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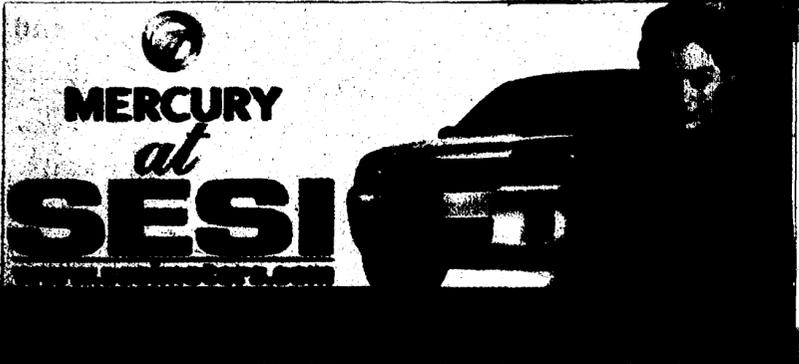
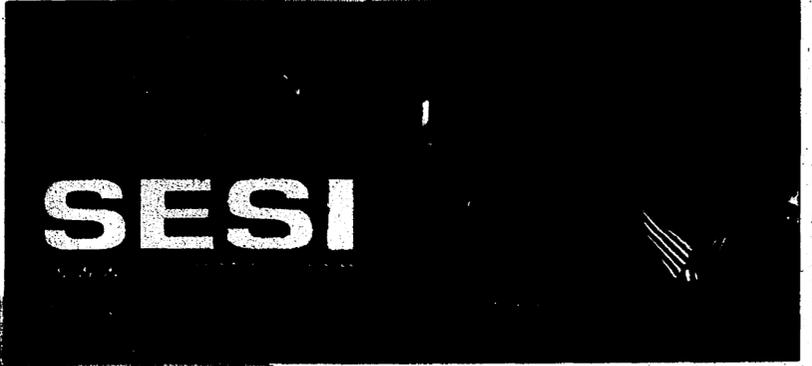
Tradition of service, honesty, integrity and caring continues

Sesi Lincoln Mercury Volvo, located in a brand-new facility at 3990 Jackson Road, between Wagner and Zeeb roads, may be a relatively new dealership, but it is backed by a 59-year tradition of service, honesty, integrity and caring.

Sesi Lincoln Mercury Volvo has been in business for 4 years but the Sesi family's successful business experience dates back to

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Chris Conley, general manager at Sesi's Jackson Road location, is

enthusiastic about the new and the fantastic opportunity service it provides.

"Our service and parts departments have doubled in size," he says. "Even though we're a relatively new dealership, it's important for people to know that we operate under the Sesi family's tradition of honesty, integrity and caring."

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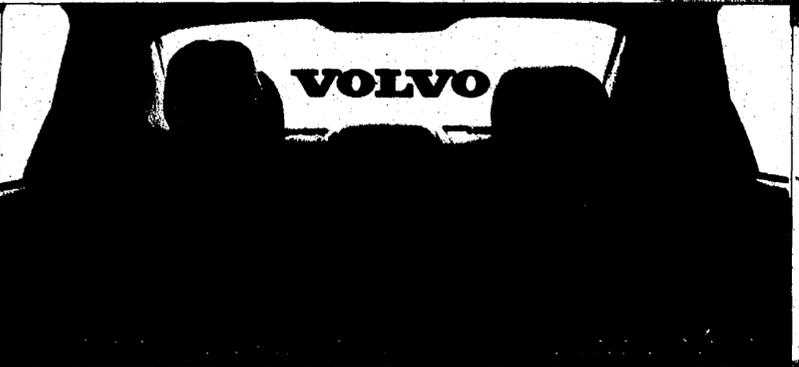
...a great service staff has one of the most experienced staffs in the business.

"Our employees stay with our customers keep coming back," says Joseph Sesi, owner of the dealership. "That combination has always led to our success."

The unique aspect of the Ypsilanti dealership is the front-end customer service.

same person throughout the sale process, have extended to their new Scio Township location as well.

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The new location is

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DEXTER-CHELSEA AREA

Newspapers win SNA awards

The Dexter Leader and The Chelsea Standard have won national recognition, including first place for Best Sports Section, in the Suburban Newspapers of America 2005 Editorial Contest.

The publications, part of Southgate-based Heritage Newspapers, captured four awards competing against newspapers from across the United States with a circulation of up to 8,000.

Sports Editor Don Richter took home first place in the category Best Sports Section for his work in The Dexter Leader.

Former reporter Steve Ricci won two awards. He captured third place for Best Arts and Entertainment Writing in The Dexter Leader for his piece on "Bus Stop" at the Purple Rose Theatre and third place for Best Breaking News

Story in The Chelsea Standard for an article titled, "Morning Fire Destroys Home."

Freelance photographer Craig Watson grabbed first place in the category Best Photojournalism for a People page spread in 2004 titled, "Celebration of Christmas," in The Dexter Leader.

The newspapers were among five in the Heritage group to win awards. The Dearborn Press & Guide won five, The News-Herald won four and The Camera in Grosse Ile won two.

New Jersey-based The Journal Register Co., parent company of Heritage Newspapers, led the contest with 114 winning entries, and was followed by Metroland Printing, Publishing and Distributing with 53 and Lee Enterprises with 45. Gannett's

HomeTown Communications, based in Michigan, captured 28 and Community Newspaper Company and Patuxent Publishing both grabbed 18.

There were 3,100 entries and 37 categories. The contest period was Oct. 1, 2004, through Aug. 31, 2005.

The winners will be recognized at the SNA Spring Publishers' Conference March 1 through 3 in Palm Springs, Calif., and at the SNA Editors' Conference March 29 and 30 in Hershey, Pa.

The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader won 28 awards in last year's Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest, and The Dexter Leader was named Newspaper of the Year in its circulation class. The Chelsea Standard won Newspaper of the Year in 2004.

OPTION

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proposed four-year contract by the Jan. 18 deadline, County Administrator Bob Gaegele will be allowed to take whatever action is deemed necessary, including beginning the lay-off process, according to contract language.

Manchester Village President Pat Vaillencourt said the bridge contract is not unfair to municipalities that have signed four-year contracts.

"It's time to look at Washtenaw as a community," she said. "It's time to be fair. The county put us in a position where they said, 'Sign it or else.'"

Manchester Village is among 10 municipalities that have approved the four-year contracts. The townships of Ann Arbor, Bridgewater, Dexter, Lodi, Seio, Superior, York and Webster, as well as Dexter Village, have already approved the four-year deal.

The four school districts covered by the sheriff's department will be handled individually, according to Curtis Hedger, corporate counsel for Washtenaw County. Hedger said the county is taking a huge risk because of the unknowns.

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extend negotiations until March or April ... the board can always act ahead of time to head off any sort of crisis."

Commissioner Roland Sizemore Jr., D-District 5, representing Ypsilanti Township, echoed Peterson's comments, saying the county would lose the revenue collected from the bridge contract, in attorney fees.

"I don't understand why we can't wait for another 90 days," he said. "I don't know why we can't give them another 90 days without penalties."

Commissioner Leah Gunn, D-District 9, representing Ann Arbor, supported the bridge contract. She said the ongoing negotiations have not been productive.

Gunn was joined by Commissioner Conan Smith, D-District 10, also representing Ann Arbor, who said the bridge contract represents a compromise on the county's part.

Commissioner Stephen Solowczuk, R-District 3, representing the Manchester

and Saline area, attempted to lower the deputy cost outlined in the bridge contract. He presented an amendment that would set the per-hour cost at the regular \$93 rate.

However, Solowczuk's motion was tabled indefinitely. In response to the public comments, Commissioner Jeff Irwin, D-District 11, also representing Ann Arbor, said the board has shown its willingness to compromise and he hopes that will continue.

"What I can say is that it takes two to tango," Irwin said. "All you've done is lambasted us. You've told us that we should be embarrassed for what we've done."

"Maybe we should all take a hard look in the mirror and then, hopefully, we'll get it right." At its Dec. 7 meeting, the County Board set a flat rate of \$10,000 for overtime in 2007 for contracting areas that signed the four-year agreement. Beginning in 2008, contracting areas will be forced to pay the full cost of deputies, supervisors and overtime when the county implements the incremental-cost model.

Under the current Police Service Unit model, the county charges nearly \$90,000 per deputy and subsidizes the rest. The full cost of a PSU is calculated at a little more than \$181,000.

The county plans to use those subsidy funds to pay for a \$29.9 million construction bond for county jail and court improvements. The county originally proposed a millage to fund the \$314 million jail project, but the proposal was widely rejected by voters last February.

and women in the sheriff's department," he said. "We've already lost two men because of this issue. The county is taking a huge risk because of the unknowns."

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create a new rural preservation district in the southwest portion of the township. The district would require a minimum lot size of five acres, but would allow for "the equivalent of two acre lots when such lots are clustered under certain conditions," according to the written proposal.

The committee voted 4-3 in favor of the recommendation.

Residents generally expressed opposition to the taking over of property and the impact the changes would have on landowners.

In the proposal, the committee acknowledged the possible disadvantages of the recommended changes. These included the proposal may be deemed a "waste of land," invite litigation and negatively impact some landowners financially.

Other disadvantages the committee acknowledged

were the possibility the requirement would be a divisive issue that could pit residents against each other, as well as not preserve agriculture or slow down farm conversions to residential areas.

According to the proposal, the advantages of the recommendation included the reduction of new homes being built, reduced demands for police and fire services, reduced traffic volume and reduced potential impact on water.

CITY

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determine REU fees is not the best way to approach this," Steklac said.

"It's somewhat antiquated and cannot be continued at long term."

The biggest challenge the city likely will face this year is with budget and finances.

An initial challenge the city faced was when it changed its fiscal year from March 1 to July 1. Without enough money in the fund balance, the city had to oper-

ate for 16 months on a 12-month budget, Steklac said.

The city fund balance has decreased from \$600,000 to \$115,000 in the last few years.

"It's ideal to operate with a fund balance of 20 to 30 percent of your budget," he said. "We're down to about 3 percent."

In addition, the city may be looking at mid-year cuts to accommodate cost overruns with the city's contribution to the Chelsea Area Fire Authority budget. Steklac said \$94,000 of the city's fund balance will have to go to the Fire Authority.

Also, rate hikes for water, wastewater treatment and electric utilities may be in the works. Chelsea's electric rates have not been raised in 16 years, Steklac said. But even with a rate hike, residents will still pay one of the lowest rates in the state.

What may make Steklac unique among city managers is his willingness to communicate directly with residents. Through The Chelsea Report, his personal Weblog (www.chelseacitymanager.blogspot.com), he attempts to keep residents informed of city happenings.

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Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Federal Holiday

WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE TO READ THE TEXTBOOK, OR THE ONE YOU WANT TO READ

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COMMENTARY

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2006

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Downgrading fire service has risks

Bob Spink of Lima Township raised the issue of fire response service levels in a letter to the editor (The Dexter Leader, Dec. 29, and The Chelsea Standard, Dec. 22).

Few people realize that the type of response they get when they call 911 varies from township to township. We, in Scio Township, have Level 2 service and being a Level 2 operation is not without risks.

I can tell Bob, as I have told the board of trustees in Scio Township, that I have personally witnessed two instances where Level 2 service was clearly inadequate in the last year.

One was near my own home, where a car had struck a tree head on. Somehow the driver managed to get out of his car, but had deep lacerations on his face and had lost a tooth. I placed him in my own car to keep him warm and prevent the on set of shock.

Another car had stopped and the driver said he had called 911. Not only was the fire department not notified, Huron Valley Ambulance did not respond until sheriff's deputies arrived, and their response was at least 20 minutes. The ambulance only then was alerted and responded from Main and Huron streets in Ann Arbor. That was another 12 minutes.

The other instance was on Miller Road east of Zeeb Road. Again, another caller had said they had called 911. Again, the fire department was not notified. Again, there were injuries as this was a serious three-car crash. The Scio Township Fire Department is less than one mile away. Why wasn't the fire department notified? Because, contrary to Mr. Spink's assertion, Level 2 service levels can leave victims at risk.

Mr. Spink believes it's useless duplication to have Huron Valley Ambulance and the fire department respond to injury accidents. I disagree.

Having a fire truck on the scene not only provides quicker response with licensed first responders and emergency medical technicians, it also provides assistance in the form of fire control. Having water and a fire hose on the scene makes it safer for the victims and the first responders.

Auto accidents are volatile, fluid situations that require stabilization and control. Huron Valley Ambulance does a fine job, but responding with only two attendants when fire personnel are available is not a wise use of resources. Fire response units usually arrive before the ambulance. If there are no injuries, they can cancel

other units, thus leaving an ambulance available for someone that may need it.

I urge Scio Township residents to ask their board to upgrade our service. I caution Chelsea-area residents to be wary of Mr. Spink's proposal to go to Level 2 service.

Jack Germain
 Scio Township

Why close government for religious holidays?

So if the U.S. government determines that it's against the law for the words "Under God" to be on our money, then so be it.

And if the government decides that the Ten Commandments are not to be used in or on a government installation, then so be it.

And since they already have prohibited any prayer in the schools, on which they deem is their authority, then so be it.

I say "so be it" because I would like to think that smarter people than I are in positions to make good decisions and I would like to think that those people have the American public's best interest at heart.

But you know what else I would like? Since we can't pray to God and can't trust in God and cannot post his commandments in government buildings, then I don't believe the government and its employees should participate in the Easter and Christmas celebrations, which honor the God that our government is eliminating from the many facets of American life.

I would like my mail delivered on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving and Easter. After all, it's just another day.

I would like the U.S. Supreme Court to be in session on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving and Easter, as well as Sundays. After all it's just another day.

I would like the Senate and House of Representatives to not have to worry about getting home for the Christmas break. After all, it's just another day.

I'm thinking that a lot of my tax dollars could be saved if all government offices and services would work on Christmas, Good Friday and Easter, as it should not cast any overtime since those would be just like any other day of the week to a government that is trying to be politically correct.

In fact, I think the government should work on all Sundays that were initially set aside to worship God because, after all, our government says that it should be just another day.

Maybe our elected officials will stop giving in to the minority opinions and begin, once again, to represent the majority of all the American people.

In God we trust. God Bless

America. So be it?
 Russ Mynning
 Scio Township

Is the electorate left of center?

In a recent letter to the editor ("Columnist's comments reflect society's values," Dec. 8, 2005, The Chelsea Standard/The Dexter Leader), Warren Kress claimed "the American people hold values that are to the left of the major parties." I am all in favor of discovering whether this is true via the normal democratic process of an election.

I would assume that Kress means that the Democratic Party should move to the left.

It seems that the party has moved a great deal to the left recently, as indicated by the fact that Sen. Ted Kennedy is probably the group's leading spokesman. If they want to stay there for the next two elections, we can see where the American people really stand, and if the liberals win, so be it.

But I am not so sure that the American people are really that far to the left. If they were, would the Democratic Party act as it currently does?

Why do liberal Democratic candidates run to the left for the primaries and then run to the center for the general election?

Why do liberal Democrats rely upon the courts to implement their liberal/left agenda rather than on the legislative process by those elected as representatives?

Why don't more liberal politicians call themselves such? True conservatives are proud to be called conservatives. Why do so many liberals refuse the title?

Why are so many liberal politicians afraid to clearly state their agenda?

I listened to a recent, lengthy interview on National Public Radio with two leading Democrats regarding the positive message the Democratic Party should give for people to vote Democratic. The answers were:

- The rascally Republicans need to be obstructed.
- We are for the middle class. (Translation: Let's fool them again.)

In the recent episode with Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., why were the Democrats so aghast at being tied to Michael Moore, the one who (along with moveon.org) almost won them the last presidential election?

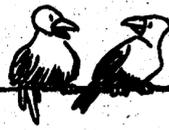
Many of the letters to the editor are excellent examples of making clear the liberal/left agenda.

A ticket of Howard Dean and Dennis Kucinich — or Al Sharpton or Carol Moseley Braun — against Condoleezza Rice and Steve Forbes would provide a great contrast for a popular vote.

If the real liberal goal is to remake the United States in

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"SATELLITE DISHES ARE OKAY... BUT I PREFER CABLE."

OTHER VOICES

Join MLK Day events

Next week, America and Chelsea will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The goal of the celebration is to promote recognition of the diversity of the human family and understanding of the world's cultures.

This is the 20th year for the federal holiday. If you haven't gotten on board yet, I urge you to do so.

I grew up just a day's canoe paddle south of Lake Superior, in northern Wisconsin. The only racial diversity around me was the Native American influence that's still prevalent there.

We mixed on the playground, a bunch of kids who knew no prejudice, other than what our parents tried desperately to instill in us. Every day, I question whether I've truly been able to remain above that prejudice over the years.

On Monday, I'll question whether I would have even tried, without the actions of people like King and the civil rights movement that followed. In truth, King represents the efforts of any group to stand up for its rights.

Whether you sympathize with every group that cries out against discrimination, you have to realize that in this country, we are so fond of saying we are proud of something and you need to have recourse when your rights are being violated or when your freedom is being taken away because it happens all the time.

All sorts of rights are under attack these days, including your right to vote, speak freely, own a gun, your right of sexual preference, privacy and the right to have a clean environment.

Also under attack are your right to demonstrate for peace, control what your government spends your money on, your right to honest representation in government and your right to con-

trol your own body.

If you feel the threat against any of these rights, then you should respect the acts of Martin Luther King Jr.

Senior citizens, who do you have to stand up for you against unfair advertising, unconscionable drug company profits, and elder-care abuse?

Children, who stand for you when you're left behind by a school system short on funds because of a \$300 billion war?

Citizen, who stands for you when half your campaign

contributions go to a lobbyist who supports your cause, and the other half to a lobbyist who fights against them?

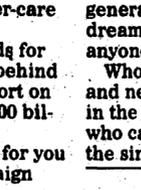
Who stands for you when the rich get richer, the rich get tax cuts, and the rich get to pass their growing riches down generation to generation so the American dream no longer works for anyone?

Who stands for the poor and needy, the genius born in the ghetto, the Olympian who can't afford shoes, and the single-parent child with

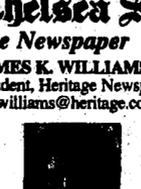
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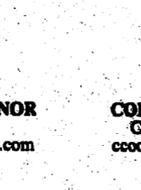
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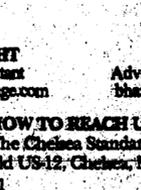
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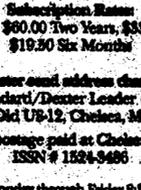
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STREET TALK

By Jennifer Skakwitz

With the high price of natural gas are you doing anything to conserve energy in your home?



"We are sleeping with a lot of blankets and in layers."
 Jon Lane
 Dexter Township



"We set our programmable thermostat at 64 degrees when we are not home during the day."
 Mild Dean
 Dexter Township



"No. We don't use natural gas. We have electric heat."
 Rick Ester
 Sharon Township



"We started using our wood-burning stove. We haven't used it in years."
 Jan Carr
 Sylvan Township

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The newspaper reserves the right to accept or reject any letter for publication, and to edit letters for length, accuracy and grammar.

All letters for publication must include the author's name, address and telephone number. The deadline is 1 p.m. Monday.

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MLK

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a working mother, no one home after school and a gang selling drugs outside the front door?

We never saw any African Americans in the Great White North. Nor do we see a lot of racial diversity outside of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. It's kind of hard to know how to embrace the "diversity of the human

family" to "understand the world's cultures" when it always has been defined as black skin and white skin, as represented by black heroes like King and Rosa Parks.

The point is that Martin Luther King Jr. Day does not really have to be about the black and white divide. It's about the great leadership that one American provided for a group that was being denied the right to equality, the right to free-

dom, by America itself, against its very Constitution and the Founding Fathers who drafted it.

We each need to open up our hearts and minds to what the human family really means — it's a lot more than simply a melting pot of races — and what's meant by "the world's cultures."

We need more great leaders who will stand up for those groups that are tread upon by those of us privileged few who think we're as

moral as we can get, who think we're tolerant, giving, kind, generous and understanding, and who think we're not prejudiced.

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LETTERS

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the image of the Garden of Eden (a.k.a. France), let us hear an explicit and clearly stated agenda.

France is not looking so good for the liberals these days. The country has rejected the European Union Constitution, had weeks of riots over its racism and discrimination, has almost 10 percent unemployment and was one of the two worst countries in its complicity in the United Nation's corrupt oil-for-food program with Saddam Hussein per the Volker report. In addition, it

was the leading obstructionist in the Doha Round of the World Trade Organization talks aimed at helping the poor of developing countries.

If the left really wants us to be like France, let us by all means have a vote on it.

There are indeed many

serious issues and challenges facing the United States that require honest and sustained attention. An honest delineation of the positions prior to an election would be a great place to start.

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LESSONS LEARNED

- Life is what happens when you're making other plans ... but, regardless, you should continue to keep trying to make plans.
- It's rewarding to be supportive and guide those who need help ... but be discreet in your guidance and try not to let it show.
- Work, which may be physical or mental, should be challenging and work done well is always satisfying.
- A true friendship is a trusting and supportive relationship where both individuals are comfortable sharing thoughts and ideas.
- It's often said that the love of money is the root of all evil and that money doesn't buy happiness. But if one views money as a tool in our culture to help one survive and create more choices in life, then money is kept in a more realistic and healthy perspective.
- The concept of love is very broad and complex and impacts our lives in so many ways. Some of the most wonderful and important aspects of love include ... how it enhances the true enjoyment of everyday life. Loving oneself seems essential to loving others. Love that is reciprocal creates a wonderful, magical warmth for both individuals that can last forever. Love helps a person to grow and learn. Love creates new life.
- Laugh more...Live longer. Laugh with someone, not at someone. Seeing the humor in life is a skill which develops and grows as one ages.
- It's always enjoyable being around a person who has a healthy sense of humor.
- Family members can be wonderful and helpful throughout life. Sometimes you're actually surprised to see which family members step up to the plate when needed.
- It's valuable and important to develop and nurture friendships outside of the family, too.

Source: "Lessons Learned in Life" project at Silver Maples

Wisdom of the Ages

Retirement community residents share life's lessons

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Members of a group in Chelsea have more than 1,000 years of collective wisdom and experience — and want to share with others lessons they've learned throughout the years.

The project, called "Lessons Learned in Life," was born in Connections, an informal, weekly Tuesday get-together of about a dozen residents, ranging in age from 77 to 95, at Silver Maples retirement community.

"It provides an opportunity to connect with one another," said Janet Zielasko, social service coordinator at Silver Maples, who facilitates the group chats.

Each session includes a discussion of current events and participation in some type of stimulating and thought-provoking exercise, interacting with a guest speaker or simply sharing personal experiences or feelings on a particular topic.

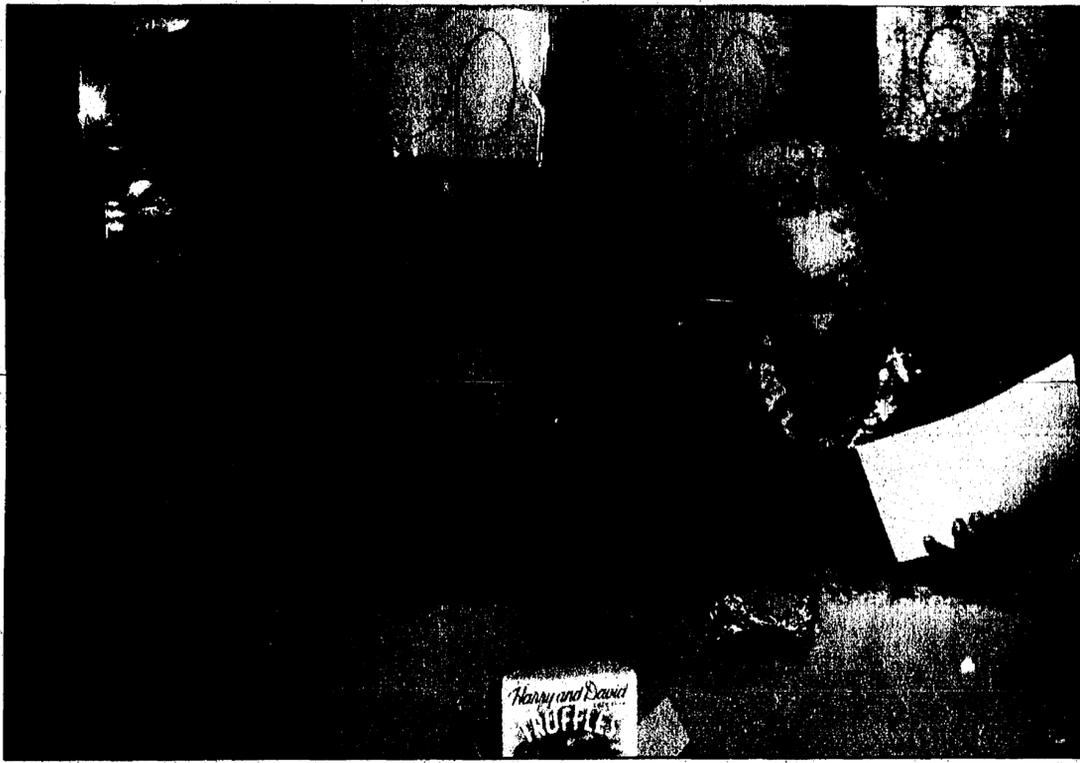
The exercises and sharing are designed to promote interpersonal learning and to develop a better understanding of one another and to make new friends, Zielasko said. Each meeting closes with a short story, poem or a special saying read aloud by the group participants.

The "Lessons Learned in Life" project came about through an informal discussion on what people learn in life and what components seem most important.

"In this group, we discussed mentoring, friendship, money, love, work, humor, family and collectively came up with a message on each topic area that all could support," Zielasko said.

"It took about two months of weekly collective discussion on the various topic areas to finish the project. It has been a wonderful project, and an important reminder of what can be done when people come together to talk and share."

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Bob and Inez Meyers said it was important to them to document their lessons from life.

Postal employees step down after long careers

Retirees reflect on changes

By Heather Connor
Staff Writer

After many years on the job, two of Chelsea's postal workers are hanging up the mailbag.

Bob Martin and Toni Hughes, who have 30 and 20 years, respectively, on the job, retired at the end of 2005 from the Chelsea Post Office.

Both have worked their same assigned routes for nearly the entire time they have been at the post office.

"These are the two routes that I get nothing but compliments from customers," said Supervisor Cindy Baert.

Hughes, who lives in Gregory, has delivered to customers on her 40-mile rural route since 1985. She said the most difficult part of her job is delivering in the winter weather.

During the big snowstorm last month, Hughes got her truck stuck in a snow bank. Her customers helped get her out before a tow truck could arrive.

"I'll miss the people I deliver to the most," she said. "There are a lot of good people out there."

Martin, who lives in Grass Lake, said he also would miss his customers the most. He has had the same city route since 1984.

"The people are the good part. I like keeping an eye on the elderly people on my route," he said. "You know something is not right when their mail piles up. You usually find out later they were out of town or in the hospital."

Several children have been born to families on Martin's route, and now some of them

have children of their own.

"You get to know their dogs' names. I know what car they drive and where they work," Martin said of his customers. "I don't even know my own neighbors that well, so they do get to feel like family."

Another pleasure they have received from their jobs has been helping the community. Hughes said police officers often stop and ask her if she has seen someone they are looking for.

"Police rely on us for our presence," she said.

Added Martin, "We're often asked if we've seen their lost dog."

Dogs can pose a challenge for every postal worker. Martin and Hughes have been no exception.

"I'm not afraid of dogs, but I have a healthy respect for them," she said.

Hughes was once bitten on the leg by a dog, but it did not break the skin, she said.

Martin, on the other hand, was bitten just three days into the job.

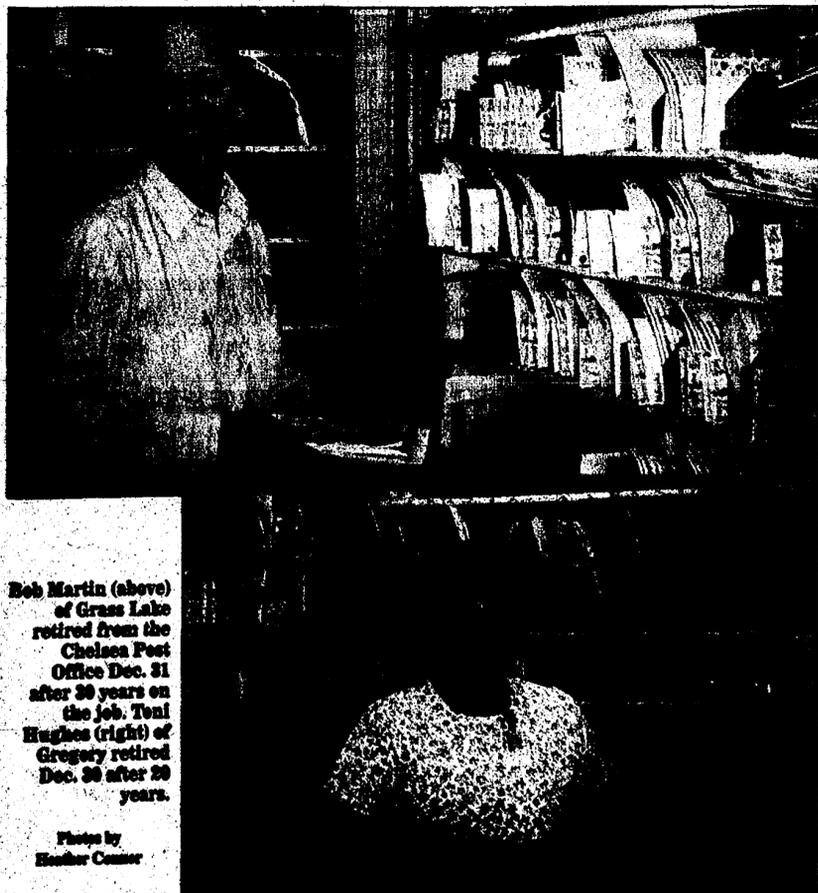
While delivering mail on Wilkinson Street, he was bitten from behind by a three-legged yellow Labrador retriever.

"It was a big joke around here for about 10 years," Martin said. "I learned. I never got bit after that."

They've also delivered unusual packages over the years. Hughes delivered coconuts from Hawaii and suitcases. Martin said he once delivered a tire that had just an address label on it.

Both retirees have seen a lot of change at the U.S. Postal Service. In Chelsea, they have seen the number of routes grow from about

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Bob Martin (above) of Grass Lake retired from the Chelsea Post Office Dec. 31 after 30 years on the job. Toni Hughes (right) of Gregory retired Dec. 30 after 20 years.

Photos by
Heather Connor

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursdays, Jan. 12, 19 and 26

"Excel Basics" workshop will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. The three-part series provides a basic introduction to the widely used spreadsheet program. Registration is required and space is limited. For more information, call 475-8732.

Saturday, Jan. 14

Friends of Chelsea District Library used book sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library meeting room, 500 Washington St. For more information, call 475-5829.

The Chelsea Music Celebrations will present The Muse String Quartet 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 433-2787.

Sunday, Jan. 15

"Straight from the Heart" photography exhibit is being held through Jan. 19 at the Chelsea Center for the Arts, 400 Congdon St. An encore multi-media presentation by photographer Marco Mancinelli will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 433-2787.

"Five Keys to Creativity" writing workshop, discussion and book signing with writer David Storer will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. at Cranesbill Books, 108 E. Middle St., in Chelsea. The workshop is free, and pre-registration is required. Call 433-2665.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Lima Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing 7:30 p.m. at Lima Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

The Friends of Chelsea District Library will hold its annual meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Gourmet Chocolate Café, 312 N. Main St., in Chelsea. Annual election of officers will be conducted. For more information, call 475-2424.

Thursday, Jan. 19

"Books & Banter" book discussion will be held 1:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. January's titles are "Absalom, Absalom" and "The Photograph." Copies of selected books are reserved for registered participants. For more information, call 475-8732.

The Tamarack Greens will meet 7:30 p.m. at the Main Street Coney Island, 1555 S. Main St., in Chelsea. Plans for 2006 will be discussed. For more information, call 433-9102.

Saturday, Jan. 21

Relay for Life meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 14600 Old US-12, in Chelsea.

The University of Michigan's Exhibit Museum workshop will be held 3 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. The workshop is titled "Phen-

omenal Paleozoic: Out of the Water." The program is free and registration is required. Call 475-8732.

Saturday, Jan. 21 and Sunday, Jan. 22

"And Then There Was None," a stage adaptation of Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians" will be performed 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle St., in Chelsea.

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

Books & Banter Group meets 1:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Copies of the books are available for registered readers. For information, call 475-8732.

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.

Mastering Motherhood group meets every Thursday during the school year from 9:15 to 11 a.m. at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. The group provides support to mothers through weekly meetings, discussions and book studies. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, call 475-1391.

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 Lingene Road, in Chelsea. Call 475-7910.

Step aerobics are held from 9 to 10 a.m. at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

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 9:30 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Cleary's Pub, 113 S. Main St. Call 996-9467.

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

Prayerful Hands Group meets monthly at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St., in Chelsea. The group knits, crochets, sews and quilts for those in need. For more information, call the church at 475-1404 or 475-1295.

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, 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Chelsea hospital dining room, and noon on Tuesday and Wednesday at First

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

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-6128.

Circuit training classes are held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

Lima Township Board meets 8 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road, in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-2246.

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 from 6 to 7 p.m. every Monday at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road. For more information, call 995-1835.

Step aerobics are held from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

Taste of Home Café serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. It's open to the public with a \$2.50 donation for senior citizens 60 years or older, and \$5 for all others. Reservations are required one day in advance. For information or reservations, call 475-9242.

Chelsea District Library Board meets 6:30 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 Computing: One to One" workshop is held from 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Tuesdays each month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. There is no charge, but registration is required. To register or for more information, call 475-9732.

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

Silver Sneakerz workout classes are held from 8 to 8:45 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at

Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners meets 1 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Road Commission Boardroom, 555 N. Zeeb Road, Scio Township. For updates to the meeting schedule check out the Web site at www.wcroads.org.

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

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.

Muscle toning classes are held 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Chair exercises are followed by walking. The class is free and open to the public. For more information, call 475-9242.

Narcotics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Chelsea Community Hospital Main Dining Room, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

The Evening Primrose Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St.

DEXTER
Saturday, Jan. 14
"Under the Wolf Moon" winter hike will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Independence Lake, 3200 Jennings Road, in Webster Township. Meet at the Beach Center. Hot drinks will be provided around a fire after the hike. For more information, call 971-6337, ext. 318.

Monday, Jan. 16
Winter story time for toddlers and preschoolers will begin Jan. 16 and run until March 9 at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. Registration is required. Call 426-4477.

Saturday, Jan. 21
The University of Michigan's Exhibit of Natural History will be held 10:30 a.m. at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. The workshop is titled "Phenomenal Paleozoic: Out of the Water." The program is free and registration is required. Recommended for children ages 6 and older with an adult.

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 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 Rotary Club meets 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. every Thursday at Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road.

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

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

Girlfriends Inc. is for women of all ages. The group meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth

Thursday of the month. Call 424-3404.

Friday
Friends of Dexter District Library meets 10 a.m. the second Friday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. Call 426-4477.

Saturday
Monthly Book Sale by the Friends of the Dexter District Library will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the first Saturday of each month through June at the library, 8040 Fourth St.

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

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

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

Dexter Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St. Call 426-8299 or e-mail bjansdel@cs.com.

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Lighthouse Café, 8124 Main St., in Dexter.

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

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TOPS Weight Loss Group meets weekly from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor-Dexter Road. Call 426-4031 for more information.

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP

King completes training

Michigan Army National Guard soldier Brian King of Dexter Township has completed basic training in the Michigan National Guard for one year. King, the son of Mike King and stepson of Lisa King, currently holds the rank of Private 2nd Class and is a member of HHD, 107th Quarter Master Battalion. He served in the Michigan National Guard for one year.

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CHELSEA

Class on Iraq among program offerings

A native of Iraq who fled in 1978 under Saddam Hussein's reign will share his insights into the country as part of a class offered through the Adult Learners Institute in Chelsea.

Ramsey Jiddou, an instructor at Washtenaw Community College, will teach "Modern Iraq" in the spring.

Born in Baghdad, Iraq, in 1944, the son of a merchant, Jiddou spent his childhood in Telkaif, a small town, primarily Chaldean, in Northern Iraq near Mossul. He received his undergraduate and post-graduate education in Germany, earning a master's degree from Reinisch Westfaelische in Aachen and a doctorate from the University of Dortmund.

After graduate school, Jiddou returned to his native Iraq as director of chemistry for the National Iraqi Minerals Co., a government-run program.

But Jiddou was not a Ba'ath party member. After being interrogated by the Iraqi secret police about his lack of affiliation with the

party, Jiddou was given an ultimatum to either join the party or face an uncertain future. He made plans to flee the oppression of the Saddam Hussein regime.

Using a variety of ruses, he escaped from Iraq with his wife in 1978. After spending two weeks in Cairo, he immigrated to the United States to be reunited with family members.

After his departure, family remaining in Iraq suffered interrogation by the secret police about his defection.

Jiddou has spent much of his time since leaving Iraq educating the world about the oppressive regime and the need and desire of the Iraqi people for democracy and independence.

Jiddou was part of a group of distinguished Iraqi Americans invited to the White House

to confer with President George W. Bush and his cabinet on Iraq. His knowledge of Iraq has made Jiddou a frequent guest of CNN, PBS, CBS and Al Jazeera news networks. He has been interviewed by Iraqi, German and Egyptian TV, The Detroit News and Free Press and The Washington Post.

In addition, Jiddou, who is fluent in four languages, has been a consultant on a variety of topics, from Modern Iraqi culture and wastewater treatment techniques to doing business in the Middle East.

"My goal is to make people aware of what is actually going on and to help foster a better Iraq, where what we do will make a difference in the lives of the people," Jiddou said in a press statement.

Jiddou will be among 13 instructors offering courses this spring through the Adult Learners Institute.

Hosted by the Chelsea Senior Center and sponsored by Washtenaw Community College and Siena Heights University, the

Adult Learners Institute is a membership organization of retired and semi-retired people who believe in life-long learning.

In addition to spring classes, one-session classes will be offered in January and February.

Courses will include "Brown-Bagging Your Prescriptions," "Today's China," "Values in Videos: Schindler's List," "The Underground Railroad in Washtenaw County," "Let's Speak Spanish" and "Humanity's Search for Meaning: A Study of Major World Religions."

An open house will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday in the boardroom at the Washington Street Education Center, 300 Washington St., in Chelsea. Instructors will talk about their courses and people may register for courses. Cost is \$5 per course for members and \$20 per course for nonmembers. Membership costs \$25 per year.

For more information, check out the Web site www.adultlearnersinstitute.org or call 475-9242.



Ramsey Jiddou

CHELSEA AREA

Residents reflect on 2005, share hopes

Many local folks came to realize how fortunate they are

By Sheila Purgiove
Special Writer

With the new year under way, local residents reflected on 2005 — a fairly chaotic year globally — and shared their hopes for 2006.

Chelsea resident Sandra Peterson found the past year to be something of a reawakening.

"Scenes of catastrophes — both manmade and from nature — have made me redefine wealth and poverty," she said. "I know for certain that I am truly blessed with great wealth of family, a roof over my head, clothes on my back, and plentiful food and good health and health care."

"What brings me pain is

the almost constant realization that so very many people lack one or more of these things. Giving money helps me feel somewhat better, but doesn't satisfy my need to change the world by touching it more personally."

Chelsea-area residents are somewhat insulated from much of the greater world by relative affluence and simply geographic distance, Peterson said.

"I continue to look for more and different ways to share my great good fortune. I guess this is a work that's never done."

Local artist Lorin Kummer says 2005 was a year of many prayers answered.

"Amidst the incredible challenges of natural disasters and our country at war, I was blessed each day by the reminders of all that is truly important: faith, family and friends," she said. "A great book offered me guidance

and clarity throughout the year, 'The Gift of Change' by Marianne Williamson."

In 2006, family, friends, community, work and the arts will once again give Kummer plenty to look forward to, she said, including the return from war of her nephew, a sergeant in the U.S. Army, the anticipated birth of a grandchild and a family wedding.

"And woven through it all, the power of love and prayers remain the strongest force in my life," she said.

For Shawn Personke, community relations and development coordinator at the Chelsea District Library, the highlight of 2005 was her niece's summer wedding in a vineyard on the Leelanau Peninsula.

"Not only was it the most beautiful wedding I've ever attended, but it was so wonderful to have almost my entire family — six brothers,

sisters and their families — gathered in one place to laugh and celebrate our family," Personke said.

Not surprisingly, for 2006 Personke is looking forward to opening a new library.

"After so many years of effort by so many people, it's very exciting to see it go up even though it's just cement and steel right now. I'm looking forward to seeing it in the summer and fall with its warm red bricks and green landscaping."

Becky Pazkowski, director of marketing and development for Chelsea Community Hospital, enjoyed seeing her two sons excel in their musical accomplishments last year. Alex, 14, plays violin and was selected into the Saline Fiddlers in March and 12-year-old Evan received a scholarship to attend Blue Lake Camp for his accomplishments in French horn. He also took up bass guitar.

"My husband and I are both musical, and we feel blessed with two sons who share our passion," she said.

As for 2006, she said, "I hope that my husband lands a teaching position that he loves, and that both of our boys achieve academic success equal to their music success."

Pam Hoffer of Michigan Friends Center said she was thrilled that the community supported the presentation of the Welfare Simulation at Michigan Friends Center in 2005, and delighted with the thoughtful discussions from the attendees.

Looking down the road at 2006, spending more time painting in her studio is on Hoffer's wish list.

"Organizationally, I look forward to the next crop of

wonderful programs at Michigan Friends Center and to the center becoming better known as a resource in the community for individuals and groups wanting to use it for their own purposes," she said.

A highlight for local artists Bill and Marsi Darwin was moving back home to their studio in Waterloo after the Darwin's Downtown venture, and turning the downtown location into West of the Moon gallery.

"We both hope for a better business climate for the year 2006, and world peace, of course," Marsi Darwin said.

For Todd and Janice Orthing, the best of 2005 was moving and growing their ad agency, Edgar Norman Creative, into a large space in the Clocktower Complex.

LESSONS

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Each resident who participated in the creation of the project received a matted copy and a display stand for his or her apartment, and each was given additional copies to share with children, grandchildren and friends. Some gave them out as holiday presents.

Former North Lake resident Liz Worden, 83, who used to serve as office business manager at the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research, was among the participants who planned to share the lessons with her grandchildren.

"It was nice to create something for others to enjoy," she said.

Ruth Paskewitz, 89, a retired teacher from St. Paul, Minn., says the project is a reminder that there are always lessons to be learned throughout life.

"They never stop ... when one door is shut, another opens," she said.

The project is a good summary of things residents learned from others and from life, said 90-year-old Lillian Ostrand, a former professor of public health nursing from Crystal Falls.

"They have guided us as we've gone along and, hope-

fully, we've shared with others along the way. It was nice to stop and think about life's many lessons."

George Elliott, 88, formerly of Ypsilanti, said his favorite part of the piece was the one about humor, and adds, "At age 90, I wouldn't have had this wisdom."

The information from the project also has been included in the Silver Maples newsletters for all the residents to read.

"I thought it was very nice and an interesting project," said 87-year-old Ruth Barton, a retired teacher from the Chelsea area.

The group created a similar project a year ago, sharing thoughts on what was needed to live a healthy life and gathering them into "Collective Thoughts for Living Well."

"I didn't realize that we had said all these things," said Larry Hunt, 95, a former resident of Moline, Ill. "We just kept talking and everyone participated."

Husband-and-wife team Bob and Inez Meyers, formerly of Eaton Rapids, enjoyed participating in the project.

"It's a good document and it means a great deal," Inez Meyers said.

Zielasko said it was an important project to do.

"Elders have a wisdom of life, a long view, that is both valuable and important to

share and pass along to others," she said. "Their wisdom is so important to be shared with others."

"Every day I come to Silver Maples, I feel like I'm walking among the awesome redwoods. Our elders have a life

view that is so valuable and the opportunity to learn from them is present each day, as long as we're willing to really listen."

Sheila Purgiove is a freelance writer. She can be reached at bingley51@yahoo.com.

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PEOPLE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2006

Katherine Eckland (left), Katie Keubler and Zak Cobb make holiday ornaments before going on winter break.



Good times

Chelsea Community Education Preschool hosted a holiday party Dec. 8 for its students. Activities included making ornaments, decorating cookies and talking to Santa Claus. Students went on winter break Dec. 19 and returned Jan. 2.



Taylor Carlson decorates holiday cookies as part of her class at Chelsea Community Preschool.

Ethan Sullins sings a song with Santa Claus when Old St. Nick paid a visit to the Chelsea Community Preschool last month.



Zach and Megan cut a handful of cookies after making a batch in class.



Zachary Cooley tells Santa Claus his wish before children in Chelsea schools had two weeks off for winter break.

SPORTS

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Chelsea's Taylor Hooper skates up ice against Jackson Lumen Christi last week. The No. 4-ranked and unbeaten Bulldogs defeated the traditionally strong Titans 4-2.



Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

HOCKEY

Cremer's hat trick leads Dawgs

Chelsea scores six first period goals in victory over Rocks

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey defeated visiting Salem 9-3 last Saturday.

The Bulldogs (11-0-2), ranked No. 4 in the state in Division III, scored the first seven goals of the game, cruising to victory.

Schlyer Williams opened the scoring for Chelsea with a goal at the 1:34 mark of the first period. Eric Cremer assisted on the score for the Bulldogs.

Less than a minute later, Luc Daniels turned the light on off an assist from David Maveal.

At 6:30 of the first period, Cremer scored, converting a pass from Williams to give Chelsea an early 3-0 advantage.

Three minutes later, Cremer scored a power-play goal for a 4-0 Bulldog lead. Williams and Daniels assisted on the goal for Chelsea.

Fifty-four seconds later, Daniels scored his second goal of the opening period, lifting the Bulldogs to a 5-0 lead. Matt Perry and Maveal picked up assists on the goal for Chelsea.

To close out the first period, Cremer scored his third goal of the night for a hat trick off an assist from Travis Amburgey and Williams.

With Cremer's third goal of the game, the Bulldogs increased their lead to 6-0.

It was quite a first period for numerous Chelsea players.

Besides his three goals, Cremer also had an assist, while Daniels had two goals and one assist and Williams a goal and three assists.

In the second period, C.J. Cogswell made it 7-0 Bulldogs, scoring a goal off an assist from Cremer.

At the 7:27 mark, the Rocks

finally reached the scoring column, with a power play goal by John Hoelscher.

Chelsea answered with a goal by Nick Bietocchi, giving the Bulldogs an 8-1 advantage. Kyle George and Daniels recorded assists on the play for Chelsea.

Roman Kahler scored for Salem at the 9:35 mark of the second period to close the gap to 8-2.

In the third period, Steve Heilser scored a power-play goal for the Rocks to trim the lead to 8-3.

At the 10:56 mark of the period, Williams scored his second goal of the night off an assist from George and Cremer for the game's final margin.

Earning the victory in net for the Bulldogs was Josh Cottrell.

Chelsea out-shot Salem 40-14.

Chelsea vs. Lumen Christi
On Jan. 4, the host Bulldogs defeated traditional power Jackson Lumen Christi 4-2.

George opened the scoring for Chelsea, hitting the back of the net at the 3:39 mark of the first period. Cremer and Williams assisted on the play for the Bulldogs.

Fifty seconds into the second period, the Titans' Colin Wegryn tied the game at 1-1 with a power play goal.

At the 2:42 mark of the second stanza, Wegryn gave Lumen Christi a 2-1 lead, scoring a power-play goal.

Three minutes later, Williams scored a power-play goal to tie the contest at 2-2. Cremer and Daniels recorded assists on the play for Chelsea.

In the third period, Cremer scored on a penalty shot, giving the Bulldogs a 3-2 advantage.

"He (Cremer) has a tremendous amount of speed, and he creates a lot of scoring opportunities," Chelsea coach Don Wright said. "There were five or six times when he skated right past their (Lumen Christi) defensemen."

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BASKETBALL

Chelsea cagers fall to Haslett

Last second shot dooms Bulldogs in loss to state-ranked Vikings

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' basketball team lost to Haslett 49-47 in the championship game of the Bulldogs' Holiday Classic Dec. 21.

The No. 8-ranked Vikings (6-0) tipped in a rebound at the buzzer to win the contest. "They're a very good team," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "It was nip and tuck the whole way. It was a very good game between two very good teams."

Junior point guard Nate Schwarze paced Chelsea (5-2, 2-1) with 16 points, including two three-pointers, five assists and three rebounds.

Senior forward John Mantel (6-foot-9) added 13 points, five blocked shots and three rebounds for the Bulldogs, while junior swing player Micah Hudson had 10 points, including two triples, five rebounds and two assists. Senior forward Matt Weber finished with four points, three rebounds and one steal, while junior Adam Connell had two points and two boards for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs were 18-of-37 from the field for 49 percent. The Vikings ended up 17-of-45 from the floor for 38 percent.

The difference in the game was at the free throw line, where Haslett nailed 11-of-15 for 73 percent. Chelsea, in contrast, was 4-of-22 for 18 percent.

The Bulldogs out-rebounded the Vikings 36-23, including 11-9 on the offensive boards.

Chelsea had 17 turnovers, compared to Haslett's nine.

The Vikings had 11 steals, while the Bulldogs had three steals.

On Dec. 20, Chelsea defeated Howell 81-51 in the opening game of the Holiday Classic.

Mantel led the Bulldogs with a double-double of 24 points and 10 rebounds.

Hudson added 19 points, including three three-pointers, and seven boards, while junior Jon Seelbach had eight points and two assists for Chelsea.

Schwarze finished with six points and three steals, while junior Mike Sauers had five points, seniors Robbie Moffett and Cam Hawkins each had four points and Connell three points for the Bulldogs.

Junior Benny Johnson, sophomore Dean Roberts, senior Jessie Freeman and Weber each chipped in two points for Chelsea.

On the boards, Hawkins



Bulldog junior Adam Connell goes up for two of his 10 points in Chelsea's 52-42 victory over Adrian last Friday.

hailed down five rebounds, while Roberts and Sauers each had four rebounds for the Dawgs.

Chelsea shot well from the field, making 29-of-56 for 52 percent. The Bulldogs were 9-of-18 from beyond the arc.

The Highlanders ended up 21-of-54 from the floor for 39 percent.

At the free throw line, Chelsea went 14-of-21 for 67 percent. Howell finished 4-of-7 from the charity stripe for 57 percent.

On the glass, the Bulldogs out-rebounded the Highlanders 39-24, including 14-9 on the offensive boards.

Chelsea recorded 15 turnovers, while Howell had 16 turnovers.

Last Friday, the host Bulldogs defeated Adrian 52-42.

Mantel led Chelsea with 18 points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots.

"Mantel had 14 points, including four dunks, in the first half," Raymond said.

Connell added 10 points, while Schwarze had nine points, five assists and three steals and Weber seven points and two assists for the Bulldogs.

Hudson finished with four points, seven rebounds and three assists, while Jake Mantel and Roberts each had two points for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs were 20-of-42 from the field for 48 percent. The Maples ended up 16-of-39 from the floor for 41 percent. Adrian canned seven three-pointers on the night.

The Maples led 13-11 after the first quarter. At halftime, Chelsea rallied, taking a 24-22 advantage into the locker room.

Entering the fourth stanza, the Bulldogs increased their lead to 41-34.

"We were able to control the inside," Raymond said. "We were able to get some steals defensively. Our intensity was very good. I was



Bulldog senior Matt Weber splits two Haslett defenders in Chelsea's Holiday Classic basketball tournament last month. The Bulldogs lost to the state-ranked Vikings in the tourney final on a last second shot.

pleased with that. We played hard."

At the free throw line, both clubs sizzled. Chelsea ended up 10-of-11 from the line for 91 percent, while Adrian was a perfect 3-of-3 from the charity stripe.

The Bulldogs out-rebounded the Maples 25-16, including 7-5 on the offensive glass.

The Maples committed 22 turnovers, while Chelsea had 17.

The Bulldogs next travel to Tecumseh for a game 7 p.m. Friday.

On Jan. 20, Chelsea hosts Ypsilanti Lincoln at 7 p.m.

JV Basketball
The Bulldog boys' JV basketball team lost to visiting Plymouth 46-34 in the Holiday Classic final Dec. 21.

Chelsea (2-4) trailed 19-15 at halftime.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs fell behind 35-24.

Jeff Adams led Chelsea with 14 points, while Stuart Mann had 11 points.

On Dec. 20, the host Bulldogs topped Howell 41-40 in an opening round Holiday Classic match-up.

Adams, who paced Chelsea with 10 points, hit a shot at the buzzer to win the game.

Elliot Marshall added eight points for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea led 24-16 at the break.

Heading into the fourth frame, the Highlanders had cut the Bulldogs' advantage to 37-31.

"We have been playing good defense, but offensively we need to find a rhythm,"

said Chelsea coach Mark Scheese.

Chelsea vs. Bedford
On Dec. 16, the host Bulldogs beat Temperance Bedford 55-37.

The Mules jumped out to a 10-8 first quarter lead.

In the second stanza, Chelsea rallied, outscoring Bedford 15-5, taking a 23-15 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs continued pouring it on, netting 17 points, while limiting the Mules to seven points, increasing their advantage to a commanding 40-22.

Adams led Chelsea with 18 points.

Marshall added 17 points for the Dawgs.

Chelsea next visits Tecumseh for a game 5:30 p.m. Friday.

On Jan. 20, the Bulldogs host Ypsilanti Lincoln at 5:30 p.m.

Freshman Basketball

Chelsea's freshman boys' basketball team captured the championship of its Holiday Classic, defeating Plymouth 46-41 Dec. 21.

Jake Mantel sparked the host Bulldogs (5-2) with 20 points.

Michael Lenneman had nine points, while Brett Everding had six points for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs fell behind 26-20 at halftime.

"I told the guys at the half, if we wanted to win then we needed to keep them out of the paint and move our feet more," said Chelsea coach Jason Morris.

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BOWLING

Bulldogs roll over River Rats

Calus, Coulter lead Chelsea on lanes against Huron

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea bowling faced Ann Arbor Huron last Monday in a match at Chelsea Lanes.

In the boys' varsity competition, the Bulldogs prevailed 25-5.

Individually for Chelsea, senior Michael Calus led the squad, rolling a 278 and 308 for a total of 586. Junior teammate Austin Herter ended up with a 304 and 221 for a total of 525.

Junior Greg Van Orman had a 183 and 219 for a 372 series, while freshman Jonathan Thompson had a 208 and 185 for a 393, and juniors Luke Waterbury and Jon Gipson recorded a 161.

Nick Huel and Dan Adams also rolled a 160 for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs bested the River Rats in the two-game pin series 1,967-1,920.

In the girls' varsity match, Chelsea won 22-8 with a total pins mark of 1,481 to Huron's 1,436.

Leading the Bulldogs was junior Kristen Coulter, who bowled a 177. Other top performers for Chelsea included sophomore Jamie Gipson, who rolled a 169, and junior Alicia Lambdin, who recorded a 164.

Senior Sarah Gilley had a 158, while senior Tera McCormick had a 124 for the Bulldogs.

In the JV boys' event, Chelsea lost 153-143. The Bulldogs had a two-game pin total of 1,519, compared to the River Rats' 1,522.

Senior J.C. Solomon led Chelsea with a 300 game. Junior Zach Green added a 281, while junior Josh Praedel had a 188 for the Dawgs.

In the JV girls' match, Chelsea lost 24-6.

Senior Kayla Schlanderer paced the

Bulldogs with a 118 game. Sophomore Geneva Smith finished with a 115, while junior Jakk Franklin had a 101, sophomore Laura Strader a 100 and Chelsea Moore a 77 for Chelsea.

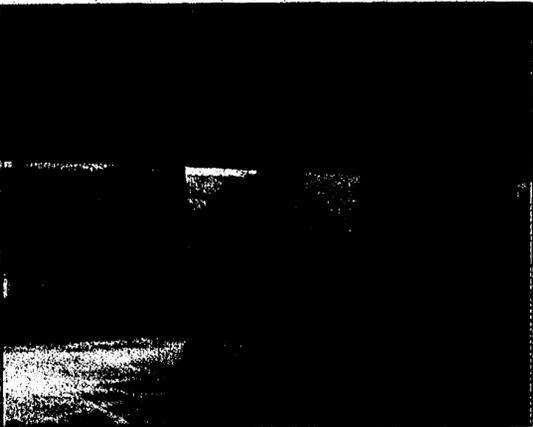
Chelsea vs. Saline
On Jan. 4, the Bulldog boys' varsity defeated host Saline 29-1 at Maple Lanes.

Chelsea finished with a pin total of 1,940, while the Hornets had 1,415.

Individually for the Bulldogs, Calus had a 233-212 for a 445, while Van Orman had a 234-201 for a 435. Herter added a 194-196 for a 392, while Thompson had a 175-176 for a 351 and Huel a 165-157 for a 317.

In the girls' varsity competition, Chelsea prevailed 24-6.

Coulter led the way for the Bulldogs, with a 172-183 for a 355. Lambdin had a 134-179 for a 313, while Gilley had a 145-119 for a 264, while McCormick had a 114-122 for a 236.



Bulldog golliwog Zach Lenneman receives defensive help from teammates C.J. Cogswell (4) and Travis Amburgey (15) during last week's 4-2 victory over Jackson Lumen Christi.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Chelsea tankers fall to Huron

Armstrong, Kinsey earn first-place finishes for Bulldogs

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' swimming and diving team lost to visiting Ann Arbor Huron 99-87 last Monday in a dual meet.

In the 200 medley relay, the Bulldog foursome of Jordan Skidmore, Ivan Solovec, Michael Lawrence and Jake Policht finished second with a season best time of 1:50.52.

Bulldog Rick Kinsey touched first in the 200 freestyle in a state cut clocking of 1:50.24. Benji Kellogg was fifth in a season best 1:59.39, while Nick Dyerly was sixth in a season best 2:13.83 for Chelsea.

Nick Armstrong placed first for the Bulldogs in the 200 individual medley with a state qualifying time of 2:10.91. Solovec was fifth in a season best 2:22.97, while Lawrence was sixth in a season best 2:35.20.

In the 50 freestyle, Andrew Ballow finished second for

Chelsea with a season best clocking of 23.50. Brett Kruse was third with a season best 24.91, while Policht was fifth in 25.97.

Sean Cleary bested the field in the one-meter diving competition with a season best 245.95 points. Paul Ernst was fourth with a season best 127.30 points, while Eric Massey was sixth with a season best tally of 117.55 points.

Skidmore finished second in the 100 butterfly with a season best mark of 59.75 for the Bulldogs. Lawrence was fourth in a season best 1:05.05, while James Bassett was sixth in a season best 1:20.25.

In the 100 freestyle, Armstrong placed first with a state cut time of 51.08. Ballow touched third in 53.65, while Kruse was fourth in 56.30.

In the 500 freestyle, Kinsey touched first in a state cut clocking of 5:11.35. Dyerly was fifth in a season best 6:01.98, while Doug Wrathall was sixth in a season best 6:28.21.

The Bulldog foursome of Ballow, Armstrong, Kinsey and Solovec finished second in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:36.42.



Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson
Chelsea's Rick Kinsey finished first in both the 200 freestyle, in 1:50.24, and the 500 freestyle, with a time of 5:11.35, in last Monday's 99-87 dual meet loss to Ann Arbor Huron.

Skidmore was first in the 100 backstroke in a state cut mark of 58.34. Dominic Conybeare was fourth in a season best 1:09.74, while Todd Kruse was fifth in a season best 1:10.74.

In the 100 breaststroke, Kellogg bested the field, placing first in a season best 1:06.95. Solovec was second in a season best 1:08.16, while

Jake Heydlauff was fourth in a 1:13.87.

The Chelsea quartet of Kinsey, Ballow, Armstrong and Skidmore finished second in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:29.66.

The Bulldogs next host Adrian 6:30 p.m. Friday.

On Jan. 20, Chelsea travels to Saline for a meet at 6:30 p.m.

DAWGS

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"On that play (penalty shot), Ryan Ruikka made a great pass and sprung him. He was hauled down from behind. On the penalty shot, Eric faked the shot and deked to the goaltender's stick side and put it (puck) in the net."

At the 12:10 mark of the third period, Perry put an exclamation point on the Bulldogs' victory, scoring a power-play goal for the night's ending tally. Daniels and Williams picked up assists on the goal.

Goaltender Zach Leszczynski recorded the win in net for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs out-shot the Titans 29-22 for the game.

"Overall, we played a good game," Wright said. "We did not do a good job killing

penalties. With that exception, we played well. We found ways to get the puck in the net."

Both Lumen Christi goals came on the power play. Against Salem, two of the Rocks' three scores came on the power play.

"We need to improve on penalty kills," Wright said. "We've been pretty strong in the first half (of season), but the last two games, we've given up four power play goals."

Chelsea next hosts Saline 7 p.m. Saturday.

At the game against the Hornets, the U.S. Air Force will have a booth set up. A highlight of the presentation will be a mini-F-16 fighter jet.

On Jan. 21, the Bulldogs host rival Dexter at 7 p.m.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Beach opens season at Brighton

Bulldog tankers split double dual meet last Thursday

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's Beach Middle School swimming and diving team opened its season splitting a double dual meet last Thursday at Brighton.

The Bulldogs lost to the host squad 90-80, but defeated Holt 106-61.

Against Brighton, Evan Phillips finished first for Beach in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

Also in the 50 freestyle, Olivia DeTroyer was fourth, while teammate Johnny Skidmore was sixth for the Bulldogs.

In the 100 freestyle, Pete Kinsey touched fifth and Katie Frankhart sixth for Chelsea.

Kinsey topped Beach in the 200 freestyle, placing third, while Kelly O'Keefe was fourth and Joe Haroney fifth for Beach.

Viran Rana finished second in the 100 individual medley, while teammate Jacklyn Murphy was fourth for the Dawgs.

Rana bested the field in the 50 butterfly, while DeTroyer was second and Andre Wickens fifth for Chelsea.

Skidmore placed second in the 100 backstroke, while Murphy was fourth and

Sarah Daniel sixth.

Michelle Kellogg ended up second in the 100 breaststroke. Lucy Drinkwater was fifth and Hannah Olsen was sixth for Beach.

In diving, Lauren Dark finished first for the Bulldogs, while teammates Michael Heydlauff placed second and Colby Wrathall fifth.

In the 400 freestyle relay, the Chelsea foursome of DeTroyer, Rana, Murphy and Phillips touched first. Donna Prieskorn, Kinsey, Daniel and Skidmore ended up third.

In the 200 medley relay, Skidmore, Kellogg, Daniel and Prieskorn placed second for Beach.

The group of Murphy, Rana, DeTroyer and Phillips finished second. Ashley Chrisman, O'Keefe, Haroney and Prieskorn placed third.

Against Holt, Phillips captured both the 50 and 100 freestyle events for Chelsea.

Also in the 50 freestyle, DeTroyer was second and Skidmore fourth.

Kinsey was third and Frankhart fourth in the 100 freestyle.

Kinsey placed second in the 200 freestyle, while O'Keefe was third and Haroney fourth for the Bulldogs.

Rana finished first in the 100 individual medley and first in the 50 butterfly.

Murphy was third in the 100 individual medley, while DeTroyer was second and Wickens fourth in the 50 but-

terfly for Chelsea.

Kellogg bested the field in the 100 breaststroke, while Drinkwater was second and Olsen fifth.

Skidmore ended up second in the 100 backstroke, while teammate Murphy was fourth

and Daniel fifth.

In diving, Dark placed first, followed by Heydlauff in second and Wrathall in third for Beach. In the 200 freestyle relay, the Bulldog combo of Murphy, Rana, DeTroyer and Phillips finished first.



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Tears of Joy - and Sadness Mark Final Week of NFL Season, Power Points Contest
Midwest Results Week 17 - As expected, Kansas City coach Dick Vermeil gave us one last emotional outburst as he stepped down as head man of the Kansas City Chiefs. But, at least his departure was voluntary - unlike those of a half-dozen NFL coaches who were fired after the season.
Plenty of tears, too, on the part of contestants in the final week of the Midwest Power Points Football Contest, as another spate of upsets brought about their demise in their last shot at that \$1,000 cash prize. One contestant, however, wasn't the least bit saddened at the events of Week 17.
Brett Lange, of Salina, KS, tallied a whopping 128 of the possible 136 points to capture grand prize honors and that final weekly cash bonanza of \$1,000. He entered the contest through the Salina Journal newspaper.
That wraps the 2005 edition of the Power Points contest. Thanks to all contestants and participating newspapers - and, to all a good night.
Local high scores in Week 17 were:
Midland... Nancy Wrathell, Sanford (111 points); 2nd to Steph Stopka, Midland (107 points); 3rd to Cheryl D. Clark, Sanford (105 points) and TB1 of 38 beats Lee Hartman, Midland, also with 105, who gets 4th; 5th to Blake T. Robison, Midland (103 points)
Monroe... John Fishing (112 points)
Mount Clemens... J. Schiller, Clinton Twp (118 points) and TB1 of 37 beats Mark Simer, Warren, also with 118
Pondicherry... John Kosowec, Waterford (120 points)
Saline... James McAllister, Dexter (104 points)
Southgate... Jerry Soules, Wyandotte (110 points)
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WRESTLING

Grapplers third at Oxford

Bulldogs also capture title at DeWitt Invitational last Friday

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling finished third at the 10-team Oxford Invitational Dec. 29.

The Bulldogs ended up with 129 points.

Capturing the overall title was Flint Powers Catholic with 145 points.

Chelsea qualified six wrestlers for the tournament finals.

Bulldog Cody Schiller placed first at 140 pounds, defeating Armada's Jake Rhein 6-2.

Austin Rodgers finished first at 215 for Chelsea, winning by injury default over Oxford's Kam Mueller.

At 112, Bulldog Geoff Wonders placed second, losing by pin in 20 seconds to Oxford's Mike Uphore.

At 119, Chelsea's Paul Bell was second, falling by pin in 33 seconds to Flint Powers' Cody Marcicki.

Danny Ngo ended up second at 125 for the Bulldogs, losing by pin in 3:44 to Myron VanDecar of Flint Powers.

Chelsea's Phil Thayer was second at 160, losing a 4-2 decision to Trevor Montroy of Imlay City.

A.J. Sufety finished third at 189 for the Bulldogs, pinning Justin Parlett of Imlay City in 2:31.

Chelsea's Marty Kelley ended up fourth at 135, losing a 6-2 decision to East Jackson's Chris Ruton.

Other Bulldog grapplers performing well at the invitational included Doug Zygner (1-2) at 130, Chad Schiller (0-2) at 145, Drew Wint (1-2) at 152, Andy Ramsey (0-2) at 171 and Doug Devol (2-2) at heavyweight.

In the Oxford JV tournament, Chelsea's Nick Doll (3-0) at 125, Kevin Rosentreter (4-0) at 152 and Tim Rosentreter (3-0) at heavyweight each placed first for the Bulldogs.

Finishing second for Chelsea were Kyle Colburn (2-1) at 145 and Oscar Marx (2-1) at 171, while Sam Birgey (2-1) placed third at heavyweight for the Bulldogs.

Last Thursday, host Chelsea lost 57-12 to Tupperance Bedford in a dual meet.

"Every one of their kids is solid," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "Wrestling Bedford is good experience for us. It's a wake-up call. We have to focus and get serious. We have to get back to basics."

At 103, Glenn Cobb lost by pin in 2:17 to Justin Smith. At 112, Wonders lost 4-2 to Brandon Lewis. Bell lost 17-7 to Steve Brighton at 119.

At 125, Ngo was pinned in 1:14 by James Fisher. Chelsea's Matt Schultz pinned Jake Henry in 1:40 at 130. Kelley lost by pin in 3:18 to Colin Arnold.

Cody Schiller lost to Alex Ortmann 10-4 at 140. Chad Schiller was pinned in 1:40 by John Detrzebowski at 145. Wint lost 6-0 to Alex Wells at



Photo courtesy of Sue Rodgers

Chelsea senior Drew Wint finished second at 152 pounds with a 4-1 record at last Friday's DeWitt Invitational. As a team, the Bulldogs placed first with 166 points.

152. Thayer was pinned in 5:26 by Scott Hightman at 160.

At 171, James Connelly lost 19-4 to Hick Whitenburg.

Sufety was pinned by Jade Hiserman in 2:33 at 189. Rodgers won by forfeit at 215. Birgey lost 5-0 to Alex Davlika at heavyweight.

Last Friday, the Bulldogs captured the 10-team DeWitt Invitational, placing first with 166 points.

The host Panthers were second with 136 points, followed by Lansing Eastern with 130 points in third place.

"I guess that was the wake up call Bedford put on us," Kargel said. "The kids

seemed more relaxed."

Cody Schiller (140) and Rodgers (215) both finished first overall with 5-0 records.

Placing second with 4-1 records were Cobb (103), Wonders (112), Bell (125), Chad Schiller (145), Wint (152) and Thayer (160).

Devol finished third at heavyweight with a 4-1 record.

Ending up third with a 3-2 record for Chelsea were Ngo (125), Zygner (130) and Sufety (189).

Connelly was 1-2 at 171 before dropping out of the meet because of injury. The Bulldogs next host

Tecumseh 6 p.m. Thursday.

On Saturday, Chelsea travels to Athens to compete in its invitational at 9 a.m.

Also Saturday, the Bulldog JV squad visits Eaton Rapids to participate in its invitational at 9 a.m.

On Jan. 19, Chelsea travels to Adrian for a meet at 6 p.m. Sports Editor Don Richter can be reached at 475-1371 or at drichter@heritage.com.



Travis Weaver (left), Ryan Gandy, Ryan Sete, Ben Finn and Anthony Catalina celebrate, along with the crowd, the Chelsea Chiefs' Silverstick regional championship last month.

HOCKEY

Chiefs capture youth hockey title

The Chelsea Chiefs Peewee A hockey team captured the Silverstick Regional Tournament championship last month in Midland.

With their title, the Chiefs will advance to the Silverstick National Tournament Saturday in Toronto.

Chelsea, which earned a district championship prior to the regional competition, overcame adversity to win the crown. After dropping their first game to the Midland Nationals, the Chiefs needed to win their remaining games to stave off elimination.

In Game 2, Chelsea regrouped and defeated the Bay County Blizzards. In their third contest, the Chiefs faced off against the Blue Water Stars.

Against the Stars, Chelsea captain Eric Domino suffered a concussion after being checked from behind into the boards. Though a blow to the Chiefs emotionally and on the ice physically, the squad dug deep

and bested the Blue Water team. With its hard-earned victory, Chelsea advanced to the tournament semifinals.

In the semifinals, the Chiefs continued their fine play, defeating the Holland Ice Dogs. In the tourney final, Chelsea squared off against the Midland Nationals, the Chiefs' Game 1 opponent.

With Domino on the bench supporting his teammates, Chelsea defeated the Nationals in an intense, well-played final.

Members of the title-winning Chiefs include Chris Boyd, Anthony Catalina, Josh Chartier, Jalen Chatfield, Scott Chatfield, Ben Finn, Wyatt Ford, Ryan Gandy, Kenny Grundy and Dylan Johnson.

Other members of the Chelsea squad include Spencer Peck, R.J. Pratt, Leo Sete, Ryan Sete, Travis Weaver, Danny Woolsey and Domino.

Coaching the Chiefs are Ken Gundy, Randy Pratt and Jamie Gandy.

VOLLEYBALL

Bulldog spikers swept by Mules

Nine kills by Iverson, Denison lead Chelsea in match

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea volleyball dropped a three-set match to perennial state power Temperance Bedford 23-25, 17-25, 21-25 last Thursday.

The visiting Bulldogs (14-5, 1-0-1) were led by senior outside hitter Sarah Iverson and junior outside hitter Paige Denison, who each recorded nine kills.

Junior middle blocker Ann Kendzicky added five kills and five blocks, while senior setter Maggie Dusbiber had a

team-high 26 assists for Chelsea.

Julie Kedroske finished with five kills for the Bulldogs.

The Mules are led by senior middle blocker and University of Michigan recruit Veronica Rood (6-foot-1).

Chelsea next travels to Southeastern Conference White Division foe Tecumseh Thursday for a match at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs will participate in the Wyandotte Invitational at 8:30 a.m.

Also Saturday, the JV Chelsea squad will host its own invitational at 8:30 a.m.

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Entering the fourth quarter, Chelsea continued trailing 37-31.

In the last frame, however, the Bulldogs rallied, outscoring the Wildcats 15-4 for the

well-earned and tournament title-clinching victory.

"This was a hard-fought and exciting win for the guys," Morris said. "They deserve it going into the break."

To open the tournament, Chelsea beat Howell 52-36 Dec. 20.

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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

Essay leads to diversity club

Students to help with MLK Day

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

It all started with an essay by a young boy whose skin color made him a target in school.

Andy Cerveny's winning prose, in the 2005 One World One Family Martin Luther King Day Essay Contest, titled "Unfairly Judged," won a standing ovation from the audience.

"When I started fourth grade, I met the kids who judged me by my skin color. These kids did not like my brown skin, and they let me know every chance they got," Andy wrote in his essay.

The boy's family relocated to Chelsea from Connecticut in December 2002. His mother, Kelly Flint, says her son, who is adopted and biracial, had some issues with children in Chelsea schools calling him names associated with his ethnic background and skin color.

Winning the essay contest made Andy, who is now a sixth-grader at South Meadows Elementary School, feel he had made an impact in the struggle to end racism.

He also read the essay in March during services at Chelsea United Methodist Church, and its publication

in The Chelsea Standard led to more positive feedback.

"My classmates often came up to me and said, 'Congratulations on winning the essay contest.' Some of the kids who had called me names apologized after the essay contest, saying that they were sorry they treated me so badly and called me names," he said. "One of the kids told me that he didn't understand how important the impact of name calling could be.

"Some of the kids who had called me names before I wrote the essay have even become my friends since the essay contest."

Andy's essay drove his sister, Ann, now a junior at Chelsea High School, to push for a diversity club at the school. She attended a presentation by Craig Anderson of Leadership in the New Century about a program for Michigan high schools, and how students learn about leadership and how to inform classmates about tolerance. The talk was sponsored by One World One

Family, and the idea was warmly welcomed by Chelsea High School Principal Ron Mead.

"Karen Kurcz is officially the volunteer adviser, but the situation is really a student-run with parent support group," Mead said. "They

"Some of the kids who had called me names apologized after the essay contest, saying that they were sorry they treated me so badly and called me names."

Andy Cerveny

have done a variety of activities and are making a positive effort that, while not huge, is making a positive statement to the students in the school."

The club, with Ann serving as its current president, encour-

ages tolerance of racial, economic, cultural, social and religious diversity. Since getting under way last May with about eight participants, the club has doubled in size. It's open to all Chelsea High School students, and meets 3 p.m. Wednesdays in Room 216.

"I feel this club is to me, as Neil Armstrong would put it, 'One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind,'" Ann said. "I believe this club is just a start to what I hope to be a whole world of difference to come."

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Ann Cerveny helped launch the Chelsea High School Diversity Club after her brother, Andy, wrote an essay for last year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Essay Contest sponsored by the One World One Family organization.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Contestants sought for annual pageant

The fifth annual Junior Miss Washtenaw Pageant is accepting applications for this year's program, which will be held Feb. 4 at the Lincoln High School Auditorium in Ypsilanti.

The pageant is a fundraiser for the Miss Washtenaw County Scholarship Program, a Miss America-sanctioned preliminary in which scholarships are awarded to the top contestants.

The Junior Miss Washtenaw Pageant is divided into four age brackets. Contestants ages 5 to 7 years old compete in the Little Miss division, ages 8 to 10 compete in the junior division, ages 11 to 13 compete in pre-teen division and ages 14 to 17 in the teen division.

Contestants from surrounding counties are also invited to enter.

This year's contestants will present their poise and appearance in casual and formal wear, and share their

personality in personal interviews. Teen contestants also will show off their talents, physical fitness in active wear and will answer an on-stage question.

Optional competitions include photogenic and fashion modeling for all age groups, and talent for the Little Miss, junior and pre-teen divisions.

Titleholders participate in parades and other special appearances with Miss Washtenaw County, and they appear at the Miss Washtenaw County Scholarship Pageant in November.

The teen titleholder will have the opportunity to compete at the state level for the title of Miss Michigan's Outstanding Teenager, and may have the opportunity to proceed to national competition to compete for Miss America's Outstanding Teenager.

For more information or to receive an entry form, call 475-0646 or 475-2734.

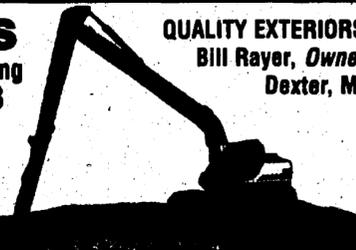
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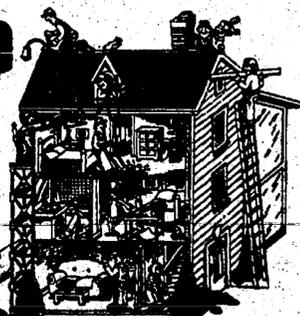
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DEXTER SCHOOLS

Symphonic band to perform Feb. 24

The Dexter High School Symphonic Band recently received a prestigious invitation to participate in the 22nd annual Central Michigan University Concert Band Symposium Feb. 24.

The band is among just three high school bands from across the state selected to perform a 30-minute concert.

The CMU Wind Ensemble will end the program.

will rehearse with John Williamson, director of bands at CMU, and will receive instruction from music faculty at the university.

In addition, Dexter's band members will attend a performance of "The Lion King" at Michigan State University's Wharton Center.

STATE OF MICHIGAN 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PRAECIPE FOR CIVIL MOTION CASE NO. 06-11-NC JUDGE: John N. Kirkendall

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Act 344 of the Public Acts of 1982 that a REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS session held on January 4, 2006, will be available for public inspection and copying from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday, January 17, 2006, at the Office of the County Clerk/ Register, Suite 120, 200 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Publish: January 12, 2006

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO BE HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2006, 7:15 P.M. SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL 18027 OLD US 12, CHELSEA, MI 48118

SUBJECT OF MEETING: 7:15 pm

To hear public comment on the proposed amendment to the Master Plan. The proposed amendment consists of replacing a conceptual dot depicting a Local Commercial area over the intersection of Werkner Road/M-52 with a Local Commercial area only in the northwest quadrant.

An entire copy of the amendment is available in the Clerk's Office at 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118, Monday and Wednesday 9AM to 12 Noon.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Sylvan Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio-tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, upon 14 days notice to the Sylvan Township Board.

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LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk 18027 Old US 12 Chelsea, MI 48118 (734) 475-8890

A copy of this notice and application with supporting documents are on file in the Office of the Clerk.

LUANN S. KOCH, CLERK

Posted: December 12, 2005 Publish: December 22, 2005 January 12, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE SUGARLOAF LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DESIRABILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A WASHTENAW COUNTY LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

TO: ALL THE RECORD OWNERS OF, AND PARTIES WITH INTEREST IN, ANY LANDS WITHIN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DESCRIBED BELOW:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works (WCBPW) will meet beginning at 7:00 p.m., Local Time, on Monday, January 23, 2006 at the Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, Michigan and during such meeting will conduct a public hearing to hear objections to a proposed Lake Improvement Project for Sugarloaf Lake in Lyndon Township in Washtenaw County, the cost thereof and the special assessment district therefore as follows:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Project will provide lake improvement to Sugarloaf Lake in Washtenaw County in order to provide control of invasive and nuisance aquatic weeds. The Project shall include chemical application and subsequent spot applications for a five-year period. It shall also include all necessary regulatory approvals and studies for the application.

The total cost of the Project over the five-year period is estimated at \$100,000.

The WCBPW has tentatively designated a special assessment district against which all or a part of the cost of such Project is to be assessed, which district consists of the following lands:

All tax parcels identified as having lake access and use of the waters of Sugarloaf Lake located in Sections 31 and 32 in Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County.

Each parcel identified above will be assessed the following amounts based on the type of property (the cost is the total cost for the five (5) year project):

Non-waterfront residential properties with lake access \$ 600 Waterfront residential properties \$1,395

A report describing the Project including program elements and cost estimates has been prepared and is on file with the Washtenaw County Director of Public Works. The report is available for public examination at the Department of Planning and Environment, 705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107. The offices are located on the second floor of the Washtenaw County Western Service Center. To ask questions or obtain information on the project, please call 734 222 6963.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Public Works will meet on Monday, January 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., Local Time, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, Michigan for the purpose of hearing all interested parties concerning such improvements and the special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in property that is specially assessed may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after confirmation of the special assessment roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing on the special assessment roll are required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or a party in interest or his or her agent may (1) appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the hearing.

The Board of Public Works shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS Daniel R. Myers, P.E. Director of Public Works

Publish: January 12, 2006 January 19, 2006

MULTI-LAKES SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING NOTICE

MULTI-LAKES SEWER AUTHORITY WILL HOLD THEIR REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2005, AT 7:00 P.M. THEIR ANNUAL MEETING AT 8:00 P.M. 12088 NORTH TERRITORIAL ROAD, DEXTER, MICHIGAN 48130

Publish: January 12, 2006

LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006, 7:30 P.M. LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL, 11452 JACKSON RD., CHELSEA, MI 48118

APPLICATION# 05-012-A-PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE LIMA TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY ONE ACRE FROM RR (RURAL RESIDENTIAL) TO GC (GENERAL COMMERCIAL). THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON JACKSON ROAD, DEXTER, MI 48130, AND IS PART OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 16, LIMA TOWNSHIP, CURRENTLY PART OF PARCEL # G 07-16-300-024.

APPLICATION FILED BY: CHELSEA AREA CONSTRUCTION AGENCY 18025 OLD US 12 CHELSEA, MI 48118

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

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

Publish: December 29, 2005 & January 12, 2006

LYNDON TOWNSHIP ATTENTION RESIDENTS - NOTICE -

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA: To review the application of George Lemmon, 680 N. Peoria, Chicago, IL 60622, for Parcels I.D.# E-05-32-258-005, E-05-32-258-006, E-05-32-258-007, for a variance to Section 3.03 and 9.2 of the Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance, involving dual residential and commercial use for the Neighborhood Commercial zoned property at 1534 Sugarloaf Lake Road, otherwise known as the Sugarloaf Lake Party Store.

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

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

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

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

LYNDON TOWNSHIP Linda Reilly, Clerk

Publish: January 5, 2006 & January 12, 2006

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO BE HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2006, 7:30 P.M. SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL 18027 OLD US 12, CHELSEA, MI 48118

SUBJECT OF MEETING: To hear public comment on the proposed PUD Final Site Plan - Phase I for Norfolk Development at the location between Cavanaugh Lake Road and Sibley Road.

7:30 pm PHASE I

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 11, T2S, R3E, Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence S00°38'37"E 2258.78 feet along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence N89°21'23"E 524.35 feet; thence S68°47'50"E 171.25 feet; thence S33°59'28"E 89.51 feet; thence S44°57'55"E 76.70 feet; thence N40°20'45"E 139.68 feet; thence Southeastery 73.74 feet along the arc of a 311.00 foot radius circular curve to the left, through a central angle of 13°35'06", having a chord which bears S56°26'48"E 73.57 feet; thence N26°45'39"E 174.00 feet; thence S70°28'05"E 52.87 feet; thence S72°20'07"E 219.82 feet; thence Southerly 72.51 feet along the arc of a 1711.04 foot radius circular curve to the left, through a central angle of 02°25'41", having a chord which bears S21°34'18"W 72.50 feet; thence N44°43'56"E 42.25 feet; thence Northerly 45.88 feet along the arc of a 1694.04 foot radius circular curve to the right, through a central angle of 01°33'04", having a chord that bears N22°26'04"E 45.88 feet; thence S66°47'24"E 86.00 feet; thence Southerly 81.54 feet along the arc of a 1608.04 foot radius circular curve to the left, through a central angle of 02°54'19", having a chord which bears S21°45'26"W 81.53 feet; thence S42°10'46"E 43.54 feet; thence Easterly 55.83 feet along the arc of a 400.00 foot radius circular curve to the left, through a central angle of 07°59'47", having a chord which bears S83°32'27"E 55.78 feet; thence S01°11'27"E 66.81 feet; thence S88°48'33"W 40.00 feet; thence Westerly 48.94 feet along the arc of a 99.00 foot radius circular curve to the left, through a central angle of 28°19'28", having a chord which bears S74°38'45"W 48.44 feet; thence S37°23'01"W 52.46 feet; thence Southerly 79.58 feet along the arc of a 1591.04 foot radius circular curve to the left, through a central angle of 02°51'57", having a chord which bears S13°01'44"W 79.57 feet to a point on the East and West 1/4 line of said Section; thence N88°48'33"E 100.13 feet along said East and West 1/4 line; thence S00°24'32"E 924.72 feet to a point on the Southeastery right-of-way line of Cavanaugh Lake Road, also being the Northwestery right-of-way line of the Norfolk Southern Railway; thence S70°04'22"W 967.75 feet along said right-of-way line; thence N19°54'38"W 501.60 feet; thence S70°04'22"W 200.00 feet; thence S19°54'38"E 60.09 feet; thence S70°04'22"W 244.75 feet to a point on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section; thence N00°37'53"W 928.12 feet along said North and South 1/4 line to the Center of said Section 11; thence N00°38'37"W 421.97 feet continuing along said North and South 1/4 line to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the East 1/2 of Section 11, T2S, R3E, Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan and containing 42.97 acres of land, more or less. Being subject to the rights of the public over that portion of Cavanaugh Lake Road as occupied. Also being subject to easements and restrictions of record, if any.

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LUANN S. KOCH, CLERK

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VILLAGE OF DEXTER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY AND SALT STORAGE BUILDING CONTRACT NO. DPW-01-06

The Village of Dexter is requesting architectural proposals to provide contract plans, specifications and cost estimates for the construction of a new 9,000 to 11,000 square foot Public Works Building, salt storage building and associated site work. Interested firms may submit proposals to provide design only, or as an alternative, may assemble project teams capable of delivering full-service, turnkey results such as a Design-Build.

Pre-proposal meeting: January 19, 2006 1 PM DPW building, 8140 Main, Dexter, MI 48130

The Village of Dexter reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received and to make an award deemed in the best interest of the Village of Dexter.

The Village of Dexter encourages minority and women owned/operated businesses to submit proposals.

For questions or to receive documents contact: Mr. John Hanifan Assistant Village Manager Village of Dexter 8123 Main Street Dexter, MI 48130 (734) 426-8303 (734) 426-5614 (fax)

hanifan@villageofdexter.org

Publish: January 12, 2006

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING - DECEMBER 20, 2005

The Regular Webster Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Clerk Heller on December 20, 2005 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Clerk Heller, Treasurer Calhoun, Trustees: Fink, Kingsley, Kleinschmidt and Westman, Zoning Administrator Pindzia, Attorney Reading and twenty five residents.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Call to the public. Supervisor-Fill Vacancy

A. Presentation by Candidates B. Discussion/Vote

Motion Fink support Kleinschmidt that John Kingsley be appointed to fill out term of Supervisor. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried. Kingsley sworn into office by Clerk Heller. Clerk Heller turned the meeting over to Supervisor Kingsley. Board will take applications to fill trustee position, appointment will be made at the January Meeting.

Approve Minutes

A. Regular Meeting November 15, 2005 Motion Calhoun support Kleinschmidt to approve November 15, 2005 minutes as printed. All ayes and carried.

B. Special Meeting November 21, 2005 Motion Kleinschmidt support Westman to approve November 21, 2005 as printed. All ayes and carried.

C. Closed Session Minutes November 21, 2005 Motion Calhoun support Kleinschmidt to approve Closed Session minutes November 21, 2005. All ayes and carried.

Approve Agenda Chamberlin Road to be tabled in old business and thermostat and recording system to be added to new business. Motion Fink support Calhoun to approve Agenda with changes, all ayes and carried.

Reports

A. Treasurers Report: Motion Calhoun support Heller to accept Treasurers Report, pay bills as presented as well as anticipated bills received before January Meeting. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

B. Planning Commission: Minutes received and discussed.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee: No Activity.

D. Zoning Inspector: Report Received.

E. Sheriff's Report: Received.

F. ZBA Report: Received.

G. PDR Committee: Report received.

H. Fire Department: Report received.

Old Business

A. Police Service Contract Motion Calhoun support Kleinschmidt to sign contract. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

B. Milligan Consent Judgment Update report received by Attorney Reading.

C. L-1-J Report received from Attorney Reading.

D. Preserve Development New plan sent to Drain Commission, waiting for Drain Commission approval before Township approval.

E. Employee Retirement More information needed to see if Township wants to adopt a plan.

F. 425 Agreement with Dexter Village. Dean Fisher had one meeting with Jim Seta.

G. Black Pine Private Road (Tabled) Motion Fink support Calhoun to approve the Black Pine Private Road with conditions set forth in letter from Pindzia incorporated into development agreement with developer. All ayes and carried.

H. Chamberlin Woods Private Road (Tabled) Motion Heller support Kleinschmidt to table Chamberlin Woods Private Road to the January meeting. All ayes and carried.

New Business

A. PDR Board Budget and By-laws Motion Calhoun support Kleinschmidt to approve PDR Proposed Budget. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried. Motion Calhoun support Fink to transfer \$5,000.00 from PDR Account back into General Fund. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

B. PUD Ordinance Motion Kingsley support Heller to table PUD Ordinance until January meeting. All ayes and carried.

C. Social Security Number Protection Policy Motion Heller support Calhoun to approve the Social Security Number Protection Policy. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

D. Cobble Lane Private Road Motion Calhoun support Heller to approve Resolution to change name of portion of Farrell Road to Cobble Lane Road. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

E. PBLA Resolution to amend rules and regulations Motion Kleinschmidt support Calhoun to approve Resolution adopting Portage-Base Lakes Sewer Use Rules and Regulations Amendment No. 1-J. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

F. PBLA Appointment Motion Calhoun support Fink to appoint Kleinschmidt to PBLA Board. All ayes and carried.

G. ZBA Appointment Motion Kleinschmidt support Heller to reappoint Jennifer Simonds and Charles Esterman to ZBA Board. All ayes and carried.

H. Planning Commission Appointment Motion Kingsley support Heller to reappoint Geraldine Calhoun to planning Commission and fill vacancy at the January Meeting. All ayes and carried.

I. LASA Appointment Motion Heller support Kleinschmidt to appoint John Kingsley as Webster Township Representative. All ayes and carried.

J. Fire Board Appointment Motion Calhoun support Westman to reappoint Karl Fink and Donald Heller to the Dexter Area Fire Board. All ayes and carried.

K. Certified Treasury Management Resolutions Motion Calhoun support Fink to adopt Certified Treasury Management Resolution. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

L. C&R Thermostat Motion Fink support Calhoun to solve heating problem in Township Hall not to Exceed \$2,500.00. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

M. Recording System Motion Heller support Kleinschmidt to table to the January meeting. All ayes and carried.

Correspondence

Call to Public Motion Fink support Calhoun to provide packets to Ann Arbor News at no cost. All ayes and carried.

Adjourn Motion Kleinschmidt support Heller meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully Submitted Mary Dee Heller, Clerk Webster Township

Publish: January 12, 2006

DEATHS

WILLIAM ROTHE

Dexter
William Rothe, 78, of Dexter died Dec. 29, 2005. He was born Sept. 12, 1927, in Northfield Township the son of Emil and Clara (Dresch) Rothenbecker. Mr. Rothe served in the U.S. Navy Air Force during World War II. He was a member of Local 190 Plumbers and Pipefitters for more than 50 years. He was a member of the VFW 423 and American Legion



557. He raised, trained and raced harness racing horses.

Mr. Rothe is survived by his wife, Georgia; brother, Philip Rothe of Sun City, Ariz.; sisters, Gladys Cutter of Roanoke, Va.; Leta Miller of Ann Arbor, Mary Ann McEvoy of Pinckney, Barbara Lewis of Saline and Katherine Swarthout of Pinckney; several nieces and nephews; and many loving friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Virginia Thiele.

Based on his wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be a memorial service in the summer.

Arrangements were by Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Home.

WAYNE A. LUCKHARDT

REANN J. LUCKHARDT
Big Rapids
Formerly of Grass Lake
Wayne A. Luckhardt, 55, and Reann J. (Drouare) Luckhardt, 52, of Big Rapids, formerly of Grass Lake, died Jan. 1, 2006, after their car was struck by a drunk driver in Westford County.

Mr. Luckhardt was born May 19, 1950, in Ann Arbor the son of Andrew J. and Bonolyn J. (Brown) Luckhardt.

Mrs. Luckhardt was born March 29, 1953, in Detroit, the daughter of Harold A. and Elizabeth A. (Leszczynski) Drouare.

Both had been residents of Big Rapids since 1999.

Mr. Luckhardt was a bus driver for the Mecosta County Headstart program for the past two years. He was a licensed contractor and had built two personal homes.

He enjoyed woodworking, motorcycles, fishing, and he belonged to a bicycle club. In addition, he was a master gardener.

Mrs. Luckhardt was a member of the St. Mary Catholic Church, and was the billing director for Spectrum Health in Reed City. She enjoyed gardening, bicycling, motorcycling, horses, as well as her children and other family members.

Surviving are their two children, Jonathan Luckhardt and Tamara Luckhardt, both of East Lansing.

His survivors include his father of Saline; two brothers, Gary Luckhardt of Saline and Russell (Colette) Luckhardt of Gregory; a sister, Judy (Duane) Flegel of Manchester; and several nieces and nephews.

Her survivors include her mother of Grass Lake; two brothers, Ralph H. (Barbara) Drouare of Commerce Township and Roger (Sharon) Drouare of Grass Lake; two sisters, Rochelle Drouare of Commerce Township and Rita (Edgar) Crawley of Dundee; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and nephew, Douglas Drouare.

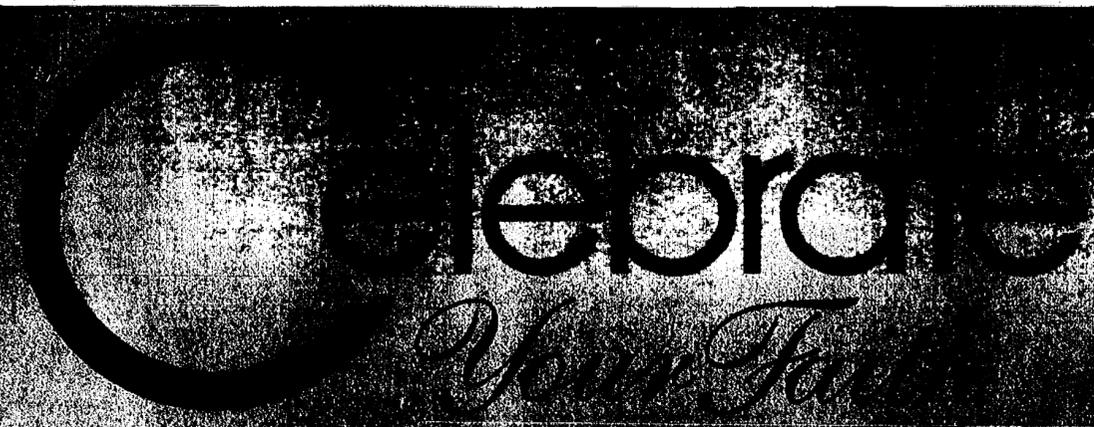
She was preceded in death by her father, infant brother, Ruell; and a nephew, Douglas Drouare.

Funeral services for both were held Jan. 7 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea. The Rev. William Turner and Deacon Richard Shaneyfelt officiated.

A rosary was held Friday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

Burial was at St. Mary Cemetery in Manchester.

Memorial contributions may be made to Luckhardt Children Scholastic.



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DEXTER TOWNSHIP

Local business keeps it green

Roger Gatward's cleaning business is 'green' certified

By Heather Kilpatrick
Special Writer

You could say Roger Gatward of Dexter Township has a green perspective.

The owner of Roger's Maintenance sets high standards for himself and his employees. They call themselves the "Done Right" company for many reasons. The most important reason, they will tell you, is that they are the first Rochester Midland Corp.-certified Green Housekeeping Professional in the state of Michigan.

Gatward has been in the cleaning business for 18 years. It was about four years ago when, after cleaning houses and selling chemicals, supplies and equipment to other cleaners, he decided to start his own service.

"I had been housekeeping in houses for a long time. I learned how to clean things right and the mechanics of it, and also how to do it efficiently," he said. "After that, I sold cleaning chemicals and then supplies and equipment."

It was just about a year ago when Gatward was approached by a RMC sales rep to go "green."

"This means that I am qualified and knowledgeable in the use of Green Seal products, and the methods necessary to use modern equipment to clean better and more efficiently than ever before," he said.

RMC's board certifies green products and decides which chemicals, equipment and products are safe. These tools are the only ones that Roger's Maintenance uses.

"I didn't have thousands of dollars of worth of products and equipment in my inventory at the time (I was

approached)," he said.

These products and chemicals are different from the typical cleaning solutions a person might see in a professional space, or even in their own household.

"You could drink the products we use and they wouldn't hurt you," he said. "They're all biodegradable and environmentally safe, as well as safe for humans."

Additionally, the tools are more practical. Mop buckets have only two big wheels, as opposed to four small wheels, making them easier to steer. Roger's Maintenance also uses micro-fiber pads and cloths for cleaning, instead of a traditional mop or the popular cotton cloths.

"These can hold up to seven times their own weight in dirt," he said. "One of these dry is a better tool for cleaning than any other cloth out there when it's wet."

Methods like these are what makes Gatward and his company's services incredibly appealing to large, professional buildings such as the Hands-On Museum in Ann Arbor, where Roger's Maintenance has just recently been hired.

At the Hands-On Museum, more than 1,000 children come through the doors every day, which is a perfect recipe for germs and dirt. Gatward and his crew take their job very seriously for that reason.

"Childhood illnesses, like asthma, are on the rise. The way we clean is crucial because it makes it safer for them," Gatward said.

The staff at the museum has noticed the difference, too.

"It's wonderful to have him around as our cleaner," said Sandy Toivonen, associate business manager at the museum. "It's much nicer around here and much nicer smelling."

Among those employed by Roger's Maintenance is Gatward's wife, Christine.

"I actually did cleaning for my relatives for awhile," she said. "My mother has a very clean house, and I was brought up to be very clean and organized."

This partnership has helped the company.

"What I forget, she remembers and vice versa," Gatward said.

However, Gatward is not just certified to clean places to RMC green standards. He's also certified to inspect buildings and give advice on how to better satisfy green codes.

"I'm positioning myself in the green field," said Gatward, who is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council. "The USGBC decides to make buildings sustainable that are green."

"There are three levels of efficiency, and when existing buildings come up for re-certification by the USGBC, they'll eventually be needing to use green products for cleaning. At that point, I will be in a good position to offer my services."

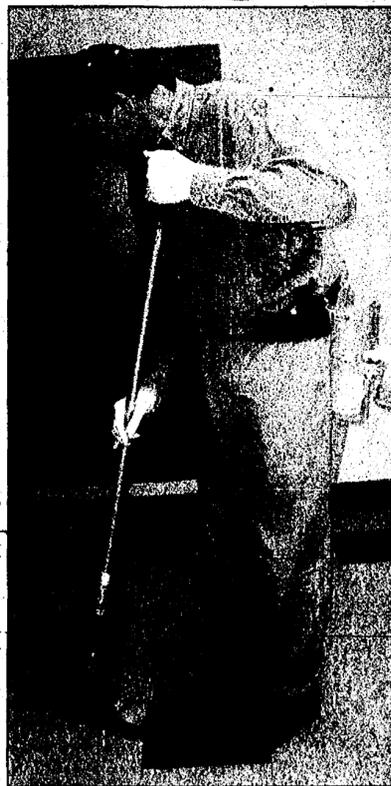
This is a plus for Gatward who, as the first certified green housekeeping professional in the state, has found himself in a relatively new field.

"Green cleaning is taking awhile to take off in Michigan," he said.

However, it's this kind of challenge that Gatward and the professionals from Roger's Maintenance love. And it's their optimism and high standards that are keeping them moving forward in the business.

"I love solving problems," Gatward said. "Tell me something can't be done. I'll do it."

Heather Kilpatrick is a freelance writer. She can be reached at hkilpatrick@emich.edu.



Roger Gatward of Dexter Township, owner of Roger's Maintenance, is the first Rochester Midland Corp.-certified Green Housekeeping Professional in the state of Michigan.

Photo by Heather Kilpatrick

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Company adds division

In a move designed to better serve its clients in the Washtenaw County market, Alpha Remodeling has launched InRestore, a new division targeted specifically at disaster reconstruction and restoration.

From its beginning in the early 1990s, Alpha has performed insurance reconstruction, according to a press statement from the company. InRestore builds on the experience of having completed hundreds of insur-

ance projects up \$1.1 million and involving more than 60 insurance companies.

"Developing a separate brand identity specifically targeted at this market niche will allow our clients to more easily identify us with these specialized services," Allan Lutes, company president, said in the statement.

InRestore focuses on all aspects of disaster restoration, including 24-hour emergency service, fire and smoke restoration, flood damages,

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CHELSEA

Hudson earns promotion

Fashion jewelry company Lia Sophia has promoted Jan Hudson of Chelsea from unit manager to division manager.

Hudson had to meet or exceed her personal sales and recruiting goals to achieve the promotion.

She has achieved a high level in the company through personal sales accomplishments and by motivating others to achieve success, according to a press statement from the company.

The promotion offers Hudson an opportunity for special benefits such as additional commissions, overrides, monthly bonuses and jewelry certificates.

"This company has given me an awesome opportunity," Hudson said. "I've been able to be my own boss, build my own team and help other people to be as successful as I have been."

Formerly known as Lady Remington, Lia Sophia is a fashion jewelry company that offers in-home shows.

CHELSEA

Bisesi named to sales post

Detroit Door and Hardware Co. of Madison Heights has added Niki Bisesi of Chelsea to its sales staff in the Overhead Door and Material Handling Division.

Formerly of DoorPro America in Gainesville, Va., Bisesi served as a commercial division manager and has more than eight years of experience in the overhead door industry.

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BIZ PROFILE

Top Treatment Drapery is tops

TOP TREATMENT DRAPERY CO.
6541 Walsh Road
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Year established and number of years in business: Shop at home service for custom blinds and draperies. Established in 1998.

Owner and owner's educational background: Susan Bremer Wolanski, 43, of Dexter has a bachelor's degree in marketing from Michigan State University.

Number of employees: Three.

Q: What makes your business unique?

A: Top Treatment Drapery Co. is unique because the business is run out of a building behind our home. Since we don't have an actual storefront, and all the expenses that go with it, we maintain a low overhead. There is no need for a store. We take our trucks full of samples and ideas right to the customer's home. This is the most efficient way to choose the correct design, pattern and color.

The convenience of a shop-at-home service not only saves our customers money, it saves them time too. Another unique feature of our service is that we schedule a set time for the installation, where the designer returns with the installer, to ensure that every detail is to the client's complete satisfaction.

Q: Why did you choose the Dexter-Chelsea

area for your business?

A: My husband, Mark, grew up in Dexter. I was born and raised in a small town, Suttons Bay, up north. Dexter reminds me a lot of my hometown.

Q: Can you describe your business philosophy?

A: My business philosophy is to try to give our customers the best possible products and service at affordable prices. With limited advertising, most of our business is through referrals. Having my husband and son as the installers, we just don't need to charge the prices that our competitors do.

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

A: I was a designer for a company called Knoppow's for 14 years. They went out of business suddenly, and I wasn't sure what I was going to do. I was a single mom at the time, and had recently been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. With no where to go but up, I married the man of my dreams, and decided to put my education and experience to use in my own company.

It was the best thing I ever could have done. It has allowed me the time and flexibility that I need, especially now with one son in college and the other in kindergarten.

Q: What are your business-related goals for



Susan Bremer Wolanski, owner of Top Treatment Drapery Co., says her business is unique because it's run out of a building behind her home, so she doesn't have the expense that goes with maintaining a storefront, and she can provide shop-at-home service at a more affordable cost.

the next five years?

A: Over the next five years, our business goals are to continue to grow, but at a slower pace. We really want to maintain a full serv-

ice "mom-and-pop" company that really cares about each and every one of our customers. We have no desire to be the biggest; we just want to be the best.

CLUB

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workshops. I feel the club has come to a whole new level of understanding about stereotypes that give rise to discrimination," Ann said.

"A couple months ago, we did a project called Mix-It-Up Day, in hopes that fellow students would sit and communicate with people they don't normally talk to. At first, fellow club members and myself were skeptical because past efforts were abysmal. However, the turnout was amazing.

"It really reinforced the fact that this club makes an impact."

Club members prepared five cases of supplies for

Hurricane Katrina victims and delivered them to the Washtenaw Jaycees, and have worked with Mission Marketplace in Chelsea, teaming with the nonprofit fair trade store in adopting a family for the holidays through Faith In Action.

Gift-wrapping services at the store served as a December fund-raiser. Combined with a bake sale, the teens raised about \$100 for purchasing LifeStraws, inexpensive devices that filter water so residents of countries without adequate drinking supplies can drink directly from water sources such as rivers.

Club members will be on hand Monday to help with the Martin Luther King Jr. Day children's activities,

which will start 1 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center. In addition, the students will present a program honoring the late civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks during the evening program, also at the center.

Joanne Ladio, a founding member of One World One Family, considers the establishment of the diversity club a major achievement.

"Now all ages can come together for meaningful education on the world's differences," she said. "I consider it a real mark of success that One World One Family can support their ground-breaking activities."

Sheila Pursglove is a freelance writer. She can be reached at bingley51@yahoo.com.

DEATHS

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BETTY J. RUDD
Plymouth, Ohio

Formerly of Chelsea

Betty J. Rudd, 85, of Plymouth, Ohio, died Jan. 5, 2006, at Hillside Acres in Willard. She was born Aug. 7, 1920, to David Karl and Ruth Irene McGinty, both now deceased.

Mrs. Rudd is survived by her loving husband, Robert D. "Bob" Rudd, of more than 66 years. They were married Dec. 17, 1939, at the First Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Ohio. They resided in Chelsea for the first 40 years of their lives together before moving back to her hometown in the early 1980s.

Mrs. Rudd leaves behind three children who honor her as a loving, generous lady. She is survived by two daughters, Judy (Paul) Tudor of Middletown, Ohio, and Janice Speer of Chelsea, and a son, Robert D. (Vickie) Rudd Jr. of Chelsea.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Ellen Baker, Laura Predieri and Norma Patton, and is survived by three sisters, Elsie Predieri, Velma (Edd) Vanderpool and Kayrol (Leonard) Fenner.

Mrs. Rudd had many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who will mourn her passing.

Many sisters- and brothers-in-law, as well as nephews and nieces, who also will miss her greatly, survive as well.

Mrs. Rudd was a devoted homemaker, a former Sunday school teacher, and active in her community. She was a lifelong member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Olive Chapter 108 in Chelsea, a past Worthy Matron, and honored as a Grand Committee member serving under the state of Michigan's Grand Worthy Matron, Alice Volink.

Mrs. Rudd was also active in the American Legion Auxiliary Post 447 in Plymouth, Ohio. She enjoyed playing the organ for her own personal pleasure, and assisted when the First Lutheran Church's organ needed to be tuned.

She also loved to read, sew and crochet, and enjoyed her many friends.

A funeral was held Jan. 7 at Seor Funeral Home in Plymouth. The Rev. Leonard Shattus officiated. Burial was at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Plymouth, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to Viking Academic Boosters Club, McGinty-Rudd Memorial Scholarship Fund, 4650 Henry Road, Shelby, OH, 44875. The fund was established 10 years ago to reward scholarship funding to a deserving, local high school senior.

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By Patricia McHugh
Special Writer

For many people, a trip to Mount Pleasant means a day spent at Scaring Eagle, the Midwest's largest casino. While that can be entertaining — especially if you also take in a big-time concert at the casino's outdoor stage — it's not all there is to see and do in this mid-Michigan city.



If you visit Mount Pleasant during the school year, the local university presents you with a wide range of entertainment options. From the stages of Moore Hall, where actor Jeff Daniels, a Chelsea High School graduate, got his start to the playing fields that mark the southern end of campus, Central Michigan University can distract you for days at a time.



Scaring Eagle Casino and Resort, located east of town, is owned and operated by the Sagawey Chippewa Indian tribe.

While on campus, be sure to visit the venerable old Malt Shop, which is now in a new building facing South University Street, or Jantel Drive-In on South Mission Street. Jantel's distinctive doughnut hot fudge sundaes have been satisfying students' sweet cravings for almost 50 years.

The Zilbivving Center is compactly designed and all on one level to enable you to complete a tour in just an hour. A gift shop and snack bar round out the experience.

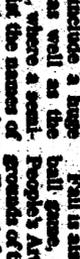
After the museum, a trip into town is in order: If you visit during the summer, you can enjoy one or more of Mount Pleasant's many parks. Four of them — Island, Hill Road, Nelson and Chipp-A-Waters Parks — are situated along the Chippewa River, which winds its way through the city.

Island Parks attractions include a huge play lot and picnic area, as well as the Michigan Vietnam Memorial, where a scroll-circle of engraved plaques list the names of the state's servicemen and servicewomen who died in the conflict. Nearby, a bronze statue called "War Cry" depicts one soldier comforting another. Its realism is quite evocative.

At Chipp-A-Waters Park, you can bring your own canoe, kayak or tube to tackle the river,



The signature dining establishment in Mount Pleasant is, of course, the Embassy, located at 1417 S. Mission St. The Embassy's one-pound pork chop is a perennial favorite with the meat-and-potatoes crowd, but its steaks and seafood draw diners from both sides of the state, too.



Five dining can additionally be found on the Mountain Town Limited Dinner Train, which departs from the city's former railroad station. On select weekends from July through December, the train's staff serves up an elegant, four-course meal while you traverse the surrounding countryside.



Fall is also the season to enjoy a CNU football game, as well as the 50th Indigenous People's Art Market and Jantel Show on the grounds of the Zilbivving Center.



For information, contact the Mount Pleasant Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-775-5822 or visit www.visitmichigan.com.



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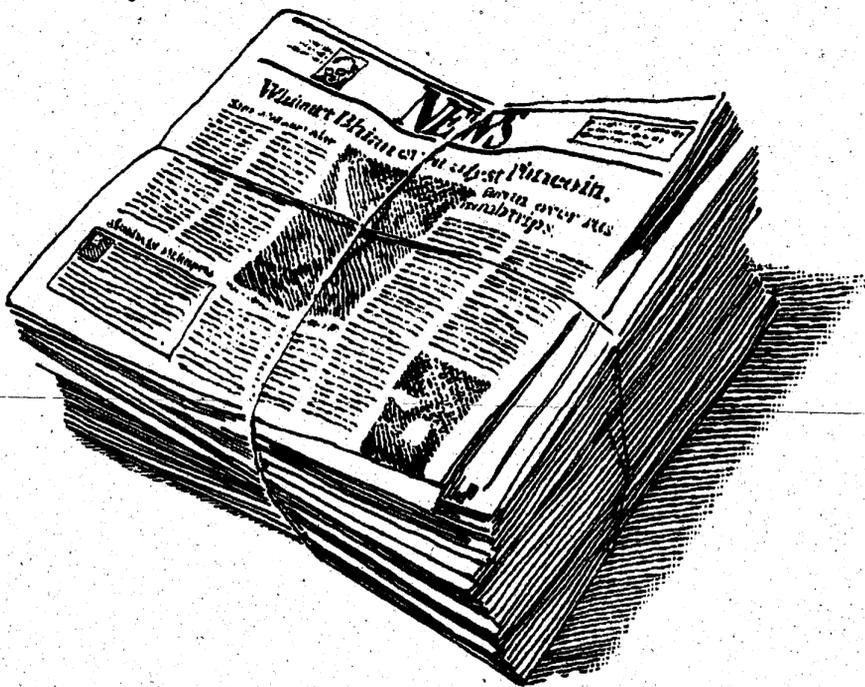
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