLAGE OF DEXTER ORDINANCE NO. 19-2004 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE TERMS OF THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO 4-YEAR TERMS

WHEREAS the Village has adopted ordinance No. 18-2004 changing the terms of village trustees to four-year staggered terms; and WHEREAS the Village has determined that the terms of the village president and clerk should also be four years, therefore

THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances for the Village of Dexter is amended by adding section 2-33 as follows:

Section 2-33. President and Clerk, terms of office and election.

(a) The term of office for president shall be four years.  
(b) The term of office for clerk shall be four years.  
(c) The term of office for the incumbent president and incumbent clerk, elected in March 2004, shall continue through November 19, 2008 and until their successors are qualified.

(d) Election of successors for the incumbent president and clerk will be held as part of the 2008 November general election. Thereafter, the president and clerk shall be elected every four years at the biennial general election in November.

(e) Any vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of original term pursuant to MCL §62.13.

(f) All Ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full effect.

(g) This ordinance shall take effect 45 days after the date of its adoption, unless a petition signed by not less than ten percent of the registered electors of the village is filed with the village clerk or village office within 45 days. If a petition is filed within such period of time, this ordinance shall then take effect only upon its approval at the next general village or special village election held on the question of whether the ordinance shall be approved. Notice of the delayed effect of this ordinance and the right of petition under this section shall be published separately at the same time and in the same manner as the ordinance or a notice of the ordinance is published in a local newspaper of general circulation.

(h) The village clerk and village manager shall cause this ordinance to be published as required by law.

Motion made by: Keough  
J. Carson, Trustee  
P. Couina, Trustee  
D. Fisher, Trustee  
S. Keough, Trustee  
J. Semifero, President Pro-Tem  
T. Walters, Trustee  
J. Seta, President  
ADOPTED this 8th day of November, 2004.  
Effective Date: December 24, 2004  
REVIEW FOR FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Jim Seta, Village President  
David Boyle, Village Clerk  
Seconded: Carson  
YES  
ABSENT  
YES  
YES  
ABSENT  
YES  
YES  
YES

Brad Smith, Village Attorney

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## CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, October 12, 2004 Washington Street Education Center

**Roll Call**  
Present: Mayor Feeney, City Manager Steklac, Clerk Burch  
Council Members Present: Albertson, Hammer, Lindauer, Myles, Bollinger and Merkel  
Others Present: Jim Drolett, Cindy Beauchamp, Andy Johnston, Steve Olsen, Jeff Cohen.

Mayor Feeney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of Consent Agenda

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Lindauer to approve minutes with corrections and bills. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### Approval of Regular Agenda

MOVED Merkel SECONDED Lindauer to approve regular agenda with the addition of the Articles of Incorporation added under New Business. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### Public Comments

Steve Olsen, thanked the City Council and the Chelsea Police Department for their help in the Cub Scout race.

### Public Hearing

1. Sheridan Books Request for IFT Certificates  
Sheridan Books has requested tax abatement for real property in the amount of \$199,564 and personal property in the amount of 3,752,396.

Consolidation will create 25 jobs in Chelsea. New process no longer uses silver nitrate so this would benefit the wastewater plant.

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Albertson to approve application of Sheridan Books for real and personal property IFT certificates for ten years. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### New Business

1. Michigan Public Power Agency Base Load Resource Project  
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Lindauer to approve the resolution authorizing the City of Chelsea to participate in the Michigan Public Power Agency's Base Load Resource Project in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. Grading Certificate Fee  
MOVED Merkel SECONDED Albertson to amend the current fee schedule by adding a \$50.00 fee for grading certification inspections. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### 3. Municipal Trunkline Contract Resolution

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Myles to adopt the resolution naming the City Manager as the Authorizing Agent to sign maintenance contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Site Nominations.

MOVED Merkel SECONDED Hammer to nominate Parcels 06-06-12-130-011 and 06-06-12-130-010 as sites for the WCBRA (Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority) to perform environmental assessment studies to determine if they are or are not Brownfields. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### 5. Chelsea Area Fire Authority Discussion

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Merkel to adopt the First Amendment to Articles of Incorporation. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### Adjournment

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Merkel to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approved: October 26, 2004

NOTE: This is only a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Clerk's Office at 305 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI or online at www.city-chelsea.org

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Burch, City Clerk

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## WEBSTER TOWNSHIP WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

[Resolution To Amend Webster Township Zoning Ordinance; To Adopt Provisions To Require Payment Of Fees And Deposit Of Funds To Defray Fixed And Variable Expenses And Costs; To Provide For A Pre-Development Conference; To Provide For A Development Agreement; To Repeal Provisions; and Adopt A Fee Schedule]

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Webster Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan held at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road in said Township, on the 19 day of October, 2004 at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT: Fisher, Baldus, Calhoun, Fink, Kingsley

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Kingsley and supported by Member Fink:

WHEREAS, for the purpose of providing funds to carry out the provisions of its zoning ordinance, the township board may require the granting of reasonable fees for permits or licenses as a condition to the granting of authority to act, erect, alter, or locate dwellings, buildings, and structures within the township, both for the purpose of obtaining advanced information as to building operations, locations, and proposed uses, and for the purpose of defraying the cost, in whole or in part, of enforcement, Section 25 of Public Act 184 of 1943, as amended, being MCL 125.295.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Township Board adopts the ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit A and the Fee Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit B both incorporated by reference herein and directs the Clerk to take all steps necessary to make the ordinance and fee schedule effective.

The following Members voted:

AYES: Kingsley, Fink, Fisher, Baldus, Calhoun

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Wana M. Baldus

Wana M. Baldus

Webster Township Clerk

Dated: October 19, 2004

### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Webster Township, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan at a regular meeting held on the 19th day of October, 2004; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976; and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Further, that Ordinance No. 1-2004 was published once in its entirety on the 18th day of November, 2004 in the Dexter Leader, a newspaper having general circulation in the Township; that Ordinance No. 1-2004 was duly recorded in the Township Ordinance Book on the 20th day of October, 2004; and that an attested copy of Ordinance No. 1-2004 was filed with the Washtenaw County Clerk on the 9th day of November, 2004.

Wana M. Baldus

Wana M. Baldus

Webster Township Clerk

Dated: November 9, 2004

### EXHIBIT A

#### WEBSTER TOWNSHIP WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN Ordinance No. 1-2004

[An Ordinance To Require Payment Of Fees And Deposit Of Funds To Defray Fixed And Variable Expenses And Costs; To Provide For A Pre-Development Conference; And To Provide For A Development Agreement.]

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

### ORDAINS:

#### Section 1.

The following definitions are added in alphabetic order to Section 2.02 of The Zoning Ordinance of Webster Township:

#### SECTION 2.02 - DEFINITIONS

**Fixed costs and expenses:** Costs and expenses incurred by the Township which are generally shared by all functions performed under the authority of this Ordinance and include (but not limited to) such items as telephone expense; copy expense; supplies and equipment; electric-heating expenses; per diem-hourly salary expenses; facility expenses such as (but not limited to) repair, janitorial service, construction costs; postage; and publication costs.

**Variable costs and expenses:** Costs and expenses incurred by the Township which are not fixed costs. Variable costs and expenses generally include items which vary depending on the scope of the project, and includes such items as (but not limited to) engineering costs, land use planner costs, attorney fees, other expert costs, inspection costs, recording fees, testing and laboratory analysis.

#### Section 2.

Section 9.13 of The Zoning Ordinance of Webster Township is deleted and replaced with the following:

#### SECTION 9.13 - FEES AND ESCROW FUNDS

To defray costs and expenses incurred by the Township to perform functions under this Ordinance, the Township Board may establish a fee schedule to defray fixed costs and expenses. The Township Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission and Zoning Inspector may require an applicant to deposit funds with the Township to defray anticipated variable costs and expenses.

Fixed costs and expenses may be assessed as application fees which may be either a nominal charge or based on a cost analysis. If based on cost analysis, the sums charged shall be periodically reviewed to ensure that cumulative charges reasonable reflect actual expenses and costs incurred by the Township. Application fees are non-refundable, but may be waived by the Township Board for good cause. The amount of the application fee shall be established by resolution of the Township Board. Before the fee schedule or change thereto, takes effect it shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Township.

The applicant may be required to deposit funds to defray anticipated variable costs and expenses. The funds shall be deposited with the Township Treasurer before the cost or expense is incurred. The funds shall be managed by the Township Treasurer. The funds need not be placed in an interest bearing account. However, if the funds earn interest, the interest shall be credited to the applicant's account. The applicant shall be regularly invoiced. The invoice shall show the date, sum credited/debited, and (where appropriate) the manner in which the debt was computed (example: number of hours and hourly rate). Where the sums deposited appear likely to exceed anticipated costs and expenses, those excess funds shall be promptly returned. If at any time the sums on deposit appear insufficient to cover anticipated expenses and costs, applicant, upon written request, shall deposit additional funds. If additional funds are not promptly deposited, the Township may issue a stop work order, deny certificates of occupancy, and/or take no further action to process the project. Costs incurred to manage the account may be debited to the account. Sums remaining in the account when the project is completed shall be promptly returned to the applicant.

#### Section 3.

Section 9.20 is added to the Webster Township Zoning Ordinance to read as follows:

#### SECTION 9.20 - PRE-DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Upon request of a property owner or developer, a pre-development conference may be held to consider a project for which an application has yet to be filed. The purpose of such a conference is to discuss the scope and feasibility of the project. The meeting is for informational purposes only. No decisions shall be made by the Township. Prior to such conference, the person requesting the conference shall deposit with the Township funds sufficient to defray the Township's costs. Sums deposited and not used shall be promptly returned.

#### Section 4.

Section 9.21 is added to the Webster Township Zoning Ordinance to read as follows:

#### SECTION 9.21 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Upon direction of the Township Board or Planning Commission, the Zoning Inspector shall prepare a Development Agreement which sets forth the conditions to be met by an applicant or developer with respect to a project. The agreement shall be signed by the applicant and/or developer, reviewed by the Planning Commission, and approved by the Township Board. The agreement may include (but not limited to) such provisions as the deposit of funds to defray variable costs and expenses and financial guarantees to ensure that improvements depicted on a site plan meet the provisions of this Ordinance, adopted standards and regulations, and conditions set by the Planning Commission. The cost to prepare and record this agreement shall be borne by the applicant/developer.

#### Section 5.

Section 10.04 of The Zoning Ordinance of Webster Township is deleted and replaced with the following:

#### SECTION 10.04 APPLICATION FEES AND ESCROW FUNDS

Application for a special use permit shall be made by filing the application form, required information, and the required application fee with the Township Clerk. The fee shall be set by resolution of the Township Board, except that no fee shall be required for a special use application for a single-family dwelling. The Clerk shall transmit a copy of the application and the submitted information to the Chairperson of the Planning Commission within three (3) business days of the filing date. The Planning Commission may require an applicant to deposit funds with the Township Treasurer in an amount sufficient to defray anticipated variable costs and expenses incurred to review the application. Sums not expended for this purpose shall be promptly returned to the applicant.

#### Section 6.

Section 11.07 of The Zoning Ordinance of Webster Township is deleted and replaced with the following:

#### SECTION 11.07 - FEES AND ESCROW FUNDS

Application fees for review of site plans as required by this Article may be established and amended by resolution of the Township Board. Prior

to acting on an application, the Planning Commission may require an applicant to deposit funds with the Township Treasurer in an amount sufficient to defray anticipated variable costs and expenses incurred to review the application. Sums not expended for this purpose shall be promptly returned to the applicant.

#### Section 7.

Section 13.06 of The Zoning Ordinance of Webster Township is deleted and replaced with the following:

#### SECTION 13.06 - FEES AND ESCROW FUNDS

Application fees for a variance, appeal or other matters provided for under this Article may be established and amended by resolution of the Township Board. Prior to acting on an application, the Zoning Board of Appeals may require an applicant to deposit funds with the Township Treasurer in an amount sufficient to defray anticipated variable costs and expenses incurred to review the application. Sums not expended for this purpose shall be promptly returned to the applicant.

#### Section 8.

Section 14.02 of The Zoning Ordinance of Webster Township is deleted and replaced with the following:

#### SECTION 14.02 - FEES AND ESCROW FUNDS

Application fees for a zoning amendment petition may be established and amended by resolution of the Township Board. Prior to acting on the application, the Planning Commission may require an applicant, other than the Township Board, to deposit funds with the Township Treasurer in an amount sufficient to defray anticipated variable costs and expenses incurred to review the application. Sums not expended for this purpose shall be promptly returned to the applicant.

#### Section 9. VALIDITY AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any court of competent jurisdiction shall declare any part of this Ordinance to be invalid, such ruling shall not affect any other provision of the Ordinance not specifically included in said ruling.

If any court of competent jurisdiction shall declare invalid the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular land, parcel, lot, district, use, building or structure, such ruling shall not affect the application of said provision to any other land, parcel, lot, district, use, building, or structure not specifically included in said ruling.

#### Section 10. CONFLICT WITH OTHER LAWS

Where any condition imposed by any provision of the Ordinance upon the use of any lot, building or structure is either more restrictive or less restrictive than any comparable condition imposed by any other provision of the Ordinance or by the provision of an ordinance adopted under any other law, the provision which is more restrictive, or which imposes a higher standard or requirement shall govern.

#### Section 11. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Webster, Washtenaw County, Michigan, at a meeting held on the 19th day of October, 2004 and ordered published in the Dexter Leader, a newspaper having general circulation in said Township, as required by Act 181 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended. This Ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days after publication.

Dated: October 19, 2004

Wana M. Baldus

Wana M. Baldus, Webster Township Clerk

Dean F. Fisher

Dean Fisher, Webster Township Supervisor

### CERTIFICATE

I, Wana M. Baldus, Clerk of Webster Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing Webster Township Ordinance No. 1-2004 was duly approved and adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of Webster Township in a regular meeting of said Township Board held on 19th day of October, 2004 and that the following members voted Aye: Fisher, Baldus, Calhoun, Fink, Kingsley, the following members voted Nay: None, the following members Abstained: None; and the following members were not present at the meeting: None.

Wana M. Baldus

Wana M. Baldus

Webster Township Clerk

Dated: October 19, 2004

### EXHIBIT B

#### WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

#### FEE SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL SERVICES

The following fees represent the amount to be paid by the owner/applicant at the time the application is submitted, or service rendered. The fees are intended to cover the fixed costs and expenses incurred by Webster Township which are generally shared by all functions performed under the authority of the Webster Township Zoning Ordinance.

1. Special meetings	
a. Township Board	\$450.00
b. Planning Commission	\$675.00
2. Publications	
a. Master Plan (hard copy or CD)	\$25.00
b. Zoning Ordinance (hard copy or CD)	\$25.00
c. Zoning Ordinance per page	\$0.25
d. Color Zoning Ordinance	\$1.00
e. Township Street Guide Map	\$3.50
f. Private Road Ordinance	\$3.00
g. Voter Registration List	
1. CD	\$25.00
2. Hard copy	\$50.00
h. Others per page	\$0.25
3. Land Division/Combination	
a. First Description	\$115.00
b. Each Additional Description	\$40.00
c. Address	Included in above
d. Combination	\$100.00
e. Boundary Adjustment	\$100.00
4. Hall Rentals	
a. Security Deposit	\$50.00
b. Rental Fee	\$150.00

#### WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

#### FEE SCHEDULE FOR PLANNING AND ZONING

	Application fee	Review Fee
1. Application for Zoning Changes		
a. Zoning Text Amendment	\$1900.00	Billed Separately
b. Rezoning Petition	\$700.00	Billed Separately
2. Zoning Board of Appeals		
a. Petition for Variance	\$600.00	Billed Separately
b. Petition for Appeal	\$600.00	Billed Separately
c. All other matters	\$600.00	Billed Separately
3. Zoning Permits		
a. Fence	\$25.00	
b. Gas Tank	\$25.00	
c. Demolition	\$25.00	
d. Sign	\$50.00	
e. Residential (New home, addition, garage, pole barn)	\$50.00	
f. Remodel, deck, pool	\$25.00	
g. Trailer/temporary residence	\$250.00 + \$1,000 cash bond	
h. Special Use Permit	\$400.00	Billed Separately
4. Site Plan Review		
a. Site Condo		
1. Preliminary	\$1630.00	Billed Separately
2. Final	\$585.00	
3. Each new submittal	\$1,000.00	
b. Commercial/Industrial > 2 acres		
1. Preliminary	\$1630.00	Billed Separately
2. Final	\$585.00	
3. Each new submittal	\$1,000.00	
c. Special Use (Residential Cluster Development, etc.)		
1. Preliminary	\$1630.00	Billed Separately
2. Final	\$585.00	
3. Each new submittal	\$1,000.00	
d. Commercial/Industrial < 2 acres		
1. Preliminary and Final Combined	\$1190.00	Billed Separately
2. Each new submittal	\$1,000.00	
3.		
5. Mobile Home Park		
a. Site Plan Review	\$4400.00	Billed Separately
b. Revised or Redesign	\$2200.00	Billed Separately
6. Private Road Permit		
a. Review \$30.00/lot w/ \$100.00 minimum		Billed Separately
b. Variance	\$325.00	
c. Revised or Redesign	\$30.00/lot w/ \$100.00 minimum	Billed Separately
7. Pre-Development Conference		

The person requesting a pre-development conference may be required to pay a review fee. The review fee is intended to defray the actual costs and expenses incurred by the Township with respect to the conference.

The Application Fee shall be paid by the applicant at the time an application is filed. The Application Fee is intended to defray the fixed costs and expenses incurred by the Township which are generally shared by all functions performed under the authority of the Webster Township Zoning Ordinance and include (but not limited to) such items as telephone expense; copy expense; supplies and equipment; electric heating expenses; per diem-hourly salary expenses for regular meetings; facility expenses such as (but not limited to) repair, janitorial service, construction costs; postage; and publication costs.

The Review Fee will be determined on an individual project basis and must be deposited into the Webster Township Special Project Escrow account before the first Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals or Township Board meeting at which the project is discussed. The Review Fee is intended to defray the variable costs and expenses incurred by the Township which are not fixed costs. Variable costs and expenses generally include items which vary depending on the scope of the project and includes such items as (but not limited to) engineering costs, land use planner costs, attorney fees, other expert costs, inspection costs, recording fees, testing and laboratory analysis.

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# DEATHS

## CONSTANCE LUCKHARDT

Constance Elizabeth Luckhardt, 85, of Chelsea died Nov. 13, 2004, at Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born Dec. 7, 1918, in Dexter, the daughter of Robert and Emma (McLennan) Freysinger.

Mrs. Luckhardt graduated from Chelsea High School in 1938. She worked at Federal Screw for 43 years, retiring in 1982.

On June 17, 1950, she married Karl Luckhardt in Chelsea, and he survives. Other survivors include two brothers, Walter (Dolores) Freysinger of Chelsea and Robert "Bud" (Joyce) Freysinger of Grass Lake.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Anna Squires and Bertha Smith; and two brothers, John and George Freysinger.

A funeral was held yesterday at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. The Rev. Robert Freysinger officiated. Burial was at Bethlehem Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's or Alzheimer's associations.

## JANICE WILSON

Dexter

Janice Wilson, 69, of Dexter

died Nov. 15, 2004, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was born Nov. 13, 1935, in Ridgway, Pa.

Mrs. Wilson is survived by her husband, John Wilson of 48 years; two sons, Mike Wilson of Pueblo, Colo., and Mark Wilson of Dexter; two grandchildren, Abby Wilson of Pueblo, Colo., and Matthew Wilson of Canandaigua, N.Y.; two nieces, Cheryl Puskar of Chayenne, Wyo., and Karen Bauer of Warren, Pa.; and seven great-nieces and great-nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. today at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter. Visitation is prior to the Mass, starting at 10 a.m. Rite of committal will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in Mrs. Wilson's memory.

## DAVID E. WEHRMAN

Pinckney

David E. Wehrman, 56, of Pinckney died Nov. 8, 2004. He was born Feb. 6, 1948, and was the son of Eleanor and Earl Wehrman, twin brother of Doug and sibling of Ted, Virginia and Elaine.

Mr. Wehrman was a simple man with a large heart. He left a lasting

impression on all those he touched. A Boy Scout leader, runner, husband and father who put the concerns of others before his own, he died doing what he cherished most, running and enjoying the outdoors, his family said.

Mr. Wehrman is survived by his loving wife, Martha, of 29 years; and his four Eagle Scout sons, Christopher (Erinn), Matthew, Patrick and Mark.

Visitation was Nov. 11 at Hosmer-Muehlberg Funeral Chapel in Dexter. It was followed by a wake service at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish in Dexter.

A memorial service was held Friday at the parish.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the David E. Wehrman Boy Scout Memorial Fund, c/o Troop 312, 11716 Highridge, Pinckney, MI, 48169.

## ADELBERT W. BOTT

Lyndon Township

Adelbert W. Bott, 82, of Lyndon Township died Nov. 11, 2004, at Chelsea Community Hospital. He was born Oct. 30, 1922, in Stockbridge, the son of George Sr. and Myrtle (Norton) Bott.

Mr. Bott had lived and farmed in the area all his life and worked for

Rockwell International in Chelsea for 30-plus years.

Surviving are his lifelong friend, Jocile Smith of Stockbridge; several dear nieces and nephews; and two sisters-in-law, Gloria Bott of Danville and Dorothy Bott of Hendersonville, N.C.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Norman, George Jr., Duane and Delois Bott.

A funeral was held Monday at Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge. Parson Billy Allen officiated. Burial followed at Oakdawn Cemetery in Stockbridge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

## JULIA KRANICH

Ann Arbor

Julia Kranich, 93, of Ann Arbor died Nov. 13, 2004, at Sunrise Assisted Living. She was born Feb. 13, 1911, in Ann Arbor the daughter of Matthew and Lydia (Sutter) Rentschler.

Mrs. Kranich was an active member of the Rebekahs and was a member of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ.

She worked for many years at Lyndon Photo Studios in Dexter. She loved to garden, particularly special flowers such as the iris. She

also enjoyed traveling and was an avid photographer.

Mrs. Kranich is survived by her daughter, Jan (Bruce) Dobbs; step-daughter, Patricia Russell; four grandchildren, Kyle, Lindsay, Courtney and Hadley Dobbs; special friends and sisters-in-laws, Virginia and Charlotte; many step-grandchildren; and special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her

first husband, Harle Apple; her second husband, Walter Kranich; step-daughters, Katherine Estey and Irene Hubbell; and a brother, Robert Rentschler.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place. No services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice. Arrangements were by Hosmer-Muehlberg Funeral Chapel in Dexter.

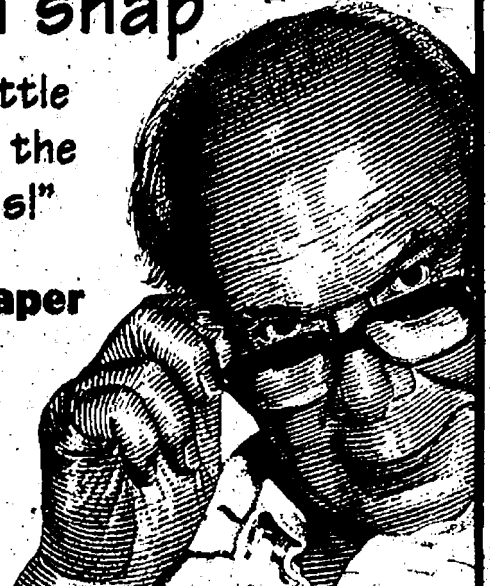
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Sunday School at 10:00 am  
New Interim Rector:  
The Rev. Bruce Birdsey  
Associate Rector:  
The Rev. Deane Glover-Bartholomew

**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.

**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@cuaa.edu

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CHELSEA-DEXTER AREA

# Brazilian journalists interview farmers, officials

Reporters interested in trade agreement, general election

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

A group of four Brazilian journalists, accompanied by a translator, recently visited a Grass Lake farm and a Lima Township polling site to bring news from America back home.

The entourage met with Lima Township Supervisor Kenneth Unterbrink and Michigan State University Extension agent Van Varner, as well as Grass Lake soybean farmers. Judy and Charles Koenn Oct. 29, touring the Koenn farm and observing voting preparations under way at Lima Township Hall for the Nov. 2 general election.

Along with visiting Michigan, where they watched President George W. Bush deliver a campaign stump speech at the Pontiac Silverdome, the reporters made stops in Washington, D.C., and Tampa, Fla., to observe election procedures, including voting activity on Election Day.

At the Koenn farm, translator J.A. Ceschin said soybeans crops are extremely important to Brazil, as is agriculture in general.

The journalists were reporting on international trade problems between Brazil and the United States, Ceschin said, that are aggravated by U.S. subsidies to domestic farms.

"We wanted to see the view of the farmers, not just the government," Ceschin said.

In Brazil, Ceschin said much of the farm labor is still done by hand, whereas American farmers benefit from more modern equipment.

Brazilian farmers share their equipment cooperatively to a much greater extent than their American counterparts, Varner said.

The journalists were impressed by the production an American farmer achieves working with a six-month growing cycle, as opposed to a 12-month cycle enjoyed by Brazilian farmers, he said.

Ceschin said crops are much cheaper to grow in Brazil, meaning Brazilian farmers can sell for lower prices on the international market.

The subsidies make it possible for American farmers to sell crops internationally, he said.

"Brazil wants to talk about farm and steel subsidies," Ceschin added.

Such issues are closely tied with the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas, the coordinating committee of which comprises the United States and Brazil as co-chairs.

Talks between the two countries are currently at a standstill because of an impasse issue of subsidies granted to farmers by the U.S. government.

Sponsored by the United States, the Free Trade Area of the Americas is the expansion of the North American Free Trade Agreement to every country in Central America, the Caribbean and South America, except Cuba.

When it was drawn up shortly after the completion of North American Free Trade Agreement in 1994, the Free Trade Area of the Americas was scheduled to take effect in 2005.

As the journalists visited the Koenn farm, located at 2200 Hayes Road, farming and trade conversations quickly gave way to political banter.

Ceschin said the Brazilian crew noticed that local farmers tend to hold anti-abortion attitudes and believe in cutting taxes, all bedrock Republican values, in other words.

Anna Gabriela Guerreiro, a reporter for Brazilian communications company Radiobras, said the group strongly supported presiden-



A group of Brazilian journalists interview Grass Lake soybean farmers Charles and Judy Koenn Oct. 29 at the Koenns' farm, 2200 Hayes Road. The journalists visited the farm, as well as Lima Township Hall, to gather information related to the Free Trade Area of the Americas and the Nov. 2 general election.

tial hopeful Sen. John Kerry, and that they didn't like Bush.

Ceschin echoed that sentiment, disparaging the Bush administration's attitude toward international relations.

"Basically, the attitude of invading Iraq is a sin," Ceschin said.

"It's this overall attitude that Bush has invading a country, or that you call the championship for American baseball the World Series."

Ceschin then alluded to another Republican president to exemplify differences in global opinions.

"Reagan said Americans won the Cold War, but the world thinks communism blew itself up," Ceschin said. Ceschin said such American attitudes are impeding the Free Trade

Area of the Americas talks.

"The attitude of the Brazilian is: 'We need to negotiate on equal terms,'" Ceschin said. "But it's hard for Brazilians to negotiate because they're looked at as just another country in South America. So they want that to change. Again, it's about attitude."

While the political rhetoric was at times harsh, the mood at the Koenn household remained congenial, as Judy Koenn served fresh apple pie and coffee to the visitors.

"We like to show some American hospitality," she said as her guests departed.

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And remember to take care of your health before it's too late.

Ernie Harwell, known as the voice of the Detroit Tigers for more than four decades, is now a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

## EARNING RECOGNITION



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A Bounce Above party and moon-bounce rental in Dexter specializes in putting smiles on children's faces. Jeff and Tammy James own the business. They are pictured with their children, Shelbee, Owen and Mackenzie.

## BIZ PROFILE

# A Bounce Above specializes in creating laughter, smiles

**A BOUNCE ABOVE**  
8206 Webster Drive  
Dexter, MI 48130

Type of business: Party rental, moon-bounce rental.

Year established and number of years in business: One year

Ownership and educational background: Jeff and Tammy James of Dexter. Both college graduates.

Number of employees: Two.

Q: What makes your business unique?

A: We specialize in putting smiles on faces. Our moon-bouncers are great enter-

tainment for a variety of parties/gatherings. Kids and even adults love them. We carefully chose our bouncers to assure safety and satisfaction.

Q: Why did you choose the Dexter or Chelsea area for your business?

A: We live in Dexter and wanted to keep within our community.

Q: Describe your business philosophy:

A: To put smiles on every child's face while assuring the highest degree of safety. To take the stress out of party planning.

Q: What's the most enjoyable part of

owning and operating your own business?

A: Seeing the eyes widen and faces glow of the children as the moon-bouncers fill up. We have three small children and love to see all children have fun.

Q: What are your business-related goals for the next five years?

A: We are hoping to expand our rental products to offer tables and chairs, tents, popcorn poppers, cotton candy machines and to become a one-stop party rental. Eventually, we would like to offer complete party planning services.

## MINDING YOUR BUSINESS

# Businesses can deduct employee, customer gifts

Want to show your appreciation to certain employees or customers by giving them a gift?

If so, you may want to do it in such a way that your business can deduct the cost of the gift for income tax purposes. The applicable rules are quite strict.

## EMPLOYEES

The first rule relates to gifts made to employees.

Companies that choose to give a cash gift to employees can deduct the entire amount, but the gift is treated as a bonus and must be included as compensation subject to payroll taxes. This seems to detract from the notion of a gift.

Gifts other than money also must be included in compensation unless the item is relatively inexpensive, such as a holiday turkey. (The cost of such nominal gifts is still deductible as a business expense).

## CUSTOMERS

The second category relates to gifts made to customers. To preclude abuse, Congress limited these gifts to \$25 per individual customer per year.

This limit was established in the early 1960s and has never been adjusted for inflation. A business concerned with its image might have difficulty finding suitable gifts in this price range today.

However, gifts to business entities that are not for the personal use of some easily identifiable person are not held to the \$25.

Since the rules in this area can be complicated, no gift over \$25 should be made without first checking the tax treatment.

The rules create a few other exceptions. Promotional items costing \$4 or less that clearly show the taxpayer's name are not included as part of the \$25 limit.

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## DEXTER VILLAGE

# Business collecting gifts for SAFE House

Dexter Orthodontics needs donations dropped off by Dec. 16

By Maria Sprow  
Staff Writer

Mary Beth Moenssen has made a career out of making Dexter-area residents smile.

But the local orthodontist felt the need to branch out this holiday season — this time to about 800 women and children she has never met.

They are the users of The Domestic Violence Project/SAFE House, a shelter, crisis line and domestic violence center that serves all of Washtenaw County.

Moenssen is helping to sponsor a gift donation drive for SAFE House.

While the drive is just beginning, the local doctor is hoping it will quickly spread to not just include her own business, but others throughout the area.

Moenssen is inviting people to drop off gifts — new and unwrapped — at her practice, which is across the street from Mill Creek Middle School at 7300 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road in Dexter.

The gifts must be collected by Dec. 16, when they will be delivered to SAFE House in Ann Arbor.

Each year, SAFE House invites its users — who are either abused or sexually assaulted women, many of whom are low-income and have children — to come to the shelter and select Christmas gifts for themselves and their children.

They are very grateful, she said.

They are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, so most of the time they are by themselves. Without these gifts, those who celebrate Christmas would not have a Christmas," said Liz Reese, the facilities and operations director for SAFE House.

"They are very grateful," she said. Luckily, Moenssen has never needed to use SAFE House's services. But she said she still thinks helping the organization will make her holiday more meaningful, for both her

and the others who choose to donate.

"This is a group of women and children that are in great need of generosity. They have suffered a lot of hardship in their lives," Moenssen said.

She's already working on purchasing her own gifts for the drive.

"Pre-teens and teenagers are the hardest to shop for, and they have really stressed the need for pre-teen and teenaged gifts," Moenssen said. "I'm going to buy gift certificates, so they can buy what they want."

For those who want to help, but may have trouble selecting a gift, SAFE House has gift registries available at a variety of different locations. They include Toys R Us, Linens and Things, Old Navy, Bed Bath and Beyond, Meijer, Target, Wal-Mart, Kohls, Best Buy and J.C. Penny.

The list of items includes new clothing of all sizes, from infants to adults; winter wear, such as hats, coats, gloves and boots; books for all reading levels, including picture books, novels, cook books, educational books; and toys for children of all ages, ranging from tricycles to CDs, dolls, games and calculators; and gift certificates.

House warming items for women leaving the SAFE House shelter and starting out on their own are also encouraged.

A full list is located online at the SAFE House Web site, [www.dvph.org](http://www.dvph.org).

Moenssen said the idea for the donation drive came from one of her employees when they were brainstorming ideas for a Christmas-season contest.

"We were trying to think of something where not only do our clients have an opportunity to win a prize, but they have the opportunity to help the community and bring Christmas to the children who are in most need of uplifting during the holidays," she said.

"It really was traditional brainstorming. What can we do, who can we help, who needs it most?"

Jo Ann Catalfo, who serves as the office manager at the business, said she came up with the idea to give to SAFE House.

"It's an organization that a lot of people are unaware of, and at some point in their life might need it," she said. "It helps women,



Mary Beth Moenssen of Dexter Orthodontics is encouraging residents to bring in new and unwrapped Christmas gifts as part of a gift donation drive for The Domestic Violence Project/SAFE House. Gifts must be dropped off at the office, located across the street from Mill Creek Middle School, by Dec. 16. As part of the donation drive, residents who donate will be entered into a prize drawing. Six people will receive awards for their generosity.

Photo by Scott Hagen

and primarily our office is a female organization, so it's women helping women."

As far as what she will be adding to the drive, Catalfo, who lives in Saline, said she plans on handing the task over to her children.

"They mostly need items for teenagers and adults, so I'm going to take my family, because I have teenagers, and we're going to go pick out items," she said.

Besides dropping off donations at Moenssen's practice, people who want to help may drop off gifts directly at SAFE

House, 4100 Clark Road in Ann Arbor between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All gifts must be new and unwrapped. Gifts, which would include some video games, action heroes, T-shirts, or movies, should not promote, imitate or depict violent behavior or substance abuse.

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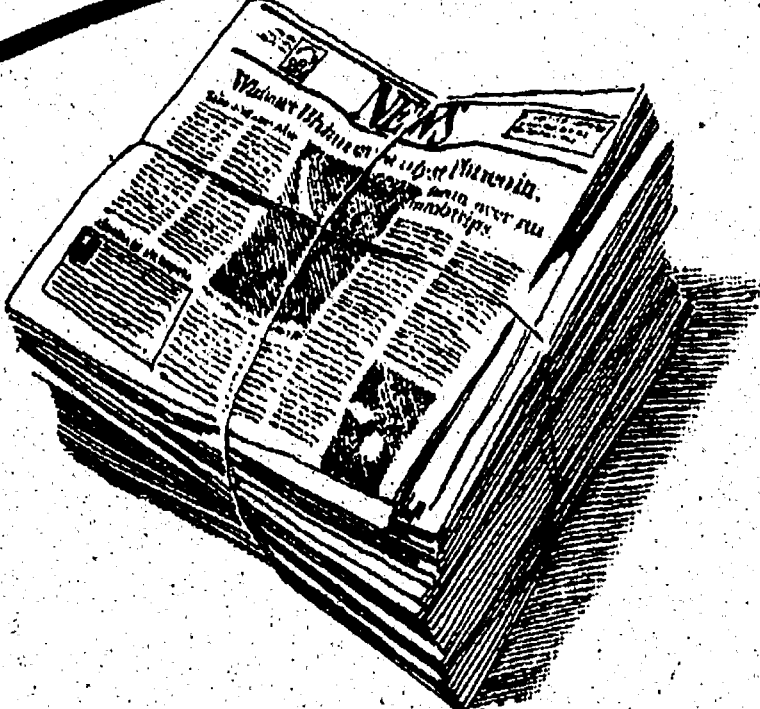
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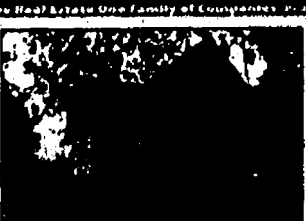
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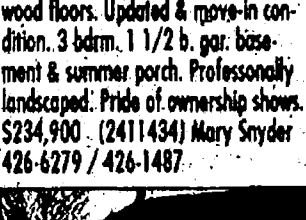
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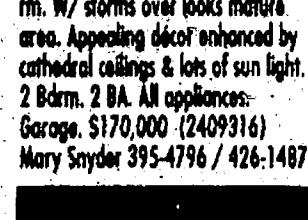
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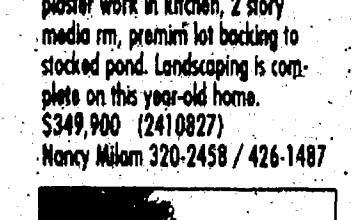
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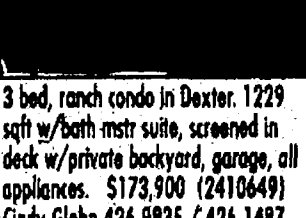
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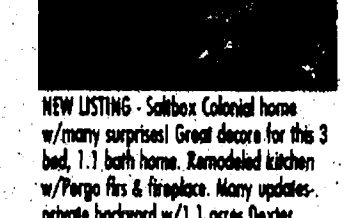
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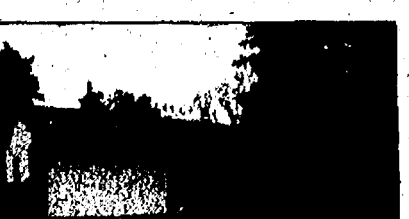
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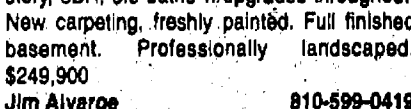
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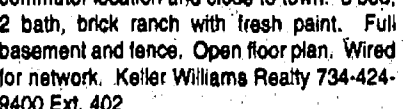
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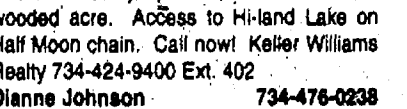
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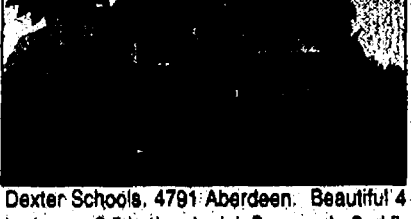
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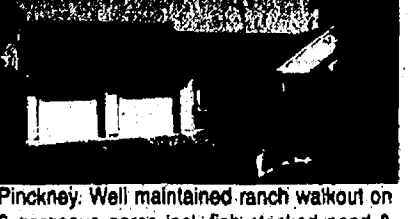
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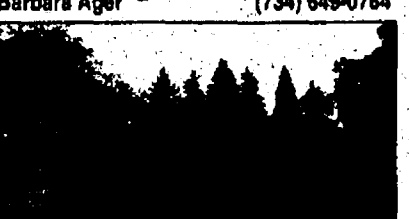
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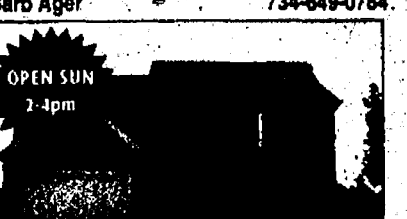
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What a honeymoon! You had a wonderful time, spending money like movie stars and relaxing after the whirlwind of a wedding. But now the gifts are opened, the "thank you" notes are looming, you're back at work and the bills are waiting.

So how do you and your spouse merge your finances and begin a life of married bliss?

According to a nationwide survey conducted by NFO Research for IHateFinancialPlanning.com, arguing with a spouse or partner about money is one of the top three things that worry Americans the most about their personal finances.

The same survey notes that couples would rather make whoopee than talk about financial planning (well, who wouldn't?). That shouldn't come as much of a surprise for newlyweds, but your finances (or lack thereof) still need to be addressed.

"Although it can be stressful, time consuming and a little overwhelming, merging finances doesn't have to be a negative experience," says Randy Schuldt, vice president of IHateFinancialPlanning.com, a Web site for the three out of four Americans who hate financial planning.

The Web site offers the following tips for newlyweds hoping to live happily ever after:

## Know where you are headed.

Even before you walk down the aisle, we recommend that you and your soon-to-be spouse share the intimate details of your financial life. You may find that both of you hate financial planning, but that doesn't mean that avoiding it together makes it any easier.

## To change or not to change.

Some couples stay with their given names; some women replace their middle name with their maiden name, some couples hyphenate and others create a completely new last name. It's up to you. However, if you are going to change your name, take the time to update records, identification and other important documents.

Let the government in on your good news.

If you change your name, you will also need to update your Social Security card, preferably before tax season comes around. Visit the Social Security Administration's Web site at

www.ssa.gov for more information, but be prepared to provide information documenting your new and old names.

You can expect to receive your new card in 10 days showing your new name but with your same number. If you don't take time to change your Social Security card or decide not to change your name, the IRS assures you that you can still file taxes as "Married Filing Jointly."

For answers to questions on how to file as a married couple, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). You'll also need to take a trip to your Department of Motor Vehicles to update your driver's license. Call ahead or visit [www.dmv.org](http://www.dmv.org) for details on documentation your state requires.

## That little piece of paper.

Don't put that marriage certificate away in a special place where "you won't forget it." Chances are that your favorite financial representatives weren't able to make it to your wedding, and, even if they did, they will need to see the certificate to confirm that you did indeed tie the knot if you want to change your accounts.

Pictures of you at the reception cutting the cake won't work either. Even airline frequent flyer programs have been known to request it before updating your records with a new married name, so make sure to keep it handy.

## Consolidation may save you money.

You may find it easier to have separate rather than consolidated accounts because it's easier to keep track of written checks, and you don't have to share a physical checkbook. But you might incur more bank and check fees, so seriously consider merging your accounts instead.

If you do consolidate, try using checkbooks that have duplicate records and leaving the check register in a central location. Then you and your spouse can record the checks, withdrawals and deposits in one place.

## Make a date.

Once you are married, you and spouse can still make dates with one another. Flirting during the date may take second fiddle while you discuss financial planning, but you will probably have more fun in the long run.

Decide on a good time to dis-

cuss finances and then make it part of your married monthly routine. During your financial date, review bills, expenses, spending, saving or investing and income.

These meetings are also a time to clear the air about any financial concerns you each may have and can easily lead to deeper discussions about career goals, division of responsibilities in the home and larger financial goals, so listen carefully.

## Auto and health insurance could save you money.

Marriage is a good reason to re-evaluate your auto and health insurance coverage. Review the types of insurance available to make sure you're both covered. If you both have vehicles, you may be eligible for a multiple-vehicle discount if you get your policies from the same insurance provider. Just getting married may decrease your insurance premium, too.

Check around for competitive quotes while you're at it. If you're both employed and receive medical benefits from your employ-

ers, you may want to consider whether it would be advantageous to consolidate under one plan or maintain your individual plans. Review your plan documents or talk to your benefits administrator to find out what options are available.

## More insurance options for married folks.

Although these topics are unpleasant to consider, you may also want to find out if your employer offers disability income insurance, a guarantee of income in the event of a disabling illness or accident, and life insurance.

Disability income and life insurance are things no one likes to think about, but when an accident or premature death occurs, they can greatly reduce financial worries during difficult times. Life insurance is easiest to get (and most affordable) when you're young and healthy, so don't put it off until you're older.

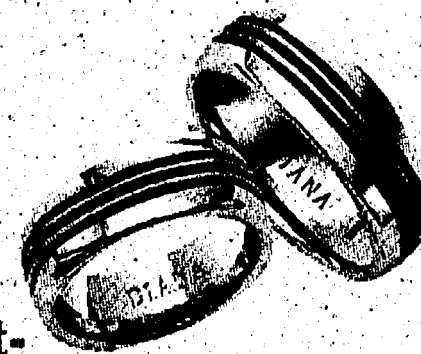
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# Tradition always in style for bridal couple

Each culture has its particular parts of Denmark, the traditions surrounding a marriage and the wedding ceremony. Most of the Western wedding traditions have their roots in many ancient Roman, Anglo-Saxon, and European practices, and the history of these can provide a host of ideas for your own event, whether it be a lavish formal affair or a small intimate ceremony.

With this ring... In ancient times, hemp was used as a makeshift ring given by a groom to his bride. The hemp didn't last and had to be replaced frequently. Eventually, the Romans developed the idea of making a ring out of iron. The Romans and the ancient Greeks both believed that the vein in the third finger of the left hand went directly to the heart, and provided a connection between bride and groom that symbolized eternal love. Rings were used in the Middle East as coins before currency was developed, but it wasn't until the 9th century that a ring became part of the betrothal. Pope Nicholas I decreed that all men intending to marry had to present a ring of gold to their bride-to-be as a sign of financial sacrifice. In 1477, King Maximilian presented what historians believe is the first diamond engagement ring to his beloved Mary of Burgundy. Venetians reportedly popularized the custom in the 15th century.

The wedding cake as we know it today evolved after the discovery of a whipped form of sugar, which the vertical line had was translated to wedding cake in the form of "tiers," with the cake first being placed on a stand, and a vase of flowers placed on top of it. Eventually, more tiers were added, depending on what a couple's family could afford. By the late 1880s, the French had developed the sugary piping to decorate a cake, and during the late 1890s, pillars were added to support ever more tiers. The vase of flowers was reduced to a smaller form, hence the style fruitcake. In Victorian England, that is used still today.

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**I**n ancient times, men didn't bother with a first date or even a marriage proposal. A young man with wedding bliss on his mind typically abducted the woman of his choice and held her captive in a secret location. A groom would be entitled to keep his bride if he prevented her from escaping him for an entire "moon" or lunar cycle. The groom typically could ensure success by forcing her to drink a honey ale, and getting her pregnant before her parents could find them. Over time, this practice died out, but the words to describe it evolved into the "honeymoon."

Many marriages were accomplished by capture or kidnapping, and a strong, capable friend of the groom who could help fight off other prospective spouses often was invited to come along for the old-fashioned ceremony, hence the name "best man."

But abduction wasn't the only way a couple married. The preferred matrimonial union often began in childhood, when two families would arrange a marriage between their children for financial or political purposes. A bride also was considered in those days to be the property of her father, to be exchanged for land or social status. The word "wedd" meant the groom would promise to marry the woman, and give the father whatever the two had agreed on in the deal.

**Let them eat cake...**

The wedding cake started in ancient Rome, when the newly married couple would eat a cake made of salt water and flour, and the bride carried three wheat ears to symbolize fruitfulness. In the Middle Ages, guests took to throwing wheat grains after the bride, and even later, loaves of bread would be baked and then broken over the head of the bride during the ceremony. By the 17th century, the loaves contained fruits, eggs, sugar, nuts, spices, and alcohol, all piled into a tall mound over which the bridal couple would kiss. Prosperity was assured if the couple succeeded.

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## FIT FOR THE OCCASION:

# Selecting the right gown

Congratulations. Someone you know is getting married — maybe it's even you. Once the initial shock has subsided, you realize just how much needs to be done before the momentous day arrives. Apart from booking a place of worship, reception site and disk jockey, choosing a wedding day wardrobe is just as important an item on your "to do" list.

Finding the perfect wedding gown and bridesmaid's attire is not as easy as it may seem. Consider this down-to-earth advice to avoid a few headaches during the adventure we call planning a wedding.

## BRIDAL-GOWN GAFFES

Many would-be brides are so swept up with emotions concerning their wedding that they make some mistakes and have common misconceptions about the big day.

Information overload. If you've bought every bridal magazine on the newsstands, you'll soon take in more information than you can handle. Limit yourself to a few periodicals. This will help prevent paging through hundreds of

styles of gowns and having trouble deciding on one. And don't start browsing too early. If your wedding is two years away, styles will likely change between now and then, and some lines may be discontinued.

Lack of flexibility. When you have some general ideas of what you like, don't head into the store with your heart set on one particular gown; unless you're built like Heidi Klum or Tyra Banks, how a gown looks on the pictured model may not always be the way it looks on you. Be open to trying a variety of cuts and styles — even ones you hadn't considered. You may be surprised that the lacy number you thought you'd avoid is the perfect gown for you.

The big squeeze. Bridal stores are often stocked with samples in a few sizes, unless they cater to a specific group, like plus sizes. Don't expect to fit perfectly into the gowns you try on. While that does make it more difficult to get an accurate picture of how you will look in the gown, remember that if you like the general style of the gown, it will look that much better in your size.

Sticker shock. We're not talking about price here, ladies. Major trauma can occur when you and your bridesmaids learn about bridal-gown sizing charts. Don't expect your gown to be the size you wear in ordinary clothing. Customarily, these gowns are cut smaller, and you'll probably order a gown a few sizes larger than your normal size. For example, if you wear a 10, depending upon the designer, you may need to order a 14 or 16. These sizes are based upon your hip, waist and bust measurements, and then they're compared to the sizing chart for that manufacturer. It's



Wedding day attire takes planning, preparation and patience to help keep the special occasion running smoothly.

better to have a dress that's too large rather than one that is too small. That way, the gown can be altered to fit you perfectly.

## BRIDESMAID BLUNDERS

Incorporating your closest family members and friends into your big day is an honor. However, expect a few bumps along the way. Knowing about possible pitfalls can help you smooth out the ride.

Personality clashes. Kristen wants to wear crimson and Karen wants to wear powder blue. Andrea is busty and Jill is stick thin. How can you possibly choose a gown that will suit everyone when there are so many personalities and body types to consider? Remember, you're the bride, and while it's nice to solicit the advice of your bridesmaids, you ultimately have the final say. If you want them to wear a red and green plaid gown with a big bow on the back, the ladies should grin and bear it.

When trying out bridesmaids' gowns, it is a good idea to take along at least two members of

your bridal party with varying body types. That way you can see how a particular style will look on both frames.

Sticker shock, take 2. This time, we are talking about cost. Bridesmaids may agree to be in your wedding without fully understanding the costs involved. Expect that a few will be taken by surprise when they see how much that satin and tulle number will be, not to mention its alterations. You may want to help lighten the burden by offering to purchase their shoes or another accessory.

## A LOOK AT ALTERATIONS

Alterations will definitely be needed for you and members of the bridal party. Stressing the importance of fittings will help things go smoothly.

Taking measurements. A member of the store staff will take your measurements and order the closest-size dress. Keep in mind that plus-size dresses may require an additional charge. A deposit is usually required at the time of ordering.

They've arrived. As the bride, you will receive all calls concerning the arrival of your bridal party gowns and, of course, your own. You will be responsible for informing the bridal party that they need to make their first fitting appointment, usually scheduled at least a month before the wedding date.

First fitting. Bring the undergarments, particularly the bra, you will be wearing and shoes that are similar in height to the ones you will wear on the wedding day to your fitting. A seamstress will decide where alterations need to be made. Be sure to speak up about anything that is



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# Making, saving on your wedding

When you are starting your life together, you suddenly have new expenses. Perhaps you are paying for your wedding, saving for a new home or stashing money in the bank for when baby arrives down the road. Indeed, most couples — engaged or newlywed — are likely looking for any way to save or make some money.

Ever thought of hitting the Internet to buy or get rid of wedding essentials? eBay, a Web-based auction site, is an ideal forum to purchase items for the wedding or sell items you no longer need after the affair. The proof is in the numbers. In a recent 30-day period, 27,757 wedding items sold on eBay, with the top selling item going for \$1,350. Among the items sold were wedding bands, wedding gowns, wedding plates, wedding bows and

wedding stickers.

To get the most bang for your buck or to make the most profit, it's best to understand how eBay customers word their search terms and just what items they are looking for. According to James Dillehay, artist, entrepreneur, educator and author of "Sell Your Crafts on eBay" (Warm Snow Publishers, \$16.95), how you spell a word impacts an item's profitability. For example, the word 'handmade,' spelled as one word, was part of 2,233 auction titles from February 12, 2004 to March 12, 2004, with an average closing price of \$16.29. However, auction titles that included "hand made" as two words were found in 1,358 listings for the same period. And this average auction closing price was higher, at \$27.81, or \$11.52 more profit per item.

## SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

### Preserve a timeless tradition

Ever wonder why a bride is encouraged to wear "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue?"

The tradition comes from England, and a lesser known part of the rhyme includes giving the bride a sixpence to put into her shoe. The silver coin is thought to bring the bride good fortune in her marriage. Today, the father of the bride will place a coin in the bride's shoe before leaving for the church.

"Something old" represents continuity as the bride moves from her old life into her new life. It also signifies durability in the marriage. Brides often choose from lace, a handkerchief, or piece of jewelry that belonged to a grandmother or mother.

"Something new" symbolizes optimism for the future as the couple builds its new life together. This could be the wedding rings or an article of clothing.

"Something borrowed" should be chosen with great care. It symbolizes future happiness, and should be an item from a happily married woman whose virtues you aspire to. The tradition is meant to ensure marital bliss.

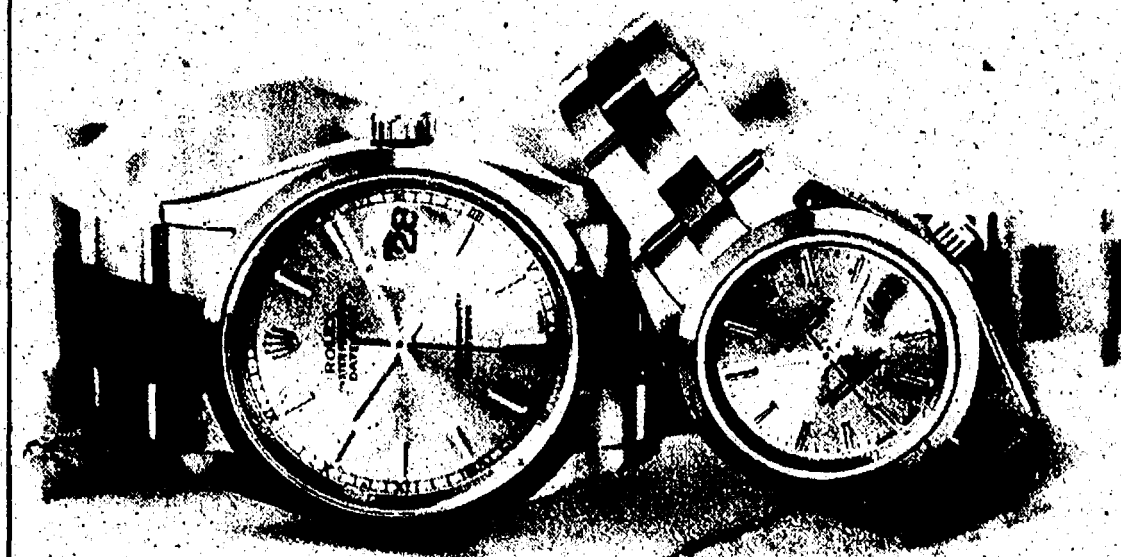
"Something blue" means modesty, fidelity, and love and comes from early Jewish history, when blue, not white, symbolized purity. In those days, the bride and the groom wore a band of blue around the hem of their wedding attire. Many brides choose a garter with a blue satin ribbon.



Every happy couple is always looking to save or make money. Online auctions can be the easiest and most profitable way.

Discover how to use eBay to your advantage even beyond wedding items. Dillehay's book includes more than 50 examples to help you sell and buy art, craft and theme-related items. Most important, learn how to research which words to include in your item auctions and how people search for regionally made arts, crafts, niche and seasonal items. By discovering what is in demand and how much people will pay for these goods, you will boost your profitability potential — and perhaps afford that honeymoon after all. For more information or to order the book, call (800) 235-6570, or visit [www.craftmarketer.com](http://www.craftmarketer.com).

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# Wedding checklist can help make day a success



It always helps to have some kind of checklist to help you plan your perfect day.

## When you get engaged

- Discuss a budget and the size and style of the wedding with your parents.
- Decide who pays for what.
- If you will be using a wedding consultant, enlist their services.
- Meet with clergy member; schedule pre-marital counseling.

—Reserve wedding and reception sites; make initial catering contacts.

—Register at local bridal registries.

—Contact photographers; hire one.

## 6 Months or More Before

- Compile the guest list.
- Reserve a block of hotel rooms for out-of-town guests.
- Choose engagement and wed-

ding rings.

—Send your engagement announcement to newspapers.

—Select and order wedding gown.

—Select the attendants (bridesmaids and groomsmen). Choose and order bridesmaids dresses.

—Select one usher for every 50 guests.

—Check out videographers. Hire one.

—Make arrangements for the music at the wedding and reception.

—Check out bakers. Get estimates. Book the date.

—Plan beauty preparations (nails, diet, hair, skin care and makeup).

## Four Months Before

—Complete the guest list and confirm final details with the caterer.

—Order invitations (25 extra) and personal stationery or "Thank You" notes.

—Order napkins and purchase any other items needed for the ceremony and reception. Check with the caterer to see what they include.

—Visit the photographer again to discuss specifics. Use the "Photographer Checklist".

—Get estimates and order flowers and floral arrangements for wedding and reception.

—Get estimates and order balloons, decorations and favors for wedding and reception.

—Make all transportation arrangements to and from the wedding and the reception.

Consider hiring a limousine, party bus, trolley or horse-drawn carriage.

—Book room for wedding night.

—Make honeymoon plans.

## Three Months Before

—Order wedding rings. Allow time for any final engraving.

—Order tuxedos for the groomsmen and fathers.

—Complete all honeymoon plans. If traveling outside the country,

check on visas, passports and inoculations.

## Two Months Before:

—Mail invitations (six weeks before the wedding; eight weeks to out-of-town guests).

—Make appointments with the hairdresser for the bride and attendants or out-of-town guests.

—Buy a wedding gift for your future spouse and gifts for attendants and helpers.

—Finalize arrangements of accommodations for out-of-town attendants and guests.

## One Month Before

—Choose all accessories, shoes and lingerie for bridal gown.

—Have final fitting for bridal gown and bridesmaids' dresses.

—Have beauty consultant do a trial run with bride's hair and makeup.

Schedule this appointment on the day the bridal portrait is taken and/or a party is planned.

—Have bridal portrait taken.

—Register all tuxedo sizes with the formal wear store.

—Check with the newspapers on wedding announcement requirements.

—Finalize plans for rehearsal dinner. Plan seating arrangements for the rehearsal dinner and reception.

—Arrange bridesmaids' luncheon. Often, that is when the bride gives them their gifts.

—Complete name-change documents.

—Complete change-of-address information for post-office.

—Keep current with "Thank You" notes for shower and early wedding gifts.

## Two Weeks Before

—Get the marriage license. Be sure to bring all needed documents.

—Inform or send invitations including exact time and location to those who will attend the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.

—Inquire about where you and

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# Bachelorette parties are a great way to break the ice

Bachelorette parties are getting more and more popular, and there are hundreds of unique ideas to make the party a night the bride will never forget.

To plan a successful bachelorette party, Becky Long offers the following bachelorette party tips from her book "The Best Bachelorette Party Book" (Meadowbrook Press).

Send clever invitations to set the stage for your bachelorette theme party.

For a party with a "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" theme, attach a tag card that features details about your pool party to inexpensive flip-flops.

Host a scavenger hunt. Send bachelorettes out on the town to serenade strangers and collect fun items for points.

Help guests get to know one another at the party with an ice-breaker. For example, display funny pictures of the bride and have the guests write captions for prizes.

Get some use out of a retired bridesmaid's gown. Invite the gang to don the most embarrassing ones

they own to your next bachelorette party.

Hit the road for your next bachelorette bash. A change of scenery always spices things up a bit.

Make overnight bags from men's boxer shorts by the sewing the legs closed and attaching a handle.

Play Truth or Consequences. If a guest can't guess where the bride went on her first date with her fiancé, the group can think of some funny consequences.

Scour flea markets for an old suitcase. Ask guests to fill it with items that the bride should take on her honeymoon. Present it to her as a group gift.

Something different and host a girls' night in rather than out, with a chick-flickathon. Rent your favorite movies and serve up decadent desserts and fabulous frozen ice cream drinks.

Challenge guests to keep certain words or actions off-limits during the party. For instance, declare that no one can say the groom's name all evening. If someone slips, she has to perform a service for the bride.



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your attendants will dress for the ceremony.

—Walk through the entire event in your mind. Consider things like parking, access for handicapped guests, etc.

Confirm all transportation plans.

—Check in with caterer, photographer, videographer, musicians, DJ, florist, etc. to confirm all arrangements.

—"Break in" wedding shoes at home.

**One Week Before:**

—Appoint someone to act as an "organizer" to handle any last minute problems.

—Give a final guest count to the caterer.

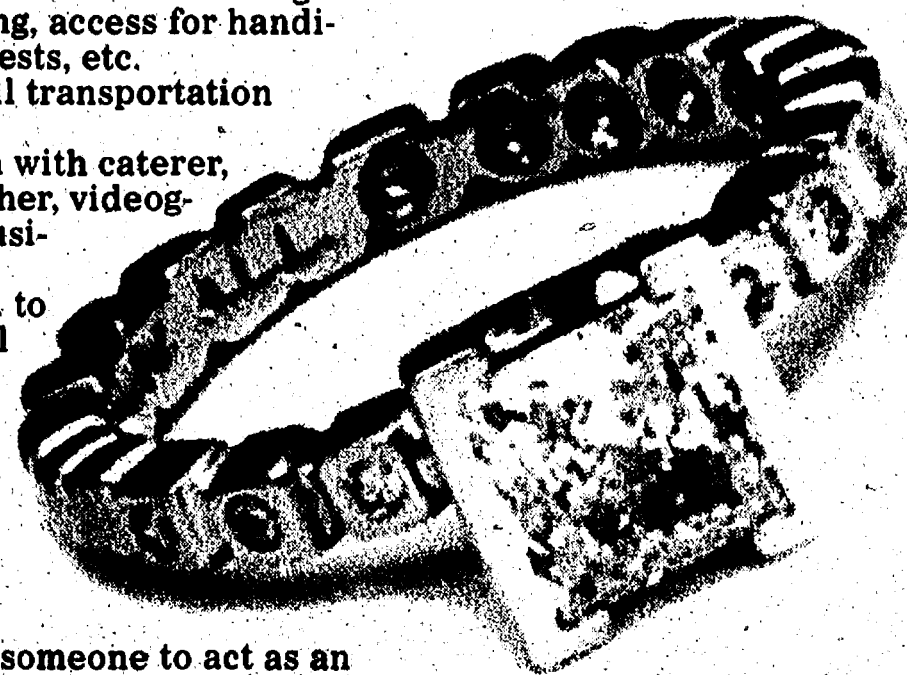
—Review final details for those in the wedding party.

—Confirm honeymoon arrangements.

—Pack for the honeymoon.

Know what you'll wear from the reception.

—Enjoy a day with your family and friends. Visit a day spa, have a massage, a facial and relax.



**One Day Before**

—Attend the rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.

—Give the rings and clergyman's fee to the best man.

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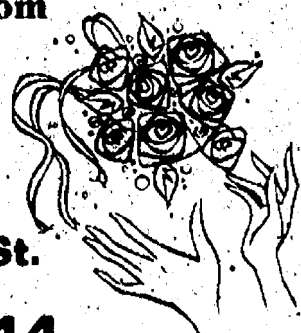
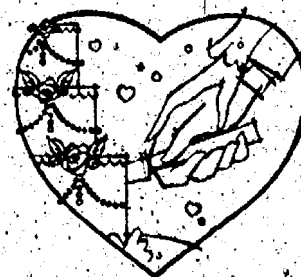
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# Don't be 'Bridezilla' on your wedding day

You once had a best friend who always had a smile on her face and a laid-back attitude toward life. She was a pleasure to be around and you enjoyed doing things together. But then ... her boyfriend proposed. And sooner than he could say "Will you marry me?" she became ... a "bridezilla."

The word "bridezilla" is a combination of "bride" and "Godzilla." And much like that familiar lizard from the cult sci-fi flicks, Bridezillas wreak havoc upon the lives of everyone in their path. They make obscene demands and disobey all rules of etiquette. They see their wedding and the months prior to it as the most important time in not only their life, but everyone else's.

Bridezilla drags you to dozens

of stores to find her perfect wedding dress. She dictates that you'll be wearing seafoam green or fuschia as the maid of honor. She stresses about her china patterns. She may cry uncontrollably at the drop of a hat, or throw a tantrum over napkin colors. The only topic of conversation between the two of you from her engagement until the wedding is "her day."

Earning the title of Bridezilla is not something a bride should strive for or a bridal party attendant should have to live with. Learn to recognize the early warning signs and help to stop the Bridezilla in your life — or in yourself — before the big day.

## BRIDAL PARTY

Bridezilla: She chooses her wedding party based on their

weeks later. At this time, you'll see how the gown fits after the alterations have been completed. It is essential to have your wedding-day shoes at this time to ensure that the length of your gown is just right. At this time, if everything fits, your dress will be steamed and you can take it home. If additional work needs to be done, another appointment will be necessary.

Wardrobing your wedding party doesn't have to be a chore. Preparation is the key to heading off confusion, arguments and hard feelings so your wedding experience and memories will be enjoyable.

all the children treated the same or are there special circumstances that make it fairer to treat some children differently? Your children will thank you after you're gone for dealing with these issues now.

## Promises, promises, promises.

You have promised to love one another until "death do you part." Now make some additional promises to help you now and in the future.

Promise to consult one another before making a major purchase. Set a price on what's okay to purchase before a discussion needs to take place.

Use credit responsibly—Debtors Anonymous is not looking for new members. And work together to build a financially stable future for you and any children you may be responsible for.

Kids! Who can afford those critters? You can, if you plan.

dress sizes — the thinner the girl, the better.

Bride: Her bridal party is made up of friends and family who mean something to her, regardless of their size and shape.

Bridezilla: She dresses her bridesmaids in ball gowns with frills and bows that cost hundreds of dollars. They can never be worn again, and the style only looks good on someone thinner.

Bride: She chooses an affordable dress that everyone likes and can wear to another wedding. It flatters all body types.

## BRIDAL ATTIRE

Bridezilla: She has to have the latest, greatest wedding gown with expensive embellishments. She'll expect her parents to foot the bill.

Bride: She'll shop around to find a moderately-priced gown that is flattering to her figure, regardless of whether it is from a top designer.

## THE WEDDING

Bridezilla: Her wedding is the only topic of conversation.

Bride: She is getting married, but she can talk about something other than the wedding.

Bridezilla: She's inviting everyone she's ever met since first grade. Her parents had to sell a car and take out a loan to pay for the wedding.

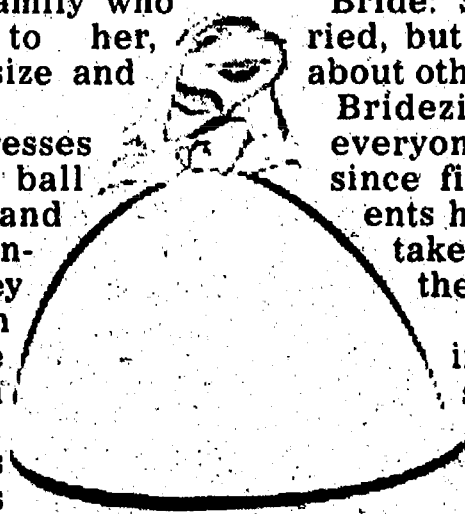
Bride: She is inviting people who mean something to her and is sticking to the budget.

Remember, a wedding is a celebration, not a "show" where the bride plays director. The bridal party shouldn't have to conform to the bride's "vision." Rather, they should enjoy being part of the start of the bride's future.

## GIFTS

Bridezilla: She rarely writes thank-you notes. If she does, they are impersonal mass e-mails.

Bride: The bride writes thoughtful thank-you's for every gift she receives. They sound genuine and from the heart.



## GOWN

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uncomfortable or changes you would like to make. Remember that straps can be made wider, hems can be shortened and tops can be taken in. Major alterations that involve adding fabric may require an additional cost.

Some stores include alterations in their initial dress price. Others have a set scale for work that needs to be done. Inquire about this early on, and factor it into your budget.

Next appointment. Depending upon the alterations, a follow-up appointment will be set for a few

## FINANCES

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ance policies, change the beneficiary designation to include your spouse once you're married. You may also want to consider umbrella and term insurance.

## Where there's a will ...

Now may be the first time in your life that you've ever needed a will. In the case of a married couple with no children, a quick trip to a lawyer can put your mind at ease that your assets will be divided the way you want should something happen to one or both of you. That visit may last a little longer, but is even more important, if either of you has children from a previous relationship.

Dividing financial and personal assets among children can be sensitive and may raise issues that are difficult to think about. Are

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