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Voters overwhelmingly reject school millage

By Jeremy Allen
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Residents of Washtenaw County voted a collective "no" to stop the passing of a two-mill tax increase over the next five years as proposed by the Washtenaw Intermediate School District in a school enhancement millage.

The tax proposal, if passed, would have raised \$30 million in each of the next five years to be split between school districts in Washtenaw County.

Nearly 57 percent of the coun-

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ty's 60,000 voters who made it to the polls Tuesday voted against the millage. The turnout represented 23 percent of the eligible 266,997 registered voters.

If it had passed, the millage would have cost a homeowner with a house whose taxable value is \$100,000, about \$200 annually. Educators across the county

were devastated at the lack of support received by the millage. Bryan Girbach, superintendent of Milan's Area Schools, said the passing of the proposal was "vital to our school's survival," and said that its failure puts his district in a very poor situation.

"We were looking to gain about \$1.7 million a year from this enhancement," Girbach said. "With the millage not passing, the Milan area school board will have to begin considering across-the-board cuts in late-November and early-December

and we'll have to make a decision as to whether those cuts need to begin this year or next year. But cuts don't exclude anything from teachers to benefit cuts across the board."

The Lincoln and Ypsilanti school superintendents both agreed. "This is definitely a sad night for the people of Washtenaw County," said Dedrick Martin, superintendent of Ypsilanti Public Schools. "With the proposed cuts that the state is continually making to our budgets, and 85 to 90 percent

of our funds currently going toward human resources, including teachers and their salaries, it's hard to find areas to cut and the kids will definitely suffer from this."

"We would have not come together and asked the voters for this millage, especially in these tough economic times, had we not been backed into a corner and needed these funds to help keep our schools running," said Lincoln Consolidated Schools Superintendent Lynn Cleary.

Millage breakdown

AREA	YES	NO
Chelsea	700	727
Saline	790	1,254
Milan	281	715
Manchester	279	759
Ypsilanti	900	988
Webster	522	1,161
Superior	472	1,142
Scio Twp.	1,925	2,297
Dexter Twp.	502	935
COUNTY	24,114	32,402

Coming soon: Chelsea's Hometown Holiday

The 22nd annual Chelsea Hometown Holiday "Tree Lighting Ceremony" will be Dec. 4 in Pierce Park. Sounds of the holiday season performed by members of the Chelsea High School Choir will begin at 5:45 p.m., followed by the Tree Lighting Ceremony and a visit from our Chelsea Fair Queen, Sarah Conrad, at 6 p.m. Don't forget that a very special guy in the big red suit will also make an appearance to add to the holiday festivities! Santa will arrive on the American Legion Volture 67 Train at approximately 6 p.m.

"We enjoy having The Rotary as a part of the tradition of Chelsea's Hometown Holidays celebration," said Judy Hein, events coordinator for the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

"The Tree Lighting Ceremony would not be possible without their support and volunteer efforts."

Chelsea's Hometown Holiday will run from Dec. 4-6 and offers a variety of events appealing to all ages, including a Tree Lighting Ceremony, a Gingerbread House Display, a live Nativity scene, classical music concerts, "Festival of Lessons and Carols" as well as many opportunities to visit with Santa, enjoy cookie decorating, storytelling, a wonderful Holiday Light Parade, and much more.

The Chelsea Hometown Holiday and Light Parade is seeking participants for its Light Parade, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5. The parade features a mix of floats and walking units and welcomes local business or non-profit organization to join the fun.

"We have several businesses, neighborhood associations, and community organizations already on board to participate," said Lori Whitesall, parade chairperson. "There are still opportunities to participate in the parade. The only requirement is the unit be lighted in some form."

The deadline for submission is Nov. 20. Applications are available at the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Office at 310 North Main Street, Suite 120, or online at www.chelseafestivals.com.

PLEASE SEE HOLIDAY/7-A

The right path



Students at Pierce Lake thank local businesses for helping make the new wetlands a reality.

Pierce Lake wetlands goes live

Adjacent to North Freer Road is an area of around seven acres, which sits just north of the school, and was certified as a Wetland Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation in 1999. The past 10 years has seen this area used less frequently by teachers and students as the trail disappeared under dense foliage and fallen trees.

Last year, a team of dedicated parents from Pierce Lake Elementary School embarked upon an ambitious project to rejuvenate the wetlands area and restore it to its former beauty as a backyard habitat and valuable learning resource. Twelve months of planning, clearing and sheer hard work later, students and staff at Pierce Lake met with the Wetlands Committee, members of Chelsea's school board and Mayor Ann Feeney to celebrate the reopening of the Pierce Lake Wetland.

"Pebbles the Endangered Species" mascot also made an appearance.

A PTO initiative led by Project Manager Sue Beale, whose daughter Rosie attends the school, the new-and-improved Wetlands trail was made possible by the generous grant awarded to the school by Lowe's "Toolbox for Education" program. Plans for the trail, which included an observation deck, were then submitted and approved by the MDEQ, and work in earnest began.

Led by Mark MacPherson, volunteers cleared trees and foliage from the trail,



Teacher Sue Beale (left to right), Kirby Hubbard, Superintendent Dave Killips, Abby Merrill, Mayor Ann Feeney and Dave Jolly help cut the ribbon on the wetlands at Pierce Lake.

which actually follows the old railway trail left over from the interurban line that ran into town and by the Federal Screw Works on Main Street.

Students from Girls on the Run also helped collect trash, and some even found objects which must have lain there for decades, including old medicine bottles, coal, railway insulators and three old baseballs which had seen better days.

Once cleared, 120 yards of woodchips generously donated by the city were laid along the trail by a team of volunteers armed with bobcats, tractors and rakes. Phil Sullivan, a local Boy Scout from Troop 513, contributed by planning, constructing and installing five bird and two bat boxes along the route, complete with signage, a project which will earn him his Eagle Scout later this year.

PLEASE SEE PIERCE/5-A

City Council results

*Ann E. Feeney	894
*Frank Hammer	661
*Cheri Albertson	658
Kent Martinez-Kratz	651
Richard L. Steele	637

* Won City Council seats.

Feeney, Hammer, Alberston win tight Council race

The race for three open seats on the Chelsea City Council was a tight one Tuesday night, according to poll data posted on the county's election's Web site.

Mayor Ann Feeney, Frank Hammer and Cheri Albertson received 894, 661 and 658 votes respectively with Kent Martinez-Kratz losing his seat with 651 votes. Former Village President Richard Steele came within striking distance of Albertson as well with 637 votes.

"Everyone running has experience sitting up at that table making tough decisions as they come about," Steele said Tuesday night. "I feel good for the community because we had people running with experience. I certainly would have liked to have won - to be one of those working on the council on issues that we face today and looking at the challenges tomorrow."

Feeney now has a council seat waiting for her once she steps down as mayor. Jason Lindauer won uncontested for the mayor spot, garnering 1,149 votes against 36 write-in ballots.

Once Lindauer officially becomes Chelsea's mayor, the council will vote on someone to serve out the rest of his term, which ends in 2011. Whether or not Martinez-Kratz will receive the appointment so he remains on council is unclear as of press time.

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A hot breakfast will be served to the public free of charge on the second Saturday (Nov. 14) of every month at Chelsea First United Methodist Church, from 8 to 10 a.m. Everyone is invited!

People who really need a good hearty breakfast, and those who just want one or who want to meet others in a friendly setting. There will be an opportunity to sign up to volunteer for future breakfasts.

For more information, contact Lynn Booth at 475-8119 (ext. 20).

Veterans Day display

A local veteran's group will display an "Arlington Michigan memorial at two separate locations in conjunction with Veterans Day. Arlington Michigan is made up of one marker for every Michigan soldier killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. The locations are:

Veterans Park, Ann Arbor, corner of Jackson and Maple Roads. Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. to dusk. Veterans Day peace ceremony at the display at 11 a.m.; and 3901 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, between Maple and Ellsworth roads from Nov 7-28, dawn until dusk.

The Arlington Michigan display is sponsored by Veterans For Peace Chapter 93. For more information, visit www.vfp93.org, call 734-487-9058 or e-mail wolverbob@gmail.com.

Toys for Tots

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program will have sign-up forms available at Edward Jones, 1100 S. Main Street, Chelsea, for families who will have a need for toys during the Christmas Holiday. The objectives of Toys for Tots is to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources - our children.

While Toys for Tots coordinators organize, coordinate and manage the campaign, the ultimate success depends on the support of the local community and the generosity of the people who donate toys. The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

Chelsea/Dexter drop-off locations are: Edward Jones, 1100 S. Main Street, Chelsea. Chelsea Chevrolet Buick, 1500 S. Main Street, Chelsea. Wackenhut Gardens, 11511 Jackson Road, Dexter.

Wanted: SRSly sponsors

After the successful outdoor summer movie series, the volunteer SRSly Cinema group will extend the offerings to the winter months and have lined up dates in November and December.

The group is in need of 22 sponsors for the winter season at \$125 for a half sponsorship or \$250 to be exclusive. Each sponsor will be

listed on the SRSly Web site and prior to each movie that is being sponsored.

"We can't wait to continue offering SRSly Cinema over the winter and hopefully longer," said Janice Orbring, SRSly Cinema coordinator.

"Not only is this a positive alternative for our community, but it offers movie makers of all ages an opportunity to submit SRSly shorts, include community groups as volunteers, and gives our young people the opportunity to make decisions."

Movies will be midday, on Saturday's featuring G and PG movies suitable for everyone in the Chelsea area and selected by the SRSly Youth Steering Committee.

They will be held at the Washington Street Education Center auditorium.

Please e-mail srslycinema@gmail.com if you are interested in supporting the winter movies and if you would like to contribute your movie suggestions.

Free lightbulbs

The Chelsea Electric Department is offering customers two free compact flu-

orescent lightbulbs while supplies last.

According to information from the city offices, residents can go to the city's Web site at www.city-chelsea.org and enter their electric account number and zip code to get a CFL kit that includes two 14-watt bulbs.

Supplies are limited and allow four to six weeks for delivery.

The give-away is part of the city's participation in the Energy Smart Program. Details about the program can also be found on the city's Web site.

'Around Town with Linda'

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Susan Lackey, executive director of the Legacy Land Conservancy, beginning today. "Around

Town with Linda" features interviews conducted by the local host Linda Meloche.

The show airs daily on Channel 18 at 7:30 a.m., noon, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

A new interview begins every Thursday evening and runs for a week.

The guests all live or work in Chelsea, and everyone connected with the show is a volunteer.

Previous shows are available to view at McKune Memorial Library.

Meet Bill

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Senior centers feeling economic pinch

By Austen Smith
Heritage Newspapers

Walking into the Ypsilanti Senior Center at 1215 N. Congress St., the facility is simple yet functional with the only piece of luxury a grand fireplace and hearth rising out of the center of the building.

One large, multi-purpose area serves as the main hub of activity for daily visitors who enjoy programs such as Iyengar yoga and exercise training, euchre, bridge, massage therapy, arts and crafts and even a line-dancing class.

Make no mistake, the more than 50-year-old building that houses the senior center doesn't have much by way of frills, but the daily visitors are happy to make due.

The building, and even more so the grounds on which the building stands, now called Recreation Park, are important pieces of Washtenaw County

history as that area originally was known as the Ypsilanti Fair Grounds, hosting such events as the county's semi-centennial and Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show in 1900. From its inception to 1905, when the property was sold to the city for \$5,000, the Fair Grounds also hosted horse racing.

Although the senior center hasn't hosted a horse race in more than a century, Director Monica Prince says the center tries to provide a number of programs and activities for area residents 55 and older. Prince, who is one of just two part-time staff members at the center, says in the past several years maintaining that level of programming has become more difficult because of a strained state economy and an uncertain city budget.

"It has gotten harder and harder to find funding," Prince says.

The city of Ypsilanti owns the building and has agreed to pay the entire cost of the utilities through December, and then will pay half of the utility costs through June 2010. Beyond that, the city provides no public money for programs or meals, leaving that funding to private donations, fundraisers and grants.

Prince, who has been the director since 2005, says despite the recessive economy, there are several highly generous people in the community who have basically kept the center afloat over the past few years.

It helps that the center's expenses are next to nothing.

"We have very low costs. We're pretty cheap," Prince says as a smile creeps up. "We also have a lot of volunteers."

Through the Washtenaw County Senior Nutrition Program, the center is able to provide a daily lunch and ask visitors for just a small donation. Prince says if they can't afford it, that's fine, too. She says they can serve anywhere from 15 to 30 seniors daily.

"The nutrition program is countywide and is funded through a federal grant," Prince says. "They send over the meals already cooked and we just have to store them and serve them. It's a good program."

When asked about instituting membership fees to help generate revenue, Prince says that has been discussed with city officials before and with the state's drastic budget cuts looming over all public funding, that idea might be back on the table.

"We have gone back and forth about it," Prince says. "We don't want anybody excluded that can't afford it. I think that might be back on the table, but with our fundraisers and such we are getting by."

In Ann Arbor, times are even worse as the longtime Ann Arbor Senior Center, located at 1320 Baldwin Ave., faces possible closure by June 30 of next year, in another example of local governments trimming non-essential services to meet statewide budget cuts.

A task force assigned to research viable options to keep the center open are looking at everything, from charging annual membership fees to renting the building after hours to sponsorship and additional grant funding.

Senior Center Director Pamela Simmons says news of the possible closure has been tough on the loyal seniors who not only use the center for the programs, but find a sense of community there.

"It's tough to see the seniors going through this — the turmoil in their lives," Simmons says. "It's so hard to see them upset like this. I just hope that we can resolve it and keep their center open for them."

Simmons says they are guaranteed funding through June 30. At the end of May, Ann Arbor City Council will have its budget approved, so senior center officials and users are waiting patiently and keeping their fingers crossed.

The annual budget for the center is approximately \$180,000, with more than half of

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For more information about your local senior center, visit these Web sites:

Ann Arbor Senior Programs

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Chelsea Senior Citizens Activities Center and the Dexter Senior Center

Web site: www.chelseaseniors.org

Address: Chelsea: 512 Washington St. in Chelsea
Dexter: 7720 Ann Arbor St. in Dexter

Weekly activities for both centers: Daily lunch served, special classes, day trips (Chelsea only), fitness and exercise classes, card and board games, square dancing classes and much more.

Saline Area Senior Center

Web site: www.salineseniors.org

Address: 7190 N. Maple Road

Phone: 429-9274

City of Ypsilanti Senior Center

Web site: www.cityofypsilanti.com/services/recreation/recreational_facilities/scc

Address: 1215 N. Congress St. in Ypsilanti

Phone: 483-5014

Weekly activities: Lunch served daily, yoga class, art classes, tai-chi, community service projects and art classes.

Ypsilanti Township Community Center, 50 and Beyond Programs

Web site: www.twp.ypsilanti.mi.us/recreate/seniors

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Weekly activities include: Daily lunches and evening suppers, day trips, pool/billiards, exercises classes, bingo, bicycling and live music.

that cost funded through Ann Arbor's general fund and about 38 percent collected through grant programs. But Ann Arbor, similar to most municipalities throughout the state, has been walloped by job loss, foreclosure and loss of tax revenue. Simmons specifically pointed to the closing of Pfizer, which was a tough blow to the city budget.

Simmons, who has been the director for nearly seven years, says they are looking at creative ways to trim expenses, such as relying more heavily on volunteers.

"We are looking at anything to bring in revenue," she says.

One dilemma facing the center, and is quickly becoming a nationwide trend according to Simmons, is the actual title of the facility, which turns away possible users who are on the younger side of 50. Simmons says baby boomers are definitely reticent to become a regular patron to any facility labeled as a senior center.

"The boomers, they don't see themselves wanting to go to a 'senior' center," Simmons says. "We need to attract more people, and most senior centers have that problem — what can they do to become attractive to that side of the population. It's a real dilemma, it's hard to let go of that name."

What about a millage?

Blueprint for Aging, a Washtenaw County-based advocacy group that promotes senior-living issues, has taken the initiative on possibly floating a millage to help fund senior centers throughout the county, Prince said.

The Ypsilanti Senior Center director said there have been talks about "something like



Suzanne Van Natter (right) of Dexter, Grace Schaerer of Pinckney and Iris Harris of Dexter arrange flowers in a gourd during one of the many special activities offered at the Dexter Senior Center.



Kim Martini (left), director of the Dexter Senior Center, and Dexter residents Pete Kelber, Donna Piper, Sharon Wianowski, Gordon Shell and Joanne Westman show off the recently installed computer lab at the Dexter Senior Center.

that," but wasn't sure if they would progress further.

"It hasn't gotten very far," Prince says. "We would have to do some research to see how we would even structure something like that."

Simmons also said the issue has been discussed in Ann Arbor, but also was unsure if those would ever develop to something more substantial.

Despite the economic downturn that has affected senior centers across Washtenaw

County, Dexter Senior Center Director Kim Martini says the facility is doing well and was proud to announce the new addition of a computer lab. In addition, the facility will be getting a Wii gaming system.

Martini, who has been with the senior center for the past two years, says she is kept busy coordinating the various programs and activities offered to area seniors such as a special floral arranging class hosted by a Dexter-based florist and an

acrylic painting seminar held in early October.

She says, however, more and more seniors are becoming interested in the center's fitness and nutrition programs. The center offers a Fitness Challenge to its members in addition to weekly yoga, tai-chi and a regular exercise classes.

"It just seems like more seniors today are more concerned about their physical well being," Martini said.



Yoga instructor Liz Brauer of Ann Arbor helps Ypsilanti resident Glenda with a yoga position.



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About a quarter of the way along the trail, an observation deck has been constructed to enable teachers and students to take water samples and take a closer look at the wildlife and plants that inhabit the area. Handymen Dave Jolly, Dave Conley, Marcus Kaemming and Carl Maynard, assisted by members of Moose Lodge 1253 and staff from the district's maintenance team, led this part of the project. They then went on to build a 'teaching circle' at the end of the trail next to the retention pond, where students can sit and discuss with their teacher all that they have seen, heard and learned along the way.

Lastly, a trail guide, designed and put together by Jenny Miller has been produced to help those who hike the trail identify plants and animals, and encourage them to find out more through libraries and other resources.

While the project was primarily to provide a wonderful learning resource for teachers and students now and in the future, it is hoped that the wider community will enjoy the opportunity to experience a wetland right here in the middle of Chelsea.

The following people helped to realize this project:

Cathy and Larry Bean, Kim Beck, Jared Bradley, Hilarie and David Conley, Rita and Dennis Fischer, Sheila and Paul Hess,



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Fast facts

Wetlands are defined by three basic elements: water, hydric soil and water-loving plants. Wetlands act like a sponge to prevent flooding and purify surface water. Wetlands support an amazingly diverse population of animals including fish, mollusks, insects, reptiles, birds and mammals.

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Lucy Stieber talks to students at the new path.

Sullivan, Lucy Stieber, and members of the Pierce Lake Student Council. Thanks also

to Lowe's, Chelsea Rentals and Chelsea Lumber for their assistance.



CHS band alumni return during Homecoming last month.

Play on

CHS band alumni active in college bands
Many Chelsea alumni are active this fall participating in college marching and concert bands. The following is a list of some of the most recent Chelsea graduates performing at the collegiate level:
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Adam Brennan (06) - Grand Valley State University Music Major
Emma Chervinsky (07) - Michigan State University Marching Band
Tyler Crouse (08) - Western Michigan University Marching Broncos
Allison Fayer (06) - University of Michigan Marching Band
Kathy Fredette (06) - Central Michigan University Music Major
Samantha Keene (06) - Kalamazoo College Bands
Rob Knopper (05) - Cleveland State University Grad School - Ohio
Bryan Koteles (06) - Eastern Michigan University Music Major
Aeshlee Kuchinski (08) - University of Michigan Marching Band
Amanda Patton (006) - Kalamazoo College Bands
Kate Ridley (06) - Central Michigan University Marching Chaps
Stephanie Snyder (09) - EMU Marching Eagles
Katherine Standeter (08) - University of Michigan Music Major
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OUR TAKE: Editorial

There must be better ways to spend tax dollars

Call it bad timing or a poor choice of law enforcement, but a recent action by the Michigan Department of Human Services has us and many people shaking our heads in disbelief.

News reports indicate that Lisa Snyder of Barry County's Irving Township, has been told that she's in danger of breaking the law if she continues to watch her neighbors' children each morning before they get on the school bus.

Snyder says it's "ridiculous" that she faces fines and possible jail for being a good neighbor. She says she watches three children for less than an hour for free.

Unless there's more to this case, we have to wholeheartedly agree with her. State Department of Human Services officials reportedly told her that she was operating an illegal daycare facility. The stay-at-home mom from the southwest Michigan community says officials ordered her to stop watching the kids, obtain a state license or face possible penalties. State law says no one may care for unrelated children in their home for more than four weeks a year

unless they're licensed.

With the budget mess in Lansing, the timing of this case couldn't be worse for those who claim state employees are underpaid and overworked. Maybe they say it's equal enforcement under the law. Whatever is the rationale, the situation has turned difficult and puts many state employees in a bad light. What kind of time do they have on their hands if state officials are actually enforcing or taking time to decide whether to enforce the daycare regulation in this case?

We understand that the Department of Human Service could and has taken much heat when serious crimes against children have been ignored or insufficiently investigated. So, we'll concede, the department needs to at least briefly examine any complaint it receives. But based on the facts as known, why are they issuing warnings and threats to Snyder?

Call it precautionary action if you wish, but it certainly looks like some state workers have way too much time on their hands and any future complaints about being overworked may ring hollow.

With the three-ring circus in Lansing

over the budget and side shows such as this in Barry County, you can't fault people for throwing their hands up in the air in disgust.

If there is nothing more to this complaint than someone watching a neighbor's children for a short time while they get on a school bus, then shame on the Department of Human Services.

There are badly needed services and jobs at the state level that are under the chopping block. So why are other employees creating a perception that makes taxpayers wonder: Do some state employees have so much time on their hands that they would pursue such menial cases?

No, we're not going to indict all state workers over this one case. But we have to ask — is this type of case really worth the state's time, money and effort? And how much time and expense is being wasted on such cases?

Someone at the state level needs to answer these questions. And they do, they shouldn't count on much sympathy from the average citizen when their department faces budget cuts.

Home front: Lisa Allmendinger

Chimney cleaner offers peace of mind for season

I finally had my chimney checked and my fireplace cleaned. It was the first time in more than 10 years.

Granted, I don't often use the fireplace that often — perhaps a half dozen times a year — but I figured it was way past time to have it checked.

Plus, this is the time of year when things get moved around in the living room in anticipation of that first roaring fire.

It's also the beginning of the season when firefighters are called to homes for chimney fires. I didn't want to be one of them. So this column is a reminder to have your chimney and fireplace cleaned, and inspected.

I know it's not a sexy expense that anyone will notice, like carpet or window cleaning. But when you carefully arrange that first load of firewood and light that special long match to it, you'll be glad you did.

Plus, you may find something you didn't know about your home.

Not surprising, I did. I admit that I'm not the most educated homeowner. When it comes to electrical, heating or cooling, the local professionals are just a phone call away and they take care of these essentials and give me a list of things to do.

I know a lot of topics about home owning from being a reporter. Things like how much a millage will cost me, and what my assessed property value and state equalized value are, but when it comes to how stuff in my house works, I'm pretty clueless.

The inner workings of a chimney and the cap on top are on that list.

I look at the chimney from afar, especially in the fall, because there's a tree with leaves turning gorgeous colors behind it.

It's there. No bricks look out of place. End of thought process.

My reasons for not having someone clean and check it out before this was I didn't use the fireplace that much, so how dirty could it be?

Skewed logic, I know. But the good news was the inspector didn't find any built-up gunk inside. The bricks on top of the roof had a few minor cracks that he suggested should be inspected after the winter season.

Then the company did surprise me with one fact about my chimney. There was no anti-critter cap.

I live in the country on property that was part of a former apple orchard. I just figured one of the previous homeowners would have installed this. Surely all the chipmunks and squirrels that like to play tag, skittering across the roof didn't go unnoticed.

Did they not see the opossum, raccoon, skunks, fox and coyotes that saunter about the property?

This year, I've seen more birds of prey in the trees than ever before.

Pheasants, wild turkey and sandhill cranes have made a cameo appearance.

Any or all of them could either land or climb on the roof.

The point is, with all these critters roaming the property, I thought surely my chimney was protected from creature trespassing.

Turns out I was wrong.

I'm really lucky that I haven't had one of these woodland creatures visit me via the chimney. Because, admittedly, I have sometimes forgotten to close the "thingy" that must be opened before lighting a fire.

You know what I'm talking about? The "hooger" that lets the smoke go up the chimney so it doesn't fill the living room with smoke.

Well, after last week, my chimney has a second cap.

Take that squirrels, chipmunks, raccoons, etc. You are officially closed out of my house via the chimney.

And I'm looking forward to that first really cold, nasty day worthy of the first fire in the fireplace of the season.

Bring on winter.

My fireplace and I are ready.

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"PSSST...WANNA BUY SOME SWINE FLU VACCINE?"

Guest Opinion: Tom Watkins

To fix what is wrong with our schools, we need key reforms

Gov. Jennifer Granholm cannot fix what is wrong with our schools by forcing a tax increase. What is required, and has been avoided and ignored for far too long, is sensible reform of government at every level — and specifically in our system of public education.

Our schools are increasingly unstable, unbalanced and ultimately unsustainable unless bold changes are made to alter the present course. Putting money into a dysfunctional system will not fix the problem.

The governor and Legislature have ignored the numerous reports calling for sensible reforms in Michigan schools for at least the past five years.

We cannot simply cut or tax our way out of a crisis that inaction has let fester.

The foundation on which this great state was built — the auto industry — has been eroding for decades and imploded in the last year. The sooner we

accept the new economic reality, the sooner we can begin the rebuilding process necessary to get Michigan working again.

As state school superintendent in 2004, I issued a report: "Structural Issues, Surrounding Michigan Schools in the 21st Century" (www.michigan.gov/documents/michiganschool_funding_110803_7.pdf).

The report demonstrated that Michigan's system of public education was unsustainable.

The report asked that we reimagine our system of public education — or start from scratch — taking all the money we could possibly spend on education, setting priorities and then figuring out how to invest it to help prepare our children and state for the disruptive, hyper-competitive, transformational, global knowledge economy.

Let's toss aside the current 550 local school boundaries and recast them to be more efficient, eliminating tiny districts to

remove administrative redundancies.

The rising cost of health care and pensions is absorbing nearly every dollar the governor and Legislature invest in schools. The state would need to invest nearly \$300 per student, per year into the foreseeable future (approximately \$500 million annually) just to cover health care and pension costs.

This figure is as unrealistic as it is unsustainable. If we continue down this path, we should change the name of the state Department of Education to the Department of Health Care and Pensions, because that is where the money is going.

Pretend and spend

Watching the angst of the governor and Legislature as they talk about the plight of our schools reminds me of the kid who killed his parents and threw himself on the mercy of the court because he was an

orphan.

The failure of the governor and Legislature to act on sensible reforms has created the crisis facing us today.

In 1993, the Kalamazoo public school system closed 45 days early for lack of funds and its inability to provide a high-quality education with resources available.

The school superintendent and school board took the drastic action after the tax-weary citizens rejected a millage needed to overcome a \$1.5 million shortfall in a \$10.3 million budget.

This action spurred the then governor and Legislature into action to fix Michigan's school funding system with the passage of Proposal A in 1994.

Fast forward to 2009 and the question today is similar to the one faced then: Who will flinch first?

The choices are to hold firm for sensible changes in health care, pensions, shared services

and consolidations of intermediate and local school districts.

Or, they can blink and raise taxes, which will be the equivalent of "fixing" General Motors' problems by getting a guarantee that they can just charge more for their cars — without addressing the fundamental structural problems growing in their system.

If reforms were initiated when brought to light years ago, all or much of the crisis of today could have been avoided. Sadly, they were not.

A plan of action

Agree to raise taxes only as a bridge to reform and restructuring. The tax increase should sunset in two to three years, being phased out and replaced with redirected money saved through:

- A health care reform plan, which pools insurance for public employees, thereby saving significant resources to be redirected to the classroom.

- Creating a process for closing or consolidating school districts and municipalities.

- Changes in pension plans from defined benefits to defined contribution for newly-hired school workers as well as local government employees, and other sensible reforms.

- Creating a tier pay and benefit system for state, teachers and local government new-hires. If the reforms are not in place, the cuts happen and the schools, education establishment, Legislature and governor have no one to blame but themselves.

If you have a hole in your roof, you have to fix it or suffer the consequences. Michigan has been avoiding fixing the hole in school funding for years. Because of inaction, the entire roof is set to collapse.

Inaction has consequences. Contact Tom Watkins, a former state superintendent of schools who now is an education and business consultant, at tdwatkins@aol.com.

Rotary welcomes the new mayor

Rotary Club President Andy Ingall with guest speaker Jason Lindauer (right), the new mayor of Chelsea. During last month's Rotary meeting, Lindauer shared some of his experiences on the City Council, including some current projects like the waste treatment expansion, status of roads, police department facilities upgrade, as well as his vision for the city's future. He spoke highly of the cooperative nature of the various groups who serve the City of Chelsea and their common goals of making and keeping the city a great place to live, work and raise a family.



Chelsea-based Alzheimer's group hosts conference

An upcoming conference in Brighton will focus on new technology that addresses the unique problems faced by people with Alzheimer's and other related dementias. The two-day Technology Matters conference is hosted by the Alzheimer's Association, Michigan Great Lakes Chapter (MGLC), and will take place Nov. 8 and 9 at the Crystal Gardens Conference Center in Brighton.

A highlight of the meeting will be a demonstration of Comfort Zone, a comprehensive location management system just introduced by the Alzheimer's Association.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. The organization's mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, to provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's.

Two chapters of the Alzheimer's Association serve Michigan residents. The Greater Michigan Chapter is based in Southfield and the Michigan Great Lakes Chapter

is based in Chelsea.

Comfort Zone is a Web-based tracking application that works with various monitoring devices to proactively communicate the location of a person with Alzheimer's every two to 30 minutes, based on the family's selected plan.

"The technology gives people with the disease more freedom and independence in their communities while providing families greater peace of mind," said Elizabeth Longley, CEO of the Michigan Great Lakes Chapter.

Comfort Zone also offers families assistance with 24/7 monitoring center services and access to emergency health records from the MedAlert Foundation. "As Americans continue to live longer, prevalence of Alzheimer's will continue to rise," Longley continued.

In Michigan, the current number of 180,000 is expected to increase to as many as 190,000 by 2025, according to the Alzheimer's Association 2009 Alzheimer's Disease Facts & Figures report.

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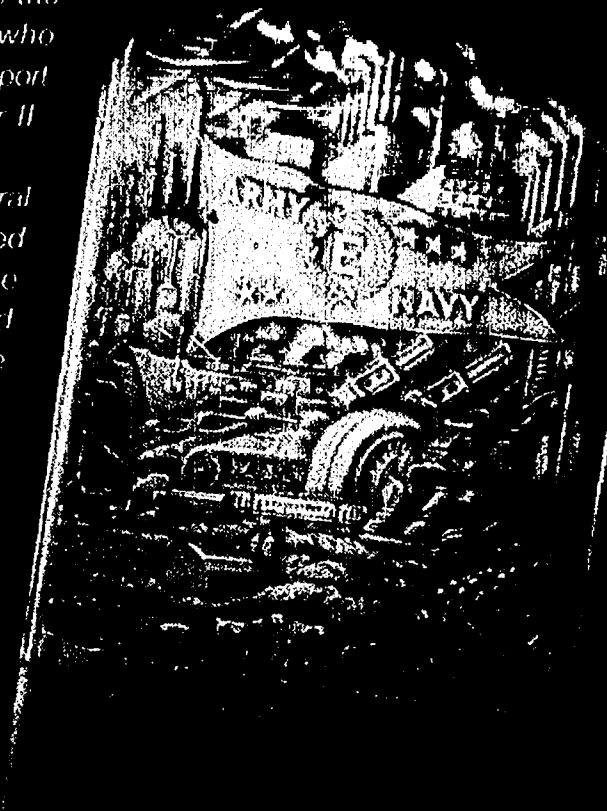
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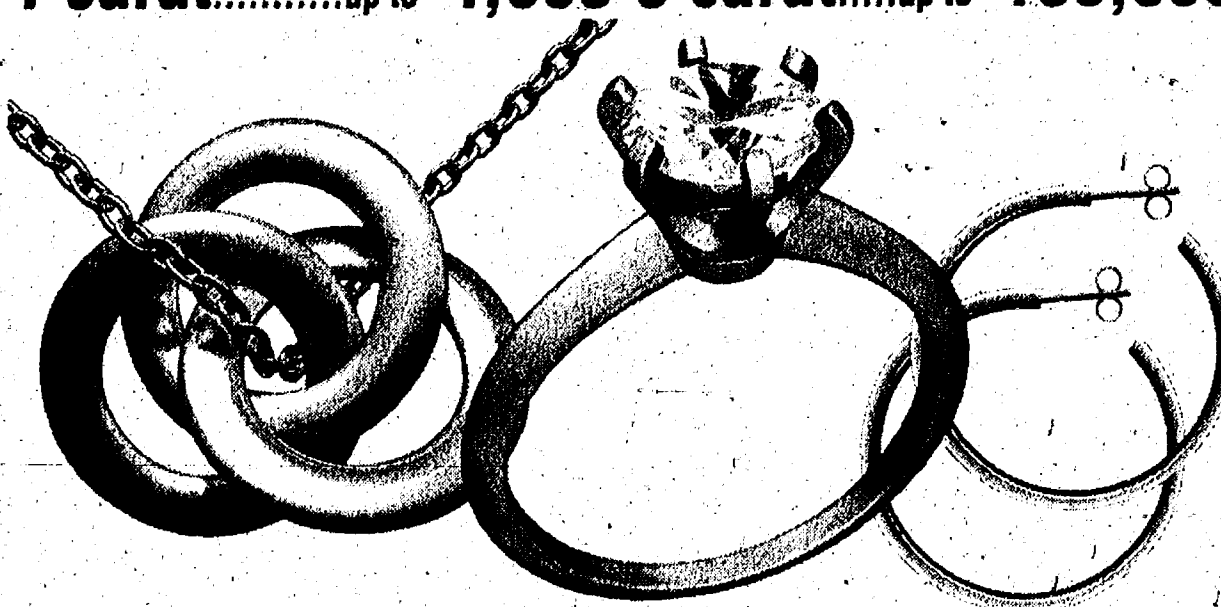
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Chelsea United Methodist Church is on a mission

By Alana West
Special Writer

Chelsea's United Methodist Church prides itself on its mission work, its hours of volunteer service, its dollars spent to help feed, clothe and shelter the hungry and poor.

"We're actively doing and caring. We want to provide service to others. We're not passive. That characterizes our congregation better than anything else," said Lynn Booth, Outreach Missions coordinator. She added that the church family wants to live the Word – and not just on Sundays.

"We are one faith, but there are countless journeys. We are not all carbon copies in the congregation. We have countless responsibilities to one another. We honor the way each of us is taking in our faith. It is all lived out a little differently," said the Rev. Joy Barrett.

Last year, the church budgeted a total of \$80,000 in mission spending which did not include volunteer hours, nor donations of meals and food to many organizations.

The congregation regularly volunteers to help out at the Ann Arbor shelter, Alpha House, as well as working on Habitat for Humanity, Faith In Action, Cass Community in Detroit, and hosting missionaries in Sierra Leone and Liberia. They send youth groups to do service work in other states every summer. They offer the Stephen ministry, which provides one on one counseling for those who are grieving.

There is a lot going on all the time at the church, and they have an eager staff to organize ideas of how to do more good in their community.

Kyle Webber, music director, puts together music concerts to be provided free of charge to the community. They have been well attended: Up to 200 people have filled the church to listen.

Church officials have decided to serve a free breakfast to be served once a month to anyone in the community who wants to take part.

New this fall, the church offers paper products like toilet paper and paper towels to members of the community who are hard hit by the economic times, but do not qualify for community assistance.

These ideas are examples of how the church is always trying to think of ways to help the people in the community.

But Barrett wants to make sure there people know there is a difference between her church, and other organizations, such as the Kiwanis Club, who also work on projects to help other people.

"We talk a lot about the doing side of the church," she said. "But we don't neglect the spiritual side. We are drawn into God's mercy and changed by God's love....Our faith is based not on what we do, but because of what God has done for us first."

Booth said that the congregation is not required to serve, but many find that they want to help others, whether they help with missions, or teach Sunday School.

Eighty-five children attend the church's Sunday School, and Allison Vanderspool, director of children's minis-

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tries, said that the curriculum they use this year is called 252 Basics, based on Luke 2:52, which describes Jesus' growth in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

During the lessons, the students have a chance for hands-on learning. To study the effects of lying, students were directed to put a little bit of dye into the water and stir it around, fully coloring the water.

And after they did this, they were told to take the dye back out of the water.

Impossible, said the children. Just like taking back a lie, they were told.

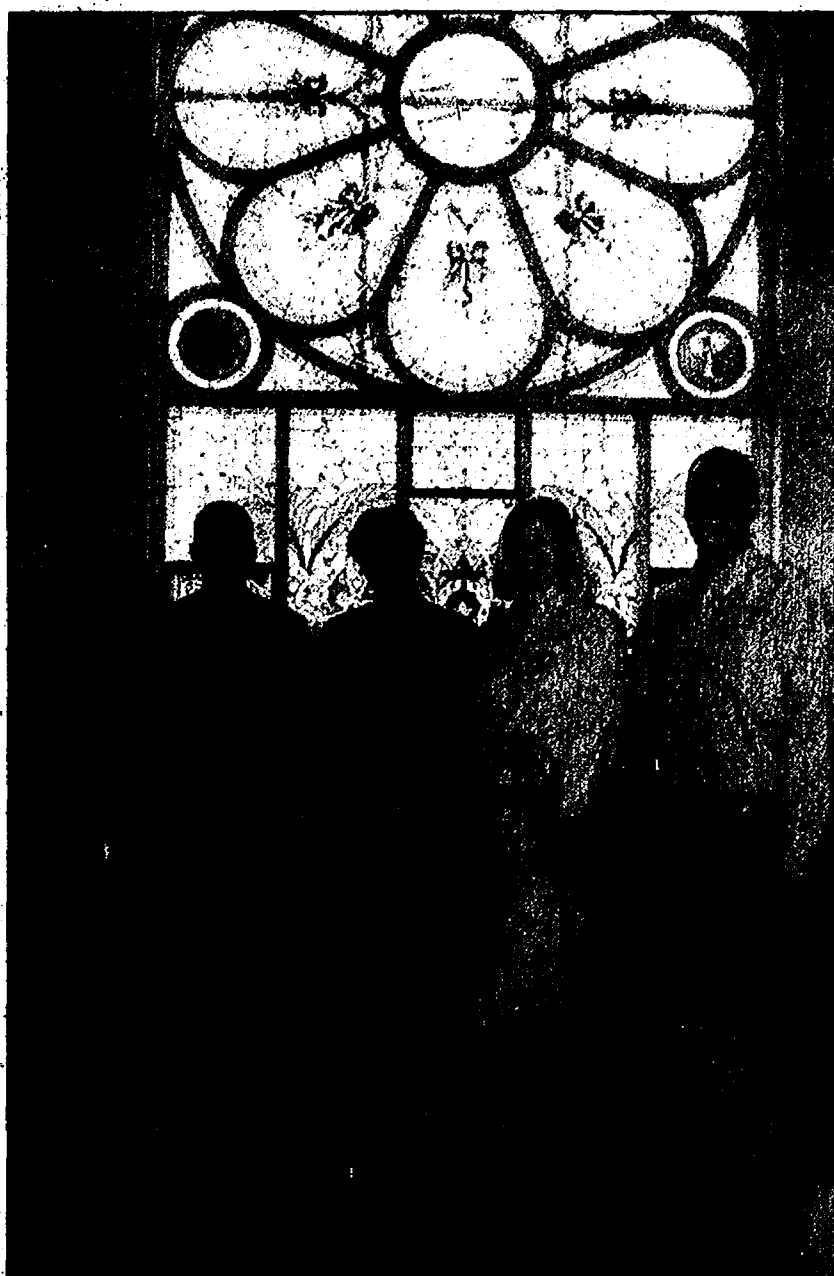
"The children are very responsive. They are really learning," she said. Currently they are studying a course on honesty, and she has heard children telling others that they shouldn't tell a lie, or it would come back to them, like it did for Esau and Jacob.

Booth said that children know how to recognize hypocrisy, and they also know when people are living out their faith.

"Nothing brings you closer to God than living (your faith)," she said. "Find your faith through doing. God is love. It is in acting in love that you renew a relationship with God. Service isn't just missions. You could be a teacher, work with music, any form of service which can show God in action. Methodists are servants."

"We love because God loves us," added Barrett. "Our works flow out of what God has done for us in Christ."

Jon Ellegood, director of youth ministries, makes a summer mission trip every year to another state with the youth to help build homes, or fix up existing ones. This year, they added a new trip during spring break. To fund the trips, the youth group puts on fundrais-



Pastor Joy Barrett poses with her staff in the sanctuary at Chelsea's First United Methodist Church. Pictured are Lynn Booth (back row, L-R), Jon Ellegood, LeAnn Seto, Allison Vanderspool, and Kyle Webber. Front row: Barbara Lewis-Lakin (L-R) and Barrett.

ers, such as washing cars, or sponsoring church breakfasts.

"We try to make them as cheap as possible," said Ellegood, who said that the youth usually stay at various churches near the work sites, and cook their own meals in the host church kitchens.

"It has a camp atmosphere," he said. Usually about 10 to 15 students attend during each trip.

Each evening during the trip, the students have a feedback session when they talk about what they have done during the day, said Ellegood. They talk about the diversity of culture seen in the big cities they have visited. They talk about Jesus' love and how a person is supposed to spread it to one's neighbor. They talk about people of different faiths.

In ninth grade, said Ellegood, the students learn what it means to become a member of the church. They talk about faith, and they visit the Islamic Center in Dearborn, a Jewish synagogue, and the Hartford

homes, finding it harder to make the journey to church.

"I lead worship there," said Seto, adding that many churches are either made up of young families, or aging senior citizens. She wants to keep the church intergenerational.

Recently a Wii bowling tournament took place at one of the retirement centers where many members live. It was attended by the church young people, and played by both young and old.

"They learned each other's names and can look at each other as extended family," said Seto. "Part of what I do is keep the church connected to

the older people."

Barrett, a pastor for 27 years, said she received her calling to become a minister while she was in college, having attended a church camping retreat. Someone told her she should consider becoming a minister. When she returned home, her father greeted her.

"He said, 'I think you know that you are not going into veterinary medicine,'" she said. "I spent the rest of the summer talking to people about (becoming a pastor)."

She said she often hears the word of God in other people's voices.

"It is (my) belief that everyone is a minister," she said.

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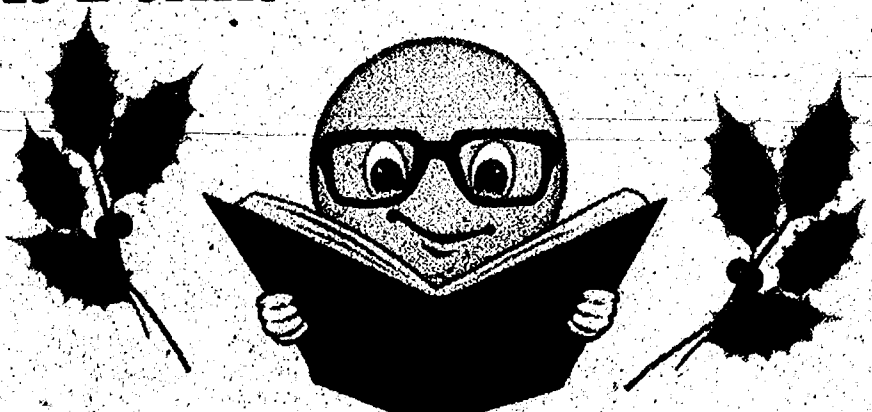
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GOVERNMENT ROUNDUP

Schauer co-sponsors bill to freeze unfair credit card rate increases

Congressman Mark Schauer, D-District 7, last week co-sponsored the Credit Card Rate Freeze Act, legislation that would immediately freeze interest rates on consumer credit card accounts ahead of federal credit card reform legislation slated to go into effect early next year.

Earlier last week, Schauer joined 45 of his House colleagues in sending a letter to the CEOs of Bank of America and Citigroup, which together have received \$45 billion in federal bailout funds, urging them to reconsider their decision to charge new credit card fees on customers in good standing.

Congressman Schauer was a co-sponsor of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, which aims to curb unfair and deceptive credit card lending practices and was signed into

law earlier this year. It is slated to go into effect in February 2010.

The Credit CARD Act requires 45 day notification of interest rate increases and lengthens from 14 days to 21 days the amount of time before the due date that a statement must be delivered. The bill Rep. Schauer co-sponsored today would force companies to immediately freeze rates on existing balances until the remaining provisions in the Credit CARD Act go into effect.

Schauer also voted last week to create new jobs and stimulate the economy by providing small businesses with access



Schauer

to the loans and investment dollars they need to expand and grow their operations.

The Small Business Financing and Investment Act (HR 3854) will help open tight credit markets that have shut out small business owners during this economic crisis, so they can create jobs - particularly in struggling regions and industries.

Small businesses create 60-80 percent of new jobs every year, but the current economic crisis has frozen credit and made it difficult for American small businesses to get the financing they need.

By comprehensively updating the Small Business Administration's capital access programs, the legislation is expected to support \$44 billion in lending and investment for smaller firms.

Local McDonald's employees hit high notes

A panel of "Voices of McDonald's III" judges has selected Eddie Davenport, a Stockbridge and Leslie McDonald's employee,



Davenport

and Fatima Poggi, a Dexter McDonald's crew member, as two of 30 semifinalists from around the world based on their outstanding singing abilities.

Of the 10,451 entries from McDonald's employees around the world, only five of the semifinalists are from the United States and two of those, Poggi and Davenport, are from Michigan.

Beginning Nov. 11, the semifinalists will begin competing for 12 finalist

spots and a trip to Orlando in April 2010 where they could win thousands of dollars in cash and other prizes.

Competitors will upload their songs onto the Voices of McDonald's III Web site (www.mcdonalds.com/voice) where the public can play the entries and vote for their favorites until the Dec. 4 deadline.

The 12 global finalists will be announced on Dec. 21.

Davenport, who resides in Jackson, was also recognized for his singing talent in the 2007 Voices of McDonald's competition when he also made it to the semifinal round. This year, Davenport will sing "When Can I See You Again?"

A Pinckney High School student, Poggi has been performing since she was 12 years old and has sung in New Jersey and throughout Michigan as well as in Peru

and Italy.

In the next round of the competition, she will sing "Alone," by Heart.

The 12 finalists will each win a trip (with a guest) to the McDonald's 2010 Worldwide Convention in Orlando in April to compete for the \$25,000 grand prize. The first runner-up will win \$10,000 and the second runner-up, \$5,000. Other finalists each win \$1,500.

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The Voice of McDonald's III is a worldwide contest to recognize, discover and reward talented singers among the more than 1.6 million employees working in McDonald's restaurants.

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HONORS

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PFC. James

SC. Kevin is a 2009 Chelsea High School graduate and was the Company Honor Graduate as well as the Platoon High PFT for his platoon No. 2066 of Company E.

Kevin is the son of Randy and Janet Rosentreter, brother of Joel and Timothy, and grandson of Marjorie Rosentreter from Ann Arbor, Albert and Nancy Rosentreter from Chelsea, and Sally and James Nicola from Chelsea.

Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan elected officers and new members of the board of directors at the organization's annual meeting.

Elected Secretary of the Board of Directors was Chelsea resident Charles J. Mazzola, senior vice president of The Auto Club Group.

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Sousa Band praises sung by Chelsea author

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

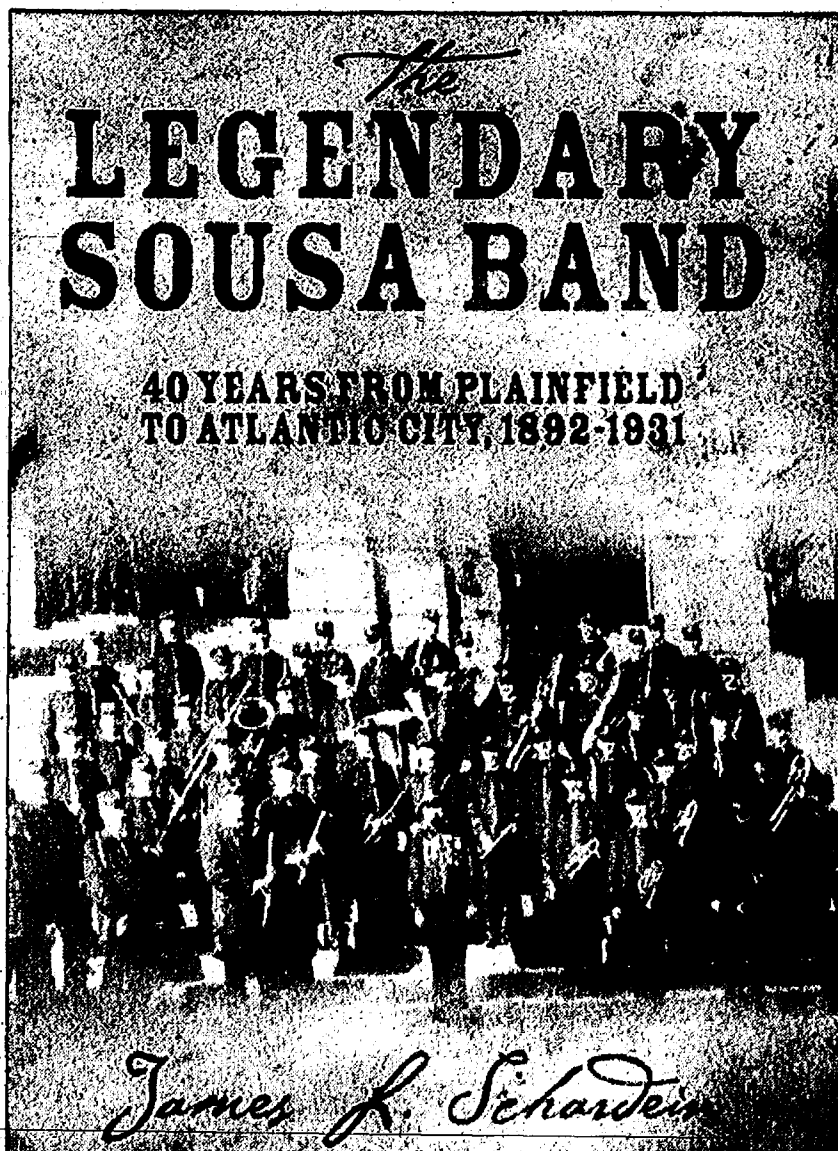
Chelsea resident and author James L. Schardein has painstakingly presented popular music during the 1890s to 1920s from the perspective of John Phillips Sousa in his book "The Legendary Sousa Band: 40 Years from Plainfield to Atlantic City."

Sousa's Band, as it was plainly called during the period is arguably one of the greatest and most popular musical organizations during the late 19th and early 20th century, drawing crowds by the tens of thousands.

Schardein, a retired senior scientist in the pharmaceutical and chemical safety sectors, has gone to great length to present not just the musical culture of the time period, but the history of the Sousa Band from 1892 to 1931 through numerous illustrations, historical artifacts provided by the Barry Owen Furrer collection, and point-of-view recollections of happenings from the period by quoted sources from that era.

"The Sousa Band has always been my favorite, as a great example of being recognized as the best, even under very different conditions," said Schardein, who became interested in music after playing the cornet. This is his first book covering the subject of music.

During that golden age of professional touring bands, Sousa started as the leader of the U.S. Marine Band. Afterwards he and contemporary David Blakely gathered the 50-member group, which included the cream of American and European instrumentalists.



Cover of James Schardein's book.

Once formed, the Sousa Band began touring in Plainfield, New Jersey in 1892 and visited nearly every town in North America and several in Europe.

The touring journey ended in Atlantic City in 1931 with the band having covered 1.3 million miles by railway, spreading their music all the while.

Schardein provides many glimpses into society and culture from the period through the voices of music lovers and other direct participants from

the period, providing insight into the way people dressed and conducted themselves nearly 100 years ago.

"Consider that this period in history had poor telecommunication, no talking movies, primitive sound recordings, no television, and virtually no air transportation or modern roads," Schardein explained. "It was the traveling professional bands that brought music to the people on their turf. Among these bands, Sousa and His Band was the prototype. It had no real peers

over its entire history."

Of note is the exceptional dedication to performing, work ethic and stamina that the Sousa Band possessed, detailed in the book.

Sousa and his men performed twice a day, seven days a week in unrehearsed programs during 53 tour schedules in the spring and fall, with even more during extended summer venues.

The band performed 15,600 concerts over its history, in many cases living with meager comforts in poor lodging away from home eating poor meals and sleeping in rough beds.

Schardein tells the story of how Sousa and his band experienced what modern rock stars likely feel today – the rush as crowds come from miles, while schools are dismissed and banners are hung over major thoroughfares proclaiming the band's arrival.

"The mayors of many towns often proclaimed it Sousa Day and government offices and stores were closed for the concerts," Schardein said.

His book also tells the tale of Sousa's rise to fame as "The March King." The man was responsible for composing 400 songs, suites, and marches, including the national march "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Although the band became celebrities and were recognized as the finest professional musicians in their field, by the early 1930s interest waned as other forms of communication began bringing new entertainment into homes and peoples' lives.

The book is now available on Amazon, Nicola's Books in the Westgate Shopping Center in Ann Arbor and at McKune Library.

Transition Town Chelsea hits road

By Amy Clark
Heritage Newspapers

Where wind power would be able to Michigan residents to obtain clean energy, Berea, KY is counting on solar, wind, and advanced renewable technologies.

Transition Town Chelsea (TTC) members Mike and Kathy Mulla, Kathy Clark, Amy Clark, Pat Kaminsky and Lynn Meadows traveled to Berea, KY to visit Berea College to study sustainable practices and join the Berea Solar Tour. Berea has a population of about 15,600.

The Chelsea group met with Sustainable Berea organizers, professor James and Cheyenne Olson for their weekend itinerary. They were introduced to the nationally known Berea College founded in 1865.

After a tour of the historical campus, the group met with a few of the college instructors and student laborers at the college farm. Another stop was the Ecovillage, a living and learning community with 60 apartments and high tech greenhouse, followed by a trip to the college gardens. The farm maintains limited crops and a small herd of cattle, hogs and goats. The gardens contained a second greenhouse, regular greenhouse, beehives, berries, and a large variety of vegetables including beans, squash, tomatoes and okra.

Contrast from a retrofitted city dwelling, edible front lawn gardens, and one dome house completely off the grid were seen during the Berea Solar Tour, which included 13 homes and buildings in and around Berea. The cob-built dome house was located in a forest on the outskirts of Berea.

Inhabitants were thriving completely off the grid with rain catchment, a dry compost toilet and solar panels for electricity. After the tour one of the city solar home hosts, the Olsons, provided lunch for

transition guests with a soup and bread lunch made from locally grown ingredients.

Transition Chelsea shared ideas with Sustainable Berea and Transition Louisville, KY visitors. A major water conservation project was described by the Olson's where 400 plastic barrels discarded by the Pepsi Co. were fitted with spigets and are being sold for "rain barrels" by the Sustainable Berea group. Local artists painted scenes and designs on many of the barrels.

The Transition Towns movement began in 2004 as a class assignment for the students of Rob Hopkins' further education course in Kinsale, Ireland. TTC is the 42nd transition town to be developed in the United States.

At the core of the transition town movement is the "transition initiative" which is an emerging and evolving approach to community-level sustainability, and many of these initiatives are appearing not only in the U.K., but in the U.S. They are based on four key assumptions:

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GOVERNMENT ROUNDUP

Schauer co-sponsors bill to freeze unfair credit card rate increases

Congressman Mark Schauer, D-District 7, last week co-sponsored the Credit Card Rate Freeze Act, legislation that would immediately freeze interest rates on consumer credit card accounts ahead of federal credit card reform legislation slated to go into effect early next year.

Earlier last week, Schauer joined 45 of his House colleagues in sending a letter to the CEOs of Bank of America and Citigroup, which together have received \$45 billion in federal bailout funds, urging them to reconsider their decision to charge new credit card fees on customers in good standing.

Congressman Schauer was a co-sponsor of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, which aims to curb unfair and deceptive credit card lending practices and was signed into

law earlier this year. It is slated to go into effect in February 2010.

The Credit CARD Act requires 45 day notification of interest rate increases and lengthens from 14 days to 21 days the amount of time before the due date that a statement must be delivered. The bill Rep. Schauer co-sponsored today would force companies to immediately freeze rates on existing balances until the remaining provisions in the Credit CARD Act go into effect.

Schauer also voted last week to create new jobs and stimulate the economy by providing small businesses with access



Schauer

to the loans and investment dollars they need to expand and grow their operations.

The Small Business Financing and Investment Act (HR 3854) will help open tight credit markets that have shut out small business owners during this economic crisis, so they can create jobs - particularly in struggling regions and industries.

Small businesses create 60-80 percent of new jobs every year, but the current economic crisis has frozen credit and made it difficult for American small businesses to get the financing they need.

By comprehensively updating the Small Business Administration's capital access programs, the legislation is expected to support \$44 billion in lending and investment for smaller firms.

Local McDonald's employees hit high notes

A panel of "Voices of McDonald's III" judges has selected Eddie Davenport, a Stockbridge and Leslie McDonald's employee, and Fatima Poggi, a Dexter McDonald's crew member, as two of 30 semifinalists from around the world based on their outstanding singing abilities.

Of the 10,451 entries from McDonald's employees around the world, only five of the semifinalists are from the United States and two of those, Poggi and Davenport, are from Michigan.

Beginning Nov. 11, the semifinalists will begin competing for 12 finalist spots and a trip to Orlando in April 2010 where they could win thousands of dollars in cash and other prizes.

Competitors will upload their songs onto the Voices of McDonald's III Web site (www.mcdonalds.com/voice) where the public can play the entries and vote for their favorites until the Dec. 4 deadline.

The 12 global finalists will be announced on Dec. 21.

Davenport, who resides in Jackson, was also recognized for his singing talent in the 2007 Voices of McDonald's competition when he also made it to the semifinal round. This year, Davenport will sing "When Can I See You Again?"

A Pinckney High School student, Poggi has been performing since she was 12 years old and has sung in New Jersey and throughout Michigan as well as in Peru

and Italy.

In the next round of the competition, she will sing "Alone," by Heart.

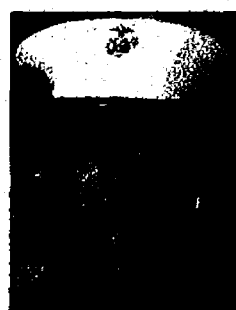
The 12 finalists will each win a trip (with a guest) to the McDonald's 2010 Worldwide Convention in Orlando in April to compete for the \$25,000 grand prize. The first runner-up will win \$10,000 and the second runner-up, \$5,000. Other finalists each win \$1,500.

All finalists will also win \$500 for their restaurants and a \$1,000 contribution in their names to the local Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The Voice of McDonald's III is a worldwide contest to recognize, discover and reward talented singers among the more than 1.6 million employees working in McDonald's restaurants.

The more than 530 McDonald's restaurants in Michigan employ more than 20,000 men and women.

PFC. Kevin James Rosentreter graduated with honors on Oct. 2, 2009 from Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Training.



PFC. James

SC. Kevin is a 2009 Chelsea High School graduate and was the Company Honor Graduate as well as the Platoon High PFT for his platoon No. 2066 of Company E.

Kevin is the son of Randy and Janet Rosentreter, brother of Joel and Timothy, and grandson of Marjorie Rosentreter from Ann Arbor, Albert and Nancy Rosentreter from Chelsea, and Sally and James Nicola from Chelsea.

Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan elected officers and new members of the board of directors at the organization's annual meeting.

Elected Secretary of the Board of Directors was Chelsea resident Charles J. Mazzola, senior vice president of The Auto Club Group.

Mazzola will oversee volunteer driven programs to over 30,000 young people, in grades kindergarten through 12th grade, in southeastern Michigan this year.

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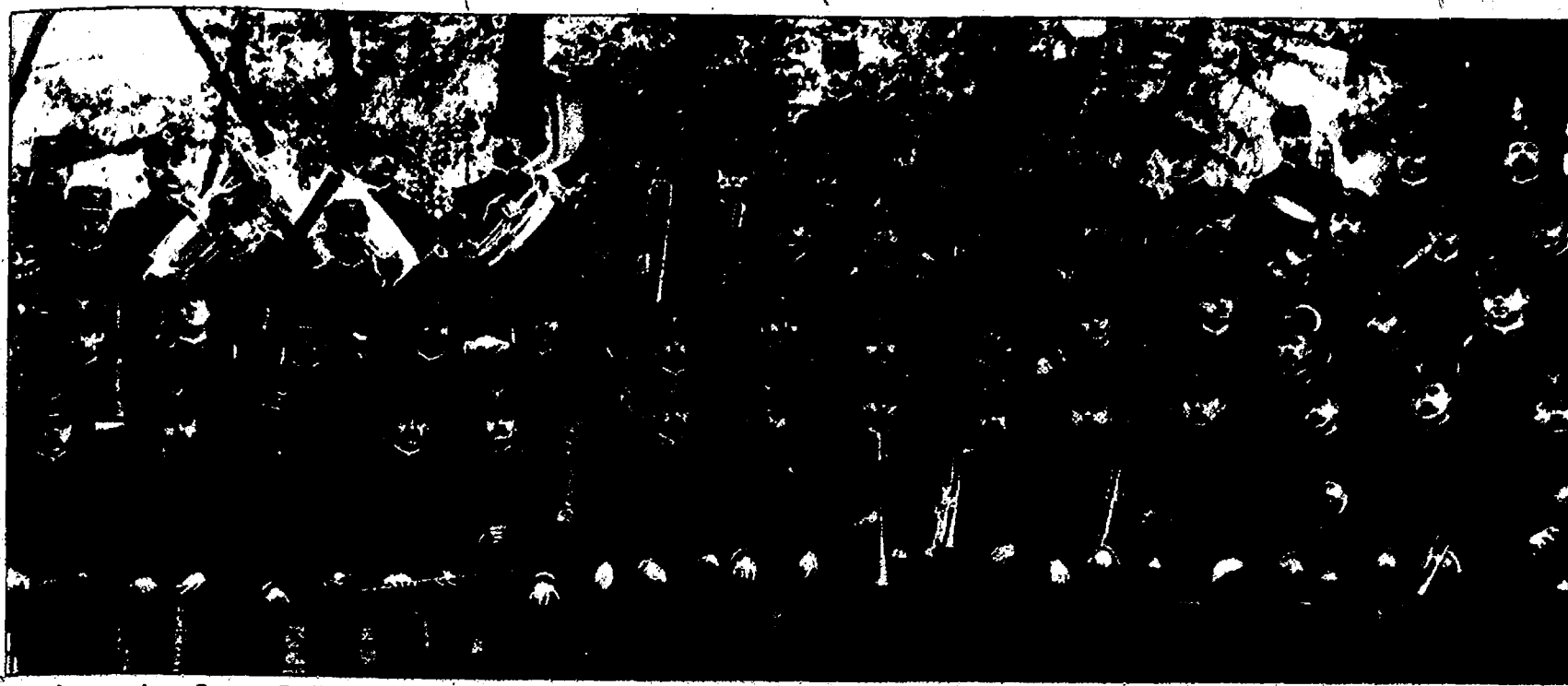
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The Legendary Sousa Band were the premier entertainers of their day. Photo taken 1911.

Sousa Band praises sung by Chelsea author

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

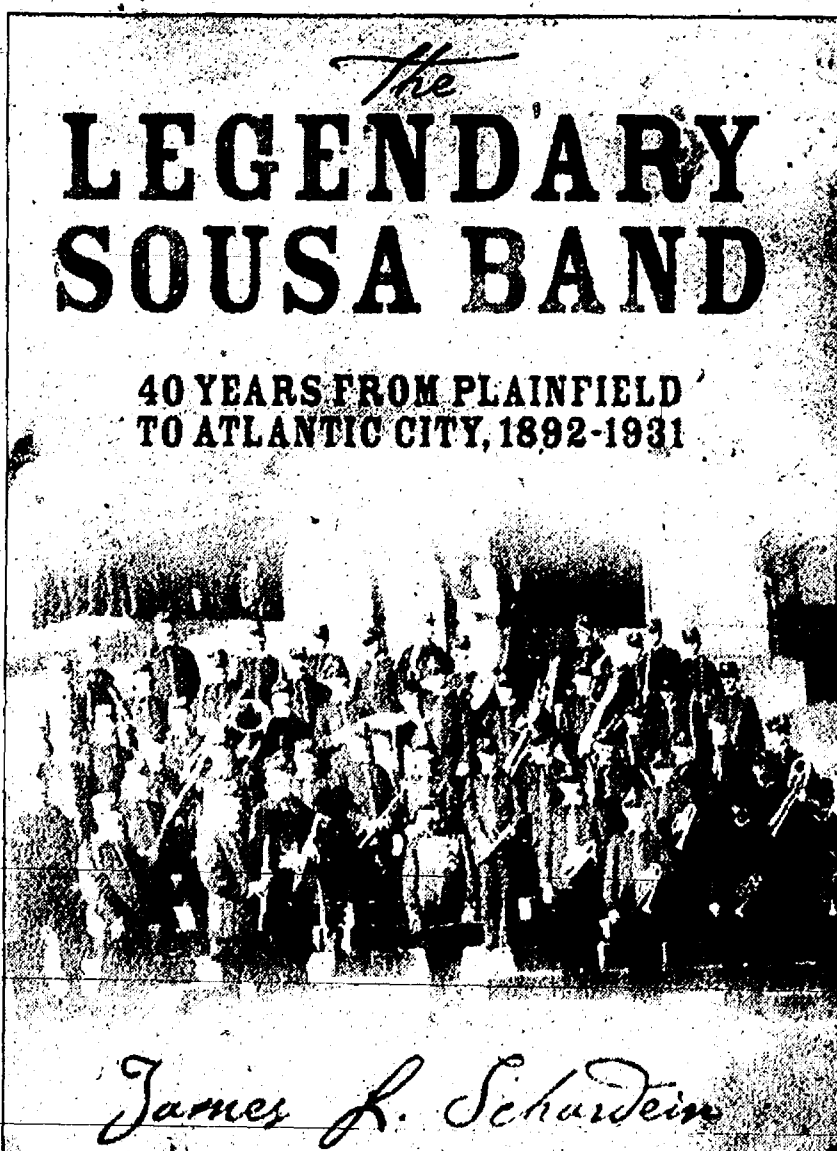
Chelsea resident and author James L. Schardein has painstakingly presented popular music during the 1890s to 1920s from the perspective of John Phillips Sousa in his book "The Legendary Sousa Band: 40 Years from Plainfield to Atlantic City."

Sousa's Band, as it was plainly called during the period is arguably one of the greatest and most popular musical organizations during the late 19th and early 20th century, drawing crowds by the tens of thousands.

Schardein, a retired senior scientist in the pharmaceutical and chemical safety sectors, has gone to great length to present not just the musical culture of the time period, but the history of the Sousa Band from 1892 to 1931 through numerous illustrations, historical artifacts provided by the Barry Owen Furrer collection, and point-of-view recollections of happenings from the period by quoted sources from that era.

"The Sousa Band has always been my favorite, as a great example of being recognized as the best, even under very different conditions," said Schardein, who became interested in music after playing the cornet. This is his first book covering the subject of music.

During that golden age of professional touring bands, Sousa started as the leader of the U.S. Marine Band. Afterwards he and contemporary David Blakely gathered the 50-member group, which included the cream of American and European instrumentalists.



Cover of James Schardein's book.

Once formed, the Sousa Band began touring in Plainfield, New Jersey in 1892 and visited nearly every town in North America and several in Europe.

The touring journey ended in Atlantic City in 1931 with the band having covered 1.3 million miles by railway, spreading their music all the while.

Schardein provides many glimpses into society and culture from the period through the voices of music lovers and other direct participants from

the period, providing insight into the way people dressed and conducted themselves nearly 100 years ago.

"Consider that this period in history had poor telecommunication, no talking movies, primitive sound recordings, no television, and virtually no air transportation or modern roads," Schardein explained.

"It was the traveling professional bands that brought music to the people on their turf. Among these bands, Sousa and His Band was the prototype. It had no real peers

over its entire history."

Of note is the exceptional dedication to performing, work ethic and stamina that the Sousa Band possessed, detailed in the book.

Sousa and his men performed twice a day, seven days a week in unrehearsed programs during 53 tour schedules in the spring and fall, with even more during extended summer venues.

The band performed 15,600 concerts over its history, in many cases living with meager comforts in poor lodging away from home eating poor meals and sleeping in rough beds.

Schardein tells the story of how Sousa and his band experienced what modern rock stars likely feel today - the rush as crowds come from miles, while schools are dismissed and banners are hung over major thoroughfares proclaiming the band's arrival.

"The mayors of many towns often proclaimed it Sousa Day and government offices and stores were closed for the concerts," Schardein said.

His book also tells the tale of Sousa's rise to fame as "The March King." The man was responsible for composing 400 songs, suites, and marches, including the national march "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Although the band became celebrities and were recognized as the finest professional musicians in their field, by the early 1930s interest waned as other forms of communication began bringing new entertainment into homes and peoples' lives.

The book is now available on Amazon, Nicola's Books in the Westgate Shopping Center in Ann Arbor and at McKune Library.

Transition Town Chelsea hits road

By Kathy Clark
Special Writer

Where wind power would be more suitable to Michigan weather trends to obtain alternative energy, Berea, KY is beginning to rely on solar, rain catchment and advanced greenhouse technologies.

In early October, a few of Chelsea's Transition Town Chelsea (TTC) members Mike and Cathy Muha, Kathy Clark, Cary Church, Pat Kaminsky and Lynn Meadows traveled to Berea, KY to visit Berea College to study sustainable practices and join the Berea Solar Tour. Berea has a population of about 15,500.

The Chelsea group met with Sustainable Berea organizers, professor James and Cheyenne Olson for their weekend itinerary. They were introduced to the nationally known Berea College founded in 1855.

After a tour of the historical campus, the group met with a few of the college instructors and student laborers at the 500-acre college farm. Another stop was the Ecovillage, a living and learning community with 50 apartments and high tech greenhouse, followed by a trip to the college gardens. The farm maintains limited crops and a small herd of cattle, hogs and goats. The gardens contained a geodome greenhouse, regular greenhouse, beehives, berries, and a large variety of vegetables including beans, squash, tomatoes and ocher.

A contrast from a retrofitted city dwelling, edible front lawn gardens, and one dome house completely off the grid were seen during the Berea Solar Tour which included 13 homes and buildings in and around Berea. The cob-built dome house was located in a forest on the outskirts of Berea.

Inhabitants were thriving completely off the grid with rain catchment, a dry compost toilet and solar panels for electricity. After the tour, one of the city solar home hosts, the Olson's, provided out-of-town

transition guests with a soup and bread lunch made from locally grown ingredients.

Transition Chelsea shared ideas with Sustainable Berea and Transition Louisville, KY visitors. A major water conservation project was described by the Olson's where 400 plastic barrels discarded by the Pepsi Co. were fitted with spigets and are being sold for "rain barrels" by the Sustainable Berea group. Local artists painted scenes and designs on many of the barrels.

The Transition Towns movement began in 2004 as a class assignment for the students of Rob Hopkins' further education course in Kinsale, Ireland. TTC is the 42nd transition town to be developed in the United States.

At the core of the transition town movement is the "transition initiative" which is an emerging and evolving approach to community-level sustainability, and many of these initiatives are appearing not only in the U.K., but in the U.S. They are based on four key assumptions:

That life with dramatically lower energy consumption is inevitable, and that it's better to plan for it than to be taken by surprise.

That our settlements and communities presently lack the resilience to enable them to weather the severe energy shocks that will accompany Peak Oil.

That we have to act collectively, and we have to act now.

That by unleashing the collective genius of those around us to creatively and proactively design our energy descent, we can build ways of living that are more connected, more enriching and that recognize the biological limits of our planet.

Transition Chelsea will participate in the Re-skilling Festival at Michigan Friends Center on Saturday. For more information contact cathy_muha@SBCglobal.net.

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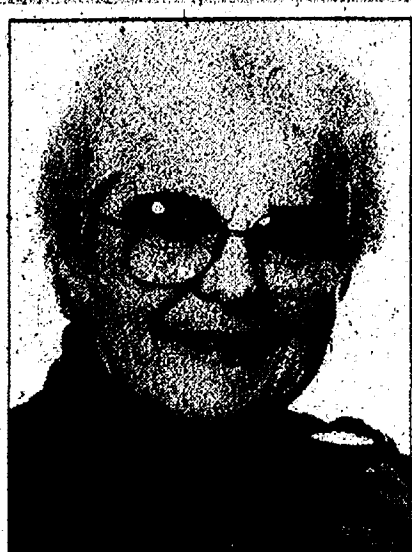
BRAND CONTINUED ... the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea on Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral Services took place on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Jacob Lutheran Church in Grass Lake with Pastor Scott Schwertfeger officiating. Contributions can be made to the church, Chelsea Community Hospital or the Waterloo Historical Society.



GUBACHY, NORMA W. of Chelsea, formerly of Ann Arbor; age 93; passed away Saturday, October 31, 2009, at the Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born on December 18, 1915, in the Irish Hills. Norma was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor for many years. She loved to square dance, golf, play cards (at least twice a week), bowl and travel. On September 30, 1934, she married Walter Edward Neebling, and he preceded her in death on March 24, 1968. She then married Barney Gubachy on September 10, 1971, and he survives; also surviving are 2 daughters, Angela (Richard) Showerman of Hartford and Carol (Andrew) Fleischmann of Gregory; 8 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and 6 great great grandchildren; one sister, Rena Gubachy of Saline; many nieces and nephews; as well as Barney's children, Daniel Gubachy of Grass Lake, Barbara (Charlie) Mulder of Hartland, Kathy (Al) Bethke of Cary, NC, Sherry (Tim) Moore of Titus, AL, and Diane (Allan) Knaust of Larkspur, CO. In addition to her first husband, she was preceded in death by Barney's daughter, Patricia Gubachy, and all her brothers and sisters. A Memorial Service was Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Expressions of sympathy can be made to Arbor Hospice, Independence Priorities or Zion Lutheran Church. The family received friends at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.

BRAND, FLOYD E. of Manchester, MI; age 95; went to be with his Savior and beloved Irene on Friday, October 30, 2009. Floyd was born on June 17, 1914, in Waterloo Twp. to the late Joseph E. (a German immigrant) and Ida (Stoker) Brand. Floyd was a Military Policeman, Private First Class in the U.S. Army during W.W.II. He married Irene Curtis on September 20, 1943, and she preceded him to glory in our Lord! After the war, the couple set up a farming business for over five decades, and Floyd was blessed to have lived there up to the time of his passing. Agricultural ventures included various animal husbandries and a variety of crop harvesting. Floyd was a life-time member of St. Jacob Lutheran Church in Grass Lake as well as spending several years in the Farm Bureau, along with his wife. Floyd and Irene raised three children and they survive: Donna L. (Gary) Wahr of Grass Lake, David Brand of Manchester and Diane (Jeff) Brunsdon of Camas, WA; they were also blessed with seven grandchildren, Angela (Michael) Williams of Hampton, TN, Jesse (Pam) Brand of Napoleon, Joshua (Lisa) Brand of Vandercook Lake, Brad (Elin) Brunsdon of Norway, Andrea Wahr (Steven) Webb of Clark Lake, Larisa Brunsdon of Portland, OR, and Matthew (Donna J.) Wahr of Jackson; Floyd is also survived by eight great grandchildren; and a step-great grandson; as well as a fetal great great granddaughter; he is also survived by one younger sibling, Audrey Brand; brother and sisters-in-law, Paul and Crystal Curtis and Hil-da and Doreen Curtis; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Besides his wife and parents, Floyd was preceded in death by three siblings, Orrie Brand, Nina (Leslie) Housel and Minor (Jennie) Brand of OH, as well as one niece, one sister-in-law, Viola Wagner, and two brothers-in-law, Herb and Russell Curtis. During his retirement years, Floyd became an avid reader and a garden and canning expert and received several ribbon awards at the local fairs for his canning efforts. He had also developed a delightful sense of humor and was especially faithful in his daily devotions and church attendance. It is safe to say that Floyd was greatly admired for his loyalties to faith and family along with his intense sense of duty! Eccl. 3:1-8, Psalm 37:3-5. Family and friends honored Floyd at

TYKOSKI, CAROLINE MARIE, passed away on Sunday, November 1, 2009, at the age of 95; after a long and happy life. She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew, and four siblings. She is survived by two daughters, Judy (Ray) Fattel and Barbara (Frank) Hutchinson; she is also survived by four grandchildren, Nicholas (Janine) Hutchinson, Tina (Justin) Jones, Chip (Rachel) Fattel and Andrew (Sara) Fattel; and six great grandchildren, Emma, Jonathan, Kate, Clare, Ben and Caleb. She spent her life being a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who enjoyed living and working for over 60 years on their farm in Dexter. She was a long-time member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter. The family received friends on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. with a Rosary at 7 p.m. at the Hosmer-Muehl Funeral Chapel, Dexter. Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Thursday, 11 a.m. until time of Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Village of Dexter. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church Building Fund.



WORDEN, ELIZABETH ANN (BOYCE); January 26, 1922; to October 21, 2009. She was born at home; she died at home. Suitable parentheses for a life grounded at home, one that reached out into the world, yet always came home. On January 26, 1922, she was born to Floyd and Florence (Noah) Boyce in a North Lake cottage, the last of four siblings. Her first job was in the family bakery, baking pies that sold so well she always claimed she never got to taste them. In order to complete high school, she eventually had to live and work away from home, and she held onto that dedication to education; she prided herself on her perfect spelling and skill at Perquackey; her smooth cursive script filled volumes of riverside journals; she made her living keeping numbers neatly ordered, and saw three of her children graduate from college (and create a lasting Michigan/Michigan State family rivalry). Nevertheless, when her father's death meant that she and her sister couldn't both continue at Michigan State, she left East Lansing and went to work, helping Ruth finish school. It was at work, at a factory making munitions for the war effort, that Betty met her husband, Wilber (Bill) Worden, and began a true life's work: building a marriage, a family, a home. Her training was in bookkeeping, employment she returned to time and again as she moved in and out of the workforce to meet the needs of a growing family. But motherhood her way - fostering both independence and her own deep love of family in her four children - was a full-time pursuit, too. She raised her own kids, knew the neighborhood kids, and cared for her brother's young sons during a difficult year. She was a Girl Scout Troop Leader, repeatedly filling the garage with cookies for distribution, and a Scouting neighborhood chairman, a Cub Scout den mother and a Boy Scout volunteer - sometimes all at once. At Girl Scout Camp, her daughter, Diane, remembers her sitting with Carrie Eisenbeiser beside their grown-ups' tent, which the Scouts had set up, drinking their coffee, which the Scouts had brewed, watching as the Scouts lashed the table and dug the latrine. All around them, they saw the other leaders doing those chores while their girls watched them! When the other adults came around later to ask how they did it, they replied, "Good training." With three children attending Chelsea High, her alma mater, it was easy to remember the dedication she'd had for that school and the education she'd worked for there (she wasn't in danger of forgetting - she kept in touch with several classmates throughout her life and attended her 69th class reunion). She was an enthusiastic attendee and a very vocal cheerleader at her kids' school athletic

WORDEN CONTINUED ... events. When one son's teammate turned to him in the midst of a wrestling match to ask who that loud lady was up in the stands, Steve replied: "That's no lady, that's my mother!" - a story Betty loved to tell forever after, always with a big laugh. In 1980, with only one child left at home, Betty retired from her position as office manager for the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research and she and Bill moved up north, to the cottage on the Betsie River that they'd built themselves. She and Bill loved the natural beauty of their up-north home, with a keen eye for flowers, wild-life, and especially morels. They dug the crawspace into a basement after they'd moved in; their kids helped build the addition, moving over the roof in flannel and overalls and laughter. It was truly a labor of love - and the best view on the river. Despite the change of venue and a change of name - too many Bettys on the river meant that she became Liz, then Lizziebeth, then Queenie - she was still and always herself, making a home, finding adventure. One cottage evening found one of her boys, who'd gotten his first taste of camping with his mother and her troop of Girl Scouts and was now in graduate school, at her door with 27 friends, rained out of a trip to a nearby campground. She didn't bat an eye, just sent the girls upstairs and Ray and the other boys downstairs, and in the morning cooked breakfast for them all. Finding that full retirement didn't suit her nature, she began a final adventure in work and service as a director of the Cherryland Electric Cooperative. She became the first member of the Board to receive certification as a director, setting a new standard for those who followed. This was the job that gave her real wings; she flew, for the first time in her life, to a conference in Philadelphia in 1985. Afterward, she made up for lost time, traveling around the country and to England, the Panama Canal and Costa Rica with Bill, then visiting New Zealand, Australia, South America, the Caribbean, Alaska, Hawaii, and Europe after his death. She sailed forth alone or with family, but her genuine warmth and curiosity, inevitably won her lasting friendships, remembered long after debarking. She was always happy to come home with memories to share. At Silver Maples in Chelsea, where she lived until her final return home, she again reveled in the company of new friends. She endured sorrows: the loss of a child and the pain of outliving her husband. But she also embraced joy: her four children gave her four grandchildren, and she loved being a grandmother, joyfully sharing games, puzzles, food, and activities as her family grew. She was delighted to greet two great granddaughters, born four days apart this March. When she died, peacefully, on Wednesday, October 21, she did so in a home she shared with her son, grandson, granddaughter-in-law, and great granddaughter, a home next door to her daughter, in a room modified for her by her family's loving hands. That is her story, but this is her truth: she was always genuine. She welcomed all comers, she made friends easily and firmly, she asked because she really wanted to know

WORDEN CONTINUED ... and then she remembered. She fed family and friends and whomever they brought to her door, fed them applesauce and grape jam and blueberry buckle and pot roast and Christmas confetti. She knew a bargain but wasn't afraid to splurge on beauty. She descended the knotty riverbank stairs to wade in the cold brown water with her grandchildren long after it hurt her knees to do it. She had both style and grace. Her laugh and smile stayed with her until the end. She was an astounding woman. She goes to join husband, Bill, son, Peter Andrew, parents, Floyd and Florence, and sisters, Dorothy (Stan) LaSavage and Ruth (Erle) Stewart. She is survived by her children, Diane Elizabeth (Marcus) Vale, Raymond Floyd Worden and Steven Foster (Deborah) Worden; her grandchildren, Sarah Elizabeth (Jake) Roth, Brady Peter (Amanda) Worden, Aaron Steven Worden and Noah Foster Worden; and her great grandchildren, Elizabeth Marie Worden and Nora Leslie-Davi Roth; as well as her brother, Ellis (Elaine) Boyce; brothers-in-law, RV Worden and Richard (Beverly) Worden; sisters-in-law, Betty (Dan) Cowan and Doris (James) Worden; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. A few years back she wrote her own life story, titling it with her childhood adage, "Happy, but Never Satisfied." We trust that now she is both, and at peace. A Memorial Service is planned for Saturday, January 23, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. from the North Lake United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to North Lake United Methodist Church or Arbor Hospice. Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.

HENDRON, JANE COLMAN; born Jane Ault LeCompte; died Friday, October 23, 2009, at Silver Maples Retirement Community in Chelsea, MI; she was 93, a month to the day shy of her 94th birthday. In a life journey that spanned nearly a century, she observed and acted in a history that spanned from the telegraph and horse-and-buggy to cell phones and space travel. She had an educated appreciation for all the arts, particularly literature and music. She was herself a vigorous and enthusiastic pianist, manifesting her love of music through playing, teaching and listening. An ongoing love-hate relationship with the personal computer, which she viewed with consternation and curiosity, was a hallmark of her later years and a frequent topic of conversation. Jane, of Scottish, Irish and French ancestry, was born in Moberly, MO, on November 23, 1915, to Gus G. LeCompte and Elizabeth Coppedge LeCompte. The family lived in Okemah, OK, during her early years. In 1932, they returned to Missouri and Jane attended the University of Missouri-Columbia, obtaining a B.S. in Education. Spurred by her natural gregariousness, inquisitive mind and love of learning, she taught 7th grade English at Jefferson City Junior High School from 1936 until the outbreak of World War II. She joined the Episcopal Church in 1937 and was a life-long member. She worked for IBM in St. Louis from 1941-42, then for the Trustee of the Cotton Belt Railroad. She was preparing to go overseas

HENDRON CONTINUED as a volunteer nurse's aide for the war effort when she met Ben Colman, who had traveled from his home in Detroit, MI, to sell loading equipment to the railroad. Their courtship began when Ben, 22 years her senior, came into the file room one day and asked Jane to dinner. They married on September 22, 1943, at Grace Episcopal Church in Jefferson City, MO. Their first son, Ben, III, was born on July 31, 1946, in Detroit. The young family often spent weekends in Thornville, MI, where Ben had purchased a farm and fox-hunted with the Metamora Hunt Club. Shortly after their second son, Price, was born on November 7, 1951, the family moved full-time to Colstream Farm in Thornville. There, Jane participated in the full range of country life, from raising her family on the farm to serving as volunteer music teacher at Kingsbury School, where her sons attended elementary school. She was socially active with the Metamora Hunt Club and social organizations in the area, including The Tuesday Club, a volunteer group in Lapeer, MI. She was an avid and adept bridge and Scrabble competitor and accomplished needlepoint artist. She continued to play bridge and particularly Scrabble until days before her death and her many competitors will miss her competitive wit, wisdom and above all, superior skills at those games. Jane lived at Colstream Farm until the mid-1970s. After her first husband, Ben, died in November 1975, she began spending more time in Port St. Lucie, FL, where she and Ben had purchased a home the year before Ben's death. Jane met the second love of her life, Harry Hendron, a neighbor in Port St. Lucie. They were married July 14, 1976, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Lapeer, MI, to the delight of family, friends and loved ones. Apart from a year-long stay in Evergreen, CO, where she had moved to be closer to her children, Jane resided in Port St. Lucie until August 1998, when she moved to Silver Maples in Chelsea. Jane cared deeply for her family, friends and the fate of the world. A self-declared pessimist for much of her life, she eased into optimism as she aged. Although she could quickly pierce an inflated ego with a deft wit when she considered it necessary, she was gentle and generous to a fault as her family, friends and the beneficiaries of her largesse will attest. Her goal was to leave the world a better place than she found it and she achieved this through philanthropy, volunteering, the active exchange of ideas and love. Jane was preceded in death by her husbands, Ben Colman and Harry Hendron. She is survived by sons, Ben Colman, III and Price Colman; daughters-in-law, Linda Colman and Janise Colman; two grandsons, Nathaniel Tyson Colman and Zachary Travis Colman; and several cousins, nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews. There was a Memorial Service Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at Silver Maples. The immediate family conducted a private graveside service at the Thornville Cemetery on Thursday, October 29. There will be a Memorial Service in Denver on November 14. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following: Starr Commonwealth in Albion, MI, 800-837-5591 www.starr.org or Faith in Action, Chelsea, MI, 734-475-3305 www.faithinaction.org Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.

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Cantata Singers to perform Nov. 22

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Ann Arbor is a wonderful place for a musician to live, says Warren Puffer Jones, music director of the Ann Arbor Cantata Singers, who praises the city's deep cultural life and the astounding number of world-class musicians who come through town every season.

"But it's a blessing and a difficulty. We not only have to compete for audience time and attention, not to mention fundraising

dollars, but our performances are always being compared to those of the professional ensembles that come through town," he says.

"This does wonderful things to increase the cultural awareness of Ann Arborites — to sharpen their ears and deep their appreciation of music — but it keeps us local performers on our toes."

The Cantata Singers will perform in concert 4 p.m. Nov. 22 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division St. in

Ann Arbor. "American Sampler: A Concert of Music by American Composers" will include music by William Billings, Stephen Foster, Amy Beach and Aaron Copland, representing a variety of styles from sacred to spirituals to popular music.

The Cantata Singers are made up of amateurs, professionals and semi-professionals — those who have a musical job, like a section leader at a church, and another full-time, non-music career.

"We have a handful of music educators, some doctors and lawyers, some retirees, some professors, some business people, the whole gamut," Jones says.

The ensemble is made up of volunteers who share a love of, and dedication to, great choral music.

"There are a number of choruses out there with a similar make-up," Jones says. "But it's this coming together of people with different backgrounds who all work hard toward the common goal of making music, that's what I really enjoy about working with the Cantata Singers."

"Everyone in the ensemble could very well choose to do something else with their Tuesday evenings, our regular rehearsal night, but they choose to come together, to work together on music."

And it really is work, says Jones, who also is music director of Arbor Opera Theater, assistant conductor with the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, and in recent seasons has led productions for the Comic Opera Guild and the University of Michigan Gilbert & Sullivan Society.

"Music gets portrayed often as something that is easy and fun. We say we 'play' an instrument. And there certainly are great rewards in music making. But those rewards don't come easily. They're the result of many hours of collective work, and more hours of individual effort over the course of a season and over the course of a lifetime."

The ensemble typically has between 25 and 30 singers, depending on the repertoire performed and the interests and availability of members. Each person brings a different set of skills, strengths and weaknesses, and a different perspective on a piece the group is performing. The music director's job is to mold those disparate voices and ideas, into a single performance.

It's hard work for everyone to come to a common understanding of how the ensemble is going to perform a piece, Jones says.

"But, again, it's that hard work that lets us reap the real rewards of performing. It's an honor to be able to interact every week with the wonderful people in the Cantata Singers, and to interact by engaging with some of the best choral music ever written. 'It has been — and continues to be — a great pleasure for me to conduct the Cantata Singers. The ensemble is a great institution in Ann Arbor, and it has been a real honor to be part of its growth over the last five seasons.'"

In his time as music director, Jones has worked to build on the strengths of the ensemble, and to expand its reach. It has a history of performing some of the great masterworks of choral tradition, such as the "St. John Passion" of J.S. Bach, which they will perform in April, but Jones has included some lesser-known



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music, as well.

"The choral repertoire is extremely vast, spanning seven centuries. There's so much music to choose from that some pieces get overlooked," he says. "Last season, we performed a piece by Mozart. And we've recently sung a choral work by the early 20th-century American composer Amy Beach called 'Evening Hymn,' which is now out of print, but is really gorgeous."

Historically, the Cantata Singers have been on the forefront of new music for choirs, Jones says. While this tradition had lapsed a bit in recent years, he has worked to reengage the ensemble with young composers and new music.

The Nov. 22 program, focusing on the music of American composers, will feature the Michigan premiere of works by three young American composers, all

written in the last 10 years, and all three are inspiring works of music, he says.

Jones receives new works by mail or e-mail every week because the ensemble issued an open call for scores through the American Composers' Forum. It takes a lot of time and energy to sift through all the submissions, but it's a wonderful opportunity to be able to read these new works, he says.

"As great as it is to be engaged with and perform the music of Bach and Mozart, there is a different kind of energy involved in breathing life into a new piece," he said.

Larry Lohr, emeritus professor of chemistry at the University of Michigan, has sung bass in the ensemble since 2002, and estimates he has participated in about 350 choral performances in 55 years, beginning with a high school chorus

in Raleigh, N.C., at age 15. "Choral singing has enriched my life immensely," he says.

Attorney Don Kenney, who also sings bass, has enjoyed singing with the ensemble in other countries, but also finds it rewarding to bring music to local youngsters.

"We've had joint concerts with high school choruses in Dexter, Chelsea, Saline and Ypsilanti," he says. "The highlight was handing out scholarships to Interlochen to students from the various high schools."

Betsy Hill who sings alto, moved to Ann Arbor in 1969 and sang in choirs at Huron High School. After majoring in music therapy at Michigan State University, she returned to Ann Arbor in the mid-1970s and saw an audition flier for the Ann Arbor Cantata Singers.

"What a discovery! I've loved AACs and have sung on and off with the group since that time, totaling around 15 years," she says.

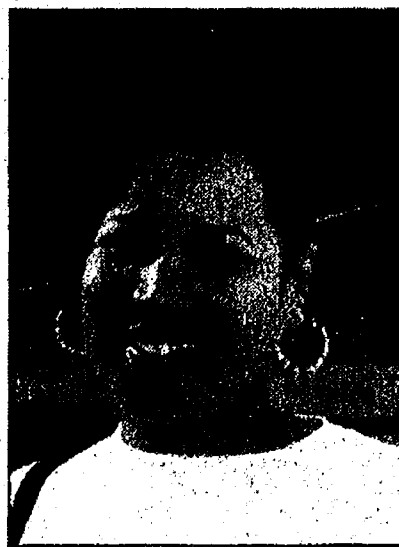
Tickets for the Nov. 22 concert are \$10 for adults, and \$8 for senior citizens and students, or \$12 and \$10, respectively, at the door; those 18 and younger are admitted for free. To reserve tickets, e-mail tickets@2cantatasingers.org or call 996-8867.

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Death Notices

HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

GUTEKUNST, LILLIAN; Saline, MI; age 97; died Monday, November 2, 2009 at the Saline Evangelical Home. She was born February 8, 1912 in Hart, MI, the daughter of Ralph and Lorella (Sutton) Peters. On July 3, 1927 in Ann Arbor, MI, she married Walter R. Gutekunst and he preceded her in death on February 18, 1978. Lillian was a member of the St. Paul United Church of Christ, and a Life Member of Pittsfield Union Grange. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Saline Chapter #311. She had been a resident of Washtenaw County since 1928. Lillian loved to play cards, watch movies, do her crossword puzzles, and loved to do things with her family. Survivors include two sons Walter (Marguerite) Gutekunst and Jerry (Bonnie) Gutekunst, both of Saline; other survivors include a grandson Douglas (Karen) Gutekunst of Jackson, MI; one granddaughter Sandra (Mike) Sheats of Saline, MI; one great granddaughter Ashley Sheats; one sister Zella Polley of Ann Arbor, MI; and many other friends and family. She was preceded in death in addition to her husband of 50 years by her parents and five brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be held at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home of Saline on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Patricia Kenney officiating. Burial will take place at the Washtenaw Memorial Park in Ann Arbor, MI, after a luncheon at the St. Paul United Church of Christ of Saline. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church, or to a charity of your choice. Envelopes will be available at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home where friends may begin calling on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 between the hours of 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. An Order of the Eastern Star Service will also be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at the funeral home at 7 p.m. To sign Lillian's guestbook or to leave a memory please visit www.rbfhsaline.com or www.mlive.com.



WILSON, PATRICIA ANN; born November 9, 1951; died October 24, 2009. Patricia accepted Christ at an early age at the Church of Christ of Morris Chapel, TN. Patricia leaves to cherish her loving memory Granville Wilson; three sons, Patrick, Torrence and Keith; one daughter, LuKeshia; seven grandchildren, Marshaun, Marquis, Angel, Alysia, Raydein, Aysia and Kayah; loving sister, Mattie Epps. Sister, Marilyn McElrath, preceded her in death. Funeral arrangements: Visitation was Friday, October 30, at The Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home, 4670 S. Inkster Rd., Westland, MI, from 1 to 7 p.m. Funeral Service was Saturday, October 31, 2009, at Brown's Chapel AME Church in Ypsilanti, MI, at 10 a.m.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, Chelsea

To the Editor: When someone leaves this world for the next, you expect some flowers, food, prayers, and thoughts from others that care. When our brother Brian Darwin was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer last spring, we thought we had seen the epitome of caring at a benefit at Chelsea Fairgrounds in which a substantial amount of money and the spirits of Brian and his family were raised. But the outpouring of generosity of spirit and love for him and his family this past week surpassed anything we've ever witnessed.

The Mitchell family stepped up with an offer to use their funeral home for visitations, which were packed with mourners both days. The Chelsea Bulldogs dedicated the game to Brian Friday night. Chelsea's St. Mary Church willingly agreed to hold the service, which was filled to their capacity of 700 people. Arbor Hospice's chaplain delivered a beautiful eulogy, and Brian would have been so proud to hear his four children stand up and speak, as well as friends who had traveled some distance to be there.

The luncheon at the UAW was put on by Linda Collins of Thompson's, who donated the benefit supper last May, and deserves not only citizen of the year, but possibly sainthood. Once again the Chelsea Athletic Boosters came through with desserts and help in setting up and cleaning up afterward.

In addition, there had been over a thousand hits on his Web site: www.caringbridge.org/visit/briandarwin.

It's impossible to thank every single person who offered condolences, brought food, sent flowers, called, came, or helped in some way these past months and this past week. There is Brenda's family and friends; their children's friends, people who grew up with Brian in Ann Arbor and Chelsea, his parents and siblings and people who had only met him once. It was an amazing tribute to a great guy and to his family, and it made us so proud to be a part of this community. Thank you doesn't begin to cover it.

Bill and Marci Darwin,
Waterloo

Get your flu shot

To the Editor: I am sorry to be a bit tardy with this comment on Elaine Owsley's recent piece on vaccinations.

I grew up as a USAF dependent; we always had to keep our shot records up-to-date, and all my life I have been a believer in getting the shot rather than the disease.

During the summer, I spent five weeks in various places in Africa, including Cameroon in West Africa and Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and South Africa in southern Africa. In order to enter Cameroon one must have had the Yellow Fever vaccine - I think not to protect the traveler but to prevent travelers from bringing the disease into Cameroon. In addition to the Yellow Fever shot, I also had the vaccine for typhoid and the one for tetanus, pertussis and diphtheria as well as the polio vaccine, although I had had both the Salk and the Sabin vaccines when they first became available.

The polio vaccine was recommended by the international health organization I consulted, but also by my son and daughter-in-law who are currently living in Douala, Cameroon. When one is visiting in Cameroon, it is clear why: there are a considerable number of people in the equivalent of wheelchairs (operated by using the hands to turn a bicycle-type mechanism) because they had polio rather than the polio vaccine.

As Elaine pointed out in her well-reasoned piece, when she and I were children, our mothers spent the summer months in fear that their children would contract polio. It is because of vaccines that in this country mothers no longer have that fear.

The man in the handcart selling greeting cards outside the small local supermarket where my daughter-in-law shops is ample demonstration that Elaine is right about vaccines.

By the way, my son and daughter-in-law have also had the meningitis vaccine, which I elected not to receive because I would not be traveling in the meningitis belt in Africa, as well as Hepatitis A (which I have also had) and Hepatitis B. Better safe than sick!

Gloria Johnson
Oklahoma City, OK

Transition meeting

To the Editor: The state of the world concerns me, and has for some time. I've been worried about climate change when I read about people in parts of the world who have had drought for years on end and even some parts of our own country. I worry when I hear that the polar ice caps are melting.

I've been hearing that soon, we will see the world's oil production decline to the point that we will feel the effects in our everyday lives. In fact, we already have, with gas and fuel oil prices going up.

I've been afraid that the economy is so unstable I may not be able to retire, and I hear of many others who have lost their homes, and that soup kitchens have never been so busy.

I don't like feeling like a victim of circumstances, so when I heard that there was a grass roots movement designed to empower communities to become more sustainable more localized, I was intrigued. Earlier this year, I, along with three other Chelsea people, took the Transition Town Training in Ann Arbor.

We have since formed an initiating committee, whose mission is to bring awareness of these issues to Chelsea, and to begin envisioning with

the entire community ways in which we can become more resilient.

I invite you all to learn more about the transition movement and be a part of the discussion on Saturday at the Michigan Friends Center for a day called "Living Lightly Presents: Transition Towns: Use Less, Live More." We also offer 15 different skills that will be taught for things such as Passive Houses, Poultry-raising, bee-keeping, worm composting, a hoop house demonstration and more.

The conference is free. A lunch of fresh, local foods will be available for \$10. To register, call 734-475-1892 or see www.michiganfriendscenter.org/registration.html.

Cathy Muha
Lima

Hospital a blessing

To the Editor: Thirty years ago when my family came to this community, there were a lot of cows in the fields, and farm equipment going down M-52 that you had to pull over for. Today, those things are still there, but not as much. Yes, there has been some change in this community, as well as change in ownership of businesses, properties, and households.

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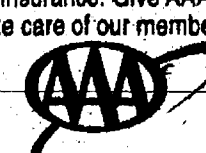
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LETTERS

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here at Chelsea Community Hospital. From the CAT scan to X-ray, to Heather at scheduling, the attention to detail was second to none.

As I arrived early on the day of my surgery at the hospital, there was no confusion from the check-in clerks to the waiting room personnel, from anesthesia to the pre-op and post-op nurses. I stayed at the hospital for four days and, again, from the nursing student on her first day of rotation, to dietary, to the floor nurses and the aides, to all of the volunteers, there was nothing that I asked for that I did not receive; everyone on the Medsurg East Wing was always four steps ahead.

The support that my family has received from this community is mind-blowing, and I can never repay all of the kind words, prayers, food, gifts, flowers, and John Deere Stickers that were presented to me.

You all have heard about the new ownership of the hospital, and I, for one, was a little skeptical about the change. When big business buys out small business there are always issues. I want to tell you that from point A to point Z, there was never an issue about anything, and I mean nothing! So, I ask all of the surrounding communities and counties, know that we have a gem right here in our own backyard. If you need medical procedures, doctors, surgeons, or a hospital, you can find what you need right here.

And to the new owners of the Chelsea Community Hospital, please keep up the same high standards that we have come to expect from this facility. Small town community employment makes all the difference in the world. So, if I may say again to Ms. Kathleen Griffiths, Phil Boham, the Board of Directors, and to the hospital's doctors, nurses, volunteers, and everyone in between, you do make a difference; and I say thank you from the bottom of my heart. And to Dr. Jennifer Kulick and Dr. Rebecca Patrias,

thank you, thank you, your early detection and treatment saved my life.

Johnny Mitchell
and family

Review EMS provider.

To the Editor: I recently read an article in the Detroit Free Press stating that Northville Township has switched EMS providers "primarily because of the cost to residents and their insurers, who pay for the ambulance calls." The article further states that Community EMS, who is taking over the service, will cost the patient \$68 to \$220 less than Huron Valley Ambulance, which previously had the contract.

As a Washtenaw County resident, I began to think of the ambulances that I see in the area that I live. These ambulances are indeed Huron Valley ambulances, the same EMS provider that Northville Township just terminated services with.

During an emergency it is easy to overlook the charges involved for the ambulance ride, but once all is restored to normal and that bill arrives, the excess charges are quite evident. It is my understanding that Wayne and Oakland counties have several private EMS services competing for these contracts. Why isn't there competition for these services in Washtenaw County?

It appears that no one is

reviewing the charges being passed onto the citizens of the county. If we are being charged \$68 to \$220 more for ambulance service shouldn't we look for change?

A monopoly doesn't benefit Washtenaw County's residents, it hurts them.

Cathy Barrett
Dexter

'Don't feed the deer'

To the Editor: When is Chelsea going to stir itself to action about the growing problem with property damage brought about by the herd of protected deer in our midst? While many may regard the deer as a charming aspect of life in Chelsea others feel the effects of a relatively large animal grazing on property vegetation, leaving "calling cards" and when available, helping themselves to food left out for the woodland birds. I have young neighbor children running through my yard and thus I feel disposed to clean-up after the deer have done their business, to avoid mishaps with the kids.

When I first moved to Chelsea there was an occasional encounter with deer crossing the road. Then as now motorists became vigilant at known locations for deer and a driver would be tipped-off by brake lights ahead that a crossing was in progress. I do not know the current statistics, but I have seen a number of car-deer collisions, mainly along Freer Road. In the winter, I have near-misses on a weekly basis,

and I would bet many readers have experienced the same.

And is it my imagination or are the deer looking fat and overfed? Remember when deer used to run across Freer Road? Now they do this over-stuffed waddle from curb to curb. And they have gone from graze-and-move-on tactics to just sleeping in the back yard, or so my neighbors report. Well, at least that may cut down on the car-deer incidents.

Being a nature-lover, I do not mean to alarm those that hold affection for our "grazing neighbors." Many times I have observed deer while on evening walks. People have reported things like deer peering into the windows at the Wellness Center. I witnessed an amusing scene years ago of a small group of them drinking from my son's plastic-turtle sandbox full from the previous night's rain. Of late, this cuteness factor has worn thin.

In this paper from the DNR in March 1999, the DNR touched on the problems associated with supplemental feeding of deer. The main point of the paper was feeding deer in the winter in the area near your home is creating an increased potential for deer-borne diseases and creating problems for landowners due to sustained grazing.

Bottom line: People feeding the deer actually makes the problem worse. Stop, I beg you, stop feeding the deer.

Howard Holmes
Chelsea

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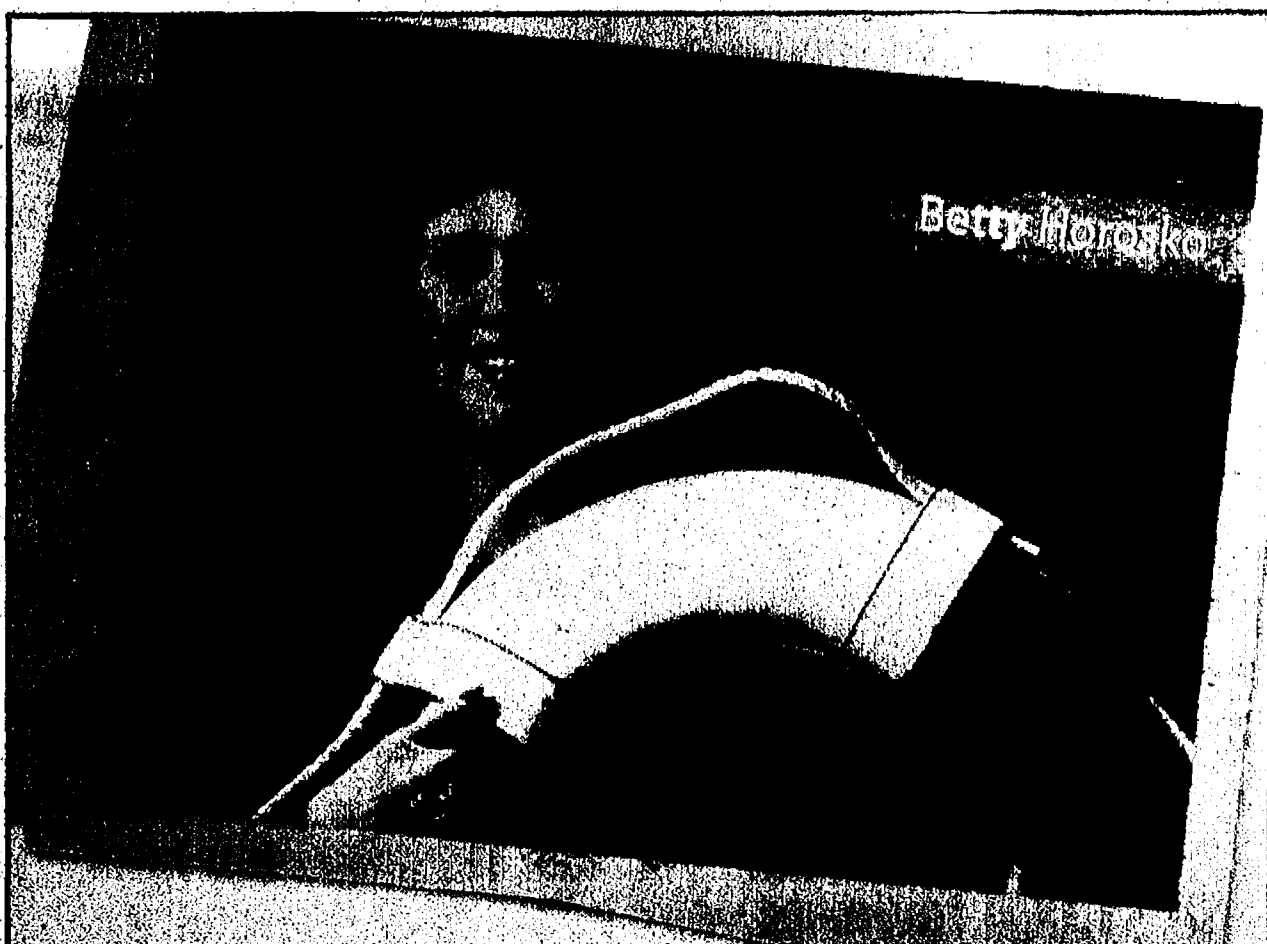
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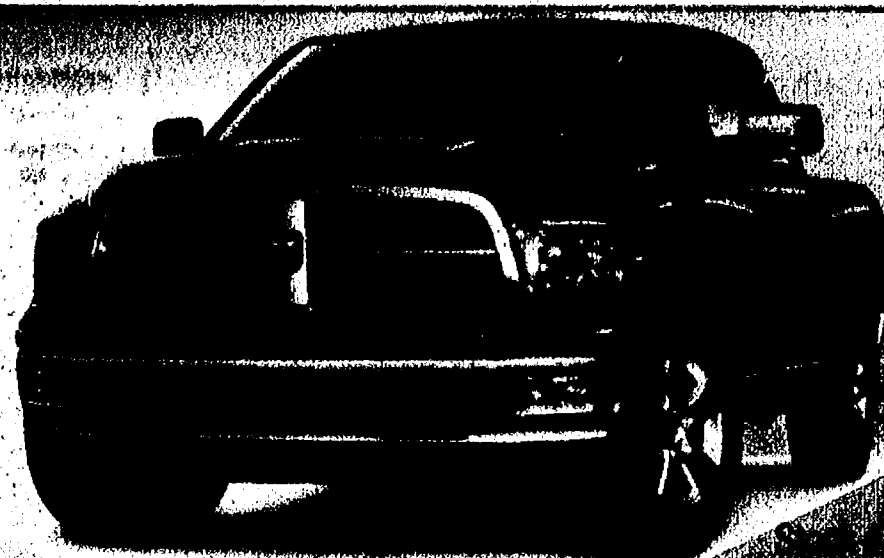
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SWIMMING
AND DIVING

Bulldogs battle Pioneer in pool

Swim team hosts tri-meet

By Don Richter
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea's girls' swimming and diving team hosted a tri-meet last Thursday with Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ypsilanti. In the 200 medley relay, the Bulldog foursome of Jaclyn Murphy, Katlin Connin, Claudia Bravo and Talia Dyerly finished

Chelsea Diving

Lauren Dark-2nd
Christina Coffman-5th
Sarah Carrara-6th

second in 2:04.93. Lauren Dark, Hanna Newbound, Katie Olsen and Shelby Collins placed fourth in 2:11.24 and Sarah Daniel, Kelly O'Keefe, Hannah Mahalak and Mare Almhiemid sixth in 2:16.91 for Chelsea.

In the 200 freestyle, Donna Prieskorn was second in 2:05.79, while Katie Easley was fourth in 2:17.26 and Lauren Rainier seventh in 2:26.43.

Michelle Kellogg was third in the 200 individual medley in 2:21.59, while Newbound was fourth in 2:31.41 and Bravo fifth in 2:35.61 for the Bulldogs.

Hannah Olsen bested the field in the 50 freestyle finishing first in 28.23. Kate Lewis-Lakin was fifth in 28.39, while Katie Olsen was sixth in 29.11 for Chelsea.

In the one-meter diving competition, Dark placed second with 219.85 points, while Christina Coffman was fifth with 155.70 points and Sarah Carrara sixth with 148.10.

Swim Schedule

Chelsea participates in the final SEC meet of the year Friday and Saturday at Tecumseh to decide the White Division champions

points. Bravo was third in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:06.58, while Dyerly was fifth in 1:11.26 and Katie Olsen sixth in 1:17.02 for the Bulldogs.

Prieskorn finished second in the 100 freestyle with a clocking of 58.36, while Hannah Olsen was fourth in 59.10 and Lewis-Lakin fifth in 1:01.24.

Easley placed fourth in the 500 freestyle in 6:08.37, while Abby Ingall was fifth in 6:12.03 and Rainier seventh in 6:20.92.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the Bulldog quartet of Hannah Olsen, Kellogg, Dyerly and Prieskorn finished second in 1:48.05, while Collins, O'Keefe, Lewis-Lakin and Easley placed fourth in 1:57.37 and Jillian Dixon, Kalia Croskey, Connin and Mahalak sixth in 2:01.49 for Chelsea.

In the 100 backstroke, Murphy touched second in 1:09.65, while Daniel was fifth in 1:14.15, Mahalak ninth in 1:22.23 and Danielle Bean 10th in 1:24.65 for the Bulldogs.

Kellogg finished first in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:13.50. Newbound was fourth in 1:16.49, while O'Keefe was fifth in 1:18.25 and Connin sixth in 1:22.59 for Chelsea.

In the 400 freestyle relay, Hannah Olsen, Kellogg, Prieskorn and Murphy placed second in 4:04.07. Lewis-Lakin, Easley, Newbound and Bravo ended up fourth in 4:16.67, while Katie Olsen, Ingall, Croskey and Daniel were sixth in 4:23.45 for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea next participates in the Southeastern Conference meet Friday and Saturday at

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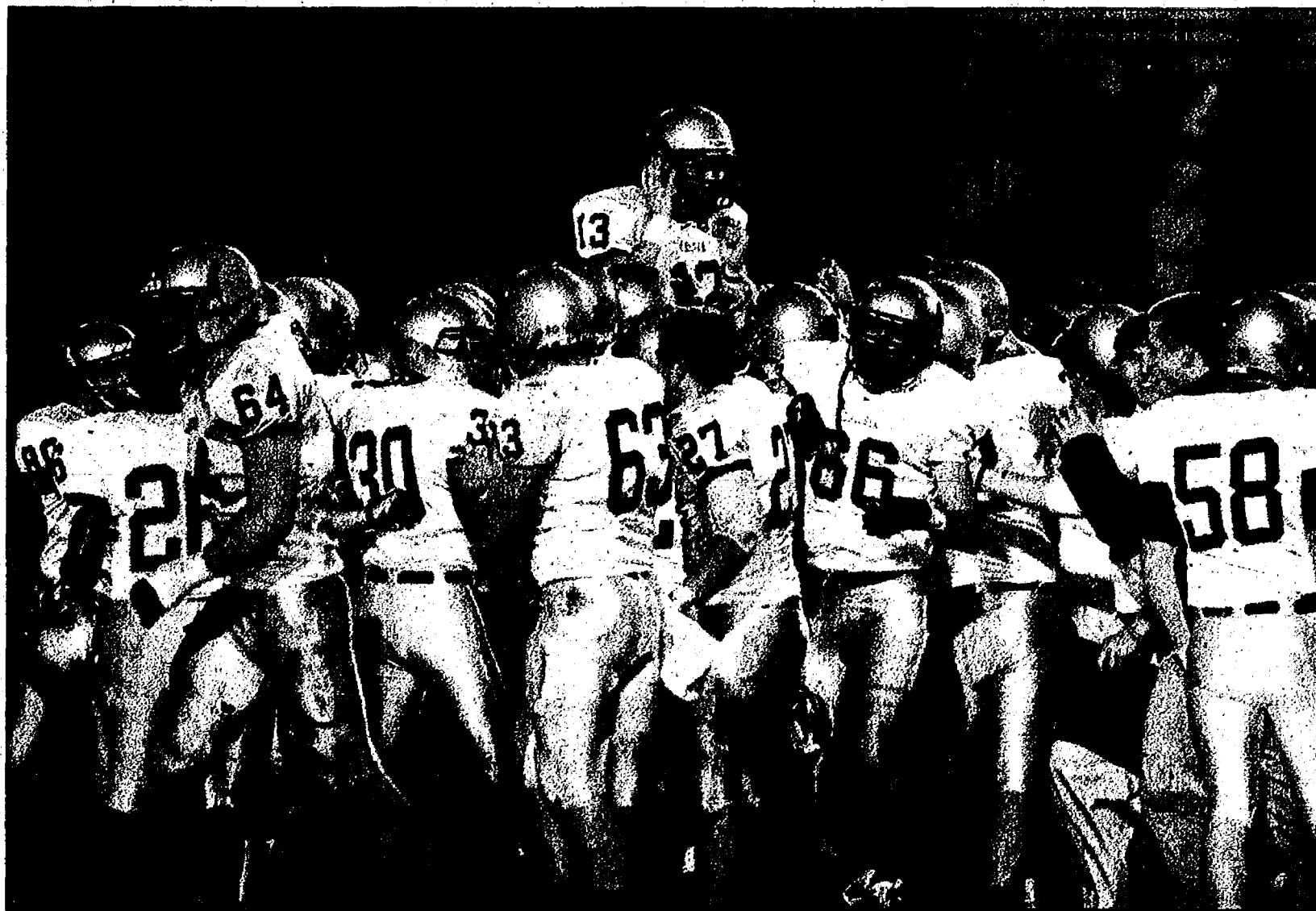


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Chelsea junior Charlie Hess is lifted onto the shoulders of his teammates after kicking the game-winning field goal in overtime against Carleton Airport last Friday.

Bulldogs win in OT

Chelsea tops Carleton Airport for playoff win

By Don Richter
Heritage Newspapers

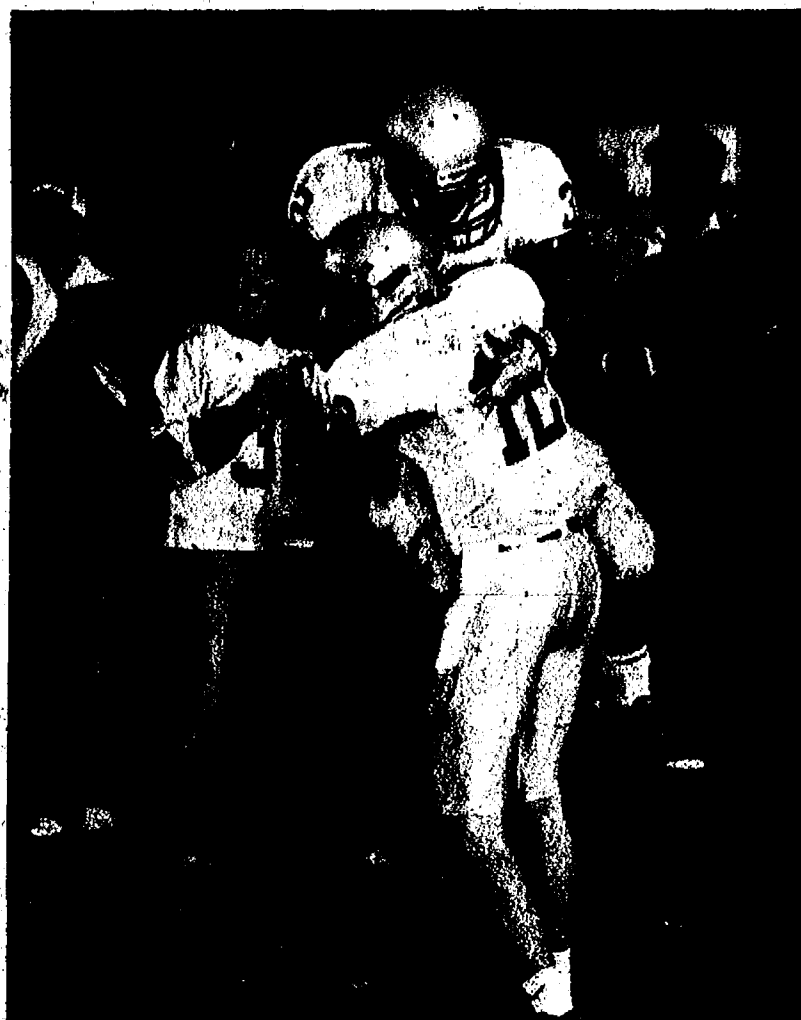
All Charlie Hess could think about was not being the one to end Chelsea's season.

All the junior kicker wanted to do was split the uprights and send the Bulldogs to the Division 3 state district final. He had done it a million times during the off-season and in practice. But last Friday night, in the rain, away from the cozy confines of Jerry Niehaus field and in front of a capacity crowd at Carleton Airport, Hess drilled a 21-yard field on third and goal from the 4-yard line propelling Chelsea to a come-from-behind 24-21 overtime victory over the Jets.

"We've worked so hard for this all summer," said Hess, who previously that night kicked three successful extra points before his game-winning and season-saving overtime field goal. "I felt I could pull it out. I just keep telling myself that it's all fundamentals. Tyler Frank, my holder, did a great job and Dakota (Cooley) did a great job with the snap."

Chelsea coach Brad Bush had complete confidence in Hess.

"I just trust Chuck," he said. "On third down (and goal), I said to Chuck, 'Do you want us to get it (ball) more in the



Bulldog senior Nick Hill celebrates his game-tying, fourth quarter touchdown run with junior Mason Borders during last Friday's Division 3 district opener.

middle of the field or do you want to kick it right here' and he said he wanted to win it right now."

Bush said last Friday was one of the best wins ever by Chelsea.

"I have great respect for Airport," he said. "I think they're a heck of a team. We struggled tonight. Our defense kept us in the game. We just

found a way to get it done."

To begin the game, Airport (7-3) scored on its first drive of the night. Junior Jodeci Mays hit pay dirt on a 6-yard run over left tackle. The 15-play, 80-yard drive consumed almost six minutes off the first quarter clock. The extra point was snapped over holder Daniel Jones' head, but the senior quarterback was able to pick

up the ball and under heavy pressure heave the ball into the end zone where teammate senior Michael Graves made the reception for an unusual 2-point conversion. With the play, the Jets led 8-0 with 6:09 remaining in the first quarter.

On Chelsea's opening possession, Graves picked off a pass by Brian Paulsen and returned it to the Airport 46-yard line. Seven plays later, Jones scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak. The point after touchdown kick by Jones was good giving Airport a 14-0 advantage with 1:15 left in the first quarter.

Chelsea closed the gap as senior halfback Nick Hill scored on a 10-yard run up the middle. Hess added the PAT trimming Airport's lead to 14-7 with 2:43 left in the first half.

In the third quarter, junior Derek Williams scored on a 15-yard run around right end. Jones split the uprights increasing the Jets' advantage to 21-7 with 3:37 remaining in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Hill scored on a 4-yard run up the gut. The 16-play, 70-yard drive consumed 4:19 off the second half clock. Hess nailed the extra point drawing Chelsea closer at 21-14 with 7:41 remaining in the game.

After forcing an Airport punt, the Bulldogs began their next drive deep in their own territory at the 12-yard line with 2:00 left in the contest. On the first play of the drive, Hill sprinted for a 30-yard run

PLEASE SEE WIN/2-B

CROSS COUNTRY

Chelsea places sixth at meet

Top three move on state meet, but team is proud

By Don Richter
Heritage Newspapers

So close, yet so far. It's a tired, old phrase, but fitting nonetheless for Chelsea's girls' cross country team.

The Bulldogs finished sixth at last Saturday's 16-team Division 2 state regional meet at Hudson. Chelsea ended up with 173 points.

To advance to the state meet, which is Saturday at Michigan International Speedway, the Bulldogs had to finish in the regional's top three.

Winning the regional was Williamston with 42 points.

Placing second was Dexter with 76 points, followed by Jackson Northwest in third with 139 points.

Milan was fourth with 145 points, while Marshall was fifth with 147 points.

"I told the girls going in that there would be six real good teams in this meet," said Chelsea coach Pat Clarke. "And we managed to beat one of them."

Despite not qualifying for the state meet, Clarke

"I told the girls going in that there would be six real good teams in this meet. And we managed to beat one of them."

COACH PAT CLARKE

remained upbeat. "We ran fairly well, but it wasn't enough," he said. "We grew a lot as a team this season. We improved a lot, but we never found a front-runner. I am very proud of these girls and their efforts."

Leading Chelsea individually on the day was Danielle Dahl who finished 27th overall with a time of 21:00.

Jessi Battaglia was 34th for the Bulldogs in 21:15, while Samantha Newbound was 35th in a personal best 21:16.

Courtney Maher crossed the line 36th in 21:21, while Julie Beaumont was 50th in 21:57 and Corinne Carpenter 53rd in 22:15 for Chelsea.

PLEASE SEE RACE/2-B

Chelsea runners qualify for state meet

By Don Richter
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea's boys' cross country team finished third at last Saturday's Division 2 state regional meet at Hudson.

The Bulldogs ended up with 82 points.

With its finish, Chelsea qualified for the Division 2 state meet Saturday at Michigan International Speedway. Race time is 2:30 p.m.

Last year, the Bulldogs placed fourth in the state. The finish was the highest in Chelsea school history.

Winning last Saturday's 16-team regional was county rival Dexter with 48 points.

Placing second was Williamston with 81 points. Mason was fourth with 113

CROSS COUNTRY

points. "What a great performance," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager. "For the 10th time in the last 11 years we advance to the state championships at MIS. Six of our seven runners ran as well or better than their pre-regional rankings. And a couple guys ran out of their minds."

Pacing the Bulldogs last Saturday was junior August Pappas who finished first overall with a time of 15:59. "August Pappas was dominant, opening up a substantial lead even within the first half mile and cruising to a regional title," Swager said.

Bryce Bradley placed third with a clocking of 16:40, while

Kevin Stockwell was 15th in a lifetime best 17:15 for Chelsea.

"Bryce Bradley ran a tough, smart race, moving up through the field and finishing with a devastating surge in the last 800 meters," Swager said. "Kevin Stockwell also earned all-region status with his lifetime best time in spite of a windy day."

Joe Hewitt was 22nd in 17:40, while Geoff Smith-Wooliams was 41st in 18:23. Spencer Cone 52nd in 18:49 and Avery Osentoski 65th in 19:07 for the Bulldogs.

"Joe Hewitt battled hard and solidified our third-place finish," Swager said. "Geoff Smith-Wooliams rounded out the scoring and, in spite of sickness, hung on well enough to

PLEASE SEE MEET/2-B



Chelsea cross country placed third at the regional meet last Saturday. Members of the team include August Pappas (left), Geoff Smith-Wooliams, Bryce Bradley, Spencer Cone, Joe Hewitt, Kyle Hughes, Avery Osentoski and Kevin Stockwell.

Chelsea ends year in districts

Soccer falls to Jefferson, 2-1

By Don Richter
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea's boys' soccer team participated in the Division 2 district last month.

The Bulldogs opened district play defeating Carleton Airport 8-0 Oct. 19.

In the district final, Chelsea lost to Monroe Jefferson 2-1 Oct. 21.

Despite ending its season, Chelsea coach Shawn Hayes remained positive.

"Chelsea completely controlled the games against both Carleton Airport and Monroe Jefferson," he said. "Unfortunately, against Monroe Jefferson we weren't able to put the ball in the back of the net."

Hayes said timely scoring was a problem all season for the Bulldogs.

"We would control games and lose 1-0 or 2-0 because we could not connect on our solid scoring opportunities," he said. "While the season didn't end with the storybook ending we had hoped for, it wasn't a complete failure."

Hayes said his squad played well together.

"We came together quite a bit more towards the end of the season and guys started to become more comfortable in their roles," he said. "We were really playing some pretty good soccer at times, we just came up



Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

Chelsea's Ben Sauers and his Bulldogs teammates ended their season last month against Monroe Jefferson.

short unfortunately."

Hayes said he would miss his senior class.

"But we will be looking forward to rebuilding in the off-season," he said.

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WIN

FROM PAGE B-1

down to the Chelsea 42-yard line. On the next play from scrimmage, Hill exploded for a 58-yard touchdown run. Hess hit the extra point tying the game at 21-21 with 1:42 left in regulation.

"As soon as I saw the green grass I turned on the jets," said Hill of his long TD run. "I had a feeling eventually our offense would click."

To begin overtime, the Bulldog defense stuffed Airport

on four straight plays. After that, Chelsea ran two plays down to the 4-yard line before Hess kicked the game-winner.

Hill led the way with 257 yards rushing on 37 attempts. Mays paced Airport with 139 yards on 33 rushes.

Scott Devol and Colton Waterbury led the Bulldog defense with 12 tackles apiece.

Chelsea next travels to Adrian for a Division 3 district final 7 p.m. Friday. The Maples defeated the Bulldogs 25-22 earlier this season.

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Dexter Community Schools Invitation to Bid

Bid Package No. 06 High School Pool Lock Room Addition. Work includes construction of a new pool locker room addition at Dexter High School. Work is scheduled for fall of 2009, winter and spring of 2010.

Bid documents are available via ftp at <https://docs.grangerconstruction.com>. User ID: Dexter.Bidder, Password: Bid10101. (These are case sensitive. Note the underscore in the username.)

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RACE

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In the JV race, Kennedy Aldrich finished first in 21:47, while Ella Fritzemeler was second with a time of 22:29 for the Bulldogs.

Though the season ended too soon for Clarke and his Chelsea squad, he said he is excited for next year.

"We return seven of our top nine runners," Clarke said. "We are looking forward to next season already."

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MEET

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get us to the state finals. Avery, (Osentoski) and Spencer (Cone) also ran hard races."

Swagger said he was proud of his squad for advancing to the state meet.

"At the start of the season, this was a rebuilding year," he said. "A ton of credit must be given to the efforts of the athletes and to the coaching staff for bringing it all together. For this group to advance to the state finals - what an accomplishment."

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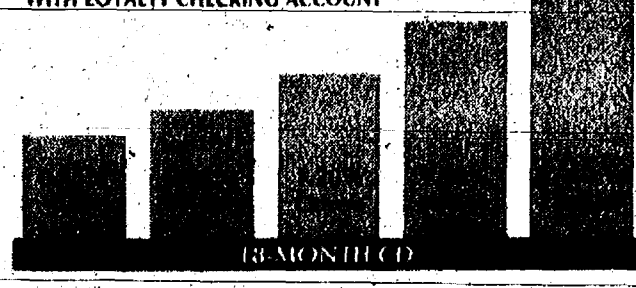
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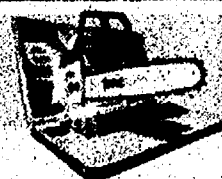
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PREP CROSS COUNTRY IN FOCUS: AUGUST PAPPAS

Leader of the pack

Chelsea's Pappas area's best runner

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The view has certainly changed for Chelsea's August Pappas.

Heritage Newspapers-West top boys' cross country athlete started out his running career in an unfamiliar position.

"My first race was in seventh grade on the Saline 2-mile course," said Pappas, a 6-foot-2, 145-pound junior standout. "I had an asthma problem then and I had a hard time finishing. I was way in the back."

Today, Pappas doesn't have a hard time finishing. And he certainly isn't running in back of the pack anymore. In fact, Pappas is so far out in front of the field nowadays, his toughest problem isn't battling asthma, but finding enough competition to make his races interesting.

Arguably one of the best cross country runners in the state, Pappas has dominated area courses this season. Last Saturday, he blew away the field finishing first at the Division 2 state regional meet in Hudson with a time of 15:59. His closest competitor was Dexter's Ben Carruthers, who placed second in 16:28.

"August has been the top runner (at Chelsea) since the end of his freshman year," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager.

"Although he is talented, he is not the most talented I have coached. The difference is his commitment to training. He runs more miles with more intensity than anyone I've coached. This summer, he ran over 900 miles from June 1 to Labor Day."

And, as opposed to most runners today, Pappas refuses to train listening to music.

"What help is that (music) if you can't use it in a race," said Pappas, 16, who, as an elementary student, would run a mile each day before school stopping only after joining the Beach Middle School cross country team as a seventh-grader. "You have to learn to feed off your thoughts. In a race, I am focused on strategy and form. I remind myself that I let my team down if I give up. Cross country is a team sport and team success is what is most important."

Last weekend, behind Pappas' first-place finish, Chelsea placed third overall as a team qualifying it for the Division 2 state final at Michigan International Speedway Saturday.

Last season, the Bulldogs finished fourth in the state, which was their highest placing in school history.

"That's my proudest record," Pappas said.

Individually, Pappas was seventh last year in the state with a clocking of 15:49.1. Though he's had tremendous personal success, Pappas said what motivates him is not individual accolades and awards, but his coach and teammates.

"When I see my teammates bust their butts in practice, I want to be someone they can rely on to always compete for them, no matter what," he said. "I also think I have the best coach in the world. I'll run through walls if he asks. I will always give him my complete effort on any day."

Swager thinks just as highly of his star pupil.

"August thinks about his goals, training and racing and communicates effectively with his coaches," Swager said. "He is thoughtful and goal-specific in his racing, while being realistic and level-headed as his performance evolves. He is the ideal athlete to coach."

Pappas, who finished first in the Southeastern Conference White Division league meet this season, said he tries to soak up all that Swager teaches.

"Before a race, I always have my coach's advice and instructions," he said. "They are always the key to any of my success. He (Swager) always has the perfect strategy."

Another motivating factor in



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Pappas' running life is Chelsea assistant cross country coach Mike Holik. Holik said Pappas is driven to be the best.

"August maximizes his God-given talent by training intelligently, while still maintaining a humbleness that belies his status as one of the best high school runners in the state," Holik said. "August wouldn't be a good runner if he didn't have some natural talent, but August is a great runner because he gets up at 5:30 a.m. to do his first workout of the day."

"He is a great runner because he is willing to train with guys in the Ann Arbor area who are better than him, and sometimes kick his butt in workouts, so that he can learn what it takes to become even better."

The thought Pappas is going to get even better must be pretty unnerving for his rivals. With a top personal time of 15:38, which is one second off the Chelsea school record, Pappas was the fastest freshman runner at the cross country state meet

in 2007 and was the top Division 2 sophomore runner at last season's final.

"He holds the freshman, sophomore and junior grade level records for our school," Swager said. "In track, he is among the top five fastest 2-milers in school history. He was the top placing underclassmen at last year's state final 3,200-meter run."

Pappas said Dexter's Carruthers is his chief area rival.

"He's a great guy and runner," he said. "We race and train together all the time. He's from Dexter and I hate to lose to Dexter."

Pappas, who sports a 3.8 grade point average, said he'd like to run in college, but that it's still too early to predict where he'd end up.

"I can't be formally recruited until the end of this season," he said. "I'd like to attend school somewhere geographically interesting like Colorado or Oregon. I'm interested in majoring in music, sound engineer-

ing, film or animation."

Pappas said he'd like to end his high school running career with a team SEC, regional and state championship.

"My goal as a prep cross

FEATURED ATHLETES

Each week, Heritage Newspapers will take a closer look at some of the top prep athletes in the region. Here are some of the standouts from local schools.



Ben Carruthers

Dexter's No. 1 runner, Ben Carruthers is one of the area's top cross country athletes. A senior, Carruthers finished second at the Southeastern Conference White Division final Jamboree Oct. 22 stopping the clock in 16:30. Behind Carruthers, the Dreadnaughts, ranked No. 7 in the state in Division 2, captured the overall SEC White Division championship this season. One of the fastest runners in the region, Carruthers' top time this year is 16:13.



Carter Sherman

Belleville's Carter Sherman is used to being out front of the pack. A talented cross country athlete, Sherman is the best runner on this season's Tiger squad. With a top time this year of 16:52, Sherman led Belleville to a third-place finish at last week's Western Wayne Athletic Conference meet. The Tigers ended up with 64 points in the league's final race. Overall, Sherman placed fourth in the conference meet with a clocking of 17:11. For his performance, Sherman earned all-league honors.



Andrew Harper

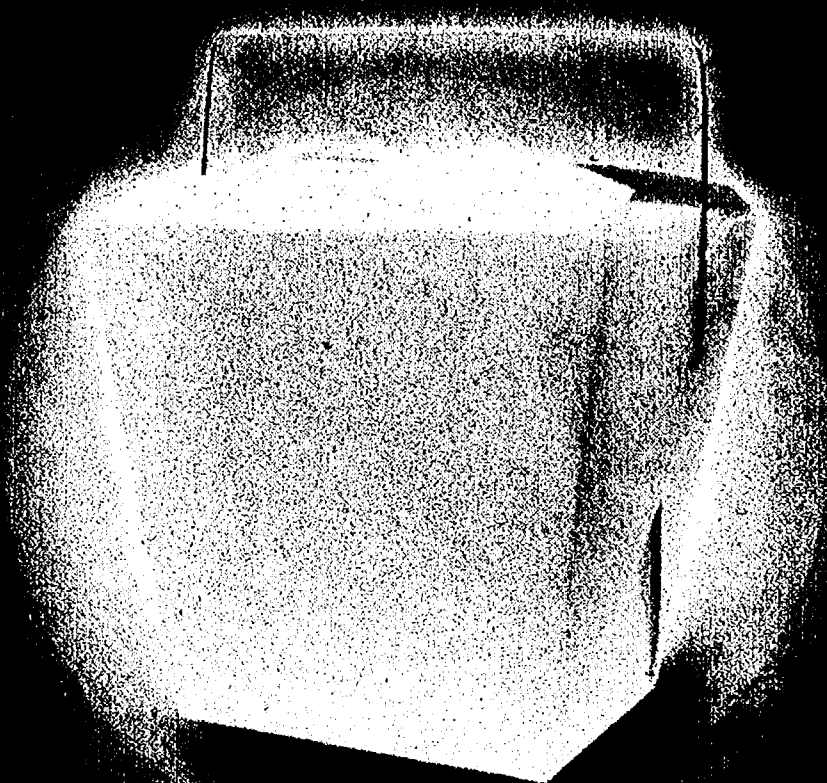
Andrew Harper was the lone Saline boys' cross country runner to make the All-Southeastern Conference team this season. He placed 12th at the recent SEC Jamboree and the final league meet of the season. He has a 16:07 personal record, making him the 12th fastest runner of all time for Saline boys. The senior has been running with the boys' team for four years and is also a member of the Saline track and field team. With lots of hard work and dedication, Harper reestablished himself as a junior after a difficult sophomore season. Now he helps lead one of the top five boys' cross country programs in the state of Michigan.

country runner is to be the tough runner that our coach tells us to be," he said. "It's hard, but the pain is its own

reward."

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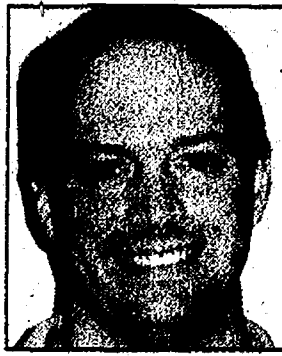
Three teams remain in state title chase

And then there were three. With last week's opening of the state high school football playoffs, Heritage Newspapers' West coverage area had five of its 12 teams competing in first round district games. The highly anticipated gridiron contests were spread out over four counties, including Washtenaw, Jackson, Lenawee and Monroe.

Our Washtenaw County teams finished the weekend with a 3-2 overall record. Not bad considering three of the five area squads had to kickoff the postseason on the road.

Both local schools hosting playoff games won. In Division 1, Ann Arbor Pioneer (8-2) exacted a bit of revenge defeating visiting Southeastern Conference Red Division rival Temperance Bedford 28-7. Earlier in the regular season, the Kicking Mules (7-3), champions of the Red Division, had beaten the Pioneers 28-21 in Week 5.

CHALK TALK



DON RICHTER

With its victory over Bedford, Pioneer next travels to Canton (9-1) for a district final match-up Friday at 7 p.m. The Chiefs, Division 1 state runner-up in 2005, defeated Plymouth (6-4) 40-17 in their first round contest. To gauge how good Canton is playing right now, Adrian (9-1) beat Plymouth in the regular season finale 20-14. The Chiefs' only loss

this season came against Livonia Stevenson (8-2) 36-27 in Week 8.

In Division 3, traditional area powerhouse Chelsea (8-2) remains alive after pulling out a 24-21 overtime win over host Carleton Airport (7-3) last Friday night. The Bulldogs scored touchdowns on their final two possessions in regulation, before kicking a field goal in OT to win the game.

Like Pioneer, Chelsea will get the opportunity to serve up a little revenge against host Adrian Friday. The Maples defeated the Bulldogs 25-22 in Week 4 of the regular season. Chelsea senior halfback Nick Hill, a Michigan State University commit, rushed for 257 yards and three touchdowns against Airport. With his effort last Friday, Hill leads the area with 1,798 yards and 30 touchdowns on 223 attempts. Can he reach 2,000 yards rushing? Can the Bulldogs advance to the Division 3 state regional finals for the fourth straight year? I

guess we'll have our answers Friday night.

In Division 6, Manchester (9-1), a 10-6 winner over Cascades Conference rival Grass Lake (6-4) in its first round district contest, travels to Clinton (9-1) for a district final game Friday. The Flying Dutchmen defeated the Redskins (9-1) in the season opener 20-14. Since then, Clinton has reeled off nine straight vic-

tories.

The Redskins beat Adrian Madison (6-4) 14-12 in its first round district game. Manchester enters the contest against Clinton a little banged up with multiple players nursing aches and pains. At this time of the season, however, most teams remaining in the state championship hunt have multiple players dinged up and battling

nagging injuries. You can bet the Flying Dutchmen will be ready come kickoff time.

In the area's other two state playoff games last week, Milan (6-4) lost to Adrian 28-0, while Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (8-2) fell to Jackson Lumen Christi (9-1) 40-0.

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STATISTICS & STANDINGS

Cross Country Leaders

Boys	School	Time
A. Pappas	Che	15:38
B. Carruthers	Dex	16:13
A. Vermeulen	Che	16:42
B. Bradley	Che	16:46
C. Sherman	Bel	16:52
A. Gilman	Dex	16:54
T. Neely	Dex	16:56
T. McGee	Ypsi	17:12
M. Greve	Dex	17:13
K. Stockwell	Che	17:15
K. Woodyard	Ypsi	17:25
K. Wooten	Bel	17:27
J. Hewitt	Che	17:31
J. Adamovics	Lin	17:44
G. Smith-Wooliams	Che	17:46
T. Fisher	Milan	18:02
Z. Peattie	Lin	18:14
N. Anderson	Milan	18:20
M. Kemner	Man	18:21
B. Heuser	Man	18:29
J. Pfeiffer	Lin	18:39
M. Johnson	Man	18:46
R. Fuller	Man	18:50
A. Goricki	Lin	18:59
J. Mazur	Man	20:48
Girls	School	Time
A. Leptich	Sal	17:58
K. Carter	Sal	18:21
J. Tomecek	Milan	18:26
K. Yarows	Dex	18:44
A. Swain	Milan	19:02
A. Cummings	Sal	19:36
C. Dishman	Dex	19:41
E. Pap	Dex	19:47
T. Lewis	Sal	19:57

Football Standings

SEC Red	Conf.	Over.
Bedford	6-0	7-3
Pioneer	5-1	8-2
Monroe	3-4	3-6
Huron	4-3	5-4
Saline		

SEC White	Conf.	Over.
Adrian	6-1	9-1
Chelsea	5-2	8-2
Tecumseh	2-5	2-7
Lincoln	2-5	2-7
Dexter	1-6	3-6
Ypsilanti	1-6	1-8
West. Wayne	Conf.	Over.
Fordson	4-0	9-1
Edsel Ford	3-1	8-2
Dearborn	2-2	5-4
Belleville	1-3	3-6
Romulus	0-4	2-7
Huron League	Conf.	Over.
St. Mary's CC	7-0	9-1
Airport	6-1	7-3
Milan	4-3	6-4
Grosse Ile	3-4	5-4
Jefferson	3-4	4-6
Riverview	2-5	3-6
Flat Rock	2-5	3-6
NB Huron	1-6	3-6
Cascade	Conf.	Over.
Manchester	7-0	9-1
Mich. Center	5-2	7-3
Grass Lake	5-2	6-4
Addison	5-2	5-5
East Jackson	3-4	4-5
Vand. Lake	2-5	3-6
Napoleon	1-6	1-8
Han. Horton	0-7	1-8
Independent	Conf.	Over.
Willow Run		5-4
Catholic League	Conf.	Over.
AA Gab. Richard	4-0	8-2
Notre Dame Prep	3-1	6-4
Detroit Loyola	2-2	6-4
Bishop Foley	1-3	4-5

Pigskin Picks

Each week, the football experts at Heritage Newspapers will make their picks for the coming week's contests. Here are this week's prognostications:

	Don Richter	Dave Merchant	Ed Patino	Jana Miller	Mike Larson
This Week's Games					
AA Pioneer at Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton	Canton	Pioneer
Manchester at Clinton	Clinton	Manchester	Manchester	Manchester	Manchester
Chelsea at Adrian	Adrian	Adrian	Chelsea	Adrian	Adrian
Western MI at Michigan State	Western Michigan	Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State
Detroit at Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle
Michigan at Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Michigan	Michigan
Eastern MI at Northern Illinois	Northern Illinois	Eastern Michigan	Northern Illinois	Northern Illinois	Northern Illinois
Adrian College at Trine College	Trine College	Adrian College	Adrian College	Trine College	Trine College
Last week's Record	8-2	7-3	7-3	5-5	6-4
Overall Record	74-26	71-29	73-27	74-26	76-24

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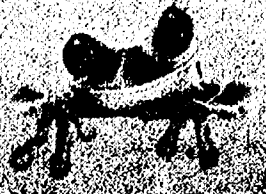
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Rain doesn't dampen passion for hunt

Rain, rain, go away, come again some other day... That's the phrase that keeps playing over and over in my head as I try to hunt this fall. I can't believe how few deer I've seen this fall while up in my tree stand. Although there has been some bow hunting success this fall, many hunters are experiencing the same problems as I am.

Collectively, we're not seeing deer this fall because the crops haven't been harvested yet. There has been an occasion where I've seen a small 6-point buck walk across a soybean field only to eat an ear of corn right off the stalk. Corn offers incredible cover, a fantastic food source and protection from predators, including hunters.

That being said, a deer has no reason to leave the cornfields. They know they're being hunted right now, so they're going to stay put.

The farmers are none too happy about the rain either. They want to get their soybeans and corn off their fields before their fields get too water logged. We've had record wet weather this September and October making it all but impossible to harvest.

So, what's there to smile about? The rut is on! I went bow hunting over the weekend and watched a small 4-point walking with his nose to the ground sniffing for does in heat. He was about 100 yards out. I took out my grunt call and blew into it twice. He snapped his head in my direction and literally ran to the base of my tree looking for a fight.

What I didn't realize was that using my grunt call was heard by other bucks in the area. All in all, I saw seven deer that night and they were all bucks. Six of them were really small bucks, but one was a monster

TAYLOR MADE ADVENTURES



RICK TAYLOR

buck. He was out there about 250 yards and I could tell he was a nice 10-point without using my binoculars. He was interested in my grunt call, but wouldn't close the distance which was a bummer.

I didn't shoot anything that night, but it was the first time I felt good about the bow hunting season this year. I really needed this day to keep me from cursing at the moon and was thankful to have it.

My son and I went for a walk on Sunday at around 1 p.m. He wanted to stay in the jeep and play his damned Nintendo DSi video game instead of scouting with me. Although I saw seven bucks a couple days earlier, they weren't as close as I would have liked. I thought about moving my tree stand to a different location where I might get closer to those bucks without relying on the grunt call. I couldn't really find that "perfect" tree to move my tree stand so I left it the way it was.

I started walking back to the jeep when I heard the explosive sounds of deer running. I looked up and my son was screaming, "Buck, buck, look at the buck, dad." There were two does running right for me with a gorgeous 8-point on their tails.



Because of rainy weather, Rick Taylor, seen here with a harvested buck last year, is having a more difficult time hunting in 2009.

They saw my jeep, but they didn't see me - well, not at first anyway. It was exhilarating to watch these deer come to within 40 yards of me only to put on the brakes and veer off to the woods.

The buck was a sight for sore eyes and I knew without a doubt that bow hunting was the best sport in the world. I'll be back my friend and I'm bringing my friend called "Thunderhead 100 broad heads" with me. Can I get

an amen. I love the rut. There's nothing else to say.

I'm taking Gary Reed bow hunting later this week. Gary owns Reed's Barber Shop in Chelsea. Although he injured his arm, he'll be able to hunt using a crossbow.

The 2009 Gun Season starts Nov. 15 through 30. Get your guns sighted in now. That way you'll have an easier time at the range with fewer people doing the same as you.

Also, you may want to purchase your ammunition before other hunters do the day before the opener.

I'm excited to announce that we're adding a little something to my column called "Rick Taylor's Outdoor Corner." I'm hoping my readers will send in their outdoor photos. These photos may be of a trophy fish, buck or the most beautiful sunset you've ever seen. I really need your input so please send

in your photos. We look forward to your entries. Feel free to e-mail me as listed below.

This column is dedicated to the memory of Floyd Brand who passed away on Friday. I'm humbled to say that Floyd enjoyed reading my column. He lived to be 95-years-old.

Your story ideas and comments are warmly welcomed. Please feel free to call Taylor at (734) 223-5656 or e-mail taylor@reinhardteditors.com.

DNR UPDATE

Egg-take operation key to salmon stocking

Much of Michigan's chinook salmon program is dependent upon state fish hatcheries. Although Department of Natural Resources fisheries officials have documented significant natural reproduction of the Great Lakes

largest salmon in a number of rivers, not all streams produce. In order to spread the fish around the lakes and create runs in specific locations, the DNR maintains a significant stocking effort.

Producing salmon for stocking begins with an egg-take operation. This year, Scott Heintzelman, the fisheries technician supervisor at the Harrietta Field Station, headed up a crew of about a dozen fisheries personnel from the division's hatcheries and research and management sections for a week's worth of collecting chinook salmon eggs and milt at the Little Manistee Weir at Stronach.

The weir prevents salmon from migrating any further upstream. The DNR pumps water through a channel alongside the weir that stimulates the salmon to swim in that direction and up a fish ladder into a series of concrete ponds. The fish are held in these ponds until the females' eggs are mature enough to collect.

"Males are never a problem for ripeness," Heintzelman said. "It's almost 100 percent, all of the time."

When 70 percent of the females are ripe, fish handling begins. A contractor, who markets the fish and excess eggs from the operation, pushes the salmon from the ponds into a raceway, where they are lifted into a slotted bucket. The bucket is submerged in a bath of water that has carbon dioxide added to sedate the fish. The contractor raises the bucket and dumps the fish on a sorting table - though you'd hardly notice they have been sedated.

Fisheries Division personnel separate the ripe chinook salmon, unripe females and excess males (there are almost always more males) for spawning. Excess and unripe fish are counted and dumped into a bin for the contractor. This year, personnel also separated jacks (sexually precocious and early maturing males) that had adipose fin clips. Those fish had tetracycline added to their food in the hatchery that makes a



Mark Vaas (left), a fisheries assistant from the Harrietta Fish Hatchery, and John Clévenger, a fisheries technician from the Charlevoix Research Station, work quickly to separate the excess males from the ripe females and those females that are unripe.

chemical mark on their otoliths (inner ear bones). Other fish, including brown trout, steelhead and most coho salmon, are released back into the river upstream from the weir.

Ripe adults are transferred to a large tub. Staffers hang up females; they are injected with compressed air to flush their thousands of eggs into a bucket. Other staffers milk the males by massaging their bellies until they release their milt into paper cups.

After fish have had their reproductive products removed, they are taken to a table where staff members perform a quick physical exam, opening their bellies and examining their hearts, kidneys, liver and spleen and checking for excess fluid in the body cavity. Any abnormality - oversized organs, spots on organs, deformities or tumors - results in the eggs or milt being rejected.

In years past, the staffers performed a quick chemical test for bacterial kidney disease (BKD)

before accepting the reproductive products from a fish. But research has shown the test produced too many false positives and there are now effective methods for disinfecting the eggs for BKD as well as viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus (VHSV).

Full fish health inspections are conducted on all broodstock lots of fish and 60 chinook salmon were sampled just prior to the egg-take. These fish currently are being examined at the Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory at Michigan State University.

Once the milt and egg donors pass physical inspection, the milt is dumped into the bucket of eggs - fish are spawned one to one - along with a saline solution to facilitate fertilization. The fertilized eggs are water-hardened with an added antibiotic to kill any BKD bacteria that maybe inside the eggs, then transferred to five-gallon buckets.

Each bucket can handle the

spawn from nine to 11 females. The egg-laden buckets receive a long bath with oxygenated well water.

Eventually, they are bathed in an antiseptic solution - the last disinfectant at the weir - for about 30 minutes to kill any viruses and bacteria on the outside of the eggs and then are returned to the cold-water bath until the buckets can be capped and loaded for transport to the hatcheries.

This year, the Little Manistee Weir was called upon to provide four million eggs for the Platte River Hatchery and 3.2 million for Wolf Lake Hatchery (which includes 600,000 that will be shipped to Indiana after eye-up).

Once those are quotas are met, personnel from the Illinois DNR arrive to take another million eggs for their hatchery operation.

"The understanding is the Michigan quota comes first," Heintzelman said. "Then we work on out-of-state needs."

popular stop for school groups, who get a tour of the facility provided by interpreters from state fish hatcheries.

"We have almost 600 kids coming through here in four days," Heintzelman said.

About two-thirds of the school groups visiting the Little Manistee Weir are part of the DNR's Salmon in the Classroom program and the students often will pick up the eggs for their program right at the weir. Getting the fertilized eggs directly from the weir allows students to see the eggs develop through eye-up. Classes that get

their eggs from the hatcheries receive eggs that are post eye-up.

The egg-take crew arrives at the weir around 8 a.m. and begins setting up for the day. By 9 a.m., they're handling fish. Staffers generally take eggs until about 1:30 p.m., when the crew begins preparing the eggs for transfer to the hatcheries and cleaning up. It's non-stop work.

"Everything has to go to the hatcheries as soon as they're ready,"

Heintzelman said. The crew handles about 1,000 to 1,500 fish a day.

"If the (gender) ratio is right, 1,000 fish is great," Heintzelman said. "If they're running heavy to males (as they sometimes do in the early days of egg-take) it'll take a few hundred more."

Egg-take lasts about 10 days total; the crew does not work weekends to avoid overtime costs.

The contractor sells any fish that are suitable for human consumption to retailers, but most of the chinooks are past their prime by the time they're handled, so they won't make good meals. Most of the salmon carcasses end up going to the pet-food industry. Most of the eggs are sold for bait.

Using an outside contractor to handle the carcasses allows the DNR to dispose of salmon without having to handle and landfill the fish themselves, saving a huge amount of DNR personnel time and money, and landfill space by ensuring the fish are fully used.

The Little Manistee Weir has been in operation since 1968 and is the main source of chinook salmon and steelhead trout eggs for the hatchery program. Since the weir was built, fisheries personnel have handled more than 750,000 chinooks there, keeping much of Michigan's Great Lakes salmon program alive and swimming.

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Puzzles by Pappaloni

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EASY #21 MEDIUM #21

Prayer is about 'finding out what God wants'

By Jeff Crowder

"I don't like praying!"
"Why not?" I asked.
"I don't like just sitting there."
I thought of that conversation again this morning as I read the following quote from "True Prayer" by Kenneth Leech:
"We do not create prayer; but merely prepare the ground and clear away obstacles. Prayer is always a gift, a grace, the flame which ignites the wood; the Holy Spirit gives prayer."
I wonder if we think prayer is something WE do; something WE have to manufacture,

something WE have to initiate. I imagine a room full of people, waiting for a concert to begin or a movie to start. But nothing is happening. An usher approaches you and requests, "Please come with me."
The usher explains there has been a delay in the event for the night. As he is talking, he leads you on stage and says, "While the crowd is waiting, you have to entertain them! Make something happen! Tell jokes. Sing a song. Do something!"
You feel helpless, unequipped, unprepared. Sometimes I think we look at prayer that way. But consider a different

model for a moment.
John the Baptist is talking to crowds, getting them ready for Jesus' appearance; a sort of "warm-up act" to the "main attraction" who will soon walk on stage. John's instruction to the people?
"Prepare the way for the Lord make straight paths for him." (Mark 1:3 NIV)
The call is NOT "make something happen" or "get something going." No. The call is "prepare" and "make...paths" for God to come.
It's not, ultimately about what YOU do. It's about what God will do. Your work is sim-

ply to prepare; get ready. God will make things happen. As a matter of fact, and here's the big secret
THE FACT THAT YOU WANT TO PRAY MEANS GOD HAS ALREADY BEEN AT WORK!
Is it possible THAT is what prayer really is all about? Responding to God? Getting ready for God?
Or consider Jesus' words on prayer when he says, "I will do whatever you ask in my name so that the Son may bring glory to the Father" (John 14:13 NIV)
There are two ways of understanding prayer; of asking for

things "in the name of Jesus." One is to use it as a sort of "abracadabra" or "open sesame" sort of code word that gets us what we want. But we know from reading the rest of scripture that this is NOT what Jesus has in mind. That is not the type of relationship we see between God and God's people. And that doesn't bring "glory to the Father." It just gives us what we want.
In prayer, we are not the owner, we're the employee. Our task is to find out what the owner wants and then ask for it. Think about it. If most of our prayer time is telling God what we want, asking for things in

our name, or our will, no wonder prayer seems to be so awkward or unproductive. Maybe we've misunderstood the nature of prayer.
It isn't, first and foremost, about what WE want. It is about finding out what God wants.
May you take a little time today to prepare the way for the Lord in your life and the lives of those around you.
Jeff Crowder is the pastor at The Church of the Nazarene in Chelsea.



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One World One Family



Sandra Vadiemudi (left to right), OWOFF; Kevin Frahm, Mission Marketplace; Palmer Morrell-Samuels, DDA & Community Gardens; Lindsey Bacon, Senior Center; Sandra Peterson, OWOFF; Ginger Boyce, Transition Town Chelsea; Bill Harris, Hearts, listen to a presentation.



Palmer Morrell-Samuels (right) of the DDA and Jan Bernath (center) of the Save the Livery Coalition.

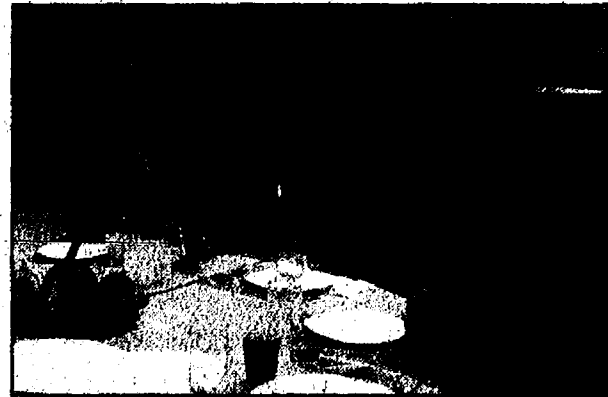
More than 50 people representing 15 organizations attended the first Community Thanksgiving/Community Action potluck dinner Nov. 1. The dinner was sponsored by One World One Family. Groups included Chelsea Community Gardens, Transition Town Chelsea, Mission Marketplace, FIA and Friends Center. It was fun and should be the basis for some support and creative collaboration among groups.



Nancy Harris of Hearts making her presentation to the groups assembled.



Kathy Gourlay of Canopus talking with Bill and Nancy Harris, Hearts.



Jeff Cowall, OWOFF & Friends of the Library, talking with Jeanne McLaughlin of Hearts Community Service.



Chelsea Writes Together

"Chelsea Writes Together" participants at Pierce Lake Elementary investigated poetry. Both Mrs. Bavinneau and Mrs. McDonald's fourth graders enjoyed learning four different types of poems on this day.
LEFT: Tom Germann, Alden Chisolm-Blockton, Robin Winkson, Hunter Williams and Lorenzo Melendez creating poems on the computer.
LEFT BOTTOM: Mrs. Bavinneau instructing the students on how to access and create the poems.



**SCIO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SYNOPSIS
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supr. Clark at 827 N. Zeeb Road.

Present: Clark, Hedberg, Palmer, DeLong, Green, Read, Knowles

Approved Industrial Development District (IDD) & Industrial Facilities Tax exemption (IFT) request @ 8170 Jackson Road, to go to hearing.

Approved Fire Dept. request to seek bids on 2 vehicles.

Approved Staebler (Smith) property purchase, and acceptance of property donation.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk
Scio Township**

Publish November 5, 2009

**NOTICE
DEXTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING
COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE**

Tuesday, November 10, 2009
7:00 P.M.

AT
DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD.
DEXTER, MI. 48130

AGENDA
1) Meeting Canceled

**John Shea, Chairperson
Dexter Township Planning
Commission**

Publish November 5, 2009

**SCIO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SYNOPSIS
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supr. Clark at 827 N. Zeeb Road.

Present: Clark, Hedberg, Palmer, DeLong, Green, Read, Knowles

Absent:

Approved LPC costs related to property acquisition and requests for expenditure in support of property donation.

Approved committee charges for Public Safety Advisory Committee and Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Approved appointments for Township Liquor Control Committee and Township Representatives to WAVE Board.

Approved resolution approving Industrial Facilities Tax exemption for Terumo Heart.

Approved Resolution approving Fire SAD roll and setting levy.

Approved Ordinance number 2009-05 rezoning.

Approved public hearing date for Industrial Development District at 8710 Jackson Rd.

Approved purchase of two new fire trucks.

Approved CAPT/DART access plan resolution.

Approved October invoices to be paid as presented.

Adjourned at 8:03 pm.

**Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk
Scio Township**

Publish November 5, 2009

**Village of Dexter
Notice of Public Hearing**

The Dexter Village Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor, Dexter, Michigan to hear public comment regarding the establishment of an Industrial Development District located at 7300 Huron River Drive described as follows:

***OLD SID - CD 03-532-004-00 DV 1W-4 COM AT S 1/4 POST, TH N 46 DEG 28' W 560.29 FT, TH S 49 DEG 29' 30" W 563.99 FT, TH N 37 DEG 33' 40" W 8.26 FT, TH N 37 DEG 34' W 136.23 FT TO P.O.B., TH N 37 DEG 34' W 23.87 FT, TH NWLY 275.42 FT ALNG ARC OF CURVE-CHORD N 44 DEG 28' W 274.76 FT, TH N 51 DEG 20' W 104.87 FT, TH NWLY 157.87 FT ALNG ARC OF CURVE-CHORD N 59 DEG 05'40" W 157.39 FT, TH N N 18 DEG 46' E 119.52 FT, TH S 81 DEG 18' 30" E 375.10 FT, TH S 40 DEGE 301.54 FT, TH S 43 DEG 49' 30" W 258.40 FT TO P.O.B. SEC 32 T15 R5E 3.10 AC.**

A copy of the draft resolution establishing the district is available in the Village Offices at 8123 Main Street, Dexter, MI.

**Donna Dettling
Village Manager**

Publish November 5, 2009

**NOTICE OF HEARING OF
NECESSITY
ALLEN CREEK STADIUM
BOULEVARD SUFFOLK TO
HUTCHINS PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Drainage Board for the proposed Allen Creek Stadium Boulevard Suffolk to Hutchins Drain Project has considered the petition received from the City of Ann Arbor for establishing and locating the county drain known as the Allen Creek Stadium Boulevard Suffolk to Hutchins Drain and made a tentative determination that the said petition is sufficient and that the said project is practicable; has designated the name "Allen Creek Stadium Boulevard-Suffolk to Hutchins" as the name of said drainage project; has given the name "Allen Creek Stadium Boulevard Suffolk to Hutchins Drain District" to the drainage district therefore, and has made a tentative determination that the following public corporations should be assessed for cost of said project, to wit:

City of Ann Arbor, for benefits to the public health;

State of Michigan, for benefits to State highways

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Drainage Board will meet at 4:00 p.m. on November 19, 2009, at the Office of the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner, Western County Service Center, 705 North Zeeb Rd., Second Floor, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing any objections to said project, to the petition therefore and to the matter of assessing the cost to the public corporations above named. At said hearing any public corporation to be assessed or any taxpayer thereof, will be entitled to be heard.

This Notice is given by order of said Drainage Board.

Janis A. Bobrin, Chair
Dated: 21 October 2009

**NOTICE OF HEARING OF
NECESSITY
ALLEN CREEK SYLVAN
AVENUE DRAIN PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Drainage Board for the proposed Allen Creek Sylvan Avenue Drain Project has considered the petition received from the City of Ann Arbor for establishing and locating the county drain known as the Allen Creek Sylvan Avenue Drain and made a tentative determination that the said petition is sufficient and that the said project is practicable; has designated the name "Allen Creek Sylvan Avenue" as the name of said drainage project; has given the name "Allen Creek Sylvan Avenue Drain District" to the drainage district therefore, and has made a tentative determination that the following public corporations should be assessed for cost of said project, to wit:

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Janis A. Bobrin, Chair
Dated: 21 October 2009

**NOTICE OF HEARING OF
NECESSITY
ALLEN CREEK WEST PARK
DRAIN PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Drainage Board, for the proposed Allen Creek West Park Drain Project has considered the petition received from the City of Ann Arbor for establishing and locating the county drain known as the Allen Creek West Park Drain and made a tentative determination that the said petition is sufficient and that the said project is practicable; has designated the name "Allen Creek West Park" as the name of said drainage project; has given the name "Allen Creek West Park Drain District" to the drainage district therefore, and has made a tentative determination that the following public corporations should be assessed for cost of said project, to wit:

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Janis A. Bobrin, Chair
Dated: 21 October 2009

**STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW) SS**

Mary R. Kowalski, Service Coordinator Services for the Water Resources Commissioner of the County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, hereby deposes and says that on the 22nd of October, 2009, she forwarded by certified mail to the Clerk of the following Municipality: City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, a true copy of said Notice of Hearing of Necessity for the Allen Creek West Park Drain Drainage District, a true copy of which is attached hereto.

Deponent further says that on the 22nd of October, 2009, she forwarded by certified mail to the Michigan Department of Transportation, PO Box 30050, 425 West Ottawa, Lansing, Michigan, a true copy of said Notice of Meeting of Board of Determination for the Allen Creek West Park Drain District, a true copy of which is attached hereto.

Deponent further says that on the 29th of October and 5th of November, 2009, she had published in the Chelsea Standard/Dexter Leader a true copy of said Notice.

And further Deponent saith not.

**Mary R. Kowalski
Water Resources Service
Coordinator**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of ____, 200__.

**Scott Miller, Notary Public
Washtenaw County, Michigan**
My Commission Expires August 4, 2015

Attachment: Notice of Public Hearing on Objections
Publish October 29, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anniversaries



Gene and Jean Gerstler

Gene and Jean Gerstler of Palm Coast, Fla., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was married April 4, 1959, at St. Juliana's Catholic Church in Detroit.

Jean Shubnell was born in Detroit, and Gene Gerstler was born in Ann Arbor.

Their children are Sue (Dennis) Weinand of Fenton; Dan (Wendy) Gerstler of Chelsea; Cindy (Ed) Schaedig of Grass Lake; Patti (Tim) Sweeny of Chelsea; Dave Gerstler of Grass Lake; Carol (Craig) Efrusy of Livonia; Don Gerstler of Birmingham and Deb (Randy) Schreck of Pinckney.

They have 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The Gerstlers celebrated their 50th anniversary with a five-day surprise visit on April 4 from all eight of their children at their home in Palm Coast, Fla. The festivities included dinner on the ocean, a church celebration and a professional family photo.

The couple also celebrated with the remainder of their extended family of 45 at the annual camping weekend on Aug. 1, 2009, in Vassar, Mich.



John and Genevieve Parks

John and Genevieve Parks of Grass Lake recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple was married Nov. 12, 1949 at St. Mary Church in Chelsea. Their children hosted a celebration on Nov. 8 at the Parks' family home.

Genevieve Guinan was born in Cleveland; John Parks, who was born in Waterloo, retired from Hobbs and Black in Ann Arbor.

Their children are: John L. (Donna) Parks of St. Helen, Mich.; Jane M. (Parks) Schertzing of Manchester; Daniel E. Parks of Gregory, Eric J. Parks of Grass Lake, Alicia T. Parks of Grass Lake, Lela K. Parks (deceased), Annette S. (Parks) Hoard of Gregory.

They have 18 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. The couple enjoys spending time with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. John is working on writing his memoirs to share with his much-loved family for years to come. Genevieve is an avid reader and loves to listen to all the stories when everyone comes to visit.

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2009
CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President, Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan.

ROLL CALL: President Keough, Carson, Cousin, Smith, Fisher, Keough, Carson, Cousin, Smith, Tell, absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Motion Smith; support Carson to approve the minutes of September 14, 2009 (9/28).

Motion Semifero; support Cousins to postpone the approval of the Regular Council Minutes of September 14, 2009 until the next meeting. (9/28)

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough. Nays: None. Motion carries.

Motion Smith; support Cousins to approve the minutes of September 14, 2009, Regular Council Minutes with the following corrections: Page 3, K-1 - add (Vladimir) Replacement to Main Street Bridge Phase Funding Update, Page 4, L-1 - add Prior to the vote, Assistant Manager Nicholas reviewed the part of the process of becoming a city that covers the opportunity for public input and their opportunity to vote on the issue, Page 5, N - remove capital B from before in Mr. Van Heck's comments.

Ayes: Cousins, Smith, Semifero and Keough. Nays: None. Absent: Fisher, Tell and Carson. Motion carries.

Motion Semifero; support Smith to approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting with the Dexter School Board on September 18, 2009 and the Regular Council Meeting on September 28, 2009. Unanimous voice vote for approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion Cousins; support Semifero to approve the agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval.

CONSENT AGENDA
Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$251,428.49.

Consideration of: 2010 Village Meeting Calendar.

Motion Fisher; support Semifero to approve items 1 and 2 of the consent agenda as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval.

OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

Motion Semifero; support Smith to

table item K-1, Discussion of Facilities; Ayes: Smith, Semifero; Fisher, Cousins and Keough. Nays: None. Absent: Tell and Carson. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

Motion Semifero; support Cousins to approve the revised resolution of the Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant Program to support local governments to protect and improve watershed health and the program supports habitat restoration; and be it further resolved, that the Village of Dexter Council hereby authorizes Community Development Manager, Allison Bishop to submit a Community Grant Application through the Sustain Our Great Lakes Program for funding consideration in an amount not to exceed \$233,622 for the Mill Creek Post Dam Removal Stream Bank Stabilization and Habitat Restoration Project. Be it further resolved, that upon approval of the grant application, the Village of Dexter commits to financing the project with a combination of cash, staff time and potential project partner contributions of funding, time and other resources.

Ayes: Semifero, Fisher, Cousins, Smith and Keough. Nays: None. Absent: Tell and Carson. Motion carries.

Motion Fisher; support Cousins to approve the revised Park Use Fee as recommended by the Park & Recreation Commission becoming effective October 12, 2009.

Ayes: Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough. Nays: None. Absent: Tell and Carson. Motion carries.

Motion Smith; support Fisher to remove from the table item K-1, Discussion of Facilities.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero and Keough. Nays: None. Absent: Carson and Tell. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion Fisher; support Smith to adjourn at 8:27 pm.

Unanimous voice vote for approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol J. Jones, Clerk,
Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: October 28, 2009

NOTE: This is a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org

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Chelsea

'Celebrate'

Chelsea Gallery will host "Celebrate," featuring Chelsea native artist Jan Dorer, a talented acrylic painter who has been perfecting her art for over four decades. An opening reception will be from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14. The Chelsea Gallery is located at 115 S. Main Street in Chelsea.

Chelsea District Library

For more information, call 475-8732.

Nov 11: Online Career Resources, 7-8 p.m.

Registration required. Basic computer/mouse skills needed; Learning Lab. Trainer - Peg Greisberger. This workshop will help the participant use a variety of online resources to explore careers, locate job postings, and develop job search skills. Reference USA and Learn a Test are two databases that will be presented in addition to a variety of internet sites.

Nov 16: Marketing Your Small Business, 6:30 p.m. Registration required. Presented by Terry MacEwen. In this session you will learn about the strategic background of marketing. You will be introduced to tactics that every small business should know and understand how to implement these tactics in your business. Terry MacEwen is a seasoned business adviser who provides entrepreneurs with awareness, education, and accountability to grow their businesses, improve their profits and free their time.

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Saturday: Day Trip to Chicago leaves at 7 a.m.

Monday: Bingo 9 a.m.; Massage by appointment; Enhance Fitness 10:30 a.m.; Glazed Ham lunch at noon; Hand & Foot 12:30 p.m.; Digital Media 1 p.m.; PATH at The Pines 2 p.m.

Tuesday: Foot Care by appointment; Enhance Fitness 8:30 a.m.; Mah Jongg 9 a.m.; Medicare Part D Program 9 a.m.; Pinecone Rudy craft 10 a.m.; Wood Carving 10 a.m.; Free Blood Pressure check 10 a.m.; Scrapbooking 10:30 a.m.; Sloppy Joe lunch at noon; Quilting for Charity 1 p.m.; Euchre 6:30 p.m.; Clogging 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Stained Glass class 9:30 a.m.; Enhance Fitness 10:30 a.m.; Investment Fraud 11 a.m.; Roast Beef & Gravy lunch at noon; Square Dancing 12:30 p.m.; Bunco 12:30 p.m.; Pinochle 1 p.m.; Scrabble 1 p.m.; Bowling at Chelsea Lanes 1 p.m.

Thursday, Nov 12: Enhance Fitness 8:30 a.m.; Board of Directors meeting 8:30 a.m.; Bridge Class 10 a.m.; Computer Club 10 a.m.; Chess 10 a.m.; Lasagna lunch at noon; Chelsea Area Bridge 12:15 p.m.; Knit & Crochet 12:30 p.m.

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Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 09-885-04

Estate of Lucile M. Grant, Decedent. Date of birth: January 22, 1914

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lucile M. Grant who lived at 328 E. Cross Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan died July 20, 2009.

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

October 1, 2009
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the Scio Township Planning Commission will be held at the Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan on Monday November 23, 2009 at 7:30 PM. During this meeting the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following matters:

Amend Sec. 36.426.g-1. Rules and procedures for the board of appeals to delete the following: "said date not to exceed 45 days from the filing date."

Scio Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon 10 days notice to Scio Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Scio Township by writing or calling the Scio Township Staff at (734) 685-2123.

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State of Michigan
County of Washtenaw
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust Estate

Estate of Clara E. Moss, Decedent. Date of Birth: November 18, 1917.

TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Clara E. Moss, who lived at 801 West Middle Street, OH 403, Chelsea, Michigan 48118 died October 16, 2009.

There is no probate estate. The trust estate will be administered pursuant to the provisions of Clara E. Moss, Trust, dated December 3, 1998.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to Minnie E. Malar, Successor Trustee at 10310 Hedley Road, Chelsea, Michigan 48118 48118 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

October 29, 2009
Minnie E. Malar, Successor Trustee
10310 Hedley Road
Chelsea, Michigan 48118
(734) 475-7429

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by OUIS A. WOJCIWICZ, JR., aka Louis A. Wojtowicz and PAMELA J. WOJCIWICZ, husband and wife (collectively "Mortgagee") to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation, having an office at 1760 Abbey Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (the "Mortgage"), dated October 13, 1994, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Washtenaw County, Michigan on October 18, 1994, in Liber 3039, Page 60, and re-recorded on March 17, 1995, in Liber 3089, Page 189 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of One Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four and 18/100 Dollars (\$100,974.18). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney's fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the main lobby of the Circuit Courthouse, Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, Michigan on Thursday the 3rd day of December, 2009, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of York, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner, Section 12, Town 4 South, Range 6 East, York Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence North 89°38'00" East 370.01 feet along the centerline of Judd Road and the South line of said Section 12; thence North 0°38'10" East 334.29 feet to a place of beginning; thence North 0°38'10" East 199.89 feet; thence South 89°48'30" West 25.59 feet; thence North 0°38'10" East 300.00 feet; thence North 89°48'30" East 58.11 feet; thence North 0°38'10" East 250.00 feet; thence North 89°48'30" East 543.91 feet; thence South 0°10'43" West 50.00 feet; thence South 89°48'30" West 182.40 feet; thence South 20°17'30" West 747.21 feet; thence South 89°48'30" West 158.28 feet to the place of beginning, being a part of the West 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 4 South, Range 6 East.

Also a non-exclusive easement for ingress, egress and public utilities, said easement described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 12; thence North 89°38'00" East 370.01 feet along the center line of Judd Road and the South line of said Section 12 for a place of beginning; thence North 0°38'10" East 334.29 feet; thence North 89°48'30" East 66.01 feet; thence South 0°38'10" West 334.08 feet; thence South 89°38'00" West 66.01 feet along the centerline of Judd Road and the South line of said Section 12, to the place of beginning.

Together with all fixtures, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances belonging or in any way appertaining to the premises.

Commonly known as: 4075 Judd Road, Milan, Michigan 48160
P.P. #S-19-12-300-036

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagee is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned unless Mortgagee, Mortgagee's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has given the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

Dated: October 29, 2009 GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA Mortgagee

Timothy Hillegonds
WARNER NORCROSS & JUDD LLP
600 Fifth Third Center
111 Lyon Street, N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2489
(616) 752-2000
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PURSUANT TO 15 USC 1692 YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by William Murphy Jr. a single man to Household Finance Corporation III by a mortgage dated January 11, 2007 and recorded on January 19, 2007 in Liber 4603 on Page 193, Washtenaw County Records Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Eight and 88/100 Dollars (\$150,338.88) including interest at 9.03% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, the main lobby of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, Huron Street entrance, Ann Arbor MI at 10:00 am on November 19, 2009. Said premises are situated in the Township of Superior, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot 601, Woodland Acres No. 7, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 21 of plats, Page 29, Washtenaw County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: October 15, 2009 Michael M. Grand, Esq. GRAND & GRAND PLLC 31731 Northwestern Hwy., #151 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 538-3737 75689 ASAP# 3307381 10/22/2009, 10/28/2009, 11/05/2009, 11/12/2009

NOTICE OF AIR POLLUTION COMMENT PERIOD and PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is holding a public comment period from November 5, 2009, until December 7, 2009, and a public hearing, if requested, on December 9, 2009, on an Air Technical Center USA, Inc.'s proposed request for facility-wide federal enforceable permit limits on carbon monoxide (CO) below major source thresholds. The facility is located at 1203 Woodbridge Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan. The public comment period and hearing, if requested, are to allow all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the Department's proposed conditional approval of a Permit to Install (PTI). It has been preliminarily determined that the proposed facility-wide federal enforceable permit limits on CO will not violate any of the Department's rules nor the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Copies of the Department staff's analysis and proposed permit conditions are available for inspection at the following locations, or you may request a copy be mailed to you by calling 517-335-4807. Please reference Permit to Install Application Number 115-09.

AQD Internet Home Page - <http://www.michigan.gov/deqair>

JACKSON: Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, Jackson District Office, State Office Building, 4th Floor, 301 East Louis B. Glick Highway (Phone: 517-780-7851)

LANSING: Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, Constitution Hall, 3rd Floor, North Tower, 525 West Allegan Street (Phone: 517-335-4807)

ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP: 3792 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor (Phone: 734-663-3418)

The public is encouraged to present written views on the proposed permit action. Written comments or a hearing request should be sent to Mr. William Presson, Acting Permit Section Supervisor, Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan, 48909-7760. All statements received by December 7, 2009, will be considered by the decision-maker prior to final permit action. If a hearing is requested, the comment period will be extended until the close of the hearing.

If requested in writing by December 7, 2009, the public hearing will be held on December 9, 2009, starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. in the Lillian Hatcher Conference Room, Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan, 3rd Floor, North Tower, Lansing, Michigan. Those interested may contact the Air Quality Division at 517-335-4807 on December 8, 2009, to determine if a hearing was requested and will be held.

The sole purpose of the public hearing will be to take formal testimony on the record. During testimony, questions will not be answered; however, staff will be available to answer questions outside the hearing room.

Individuals needing accommodations for effective participation at the hearing should contact Ms. Cari DeBruier at 517-335-4807 one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

William A. Presson, Acting Permit Section Supervisor

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Michael L. Dieckhaus and Karen T. Dieckhaus, husband and wife of Washtenaw County, Michigan, Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated the 11th day of April, A.D. 2007, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, on the 17th day of April, A.D. 2007, in Liber 4620, Page 17, of Washtenaw County Records, which said mortgage was assigned to AmTrust Bank, thru its assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$354,848.96 (three hundred fifty-four thousand eight hundred forty-eight and 96/100) plus accrued interest at 6.250% (six point two five zero) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 12th day of November, A.D. 2009, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, the main lobby of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, Huron Street entrance, Ann Arbor, MI, Washtenaw County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises, are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Lodi, in the County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Township of Lodi, County of Washtenaw, Michigan; Lot 147, LODI COUNTRY ESTATES NO. 6, as recorded in Liber 30 of Plats, Pages 72 and 73, Washtenaw County Records. Commonly known as: 5765 Fox Run, P.P.N.: 13-23-440-147. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: October 15, 2009 WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A. By: Michael L. Rich (P-41638) Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48064 WWR# 10028631 ASAP# 3301758 10/15/2009, 10/22/2009, 10/28/2009, 11/05/2009

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November 5, 2009



The Cast of Cinderella practices the dance for the wedding ball.

‘Impossible things are happening every day’ CHS Theatre Guild brings ‘Cinderella’ to the stage

By Crystal Hayduk
Guest Writer

Two weeks from opening night of “Cinderella,” there is a flurry of activity at Chelsea High School. The auditorium is in semi-darkness; chairs strewn with coats and backpacks of the cast and crew. The troupe forms a circle on the well-lit stage to begin vocal and physical warm-ups under the supervision of Director Gabriele Fazio.

In the set workroom, Technical Director Chuck Griffin gives a short to-do list to his assistant, Joe Millen. On this afternoon, Millen will lead the student crew and parent volunteers in putting together the previously painted walls of Cinderella’s house.

Midway through rehearsal, Fazio reviews a fashion show of students’ costume choices and discusses the upcoming production.

“The last couple of years, the shows have been heavy, serious and dramatic,” she says. “We definitely wanted a change from that. A classic fairytale is good for all ages, and we hope it will bring in a much bigger audience.”

Fazio has high expectations and the students rise to meet them. Junior Becca Glover, who has been acting in shows through various venues for five years, says that she has done a great deal more rehearsing for “Cinderella” than for other

‘CINDERELLA’

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Where: Chelsea High School Auditorium

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shows she has been in, and has also contributed more hours backstage. Glover believes that she is gaining a tremendous amount of skill and appreciates the friendships that develop as students work together.

ment really develops the show. They put in a lot of hard work because they love it. That intrinsic motivation is what makes the show.”

Senior Ashlyn Brinklow plays Cinderella. She has been performing on stage

since elementary school, and most recently was one of only seven sopranos selected to sing in a vocal jazz group at Show Choir Camps of America this past summer.

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Fazio hopes to give the students a professional experience, and one way that she does that is by using understudies for each of the major roles.

“Understudies are important – it gives people a chance to study a role and to study theatre in a deeper way,” she said. “Theatre is just done this way professionally.”

“These students are really committed. That commit-

ment really develops the show. They put in a lot of hard work because they love it. That intrinsic motivation is what makes the show.”

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“The fairy godmother is being played by senior Kaci Friss, who has been performing since she was in second grade. “I’m learning a new level of dedication to performing this year,” she says. “We have the most intense rehearsal schedule ever....”

Jake Prince portrays The Prince for his Theatre Guild debut on stage. Prince



Jake Prince, the Prince, and Ashlyn Brinklow, Cinderella, rehearses the wedding scene.

has performed on stage in Company C, but his contribution to the Theatre Guild has previously been in the pit orchestra. “This is going to be the greatest show known to man, so the whole town should attend!” he says.

Griffin, who is auditorium director and also serves as technical director, says that the theatre guild “...has taken on a lot more this year.” He is thrilled that there are many more people involved this year, and says the parents’ contributions

are “amazing.”

Griffin designed the set, which includes five different scenes, with input from Fazio and the students. The manpower and sweat to paint and build it comes primarily from the students under his and Millen’s direction. “Chuck and I show them (the students) what to do and we try to let them do it,” says Millen. “That way they learn how.”

Blake Ortbring, a freshman who just finished football season, is here for his first afternoon to help with

set building and he’s already scheduled to work backstage during the show.

Griffin is thankful for the local businesses that have been willing and able to contribute to the show in the form of program advertising. The Theatre Guild is completely self-supporting and relies heavily on community business and ticket sales for “the show to go on.”

Fazio is looking forward to her favorite directing moment – when the students take over and she can sit back and watch the show.



Claire Myers, the Queen, checks the to-do list in preparation for a fantastic show.

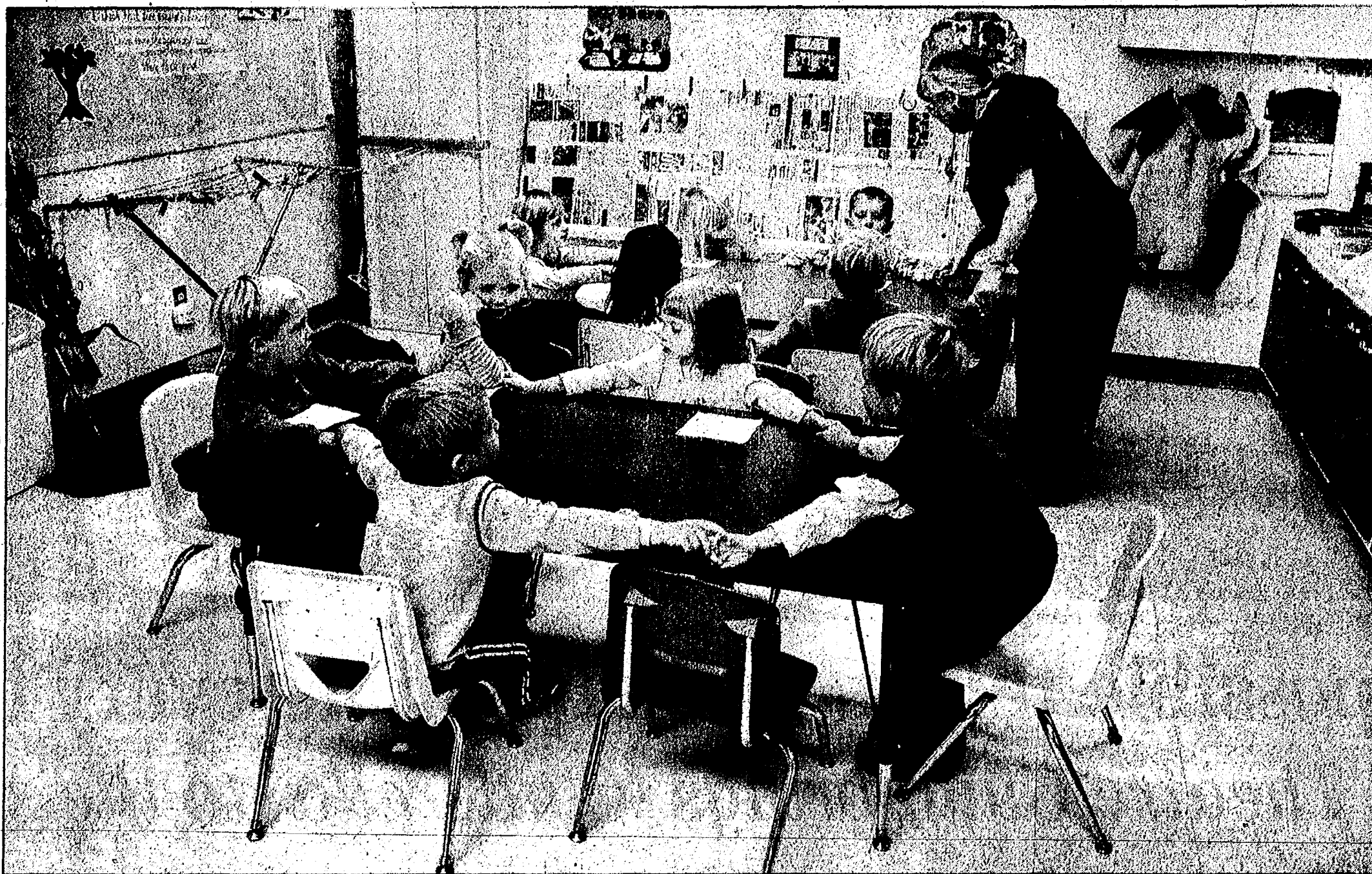


Viren Rana, cast member, and Kaci Friss, the Fairy Godmother, practice dancing at the wedding ball.

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Students sing the Johnny Applesong as grace before snack.

Preschool introduces God's love to children

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

With the current emphasis on early childhood education and the lasting impact of positive experiences, parents are becoming increasingly cognizant of the importance of the choices they make for their children. While school districts stress academics at earlier ages, many parents want to ensure that their children are well grounded in other aspects as well.

Lambs of Our Savior Christian Preschool may be just what local parents are looking for. Besides the typical academic, social, and physical development that any good preschool will address, Lambs seamlessly weaves spiritual development into many of their daily learning activities.

"We generally base the spiritual aspect on the Faith Alive curriculum that is provided by the Lutheran Church, but we do make alterations to it as needed," said Ginger Watson, assistant director and teacher. She stressed that the preschool is non-denominational, so any Christian family would be comfortable with the program.

"The curriculum introduces the children to the love of God through simple age-appropriate Bible stories," said Pastor Dale Grimm. "The purpose is not to get into theological denominational teachings and views. We teach simple Bible stories that



Show and share time in Mrs. Watson's class.

convey God's love and salvation."

Students begin their week with a short "Chapel Chat" that has been led by Pastor Grimm since he first came to Chelsea in the spring of 1996. Prior to each week, the teachers tell him what the theme is, and Pastor Grimm develops a simple and fun multimedia object lesson that teaches the story.

"We always close with prayer

and giving praise to Jesus," said Pastor Grimm.

Laura Murphy, director, said that children are introduced to an idea during Chapel Chat, and that idea is then "meshed together" in the learning activities and play for the week.

"For the social development, we teach manners, but not just rules," Murphy said. "We really talk about what Jesus would do, the Golden Rule, and why

we behave the way we do. This helps to instill those positive values at an early age."

Murphy explained that the preschool staff communicates and works with families to meet the unique needs of each child. Parent Cindy Mitchell gives high marks to Lambs Preschool for meeting the needs of all four of her children, even though each one entered the program with different strengths and

Lambs of Our Savior Christian Preschool

Location: 1515 South Main St., Chelsea

Mission Statement: "Lambs of Our Savior Christian Preschool shall provide each child the opportunity to learn about the love we have all received from God. We wish to provide each child a beneficial preschool experience while working together with families to provide a Christian atmosphere both at preschool and at home."

The program exceeds minimum requirements of the Michigan Department of Education Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten. Young 5's program is also available.

Staff: Director Laura Murphy; Assistant Director Ginger Watson; and teacher aides Jane Kranz and Suzanne Waterbury.

Pastor: Dale Grimm of Our Savior Lutheran Church

Eligibility: Children ages 3 through 5; must reach the age of 3 or 4 depending upon class by Dec. 1. The preschool currently has openings, and children can join at any time.

For more information: Call (734) 475-7338 or visit online at www.oursaviorchelsea.com/preschool.php.

needs.

"The focus was on academics, but it was balanced out by the religion," she said. The faith aspect "... was incorporated in the story telling, the science and nature, the music, and throughout the curriculum - even 'Thank you for the food' songs before snack."

Mitchell clarifies that it was integrated so gently that it was a natural part of the curriculum.

Watson said that the staff works cohesively to help the children build their faith. Barb Johnson, whose youngest child thrived at the preschool with the help of the teachers, believes that the faith foundation is very important.

"You learn so much at that

age that stays with you," she said.

Pastor Grimm agrees. Many parents have shared stories about positive values their children have learned at school, such as love and forgiveness, or going to God in prayer with problems.

"It's fun watching God form and fashion these special little people," he said. "They will become the future leaders who will lead us with the values and morals that they learned in preschool. What is put into a child is what you will get out of the child in the future.... If you put God's love, values, and morals in, you will get God's love, values, and morals out in the end."



Firefighter Chris demonstrates the equipment, so children become familiar with what a firefighter would look like in a real rescue situation. This is to alleviate fears and keep children from hiding during a fire. He also brought the fire truck for children to explore.



Children learning about the different kinds of apples - their shapes, taste and color with Mrs. Suzanne Waterbury.

Welcome to the world of orchids

By Andrea Matthies
Guest Writer

I should have known that I was entering into dangerous territory, but what could possibly go wrong in a greenhouse full of plants and fish in Kissimmee, Fla.?

A World of Orchids was then a huge greenhouse with an entire tropical environment spanning a football field or more. For 25 cents and a handful of kibble, you could watch the koi zoom from one end of the pool to the other, or you could just play koi feeding frenzy. Tours were offered.

Our guide was Bob—a retired sailor with a passion for orchids, a history of tattoos, and a long grey ponytail. Bob's first job was to disabuse us of the notion that orchids are fragile, girly plants.

He grabbed hold of a particularly gorgeous specimen and smashed it against the handrail. Bob the Orchid Whacker had certainly gotten our attention.

We obediently followed as he introduced us to the incomprehensible variety of orchids. Bob showed us examples of dendrobiums, epidendrums, phalaenopsis, paphiopedilum, cattleyas and vandas. These rich vowels and consonants swirled through the air mixing like the moths and hummingbirds which pollinate the orchids' intricate blooms. The sounds collided with the fuchsias, chardonnays, blasting oranges, and palettes of white tinged with ephemeral watercolors. Some orchids resemble giant moths, others giant spiders. And, yes, there is the odd prom corsage from the 50s.

How does someone get started? After all, there are over 22,000 established species and more identified each day. How can you possibly choose from nature's generosity (aided by lots of inventive, patient, and highly competitive hybridizers)?

First of all, you need to fall in love. Then, you need make sure that you have fallen in love with plants that will grow in the places that you can offer them. Some people get around this problem by giving over whole rooms of their houses to elaborate lighting and irrigation systems. And, then, there is always the basement or the new greenhouse.

Falling in love is fun, but then you need to learn to live together. This can also be fun but does require some work. Fortunately, there are many places where you can entertain yourself this winter learning enough about orchids to make a success of growing them. After all, the cost of orchids has been greatly reduced over the years, but you easily eat up your Tulip and Daffodil Fund before you know it. That is one reason to learn a few things before you get started. The other is that growing orchids is so much more fun if you can keep them alive and, better yet, get them to bloom again and again. That magical blooming is what keeps you going because some orchids bloom for months. None of this 'Hi and good bye' stuff that you get with picking up a cheap orchid at the grocery store.

The American Orchid Society eagerly lures beginners into collecting orchids. Visit this website and read through the session called Orchids 101. The AOS also offers a free newsletter and the website has lots of seductive photographs (<http://www.aos.org/>). Where should you go courting this new love of your life? As the winds begin to chill, visit our local conservatories. Close to home is the Matthaei Botanical Gardens with its rotating collection of orchids.

What shapes and colors do you find appealing? Are they going to sit on your dining room table? You will need to consider whether you want a relatively quiet orchid to keep you company during your morning coffee or one that is the equivalent of a double shot of espresso.

Go to the meetings of the Ann Arbor Orchid Society (<http://www.aaosonline.org/>). There are always orchids on display, and for some meetings local vendors bring items for sale. If you contact them with a particular wish, they will attempt to comply. AAOS members are generous with knowledge and enthusiasm.

Downtown Home and Gardens has lovely orchids in its greenhouse as well as pots and growing mix. English Gardens sells an array mostly phalaenopsis, and celebrates orchids during February with special displays and four classes on care and feeding. Classes such as these give you a chance to learn more about orchids, meet other novices, share stories and questions.

Fast facts

Andrea Matthies is a member of the Dexter Garden Club. She and her husband Jim are devoted to native plants in their prairie and woodland restoration. They also have a small collection of orchids.

Dexter Garden Club members meet at 7PM on the second Tuesday of the month from September through June at the Dexter Area Historical Museum, 3443 Inverness. You are invited to join us at our third meeting for this season on November 10th. Dan Sparks-Jackson of Fraleigh's Nursery will be presenting a talk on "Berry Bearing Shrubs" after which there will be a short business meeting, both of which are welcome to the public.

Other orchid sellers are somewhat further afield. The best time to get to know them is during the various orchid shows that occur during the cold months. Starting off on Nov. 28 and 29 is the Saginaw Valley Orchid Show in Midland. Bringing in the New Year is the Grand Valley Orchid Society's show on Jan. 23 and 24 in Grand Rapids. The Michigan Orchid Society has its annual show on Palm Sunday, Ann Arbor Orchid Society fills the MBG with displays as well as classes during its show (April 16 to 18, 2010). Rooms of vendors selling both orchids and supplies make these shows a great place to decide what you like, learn whether you can realistically grow them, and pick up the supplies that you will need. (For more information on vendors of orchids in Michigan:

<http://www.orchidwire.com/Vendors/R/1/Michigan.html>.)

Orchids have become cheap enough so that some people just buy them the way you would a special flower arrangement. They watch them bloom and when that is over they haul the plant into the office and give it away. This is certainly one way to guarantee that you will always have orchids in bloom, but you miss the entire adventure of growing orchids.

Within my collection of 25 orchids I always have at least one or two in bloom or spike at any time. Some orchids bloom faithfully every year; others take a vacation. One waited five years before it went back in gear and then cranked up vigorous new growth shoots. I had done nothing new, but I was patient. If an orchid is failing to thrive, take it to the potting bench and pull it from its pot. Are the roots firm or brown and mushy? While orchids



Phalaenopsis

like to be tightly potted, there is a difference between tightly potted and get me out of here. Cut off unhealthy roots or really dangly ones and repot in fresh mix.

Orchids like a regular watering schedule. Think tropical but don't overdo it. Orchids in small pots need watering about every three days, medium pots every five days, and large pots every week. The simplest way

of keeping track of this is your kitchen calendar. Mark SO/MO/LO on the appropriate day. You will always be sure that you just watered those small orchids, whoops about a week ago.

Another consideration is the kind of water you use. Reverse osmosis or distilled water is best. Another option is water collected in rain barrels. The Huron River Watershed Council, Washtenaw

County, the City of Ann Arbor, and other agencies are encouraging the use of rain barrels for keeping rainwater from overtaxing our rivers and streams, but it is also a great source of fresh water for your garden, your hair, and your orchids. They will also need special orchid fertilizer.

So, enjoy this adventure. Getting orchids to thrive and rebloom takes some effort, but

think of it as a way of brightening your winter with a hint of the tropics. Get some glossy orchid books out of the library, check out the educational features of the American Orchid Society's website, and then head off to start looking for yourself. Take the time to really look at these extraordinary blooms and, then, allow yourself to be smitten.

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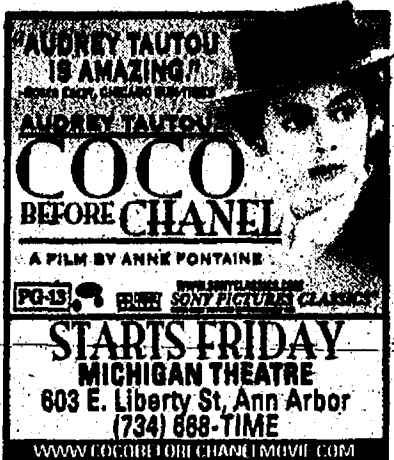
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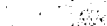


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Statistics for the week ending Monday, Nov. 2	
Temperatures:	
High/low for the week	71°/23°
Normal high/low	55°/37°
Average temperature	48.0°
Normal average temperature	46.0°
Precipitation:	
Total for the week	0.43"
Total for the month	0.01"
Total for the year	28.55"
Normal for the month	0.18"
Normal for the year	29.00"

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Saturday	7:10 a.m.	5:22 p.m.
Sunday	7:17 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
Monday	7:08 a.m.	5:19 p.m.
Tuesday	7:19 a.m.	5:18 p.m.
Wednesday	7:23 a.m.	5:17 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	9:41 p.m.	6:33 a.m.
Friday	8:41 p.m.	11:52 a.m.
Saturday	9:23 p.m.	12:10 p.m.
Sunday	11:11 p.m.	12:57 p.m.
Monday	12:25 a.m.	1:23 p.m.
Tuesday	12:25 a.m.	1:56 p.m.
Wednesday	12:17 a.m.	2:21 p.m.

As of 7 a.m. Monday	Flood stage	Current stage
Ecorse Creek		2.74
Dearborn Heights		
Huron River		
Ann Arbor	16 ft.	18.86
Medeto Creek		
Ann Arbor		3.38
Mill Creek		
Dearborn	12 ft.	6.72
River Raisin		
Warren		3.27

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft.	570.90 ft.
Lake St. Clair	575 ft.	573.97 ft.

City	Thu	Fri	Sat	City	Thu	Fri	Sat
	H/La/W	H/La/W	H/La/W		H/La/W	H/La/W	H/La/W
Adrian	48/30/pc	41/37/pc	57/43/pc	Manistee	42/28/pc	48/35/pc	56/40/pc
Ann Arbor	45/27/pc	42/34/pc	56/40/pc	Midland	45/28/pc	51/34/c	57/40/c
Baraboo Creek	44/30/pc	45/30/c	57/43/pc	Muskegon	44/31/pc	44/42/c	54/40/pc
Bay City	43/29/c	48/36/c	54/42/c	Pontiac	43/29/c	44/37/pc	56/43/c
Detroit	43/32/c	44/36/c	58/43/pc	Port Huron	43/28/pc	42/36/c	54/40/c
Flint	44/27/c	44/36/c	58/43/c	Saginaw	45/29/c	44/36/c	54/42/c
Grand Rapids	45/32/pc	44/38/c	58/42/pc	St. Ignace, Mich.	44/29/c	49/36/c	57/39/pc
Kalamazoo	48/29/pc	44/38/pc	56/43/pc	Sturgis	49/32/pc	44/39/pc	57/46/pc
Lansing	43/27/pc	46/37/c	56/41/pc	Warren City	41/28/pc	44/30/pc	53/41/pc
Livonia	46/31/c	50/39/pc	57/43/pc	Wolverine	46/33/c	43/38/pc	56/44/c

	Thul	Flt	Sat		Thul	Flt	Sat
City	HL/LW	HL/LW	HL/LW	City	HL/LW	HL/LW	HL/LW
Athens	72/63/s	73/81/c	73/58/c	Montreal	83/52/s	84/24/c	83/59/c
Berlin	43/58/c	41/35/c	41/34/s	Moscow	34/27/c	37/28/c	34/28/c
Buenos Aires	71/67/s	71/64/s	64/56/s	Paris	50/39/s	50/41/s	52/41/s
Cairo	81/60/s	83/64/s	86/68/c	Rio de Janeiro	86/75/s	90/77/s	91/76/s
Calgary	40/33/c	39/28/c	42/28/c	Rome	48/40/c	51/46/c	49/50/c
Hong Kong	77/73/s	81/75/s	83/75/s	Seoul	63/42/c	64/42/s	67/49/s
Jakarta	69/51/s	74/84/s	79/84/s	Singapore	50/33/s	48/39/s	50/76/s
Johannesburg	79/57/s	85/59/s	86/60/s	Sydney	68/57/sh	70/58/c	70/59/sh
London	34/43/c	37/43/c	34/41/c	Tokyo	50/34/W	53/57/c	48/57/c
Mexico City	64/42/c	66/43/c	66/44/s	Warsaw	36/20/c	30/24/s	30/24/s

City	Thu. H/L 70°/57°	Fri. H/L 64°/50°	Sat. H/L 60°/47°	City	Thu. H/L 70°/57°	Fri. H/L 64°/50°	Sat. H/L 60°/47°
Atlanta	55/43°	65/48°	59/49°	Minneapolis	49/39°	58/43°	58/39°
Boston	50/38°	43/37°	50/43°	New Orleans	75/64°	74/59°	74/52°
Chicago	50/33°	53/42°	50/40°	New York City	52/40°	49/39°	54/46°
Cincinnati	53/32°	48/40°	61/45°	Ontario	61/56°	71/59°	60/51°
Cleveland	43/33°	45/39°	57/44°	Philadelphia	53/38°	49/34°	56/40°
Dallas	76/52°	74/61°	77/63°	Phoenix	86/74°	87/74°	84/69°
Denver	70/40°	67/54°	83/55°	Pittsburgh	43/30°	43/30°	56/38°
Honolulu	85/72°	86/73°	84/71°	St. Louis	60/43°	63/52°	60/53°
Houston	79/54°	76/67°	79/60°	San Francisco	65/56°	68/51°	61/49°
Kansas City	62/49°	65/52°	68/52°	Seattle	55/43°	61/49°	59/49°
Las Vegas	82/52°	81/51°	78/50°	Wash., DC	57/39°	51/38°	57/45°
Los Angeles	72/58°	72/58°	70/58°				

Weather (W): S=sunny, PE=partly cloudy, C=cloudy, SH=showers, TH=thunderstorms, R=rain, SN=snow flurries, SN-AS=snow.

Temperatures 11/5 - 11/11

Precipitation 11/5 - 11/11