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CHELSEA

City warns of additive in water

Some residents concerned despite reassurances

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

Chelsea officials notified the city's tap customers last week that its municipal drinking water exceeded Michigan Department of Environmental Quality "prescribed treatment" limits for acrylamide — a polymer additive linked to cancer — eight times from June 2003 to April 2004.

But the problem has been fixed, posed no imminent threat to water customers, and warranted a detailed investigation, which is why the city waited until last week to release the information publicly, Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac said Tuesday.

Phillippa Cannon, a spokeswoman for the Environmental Protection Agency's Chicago regional office, said Tuesday that it

could be difficult to determine what threat — if any — that Chelsea's acrylamide violations may have posed to water customers.

"Generally, toxicology reports are based on long-term studies, not just a few occasions," Cannon said.

Plant operators added the acrylamide polymer into the water system to improve iron filtration in the water treatment plant's reverse osmosis softening process.

Identical to Environmental Protection Agency standards, the MDEQ's maximum permitted concentration of acrylamide at Chelsea's plant is 1.0 milligrams per liter, or 1 part per million.

The plant exceeded that concentration at a maximum of 1.04 parts per million.

The excesses resulted from a malfunctioning plant scale used to weigh the polymer. Steklac said Monday that the

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Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac surveys the city's water treatment plant. Behind Steklac, at right, is a skid of reverse-osmosis water softening cylinders. The city informed its water customers last week that the plant exceeded Michigan Department of Environmental Quality limits for acrylamide, a substance used to improve the plant's iron removal and water softening processes, eight times between June 2003 and April 2004.

Photo by Steve Ricci

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

Officials lay out rules for proposed bypass

New board opposes high-speed alternative route through township

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

With the unanimous passing of a new resolution, the Sylvan Township Board sent a clear message to the Washtenaw County Road Commission last week, stating its oppo-

sition to a proposed high-speed right-of-way — commonly referred to with controversial term "bypass" — designed to create an alternative north-south route for traffic west of Chelsea.

Leading up to — and after — the Nov. 2 general election, the bypass term became verboten in incumbent political circles on the Township Board that wanted to discourage the perception some held that they supported a wide, high-speed road through the area.

For many years leading up to the most recent election — dating back to the 1960s — a 3.3-mile bypass, alternately called Chelsea West Drive, has been discussed among local and regional politicians to alleviate north-south traffic on M-52.

The proposed bypass primarily would have been located in Sylvan Township, crossing west of Chelsea through new intersections on Old US-12, Cavanaugh Lake, Sibley and Werkner roads before merging with M-52

north of the city.

In 1997, the then-Chelsea Village declined to purchase a southern entrance point for the bypass on Commerce Park Drive, which is now occupied by Little Cherub Child Care.

A 2002 study estimated the total cost of constructing the bypass at approximately \$15.5 million.

In the months leading up to the election, former Sylvan Township Supervisor Earl

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A water softening system inside Sylvan Township's new water treatment plant has not yet provided softened water to township residents. Sylvan Township Supervisor Michael Williams says the delay is caused by an unnecessary Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regulation.



SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

Water softeners kept off tap

Board supervisor to appeal MDEQ rule

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

The reverse-osmosis water softening system at Sylvan Township's new, \$12.5 million water treatment plant on Old US-12 is up, running and ready for action.

But because of a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality rule designed

to stave off design flaws in the water softening process — such as those that have plagued Chelsea's reverse-osmosis system — Sylvan Township residents aren't getting soft water.

And unless the rule is changed, they won't get it until Sylvan's water softeners run afoul.

Michael Williams, Sylvan Township's new supervisor,

says township officials will appeal to the MDEQ to waive its requirement through 18th District Sen. Liz Brater's office.

But MDEQ District Engineer Laura Chuhran, the MDEQ representative responsible for overseeing the water plant's operation, said Tuesday that no one from the township has approached her about solving the problem.

Sylvan Township's reverse-osmosis water treatment system is only the third built in Michigan, along with plants in Chelsea and Saline.

The Sylvan Township plant went on line Dec. 1, 2002.

A \$12.5 million bond funded Phase 1 of the township's new water system, paying for construction of a new water tower, water treatment plant.

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BRIEFLY...

■ **Chelsea District Library to show "The Lion King 2":** The Chelsea District Library will show "The Lion King 2" as part of its afternoon movie and popcorn series 2 p.m. Dec. 29 at 500 Washington St. in Chelsea. Kids are encouraged to bring a comfortable chair, beanbag or sleeping bag. The movie, which has been called one of the best Disney sequels, tells the story of Simba and Nala's curious and adventuresome daughter, Kiara.

■ **CCA exhibit will feature African-American artists:** The Chelsea Center for the Arts will display the "Memory, Struggle, Affirmation: Expressions of African American Artists" exhibition Jan. 17 through Feb. 11 at the CCA, 400 Congdon St., in Chelsea.

■ **CCA exhibit will feature African-American artists:** The signature piece is a work by Jacob Lawrence.

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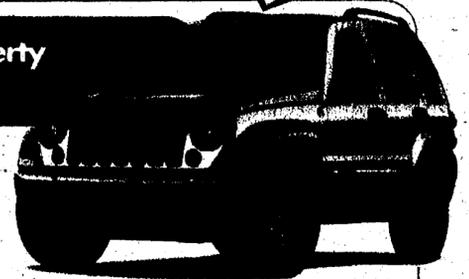


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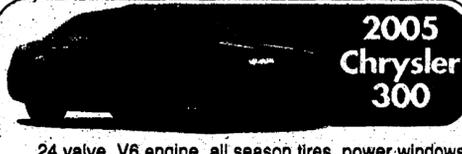
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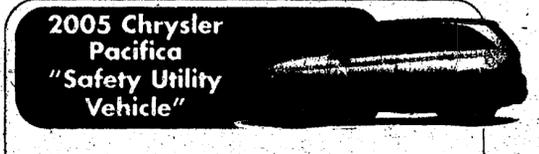
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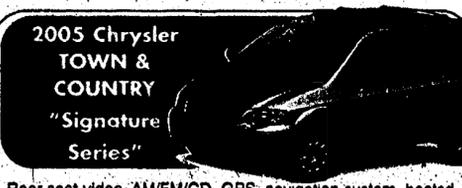
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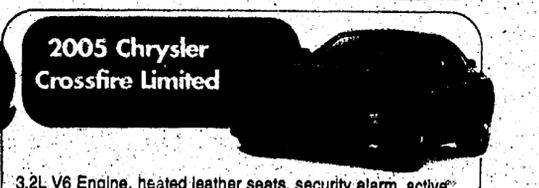
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CHELSEA

Hospital looking to expand

Proposed addition would add office space to campus

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

In anticipation of adding more doctors and expanding services, the Chelsea Community Hospital Board of Trustees has granted preliminary approval for construction of a new, 50,000-square-foot office building on the hospital's campus.

Hospital representatives presented the preliminary plan to the Chelsea Planning Commission during a recent work session.

Phil Boham, the hospital's vice president for facilities and support services, said last week that some physicians in the hospital's existing buildings need more space, and that additional doctors have expressed interest in coming to the campus.

Boham said more work must be done before the hospital board gives the plan the go-ahead.

"It could be a one- or two-story building," Boham said. "We haven't made any schematic drawings of it. The board still has a lot to approve."

Boham said the hospital could submit a preliminary site plan for the new building to the Planning Commission in the spring.

The hospital only employs a handful of orthopedic surgeons and psychiatrists, Boham said. The rest of the

hospital's doctors work independently in private practice.

Some of those physicians also work at other area hospitals.

Boham said the new building would be constructed on land already owned by the hospital, but that selection of the final location would be influenced by utilities infrastructure, stormwater detention areas and parking considerations.

Boham said he expects to talk about the building's location with city engineers and planners early next year.

Chelsea Community Hospital Director of Marketing and Development Becky

Pazkowski said last week that the hospital board would seek final approval of the plan when the hospital confirms commitments for 50 percent of the new building's physician space.

"There has been a fair amount of interest from physicians in the building, but final occupants have not been determined," she said.

The hospital would occupy about 20,000 square feet of the new building for clinical and diagnostic services, while the remaining 30,000 square feet would be designated for physician offices, Pazkowski said.

She added that one reason

for constructing the new building would be to attract new physicians to the campus.

Pazkowski said the addition would be built across from the hospital's surgery center, where grounds and storage facilities are currently located.

More information about the project will be available in late January or early February 2005, she said.

Boham said the expansion wouldn't signal an effort to make Chelsea Community Hospital into a larger, regional medical facility such as St. Joseph Mercy Health System in Superior Township.

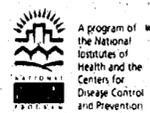
"We want to remain a small hospital that provides excellent care to the community," Boham said.

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Company makes donation

Chelsea Community Hospital announced Dec. 13 that ProQuest Co., a leading publisher of information solutions for the education, automotive and power equipment markets, has donated heating and cooling equipment to the hospital.

David Pettigrew, director of facilities and purchasing for ProQuest, which is located in Scio Township, said the donated items include a Liebert 10-ton HVAC cooling unit, a 65-KVA uninterruptible power supply and a power-distribution unit. The value of the donated equipment is \$40,000, according to a press release.

Phil Boham, vice president for facilities management and support services at Chelsea Community Hospital, said the donation would be utilized to maintain and back up the primary environmental systems in the hospital's newly constructed data center. He added that the hospital was very grateful for the donation.

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STRAIGHT FACTS

An article in last week's edition should have said a possible road in Chelsea to move city traffic southbound to Interstate 94 could cut through approximately 158 acres of farmland owned by Lima Township resident Duane Downer. To date, Downer has sold only 42 acres of his property to one developer.

An article in last week's edition should have said that Dexter Township paid for the defense costs in the lawsuit filed by gas station developer Nabil Salamey, although township residents did raise money for items such as publicity and studies on the issue.

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COMMENTARY

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election was about morals, traditional values

The question of "What went wrong?" continues in the media as they accept the results of the presidential election and the marriage amendment.

It's quite amusing to watch as members of the media try to figure out why America voted conservatively.

After all the bias, lies, disrespect and manipulation, the American people were not brainwashed, though 27 negative books were written and a movie released, twice the negative press for President George Bush as Sen. John Kerry.

Even with honorable and good news withheld, the American people saw through it. They used the same values from which this blessed country was founded and preserved to make their decisions. They repudiated the liberal agenda for America.

It's very hopeful that families have seen the value of having a moral leader for our country and chose Bush. In looking at the different issues he has supported, I would wonder why there would ever be a question.

The value of and freedom for every human life both here and abroad: Life is valuable even when it's unwanted or imperfect. That unborn children should be welcomed and protected. That we as a great nation have a responsibility to defend the vulnerable and weak both here and around the world. Stopping taxpayer funded abortions.

Respect for life: not to create and then to destroy with embryonic stem cell research and cloning.

The preservation of society through marriage: One man and one woman. Thousands of studies have been done and proven that the best situation for society and children is living with their parents, not live in partners or same-sex couples.

This would have been a disastrous social experiment with children and the next generations being hurt the most.

The right of parents to be able to help their children in the event of an unplanned pregnancy: Not to be given an abortion or morning-after pill without their parents consent.

To appoint judges who interpret the law: not recreate the Constitution and legislate from the bench.

Defending the Boy Scouts and their honorable traditions: not to be pushed by societal trends.

On a social front: give help when needed but to expect accountability and encourage self-reliance. Even George Washington stated that "religion and morality were great pillars for American society."

America has to see that throughout human history, we have been governed by a moral code that cannot be violated without inevitable consequences that affect society as a whole. We just have to look at China to see the result of a moral decision, to abort a generation of baby girls.

While no one would choose war, I find it amazing to hear so much negative press about the war. Yet, when you have the opportunity to hear of a soldier's experience, it is in support of what they're doing.

They see their mission as the soldiers did in World War II. They are defending America against an enemy who attacked us and continue to threaten the world.

In fact, our acquaintance in the midst of the soldiers in the Middle East states that most of the soldiers response to the election was in great support of Bush. Apparently, their concerns are for more than just their own comfort. They see America in Iraq both abolishing a tyrant and his followers and bringing dignity and freedom for all.

You would never hear that in the media. They have spent most of their time scolding the president, his decisions and conservative people. The media have lost respect for our country, our troops and Bush in their "freedom of speech."

Generations in the past would have called this treason. Thankfully, there are still one to two cable news stations that are unbiased. There are also a few great radio stations that still speak the truth.

The far left side is so loud and belligerent you would think they speak for the majority. However, looking at the election (red/blue) map, by county, you see the heart of America.

This election was about morals and traditional values, and the American people made their choice.

Linda Tarantowski
Sylvan Township

Article neglected to mention local angle

I read with interest the Other Voices column and related articles on migraine headache in the Community section of The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader published Nov. 25. Migraine headaches, as well as other chronic recurrent pain conditions, are arguably America's invisible disability, costing business and society dearly in lost productivity, inefficiency and health-care utilization. Expanding public knowledge of these disorders is a real public service.

I was surprised, however, that your "community pages" made no mention of the Head Pain Unit at Chelsea Community Hospital. Operated in

conjunction with the Michigan Head-Pain and Neurological Institute, people have traveled to Chelsea from all over the United States and from a number of foreign countries seeking more effective control of their debilitating pain.

The Chelsea program is one of very few in-patient headache programs in the world and is recognized for its tertiary care of so-called treatment failures — patients other doctors and medical centers have given up on.

Despite "community" on the section's masthead, it appears that the Heritage staffers have not done enough research on the relevant resources within one of their own communities.

John Deikis
Lima Township
Coordinator
Pain Consultation Clinic
VA Medical Center
Battle Creek

We need motorcycle awareness programs

AAA is opposed to repealing the helmet law. The company used several statistics to support its thesis. One of its figures was that "four states had repealed their helmet laws" and fatalities had increased. How many states repealed their laws?

If, for example, 10 states repealed and four had increased fatalities that leaves 60 percent or the majority that didn't have increases.

Also did ridership increase in these states? Most people are not aware that the majority of states do not have mandatory helmet laws for adults and that insurance is no higher in those states than Michigan.

In fact, a lot of insurance companies will not cover motorcycles for Michigan residents. Advocates to repeal have just as many statistics for their argument as those who are opposed.

The vast majority of auto/cycle accidents are the fault of the automobile driver. Instead of cyclists being required by law to purchase \$100 to \$400 helmets, we should have more motorcycle awareness programs and legislation.

If you hit a pedestrian, there are fines to pay. If you hit a road construction worker, there are increased fines and jail. Give this type of increased protection to cyclists.

Also, if you receive an at-fault ticket for hitting a cyclist, your insurance premiums increase. These fees could go to the awareness programs. This should not be a hardship for the insurance industry. They currently raise premiums for just about everything and even for a bad credit rating.

Harry Thurkow
Chelsea



OTHER VOICES

Murder serves as warning

My week began with a frantic e-mail message from a woman in Alabama.

Kathy Gile made a desperate plea for any information. The News-Herald newspaper could provide her about unsubstantiated information that her good friend, Sandra Ozment, had been beaten to death and tossed alongside a rural road.

Both Gile and Ozment, as I would learn later, spent most of their lives in Downriver. But, feeling a need for change, they moved together to Alabama last year to get a fresh start in a new environment.

Before I could look into it, I received a phone call from Sandy Adkins of Wyandotte, who has known Ozment and her family for 13 years. She confirmed that Ozment had been killed in Alabama and that authorities had arrested her husband as the prime suspect.

As I delved into the case, it became more and more unsettling. While it's a sad fact of life that violence is too prevalent in our society, this is more than a story of husband kills wife. The twist in this story seems to be that the victim hardly knew the man she married.

The suspect, Kim Van Pelt, hasn't been convicted of any crime this early in the process, but the evidence against him is mounting.

I spoke to Mike Goens, managing editor of the TimesDaily in Florence, Ala., who said authorities are pursuing leads that suggest Van Pelt might have been part of a sinister plot to kill her.

Goens said it is believed that Ozment met Van Pelt for the first time in late September, after corresponding with him on the Internet, and married him just a few weeks later.

Authorities continue to explore the motive for the killing, but believe it might have been financial.

The 40-year-old woman left behind a large family in the Downriver area, including three daughters.

Family and friends say what made the story even more bewildering is the fact that Ozment was cautious about Internet usage and warned her daughters of its potential dangers.

"Sandy was careful," Adkins said. "He must have portrayed himself as someone so magnanimous that he was able to gain her trust. He knew the right spot to hit her buttons."

In my conversation with



JIM KASUBA

Gile, she talked about how Ozment was meeting men off the Internet and how "that never ends up good."

I'm sure many people have found romance and made friendships on the Internet and that these sorts of meetings don't always

end up in tragedy. Psychopaths, pedophiles and opportunists have existed long before the age of the personal computer. But the Internet has become a tool that greatly expands the number of potential victims.

I am still amazed every

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STREET TALK

By Rita Fischer

What is the most creative gift you have given to someone?



"I gave my kids a week without the youngest kids so they could take the older ones skiing."

Pat Thomas
Dexter Township



"I enjoy giving my grandkids a wallet with a gift card in it that they can spend somewhere."

Sue Pace
Dexter Township



"I gave my dad an eagle pen. I earned money to buy it for him."

Jacob Dobberstein
Lyndon Township



"My kids think the coolest gift we have given is a game called '20 Questions.' You have a question in mind and the computer asks you questions until it figures out what it is."

Ella Steigerwald
Chelsea

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CHELSEA

Hometown Holiday festivities prove successful

Many turn out for first-ever light parade sponsored by chamber

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Organizers of Chelsea's Hometown Holiday and Light Parade say this year's event was one of its most successful as many local residents came downtown Dec. 3 through 5 to enjoy the festivities.

Chelsea Community Fair Queen Mandy Kitchens threw the switch the first night, lighting the Christmas tree next to the gazebo at Pierce Park to kick off the festivities. Jim Duncan, president of Chelsea Rotary Club, emceed the 18th annual tree-lighting ceremony.

Officials from Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, the sponsor of the event, said the town's first-ever holiday light parade was as popular as last summer's Chelsea Community Fair Parade, with many people lining the streets for the parade despite the cold weather.

Members of the Chelsea High School Marching Band played holiday tunes as Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived

on the American Legion Voiture 957 Train to spend the evening at the UAW Hall as part of Santa's workshop.

More than 150 children were able to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, played by Jeff and Mary Gunnis, while making Christmas crafts of necklace bells and birdseed cones. Girl Scouts and Brownies helped the children with their craft projects.

Many people braved the cold weather as they walked the streets of downtown Chelsea, enjoying good eats and sales at some of the stores. Gingerbread houses, made by local residents as part of the festivities, were on display in windows at local shops downtown and on the south side of town.

Hospice of Michigan partnered with Physiotherapy and Associates, Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion to have the Amtrak train stop in Chelsea.

"I wanted to show support from Hospice of Michigan," said Elizabeth Longley of Dexter Township, director of

development for Hospice of Michigan.

Several area merchants participated in a raffle that provided prizes, with more than \$500 raised and proceeds split between Hospice of Michigan and next year's Hometown Holiday and Light Parade.

Bob Pierce, director of the chamber, was pleased with this year's event.

"It was a great success," he said. "I think it was so successful because so many community members got involved to make the entire weekend enjoyable."

Pierce said 22 units participated in the light parade.

"Everyone had fun," he said.

Judy Koenn was in charge of the float St. Mary Catholic Church had in the parade. It featured a nativity scene, and followed Santa Claus and a fire truck in the parade.

"I think the addition of the light parade was very well received," she said. "It was a good crowd and the weather was great."

The light parade began at 6

p.m. Saturday at Chelsea State Bank and ended at the clock tower.

"I had such a ball with the Hometown Holiday Parade," said Julie Coleman, a Girl Scout leader with Troop 170. "Everyone did a wonderful job."

On Dec. 4, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts set up luminaries that lined the parade route

from the Chelsea Clock Tower complex to Pierce Park. The Girl Scouts collected more than 1,000 milk jugs for the event.

Jennifer Smith, Girl Scout coordinator for luminaries and leader of Troop 118, helped light the streets with the tiny lights.

"The luminaries looked awesome," she said. "The

weather cooperated and I know my Brownies had a great time."

Added Coleman, "There was something pretty awesome about driving down Main Street at dusk and seeing all of those luminaries lit up."

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CHELSEA

Making gingerbread a tradition

Lyndon Township family participates in annual contest

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Some people see them and some people don't even notice.

Stroll through Chelsea and pay close attention to the gingerbread houses made with love by local residents.

The gingerbread houses are a family tradition for the Jaynes family of Lyndon Township. Barb Jaynes has been making the houses for the past 25 years with her children and grandchildren. Her family has entered the contest since it started six years ago.

Jaynes has been chairwoman of the gingerbread house-making contest, part of the Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade event, for four years.

In the beginning, when it was known as the Chelsea Festival of the Lights, there used to be a ribbon for first place. Now it's just for the fun of it, which Jaynes says she prefers.

"It is not so competitive now. It's just for fun," she said. "There are a lot more done by kids, instead of the parents."

The numbers were higher this year, with more than 30

gingerbread houses on display. Some were simple, with just a house and candy, but Jaynes said two in particular stood out.

One was done in a southwest theme, so Jaynes took it to the Mule Skinner. Another lady who gets a kick out of making gingerbread houses, Jaynes said, put a lot of detail in her piece, right down to the candy rocks, stained-glass windows and bell tower on the little church.

Jaynes said she enjoys taking the edible homes around town.

"It's a fun family project. Everyone does their own part," she said. "This year, in our gingerbread house, we have a shark pond because

that's what my grandson wanted. Last year, my son was in Iraq and we had army men rappelling off our gingerbread house."

The tradition has continued as regular contributors keep returning. Kids around town enjoy seeing their own, as well as friends' houses, Jaynes said.

Jaynes said this year's Hometown Holiday event, which was sponsored by the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, was particularly spectacular this year.

"The three days made it nice and the light parade was neat," she said. "It was different and something fun to do."

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Photo by Craig Watson

Common Chords

Playing "Up on a House Top," the Common Chords Handchime Choir of Washtenaw County played at the Main Street retail building, located in the Chelsea Clock Tower complex, during the Hometown Holiday celebration. The band is made up of disabled members from Milan, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Chelsea and Saline.

Christmas Plumber

Drew Boughton, 2, of Chelsea plays with the variety of pipe cleaners at Physiotherapy Associates, located in the Chelsea Clock Tower complex, during the Hometown Holiday celebration. Drew is the son of Marcy Boughton, the clinic's director. The clinic offered a variety of arts-and-crafts activities for kids and was sponsored by Hospice of Michigan.

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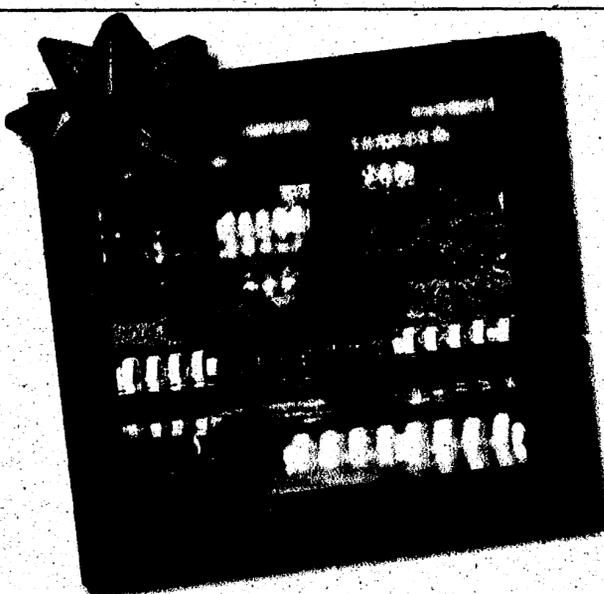
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POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township Larceny

More than \$10,000 worth of merchandise was reported stolen from Huron Scuba Adventures, Inc., 4816 Jackson Road, between 8 p.m. Dec. 4 and 8:30 a.m. Dec. 5.

According to a police report, someone entered the building using a key and then attempted to gain entry into the business' main showroom by cutting a hole in the drywall.

Deputies investigating the crime found fingerprints and footprints, a hair sample and a knife, which they believe was used to cut the hole. An obscenity was carved into the wall next to a knife stuck in the drywall. In another room, the words "U need better Security" were written on the wall with a pen.

Although the thieves were unable to gain access to the main showroom, they were able to steal items kept in the hallway and several other rooms.

The items included several regulators, an emergency oxygen kit, dive computers and dry boxes. The total retail cost of the items was \$10,311.

Deputies are investigating the incident and are pursuing several leads. They believe the suspect had connections to the establishment.

Retail Fraud

Two Chelsea High School students could face shoplifting charges after they were caught stealing from retail giant Meijer on Jackson Road.

According to a police report, the girls, both 19, told deputies they stole items from the store because they found shoplifting exciting.

One of the girls, who was celebrating a birthday that day, was caught stealing \$7.38 worth of merchandise. The other girl was caught stealing \$87.84 worth of jewelry.

Stolen Gun

A 26-year-old man reported to police Dec. 11 that a .45-caliber pistol had been stolen from his vehicle.

The man told officers he did not know exactly when the theft occurred, but that he had last seen the gun earlier in the day. He told deputies that he was at work, then went grocery shopping and to his parents' house.

The gun was stolen from a locked case that was sitting in the man's vehicle. The gun is valued at \$600. A green Army ammunition case containing approximately 300 rounds of bullets was valued at \$250.

Deputies are still investigating the incident.

Fire

Scio Township firefighters and Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies could not stop a vehicular fire from spreading to a nearby mobile home and causing more than \$17,000 in damage.

According to a police report, a van caught on fire while it was left idling in front of a man's home on Pear Tree Street in Scio

Farms Estates. The man had parked the van next to his home, where the fire quickly spread.

The blaze was big enough to fully engulf the back end of the van and melt the vinyl siding of a neighbor's home.

The Scio Township Fire Department does not consider the fire suspicious, according to the police report.

The man told police he had just returned home from buying firewood when the fire took place.

Drug Possession
A 35-year-old Scio Township man arrested and released Friday for possessing crack cocaine was taken to University of Michigan Hospitals Sunday morning for a medical emergency.

The man was not responsive when paramedics and firefighters found him in the drive-through lane at McDonald's after an employee called 9-1-1. The man was not breathing at the time he was found, but was later listed in stable condition.

According to a police report, the man had been suffering from depression and had attempted suicide earlier in the year. The cause of the medical emergency is unknown, but a police report states that the man was found with a prescribed bottle of Vicodin at the time of the incident, though there were no medical signs of a drug overdose.

Chelsea Warrant Arrest

A tractor-trailer traveling northbound on Freer Road in a designated "no truck" route was pulled over by Chelsea police Nov. 15 as it turned on to Dexter-Chelsea Road. The 48-year-old driver was found to have a felony warrant issued by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

The driver was taken to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

Harassment

Someone left a note on a 37-year-old woman's vehicle parked at the Farmer Jack supermarket. The note, which contained profanity, said, "Why don't you leave this town!"

Employees at the supermarket suggested the woman view a videotape of the store's parking lot after filing a police report about the incident.

Hit and Run

A hit-and-run crash occurred Dec. 1 at the intersection of Freer Road and Old US-12.

After a witness followed the fleeing vehicle, officers

found the gray Chevrolet pick-up truck parked in front of Vogel's Party Store.

Officers found the 50-year-old driver sitting in the truck, with one of the front tires destroyed. The vehicle also had damage to the front and rear left side.

The man failed a sobriety test after officers smelled intoxicants coming from him.

Minor in Possession of Alcohol

A 20-year-old man was found by officers Oct. 28 in his vehicle parked at North Creek Elementary School with open bottles of alcohol in the vehicle and a blood-alcohol level of 0.05 percent. A level of 0.08 percent or higher is considered legally drunk under state law.

Police searched the vehicle and also found a marijuana pipe and rolling papers.

The suspect was issued a ticket for being a minor in possession of alcohol. He also had a warrant for a probation violation.

Drunken Driving

Chelsea police officers received a call from a concerned driver Dec. 4 who reported that a Jeep was being driven erratically along Old US-12.

Police followed the Jeep to Seitz's Tavern, where a 44-year-old driver was identified. The suspect was given a breath test and recorded a reading of 0.13, which is considered drunk under state law.

Police also found a marijuana pipe and suspected marijuana on the man. He was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and on a bench warrant for non-pay-

ment of child support in Wayne County.

Non-Aggravated Assault

A 15-year-old Chelsea High School student told police he was assaulted Dec. 7 by a 17-year-old student at the school.

The victim, who suffered facial injuries, said an initial altercation occurred during gym class and that he was later assaulted in a hallway at the school.

Both were told that their statements would be turned over to the prosecutor.

Overdose

A 17-year-old girl was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital Dec. 12 after her aunt reported that she had overdosed on the prescription drugs Prozac and Trileptal.

A doctor at the hospital said the girl had an accidental overdose and had not attempted suicide. The girl was held for observation at the hospital, then released to her aunt.

Lost Property

A 55-year-old man told police he lost his wallet Nov. 30 at the Chelsea Post Office.

The man said he lost his wallet at about 7:30 p.m., then returned to the post office after discovering it was missing.

The wallet was black and contained about \$40, personal identification, two credit cards and one debit card, the man said.

Police told the man to cancel his credit and debit cards.

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



Young Seamstress

Courtney Cook, a Dexter resident and member of the Townline Workers 4-H Club, recently participated in the Michigan Make It Yourself With Wool contest held in East Lansing. She constructed a dark-green wool suit, and was judged on sewing construction and presentation. She modeled her outfit at a style show and received a piece of Pendleton wool fabric for her participation. Courtney will have an opportunity to model at Shepherd's Weekend in January for the Michigan Sheep Breeders annual meeting.

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WATER

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and laying of water lines feeding into planned unit developments in Sylvan's urban district as well as Leoni Township.

Phase 2 of the project, costing approximately \$5 million, will build water infrastructure connecting the plant with homes near Cavanaugh Lake.

Plans for the water system also call for eventually connecting it with Lima Township, as well as the DaimlerChrysler Chelsea Proving Grounds.

Toledo-based Jones & Henry Engineers Ltd. designed Sylvan's plant, which was constructed by USFilter Corp., the manufacturer of the plant's internal components.

The plant's three reverse-osmosis units are encased with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) housings, unlike Chelsea's reverse-osmosis units, which were constructed with stainless steel housings.

Williams said Friday that the PVC housings are less likely to pit than the stainless steel tubes — such as those in Chelsea, which developed pinhole leaks and are currently being replaced with Fiberglas casings.

Using potassium permanganate, Sylvan's water softening system is designed to remove iron, manganese and calcium from the plant's two wells, and to produce water with a mineral content level — or hardness — of approximately 150 parts per million.

When taken directly from the wells, the township's water has a mineral hardness between 400 and 450 parts per million.

Bob Halliwell, the plant's operator, has intermittently run water through the reverse-osmosis system for about two years. But, so far, the water softeners have not clogged.

The MDEQ has not certified the softeners' product as potable, or drinkable, because the plant has not completed a "plug and clean" cycle, Williams said.

For that to happen, Williams said more water must be run through the system, and that operators recently have started funneling more water into it.

But running the water-softening system costs the township operating expense money that must come from paying customers — who are in short supply.

Those customers currently total 28 — all from Sylvan Crossing, a manufactured-home community located near Brown and Pielemeier drives. Much of that development, which is planned for an eventual build-out of 350 units, has not yet been constructed.

Monthly plant operations cost about \$10,000, but the monthly water revenue from the 30 customers, who currently receive hard water, only amounts to about \$1,080.

Williams said Friday that because its water-softened product is potable, the MDEQ should allow the township to send softened water to its customers.

Additionally, repeatedly turning the water softeners on and off affects the plant's de-ironing process, which can ruin the reverse-osmosis membranes instead of simply clogging them, Williams said.

"It's understandable, in one light, that the MDEQ is being careful with this plant, given the problems that Chelsea's reverse-osmosis plant has experienced," said Williams.

"The water would be potable if it were being run through a unit with membranes that had previously clogged and then been cleaned, but since these are unplugged membranes, the water is not certified as potable. This comes a little too close to catch-22 logic for our comfort."

Chuhran said Tuesday that the MDEQ is now requiring pilot tests before issuing permits because those tests weren't performed in Chelsea, resulting in ongoing water softener problems in the city.

"We want to make sure that once the membranes get plugged and get cleaned, that they return to almost full flow," Chuhran said.

Chuhran added that township officials have not contacted her to discuss the problem, or to request a changing of MDEQ rules.

"I haven't talked to the supervisor, the engineer or the operator about it, so I don't know," she said.

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BYPASS

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Heller met with Chelsea Mayor Ann Feeney and developers along the route to focus on construction of the road from Cavanaugh Lake Road to Old US-12.

That region includes an area currently in planning stages by Norfolk Development Corp. called Westchester Farms, a proposed 309-home development on 178 acres off Sibley Road.

The developer has experienced delays in negotiations with the Road Commission since last May, which could prove costly, as Norfolk pays special assessments to the township for sewer and water services.

The Road Commission wanted Norfolk to build an urban collector road from Cavanaugh Lake to Sibley roads with a 55-mph speed limit, while Norfolk argued for a 35- to 40-mph speed limit.

An environmental assessment called for Chelsea West Drive to be built with a 120-foot right-of-way designed for 65-mph traffic through Norfolk Development's section, which was the model the Road Commission used in negotiations.

The township's master plan also supported a 120-foot right-of-way.

But the Township Board adopted a new resolution last week that changes those numbers.

The resolution maintains the environmental assessment's original alignment for the new road between Sibley and Cavanaugh Lake roads, but it lowers the road design to a 35-mph speed limit, and narrows its right-of-way to 86 feet.

Additionally, the resolution calls for construction of at least two roundabouts or other "traffic calming measures," with a curb and gutter system for the section of the road.

It also prohibits direct driveway access from residences in that stretch onto the new road.

Sylvan Township Supervisor Michael Williams said Friday that the township would seek the same road configuration for the Jim Gaunt farm, currently under option by a potential developer near Sibley, Bush and Werkner roads.

"We can't put a high-speed road through dense development," Williams said, adding that the township "has no money that's needed for a bypass."

Although the township effectively shot down a western-route bypass last week, Williams said the township would continue to work with the Chelsea Area Planning Team and the Road Commission to resolve the region's north-south traffic problem, directing its attention this time to the east of Chelsea.

"We'll look at the east again because that's where traffic goes to and comes from," Williams said.

Township officials met with Road Commission members, who indicated they would accept the new resolution, prior to voting on it last week.

Williams credited David Solo, who ousted incumbent Sylvan Township Board Trustee Reuben Lesser, for expediting the discussions.

"He got the proper folks together to slice the Gordian knot," Williams said of Solo.

At the Dec. 7 Township Board meeting in which the resolution was adopted, however, Lesser reiterated his position to Williams.

"Don't call it a bypass," Lesser said. "We didn't want a 65-mile-per-hour road, just an alternate route."

The Road Commission is scheduled to vote on whether to support the township's resolution this week.

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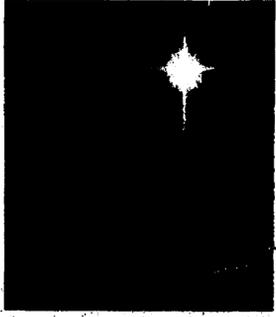
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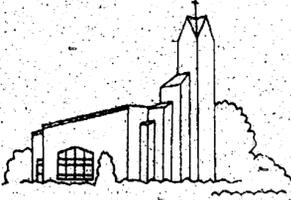
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LIMA TOWNSHIP

Ordinance to see finishing touches

Changes to zoning ordinance prompt second public hearing

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

Members of the Lima Township Board and the Lima Township Planning Commission held their first joint workshop Tuesday to discuss the proposed Lima Township zoning ordinance.

Much of the work done was simply housekeeping, but Supervisor Ken Unterbrink said the changes were substantial enough that the ordinance will go back to the Planning Commission for a public hearing.

Still, most of the changes may seem insignificant to area residents, who are mostly interested in a small part of the proposed ordinance. That part would change the minimum lot size in agricultural districts to just five acres, down from 10. It also would allow for three-acre lots, given some stipulations.

Residents were first given a draft version of the ordinance

in August, when the Planning Commission held a public hearing. They turned out en masse for the hearing, filling up the town hall, split half and half about whether such a change would benefit the community. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission unanimously approved passing on the zoning ordinance to the board.

Since then, board members have been familiarizing themselves with the ordinance and holding conversations with the township's community planner, Ralph Pasola, who helped draft the ordinance.

Resident Jason Eyster, who attended the joint workshop, said he would like for residents to be given more opportunities to comment on the changes after the language of the zoning ordinance is completed.

"I think there are grave questions which are being overlooked," Eyster said in reference to the ordinance's possible impact on density, as well as to adding a proposed sewer district in the township. "And it's difficult to give citizen input when all the

important language has yet to be determined."

Unterbrink has said that no such public hearing is required unless the board asks the Planning Commission to take the ordinance back again for a re-drafting. Previously, he had stated that he was unsure if the board would pass on the ordinance to the Planning Commission.

On Wednesday, however, Unterbrink said he had enough reservations about certain aspects of the proposed zoning ordinance that the board will be sending it to the Planning Commission once the changes decided on Tuesday have been made.

The Planning Commission will then hold another public hearing, possibly in January, Unterbrink said. At that point, the zoning ordinance would be returned to the board for final approval.

He added that it's possible another work session will be scheduled before that public hearing takes place.

"We're real close to getting this done, real close," he said. He added that most of his reservations stem from the fact that some of the new lan-

guage in the zoning ordinance is already outdated, since it has been seven years in the making.

"Whenever you get something printed out on paper, you look back and ask yourself, 'Did I really mean to write that?'" he said.

Unterbrink added that neither the board nor the Planning Commission has reservations over changing the minimum lot size in agricultural districts.

At last night's meeting, concerns were voiced about several proposed changes to the zoning ordinance. Among those issues were:

- Whether to regulate, and how to regulate, the number of livestock and animals in agricultural districts. Members debated the merits of having "suggested" good neighbor rules, versus the importance of right-to-farm rules.

- How, and whether, to differentiate land zoned AG-1 from the newly-created AG-2 district. According to the proposed ordinance, AG-1 land would be located south of Interstate 94, whereas AG-2 land would be north of I-94.

There are other differences, but they are minimal. Unterbrink suggested that more bonuses for cluster developing would be favorable on AG-2 land to differentiate the two districts.

"AG-1 and AG-2 are so close that we should have a definition that differentiates them or get rid of AG-2 entirely," Unterbrink said.

But Trustee Greg McKenzie said that, while he believes

creating two agricultural districts is important now, defining those districts can wait until later. He said he felt the AG-2 land would act as a transitional agricultural-residential district in the future, but that it was not necessary to begin making that transition now.

"We have the opportunity in the future to change one, and not the other," McKenzie said.

DETROIT

Exhibit aims to excite kids about science

Webster Township resident involved in traveling exhibit

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

Webster Township resident Stephen Hunt grew up fascinated by science, especially biology.

To him and thousands of others like him, biology holds the key to understanding just about everything there is to wonder about, from how humans can rise out of single cells to how we are related to everything that surrounds us.

"Just understanding what a complex organism we are, that's what got me excited back in ninth grade," Hunt said.

A big part of solving those mysteries lays in the human genome, an enormous puzzle that, in an effort led by scien-

tist Francis Collins, was recently solved, though it remains to be understood.

Mapping the human genome — the collection of all of the genes found inside humans — is one of the biggest and most exciting accomplishments in biology to date.

"The people that I was learning from were the people who were inventing the tools for cloning DNA and being able to do DNA sequencing. It has just gotten more and more exciting," said Hunt, a molecular biologist for Pfizer Inc.

Now, it's Hunt's turn to teach to a whole new generation of upcoming scientists — some as young as just five or six years old.

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Holiday Performance

Nathan Peters (left), Ian Cumming, Jed Fritzscheier and Sara Cumming perform Dec. 5 at the Chelsea Chamber Players' holiday concert at the Chelsea Depot. The group saw its largest audience to date, with a standing-room crowd of some 147 people.

CITY

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scale's contact points probably were corroded during a flood in the plant's chemical containment area.

The scale problem was diagnosed and corrected last April, he said.

Operational changes in the plant's iron removal process resulted in discontinuing the additive last June, Steklac said.

Steklac emphasized that the regulatory limits for acrylamide are purposefully set "far below health concern limits identified in scientific studies."

"This is to provide a large cushion before the polymer becomes a health threat," Steklac said.

The 1 part per million standard is 10 times less than the Environmental Protection Agency's standard for what poses a health risk, he said.

Additionally, Steklac said the Environmental Protection Agency standards are based on years of excessive exposure to the polymer, not days.

"Chelsea's exceedance of the polymer additive was intermittent, and occurred over a relatively short period," Steklac said. "This is why we believe there was no danger to anyone consuming the water."

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality District Engineer Laura Chuhran said Tuesday that the agency discovered the

violation last May, and discussed it with city officials immediately.

Because the city had fixed the scales and discontinued using acrylamide in June, the MDEQ allowed the city to conduct an internal investigation before it reported the acrylamide incidents to the public, Chuhran said.

Chuhran added that she spoke to Dan Rosentreter, the former water treatment plant supervisor, about the problem, and that staffing problems at the MDEQ caused a delay in reviewing water reports.

Chuhran said the excessive acrylamide levels measured at the plant could easily have been diluted, via a large reservoir, before it reached water customers.

She also stressed that health risks for consuming acrylamide only occur with long-term ingestion.

Steklac said the MDEQ told the city in a letter last September that it must disclose the information to water customers, but city officials decided to delay the disclosure so they could compile information about potential health threats.

Steklac said there was no threat in washing, showering or swimming in water sent to customers during the problem periods.

He said he has fielded

water questions from several concerned residents — including parents of Chelsea schoolchildren who live outside the city limits — but that some of the callers had heard rumors about acrylamide, and had not seen the public report.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, short-term exposure to acrylamide at levels exceeding maximum allowable rates can cause weakness, incoordination in the legs and nervous system damage.

Long-term or lifetime exposure to the chemical is linked to nervous system problems, paralysis, cancer and damage to reproductive genetics.

A 2002 Swedish National Food Authority report found elevated levels of acrylamide in starchy foods processed at high temperatures, such as french fries and some cereal products.

Acrylamide is one of a variety of cleaning agents commonly used in drinking water to remove or filter unwanted substances.

Excess measurements of acrylamide were found in Chelsea water in June 2003, December 2003, January 2004 and April 2004.

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CHELSEA

Senior center gets grant

The Chelsea Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, recently awarded a grant of \$14,065 to the Chelsea Senior Citizens Activities Center for expansion of its fitness and nutrition program for seniors.

The senior center plans to start and/or expand three program components, including:

- **Workout classes:** Offered at various levels and led by a certified fitness instructor, classes will be structured to meet a variety of physical abilities and will include strength and cardiovascular training.

- **Walking club:** Focused on helping seniors remain physically active, the club will encourage walking indoors or outdoors at the center, and will attempt to provide social and emotional support.

- **Nutrition training:** It will include weekly food classes focused on eating well. Chefs, gardeners, cooks, nutritionists, homemakers and members will be asked to lead classes. Sharing recipes and tips will build socialization.

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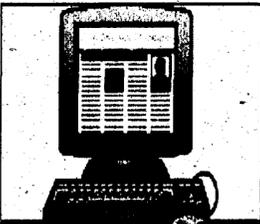


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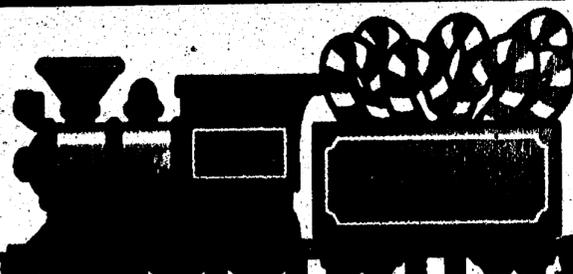


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DEATHS

RANDY JOHNSON

Chelsea
Randy Johnson, 57, of Chelsea died Dec. 9, 2004, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born July 20, 1947.

Mr. Johnson lived in the Chelsea area for 30 years. He was a teacher and coach in Chelsea for 25 years, retiring in 1995.



In addition to teaching, he had a passion for sports, playing semi-professional football on the weekends, basketball, hunting, fishing, drag racing and weight lifting. His greatest pastime after retirement was his six grandchildren.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his parents, LaVerne J. and Noreen R. (Heiberg) Johnson.

He is survived by his four children, Kris E. Johnson of Rochester Hills, Jim E. (Kim) Williams of Clear Lake, Joe E. (Laura) Williams of Jackson and Lori L. (Scott) Barker, as well as six grandchildren.

A funeral was held Monday at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chelsea Athletic Boosters.

STEPHEN C. SLANE

Grass Lake
Formerly of Chelsea
Stephen C. Slane, 88, of Grass Lake, formerly of Chelsea, died Dec. 8, 2004, at his daughter's home in Grass Lake. He was born Nov. 17, 1916, the son of Charles and Orva (McKay) Slane.

Mr. Slane had live in the Chelsea area most of his life and retired from Dana Corp. in 1975 after 34 years. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy, and was aboard the ship called Toucan, a mine-sweeping vessel.

Mr. Slane enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, playing cards, working with his hands and helping people in time of need.

On July 31, 1937, he married Viola M. Jones, and she preceded him in death July 24, 2002.

Surviving are four children, Joyce Diette of Chelsea, Joan McDermitt of Canton, Ohio, Jackie Lohrer of Harrison Township and Sharon Fletcher of Grass Lake; 17 grand-

children; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition, he is survived by three brothers, Bud Slane of Chelsea, Charles Slane of New Jersey and Theodore Slane of Grand Rapids; and two sisters, Becky (Don) Bush of Grass Lake and Eleanor Holmes of Lansing.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Beverly Bishop; three brothers, Albert, David and Laverne Slane; and three sisters, Margaret Marsh, Mae Slane and Millie Gramatico.

A funeral was held Tuesday at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea. The Rev. Joy Barrett officiated. Burial was at Mount Hope Cemetery in Waterloo Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to Herbert McKune American Legion Post of Chelsea or Washtenaw County Color Honor Guard.

DANNY DEE FOYTIK

Tennessee
Formerly of Chelsea
Danny Dee Foytik, 69, of Tennessee died suddenly of a heart attack Nov. 25, 2004, in Liberty, Tenn. He was born Oct. 16, 1935, in Ann Arbor, the son of John and Sophie Foytik of Chelsea, formerly of Manchester.

Mr. Foytik retired from the Chrysler Proving Grounds in 1990 after 35 years, and moved to Tennessee. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea, the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, and the Ann Arbor Moose Club. He also helped start Boy Scout Troop 420 in Chelsea.

Most people, however, remember him by his music. The Royal Lancers played music in the Chelsea area starting in the 1950s and continuing through the mid-'70s, when Mr. Foytik played with his three sons. Even in Tennessee, where he retired, he would take his guitar to the senior citizen center and entertain folks. They loved it, his family said, but Danny Dee, as he was known, loved it more.

Mr. Foytik is survived by his wife, Lela; three sons, Ric (Lisa) of Chelsea, Chuck (Lista) of Texas and Dan (Lois) of Pinckney; one daugh-

ter, Pat (Dan) Burke of North Carolina; two stepdaughters; Tammy and Michelle; and nine grandchildren.

A funeral was held Nov. 27 in Woodville, Tenn., where he was cremated.

LEONA M. BEEMAN

Chelsea
Formerly of Waterloo Township
Leona M. Beeman, 86, of Chelsea, formerly of Waterloo Township, died peacefully Dec. 10, 2004, at Chelsea Community Hospital. She was born May 7, 1918, in the small village of Waterloo, where she lived almost all of her life.

Mrs. Beeman began her teaching career in 1938 at Riemenschneider schoolhouse on Musbach Road, where she found her niche in life. She later was a teacher in Stockbridge schools. After receiving her master's degree, she became principal at Katz. She was an educator for more than 30 years.

Mrs. Beeman met the love of her life, Wilbur, around 1938 and mar-

ried him April 24, 1943. During their marriage, they were blessed with their only son, Gordon, who resides in Chelsea.

Mrs. Beeman enjoyed all aspects of teaching. She loved the children and their ability to grow, meeting their families and working with her colleagues. She brought all the classroom animals home during the breaks and her husband knew better than to tell her no.

Leona and Wilbur shared 50 years of marriage. They were dedicated to their church and community.

Mrs. Beeman taught a reluctant Wilbur to dance, and loved any occasion they could hear music and dance. She played the organ in church and the piano whenever she could.

After retiring, Mrs. Beeman never slowed down. She was off in her car, never knowing when she would return. She loved to go to garage sales, antiquing and shopping in her spare time. She was an active member of the Chelsea Community Hospital Auxiliary. She also gar-

dened, golfed, bowled and helped anyone who needed her.

The Beemans loved their four grandchildren, Justin, Adam, Hillary and Eric Beeman. They did everything they could for them.

Mrs. Beeman was preceded in death by her husband in 1993. She carried on, but never forgot him, her family said.

Mrs. Beeman moved in with her son in 2002, and loved her new life in the woods. She walked, loved to look at nature and sit in her swing watching the sunset. She broke her hip in July and, although it frustrated her, she continued on. She was thankful for all who called her and continued to visit with her. The small things in life brought her joy.

A private funeral was held

Tuesday at the Village United Methodist Church. The Rev. George Dack officiated. Private burial followed at Mount Hope Cemetery in Waterloo.

The family received friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

The family has asked that no flowers be sent. According to Mrs. Beeman's wishes, flowers may be sent to a friend or someone who could appreciate them.

Mrs. Beeman was a lifelong member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and donations may be made there in her memory.

The family is at a loss with her leaving too soon, but said they believe she is "once again dancing with her sweet prince Wilbur."

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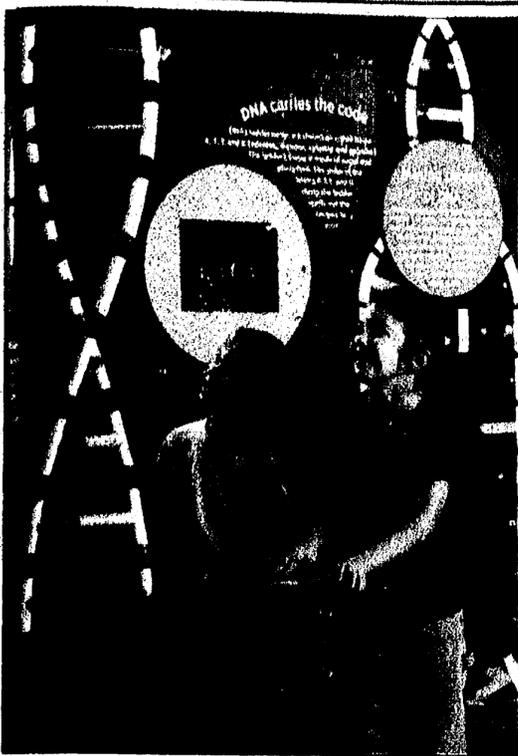
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The "Genome: The Secret of How Life Works" exhibit is at the Detroit Science Center through Dec. 23.

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derful," he said. "It tries to carry a person's understanding from how we grow from a single cell all the way up to a human being, and tries to talk about what the different components (in the cell) are responsible for."

The traveling exhibit, "Genome: The Secret of How Life Works," will be at the Detroit Science Center through Dec. 23.

Pfizer partnered with Clear Channel Exhibitions to provide the exhibit, which Hunt said is relative to people of all ages but geared toward youth.

"We have a vested interest in developing good scientists," Hunt said, adding that that process starts at a young age. "We are talking about

what is happening in the field as a way to generate excitement."

It's not the first exhibit the two businesses have partnered on to put together. Others have been on anti-bacterials and the human brain.

The making of "Genome: The Secret of How Life Works" was a long process. Hunt's job was to ensure the exhibit's scientific accuracy. "I wanted the chance to tell the story," he said.

"This is an incredible advance in the understanding of human biology and human disease, so the opportunity for me to get people to understand this was just something that I couldn't resist."

To complete the project, a senior writer at Clear Channel spent an entire year learning about the human genome.

But that's nothing compared to the 50 years it took scientists to map out the human genome. In the human genome, DNA, which was discovered in 1953, contains approximately 30,000 different genes, 99.9 percent of which are exactly the same in every human being.

"The fact that I'm bald-headed and I've got green eyes, it's actually a very small percentage (of genes) that determines that," Hunt said.

That begs some questions, some of which scientists are still answering.

What is DNA? What is RNA? What are proteins, and how do they all relate together within our cells?

"We now have the entire dictionary of what makes up a human being," Hunt said. "We don't understand it, but we got all these letters that are pieced together. We don't

know how to cut them into words or sentences or chapters, but we have the information."

To bring the complexities of the subject into layman's terms, the exhibit contains numerous analogies.

One part of the exhibit allows visitors to look up the recipe for their hair color in a giant genetic recipe book.

Another part features an animated cookie machine that shows how a cookie factory is similar to a cell, which pumps out proteins instead of cookies.

"You go through the process of making the cookies, boxing them, and shipping them out," Hunt said. "There are specific places within the cell in which proteins are made. They are then boxed up and shipped to a different part of the cell, or shipped out of the cell."

WARNING

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time I see a TV news segment of law enforcement officers posing as adolescents or young teenagers in a chat room who get several "hits" from men who proposition them, all in a matter of a few minutes.

The details of exactly what happened in the Ozment case are still unfolding, but if there is a lesson to be learned here, it's not that the Internet is the enemy. For predators, the Internet is simply a means to an end.

From all indications, Ozment normally was a cautious person. But she might

have been at a vulnerable point in her life and let her guard down to the wrong person.

Internet chat is the most anonymous form of communication. Users can create false personas, portray themselves in a more positive light and build up a trust that isn't warranted until a firm relationship has been established.

Ozment and Van Pelt had n't known each other long enough to gain that kind of trust. If her husband turns out to be the killer, that one lapse of judgment might have cost Sandra Ozment her life.

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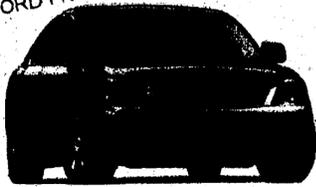
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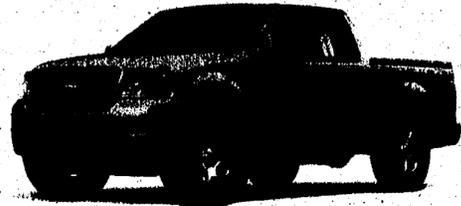


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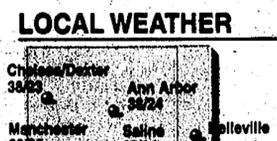
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THURSDAY	THU NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 36°-40° Mostly cloudy with afternoon snow.	LOW: 22°-26° Mostly cloudy with flurries.	HIGH: 32°-36° Breezy with clouds and sun. LOW: 20°-24°	HIGH: 30°-34° Mostly cloudy with flurries. LOW: 20°-24°	HIGH: 28°-32° Partly sunny. LOW: 16°-20°	HIGH: 26°-30° Mostly sunny. LOW: 14°-18°



TRAVEL
Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties
A cold front will bring some snow to the region Thursday afternoon with west winds of 10-20 mph. Dry weather will be the rule Friday.

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

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Thu: 3:37 a.m.	8:51 a.m.	4:04 p.m.	10:18 p.m.
Fri: 4:35 a.m.	10:47 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	11:11 p.m.
Sat: 5:25 a.m.	11:38 a.m.	5:48 p.m.	11:59 p.m.
Sun: 6:09 a.m.	12:20 p.m.	6:31 p.m.	

ALMANAC
Statistics for the week ending Dec. 13.

Temperatures:

High for the week	58°
Low for the week	21°
Normal high	36°
Normal low	24°
Average temperature	36.6°
Normal average temperature	30.0°

Precipitation:

Total for the week	1.40"
Total for the month	1.75"
Total for the year	26.57"
Normal for the month	1.28"
% of normal this month	137%
% of normal this year	78%

MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	38/24/8n	34/22/6p
Battle Creek	38/25/8n	37/25/6f
Bay City	38/25/8n	33/28/6f
Coldwater	38/25/8n	38/27/6p
Dearborn	38/25/8n	38/27/6p
Detroit	38/25/8n	38/27/6p
Grand Rapids	35/25/8n	34/28/6f
Holland	38/25/8n	38/28/6f
Jackson	38/25/8n	38/28/6f
Kalamazoo	38/25/8n	34/28/6f
Lansing	38/25/8n	35/28/6p
Livonia	38/25/8n	34/25/6p
Midland	38/25/8n	34/22/6p
Monroe	38/27/8n	38/30/6f
Muskegon	38/25/8n	38/30/6f
Port Huron	38/25/8n	38/24/6p
Saginaw	38/25/8n	38/26/6p
Saline	38/24/8n	34/22/6p
Sault Ste. Marie	32/20/4h	28/22/0c
Sturgis	38/25/8n	35/28/6f
Toronto	38/23/8n	32/23/6f
Traverse City	38/25/8n	34/28/6f
Warren	38/28/8n	34/28/6p

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Highest Thursday	32°
Highest Friday	25°
Highest Saturday	24°
Highest Sunday	26°

WORLD CITIES

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Acapulco	88/68/0c	88/73/0c
Algiers	61/40/0c	62/42/0c
Amsterdam	50/37/1c	45/36/0c
Athens	54/41/1c	57/44/0c
Auckland	68/50/0c	62/48/0c
Bangkok	89/71/1c	89/71/1c
Barcelona	85/69/0c	88/71/1c
Beijing	41/27/0c	41/19/0c
Beirut	58/39/0c	58/45/0c
Belgrade	41/34/0c	45/32/0c
Berlin	43/37/0c	41/32/0c
Bogota	69/53/1c	69/53/1c
Buenos Aires	82/61/1c	88/64/1c
Calgary	60/40/0c	60/40/0c
Cairo	45/32/0c	45/32/0c
Canberra	68/49/0c	70/55/0c
Cape Town	48/43/0c	44/32/0c
Copenhagen	48/45/0c	48/37/0c
Dublin	48/35/0c	39/24/0c
Frankfurt	44/35/0c	37/31/0c
Geneva	48/35/0c	39/24/0c
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Karachi	94/67/0c	94/68/0c

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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.

Highest Thursday	1
Highest Friday	1
Highest Saturday	1
Highest Sunday	1

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Akron	39/28/6p	33/28/6f
Albany	38/23/6p	31/18/6f
Albuquerque	48/28/1c	48/28/6p
Anchorage	34/28/0c	32/20/0c
Atlanta	52/34/0c	54/34/0c
Atlanta City	47/29/0c	45/27/0c
Austin	58/37/6p	58/35/6p
Baltimore	48/30/0c	48/28/0c
Baton Rouge	60/33/6p	58/34/6h
Billings	49/32/0c	51/34/0c
Birmingham	54/28/0c	52/24/6p
Bismarck	42/20/6p	48/27/0c
Bloomington	43/27/0c	44/30/6p
Boise	40/24/0c	41/24/0c
Boston	42/32/0c	45/29/6p
Brownsville	68/58/6h	66/48/6h

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Buffalo	39/28/6n	32/24/6f
Burlington, IA	39/28/6f	42/28/6p
Burlington, VT	38/28/6n	24/12/6f
Casper	40/18/0c	39/24/6p
Cedar Rapids	39/22/6f	39/24/6p
Charleston, SC	57/32/0c	60/33/0c
Charleston, WV	50/30/0c	41/28/6f
Charlotte	52/29/0c	54/32/6p
Cheyenne	42/19/0c	48/23/0c
Chicago	38/28/6f	30/22/6p
Chicago	38/28/6f	30/22/6p
Cincinnati	44/28/6p	38/28/6f
Cleveland	41/30/6n	37/30/6f
Columbus, OH	42/28/6f	44/30/6p
Columbus, MO	47/32/6f	35/28/6f
Dallas	53/35/6p	56/37/6p
Davenport	39/24/6f	39/25/6p

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Denver	45/21/6p	51/24/0c
Des Moines	41/28/6f	41/28/6p
Duluth	27/18/6n	30/25/6f
El Paso	52/31/0c	49/30/6p
Fairbanks	82/61/0c	61/10/6p
Fargo	24/18/6f	34/22/6p
Flagstaff	44/19/0c	42/17/0c
Fort Wayne	38/28/6f	37/30/6p
Gary	38/27/6f	37/30/6p
Green Bay	36/20/6n	35/28/6p
Helena	39/19/0c	42/24/0c
Honolulu	82/68/0c	82/70/6p
Houston	58/40/6h	58/40/6h
Indianapolis	40/29/6p	42/29/6p
Juneau	42/38/1c	40/38/1c
Kansas City	42/28/6f	49/31/6p

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Knoxville	48/28/0c	47/31/6h
Las Vegas	64/42/0c	62/40/0c
Lansing, KY	48/28/6p	42/28/6h
Lincoln	43/29/0c	51/28/6p
Little Rock	47/31/6p	53/34/6p
Los Angeles	80/51/0c	75/51/0c
Louisville	48/32/6p	42/32/6p
Madison	37/24/6f	36/25/6p
Memphis	50/33/6p	51/35/6p
Miami	73/60/6h	73/58/6h
Minneapolis	38/28/6f	35/28/6p
Milwaukee	32/15/6n	34/28/6f
Mobile	69/34/0c	60/32/6h
Nashville	50/29/6p	47/33/6h
New Orleans	61/40/6p	60/38/6h
New York	44/34/0c	44/31/6p

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Norfolk	49/38/0c	50/34/6p
Oklahoma City	50/30/6p	50/32/6c
Omaha	40/24/6p	42/27/6p
Orlando	64/49/0c	68/48/0c
Palm Springs	78/50/0c	72/51/0c
Peoria	40/28/6f	38/27/6p
Phoenix	46/34/0c	48/30/6p
Philadelphia	40/24/0c	46/48/0c
Pittsburgh	42/28/6p	38/24/6f
Portland, ME	34/24/6p	37/13/6f
Portland, OR	48/40/0c	48/40/0c
Providence	40/30/0c	41/24/6p
Raleigh	52/30/0c	54/30/0c
Rapid City	48/21/0c	51/21/0c
Reno	47/23/0c	51/21/0c
Richmond	50/31/0c	50/29/6p

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Sacramento	58/42/6p	60/38/6p
St. Louis	43/30/6f	48/33/6p
Salt Lake City	39/22/6c	39/24/6c
San Antonio	58/40/6p	58/37/6p
San Diego	72/52/0c	72/50/0c
San Francisco	70/45/0c	70/47/0c
Santa Fe	44/19/0c	48/16/6p
Seattle	48/42/0c	48/42/0c
South Bend	38/28/6n	37/28/6p
Springfield, IL	40/27/0c	40/27/0c
Tampa	68/48/6p	68/48/6p
Toledo	38/27/6f	35/27/6f
Topeka	44/28/6p	49/29/6p
Tucson	58/38/0c	68/38/0c
Washington, DC	48/32/0c	50/34/0c
Wichita	47/28/6p	48/29/6p

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Man's effort helps cancer patient

Bike-a-thon helps raise money for Make-A-Wish

By Lena Khzouz
Heritage Newspapers

After losing almost everything to cancer, 4-year-old Melissa Rupp said her dream was to dance with the princesses at DisneyWorld.

Today, one man's strides have made that little girl's dreams come true.

They didn't even know each other.

Melissa was diagnosed with cancer when she was only 3 years old.

Her family learned that she was ill in November 2002, and then times became trying.

Melissa, who had a brain tumor, first had surgery and then went into rehabilitation, followed by radiation and chemotherapy and then had a break for a month.

After that, she was in and out of hospitals for a year.

"Every three weeks, she was admitted into the hospital for three days and that went on for a year, so it's been a long process," said her mother, Susan Rupp.

Melissa has a permanent shunt and has some deficits, but her problems today are nothing like they were in the beginning, Rupp said.

In the beginning, she lost total ability to walk," Rupp said. "She didn't talk."

Melissa's little body totally stroked, she said.

"She couldn't do anything," Rupp said. "Her one eye had deviated, so it was completely in."

After learning that her daughter had cancer, Rupp contacted the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

In the meantime, someone somewhere else had begun to set his wheels in motion for an idea he had about December 2002.

Mark Bailey was cleaning snow one day outside of his Allen Park home, and as he did, he thought and thought of a way to help others.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation came to mind, so he later picked up the phone.

Representatives suggested that if he wanted to help them, he could participate in their bike-a-thon.

But Bailey told them he already had done that in the past, but it wasn't enough. He wanted to do more.

So he started his own ride and drove other people to help him. Bailey, whose hobby is bike riding, spent months asking people in the community to sponsor him in his ride this time.

Among his greatest supporters were the Elks.

He said he would ride 1,000 miles on his 1974 vintage bicycle, and people could sponsor him for as little as a penny a mile.

He did it in three shots, although he didn't quite reach the 1,000-mile mark.

He rode 249 miles during Memorial Day weekend last year around the perimeter of the greater Detroit area.

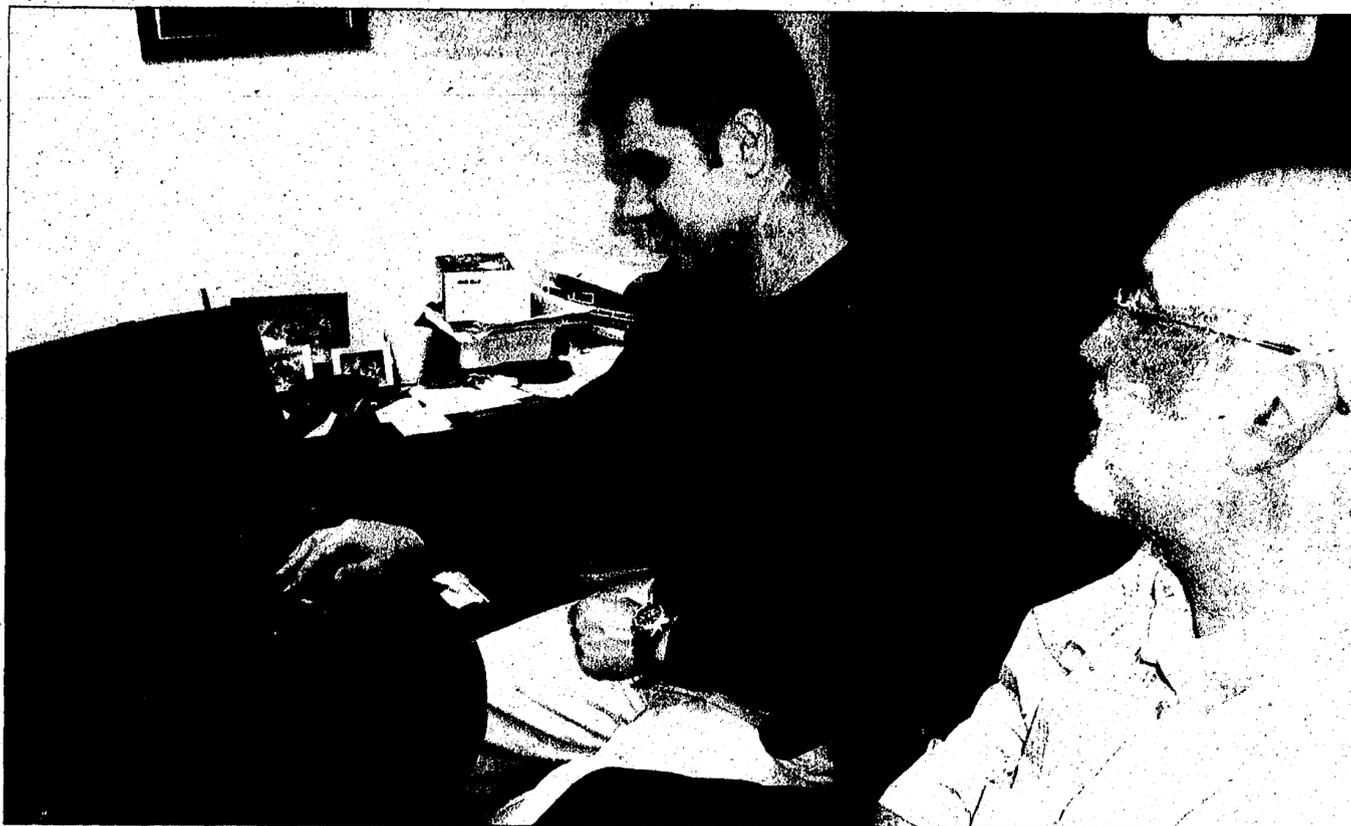
On Father's Day weekend, Larry and Tammy Jones dropped him off at their cabin near Alpena, just so he could ride his bicycle 321 miles back home.

The Fourth of July weekend trip was the one he had touted around town.

The Elks national convention was held in St. Louis at that time, so Bailey's parents gave him a ride there.

Bailey said that at the con-

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Mindworks Learning Center co-founders Martin Fletcher and Terry Dunivin, both of Dexter, both believe that character-based games, like the one Fletcher created and shown here, can help children who are struggling in school learn fundamental thinking processes, such as planning and organizing.

Photos by Maria Sprow

Mind Games

Local residents' program helps kids struggling in school learn how to learn

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

When he was young, Martin Fletcher was like many children — he worked hard but still struggled in school.

Fletcher, who grew up in Chelsea, knew he was smart. He just didn't know why he couldn't do well in school, despite his best efforts.

"I believed that I couldn't achieve," he said.

Fletcher didn't find help until his senior year of high school, when he decided to help himself.

"I was a not-so-good student," Fletcher, now a psychologist, admitted. "I was a pretty smart kid, but I didn't have the types of support that would help me develop, that would make me successful in public schools."

"I took an interest in discovering how I could learn."

After years of researching exactly what caused his academic troubles, Fletcher is now helping others with their own learning problems.

Three years ago, he and fellow Dexter resident Terry Dunivin co-founded Mindworks Learning in Ann Arbor.

The center has helped 8-year-old Grace Miller of Dexter, who last year struggled with school so much that her mother, Bess, decided to try home-schooling.

Grace, then just 7, was having problems with math and reading. Her confidence was low, and she hated school. Her anxiety was so high, said her mother, that she would often have stomachaches.

"I was dumb," Grace said.

It's not a phrase that most parents want their children muttering. But for Grace, the emphasis is on the "was."

Grace started going to Mindworks in December.

Since then, her performance and attitude have improved, and she is now reading above her grade level, her mother said. She also re-enrolled in school, though a different elementary than the one she attended before.

What's more, Grace claims to actually like school now.

Though she's initially modest about her improvements, Grace soon begins talking about what books she enjoys the most.

"I can read a ton better," she said. "I have a good teacher."



Eight-year-old Grace Miller reads from a book she recently purchased. Grace's mother, Bess, said her daughter struggled with reading and school before she began working with psychologists at Mindworks.

"We do challenging stuff, but I like it a lot better."

Ninety percent of the children who participate in Mindworks programs end up experiencing academic success, Dunivin said.

This, Fletcher said, is not a miracle.

It's just the result of years of educational research and theory put to good use.

The basic theories, in layman's terms:

One: Learning has to be fun, and children have to build confidence to learn well.

"The first thing we have to do is, we have to get them motivated and interested, so it has to be fun," Fletcher said.

Added Dunivin: "If you take a kid

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Could Mindworks help your child?

Ask yourself these questions:

1. Did you or other family members struggle with reading, spelling, writing, math, attention, planning or memory?
2. Does your child frequently talk about not liking school, homework or teachers?
3. Is your child working below his or her potential?
4. Has your child been diagnosed with dyslexia, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, a learning disability, an auditory problem, or is your child unmotivated or oppositional?

5. Is your child reading below his or her grade level?
6. Does your child have difficulty understanding or remembering what they have read?
7. Does your child have trouble reading out loud, or spelling or sounding out words?
8. Does your child have trouble with spatial relations, doing puzzles, or seeing how things fit together?
9. Does your child have problems planning, organizing things and thoughts, or writing essays?
10. Does your child have trouble concentrating, focusing, or tuning out distractions?

11. Does your child make frequent mistakes or careless errors?
12. Does your child avoid or forget homework?
13. Does your child work or study often, but still fails to obtain success in the classroom, or has difficulty memorizing what they have studied?
14. Does your child have difficulty following auditory directions?
15. Is your child less willing to try new things because of past experiences of failure or frustration?

Source: www.mindworkslearning.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Friday, Dec. 17

"Last Fridays" event will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Chelsea Center for the Arts, 400 Congdon St. Bring an instrument of music and art for this jam session and open studio. There is no cost involved. For more information, call 433-2787.

Preston Woodward will perform from 8 to 11 p.m. at Zou Zou's, 101 N. Main St., in Chelsea.

Saturday, Dec. 18

Keith Parmentier 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.

"Holiday Craft - Mosaic" event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Chelsea Center for the Arts, 400 Congdon St. Create a mosaic picture frame, votive or other small objects. For more information, call 433-2787.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

Lima Township Planning Commission will meet 7:30 p.m. at Lima Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road.

Saturday, Dec. 25

The 18th annual Christmas Day Dinner will be served 1 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For reservations or to volunteer, call Nancy Paul or Nadine Shaneyfelt at Faith In Action at 475-3305.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

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

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

Mothers of Preschoolers meets 9 a.m. the second Friday of

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

Saturday

Hope Clinic, for people with no health insurance, is held 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of the month at Faith In Action, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-3305.

Western Washtenaw Republicans meets from 9 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Cleary's Pub, 113 S. Main St. Call 475-3874.

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

Sunday

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

Monday

Al-Anon meets 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-1462.

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

Chelsea Area Garden Club meets noon the second Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Call 475-1493.

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

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

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

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

Overseers 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.

Woman's Club of Chelsea meets 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at The Pines, 325 Wilkinson St. Call 475-0487.

Wednesday

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

The Evening Primrose Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St. For information, call 433-9733.

DEXTER

Thursday, Dec. 16

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 8265 Dexter-Chelsea Road, in Dexter.

Saturday, Dec. 18

"Babes in Toyland" will be performing 2 and 8 p.m. at the Dexter High School Center for the Performing Arts, 2200 N. Parker Road, in Dexter. Tickets are available at the door. For information and group rates, call 973-3264.

Saturday, Dec. 18 and Sunday, Dec. 19

The Pinckney Players will present "Nuncrackers" 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Whispering Pines Golf Course and Country Club, 2500 Whispering Pines Drive, in Pinckney. For more information, call 1-810-220-9332.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

Winter Story Time and Crafts program will be held 11 a.m. at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. The program is limited to ages 3 and older, and registration is required in person or by calling the library at 426-4477.

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.

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

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

Monday

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

Dexter District Library Board meets 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., in Dexter.

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

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

Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals meets 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

Tuesday

Dexter AA Group

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

Dexter Child Study Club meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Call 426-3664.

Dexter Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St. Call 426-2372.

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

Dexter Township Board meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

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

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

Dexter Village Parke Commission meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Wylie Elementary School, 3080 Kensington St.

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

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GAMES

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where school is often something that makes him ashamed, the last thing you want to do is make more work that looks like school-work. Homework is like a frightening animal to them." To accomplish this, Mindworks psychologists use self-developed games and age-appropriate video games. Unlike other educational videogames, in which children are driven by achieving a certain high score, these games, similar to video games, are character and

plot driven — as in, help the tourist find all the animals who escaped from the zoo. "We're taking the stuff that we are doing and embedding it into a videogame," Dunivin said. Two: Children who do poorly in school can lose confidence in their ability to learn. They develop a pattern of underperformance while trying to avoid future failures. "What happens to a kid with a learning barrier is that things start to close down," Fletcher said. "Nobody tells them they can't do something, they figure it out then."

The gaming aspect of the Mindworks program can help children gain back some confidence. "For kids who think of themselves as not-so-bright," they can go to a game and be a whiz," Dunivin said. And three: All children can learn with the right tools. For many children with a learning disability, proper diagnosis and treatment can be hard to come by because of stereotypes or teacher and parent apathy. "There is something wrong, seriously wrong, when as a society, we can sit back while children's minds are wast-

are ways to help them right now." Scientifically, it's a little more complicated. The program at Mindworks is based off the theory that children who struggle at a certain skill, such as reading, aren't actually struggling with reading, but one of the other complex mental processes that lies beneath reading. Those include processes that require planning and attention, as well as the ability to perform multiple neurological processes simultaneously or successively. With reading, a child must

er into words, then words together into sentences and sentences together into paragraphs to develop meaning. But if the child's successive and simultaneous organizational abilities didn't develop correctly, those things don't come easily, Dunivin said. Children can practice reading, but oftentimes, it only results in more frustration, he added. Tutoring, they said, only addresses surface-level problems and can be akin to teaching a child to swim by dropping him into a lake to practice without teaching

Dunivin stressed the importance of asking two questions. "Why is this kid not doing well? What is really getting in the way?" he said. "Elementary school ... is an age where they want to be successful, they want to please their parents, they want to please their teacher. There is almost always something getting in the way of their learning." But like all treatments, Mindworks is not a cure-all for learning disabilities. Staff Writer Maria Sprow can be reached at 475-1371 or msprow@heritage.com.

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Best Historic Use of Lights

The award for "best historic use of lights" went to Ken and Mary Nixon's home at 513 McKinley St. as part of the Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade. The event was held Dec. 3 through 5 and featured a contest for Chelsea residents who decorated their homes with Christmas lights. The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored the contest. A panel of judges from Chelsea Area Painters and Preservation Chelsea determined the winners.



Best Overall Use of Lights

Colleen Turek's home, located at 14386 Forest Court, won for "best overall use of lights" as part of the Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade. The event was held Dec. 3 through 5 and featured a contest for Chelsea residents who decorated their homes with Christmas lights. The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored the contest. A panel of judges from Chelsea Area Painters and Preservation Chelsea determined the winners.

Best Religious Use of Lights

Kathleen Lear's home at 408 Wilkinson St. won an award for "best religious use of lights" as part of the Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade. The event was held Dec. 3 through 5 and featured a contest for Chelsea residents who decorated their homes with Christmas lights. The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored the contest. A panel of judges from Chelsea Area Painters and Preservation Chelsea determined the winners.



Best Artistic Use of Lights

Jeff Emmitt's house, located at 1218 Meadow Lane, won an award for "best artistic use of lights" as part of the Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade. The event was held Dec. 3 through 5 and featured a contest for Chelsea residents who decorated their homes with Christmas lights. The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored the contest. A panel of judges from Chelsea Area Painters and Preservation Chelsea determined the winners.

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vention, people kept wondering, "Who is the guy on the yellow bike?"

Then word got out that he was the person who was going to ride to Detroit, he said.

He didn't take a normal route home. He went from lodge to lodge to lodge, and along the way, people from the lodges would call each other to let them know that the man on the yellow bike was coming.

He dropped by 50 lodges during that trip, sometimes stopping in for a talk and at other times cruising by and dropping off a "hello" note.

Bailey raised \$7,200 for that trip, but to the members of the Rupp family who had gone through a tough ordeal for more than a year, their trip was priceless.

The Rupp family met the man who would make Melissa's wish come true at a lunch in March, and then a limousine sent the Rupp family to the airport last spring.

For Melissa's father, Jonathon, that was his first limo ride, so his vacation started at the front door.

Jonathon Rupp took 300 digital pictures of their trip, which ended April 27, and later compiled them in a computerized display that even includes Disney music

in the background. Every member of the family enjoyed the trip, he said. They are quick to say which characters were their favorites and what parts of DisneyWorld they liked best.

Melissa, who lives in Riverview, met everybody who is anybody at Disney World: Cinderella, Snow White, the fairy godmother, Prince Charming, Robin Hood, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, and all those other dreamy characters.

At a special children's dinner that featured many Disney characters, Melissa showed up in style in her own Cinderella ball gown.

The family had to wait about 10 minutes before they were seated, and as they did so, they playfully teased Melissa about Cinderella's arrival.

And then Cinderella appeared, but to her family, Melissa was the beauty.

"Her face just glowed," Susan Rupp said. "She was just ear to ear. It was the best experience. ... It was inde-

scribable. "I know they say that it's the magic kingdom and the vacation of dreams and stuff, but, I mean, it really made us forget everything. I didn't think about anything when we were down there, so it was awesome."

Then Melissa had her dance with a princess. Cinderella must have felt the same way.

Today, Melissa is cancer-free and almost completely recovered. Her last scan came back normal, and she walks and talks just like other little girls her age.

"She's growing her hair back," Rupp said. "She said she wants to stay bald because she likes it when people rub her head."

Melissa has a 70 percent chance of non-recurrence with this form of brain tumor, Rupp said.

That's good, but still not good enough as far as the people who love her are concerned. Melissa will have to be monitored for many more years.

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BASKETBALL

Chelsea clamps down defensively to open season

Bulldog cagers hold Albion, Pinckney under 50 points in wins

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' basketball team opened the 2004 season last week by defeating Albion 58-44 and Pinckney 52-44.

"The kids have really practiced well," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "Offensively, we've been passing the ball very well. We're looking to pass the ball to the open man. We've had good (scoring) balance the first two games."

Heading into the season, both Pinckney and Albion were predicted to be two of the better teams in the area. The Bulldogs, however, paid no heed to the press clippings, convincingly beating both foes.

Against Albion, host Chelsea (2-0) neutralized a tall, athletic front line of 6-foot-5, 6-3, 6-2, to earn the victory.

"We were concerned about their inside game," Raymond said. "We wanted to defend the post."

The Bulldogs contained Wildcat center Neil Washington (6-5, 215) to only 15 points.

"He's a good player," Raymond said of Washington,

also a talented tight end in football.

Leading Chelsea offensively was senior swing player Danny Keilman, with 18 points and five rebounds. Keilman had a strong night shooting, finishing 6-of-7 from the floor and 6-of-8 from the free-throw line.

Junior post player John Mantel (6-5), added 14 points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots for the Bulldogs. Sophomore guard Nate Schwarze ended up with seven points, while senior guards Tim Mann and Terry Arnold each had five points.

Arnold also played stingy defense.

"He shut down Darren Harper, their point guard," Raymond said. "He kept him outside of the lane. Our overall defense was good. We played excellent help defense. In both our games (Pinckney included) we held our opponent to 44 points."

Junior forward Robbie Moffett chipped in four points, while senior forward Spencer Daniels had three points and junior forward Joe Welton two points for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs finished 18-of-48 from the floor for 38 percent. Albion ended up 13-of-40 from the field for 33 percent.

At the free-throw line, Chelsea was 19-of-31 for 61 percent, while the Wildcats

were 18-of-27 for 67 percent.

On Dec. 7, the Bulldogs defeated an even taller Pinckney squad in its season opener.

"They have three 6-7 kids," Raymond said. "They rotate them in during the game. We really concentrated on trying to take away their inside game. We wanted to force them to shoot from the outside."

"We went man-to-man and fronted the low post. The kids did well on the backside. We kind of sandwiched them (Pinckney inside players)."

Mantel led Chelsea with a double-double of 16 points and 13 rebounds. He also had three blocked shots, and was 2-of-6 from beyond the three-point line.

"He played really well in his first game," Raymond said of Mantel. "As a team, we really shot the ball well for an opener on the road."

The Pirates' big men inside Rob Majors and John Tubor were held to 14 points and 12 points, respectively.

"We shut everybody else down," Raymond said.

Besides Mantel, Keilman scored 11 points, while Mann had 10 points for the Dawgs.

Daniels added six points, with two triples, while Schwarze had five points and junior center Matt Weber (6-2) and Arnold each had two points for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs finished 18-



Chelsea junior forward John Mantel scored 14 points, grabbed nine rebounds and blocked three shots, as the Bulldogs defeated Albion 58-44 last Friday night. Chelsea also beat Pinckney last week, opening its season unbeaten at 2-0.

Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

of-40 from the field, including 6-of-15 from three-point land, for 45 percent. Pinckney ended up 16-of-43 from the floor for 37 percent.

At the line, Chelsea was 10-of-17 for 59 percent, while the Pirates were 10-of-19 for 53 percent.

"We played really good

defense," Raymond said. "We put pressure on the perimeter and were able to stop the post pass. We limited dribble

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Stiles, Lodewyk earn tanker MVP

Drow, Frayer receive Most Improved honors for Chelsea

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea girls' swimming and diving team held its end-of-season banquet earlier this month.

Earning MVP honors for the Bulldogs was senior Kara Stiles and junior Jessica Lodewyk.

Stiles received All-State, and All-Southeastern Conference recognition in the 200 individual medley, as well as the 100 freestyle. She finished third in both events at the Division II state meet.

Lodewyk earned All-State and All-SEC accolades in the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle. She placed fifth in the 200 freestyle and fourth in the 500 freestyle at the state meet.

Also receiving All-State and All-SEC recognition for the Bulldogs was sophomore diver Jillian Drow. She finished eighth overall at the state meet. For her performance, she was presented the Most Improved Award.

Also earning the Most Improved Award was junior Allison Frayer.

Receiving the Coaches Award was senior Anna Drow.

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Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

Chelsea junior Jessica Lodewyk was named MVP, along with senior Kara Stiles for this season's Bulldog swimming and diving team. Lodewyk finished fourth in the 500 freestyle and fifth in the 200 freestyle at last month's Division II state meet.

manship Award was senior Tara Jennings.

Junior Kellyn Pagliarini earned All-SEC honors in the 100 backstroke for Chelsea.

In relays, the group of sophomore Ayla Detroyer, Jessica Lodewyk, Jennings and Stiles received All-State and All-SEC recognition in the 200 freestyle relay. The quartet finished fifth at the state meet.

In the 400 freestyle relay, the foursome of Jessica Lodewyk, Stiles, Pagliarini

and Detroyer earned All-State and All-SEC accolades. The combo placed sixth at the state final.

The team of Nicole Lodewyk, Jennings, Pagliarini and Detroyer received All-SEC honors in the 200 medley relay.

The Chelsea team, as a whole, received the Hardest Worker Award.

Presented with senior plaques were Anna Drow, Jennings and Stiles.

Rounding out the Bulldogs'

line-up this season was junior April Adams and sophomores Julie Adams, Hillary Phillips, Anne Thiel, Tori Salas, Erika Purdy and Meghan Bean.

Freshman on the squad included Phoebe Conybeare, Kristen Shelton, Clare Frankhart, Trish Hash, Aurora Knopper, Anna Rowland, Christie VanGemert, Danielle Schulze and Kelly Whitley.

The Bulldogs placed sixth at the Division II state meet.



Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

Chelsea sophomore Schyler Williams scored a power play goal in the Bulldogs' 3-3 tie last Saturday against Plymouth-Canton. Chelsea next travels up north to compete in the Division III Showcase Tournament tomorrow and Saturday in Gaylord.

HOCKEY

Canton ties Chelsea on last second goal

Visiting Chiefs pull goaltender to score late against Bulldog icers

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey tied Plymouth Canton 3-3 last Saturday at the Arctic Coliseum.

The visiting Chiefs led 1-0 after the first period, out shooting the Bulldogs 8-5. Reese McCabe scored at 2:12 of the period for Canton.

"That was our worst first period of the season," said Chelsea coach Don Wright.

In the second period, Chelsea (5-1-3) righted the ship, out shooting the Chiefs 10-1 and taking a 2-1 advantage into the third stanza.

Scoring for the Bulldogs in the second period was junior defenseman Ryan Ruikka, off an assist by sophomore forward David Maveal at 5:00 of the frame, tying the contest at 1-1.

With 12 seconds left in the period, sophomore forward Schyler Williams scored a

power-play goal, giving Chelsea a 2-1 lead. Picking up an assist on the play for the Bulldogs was Ruikka.

"We played a very strong second period," Wright said.

Early in the third period, Canton's Brett Giacchino scored on a power play to tie the game at 2-2.

At 9:32 of the period, sophomore winger Ryan Ford scored unassisted, vaulting Chelsea ahead 3-2.

With 33 seconds left, however, and the Chiefs' goaltender pulled, Canton's Pat Davison scored, tying the game at 3-3.

"I was pleased with how we responded after the first period," Wright said. "Our younger players really contributed. We took the game back over."

Despite the late game-tying goal, Wright said his team played well.

"Their player was open in the slot (on goal) and he scored," he said. "We need to get better in our defensive zone coverage. But we're limiting other teams' scoring chances."

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WRESTLING

Bulldogs fourth at JAWS Invitational

Chelsea's Kolokithas finishes meet with perfect 5-0 mark at 152-pound weight class

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling participated in the JAWS Invitational in Jackson last Saturday.

JAWS stands for Jackson Area Wrestlers.

The Bulldogs finished fourth overall in the tournament. Adrian Addison was first, followed by Napoleon in second and Hudson in third place.

"It's always tough there," Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel said of the JAWS meet. "It's good competition. It's a good way to give experience to the younger kids. It tells me what we have to work on. That's important."

Chelsea ended up 2-3 on the day. The Bulldogs bested Jackson Northwest 54-24 and Jackson-Parma County Western 45-30.

Chelsea lost to Addison 48-24, Napoleon 42-36 and Hudson 49-24.

Individually, on the day, in the lower weights, Adam Rosentreter (103 pounds) finished 4-1, while Geoff Wonders (112) was 3-2, Danny Noe (119) 1-4, Paul Bell (125) 2-3, Marty Kelley (135) 0-5 and Evan Helvey (140) ended up 0-5 for the Bulldogs.

In the upper weights, Cody Schiller (145) finished 3-1 on the day, while Stephen Kolokithas (152) was 5-0, Derek Jolly (160) 2-1, Karl Wint (180) 1-1, James

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BEACH BASKETBALL

Beach basketball rallies past Adrian

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Blue boys' basketball team defeated Adrian White 29-28 last Thursday.

The host Bulldogs trailed by 10 points early in the contest, only to cut Adrian's lead to five points entering the fourth quarter. In the last frame, Chelsea rallied, finally taking the lead with 45 seconds remaining in the game.

"Unlike Monday's game (52-11 loss to Ypsilanti Lincoln), we managed to stay within reach of the lead throughout the first half and that gave us the inspiration to continue the struggle and finally to prevail in the end," said Chelsea coach Jim Tallman. "I was extremely proud of how the guys never gave up and continued to work hard throughout the game."

Tyler Fischhaber paced the Bulldogs with 11 points. Brett Everding added six points, while Chad Schiller and Kyle Colburn each had four points, Jon Thompson and Matt McCalla each had two points for Beach. Chelsea vs. Lincoln

On Dec. 6, Chelsea lost to Lincoln 52-11. The Railsplitters' pressure defense, coupled with the Bulldogs' cold shooting, set the stage for the entire game.

Colburn led the Bulldogs, with four points. Fischhaber chipped in three points, while Dakota Risner and McCalla each had one point.

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Gold boys' basketball team lost to Saline 36-21 last Thursday.

Mike Lenneman finished with 10 points, while Mike Roberts had five points. Kyle French, William Dark and Mike Stratman each added two points for Beach.

"We played an excellent second half, scoring all of our 21 points," said Chelsea coach Mike Bareis.

Chelsea vs. Tecumseh
On Dec. 8, the Bulldogs defeated Tecumseh 36-35.

Roberts led Chelsea with 14 points. "Mike Roberts shot 8-of-9 from the free-throw line, including the final two with eight seconds left to seal the victory for Chelsea," Bareis said. "It was a well-earned win for the eighth-grade Gold team."

Lenneman chipped in 10 points, while Stratman had eight points and Mike Cooper and Cameron Girard each had two points for Beach.

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Chelsea vs. Bedford
On Dec. 8, the Bulldogs defeated Temperance Bedford 4-1.

Visiting Chelsea out shot the Mules 50-10, including 21-3 in the second period.

In the first period, Williams opened the scoring on a goal assisted by senior defenseman Brett Common and junior center Eric Cremer.

At 13:01 of the first period, Ford made it 2-0 Bulldogs, scoring off an assist from Cremer.

Midway through the second period, junior forward Brad Tyler increased Chelsea's advantage to 3-0, scoring off an assist from junior center C.J. Cogswell and freshman forward Matt Heinen.

In the third period, Ford scored shorthanded, giving the Bulldogs a commanding 4-0 lead. Recording an assist on the play for Chelsea was Cremer and Ruikka.

With 1:30 remaining in the game, Bedford's Jay Sartor scored on a power play for the night's final margin.

Senior J.R. Engelbert and sophomore Zach Leszczynski combined for the win in goal for Chelsea. Engelbert played the first period, while Leszczynski finished up the final two periods.

For the game, the Bulldogs were whistled for 10 penalties.

VOLLEYBALL

Bulldog spikers second at Saline Invitational

Chelsea's freshman volleyball team opened its season last Saturday at the Saline Invitational. The Bulldogs performed well, finishing second with a 5-1-3 overall record.

Eight teams competed at the invitational. "It was a great way to start off the season," said Chelsea coach Marcus Hosman. "There was great improvement throughout the day. We saw what tremendous potential we have."

Chelsea began the tourney by defeating Ann Arbor Huron Green 25-10, 25-14. In their next match, the Bulldogs swept a tough Livonia Churchill squad 25-23, 25-22 and 25-17, 27-25.

Against Ypsilanti Lincoln, Chelsea split with the Railsplitters 16-25, 25-17. Versus eventual tournament champion Saline, the Bulldogs split 14-25, 25-23.

Chelsea split with Ann Arbor Huron White 25-22, 13-25. In the tournament quarterfinals, the Bulldogs bested county rival Dexter 25-19, 25-12.

In the semifinals, Chelsea beat Ann Arbor White 25-19, 25-21.

In the invitational final, the Bulldogs lost to Saline 14-25, 18-25.

Pacing Chelsea in kills were Katy Martin and Kara Cremer, while setter Lizzy Bentley led the squad in assists.

Rachel Voicichovski and Sam Mintzey led the team in serving, while Martin was

tops in blocks.

"I thought we showed great resolve battling through some difficult games and playing the number of games we did so early in the season," Hosman said. "If Saturday is any indication of how the season will go, we should have a very successful season."

Chelsea next travels to Novi to participate in its invitational 9 a.m. Saturday.

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"Half the game we were shorthanded," Wright said. "Yet, we still dominated play."
The Mules were called for five penalties.
"Everybody on the team contributed," Wright said. "Everybody had a good game. However, we need to work on scoring when we get chances."
Chelsea next travels north to participate in the ultra-competitive Division III Showcase Tournament in Gaylord tomorrow and Saturday.
The tournament brings together some of the state's top programs from northern Michigan and from the southern portion of the state.
"There will be five teams from the north and five teams from the south," Wright said.
The Bulldogs open the tournament tomorrow against Big Rapids at 12:30 p.m.
On Saturday, Chelsea squares off against Cadillac at 12:30 p.m.
"They'll be two of the toughest teams we've faced so far this season," Wright said.
Last year, the Bulldogs ventured north to compete in the tournament, beating Gaylord and losing to Traverse City St. Francis. Gaylord went on to reach the state finals last season.
On Jan. 5, Chelsea hosts Jackson Lumen Christi at 6:30 p.m.
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DEFENSE

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drives and penetration."

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

Chelsea hosts its annual Holiday Classic Dec. 28 and 29 beginning at 10 a.m.

JV Basketball
Last Friday, Chelsea's JV boys' basketball team defeated Albion 66-53.

The host Bulldogs (2-0) ran out to a 20-7 first-quarter lead, never looking back.

At halftime, Chelsea led 35-20. Entering the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs had a 49-31 advantage.

Adam Connell paced the Bulldogs with 22 points. Ben Johnson added 12 points, while Josh Deaton had 11 points and John Seelbach eight points for Chelsea.

On Dec. 7, the Bulldogs beat Pinckney 67-52.

As it did against the Wildcats, Chelsea jumped out to an early 18-5 first-quarter lead versus the Pirates.

At halftime, host Pinckney battled back, closing the Bulldogs' advantage to 29-27.

In the second half, however, Chelsea outscored the Pirates 38-25, including 19-12 in the third quarter, for the final margin.

Connell led the team with 23 points. Seelbach chipped in 12 points, while Johnson had 11 points and Deaton nine points for the Dawgs.

"We played very well at times in both games," said

Chelsea coach Mark Scheese. "We continue to improve on defense and have been strong offensively."

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

Freshman Basketball
Last Friday, Chelsea's freshman boys' basketball team lost to Albion 50-45.

The host Bulldogs (0-2) rallied late in the fourth quarter against the Wildcats, but couldn't overtake their foes.

"We certainly were not as ready to play tonight as we were on Tuesday (against Pinckney)," said Chelsea coach Jason Morris. "We also need to get better coming out in the third quarter, which has been difficult for us in our first two games. That is my fault, and we will make sure that we get better here."

Elliott Marshall led the Bulldogs with 17 points, including five three-pointers. Jeff Adams added 14 points, while Stuart Mann had 10 points for Chelsea.

On Dec. 7, the Bulldogs lost to Pinckney 51-50 in their season opener.

The host Pirates led by six points late in the fourth quarter before Chelsea came back, taking a one-point lead with less than a minute left in the game. However, with 10 seconds remaining, Pinckney buried a game-winning shot to earn the win.

"For being our first game of the season, I could not have asked for more in terms

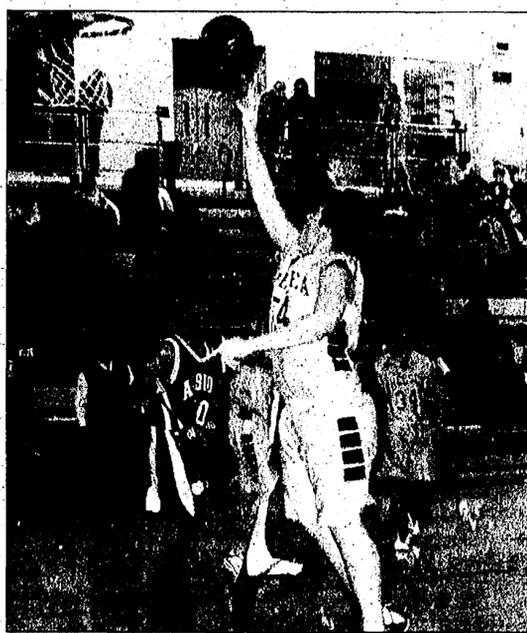


Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson
Chelsea JV forward Ben Johnson lays in two of his 12 points against Albion last Friday. The Bulldogs defeated the Wildcats 66-53, improving to 2-0 on the young season.

of how we competed," Morris said. "It was really a great basketball game. Unfortunately, we came up one point short."

Mann paced the squad with 14 points. Nathan Vlcek chipped in 13 points, while Adams had 10 points.

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

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GYMNASTICS

Champion competes in meet

Champion Gymnastics opened its competition season earlier this month with meets in Livonia and Battle Creek.

Champion's Level 7 team finished fifth at the Jingle Bell Rock Invitational in Livonia Dec. 4.

Hosting the meet was the Euro Stars Gymnastics Club.

In the 8- through 10-year-old division, Champion's Lauren Wilson placed 11th on the balance beam, while Claire Tewksbury ended up 13th.

In the 11- and 12-year-old bracket, Champion's Stephanie Lim was 12th on the balance beam. Lauren Dark had a fine meet for Champion, placing second all-around, third on bars (9.325), sixth on vault (9.05), seventh on floor and eighth on balance beam.

Also, in the 11-to 12-year-old group, Champion's Alyssa Young finished first on bars (9.5), third on balance beam, 12th on floor and fourth all-around (35.575).

Last Saturday, Champion participated in the Branch Winter Co-ed Classic in Battle Creek.

The club's Level 5 squad finished second overall at the meet.

In the 7- and 8-year-old division, Champion's Taylor Livingston placed second all-around, second on vault, second on floor, third on bars and fourth on beam. Teammate Alexis Tyus was first on vault, third on beam, fourth on bars and third all-around. Maddie Kurcz ended up first on bars, third on vault and third on floor for Champion.

In the 9- through 11-year-old group, Gabbie Ralph finished fourth on bars (9.075), fourth on vault and fourth all-around for Champion. Teammate Lena Cashman

was second on bars, while Emily Slater was first on beam (9.275).

Also contributing to the team's total score were gymnasts Gayla Traskos, Kala Nuttle, Kayla Samuels and Morgan Taylor.

Last Saturday, Champion's pre-team gymnasts participated in a meet also in Battle Creek.

Competing in the fun meet for Champion were Elise Dombkowski, Sophie Kurcz, Caylin Livingston, Madison Nau, Lilli Paquin, Charlotte Taylor, Katie Tewksbury and Bethany Hansen.

Also participating for Champion were Eliza Judge, Jemma Muih, Kaitlyn Mussio, Emma Powers, Paige Russell, Jaime Uren, Kylee Allain, Sarah Carrera, Alex

Hatzopoulos and Shannon Wood.

Coaching the Champion gymnasts were Kristy Reske, Jasmine Batiste-Tillman, Rachel Bergren and Laura Wolfe.

Champion next travels to Covington, Ky., for a meet this weekend.

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CHELSEA Tae Kwon Do wins medals

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JAWS

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Connelly (171) 1-2, Jessie Nickerson (171) 0-1, Andrew Ramsey (171) 0-1, A.J. Suffety (189) 3-0 and David Fishburn (189) 0-2.

Austin Rodgers (215) ended up 3-1 for the meet, while Karl Weber (215) was 0-1, Brad Hinderer (heavyweight) 3-1, Doug DeVol (hwt.) 2-0 and Sam Bifgey (hwt.) finished 1-0 for Chelsea.

Chelsea vs. Dexter

Last Thursday, the visiting Bulldogs lost to county rival Dexter 43-25 in a dual meet.

In the lower weights, Rosentreter lost to Brett Marsh 7-0 at 103 pounds.

At 112, Wonders defeated Dreadnaught Ian Spurr by a 16-3 major decision. At 119, Chelsea's Matt Shultz lost 13-6 to Kyle Thompson.

Bell, a freshman, lost to Dexter's John Flowers 12-3 at 125.

"That was a very competitive match," Kargel said, despite the score. "He (Bell) did a good job."

At 130, Bulldog Donny Riedel lost to Zeb Clapperich 16-5. Chelsea's Evan Helvey lost by pin to Mike Little in 32 seconds at 135.

Kelley fell to Mike Crawford on a pin in 2:41 at 140. At 145, Schiller pinned Dreadnaught Jim Powers in 28 seconds.

At 152, Kolokithas defeated A.J. Santoro 4-3. Drew Wint lost 5-3 to Dexter's John Powers at 160.

At 171, Bulldog Oscar Marx was pinned in 40 seconds by

Jarred Dillen. Suffety was pinned in 1:53 by Ricky Howell at 189.

"That was a great match," Kargel said. "He (Suffety) got caught with a roll."

At 215, Rodgers pinned Dreadnaught Dan Blethen in 28 seconds. At heavyweight, DeVol won by forfeit.

Haslett Invite

On Dec. 4, Chelsea captured the 13-team Haslett Invitational. The Bulldogs finished with 201.5 points.

Fowlerville was second with 195 points, while Midland was third with 188 points and Brighton fourth with 156 points.

Chelsea placed six wrestlers in the tournament finals.

"We out conditioned the teams there," Kargel said.

Schiller finished first at 145, pinning all four of his opponents. He pinned Midland's Dan Bugosh in 1:44 in the final.

"He looked pretty good," Kargel said of Schiller.

Kolokithas (4-0) was first at 152 for Chelsea. He was voted the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler. He defeated Fowlerville's Doug Böhlinger 11-10 in the final.

Suffety (3-0) pinned Steve Fedewa of Ovid-Elsie in 3:05 in the 189-pound final.

At 215, Rodgers (3-0) beat Chris Sefton of Fowlerville by a 19-3 technical fall in the title bout.

Hinderer (4-0) decisioned Alex Strachan of Brighton

12-6 for the heavyweight championship.

At 112, Wonders (3-1) lost by pin to defending state champion Tommy Zuniga of Ovid-Elsie.

Jolly (2-2) placed fourth at 160, losing by pin in 3:17 to Haslett's Nick Benton in the third-fourth-place match. Also at 160, Wint (2-2) finished fifth.

Rounding out the Chelsea line-up was Rosentreter (1-1), who placed seventh at 103;

Shultz (0-2) at 119; Bell (2-1), who ended up seventh at 125; Helvey (1-1) at 130; Kelley (2-1) at 142; Marx (2-1), who finished fifth at 171; Phil Thayer (1-2) at 189 and Levi Breeze (3-1), who was fifth at

"That was a very competitive match. He (Bell) did a good job," Kerry Kargel, Chelsea coach

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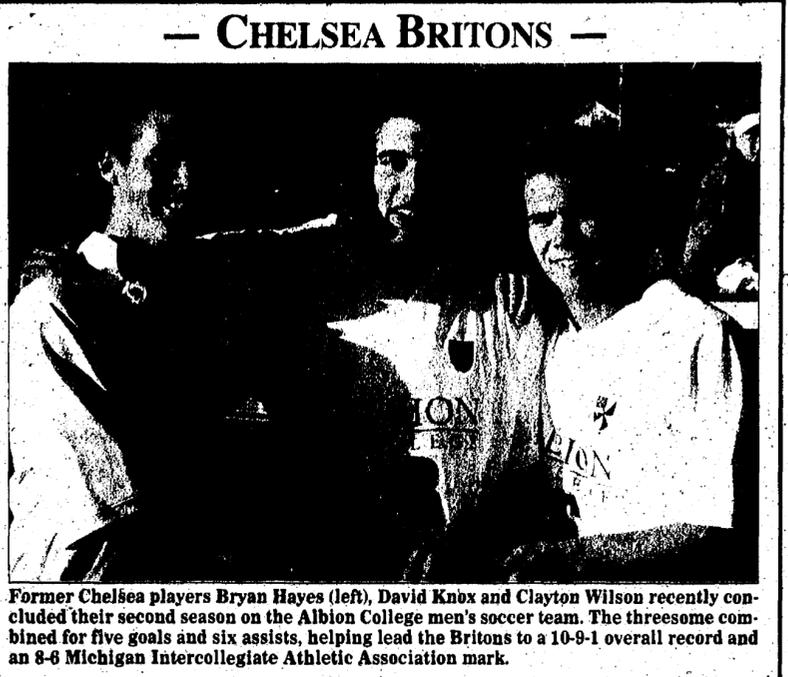
Also on Dec. 4, Chelsea competed at the Pioneer JV Invitational.

DeVol placed first at heavyweight, while Birgey was fourth. Fishburn ended up second at 189, while Ross Fortner and Connelly were third at 189 and 171, respectively. Weber placed sixth at 215 for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea next hosts a quad meet with Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron and Addison 5:30 p.m. today.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs travel to Coldwater to participate in its invitational at 9 a.m.

Sports Editor Don Richter can be reached at 475-1371 or at drichter@heritage.com.



Former Chelsea players Bryan Hayes (left), David Knox and Clayton Wilson recently concluded their second season on the Albion College men's soccer team. The threesome combined for five goals and six assists, helping lead the Britons to a 10-9-1 overall record and an 8-6 Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association mark.

YOUTH SPORTS

Local players make Common Bond

Dexter's Nic Miller and Stefan Elslager were selected to play for the Common Bond seventh-grade boys' basketball team.

The squad will play tournaments in Detroit, Pinckney, South Lyon and in other cities throughout the state this season.

Miller and Elslager, who both attend Mill Creek Middle School, earned a spot on the elite youth team by beating out more than 60 players from throughout Southeast Michigan.

Also earning a position on Common Bond's fifth- and sixth-grade squad were Dexter's

Steven Miller and Kyle Rodriguez. The Creekside Intermediate School students beat out more than 50 players to make the team.

Common Bond is an organization established for the social, academic and athletic betterment of young people in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area. Presently, the organization has boys' travel teams ranging from third-grade to high school.

For more information, log onto the Web site www.commonbondbasketball.org.

HOCKEY

Program seeks alumni

Dexter hockey is celebrating its 20th anniversary Dec. 22 at Veterans Arena. All former Dreadnaught players and coaches are invited to attend the event.

The festivities begin with an alumni game from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Those interested in participating in the game are asked to call the Dexter Varsity Hockey Club at 1-734-769-1256 or 1-734-424-0254 for more information. Teams will be formed by pairing participants by the years played in an effort to keep the game fun and competitive.

After the alumni game, there will be a ceremony honoring the 1984 squad and the three-time Southeast Michigan High School Hockey League championship teams, as well as recognizing all the other former players and coaches.

At 7:30 p.m., the current Dreadnaught squad will face off against East Lansing.

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CHELSEA

Darwin's studio opens downtown outlet

Local business offers stained-glass artwork, antique slot machines and original paintings

By Maria Sprow
Staff Writer

For Marsi Darwin, there's a certain perk to owning a business in downtown Chelsea.

Namely, traffic. It's the one thing most often missing from her Waterloo-based shop, Darwin's Studio, located at 9080 Beeman Road.

And it's the reason she and her husband, Bill, decided to give downtown Chelsea a shot.

Partly to boost holiday sales, the couple opened Darwin's Downtown in October.

"The thing I like about being out here is there's more people; it's more social," Marsi said. "It's really encouraging. It depends on the weather. But, on nice days, it has been pretty busy."

Located behind Chelsea Village Flowers at 112 E. Middle St., the store is a smaller-but-livelier version of the couple's rural shop, which does not have regular business hours but has been in business for more than three decades.

The space opened up for a new tenant in September, and the Darwins were quick in their decision to move in.

"It's a fabulous space," Marsi said, "with the open windows."

The pair considers the new store somewhat of an outlet, but Marsi said she does not know how long they would stay.

"There's so many new people in the area that we have people come out every day that have never even heard of us," Marsi said. "But there are lots of perks to being in the country."

To operate the outlet, Marsi works in Chelsea, while Bill, who prefers to have more workspace, stays in Waterloo.

The new store has everything the original store carries — mainly antique slot machines and handmade stained-glass artwork, as well as paintings by Marsi's father, Jack Parker.

Shoppers can get anything from a \$10 handmade stained-glass angel ornament to lamps and windows that can sell for hundreds or thousands of dollars. They also can find etched glass pieces, homemade jewelry and photographic prints from local photographers.

History buffs will especially appreciate the slot machines, which are all colorful and unique in design.

But don't expect to visit the store during normal business hours. Because of the dually existing shops, Darwin's Downtown is open from 10 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays, 1 to 7 p.m. on Fridays and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays.



Darwin's Studio co-owner Marsi Darwin creates a stained-glass ornament while at her new shop, Darwin's Downtown, located at 112 E. Middle St.

Photo by Maria Sprow

HIGHLAND

Local business brings showrooms to homes

Home decorators may tell you that choosing window coverings in the natural lighting of your home is the optimal way to ensure a perfect match with existing home furnishings and décor.

Budget Blinds of Ann Arbor West believes in that line of thinking, bringing sample selections of blinds, shutters, draperies and awnings to customers in a mobile van that serves as an office and showroom.

"With lifestyles becoming more hectic, customers need to have the most convenient services available to them for home improvements," John Stephenson, owner and operator of the Budget Blinds franchise of Ann Arbor West with his brother Jerry and their wives Bea and Ev, said in a press release.

Handling all the measuring and installation for window treatments is another huge benefit to Budget Blinds customers, they said.

"Many people are uncomfortable with the whole process," said John Stephenson, a former automotive plant manager, who adds that most windows measure differently from top, middle, to bottom. "It takes precise measuring for a perfect fit, and that's what we guarantee with each and every installation."

Budget Blinds of Ann Arbor West, located in Highland, is a family-run business. Ev, a former executive with Boeing Corp., handles sales and design, while Jerry, a licensed general contractor, installs the hardware and window treatments.

"It's a division of responsibilities that works well for us," said Bea, a former automotive sales manager. "It's something we choose to do that benefits our entire fami-

ly. We all help with the business."

Budget Blinds was founded in 1992 and has grown to 750 franchises in 47 states. In the past four years, the company has more than doubled its

size in terms of number of franchises, sales and equity. It is the fastest growing window covering franchise in the United States since 1996, according to Entrepreneur Magazine.

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If you are interested in serving on any other board, please send your letter of interest as well.

LUANN S. KOCH
SYLVAN TOWNSHIP CLERK
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LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2004, 7:30 P.M.
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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.

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Property ID & Address	Former Zoning	Zoning District as of 1/5/05
HD-08-08-205-009 - 3240 Alpine Street	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-205-011 - 3224 Alpine Street	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-205-010 - 3232 Alpine Street	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-205-024 - 3237 Broad Street	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-205-022 - 3219 Broad Street	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-205-023 - 3249 Broad Street	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-205-025 - 3261 and 3257 Broad St.	VR - Village Residential	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-048 - Forest Street vacant	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
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HD-08-08-210-008 - Forest Street vacant	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-007 - 8140 Forest Street	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-008 - Forest Street vacant	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-004 - Forest Street vacant	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-011 - 3126 Broad Street	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-008 - 3115 Broad Street	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-013 - 8074 Broad Street	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-014 - 8064 Broad Street	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-025 - 3195 Baker Road	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
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HD-08-08-210-024 - 3185 Baker Road	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-016 - 8020 Forest Street	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-023 - 3175 Baker Road	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-026 - Forest Street vacant	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-001 - 3045 Broad Street	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-022 - 3165 Baker Road	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-210-017 - 8006 Forest Street	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
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HD-08-08-210-019 - 3135 Baker Road	VC - Village Commercial	CBD - Central Business District
HD-08-08-280-015 - 3075 Baker Road	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial
HD-08-08-280-016 - 3091 Baker Road	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial
HD-08-08-280-017 - 7923 Forest Street	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial
HD-08-08-280-018 - 7933 Forest Street	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial
HD-08-08-280-019 - 7951 Forest Street	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial
HD-08-08-280-020 - 7955 Forest Street	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial
HD-08-08-280-021 - 7983 Forest Street	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial
HD-08-08-280-006 - 8050 Grand Street	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial
HD-08-08-280-003 - 8080 Grand Street	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial
HD-08-08-280-027 - 8015 Forest Street	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial
HD-08-08-280-002 - 8090 Grand Street	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial
HD-08-08-280-022 - 8035 Forest Street	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial
HD-08-08-280-023 - 8055 Forest Street	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial
HD-08-08-280-024 - 8077 Forest Street	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial
HD-08-08-280-025 - 8087 Forest Street	VR - Village Residential	VC - Village Commercial

Information on the zoning map amendments is available for public inspection or purchase at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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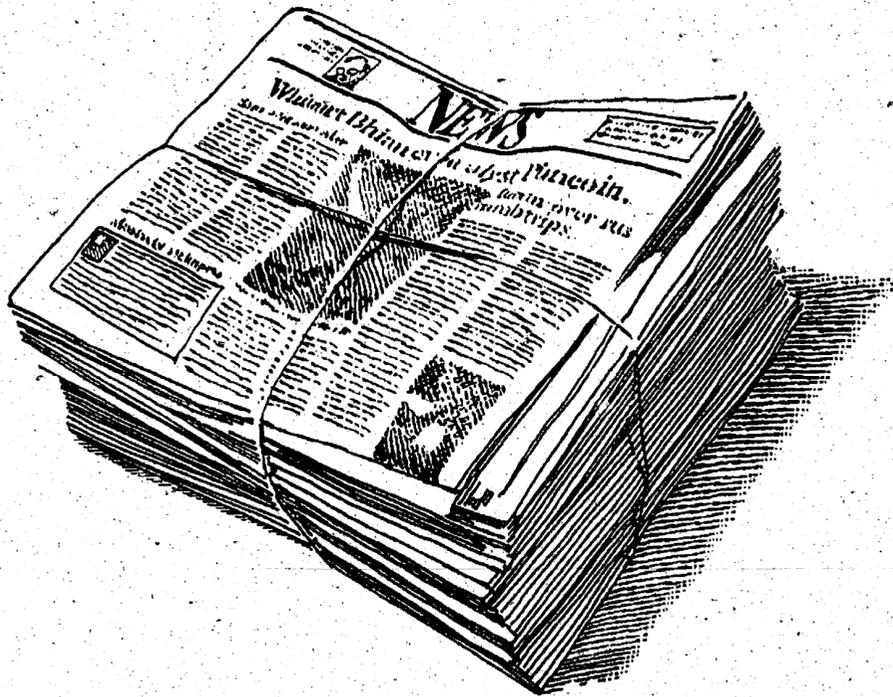
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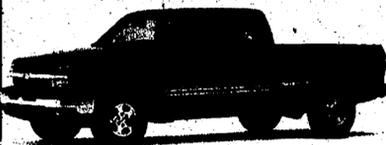


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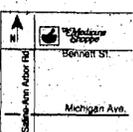
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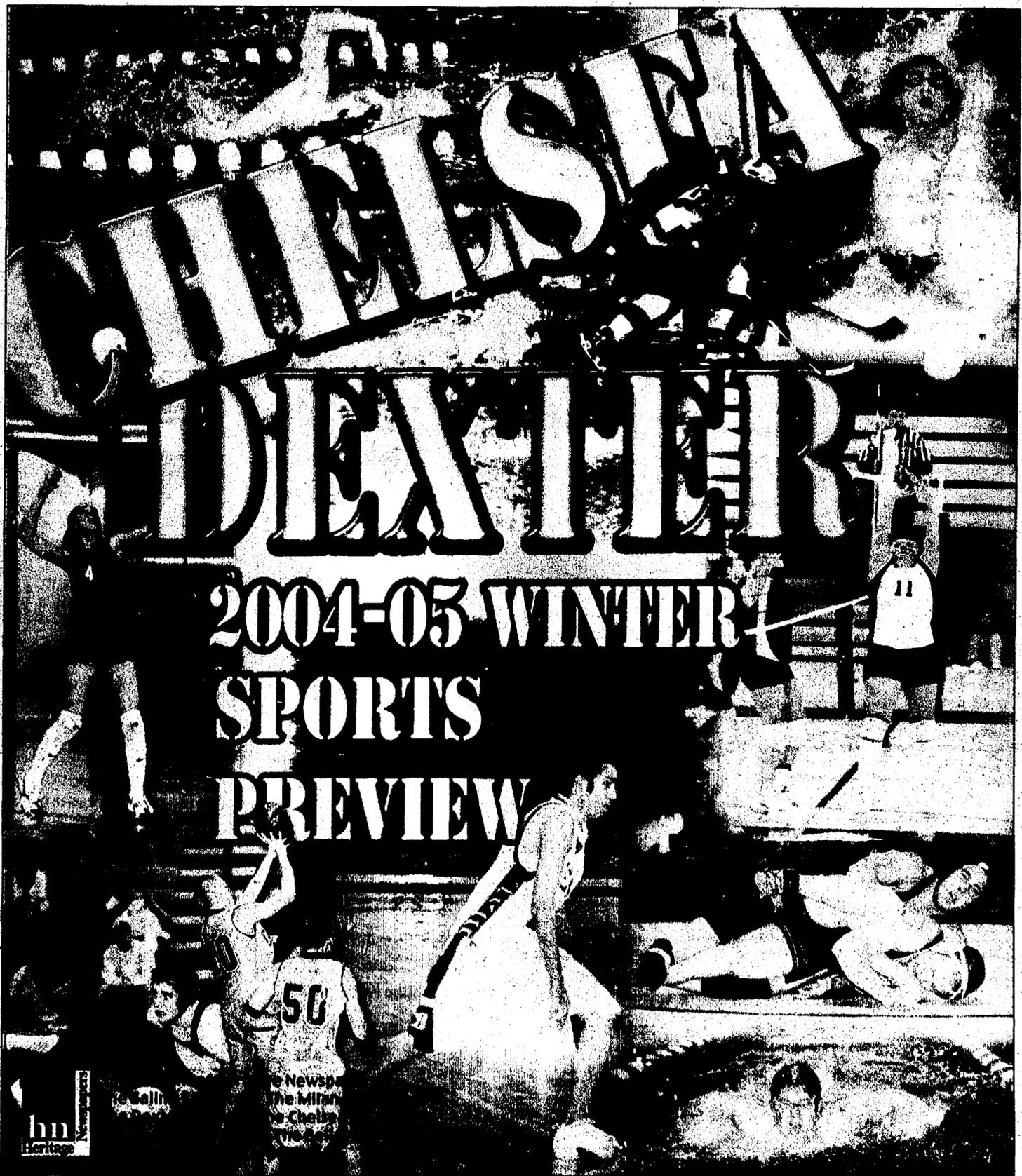
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HOCKEY

Icers look for cohesiveness, togetherness

Engelbert, Ford lead talented Chelsea hockey squad into 2004 season

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey this season has a bevy of individual talent spread throughout its line-up. The key to the Bulldogs' success, however, doesn't stem from individual play, but from bonding together as a team.

"Our No. 1 goal with this group of players has been to be as one," said Chelsea coach Don Wright, beginning his fifth season. "We want everyone to bring something to each game. Having everybody playing for the team is our ultimate goal.

"With some other teams, one player might score a ton of goals, but with this group, the key to our success, is how well we play together. If we do that, we'll get stronger and stronger."

Leading the Bulldogs offensively this year will be the high-scoring group of senior Ryan Ford, sophomore Schyler Williams, junior Eric Cremer, junior Taylor Hooper and junior Luc Daniels.

So far this early season, Ford leads the team in points, with 16, including six goals and 10 assists. Williams is next, with 12 points, including a team-high nine goals and three assists.

Cremer has 11 points, with four goals and seven assists, while Hooper has two goals and six assists, for eight points. Daniels had seven points, with five goals and two assists.

"We have a handful of forwards who have good speed and can create scoring opportunities," Wright said.

Defensively, Chelsea is strong, as well. Senior goaltender J.R. Engelbert is the team's rock. In front of Engelbert, junior Ryan Ruikka anchors a stalwart blue line corps.

"He's an extremely talented defenseman," Wright said of Ruikka. "He can also play forward, as well.



Chelsea junior forward Brad Tyler is a key cog in the Bulldog hockey machine this season. Chelsea, explosive offensively, and strong along the blue line and in net, strives to play as one this year.

Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

He's done a great job (leading) the defense and doing what needs to be done to help the team."

Senior Brett Common and junior Matt Perry also are standouts for the Bulldog defense.

"Matt is one of our top newcomers," Wright said. "He's stepped in and earned regular playing time. He's been a nice addition defensively for us. This is his first year in the program after

playing Triple A (youth) hockey."

Last year, Chelsea finished 11-11-3 overall and 4-2-1 in the Southeastern Conference.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Kellogg returns to lead Chelsea swimming

Bulldog tankers to field largest squad in recent memory in the pool

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' swimming and diving team should have no trouble with depth issues this season. The 2004 Bulldogs feature one of their largest squads in recent memory this year.

"This is the biggest guys' team I have had since I started coaching," said Chelsea coach Dave Jolly, who is entering his 17th season on the deck. "With 29 guys out, our depth at meets should be solid."

Returning to lead the Bulldogs this season will be Andy Kellogg. The senior, two-time All-State performer, this year already has qualified for the Division II state meet in the 200 individual medley and the 100 freestyle. He also will be a standout this season in the 50 freestyle for Chelsea.

While Kellogg appears to be the top sprinter for the Bulldogs, Rick Kinsey could be Chelsea's best long distance tanker this season. The sophomore already has qualified for the state meet in the 500 freestyle.

"He had a great off-season," Jolly said.

Also looking strong this early season is junior Andrew Ballow.

"He is already ahead of last season's performances," Jolly said.

Out of the lanes, divers senior Shawn Bergman and junior Sean Cleary should pace the Bulldogs this year.

"Both should place high at this year's state championship," Jolly said. "They will be two of the top divers in



Chelsea's Andy Kellogg is a returning All-State performer for the Bulldogs. The senior will be among the state's elite in the 200 individual medley, 100 freestyle and 50 freestyle this season.

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Washtenaw County."

Jolly said sophomore Nick Armstrong has been impressive this year.

"He is looking real strong in the (butter) fly and sprint freestyle," he said.

While returning many talented performers, Chelsea will have to replace three strong swimmers from last year's squad, which finished 15th in the state, second in the Southeastern Conference White Division, and 8-4 overall.

"We lost our No. 1 butterflyer Aaron Connell and our sprinter Josh Haynes, and Matt Kellogg in distance events," Jolly said. "All three helped with our overall depth. These will be key pieces we will need to find answers to as we get through our Christmas training."

Jolly said his squad needed to improve upon its overall endurance.

"Our weakness is probably how out

of shape we are right now," he said. "We will need to have a fantastic Christmas break, in terms of training, before we get into the heart of the sea-

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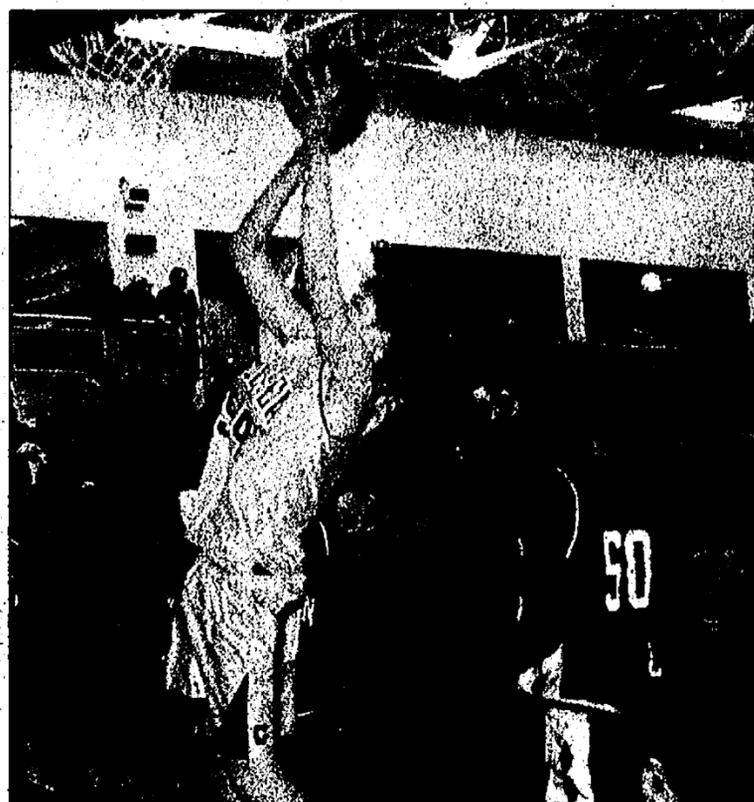
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Chelsea's John Mantel goes up for two points against Albion earlier this season. The 6-foot-5 junior is a threat to score inside or outside for the Bulldogs.

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VOLLEYBALL

Young Bulldog spikers aim to improve every day

Chelsea volleyball to defend SEC White Division championship

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea volleyball is coming off a strong season, advancing all the way to the Class A state quarterfinals last year, before finally bowing out.

The Bulldogs finished the season with an overall record of 36-12. Chelsea captured a Southeastern Conference White Division championship with a 9-1 mark. The Bulldogs won district and regional titles before losing in the state quarterfinals.

Last year's squad was led by All-State outside hitter Lindsay Tye. The 5-foot-11 lefthander signed with Ferris State University. She, along with five other talented seniors, was lost to graduation last season.

This year, Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland welcomes back a solid core of players, along with a few newcomers of note.

Pacing the Bulldogs in 2004 is setter

Megan Korc. The 5-8 senior will also play outside hitter this season for Chelsea.

Other top returnees this year for the Bulldogs include senior defensive specialist Shannon Kiner (5-6), juniors outside hitter Sarah Iverson (5-10) and setter/outside hitter Maggie Dusbiber (5-6) and sophomore middle hitter Ann Kendzicky (5-10).

A key newcomer this season appears to be junior defensive specialist Kay Szcodronski (5-4).

"We have several other promising young players, too," said Cleveland, who is entering her fifth season. "We're very coachable and practice well."

Cleveland said a weakness of this year's team is lack of experience.

"We're a relatively young squad, with only two seniors on the roster," she said.

Cleveland said the squad's goals are relatively simple this season.

"We want to improve every week throughout the season, and give maximum effort every day," she said.

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BASKETBALL

Intelligence, execution key to Chelsea hoop season

Mantel, seniors to pace Bulldog cagers this year on the hardwood

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

A high basketball IQ, along with quickness and execution will be keys for the Chelsea boys' basketball team this season.

Though not very tall, the Bulldogs, befitting their name, will be tenacious and strong overall as a unit.

"Our basketball intelligence is very high," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond, beginning his 23rd season. "Probably two-thirds of our offensive system is in place. That's further along than we normally are."

"It's helped us in our first two games (both victories). We're going to run a lot of movement on offense, with a lot of picking and passing."

Leading Chelsea this season will be John Mantel. The 6-foot-5 junior is a talented all-around player, able to post up inside or back out, and shoot from the wing.

The Bulldogs have a strong core of seniors suiting up this year, providing much-needed leadership.

Seniors expected to contribute this season for Chelsea include guards Tim Mann (6-2) and Terry Arnold (5-10), and forwards Danny Keilman (6-1) and

Spencer Daniels (6-0).

"They've been with the program a long time," Raymond said, of his senior group. "They've been with us since middle school. It's a good senior class. They have a strong work ethic."

One senior who'll be missed, at least early this season, will be rugged inside player Aaron Parisho. A starting middle-linebacker on Chelsea's No. 1-ranked football team during the fall, Parisho broke his arm late in the gridiron season and isn't expected back until January.

"He gives us an inside presence," Raymond said. "He also is an intelligent player and aggressive defensively."

Besides Mantel, juniors looking to make an impact this year for the Dawgs include guard Alex Stewart (5-11), and forwards Cam Hawkins (6-0, 210), Joe Welton (5-10) and Robbie

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WRESTLING

Balanced line-up strength of Chelsea grapplers

Bulldog wrestlers to stress work on skill, technique this season

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling placed second in the Southeastern Conference White Division standings last season. The Bulldogs only trailed Tecumseh, which reached the Division II state semifinals.

Though Chelsea lost a lot of talent off of last year's squad, the cupboard is far from bare this season.

"We're a young team this year," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel, beginning his 22nd season. "We are green this year."

Returning to pace the Bulldogs in 2004 are seniors Stephen Kolokithas at 152 pounds and heavyweight Brad Hinderer.

After having strong seasons last year, juniors Geoff Wonders (112), Cody Schiller (145) and Austin Rodgers (215) also return to Chelsea's line-up.

Other juniors looking to make an impact this year include A.J. Suffety (189), Drew Wint (160) and Marty Kelley (140).

Top newcomers to the program include freshmen Paul Bell (125), James Connelly (171), Adam Rosentreter (103), Donny Riedel (130) and heavyweight Sam Birgey. Sophomore heavyweight Doug DeVoi also will be in the mix this season for the Bulldogs.



Chelsea's Geoff Wonders returns this season, leading the Bulldogs in the lower weights. The junior will wrestle at 112 pounds this year.

"We have some great freshmen and sophomores entering the program," Kargel said. "I think you're going to hear a lot from these guys in the coming years."

With such a young squad, Kargel said his staff would stress the basics.

"We're going to work on skill, technique and strength," he said. "That will be a key for this group. Every week there will be different people in the

line-up. There will be changes throughout the season."

Despite their youth, Kargel said his Bulldogs would be tough.

"We won't back down from anybody," he said. "We're mixed (talent-wise) this year throughout the line-up. That's good for us."

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Moffett (5-11). Fellow classmate Matt Weber (6-2) is an inside force, who is able to play both forward and center.

Sophomores aiming to step up this season are guards Nate Schwarze (5-9) and Mike Sauers (6-0).

Defensively, Chelsea will be stingy this year.

"We will be a good defensive team," Raymond said. "We will play strong team defense. We'll help each other out defensively. We will play intelligent defense, with good help side support. We'll try and force the ball into double teams."

With a relatively short squad, in terms of basketball height, Raymond said the team's weakness possibly could be on the boards.

"Rebounding will be a huge key for us," he said. "We want to win the paint. We need to play well in the lane. If we

win the lane night in and night out, we'll be competitive."

Raymond said Chelsea's goals are to be in the Southeastern Conference race and to continually improve.

"We don't have any breathers (on schedule)," he said. "Our non league schedule is competitive. We want to get better every day in practice. We want to blend the young kids in with the seniors. We will do well if we play

as a team, and not as individuals."

Last year, the Bulldogs finished 10-11 overall and 4-6 in the SEC.

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HOCKEY

Quick, efficient Dreadnaught icers reload

Vlazny, Hoggard form dangerous combination for Dexter hockey

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Despite losing nine seniors to graduation last year, Dexter hockey looks to reload this season, instead of rebuild.

"All of these boys have been working hard in our off ice training program since last March," said Dexter coach Mike O'Donohue, who is beginning his second season. "The coaches are seeing a number of benefits, including increased strength and quickness. While the individual skills are developing, the biggest thing I've witnessed, as a coach, is that these boys have really come together as a team."

"They work well together. They support each other, and they have fun. It's a good group of kids who are willing to work hard to achieve their goals. We won't be a real fast team this year, but we will be quick, and we'll move the puck well."

Returning to lead the Dreadnaughts this season offensively are senior forwards Kevin Vlazny and Lee Hoggard. The high-scoring twosome is one of the area's most dangerous combos.

Also counted on to make an impact on offense this year is senior forward Craig Jones, junior forward Tony Sinelli, junior forward Jon Carender and sophomore forward Nick Field.

Defensively, Dexter is also loaded. Anchoring the stop corps will be senior defenseman Zach Morhous. Also playing important roles along the blue line for the Dreads will be junior Scott Thompson, junior Neil Rion and sophomore Justin Jack.

Manning the crease between the pipes this year for Dexter will be soph-



Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson
Dexter senior Zach Morhous anchors a deep Dreadnaught defensive corps this season. Last year, Dexter finished 14-9-2 overall, losing 3-0 in the Division III state regional semifinals to Jackson Lumen Christi.

omore goaltender Zach Hansen. Also seeing plenty of time in net will be junior goalies Jacob Lavalli and Cole McNabb.

Top newcomers to the team this season include junior forward Eric Swikowski, junior forward Chad Green, sophomore defenseman J.P. Ledwidge, sophomore forward Mike Machnick, sophomore forward Alex Johnston and freshman defenseman Hunter Lyons.

O'Donohue said this season's squad is young.

"We have only four seniors," he said. "The new players will need some time to adjust to the speed and intensity of high school hockey. I count on our seniors to provide leadership to show the young players the way."

"Another key for us will also be to settle the goaltender position. Dexter has had very good goalies for several years, and I suspect that we'll be solid

in net this year. I think we'll score some goals this year, too, but we'll need to work hard as a team on the defensive end of the ice to contend."

Last year, Dexter finished 14-9-2 overall. The Dreadnaughts lost in the Division III state regional semifinals to Jackson Lumen Christi 3-0. In the regional first round, Dexter defeated Lansing Catholic Central 4-3.

"We had a good year last year," O'Donohue said. "We'd certainly like to improve on that, if we can. Our overall team goal is to play to the best of our ability in every game. We want to stay consistent and continue to improve throughout the year, leading up to the regional playoffs."

"If we can do these things, everything else will fall into place, and Dexter will have a successful season."

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BASKETBALL

Swoverland returns for second tour as Dexter coach

Dreadnaught basketball to have size, strength in the paint this year

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Welcome back, Coach.

Dexter's Randy Swoverland returns for his second tour of duty as Dreadnaught boys' basketball coach this season, succeeding Mike Bavineau, who stepped down after three years to concentrate solely on coaching Dexter's girls' hoop squad.

"It feels comfortable to be back," said Swoverland, who coached for three seasons at Adrian before returning to Dexter. "It's been a pretty easy transition. Being a teacher here (at the high school), I knew most of the team, anyway."

Returning to lead the Dreadnaughts this year is senior forward Dave Muchmore. The 6-foot-5 standout is a gifted athlete, having earned All-Southeastern Conference White Division honors in football this past fall.

Dexter looks to be strong in the paint this season.

Besides Muchmore down low, the Dreadnaughts can turn to 6-5 juniors Rob Zalucki and Jeff Ziegler for points and defense in the post. Ziegler, an All-State honorable mention quarterback on the gridiron, will also move outside and play on the wing for Dexter this year.

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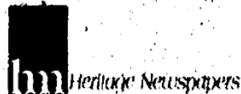
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WRESTLING

Dexter grapplers look to move up SEC standings

Experience, attitude keys for Dreadnaught mat men this season

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

In only his second season, Dexter wrestling coach Jeff Virgne has the Dreadnaughts on the verge of moving up a notch or two in the rugged Southeastern Conference White Division standings.

The division includes state-ranked Tecumseh, always-tough Chelsea and Ypsilanti Lincoln, a squad that has proven it can pull an upset if one underestimates it.

This season, however, Dexter aims to battle the highly ranked Indians for league supremacy. The Dreadnaughts are strong throughout their line-up, with numerous battle-tested grapplers taking the mat.

"One of the strengths of our team is experience," Virgne said. "That helps. Also, our team attitude is good. The guys want to win. They have a passion."

Twenty-five wrestlers make up Dexter's burgeoning program this season.

"We'll have quite a few freshmen this year," Virgne said. "Some will break through to the varsity."

Returning to lead the Dreadnaught mat men is senior Ricky Howell at 189 pounds. Last season, Howell was a regional qualifier.

Also back is junior Kyle Thompson at 119 pounds. Like Howell, Thompson also was a regional qualifier last year.

At 135 pounds, senior Mike Little returns. One of the team's more aggressive wrestlers, Little looks to have a breakout season this year.

Jon Flowers at 125 pounds, Mike Crawford at 140 pounds, A.J. Santoro at 152 pounds, John Powers at 160 pounds and Jarod Dillen at 171 pounds all bring experience and leadership to the Dreadnaught team.

The top newcomers to the squad include freshmen Brett Marsh at 103 pounds, Ian Spurr at 112 pounds, Matt Bastion at 119 pounds, and Zeb Clapperich at 130 pounds.

Virgne said to be successful this season, his team would have to stick to the fundamentals.

"Everybody needs to continue working on just basic wrestling," he said. "We're going back to the basics. We need to wrestle in a controlled fashion."

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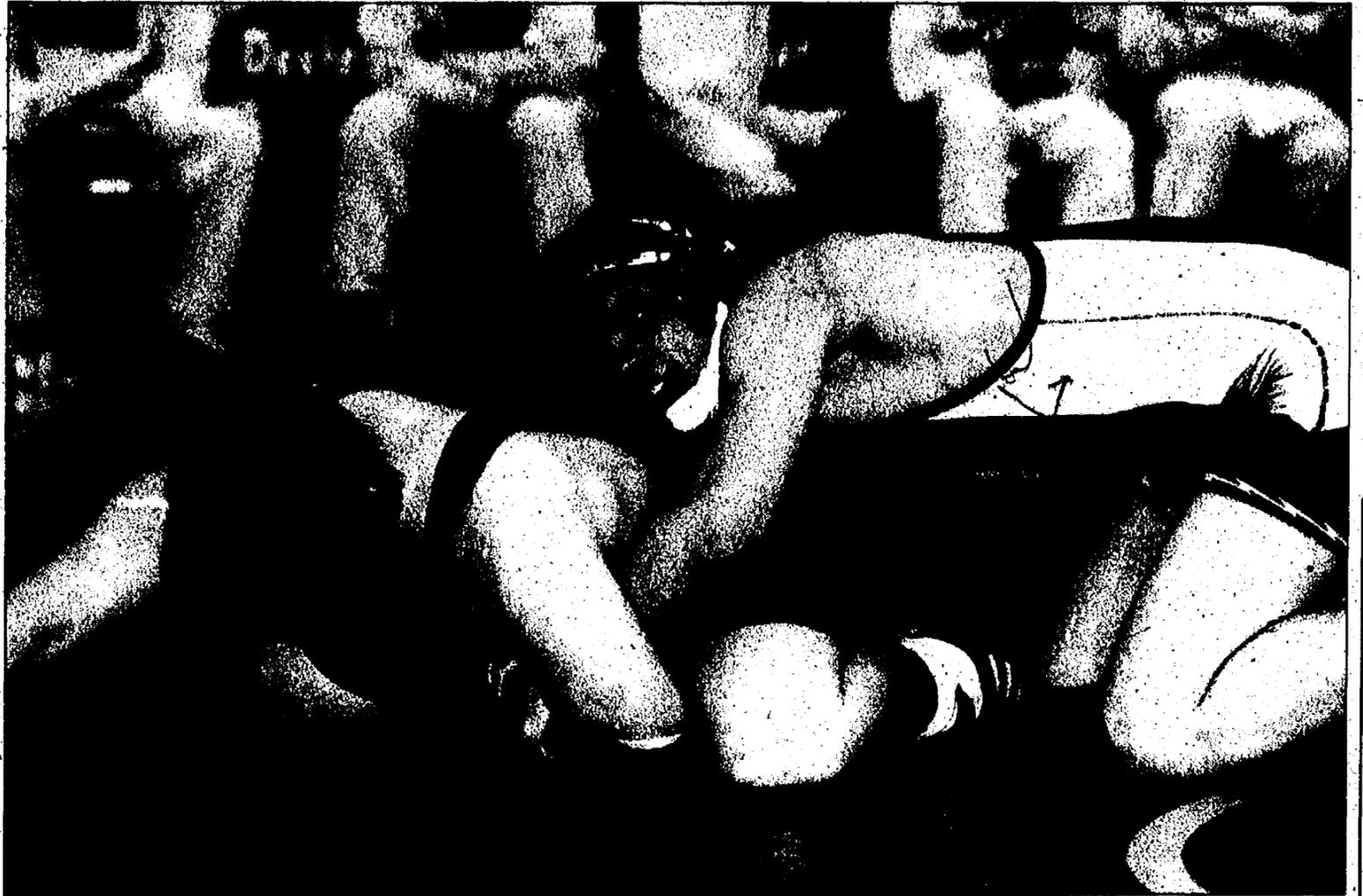


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Dexter senior Ricky Howell returns for the Dreadnaughts this season in the 189-pound weight class. Dexter could have one of its better teams this year, with experience and talent throughout its line-up.

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Also seeing playing time along the frontline will be senior Bill Burgett (6-0), another Dreadnaught football player, who will bring tenacity and toughness to the squad.

"The size that we have inside is the strength of the team," said Swoverland, who coached Dexter for 10 years before taking the Adrian job. "Our weakness is in the backcourt, handling the ball and the pressure."

Being called upon to bring the ball up the court and set the offense this year for Dexter will be a threesome of seniors Joe Cenci (5-6), Rob McCarty (6-1) and Dan Thomas (5-10).

Swoverland said the Dreadnaughts have basic goals this year.

"In general, we want to compete for the SEC title and for the district title at home," he said.

Dexter will host a state Class B district later in March.

Last season, the Dreadnaughts finished 13-10 overall. Dexter captured a SEC White Division championship and

a district title before falling in the regional semifinal to No. 1-ranked Detroit Renaissance 74-49. The Phoenix went on to capture the Class B state crown. USA Today ranked Renaissance as high as No. 3 in the nation.

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Dexter's Connor Donevan is the Dreadnaughts' jack-of-all-trades, swimming whatever event coach Mike VanRhee needs during a meet. The senior helped lead Dexter to a sixth-place finish at last year's Division II state meet.

Photo by Mary Kumbler



VOLLEYBALL

Former college coach to lead Dreadnaughts

Hynes hopes for skill improvement in first season with Dexter program

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Dexter volleyball begins a new era this season. Sarah Hynes takes over the Dreadnaught helm this year, succeeding former coach Angie Black, who stepped down after two seasons leading the program.

Hynes has an impressive history as both a coach and player. Growing up in Wisconsin, Hynes later played Division I volleyball at the University of Pittsburgh as a middle hitter/right side hitter.

After college, Hynes coached high school volleyball for three seasons in Oak Creek, Wis., before becoming an assistant coach at the University of Dayton. Prior to arriving in Dexter, Hynes was director of volleyball operations at the University of Wisconsin.

"Our goals are to have overall skill improvement in all areas," Hynes said. "The girls are working hard and are a lot of fun to be around."

Leading the squad will be senior Lauren Parin (5-foot-6), outside hitter; senior Karah Hubbard (5-10), middle blocker; and Stephanie McCartt (5-6), outside hitter.

Juniors setters Alyssa Cavanaugh and Kim Sullivan, along with middle blockers Bailey Wandyg and Holly Woods, also look to contribute this year.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

U-M signee paces Dexter swimming

All-American Vessels top returnee for Dreadnaught tankers

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Dexter boys' swimming and diving team is one of the state's top programs. Last season, the Dreadnaughts finished sixth at the Division II state meet.

This year, Dexter is led by arguably the state's top individual swimmer in University of Michigan signee Bryan Vessels. The senior All-American is the returning 100 backstroke state champion and the returning 50 freestyle runner-up. He also is one of the state's best in the 100 freestyle.

"He has a great work ethic," said Dexter coach Mike VanRhee, beginning his second season. "He has pure talent. He's phenomenal. He's a great kid, who's fun to be around."

Also returning to pace the

Dreadnaught tankers is senior Eric Kumbier in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke, along with fellow classmates Matt Brown in the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly, and jack-of-all-trades Connor Donevan.

"Connor can swim everything," VanRhee said. "We can play him in any event."

The squad's top, underclassman looks to be sophomore Kirk Kumbier, who'll compete in the 200 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke.

In diving, junior Michael Eberbach is a standout. The returning state qualifier should have a banner season for Dexter.

Back in the lanes, seniors Nick Cook, in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle, along with freestyle specialist Miles Hayes, also will contribute points for the Dreadnaughts this year.

VanRhee said that while this Dexter

squad is talented, what sets it apart is its closeness as a group.

"Everybody just loves to be around each other," he said. "All the guys have great attitudes and commitment."

While the defending Southeastern Conference White Division champion Dreadnaughts have talent and team spirit, VanRhee said his squad lacks experience.

"We have 12 new swimmers this year," he said. "We graduated 11 last year. We need to work on our depth. Though, that shouldn't be a problem once the season gets going."

VanRhee said his team strives to make its mark at the state meet.

"We're going for a trophy," he said. "The top four (at state meet) get a trophy. And we want one."

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