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CHELSEA

BookCrafters building to be demolished

Decision expedites plan to build new city hall at vacated site

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

While most city officials assumed the former BookCrafters building, located at 140 Buchanan St. in Chelsea, would eventually be demolished, the decision to raze the building got the Chelsea City Council's official stamp of approval last week, following Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac's controversial decision to shut off heat to the old commercial facility.

The council's decision, which will allow the building to deteriorate further, likely will expedite plans to convert the 4.4-acre

site, which the city purchased for \$995,000 in 2002, into a new municipal office building that also could house a new police station and Department of Public Works offices.

At a Nov. 9 council meeting, Steklac's move to shut off heat to the building rankled trustees Joe Merkel, Frank Hammer and Jamie Bollinger. Discussion ensued about whether insurance would cover a building without water or heat supplied to it, and whether the city could afford costs to demolish the structure.

Merkel argued that the building's pipes would burst if the heat were turned off.

Bollinger expressed the most frustration, See DEMOLISHED — Page 10-A



Photo by Steve Ricci

The Chelsea City Council last week approved demolition of the former BookCrafters building, 140 Buchanan St., in Chelsea. The decision likely will expedite plans to build a new city hall on the 4.4-acre site, which the city purchased for \$995,000 in 2002.

LIMA TOWNSHIP

Merits of PDR debated

Measure would allow farmers to sell their development rights

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

Officials in Lima Township are currently debating the merits of adopting an open-space preservation ordinance that would allow for the purchase of development rights.

Scio Township and Webster Township both have done it. But officials in Lima are divided as to whether a PDR ordinance is a tool to be utilized or a trap to fall into.

A PDR allows farmers and those owning a large area of land to sell off their development rights to a municipality, such as a township, city, county or state.

Many area townships, such as Scio and Ann Arbor, that develop PDR ordinances also pass open-space millages to support the funding of development rights.

Lima Township Supervisor Ken Unterbrink said a PDR ordinance is not necessarily a good idea, despite others' support.

He said he is mostly worried about the way in which certain spaces are defined in See PDR — Page 4-A

Jane Diesing, co-owner of The Village Shoppe, a home furnishing and gift retailer in Chelsea, hangs an ornament on a Christmas tree in the store Monday. Merchants such as Diesing are getting ready for Chelsea's Hometown Holiday, a three-day Christmas celebration that starts tomorrow.

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Steve Ricci



CHELSEA

Downtown prepares to shine for holiday festival

Hometown Holiday organizers aim to lure more shoppers into the area

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

With the new-for-this-year addition of a holiday parade, the annual Chelsea Festival of Lights has a new name — Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade — as well as high hopes for drawing more visitors and shoppers, from near and far, to the city

this Christmas season.

The brainchild of Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. owner Bob Turner and John Wyeth of McKinley Commercial Inc., the light parade — which will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of M-52 and Old US-12, ending at the Clocktower complex downtown — has 20 entrants so far.

The starting point will draw an area the chamber is touting as "Southtown" into the celebration.

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CHELSEA

Steklac earns good grade

Council agrees on positive performance

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

At the eight-month point of his three-year employment contract with Chelsea, City Manager Mike Steklac has earned good overall marks from Chelsea City Council members, who met in closed session Nov. 17 to discuss his job performance.

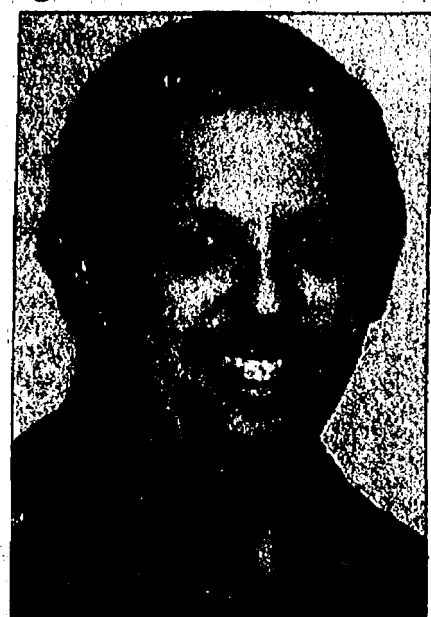
The city released copies of Steklac's composite performance review last week.

Based on a five-point scale — with a 1 score defined as "unsatisfactory" and a 5 score denoting "outstanding," Steklac scored a composite rating of 4 for his overall performance.

What was meant to be a six-month evaluation was delayed by decisions about what evaluation methods to use. A performance review adapted from the Michigan Municipal League eventually was chosen.

Steklac will next undergo an evaluation at the one-year anniversary of his employment, wherein his annual salary of \$68,000 will be reviewed.

The 45-year-old, Chicago native took the then-Chelsea



Mike Steklac

Village's managerial spot March 1 after resigning his city manager job in Gering, Neb. last year.

The evaluation included 25 topics, each rated 1 to 5. Steklac scored lowest with individual City Council members in five areas. They were: "Advocates his recommendations in the face of opposing positions until an official position is reached," "Administers city programs effectively and efficiently with ongoing progress and status reports to City Council," "Fosters a feeling See STEKLAC — Page 3-A

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■ **"The 4 Friends" to hold Holiday Show & Sale:** "The 4 Friends," Tracy Gallup of Ann Arbor and Marsi Darwin, Marlene Dusbiber and Susan Ogden of Chelsea will host their Holiday Show & Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, at the Chelsea Fairgrounds Service Building, located just west of M-52 at Old US-12 and Chelsea-Manchester Road. Gallup makes fine art dolls and illustrations, Darwin creates stained and etched glass pieces, Dusbiber is an accomplished folk art woodcarver, and Ogden will be showing her pastels. In addition, antiques, pottery, jewelry, handmade soaps and fresh evergreens will be offered, as well as live music. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 734-475-9730 or visit www.friends.darwinstudio.com.

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Executive Director Bob Pierce said Monday that, this year, many new volunteers have offered to diversify Chelsea's holiday festivities, which will take place tomorrow through Sunday.

"From a community standpoint, we wanted to expand this event, which is why we brought in the light parade for Saturday," Pierce said.

Friday's events are geared more toward a hometown audience, Pierce said. The Saturday events, however, are meant to draw visitors from outside of Chelsea as well, he said.

"We're really advertising the light parade outside of the area — throughout Southeast Michigan for Saturday's events," Pierce said, noting the success of Howell's annual light parade.

"We feel we have an advantage because we have a very quaint downtown," said Pierce. "It ends at the Clocktower complex, which is a beautiful structure where we have community events scheduled."

Pierce said Turner and Wyeth especially wanted the light parade to bring new shoppers to Chelsea's downtown.

That said, Pierce also emphasized that Chelsea's Hometown Holiday — which mostly is made up of free events or minimal charges designed only to recoup costs — is an opportunity for the chamber and the Chelsea

Retail Advisory Council to give back to the community, thanking it for the support residents provide throughout the year.

This year's celebration will lack one familiar fixture with the absence of Joe Weber, who for the first time in six years won't reprise his role as the St. Nicholas derived from European tradition, telling stories of pre-World War Germany.

Weber is recovering from a serious bicycling accident he suffered this year.

Pierce said holiday shoppers might be surprised to discover what Chelsea merchants have to offer — and that the Hometown Holiday would help them see that they needn't travel for gifts.

"You really don't have to leave Chelsea to do Christmas shopping," Pierce said. "We have clothing, hobby stores, appliances, computer stores, incredible photographers, jewelry, supermarkets, specialty food stores, discount stores, restaurants and gifts right here."

As an example, Pierce said he recently bought a high-definition television set at Heydlauff's Inc. that matched prices he found at big-box stores like Circuit City and Best Buy.

The best part, Pierce said, is Heydlauff's delivered his television to his home exactly when he wanted it, which would be an unlikely scenario with the bigger retailers.

Pierce added that shopping locally means 85 cents on the

dollar spent in Chelsea stays in the community, instead of going into the coffers of cities such as Ann Arbor.

Jennifer Smith, who organized a luminary display along the Main Street parade route after a 10-year absence, said local Girl Scout and Cub Scout troops, as well as Doug Stevens, a member of the Chelsea Community Fair Board, helped the project along.

Sixteen troops and dens have collected more than 1,000 milk jugs, to be filled with sand and candles, for the display.

"We thought it would be a fun thing for kids, because it's something tangible they see," Smith said. "We're hoping this will be an annual service project for us."

Kristi Kerr-Cook, who moved from Novi to Chelsea last July with her husband and two young children, is a new volunteer who will help run Santa's Workshop, which is expected to draw about 300 kids.

Kerr-Cook said the Hometown Holiday exemplifies why the family relocated to Chelsea.

"Novi had much more of a commuter atmosphere," she said. "We wanted to move to a place where people are close and do things like this. There's definitely a sense of community here."

CHELSEA

Police investigate two area car thefts

Suspect led law enforcement on chase through downtown Chelsea

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

The Chelsea Police Department is currently searching for an unidentified man believed to have stolen two cars early on the morning of Nov. 18.

Police Chief Scott Sumner said the department is investigating several leads as to the man's identity, but they have not named an

actual suspect.

"We are working on all leads that become available," he said.

The man led police on a 60-mph chase through downtown Chelsea before crashing one of the cars and then taking off on foot.

According to a police report, Officer Matt Frances first spotted the man driving a 1998 Dodge Neon with blue stripes down an area side street north of the downtown at 2 a.m.

Frances recognized the car as belonging to an area resident, but did not recognize the driver, who drove down the side street to its dead end, then turned around and drove

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CHELSEA

Traffic study delays Heritage Pointe work

Preliminary conclusions say no road construction is necessary

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

To the surprise of local onlookers, including some Chelsea city officials, a traffic study for Heritage Pointe — a 352-home Pulte Homes project currently under construction on the north side of Dexter-Chelsea Road near Freer Road — has determined that the new subdivision will not require any changes to adjacent roads.

Performed by city consultant Karl Kleitsch of Midwestern Consulting LLC, the Chelsea Planning Commission has forwarded the traffic study to the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study for further review.

In the meantime, the planning commission has tabled approval of phases two and three of the Heritage Pointe project, which would build the final 167 homes of the

project, pending approval of the traffic study.

Assuming an average of three people will live at each home, the project would add approximately 1,056 new people to the area, and should be completed by 2008.

Even so, Kleitsch, Chelsea Planning Commission Chairman Christopher Rode and Chelsea City Engineer Chris Linfield said this week that they expect WATS would accept the traffic study's original findings.

Kleitsch said Tuesday that the draft was sent to WATS mostly as a formality, and only for minor tweaking, which would not alter its findings.

No changes would be needed to the two roads most heavily influenced by the project — Dexter-Chelsea Road and Freer Road — Kleitsch said, meaning no new turn lanes, traffic lights or stop signs will be installed

along those roads.

"I don't expect WATS will make any changes to the traffic study's conclusions," Kleitsch said. "We're anticipating traffic levels will be acceptable."

Linfield also said Monday that the WATS review was more of a formality than an indication any changes would be made.

Rode concurred that the study's conclusions probably wouldn't be changed, and that the WATS review would likely amount to further validation.

"The study was done by a professional traffic consultant," Rode said. "I have no reason to doubt the veracity of his report."

But even if the planning commission accepts the traffic study, Rode said a long list of stipulations for phase two of the development by planning consultant Carl Schmult have not yet been addressed.

Rode said the study's conclusions would be good news to the planning commission, and to residents who feared what traffic increases might do to the two roads.

"Clearly the traffic volumes will increase, but the study suggests the roads won't be widened at the expense of trees," Rode said.

Rode said a new entrance to the subdivision on Taylor Lane near Elm Street would have little impact on the roads.

In addition, two new entrances will be built off Dexter-Chelsea Road, as well as an entrance at the intersection of Dexter-Chelsea Road and Freer Road.

Although the city probably won't make any other changes to the roads, motorists can expect increased traffic congestion caused by Heritage Pointe.

The traffic study reported that the worst level of traffic

— rated from "A" to "F" grades — would be seen at the left turn lane off Freer Road onto westbound Dexter-Chelsea Road, which would drop to a "C" grade. An "F" grade means the worst form of gridlock.

That intersection would receive a "C" only at peak rush hours, around 4:30 or 5 p.m., Rode said. At other times of the day, it would get "B" or "A" grades, he said.

Rode added that a few other stretches of roads "barely" would reach "C" grades at rush hours, but that otherwise adjacent intersec-

tions still would get "A" or "B" grades after the subdivision is fully built out, and occupied at maximum.

Rode said he wasn't expecting what he saw in the traffic study's findings.

"It does surprise me to a certain extent, taking everything into account after build-out," Rode said. "But I'm not a traffic expert. I don't know when you need to mediate roads with things like center turn lanes and traffic lights."

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of unity and enthusiasm among the staff. "Develops and executes sound personnel practices and procedures" and "Is creative and considers innovation."

In the rest of the categories, Steklac scored marks of "3" and higher.

Steklac's lowest individual score — an "unsatisfactory" mark given by Trustee Jamie Bollinger — came with how he sticks to his guns when making policy recommendations.

"He wanted to close the solid waste transfer station," Bollinger said of Steklac. "The majority of council wanted it kept open. He agreed to look into it further."

"Flip-flopping erodes Council's confidence," Mayor Ann Feeney said. "I appreciate taking a stand and being able to back it up."

Trustee Joe Merkel was critical of Steklac's handling of a city decision to fund a road project at North Creek Elementary School.

"The school's lawn problems could have been solved for \$3,000 to \$3,500 by the right persons of our city and council," Merkel said.

Steklac also drew criticism from Trustee Frank Hammer for his handling of the city's water superintendent position.

"Although I realize the water department situation was — and is — a mess, Mike's overly enthusiastic support of (interim Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Brad Roberts) has fostered a feeling that Brad walks on water in Mike's eyes — annoying staff," Hammer said.

Bollinger gave Steklac a negative rating for his development and execution of "sound personnel practices and procedures."

"He does not appear to do so," Bollinger said.

Most council members said they didn't have sufficient information yet to determine Steklac's creative or innovative skills.

"Mike has been so busy maintaining the business of the city, I think we will see more creativity and innovation in the future," Feeney said.

Despite the occasional negative marks, Steklac scored at least one "5" in 23 out of 25 categories, except "Encourages continuing in-service education and professional growth of staff, boards and commissions" and "Develops short-term and long-range goals with the Chelsea City Council."

He scored more "4" marks — meaning "exceeds expectations" — on individual categories than any other overall. Steklac's best individual, overall reviews came from trustees Cheri Albertson and Jim Myles.

"He's an outstanding city manager for whom I maintain deep respect," Albertson said.

"I believe Mike's perform-

ance has been excellent in the short and difficult time he has been here. Mike's professionalism, education, knowledge and experience in municipal administration far exceeds that of our former manager," Myles said, noting that Steklac came on board in the midst of several municipal problems.

Those problems included a sexual assault case involving Chelsea police officer Andrew Bulson, water plant operation and manpower challenges, an ongoing police chief search, accusations of improper behavior made against some department heads, issues raised by Chelsea's new city status and

lawsuits brought by contractors who worked for the village, Myles said.

On a more critical note, Bollinger said Steklac "needs to take advantage of individuals with local contacts and knowledge before making decisions, not just depending on city employees for their input," adding that "the city manager needs to live in the city of Chelsea."

The city can opt to change Steklac's contract at any time, extending it for a certain number of years or converting it to an indefinite duration. If the city council would decide to terminate Steklac's contract, it must give him six month's notice of

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CHELSEA

School system trains for potential disasters

Local agencies come together and train during mock disaster to aid communication during problems

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

A traffic accident involving school children. A hazardous material spill. A truck leaking toxic chemicals.

The scenarios sounds horrific, but the Chelsea school district is taking necessary steps to ensure the safety of children if a major accident ever occurred.

The district came together with many municipalities Nov. 9 for a day-long exercise to practice what to do an accident.

The scenario went down with Superintendent Dave Killips receiving a call from the Chelsea Police Department informing him there had been a traffic accident at the corner of Freer Road and Old US-12.

The pretend accident involved a fixed-bed tanker truck and a car in which the passengers included two young, school age children. The truck was carrying a large container of anhydrous ammonia, which was leaking, as was fuel from the truck.

The combination of fuel and ammonia is very explosive and would require the evacuation of schools and residences within a one-mile radius of the accident.

Exposure to anhydrous ammonia can cause respiratory problems and could result in death. Old US-12 was closed at Main Street and Fletcher Road. Freer Road was closed at Jerusalem Road and Dexter-Chelsea Road. Washington Street and Trinkle Road would have been closed at Freer Road.

Jeff Rohrer, the director of Community Education for the district, received the grant from the Michigan State Police to conduct the emergency drill. Washtenaw County Community Health representatives facilitated the activity.

The collaborative effort between departments provided over 40 people and departments involved with a solid plan in the event to respond to specific situations.

The school district, along with the Chelsea Area Fire Authority, HVA, Chelsea Police Department, Chelsea Community Hospital, Washtenaw County Haz Mat, various programs out of Washington Street Education center, administration of the schools, county officials, dispatch and City Manager Mike Steklak, was able to see how the situation would have played out if the accident were real.

Matt Tuttle, a lieutenant with the Chelsea Area Fire Department and member of the Washtenaw County Haz Mat Team, felt that

the exercise helped him tremendously.

"The networking of the different organizations in the community gave us a chance to sharpen our skills in the event an accident of this capacity could happen," he said. "It explained to us how everyone involved would operate and how each department can work together in a situation like that."

The biggest tip Tuttle wanted those in the community to remember is to stress that public safety departments are trained to deal with these types of situations and that the community needs to feel confident in the departments.

If this type of accident were to happen, it is possible the schools could be locked down. Tuttle said the district would decide whether to shelter the kids in a different locale if the situation dictated.

Tuttle also said there is a computer program that studies the wind shift during this type of emergency, as well as the concentrations of oxygen in and around a shelter.

"The parents would have to stay away. It is safer to stay in the school and they have to trust us that it is the best thing for their kids," he said.

Police Chief Scott Sumner also said the exercise was beneficial for both the school district and the city.

"The communications between departments are an essential part of the overall public safety," Sumner said. "The communication all comes down from a centralized command post and flows freely inward and outward. I was happy to be involved with the exercise and it was nice to see the proactive side of what we could do."

Assistant Fire Chief Steve Jaskot, who has been with the Chelsea Area Fire Authority for the past 25 years, said the exercise was a good time.

"It was enjoyable to work and learn together, from each other," he said. "We learned about each other's plan and how we could integrate them together."

Kris Hohnke, who assists at Community Education, was also very pleased with the drill.

"I have never met all the people from various agencies before," she said. "It was great to meet everyone and see the plans in place. It made me feel better as a parent knowing that there is a plan in place for the safety of my child."

Iva Corbett, the assistant superintendent of instruction for the district, was also pleased with the grant that allowed the different agencies to practice the emergency.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to see everyone work together and meet all the members of the community," she said.

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PDR

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a PDR ordinance, adding that it can be limiting as far as what land can and cannot be purchased. He also said he does not feel another tax on the community is a good thing, despite the possible benefits of preserving open space. More taxes only makes it harder on area farmers to keep farming, he said.

"It's not just me, it's the rest of the agricultural community," Unterbrink said at Monday's board meeting.

"If there was a vehicle to finance the purchase of development rights for forever so that it will always remain farmland, that is one thing," he said previously.

"But for an undetermined amount of time, I would say no, I cannot support it with tax payers' money."

But Trustee Greg McKenzie, who serves as the vice chair of the township

planning commission, said he does not feel that a millage necessarily has to go along with the ordinance.

The ordinance, he said, would simply strengthen the township's commitment to preserving open-space and would give farmers more options if outside funding ever became available.

"We are all in agreement that Lima Township is not going to be funding this in the near future," McKenzie said.

The board has been debating whether to adopt a PDR ordinance for several months, and McKenzie and Treasurer Nanette Havens on Monday expressed dismay at the amount of time it was taking the board to work through the issue. Members of the planning commission spent several months pouring over ordinances used in other townships, and finally approved passing an ordinance similar to the one used in Iosco Township.

"They did spend time on

them, they did read them, they did come up with some candidates," McKenzie said, adding that it was now up to the board to decide what concerns it shares.

He added he felt the planning commission should not spend more time on the ordinance if a majority of the board members were against the idea.

Clerk Arlene Bareis and Trustee Don Laier seemed to join Unterbrink in his descent.

"It's hard for getting people up for editing the fourth version when they are not getting any support," McKenzie added.

Resident Arly Spink encouraged the board to move forward on the issue and expressed frustration that board seemed to be against the idea of a PDR ordinance.

"It'll be put off and put off and put off until nothing is done," she said. "It's another tool for us to use."

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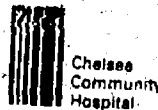
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POLICE BLOTTER

City of Chelsea Driving Without a License

A 16-year-old Clinton resident could face charges for causing a three-car collision in downtown Chelsea.

According to a police report, the boy was driving a friend's vehicle even though he had never been issued a driver's license. After the accident occurred, the two attempted to lie to police about who was driving the vehicle. The friend, a 17-year-old Chelsea resident, eventually admitted to police that she had known that the boy did not have a license but allowed him to drive the vehicle anyway, and she could also face charges.

Harassment

A 29-year-old woman reported to police that her neighbor was harassing her and unfoundedly accusing her of child abuse.

According to a police report, the woman said she had yelled at her children earlier in the day to be quiet, and the man came and knocked on her door and told her he believed she was hurting her children. He threatened to call Child Protective Services on the woman, she said, and did not leave when he was asked.

The man told police that the woman often yells at her children, and he believes they are being mistreated. He told officers he did call CPS. The responding officers told the man to leave the woman alone.

According to the report, police saw no signs of child abuse when visiting the woman's family. The children were playful, and the apartment was clean.

Stolen Property

Police are currently investigating a rash of over 30 attempted thefts from cars parked in The Pines Retirement Community.

The thefts all took place between 7 p.m. Nov. 21 and 7 a.m. Nov. 22, according to a police report.

Officers are currently questioning two local juveniles suspected of committing the thefts.

Police Chief Scott Sumner said at least one juvenile has admitted to the attempted thefts, as well as to successfully stealing items from anywhere between seven and 12 vehicles at The Pines.

The stolen items included everything from cell phones and sunglasses to CDs, a baseball bat, a cigar butt and a jacket.

The items will be returned to their proper owners when the investigation is complete.

Police began suspecting the juveniles after they were interviewed in conjunction with other, more minor, offenses.

Sumner said the department is familiar with both youths, but neither has had major charges, such as theft, against them in the past.

The juveniles are expected to face prosecution for the rash of thefts and attempted break-ins, Sumner said. They will be prosecuted as juveniles, he added.

Sumner said the juvenile who confessed did not give a reason for the thefts.

"They were just out being kids," he said. "But bad kids."

The case is still under investigation, as the juvenile confessed to more thefts than have been reported to police.

Scio Township Attempted Suicide

Deputies from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department on Nov. 21 helped a 30-year-old woman who had attempted suicide.

According to a police report, the woman had been depressed recently and had made statements about feeling inadequate. The woman's long-term boyfriend called police after he realized she had drunk bleach by adding it to her coffee.

The woman got sick and began vomiting, but was conscious and alert when paramedics from Huron Valley Ambulance arrived. She was taken to the University of Michigan hospital for treatment.

It was the second attempted suicide deputies responded to that day. The other

event occurred in Lodi Township.

Larceny
More than \$21,000 worth of property was reported stolen from a private residence in October.

According to a police report, an unidentified person walked into a home located on the 2800 block of Lauret Drive sometime between 8:35 a.m. and 12:55 p.m. on Oct. 15.

The homeowner returned to his residence to find that one door had been kicked in, and a garage door was damaged. The estimated cost of the damage is \$500. Deputies were able to lift two fingerprints from the scene, and those samples were sent to the Michigan State Police Forensic Lab for possible suspect identification.

According to a list submitted by the homeowner to deputies, the thief stole a laptop valued at \$3,000, an antique sterling silver tea set valued at \$7,500, a silver chest with silverware valued at more than \$2,600, a 14

karat gold necklace valued at \$1,295, and several sets of 14 karat gold earrings valued at \$700 each, among other jewelry and antiques.

A mountain bike was reported stolen from a residence on the 1600 block of Butterweed Court on Nov. 22.

According to a police report, the actual theft took place sometime around 9 a.m. Nov. 1, but the victim waited three weeks to call and file the report.

The victim called police after another, older bike, which was not his, ended up in the yard instead of his own bike.

The man told police he had left the recovered bike in his yard in case its original owner came to claim it.

Property Destruction

A 49-year-old woman reported to deputies on Nov. 19 that an unidentified person using a BB gun had shattered her driver-side window and door sometime between 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. that day.

The estimated cost of the

damage to the door is \$1000, according to a police report. Deputies have no suspect in the incident.

A 25-year-old man reported to deputies on Nov. 18 that he believed his neighbor had purposefully scratched his 2004 two-door Ford Mustang. The scratch originated near the vehicle's rear fender and continued all the way to the front fender, according to a police report.

The victim stated that he believed his neighbor was responsible, because they had recently had an argument over parking issues during which they called the sheriff's department.

He told officers he had been sitting in his apartment at 1 a.m. when he heard noise come from the location of his vehicle.

When he looked out the window, he said he saw what appeared to be a thin woman with shoulder-length blonde hair, but he was unable to see the person's face.

After filing the report, the

man told deputies he wanted to drop the case, as the apartment complex would not let him terminate his lease and he did not want further problems.

Embezzlement


A 20-year-old Meijer employee admitted on Nov. 23 to stealing more than \$900 in cash from the company over a one-month period.

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He was finally caught by store security stealing \$20 from his register, which he spent during his break.

When confronted, the man confessed to stealing \$150 on Nov. 18, \$60 on Nov. 20, \$200 on Nov. 22 and the \$20 from Nov. 23. He admitted to taking an additional \$480, but could not remember the dates of those thefts.

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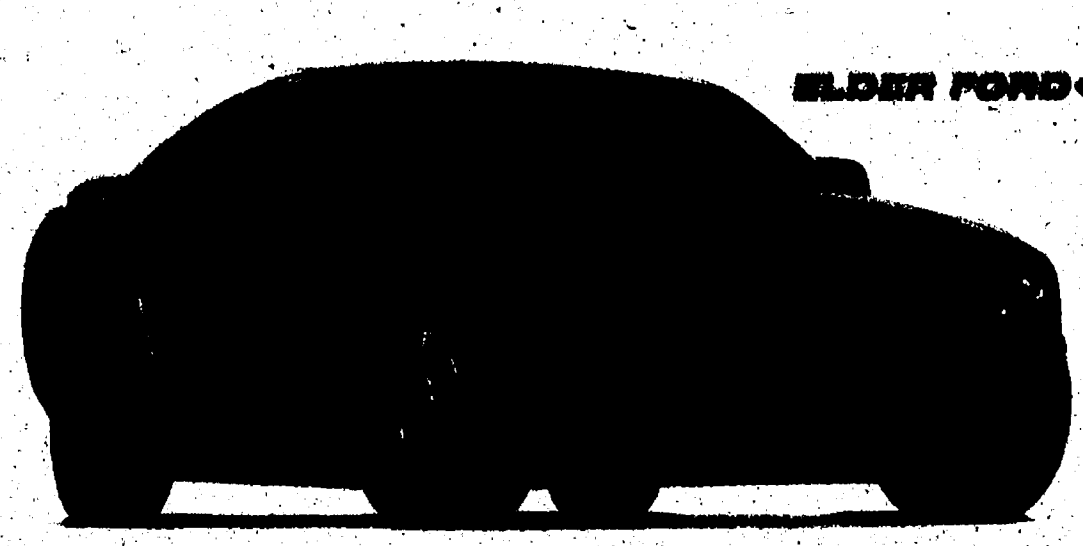
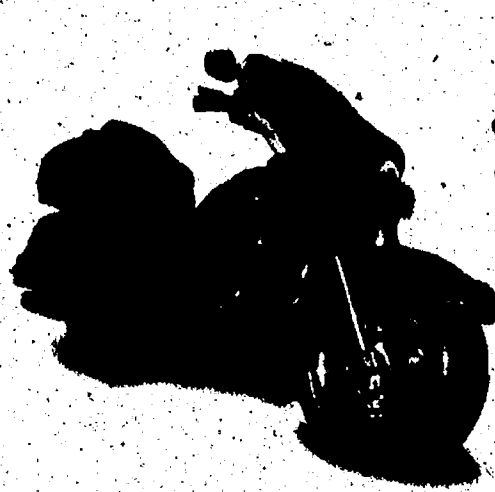
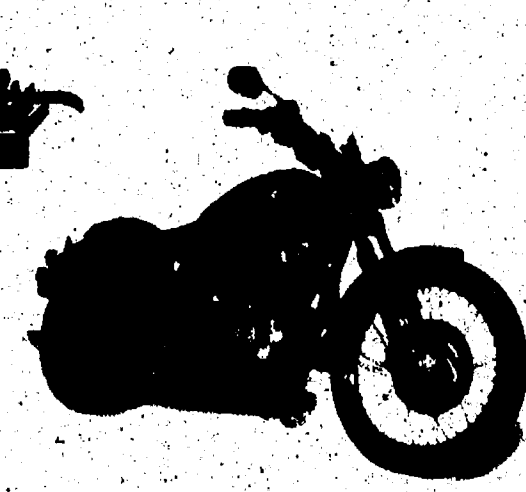
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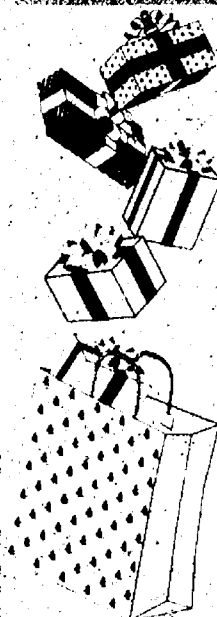


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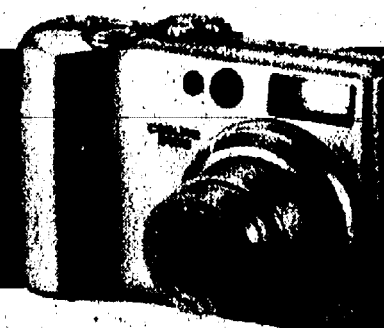
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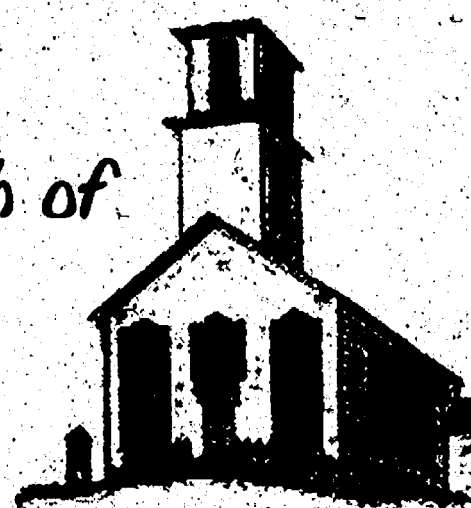
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Republicans continue treacherous practices

The list of items for my "accountability watch" could potentially be a long one this week. To name a few:

We saw Congressional Republicans pass a "Save Tom DeLay" rule change that could allow members who are indicted to continue serving in leadership positions in the House. And, DeLay and his parrots in the media attempted to portray a Texas prosecutor who is proven to be "tough on everybody" as biased because he's investigating DeLay for political corruption in connection with redistricting in Texas.

President Bush appointed several more "yes people" to cabinet and White House staff posts, once again giving loyalty greater weight than competence.

On the other hand, there are some things to be thankful for. Just before Thanksgiving recess, the Democrats discovered and rebelled against a provision in the 3,000 page appropriations bill that would have allowed certain chairpersons of senate committees to have access to anyone's IRS data. (Republicans had slipped the provision into the middle of the bill in the middle of the night.) Looks like our expectation of privacy for our tax returns is safe again, at least now.

Most of all, I'm thankful that I happened to hear some inspiring words from former President Bill Clinton, who, despite his personal failings, has always had a wonderful vision for America. He said that we can build a community of shared responsibility, shared values and shared benefits. We need to remember that: everybody counts, everybody has responsibilities, we work better when we work together, and differences matter but our common humanity matters more. President Clinton said that in governing, he always tried to put people first and his test was if ordinary people were better off when he stopped than when he started. President Bush, you were there at the opening of the Clinton Presidential Library. Were you listening? I hope so.

Bernadette Malinoski
Lima Township

President's do not influence abortion rates

I read Ms. Jazairi's thoughtful analysis of the abortion question with interest. My search of the web could find no evidence of increased abortion rates during President Bush's term.

However, the main cause of crisis pregnancy is irresponsible sexual behavior. Certainly former President Clinton's actions during his presidency did not lift up our nation in that respect.

No woman in our country must have an abortion

because of financial or health care concerns. Crisis pregnancy centers are located throughout the United States in urban and rural settings and they are well equipped to help women deal with issues concerning unintended pregnancy.

Daily they assist women with emotional support as well as financial help, health care, housing, employment, adoption, domestic abuse and a wide range of concerns facing pregnant women. They do this without governmental assistance; historically the private sector is much more effective in dealing with social service issues than "big government" and the growth of crisis pregnancy centers throughout our country is evidence of this.

In Washtenaw County, men and women involved in unintended pregnancy can call The Pregnancy Counseling Center at 734-434-3088 for help.

Barbara Grant-Yopko
Lyndon Township
Director, Family Life
Services of Washtenaw
County

Apathy moves forward past election day

In the cheerful, neo-patriotic afterglow of the elections held earlier last month, we Americans must now shake off the giddiness in order to face some sobering truths: we have an election process so flawed that it is allowed to proceed without proper traceability, we have major news media that fails to discover fact and present it impartially to the American people, and lastly and just as sadly, we have too many people living under the "toilet assumption"; out of sight, out of mind with regard to the invasion of Iraq.

There may yet be investigations regarding undue practices in Ohio and Florida but the real fear is too few people will even care. So what if the electronic systems were hacked?

So what if there were imbalance in voting hardware that left far too many people without a chance to cast a ballot? So what if election officials in Florida threw out the paper record of voting scans with the morning garbage?

It is becoming a badge of honor to become disenfranchised, but like the 11 percent of our population too poor to feed itself, no one will really notice. The only thing we have to lose as this democracy becomes more corrupt is our freedom. Do we really know how to keep our freedom anymore?

Our news media continue to fail to give proper weight and accuracy to issues such as global-scale environmental concerns, the widening gap between rich and poor, the real change in world-wide perception of America, and the real chances of the

very survival of our next generation. Why is it that we no longer have investigative reporting that discovers issues that would result in people mobilizing resources to correct? How much longer will big business greed and corporate-political collusion control what should be done by "we the people", as written at the beginning of our Constitution?

In Iraq, we seem not to know how to respond to the horror of our troops being responsible for 100,000 civilian deaths, mostly women and children, since the invasion. During the Vietnam nightmare there was a chapter where one of the Army commanders was quoted as saying "we had to destroy the village in order to save it."

Clearly this is happening today in Iraq: we are destroying that country in order to save it.

How much longer can this go on, and are we not putting ourselves at greater risk, too?

Howard Holmes

Chelsea

There's more to science than creationism

As I read the "Other Voices" piece, "Creation is pseudo-science," in the November 18 edition of The Dexter Leader (also in the Nov. 25 edition of The Chelsea Standard), I wondered, "Where did that come from?"

I wasn't aware that the Dexter-Chelsea area was a hotbed for creationism, aside from a few small churches like mine that read the Bible literally. Even most churches have gone on to other things, for better or for worse.

I can only theorize that Dirk Fischbach woke up one morning in a bad mood just looking for a safe target to attack, and he said, "Aha! Those creationists!"

Personally, if I woke up in a bad mood I might write a scathing letter against people who intentionally propagate purple loosestrife or emerald ash borers.

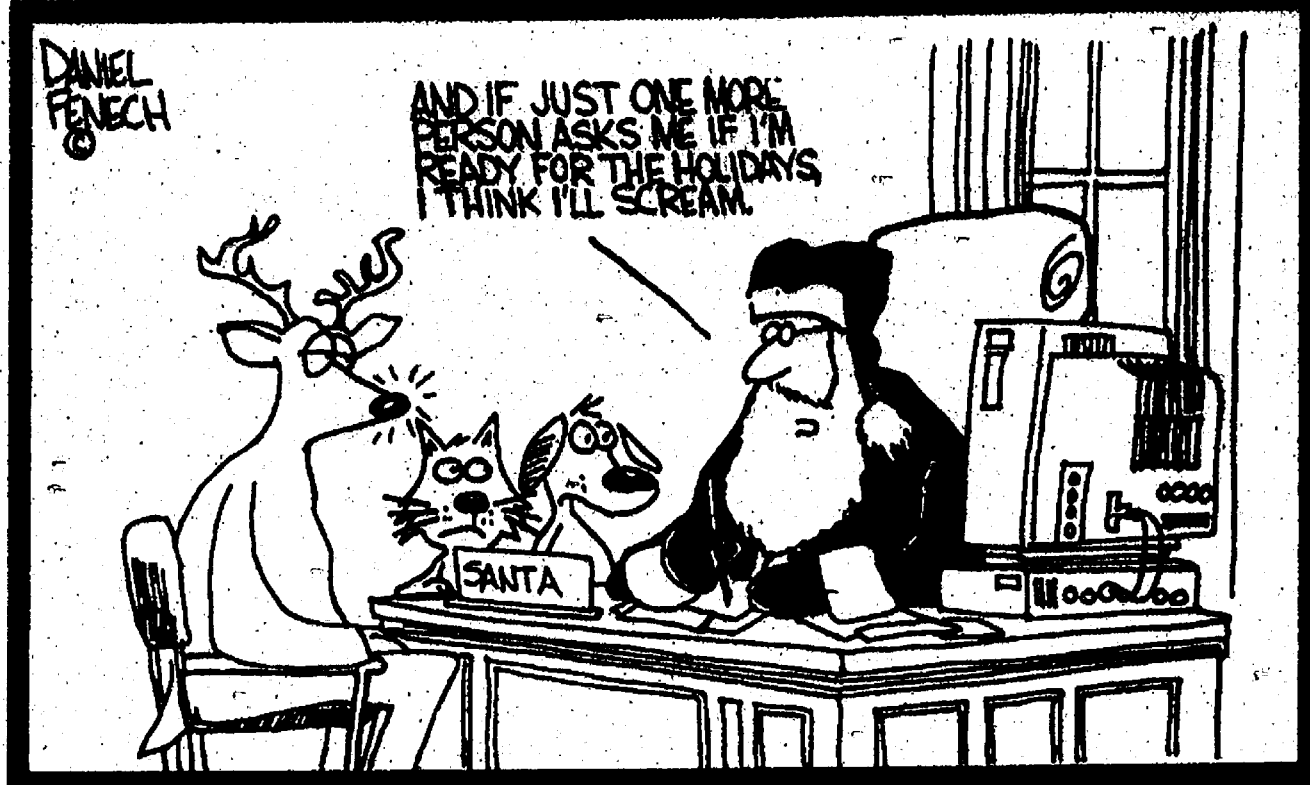
Anyway, it's been a long time since I read anything so full of emotional rhetoric and loaded expressions, with a good mix of at least 10 to 12 major misrepresentations and misleading statements.

I'm not sure justice was done to either creationism or evolutionism. I don't believe evolutionary scientists are as monolithic in their views as the editorial implies; nor do all of us creationists subscribe to the "One-Flood-Fits-All" theory.

"Scientifically, large-scale evolution will always remain a theory; even if it actually happened, it could never be duplicated. Observationally, there are many pros and cons to both the theory of evolution and the theory of creation."

Spiritually, belief in large-scale evolution cannot co-

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OTHER VOICES

State Republicans take cue from recent election

Egged on by President Bush's victory in which the moral value thing emerged as a deciding factor, state Republicans are falling all over themselves to paint incumbent Gov. Granholm with the same brush.

Andrew "Rocky" Razkowski told a statewide public television audience the other day that the governor is "out of step with the electorate ... she is out of step with the values of this state" because voters wanted to limit gambling and gay marriage and she voted "no" on both ballot proposals.

The guy who might end up running the state GOP also argues a majority favor a ban on partial birth abortion and that Granholm vetoed that, too.

He was asked if the governor was so "out of step," why did Ms. G. have a respectable 63 percent approval rating with those same voters?

"It's our job to convince the voters she is out of step," he said, and that drumbeat started.

To mute the drum, Democrats are feverishly trying to explain that moral values are not limited to a discussion of abortion and gay marriage, and they are correct.

The discussion should also include poverty, overpopulation, the environment, homelessness and more.

But expanding the moral value discourse has not broken through to the masses. If the religious right and the Republican Party have their way, it never will. That narrow focus results in more votes for GOP candidates. To broaden the debate could reverse that.

Which is why the governor, who is a practicing Christian, and the more

moderate elements of the religious community are on a mission from God to expand the debate.

Frankly, they fight an uphill battle.

The ultraconservatives don't want to go there. Because if you truly want to help eradicate poverty, crime, etc. you might have to concede that government has a legitimate role in addressing those needs.

Once you make that con-

fession, you're just a sandwich away from concluding that more revenue might be required to get the job done.

If the Rev. Jerry Falwell were to embrace a tax increase, the GOP would yank his membership card faster than you can say, "Holy Cow." But don't worry, that will never happen.

Compounding the effort to broaden the debate is the

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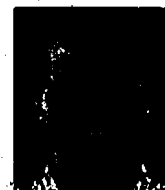
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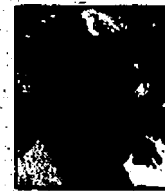
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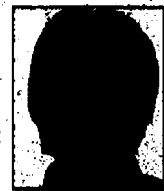
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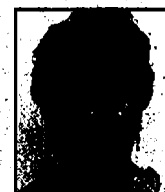
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STREET TALK

By Rita Fischer

What does it mean to you to be a member of the community?



"I think being a member of this community to me is feeling safe. Everything is close by, and I love it here."

Margaret Hall
Dexter Township



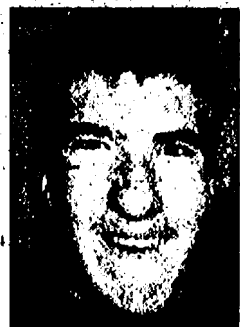
"I think being a member of this community is enjoying the nice, friendly people and the things they do, like Dexter Daze, or enjoying the parks."

Natasha Zadeh
Dexter Township



"I think living in this town is cool. It's where Jiffy Mix is at, and we are the only town with Jiffy Mix. Everyone is nice in our town."

Josh Watko
Chelsea



"I just moved here and I like living in this community. I like the library."

Henry Hungerford
Chelsea



George L. Staffan, his wife Kathryn and his sister Katherine Wagner stand before a bronze plaque unveiled on Oct. 13 on the facade of the River Gallery, 120 N. Main Street. It commemorates the contributions of the family's forefathers to Chelsea's success. It is also hoped the event will encourage similar recognition of other early visionaries who made our city what it is today and encourage historic preservation.

CHELSEA

Building dedication spotlights Chelsea's roots Home of River Gallery named in honor of George Staffan

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

In an effort to spotlight Chelsea's formative years and draw attention to historic preservation, descendants of George Staffan, with the cooperation of Mayor Ann Feeney, dedicated the adjoined but distinct structure that now houses the River Gallery at 120 S. Main St. in the family's name.

A bronze plaque was affixed to the building's facade as commemoration.

George Staffan, a village president in 1897 and in 1909, along with his brother, Frank, built the structure in 1898.

On hand for the Oct. 13 dedication ceremony, held at the recently renovated art exhibition site, was George Staffan's son, George L. Staffan, and daughter, Katherine Staffan Wagner. Katherine's children, Fredrick "Fritz" Wagner and Stephanie "Sis" Kanten, and Fritz Wagner's daughter,

Melanie K. Wagner, also attended the event.

Wagner has been the landlord of the building since 1951.

Also lending support was George L. Staffan's wife Kathryn, long-time Chelsea attorney and Staffan family friend John Keusch, Sylvan Township Trustee Patrick Merkel, Feeney and several more descendants and well-wishers.

Master of Ceremonies Fritz Wagner said pioneers like his grandfather and great-uncle and others created the downtown, and those in their wake have sought to preserve its special physical and downtown landscape.

Wagner urged Chelsea residents at large to continue with this "noble" effort.

"One small way of doing this," Wagner said, "is to note who have built these special structures. Today, we are (honoring) the contributions of the Staffan family (and) one building that has helped to make Chelsea special."

After a brief speech by

Feeney honoring the event and encouraging the preservation initiative, the elder statesmen at the event swapped stories.

Keusch, who is also a distant relative of the Staffans, remembered the kindness George Staffan extended to him when he was 21 and a struggling attorney fresh out of law school during the Great Depression.

Staffan noted that his father was the impetus behind the paving of Main Street. He said it was only meant to accommodate horse traffic but seemed to hold up through the years after the advent of the automobile.

Staffan and Keusch both remember George Staffan running a grocery store in the 120 Main St. location for many years before it was transformed into the

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CHELSEA

Holiday fun planned

Chelsea's annual Hometown Holiday has slated numerous events to help residents get into the spirit of the season.

Merchants in the Chelsea area will be holding a shopping contest because of the popularity of last year's contest. The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce is again offering the contest for prizes, called the "12 Days of Christmas Shopping."

The contest started at the Chamber's Business After Hours on Tuesday and will run through Dec. 12.

Each participating merchant will give out shopping cards to customers that they then must have initialed by 12 different merchants in Chelsea within the 12 days of the contest.

Once the card has 12 initials and is properly filled out, it can then be dropped off at one of five locations around town to be entered for a chance to win prizes, including the grand prize of a "Night on the Town" for two. Second and third prizewinners receive \$50 and \$25 respectively. The drawing for winners will be held on Dec. 16.

Drop off spots for completed tickets are The UPS Store, Thompson's Pizzeria, Dayspring Gifts, Pierce's Pastries Plus and ZouZou's. There is no purchase necessary to enter. Only cards with 12 initials from 12 different merchants are eligible to win. Name, address and phone number must appear on the back of the card. You must be 18 years or older to enter. Merchants participating in the contest will have a window sign indicating their participation.

"The merchants and Chamber have come together to create this fun shopping event giving people an opportunity to shop locally, support businesses here in Chelsea, and win prizes while doing it," said Chamber Executive Director Bob Pierce in a press release. "We have several new stores and other favorites have changed locations so this a good time for people to come and explore the Treasures of Chelsea," added Pierce.

The Chelsea Children's Co-Op will be bringing Santa Clause to town.

To celebrate the Hometown Holiday, the co-op has made special arrangements for children to visit with Santa Claus.

The Children's Co-Op will host Santa and Mrs. Claus 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow at the UAW Hall, 218 South Main Street.

While waiting to tell the many treats they desire, little ones can enjoy holiday activities coordinated by the co-op. The Chelsea Area Girl Scouts will also be on-hand to assist children with their holiday projects.

Chelsea's Hometown Holiday will run from tomorrow through Sunday. For a detailed schedule of events, phone 475-1145 or go on-line at www.chelseafestivals.com.

Chelsea Hometown Holiday will conclude with a variety of musical celebrations, including festivals of lessons and carols.

The Chelsea Chamber Players will present a classical music concert beginning 3 p.m. this Sunday at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson Street.

The program will include: "Sonata for Strings" and "Duo for Cello and Bass" by G. Rossini, and "Quartet in F" by Maurice Ravel. Admission to the concert is free of charge and open to the public.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, the Festival of Lessons and Carols will conclude the weekend-long holiday celebration and features a wide variety of musical selections and readings of the Christmas story by representatives from various churches throughout the community. The Festival of Lessons and Carols is free and will be held at the Chelsea Retirement Center Chapel, 805 W. Middle Street.

Chelsea's Hometown Holiday is a program of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. For a detailed schedule of events, phone (734) 475-1145 or visit on-line at www.chelseafestivals.com.

SKUBICK

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news media itself. Most of its practitioners are not practitioners of any faith, per se. Hence, many reporters myopically conclude that moral values are what the religious folks tell them.

But only one segment of that community has the

media's collective ear ... the far right.

Mainstream religious thinking doesn't break through because it lacks volume and newsworthiness.

Bashing gay marriage makes for better copy than rational give-and-take about feeding the hungry. The squeaky and flamboyant preacher gets the ink. All other members of the cloth

end up preaching to the choir.

Unless Democrats can figure out a way to change that political fact of life, there could be more John Kerrys in their future.

Tim Skubick is a veteran Lansing political observer. He hosts the public TV show "Off the Record" and also does commentary for WWJ Radio-950.

LETTERS

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exist with belief in the Biblical world-view. For starters, belief in large-scale evolution nullifies the Bible teachings of the origin of sin and death, and consequently of God's plan of salvation in Jesus Christ. I repeat: To accept evolution one must reject the Biblical world-view.

I'm not promoting religious indoctrination in public school. (Nor do I promote prayer in public school. How would we decide whom to pray to? A generic god? A generic god is no god at all.)

I do believe the theory of evolution should be taught in the public schools as the prevailing theory of our

time; personally, I want my children to understand current scientific beliefs, although I disagree with them.

But I believe teachers should also acknowledge that there are alternate views, and, for the sake of both religious freedom and scientific open-mindedness, not pass judgment on these alternate views.

I don't believe teachers should be obligated to provide as much detail for these alternate views, aside from a thumbnail sketch and the basic rationale. As far as I know, this commendable approach is the one taken by at least several science teachers in the Dexter school system.

Mark Porinsky
Dexter Township

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Chelsea Boy Scout Troop 476 traveled to Boonesborough State Park in Kentucky the weekend of Oct. 15-17. After setting up camp and spending the night, the group traveled for a caving expedition to Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. Mr. Wright led the troop through two caves for a fun and adventuresome outing. A lot of Kentucky mud came home along with great memories. Pictured from left to right are Rob Riemenschneider, Connor Tait, Jason Allen, Cameron Girard, Zach Schepers, Peter Mcdevitt, Joe Turek, Dylan Schepers, Chris Mcdevitt, Steve Wright, Tom Girard, Marc Vredevel, Dan Warner, Jake Riemenschneider, Paul Warner, Cody Robbins, Robert Hatt, Casey Hirsch, Jared Gentz, and Josh Hirsch.

DEMOLISHED

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complaining that Steklac made the decision before the council passed a formal resolution to demolish the building.

"It shouldn't be the manager's decision to turn the heat off. The council should vote on it," Bollinger said.

Trustee Jim Myles disagreed.

"This falls well within the purview of a city manager's responsibilities, and he informed us about what he was doing," Myles said. "He gave legitimate reasons."

The building's boiler system would have needed to be upgraded, at a cost of about \$2,000, for heating to continue.

In addition to that cost, heating the building would have cost the city approximately \$4,000 per month, and would only be done to prevent its water pipes from bursting.

Steklac said Wednesday that because a neighbor to the building complained of a water leak, a water shutoff valve was recently installed inside the more than 50-year-old facility.

Last year, a building advisory committee for the site recommended tearing down the old structure and building a new village hall, concluding that renovating the BookCrafters building for city offices would cost about \$3.8 million, in addition to about \$50,000 annually for maintenance.

Tearing down the BookCrafters building would cost about \$250,000, and constructing a new village hall would cost approximately \$5.7 million, for a total cost of nearly \$6 million, the committee's report said.

The committee did not recommend another option to sell the Buchanan Street property and search for — and construct on — a new village hall site, saying that route could cost the city up to \$9 million.

Instead, the report, which the city accepted last May, said redevelopment of the Buchanan Street property could promote further growth of a lively downtown along M-52, north of the Norfolk Southern railroad

tracks. Although the city would have to pay for demolition of the Buchanan Street building along with the site's property cost, Myles said purchasing the site still "was a bargain" for the city.

The city has saved about \$200,000 in a building fund dedicated to the site, which could be used for the demolition. The fund was originally set up to renovate the BookCrafters building, before a thorough inspection found numerous structural problems, Steklac said.

The building has been, and will continue to be, used for cold storage of city items — such as Department of Public Works equipment and police motorcycles — until demolition takes place.

Building contents will be covered by insurance, but the city will drop property coverage for the building that would reimburse losses if the building burned down, Steklac said.

Steklac added the city might seek updated bids for the building's demolition.

The city's insurance company has agreed to cover building contents so long as the city repairs the building's sprinkling system or installs smoke detectors, Steklac said at a Nov. 23 City Council meeting.

Steklac said Wednesday the company agreed to insure the building as a storage facility that wouldn't need to be heated.

The city could pursue a Brownfield Grant to clean up environmental contamination at the site.

"We feel it's something we can address at not too much of a price," Steklac said of the site contamination.

Steklac added that the city council has indicated it wants to keep the building advisory committee intact.

The committee would next address ways to fund the project, and would assess whether to renovate the

DPW building on North Street, or create new space for it on Buchanan Street.

Steklac said a new police station would definitely be a part of the new city hall. The old police headquarters building, located at 104 E. Middle St., could be redeveloped into retail space, he said.

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CHELSEA

Teddy Bear store sends kids to camp

Chelsea Teddy Bear Company is currently conducting a fund-raiser in its six retail stores to help send children that are victims of serious burns to Burn Camp next summer.

Recovery from a burn injury is a life long journey. The University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center sends children who were treated at the center for burn injuries to Burn Camp. This special week is specifically designed for children between the ages of 8-17 who have survived dev-

astating burn injuries. Camp is held at Camp Manitou-Lin in Middleville.

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Research holds hope in early cancer diagnosis

Pancreatic cancer often kills swiftly and surely, and often goes undiagnosed until it's far too late for doctors to provide a cure through surgery.

But new research may give patients a better chance at early detection, firm diagnosis and, someday, better treatment options for the fourth leading cause of cancer death.

Researchers from the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center recently announced that they have found a protein that allows them to identify pancreatic cancer from normal tissue better than the current "gold standard" blood test used nationwide.

They believe this protein, called CEACAM 1, could be used to detect early signs of cancer, especially in those

patients at highest risk for the disease.

The same team also reported new findings about the basic cellular processes that allow pancreatic cancer to develop. The discovery of "crosstalk" between two cell signaling pathways involved in the disease may yield clues as to why pancreatic tumors develop, and perhaps one day, lead to innovative ways to stop them.

The U of M researchers reported initial results from gene-based efforts to tell pancreatic cancer from its more common imposter: chronic inflammation of the pancreas, or pancreatitis. By looking at expression levels for three genes in tiny tissue samples removed from patients through a slender needle, they were able to distinguish the two conditions.

More research is needed, but the technique could lead to new ways of telling pancreatitis from cancer without the need for surgery. All three announcements were made at the Digestive Diseases Week meeting.

"We're definitely getting closer to the kinds of innovation that will be needed to increase patients' odds of finding and surviving pancreatic cancer," said Dr. Diane Simeone, whose laboratory team made the cell signaling discovery and who co-leads the U of M effort to translate basic genetic research into clinically useful tests, in a press release.

The newly announced findings all stem from research led by Simeone and Craig Logsdon. One year ago, they published a list of 158 genes that were over-expressed in

patients with pancreatic cancer, the new findings draw on that list to focus in on proteins encoded by some of the most promising genes.

The CEACAM 1 findings show that the protein is elevated in the blood of pancreatic cancer patients, and that levels of RNA and mRNA corresponding to it are far higher in the cells of cancer patients than in pancreatitis or normal tissue.

CEACAM 1 was better at telling pancreatic cancer from normal tissue than the current "gold standard" test, a protein called CA19-9. A test combining the two proteins was even better.

Simeone, who runs the U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center's multidisciplinary pancreatic cancer clinic and operates on dozens of patients a year, notes that

CEACAM 1 may be an important biomarker for the early stages of pancreatic cancer, before it becomes a full-blown tumor.

In 17 of 20 samples from patients in the final pre-cancerous stage of pancreatic cancer, CEACAM 1 was over-expressed. In all the U of M team performed Affymetrix RNA "gene chip" assays on 10 pancreatic cancer tissue samples, five pancreatitis samples and five normal samples. The levels of CEACAM 1 RNA were far higher in all cases.

The same was true when 89 samples were examined using quantitative rapid polymerase chain reaction RNA analysis. And, the same was true in blood samples from several dozen patients.

More research is needed on the ability of CEACAM 1

serum tests to tell pancreatic cancer from pancreatitis, Simeone said, and a larger validation trial of the biomarker will begin this summer via a multi-center network of investigators.

She hopes that some day, patients may be able to have a blood test for a "panel" of proteins, especially if they are at high risk for the disease because of family history, age or smoking history. Tobacco use elevates the risk of pancreatic cancer greatly.

The need for improved diagnosis is great: 30,000 Americans each year die from pancreatic cancer, and 80 percent are diagnosed long after surgery to remove their tumor is possible. The symptoms of pancreatic cancer often mimic other diseases, or are overlooked until it is too late.

BUILDING

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Recreation Tavern for 25 years before drawing its last beer in 1960.

"It had pool tables, slot machines and good burgers," Staffan recalled. "Upstairs was a firemen's hall."

At one point, the upper level housed a religious congregation whose fervent evangelism caused plaster dust to fall from the ceiling and into the beer mugs of the tavern's patrons.

After that, it returned to a former incarnation as Schneider's Grocery Store, eventually moving across the

street to where the Chelsea Market is now.

Other businesses came and went with the building's last occupant before River Gallery — being Chelsea Motorcycle Supply.

Originally, the "Staffan Building" included two adjoining structures and those buildings were occupied by Fenn's Drug Store at one time.

Now, an annex of the Common Grill occupies a portion of one of those original buildings.

The Wagner family decided to lease the building to River Gallery on a long-term basis.

In return, River Gallery

co-owners Deborah Greer and Patti Schwarz completed the building's only major renovation in its history at their own expense in June.

The project included restoring what was formerly a vacant second-floor and building a new staircase to access it. Scott McElrath of Dangerous Architects in Chelsea participated in the project.

The installation of a new flooring, drywall, lighting, heating and cooling, windows, a new electrical system and painting both the interior and exterior of the building were also part of the plan.

THEFTS

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back down before pulling south on to Main Street.

Officer Dave Dettling then saw the car driving 20 mph over the speed limit on Main Street. When the squad car turned around, the Neon sped up to 60 mph in a 25 mph zone, the police report states. Eventually, the driver of the Neon turned the vehicle's headlights off, then lost control of the vehicle while going around a small curve.

The Neon hit the curb, causing a tire to blow out, then swerved into a street sign at Pierce Street, where Chelsea Community Hospital is located. The driver then fled from the car on foot. Chelsea's K-9 unit assisted in a search for the man, but he could not be located.

Police believe he fled southwest until reaching Old US-12. An area resident who lives on Old US-12 called police to report that her car had been stolen from her driveway sometime over the night. Police believe the man stole it while escaping police.

The vehicle is a gray 1991 Dodge Spirit. It was recovered early last week in Detroit.

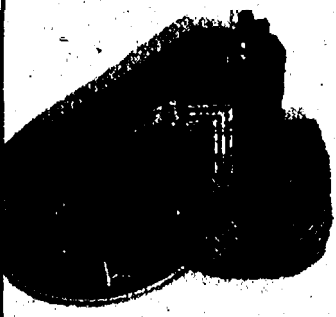
Police arrested a man who

they believe was an accomplice to the crime.

That man, 20 and from Detroit, was seen loitering in a vehicle near the location of the original car theft. He was questioned by police and gave a conflicting account as to his reasons for being in the area, but was eventually released at 4 a.m.

He is still being investigated for his possible connections to the crime.

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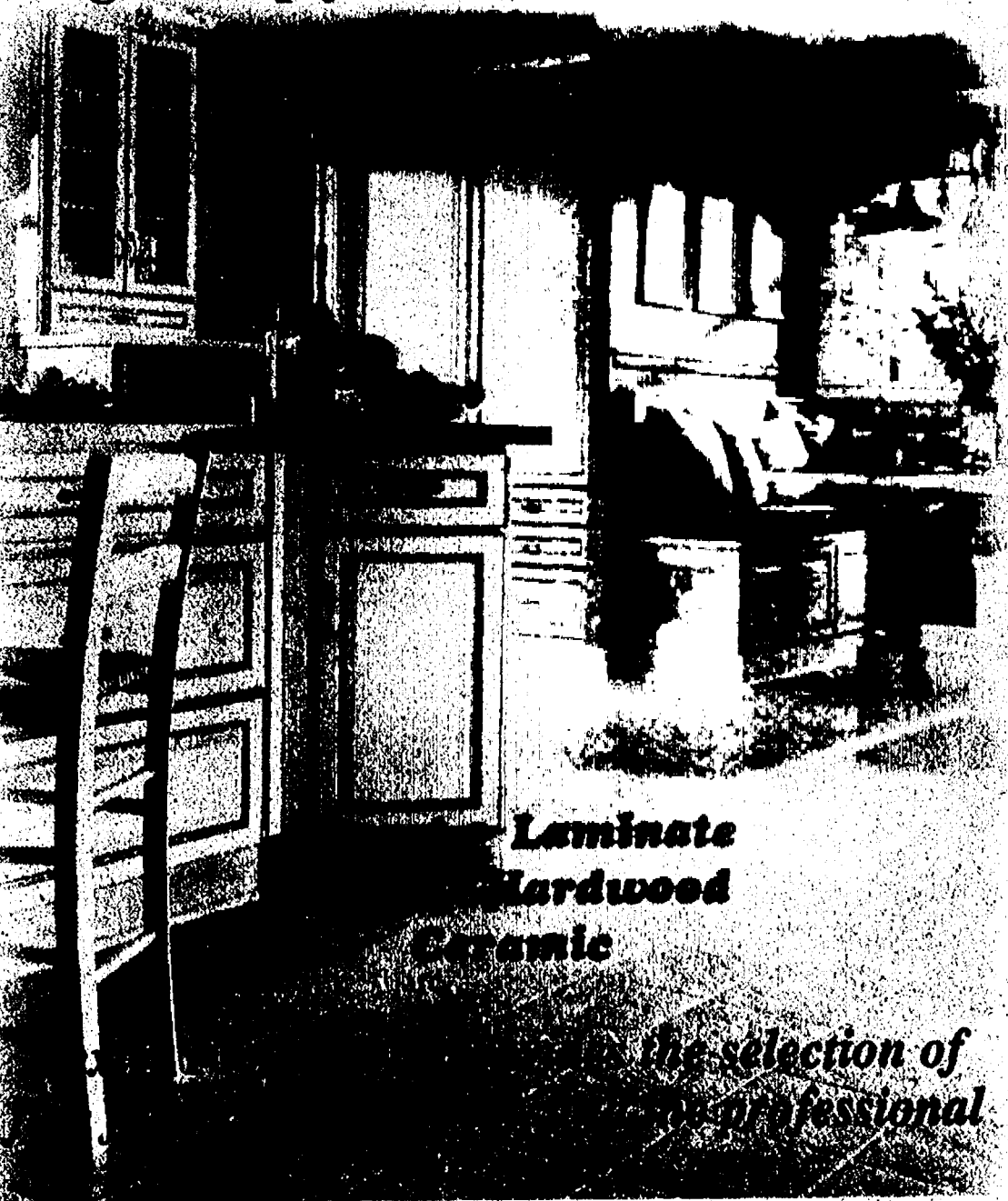
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Alumnae group offers holiday home tours

The Conger Alumnae Group will be hosting its annual showcase of area homes to raise money for University of Michigan scholarships.

The 2004 Conger Holiday Home Tour and Art Market will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 7. Four homes, decorated for the holidays, will be open during that time. There also is an Art Market at Barton Hills Country Club where more than 30 artisans will have holiday and everyday gifts to buy. The hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All the money raised will benefit women in need who attend the University of Michigan.

The scholarships are given through the School of Engineering, the Center for the Education of Women, the M-Ties program and the Office of Financial Aid at the Ann

Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint campuses of the University of Michigan. The group awarded \$47,000 for women for the 2004-2005 academic year.

The locations of the four houses and a description of each follows:

4988 West Liberty — Built in 2003 by Arbor's Custom Homes, this spacious floor plan is perfect for entertaining any season of the year. Extensive use of limestone flooring, interesting tiles, wallpaper and decorative paint techniques form a dramatic backdrop for the special holiday decorations, designed by this creative homeowner, Carol Johnson-CJ Interiors.

1137 Fair Oaks — White columns line the front porch of this historic Ann Arbor residence in Ives Woods, designed by architect

Fiske Kimball.

The original architectural plans hang in the downstairs hall. A recent addition seamlessly integrates the old and new with a family room and screened-in porch for summer living. Antiques accent the tasteful furnishings in this warm traditional home that abounds with Christmas decorations from around the world.

3237 Heather Rd. — Nautical and antique interests blend with modern design in this new Travis Point home, designed by Angellini & Associates architects and built by Tim Powell of Handcrafted Homes.

The Great Lakes are represented in paintings and decorative motifs throughout. Original art and antique furnishings harmonize with the vibrant color scheme devel-

oped by Alyce Riemenschneider of Riemenschneider Design Associates.

All of these elements combined present a charming home for the holidays.

5248 Pinnacle Crt. — This delightful "empty nester", just steps from the golf course, features a fully enclosed main-floor master suite and guest bedroom and additional bedroom, bath and loft upstairs.

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STATE

State Senate votes on mental health code

By Jennifer Mitchell
Heritage Newspapers

LANSING — The state Senate recently passed a bipartisan package of bills to amend the mental health code.

Senate Bills 683-686 would create individual outpatient treatment programs as alternatives to hospitalization for those with severe mental illness.

The package aims to safeguard the public by allowing family members and others to intervene and secure the necessary treatment for those with mental illness before it's too late.

Left untreated, the severely mentally ill often end up homeless or incarcerated. The legislation is going under the name of "Kevin's Law."

The package is a response to the 2000 death of Kevin Heisinger.

A person with severe mental illness beat Heisinger to death in a Kalamazoo bus station in 2000. Heisinger's killer was not following his mental health provider's recommended course of treatment.

Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Twp.), vice chairman of the Health Policy Committee, sponsored Senate Bill 684.

In other Senate news:

• Sen. Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) recently announced that Ecorse received a community forestry grant from the Department of Natural Resources.

The grants are aimed at assisting communities, schools and nonprofit groups with urban forestry-related projects.

Basham, who helped with the grant, said Ecorse will seek to maintain a tree inventory and then develop a tree-planting plan to target the Ecorse Creek and Detroit River Greenways.

The city also can use the funding to create new parkland and to form a volunteer community tree board to handle disease and invasive-species problems such as the emerald ash borer.

Grants totaling \$100,000 were awarded to 21 communities.

• Basham, a member of the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, reports the bipartisan Senate Bill 1457 is expected to be voted on in the next few weeks.

The legislation is designed to regulate nickel mining in Michigan. A large deposit of the resource — the main component in stainless steel and a necessary element for hydrogen fuel cell technology — has been discovered in the Upper Peninsula.

There are no primary mines in the country, so the United States imports about 300 million pounds of nickel annually.

The legislation would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow a mine in Marquette. One benefit of the bill would be the creation of more jobs in the state.

Basham said there are risks of disturbing landscapes and development of metal-bearing, acidic soils and waters with any type of mining.

However, he said, Kennecott Minerals, the company supporting the mine, has

worked with the state Department of Environmental Quality to ease fears and prevent risks.

Patterson, vice chairman of the committee, co-sponsored the legislation.

In the House of Representatives:

• State Rep. Susan Tabor (R-Delta Township) sponsor of the controversial bill that now allows the hunting of mourning doves in Michigan, is adding fuel to the fire with her latest piece of legislation.

Tabor sponsored House Bill 6272 in late September and the Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Committee passed it on to the full House, which as of Monday had yet to vote on it.

The Songbird Coalition, opponents of dove hunting and the latest bill, say HB

6272 would change the mission of the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission.

The agencies currently manage wildlife. The bill would allow them to promote reclassification of protected non-game animals in order to establish open hunting seasons on them.

• State Rep. Hoon-Yung

Hopgood (D-Taylor), a member of the Energy and Technology Committee, said the group recently met for two days on House Bill 6314.

The bill, which the House passed 81-44, would amend Public Act 368 of 1925 to allow certain utilities to construct and maintain utility lines and structures, including pipelines, within limited access highway rights-of-way

without the consent of the governing body of the city, village or township.

Hopgood offered an amendment to require pipelines to be a certain dis-

tance away from a retirement or long-term care facility, but it wasn't adopted.

The Legislature is expected to adjourn for the year Dec. 9.

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STATE

Schwarz prepares for trip to Congress

Freshman representative optimistic about upcoming term in D.C.

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

After spending last week in what he termed congressional "boot camp," incoming freshman Congressman Joe Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) is starting to feel prepared to dig in and begin representing the 7th Congressional District once he is sworn in Jan. 4.

"I do feel like I've been drinking from a fire hydrant all week, though," Schwarz said last Thursday.

Schwarz said one of the things that impressed him the most during his week of orientation to Congress was the attention to detail provided to freshman members.

"Every session we have gives us new information, much of which we didn't have before," he said. "We're being inundated with material, printed and otherwise, on how to run an office, hire a staff, set up a nascent re-election operation in 2006, being told what committee appointments are and are not available to freshman members and choosing office space."

Add to that the meeting with Republican Party lead-

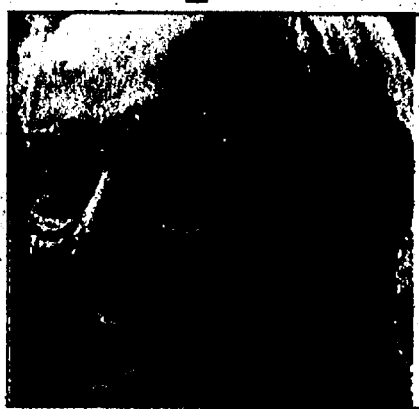
ership and among the group of 23 Republican freshman members of Congress (which could grow to 25 new members once Louisiana's run-off vote is complete), and Schwarz's week may, indeed, be compared to drinking from a fire hydrant.

Schwarz, who describes himself as a moderate Republican, adds that while his fellow freshmen are "all over the map" as far as ideological beliefs, "we're all fiscal conservatives — I'm a budget hawk and I believe that most of those here are the same."

"On some issues, I expect (the freshmen Congress members) to differ," he added. "But to a person, we are very supportive of the president in the war effort in Iraq; and we're supportive of the concept of doing everything we can do to support our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Schwarz added that he and his fellow Republicans support a very conservative tax policy.

Asked about Congress' Nov. 18 vote to raise the debt ceiling, Schwarz said there was "no choice," because of previous spending by the government and spending commit-



Joe Schwarz

ments already made.

"But we continue to spend at rates which are far in excess of our revenues," he said, "as Sen. (John) McCain pointed out in several floor speeches when I saw him over the weekend: 'This has got to stop.'"

And this, he said, is the conundrum that the 109th Congress will be dealt.

"Congress has got to rein in the free spending — and if they don't, we will have to make a decision regarding revenue enhancement, there's no question about it."

Schwarz said many freshman Republicans were from states with heavy agricultural enterprise, much like Michigan's 7th congressional district.

"Agriculture is a big issue here and all of us have an interest in agricultural economics," he said.

That interest led Schwarz to request to participate on the House Agriculture Committee, although he does not know yet whether he will be selected for that commit-

tee — or any others for which he signed up such as transportation and infrastructure, education and the workforce, and armed services.

Schwarz, a Vietnam veteran, is concerned with keeping Michigan's military presence a vital part of the state's economy, which is his major reason for seeking the armed services committee.

Michigan's military bases include Camp Custer in Battle Creek; Selfridge Air Base in Macomb County; national guard bases in Alpena and Grayling; and TACOM in Warren.

"It's important that we have representation so that the military presence in Michigan is not diminished," Schwarz said. "I'm one of a dwindling number of combat veterans in the Congress; I think it's essential that veteran's issues be represented by people who've had military experience."

Schwarz expects to act for the district that is his lifelong home with "intelligent, aggressive representation."

"We want to make certain that its entities are eligible for federal assistance and make sure we're on top of the most important issues," he said.

Those issues are education, health care, environmental policy and security.

"During my first term, the top priority for any freshman member is to learn how the place works, in order to be

effective," he said. "I need to hire an effective and knowledgeable staff both in the district and in Washington, make sure the lines of communication are open with constituents, and to identify issues about which I have an acute interest."

"The list is long right now; it will narrow down depend-

ing on my committee appointments."

Though he is a long-time friend of his predecessor, Nick Smith, Schwarz said that he probably will represent the district in a different way.

"Nick and I remain good friends," he said. "I think the world of him — but there is a new person in this seat now."

DEXTER-CHELSEA

Holiday cards now available at HSHV

The Humane Society of Huron Valley has holiday cards available for sale to the public at eight locations in Washtenaw County.

Each year, graphic artist and cartoonist Dan Fenech of Saline provides a new design with a fresh and humorous take on the holidays. In addition, other card designs are available as well.

Cards can be purchased at the Adoption Center at the Shelter at 3100 Cherry Hill Road in Ann Arbor, Pet Supplies Plus Adoption Center in Traver Mall in Ann Arbor, Mantis Garden Supply in Ypsilanti, Pets n' Things in Saline, Lane Animal Hospital in Chelsea, Huron Pet Supply on Jackson Road in Ann Arbor, and the Ann Arbor Cat Clinic on Packard Road.

After a two-year hiatus,

HSHV will again present "Santa Paws" at the Pet Supplies Plus location on Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor on Dec. 4, and at the Pet Supplies Plus store on South Main in Ann Arbor on Dec. 11. Pictures of owners and their pets with Santa will be taken from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Roger Collins will once again stand in for Santa. Digital pictures in card frames will be \$8 for one and \$12 for two.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley is open to the public seven days from noon until 6:00 pm. Closed holidays.

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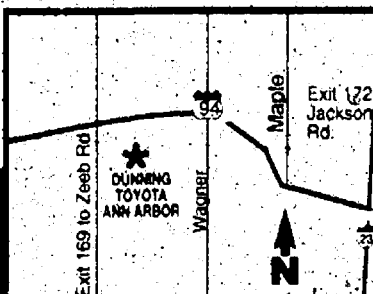
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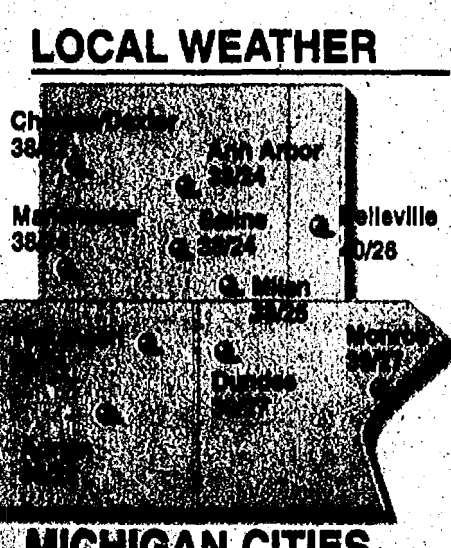
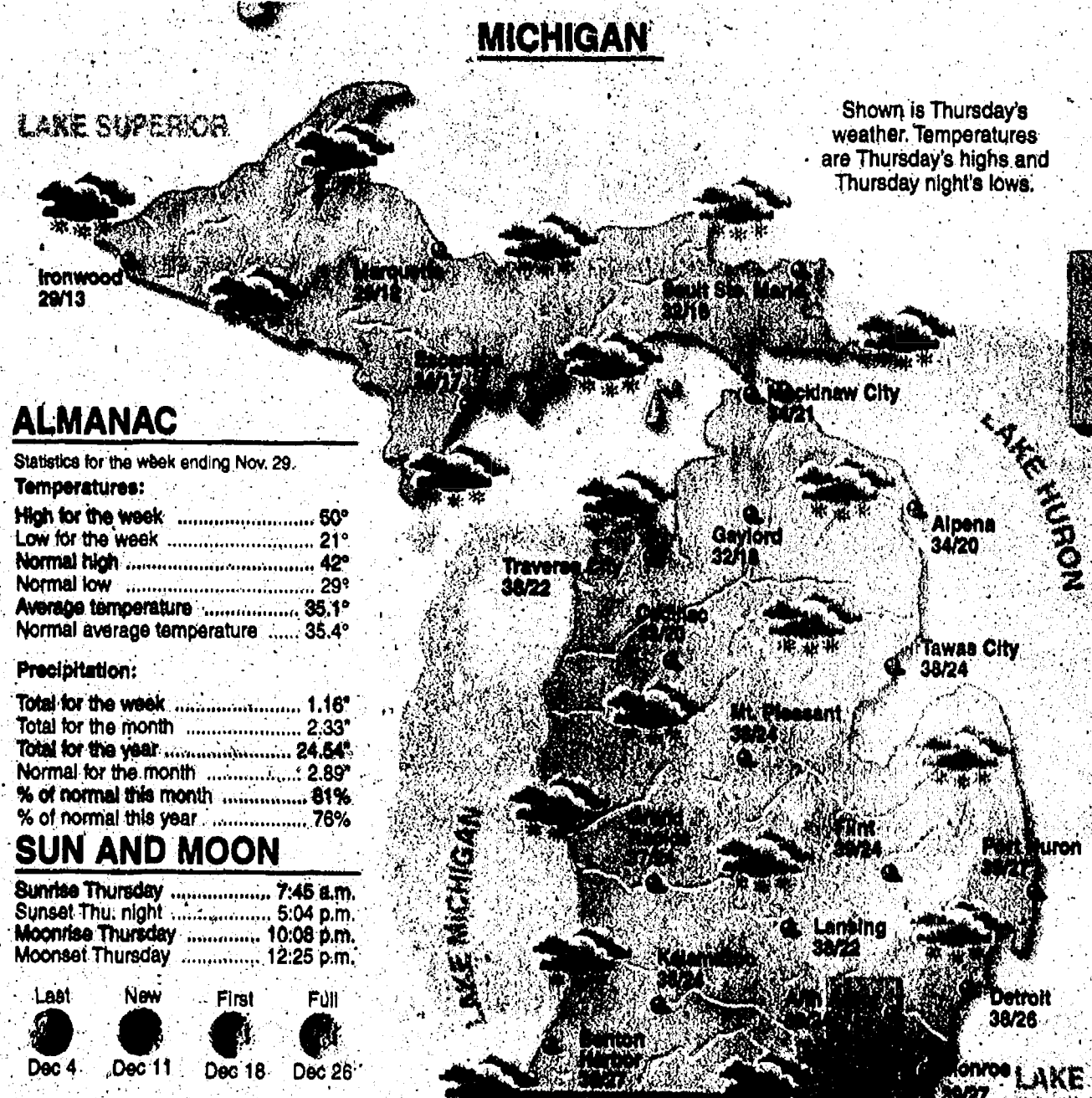
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HIGH: 36°-40° Mostly cloudy with flurries.	LOW: 22°-26° Mostly cloudy with flurries.	HIGH: 36°-40° Partly sunny. LOW: 24°-28°	HIGH: 38°-42° Rain and snow possible. LOW: 26°-30°	HIGH: 40°-44° Partly sunny. LOW: 28°-32°	HIGH: 42°-46° Mostly sunny. LOW: 28°-32°







ALMANAC

Statistics for the week ending Nov. 29.

Temperatures:
 High for the week 60°
 Low for the week 21°
 Normal high 42°
 Normal low 29°
 Average temperature 35.1°
 Normal average temperature 35.4°

Precipitation:
 Total for the week 1.16"
 Total for the month 2.33"
 Total for the year 24.54"
 Normal for the month 2.89"
 % of normal this month 81%
 % of normal this year 76%

SUN AND MOON
 Sunrise Thursday 7:45 a.m.
 Sunset Thu. night 5:04 p.m.
 Moonrise Thursday 10:08 p.m.
 Moonset Thursday 12:25 p.m.





 Last Dec 4 New Dec 11 First Dec 18 Full Dec 26

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.
Albany	42/27/c	32/24/c
Albuquerque	44/22/s	48/23/p
Anchorage	30/18/s	30/15/p
Atlanta	50/32/p	50/34/s
Atlanta City	50/32/p	50/34/s
Austin	50/32/p	50/34/s
Baltimore	50/32/p	50/34/s
Baton Rouge	50/32/p	50/34/s
Billings	50/32/p	50/34/s
Birmingham	50/32/p	50/34/s
Bismarck	50/32/p	50/34/s
Bloomington	50/32/p	50/34/s
Boise	50/32/p	50/34/s
Boston	50/32/p	50/34/s
Brownsville	50/32/p	50/34/s

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.
Buffalo	38/28/sf	34/26/sf
Burlington, IA	41/27/p	42/23/p
Burlington, VT	39/27/sf	35/19/sf
Casper	31/17/p	38/20/p
Cedar Rapids	39/21/p	37/26/p
Charleston, SC	64/42/s	61/37/s
Charleston, WV	50/30/p	42/28/p
Chicago	58/32/s	58/32/s
Cheyenne	33/19/p	40/22/p
Cincinnati	38/24/sf	40/28/p
Cleveland	48/30/p	44/28/p
Columbia, MO	42/28/sf	38/26/sf
Columbus, OH	42/28/p	42/30/p
Dallas	43/29/p	38/28/p
Dallas	55/36/p	58/40/p
Davenport	38/22/p	39/26/p

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.
Denver	32/18/p	43/18/p
Des Moines	40/23/p	38/25/p
Duluth	28/12/sf	23/18/sf
El Paso	58/28/p	55/29/p
Fairbanks	12/4/sf	5/10/p
Fargo	31/10/p	30/21/sf
Flagstaff	40/10/s	41/12/p
Fort Wayne	40/24/sf	38/24/p
Green Bay	45/18/sf	35/22/p
Hartford	39/23/sf	40/22/p
Honolulu	84/73/s	83/72/s
Houston	60/41/p	60/42/p
Indianapolis	45/25/p	47/27/p
Jackson	42/26/sf	41/24/sf
Kansas City	43/25/s	45/29/p

MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.
Ann Arbor	38/24/sf	38/26/p
Battle Creek	38/23/sf	37/23/p
Bay City	38/23/sf	38/23/p
Coldwater	38/23/sf	38/24/p
Dearborn	38/27/sf	39/27/p
Detroit	38/26/sf	38/28/p
Grand Rapids	37/24/sf	35/24/p
Holland	38/27/sf	38/28/p
Jackson	38/24/sf	38/28/p
Kalamazoo	38/24/sf	38/24/p
Lansing	38/26/sf	37/27/p
Livonia	38/24/sf	38/24/p
Midland	38/24/sf	40/25/p
Monroe	38/27/sf	37/28/p
Muskegon	38/27/sf	37/28/p
Pontiac	38/25/sf	37/24/p
Port Huron	39/27/sf	40/24/p
Saginaw	38/23/sf	38/23/p
Sault Ste. Marie	32/18/sf	28/18/c
Sturgis	38/23/sf	38/24/p
Toronto	38/27/sf	38/25/p
Traverse City	38/22/sf	35/25/p
Warren	38/28/sf	39/28/p

TRAVEL

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Highest Thursday 38°
 Highest Friday 32°
 Highest Saturday 36°
 Highest Sunday 38°

SOLAR TABLE

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

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
THURSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY
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THURSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY

UV INDEX

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

WORLD CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.
Acapulco	48/31/p	51/33/p
Algiers	70/53/s	71/45/p
Amsterdam	48/37/s	48/41/p
Athens	63/52/r	67/56/p
Auckland	77/57/p	80/53/p
Bangkok	66/69/p	67/72/p
Barbados	84/68/r	82/68/r
Beijing	50/38/r	58/34/p
Berlin	58/44/r	58/44/p
Bogota	59/34/s	47/38/p
Buenos Aires	59/52/r	66/48/p
Calcutta	81/70/s	85/58/p
Cairo	74/53/s	77/55/p
Calgary	77/25/s	58/23/p
Cape Town	78/50/p	85/67/s
Copenhagen	41/32/p	45/38/p
Dublin	47/37/p	46/38/p
Frankfurt	40/38/p	60/41/p
Geneva	49/42/p	54/48/p
Hong Kong	75/57/p	81/63/s
Istanbul	50/46/sf	62/51/c
Jakarta	90/72/r	89/73/r
Jerusalem	81/43/s	64/48/p
Karachi	88/55/s	88/55/p

WORLD CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.
Kobe	54/38/s	58/38/p
London	77/61/p	77/62/p
Los Angeles	58/43/s	58/43/p
London	58/43/s	58/43/p
Madrid	58/43/s	58/43/p
Manila	58/43/s	58/43/p
Mexico City	70/48/p	71/47/p
Montreal	38/23/c	28/18/sf
Moscow	60/24/p	27/19/sf
Nairobi	60/53/p	55/52/sf
New Delhi	78/50/p	82/48/p
Panama	86/74/p	87/75/p
Paris	58/43/s	58/43/p
Rio de Janeiro	71/61/p	73/63/p
Rome	62/51/p	64/54/s
San Juan	84/72/sf	84/74/sf
Seoul	53/38/p	53/35/c
Singapore	87/78/p	88/79/p
Stockholm	37/24/sf	32/25/sf
Sydney	71/62/p	72/63/p
Tehran	41/27/sf	40/28/p
Tokyo	64/48/p	64/48/p
Vancouver	48/39/r	44/38/r
Vienna	45/32/r	40/28/p
Warsaw	45/32/r	40/28/p

COMMUNITY

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EDITORIAL



MARIA SPROW

Residents share hopeful stories

With the New Year and holidays quickly approaching, many area residents may be looking for some inspiration in their lives.

After all, this is the time for our yearly reflections, to voice our goals for the coming year.

It's also a time when many families both mourn over their losses and celebrate the best parts of humanity.

Now is the time when newspapers across the country flood their readers with stories of good will and Christmas cheer.

Whether it is large charity drives that benefit hundreds of battered women, or one small gift given from one child to another child, these are the holiday stories many of us cherish.

But they are also the oft-told stories, the ones we have all come to expect.

When the Pathway to Renewal project was underway two summers ago, many members of the community told stories of hope and renewal.

The stories they shared, a sample of which follow, are not those that you come to expect. They show that hope can lie in the strangest and least expectant of places, that the smallest story can have a positive impact on someone's lives.

"I believe a sign of strength in a community during good, as well as difficult times, is how people come together and share their experiences," said Lyndon Township resident Marijo Grogan, who collected and submitted the Stories of Hope to The Chelsea Standard.

"It is exciting to hear about the moments in life that touch and teach us," she added. "Each of these stories has a valuable lesson to impart."

The stories include that told by Kathie Gourlay, who found hope and inspiration inside a prison.

Gourlay was a volunteer math tutor at the Cassidy Lake Correctional Facility. When the Christmas season approached, she decided to buy small gifts for her students to spread some holiday cheer.

But when she came to the facility with the gifts, she was told she could not give them because there weren't enough for all the inmates.

"I expected them to be even more disappointed, perhaps angry, and maybe disdainful of me. 'Don't worry,' one man said, 'you tried your best, and we know what your intentions were,'" Gourlay wrote. "I looked into his face and realized that I was witnessing the true spirit of the holiday season. I also felt, that if these kind of people are the worst in our society, then our society is not very bad at all."

Suzi Morse shared a story about two neighbors who reached out to each other, when it could have been just as tempting to turn their backs away from each other.

The story focuses on one neighbor who had a small pet

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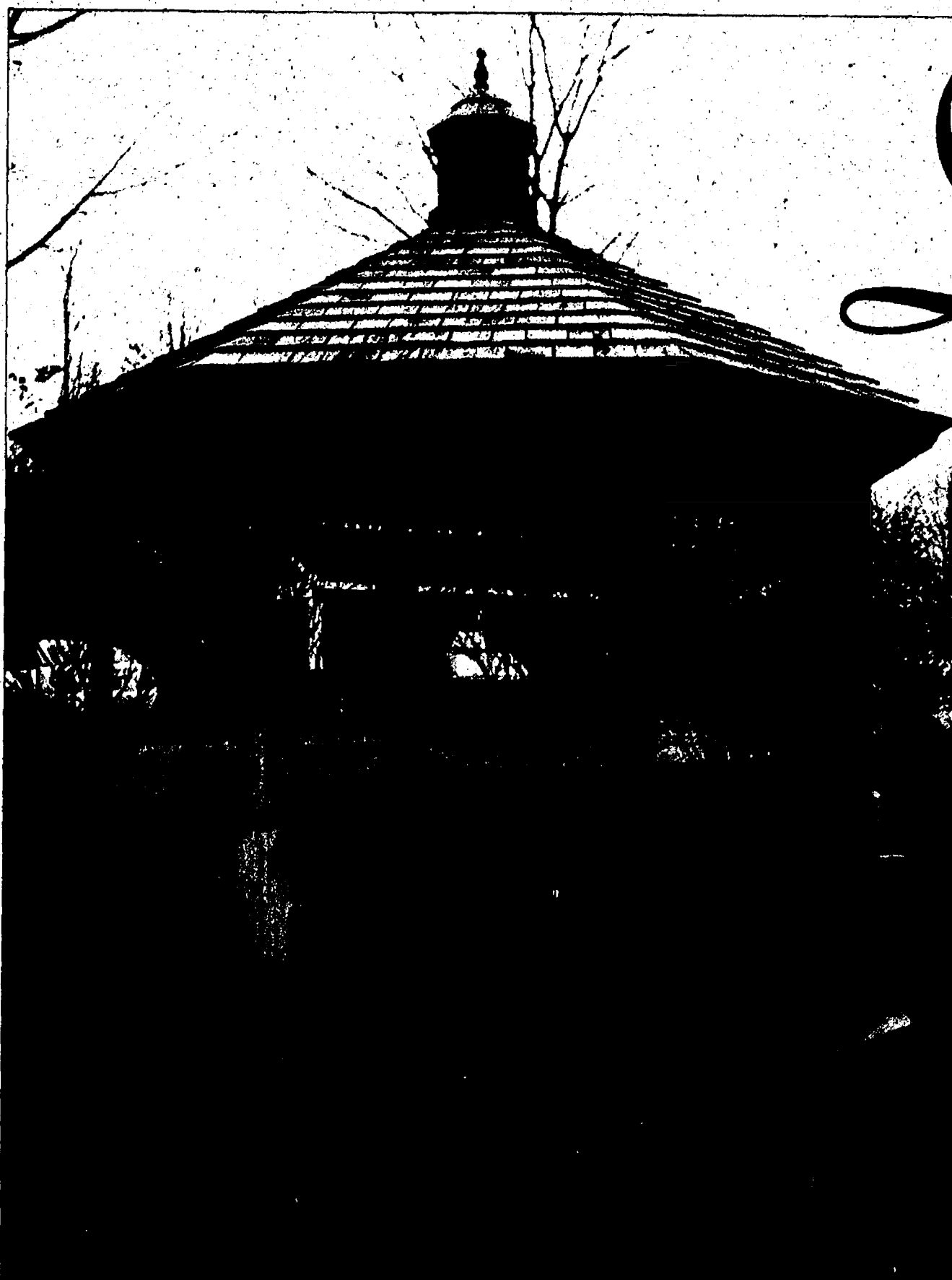


Photo by Maria Sprow

Dexter Township resident Kyle Schebor, 17, plans on renovating the small gazebo that currently sits in Memorial Park as part of his Eagle Scout project. The gazebo, donated to the village by the Goings family, has been vandalized throughout the last several years.

Restoring a piece of Dexter Eagle Scout project will replace gazebo

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

A small and broken piece of Dexter will soon be restored to its original beauty and purpose.

The small gazebo in Memorial Park was originally donated to the village to serve as a quiet place for residents to enjoy the outdoors.

Over the years, it has suffered from a multitude of vandalism.

The Goings family, in honor of a family member who had passed away, donated the gazebo to the village. The Goings live across the street from the park.

Its walls have been completely torn off, and graffiti — including some love messages from teens, but other messages with crude language — adorns its small, circular picnic table, as well as its pillars. One of its benches has either been torn apart or has rotted away with age.

When Dexter High School student Kyle Schebor, 17, heard just how bad the gazebo had become, he made a decision to fix it.

"It seemed like a really nice thing to restore," said Schebor, a Boy Scout in Troop 477 who was looking for an Eagle Scout project at the time. "It's a part of Dexter, and I just wanted to make it so that people could use it again."

It may sound like a simple task, but it's not. Schebor has already spent the last six months working on the project, contacting village officials and drawing up plans for the renovation.

Now that the legwork is pretty much completed, he just needs to tear the gazebo down and build it back up again.

Residents can think of this winter as Gazebo Rehab. Schebor plans on tearing it down in December.

It'll be back in the spring, but it's unknown if it will ever

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Troop helps community in many ways

The restoration of the small gazebo in Memorial Park isn't the only way the young men in Boy Scout Troop 477 are helping the Dexter area.

Here are just some of the recent projects the troop members have completed and are working on as part of becoming an Eagle Scout.

• Trevor Sherwood of Webster Township cleared up debris behind the Will Scadin farm on Webster Church Road as part of his Eagle Scout project. The property belongs to the Webster United Church of Christ. After clearing the area, Sherwood laid down several inches of woodchips and is now working on

building two picnic tables.

• Thomas Leonard of Webster Township made a series of six flower gardens, approximately 4 feet by 6 feet, and placed them on cement to make them wheelchair accessible. The project was finished about two weeks ago.

• Dexter Village resident CJ Adams recently built a 25-foot by 25-foot shelter for a picnic area located on the Webster Historical Society property.

• Loch Alpine resident Eric Kumbier is building a nature path in Loch Alpine. The gravel path will be 5 feet wide and over 150 yards long

through a dense area of undergrowth and trees.

• Scio Township resident William Burgett built a sugar shack for the Hudson Mills Metropolitan Authority.

• Alex Brower of Webster Township completed a 60-foot long, 5-foot wide walkway that is suspended over a swampy area in Loch Alpine. The walkway will connect to Kumbier's nature path.

• Dexter resident Mitchell Ackeborg refinished and put new boards on six picnic tables for Hudson Mills.

• Loch Alpine resident Steve Crompton built a stone and brick labyrinth for the Webster United

Church of Christ. The labyrinth will serve as an area to walk and meditate.

• Dexter resident Thane Wolcott built a 5-foot wide, 165 yard-long nature path through the woods near the Webster United Church of Christ. At the end of the path, he built an open meditation purposes, with benches where residents can relax.

• Dexter High School student Brice Wandyg renovated the jungle gym located at Wylie Elementary School.

In addition, there are two other Boy Scout troops with students from the Dexter area.

Compiled by Staff Writer Maria Sprow.

It's time to Rock 'n Roll and bowl Duo focuses on bringing bands into Chelsea

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

Sylvan Township resident John Johnson knows it's always time to rock 'n' roll.

But he has an announcement to make: Now's the time to get ready to Rock 'n Bowl.

That's right, it's RockaBowlloza, a monthly event at Chelsea Lanes that features area bands.

"This is it," Johnson, 53, said while standing in front of the stage at Chelsea Lanes. "This is the home of rock 'n' roll, right here."

It may have been a bit of an exaggeration, but Chelsea Lanes co-owner Eddie Greenleaf, Jr., likes the sound of it.

It was his idea to bring the tour to the bowling alley. While in previous years, Johnson's band has performed on Saturdays during the fall, this year, Greenleaf wanted to mix it up.

So he asked Johnson, who had previously volunteered to bring live entertainment back to the Chelsea SummerFest, to help.

"John and I share the same love of live music," Greenleaf said.

It didn't take long to spark Johnson's interest in the idea.

"I said, 'I'm in,'" Johnson said. "It was that fast."

The tour started last month with a Halloween-themed concert. The next event is a holiday-themed concert by the band Bull Halsey from 9 p.m. until midnight on Dec. 11.

There will also be a Rose Bowl-themed concert later in the year, and a Valentine's-themed concert in February, each played by a different band.

"At the beginning, the first night, 9:00 rolled around the crowd was like, seven people. By 9:30 the room



Local residents John Johnson and Eddie Greenleaf Jr. are working to bring more live music to Chelsea. They are starting their mission off with the RockaBowlloza tour, which features one band a month at Chelsea Lanes.

Photo by Maria Sprow

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Dec. 2

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Chelsea, Grams Hall, 128 E. Park St. Open to the public.

Friday, Dec. 3

The 18th annual Country Kitchen Bake Sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle Street.

Friday, Dec. 3 through Sunday, Dec. 5

Chelsea's Hometown Holidays will be happening all weekend. It will include a tree-lighting ceremony 6 p.m. Friday at Pierce Park and the Chelsea Light Parade 6 p.m. Saturday.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Boy Scout Troop 425 will be selling Christmas wreaths and swags from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chelsea State Bank, 1010 South Main (at M-52 and Old US-12). For more information, call 475-1568.

Holiday Bazaar Cookie Walk & Bake Sale will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Lake United Methodist Church, 14111 North Territorial Road, in Chelsea.

"4 Friends" and Friends Holiday Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chelsea Fair Grounds on Old US-12. There will be refreshments, live music, free parking and admission. For more information, call 475-9730.

Counterpoint 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.

Sunday, Dec. 5

Chelsea Chamber Players will be performing a free concert 3 p.m. at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St. For more information, call 475-0433 or visit the web site at info@chelsea-chamberplayers.com

The fourth annual Candlelight for Women will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main Street, in Chelsea. The event is free and reservations are required. Call 433-1896 or 475-1404 for reservations and more information.

Community Candle Light Remembrance Service will be held 3:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Community Hospital main dining room, 775 S. Main St. For more

information, call John Mitchell, Jr., at 475-1444.

Monday, Dec. 6

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Chelsea Community Hospital Woodland Room B, 775 S. Main St. Open to the public.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Homeschoolers' Program will be held at 2 p.m. at Cranesbill Books, 108 E. Middle St., in Chelsea. Maggie Swanson guides students in a holiday-related art project. For more information, call 433-2665.

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 holds office hours 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 Nutrition Program

meets noon every Thursday for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For reservations, call 475-7439.

Friday

Al-Anon meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in the White Oak Center Great Room. Call 475-1462.

Bingo is held 6:30 p.m. every Friday night at Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, 7103 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 475-5944.

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

Masonic Lodge 158 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

Saturday, Dec. 4

"Winter Bird Hike" program will be held 8 a.m. at the activity center of Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in See CALENDAR — Page 4-B

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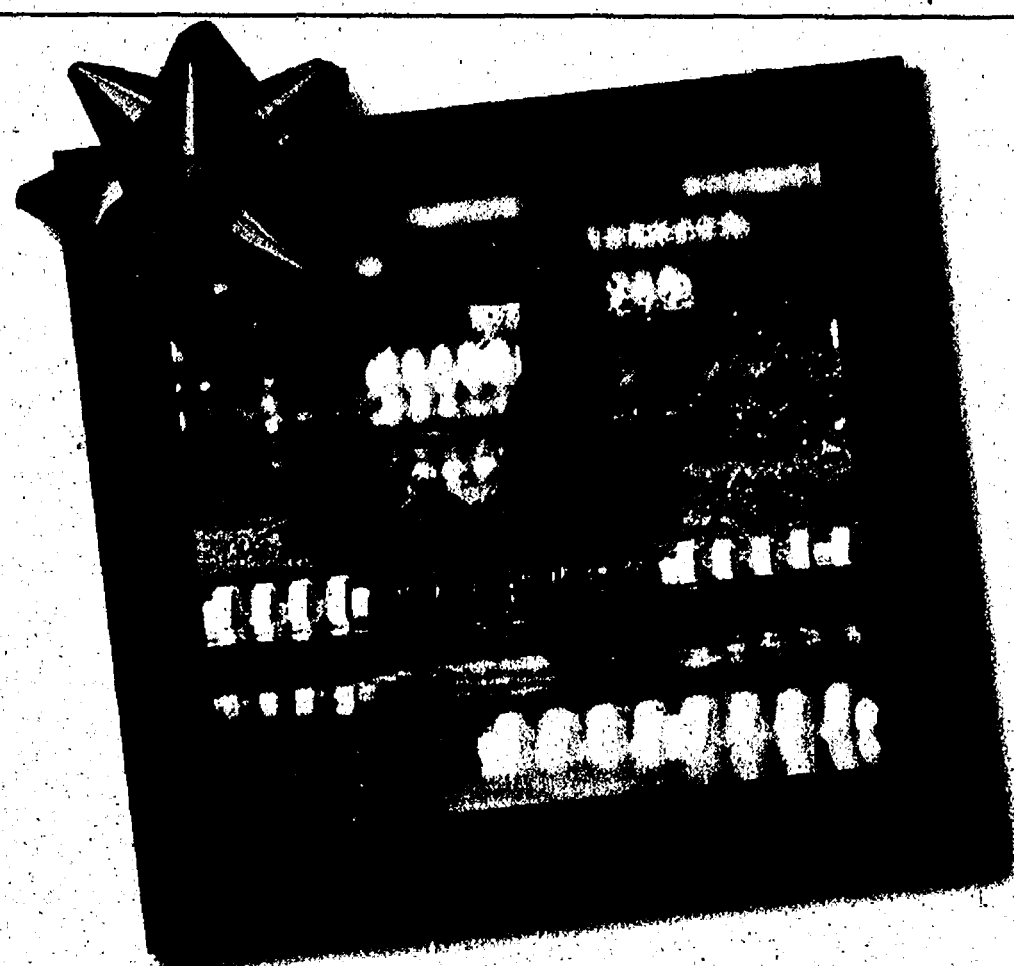
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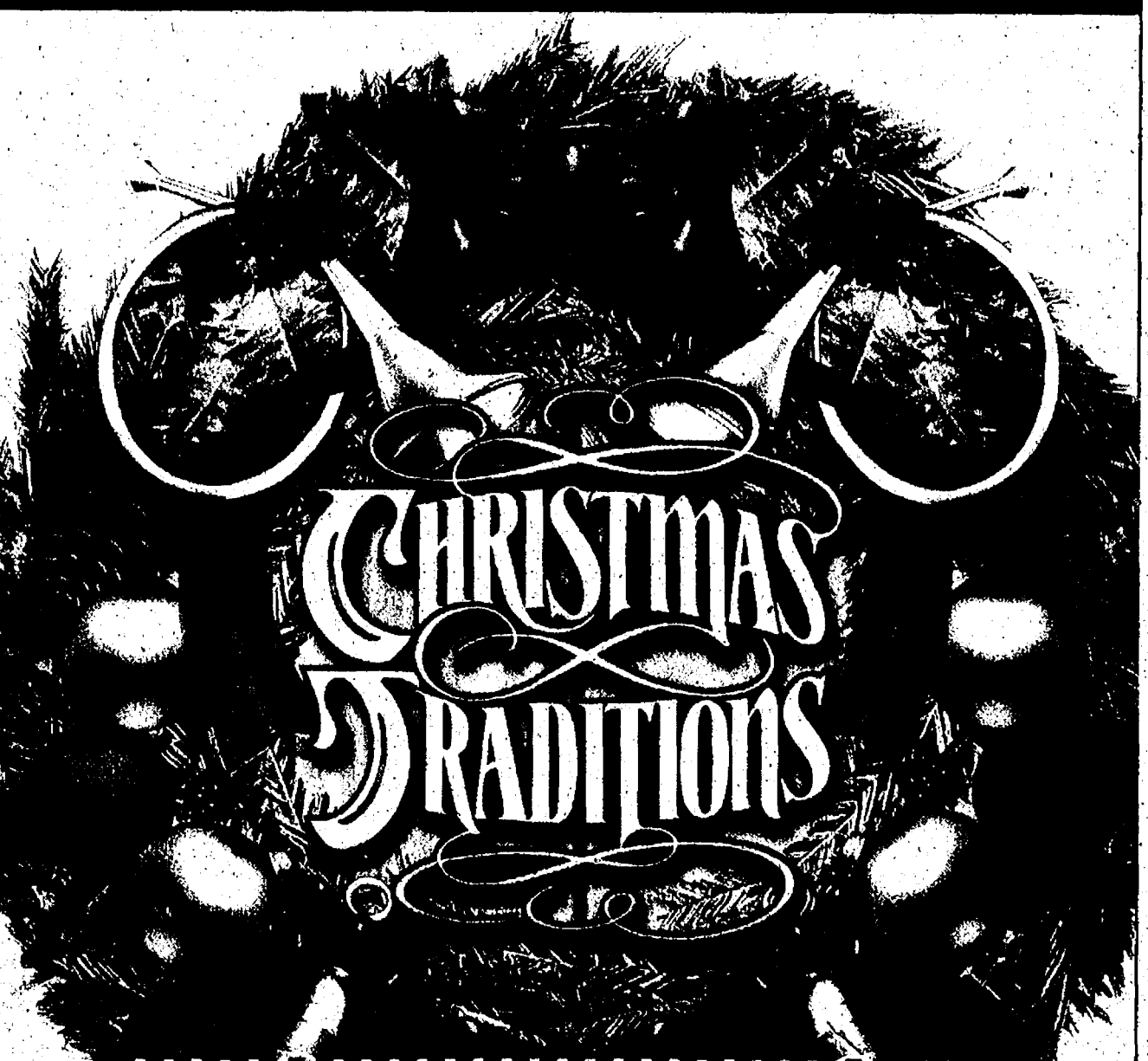
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Candy Shark

Matthew Smith, a fifth-grader at South Meadows Elementary School in Chelsea, got lots of compliments when he went trick-or-treating wearing his "Great White Shark" Halloween costume.

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was packed," Greenleaf said. "After that, we had the place pretty well packed, and the second night was standing room only."

Johnson himself started playing when he was 42 years old. Before that, he said, he had never dreamed he would one day be in a band.

"I had never even touched a bass," he said. But dropping his two boys, Casey and Chris, off for music lessons every week sparked his interest.

Soon, his children had moved on to other activities, while Johnson was just getting started.

"The band that I play with, we played last fall and just had a ball," he said.

The band, called Vinny and the Other Guys, will play at the alley in February.

"I love it. I like mixing it up with the crowd, getting them

to move, snapping their fingers to the music. It's terrific," Johnson said.

But he added that he likes listening to the other bands, too.

"Every band here tries to mix it up throughout the night, because we have such a diverse crowd," Johnson said.

The atmosphere is cozy, he added, and the prices are right.

"In other places with live music, as soon as the first note is played, the prices go up," Johnson said.

Greenleaf said he'll continue to do what it takes to get live music coming to Chelsea — and to get residents into the alley to listen.

"It's great entertainment and a great night out without hitting your wallet. If I can do business that way, then that's the way I'm going to do it to give something back to the town," Greenleaf said. "I'm trying to create something here."

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return to its current home.

Its placement within the park has been a problem, said Steve Gergely, the former president of the Dexter area Chamber of Commerce, which will help pay for the structure's renovation.

Gergely said the chamber was looking at ways to renovate the gazebo when the Boy Scout asked if he could help.

"I thought that was pretty neat, the community getting involved," Gergely said. "We could have hired someone, but now it becomes a project where there is community ownership. I think there are a lot of good things that come out of projects like this."

The chamber had been concerned about the gazebo for numerous reasons, including the graffiti.

"It becomes a safety problem, too, the fact that if you were looking for ways to be mischievous, you could really hide there," Gergely said. "There's always empty liquor bottles out, broken glass."

Members believed it was being under-utilized, in part because few people realized it existed. Because of the shrubs surrounding the gazebo, many people don't realize it's there, Gergely said.

"It was sitting back, and over the years the landscaping and vegetation just overpowered it," he said. "It's a beautiful structure, but it became an eyesore."

Gergely said he would like to see the renovated gazebo placed in Peace Park on Dexter-Ann Arbor Road. He pictures flowers, not shrubs, surrounding the new gazebo,

which will mimic the large gazebo and welcome visitors and residents to the area.

"It is totally not visible (in Memorial Park)," he said. "In Peace Park, what it will do is create a nice entrance way into the village."

Though Village Council Trustee Jim Carson said the gazebo's future location has yet to be decided, Schebor agreed that Peace Park would serve as a nice new home for the gazebo when it is finished. "It's open and it just shows, 'this is Dexter.' It'll show that this is a great community," he said.

"If it's in Peace Park, they can come over and have a picnic and enjoy a piece of Dexter that is now restored," he added.

His scout master, Jack Brigham, said the gazebo

renovation was the perfect Eagle project.

Eagle projects are large community-focused ventures that Boy Scouts must complete in order to achieve the high ranking of Eagle Scout.

"(The Eagle project) has got to have real meaning. It's got to be a challenge to a young man. It's got to be something with depth, so that he can, years from now, drive by it and say, 'that was my eagle project,'" Brigham said. "It's something that is worthwhile and noteworthy."

He added that completion of the project is symbolic of a scout's maturity and drive.

"What we really do is work very hard to keep these boys until they are older scouts, so they can grab a project and can really execute it," Brigham said.

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WEDDINGS

Foster, Frayer were married

Kelly Foster of Allendale and Christopher Frayer of Lexington, Ky. were married July 24, 2004, at People's Church in East Lansing with the Rev. Harry Johnson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Duncan and Thyra Foster of East Lansing. The groom is the son of Bob and Chris Frayer of Gregory.

The matrons of honor were Tiffany Donegan and Shannon Larsen, sisters of the bride.

The bridesmaid's were Allison Frayer, sister of the groom, Jen Rehkopf and Rachel Emerson, friends.

Madison Donegan, niece of the bride, was the flower girl, and Evan Donegan, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Rob Frayer, brother of the groom, was the best man.

The groomsmen were Nick Foster, brother of the bride, Brad Cosgrove, Chris Long, and Jerry Bowman, friends.

The ushers were Dustin Wood and Jasson Andries, friends.

The reception was held at the Clarion Hotel in Lansing.



The couple honeymooned in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, and currently reside in Lexington, Ky.

The bride is a graduate of East Lansing High School and a 2002 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is employed by UPS in

Lexington.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Chelsea High School, and a 2003 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is currently enrolled in graduate program in mathematics at the University of Kentucky.

CALENDAR

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Dexter Township. Participants should bring binoculars and a field guide. The fee is \$2. per person, and pre-registration required by calling 426-8211.

Sunday, Dec. 5

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dexter United Methodist Church Newkirk Hall, 7643 Huron River Drive, in Dexter. Open to the public.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dexter High School Band Room 121, 2200 N. Parker Road. Open to the public.

Thursday, Dec. 9

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Creative Solutions conference room, 7322 Newman Blvd., in Dexter. Open to the public.

DEXTER

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

Dexter American Legion meets 8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. 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 of the month. Call 424-3404.

ANN ARBOR

Thursday, Dec. 2

The Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition will hold its monthly meeting 7 p.m. at the Ecology Center, 117 N. Division Street, in Ann Arbor. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call 913-8604 or visit www.wbwc.org

Saturday, Dec. 4

The 29th annual St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ball, "An Evening at The Nutcracker" will be held from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center in Ypsilanti. Twilight tickets are available for those who prefer to arrive after 9 p.m. for dessert and dancing only. Call 1-734-712-4040 for details.

Sunday, Dec. 5

The Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County will meet 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, in Superior Township. For more information, call Marcia at 1-734-483-2799.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

"Teens Using Drugs Part 1: What to Know" free seminar will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month through June at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, in Superior Township. Call 973-7892.

BIRTHS

A son, Matthew Thomas Riker, was born November 4, 2004 in Davenport, Iowa, to Darin and Beth Ann Anderson of Park View, Iowa. Maternal grandparents are Steve and Betty Leeman of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are Duane and Oda Anderson of Gowrie, Iowa. Great-grandparents are Fred and Mary Jane Leeman of Chelsea. Matthew has two brothers, Andrew, 6 and Brett, 4.

A daughter, Zoey Kay Viola, was born Sept. 4 to Michael and Kimberly Monica of Grass Lake at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township.

Maternal grandparents are Gary and Judy Ferry of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are Carl and Mary Monica of Watertown, N.Y. Great-grandmother is Clara Ferry of Chelsea. Zoey has a brother, Holden, 3.

A daughter, Shaelynn Amber, was born Aug. 20, 2004, to Jenny and Adam Morse of Fortville, Ind. Maternal grandparents are Gene and Jan Armour of Ontario, N.Y. Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Becky Morse of Chelsea. Great-grandparents are Bill

and Barb Thielke of South Bend, Ind., and Georgia Collins of Chelsea.

ANN ARBOR Performance to benefit hospital

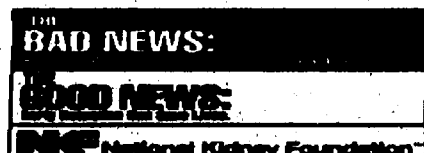
The Ann Arbor Ballet Theatre will celebrate its 20th anniversary production of "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 17 with a special performance and gala benefitting the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital's "Champions for Children" campaign to build a new children's and women's hospital.

The event will take place at 8 p.m. in the Power Center for the Performing Arts, located on the U-M campus.

The Ann Arbor Ballet's show will feature performances by 100 local dancers under the direction of Carol Radovic, and more than 30 local musicians that will perform with the Michigan Sinfonietta.

Tickets for the Dec. 17 performance and gala are \$50 with \$25 of the proceeds benefiting the "Champions for Children" campaign.

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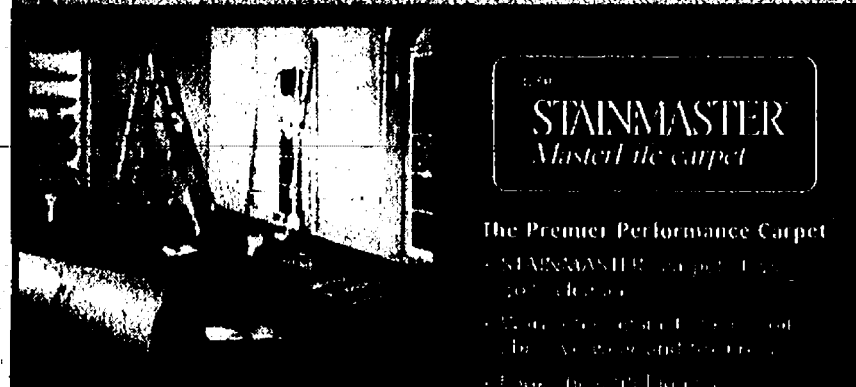
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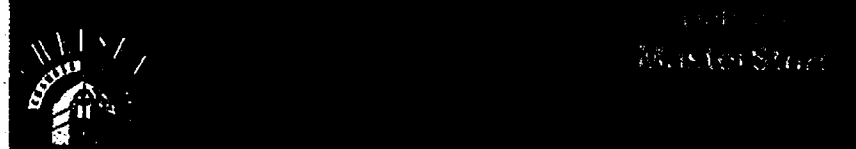
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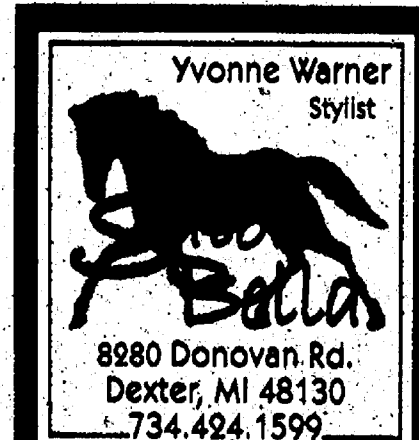
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Makin' Friends

Donna Davis, 8, of Hamburg Township makes friends with a creature as part of a special presentation called "Classroom Critters" Oct. 4 through 8 at Wylie Elementary School. The visit was sponsored by the Educational Foundation of Dexter.

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dog, and the other neighbor who had a larger dog. One day, the larger dog got loose and ran into the neighbor's yard, attacking and killing the smaller dog.

When the larger dog's owner came over to apologize for the incident, he asked if he could help. The neighbor whose dog had been killed asked him to help her build a fence so her next pet would be protected.

"The two neighbors were able to mend their relationship while practicing compassion for each other and building a fence to keep everyone safe," Morse wrote.

Yvonne Pappas wrote about overcoming her fear of snakes, and about learning to

trust her outdoorsy neighbor. Her life-long fear died one day while she was kayaking on an area lake. A snake came up to her dock, and Pappas studied it in quiet horror.

"It was apparent that the snake had adopted us," Pappas wrote. "My husband pointed out that he had challenged all my stereotypes. Instead of sneaking up, he had allowed me to see him coming, instead of moving quickly, he approached slowly, and for all the time he had spent at our side, the snake never appeared threatening."

The experience taught her to "always be open to possibilities," she added.

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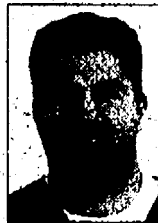
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Jimmy Thrasher (left) Joe Poate and Josh Koch practice the music they will play for dinner guests.



Madrigal Dinner

Photos by
Rita Fischer

The Chelsea High School choirs, under the direction of Steve Hinz, will present their 13th annual Madrigal Dinner Dec. 10 and 11 at Pierce Lake Elementary School. Seating will begin at 5:45 p.m. both evenings.

The event has become a much-anticipated tradition in Chelsea since its first run in 1991.

With fine food, beautiful music, and a festive Renaissance atmosphere, the dinner marks the start of the holiday season for many Chelsea residents. The dinner is a major fund-raiser for the vocal music department. Money raised supplements district funds.

Approximately 90 students perform in the event each year. Throughout the years, more than 4,000 people have enjoyed the students' performances, as well as the dinners prepared by Chelsea Public Schools Food and Nutrition Director Karen Carty's staff.

Tickets may be purchased by logging on to the district's Web site at www.chelsea.k12.mi.us or by calling Linda Meloche at 475-4524.



Queen Emily Meloche tries on her regal ware for the Madrigal Dinner next weekend.



King John Maynard dons the crown in preparation of next weekend's Madrigal Dinner fund-raiser for the high school choir program.



Ann Gordenter and Brittany Jahn try on their dresses for the annual fund-raiser.

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ON THE SIDELINE



DON
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Football finals, pizza slices and national anthems

Well, the turkey season has come and gone, and with it, another holiday weekend.

Anybody else need to tug harder to squeeze into one's pants this week? C'mon admit it, you had to move one notch down on your belt this week, didn't you?

I don't know about you, but I went hog, er, turkey wild this past weekend.

I also went hot dog, French fry and pizza crazy this holiday season.

I know, I'm ready to explode. I feel like John Belushi in Animal House, before he punches his donut-filled cheeks, starting a food fight.

Last week, I not only gorged myself on all the Thanksgiving fixings I could get my hands on, I also attended the state high school football championships at the Pontiac Silverdome.

For the past 20 years or so, I've been trekking over to the Silverdome to get my fill of high school football at its finest. And, of course, I also eventually make my way over to the feed troughs the Silverdome calls concession stands.

When did everything get so expensive? Last week, I paid \$3.50 for a slice of pizza. One slice. I forked over \$3 for a small cup of French fries, which I gobbled down before even reaching my seat.

A large pop and two hot dogs set me back \$7.50. Talk about getting gorged.

Anyhow, food issues aside, the football, as always, was the main focus.

This year, the games were mostly blowouts, which was a little disappointing, to say the least. I only attended the Friday session this year, instead of heading back for Day 2 of the finals on Saturday (too much turkey, too little sleep).

Out of the four state title games I saw, the best player was Muskegon's Terrance Taylor, a 6-foot-1, 295-pound defensive tackle terror. Taylor, headed to the University of Michigan, was a permanent fixture in the Orchard Lake St. Mary's backfield, as the Big Reds won 31-7.

The second-best player was DeWitt senior Justin Braska (6-5, 225). The middle linebacker was all over the field, making tackle after tackle, playing with an enthusiasm that was impressive, despite his team's 31-14 loss to Muskegon Orchard View.

While many players shined on the Silverdome turf last week, possibly the most refreshing and memorable sight was an incident I witnessed in the stands.

Often at the many games I attend during the multiple sports seasons, I'm amazed at the number of people who don't stand during the playing of the national anthem, or keep walking to their seats, or refuse to take off their caps. It's disrespectful and it irritates me to no end.

Last Friday, before the Constantine-Suttons Bay Division 6 final, I noticed a young mother and her elementary-aged son walking past me down the Silverdome

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HOCKEY

Chelsea captures Thanksgiving crown

Chelsea junior center Eric Cremer prepares to score 14 seconds into last week's opening round game against Haslett/Williamston in the Bulldogs' fourth annual Thanksgiving Classic Tournament at the Arctic Coliseum. Cremer scored two goals, leading Chelsea to a 6-3 win. The Bulldogs captured the overall crown by tying Southgate Anderson 4-4, but winning the tournament on a tiebreaker formula.

Bulldog icers need double overtime before prevailing

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey captured its fourth annual Thanksgiving Classic Tournament last week, tying Southgate Anderson 4-4 in double overtime, earning the title on a tiebreaker formula.

"It goes into the record books as a tie, but for the tournament, we were champions," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "Leaving the ice for both teams (with a tie) was tough."

Wright said the game was stopped because of time constraints.

"There is no shootout in high school hockey," Wright said. "Therefore, you go as many overtimes as possible within a time limit. Our time limit was reached, and to determine a winner, they went to a statistical method."

"We won the tournament on the third tiebreaker. We had the least amount of penalties."

The three-hour game began with Anderson scoring 3:46 into the first period, as Lance Mackandless turned the light on for the Titans.

Early in the second period, Chelsea sophomore Schyler Williams scored on a power play, tying the contest at 1-1. Assisting on the play for the host Bulldogs (4-0-1) were

seniors Brett Common and Ryan Ford.

Two minutes later, the Titans regained the lead, as Kevin Simpkins hit the back of the net, 5:11 into the second period, giving Anderson a 2-1 advantage.

At the seven-minute mark of the period, Chelsea junior Luc Daniels scored off an assist from fellow classmates Taylor Hooper and Ryan Ruikka, tying the game, once again, at 2-2.

The Titans' Will Sparks, however, answered, scoring at the 9:03 mark of the second period, giving Anderson a 3-2 lead heading into the third frame.

Twenty-two seconds into the third period, Ruikka scored a power play goal, tying the game at 3-3. Common assisted on the goal for Chelsea.

With the home crowd in an uproar, and momentum swinging to the Chelsea side, the Bulldogs took the lead for the first time in the contest, scoring eight seconds later, as Williams fired a laser past the sprawling Titan net minder, giving Chelsea a 4-3 advantage. Recording an assist on the go-ahead goal for the Bulldogs was junior Eric Cremer.

Anderson, a traditional state power, remained poised and tied the game at 4-4 on Sparks' second goal of



Chelsea senior winger Ryan Ford had two assists in the Bulldogs' 6-3 victory over Haslett/Williamston in last week's opening round of the Thanksgiving Classic Tournament.

the night. The score came two seconds after Chelsea had fought off a Titans' power play.

The Bulldogs' special teams played a huge part in Chelsea's tie and eventual tournament title.

With 1:43 left in regulation, the Bulldogs were whistled

for a penalty. To make matters worse, with 43 seconds remaining in the game, Chelsea found itself down two men.

"We were able to kill that (penalty) off, but it carried over into overtime," Wright said. "(Killing the penalty) was huge for us. We were

able to hold them to limited scoring chances. We did a good job on penalty killing." Senior goaltender J.R. Engelbert preserved the tie in net for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea out shot Anderson 43-28.

In the tournament consolation game, Chelsea won 4-2.

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FOOTBALL

Toth earns first-team All-State honors



Photo by Jerry Milliken

Chelsea junior Robbie Moffett (34) hangs on to Riverview senior All-State quarterback Ted Tackett during this year's Division III district final. Scrambling to assist Moffett are junior Cam Hawkins (7), senior Josh Liebeck (52) and senior Alec Penix (23). Penix earned All-State honorable mention as a running back this past season. Named first-team All-State was Bulldog senior offensive tackle Nick Toth.

Penix, Rabbitt also garner top state gridiron accolades

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

It was a memorable season for Chelsea football this year. The Bulldogs captured a Southeastern Conference White Division crown, were ranked No. 1 in Division III for most of the year and finished 10-1 overall after ending the regular season unbeaten at 9-0.

Chelsea was further honored as the Associated Press named senior offensive tackle Nick Toth first-team Class A All-State last week. On Sunday, Toth (6-foot-2, 295 lbs.) was named to the

Detroit News' All-State Dream Team.

Michigan sports writers and broadcasters selected the 26-member AP All-State team.

Toth helped open holes for a Bulldog ground game that gained 2,927 yards this season. Chelsea averaged 266 yards rushing per game this year.

With Toth, fellow bookend tackle senior P.J. Sawicki (6-4, 295), senior guard Ryan Scott (6-2, 220), junior guard C.J. Boyer (6-2, 225) and senior center Chris Knight (6-0, 225) combined to form one of Chelsea's best offensive lines in recent memory.

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COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Heydlauff leads Hope tankers

Hope College's men's swimming and diving team will have a strong Chelsea flavor to it this season.

Three former Bulldogs will be suiting up for the Flying Dutchmen this year.

Jeff Heydlauff is a three-year letter winner for Hope. The senior captain competes in freestyle, breaststroke and relay events for the Dutch. Last season, he was a member of Hope's 200 and 400 medley relays, and its 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

Also participating this season for the Flying Dutchmen are Chelsea residents sophomores Andre Bravo and Jake Holton. Bravo, who earned a letter last year, com-

petes in freestyle and butterfly events. Holton, a letter winner last season, also races in freestyle and butterfly events for Hope.

In other college sports news, Chelsea's Michelle Dettling led Alma College to a 64-60 victory over Concordia last Sunday in women's basketball.

Dettling, a 5-foot-10 senior forward scored 18 points and grabbed five rebounds, as the Scots (1-1) won their first game of the season. With its victory, Alma placed third in the Olivet Classic.

In the Scots' season opener, the squad lost to Northwood 68-60 last Saturday.

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tion game, Gaylord defeated Haslett/Williamston 4-0.

To begin the tournament, Anderson beat Gaylord 6-5, while the Bulldogs defeated Haslett/Williamston 6-3.

Against Haslett, Chelsea skated out to an early 1-0 lead, as Cremer scored 14 seconds into the contest off an assist from Williams and Ford.

At 10:44 of the opening period, Daniels scored on a power play, increasing the Bulldogs' advantage to 2-0. Picking up an assist on the play for Chelsea were Ford and Common.

In the second period, Ruikka made it 3-0 Bulldogs, scoring off an assist from Hooper.

Haslett finally answered, as Chris Nowinski hit the back of the net, scoring unassisted at 8:21 of the frame, cutting Chelsea's lead to 3-1.

Hooper scored in the third period when he converted an assist from junior Jason Aguirre and Daniels 1:47 into the final frame.

Less than a minute later, Haslett's Eric Krupiarz scored, trimming the Bulldog lead to 4-2.

At 5:08 of the period, Cremer scored goal No. 2 off

an assist from sophomore Jake Vaughan.

Haslett answered, as Ryan Nowinski scored four minutes later, closing the gap to 5-3.

At 10:15 of the period, Williams scored on a power play for the night's final margin, upping Chelsea's lead to 6-3. Common recorded an assist on the play for the Dawgs.

Engelbert chalked up the victory in net for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs out shot Haslett 29-22.

"I thought Haslett worked real hard," Wright said. "They competed really well. Skill-wise, I don't think they were as strong as us, but they worked hard."

On Nov. 24, Chelsea defeated Ann Arbor Huron 3-1 at the Ice Cube.

The Bulldogs played on the Cube's Olympic-sized ice surface.

"It's 15-feet wider (than normal surface)," Wright said. "You have to play smart. You have to protect the middle of the ice. There's so much room. You want to make sure you're attacking the middle of the ice. We were OK. It didn't hurt us. Both teams had to adapt."

Chelsea opened the scoring as senior Brad Tyler turned the light on 2:05 into the game. Junior C.J.

Cogswell and sophomore Howdy Holmes assisted on the goal for the Bulldogs.

At 11:33 of the first period, Ford scored, giving Chelsea a 2-0 advantage. Williams and Engelbert assisted on the play for the Dawgs. Though a goaltender, Engelbert has three assists already this early season.

In the second period, sophomore Travis Amburgey scored on a power play, off an assist from sophomore David Maveal and Hooper, at 2:31 of the stanza.

Huron's Tom Renkes scored the game's final goal, hitting the back of the net on a power play, at 2:29 of the third period.

"The key for us was we only had one penalty in the first two periods," Wright said. "We played smart. We had two penalties in the third period. We had to kill off two minutes, then another two minutes. We did a pretty good job on penalty kills."

Engelbert recorded the victory between the pipes for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs out shot the River Rats 19-15.

Chelsea next travels to Jackson Lumen Christi for a game Saturday.

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BEACH BASKETBALL

Schiller, Colburn pace Beach

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade boys' basketball team lost to Temperance Bedford 67-22 Nov. 23.

Chad Schiller scored 10 points, leading the visiting Bulldogs (0-6).

Tyler Fischhaber added eight points, while Kyle

Colburn and Aaron Gates each netted two points for Beach.

On Nov. 22, Chelsea lost to Adrian Blue 49-21.

The Bulldogs trailed 20-19 at the break. In the third quarter, however, Adrian outscored Beach 14-4, taking a commanding 34-23 lead into

the fourth quarter.

Colburn paced Chelsea, scoring nine points.

Fischhaber chipped in seven points, while Schiller had five points. Drake Olejniczak, Dakota Risner, Jon Thompson and Matt McCalla each added two points for the Bulldogs.

FIGURE SKATING

Moyle sixth at skating event

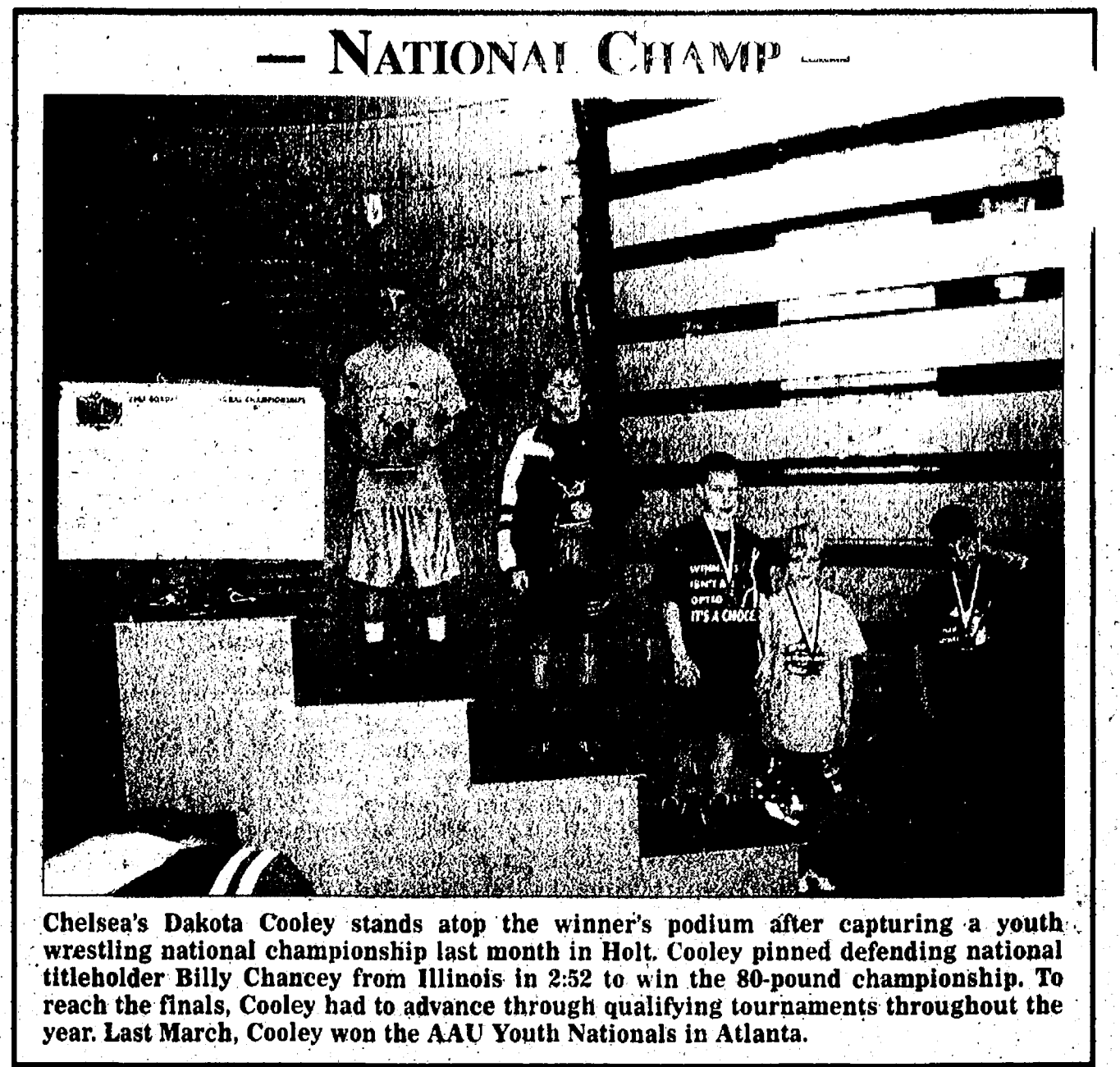
Chelsea's Kendra Moyle finished sixth last month at the United States Figure Skating sectional competition in Fargo, ND.

Moyle started the event placing 11th in the Novice ladies division short program. In the division's long program, she finished fourth, taking sixth-place overall.

Because of her impressive

performance, Moyle is an alternate for the 2005 U.S. Figure Skating Competition in Portland, Ore. She was participating in her first Novice ladies division event.

Moyle, a freshman at Chelsea High School, is a member of the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club. She practices at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube. She is coached by Karen Preston.



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steps, as the national anthem began its first chorus. I shook my head and silently steamed. "You should know better, lady," I said to myself, under my breath.

Then, the twosome suddenly stopped, a step or two down from me. The young mother stood motionless to the left of her small son. The young man, who at first glance looked like a brat in the making, his hair dyed and face painted red and white in his beloved school's colors, was hyperactive, carrying on, hopping up and down the stadium steps. When his mother stopped, he also suddenly quit fooling around, and surprisingly, quickly stood perfectly still.

Then, without prompting from his mother, he raised his little arm, turned and faced and saluted the Silverdome flag located at one end of the stadium. He never flinched as the music played, his free arm cocked at a jaunty angle behind his back. There was no smirking or fidgeting around.

Somewhere, sometime, someone taught that young man respect for his country. I

said to myself, feeling a bit ashamed at my earlier negative thoughts. It was nice to see.

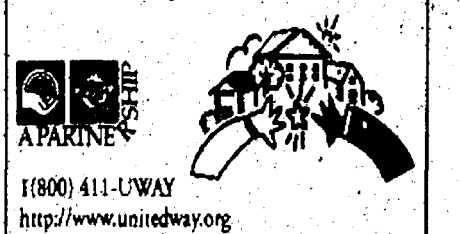
While Terrance Taylor might move on and star for the Wolverines and someday earn seven figures or more in the NFL, an elementary-aged young man, with a red and white painted face, turned in the most impressive performance of the day.

Well, maybe my eating performance at the finals was just as impressive, but that's another story, and sadly, another belt notch lower.

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Rapper, Contestant See Thanksgiving Wishes Come True After Week 11 of Power Points

Midwest Results Week 11 - Hey, it's great to have hockey back in Detroit, isn't it? Oh, wait, that wasn't hockey, was it? You could tell because the players involved were actually fined and suspended after Friday night's melee between players and fans at the Detroit Indiana NBA game.

Oh, well, at least Indiana Pacer Ron Artest will get his wish. Last week he asked for a month off to deal with the rigors and fatigue of producing a rap album. He was suspended for the rest of the season for his part in the fracas. Lawsuits to follow.

Also getting her wish over the weekend was Mary Thomas, of Cahokia, IL, who carded a perfect score of 136 points to capture regional grand prize honors and the accompanying cash prize of \$1,000 in Week 11 of the POWER POINTS of the Midwest Football Contest.

She entered the contest through the Belleville News Democrat in Belleville, IL. A Thanksgiving message from Your Commissioner: Gobble gobble.

Here are the winning local scores in Week 11:

Adrian... Toby Rashley, Adrian (126 points)
Garden City... Allen Leiker, (125 points); Dan Kapp, Garden City (125 points)
Mount Clemens... William Husak, Sterling Hts. (130 points); Dale Hakola, Roseville, also with 130 points
Saline... Blair Driskell, Saline (126 points)
Southgate... Kent Walmsley, Woodhaven (125 points)

Heritage Newspapers random drawing winner for Week #11 was Steve Pocus, Lincoln Park.

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gained 1,112 yards on 122 carries this season, scoring 15 touchdowns. He finished with a team-high 20 receptions for 225 yards and two TDs. He had a total of 1,450 yards on the season for an average of 131 yards per game. For his efforts, he was named AP All-State honorable mention and the Detroit News' All-State honorable mention, as well.

Also reaping the benefits of a strong offensive line was senior back Justin Esch. A speed burner, Esch (5-10, 170) ended up with 480 yards on 48 carries with five touchdowns. He added nine catches for 86 yards and two scores. Senior Terry Arnold (6-0, 170) finished with 311 yards rushing on 38 attempts with four touchdowns.

Senior Alex Rabbitt (5-10, 190) had 383 yards rushing on 51 tries with two TDs. While Rabbitt was a key cog in the Bulldog offensive machine, his true value was as a kicker. He earned All-State honorable mention by the Detroit News for his efforts off the tee. This year, Rabbitt ended up 4-of-7 on field

goals, with a school-record boot of 47 yards. Besides his 47-yarder, he made kicks of 37 yards (twice) and 21 yards. On extra points, he was 40-of-43 for the season.

Passing-wise, senior Bryan Dunn (5-10, 165) finished 46-of-93 for 552 yards and seven touchdowns. He threw only three interceptions. Junior Cam Hawkins (6-1, 215) ended up 20-of-52 for 290 yards, with three TDs and three interceptions. Junior Joe Welton (5-10, 175) was 7-of-15 for 81 yards and one touchdown.

Senior tight end Pat Brooks (6-3, 175) caught 16 passes for 282 yards and three TDs.

Defensively, the Bulldogs were strong as well this season.

Leading the squad was senior linebacker Mike Ernst (6-0, 200), with 52 total tackles, including 41 solo stops.

Junior linebacker Robbie Moffett (5-10, 190) added 43 tackles, while junior defensive tackle Austin Rodgers (6-2, 225) had 35 tackles, including five tackles for losses and two and a half sacks.

Senior linebacker Aaron Parisho (6-2, 185) ended up with 32 tackles and two and a half sacks, while senior safety Danny Keilman (6-1, 175) had 31 tackles and two interceptions.

Senior defensive ends Josh Liebeck (5-8, 190) and Eric Mathis (6-1, 195) were a disruptive force all season for Chelsea. Liebeck had 30 tackles with seven tackles for losses and a team-high three sacks. Mathis finished with 28.5 tackles, a team-high 9.5 tackles for loss and two and a half sacks.

Arnold, a cornerback, had 24.5 tackles and one interception.

As a unit, the Bulldogs picked off 12 passes this past season. Leading the way for Chelsea was senior cornerback Danny Swain (5-9, 155), who had a team-high four interceptions, including two returned for touchdowns.

Chelsea's defense forced 27 fumbles, recovering 13. The team had 24 sacks for 179 yards.

Offensively, the Bulldogs finished with 3,850 total yards. Chelsea's opponents ended up with 2,998 total yards.

The Bulldogs scored 371 points this season, while allowing 147 points.

Chelsea averaged 33.7 points per game, while giving up 13.4 points per outing.

The Bulldogs scored 52 touchdowns this year, while allowing 22 scores.



Photo by Jerry Milliken
Chelsea senior Alex Rabbitt (33) earned All-State honorable mention as a kicker this season after making 40-of-43 extra points and booting a school record 47-yard field goal this year. Leading Rabbitt around right end against Riverview in the Division III district final, is senior guard Ryan Scott (61).

In 11 games, Chelsea's offensive line gave up only 14 sacks all season.

The Bulldogs averaged 18:32 in time of possession per contest, while opponents averaged 29:28.

Chelsea finished with 59 penalties for 473 yards, while

opponents had 59 penalties for 450 yards.

The Bulldogs outscored their opponents in every quarter this past season. In the first quarter, Chelsea outscored its foes 112-22. In the second frame, the Bulldogs scored 107 points,

while holding opponents to 39 points. In the third quarter, Chelsea outscored rivals 91-33. In the fourth stanza, the Bulldogs held a 54-53 scoring advantage.

Chelsea's average attendance this season at Jerry Niehaus Field was 4,180.

RECREATION

Baseball group holds meeting

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association will hold a travel baseball meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Brighton High School's cafeteria.

The KVBSA will also hold

a meeting 7 p.m. Dec. 15 at the BHS cafeteria.

The meetings are for the 2005 season. Any new and returning U-9 through U-18 baseball teams, and U-12 through U-18 softball squads,

need to attend.

For additional information, call Jeff David at 1-810-227-2332 or e-mail at jeff.david@kvbsa.com.

The organization's Web site is at KVBSA.com.

RECREATION

AAU girls' basketball to conduct tryouts

The Players' Club girls' AAU basketball team is conducting tryouts Sunday at St. Paul's School in Ann Arbor. The club has teams ages 10- through 16-years-old. Further information is posted at players_club_home.comcast.net or contact Pete Schoch at 734-657-3738.

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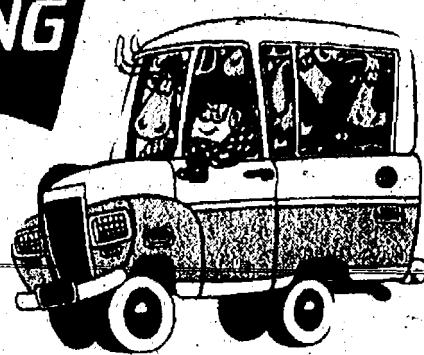
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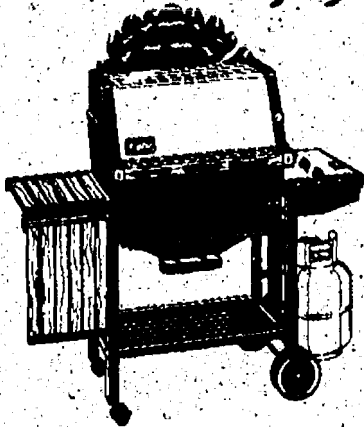
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DATES/TIMES:

Friday, December 3, 2004

Dec. 3rd-Christmas
9:00am-5:30pm
9:00am-6:00pm
9:00am-9:00pm
4:00pm-6:00pm
6:00pm-6:30pm

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Holiday craft for kids, refreshments
Tree Lighting Ceremony sponsored by Chelsea
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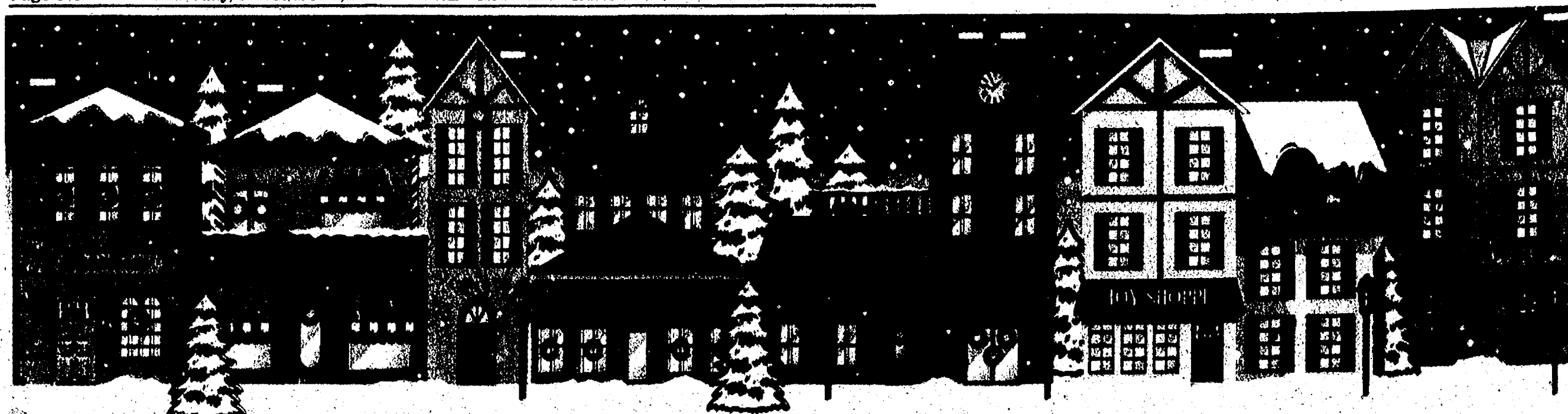
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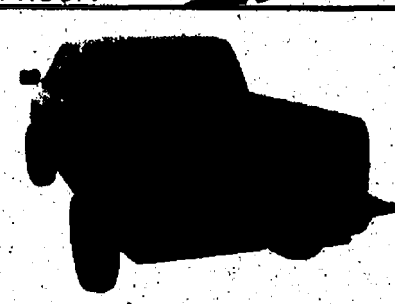
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STATE

Electronics continue to drive holiday spending

Popularity of MP3 players, flat-screen TVs fuels early buying

By Scott Held
Heritage Newspapers

Jewelry and toys might always be popular holiday gifts, but home electronics continue to be the 800-pound gorilla when it comes to driving the Christmas buying season.

This year, MP3 players, most notably models of Apple's iPod, and flat-screen TVs are going to be on plenty of wish lists. That follows a trend that has seen personal computers, cellphones, DVD players, home-theater kits and video game

systems lead the pack during past holiday seasons.

It all started in earnest in the early 1980s, when holiday sales of microwave ovens, personal video game systems (remember Atari?) and VCRs drove holiday spending.

The Consumer Electronics Association projects sales of about \$100 billion this season, almost half of the projected \$220 billion Americans are expected to spend on holiday purchases.

Big-box retailers such as Best Buy and Circuit City are hyping high-definition TVs and MP3 players this season, although other old

standbys, including notebook computers, remain popular.

MP3 players allow users to compress digital recordings into small files. The devices can hold thousands of songs, and retailers offer users the ability to download specific songs for about \$1 each.

Prices of HDTV and HDTV-compatible sets have dropped in the past year, but it's likely consumers won't find the same bargains on MP3 players. The conventional iPod retails for about \$400, while a miniature version, which holds about a tenth of the music of its bigger brother, sells for a little more than \$200.

HDTV offers a near-flawless picture coupled with enhanced sound capability. In the last two years, the four major broadcast networks, as well as ESPN and others, have offered certain programs in a high-definition format.

Another popular gift choice is a lot easier to wrap. The National Retail Federation forecasts strong sales of gift cards this season, following a trend that has seen sales rise steadily in the last decade.

Consumers opting to spend less likely will head to the cash register. There, they'll find gift cards for practically any retailer.

Michael Bernacchi, a marketing professor at the University of Detroit Mercy, added that he expects sales of apparel and accessories to lag behind electronics and gift cards.

Other holiday predictions from Wall Street and industry groups include:

• Retailers estimate spending of \$220 billion to \$225 billion this season, an average of about \$1,100 per person.

• Sales are expected to grow by 3 percent to 6 percent this season. The NRF pegged its estimate right

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BIZ PROFILE

Sanctuary Massage offers individual attention

SANCTUARY MASSAGE
114 N. Main Street
The Sylvan Building
Chelsea, MI 48118

Type of business: Massage therapy and healing arts.

Year established and number of years in business: Established in 1999 and in business for five years.

Ownership and educational

background: Kevin Costello of Chelsea is the owner. He graduated from the Universal College of Healing Arts, a nonprofit school of massage therapy. He also has studied in a traditional university setting.

Number of employees: 0

Q: What makes your business unique?

A: Customized massage

sessions depending on clients' wants and needs. The length of sessions has more to do with client needs than the clock.

Q: Why did you choose the Dexter or Chelsea area for your business?

A: It's a smaller, rural community with enough people to sustain my business, avail-

ability of small farmsteads for sale and my wife is from the area.

Q: Describe your business philosophy.

A: If you expect support from the community, you must first give support to the community. Treat each person as an individual giving more than ample time to

each. Trust.

Q: What's the most enjoyable part of owning and operating your own business?

A: Working with and helping people from all walks of life.

Q: What are your business-related goals for the next five years?

A: To own my own building.

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CHELSEA

Restaurant reduced to razed rubble

Architectural icon deemed a potential safety hazard

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Schumm's Restaurant, a Chelsea architectural icon, was reduced to rubble Oct. 28 after being deemed a safety hazard under the city's Dangerous Building ordinance.

The one-time talk of the town was built at 1610 M-52 to the specifications of the restaurant's original owners, Fritz and Betty Schumm, and opened for business in October 1963.

Its construction was predicated when the original Schumm's Restaurant was taken by eminent domain to accommodate the construction of Interstate 94.

Its log cabin structure

stood in the area of where the eastbound Pierce Road exit ramp empties out onto Old US-12.

Its successor, with its 12-sided exterior, concave pyramidal roof with skylight cupola and an interior featuring massive laminated wood ribs arching to the ceiling's apex and a sunken circular dining room in the center was fodder for several architectural magazines.

The Schumms sold the business and building to James and Jennifer Szamecki sometime in the late '70s or early '80s. The couple was unavailable for comment.

Jennifer Szamecki, then Tandy, was a 1974 graduate of

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WASHTENAW COUNTY

Washtenaw Engineering adds staff

Washtenaw Engineering Co. has promoted Chuck Kipke II to associate and has hired Stephen Gorsuch as a professional engineer.

Kipke, who is from Onstead, holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Tri-State University and earned his Michigan Professional Engineer

license in 2003.

With more than 20 years excavating contractor experience, he joined with the Ann Arbor-based civil engineering firm in 2000 as an engineer in training.

Gorsuch will be primarily focused on construction project management. He has several years of experience

with Michigan Department of Transportation bridge and street construction management.

Gorsuch, who lives in Napoleon, also has public utilities construction supervision experience with many Michigan municipalities. He is certified as a Michigan Department of Environment-

tal Quality construction site stormwater operator and with MDOT for construction site erosion control.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PO Box 30204
Lansing, Michigan 48909**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial, Chelsea, Michigan, on Thursday, December 16, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 04-81-0083-P under Part 303, Wetland Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Rick Schmelz, 10523 Leake Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. The applicant proposes to dredge/excavate in wetlands to expand an existing pond for the purpose of enhancing wildlife as well as homeowner's enjoyment. The proposed dredging/excavation of 35,100 cubic yards will cover an area of approximately 107,593 square feet or 2.47 acres. No mitigation is proposed. The project is located in T1S, R3E, Section 18, Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County.

The application is available for review at the DEQ website, www.deq.state.mi.us/CWIPIS, or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, 301 E. Louis Clark Hwy., Jackson, Michigan 49201-1535, by calling 517-780-7804. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30307 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

By: Wendy Filzner
Permit Consolidation Unit
Land and Water Management Division
517-373-9244

Date: November 15, 2004

NOTE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone number listed above one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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Chelsea High School.

The Szameckis closed the restaurant's doors in the summer of 2000.

Since then, the property has peaked the interest of many potential buyers since that time without a sale reaching fruition.

Among those confirmed by city officials or by actual participants in negotiations are Arby's, Victory Ford of Stockbridge and Lloyd Bridges TravelLand of Chelsea.

Arby's reportedly balked when it could not negotiate the \$1.3 million asking price. Victory Ford pulled out when setback requirements made its plans for a used car lot unfeasible. A representative of Lloyd Bridges

declined to comment as to why "a few" failed propositions were declined.

According to city records, the property is assessed at \$312,000 of which \$203,000 is taxable under caps imposed under Proposal A.

The city billed the Szameckis \$2,721 in June for local taxes due on the 1.79 acres that is measured to the center of M-52.

Bollinger Excavating did the demolition at the behest of the Szameckis. The project took about nine hours, excluding the next day's clean up.

Before the actual razing, two hours were spent draining Freon tanks and scouting the building for anything salvageable for which only kitchen equipment was rescued for scrap metal.

Half-empty bottles of dis-

play liquors were left to the mercy of the bulldozer.

"They've aged a little too much for my tastes," said Demolition Director Jamie Bollinger.

Michael Rybka is a freelance writer who can be reached via e-mail at Mhrybka@aol.com.

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-1088-DE**

Estate of Studie Patrick, deceased. Date of birth: September 26, 1914.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Studie Patrick, deceased, who lived at 6755 Peckins Road, Manchester, MI 48158, Michigan died October 5, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Janice Flint, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, MI 48107 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: November 22, 2004

Janice Flint
Personal representative
3153 Pennington Drive
Clinton, MI 48835
(517) 456-0919

KEUSCH, FLINTOFT & CONLIN, P.C.
Peter C. Flintoft P13531
Attorney
119 South Main, P.O. Box 187
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**DEXTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING - MEETING NOTICE**

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

AGENDA

1) Updated Zoning Ordinance

John Shea,
Chairman

Publish: December 2, 2004

**SPRING ARBOR
UNIVERSITY
PUBLIC NOTICE**

On November 12, 2004, Spring Arbor University Communications, Inc. filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC, for transfer of license of FM Translator W252BA, Facility ID No. 145515, Chelsea, Michigan, to Spring Arbor University, Inc. Harold Munn, Jr. is the president of Spring Arbor University Communications, Inc.; and Gayle Beebe is the president of Spring Arbor University, Inc. FM Translator W252BA will operate on output Channel 252, at 98.3 MHz. Comments from individuals and others as to whether the station will be operated in the public interest should be directed to the Federal Communications Commission, The Portals, 445 Twelfth Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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in the middle, at 4.5 percent.

Online spending will increase an estimated 19 percent this season, which is far behind last season's 35 percent increase, but still four times greater than the expected growth of total holiday spending.

Bernacchi said October sales generally are a better indicator of holiday spending than back-to-school sales. With that in mind, October showed better growth than August and September and was up from the same period in 2003.

Discount stores, such as Wal-Mart and Target, are the most popular destinations for holiday shoppers, according to the NRF's Consumer Expectations Survey. Department stores (Sears,

Marshall Field's) and grocery stores were next on the list.

Reporter Scott Held can be reached at scott@heritage.com or 1-734-246-0835.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-1075-DE**

Estate of PAULINE M. TAYLOR. Date of birth: August 5, 1912.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, PAULINE M. TAYLOR, who lived at 440 W. Russell Street, City of Saline, Michigan died September 11, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JAMES SCHELENBERGER, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 E. Huron St., P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: November 19, 2004

JAMES SCHELENBERGER
Personal representative
360 Lane #2018 Lake George
Fremont, Indiana 46737
(260) 833-4225

KEUSCH, FLINTOFT & CONLIN, P.C.
PETER C. FLINTOFT P13531, Attorney
119 South Main Street, P.O. Box 187
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(734) 475-8871
Publish: December 2, 2004

**CITY OF CHELSEA
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY
PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN**

A Special Planning Commission Meeting will be held on December 7, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Chelsea District Library Preliminary Site Plan and any other business that may come before it. The meeting will be held at the City Office, in the lower level conference room.

The Planning Commission will go into a Work Session immediately following the Special Meeting.

Publish: December 2, 2004

**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.

Publish: November 11, November 18, November 25 & December 2, 2004

**LOCH ALPINE SANITARY
AUTHORITY OF WEBSTER
AND SCIO TOWNSHIPS
COUNTY OF
WASHTENAW, MICHIGAN**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the regular Quarterly Meeting of the Loch Alpine Sanitary Authority of the Townships of Webster and Scio is scheduled. The meeting will be held on:

December 6 at 7:30 PM
In the Webster Township Hall 5665 Webster Church Rd.
Dexter, MI 48130

November 15, 2004

Neil Geri, Chairman
Loch Alpine Sanitary Authority

**Publish: November 25, 2004
December 2, 2004**

**LYNDON TOWNSHIP
ATTENTION RESIDENTS
- NOTICE -**

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA:

To continue the review of the application of Ralph B. Clemens and Patricia-Sinn Clemens, 1376 Sugarloaf Lake Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 (Parcel # E-05-32-258-028) for a variance from the Lyndon Township Ordinance, Section 7.04, D, requiring a 20 foot set back. They would like to build an addition with no set back from the property line. This was tabled at the November 16, 2004 meeting, and will be continued at the December 7, 2004 meeting.

Written comments may be sent to: Carol A. Morrow, Office Manager, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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

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

A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Clerk.

**LYNDON TOWNSHIP
Linda Reilly, Clerk**

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**LIMA TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2004, 7:30 P.M.
LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL
11452 JACKSON RD., CHELSEA, MI 48118

APPLICATION # 04-011. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE LIMA TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 55.75 ACRES FROM A1 (10 ACRES PER RESIDENCE) TO RR (3 ACRES PER RESIDENCE). THIS PROPERTY IS VACANT PROPERTY, LOCATED OFF OF N. LIMA CENTER ROAD, AND IS PART OF NE 1/4 SECTION 09, LIMA TOWNSHIP, PARCEL # G 07-09-100-005.

APPLICATION FILED BY: THREE DIAMOND DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C.
6890 LINGANGE ROAD
CHELSEA, MI 48118

A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS PROPOSAL IS ON FILE IN THE LIMA TOWNSHIP OFFICE.

WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE SENT TO:
GREG MCKENZIE, VICE CHAIRMAN
LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 59
CHELSEA, MI 48118

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**SYLVAN TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2004, 7:00 P.M.
SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL
18027 OLD US 12, CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA

Variance application has been received for an appeal for floor area ratio, side and rear yard setbacks and expanding a non-conforming lot to erect an addition to an existing structure at 946 Ridge Court, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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

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

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

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

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

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

LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk

Publish: December 2, 2004

**CHELSEA AREA
FIRE AUTHORITY
FIRST AMENDMENT TO
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

This First Amendment to Articles of Incorporation is adopted for the purpose of amending the Articles of Incorporation of Chelsea Area Fire Authority (the "Articles") under the provisions of Act 57, Public Acts of Michigan, 1988, as amended (the "Act").

1. The following is substituted for and in the place of Article X of the Articles.

**ARTICLE X
OFFICERS AND FINANCES**

The Chairperson of the BOARD shall be the presiding officer thereof. Except as herein otherwise provided, the Chairperson shall not have any executive or administrative function in the AUTHORITY, other than as a Trustee of said BOARD. In the absence or disability of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the BOARD. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the BOARD and shall give a bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his or her office. All moneys shall be deposited in a bank, or other depository to be designated by the BOARD. All checks or other forms of withdrawal thereof shall be signed by two persons, one of whom must be the Treasurer or other Trustee of the BOARD, and one may be, upon resolution of the BOARD, the Chief Administrative Employee of the AUTHORITY. All such signatures, in addition to the Treasurer, shall give a bond to the AUTHORITY conditioned upon the faithful performances of his or her office. The cost of said bond shall be paid by the AUTHORITY. The officers of the BOARD shall only have such other powers and duties as may be conferred upon them by the AUTHORITY. Contracts by the AUTHORITY to provide emergency services under Section 8 of the Act (MCL 124.608) shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the AUTHORITY by its Chairperson and Secretary by manual or facsimile signature, and the corporate seal of the AUTHORITY or facsimile thereof, shall be printed on and affixed to the contract. The BOARD shall prepare, adopt and submit to the respective governing bodies of the INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITIES an annual budget covering any proposed expenditures to be made for the organizing and operating of such AUTHORITY. The BOARD shall detail the necessary funds required by contribution from each INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY or by tax levy upon the territory of the AUTHORITY, for the next fiscal year, and such budget shall be submitted to each INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY on or before sixty (60) days prior thereto. No budget shall be adopted by the AUTHORITY unless approved by a majority vote of the Trustees appointed to the BOARD; provided, however, that no obligation shall be assumed by the AUTHORITY which may then or at any time in the future become in whole or in part the individual liability of any INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY without the prior consent of that INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY.

Except as otherwise provided in this Article X, any INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY may withdraw from the AUTHORITY at any time prior to the occurrence of indebtedness by the AUTHORITY for which the INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY may incur an individual liability without obligation whatever, and may also withdraw after the assumption of indebtedness by the AUTHORITY for which an individual INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY has by its prior agreement thereto incurred an individual liability, but in such later withdrawal, the consent of the creditor shall be obtained or the individual obligation assumed by the withdrawing INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY shall be on terms satisfactory to the creditor. An INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY that withdraws from the AUTHORITY shall continue to be subject to any tax levied in its jurisdiction under Section 12 of the Act (MCL 124.612) for the duration of the period of that tax as determined by law. An INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY that withdraws from the AUTHORITY shall remain liable for a portion of the debts and liabilities of the AUTHORITY incurred while the INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY was part of the AUTHORITY. The portion of the AUTHORITY'S debts for which an INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY that withdraws from the AUTHORITY is liable under this Article shall be determined by dividing the State Equalized Value of the real and personal property in the INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY by the State Equalized Value of all real and personal property in the AUTHORITY at the time of withdrawal.

An INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY that withdraws from the AUTHORITY shall remain obligated to fund the then most-current operating and capital equipment budgets of the AUTHORITY approved prior to such INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY'S withdrawal. The withdrawing INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY shall remain obligated for the duration of such fiscal operating and capital equipment budgets regardless of whether the withdrawing INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY elects to continue coverage for the corresponding fiscal budget year.

All funds contributed by an INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY to the AUTHORITY shall be non-refundable. A withdrawing INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITY shall not be entitled to reimbursement for any unused funds held by the AUTHORITY or for the depreciated value of any equipment purchased using AUTHORITY funds.

In the event that the City of Chelsea withdraws from the AUTHORITY, the City of Chelsea shall retain all equipment (as set forth in Exhibit C to the Pre-Incorporation and Fire Administration Board Agreement) it owned before the AUTHORITY was originated except for equipment bought using funds from the equipment funds identified in the 1994 fire contract set forth in Exhibit D to the Pre-Incorporation and Fire Administration Board Agreement and the 1997 fire contract set forth in Exhibit E to the Pre-Incorporation and Fire Administration Board Agreement, which equipment shall be retained by the AUTHORITY. In addition, upon such withdrawal, the AUTHORITY'S use of the main fire station, if still located at 200 West Middle Street, Chelsea, Michigan and owned by the City of Chelsea, shall cease; provided, however, that such use shall not terminate if the City of Chelsea and the AUTHORITY shall have a binding lease agreement for such fire station. The City of Chelsea shall contract with the AUTHORITY for the provision of fire protection services by the AUTHORITY to the City of Chelsea for a minimum of three years after its withdrawal from the AUTHORITY.

The provisions of this Article X shall be considered controlling over all other Articles in this instrument. In addition, the provisions of this Article X shall supersede and terminate the provisions of clauses 3.4(g) and 3.4(h) of the Pre-Incorporation and Fire Administration Board Agreement attached as Exhibit B to these Articles.

The AUTHORITY shall comply with the requirements of Public Act 2 of the Public Acts of 1988, and Public Act 621 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, the "Uniform Accounting and Budget Act".

2. Except as amended herein, the Articles of Incorporation of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority shall remain in full force and effect.

3. This First Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of Chelsea Area Fire Authority shall become effective upon approval by the governing bodies of the parties hereto and the execution of this First Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of Chelsea Area Fire Authority by their respective authorized officers.

This First Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of Chelsea Area Fire Authority has been approved by the Township Boards of the Townships of Lima on November 1, 2004; Lyndon on October 12, 2004; and Sylvan on October 5, 2004 and the City Council of the City of Chelsea on October 12, 2004, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan and executed by their respective authorized officers and is now in effect.

Gary F. Adams
Secretary, Chelsea Area Fire Authority

Publish: December 2, 2004

DEATHS

ROBERT N. OSTRANDER

Battle Creek
(Formerly of Chelsea)
Robert Ostrander, 43, of Battle Creek went home to God on Nov. 26, 2004. He died at home after complications from surgery.

He was born in Ann Arbor to Barbara (Holmes) and Robert Nessen Ostrander. He was raised in Chelsea and attended Chelsea High School, graduating in 1979.

Ostrander served in the Navy from 1979 to 1987 on the U.S.S. Yellowstone and the U.S.S. Conyngham as a boiler technician 1st class. He did tours of service in the North Atlantic, Mediterranean

and Persian Gulf. He received an Honorary Discharge and during the last several years had been active in the U.S.S. Conyngham Association.

Ostrander had been employed for the last 15 years by the Rock Tenn Company and was a member of Operating Engineers Local #547. He was an assistant operating engineer in the Powerhouse and then a journeyman pipefitter. Ostrander was proud to have earned an associates degree from Kellogg Community College.

Ostrander was a member of the North Avenue Church of God and was pack leader of Cub Scout Pack

328 in Pennfield. He was a member of the Democratic Party and a precinct delegate in Pennfield Township. He was an avid University of Michigan Football and Detroit Lions fan and enjoyed a wide range of music and collectibles, including Star Trek memorabilia.

Ostrander married Rhonda Keen on Dec. 12, 1992, in the presence of family and many friends. She survives.

Also surviving are children Adam Nathaniel, age 12; Rachel Renee, 10; and Aaron David, 8. Ostrander's role as husband and father was the most important one in his life and he

performed it with loyalty, good humor and infinite love.

He is also survived by his mother, Barbara Lou Ostrander, step-mother Nan Ostrander, mother-in-law, Betty Keen, sister-in-law, Laura and nephews, Michael and Jeff.

He is preceded in death by father, Robert Ostrander, brother, Carl, father-in-law, Clarence Keen and special aunt, Mary Holmes.

Family received friends this past Monday and Tuesday at the Richard A. Henry Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the North Avenue Church of God. Interment was held at Fort Custer National Cemetery.

NANCY D. PARSONS

Dexter
Nancy Parsons, 94, of Dexter died Nov. 21, 2004. She was born March 24, 1910, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Vincent and Stella (Esposito) Briganti. She married Willard Parsons Sept. 24, 1936, at St. David's Episcopal Church in Scranton, Pa., and he preceded her in death Aug. 9, 1973.

Mrs. Parsons was a member of St. James' Episcopal Church and the Altar Guild. She was an avid walker in the village.

Mrs. Parsons is survived by a daughter, Nancy (James) Smith of Dexter; grandchildren, Doug (Kim-

berly) Smith and Diane (Colin) Vince; great-grandchildren, Taylor and Andrew Smith, both of Dexter; and one sister, Carmella Lentini of Arizona.

Three sisters and two brothers also preceded her in death.

Visitation was held Nov. 23 at the Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter. A funeral was held Nov. 22 at St. James' Episcopal Church in Dexter. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. James' Episcopal Church.

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Holiday headaches? Learn to self diagnose

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A: Headaches are very common. When surveyed, almost all adults said they have had at least one headache in the past year. For most sufferers, over-the-counter pain relievers like acetaminophen, ibuprofen and aspirin are sufficient.

Headaches are classified as primary and secondary. Primary headaches — accounting for 90 percent of the total — are not caused by any underlying medical condi-

tion. These include migraine, tension and cluster headaches. Secondary headaches, on the other hand, are the result of medical conditions like infection, tumor, sinus problems or trauma. Today, I'll focus chiefly on primary headaches.

Tension headaches are the most common. These headaches — which can be chronic and occur daily — are often related to stress. Tension headache pain can range from mild to moderate.

Migraine headaches, though less common, are most likely to afflict women than men. Migraines, which can be dull or severe, typically produce a throbbing, pounding or pulsating type of pain.

They are usually worse on one side of the head, and last six to 48 hours. Also, migraines tend to repeat and are often accompanied by symptoms such as nausea, vomiting or sensitivity to light. A minority of migraine sufferers has warning symptoms, called an aura, before the actual headache begins.

Cluster headaches, while more common in men, are still rare. These headaches come in groups called "clusters." Clusters — which can last weeks or months — can be brought on by stress or when you are relaxing after a stressful time. During a cluster peri-



od, drinking alcoholic beverages can bring on a headache. This can happen very quickly, sometimes before you finish the first drink.

That's why it's important to completely avoid alcohol during a cluster period.

Many factors can trigger a primary headache, such as foods, odors, weather and emotional factors. Knowing what triggers your headaches can help you prevent them.

Treatment depends on the specific type of headache you've been experiencing. Common tension headaches respond well to non-medical therapy, such as relaxation and biofeedback.

Osteopathic manipulation — a massage — of the neck and upper back can be used quite effectively to treat and prevent tension headaches.

Migraines can be treated in the acute phase with prescription medications, but ultimately you should use the newer medications that can prevent these painful headaches. With cluster headaches, lifestyle changes — such as avoiding alcohol, dietary modifications and quitting smoking — can be helpful.

If any of the following "rules of thumb" are true, you may have a secondary headache and need prompt medical attention for the underlying cause.

• If you have more than three headaches a week or need pain relievers almost daily

• If your headache is accompanied by signs of illness, such as fever, dizziness, slurred speech, stiff neck or mental confusion.

• If you have a persistent headache after a head injury

• If your headache keeps getting worse and won't go away

• If you are over 50 and begin to be bothered by more frequent headaches or have your "first and/or worst" headache of your life

Martha Simpson is an associate professor of family medicine at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

STATE

Group offers safety tips for holiday lights

With decorative lights, candles, and electronics being used in and around the home this holiday season, the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) wants to help keep families safe from fires and injuries. An electric shock or electrical fire could darken a family's festivities and lead to a holiday spent in an emergency room or worse.

"While light strings and other electrical decorations add color and sparkle to holiday festivities, even the most seasoned decorator can be injured while adorning

their home," said Michael Clendenin, executive director, in a press release. "ESFI urges you to give a gift to yourself and your loved ones: the gift of electrical safety."

To help avoid becoming an emergency room casualty this holiday season, ESFI offers the following electrical safety tips and precautions:

• Before you begin decorating, read and follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning installation and maintenance of all electrical decorations.

• Indoors and outside, use

only the lights and other electrical decorations that have been certified by a recognized independent testing laboratory such as UL, ETL or CSA.

• Outdoors, use only lights and other electrical decorations certified for outdoor use.

• Carefully inspect each decoration before plugging into an outlet. Cracked, frayed, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious electric shock or start a fire. Replace damaged items.

• Always unplug an electrical

decoration before replacing light bulbs or fuses.

• Don't mount or support light strings in any way that might damage the cord's insulation. Never nail or staple light strings or extension cords.

• Do not connect more than three light-string sets together. Light strings with screw-in bulbs should have no more than 50 bulbs connected together.

• Don't overload extension cords — they can overheat and start a fire.

• Keep all outdoor extension cords and lights strings

clear of snow and standing water and well protected from weather.

• Use caution when decorating near power lines. Contact with a high-voltage line could lead to electrocution.

• Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.

• Don't allow children or pets to play with electrical decorations. Even small light decorations can produce a deadly shock if they are misused.

• Turn off all electrical decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

• Plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). Portable GFCIs can be purchased wherever electrical supplies are sold.

• Use the gripping area on a plug when removing decorative lights and electrical decorations from outlets.

• Discard broken or faulty lights and decorations.

• Send in warranty and product registration information to manufacturers from new toys or appliances. This allows for prompt notification in the event of a recall.

These and other electrical safety tips are available at the foundation's Web site at www.electrical-safety.org

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Workshop set on teen drug use

The St. Joseph Mercy Hospital will host a free workshop on teen drug use.

"Teens-Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," will be presented by Ron Harrison in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti.

Part One: "What To Know," will be presented from 7:30

to 9 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: Jan. 4, Feb. 1 and March 1, 2005. It will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part one is repeated every first Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year.

Part Two: "What To Do," will be presented from 7:30

to 9 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: Jan. 11, Feb. 8 and March 8, 2005. It will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen

speaker. Part Two is repeated every second Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year.

The workshops are free and open to the public. Parents, teens and people who work with teens are all welcome.

DEATHS

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ISABEL EISELE

Isabel Eisele of Chelsea died Nov. 24, 2004, at the age of 99. She was born in Chelsea, Mich. Sept. 20, 1905, to the late Thomas and Alice (McGuire) Howe.

She was married to Paul Eisele in 1928 and he preceded her in death in 1965. She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters-in-law Harold and Lorraine Howe, Robert and Georgia Howe, Charles Howe, Wilbur and Anne Howe, James Howe, Maurice and Ruth Howe, one sister and brother-in-law Marjorie and Pat Moran.

She is survived by one sister and brother-in-law Bernice and Al Hoover, two sisters-in-law Arlene Howe and Cecile Howe and by her three children, Lois Eisele Yarmain, Richard (Lois) Eisele and Thomas (Joan) Eisele.

She is also survived by a former daughter-in-law Ardith Eisele, many nieces and nephews and nine grand-

children, Ann (Thomas) Murray, Christopher (Colleen) Eisele, Philip (Laura) Eisele, Sean Eisele, Kate (Brent) Boerema, Michael (Kelly) Eisele, Mary Jo (Ross) Stofflet, Ann (Jon) Riemenschneider and Peter (Debbie) Eisele. She was blessed with 19 great-grandchildren and was involved with their lives until the end.

She graduated from Eastern Michigan University and taught school in Michigan for 37 years, retiring from the Chelsea schools in 1966 after 31 years of service to that community.

She will be missed by her family, friends and former students who she has remained in contact with throughout the years.

The funeral mass was held Nov. 27, 2004 at 2:00 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church, Chelsea.

Visitation was held Nov. 26 at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea. Visitation was also at the church until the hour of service. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Chelsea.

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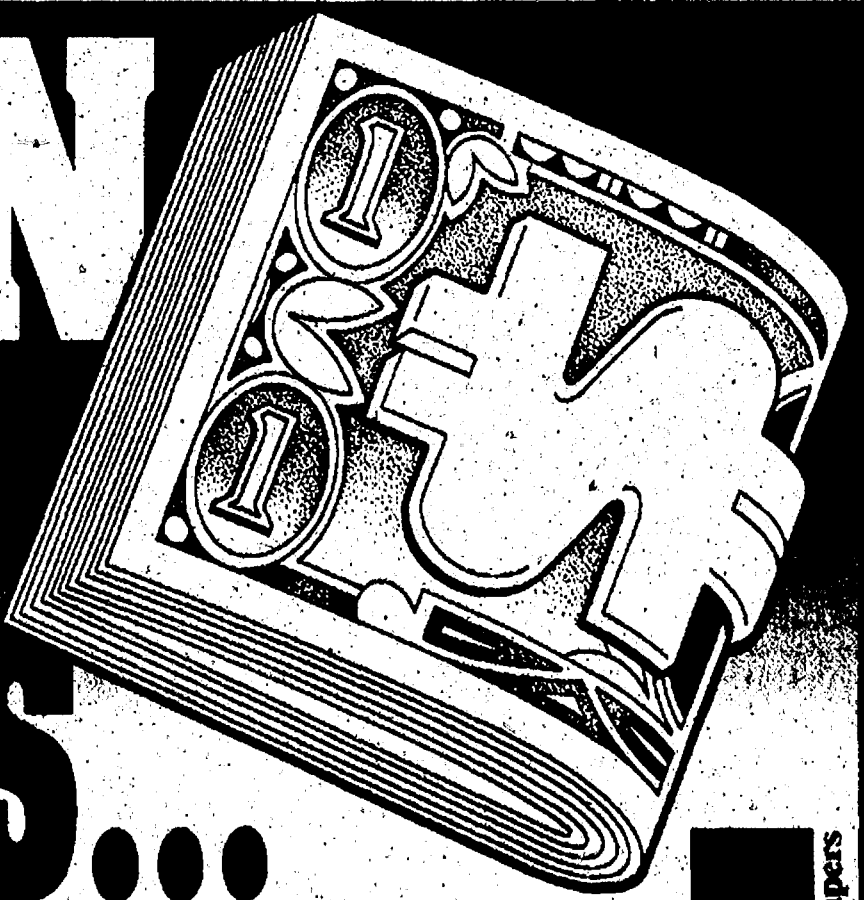
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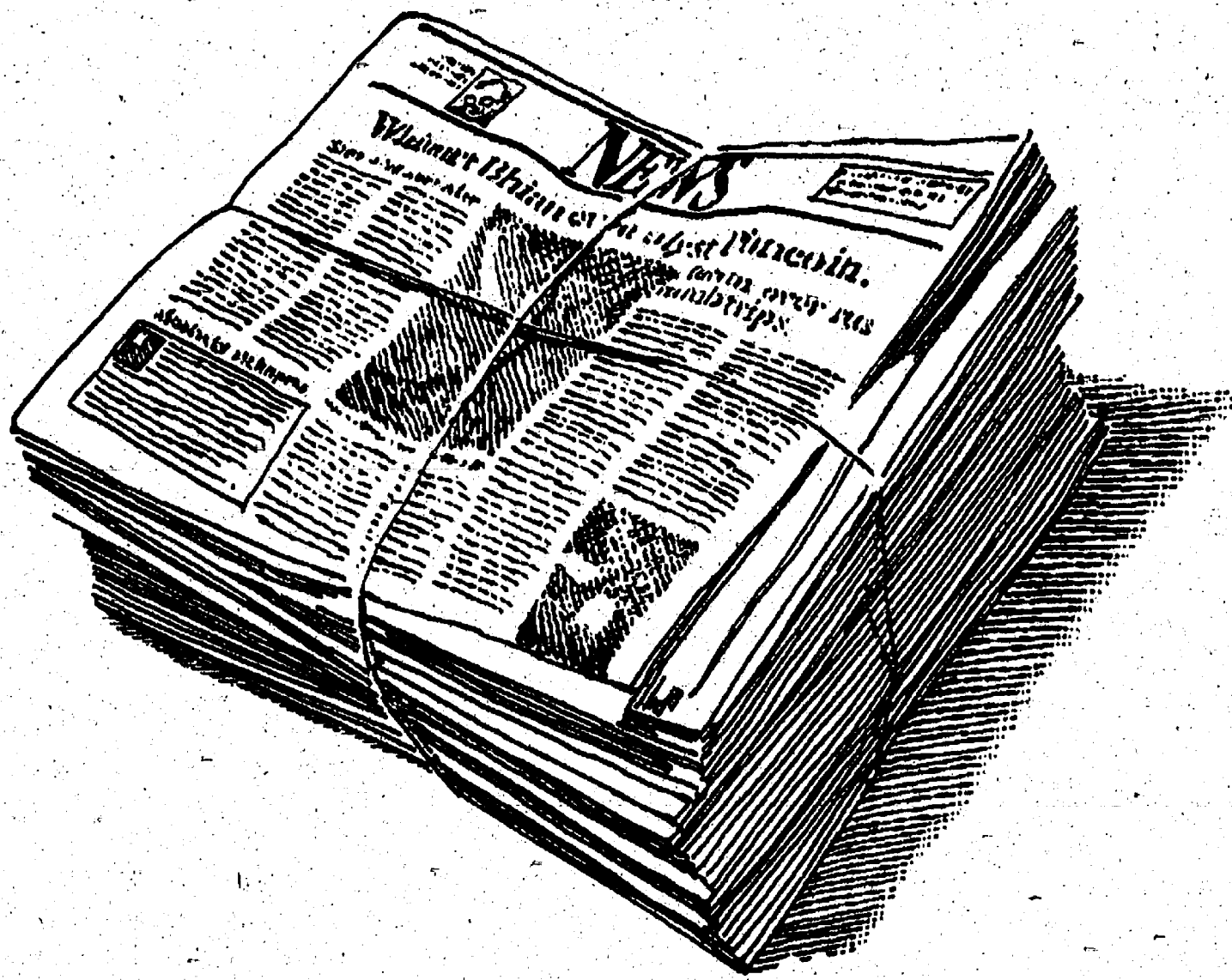
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This cedar-sided home is on ten acres of beautifully wooded property waiting for you to feed the deer and turkeys from your own backyard. The huge barn doubles as a garage. The home features 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, a great room, and a walkout basement. \$385,000

STATE

Asthma sufferers will have new options

Plan would monitor air quality

By Jennifer Mitchell
Heritage Newspapers

Those who have asthma know there aren't many things worse than walking out the front door and feeling as if their lungs have shut down.

Everything from allergens to weather changes can trigger the chronic disorder, making each breath a struggle for the afflicted.

A pilot project by the state Department of Environmental Quality could make it easier for those with asthma to predict an attack — at least where air quality is concerned.

EnviroFlash will electronically provide air quality information to residents of southeastern Michigan. Information on fine particulate and ozone ground level pollution will be sent to participants via e-mail or text messaging.

Fine particles emitted in Wayne and Monroe counties both register above U.S. Environmental Protection Agency compliance standards. The state is currently working on a compliance plan.

The particles, a component of smog, measure about one-thirtieth the size of a strand of human hair.

Fine particulate air pollution can trigger many kinds of respiratory illnesses, including asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia and emphysema.

Senior citizens, infants and people who already have lung, asthma or heart problems are most at risk, but healthy younger adults and children also can be affected.

At ground level, ozone can damage humans, green plants and everyday materials.

It reacts with membranes lining air passages in the lungs and in the eyes. Ozone has

been linked to a number of short- and long-term respiratory and visual problems.

Both are produced during combustion by everything from power plants to automobiles.

"It's extremely important that children and people with asthma are able to monitor the air quality," said Dr. Andrew Sassack of the Downriver Asthma & Allergy Center in Southgate.

The new program will allow them to do that.

Officials at the DEQ say the ultimate goal of EnviroFlash is to develop a nationwide notification system providing current local environmental information.

Initially, the program will provide air quality forecasts and Ozone Action! Notifications. Real-time air data and emergency air event notification options will be added as the project evolves.

Edith Parker, a University of Michigan professor, said research in Detroit shows that children with asthma have reduced lung function and increased symptoms when levels of particulate matter and ground-level ozone increase.

Sassack said avoidance is the key to reducing symptoms for those with asthma, especially on days when ground-level air pollutants are high.

"Stay indoors in air conditioning and lay low," he added.

But he admitted that isn't always an option.

"There are (other) strategies that can help people with breathing problems lead more productive lives," Sassack said. "A consultation or visit with their doctor is the first step in helping them control the problem."

To sign up for the free notification system or to learn more about the project, visit www.michigan.gov/deqair.



Photo by Craig Watson

Hands-On Experience

Jonathan Haley, 8, of Dexter Township gets a hands-on lesson with a turtle as part of a special presentation called "Classroom Critters" Oct. 4 through 8 at Wythe Elementary School. The visit was sponsored by the Educational Foundation of Dexter.

STATE

AAA to fight new helmet law

A bill designed to repeal Michigan's mandatory motorcycle helmet law was passed by the state House of Representatives Nov. 10, in an apparent bid to take advantage of a lame duck legislature, with 36 House members leaving. The final vote was 69-37 in favor with four members passing.

HB 4325, sponsored by Rep. Leon Drolet (R-Clinton Township), would remove the mandatory helmet requirement for all riders and passengers 21 years of age or older, but does not require motorcycle riders to carry Personal Injury Protection (PIP) insurance coverage.

"It is well established that motorcycle helmets decrease the severity of injury, the likelihood of death and the overall cost of medical care," said Richard Miller, manager of community safety services

for AAA Michigan in a press release. "Motorcycle riders are much more at risk than persons driving or riding in a passenger vehicle."

Miller cited National Highway Traffic Safety (NHTSA) data, which shows that, in states where the mandatory helmet laws were recently repealed or weakened, motorcycle fatalities increased substantially:

- Arkansas, 21 percent
- Kentucky, 34 percent
- Louisiana, 48 percent
- Texas, 31 percent

Nationwide, motorcycle fatality rates have been rising. The total number of fatalities is up 37 percent between 1997 (2,116 deaths) and 2003 (3,661 deaths). In addition, the fatality rate per 100,000 registered motorcycles is up from 55.3 in 1997 to 65.3 in 2002.

HB 4325 will move to the

Michigan Senate for a vote. It would have to pass the Senate and be signed by the governor before becoming law. AAA will be actively opposing the legislation that, in the organization's opinion, would lead to unnecessary deaths and injuries on our highways.

According to AAA:

- In 2003, there were 3,187 motorcycle-involved crashes in Michigan in which 76 riders were killed and 2,644 injured.
- Helmets are 67-percent effective in preventing brain injury.
- The average paid catastrophic motorcycle claim in Michigan is \$402,386, up from \$377,830 in 2001.
- By an overwhelming majority (81 percent), Americans favor state laws requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets.

TALKING HEALTH

Know your medicine, when to take it and why

I've been very fortunate that I've never had to take a lot of medications, even now.

But I know that many people take two, three or more different medications several times a day. Now, if you have to take medications, it's important to know what to do.

It sounds simple but there's more to it than just swallowing some pills with a glass of water. When your doctor gives you a prescription, be sure you know the name, what it's for, how to take the medicine and when to take it.

If you're not sure, ask. Your doctor and pharmacist can answer your questions. And always let your doctor know if you're taking other prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, and any vitamins, herbs or dietary supplements.

It's a good idea to keep a list of medications and dosage in your wallet or purse.



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And give a copy to a family member or friend. Take your medications exactly as prescribed.

Some need to be taken with food or at certain times. Just stick to the plan. Medications can be helpful. But to get the best effect, you have to take them properly and safely. And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. 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.

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