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## Bank robbery reign ends for 'Sysco Kid'

*Suspect linked to 9 area bank hold-ups*

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

A robbery at Flagstar Bank in Chelsea last Friday proved to be the last stand for the "Sysco Kid," a 38-year-old Farmington man linked to a string of nine southeast Michigan bank heists in a span of four months.

Police gave the suspect in the robberies — whose real name is Kenneth Rosselot — the "Sysco Kid" moniker because he wore a baseball cap emblazoned with the food distribution company's logo in most of the hold-ups. Rosselot is currently listed in critical condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after suffering serious injuries, including head trauma, from

a high-speed chase that ended in a car crash in Canton Township Friday.

The suspect, who wore a driving cap at the Chelsea heist, entered Flagstar Bank, 1290 S. Main St., at about 9:30 a.m. Friday, brandished a gun and demanded money before fleeing on foot to a BMW parked nearby, Senior Special Agent Greg Stejskal of the Ann Arbor FBI office said Monday.

A bystander saw the man enter the car, and telephoned police with a description of the vehicle.

The Chelsea Police Department also provided the Washtenaw County 911 Central Dispatch with a description of the robbery suspect and his vehicle.

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A customer leaves Flagstar Bank in Chelsea earlier this week. The local branch was robbed Friday and the FBI is seeking charges against Kenneth Rosselot, a 38-year-old Farmington man dubbed the "Sysco Kid" by area police. Michigan State Police and FBI officials believe Rosselot committed eight other bank robberies in southeast Michigan over a four-month span.

Photo by Steve Ricci

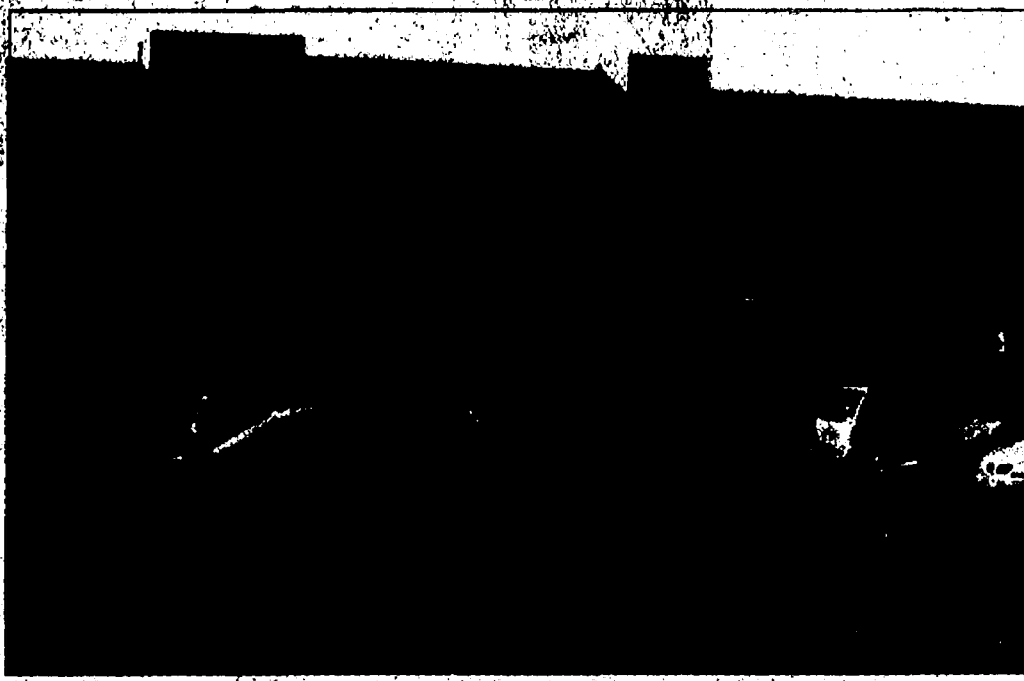
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## Milford man buys back Arctic Coliseum

*Former co-owner says reduced tax assessment will help business*

Karl Christen, a former Arctic Coliseum co-owner who lives in Milford, bought back the ice arena for an undisclosed sum this month after a group of Columbus, Ohio, investors failed to close on the property. Christen said operations at the facility will remain unchanged.

Photo by Steve Ricci



By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

After being out-bid last September by a group of investors from Columbus, Ohio, Karl Christen, one of Arctic Coliseum's three original owners, bought back the arena for an undisclosed sum this month, closing the sale Dec. 3.

The sale is good news to many in the community, who feared possible changes at the popular sports facility.

Christen, who resides in Milford, said last week that personnel, operating procedures and businesses tenants within the complex would stay the same under his ownership.

A company called IceOnSale.com, which books ice time through a Web site and is

owned by Christen, will manage the rink, he said.

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., formerly Bank One, foreclosed on the property last January after Christen, John Stansik and a silent third partner became delinquent in payment of more than \$800,000 of the arena's property taxes, from September 2001 through 2003.

At the time, the former owners argued that they couldn't pay the tax bills because the property was over-assessed.

After appealing to the Sylvan Township Board of Review and the Michigan Tax Tribunal, the owners were granted property tax reductions.

The arena's true cash value was lowered from approximately \$9.1 million in 2003 to \$6.1 million in 2004. Its taxable value was

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## Experts weigh in on acrylamide in water

*Scientists say levels of polymer additive were safe to drink*

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

State and federal experts this week said

that the Chelsea Water Department's release of acrylamide — a polymer additive used to help bind minerals in water so they can be filtered more easily — into municipal drinking water posed no health threat to Chelsea residents who consumed it.

Yet the reassurances have failed to appease some water customers, who say they're paying too much in bills for a water

system that is beset with operational problems.

The city's water treatment plant exceeded Michigan Department of Environmental Quality limits for acrylamide eight times from June 2003 to April 2004.

The city has since discontinued using the additive.

The MDEQ's maximum acceptable concen-

tration for the polymer is 1.0 milligrams per liter, or 1 part per million. The maximum exceedance at the plant was 1.64 parts per million.

Chelsea officials sent out public notices alerting water customers of the violations earlier this month.

Acrylamide monomers, the molecular

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### BRIEFLY...

■ **Faith in Action organizing 18th annual Christmas Day Dinner:** Faith in Action will hold its annual Christmas Day Dinner 1 p.m. Dec. 25 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St. in Chelsea. The free dinner is open to anyone in the area. Donors and volunteers from around town will supply food and prepare the dinner.

Nadine Shaneyfelt of Faith in Action said the dinner provides an opportunity for many people with adult children to eat with others Christmas Day. Those who would like to attend the dinner or volunteer should call Nancy Paul or Shaneyfelt at 475-3305.

■ **Anecdotes and tributes sought for Chelsea High School teacher:** A committee is collecting materials to honor retiring Chelsea High School

teacher Paul Terpstra as he completes his 36-year career in January.

The group is seeking anecdotes and other tributes from Terpstra's former students in the next few weeks. The tributes may be sent via e-mail to bpruess@gmail.com, chelsea.k12.mi.us, or Barb Pruess, 740 N. Freer Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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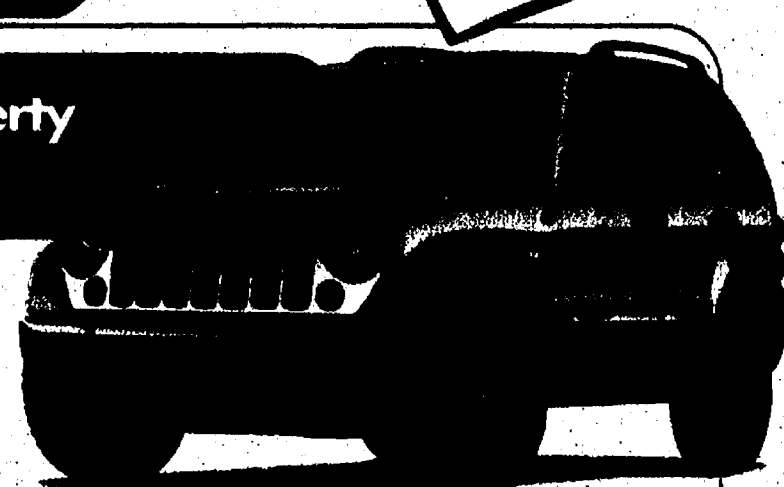
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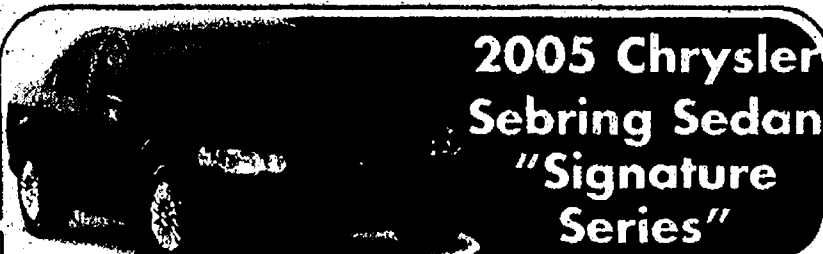
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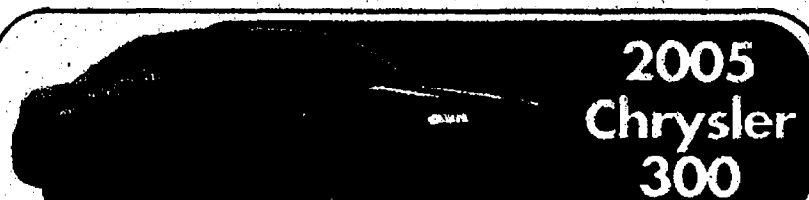
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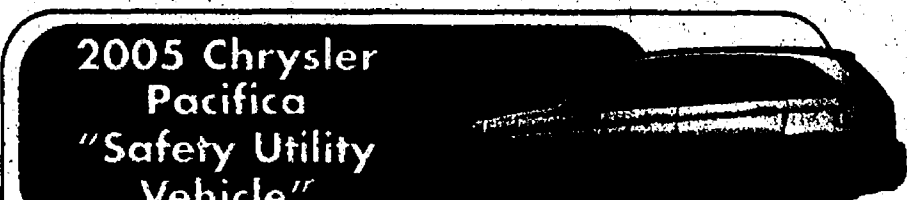
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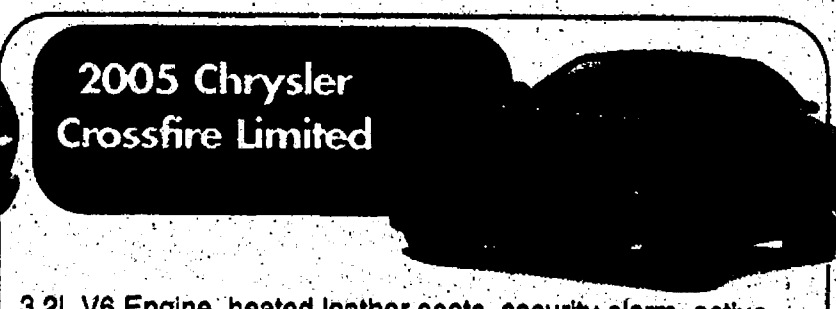
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Photo by Steve Ricci  
Vandals destroyed Christmas lights on a gazebo and a large pine tree at Pierce Park in Chelsea last week. ACO Hardware and the UPS Store in Chelsea donated the lights, which cost about \$700.

CHELSEA  
**Vandals hit Pierce Park**  
*Donor puts up reward for info*

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

An anonymous donor has pledged a \$600 reward to anyone who helps identify vandals who caused about \$700 worth of damage to Christmas lights on a tree and gazebo in Pierce Park.

The vandalism of the decorations, which took place sometime late last week, has also occurred in years past. Unsupervised minors are the prime suspects, city officials said.

Chelsea Mayor Ann Feeney said Monday that last week's incident in Pierce Park amounted to the most extensive destruction of holiday lights the city has seen.

As a result, the park looks a lot less cheerful at night, with Christmas tree lights on the pine tree and "hanging icicle" lights on the gazebo perched in darkness.

Only lights encircling the gazebo's brim, and framing a snowman sitting atop the gazebo, are now illuminated at night.

"We hope the financial incentive is enough so that friends of (the vandals) turn them in," the anonymous donor said.

The UPS Store, 1163 S. Main St. in Chelsea, donated about \$500 in lights for the tree, manager Roberta Robakiewicz said Tuesday.

ACO Hardware, 1103 S. Main St., pitched in about \$200 for the hanging icicle lights, said store manager Don Gasinski.

Members of the Chelsea Rotary Club helped assemble the lights and hang them in the park, as well.

Andy Johnston, superintendent of the Chelsea Electric Department, said Monday that the city wouldn't replace lights on the tree.

"We figured we didn't want to throw away any more money for someone to tear apart," Johnston said, adding that he reported the vandalism to the Chelsea Police Department.

"This isn't the first time this has happened, but I think this is a different batch of kids."

Johnston said the vandals unscrewed the lights off their bases, and then smashed the lights on the ground.

Feeney said the destruction hurts efforts of city leaders, who are attempting to link the downtown-shopping

district with the "south town" commercial area, located near Old US-12 and Main Street.

Pierce Park serves as a natural connector for the two areas.

The damaged lights won't be re-lit this year, Feeney said.

Although none took place last year, similar vandalism incidents have occurred intermittently in years past, Feeney said, adding that the culprits were never caught.

"We're willing to try to stem this," Feeney said.

"The UPS Store is out the most financially, but the whole town takes the brunt of it because the lights aren't there. They looked so pretty last year."

After all the efforts that have gone into preparing Chelsea for this year's Christmas season, including the Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade, Feeney said she was let down by the attitude reflected in the destruction.

"More than anything, it's

disappointing that the community would come together this holiday season and have their efforts destroyed by someone who doesn't care about the community," she said.

"I feel terrible about this."

Because of a robbery at Flagstar Bank in Chelsea last Friday and the time spent on it, Chelsea Police Chief Scott Sumner said Tuesday that he hasn't had an opportunity yet to investigate the incident.

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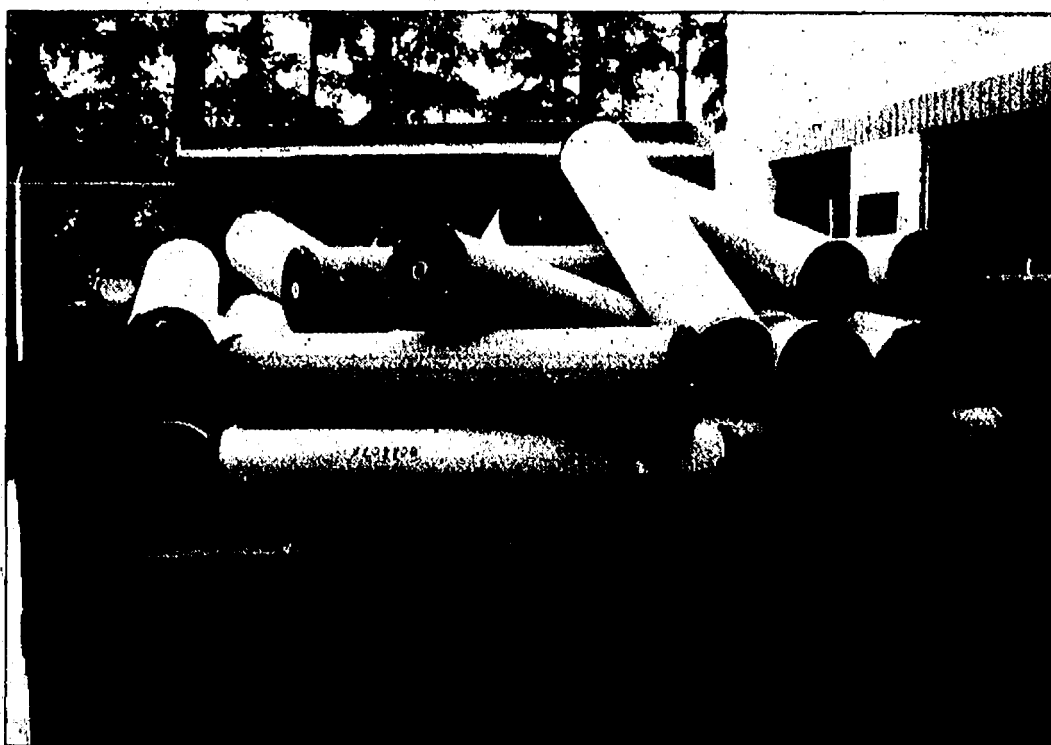
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Clogged reverse-osmosis water softening filters fill the back of a dump truck at Chelsea's water treatment plant. State and federal water scientists said this week that levels of an acrylamide polymer added to the city's drinking water posed no health risks to the city's water customers.

Photo courtesy of the city of Chelsea



## WATER

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units that join together to form polymers, are associated with deleterious health effects, including cancer, genetic damage and nervous system disorders.

Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac said Tuesday that the acrylamide monomer at the plant only slightly exceeded 0.01 part per billion — the equivalent of one drop of acrylamide monomer in one million gallons of water — while the Environmental Protection Agency identifies 0.1 part per billion of acrylamide monomer in water as a health risk.

Joyce Donohue, a scientist with the EPA Office of Water in Washington, D.C., said Tuesday that the city's water report indicated that the level of acrylamide monomer used in the anticoagulant polymer was one-tenth of the limit allowed by EPA's acrylamide treatment rules.

If the city's report is true, then the polymer overfeed was less than twice the permitted acrylamide polymer limit, and therefore didn't violate the EPA's acrylamide standard, said Donohue.

"Accordingly, technically it might not have been necessary to send out the public notification," Donohue said.

"In addition, it seems there may not have even been excess exposure to the polymer since the notice indicates that there was filtration after the polymer overfeed," Donohue said. "The filtration would have removed most, if not all, of the polymer."

Donohue said that according to the city's report, the actual exposure to acrylamide monomer from water sent to customers would amount to about one-fifth of the EPA's allowable level, and therefore posed no threat.

"Based on the details that were included, there should not be reason for concern,"

Donohue said.

Erik Janus, a toxicologist with the Michigan Department of Community Health, made similar statements last Friday.

"If you assume that 100 percent of the highest overage of 1.64 parts per million was consumed by a child, it doesn't even come close to levels found harmful in animal studies," Janus said.

Janus added that "there's no way the full amount of 1.64 parts per million" could reach a child, however, because much of the polymer would be deleted during the plant's iron removal process.

"Even if you assume the worst-case scenario with a child, there's no possible health risk that I can see," Janus said.

Acrylamide is also found in starchy foods processed at high temperatures. Janus said higher concentrations of the chemical could be found in commonly eaten food.

"I wouldn't be surprised to find that fast-food french fries have a little bit more of it than drinking water," Janus said.

Chelsea resident Michael McIntosh said Friday that overall problems at the water plant are unacceptable, however. At a Dec. 14 City Council meeting, McIntosh noted an EPA report that identified the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal for acrylamide at zero, and questioned why the city didn't release the acrylamide information immediately.

In response, Steklac said Tuesday that new city administration officials didn't learn of the problem until April, and weren't informed by the MDEQ that it must notify the public until late September.

"If we sent out the letter the way the MDEQ worded it, it would have caused unnecessary concern," Steklac said. "We had an obligation to put other bits of information into context."

Steklac said the city evaluates whether to use chemical additives, which are disclosed yearly in consumer confidence reports, based on broad perspectives of benefits.

But McIntosh, as well as Jefferson Street resident Michele Friss, said they want better accountability.

"(The city) hasn't known how to run this water system to begin with, and it's led to one problem after another," McIntosh said. "We all know the history of chemicals that have supposedly been good for us having disastrous side effects."

"It's hard for me to believe it took the city three months to figure out the facts they needed to send the notice out," said Friss.

"The whole water system just seems to be such a mess."

## ROBBERY

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Sheriff's deputies intercepted the car heading eastbound on M-14, near Maple Road in Ann Arbor, beginning a high-speed chase involving the Michigan State Police across multiple jurisdictions.

Sheriff's deputies attempted to initiate a traffic stop on eastbound M-14 west of Gottfredson Road in Salem Township, but the suspect refused to stop, according to a Michigan State Police press release.

Michigan state troopers, who then took the lead in the pursuit while being joined by Canton Township Police Department cruisers, chased the driver as he attempted several times to force police cars and other vehicles off the road.

After turning from eastbound M-14 onto southbound Beck Road in Wayne County, the suspect's car hit a Michigan State Police cruiser, crossed over the northbound lane of Beck Road, went into a ditch, rolled over and struck a tree, state police said.

Police recovered both the driving and Sysco hats, all of the money stolen from Flagstar Bank and a pistol, which proved to be a rubber-projectile-shooting, albeit real-looking, toy Airsoft gun, from the BMW, Stejskal said.

The BMW was registered to Rosselot, although he was

driving with a suspended license, Stejskal said.

Back in Chelsea, Flagstar Bank employees declined to comment on the robbery Monday.

Stejskal said that although any bank located close to an expressway is a potential robbery target, the "Sysco Kid" didn't necessarily choose banks based on their proximity to highways.

Many of the suspect's bank robberies occurred in downtown areas of rural towns, including a Key Bank branch in downtown Saline Oct. 5, said Stejskal.

Other suspected "Sysco Kid" robberies took place in Gibraltar, Fowlerville, Livonia, Northville, Milan and Plymouth.

The past 10 years have seen "a couple" of bank robberies on M-52 in Chelsea, Stejskal said.

Stejskal said the suspect's modus operandi in the robberies — as well as physical descriptions — based on "extremely good surveillance photos from some of the banks" — matched Rosselot.

If Rosselot recovers, he will be federally prosecuted, Stejskal said, adding that Rosselot faces multiple charges of bank robbery, with 20-year prison sen-

tences per bank.

Bank robberies are considered federal offenses, he said.

Although the suspect used a toy gun, the crime is still considered an armed robbery.

Stejskal said robbers sometimes use toy guns because using real firearms adds automatic seven-year sentences for convictions, in addition to sentences for bank robbery.

Stejskal said it was a lucky thing that no police or bystanders were injured in car chase.

"He was going through residential areas at a high rate of speed, blowing traffic lights," Stejskal said. "It's very fortunate no one else was hurt. It could have been very serious if he hit somebody."

Stejskal added that most bank robbers are caught, and that they often commit the crimes because their lives are out of control.

"It's a crime of desperation," Stejskal said. "We don't run into too many successful bank robbers. Usually, they're addicted to drugs or gambling."

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## ARCTIC

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lowered from about \$3.4 million in 2003 to \$2.6 million in 2004.

Last June, the Chelsea City Council voted to reevaluate Arctic Coliseum's true cash value at \$2.9 million and its taxable value at \$1.45 million, to be applied to future taxes.

The change equals a \$14,211 reduction in city taxes in the coming tax year. The arena was built in 2000 for \$5 million.

The Columbus investors purchased the facility for \$3.2 million last September at an auction held in Romulus by Chicago auction house Sheldon Good & Co.

Those investors never closed on the sale, however.

Christen said last week that he heard the group hadn't closed on the property about 50 days after the auction, at which time he contacted the auction house.

"They said it might be an opportune time to submit an offer," Christen said, adding that it would be "pure speculation" to say why the Ohio investors failed to close.

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. accepted his offer Nov. 30, Christen said, although he declined to disclose the purchase price.

The city of Chelsea, Sylvan Township and the Washtenaw County Register of Deeds office had no record of the sale price as of press time.

Christen retired eight years ago from Computware Corp., where he was senior vice president and chief technology officer.

He said his two former partners are no longer involved with the property, and weren't interested in buying it back.

Christen said the amended tax assessments should make a difference for the businesses' bottom line, adding that he's confident it will turn a profit.

"The tax situation looks pretty close to being fair this time, so I thought it was a decent investment," Christen said.

"The tax situation was a significant burden on the property."

Christen said he plans to retain all Arctic Coliseum staff, including General Manager Don Wright, as well as the businesses that lease space inside the complex.

What remains to be worked out, Christen said, are "inequities" related to a special assessment he must pay for Coliseum Drive.

The former owners paid approximately \$700,000 per year for a 99-year, \$1.7 million special assessment bond for the road.

Chelsea Lumber Co. also pays a smaller share of the assessment.

Christen noted that residents of Chelsea Springs, a 144-unit condominium complex to be constructed by Magellan Properties and R. Cook Properties, will use Coliseum Drive to access the development.

"People are already driving through there, so how does that fit?" Christen said. "There are lots of questions."

Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac said Friday that the former owners were delinquent in payments for the road bond.

The city has not accepted possession of the road because of a disagreement with the contractor who built it, who never submitted "as-built" plans to the city, Steklac said.

If the city were to accept possession, Steklac said the city would pay for the road's maintenance and Chelsea Springs traffic could use the road.

Once proper as-built plans are presented, Steklac said the city would accept the road.

Bob Daniels, owner of Chelsea Lumber Co., said Friday that his business agreed to pay for a share of Coliseum Drive — and be annexed into the city — in order to access city water and sewer lines.

Daniels said Arctic Coliseum owners "pay more for the road than we do by far," adding that he doesn't dispute the amount Chelsea Lumber pays for the road assessment.

Although he said payment of Coliseum Drive remains an unresolved issue, Wright last week credited Chelsea officials with helping to lower the property tax assessments, and said local residents have been supportive of the arena.

"The future looks great," Wright said. "We look forward to serving the community for a long time."

A re-opening ceremony will take place 1:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at Arctic Coliseum. It will include an open skate, activities for kids and a hockey game pitting a Detroit Red Wings alumni team against a squad of Chelsea hockey coaches.

Money raised at the ceremony will be split between the Chelsea Hockey Association and local charities.

Steklac said he's pleased that the Arctic Coliseum will continue functioning as a skating rink.

"It's a benefit to the community because people who use the facility also use our hotels, restaurants and other things in town," Steklac said.

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## DEXTER

# Chelsea grad called to duty Haas to leave family, job to serve country

By Chad Livengood  
Special Writer

After 18 years of marriage, Deb Haas of Dexter is going to have to start paying bills, doing the taxes and changing furnace filters.

That's because her husband, Steve, will be shipped overseas in January with his Air National Guard unit, although the couple doesn't know where yet.

Staff Sgt. Steve Haas' orders have not been finalized, but he could be apart from his wife and two sons for at least a year, possibly two.

The couple have two sons, 16-year-old Jason, a sophomore at Dexter High School and member of the swim team, and 8-year-old Adam, a second-grader at Bates Elementary School.

Steve, 41, has served 20 years in the military, starting with four years of active duty in the Army. He remained in the part-time ranks with the Army Reserve until Operation Desert Storm in 1991 and then switched to the Air National Guard.

His position was recently frozen by the military, a tactic used to prevent large losses of personnel during times of great demand, such as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"If they know that deployment is coming down and they need personnel, they have the option of not letting you get out because they need the bodies," Steve said.

A sheet metal fabrication technician for exercise equipment manufacturer NuStep Inc. in Pittsfield Township, Steve is a 1982 graduate of Chelsea High School. He reports to the Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mount Clemens. Once overseas, he will be stationed at a military base where he'll process cargo and prepare it for airplane shipments.

Deb said the family is preparing for a major adjustment in day-to-day life.

"We have a son that, when he comes back, could possi-

bly be graduating from high school if it's the two years," she said. "How do you break up a family like that? Not to mention that it's a pay cut for Steve to go over there."

Jason and Adam Haas said they will miss their dad, who regularly takes them to sporting events.

"It's going to be tough," Steve said. "I've never been away from Debbie for long or the kids at all. I've always been home."

Deb said she and her husband have had a traditional marriage and now she'll have to take on "all those guy things." Their oldest son will be taking care of shoveling snow, mowing the lawn and cleaning up after the family dog, she said.

Meanwhile, Steve has prepared a binder filled with monthly tasks and reminders for his wife to make her new duties as painless as possible.

Steve said his employer, NuStep, has been very understanding and helpful since he received word he would be deployed.

Federal law requires companies to give reservist or members of the guard their jobs back once returning from duty overseas.

"We're very thankful for his service to our country," said Mike Steiner, NuStep manufacturing manager. "The least we can do is protect his job."

Many people from the community have asked what

they can do to help while Steve is overseas. Deb said phone cards with internationally airtime would be helpful.

"That's one thing that the community can feel good about giving it, the family stateside can feel good about hearing from their spouse and the spouse overseas can use it as a moral booster for them," Deb said.

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## Hometown Reflection

Edward Moon, 2, of Chelsea posts festive stickers on the mirror at Physiotherapy Associates in the Chelsea Clock Tower building during the Hometown Holiday celebration earlier this month.

CHELSEA

# Essay contest to recognize slain leader

One World One Family and Cranesbill Books are sponsoring an essay contest to promote both the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and to inspire a new generation of activists to continue working on the issues of equality, justice and non-violence.

All school-age children in Chelsea are invited to participate in an essay contest by submitting a 300- to 500-word essay that answers one of the following questions:

• Have you ever felt unfairly judged on the basis of something other than your skills, abilities, or character? What happened and how did it make you feel?

• In your own words, what was Dr. King's dream? What would be his dream for Chelsea?

• Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech was given in front of the Lincoln Memorial. How is this meaningful?

• Imagine you are Dr. King today. To what extent would you think your dreams had come true?

All submissions must

include on each page the participant's name, grade level, phone number and the question the essay addresses. Essays must be delivered no later than Jan. 8 to the individual school office or Cranesbill Books in downtown Chelsea.

Essay contest winners in each age category will receive an award and will be invited to read their essay as part of One World One Family's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration Jan. 17 at the Chelsea High School auditorium. Winners also will receive a gift certificate from Cranesbill Books.

Packets containing the essay questions were distributed in all the Chelsea schools Dec. 14. Additional copies are available at Cranesbill Books.

"We would like to give students an opportunity to think about the meaning of the MLK Jr. holiday as more than just a day off school," Susan Lentz said in a press release.

For more information, call Joanne Ladio at 475-7612 or Lentz at 475-3614.

## WASHTENAW COUNTY

# FIA collects toys for needy

Palmer Ford has helped organize effort for 16 years

By Rita Fischer  
Special Writer

People in Chelsea may have seen an unusual sight last Thursday as a horse-drawn wagon carrying toys was pulled down Main Street accompanied by a police cruiser.

Both the communities of Chelsea and Dexter, as well as others across Washtenaw County, benefit from the help provided by those who collect donations annually for the Chelsea Toys for Tots and Teens program.

The toys donated help make the difference between no Christmas presents and a wonderful holiday for those in need, said Nancy Paul, director of Faith In Action, the agency that distributes the toys.

Businesses across town began collecting the toys the day after Thanksgiving. The Palmer Ford car dealership was one of the drop-off stations and had its miniature village set up so kids who brought toys in could enjoy it.

Matt Ladd and his daughter, Emily, led the mini-parade down Main Street. They picked up toys from

Palmer Ford, Jiffy Mix and Pierce Lake Elementary School that were then delivered to their holding place at Faith In Action.

Paul said staff at Palmer Ford came dressed in Santa hats to help with the unloading of toys, which numbered in the hundreds.

"We could not be more thrilled with the generosity of the community and Palmer Ford sponsoring such a wonderful activity," Paul said. "We thank everyone who had a part in it. These toys will reach many families in our communities and other agencies in Washtenaw County."

Susie Weber, who used to work at Palmer Ford, started the program. It's not related to the Toys for Tots program run by the Marines. Weber started the program 16 years ago to benefit the area's less fortunate.

Lorna Koch of Lima Township enjoys helping the effort. For six years, she has brought in garbage bags full of new, plush toys.

Ladd, office manager at Palmer Ford for the past 10 years, makes the day a family affair as he leads his horses through town while collecting toys with his daughter.

"I spend the day doing this out of the enjoyment of spending time with the horses," he said. "It's a fun thing to do. I also like to teach my



Photo by Rita Fischer

Matt Ladd and his daughter, Emily, lead horses down Main Street in Chelsea while delivering toys to Faith In Action.

daughter that she can have a part of getting toys to kids that do not have as much.

"I like to drive home the lesson that it is just more than a day off school, but a way to help others."

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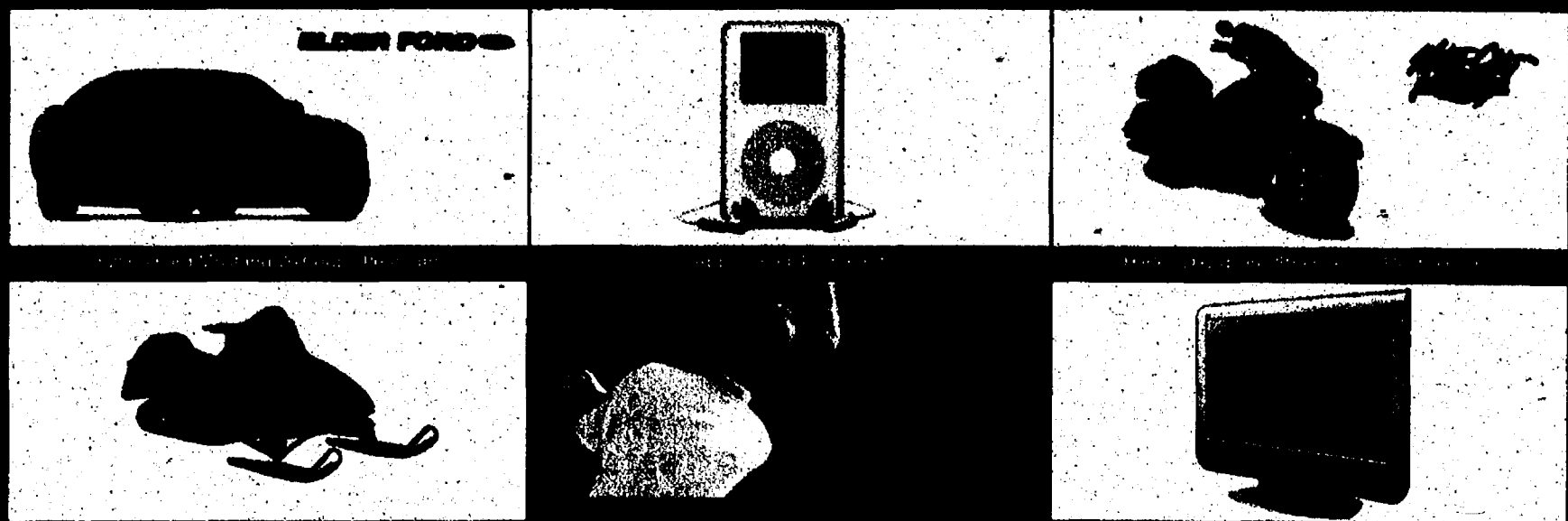
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# POLICE BLOTTER

## Dexter Township

### Drunken Driving

A 43-year-old Dexter Township man was arrested Dec. 9 on suspicion of drunken driving.

According to a police report, a deputy spotted the man's vehicle speeding 35 mph in a 45-mph zone down Dexter Plunkney Road, near Wyllie Road. The vehicle was seen swerving across the road's centerline into oncoming traffic, causing those vehicles to swerve out of the way. The man's vehicle then went off the road's right-hand side.

According to the report, the man's vehicle smelled of alcohol and that the driver's eyes were bloodshot. He told the deputy he had about five drinks earlier in the night and was on his way home.

The man failed several sobriety tests before submitting to a breath test. The test showed the man had a blood-alcohol content of 0.17 percent, which is more than twice the legal limit of 0.08 percent.

There was one passenger in the vehicle who also admitted to drinking heavily prior to the incident. That man was allowed to leave the scene because he had not been driving.

### Burglary

A 62-year-old man reported to deputies that several rifles were stolen from his home in the 11000 block of Quigley Road between 6 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Dec. 7.

According to a police report, the stolen guns included a \$200 British Combine rifle, a \$300 Sayco Forrester rifle, a \$300 air pellet gun and a \$200 rifle.

The man told deputies that he first suspected something was wrong at about 5 p.m. that night when he noticed his bedroom door was open. The man's daughter was home at about 3:30 p.m. and also noticed that the door was open.

The man told deputies his house door was not locked because he had never seen a need to lock it before.

Two area youth, both 17 years old, are suspected of breaking into a friend's home Dec. 3 and stealing the family's safe.

According to a police report, the safe had been located underneath the floorboards in a closet. The safe contained the family's birth certificates, wills and deeds, and approximately \$5,850 in jewelry.

Two jars filled with change and cash, reportedly containing several hundred dollars, were also missing from the home.

Police began suspecting the two youth after a witness told the family that he had seen the juveniles at the home during the day when the incident occurred. The juveniles, who were friends with the family's 17-year-old daughter, had knowledge of the safe, the family told police.

An investigation revealed that the teens had skipped part of their classes at Dexter High School on the day of the thefts.

One youth originally denied having any knowledge of the safe or the theft. He told deputies his vehicle had been seen in the victim's driveway because he had intended to turn around and return to his friends' house instead of continuing on in the same direction. The teen was told there was no money in the safe, only important documents and the youth became upset, the police report stated.

The second youth also told the investigating deputy that the pair had been driving and were seen at the house because they were using the driveway to turn around. He also said he had no knowledge of the safe. However, the boy's father said he had noticed some suspicious activity take place at their home on the day of the alleged incident.

The teen continued to plead his innocence, stating that he would not steal from a friend, however. Deputies searched his room for evidence, but were unable to find anything.

The suspects, however, eventually admitted that they had stolen the safe and buried it. The safe and stolen property were recovered and given back to the family.

Charges against the two youth are pending.

### Scio Township

#### Suicidal Subject

Deputies from both the Scio Township and Dexter Village substations responded to reports of a suicidal man who had locked himself into his bedroom Dec. 11. Witnesses heard a rifle shot come from inside the room, but the man was uninjured when deputies gained entrance into the room.

Huron Valley Ambulance paramedics took the man to an area hospital for a psychiatric evaluation following the incident.

### Identity Theft

A 71-year-old woman reported to deputies Dec. 18 that someone made \$1,375 of unauthorized purchases on her credit card.

The woman told police the credit card was still in her possession. She could not think of any way another person could have obtained her credit card information.

Deputies believe the unidentified person made the purchases, which mostly consisted of L.L. Bean gift cards, over the Internet.

The woman was told to cancel her credit card and report the incident to the Visa Fraud Department.

Deputies have no suspects.

### Retail Fraud

A 40-year-old man was arrested Dec. 14 for allegedly shoplifting from the Jackson Road Meijer store.

According to a police report, the Scio Township man is accused of trying to steal two pairs of gloves and several tools from the store. The items are valued at \$58.97.

The man told deputies he was not having any financial troubles and that he had stolen the items for the thrill, according to the police report.

He was released at the scene.

### Assault

A 29-year-old man is accused of physically assaulting his 24-year-old girlfriend after she refused to have intercourse with him.

According to a police report, the woman told deputies she and her boyfriend had returned home from a party early in the morning of Dec. 19, when the man started to make sexual advances toward her. The woman told the man she was not feeling well. The man left her alone for awhile, but asked again if she would have intercourse. The woman again refused, kicking the man away and forcing him off her bed.

The woman told police the man became very angry, and began cursing at her. He also accused her of cheating on him. At one point, the woman said the man grabbed her purse and started hitting her with the purse strap.

The case is open and pending review by the prosecutor's office.

### Breaking and Entering

Deputies are investigating a series of burglaries that took place Dec. 17 on Park Road.

According to a police report, the burglaries See POLICE — Page 11-A



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# The Chelsea Standard

## COMMENTARY

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2004

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### There is no need to panic over water

It's unfortunate that the Environmental Protection Agency representative was not able to give The Chelsea Standard the information necessary to evaluate the risk from acrylamide. Either they were not given enough information or they are not familiar with the standards sanctioned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

There are a number of drinking water additives that can or do contain materials nominally identified as carcinogens. The use of these additives is controlled by a standard that requires testing of the product. The use of these products is then controlled by the results of the testing.

Direct drinking water additives are controlled by ensuring their use is at a level that is 10 times lower than what is considered the "lifetime" use level for the chemical in question.

Thus, Chelsea was using a perfectly legal additive which, because of the acrylamide test results, was set in such a way that the acrylamide level was 10 times lower than the "safe" level.

I hasten to add here that the acrylamide lifetime use level is based on EPA data and has been thoroughly reviewed by toxicology panels.

Chelsea did have eight instances of exceeding the use level of the polymer. However, it must be noted that the application did not even approach the lifetime level.

There appears to be a lack of understanding of the term carcinogen. True, it does mean that the material can cause cancer. But it does not mean that contact or ingestion is going to immediately spell doom to the individual.

The intent of all the studies on various chemicals in our food, our ecosystems and our bodies is to determine what levels are safe and even under what conditions they are safe.

There appears to be some who believe that there is zero tolerance for carcinogens. I believe the first issue would be to define zero. At what level is zero defined?

In the parts-per-billion range, parts-per-trillion perhaps, or we can go lower and make it parts-per-quadrillion. With the level in mind, just how much are you willing to pay to reach these levels. Yes, that is right, your checkbook now comes into play. Then also consider how many foods, cooking methods, ingredients and storage containers you will be giving up if you remove all carcinogens or suspected carcinogens down to some imaginary zero level.

Consider the fact that apple seeds contain cyanide and that a measuring cup of

them would kill the normal human. Rhubarb contains a poison, which, if you like rhubarb, you are ingesting. That is why you never use the leaves because the concentration in the leaves is sufficient to cause serious illness or death.

How many users of organically grown food know that if broccoli and other members of the cabbage family are not protected from pests by man-made pesticides, the plant will manufacture pesticides of their own and their pesticides are far more potent carcinogens than the man-made ones?

Probably not too many, but you can be thankful that the organic farmers do know that and have taken steps to prevent the plant-made pesticides.

The point here is that one should minimize his or her risks but realize that there are always risks at hand. A person could drive himself looney trying to eliminate all possible sources of carcinogens and poisons.

Life can be rich and rewarding with caution. It will never be either one with fear.

Frank Hammer  
Chelsea

#### Shop locally during, after the holidays

If you listen to the news, you might think the holiday shopping season is going well for retailers. While that might be true for the biggest stores, it isn't so for local retailers.

I spoke to a number of local business owners last week and heard that sales are down this year. It seems that much of the foot traffic from the years before the M-52 makeover and highway construction disappeared as shoppers found it easier to go elsewhere.

I know the same situation occurred in Saline many years ago and many of the stores in that downtown area suffered terribly as a result.

It seems to me that we as a community would do well for ourselves by revisiting our local retailers and investing in our community. When we spend money locally, it stays locally. The merchants we support share our community and are our neighbors and friends.

Personally, I'm finding it much easier to shop locally, with people who care about their client base than spend my time and gas money driving 20 to 30 minutes to a big store where help is difficult to find and almost never adequate.

I'm trying hard to support my local retailers nowadays and I invite you to do the same. If we don't support our town, our neighbors and our friends, we are in danger of losing them. I've seen it happen in other towns and would be sad to see it happen here.

So as you hustle and bustle

for last-minute gifts and after-Christmas specials, spend some time in our local stores and shops. It's an investment from which we will all benefit.

Michael Dailey  
Chelsea

#### Township residents should speak up

There are a couple of related issues looming in the faces of Lima Township residents.

First is the new zoning ordinance. The issue was discussed in a joint work session between the board and Planning Commission Dec. 14. The single change in the ordinance that will have the most impact on residents is the change of minimum lot size in agricultural zones from 10 to five acres. This will result in a substantial increase in density in township agricultural areas.

Under scrutiny, arguments in favor of this change are weak. There is no argument that density will increase and the quality of our fragile roads will decrease.

Board members believe the majority of township residents support this change to five-acre minimums. Only an outpouring against the change from township residents will change their minds. I urge you to mail your opinions to Lima Township, P.O. Box 59, Chelsea MI 48118, or e-mail limatownship@voyager.net to make your voices heard.

I understand the ordinance is being bounced back to the Planning Commission for modification and that a public hearing will be held in January. Watch for details of the meeting and attend, if you can.

Second, during the work session, I studied a township "future growth" map that Carlisle Wortman had produced. It showed a planned sewer district encompassing the Fletcher Road and Interstate 94 intersection that included and estimated 200 acres stretching south of the expressway along South Fletcher Road, about a half-mile, earmarked for higher-density housing.

Based on new zoning ordinance guidelines, some 800 homes would be scheduled to be built in the 200-acre area. I've never heard of any plans for this kind of density south of I-94 or away from the city of Chelsea. I'm against it and I hope you are, too. I urge you to make your sentiments known on this issue, as well.

Bob Spink  
Lima Township

#### Religious right seems to dominate our country

I'm tired of seeing letters to editors, TV news spots and articles in my news magazines that proclaim that the election was won based on moral principles of some kind.

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#### OTHER VOICES

## Granholtz is navigating traitorous political waters

Michigan governors have always had a tough time navigating the often-traitorous political waters in Detroit.

Interestingly, Republicans William Milliken and John Engler enjoyed some success while Democrat James Blanchard floundered and current Gov. Jennifer Granholm isn't far behind.

Blanchard's rocky relationship with then-Mayor Coleman Young contributed to his defeat at the hands of Engler in 1990. While nobody is crazy enough at this read to predict the same fate for Granholm, the ingredients are there.

The relationship between the Democratic governor and current Democratic Detroit mayor, Kwame Kilpatrick, appears on the surface to be amiable. But looks are deceiving.

The two had a major run-in even before she took office. The infamous memo of August 2002 outlined some over the top "demands" the mayor sought if then candidate Granholm was elected. It helped to drive angry white male voters into the Republican column and blew up Granholm's double-digit lead.

And it didn't wash with the Granholm camp that Kilpatrick denied he had anything to do with the memo.

More recently the two locked horns over creating more charter schools in Detroit. Caught in the cross fire between teacher unions and a Republican millionaire who wanted to help, the governor emerged tarnished. There's more.

On Granholm's watch, Detroit has lost just shy of \$98 million due to revenue sharing cuts, despite a 1998 agreement to hold the city harmless from more reductions.

Then she embraced a hefty 33 percent hike on Detroit's only Golden Goose, its three casinos. She angered the pro casino crowd even more when she cuddled up to the House GOP speaker in a TV commercial to battle state ballot Proposal 1, which the casinos were highly promoting.

Next the mayor wanted the governor to get involved in the fight over who should elect the next Detroit Board of Education. She declined,

and he was not pleased.

When a change in the Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Agency was then proposed, she threatened to veto the approach endorsed by Kilpatrick.

And just to prove that the angst goes both ways, the Granholm camp blamed Kilpatrick for being AWOL in helping presidential candidate John Kerry in Motown.

"We won by going around

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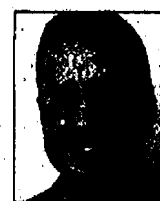
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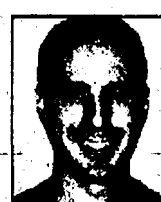
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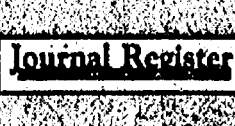
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### STREET TALK

By Rita Fischer

#### What is your favorite Christmas memory?



"I always enjoyed window shopping with my mother when we went downtown, looking at the decorations."

Sandy Gow  
Chelsea



"I always liked candy cane lane in Kalamazoo, and I still take my kids there now."

Connie Leach  
Chelsea



"I always enjoyed taking the kids to the Upper Peninsula and spending Christmas together."

Sarah Steele  
Dexter Township



"I really have always enjoyed it when my family has a cookie baking party and we make hundreds of cookies."

Catherine Kirkwood  
Scioto Township



OTHER VOICES

# Life shouldn't be taken for granted

This column will at times seem disjointed. It will steer off course. It may not make sense. And it may be too confusing or disorganized.

But this column is about life. And as we continue to discover in our journey, life is often disjointed. It steers off course and doesn't make sense. It's confusing and disorganized.

Life also can be painful. Brutally, unjustifiably painful.

There are three people I would like you to meet. They are three people that I know to varying degrees. But they are connected. They are connected to one another. They are connected to me. And I would like them to be connected to you.

They also are connected through pain, and each one is at a different stage of their pain.

## Jill

Jill is John's wife. John, one of my best friends I have in this world, passed away last summer at the age of 39 after cancer slowly destroyed his will, his body, his mind — but never his faith. I will always say that John is one of my best friends because John still influences me, helps me, makes me laugh, makes me think, makes me cry — just like he always did. I miss talking to him, but he still

talks to me. In fact, his voice has never been as loud as it is today.

Jill, who was left with two young children, has had a difficult time. Her oldest son is angry. Who can blame him? Her youngest daughter is confused. Who can blame her?

Jill will tell you she isn't remarkable, amazing or strong. She will tell you she is struggling. She is trying. And she is coping. But Jill is doing what Jill needs to do — raise her children the best way she can. And raise herself off the ground and try to carry on living.

It's been over a year since John's death. She had to deal with the pain of watching her hero slip away — not only dealing with his pain but her pain as well. From the outside, she looks good. But inside, the hurt lingers. She says she still has her bad days. And they can still be very, very bad days.

Time doesn't ease this kind of pain. But remarkable, amazing and strong people learn how to struggle, try and cope.

## Jeannette

Jeannette is a woman I met playing euchre online a few weeks ago. After we won four games in a row, we got to "talking." She is from Canada, near Montreal. She has kids,



TERRY JACOBY

including one in high school. And her husband of 25 years passed away of a heart attack just 14 days earlier.

Her card game was her first attempt at trying to do something other than make funeral plans or trying to pull herself up off the floor from crying — sitting in a chair has never been so difficult.

Just that morning, she got out of bed and poured two cups of coffee like she has done for 25 years. She did it without thinking. And then she sat down at the table and stared at the cup across from her.

Jeannette stopped eating. Not for days, but for weeks. She was sent to the hospital where they had to feed her through tubes. Her doctor told her that people die of a broken heart. She never thought that was possible. Now she thinks it's highly probable.

At times, she sounds like it's a fight she won't win. She hesitated to reach out and seek help — that cost her a few extra bad days. The holidays certainly aren't helping.

I only know Jeannette through e-mails and card games. She knows when to go alone in euchre. But she is struggling to learn how to go alone in life. She needs to realize she has partners ... friends, sons, daughters, doctors. She doesn't have to go alone — this is what

she needs to realize. So far, the cards aren't falling her way. But there are hearts and diamonds on her horizon when she realizes it's her turn to play again.

## Maryann

Maryann walked into my life on a Tuesday, carrying a color photograph and a black and white heart. Her husband, only 43 years old, had just passed away days earlier. There was no slow path to this moment. This was an instant, blindsided hit — an unexpected blow to every future plan she ever envisioned.

The photograph was of a young family. It was a picture of four. But now the frame and future includes only three.

One is now gone when he shouldn't be gone. He should be coming home for dinner — but won't be. He should be taking his jacket off the chair and putting it on — but won't be. He should be crawling into that empty space in the bed — but won't be.

Maryann and her kids didn't deserve this. They were planning for the holidays. Christmas shopping. Deciding where to spend New Year's Eve. They weren't picking out plots. Or choosing flowers and caskets. These weren't on the December schedule.

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We re-elected a president who has invaded a sovereign nation that has never threatened or attacked us.

The administration lied to its people about weapons of mass destruction, their location and any knowledge about them.

Our commander in chief could not report to the Texas Air National Guard medical evaluation. Why is that? I'll let you look into that for yourself, but keep in mind that a puff of marijuana was enough to have conservatives screaming for mercy at President Bill Clinton's existence in the political arena.

I'm tired of the label "moral" being applied only to those who follow the right-wing conservatives of our country. I think morality is more intense, deeper and more thought provoking than that.

Moral people realize that there is a separation of church and state, and don't try to legislate their religious beliefs, practices and doctrines. Yet, they still manage to see the greatness of our country and the morality of those who may not agree with their own opinion on what is right.

Moral people think beyond a few select words in the Bible and manage to think for themselves, as well. God gave us free will after all. It's sad when people don't use it.

Moral people recognize that they cannot possibly understand the scope of the

life of another until they've walked in their shoes and, for that reason, do not make choices for them. Judge not, lest ye be judged.

Moral people can see God's work in the use of stem cell research. Again, free will is an amazing thing and our God has given us some brilliant minds to steer us toward the healing of some horrendous illnesses. If we wish to be healed, the options are there for us. If we chose not to use them, who is to blame?

How dare the religious right decide that an embryo is more important than a live human being, child or adult? This is another example of the right continuously selling the human race short and believing God is just going to come down and do our work for us.

I'm tired of the word moral being taped on to the right-wing conservatives of our country. Being a liberal woman who manages to have the capacity to be a Christian, as well, I am disgusted by this idea that only the conservative right can be moral, that only they hold the key to the concept of morality and that the rest of us are somehow depraved in our disbelief of religious doctrine or its interpretation.

It's sad that the moral majority of our country has decided to ensure that its religion is made law, and that same-sex marriages should be considered a bastardization of the "institution" of marriage. Never mind that 50 percent of couples are

divorced anyway, and that we straight couples have done a fine job of bastardizing the institution of marriage all on our own.

I'm tired of having to shake my head and walk away from countless conversations overheard in the grocery store or the parking lot or even in the doorways of my children's schools. In these conversations, I have been judged as immoral because I demand the right to think for myself beyond the manner in which many of the religious right have interpreted passages of the Bible.

I prefer that my children learn to believe in our Lord, as well as his concept of free

will, rather than a bigot's interpretation of the Bible.

Morality doesn't rest itself on a color or a representative animal. Morality is seeing truth, loving others although you may find fault with them and recognizing that you, as a human being, have no better understanding of the Bible or any other religious text than any other person who has read those words and was inspired, indifferent or unsure.

Lisa Childress  
Dexter Village

## Group wishes all peace on Earth

"Peace on Earth" is the

message of the season. On Sundays at noon, as our Chelsea peace group stands at the corner near the Chelsea Post Office with our evergreen festooned sign, that is our focus.

We are grateful to all the passersby who support our message with their honks and thumbs up. We believe this is a universal hope that extends beyond the season and throughout the world.

We are also grateful, particularly to the man who stopped by on this very cold day and offered to go get us hot drinks, and the second man who just walked up to us with a tray of hot chocolate.

We did not get either name, but thank you so much who ever you are.

Warming our hands and hearts, we truly would like to pass that warmth on to our American brothers and sisters who are enduring more than cold in far away places, trying to carry out our nation's attempts to create peace in other parts of the world.

May the citizens of those countries soon be freed from their current suffering and be able to experience genuine peace.

Lynn Meadows  
Lyndon Township  
Suzy Morse  
Lyndon Township

## GRANHOLM

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him," was the not-so-flattering observation.

To be sure, the two have cooperated. She helped the city block a suburban takeover of Detroit's Water Board and she recently pumped some money into a downtown renewal project. However the mayor still gripes that he is "disappointed" she has not done more.

If all this seems like inside baseball, it is not.

The latest statewide poll reveals a pair of fours for the governor: 44 percent of Detroiters give her excellent to good marks for job performance, while 56 percent grade her fair to poor.

On the upside, 70 percent said she is effective, but only 44 percent would vote to re-elect her.

You would need a healthy dose of truth serum to get the governor to confirm the existence of any bad blood.

The mayor reports, "There's no tension on my part," which leaves the impression he's not so sure about the other part.

When Granholm runs again, its unlikely Detroiters will go for a GOP candidate. But given the current mood, they may not flock to the polls for her, either, which will be shades of Jimbo's loss in 1990.

Tim Skubick is a veteran observer of Lansing politics. He hosts the public TV show

Off the Record, and does regular commentary for WWJ-Radio 950.

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## Showing Appreciation

The annual Staff Appreciation luncheon held Nov. 5 at Beach Middle School in Chelsea featured a variety of dishes, as well as hungry employees. The event was held in the staff lounge and media center. Teachers Pat Clarke (left), Carole Murphy and Nathan Peters check out the variety. Among the offerings were soups, salads and desserts, all donated by parent volunteers.

ANN ARBOR

## Museum offers peace exhibit

The Visions for Peace 2004 art exhibit will be on display at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum through Jan. 31.

Students from more than 26 schools in Southern Michigan contributed their artwork to demonstrate the understanding they have of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

This is the second year the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum has featured the Visions for Peace art exhibit. Last year, more than 21,000 people visited the museum and viewed Visions for Peace 2003. This year's exhibit features a selection of the new artwork contributed by students.

"We are pleased to bring the Visions for Peace exhibit back again this year," said

Executive Director Mel Drumm in a press release. "The exhibit generated a great deal of community support and relayed the importance of the topic from a child's view."

The widely celebrated children's art exhibit was created by Lillian Genser, former director of Wayne State University's Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. Genser created the Visions for Peace exhibit because of her belief that art allows people to connect with their own humanity. Genser was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame for her work in 2000.

The exhibit is free with museum admission. Hours are Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m.

## LIFE

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But life doesn't have a schedule.

I asked Maryann how she was holding up. "Good. I have to for my kids," she said.

But Maryann won't hold up for long. She will crumble and fall to depths she can't imagine. I could see in her eyes that strength was winning the battle, but pain is relentless. It won't stop. It will keep coming. There will be reminders everywhere she looks.

Jill has passed through these dark halls. Jeannette is right in the middle. And Maryann is about to enter.

Her control and poise were remarkable when we met. She had business to take care of and that's what she was doing, checking off items on her to-do list. But when the to-do list is over is when it will hit hardest.

While she isn't prepared for what's coming, it's easy to see that Maryann is strong willed, tough, honest and grounded. Before she stands up again, though, she needs to hit that ground. And she will hit it hard and often.

But Maryann will rise again — she has to, for her kids and for herself.

### The message

I have known Jill for years. I have never heard Jeannette's voice. And I met Maryann for less than five minutes on Tuesday. But they have all said more to me than they will ever realize. They have helped me learn the ultimate lesson. Not that life is unpredictable, confusing, disjointed or painful. But life is life.

And you better start living it because time can run out at any time. And life can change drastically at any time.

This column was supposed to be about me and how I have learned not to take any second for granted. And how I shouldn't get upset if the heat doesn't work in the office or if I need to get gas in the pouring rain.

But this isn't about me. And it's not about Jill, Jeannette or Maryann. It's about you. I wanted you to meet these people. Because they're pretty special and I didn't want to keep them to myself.

You know what to do now. So go live and enjoy. And

take these three remarkable women with you. Never go alone when you don't have to is one lesson. But the main lesson is to go — while you still can.

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## Winter Art

Morgan Powell decorates a pinecone in teacher Karen Glover's classroom at North Creek Elementary School in Chelsea. Children worked on special arts and crafts projects before taking off for the winter break.

## WASHTENAW COUNTY

# Volunteers needed for stonefly search

The Huron River Watershed Council is looking for participants to join its Winter Stonefly Search Jan. 22 at Millers Creek.

The stoneflies hibernate during most of the year when problems associated with warm summer streams, such as stormwater runoff or excessive plant growth, limit oxygen levels, according to a press release. Then, when oxygen in the water is at its peak, the winter stoneflies grow, feed and find their mates.

Since stoneflies are very sensitive to environmental conditions, if participants can't find them in January, it's a sign that pollutants might be in the stream.

The watershed council is evaluating Mill Creek to address its primary problems, which include water flow, soil erosion and phosphorus.

Participants must register by Jan. 14. They will be divided into five-member teams and paired with trained lead-

ers. Teams will investigate two sites that have different conditions.

Mill Creek, which enters the Huron River at Dexter, is the largest sub-watershed on the Huron, covering 145 square miles. It includes Letts Creek, the north fork and the south and east branches, totaling 225 stream miles and 560 Lakes, including Sutton, Cavanaugh, Pleasant and West Lake.

When rain falls anywhere in this area, the resulting stormwater makes its way to Mill Creek by flowing into the streams, storm sewers, lakes and wetlands that drain into the creek, which flows into the Huron River in Dexter.

The sub-watershed includes the city of Chelsea, Dexter Village and the townships of Dexter, Freedom, Lima, Lyndon, Sharon, Sylvan and Webster.

E-mail Joan Martin at [jmartin@hrwc.org](mailto:jmartin@hrwc.org) or call 769-5971 by Jan. 14 to register for the event or to learn more about the study.

## POLICE

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report, the first reported burglary occurred sometime between 11:15 and 11:45 a.m. Friday. Someone broke into a home in the 6000 block of Park Road through an unlocked garage door.

The victim told deputies she had left the house unlocked while she ran an errand. After returning, she noticed that several CDs were strewn across the hallway floor. She and her husband then discovered \$7,500 in missing items, including shotguns and a stereo system.

In a second police report, a woman living in the 7000 block of Park Road told police her home was broken into between 9:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. that same day.

Deputies believe the perpetrator kicked in the

woman's patio door. The woman told police two costume necklaces were stolen, as well as a stereo system. Damage to the door and glass was estimated at \$500.

### Stolen Car Recovered

A 1991 Volvo that was originally reported stolen from the Golfside Auto Sales dealership, 4255 Jackson Road, was returned to the property.

According to a police report, a former employee of the dealership stole the vehicle. It was driven to Ann Arbor, where the man checked himself into a rehabilitation facility for alcoholism. He then contacted the dealership's owner, advising him that he was sorry for stealing the car and that another person would return the keys.

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

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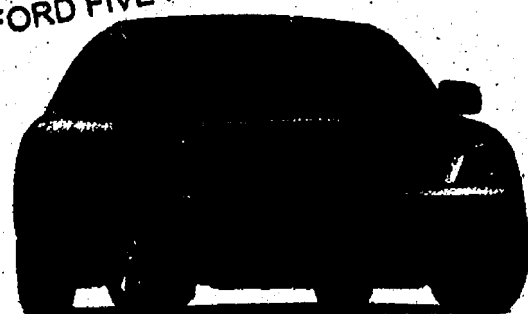
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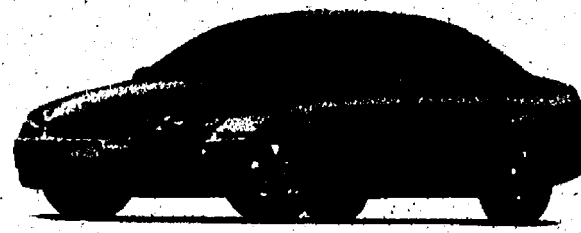
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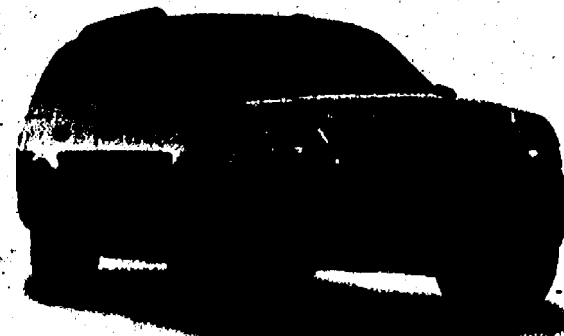
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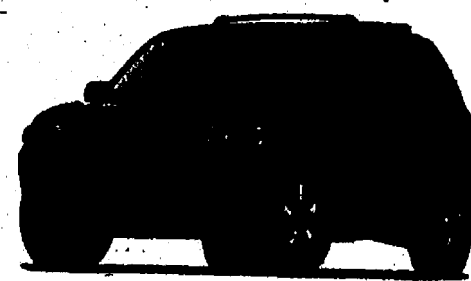
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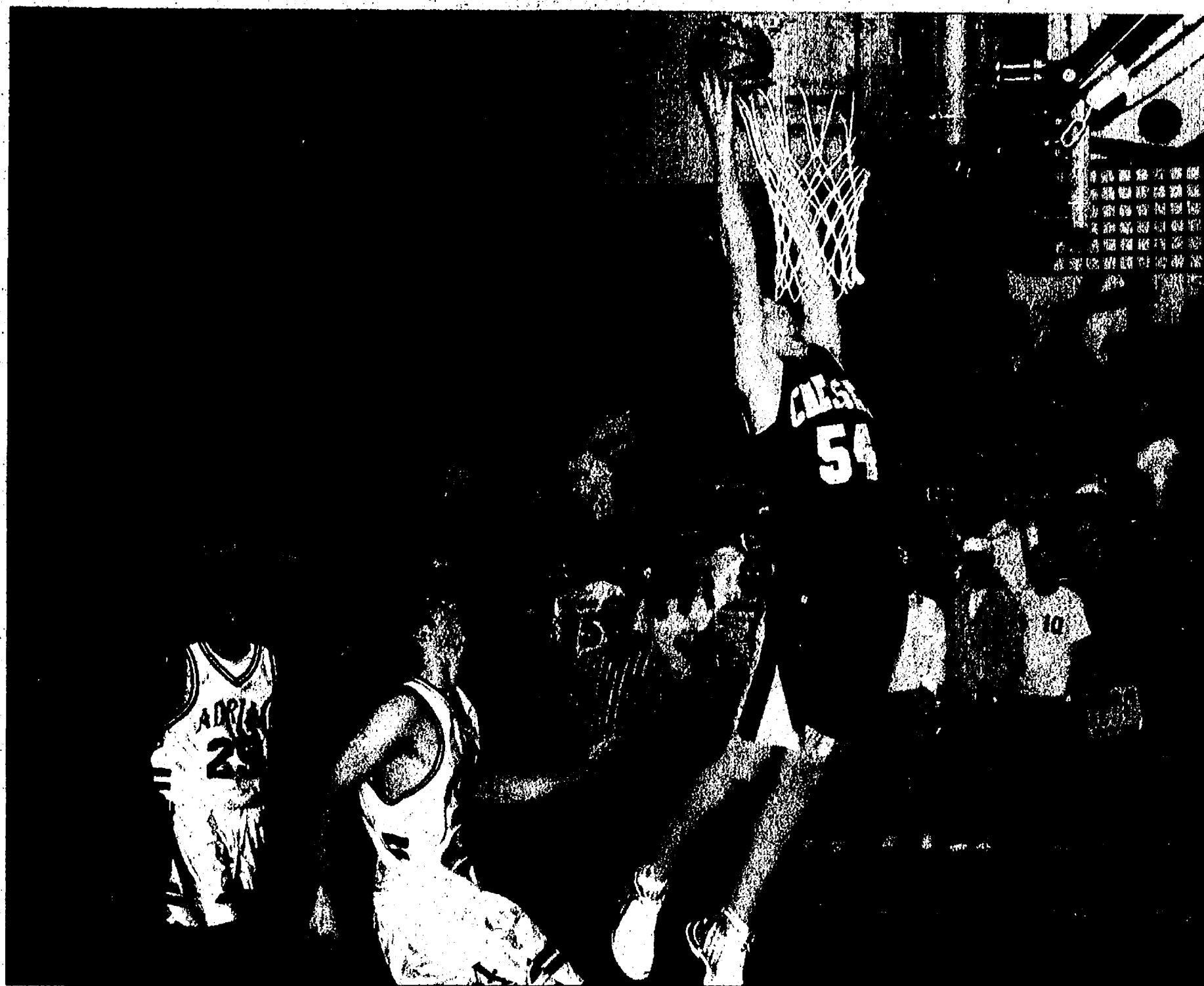
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Chelsea junior John Mantel finishes off a drive to the basket against Adrian last Friday. The Bulldogs lost to the Maples 70-56. Mantel ended up with 17 points to pace Chelsea.

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Alice Rawson



## COLLEGE ATHLETICS

### Local athletes make mark in college

Cobler, Mann, Scheffler and others excel at next level

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

For relatively small towns, Chelsea and Dexter, year after year, churn out an abundance of high-quality athletes.

This past fall season and into the winter campaign, numerous local athletes have made their mark on the collegiate sports scene.

Here's a look at a few:

In the Mid-American Conference, Chelsea's Tony Scheffler was named first team All-Conference as a tight end for Western Michigan University. The 6-foot-6, 250-pound junior led MAC tight ends with 53 receptions and 570 yards. His catch total was a school record for tight ends.

In the Big Ten, Dexter's Erin Cobler earned the league's Sportsmanship Award for volleyball. The 6-1 redshirt sophomore helped lead the University of Michigan to the second round of the NCAA tournament before falling to No. 11-ranked Texas 19-30, 27-30, 30-23, 28-30. Overall, the Wolverines finished 20-13, with a sixth-place 9-11 mark in the conference.

Also in volleyball, Dexter's Eliza Lee received the Varsity Award for Albion College. The 5-5 junior setter sparked the Britons to a 10-15 overall record and a 7-9 mark in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Fellow Albion athlete Meghan Tandy of Chelsea finished her junior season on the Britons' women's cross-country squad this past fall. Albion placed third in the MIAA.

At Hope College, Chelsea sophomore David Hardcastle earned a letter as a member of the Flying Dutchmen men's golf team. In the pool, senior Jeff Heydlauff joined sophomores Andre Bravo and Jake Holton in competing for Hope's men's swimming and diving squad.

At Bowling Green State University, Chelsea's Allison Mann was named Mid-American Conference Player of the Week for women's basketball. The 6-1 sophomore forward had a double-double of 19 points and 10 rebounds in an 80-74 win over St. Francis (Pa.) last Saturday. Mann, last season's MAC Freshman of the Year, is averaging 12.3 points and 7.7 rebounds per game this year for the Falcons (6-4).

Back over at U of M, Dexter redshirt freshman Kali Williams helped pace the Wolverines to their third straight women's cross-country Big Ten title. Michigan placed sixth at the NCAA meet. Earlier in the season, Williams had arguably her best outing for the Wolverines, finishing fifth in 19:33 at the Eastern Michigan University Classic.

Dexter sophomore Jeff Marsh is a member of the Wolverines' nationally ranked wrestling team.

On the links, the area is well represented as Chelsea redshirt freshman Julie Inwood and Dexter true

## BASKETBALL

### Chelsea basketball falls to Adrian

Powerful inside game hurts Bulldog eagers versus Maples

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Chelsea basketball team came out on the short end, losing to Adrian 70-56 last Friday.

The visiting Bulldogs (3-1) fell behind early to the Maples (3-0), trailing 17-4 after one quarter.

At halftime, Adrian increased its advantage to 40-23.

"It was a combination of Adrian playing real well offensively and we not shooting very well," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond.

The Maples pounded the ball inside against the smaller Chelsea squad. The Bulldogs had no answer for Adrian's Jake DeRoeck in the paint during the first half.

The 6-foot-7 senior center had 20 points in the first two quarters to pace the Maples. In the second half, Chelsea

clamped down on the three-year starter, holding him to only four points.

"He's a long, lanky kid who jumps really well," Raymond said of DeRoeck. "We rotated well (defensively), but his reach was too long for us."

Raymond said in the second half that the Bulldogs increased their pressure defensively in an attempt to contain DeRoeck.

"We worked harder in the second half," he said. "We changed our backside coverage. Plus, we put more pressure on the ball."

In the second half, Chelsea played better, especially in the fourth quarter.

With the Maples leading 56-34 entering the fourth frame, the Bulldogs started their comeback.

"We tried to trap the ball more and force turnovers defensively," Raymond said. "We got it (deficit) down to nine points with a minute left. But then they (Maples) hit their free throws. They shot the ball well."

Junior center John Mantel led Chelsea with 17 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots.

Senior swing player Danny Keilman (6-1) added 16 points, including 2-of-5 from beyond the arc. He also dished out a team-high four assists on the night.

Senior guard Tim Mann (6-2) chipped in eight points and three assists, while sophomore guard Nate Schwarze (6-9) had seven points and four steals.

Juniors forwards Robbie Moffett (5-11) and Cam Hawkins (6-0), along with center Matt Weber (6-2) and sophomore forward Mike Sauers, each netted two points for the Bulldogs.

Adrian shot well the entire game, finishing 20-of-38 for 53 percent from the field. Chelsea, on the other hand, was 16-of-37 for 43 percent.

At the foul line, the Maples ended up an impressive 28-of-35 for 80 percent, while the Bulldogs were 19-of-32 for 59 percent.

"It was the first game this season an opponent's defense took us out of our offense," Raymond said. "But give our kids credit, we kept battling. We whittled it down to nine points. Adrian is a very good team."



Bulldog senior guard Tim Mann looks to pass the ball versus Ann Arbor Huron last week. Mann scored 14 points, grabbed five rebounds and had one steal as Chelsea defeated the River Rats 57-46.

#### Chelsea vs. Huron

On Dec. 14, Chelsea defeated Ann Arbor Huron 57-46.

The Bulldogs were strong shooting the ball, finishing 19-of-40 for 48 percent from the field, including 8-of-10 from the three-point line.

At the charity stripe, Chelsea was even better, hitting 11-of-12 shots for 92 percent.

Mantel paced the host Bulldogs with 18 points, including four triples.

Schwarze added 15 points, including 3-of-3 from three-point land and 6-of-6 from the line. Mann netted 14 points. See ADRIAN — Page 2-C

## HOCKEY

### Bulldog icers battle Big Rapids, Cadillac

Chelsea heads up north to participate in Division III Showcase Tournament

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey participated in the Division III Showcase Tournament in Gaylord last week. The competition pits five teams from northern Michigan against five squads from the southern portion of the state.

The Bulldogs (3-2-4) opened the tournament last Friday losing to Big Rapids 4-2.

"We dominated for two periods and then they came back," said Chelsea coach Don Wright.

Chelsea scored early, turning the light on at 4:53 of the first period, as sophomore forward David Maveál tipped in a shot from senior defenseman Brett Common to give the Bulldogs a 1-0 lead.

In the first period, Chelsea was all over the Cardinals, out shooting them 13-5.

The Bulldogs increased their

advantage to 2-0 in the second period as senior center Davis Turner scored off an assist from junior forward Eric Cremer and junior defenseman Matt Perry at 12:52 of the stanza.

With 36 seconds left in the second period, Big Rapids scored on a power-play goal, cutting Chelsea's lead to 2-1 entering the third frame.

"That goal changed momentum," Wright said.

Fifty seconds into the third period, the Cardinals scored to tie the game at 2-2.

Two minutes later, Big Rapids scored a fluke goal, giving it a 3-2 advantage. The puck slowly rolled into the net as the Chelsea goaltender misplayed the shot.

At 9:02 of the period, the Cardinals added the exclamation point, scoring a goal for the night's final margin.

"We had numerous scoring opportunities," Wright said. "Ryan Ford (senior forward) had a breakaway and hit both posts. We had a 2-on-0 and we missed the net. They (Big Rapids) were able to get momentum (at end of second period), but we still battled. They took it to us, though, in the third period."

The Cardinals out shot Chelsea 33-28, including 16-4 in the third period.

"We're definitely disappointed in the outcome," Wright said. "We've been struggling with holding a lead. Give Big Rapids credit, they capitalized (on opportunities) in the third period."

#### Chelsea vs. Cadillac

Last Saturday, Chelsea tied Cadillac 2-2.

The Vikings entered the game against the Bulldogs after tying No. 3 ranked Riverview 3-3 the night before.

Cadillac scored first on a power-play goal seven minutes into the opening period. Tim Joseph scored for the Vikings and was assisted by David Brugger.

Twenty-eight seconds later, Brugger scored, upping Cadillac's advantage to 2-0. Keeghan Welsh assisted on the play for the Vikings.

With the Cadillac crowd in an uproar, Chelsea called timeout. The Vikings, at that juncture, were out shooting the Bulldogs 10-2.

"Momentum was definitely going their way," Wright said. "We needed to refocus. I told the guys, 'It's our

turn to play from behind.' From that point on, we dominated. The boys responded really well. We hadn't been behind by two goals (all season). In the last half (of period), we out shot them 5-2. At that point, we started to take over."

In the second period, a rejuvenated Chelsea squad peppered the Viking goaltender with shots, scoring at 10:18 of the frame as junior forward Taylor Hooper hit the back of the net. Junior forward Luc Daniels and freshman forward Matt Heinen assisted on the goal for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea out shot Cadillac 8-4 in the period.

In the third frame, sophomore forward Schyler Williams scored a power-play goal at 7:01 of the period to tie the game at 2-2. Ford recorded an assist on the play for the Bulldogs.

In the final minutes of the contest, Chelsea had the Vikings on their heels, pressuring Cadillac and forcing a timeout.

Despite the short break, the Bulldogs continued to hammer away at the Viking goal.

"(After timeout) we dominated but See CADILLAC — Page 2-C

See COLLEGE — Page 2-C



## WRESTLING

# Chelsea competes in Coldwater invite

**Bulldogs also host tri-meet with Pioneer, Huron**

By Don Richter  
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling ventured west last Saturday to participate in the Coldwater Invitational.

"It's always a tough competition," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "Some of the best teams in the state are there."

Winning the 16-team tournament was traditional state power Allegan.

In their first match, the Bulldogs tied Battle Creek Harper Creek 39-39. Chelsea was awarded the victory based on referee's criteria. The match officials needed to go to the seventh criteria to determine a winner. The Bulldogs ended up having the most near-falls, giving them the win.

In its second match, Chelsea lost to Stevensville-Lakeshore 66-12. In their third match, the Bulldogs lost to Bronson 59-26.

Chelsea lost to Allegan 47-29 in its fourth bout.

"I was impressed with our

kids," Kargel said. "They're (Allegan) a tough team."

In the day's final match, the Bulldogs defeated Union City 48-36.

Individually for Chelsea Stephen Kolokithas finished 5-0 at 152 pounds. Overall this season, Kolokithas is 17-0.

Brad Hinderer ended up 4-1 at heavyweight, while Geoff Wonders was 4-1 at 112 for the Bulldogs.

Finishing 3-2 on the day for Chelsea were Austin Rodgers (215), Cody Schiller (140) and Adam Rosentreter (103). Bulldog Doug Zygner ended up 2-3 at 130. A.J. Suffety was 1-2 at 189, while Derek Jolly was (1-1) at 160 for the Bulldogs.

Going 1-4 for Chelsea were Matt Schultz (119) and Paul Bell (125). Drew Wint (160) finished 0-3 for the meet, while Jessie Nickerson (171) and James Connelly (171) each ended up 0-2 for the Bulldogs. Oscar Marx (171), K.J. LeBau (189), David Fishburn (189) and Sam Birgey (heavyweight) all went 0-1 on the day for Chelsea.

## Chelsea tri-meet

Last Thursday, the Bulldogs hosted a tri-meet with Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron.

Chelsea beat Pioneer 54-18 and Huron 60-22.

Against the Pioneers, Rosentreter pinned Brian Beckley in 3:44 at 103. At 112, Dan Crowley in 4:56, while Matt Schultz decided Kevin Phelps 9-5 at 119.

At 125, Bell pinned Chris Marley in 2:39, while Zygner pinned Zack Damien in 2:28 at 130 and Marty Kelley pinned Pioneer's David Abbott in 39 seconds at 135. Schiller decisioned Seth Wolf 9-2 at 140, while Ross Fortner lost by pin in 55 seconds to Ann Arbor's Caleb Paleb at 145 and Kolokithas pinned Mike Crowley in 1:49 at 152.

At 160, Jolly pinned Bill Mayer in 1:19, while Connelly was pinned in 1:26 by John Grimsten at 171 and Suffety was pinned by Jim Petoskey in 1:41 at 189. Rodgers pinned Ryan Connor in 1:22 at 215, while Hinderer pinned

**"We had a lot of pins. The younger kids are really helping out. The kids are in good shape physically. We'll continue to battle."**

**Kerry Kargel  
Chelsea coach**

DeMario Bruce in 30 seconds at heavyweight.

Against Huron, Rosentreter won by void at 103, while Wonders pinned Andrew Vang in 3:36 at 112 and Schultz pinned Mitchell Blairpy in 5:22 at 119. Bell pinned James Wolford in 1:22 at 125, while Zygner won by void at 130 and Kelley lost by major decision 12-3 to Matt Helman at 135.

At 140, Schiller pinned Dwayne Hunter in 1:39, while Fortner lost by pin in 3:33 to Will Battle at 145 and Kolokithas pinned John Wolfe in 1:33 at 152. Wint pinned Tim Mapley in 2:45 at 160, while Chelsea's Andrew Ramsey was pinned by Paul Paney in 1:32 at 171 and Suffety pinned Turek Alawri in 1:02 at 189.

Rodgers lost by pin to Alex Walters in 1:18 at 215, while Hinderer pinned Tim McMacken in 1:15 at heavyweight.

"We had a lot of pins," Kargel said. "The younger kids are really helping out. The kids are in good shape physically. We'll continue to battle."

The Bulldogs next travel to Oxford to participate in its invitational 10 a.m. Dec. 30.

On Jan. 6, Chelsea visits Temperance Bedford for a meet at 6:30 p.m.

## ADRIAN

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five rebounds and one steal in a fine, all-around performance for Chelsea.

Keilman ended up with five points and four assists, while senior forward Spencer Daniels (6-0) and Moffett each had two points and Hawkins one point for the Bulldogs.

Huron shot 19-of-49 from the field for 39 percent. From the line, the River Rats ended up 3-of-7 for 43 percent.

Chelsea jumped on Huron early, running out to a 17-6 first-quarter lead. At half-time, the Bulldogs increased their advantage to 29-12.

"We got off to a great start," Raymond said. "We played with a lot of confidence. We wanted to set the tone. We played well on offense and defense. To hold Huron to 12 points at the half was a good defensive effort."

In the third quarter, the River Rats regrouped, outscoring Chelsea 22-12, entering the fourth frame trailing 41-34.

The Bulldogs, however, closed out the contest, outscoring Huron 18-12 in the fourth quarter for the night's final margin.

"We handled their defensive pressure," Raymond said. "We made eight free throws in the fourth quarter. We were 8-of-8 from the line in the fourth."

Raymond said his defense played well.

"We did a good job keeping them out of the middle," he said. "We helped each other out defensively. All four games (this season) we've done a great job of helping each other out."

"I'm very pleased with how we're playing. We've played outstanding defense, and the offense is playing like it's mid-January."

Chelsea next hosts its annual Holiday Classic Tuesday and Wednesday.

Haslett squares off against Manchester in the tournament opener at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Bulldogs follow

at 7 p.m. taking on Milan.

On Wednesday, the consolation game will be at 5:30 p.m., followed by the championship contest at 7 p.m.

On Jan. 4, Chelsea hosts Jackson Northwest at 7 p.m.

**JV Basketball**  
Last Friday, Chelsea's JV boys' basketball team defeated Adrian 52-50.

The visiting Bulldogs (3-1) outscored the Maples 13-5 in the second quarter, taking a 24-19 lead into the locker room.

Adam Connell led the Bulldogs with 20 points. Todd Elliott added 14 points, while Jon Seelbach had 11 points for Chelsea.

**Chelsea vs. Huron**  
On Dec. 14, the Bulldogs lost to Ann Arbor Huron 53-47.

The visiting River Rats outscored Chelsea 22-14 in the third quarter, taking a 41-36 lead into the fourth frame. Huron netted 12 points in the fourth quarter, while the Bulldogs scored 11 points, for the night's final margin.

Ben Johnson paced Chelsea with 13 points. Seelbach chipped in 13 points, while Connell had nine points.

"We have had a nice start to the season," said Chelsea coach Mark Scheese. "We look forward to our holiday tournament."

**Freshman Basketball**  
Last Friday, Chelsea's freshman boys' basketball team defeated host Adrian 59-47.

"After giving up 21 points in the first quarter, the Bulldog defense clamped down, holding Adrian to just 26 points the remainder of the game," said Chelsea coach Jason Morris. "Defensively, we had trouble handling their picks in the first quarter. The guys did an excellent job of making adjustments the rest of the game."

Jeff Adams led Chelsea (2-2) with 19 points. Stuart Mann added 18 points and Elliot Marshall had 10 points for the Bulldogs.

**Chelsea vs. Huron**  
On Dec. 14, Chelsea defeated Ann Arbor Huron 48-38.

## COLLEGE

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freshman Lindsay Davis are members of U of M's women's golf team. Davis helped lead the Wolverines to a second-place finish at the Edwin Watts/Palmetto Intercollegiate Tournament last month in Johns Island, S.C. She shot a three-day total of 250 (76-87-87) for U-M.

Chelsea freshman Blythe Crane is swinging the clubs for Brown University's women's golf team. A highlight for Crane was leading the Bears with a two-day total of 161 (80-81) at the Bucknell Fall Classic earlier

this season. Overall, she finished ninth in the tournament.

Also at Brown, Dexter sophomore Chris Burke is a member of the Bears' men's cross-country squad. This past season he received the team's Most Improved Award.

In women's swimming and diving, Dexter sophomore Lindsey Smith and Chelsea freshman Kayla Hack are competing for the Wolverines this season. U of M is ranked No. 5 in the nation. Smith is the defending Big Ten champion in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:46.32. She also was the league's runner-up in the 100

freestyle in 49.30.

Earlier this month at the U.S. Open long course meet in San Antonio, Smith finished seventh in the 50 freestyle, ninth in the 200 freestyle and 10th in the 100 freestyle for the Wolverines.

A highlight for Hack this season was her fifth-place finish in the 100 freestyle (55.85) last month in a dual meet versus Ohio State University. Hack's older brother, Andy, swims for the Wolverine men's team.

At the University of Wisconsin, Dexter's Amalia Sarnecki is a member of the Badgers' women's swimming and diving team. A junior, Sarnecki is the Big Ten

defending champion in the 200 breaststroke.

Earlier this month, she placed second in the event at the University of Texas Invitational. Her time of 2:12.01 set a school record, breaking her old mark of 2:12.37. She also owns the school record in the 100 breaststroke.

Last year, Sarnecki placed 16th at the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 200 breaststroke. She also finished 18th in the 100 breaststroke at the Olympic trials. She placed ninth in the 200 breaststroke at the NCAA Championships.

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## BEACH BASKETBALL

# Beach hoopsters lose to Lincoln

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Gold boys' basketball team lost to Ypsilanti Lincoln 47-32 Dec. 15.

Mike Roberts paced the visiting Bulldogs, scoring 17 points.

Mike Lenneman added 13 points, while Mike Stratman had two points for Beach.

"Mike Roberts and Mike Lenneman will be a talented backcourt for the Bulldog basketball program for years to come," said Chelsea coach Mike Bareis. "We played a fantastic first half against a very talented Lincoln team."

On Dec. 13, Chelsea lost to Adrian White 39-37.

Roberts led the host Bulldogs with 21 points. Lenneman chipped in 10

points, while Stratman had three points.

Cameron Girard finished with two points, while Travis Johnson had one point for Beach.

"We played an excellent offensive game with Mike Roberts leading the way," Bareis said.

With last week's games, Chelsea concluded its season.

"I'm so very proud of the improvement we have made as a team over this season," Bareis said. "This group of young men have worked hard on the court and have been a pleasure to coach."

## CADILLAC

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couldn't get the puck in the net," Wright said. "We had a real flurry at the end. I felt really good how we responded. I felt a number of our younger players contributed. It was a real good effort."

For the contest, the Bulldogs outshot Cadillac 23-22.

Preserving the tie between the pipes for the Bulldogs was senior net minder J.R. Engelbert.

Though not winning up north, Wright said he was pleased with his squad's overall performance.

"A lot of positives came out of the tournament," he said. "But, we're still not burying our (scoring) chances. We have to start capitalizing on our opportunities."

"I think this showed we can play with anyone, if we play the way we can. We've shown the ability to outplay opponents, but we have to put it together for three periods."

Chelsea next hosts Jackson Lumen Christi 6:30 p.m. Jan. 5.

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But take heart, NFCers: The Cleveland Browns remain in the AFC, and they posted a total of 17 offensive yards in Sunday's loss to Buffalo - fifth-lowest total in league history.

And take heart, too, all you POWER POINTS players who came this close to winning the big pot in Week 14 with your sterling scores. But anything short of perfect just wasn't good enough. In fact, four contestants throughout the Midwest region carded perfect scores of 136 points.

Onward to Tiebreaker 1: total points scored in that Browns game. Actual total was 29, and Ken Davis, of Peoria, Ill. came the closest with his guess of 43. As regional grand prize winner, he takes home the weekly cash prize of \$1,000. That leaves another \$3,000 still to be won, so hang in there!

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# Arctic Figure Skating Club Holiday Spectacular



Marissa Linski participated in last week's skating event at Chelsea's Arctic Coliseum. She skated to "I'm Getting Nothing for Christmas."



The Arctic Figure Skating Club hosted its annual Holiday Skating Spectacular at the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea Dec. 12. Members of the club include, front row, Tanner Day; middle row, Katie Olsen (left) and Madeline Day; back row, Katlin Connin (left), Ellen Day and Hannah Olsen. The group skated to the song "Jingle Bells."



Susanna Pilkerton (left) and Katie Christie performed during last week's Holiday Skating Spectacular at Chelsea's Arctic Coliseum. The twosome skated to "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."



Alex Carr (left) and Kendra Moyle were participants in last week's Holiday Skating Spectacular. Carr skated to "Little St. Nick," while Moyle skated to "Grown-up Christmas List."



Anneliese Glaubitz (left), Hartley Franklin and Melanie Molotky skated to "Frosty the Snowman" during last week's Holiday Skating Spectacular in Chelsea.



Dar Downer (left) and Mallory Downer skated to "Sleigh Ride" during last week's skating event at the Arctic Coliseum.

## FIGURE SKATING

### Skaters host holiday event

The Arctic Figure Skating Club hosted its annual Holiday Skating Spectacular at Chelsea's Arctic Coliseum Dec. 12.

The skaters performed to holiday music for their parents, friends and the general public. U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned the exhibition.

Skaters participating in the event were from Chelsea, Dexter, Tipton, Manchester, Gregory, Stockbridge, Onsted, Ann Arbor and Grass Lake, among others.

All of the group skaters and several of the soloists who participated in the holiday show learned their skills through the basic skills program at the Arctic Coliseum. The coliseum offers classes on Tuesdays and Saturdays for beginning skaters of all levels. It also has skating skills and hockey lessons for home-schooled skaters on Thursday mornings.

Classes for youngsters are held on Tuesday mornings and afternoons. Sessions for advanced figure skaters are held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, as well as Saturday mornings.



Lauren Walker (left) and Carly Ferry skated to "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" during last week's Holiday Skating Spectacular at Chelsea's Arctic Coliseum.

For more information or to sign up for classes, call Joan Carr or Tracie Christie at 433-4444.

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# BUSINESS

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DEXTER

## Star treatment Local graduate starts personal assistant service

By Chad Livengood  
Special Writer

When the stay-at-home lifestyle of Julie Castle is on the road, Julie Stone takes care of her household duties.

Castle, a Dexter resident and mother of four, constantly finds her life immersed in the activities of her children, which often gives weekly household activities of this stay-at-home mom the back seat.

That's where Stone, a 1981 Dexter High School graduate, comes in handy, Castle said.

Stone, a Hamburg Township resident and mother of two children in Dexter schools, is Castle's personal assistant.

When Castle doesn't have time to grocery shop, weed the garden or wrap Christmas presents, Stone is there to fill in the gaps for the busy mother at her home on Marquis Drive.

"Stay-at-home moms aren't at home anymore," Castle said.

Stone, 41, realized just over two months ago that there was a need in the service industry for personal assistants to fill the household gaps for busy moms and double-income families.

So she started her own personal assistant service company, Time Savers of Michigan. The company is based in Dexter, but she extends her service to townships north of Ann Arbor and south of Brighton.

Stone runs errands for her clients to the library, hardware store, grocery store and video store, among other places. Stone even gardens, plans events and dinners, and wraps Christmas gifts for

her clients.

"Basically you're doing their to-do lists," Stone said.

Castle said Stone's grocery shopping has been a relief from her weekly activities.

One day in October, Castle was supposed to be in charge of her son's Halloween party. That was until her daughter had to go to the emergency room.

Then she was left to wonder what her other two young children would do for dinner with no food in the cupboards.

"If it wasn't for (Stone) doing my grocery shopping — because I was at the hospital all day — my children wouldn't have had any food to eat for dinner or lunch the next day," Castle said.

Grocery shopping takes Stone two to three hours, and she charges \$20 an hour for most of her services. It's a price Castle is willing to pay for more time with her children.

For some, the cost might outweigh the benefits, but Stone says her customers don't see it that way.

"I have not found any resistance for that price," Stone said. "It's a matter of how important your personal time is to you."

Traditionally, personal assistants have been associated with personal-care givers, such as those who help the elderly or sick. But the U.S. Department of Labor reports that the types of services conducted by personal assistants is rapidly expanding into areas entrepreneurs such as Stone are exploring.

Personal-care and assistance services will be the nation's fastest growing industry at 27.6 percent, the Department of Labor reports on the Bureau of Labor



Julie Stone, a 1981 graduate of Dexter High School, runs Time Savers of Michigan, a personal assistant service in which she wraps presents for busy parents and runs errands.

Photo by  
Chad Livengood

Statistics' Web site.

A long-term shift from goods producing to service-producing employment is expected to continue in the next decade. Approximately 20.8 million new-wage and salary jobs in the next 10 years are expected to be service oriented.

Stone said she's made her services versatile so that she will rarely do the same thing day after day.

Her company's Web site, [www.timesavers-mich.com](http://www.timesavers-mich.com), lists that she'll help organize a messy office, prepare a client for moving, unpack a new arrival or even organize cupboards and photo albums.

"It's not just for the rich," Stone said. "People are more and more busy, and they're willing to pay people ... so they can get the things done they want."

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Pinto is a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School and completed his surgical internship and orthopedic spine surgery residency at the University of Michigan.

He completed a fellowship in simple and complex spinal disorders at the University of Southern California and has a special interest in outpatient and minimally invasive

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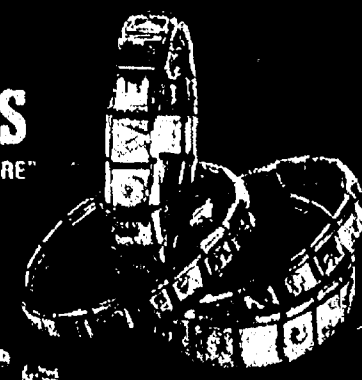
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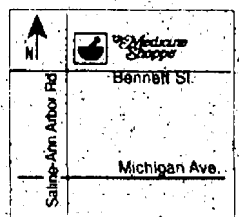



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DEXTER VILLAGE

# Spinning center puts patrons into sweat

## Balanced by Fitness offers drop-in classes

By Maria Sprow  
Staff Writer

Barb Figurski loves to sweat.

That's the only explanation available for a woman who has dedicated much of her life, both in business and in pleasure, to staying active.

Recently, the personal trainer opened Balanced by Fitness, a cycling and fitness studio located at 3060 Baker Road in Dexter.

On a recent Saturday morning, she was among 11 cyclists pedaling away in the second-floor studio during an hour-long cycling class.

And she wasn't the only one sweating. The amount of precipitation in the room is proof that cycling can be a rigorous workout, given the right environment and instructor.

"There's a lot of bikers in the area and this is a great workout opportunity for them," Figurski said.

She should know. Figurski has been an avid cyclist for years, though she started out as a runner.

She's also an avid fan of the triathlon, a sport that includes swimming, running and cycling.

"Figurski is currently training for her first Ironman, an event that includes a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile marathon.

"Spinning is one of the things she does to stay in shape, but it also can be the perfect exercise for those who first need to get into shape.

Cyclists of all fitness levels participate in the same class since each bike is fully adjustable resistance-wise.

Non-cyclists benefit from the exercise, as well, Figurski said.

Her counterpart at Balanced for Fitness is instructor Shelley Bruder, a Webster Township resident.

Unlike Figurski, Bruder said she never liked cycling before she began doing it at the gym.

"I can't ride (a bike) down my driveway. I'm terrible. I don't like it and it's uncomfortable," she said.

Bruder said she tried cycling because she heard about its benefits: the amount of calories burned and the intensity of the

lower-body workout the sport provides.

"The thing about spinning is that you get really good, really fast," Bruder said.

"After five classes, you can't pick out who is the most experienced rider. But the

first time, you are going to hate it."

Beginners may start on Level 1, while more advanced riders may plug through Level 7 or 8.

A beginner or more advanced rider, Figurski said, would look equally exhausted by the time class is over.

"At some levels, the resistance is so hard, you have standing and you are struggling to move the pedal," she said. "Everyone works at their own level."

With 10 bikes, the classes are structured to provide a comfortable atmosphere for members.

There are enough cyclists around to offer each other motivation, but not too many that the class instructor can't

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Maryjo Desprez, Gretchen Eby and Robbie Stapleton each reach for a final stretch of energy near the end of a spinning class at Balanced by Fitness in Dexter.

Photo by Maria Sprow

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### VILLAGE OF DEXTER NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Dexter Village Council has amended Article 15, Village Commercial District, of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance. The amendments will be effective on January 12, 2005. The amendments were comprehensive and include, but are not limited to the following:

Section 15.01, Intent, was amended. Section 15.02, Permitted Uses, was amended to include and delete uses. Section 15.03, Special Uses, was amended to include and delete uses. Section 15.04, Required Conditions, was amended to prohibit new mid-block curb cuts and encourage shared driveways; required architectural standards were further defined; bicycle parking was included as a requirement.

Information on the ordinance amendment is available for public inspection or purchase at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Publish: December 23, 2004

### SYLVAN TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING - DECEMBER 7, 2004

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

The following board members were present: Supervisor Williams, Clerk Koch, Treasurer Grau, Trustees Solo and Merkel.

Also present: Lisa Almendinger-Ann Arbor News, Reuben Lesser, Dan Ellenwood, Marc Polk, Paul Kaimbach, Scott Baird, Mary Anne Mangelsen, Tom Caplis, Richard Bollinger, Jamie Bollinger, Paul Bollinger, Donald Bollinger, Tom and Teresa Barels, Don Schoenberg, Earl Heller, Rene Papo, Sam Skidmore, Kurt Koseck, Jim and Kathy Neiderheide, Corinne Sikorski, Trent and Barb Satterthwaite, David Brooks, Scott Cooper, Lou Colombo, Gerald Smith.

Meeting was called to order and the pledge recited.  
Motion by Grau, seconded by Koch to approve the minutes as presented. Carried.

Motion by Merkel, seconded by Grau to pay bills as presented. Carried. Public Participation:

David Brooks read a prepared statement welcoming the new members of the board as well as those who retained their seats.

Sam Skidmore inquired about the status of his Land Transfer.

Brian Koch congratulated the board and ask the Supervisor about his plans for traffic flow if the by-pass is dead and also how you plan to work with the City Officials and with the incumbent board members?

Reuben Lesser clarified that the board did not refer to a "by-pass" but an alternate route, board never pushed for a by-such as such, always worked with developers on an alternate route.

Public comments was closed.

Zoning Inspector Lange reported 4 zoning permits and 1 new address were issued in November.

Reports:

Supervisor Williams reported on getting settled in office, will be attending a Lakes Project construction meeting next week and will follow up with a letter to the lake residents. Will also be attending a Supervisors CEO meeting to discuss the jail proposal.

Clerk Koch reported on receiving the Official Call for a Special Election to be held Tuesday, February 22, 2005 to vote on a County Jail millage.

Treasurer Grau reported winter tax bills are out.

Trustee Solo reported he has signed up for Web Site training and hopes to have the Township's web site up and running by the first of the year. Also attended the MTA Dinner and will be attending the New Officials Training session by MTA.

Trustee Merkel reported on Planning Commission meeting.

Other reports:

Reuben Lesser reported on the CAFA meeting, upcoming budget to be reviewed, the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation have been signed by all municipalities. Next meeting is December 16th at 7pm at Sylvan Township Hall.

Corinne Sikorski reported on WWRA, a new manager has been selected, Clifford Tracy, replacing retiring Bob Redding. There are upcoming meetings with Atwell Hicks to discuss enlarging the site.

No Old Business.

New Business:

Motion by Merkel, seconded by Grau to re-appoint the 3 existing members, Walter Hahn, Bill Sotirion and Don Schoenberg to another 2-year term. Discussion was lead by Trustee Solo stating that perhaps a more open process to these appointments could occur when the term expires.

Perhaps conduct interviews with new applicants as well as the existing member. Feels that the current process is to closed of a system and would like a more open policy. Solo ask sitting board members in the audience if this would be a problem. Feedback was received with the indication that if experience is not a qualification - what is? There were other comments to open up the policy. Motion carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Solo to approve the Agreement Waiving Objection to Errors in Special Assessment Billings and Approving Certain Special Assessment Splits as it relates to Norfolk, Magellan and Cook. Roll call vote - all ayes - Carried.

Motion by Solo, seconded by Merkel to approve Williams, Grau and Koch to attend the Annual MTA Conference in Detroit in January. Carried.

Motion by Merkel, seconded by Koch to appoint Williams as alternate to the Washington MTA Chapter. Carried.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Solo to adopt the Resolution Clarifying the Position of the Sylvan Township Board Regarding the Through Road to be Constructed by Norfolk Development on the condition that it does not conflict with the Land Development Standards. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Koch to adjourn.

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### VILLAGE OF DEXTER PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following special land use application:

The applicant, AR Brouwer, 7444 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, Dexter, Michigan, is applying for a special use permit to allow for the construction of a building exceeding 20,000 square feet (3 stories) within the Central Business District. The proposed location of the construction is 8031 Main Street in downtown Dexter.

Information regarding the application is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 15. Written comments regarding this special use permit should be submitted to the Village Offices, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 28, 2004. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Offices and on the Village website. Publish: December 23, 2004

### VILLAGE OF DEXTER NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Dexter Village Council has amended Article 8, Section 8.11.B.27 Outdoor Seating Special Land Use requirements, of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance. The amendments will be effective on January 12, 2005. The ordinance was adopted as follows:

Restaurants shall be permitted to operate outdoor eating areas that are physically adjacent, and accessory to the principal restaurant use. Including areas within the public right-of-way and in courtyards, provided that pedestrian circulation and access to store entrances shall not be impaired.

Outdoor Seating shall be permitted to provide a unique environment for relaxation, food and beverage consumption, and the need to encourage additional pedestrian traffic and activity.

a. To allow for pedestrian circulation, a minimum of five feet of clear sidewalk along the street frontage, and leading to the entrance to the establishment shall be maintained free of any encumbrances. A minimum of ten feet of sidewalk width must be provided to accommodate outdoor seating, if outdoor seating is placed on the public sidewalk.

b. When outdoor seating is located at a street corner, a ten-foot setback from the corner of the building shall be maintained along both frontages.

c. Planters, posts with ropes, or other removable enclosures are encouraged and shall be used as a way of defining the area occupied by the outdoor eating area. If liquor is served a removable enclosure is required.

d. Extended awnings, canopies, or large umbrellas shall be permitted and located to provide shade. Colors shall complement building colors.

e. Tables, chairs, planters, trash receptacles, and other elements of street furniture shall be compatible with the architectural character of the building where the establishment is located. Photographs, drawings or manufacturers brochures fully describing the appearance of all proposed tables, chairs, umbrellas, awnings, canopies, or other fixtures related to the outdoor seating area shall be included with the application.

f. Outdoor eating areas shall not be entitled to additional signage, over and beyond what is permitted for this type of establishment.

g. The operators of the establishment shall be responsible for keeping the outdoor eating area and the immediately adjacent area, clean and void of litter at all times.

h. The village may restrict the hours of operation for outdoor seating areas immediately abutting residential districts. Applicants may on a case-by-case basis request that outdoor seating remain outdoors after the hours of operation (overnight).

i. Outdoor seating furniture and elements such as umbrellas and awnings, associated with outdoor seating furniture, must be of substantial weight so that at no time will the outdoor seating furniture present an obstruction or risk to public safety. Proposed outdoor seating materials should be reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis. If the outdoor seating furniture and elements associated with outdoor seating furniture is temporary in nature it is the responsibility of the proprietor to remove the outdoor seating furniture during inclement weather. All umbrellas should be closed and removed each evening. The Village of Dexter accepts no liability for any injury/damage caused by outdoor seating furniture. Applicants for outdoor seating will also be required to sign and submit the Village's Hold Harmless Agreement.

j. Each permit application for a sidewalk cafe or outdoor seating shall be accompanied by a policy or certificate of insurance, in an amount acceptable to the village, including workers compensation, naming the village as an additionally insured. Establishments serving alcohol shall also provide a liquor liability policy or certificate of insurance naming the village as an additionally insured.

k. The permittee shall be responsible for repair of any damage to the sidewalk caused by the outdoor seating furniture.

l. All outdoor seating furniture is to be maintained in a manner that is compatible with the buildings site elements, i.e. signs, awnings and walls. No broken, peeling, rusting or other aesthetic elements should be left outdoors for continued use.

m. Each permit shall be effective for one year from October 1 until September 30 and must be renewed annually through administrative review. The annual permit fee for establishing and maintaining outdoor seating shall be established by Village Council resolution.

n. The Village of Dexter reserves the right to deny, revoke or suspend an outdoor seating permit if the permittee has failed to correct violations of the outdoor seating permit within the time specified on the violation notice. If the village denies, revokes, or suspends the permit the village will notify the permittee in writing. The decision to deny, revoke, or suspend a permit may be appealed to the Village Council. Variances from the outdoor seating standards must be appealed before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

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### DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. AT  
DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

#### AGENDA

(1) Canceled

John Shea,  
Chairman

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### VILLAGE OF DEXTER NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Dexter Village Council has amended Article 15A, Central Business District, of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance. The amendments will be effective on January 12, 2005. The amendments were comprehensive and include, but are not limited to the following:

Section 15.01(A), Intent, was amended. Section 15.02(A), Permitted Uses, was amended to include and delete uses. Section 15.03(A), Special Uses, was created from separating Section 15.02(A), permitted uses to further define special land uses permitted in the CBD. Section 15.04(A), Required Conditions, was amended to prohibit new curb cuts and promote the closure of existing curb cuts; required architectural standards were further defined; bicycle parking for buildings over 6,000 sq. ft. was added to be required.

Information on the ordinance amendment is available for public inspection or purchase at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
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### VILLAGE OF DEXTER NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Dexter Village Council has amended Article 5, Parking and Loading, of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance. The amendments will be effective on January 12, 2005. The ordinance amendments were comprehensive and include, but are not limited to the following:

Section 5.01, Off-Street Requirements, the establishment that there are two options to meet the required parking within the Village Commercial District referred to in Section 5.09. Section 5.02, Parking units of Measure, Gross Floor Area has been added as the method of measuring required parking. Floor Area unit of measure has been removed. Section 5.03, Parking Space and Numerical Requirements, The Intent has been changed to encourage the numerical requirements to be used as maximums to reduce impervious surface and encourage land to be used for commercial activity. The section also encourages the participation in the public parking program within the Village Commercial District. The number of minimum parking spaces based on use was amended for a majority of the uses listed within Section 5.03, usable floor area was changed to gross floor area for the method of determining how many parking spaces are required; bicycle parking was added as a requirement. Section 5.06B, Off-Street Parking Layout, Standards, Construction and Maintenance, Maneuvering lane, parking space width and length were amended. Section 5.08, Village Commercial District Parking, this new section was added to establish the voluntary public parking program option for meeting required parking within the Village Commercial District.

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

# Students speak to Chelsea Rotary Club

Jordan Pusateri (left), a doctoral candidate, and graduate assistant Stacy Lischka, who is working on her master's degree, talked to the Chelsea Rotary Club about a research project looking at changes in the south-central Michigan white-tail deer population and deer-human interaction. The project is being sponsored by Michigan State University.

Photo courtesy of Alex Weddon



Chelsea Rotary Club members learned about south-central Michigan's white-tail deer population at a recent meeting.

Jordan Pusateri, a doctoral candidate, and graduate assistant Stacy Lischka, who is working on her master's degree, addressed the club at one of its regular meetings at the Common Grill restaurant in downtown Chelsea.

The two discussed work on a research project looking at changes in the south-central Michigan white-tail deer population and deer-human interaction. The project is being sponsored by Michigan State University.

Of particular interest, Rotary members said, was a short video showing Pusateri cap-

turing a young deer, and throwing it to the ground for purposes of radio tagging and identifying its gender.

The project is designed to improve the effectiveness of deer management in south-central Michigan and is an ongoing study, according to a press release from the Rotary club.

Lischka is interested in interviewing local residents about their perceptions of the deer numbers and activities in the Chelsea area. To volunteer for a one-hour interview, call her at 1-517-432-4943.

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## CHELSEA

# Gala raises money for hospital

Chelsea Community Hospital's annual holiday gala, held Dec. 11 in the hospital's main dining room, raised more than \$30,000 to support the construction of a sixth operating room in the hospital's surgery center.

The Crimson Ice Gala celebration brought 205 people together to support the hospital's efforts.

With the continued rise in surgical volume and the growing needs in the community for these services, the hospital is planning the construction of a sixth operating room, according to a press release from the hospital. Proceeds from the event will support the hospital's mission to improve the health and well being of the communities it serves.

The optional black tie evening began with a pre-gala cocktail party at the Chelsea Community Hospital Health and Wellness Center. Guests then moved to the hospital's dining room, where a four-course dinner

was followed by assorted sweets and dessert wines.

Guests were greeted at the hospital with violin music performed by Jenna Brubaker. The John E. Lawrence Ensemble provided music for dinner and dancing.

The hospital recognized honorary chairs Jack and Mary Ann Merkel, and chair of the decoration committee, Tarra Gembariski. Crystal sponsors were AIM Construction, Anesthesia Associates of Ann Arbor, Chelsea Orthopedic Specialists, Chelsea State Bank, Emergency Physicians Medical Group, Fifth Third Bank, Huron River Area Credit Union, Huron Valley Radiology, John Darr Mechanical Inc., Kitch, Drythas, Wagner, DeNardis & Valitutti PC, Michigan Brain and Spine Institute, Telecom Technicians Inc. and UMRC Heritage Foundation.

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Wine co-sponsors were Dr. Ann L. Oldendorf and Dr. Douglas M. Portz at Power Wellness.

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Chelsea Community Hospital also recognized the community, medical staff, employees, board members, volunteers and staff who helped make the gala a success.

Next year's gala is scheduled for Dec. 10.

## CHELSEA-DEXTER AREA

# Byrnes completes leadership program

Democrat Pam Byrnes of Lyndon Township, Michigan's newly elected state representative in the 52nd District, recently completed Michigan State University's three-day Legislative Leadership Program.

Along with 27 of her new colleagues, Byrnes took part in MSU's rigorous December primer on policy issues. Scholars from Michigan's universities and other research experts provided issue overviews and policy alternatives for the new cadre of elected officials.

The program's content is driven by input from former LLP participants, as well as legislative staff members, scholars and other policy leaders.

Byrnes and her fellow-polymakers will have opportunities to attend MSU seminars and public forums and receive printed policy briefs throughout their terms in office.

The non-partisan program is jointly operated by Michigan State University's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research and MSU Extension. Since the program's 1994 inception, nearly 230 of Michigan's state representatives and senators have participated in the program.

## HOME HAPPENINGS

# Moving doesn't have to be stressful for you

If you or a loved one was in or near an airport this holiday season, then you know just how much of an on-the-move society we are.

Some studies say on average, people move 11 times in their lives. New jobs, more space, marriage, divorce or just the need for a change are just some of the reasons why many Americans pack up and relocate.

Odds are you or someone you know will be moving in the near future. Whether going across town or across the country, moving ranks as one of the most stressful and life-changing events for many people.

Although there's no way to avoid the emotional aspects of relocating, there are ways to make it a little less nerve-racking. On its Web site, [www.moving.org](http://www.moving.org), the American Moving and Storage Association offers a number of suggestions to make a move less stressful. Here are a few:

### Plan your moving date early

Waiting too long to pick a day to move often leads to disappointment. If you're using a professional, the best companies may be booked months in advance.

Even if you're moving yourself, many truck rental companies run out of equipment, especially during the spring and summer moving seasons.

The moving association says you may want to consider relocating during the fall, winter or early spring, if your situation is flexible. You'll likely have a better chance of getting a good moving crew or renting a truck. The move may also cost less, since many companies offer lower rates during the off-season.

You also might want to schedule the move for the middle of the month, if possible. Since most people opt to move at the beginning or end

of a month, you'll have a better chance of getting your exact pickup and delivery dates if you avoid the busiest days.

### Get a reliable estimate

If you're hiring a moving company, and especially if

you're going out of state, it is essential that you get a detailed written estimate. Don't rely on a price quote given by phone or on the Internet. Good companies will send someone to your home to survey your belongings before giving you a price.

Also, note that the AMSA says most interstate movers give estimates based on the weight of your shipment, which follows government guidelines. Local or in-state moves are more likely to be billed by the hour.

The association says you can also help get a more accurate estimate by showing workers every item that you want packed and shipped.

### Be present during packing

If you are paying someone to box your belongings, stay nearby to make sure they are handled properly and nothing gets misplaced.

Also note that some moving companies will not accept liability for items their employees did not personally pack, so you may want to only box non-breakable items yourself.

### Insure your stuff

While federal law requires some limited coverage for all shipments of household goods, many homeowners decide to purchase additional insurance — a good idea.

Your moving contract will typically include two options



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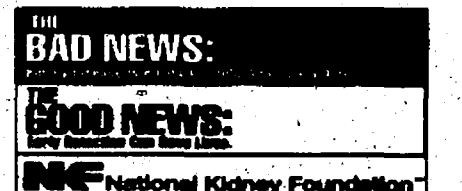
for insuring your belongings. The least expensive — usually free — option is a released value of 60 cents per pound, per article, for damage or loss. But this is seldom a wise choice.

Say the moving company damaged your favorite end table, and you had selected the released-value coverage. If the table, which weighed 30 pounds and was worth \$300, the limited insurance would pay only \$18.

However, with full-replacement insurance, items that are damaged, lost or destroyed will be repaired, replaced with the same or a similar item, or you will receive cash for their current market value, regardless of age. If you pick this insurance, you can buy coverage at \$4 or \$5 per pound or a set amount for all your possessions.

If you're planning on relocating sometime soon, I hope these suggestions make the process a little easier.

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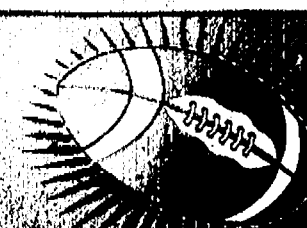
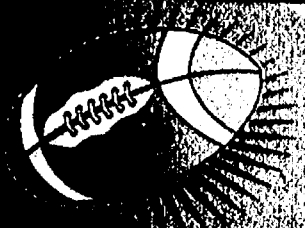
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- Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 possible points as you can. Simply review the week's schedule of games, listed on entry form, and decide which game you are SUREST of picking a winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on the 16-point line, and so on down to the 1-point line, which game you figure to be a loss-up. Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's designated game. If this step fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yardage from scrimmage in this game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The weekly Midwest regional winner will receive \$1000.
- Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
- Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and other similar teams.
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### LEOLA E. ARMSTRONG

#### Chelsea

Leola E. Armstrong, 95, of Chelsea died Dec. 15, 2004, at Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born March 5, 1909, in Dexter Township to Chris and Hattie (Schwab) Stoll.

In 1936, she married Leo Armstrong, and he preceded her in death in 1984. She graduated from Dexter High School in 1927.

Mrs. Armstrong was a member of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Dexter, the women's auxiliary and outreach group. She was the secretary of Freedom Homemakers Extension Club, bowled with the Ann Arbor Elks Ladies League and was a lifelong member of the Southern Michigan Beagle Club.

Mrs. Armstrong was a bookkeeper at the Naylor auto dealership for many years.

She is survived by a sister, Vera Murphy; a nephew, Patrick (Carrie) Murphy; and a grandnephew, Kevin Murphy, all of California.

Her sister, Dorothy Schenk, died in 1996.

She is also survived by good friends Bob and Lilli Miller, and Donna and Ervin McDonald.

At her request, cremation has taken place. Interment will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Dexter.

An informal gathering will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Chelsea Retirement Community at the K-2 Dining Room.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew's church or the Chelsea Retirement Community.

Arrangements were by Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter.

### JAMES L. REINBOLT

#### Hudson

James L. Reinbolt, 82, of Hudson died Dec. 18, 2004, at his home with his family and the care of Hospice of Lenawee.

Mr. Reinbolt was born June 3, 1922, in Toledo, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and retired in 1981 from Dana Corp., Spicer Division, after 42 years.

He married Alice Russell Dec. 7, 1946. They recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Reinbolt is survived by his wife and three children, Jack (Marsha) Reinbolt of Adrian, Judy (Harlon) Reinbolt of Fairfax, Va., and Jean (Richard) Beck of Bowling Green, Ohio.

Mr. Reinbolt always will be known

as "Poppy" to his grandchildren, Melissa (Kyle) Schaffner, Kara Reinbolt, Benn Reinbolt, Matthew Reinbolt, John Beck, Susan (Chad) Ingram and Andrew Beck; and great-grandchildren, Jacob and Blake Schaffner and Chad Ingram II.

Funeral services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee, 415 Mill Rd. Adrian, MI 49221, or at hospice.lenawee.com.

Arrangements were handled by Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home.

### MAXINE E. BUKU

#### Chelsea

Maxine E. Buku, 81, of Chelsea died Dec. 17, 2004, in her daughter's arms at Cedar Knoll Care Center. She was born April 13, 1923, in Ann Arbor, the only daughter of Arthur G. and Ellen M. (Rosswurm) Janousky.

Mrs. Buku was a resident of Washtenaw County all her life. She married Edmund "Eddie" C. Buku May 13, 1967, and he preceded her in death Sept. 18, 2003.

Over the years, she babysat many children and provided ironing at her home. She liked to ride around with her husband and look for deer. She also enjoyed going out to eat. The Bokus always looked forward to meeting friends at the restaurants where they stopped to eat.

Mrs. Buku was an avid Michigan fan and loved flowers. She enjoyed country music. Vince Gill was her favorite singer.

Surviving are her children, Jim Pierce of White Cloud, Diane (Jim) Hughes of Chelsea and Tyline (Rick) Allen of Chelsea; grandchildren, Kristen Sutcliffe of Washington and Robert A. Pierce of White Cloud; and goddaughter, Brenda Bauer of Chelsea.

A funeral was held Tuesday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea. Burial was at Oak Grove East Cemetery in Chelsea.

The family received friends Monday and Tuesday until the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chelsea Community Fair or the Cedar Knoll Care Center.

### SHIRLEY P. JOHNSON

#### Adrian

#### Formerly of Dexter

Shirley P. Johnson, 84, of Adrian, formerly of Dexter, died Dec. 20, 2004, at Provincial House. She was

born Aug. 10, 1920, in North Star, to Vincent and Madge (Doyle) Palmer.

A graduate of Ithaca High School, she went on to Michigan State University, earning a degree in physical chemistry. There she met Lt. Jg. Donald R. Johnson and they were married Jan. 25, 1944, in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Johnson first worked in Detroit as a chemist for Chrysler Corp. After the war, they lived in Grand Blanc, Saline and then Dexter for 44 years. She was employed by the University of Michigan in medical and dental research from 1959 to 1975.

While in Dexter she was active in St. James' Episcopal Church, served as a 4-H leader and was part of a weekly art group, developing her interests in painting. She also was very interested in politics, genealogy, advancements in science, reading, music, watching golf, and the lives of her children, grandchildren and friends.

Mrs. Johnson moved to Adrian in 1994, and became a member of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Cambridge Junction.

She is survived by her five children, Thalia Johnson of Adrian, Kevin (Katherine) Johnson of Hamilton, Ind., Craig (Annette Halvorson) Johnson of Traverse City, Paige (George) Hartman of Dexter and Celeste Fraser of Ann Arbor; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her brother, Philip (Wilma) Palmer of Grand Blanc; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is also survived by the Grand Court community, which she thoroughly enjoyed, as well as treasured lifelong friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don, in 1975; her parents; a sister, Mary Felice, in childhood; a brother, Roger Palmer; a nephew, Kirk Palmer; and sisters-in-law, Ruth and Betty Palmer.

Visitation was yesterday at the Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Home in Dexter.

A funeral will be held 11 a.m. today at St. James' Episcopal Church in Dexter. The Rev. Sandy Benes will officiate. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Dexter.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, St. James' Episcopal Church, the Michigan 4-H Foundation or the Stearns Music Collection at the University of Michigan.



## Wild Swans

Wild Swan Theatre will open the Chelsea District Library's Winter Family Reading program 7 p.m. Jan. 5 at 500 Washington St., in Chelsea. The nationally recognized theater group will present "Tales of Tricks and Trouble," four tales from around the world that show how important tricks and surprises are to the outcomes of stories. The event is free, and no registration is required. For more information, call 475-8732.

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### CHELSEA

## Daniels' play to debut

For the first time in three years, the Purple Rose Theatre Co. will premiere a new play by actor and Chelsea resident Jeff Daniels.

Titled "Norma & Wanda," the world premiere comedy will run Jan. 20 through March 19.

Seven low-priced previews of "Norma & Wanda" will be performed Jan. 20 through 27, with press opening night Jan. 28. Performances for the remainder of the engagement will be held 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, with Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

In the comedic tradition of Daniels' "Escanaba in da Moonlight" and "The Vast Difference," the play "Norma & Wanda" follows two very different sisters as they get themselves into an outrageous pickle with an old high school boyfriend, a chaotic church social and a secret family recipe for Christmas sausage. The play is recommended for mature audiences.

The title roles are played by resident artists Sandra Birch and Michelle Mountain. These two versatile actors have received critical acclaim for their appearances together in "Across The Way," "Blithe Spirit"

and "Book of Days."

Birch and Mountain share the stage with Terry Heck, Grant Krause, Jim Porterfield and, making his Purple Rose Theatre debut, Chris Korte.

Purple Rose Artistic Director Guy Sanville will direct the production.

"Norma & Wanda" is a hilarious farce," Sanville said in a press release. "And, like all really good farce, there's something wacky and a little dark underneath."

Set design will be by Daniel C. Walker, lighting design by Dana White, costume design by Christianne Myer, prop design by Danna Segrest and sound design by Quintessa Gallinat.

Fight choreography will be provided by David Woolley. Amy Hickman will be the stage manager, with Katie Doral and Brian Papendick as assistant stage managers for the production.

The production is funded, in part, by Meijer Inc. and Superior Consultant Charitable Foundation.

Ticket reservations may be made by calling the Purple Rose Theatre Co. Box Office at 433-7673.

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### CHELSEA

## Dinner set at church

The 18th annual Christmas Day Dinner sponsored by Faith In Action will be held 1 p.m. Saturday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

Volunteers at the Chelsea-based organization will prepare a feast with all the holiday fixings. Reservations are being taken at the Faith In Action offices.

Everyone is welcome to attend the community event. There is no cost involved.

"We find many people with adult children may be celebrating their family holiday on a day other than Christmas, so rather than eat alone on the actual day, they grab a friend and come to the community dinner," Nadine Shaneyfelt of Faith In Action said in a press release.

To make a reservation or volunteer, call FIA Director Nancy Paul or Shaneyfelt at 475-3305.



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# COMMUNITY

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## Lights Sirens

The long line of lights and sirens seen coming down Interstate 94 and Zeeb Road last Thursday didn't mean trouble was brewing in the area. The line of squad cars was part of the Shop With a Cop program.



### Third annual Shop With a Cop program helps 55 area youth

By Maria Sprow  
Staff Writer

**S**gt. Brian Filipiak raised both his arms above his head while attempting to get the attention of more than 50 kids running around the Creekside Intermediate School cafeteria. This was no easy task. The kids were all busy — playing, eating and chatting.

Yet the room quieted in anticipation. Faces turned toward the front, conversations ended, food was disregarded.

They learned it was time to go shopping.

A chaotic rush to the front ensued as the children scrambled out of the cafeteria doors, leaving their parents behind them.

Outside, 17 police cars waited for the children, who anxiously climbed in. For some, this would be one of the night's highlights, an experience they would remember for a long time.

"My mom told me I got chosen for Shop With a Cop. At first, I thought she was joking," said Brendan Snell, whose family lives in Webster Township.

His mother said she wasn't sure what kind of reaction she would get from her children.

"I figured I would just ask the kids and see what they thought about it — see if they would be intimidated by it," said his mother, Melanie Thibault. "They were really receptive to the idea."

Brendan's first question of

the night was what seat he would get to sit in on the way to the store.

All the children were taken in squad cars to the shopping spree at Meijer on Jackson Road in Scio Township, with lights and sirens wailing to ensure all the cars arrived at the store together.

Brendan wanted the front seat. His older brother, Dakota, wanted the back.

"I want to know what it looks like in a police car, but I want to know what it looks like without going to jail," Brendan said.

Initially, some of the youth participating in the program were a little perplexed by the idea of spending a night with sheriff's deputies.

"They just told me that I'm going shopping with a cop, and I'm like, 'OK,'" said Emilie Dumont, 11, sounding dubious about the idea.

By the end of the night, Emilie, a sixth-grader at Creekside, was literally jumping up and down on top of her new beanbag, excitedly talking to deputies.

Others were excited as soon

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Above, Christian Voltz, 7, shows his mother, Stormy, and sister, Angelina, the Beanie Baby he received for participating in Shop With a Cop. Below, 7-year-old Devon Moore holds on to a toy and dives for another while shopping at Meijer.



Above, brothers Craig and Kyle Meisner consider spending some of the \$75 they received from the Shop With a Cop program on trading cards. Below, deputy Russ Dalziel has his hands full with toys and Yu-Gi-Oh cards picked out by children participating in the Shop With a Cop program.



## Angel figurines give woman inspiration

Kathy Buss of Lima Township has a collection of angels that numbers upward of 300

By Rita Fischer  
Special Writer

Kathy Buss has had a lifelong obsession with angels, happily fueled by family and friends for the last four decades.

It all started with a present from a couple who Buss provided babysitting services for nearly 40 years ago. The two little angels they gave her were the first in a collection of the peaceful beings.

The next one she received was from her mother. It was a little blue-hair angel. Many of the cherub beings remind her of her mother, and friends, or trips that she has been on.

No matter what room you visit in Buss' Lima Township home, an angel is watching. From the ones who look over her living room while singing in the rafters, to the ones that stand on top of her refrigerator or hang from the windows, angels are everywhere. Even the bathroom has angels with faces frozen in time singing to the heavens.

Setting up her angels has been a tradition in Buss' home for more than three decades. The first two have been joined by more than 300, though Buss admits that she can't possibly put them all out at one time.

"I started to collect them from those early years," she said. "Once I got married, wherever we traveled, I would pick up an angel here and there."

"I am able to decorate with them only because my husband is very helpful setting them up. I rotate

which ones are out, depending upon the season."

The angels are all unique and special — no two are alike. The size ranges from 1 inch to 3 feet high. Some angels are made from wood, ceramic, foil and plastic, while others are created from paper, glass, gourds and wax.

When she travels, Buss looks for an angel to bring home with her. When she visited Israel in 1997, she looked hard and only came back with one angel. The angels were sold only in nativity sets, she said, and she could not break apart a set.

"Each one holds a special place in my heart," she said. "I believe in angels. Like I say, they just kind of speak to me and have their uniqueness."

Buss' husband, Glenn, two daughters, friends and neighbors never

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Kathy Buss, 54, a teacher's aide at the Chelsea Community Education Preschool, has had a lifelong obsession with angels. The Lima Township resident's collection numbers more than 300 in size.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## CHELSEA

**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, 475-3305.

**Wednesday, Dec. 29**

**"Lion King 2"** will be shown 2 p.m. at The Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Those who attend should bring a comfy chair, bean bag or sleeping bag to watch the movie. The event is free and no registration is required. For more information, call 475-8732.

## 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 1-800-337-3927.

**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 6:30 p.m. every Friday night at Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, 7103 Lingane Road, in Chelsea. Call 475-7910.

**Mothers of Preschoolers** meets 9 a.m. the second Friday of the month October through May at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Free childcare is available on a limited basis. For information, call 475-8119.

**Saturday**

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

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

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

**Sunday**

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

**Monday**

**Al-Anon** meets 7:30 p.m. every

Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-1462.

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

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

**Chelsea Kiwanis Club** meets 8:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-5944.

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

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

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

**Overeaters Anonymous** meets 6 to 7 p.m. every Monday at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road. Call 995-1835.

**Tuesday**

**Chelsea District Library Board** meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Wednesday**

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

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

**DEXTER**

**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.

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

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

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

**Dexter Downtown Development Authority** meets 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Copeland Administration Building, 7714 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

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

**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.

**Tuesday**

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

**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 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.

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

**Wednesday**

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

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

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

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as they found out about the program.

As her son, Christian, lined up to get into one of the squad cars, Stormy Voltz recalled the visit that made her son "grin from ear to ear."

"The officer came over to the house and asked him if he knew why he was there, and my son was just so shocked he said, 'Yes,' even though he had no idea," Voltz said. "His eyes just kept getting bigger and bigger and bigger."

Voltz said she had never heard of the program before just two weeks ago, but felt that it had plenty of merit.

"I think it's very good for the kids to go and do something nice for their families," she said. "Kids don't usually get to go out and buy stuff. Parents usually buy stuff and say that it's from their kids."

"(Through the program) they feel like they are more a part of Christmas this way."

Christian was not the only child new to the program. Out of the 55 children selected, 41

were shopping with a cop for the first time.

"They will basically just destroy the toy department," predicted Boham while en route to Meijer. "When the kids hit the door, it's like chaos. It's going to be competitive in the toy section."

Boham said it was the first time the deputies attempted to take all the kids at once. For the last two years, deputies have taken the children in two separate groups, but scheduling proved to be too difficult this time.

At 6:15 p.m. last Thursday, Boham was marveling at how smoothly the event was going. The group was 10 minutes ahead of schedule.

"Ten minutes means a lot with 50 kids," he said.

While shopping with 7-year-old Nyla McFadden, Dexter High School sophomore Katelyn Davis, who was among a dozen high school volunteers, stopped for a second to check out her surroundings.

"I don't think I've ever seen so many kids," she said while eyeing the toy aisles.

A couple aisles down, Deputy Russ Dalziel was

struggling to hold on to all the merchandise being piled into his arms by Christian and another student, Devon Moore. Both were looking at transformers. They had almost used up their \$75 and were feverishly adding up what one last toy would cost them.

Overall, the children spent almost \$4,000 at Meijer. Funding comes entirely through donations raised for the Shop With a Cop program.

Other events, such as Shop With a Cop in Ypsilanti, are more corporate-driven. But Boham said the Dexter community has given enough support locally that there's no need to seek an official sponsor, although Meijer provides some food for participants.

Community members have helped out more than monetarily, Boham added. One anonymous donor dropped off her entire collection of Beanie Babies, which were given to the children as gifts. In addition, members of a local 4-H club made cookie jars and seniors at the Dexter Senior Center made mittens and blankets for the younger children.

"If it weren't for the community, we couldn't be doing this," Boham said, adding that the deputies would like to expand the program to other areas, such as Manchester, within their contract area.

"We'd like to get it as big as we can," he said.

Parent Tonya Cleveland said she believes there is a lot of value in Dexter's Shop With a Cop program.

"It has been a real hard year for us," she said, while waiting for her son, Taylor Samek, 9, to finish his shopping spree.

Cleveland recently had to quit her job because of an illness and money has been tight, she said. She had never thought her son would have the opportunity to participate in Shop With a Cop because she lives in Manchester.

Cleveland was surprised when deputies from Dexter contacted her and said her son had been chosen to participate.

"I'm trying to hold back the tears from them being this

nice," she said. "They didn't have to take my son, but they did."

"This is about all he's going to get for Christmas this year, unfortunately," she added. "I wish that he would get more for himself, but he's thinking along the lines of getting other people things."

Minutes later, Taylor, done shopping, rushed up to his mom with a big hug.

"I got you some flowers for tonight," he told her.

She could only smile.

Taylor's cousin, Nick Wheeler, who lives in Dexter, also participated in the shopping spree. He spent part of his money on the book "Falling Up" for his class.

"We really needed books for the class because all the books have already been read," he said.

His teacher recommended him for the program, said his mother, Stefanie

Cleveland, 30.

Although she's a young mom, Stefanie Cleveland had originally asked that her son not be allowed to participate in the program, and that his cousin, Taylor, be allowed to go instead. She had been surprised when the deputies insisted on taking both children.

"I think it's a really good cause," she said, while wrapping gifts with Taylor and Nick.

In a made-for-TV moment, Taylor said he knew this year wouldn't be about how many gifts were under his Christmas tree.

"My mom said I would only get one present this year and I told her I didn't care," he said, facing Cleveland. "I said as long as I'm with my family, it's doesn't matter."

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## ANGELS

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have to worry about what to get her as a gift. Many of her angels have been presents. The ones that she buys are mostly from her travels or special finds at craft shows.

She also has each room in her house decorated with snowmen, Santa figurines and nativity scenes.

People have asked Buss where she puts all her fig-

urines.

"There are just certain ones that I put in the same place," she said. "I have boxes of them. It takes three to four days to get everything where I want it."

Buss, 54, is a teacher's aide at the Chelsea Community Education Preschool. She has lived in Lima Township for the past 30 years.

"I so thoroughly enjoy the Christmas season," she said. "I really like people who are interested in my collection and ask me questions."

One time Buss was asked to set up her collection of angels at her church in Manchester. The angels multiplied after people discovered she liked them so much.

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## WEDDINGS & ANNIVERSARIES



### Ledwidge, Driscoll marry

Dawn Ledwidge of Pinckney, daughter of Beverly Ledwidge and the late Richard Ledwidge of Dexter, and Dan Driscoll of Pinckney, son of Ed and Joan Driscoll of Dexter, were married Aug. 7 at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Dexter.

The maid of honor was Christina Kellerhals of Pinckney.

The bridesmaids were Connie Ledwidge of Pinckney, Angie Bondie of Brighton and Kathy Stillman of Pittsfield Township.

Jake Higgs of Groton, Conn., was the ring bearer. Dan Jaynes of Dexter was the best man.

The groomsmen were Ron Jaynes of Dexter, Frank Hafner of Dexter and Tim

Driscoll of San Diego.

The ushers were Robert Stillman of Pittsfield Township and Eric Higgs of Groton, Conn.

A reception was held at Reddeman Farms Golf Course in Lima Township. The couple spent their honeymoon in Cozumel, Mexico. They reside in Pinckney.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Dexter High School and a 2000 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration and is employed at Creative Solutions in Dexter as a tax software analyst.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Dexter High School. He is a pressman at Advance Print & Graphics in Ann Arbor.



### Boyce, Murphree exchange wedding vows

Rebekah Boyce and Jacob Murphree were married Aug. 7 at Dexter United Methodist Church. The Rev. Matt Hook officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Roger and Jane Boyce of Dexter. The groom is the son of Anthony and Lourdes Murphree of Ann Arbor.

The matrons of honor were Julie Trinkle of Dexter and Jenny Schupbach of Swartz Creek.

The maids of honor were Siera Koch of Dexter, Megan Daly of Mount Pleasant, and Channon Boullion, Carly Davey and Alison Davis, all of Chicago. The junior bridesmaids were Angelica Prieto of Tampa, Fla., and Alisha Trinkle of Dexter.

Abby Schupbach of Swartz Creek was the flower girl and Ryan Trinkle of Dexter was

the ring bearer.

Zak Murphree of Dexter was the best man.

The groomsmen were Ben Boyce of Dexter, Jake Boyce of Kalamazoo, Eric Cuneo of Mount Pleasant, Ryan Deegan of Dexter and Evan Prieto of Tampa, Fla.

The ushers were Corey and Shawn Chamberlain of Dexter, Michael and Travis Campbell of Stockbridge, Miguel and Lorenzo Prieto of Tampa, Fla., Kevin Branham of Pinckney and Max Schupbach of Swartz Creek.

The roses in the bride's bouquet were in honor of her "rosebuds," consisting of Joyce Boyce, Mary Boullion, Shawn Dettling, Beth Chamberlain, Leann Boullion, Ann Davis, Beth Snyder and Marcee Bobo, all of Dexter.



### Frames mark milestone

Bill and Barb (Lawler) Frame of Chelsea celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 25, 2004, surrounded by family and friends at "The Pines" of Chelsea in the community room.

The couple was married Sept. 25, 1954, in Detroit, while Bill was serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. They moved from Detroit in 1969 to a small farm in Chelsea where they raised their five children;

Robert (Marilyn) of Traverse City, David (Lisa) of Chelsea, Phillip (Jill) of Mason, Sandra (Greg) Rapp of Kalamazoo and Paul of Chelsea.

Barb is retired from the Chelsea School District and Bill is retired from The State of Michigan (Cassidy Lake Camp). The couple continues to maintain their farm residence in Chelsea, farm in Napoleon, property in Muskegon and Lawrence and retirement home in Florida.

## BIRTHS

A daughter, Selah Zuri Asia, was born Dec. 7 in Seoul, South Korea, to Tanya and Luman Strong of Seoul, South Korea. Maternal grandmother is Marianne Behler of Grass Lake. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Eleanor Strong of Chelsea. Great-grandmother is Bernice Lewis of Ann Arbor.

A daughter, Elle Marie, was born Dec. 10 to Melissa and

Richard Barnabo of Dexter at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. Maternal grandparents are Charles and Debra Tweedy of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Mary Layher of Dexter. Great-grandparents are Mark and Lamar Gilson of Seneca Hills, S.C., Evan Barnabo of Farmington Hills, Billie Tweedy of Mount Clemens, and Marion and Lenny Majewski of Port Richey, Fla.



### Couple mark 50 years

Paul and Carol (Schneeburger) Reeves of Chelsea celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 11 at the Chelsea Comfort Inn Conference Center.

The couple married Dec. 23, 1954, in Ann Arbor.

Their children are Debbie Burmeister of Manchester, Teri (Bruce) Szcodronski of Chelsea, Barbara (Alan) Sutton of Saline and Betsy (Carl) Bos of Elk Grove Village, Ill. They also have 11 grandchildren.

## DEXTER

### Local grad ends training

Gary Michelfelder has graduated from the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Leader Development and Assessment course at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Wash.

The program, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," provides professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of military life, administration and logistical support.

Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader.

Michelfelder is the son of Cheryl and stepson of Duane Morris of Scio Township. He is a 2000 graduate of Dexter High School.

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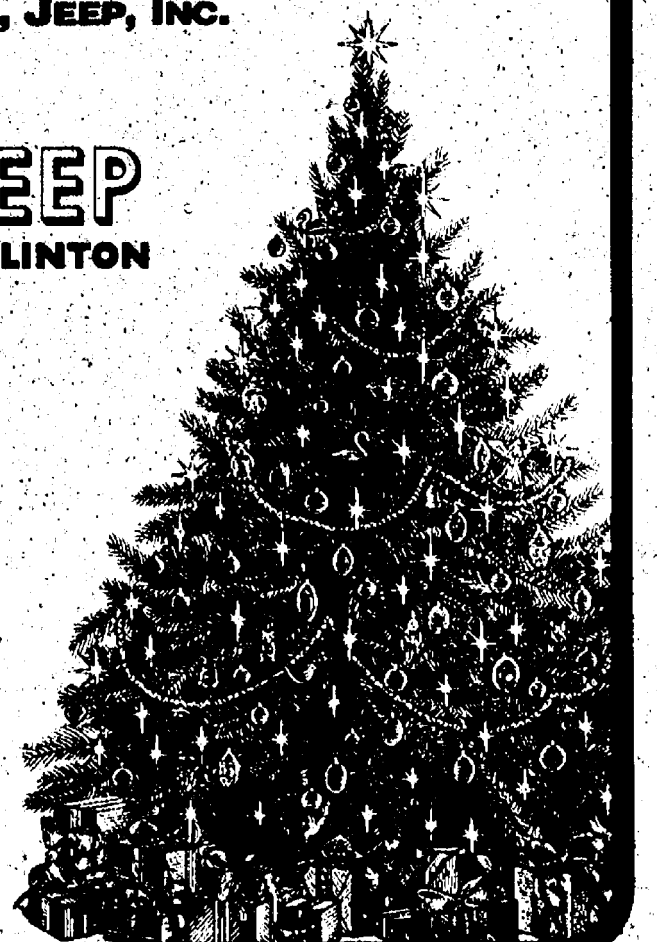
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# WRITING MATTERS

Poetry and prose from the students in Chelsea



## Thin Blue Ribbons

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

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

After I knew what I wanted to communicate through my work, I had to decide exactly



Sam Keene

how to communicate it. I knew I wanted to be able to show sadness without making it seem to overwhelm the person in my drawing. I started to think, and I thought of a ribbon.

When I first drew the ribbon around the person, it seemed to hold her in, like someone tied her up, and that wasn't what I wanted to show. So I had to redraw the ribbon so it looked looser, like it was just "there" instead of holding her in. I knew that to show sadness in the ribbon.

Sam Keene  
Eighth Grade  
Beach Middle School

## What does it mean to serve?

"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

These are the words of President John F. Kennedy. He was encouraging us to serve our country. He wanted people to serve in the armed forces, but he also wanted us to serve in other ways.

On Oct. 14, 1960, in Ann Arbor, just 20 miles from where I live, he brought out the idea of creating the Peace Corps. To Kennedy it was important that people sacrifice their own needs to help others.

Service is where people sacrifice their own good for the betterment of others. For example, my grandfather served in the Army for 30 years as a psychiatrist. He was stationed in Korea and then in Vietnam, treating soldiers with post-traumatic stress. He could have made a lot more money with his skills in private practice, but he chose to stay in the military.

Money was not the only sacrifice. His family had to move frequently, and they worried about him when he was separated from them for long periods of time.

Even though he saw the horrors of war, my grandfather still encouraged his children to at least think about going into the military as a way to pay back America for its gift of freedom.

My grandfather and his brother both joined the Air Corps in World War II. My great-uncle flew as a tail gunner in Asia.

My grandfather was ready to fight in the Pacific, but the war ended before he finished training. His son later joined the Marines and was stationed overseas away from his family. Then he trained



Patrick Holloway

to be a FEMA volunteer to help people after natural disasters.

When most people think about service, they think of military service. But there are other ways to serve. From voting to Scouting to police work to fighting fires, there is a broad spectrum of ways to help your country. There are nonprofit organizations such as the Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders that help people without material reward. Everyone should be able to find some way to serve.

Everyone should give back something to their community and country. My family has had many members serve. Fortunately, none of them have been killed. If they had been, I would have been sad, but I wouldn't be sorry because I understand the necessity of it.

Patrick Holloway  
Eighth Grade  
Beach Middle School



Shelby Thompson

Shelby Thompson  
Eighth Grade  
Beach Middle School

## Crossing 45th Street

Smog-stuck air,  
stooping over  
soap-carving sidewalks,  
a blanket for  
New York,  
reefing endless wheels  
like gray  
dirty  
clay.

A step on  
an aging  
road,  
A glance:  
left, right,  
a smile at  
the swearing  
taxi-  
man,  
stopped, one finger out  
his  
window.

Rhythm across the  
hard,  
black  
river, brushed with  
yellow paint.  
A steady echo,  
following,  
an invisible sound-dog,  
at my heels.

By Evie Morrel-Samuels  
Eighth Grade  
Beach Middle School



Evie Morrel-Samuels

## Masked



Cameron Girard

India is  
my home.  
The  
place where  
my parents  
grew up,  
where  
my aunts  
and uncles  
live.

My cousins are very bright.  
Mosquitoes are the only  
problem,  
with their sharp stings and  
itchy bites.

India is suffocated in hazy



Aparna Ghosh

heat,  
and there is no snow to  
cool  
down in the later months.  
India is a country of three  
seasons,  
monsoon, summer and  
post-monsoon.

The trans-Atlantic flight to  
India  
takes a long 20 hours.

The Indian way of life  
includes  
intricate, jazzy dresses,  
and delicious foods,  
such as pani puri (spicy)  
and jaamoon (sweet).

Indian cars include no  
restraints.

It is a country where  
education is the most  
important thing in life.

Hinduism is the main religion,  
where every prayer first  
salutes Ganesh,  
and Bharatnatyam is the  
dance of the gods.

India is and always will be  
my home.

By Aparna Ghosh  
Eighth Grade  
Beach Middle School

## Home sweet home

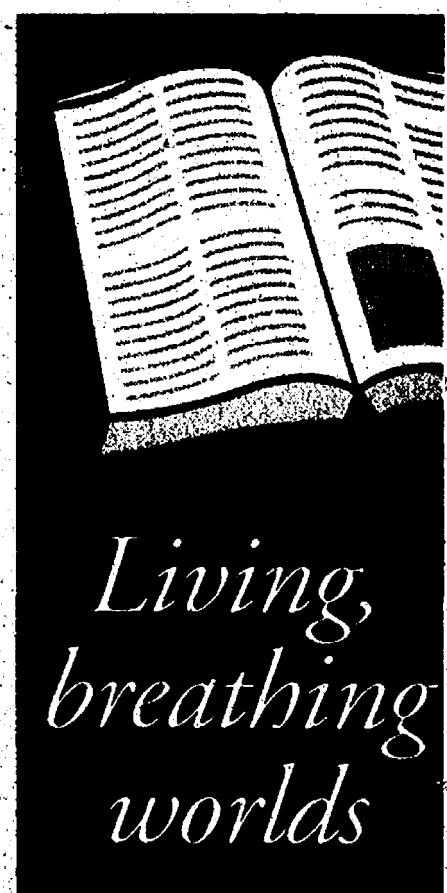
## Great Lakes State

I'm from Michigan  
The Great Lake State  
From golden sand dunes,  
To crystal clear lakes  
From the Cherry Capital,  
To the  
Mitten  
Peninsula  
From the  
Motor City,  
To the  
snowy  
state  
From the  
snow-covered



Stacy Marks

ground,  
To the ice-  
covered lakes  
From skating in  
January,  
To swimming in July  
From the Wolverine State,  
To the blue and gold  
From the Mackinac  
Bridge,  
To the Upper Peninsula  
I'm from Michigan,  
The Great Lakes State  
By Stacy Marks  
Eighth Grade  
Beach Middle School



## Living, breathing worlds

I run my hands  
along the boxes  
of books, their spines  
toward me.  
Beneath my fingertips,  
they whisper,  
sometimes crying:  
Open me!  
And if I do,  
Yes, if I dare,  
then I will single out;  
For in it  
sings!  
A world unleashed  
surely worth reading  
about.

Evie Morrel-Samuels  
Eighth Grade  
Beach Middle School





Photo by Rita Fischer

## Reindeer Games

Daniel Car takes a turn making a reindeer in teacher Karen Glover's class at North Creek Elementary School. Children worked on arts and crafts projects before taking off for the winter holiday.

## CHELSEA

# Scouts help make event successful

Earlier this month, Chelsea Girl Scout Troop 112 volunteered their time to make the Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade a success.

On Dec. 3, Troop 112 assisted at Santa's Workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the UAW Hall next to the Palmer-Ford dealership in downtown Chelsea.

On Dec. 4, Girl Scouts and

Cub Scouts set up luminaries that lined the parade route from the Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory to Pierce Park.

The Girl Scouts collected more than 1,000 milk jugs for the event. The luminaries were set up between 4 and 5 p.m.

The parade began at 6 p.m. at Chelsea State Bank and ended at the Clocktower complex.

# BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

## Eighth Grade High Honors Honor Roll

Jordan Alligood, Kristin Angelocci, Matthew Bach, Michael Baker, Kendra Beeman, Ashley Bell, Erin Benjamin, Amy Bokros, Jenna Bumstead, Dominic Conybeare, Katlin Cottrell, Randall Cox, Hannah Crowder, Lisa Dorrance, Kimberly Eckart, Gwendolyn Eder, Brooke Ehman, Stephanie Everard, Harold Eyster, Riley Feeney, Kayleigh Fletcher, Rebecca Foster, Aparna Ghosh, Alyson Gines, Cameron Girard, Nicholas Gordenier, Kimberly Hansen, Duncan Harris, Jack Hermann, Noah Hermann, Derik Heumann, Nicholas Hewitt, Patrick Holloway, Nichole Hopp, Ethan Johnson, Lauren Johnson, Samantha Keene, Victoria King, Timothy Koch, Todd Kruse, Brooks Leming, Abby Lewis-Lakin, Katherine Lindauer, Jakob Lotz, Eric Marzec, Reid Mauti, Kelly Maveal, Carly Meloche, Brianna Morales, Alexander Mote, Zachary Munce, William Murdock, Carolyn Olsen, Sophia Pappas, Amanda Patton, Ashley Plemens, Margaret Raines, Vinisha Rana, Camilla Reynolds, Scott Rhodes, Michael Roberts, Zoe Rozsa, Audrey Ruikka, Nicole Saarinen, Krystin Schwarze, Sarah Shroobree, Mark Smith, Jennifer Squires, Amy Stacy, Chelsea Stech, Kathryn Steklac, Claire Stephens, David Stratman, Michael Stratman, Zoe Suffety, Jessica Tchoryk, Shelby Thompson and Ryan Wrathall.

## Eighth Grade Honor Roll

**3.0 GPA or higher**  
Amanda Abdon, Amanda Ball, Caleb Bartlett, Kaitlin Bartlett, Rachel Bell, Grace Benton, April Bogdansk, Joel Boyce, Adam Brennan, Rebecca Brezee, James Brien, Alexandria Broekhuizen, Jessica Brown, Stephanie Case, Benjamin

Christie, George Clark, Robyn Cleary, Lauren Cooper, William Dark, Megan Dunn, Taylor Fettes, Kelli Fountain, Kyle French, Jared Gentz, Daniel Gilbert, Anissa Gregg, Hannah Harwood, John Hillaker, Ellie Howe, Joseph Hume, Kelly Hutcheon, Jesse Jaynes, Amanda Johnson, Taylor Keating, Trevor Kies, Amanda Koch, Bryan Koteles, Jayme-Lea La Mere, Myles Lange, Rachel Lawrence, Alexandra LeBeau, Brian Manitz, Stacy Marks, Amy Martzloff, Matthew McClelland, Jillian McConville, Katherine McEachern, Quinn McGuinness, Sean McQuarrie, Drake Olejniczak, Matthew Otto, Mary Ottoman, Lindsay Parish, Cayla Redmond, Scott Richards, Corey Robertson, Alyssa Rodgers, Sean Ruffin, Katherine Sayer, Jordan Shreves, Amanda Smith, Olivia Stucki, Hayden Uihlein, Frederik van Reesema, Nicholas Weir, Peter Wilke and Alana Wright.

## Seventh Grade High Honors Honor Roll

Schuyler Adkins, David Adrian, Julianna Ameel, Diana Bach, Robert Bailey, Brian Bazydlo, Sarah Bingel, Lorna Blocksma, Hannah Boshoven, Emily Bougher, Sarah Bross, Trevor Brown, Rigel Bruening, Melanie Burchett, Christina Coffman, Dakota Cooley, Gregory Cornwell, Amanda Craig, Alisa Cremer, Abigail Crowder, Alexander Cuper, Macy Dault, Leah Davis, Lucas Dehring, Olivia DeTroyer, Scott DeVol, Kaley Dixon, Sara Dixon, Ryan Doty, Jason Doyle, Erin Draper, Lucy Drinkwater, Marissa Elwart, Jared Farley, Jessica Farley, Nickolas Forsch, Kelly Fournier, Maxwell Frame, Kaci Friss, Eric Gabbard, Hannah Gavorenk, Travis Goetz, Claire Golec, Joseph Gunden, Olivia Hagerman, Delmar Hall, Lance Hammer, Rachel Hampton, Megan

Hardecastle, Christopher Harris, Martin Harris, Jacob Hash, Flora Hay, Michael Heydlauff, Daniel Hudson, Gregory Hughes, Abby Ingall, Cara Johnson, Alisha Jozwiak, Peter Kinsey, Sean Jozwiak, Kate Lewis-Lakin, Danielle MacFarlan, Courtney Maher, David Martin, Jenna McGrath, Max McLaughlin, Courtney Newman, Kelsey Penar, Rachel Phillips, Alyssa Potter, Hailey Preston, Jacob Prince, Viran Rana, Lucas Riley, Lukas Rowland, Viktor Rozsa, Brittany Schmelz, Kelly Schmidt, Nigel Schuh, Collin Scott, Zachary Sexton, Timothy Shoemaker, Richard Simpson, Jonathan Skidmore, Kelsey Skittenhelm, Nicole Spencer, Elyse St. Pierre, John Stebelton, Emma Tinsley, Shane Trojanowski, Ferdinando Ullisse, Kyle Whitley and Sarah Wolpoff.

## Seventh Grade Honor Roll

### 3.0 GPA or higher

Cody Adams, Savannah Allison-Sutch, Alexis Alvarado, Rachel Aughton, Kayla Baisch, Aaron Bear, Isaac Bear, Julie Beaumont, Katelynn Becker, Shelby Bolter, Garrett Branham, Ashlyn Brinklow, Abigail Brown, Brett Caid, Alyssa Carden, Ian Carry, Julia Cassell, Jordan Chattaway, James Clark, Anthony Coleman, Heather Cooper, Sarah Daniel, Matthew Darr, Brennan Darwin, Samantha Dault, Richard Douglas, Tate Feeney, Tyler Ferrel, Noah Gebhard, Amy Glover, Evan Grau, Anna Herter, Thomas Holly, Michelle Kellogg, Jessica Kussurelis, Nikola Laeder, Madison Marable, Ashley Massengill, Rachel McCarthy, Kate Mene, Daniel Merkel, Aimee Mesko, Anne Mignano, Joshua Moffat, Amanda Moyer, Landon Niesen, Thomas O'Neill, Maryanna Pappas, Elspeth Pennell, Shelby Platt, Donna Prieskorn, Alyssa Prokos, Meghan Reiley, Amanda Roderick, Dillon Rosentretter, Saige Rutherford, Tyler Salgat, Benjamin Sauers, Emily Schaible, Benjamin Schauder, Shawn Schrottenboer, Chance Seymour, Ryan Smallwood, Geoffrey Smith-Wooliams, Gabrielle Stendle, Christopher Stewart, Courtney Thacker, Devin Thurmond, Devyn Trester, Vincent Verardi, Chelsea Vincent, Graham Wagner, Colton Waterbury, Alaina Victoria Young and Amanda Zielinski.

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# PEOPLE

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2004

D.J. Fischer of Dexter Township is fascinated by a train display in the window at Cranesbill Books in downtown Chelsea.



Photos by Rita Fischer

# Hometown FUN

Chelsea's Hometown Holiday and Light Parade, held Dec. 3 through 5, proved to be a success for local merchants and the overall community, according to the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. In all, 22 units participated in the first-ever light parade.

Jim Duncan, president of the Chelsea Rotary Club, kicked off the 17th annual event, previously called Chelsea Festival of Lights, at a tree-lighting ceremony.

Members of the Chelsea High School marching band played holiday tunes and Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived on the American Legion Volture 957 Train to spend the evening at the UAW Hall in Santa's workshop the first night. More than 150 children met with Santa, while making Christmas crafts of necklace bells, birdseed cones and refreshments served by Hospice of Michigan.



Victoria Davis, 2, makes dough shapes at the VFW Hall during the Hometown Holiday event held Dec. 3 through 5.



Reed Aldrich (left) visits Santa, played by Jeff Gunnis, with older sister, Keaton. The two shared their Christmas wish lists and received a toy from Santa.



Mandy Kitchens, this year's Chelsea Community Fair Queen, throws the switch at the Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade at Pierce Park.