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Committee urged for more plans

■ Southern terminus options considered.

By Jim Silver
Staff Writer

Mark Heydlauff, Chelsea Area Traffic Committee member, garnered appreciative comments from audience members at the Dec. 10 committee meeting by calling for action beyond an M-52 reroute.

His remarks came after committee consideration of more definite plans for the southern terminus of a reroute alignment.

The meeting began with some public comments focusing on traffic easement alternatives other than the reroute. Area resident Jana Dreyer questioned whether the committee has considered implementation of the traffic relief suggestions brought by traffic consultants at its Sept. 24 meeting.

Neal Billetteaux, project consultant from JJR, presented a list of the most common questions collected from facilitators at an Oct. 11 public workshop, along with answers.

The body of the meeting centered on what would be the southern end of an M-52 reroute, around the exit for

Interstate 94. Billetteaux presented three options for a reroute, centering on area and properties around the existing Commerce Drive.

The options varied in their designed speed limits and the flow from M-52 south of the village into the proposed reroute.

One option focused on a speed of 45 mph, tying in at the interchange, and flowing through the property presently occupied by Schumm's. Another option would have proposed a T-intersection onto a reroute designed for limited access at the existing Commerce Drive turn.

Committee members indicated greatest interest in an option, designed for a speed of 35 mph, which would have a direct impact on Big Boy, Taco Bell, and the former Stargate Amusements, but which also would encourage traffic flow away from downtown.

The favored option would also allow for fewer design exceptions later in the plan, and Billetteaux emphasized that it would steer a reroute away from residential and business areas within the proposed alignment. He also said that the previously projected May 2000 deadline for a finding on a reroute no longer

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NEWS BRIEFS

Services expanded

When the Chelsea District Library opens its home away from home on Washington Street, the public will begin to see a gradual expansion of services, including longer hours.

When the library opens in the new year, the hours will be 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The library will be closed on Sundays.

Other changes, including a reduction in fines for overdue materials, can be found by visiting chelsea.lib.mi.us or the library's website.

ECDA Italy bound

Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts "Artist in residence" Pat Truzzi and Karen Street have teamed up with Huron Valley Travel and will be escorting a group of artists and artists-at-heart on an eight-day Italian excursion in February. For more information, contact Linda Matham at 475-9812.

CCH Lab surveyed

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of the Chelsea Community Hospital Lab Jan. 18 and 19 to evaluate CCH's compliance with nationally established standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded to CCH.

Joint commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which they are given. Residents with pertinent and valid information about these matters can request an interview with the commission's field representative by writing a brief summary of the information and delivering it by Jan. 13 to Laboratory Accreditation Services, 300 N. JCAHO One Renaissance Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60181.

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Pottering Around



Seventh and eighth grade art students at Beach Middle School created ceramic vessels in teacher Bev Yelski's class, forming clay by hand, glazing their pots and kiln firing them. Pictured, from left, Karl Wint, Craig Urwin and Ryan Keiser bring form to their creations.

Village post office priority for upgrade

■ Renovations for future service to include focus on automation.

By Jim Silver
Staff Writer

At the beginning of the new year, both Chelsea and Dexter residents will have the opportunity to make some decisions about their respective post offices.

Both village councils have scheduled discussions of extensive renovations to local post offices. The Dexter Village Council scheduled a public meeting for input on a new post office for Jan. 10, 2000. And the Chelsea Village Council has tentatively scheduled a similar hearing for its Feb. 8, 2000 meeting. The meetings were scheduled at the request of the Post Office administrators.

Both post offices would have modernized interiors, concentrating on vending machines and automation while maintaining postal employees on site for customer service.

The Dexter hearing will focus on residents' concerns for a



Pictured is an artist's rendering of a renovated post office interior. The picture does not reflect an idealized Chelsea Post Office, but does show the emphasis on automation.

new building, either adjacent to the current post office site, or on another site.

The Chelsea hearing, however, will focus on renovations at the present post office, allowing residents to discuss their desires for the exterior of the

building. Chelsea Village Manager Jack Myers stressed that the Chelsea Post Office building, a 1936 WPA project, would not be torn down.

John Tatick, Postal Service district manager, in a letter to Chelsea Village President

Richard Steele, emphasized that renovation of the existing site was the first consideration for the Chelsea project. In the event that renovations on the site are not feasible, a relocation or new construction would be the most likely solutions.

Myers said that, according to a post office consultant, many post offices in the Detroit postal sector, which includes Washtenaw County, have been overdue for renovation for years.

He also said that postal managers in the district are taking steps now to overcome the long-neglected renovations.

Tatick, in his letter, said that the needs of the post office require an interior of 6,400 square feet. The Dexter relocation would include over 64,000 square feet for the entire facility, as would a new or relocated Chelsea office.

The renovation process in both Chelsea and Dexter will follow similar paths. During their allotted times at the council meetings, the postal service and consultants collect public opinions to create three to four

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Board okays block plan

■ Curriculum director hire, library lease round out agenda.

By Jim Silver
Staff Writer

After several months of discussion, Chelsea school board members approved a block scheduling provision at their Dec. 13 meeting. The board's block-scheduling decision allows for Chelsea High School Principal Ron Mead to design a one-semester pilot plan for a block schedule, to be submitted to the board for approval next year.

The meeting also saw the hire of a new curriculum director, installing a Manchester principal in the job, and finalizing the lease allocation temporary relocation of the Chelsea District Library to the Washington Street Education Center campus.

The pilot plan, approved unanimously by the board, called for the school to maintain present staff levels and graduation requirements, which may be subjected to change if a more permanent block scheduling decision is implemented.

Previous proposals had called for an additional social studies requirement for freshmen, and hiring additional teachers to implement a block schedule. The board decision would provide for staff increases to accommodate student growth, and occasional substitutes required by block schedules.

The plan also requires accommodations for teacher training in block-teaching strategies, pre- and post-block assessments of teachers, students and parents, and calls for guidelines for planning time proposed under block scheduling, should such time be included in the pilot plan.

The terms of the proposal cover territory debated by school board members during previous block discussions.

Mead has a deadline of March 27, 2000 to present a pilot plan to the school board

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Boy Scout Honor

Nicholas J. Tandy, a member of Chelsea Boy Scout Troop 245, earned his Eagle Scout rank this summer. For his Eagle Scout service project, he planned and constructed buildings for Chelsea Safety Town, a program of Chelsea Community Education, as well as teaching at Safety Town, for a total of 337 hours. Tandy served his troop as bugler, senior patrol leader, troop guide and junior assistant scoutmaster. He is now a student at University of Michigan, where he is a member of the marching band. Tandy is the son of John and Diane Tandy of North Lake. His sister, Meghan, is currently a student at Chelsea High School.

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possible options for the project, which would be presented at a subsequent public meeting.

Following the hearings, public comments will be considered in deciding on either one renovation option or a relocation. In the event that the service opts to renovate and expand the existing buildings, representatives will notify local government, and begin

proceedings for expansion.

Should postal officials deem a relocation necessary, notification of the decision would be posted in the post office. The notification would provide a 30-day period for public comment.

Following that period, a postal site review committee would categorize possible relocation sites, and post those, again allowing a month-long period for public comment, after which officials would announce final plans.

According to both village managers, both village post offices are close neighbors on a high priority list, with Chelsea construction projected to begin between late 2000 and early 2001.

In the case that public comment centers on opposition to the projects, the post office would consider moving carriers and sorting facilities to another city, leaving a smaller facility in the village. Neither village manager anticipated those problems, however.

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seemed realistic, and would have to be extended.

Committee chair and County Commissioner Joe Yekulis said he felt the reroute plan, represented by the newly selected entry plan, was making good progress in avoiding impacts on residences and businesses.

Following that discussion, the committee turned to other business, headed up by Yekulis announcing new resolutions from the village and four townships supporting the project.

Heydlauff spoke up next, discussing previous findings that 30 to 40 percent of existing traffic on M-52 travels through Chelsea. He pointed out that those figures meant 60 to 70 percent of M-52 traffic was instead remaining in the village.

He proposed that the committee turn its attention to alternatives to relieve pressures, especially ones readily available, as the M-52 reroute may be up to a decade away. His focus was on linking present roadways, expanding others.

Heydlauff also said that Chelsea traffic traveling north or south is forced into a kind of hourglass configuration, funneling cars onto M-52, raising the possibility of another road running north and south to alleviate that situation.

Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryann Noah responded to Heydlauff, citing the regional comprehensive plan, which she said would address traffic issues, among others.

The meeting ended with a second public comment section. A number of area residents, including those opposed to a western-aligned reroute, applauded Heydlauff for proposing consideration of other traffic-relief alternatives.

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in order to implement a block schedule in September 2000, or a Dec. 1, 2000, deadline to start block scheduling in January or September 2001.

The plan also calls for Superintendent Ed Richardson to provide the school board with a plan to manage population growth at the high school level, both in terms of facilities and administrative needs. Richardson was given a deadline of Dec. 1, 2000, with interim reports every four months.

Earlier in the meeting, the board unanimously moved for the hire of Brian Kissman, presently employed as a principal at Klager Elementary School in Manchester, as director of curriculum for the Chelsea School District. Kissman will begin the Chelsea job on Jan. 17, 2000. A

profile of Kissman appears on Page 2B.

The board also approved

the lease between the district and the Chelsea Area District Library.

CORRECTION

Due to a mechanical error, the following names were omitted from the article titled "Pierce Lake mileage club walks for health," in the Dec. 2 edition of *The Chelsea Standard*:

Peters, Eli
Ripberger, Joshua
Simpson, Jenna
Stephens, Alexander
Terns, Travis
Valle, Margaret
Wilke, Carolyn

78-MILE CLUB:
Fischhaber, Dennis Jr.
Fournier, Benjamin
Schwarze, Nathan
Squires, Jeffrey

Jim Ticknor's Class

10-MILE CLUB:
Bartlett, Travis
Best, Eric
Gray, Catherine
Huehl, Nicholas
Jaynes, Kyle
Kramer, Kristin
Langwith, Jessica
McKeighan, Paul
Ngo, Danny
Osborn, Kaitlin
Policht, Jacob
Push, Zachary
Ratliff, Jason
Turek, Joseph
Lance, Doug

26-MILE CLUB:
Anderson, Kelly
Beard, Joseph
Bucholz, Kyle
Comstock, Jeffrey

Cote, Valerie
Dahl, Lindsey
Droncheff, Richard
Kalis, Allen
Kendzicky, Ann
Long, Theresa
Mattson, Nicholas
Amy Wagoner's Class
10-MILE CLUB:
Adams, Julie
Bassett, James
Bowditch, Mark
Dunne, Maria

Flintoft, Amber
Gillingham, Abby
Helvey, Evan
Holmes, Martin
Howard, John
Johnson, Benjamin
Kaminsky, Rachel
Kedroske, Julie
Krichbaum, James
Lynn, Katherine
Maveal, David
Morrison, Leah
Rogacki, Adam

Schauder, Sarah
Simpson, Cara
Stacy, Alex
26-MILE CLUB:
Butcher, Alice
Lance, Chea
Nichols, Megan
Raupp, Chelsea
Ripberger, Nathan
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Pastor left his mark on church, community

By Dirk Fischbach

Editor

His name still adorns the sign in front of St. Paul United Church of Christ and resonates in the hallways that wind through the building's interior. Death's untimely visit has removed the physical presence of the Reverend Dr. Lynn Spitz-Nagel from the community, but his time here has left a profound mark that stretches far beyond the 375-member congregation and the nearly six years of his Chelsea ministry.

"Until his passing I didn't even know how many lives he had touched," said Tom Gerstenlauer, Director of Christian Education at St. Paul. "He was a spiritual guide who excelled in one-on-one engagements."

That ability helped him not only become an integral part of the St. Paul family, but the greater ecumenical community, as well.

"A lot of what we will miss will be on a personal level," said David Cleaver-Bartholomew, pastor at the First Con-

gregational Church and a friend of Spitz-Nagel's. "Spitz was very good at seeing similarities rather than differences in people. He wanted everyone to be happy."

David Hendricks, pastor at Zion Lutheran concurs.

"He was a man that I connected with from the first time I met him," he said. "Occasionally there could be disagreements within the Ministerial Association and Spitz always brought a calming influence. The gift he gave was one of a listening ear. There was a gentle touch that walked with him."

All agreed that "pastoral" was the most appropriate word to describe Spitz-Nagel's ministerial style.

"I think it's a good term to apply to his whole manner," Gerstenlauer said. "As contrasted with a strong administrator or a fire and brimstone style, he had a very pastoral presence."

That presence, which enabled him to quickly earn a place in the hearts of the con-

gregation, is now called on to help the members in their grief.

"The metaphor for me is one of a family," said Gerstenlauer, who also is a senior seminary student. "This is like the loss of a family member with a much larger family. It's almost like losing a spouse - something's missing and it's an integral part, not a distant relative."

Because of the surprising nature of Spitz-Nagel's death, there was no time to prepare, and church members even now are only beginning to enter the grieving process, according to Cleaver-Bartholomew.

"Unlike the death of an older person, in this situation there were no preliminary indicators. There was no preparation," he said. "Some are just now getting around to realizing that Spitz is no longer here. The pain will come later for these people."

"We don't deal with grief, grief deals with us," Hendricks added.

He knows of what he speaks.

His congregation at Zion Lutheran had a similar loss when a popular pastor died unexpectedly. That experience has led them to reach out to the members of St. Paul with an empathy few others could show.

"There is just a remarkable sense of absence," Gerstenlauer observes.

Along with the sense of grief over the passing, there also is the feeling of dreams unrealized and left undone, according to Cleaver-Bartholomew.

"The church and Spitz had hopes and expectations for the future. Now those things are on hold. It's a crushing blow."

Among his pet projects were the church's bell choir and a proposed labyrinth, as well as renovations to make the church building more handicapped accessible. The church's confirmation program and men's fellowship group also bore his personal touch.

In addition to his church duties, Spitz-Nagel also was active with Samaritan Counseling Services in Ann Arbor,

where his unique gifts made him a valuable part of the counseling team.

All agreed that Spitz-Nagel's ability to reach people ultimately would be an enormous help in their ability to deal with the grief his passing has brought. But, each also agreed that it still would take time.

"The Christian tradition gives us a framework to deal with this," Cleaver-Bartholomew said. "It gives us hope. However, we also recognize that that is an intellectual process, but it takes awhile for the heart to catch up with the head."

There also is the very real concern of keeping things going at the church, particularly during the Christmas season, one of the busiest times of the year. Both Cleaver-Bartholomew and Hendricks have stepped in to support the con-

gregation's pastoral needs, and Gerstenlauer is keeping the liturgy in order. In addition, the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ will provide the minister for the Christmas services.

Yet although the positions can and will be filled, there is something lost which can never be replaced, according to Cleaver-Bartholomew. But, rather than feel sorrow at what is no longer, he prefers to be thankful for what we had.

"Life will not be the same, because he was here," Cleaver-Bartholomew explains. "And it shouldn't be. St. Paul is different today than it was in January of 1994 (when Spitz-Nagel came). His changes have brought them a long way and they can be thankful for that. We're better for the time he spent here."



King Me

South Meadows third graders took a trip to the Chelsea Retirement Community to spend the afternoon with the residents, including snacks and games. Pictured, from left, Lindsey Parish and Ashley Damm play a game of checkers.



National President

The American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration of the American Hospital Association has chosen Cindy Harrison as its president-elect for 2000. Harrison will serve as president-elect next year, president in 2001 and past-president in 2002. She currently is director of Human Resources for Chelsea Community Hospital where she has been employed for the past 23 years. The American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration is a 3,200-member professional association dedicated exclusively to meeting the professional needs of human resource administrators in the healthcare industry. The society has members throughout the United States, as well as Australia, England, Canada and Japan. The society was founded in 1964 serving as a resource to its members, supporting their professional development and enhancing the role of human resource management in healthcare organizations.

Faith in Action sets Christmas dinner

This year, as with every year over the past 13, Faith in Action is hosting a Christmas Dinner. The idea behind these annual Christmas meals is to make sure that no one in the community will be facing dinner alone.

Faith in Action is deeply appreciative of all the people and organizations that provide our support throughout the year. That support makes it possible to distribute Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas baskets and to host the Christmas dinner, as well as the other services we offer area communities.

"We are particularly grateful for the generosity of the Reverend Dale Grimm and the members of Our Savior Lutheran Church in granting us the use of their Church Fellowship Hall and especially

the efforts of the cooks, Robert Fisher, Duane Layher and Ken Toney," said FIA Director the Reverend Dr. Jerrold F. Beaumont.

Christmas is about gatherings and Faith in Action hopes to relieve some loneliness by means of these dinners.

Those interested in the Christmas Dinner can help by making reservations. Call Faith in Action at 475-3305. After Dec. 17, the FIA office will be closed and reservations can be made by calling Heather McDougall at the Charles Reinhart office, 475-9600. Organizers remind citizens that they are welcome with or without reservations.

Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. Christmas Day at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Main Street in Chelsea.

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Michigan history magazine debuts feature

Twenty-four years after the *Edmund Fitzgerald* disappeared in a savage Lake Superior storm, the sinking of the Great Lakes freighter has become an indelible part of Michigan's history. The saga of the 1975 shipwreck is the featured cover story of the November/December 1999 issue of "Michigan History Magazine," on sale now.

Author Mary Dempsey does a fantastic job of recounting the story of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, says Secretary of State Candice S. Miller, Michigan's official historian. "Her gripping story introduces us to the ship, the crew and the devastating November storms that have claimed so many Great Lakes ships and mariners."

Also in the November/December 1999 issue, the maga-

zine introduces The Inside Story, a new feature focusing on personal perspectives of the state's past. The newest department kicks off with a humorous recollection about Gov. George Romney from Charles Harmon of Eaton Rapids.

Since 1991, "Michigan History Magazine" has sought its readers' recollections on everything from where they were when they heard about the bombing at Pearl Harbor, to their most notable sports memory.

"Now, we are compiling recollections from Michigan residents on any topic," said Roger L. Rosentreter, editor of "Michigan History Magazine." "A brush with history doesn't have to feature golfing with the president or lunching with a movie star, it only needs to

be about a special moment.

"The recollections of ordinary people can capture an extraordinary experience and lead us to a better understanding of Michigan history," Rosentreter added.

To contribute recollections on any Michigan-related topic, follow these guidelines:

The recollection must be first-hand. The writer must have either participated in or witnessed the topic of the recollection.

Each recollection should

not exceed two double-spaced typewritten pages.

Contributors should not include original photographs or illustrations.

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Send submissions to The Inside Story, "Michigan History Magazine," 717 West Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48918-1805; or e-mail a submission to: RosentreterR@small.state.mi.us, indicating The Inside

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Local athletes shine

Michigan Academy of Gymnastics Ann Arbor Levels 5 and 6 participated in the U.S.A. Gymnastics State Championship Meet on Saturday, Dec. 4 and Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999.

Level 5 team finished in fourth place.

Participants were Emily Norton, Kelsi Bitter, Julie

Morsfield, Tamika Jones, and Jamie Rabb.

Morsfield placed fourth on balance beam.

Level 6 team finished in third place.

Participants were Megan Angelini, Kari Pearce, Marissa Garza and Danielle Houle.

Angelini placed second on vault, and second on floor. Pearce placed third on uneven bars and third in all around.

Local man attends convention

Jean Shoner, owner of the H&R Block franchise in Chelsea and Dexter, was among more than 500 franchise owners attending the annual H&R Block satellite franchise convention held in Atlantic City, New Jersey on Nov. 7 to 10.

Some of the subjects that were presented were Financial Services, a new Rapid Refund product, new technology, and various tax seminars.

Several executives from H&R Block's World Headquarters were there to speak with franchise owners, including Mark Ernst, president and chief operating officer; Tom Zimmer-

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Whether your business plans are to become the next big Internet start-up or simply to supplement your day job, some year-end tax planning can improve your business's bottom line. According to the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, the last quarter of the year is an especially important time to take advantage of tax-saving strategies. Here are a few thoughts to get you started.



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Funding a retirement plan is one of the best strategies small business owners can use to lower taxable income. Money contributed to a qualified retirement plan is tax-deductible and grows tax-deferred until it is withdrawn. A Keogh, SEP, or SIMPLE plan allows you to put away more on a tax-deductible basis than you can under an IRA. But remember, unlike IRAs, which can be opened until the date you file your return, with the

others it is not so — a Keogh plan needs to be opened before year-end, and the deadline for setting up and contributing to a SEP plan is the due date for your return, including extensions.

Expensed expenses

Normally, the cost of capital equipment — equipment that has a useful life of more than one year — must be deducted over a number of years. There is one major exception. Businesses that purchase new business equipment can elect

to deduct immediately up to \$19,000 worth of equipment in 1999 rather than recovering its cost over a period of years through depreciation deductions. This deduction begins to be reduced dollar-for-dollar once the cost of business property placed in service during the tax year exceeds \$200,000.

Charitable giving

As a sole proprietor or partner, you can make cash gifts to charity of up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI) and of appreciated long-term capital-gain property up to 30 percent of AGI. What's more, when you donate appreciated property, you not only get a deduction, but you also don't owe any capital gains taxes. Another way to be charitable and earn a tax deduction is to donate excess inventory. The deduction for charitable contributions made by C corporations, though, is limited to 10 per-

cent of modified taxable income.

Timing

Self-employed workers — including employees with sideline businesses — who use the cash method of accounting can cut their tax bills by accelerating expenses and deferring income. One way to defer income is to mail your invoices at the end of December so you won't get paid until next year. On the expenses side, you may want to evaluate future equipment, furniture, and office supply needs and consider purchasing those items before year-end.

Family employment

If you need to hire employees for your business, consider employing family members. Doing so allows you to shift income to individuals in lower tax brackets, as long as they provide bona fide services to the business. If your business is a sole proprietorship, payments for the services of your child under 18 also are not subject to Social Security taxes.

Bad debts

If your business uses the accrual method of accounting, you should review your outstanding accounts receivable to determine whether any of them are uncollectible. Under current law, each individual bad debt must be identified and deducted in the year in which it becomes partly or totally worthless. It's a good

idea to keep a paper trail showing that you took reasonable steps to collect the money due you.

Entertainment

Qualified business entertainment includes taking a client to dinner, a show, or sports event, or just inviting a few of your customers to your home for pizza. Tax law allows you to deduct 50 percent of meals and entertainment expenses that are business-related. To qualify, you must be able to show that the expense directly preceded or followed a substantial, bona fide business discussion or that it is directly related to the active conduct of your trade or business. You must keep good records, which must include a receipt for any expenditure of \$75 or more.

Holiday parties, picnics, and other social events you put on for your employees and their families are an exception to the 50-percent rule. Such events are 100 percent deductible.

The home office deduction

More people will qualify for the home-office deduction in 1999. Under previous law, unless you met with clients, customers, or patients on a regular basis in your home office, you could not claim the deduction. The new law drops this requirement and, generally, qualifies taxpayers who perform services outside the

home for the home-office deduction as long as they use their offices for administrative or management activities.

Borrowing costs

When your business borrows funds, you can deduct 100 percent of business interest expenses. If you use a credit card for your business, you are eligible to deduct the business portion of credit card fees and finance charges as well.

Many small business owners pass up legitimate tax-saving opportunities because they are concerned about triggering an audit. CPAs say that as long as you comply with the rules and make certain your deductions are accurate, you owe it to yourself and your business to make the most of tax-saving entitlements.

AAA urges snowmobile safety

Michiganians letting the good times roll on more than 5,900-miles of state snowmobile trails should enjoy this season with safety as their most important passenger, advises AAA Michigan.

"Two light-snow winters in a row may have kept many of Michigan's snowmobilers garaged," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "That, combined with increased enforcement and drivers following the safety rules, have caused snowmobiling deaths in Michigan to fall two consecutive seasons."

Last winter, 32 persons were killed in snowmobile crashes. That compares with 39 killed during the winter of 1997-98, and 44 who died during the 1996-97 season. Alcohol and darkness were known factors in 19 of last winter's fatalities, and speed or losing control were also noted by police as major contributors in 13.

Sixty percent of the fatalities last winter occurred in the Upper Peninsula, where snow depths were higher. Sixty-three percent occurred on roadways or shoulders when snowmobilers missed a curve, struck obstructions or vehicles, including fellow snowmobilers. Three occurred while crossing unsafe ice. Seven deaths reportedly occurred on designated trails.

Despite the downward trend, state law enforcement officials are concerned that the death toll could spike this winter if Michigan receives more normal snowfalls as predicted and riders fail to follow common sense safety techniques.

"Michigan faces the prospect of having many snowmobilers with limited experience at the controls of their machines," Basch said. "Excessive speed and inexperience, combined with darkness and alcohol, make a deadly combination that keeps repeating each season as major reasons for fatalities."

Another factor is the resurgence in the popularity of snowmobiling. Michigan leads the nation in number of registered machines with an estimated 296,000 sleds. The state is third in total snowmobile trail mileage.

This year's marked increase in funds available for enforcement should help improve patrol efforts. A \$7 rise in the cost of each three-year

snowmobile registration fee was earmarked exclusively for enforcement.

Stepped up efforts, for example, will continue in Grand Traverse, Wexford and Kalamazoo counties where special marked patrols were out on heavily used snowmobile routes the last two winters. This effort, police believe, has made a significant impact on safety in those counties. Now, more money will be available to help local police statewide to increase patrols over the next three years.

Snowmobilers can help reduce danger by always following these safety guidelines:

- Avoid alcohol. It dulls your enjoyment of the outdoors, and causes judgement lapses and lengthens reaction times.
- Dress properly. Full-face helmets protect against injury and frostbite. Wear a snowmobile suit, boots and mittens and wear a facemask in extremely cold weather or long rides.
- Don't snowmobile alone, especially in sub-zero weather, storms, unfamiliar areas and at night. Always file a "trail plan" telling someone your route and when you'll be back.
- Carry a first-aid kit, compass or portable GPS, or cell phone, matches, survival blanket, tool kit, rope, extra ignition key and high-energy foods.
- Stay on marked trails, or where allowed, on the right shoulder of the road. Be alert for fences, culverts, ditches, stumps, posts, dry spots and wire easily hidden by heavy snow.
- Avoid traveling over bodies of water when ice thicknesses and strengths are not known. Stay off rivers, as currents can vary ice thickness. Don't snowmobile on ice that is not at least a solid six inches thick. Avoid crossing ice single file. Stay well spaced.
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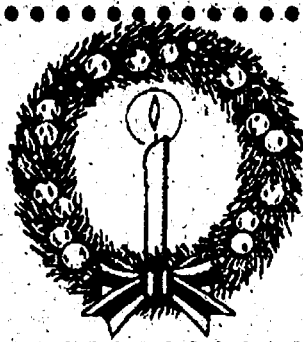
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Arbor Hospice program striving to preserve memories

It began as a small way to remember loved ones during the holiday season. Today, the Arbor Hospice Tree of Remembrance program has grown to involve over 60 volunteers who create over 3,500

hand-made heart-shaped ornaments which hang on holiday trees throughout southeastern Michigan during December. Proceeds from the program directly benefit Arbor Hospice, a non-profit organization

that cares for over one thousand terminally ill patients and their families each year and provides grief support to thousands more.

According to Betty Stremich, director of development and community services, "Tree of Remembrance is one of our biggest fundraisers but it's also a special opportunity for the members of our community to remember loved ones." Berry added, "Holidays are usually a time of celebration and family togetherness; so they can be particularly difficult if you've lost a loved one. We hope these beautiful ornaments can in a small way help remind people about the cherished memories they hold in their hearts year-round."

Milan resident Nancy

Brundy has been involved in the Tree of Remembrance program since 1991, just after her mother died.

"An Arbor Hospice bereavement department counselor called to see how I was doing after my mom's death and asked if I had any hobbies," she said.

Brundy told her she liked to crochet and ever since that day, she has been involved in the Tree of Remembrance program crafting hundreds of hearts each year.

Her work with the ornaments has led to her involvement in other areas of Arbor Hospice, and Brundy sometimes volunteers up to 40 hours per week.

The Tree of Remembrance ornaments are always heart-

shaped but method, dimensions, materials and design change from year to year which gives volunteers an opportunity to develop new skills. This year's ornament is a counted cross stitch featuring mauve and cream tones. According to Ann Arbor resident and Arbor Hospice volunteer Tissy Ansbacher, who has orchestrated the Tree of Remembrance program since its inception, the group corporately decides on the design and then handcrafts the ornaments one by one. "We know that many families collect the ornaments from year to year, so this project truly represents a labor of love," Ansbacher said.

The Tree of Remembrance ornaments can be purchased

in memory or honor of a loved one by calling Arbor Hospice at (734) 662-5999. Since it represents a donation to Arbor Hospice, the amount is up to the purchaser. As Stremich said, "It can be as little as \$10 or as much as \$1,000. It's whatever you're comfortable with giving."

The ornaments can be seen on holiday trees at the following locations in Ann Arbor: Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive; Ann Arbor City Women's Club, 1830 Wash-tenaw; and Border's Books, Music & Café at Arborland.

Dedication ceremonies to honor and remember loved ones will take place at the Arbor Hospice Residence on Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Governor announces stewardship grants

Michigan Governor John Engler today announced agriculture grants totaling \$2.5 million to protect groundwater throughout Michigan. The grants will be awarded to 44 programs in 76 Michigan counties, including Lenawee, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Wash-tenaw and Wayne.

The competitive grants are financed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Groundwater Stewardship Program, now in its sixth year. Funds for the program come from the pesticide and fertilizer registration fees that farmers, industry and homeowners pay. The grants go to farmers and programs run by local soil conservation districts, local offices of Michigan State University (MSU) Extension and other nonprofit local agricultural agencies.

"The Groundwater Stewardship Program is a great example of public and private partnerships in action, which helps the state ensure that environmentally-sound agriculture practices are being implemented at the local level," MDA Director Dan Wyant said. "Since it began in 1995, the program has allocated nearly \$11 million to a variety of projects including analyzing groundwater risks at farms, businesses or residences, closing old wells, collecting and disposing of unwanted pesticides and presenting educational programs."

Groundwater Stewardship Program (GSP) grant proposals are evaluated on a number of factors including being voluntary, locally driven and addressing individual needs. In addition, winning proposals will be consistent with GSP's mission and operational principles by focusing on real-

world situations and addressing the financial and technical constraints that drive land-use decisions.

This year's recipients from Southeast Michigan are:

- Washtenaw County Conservation District will receive \$58,383 to continue groundwater protection activities through Home-A-Syst evaluations and adding a full-time groundwater technician for agriculture in Wash-tenaw, Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

- The Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program is a cooperative effort between MDA, MSU Extension, and the National Resources Conservation Service, as well as the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan Agribusiness Association of Conservation Districts.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture is the official state agency charged with serving, promoting and protecting the food, agriculture and agricultural economic interests of the people of the state of Michigan. MDA programs serve all sectors of agriculture, which is Michigan's second-largest industry.

- Lenawee County Soil Conservation District will receive \$96,975 for programs in Lenawee and Monroe counties to help farmers reduce groundwater risks through Farm*A*Syst evaluations and pesticide disposal.

- Macomb County MSU Extension will receive \$21,450 to promote groundwater protection through Farm-A-Syst and Home-A-Syst evaluations in Macomb and Oakland counties. Farm-A-Syst and Home-A-Syst are voluntary programs aimed at helping individuals identify and then correct situations and practices that carry potential risks to ground water and surface water.

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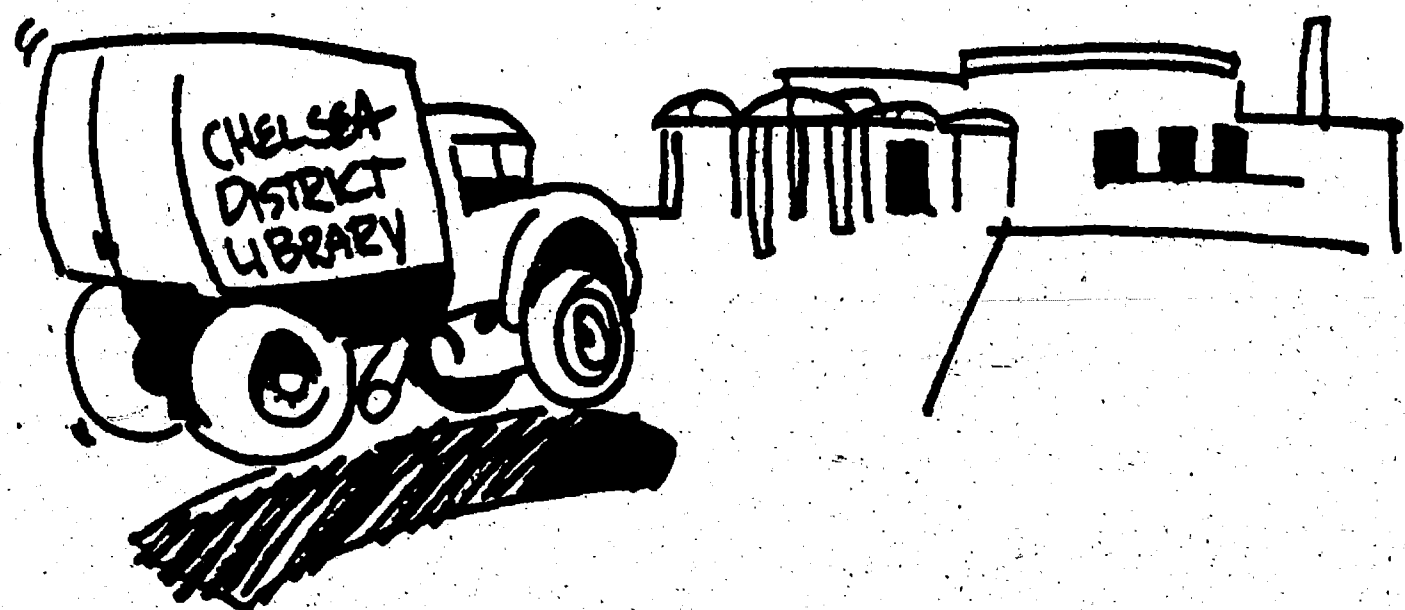
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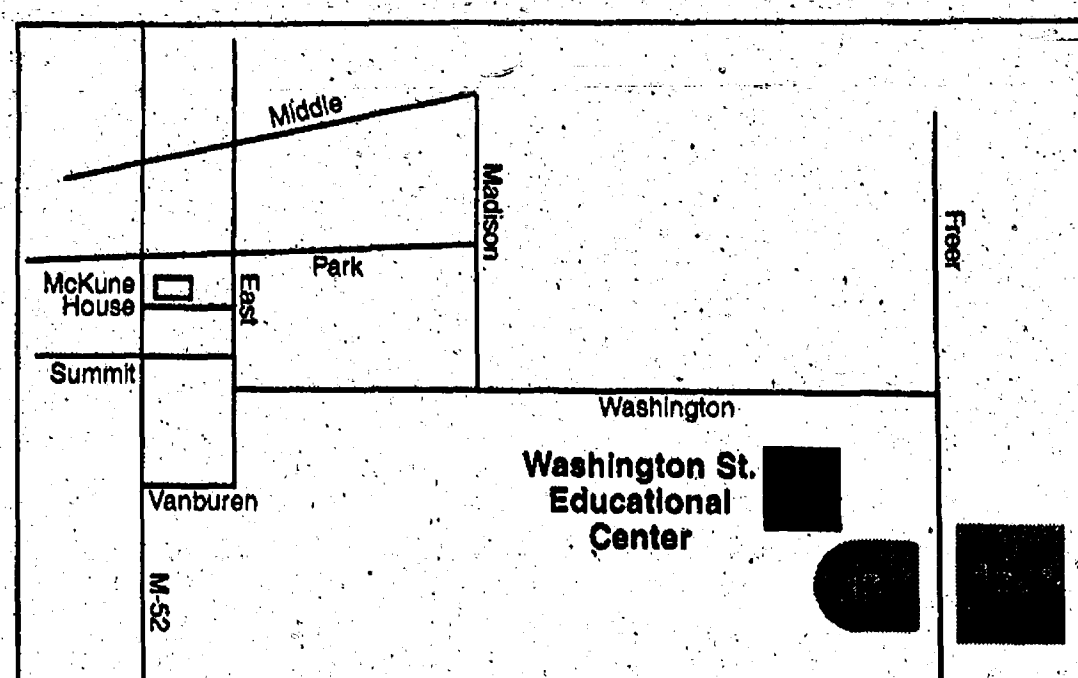
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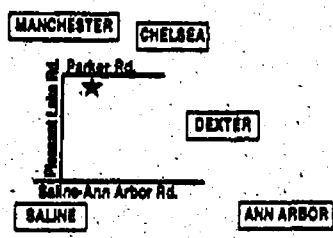
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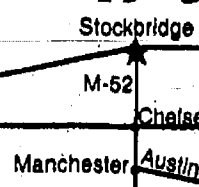


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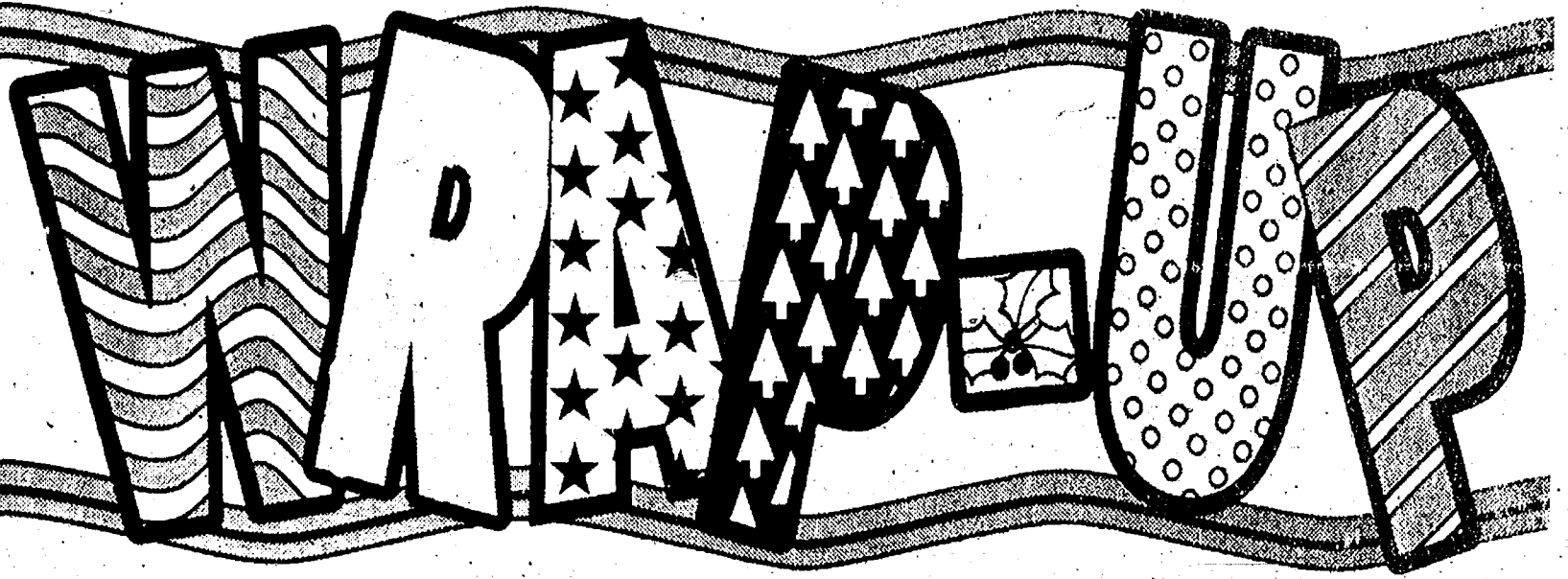
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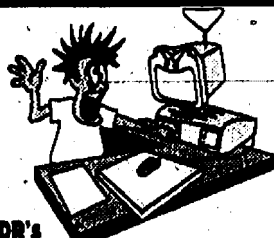
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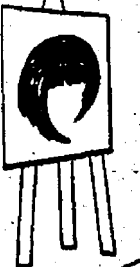
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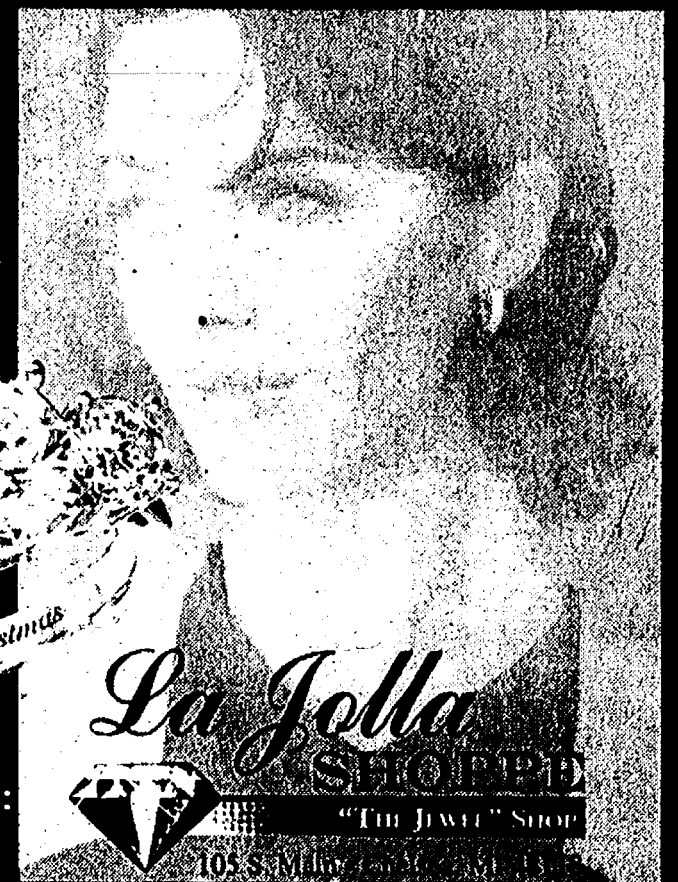
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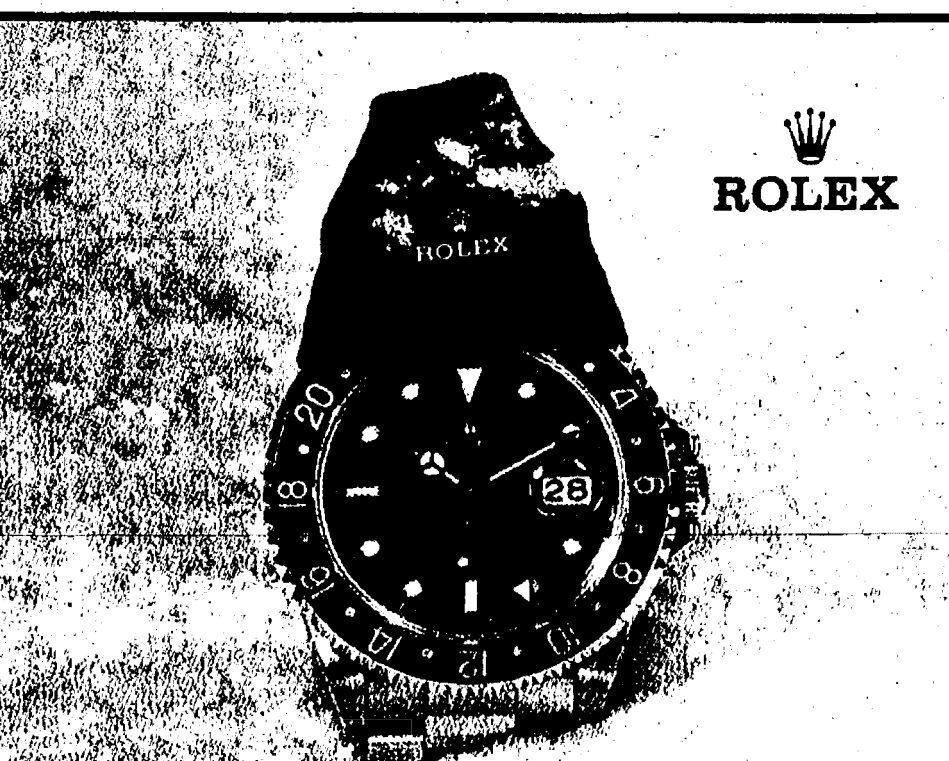
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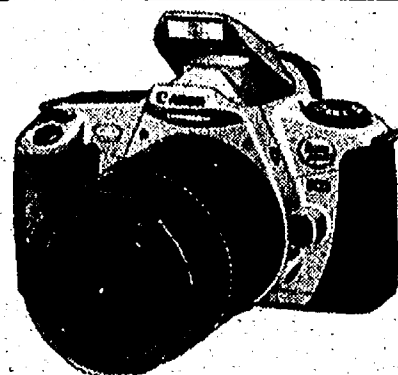
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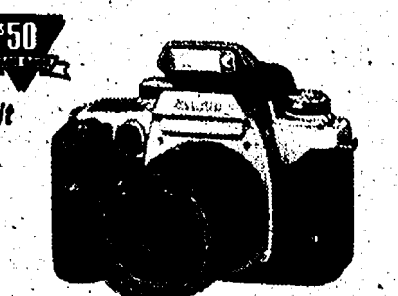


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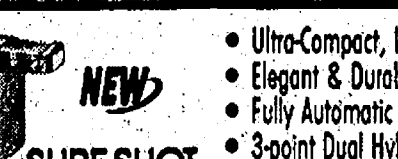
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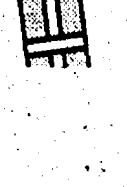
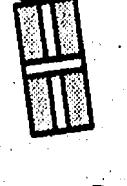
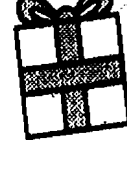
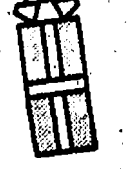
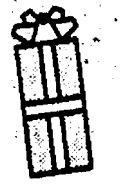
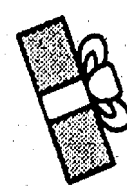
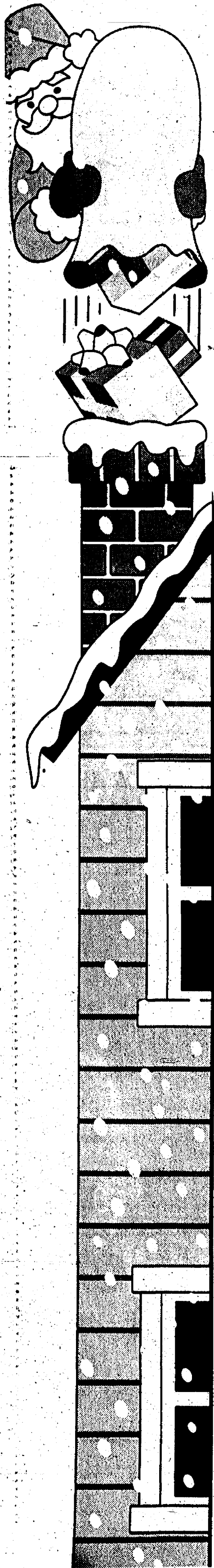
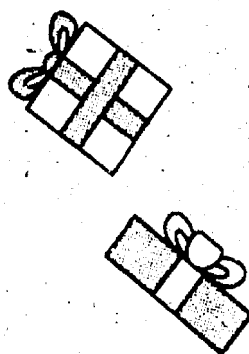
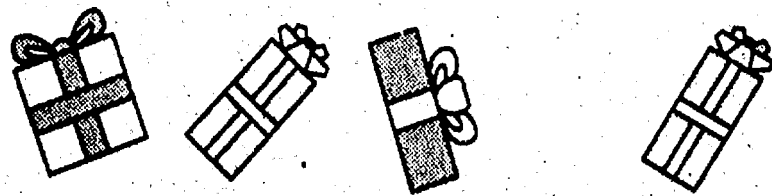
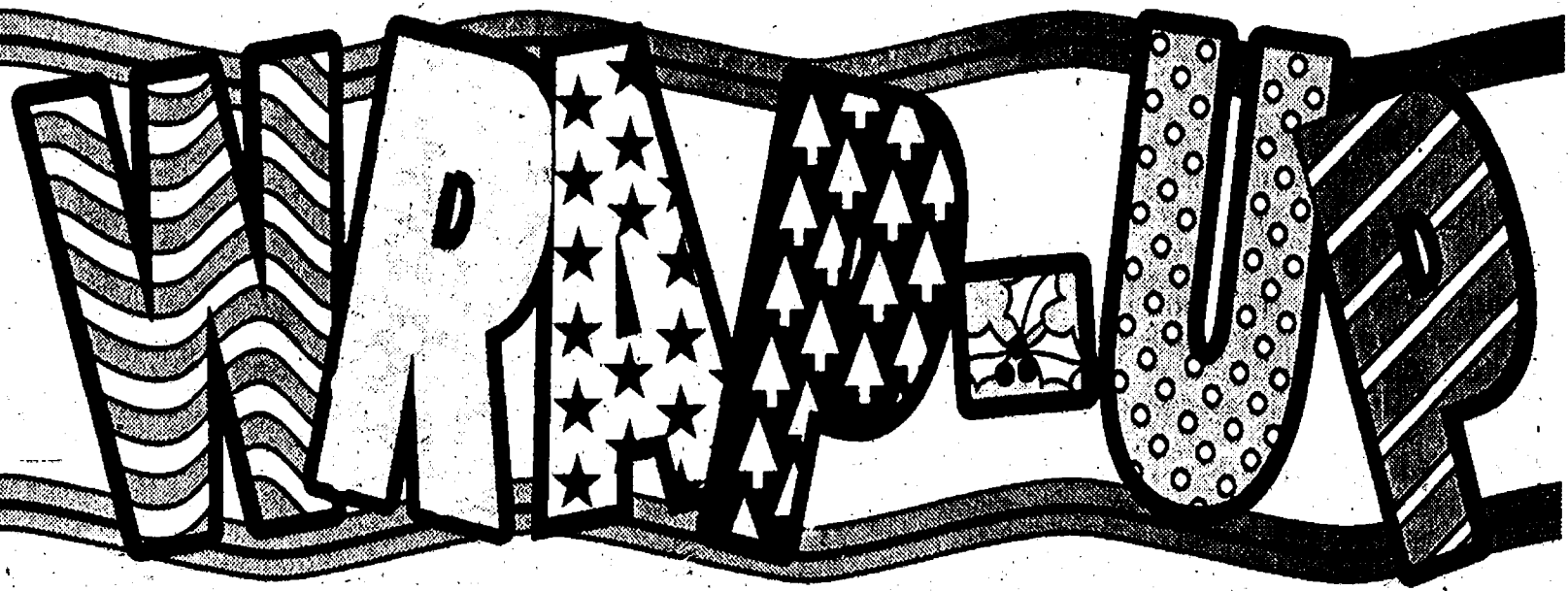
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"No matter their means or method of shopping, wise consumers will avoid post-holiday hassle by asking two important questions up front: what is this merchant's record in the marketplace? and, what is this merchant's refund and exchange policy? Knowing the answers ahead of time could save you from future frustrations," said Fred Hoffercker, President of the Better Business Bureau of eastern Michigan.

Check on the business's reliability

"The single best piece of

advice we can offer to shoppers is to purchase from businesses and stores you know to be reliable and whose record in the marketplace can be confirmed with the Better Business Bureau," Hoffercker said. "Before you do business with an unknown company, call the BBB for a reliability report at (248) 644-9100 or visit our web site at www.easternmichiganbbb.org."

Refunds and Exchanges

To ensure many happy returns the week after Christmas and all year long, the BBB advises consumers to obtain information about the merchant's refund and exchange policy before making a purchasing decision.

According to the Better Business Bureau, it's a common

misconception that a store is obligated to accept items for refund, exchange or credit. That is the case only when the item is defective or was misrepresented. It's perfectly legal for a store to have a "no return" or "final sale" policy. "Michigan does not have a specific law dealing with refunds and exchanges, but a merchant's failure to disclose the store's policy could be a violation of the State's Consumer Protection Act," stated Hoffercker.

Get clarification

Before you reach for your wallet, whether it is a shop at the local mall or when you're sitting before your computer monitor, the Better Business Bureau advises consumers to ask:

- What is the store's return

policy?

- May I exchange the item for another like it?
- May I return the items and buy something else?
- Will the store give me my money back if I make a return?
- Is this a "final sale" item and what does that mean?

How do I use my return privileges?

Most consumers know to save their receipts. It is also a good idea to keep the packaging an item was wrapped in just in case it is required for return by the stores to the manufacturer. Returning the item promptly and in good condition, with all tags, will also help to ensure a satisfactory exchange or return.

Abuses cost everyone money

Individuals who abuse generous return policies extended by some stores are making it more difficult for all customers to return items. Returning items without a legitimate excuse may cause the cost of that merchandise to increase in the future. Some stores have already tightened return policies, are imposing

restocking fees, or are eliminating returns altogether. **A note about warranties or guarantees**

Warranties or guarantees are different from store refund and exchange policies. Regardless of store policy, if you have a problem with something under manufacturer's warranty or guarantee, the manufacturer should honor it.

"Read the warranty or guarantee to find out whether the item may be returned to the store where purchased or any authorized dealer for repair or replacement. In some cases, warranties require consumers to mail the product to a manufacturer or other business in order to receive monetary refunds, credit, or product replacement," Hoffercker said.

For additional information

The Better Business Bureau has two consumer education publications that may prove helpful to consumers as they contemplate the start of the

holiday shopping season, "Refunds & Exchanges," and "Shopping Safely Online." Consumers can order free copies of these brochures by calling (248) 593-5224 or (248) 644-9100. The BBB's educational publications are also available on the Internet at www.bbb.org.

For additional tips on shopping online, the BBB recommends visiting the www.bbonline.org and safeshopping.org web sites.

The Better Business Bureau of eastern Michigan is a non-profit organization with the purpose of assisting in the protection of consumers and businesses from fraud and unethical business practices in the local marketplace. The Bureau provides its services free to the public and its service territory stretches across Eastern Michigan from Jackson through Metropolitan Detroit, Lansing, Flint, upward to Alpena, and covers the entire Upper Peninsula of the state.

Medical myths debunked

For this week's column, I'm doing something a bit different. I often get letters with questions or comments that are interesting but the answers to which are too short to fill a column. This week I will address several of these short-answer questions that involve medical misconceptions or myths.

I think the most important characteristic that has allowed "modern medicine" to become significantly more effective than that practiced just a century or two ago is the use of very careful observation — in other words, the scientific method. We no longer bleed people to remove unbalanced humors or burn incense to chase away the bad smells that cause disease because these practices have been proven to be ineffective.

Question: Does using an antiperspirant really increase my risk of breast cancer?

Answer: There is no link between the use of antiperspirant or deodorant products and the subsequent development of breast cancer. It would be wonderful if the cause of this dreaded disease was that simple. If it were, there would be an increase in breast cancer in both men and women, and this hasn't happened. Use your deodorant or antiperspirant. Your friends will thank you for it.

Question: I used to hear that stress was the cause of ulcers. Is this still true?

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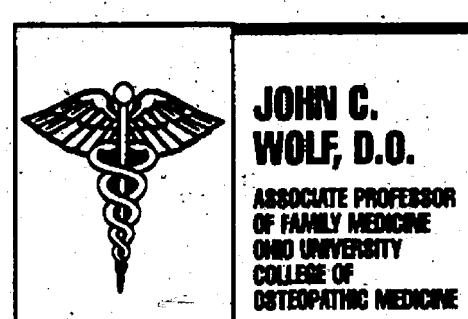
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sores on the skin or on the lining of the digestive tract. Those in the first section of the small intestines (duodenum) — often referred to by patients as "stomach ulcers" — are not caused by stress. Most ulcers of this type are caused by a bacterial infection. Individuals who are under a great deal of emotional stress and who have ulcers are more likely to seek medical care for their malady than those who are experiencing less stress. This "self selection" by patients led many doctors to believe that there was a cause-effect relationship between ulcers and stress. As is human nature, we doctors were not particularly quick to abandon this pet theory and did so only when overwhelming scientific research revealed the real bac-

terial cause of most ulcers.

Question: Is it true that herbal medicines don't have side effects because they are all natural?

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"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701.

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A police officer was contacted Dec. 7 to receive a prisoner in custody with the Ingham County police. The officer took custody of Michael A. Lofgren, an 18-year-old Ypsilanti man, who is wanted on a misdemeanor warrant for minors in possession.

Death Investigation

An officer responded to a call of a medical emergency in the 400 block of Madison Street on Dec. 6. He found two representatives of the fire authority on scene.

The officer found the subject, a 60-year-old man, lying fully clothed on his back, cold to the touch. The victim's wife said she had found the man when she arrived home. There were no signs of a struggle in the house, nothing was out of place, and no belongings were missing.

The man had been taking prescription medicine for hypertension. According to medical examination, he died of a heart attack.

Found Property

Tom Raines, a Chelsea resident, called the police department on Dec. 8 to report that he had found an envelope containing \$1,000 in cash at Little Professor Bookstore. On Dec. 13, a 77-year-old woman contacted the police department to report \$1,000 missing. The money was returned to her.

Suspicious Incident

An officer was dispatched for a report of muzzleloader shots fired near Sibley and Werkner roads. He met with a 43-year-old man who made the report, and while speaking with the man, heard a shot. The officer visited the house of a neighbor, a 45-year-old man, who said he had been shooting. When advised by the officer that neighbors were concerned, the man said he was done for the season.

Dexter Village

Larceny

A deputy was dispatched to Busch's ValuLand, 3219 Broad St., to meet the owner on a report of larceny on Nov. 20. The owner, a 44-year-old man told the deputy that sometime during the previous night, someone broke into a soda machine outside the store, causing \$200 in damage and removing \$20 in cash.

On Nov. 27, a deputy was dispatched on a report of larceny. He met with a 30-year-old Ann Arbor woman, who said her purse had been stolen from her car hours before, while the vehicle was parked at Dexter Bowl and Bar, 2830 Baker Road. The woman said her car was unlocked because her German shepherd was in back seat. She added that the dog was very friendly. Property stolen was estimated at \$45.

Larceny was reported on Nov. 28. A deputy met with a 31-year-old Chelsea woman, who said that several items had been stolen from her car, including her purse, her U-M jacket, and the contents of a Christmas package.

She said the theft had occurred the previous evening, while she was parked at the Dexter Bowl and Bar, 2830 Baker Road. The woman said she had left her car unlocked, as she had lived in the area her entire life and felt secure. Total property lost was valued at \$175.

Possession of Marijuana

On Nov. 28, a deputy stopped a 40-year-old Ann Arbor woman for passing in a no-passing zone in downtown Dexter. When asked why she thought she had been stopped, the woman said she thought it was "probably because of my aggressive driving." The woman appeared confused, had trouble standing when she left the vehicle, and smelled of intoxicants.

When the deputy asked the woman if she had been drinking, she replied, "No, but I could be." She would not elaborate on the comment. The deputy conducted field sobriety tests, with mixed re-

sults. A preliminary breath test indicated that the woman had a blood alcohol level of .158, more than the legal limit. During the test, the woman said she had had three beers earlier.

The woman was placed under arrest for drunken driving. Before taking her to the Washtenaw County Jail, the deputy searched the woman's car. He found an open bottle of bourbon, and what he suspected were marijuana residue and a marijuana cigarette. The case was open, pending lab results.

Lost Property

A deputy was dispatched on Dec. 1 on a report of lost property. He met with a 36-year-old Pinkney woman, who said that she had lost her wallet earlier at the Country Market, 7001 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road. The wallet contained her driver's license, blank checks and \$138 in cash. Employees had checked the store, but could not find the wallet.

Runaway

Deputies were dispatched to the 7700 block of Kookaburra Court on Nov. 22, on a report of a runaway. They met with a 38-year-old, who reported that her 15-year-old son had run away. She said that she and her ex-husband, a 41-year-old man, were discussing the boy's problems in school with him, when the boy walked out of the house. Her ex-husband confirmed the report, and both said it was not the first time the boy had run away. During the interviews, the boy returned home.

Found Property

A woman turned in a gold chain and cross to deputies on Nov. 24. She said she had found the chain on the sidewalk in downtown Dexter, but did not know to whom it belonged. The chain was valued at \$20.

Breaking and Entering

Deputies were dispatched on Dec. 1 to the Dexter Bowl and Bar on a call from the building's alarm company. They found that the front door had been broken out. Inside, they found that an unknown perpetrator had pried open the cash register with a screwdriver. Deputies recovered 14 fingerprints from the cash register keypad, as well as the screwdriver.

The deputies then spoke with the owners of the business, a 37-year-old man and 36-year-old woman. The woman said she had wiped off the cash register before closing the night before. Stolen property was \$150 in cash, and damage to the door and cash register was estimated at \$1100.

A deputy was dispatched to the 8000 block of Main Street in Dexter on a report of breaking and entering on Dec. 1. The officer met with the property owner, a 59-year-old woman, who said that the previous day, an unknown perpetrator had broken into the property.

The suspect entered the office by breaking in a cellar door, and gained entry to the first floor through the basement. The perpetrator then rifled through several offices in the area. The woman said she lived upstairs, and had heard nothing.

Suspicious Incident

A 46-year-old woman came to deputies on Dec. 6 and reported a suspicious incident involving her ex-husband, a 45-year-old man. She said that the man had contacted their 18-year-old son Nov. 30 and told the boy that he would come and get the boy and his two siblings before the first of the month.

The man said he needed to get the kids to a safe place because there would be "big trouble come the first of the year."

The woman said her ex-husband had recently moved to the Traverse City area, where he owned land. She added that he has militia ties and has weapons available. She said she was worried the man would kidnap her children.

Dexter Township

Breaking and Entering

A deputy was dispatched to the 8500 block of Bell Road on Dec. 3. The officer met with a 41-year-old man, the homeowner. He said that he and his wife had been at a bowling tournament in Chelsea, and when they returned home, found evidence that their home had been broken into.

Evidence indicated that an unknown perpetrator had broken in through an unlocked basement window, and gained entry to the home from the basement. The perpetrator then ransacked the house, taking money, jewelry, and cameras had been taken from the bedroom.

Neighbors had not seen anything. Stolen property was estimated at \$5,490.

Property Damage

A deputy was dispatched to the 7200 block of Webbs Landing on Nov. 28, on the report of property damage in progress. On the scene, the officer met with the victim, a 21-year-old woman.

She said that her boyfriend, a 23-year-old man, had broken the driver's side and passenger windows in her car, because she would not give him his keys. When the deputy contacted the man, he admitted his wrongdoing, and said he was willing to pay for damages.

Sylvan Township

Warrant Arrest

A deputy was dispatched to Interstate 94 at Clear Lake Road to receive an arrested suspect. The arrested subject, a 49-year-old was wanted on a warrant for assault with a dangerous weapon.

Lima Township

Warrant Arrest

While investigating a domestic assault complaint, a deputy met Kelvin V. Asher, a 30-year-old Ypsilanti man. It was discovered that Asher was wanted on a bench warrant for assault and battery. He was arrested and turned over to

Ann Arbor police.

Breaking and Entering

A deputy was dispatched to the 2300 block of Loeffler Road, where the officer met with a 42-year-old woman. The woman said she believed that a chainsaw, chainsaw blades and a generator had been taken from the garage at the residence over the Easter weekend earlier this year. She said she had not noticed them missing until recently. The items were valued at \$969.95.

Medical Assist

A deputy was dispatched on Dec. 5 for medical assistance. He met with a 17-year-old girl, who told him that she had been fighting with her parents. She was upset by the fight, and went to her room followed by her father. She retrieved a knife from her closet, and said to her father that she meant to kill herself, as she believed that was what her parents wanted.

Her father wrestled with her to take the knife from her, in the process cutting his thumb. The girl said she had not meant for anyone to be hurt but herself. She also said she had seasonal affective disorder, for which she is taking medication. She said that had affected her state of mind, as she had not seen the sun for three days.

The girl's parents, a 46-year-old woman and a 44-year-old man, confirmed the girl's version of events. The man was taken to the hospital for the injury to his thumb. The woman was advised to seek outside help for her daughter. Police confiscated the knife at the woman's request.

Scio Township

Suspicious Activity

A deputy was dispatched Dec. 6 to National City Bank, 5490 Jackson Road, on a report of suspicious activity. A teller had found a handwritten note at a teller window. The note was turned over to the service manager, a 44-year-old woman. She told the deputy that she had reviewed bank tapes, and saw two young men at the window where the note was found.

The deputy contacted an Ann Arbor teenager, who said that he had been cashing a check when his friend, a 17-year-old Ann Arbor boy, showed him the note as a joke. The friend, when contacted, said he had not meant to leave the note at the bank. He apologized for any trouble he caused.

Home Invasion

On Dec. 10, deputies were dispatched to the 8600 block of Jackson Road. They met with a 36-year-old man, who told them, while returning to his residence that evening, he had observed the car of a 45-year-

old man parked in the driveway.

The victim said he drove down the street and saw the owner of the vehicle getting in and driving away. When he entered his house, he found the door pushed in. In his bedroom, he found the mattress and bedding removed from the box spring, which had been soiled with an unknown liquid. Damage to the door and box spring was estimated at \$200.

When the deputies contacted the man's wife, a 31-year-old Grass Lake woman, she said that she and the suspect are getting divorced. She said she and her children had stayed with the victim from Oct. 21 to Nov. 22, and that her husband accused her of having an affair with the victim.

She also told deputies that her husband was staying at a Jackson motel. The officers tried to contact the man, unsuccessfully.

Drunken Driving

Deputies stopped a car for

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Christmas Shopping

South Meadows Elementary students got a chance to shop for holiday gifts at school recently. Above, fifth grader Jordan Skidmore eyes the merchandise for sale at "Frosty's Trading Post."

Undercover cops net eighteen in county metro park nuisance arrests

Michigan State Police and Washtenaw County Sheriff Department officers continue to combine personnel in a cooperative effort to curtail nuisance sexual behavior occurring in Washtenaw County Parks.

Male police decoys in plain clothes have arrested two more males in separate incidents this past Friday.

At the Delhi Metropark a 66-year-old male was arrested for Lewd and Lascivious Conduct and Indecent Exposure.

Each charge is punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

At a Lyndon Township Park a 71-year-old male was arrested for Indecent Exposure, a one year jail and/or a \$500 fine.

Police intend to continue their undercover decoy operation in an effort to curtail these activities in our local parks. Eighteen males have now been arrested for this type of illicit behavior over the past several months.



Artist of the Week

Cornerstone Elementary school's artist of the week was Joseph Caudill, from Donna Knapp and Pam Bullock's multiage classroom. Caudill shows off his color collage, "Sam, the Blue Cat."

Photo by Mary Kumbler

POLICE

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driving erratically on Wagner Road, near Liberty Road, on Dec. 11. When they spoke with the driver, a 19-year-old Ann Arbor man, they noticed a strong smell of intoxicants about him, and noted that his eyes were bloodshot.

The man told deputies that he was coming from a casino in Canada, where he had been drinking earlier. The man said he had not had a drink in a while, but was very tired and wanted to get home. The deputies then administered sobriety tests with mixed results. A preliminary breath test indicated that the man had a blood alcohol level of .05.

The man was unable to produce a valid driver's license. The deputies arrested him for drunken driving, under the zero-tolerance policy governing minors' consumption of alcohol.

Deputies, while taking an earlier drunken driving suspect into custody, noticed a car pull off Wagner Road, near Jackson Road, onto the shoulder. When they returned from taking the previous suspect into custody, they found that the car remained on the shoulder.

The officers approached the car and spoke with the driver, an 18-year-old Dexter woman. They noticed a strong smell of intoxicants from the woman, who said she "had a few drinks" that night, and was driving home to Dexter. Deputies noted that she had been southbound on Wagner Road coming from Jackson Road before pulling over.

The woman performed poorly on sobriety tests, and a preliminary breath test indicated that he woman had a blood alcohol level of .12, more than the legal limit for drunkenness. The woman was taken into custody.

A deputy was dispatched to James Bradley Pontiac, 3500 Jackson Road on Dec. 11. He spoke with the manager, a 27-year-old woman, who said that during the previous night, an unknown perpetrator or perpetrators had jacked up a newly delivered 2000 model car, removed the tires and rims from the vehicle and left the car resting on cinderblocks. The woman did not have any suspects. The stolen property was valued at \$1,200.

A deputy was dispatched to 4887 Birdie Lane, a construction site, on Dec. 8. The officer spoke with a 60-year-old Dundee woman, who said her company had delivered a furnace to the site on Dec. 6, and during the night of Dec. 7, a person or persons unknown stole the furnace. The missing property was valued at \$1,000.

Attempted Suicide
A deputy was dispatched on Dec. 12 on a report of an attempted suicide. He went to the scene, the weight room of an apartment complex. He found the victim, a 21-year-old woman, lying on the floor of the room, face up, fully clothed, breathing and with a pulse. The woman had a red line running the circumference of her neck. The room showed no signs of a struggle.

The deputy spoke with four men in the room who had found the victim. The first man to find her, a 28-year-old man, said he had come into the room to use a weight machine when he found the victim.

The man said he found the woman hanging from a pull-

down section of a weight machine, unconscious. She was lifted by the cable on the machine, which was weighted by 105 pounds of plates.

The man released the weight, but could not unhook the woman from the cable, which was wound around her neck "like a noose." The man then ran to a nearby home to get help, and to call 911.

Another witness, a 29-year-old man, lived in the nearby home, and returned to the scene with several other men. They succeeded in unhooking the woman from the machine and laying her on the floor. The woman was taken by ambulance to a hospital, where she was in stable condition.

A doctor said that the woman appeared not to have any serious injuries, and that she appeared to have been hanging for four to six minutes. The doctor could not determine if the woman had attached herself to the equipment or if it had been done by someone else, and the woman remained unconscious.

The woman's roommate, a 20-year-old woman, said the victim had not attempted suicide before, but had been depressed and described her general disposition as depressed.

The victim's mother said the woman had no psychological history and had not been taking any medications.

Deputies were dispatched

on a report of a suicide attempt Dec. 9. The victim, a 21-year-old woman, had called dispatch, informing the dispatcher of her intention to kill herself. The deputies arrived at the woman's residence, where they found her attempting to leave in her car.

The officers stopped the woman, who had bandages over long cuts to her wrists. The woman appeared depressed, and refused to speak. The deputies found 12 suicide notes, a will and a bloody double-edged razor.

The woman, who has a history of depression, was taken to a hospital for treatment. When questioned by deputies, she said she wanted to die because of her demons. While deputies found drug paraphernalia in her residence, she denied that the suicide attempt was drug related. A petition for hospitalization was filed with the hospital.

Property Damage
On Dec. 11, a deputy responded to the 2800 block of Laurett Drive, on a report of property damage. He met with a 50-year-old woman who said that during the previous night, an unknown person had smashed the rear window and both driver's side windows on her son's car. Damage was estimated at \$200.

On Dec. 11, a deputy responded to a report of property damage in the 2800 block of Partridge Drive. The officer

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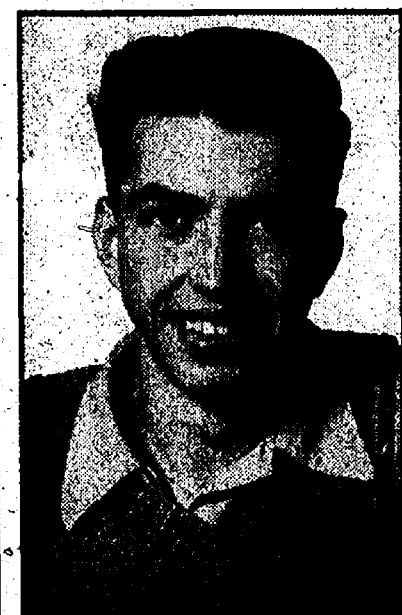
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recipients will be determined based on their expressed financial need. Grants will be awarded January 3, 2000 through September 1, 2000, and may be used for various SADD activities designed to prevent underage

alcohol use, as well as tobacco and other drug use, while encouraging safe and healthy lifestyles. A maximum of \$1,000 will be awarded to individual SADD chapters per grant year.

"Through this program, Citizens can educate our communities, particularly our youngest insureds, about the risks and responsibilities of driving. It is the company's hope that through education, the number of traffic tragedies will be reduced," said Citizens President Jim McAuliffe.

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Felony laws for cyber criminals

Dec. 7, 1999, is a date that will live in infamy for Internet criminals.

The Michigan Senate today gave final approval to an Internet crime measure targeting those who use the Internet to stalk others, deliver bomb threats or engage in illegal gambling, said Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Rogers, R-Flint, sponsor of the bill.

"The Internet has proven to be an invaluable tool for research, communications and commerce," Rogers said. "The Senate today has taken an important step toward collaring a whole new class of criminals

who hid behind an electronic veil to terrorize stalking victims or use electronic courage to threaten our schools, churches and day care centers."

Senate Bill 562 establishes criminal penalties for using the Internet to stalk, send bomb threats or gamble illegally. While those activities already are illegal and have penalties in place, Rogers' measure creates additional penalties for using the Internet to commit those crimes.

"People need to know that Internet criminals don't have free rein to do as they please, and Internet criminals need to know Michigan is not going to tolerate the terrorizing of innocent people," Rogers said.

Senate Bill 562 deters cyber criminals by:

- Making it a felony punishable by up to two years in prison, a \$2,000 fine or both for using the Internet to participate in illegal gambling;
- Making it a felony punishable by up to five years in

prison, a \$5,000 fine or both to use the Internet to conspire to bomb, issue bomb threats or illegally market explosives and for subsequent illegal gambling offenses utilizing the Internet; and,

• Making it a felony punishable by up to two years in prison, a \$2,000 fine or both for using the Internet to stalk someone. A subsequent offense is punishable by up to five years in prison, a \$5,000 fine or both.

Under the measure, a violation occurs if the communication generates or terminates within Michigan boundaries and may be prosecuted in any jurisdiction in which it begins or ends.

"Criminals are going to get the message: Michigan isn't a good state in which to use the Internet for illegal activities or prey on others," Rogers said.

Senate Bill 562 now goes to Governor John Engler for signing.

Gypsy moth meeting set

A meeting has been scheduled for individuals who have had a gypsy moth infestation on their property and those interested in learning more about the status of the gypsy moth insect pest in Washtenaw County. This informational meeting will provide education on basic gypsy moth biology, as well as introduce community members to the Washtenaw County Gypsy Moth Suppression Program, a treatment program now in its third year in the county.

Last May, there were about 3,000 acres treated with Bacillus thuringiensis in this aerial suppression program, including 50 different areas throughout Washtenaw County. The gypsy moth caterpillars were again active in many new parts of the county during this summer, and fall egg mass surveying has determined approximately 2,000-3,000 acres eligible for aerial suppression next spring.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, just south of North Territorial Road.

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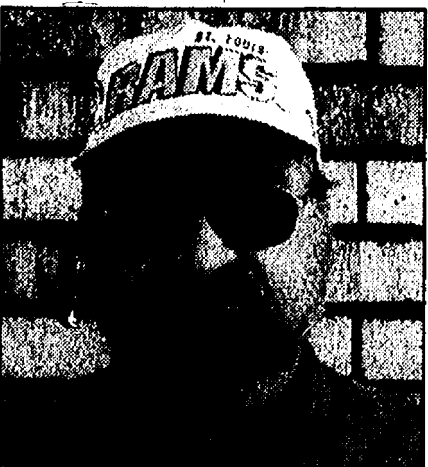
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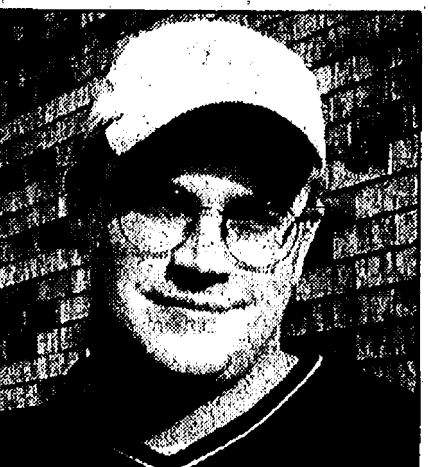
"I think that the recent growth which Chelsea has experienced is a positive thing, because there can be no progress without change."

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"I would like to see it become a city, and eventually the police department will have to get bigger too. This is a nice town, I have lived here for 47 years."

Stephen Foster
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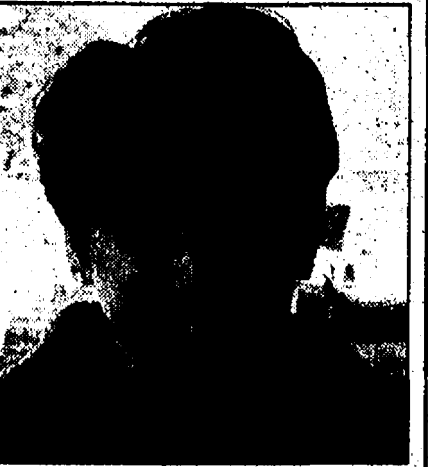
"We moved here seven years ago because it was such a nice small community. Although the expansion has brought good things - new grocery store, golf course - I still miss the small town flavor."

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"I'd like it to expand some, and see the bypass come in."

Theresa Hashley
Sylvan Township

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Y2K prescription advice available

We have all heard about Y2K and steps we can take to prepare ourselves for any disruption we may have in our lives at the turn of the century. As a Registered Nurse in the community, I would like to pass on some information I recently obtained at a national conference.

Laurene West, RN, is the national patient advocate acting as advisor to the President's Council on Y2K Conversion. She has worked with a coalition of senators, pharmacies, pharmaceutical manufacturers and suppliers, insurance companies, distributors and governmental agencies to make plans to ensure a constant supply of prescription medications through the transition into the year 2000.

Their recommendations include making a list of prescription and important over-the-counter medications for each member of the family; getting a normal refill of medication

when you have a five to seven day supply remaining; keeping up-to-date on getting your refills from now until the end of December; carrying your prescription plan ID card and showing it to the pharmacist each time; avoiding stockpiling of medications.

Pharmacies are aware of these recommendations, and insurance companies for the most part have signed on to the plan. However, local pharmacists tell me there are a few area prescription plans that will not allow refills more than two days before they are due. These are Care Choices, PCS, some policies of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and People's Prescription Plan.

West tells me that medical insurance companies administer their associated drug plans. She urges people covered by the above plans to contact their medical insurance companies about this issue. If they still won't allow a refill of prescriptions five to seven days before they expire in December, she asks that you fax her at (703)

931-4971. Please include your name, the names of your medical insurance and drug plans, a list of all medications that you are taking, and your drug plan member number. She will pursue it for you.

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Following these guidelines should ensure a smooth transition for those taking medicines. If you have questions, please contact your pharmacist or physician, or call me at 433-9333.

Karita Zarley, RNC, BS
Health Care Consultant

Support was appreciated

I would like to thank all

those who attended the time for "visitation" and/or the memorial service for Reverend Dr. Lynn Spitz-Nagel this past week. Judging by those who were at these events, it is clearly evident that Spitz not only touched the Chelsea community in many ways, but also influenced many individuals on a personal basis.

The expressions of sympathy and support have been most helpful to the family and many others. I especially want to thank Spitz's partners in ministry. Their presence and prayers have meant a great deal. They also reveal the respect and affection that he enjoyed among those with whom he worked.

On the one hand, our community has indeed suffered a significant loss, but on the other hand, we can and must be thankful for all that Spitz was and did among us while he was here.

Life in Chelsea will never be the same, and that is good.

David Cleaver Bartholomew
First Congregational Church

Thanks neighbors

I just love this town! A few weeks ago I was returning home after a huge trip to Polly's. I had about ten very full paper bags of groceries to lug out of my minivan and unload in my kitchen. As I hauled in the first two bags, I was regretting that it was the middle of the day and nobody would be home to give me a hand. I unpacked the first two bags and headed back outside to get the rest.

When I opened my front door, there were the rest of my groceries, sitting on the porch - someone had taken all those bags from my vehicle and brought them right up next to my door - and then disappeared.

Now, I know this might not seem like much to some people, but it made my day! So, whoever you are out there, I want you to know that I appreciated your random act of kindness.

Linda Meloche
Chelsea

Library millage may surprise on tax bill



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BOARD PRESIDENT

LIBRARY NOTES

You received your December tax bill. One item that township residents have not seen before is the operating millage for the Chelsea District Library.

The Chelsea District Library was formed in order to formally recognize services to a population much larger than just those living within the limits of the village. Even though the district library agreement was signed almost exactly two years ago, the library has continued to operate with a budget designed to serve 3,000 village residents.

When the voters in the enlarged service area approved the operating millage, the library was authorized to provide service to a population three times the size of the vil-

lage. With the resources available, it is now the duty of the library board to provide library services to all residents.

The approved millage allowed the library board to levy up to 1.75 mills, an amount large enough to operate in a larger building. We requested that amount because it would be needed had the bond passed.

The bond would have been spent to renovate and expand the current McKune House and purchase a much larger

opening day collection, in addition to upgraded technology.

Because of the timing of the election, the library board was required to set the levy almost immediately. The board unanimously adopted the levy after much debate on higher and lower amounts.

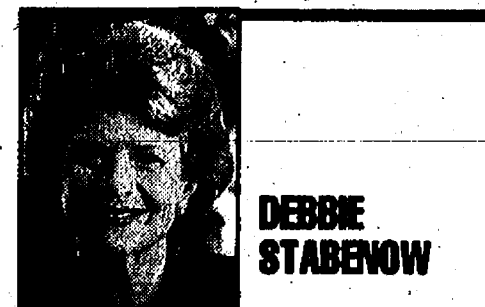
The amount selected, 1.63 mills, was thought to be an amount that would allow us to update an outdated and much-used collection, as well as provide access in a barrier-free environment, in addition to maintaining the McKune House for future expansion

and services.

The entire millage request was not levied, which means that the village residents are experiencing a reduced tax for library services, while each township household is paying for library services for the first time.

We hope everyone will make use of the services in our temporary location at the Media Center on the campus of the former Chelsea High School. For new, improved services please check the main desk in the library or our web site at chelsea.lib.mi.us.

Social Security not subject for games



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GUEST EDITORIAL

Congress last week. It's a dishonest budget and misleads the American people by hiding spending and using budget tricks even Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has called a "gimmick."

The Republican leadership is loudly proclaiming that they have balanced the budget without raiding Social Security. That simply is not true.

For example, this Congress has played games with "emergency spending," budget items reserved for natural disaster such as floods, droughts, or a national crisis. This deal puts Head Start, the low-income heating program, the Census and other items totaling \$27 billion into this category. The Census is hardly an emer-

gency since it is mandated in the Constitution and has been conducted every 10 years since 1790.

These games were played because emergency spending is not counted when balancing the Federal checkbook. Congress used this gimmick to exceed spending limits, using Social Security to cover the difference.

But taxpayers know that it does count. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office says that this Congress has spent over \$17 billion of the Social Security Trust Fund with these kind of gimmicks.

Another gimmick used is delayed spending. This deal would delay the payday of our

unlisted men and women in the military in order to push the spending into 2001. Meanwhile, no United States Representative or Senator will have to wait for their paycheck.

And to add insult to injury, Republican leaders put a hidden provision in the bill exempting Congressional pay from the across the board cut affecting other important public services.

Pork barrel spending in the budget also reached a new level, while critical priorities, such as the restoration of Medicare funding for our hospitals, home health care and nursing homes, weren't adequately addressed.

These gimmicks, pork bar-

rel spending and the raid on the Social Security Trust Fund are especially unfortunate because this budget contained some important priorities of mine. These priorities included the hiring and training of 100,000 new teachers and funding for legislation I introduced to add 50,000 more police officers to our streets.

Unfortunately, special interest politics prevailed in this budget and put us on the path to spend an even greater amount of the Social Security Trust Fund next year. Without these gimmicks and pork barrel spending, we could have passed an honest budget that protected Social Security and reflected the priorities of Michigan's working families. I remain committed to this goal.

Governor calls for more choice in education

By John Engler
Governor of Michigan

The 1990s in Michigan will go down in history as the education decade. More reforms, more improvements to public education, and more choices for students and parents have been accomplished this decade than in any other. Test scores are up, classroom teaching has improved and parents are more involved and empowered in their children's education.

But of all the reforms and improvements to Michigan's public education system, one of the more profound and positive impacts has come from giving parents educational choice through the creation of public charter schools. That's why it is time to raise the arbitrarily low cap on public charter schools.

In Michigan today, 173 charter public schools educate nearly 50,000 students. About 85 percent of charter schools are in metropolitan areas, half of which are in some of the more troubled districts. Most new charter schools are opening in districts where minorities comprise more than a third of enrollment.

The verdict is in on the public charter school experiment in Michigan: They are a ring-

ing success.

Charter public schools are improving the lives of thousands of Michigan students through new and exciting alternatives to traditional public education. Consider the facts:

- Charter public school students from eighth grade scored higher than the statewide average in science and writing on last year's Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests;
- And, more than 50 percent of students in charter public schools are minorities, and even more come from families with incomes below the poverty level.

Since the first charter public schools opened in 1994, parents yearning for more educational choices and better opportunities for their children have flocked to these new schools. Waiting lists are long, and the public demand for more of them is high.

At Holland Public Schools in West Michigan, administrators now survey parents who enroll their children in one of the community's three public charter schools to find out why they decided to pull their kids out of the traditional public schools in the hope of finding

ways to improve the present system. Everyone benefits.

And then there is the Crossroads Academy in Big Rapids. That public charter school had some of the highest test scores in its Intermediate School District in its first year of operation. On top of that, it has established an extremely positive relationship with area public school districts, so much so that the intermediate school district runs part of its special education program at the academy.

Whether it's been in failing urban school districts or districts considered above average, Michigan has proved that charter public schools work to make all schools better.

Now, it is time for the state to take the next logical step in education reform by raising the cap on the number of charter schools.

Parental demand for more choices has caused Michigan to reach the ceiling in the number of charter schools that can be sponsored by a college or university. That limit was reached this fall.

That's why last week I proposed raising the cap on charter schools by 50 next year to meet pent-up demand, and again by a modest 25 every year thereafter.

I also proposed allowing businesses to set up on-site charter schools for children of their employees. Not only will this give parents even more options, it will get more businesses directly involved in the education of the next generation of high-tech workers.

In addition, raising the cap will help at-risk students who are falling through the cracks of the current system by allowing them to receive the specialized education and attention they need to succeed.

If Michigan truly is going to lead our nation into the 21st century, then it must continue the reforms it started in the 1990s. And chief among these reforms is continuing to provide more choices in public education.

With more public charter schools, parents will be better able to choose the best type of public education for their children.

By raising the cap on public charter schools, everyone wins. The only prudent course is to give parents more choices - choices that have made Michigan a model of education reform throughout the nation. Our children deserve nothing less.

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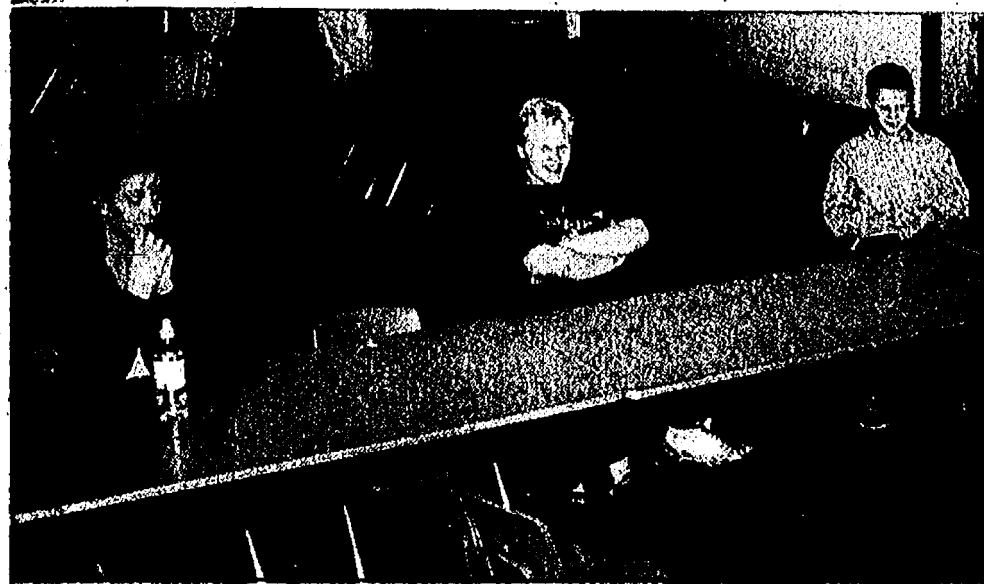
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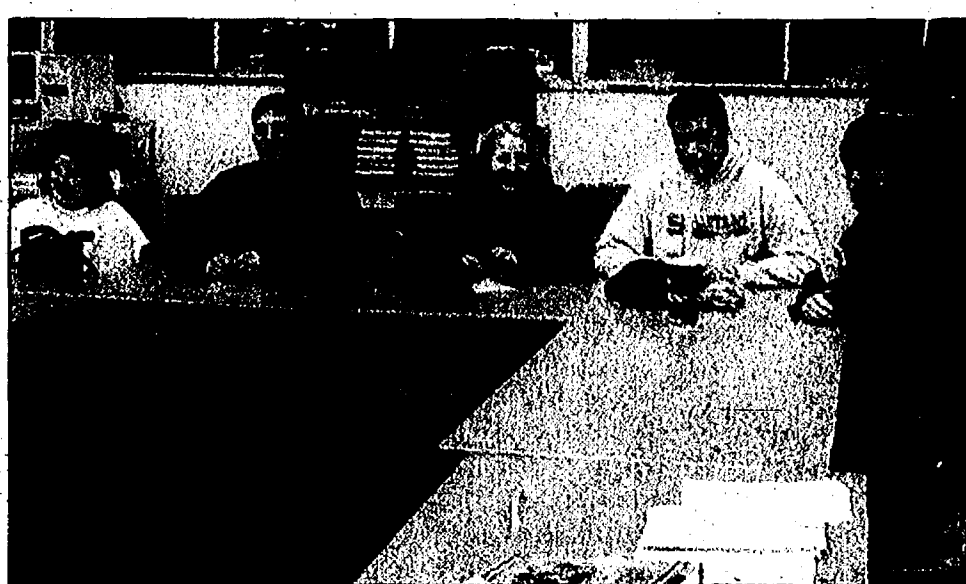
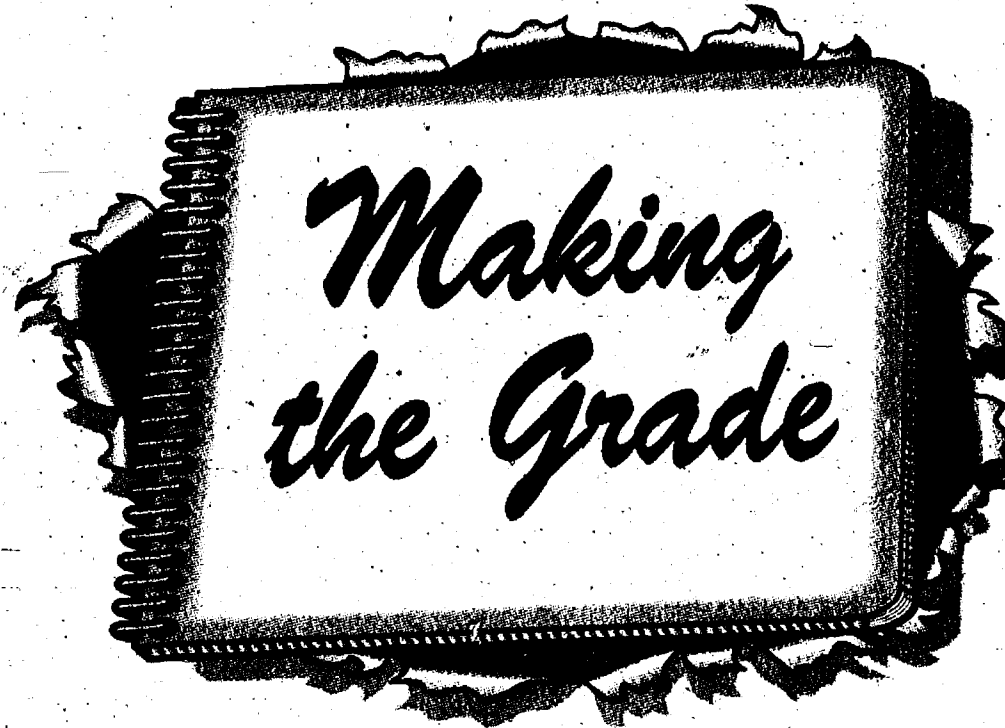
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The Chelsea Alternative High School allows a student leadership group to consult on some policy decisions for the program. Pictured from left are Mary Torrice, Nick Salter and Jimmy Ellison.



The leadership group also makes decisions about students activities for the alternative program. Pictured from left are Carrisa Elliot, Matt Borders, Angie White, Josh Zincke and Jordan Phillips. Not pictured from the group are Rob Molina and Steve Foster.

Family atmosphere helps program educate

By Jim Silver
Staff Writer

When six students were expelled from public high schools in Decatur, Ill., in November, part of a compromise worked out by Jesse Jackson was to allow the students to attend the local alternative high school.

The issue brought into national focus a relatively new educational issue, the alternative school facility. The Chelsea School District, among others nationwide, is exploring the option with its own brand of alternative school.

However, as Barb Fisher, who has been called the leader of the Chelsea Alternative High School program, puts it, "There is never (more than) one that is alike."

She cites Ann Arbor alternative public high schools, such as Stone School, which offers small classes and block scheduling; Community, a prestigious arts-oriented by-application-only; and Cope School, a court-ordered school of last resort for problem students.

Jordan Phillips, a senior at the Chelsea alternative school, compares Cope in Ann Arbor to the option offered the students in Decatur, whereas he likened the Chelsea program to Stone school.

"It's more open, more like college," Phillips said.

In addition, Josh Zincke, another student in the program, said the alternative school offered "more of a family atmosphere," a sentiment often echoed by students, teachers, and administrators.

Fisher, as well as Robin Raymond, pointed out that another difference between the Decatur alternative school and Chelsea Alternative High School is that the Chelsea program does not accept students with discipline

problems at the main high school.

The concept for the alternative school in Chelsea began four years ago. Raymond, Chelsea High School vice principal, and the district's special education director Dr. Henry DeYoung were concerned that 22 students had dropped out of the high school in the 1994-1995 school year.

"That didn't count move-aways or transfers, they just stopped coming to school," Raymond said.

"We thought (that dropout rate) for Chelsea High School, was way too high," Raymond said.

An alternative program had been under consideration for some future implementation, but the concern for dropouts made it a priority issue.

Raymond and DeYoung made a presentation to the school board that summer, to begin a program with smaller class sizes, and a more low-key, hands-on curriculum.

Since then, the dropout rate has been between three and eight students a year.

The alternative high school started the following school year, in August of 1995, with 17 students and Fisher as the only teacher. All classes were held in the former in-school suspension room at the Washington Street facility.

In its second year, the school expanded to 30 students and three teachers, and moved to the locker room building. Renovations made room for three teaching stations in the building.

Fisher used work necessary before the school moved in as an opportunity to draw the program's community together.

"Our kids and their families came in, when we moved in, to take out the mounds of cement

that the lockers sat on," she said.

"Instead of hiring somebody, we let our families and kids do it."

The arrangements were short-lived, however. At the end of the school year, as Chelsea High School moved operations to the Freer Road location, the locker building was torn down and the alternative high school moved to the former art building on the campus, which it shares with a pre-school program.

The new facilities allowed the school to expand, with 48 students in its third year, and adding a part-time teacher to the three-person staff.

This year, the student body has held relatively steady at 47, as has the teaching staff. While Raymond is the administrator for the program, he says much of the day-to-day oversight falls to Fisher.

The school operates with an integrated-block curriculum, melding related subjects into longer classes, which allows for some alteration in teaching styles.

"Math and science (are) a single class for two hours. We have an English/social studies, English/world studies, and now we have a technology-media class," Raymond said.

The lattermost class takes advantage of one feature of the new facilities, a 12-station computer lab.

Joe Tinsley, a Chelsea district teacher who spends part of his week at the alternative high school teaching art and technology, has taken advantage of these technological capabilities to offer a class with community outreach possibilities.

"The students are designing web pages for local businesses," he said. "They meet the people and ask questions about the business, and then design the page based on the information

they collected."

It is then the business owner's choice whether to select the student-designed page as their official Web presence.

Web-design is one facet of the alternative school's emphasis on community. The program stresses involvement by students' families, and provides a number of opportunities for community outreach.

The program is designed to bring the students and the community together throughout the year. Students recently offered free gift-wrapping for the second year; in addition, they held a canned food drive each year at Thanksgiving, and create Christmas and Easter care baskets, which they donate to local families.

Rather than hold open houses, students and their parents are encouraged to take part in family meals, occurring at several periods throughout the year. In the last month, for instance, the school held a Thanksgiving dinner, which 80 percent of parents attended.

"We barbecued two turkeys outside, (and had) stuffing, potatoes - parents make the food and bring it in," Raymond said.

He added, "It's amazing how many parents bring their families. Other children come to all these activities."

The dinners are supplemented by parent-teacher contact at least every two weeks, and a parent advisory group.

In addition, students agree that the alternative program has more of a family feel than their experiences at the main high school.

One factor of the feeling is a student leadership group, which meets every morning to make decisions about school activities, as well as occasionally resolve some disputes, or con-

sult with the faculty on disciplinary action.

Many students also cited the smaller class sizes as contributing to the family atmosphere, which allows more individualized instruction. The smaller student body size also lets all of the students grow together, knitting together as a family.

Family plays a part in the entry process for the alternative school as well. Students are encouraged to go through a year at Chelsea High School before opting into the alternative program. After that year, students have the option to move to the Washington Street school.

However, a student can enter the program directly from middle school at their parent's request.

"It's a choice to come here," Fisher said, by way of comparison with the Decatur situation. "We've never made any kids come here."

Once the student has shown some interest, he or she must fill out a two-page form explaining their desire to enter the program. So far, students transferring to the program have kept the student body between 40 and 50. Raymond emphasized that that size was ideal for a close-knit community.

The disadvantage to the family atmosphere is a keener sense of loss following graduation, which occurs twice a year, in January and June.

"It seems like every year you have to put this family together again," Zincke said.

But he offers a metaphor for the resulting structure. "It's like a bunch of different-colored Legos stuck together, which form one big building."

After four years of the program, Fisher has graduated 40 to 50 alumni from the alternative school program. Some have gone

to jobs, some to cosmetology school, others to Washtenaw Community College, and some to Michigan State University.

She admitted that there were some students who dropped out of the alternative program.

"Sometimes they just leave and never go to school again," she said.

Indeed, there have been some negative attitudes towards the alternative school in the community. Fisher said that she understood that some teachers might look on the program as easier on the students.

She stressed, however, that the emphasis for the school was on keeping the students in school, and getting them graduated, while still learning the curriculum.

Raymond too said that, rather than offering Education Lite, the alternative program simply allows students to stretch out the learning process, echoing the concept of greater individualization.

Chelsea Alternative High School is beginning to amass its own traditions, and is taking on some of the trappings of a full-scale school. There is a separate yearbook and graduation ceremony, which the students have helped shape.

In fact, Fisher offered to change the name of the school, to accentuate the equality of the program.

"When people say 'alternative' (schools), I think there's a lot of negative feelings about it," Fisher said. "We actually thought about taking the word out of the name," but some of the students felt that the word was central to the name.

"That's what it is," student Mary Torrice said. "Why change that?"

Chelsea school district hires Manchester man for Curriculum

By Shawn Lawrence
Associate Editor

Manchester elementary principal Brian Kissman has resigned from the district to take a job in the Chelsea school district.

Kissman is awaiting approval from the Manchester Board of Education to release him from his current contract before he starts his new duties.

In the Chelsea district, Kissman will be the director of curriculum, K through 12. Kissman has been the principal at Klager for two-and-a-half years.

He said he decided to take the job because his field of expertise is in curriculum development, and the new position would allow him an opportunity to develop that specialty. The job also represents an increase in pay for Kissman.

"It was a very difficult decision," Kissman said. "I wasn't sure until the eleventh hour. I pondered at great length and thought about many things. In the end I thought it was the right decision."

Despite concerns with recent Manchester board decisions, Kissman said he believes the overall direction of the Manchester district is positive. "I think the Manchester district is on the cusp of becoming

an very outstanding district," he said. "We're not there yet, but we're close. With the right leadership, with strong leadership, we can get there."

Kissman praised the Chelsea board and administrative team for their role in moving the district forward. He noted that districts facing upgrades, like Manchester, need to act while the economy will support the needed improvements.

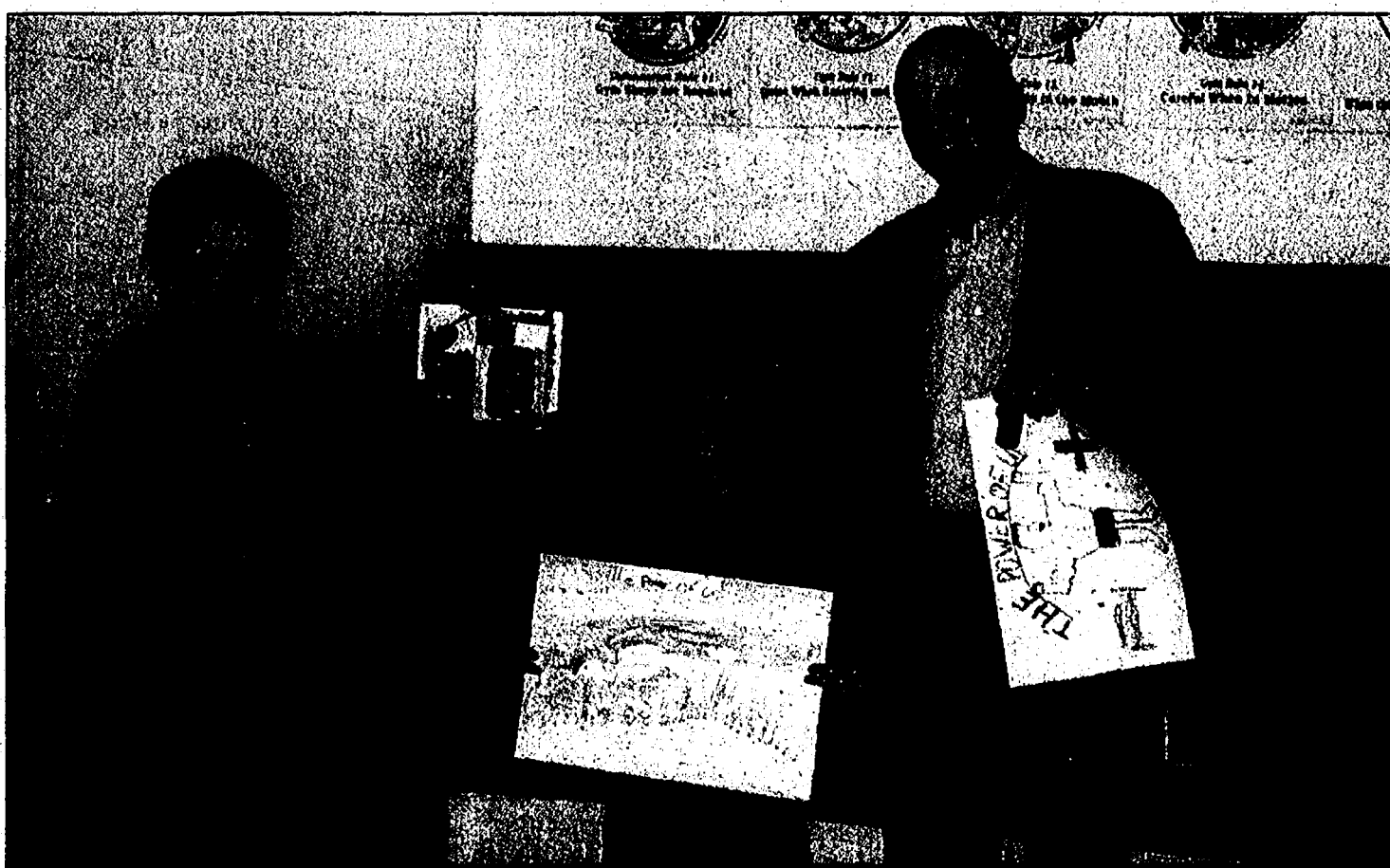
"I think the future is now," he said. "We won't see a strong economy like this again for a while, perhaps. Now is the best time fiscally to go for it."

"The bar has been set," he continued. "Dexter, Chelsea, and Saline have all built new facilities, and (there will be) a lot of competition out there in the future," he said. "As wonderful as this community is ... I would like to see them go for it."

Manchester's Interim Superintendent Robert Smith has named John McGuire the interim principal at Klager through the end of the year.

Smith said that Kissman will be missed.

"We appreciate his outstanding work and know that Chelsea will appreciate his considerable curriculum skill," Smith said. "We wish him well and thank him for his work while he was here in Manchester."



Brian Kissman, presently the principal of Klager Elementary School in Manchester, will be assuming the role of director of curriculum for the Chelsea School district Jan. 17, 2000.

Kissman, 42, is married to his wife, Simendea, and has two daughters, Ashly and Amanda. He currently lives in Manchester, but said he intends to relocate to Chelsea within the next six to 18 months.

Kissman replaces former Chelsea curriculum director Dr. Laurie Kotchenruther.

Chelsea Superintendent Ed Richardson noted that the district was fortunate to find such a high caliber candidate after a relatively short search. Formal interviews for Kotchenruther's replacement began this fall.

Kissman grew up in the southwest corner of the state in New Buffalo. He has a bachelor's

degree in psychology and social work with a minor in elementary education from Grand Valley State University. He also has a master's degree in educational leadership from Western Michigan University. He has done graduate work at Michigan State University with an emphasis on curriculum, and has also

published two programs in mathematics and phonics.

Kissman said he is looking forward to the challenge of his new job as curriculum director.

"My primary responsibility (will be) to take the curriculum forward and provide leadership," he said. "It will be to provide the staff with support to allow them to be successful, and also to make learning enjoyable."

In his new job, Kissman will work with a team of about 14 administrators in Chelsea.

"A big part of the decision was not only the career opportunity, but how impressed I was with administrative team," he said. "I am impressed with the direction of the Chelsea district. They have a new \$40-million high school and they're committed to it. An opportunity like this doesn't come along too often."

But Kissman said he will miss the ties he has developed here in Manchester.

"I've grown personally and professionally by working with my staff and with this school community," he said. "I do respect everybody here and I feel the intent of this school community is very good and very positive. It's been an honor for me to be here."

WEDDINGS

Moon, Davies wed in Dexter

Monica Alexandra Moon, daughter of Maria and Owen Moon of Coronado, Calif., and Rupert Hugo Davis, son of Marilyn and Dennis Davies of Dexter, were married July 31 at the Davies' residence on the banks of the Huron River, with Father Cecilio Rena of Ann Arbor officiating.

Maid of honor was Rima Mahjoory of Chicago. Best man was Nathan Davies of New York City, the groom's brother.

Bridesmaids were Sherry Barnes of San Diego, Cheryl Rosenblatt of Atlanta, Johanna Slalem of San Diego and Zeina Haurani of Hoboken, N.J. Groomsmen were Josh Judit of Pinckney, P.J. Burke of Boulder, Colo., Nathan Hiller of San Diego and Morgan Moon of Corpus Christi, Texas, brother of the bride.

The ringbearer was Joseph Nazdin of Bethesda, Md., cousin of the bride. Candy Shopper of Birmingham, England, cousin of the groom, was



flower girl.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Portage Yacht Club in Pinckney. The

couple honeymooned in Canada and Mexico.

The couple will reside in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Haist, Narva wed in Gowen

Paula Jean Haist of Greenville, daughter of Kenneth and Barbara Haist of Chelsea, and Daniel Alan Narva of Greenville, son of Ed and Helen Narva of Maple City, were married Nov. 13 at Spencer Mills Church in Gowen, with Pastor Frank Marsh officiating.

Maid of honor was Jennifer Jarvis of Greenville. Best man was Mark Peterson of Brooklyn Center, Minn.

Bridesmaids were Constance Bollinger of Chelsea and Trish Lindeman of Greenville. Groomsmen were Mark Vigness, of Brooklyn Center, James Miller of Big Rapids, Greg Haist of Chelsea, brother of the bride, and Tim Narva of Farmington, brother of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at The Cross Bow in Rockford. The couple honeymooned in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

The bride is a 1981 gradu-



ate of Chelsea High School, and a 1986 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is currently employed as a vocal music teacher at Greenville Middle School. The groom is a 1978 graduate of Glen Lake

High School, and a 1982 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently employed at Information Technology Services at Meijer. The couple will reside in Greenville.



Erskine, Shaw married locally

Shari Erskine of North Lake, daughter of Gary and Mary Erskine of Chelsea, and Tim Shaw of Gregory, son of Cliff and Rebecca Shaw of Illinois, were married June 19 outdoors at the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, with Coyne Holiday officiating.

Maid of honor was Lyn Szeles of Grass Lake. Best man was Rusty Shaw of Hamburg, the groom's brother.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer Ledwedge of Ypsilanti, Tracey Sharkey of Ann Arbor, Marcia Erskine of Gregory, the bride's sister-in-law, and junior bridesmaid was Valeria Erskine of North Lake, the bride's daughter. Ushers were Matt Allen of Stockbridge and Tim Connor of Chelsea. Groomsmen were David Erskine of Gregory and John Er-

skine of Chelsea, the bride's brothers, and Mike Erskine of Stockbridge, uncle of the bride.

Flower girls were Misty Erskine and Brittany Erskine of Gregory, the bride's nieces. Ringbearer was Max Szeles of Grass Lake, the maid of honor's son.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Rod and Gun Club. The couple honeymooned in the Upper Peninsula.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Chelsea High School. She is currently employed at Baker Johnson, and at Inverness Inn. The groom is a 1976 graduate of Pinckney High School. He is currently employed at Hamburg Plastics. The couple will reside in North Lake.



Bromley, Anderson united

Suzanne Elizabeth Bromley of Orlando, Fla., and Ross Anderson of Dundee, Scotland were married in a private ceremony Oct. 23 at St. Luke's Church in Orlando. The couple will renew their vows March 4, 2000, at Isleworth Country Club in Orlando.

The bride is a 1995 gradu-

ate of Dexter High School, and a 1999 graduate of Florida Southern College. She met her husband following her graduation, while living in Aberfeldy, Scotland. She is currently employed in accounting at the Hyatt Grand Cypress. The groom is currently employed as a chef. The couple will reside in Orlando.

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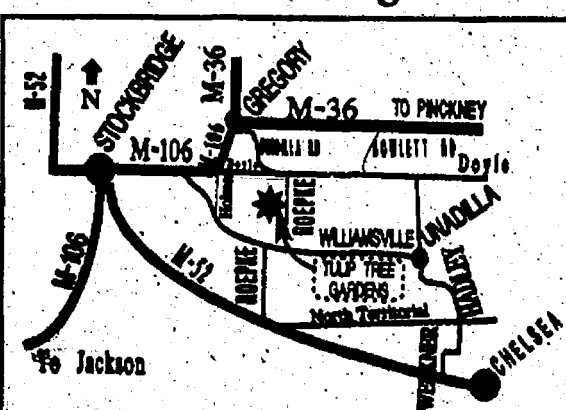
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heartworm or feline leukemia testing, and spay or neuter can run \$500-\$600 the first year. Food, litter and supplies can also cost \$10-\$50 per month. Unwanted pets, or those that cannot be cared for, may end up at a shelter. If a new home cannot be found within 1-2 weeks, most will be euthanized. Please, if you are considering getting a loved one a pet this holiday season, make sure they are ready to commit to caring for a dog or cat for the next 10-15 years. If you have any questions on pet care, please call Westarbor at (734) 769-5391. Happy Holidays!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Now through mid-December

1) Interact, A service group at Chelsea High School is sponsoring a clothes, blanket, coat and book drive. The drop-off places are at St. Mary Church and Zou Zou's Cafe. Donations will go to the Soup Kitchen in Ypsilanti.

2) "Giving Tree" is sponsored by Great Lakes Bank. Faith in Action and the Young Women of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. It is located in the lobby of the Great Lakes Bank. Stop by and help some needy children have a merry Christmas.

Saturday, Dec. 18

Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., presents "Mornings, Mochas & Melodies" featuring live folk and acoustic music, Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This week's entertainment is Loyse. For more information, please call (734) 475-6081.

CHS National Honors Society is hosting its annual Holiday Baby-sitting at the First United Methodist Church (across from the Purple Rose Theater). NHS members will watch children for parents who need to do shopping or simply want a night off. Hours are 3 - 10 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

LaLeche League of Western Washtenaw meets at the First Congregational Church of Chelsea, 121 E. Middle St. from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Contact Dena at (734) 475-2094 for more information, or on-line at www.hvsn.org/info/111.

Lima Township Planning Commission meets at 8 p.m.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS Canceled Event

Alzheimer's Assoc. Family Caregiver Support Group in Chelsea, will be canceled until May 2000. Contact the Alzheimer's Assoc. at 800-337-3827 or (734) 677-3081 for additional info or other support group times and locations.

Thursday

Chelsea American Legion, Herbert J. McKune Post 31, will be meeting on the first Thursday of the month, starting at 8 p.m. Any questions call Pat Merkel (734) 475-1824.

Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors meets on the first Thursday of each month. Info, Bill Stewart (734) 475-1515, or Marcia White, (734) 475-6368.

Little Professor Reading Group for adults meets every other Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Call with questions (734) 433-2665.

Senior Nutrition Program meets Thursdays at noon in the Waterloo Township Hall. For reservations call (734) 475-7439, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunches, cards and fellowship.

Sunday

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets on the second Sunday of the month from 1:30-4 p.m. Questions call (734) 741-9209 or 1-800-852-9781.

Monday

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:15 p.m.

Domestic Violence Project Safe House Support Group meets every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, Behavioral Health Services building, 6:30-8 p.m. Info., (734) 426-0369.

Lima Township Board meets the first Monday of the month at 8 p.m.

Mystery Book Club meets at 7:30 p.m., upstairs at McKune House. The group meets regularly at the library on the second Monday of the month.

Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays at First United Methodist Church, Chelsea, 7:30 p.m., Info., (734) 475-4284.

Chelsea District Library Board meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., White Oaks Inn at Chelsea Hospital.

Chelsea Lions Club meets every Tuesday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 6:45 p.m.

Chelsea Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at the Common Grill, 12:30 p.m.

Lima Township Planning Commission meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m.

Senior Nutrition Program meets Tuesdays at noon in the Waterloo Township Hall. For reservations call (734) 475-7439, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunches, cards and fellowship.

Wednesday

New Beginnings, a grief support group for people experiencing the loss of a loved one. Offered as a community service by the Chelsea Retirement Community, meetings are on Wednesdays in the Crippen building, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info., Kearney Kirkby, (734) 475-2868.

OTHER

Chelsea Senior Nutrition Program at the Senior Center. To reserve lunch, call Arlene Larson a day ahead at (734) 475-0160.

Chelsea Together. For more information, call weekdays (734) 475-4030, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or (734) 475-5935, 5-9 p.m.

Faith in Action House Community Center, open daily. Provides free services to those in need. Services include food, clothing, financial help, advocacy and many other forms of assistance. Need friendly help? Only winter clothing will be accepted. Call from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., (734) 475-3305.

Home Meal Service, Chelsea Meals served daily to elderly or disabled. Cost per meal, \$3.25 with milk, \$3 without milk, for those able to pay. Interested parties call Mary at (734) 475-9494 or Faith in Action at (734) 475-3305.

Parent to Parent Program in-home, friendly, visiting support system for families with children. Call (734) 475-3305.

DEXTER MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Dexter Rotary Club meets at Cousins Heritage Inn every Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

Village of Dexter Downtown Development Authority meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at National City Bank.

Monday

Dexter PTO meets every fourth Monday of the month (except for December) at 7 p.m. in the media center at Mill Creek Middle School.

Tuesday

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets at Cousins Heritage Inn the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Dexter Township Planning Commission meets on the first and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Dexter Township Hall at 7:30 p.m.

New Beginnings, a support group dealing with death and divorce, meets Tuesdays at St. James' Episcopal Church, Dexter, at 5:30 p.m. Call Faye Wisely, (734) 426-8931 or the church, (734) 426-8247 for information.

Dexter Touchdown Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Dexter High School library at 7 p.m. All supporters of Dexter football, grades 7-12 are welcome. Contact Pat Little, (734) 426-3991.

Smokers Anonymous meets Tuesdays at St. James' Episcopal Church, Dexter, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call (734) 426-8696.

The Village of Dexter Parks Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at National City Bank, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Dexter Jaycees are looking for young adults ages 21-39 to join their club. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at National City Bank, Dexter Info., (734) 426-1080.

Parents For Safety a non-profit organization dedicated to safety issues within the schools and the Village of Dexter. Meetings are open to the public every third Wednesday of the month in the Mill Creek Middle School Media Center at 7:30 p.m. For more information please call Rhonda Hall at (734) 426-2883.

OTHER

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Dexter Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Dexter-Chelsea Right to Life meets the third Monday each month at 7 p.m. in the Mary Room at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 3540 Dover St., Dexter. Info., Anne Young, (734) 426-5010.

Dexter Family Service, contact Pat Burnett, (734) 449-2149, Marian Burgett, (734) 426-2186, Shawn Dettling, (734) 426-4343 or Judy Wheeler, (734) 426-2160.

Dexter Senior Nutrition Program delivers meals M-F to elderly homebound, serves lunch M-F at Dexter Senior Center, Copeland building. To reserve a lunch, call 24 hrs. ahead, Cindy White, (734) 426-5397.

Play-N-Chat, a home-based group for moms and their children under 5 years old, meets Wednesdays and Fridays. For place and times call Jackie Esch, (734) 426-5437.

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ENGAGEMENTS



ENGAGED: Susan Hollister of Dexter, daughter of Jim and Linda Hollister of Dexter and Sheridan, and Michael Petit of Westland, son of Jay and JoAnn Petit of Westland, have set an Aug. 12 garden wedding. The future bride is a 1987 graduate of Dexter High School and a 1991 graduate of Washtenaw Community College. She is currently employed as a teacher at Gretchen House VI in Ann Arbor. The future groom is a 1987 graduate of John Glenn High School, and spent six years in the U.S. Marine Corps, achieving the rank of sergeant. He is currently employed as a sheet metal installer through Local 80.



ENGAGED: Cheryl L. Wright, of Ann Arbor, daughter of Evelyn Lunge Wright of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Charles W. Wright of Lake Montezuma, Ariz., and Scott L. Shepard of Ann Arbor, son of Sue and Donald Shepard of Dexter, have set a Valentine's Day wedding. The future bride is a 1986 graduate of Falmouth High School, and a graduate of University of Michigan with a bachelor's of science in 1991 and a master's of atmospheric science in 1996. She is currently employed at MU-Net in Ann Arbor, in the field of computer networking. The future groom is a 1992 graduate of Dexter High School, and attended Washtenaw Community College and Eastern Michigan University. He is currently employed as a systems engineer for Pathway Systems, a computer consulting business in Dearborn.

BIRTHS

A daughter, Haile Rose, born Oct. 30 in Ann Arbor to Lisa and Wally Steinaway of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Steve and Judy Shepherd of Grass Lake, and Dale and Wendy Purdy of Pinckney. Paternal grandparents are Cheryl Steinaway of Chelsea, and Waldo Steinaway. The baby's sibling is Kara, 2-years-old.

A daughter, Isabel Esther, born Nov. 27 to Ana (Maltez) and David Lane of Elyria, Ohio. Maternal grandparents are Justina and Pedro Maltez of Managua, Nicaragua. Paternal grandparents are Donna Esther (Noah) Lane and the late Dr. Wilfred Chandler Lane of Chelsea.

A daughter, Jenna Eden, born Dec. 9 to Marilyn and Al Gilczek of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are David and Aileen Dinsmore of Royal Oak. Paternal grandparents are Harold and Bernice Gilczek of Rose City. The baby's siblings include A.J. and Brian.

A daughter, Melody Marie, born Oct. 19 at St. Joseph Hospital to David and Marcia Erskine of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Jo and the late Tom Walsh of Dexter. Paternal grandparents are Mary and Gary Erskine of Chelsea. Great-grandparents include Velma French of Chelsea. The baby's siblings include Misty and Brittney.

A son, Randy Joseph Jr., born Oct. 23 at the University of Michigan Hospital to Tina and Randy Dale Sr. of Ann Arbor, formerly of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Pennie and Cleo Delano of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are Karen and Bill Dale of Chelsea.

A son, Kevin Matthew, born Oct. 20 to Beth and Scott Clipper of Dexter. Maternal grandparents are Jack and Martha Jo-Mackey of Madison, Ohio. Paternal grandparents are Mark and Nancy Clipper of Brownsville, Penn.

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Dexter library reaches young readers

The Dexter District Library is pleased to announce a new joint program with the Dexter Community Schools called the "First-Grade Reader Round Up." The program, which will take place the week of Jan. 24, 2000, will bring all the first-grade children for a visit to the Dexter District Library.

During the visit the children will be given library cards, have a tour of the library and staff will show the children to the wealth of books and other materials the Library has to offer.

This week, first-grade children will be bringing home library card application forms. Parents will need to fill out the form. An instruction sheet is attached to the form but parents may also call the library at 426-4477 if they have further questions.

The application forms have been distributed to Cornerstone Elementary teachers and will be sent home with all first-grade children. After completing the form, parents should have their child return the form to his or her teacher at Cornerstone Elementary.

The Library will prepare

library cards for all the children in advance of the class visits. If we have any questions regarding the application forms, a library staff member will contact the parents directly to clear up any problems. We hope all children who come to the Library as part of this program will be able to check out a book during their visit. Parents who have already registered their child for a library card will need to send the card along with the child.

The Library will not be able to loan materials to children if an application form has not been returned, so please make sure to return those library card application forms.

The immediate goal of the "First-Grade Reader Round Up" program is to get young children excited about learning and using the library. The long-term goal of the program is to ensure that every child attending the Dexter schools is introduced to the library and sees the library as an additional resource for their term papers and other information needs.

And from the Friends...

The Friends of the Dexter District Library had their first ever mid-winter Book Sale on Saturday, Dec. 4. The sale was held in Mill Creek Middle School lunchroom, and brought in over \$750. The proceeds will go to support Library programs, purchase furnishings and purchase reference materials.

The success of the sale will undoubtedly lead to future mid-winter sales.

The Friends of the Library would like to thank Dexter Community Schools Board President Sharon Crawford, Schools Superintendent Bill Spargur and especially the custodial staff of Mill Creek Middle School for their help in securing and setting up the site for the book sale.

The Friends also thank all the community residents who showed up early and stayed late. Almost all the books were sold, which made for an easy clean up at the end of the day. Be sure to look for the Friends Spring sale coming in late May or early June. And as always, the Library is accepting book donations on a continuing basis.

Workshop set for scholarships

Students planning to attend college in the fall of 2000 and considering applying for financial aid should mark their calendars for Jan. 6.

Vicki Crupper from the University of Michigan will speak on the Federal Application for Financial Aid form and procedures and techniques for getting scholarship money.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Room 110 of the Chelsea High School.

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337 Wilkinson St.
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Jack Story, Pastor
Sunday: Worship, 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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17999 Washburne Rd., Grass Lake
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Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service,
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Wednesday: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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St. Mary Catholic Church
14200 Old US-12, Chelsea
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The Rev. Dr. William J. Turner
Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:30
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Weekday Mass: 9 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 12-1 p.m.

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Church of Christ
13661 E. Old US-12, Chelsea
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Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.

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805 W. Middle St., in the Chelsea
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St. Barnabas
20500 Old US-12, Chelsea
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The Rev. Dr. Jerrold Beaumont
Sunday: Christian Education, 10
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Wednesday: Services, 6:30 p.m.

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7665 Werkner Rd.
(734) 475-1391
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Sunday: Traditional worship, 8:30
a.m.; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.;
Contemporary worship, 11 a.m.;
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Mid-week services.

Lutheran
Faith Evangelical (WELS)
9575 North Territorial Rd., Dexter
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The Rev. Mark Porinsky
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.;
Worship, 10 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran
1515 S. Main St., Chelsea
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The Rev. Dale Grimm
Sunday: Heritage/Communion
Worship, 8:15 a.m.; Education
Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Ser-
vice, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service,
6:30 p.m.

St. Jacob Evangelical
12501 Riethmiller Rd., Grass Lake
617-622-4187
The Rev. Paul Huebner
Sunday: Sunday School and Bible
Class, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m.

Zion Lutheran
3050 S. Fletcher Rd., Chelsea
(734) 475-8064
David Hendricks, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.;
Worship Service, 10:15 a.m.;
Communion Services, first and
third Sundays of every month.
Tuesday: Aerobics, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: Aerobics, 6:30 p.m.

Methodist
First United Methodist
128 Park St., Chelsea
(734) 475-8119
The Rev. Richard Dake
The Rev. Peggy R. Garrigues-
Cortelyou
Sunday: Worship Services, 8:30
a.m. and 11 a.m.; Sunday School,
9:45 a.m.

Manchester United Methodist
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501 Ann Arbor Rd., Manchester
(734) 428-8495
The Rev. Dave Mulder

North Lake United
14111 North Territorial Rd.
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The Rev. Wayne Hawley
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
Worship, 10:30 a.m.;
Fellowship, 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.;
Choir, 8 p.m.

Salem Grove United Methodist
3320 Notten Rd., Grass Lake
(734) 475-2370

The Rev. Carolyn Harris and
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Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Sharon United Methodist
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(734) 428-8430
The Rev. Carter Garrigues-Cortelyou
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.

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Gary Spooner, President
1330 Freer Rd., Chelsea
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Sunday school, 10:50 a.m.; Priest-
hood and Relief Society, 11:45 a.m.

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Baka'i Faith
705 S. Main St., Chelsea
(734) 475-2718
Monday: Devotional meeting,
7 p.m.

Chelsea Hospital Ministry
775 S. Main St., Chelsea
(734) 475-1311

Covenant Church
Anthony Dickerson, Pastor
50 N. Freer Rd.
(734) 475-2508
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.;
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Communion first Sunday
of every month.

Immanuel Bible
145 E. Summit St., Chelsea
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Ronald W. Clark, Pastor
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Worship, 10:45; Evening small
groups, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Prayer Service, 7 p.m.

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12884 Trist Rd., Grass Lake
(517) 522-8182
Joseph O'Neill, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.;
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12 noon. Nursery open 10 a.m.-
noon.

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St. James
3279 Broad St., Dexter
(734) 428-8247
The Rev. David J. Horning
Sunday: Holy Eucharist, 8 a.m. and
10 a.m.; Nursery and Sunday
school, 10 a.m.

Lutheran
Faith Lutheran (WELS)
9575 N. Territorial Rd.
(734) 428-4302
Mark Porinsky, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.
Worship service, 10 a.m.

Peace Lutheran
6105 Jackson Rd., Birchwood
Plaza
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The Rev. Larry Courson
Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m.; AAL
Meeting, 9:35 a.m.;
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Dexter United Methodist
7643 Huron River Dr., Dexter
(734) 428-8480
The Rev. William Donahue,
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The Rev. Fred Finzer,
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Sunday: Worship, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Presbyterian
Covenant Presbyterian
5171 Jackson Rd., Dexter
(734) 761-1999
The Rev. Mark Vanderput
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
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Worship, 10:45 a.m.

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Erik Hansen, Pastor
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9900 Jackson Rd.
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Sunday and Holy Days: Divine lit-
urgy, English and Slavonic, 10 a.m.

Presbyterian
Unadilla Presbyterian
20175 Williams Rd., Unadilla
Joh Qiu, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Worship, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
On the Square in Stockbridge
M-52 and M-106
1-888-784-8128
Sunday: Worship, 11 a.m.
Communion and pot luck first
Sunday of the month.
Wednesday: Worship, 6:45 p.m.

Quaker
Michigan Friends Center
7748 Clark Lake Rd., Chelsea
Isabel Bliss, Pastor
(734) 475-9976
Sunday: Unprogrammed meeting
at 10 a.m., first Sunday of each
month; all other Sundays,
5:00 p.m.

United Church of Christ
Bethel Evangelical
10425 Bethel Church Rd.
(734) 428-8000
The Rev. Richard Hardy

First Congregational-Chelsea
121 E. Middle St.
(734) 475-1844
The Rev. David Cleaver-
Bartholomew
Sunday: Church school, 9 a.m.;
Worship service, 10 a.m.
Nursery provided for
10 a.m. service.

St. John's (Roger's Corners)
12376 Waters Rd., Chelsea
(517) 456-7661
The Rev. Nancy M. Doty
Sunday: Sunday School and
Worship, 9:30 a.m.

St. John's
270 Bohne Rd., Grass Lake
Kris Abbey, Pastor
Sunday: Worship and Sunday
School, 10:30 a.m.
Communion first Sunday
each month.

St. Paul
14600 Old US-12
(734) 475-2545
The Rev. Dr. Lynn Spitz-Nagel
Sunday: Church school for all
ages, 9:15 a.m.;
Worship service, 10:30 a.m.;
Communion Service, every
first Sunday of the month.
Wednesday: Children's choir 6 p.m.

Non-Denominational
Christian House of Prayer
9949 McGregor Rd.
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Paul McKelvey, Elder
Ron Mannor, Elder
Sunday: Worship, 10 a.m.;
Sunday School, 11 a.m.;
Evening Service, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Bible Study/Youth
Group, 7:30 p.m.

Dexter Gospel
2253 Baker Rd., Dexter
(734) 428-4915
John O'Dell, Pastor
Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
Worship 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

New Hope Christian Fellowship
2207 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor
(734) 761-7303
Tim Wise, Pastor
Sunday: Worship 10:30 a.m.

Scio Community Christian and
Missionary Alliance
1293 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor
(734) 662-7351
Steve Murray, Pastor
Sunday: Worship service, 9 and
10:30 a.m.; Jubilee adventure,
10:30 a.m.

United Church of Christ
St. Andrew's
7610 Ann Arbor St., Dexter
(734) 428-8610
The Rev. Gary J. Kwiatek
Sunday: Worship, 8:15 a.m.;
Coffee time, 9:30 a.m.; Worship
and Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Webster United Church of Christ
5484 Webster Church Rd., Dexter
(734) 428-5115
The Rev. LaVerne M. Gill
Sunday: Holy Communion, 8:30
a.m.; Church School, 9:15 a.m.;
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

If your church is in the Che-
elsea/Dexter area and is not listed
here, please call us
at (734) 475-1371.
Church Secretaries: We need
information about your next
week's activities by Friday.
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DEATHS

ALFRIEDA M. WALWORTH
Brooklyn

Age 90, passed away Dec. 12,
1999. She was born May 31, 1909, in
Fulton County, Ohio, the daughter
of Emer and Clara Belle (Har-
rison) Enyart. She married Marvin
E. Walworth and he preceded her
in death in 1985.

Alfrieda was a member of the
Airstream Club, the Brooklyn Sen-
ior Citizens, and enjoyed crafts
and painting. She is survived by
two sons, Dale (Norma) Walworth
of Brooklyn, Bruce (Sue) Walworth
of Chelsea; seven grandchildren,
and 11 great-grandchildren. Be-

sides her husband, Alfrieda was
preceded in death by one grand-
son and one sister.

Visitation was Wednesday,
Dec. 15. Funeral services were
held Thursday, Dec. 16 at the M.G.
Braun Funeral Home, Brooklyn,
with the Rev. Richard Wilds offi-
ciating. Burial will be at Vermont
Cemetery, Chelsea.

SUSAN M. MARBLE
Dexter

Age 43, passed away Dec. 3,
1999.

She is survived by two sisters,
Patricia Marble and Nancy Col-

lins; two brothers, David and
Robert Marble. She was preceded
in death by her parents, Frank
and Lenore, and a sister, Lynda.

Susan worked at the Red Bull
Restaurant in Ann Arbor, and at
Reinhart Realty.

According to her wishes, cre-
mation has taken place. A memo-
rial service was held on Thursday,
Dec. 9, 1999, at St. Andrew's Uni-
ted Church of Christ in Dexter.
Memorial contributions may be
directed to the American Cancer
Society. Arrangements by Hos-
mer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel.

Churches set holiday schedules

By Dirk Fischbach

Editor

With the Christmas celebra-
tion quickly approaching, many
area churches have announced
their special holiday worship
schedules.

The listing below represents
the information we have re-
ceived to date. These listings,
along with any late items we
receive, will be run again next
week.

Covenant Church, 50 North
Freer Road, Chelsea: Christ-
mas Eve candlelight commu-
nion service, 7 p.m.

First United Methodist
Church, 128 Park Street, Che-
lsea: Christmas Eve services, 6
p.m., family service with chil-
dren's choirs; 8 p.m., service
of lessons and carols with
communion; 10:30 p.m., can-
dlelight communion service.

North Lake United Methodist
Church, 14111 North Territo-
rial Road, Chelsea: Thursday,
Dec. 16, 9:30 a.m., Bible study
on Isaiah.

Sunday, Dec. 19, 10:30 a.m.,
Sunday school program, "The
Birthday Party," a drama about
Mary and Joseph traveling a
time warp to observe 20th cen-
tury children preparing for
Christmas. The youth group
will have a Christmas party
from 5-7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 23, 10:30 a.m.,
Bible study on Isaiah, with an
emphasis on Jesus the Mes-
siah.

Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas

Eve, carols, scripture and a
new Y2K parable, "The Re-
turn of the Magi" in two set-
tings. 7 p.m., family candle-
light service; 11 p.m., commu-
nion candlelight service.

Sunday, Dec. 26, 10:30 a.m.,
carols and message: "How to
get a white Christmas when
there isn't any snow!"

Our Savior Lutheran Church,
1515 South Main, Chelsea: Dec.
22, Advent service, 7:30 p.m.,
"While Shepherds Watched -
the Bethlehem Shepherd."
Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, 7:30
p.m., "I Missed the First Christ-
mas!" 11 p.m., "The First
Christmas Carol."

Dec. 25, Christmas Day, 10:30
a.m., "Thank You, Mr. Shep-
herd!"

Dec. 26, Sunday Worship,
8:15 a.m., "The Forgotten Man
of Christmas"; 9:30 a.m., edu-
cation hour; 10:30 a.m., "The
Forgotten Man of Christmas."

Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, 7:30
p.m., "New Life for a New Mil-
lennium!"

Peace Lutheran Church, 6105
Jackson Road, Ann Arbor:
Christmas Eve praise celebra-
tion, 6 p.m.; traditions of
Christmas, 8 p.m.

Christmas Day worship, 10
a.m.

St. Barnabas Church, 20500
Old US-12, Chelsea: Dec. 24, 7
p.m., a service of lessons and
carols, with Christmas mass
immediately following.

Dec. 25, 8 a.m., first mass of
Christmas Day.

St. Mary Catholic Church,

14200 Old US-12, Chelsea:
Christmas Eve, 4 p.m., chil-
dren's service; 6 p.m., family
service; 11 p.m., carols; 11:30
p.m., midnight mass.

Christmas Day, 10 a.m. serv-
ice.

Dec. 26, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
service.

New Year's Eve, 6 p.m. serv-
ice.

New Year's Day, 10 a.m.
service.

Sunday, Jan. 2, 8 a.m. and 10
a.m. service.

St. Paul United Church of
Christ, 14600 Old U.S.-12, Che-
lsea: Sunday, Dec. 19, 10:30
a.m., annual church school
Christmas pageant.

Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas
Eve services, 7:30 p.m. and 11
p.m., led by Conference Minis-
ter Kent Utery.

Webster United Church of
Christ, 5484 Webster Church
Road, Dexter: Christmas Eve,
7:30 p.m., lessons, carols, and
candlelight; 11 p.m., commu-
nion, candlelight.

Christmas Day, 10 a.m. com-
munion.

New Year's Eve, 11 p.m.
watch night, communion.

New Year's Day, 10 a.m.
communion.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran
Church, 3050 South Fletcher
Road, Chelsea: Christmas Eve,
1:30 p.m., special worship with
holy communion; 7:30 p.m.,
candlelight service with holy
communion; 11 p.m., candle-
light service with holy com-
munion.

CCH offers help for osteoporosis

Twenty-five million Ameri-
cans have osteoporosis, a dis-
order in which progressive
bone loss results in increased
risk of fracture. The disorder
affects nearly one-half of all
postmenopausal women, the
largest group at high risk.

Osteoporosis is implicated
in more than 1 million hip
spine, and wrist fractures an-
nually. This results in an esti-
mated 50,000 deaths each year
and is responsible for chronic
disabilities and severe pain.
The subsequent cost to our
society is enormous; yet, most
of us know little about protect-
ing ourselves from this dis-
ease.

Research in the evaluation
and treatment of osteoporosis
has made important new ad-
vances. A key factor in this
success has been the avail-
ability of new and improved
equipment to measure bone
density.

Using a bone densitometer,
physicians can measure pa-
tient bone density and follow
it over time. If the patient's
bone density is low, or de-
creases at an abnormally fast

rate, the patient may be at risk
for osteoporosis.

Through changes in diet,
exercise habits, and/or medi-
cation, not only can further
deterioration of bone be pre-
vented but strengthening can
also occur. A new bone densi-
tometer was recently installed
at Chelsea Community Hospi-
tal.

"This bone densitometer
measures the density of the
spine, hip and other bones
which are the most frequent
sites of fracture," said Dr. Jim
Carl, medical director of diag-
nostic imaging at Chelsea
Community Hospital.

"Until now, evaluating bone
density using conventional x-
ray systems did not reveal a
potential problem until a pa-
tient lost 25-30 percent of her
bone density. Now, in just a
few minutes, this highly sensi-
tive densitometer helps us
identify a much earlier stage
of bone loss. It can also evalu-
ate response to treatment to
determine if the therapy is
effective or needs to be modi-
fied."

"Fortunately," Carl said,

"recent research findings clar-
ify the nature of the disease,
and demonstrate the effec-
tiveness of new treatments.
New diagnostic devices, such
as the CCH bone densitometer,
improve the early detection
and treatment of osteoporo-
sis."

The National Osteoporosis
Foundation recommends bone
densitometry measurement for
all women over the age of 65
and for women under the age
of 65 who have one or more
additional risk factors, such as
menopause, family history of
osteoporosis, low body weight,
current cigarette smoking and
a traumatic fracture as an
adult.

Carl said there is no special
preparation involved for the
patient, the exam is very brief,
and is a very comfortable pro-
cedure. Talk with your physi-
cian to see if you would benefit
from this test. A referral from a
physician is needed for this
procedure.

If you need a physician, call
Chelsea Community Hospital
physician referral line at (734)
475-4050.

CHS grad Lane earns award at Spring Arbor

Spring Arbor College stu-
dents garnered more awards
than any other college in the
National Religious Broadcast-
ers Association 1999 Competi-
tion. The competition is open
to all Christian colleges
throughout the United States.
The following students in

Spring Arbor College's com-
munications program will be
honored at the annual NRB
conference this coming Feb-
ruary in Anaheim, Calif.

— Nikki Lane, senior from
Chelsea, second place — news;
third place — demo tape.

— Jonathan Sayles, junior

from Jackson, third place —
news.

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The Chelsea Standard SPORTS

Thursday, December 16, 1999

Spikers take South Lyon tourney hardware

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

The Chelsea varsity volleyball team kicked off its season with a first place trophy at the South Lyon Invitational on Saturday.

It was the first allowable competition according to MHSAA rules and the team had only six practices at that point.

"We did not lose a game all day," said head coach Dan Montgomery.

"We have 14 players this year. Everybody had a hand in those victories."

The tournament began with four-team pool play.

Chelsea opened against Milford and won 15-4, 15-4.

"We then faced Cranbrook Kingswood and defeated them 15-3, 15-12," Montgomery said.

The third game was against Monroe Jefferson and the Bulldogs defeated them 15-3, 15-7.

"Keeping in mind the fact that I had played everybody on the roster at that point, that is particularly good," Montgomery said.

The team then went into tournament play.

The top two teams come out of pool play and into tournament play. The sixteen team pool was then cut down to eight.

"In the quarterfinals we faced Saginaw Heritage and defeated them 15-5, 16-14," Montgomery said.

"We were actually down 10-14 in that game and came back to beat them."

"The team was just playing solidly and got it back. The team never got rattled, played

with a lot of confidence."

Belleville then gave the Bulldogs the most challenge of the day but Chelsea prevailed and defeated them 15-13, 15-11.

In the finals Chelsea met up with Milford again and defeated them 15-4, 15-7.

"A highlight for the day was the fact that the team served at just under 90 percent," Montgomery said. "Which is excellent for this level, especially this early in the season."

Montgomery said a team can have a higher serving percentage if they serve easy balls.

"We served hard balls," Montgomery said. "We had 37 service aces with only 26 service errors, which is excellent. Any time you can be in positive aces ahead of errors that is good."

While Montgomery was pleased with his team he admitted their success was partly due to the fact that passing games of the other teams not quite there yet.

"You could see passing getting better throughout the day, including ours," Montgomery said.

Val Schiller led the team with 10 service aces for the day out of 48 serves.

Lindsey Brink served 29 of 30 for the day, Caitlin Deis was 21 of 22, Lindsey Baker went 31 of 33 on serves and Jill Drexler went 20 of 22.

"All of them were above 90 percent serving," Montgomery said.

Attacking statistics were equally impressive.

Lindsay Powers led the team with 35 kills for the day. Brink

had 21, Deis 16, Mora Arnold 17 and Drexler 15. Lindsey Baker and Michelle Dettling each had nine kills. Val Schiller had four, while Amber Mattocks had two, and Molly Welton added one.

"She's a back row player so she killed out of the back court," Montgomery said of Powers. "We set the ball to the back row and they smash the ball over the net."

The setter gets an assist for every ball that is killed. Baker had 75 assists and Meagan Hollo had three.

On defense Brink led the team with 31 digs. Drexler had 23, Baker had 20, Deis 19, Schiller 13, Powers 12, Arnold 11, Molly Welton 8, Josie Wells 7, Ann Larder had 5, two each

for Sally Compton, Mattocks and Dettling.

While Montgomery said he was pleased with the day's performance he was not thrilled.

"It is hard to be thrilled this early in the season," Montgomery said. "Sometimes how you do is a result of how bad the opponent is. We backed off a little on offense to get things right and do things right. They handled it right, I'm pleased."

Chelsea will continue to practice throughout the holidays but will not have another match until Jan. 8, when they will host the Chelsea High School Invitational.

Montgomery said this was scheduled to keep the teams fresh and give them an opportunity to play before they start the season on January 10.

Varsity cagers fall in SEC opener

By Jon Royce

Special Writer

First SEC game, first loss.

Saline took control of the league opener in the final quarter for a 54-46 win. The battle of SEC powers came down to who could control the ball the best on offense and Chelsea couldn't dictate the tempo to their best advantage.

When asked about the offense coach Robin Raymond

replied, "We need to improve on our shot selection. At times we seemed to rush our shots."

The 31 percent shooting from the floor and the nine percent shooting from behind the arc makes the point for him. Saline shot just four percentage points higher than the Bulldogs, so it wasn't necessarily their shooting that beat Chelsea.

Saline only truly dominated

in one category and that was rebounding. They had 19 offensive rebounds to Chelsea's nine. That's ten more shot attempts. You're not going to win games if you can't control the glass.

Although Raymond was disappointed with the loss, he was pleased with the poise and play of senior guard Sean Davis.

"Sean played well for us tonight. With Tony (Sheffler) fouling out, Davis had to handle the ball more than he normally would. He played well out there against Saline's defense."

Davis led the team in scoring with 14 points and also grabbed a team-high eight rebounds. Senior Dennis Price scored nine while leading the team in assists with four.

Senior Alan Bairley scored six and junior Tony Scheffler had five. Junior Ben Myers and Sophomore Joe Tripodi

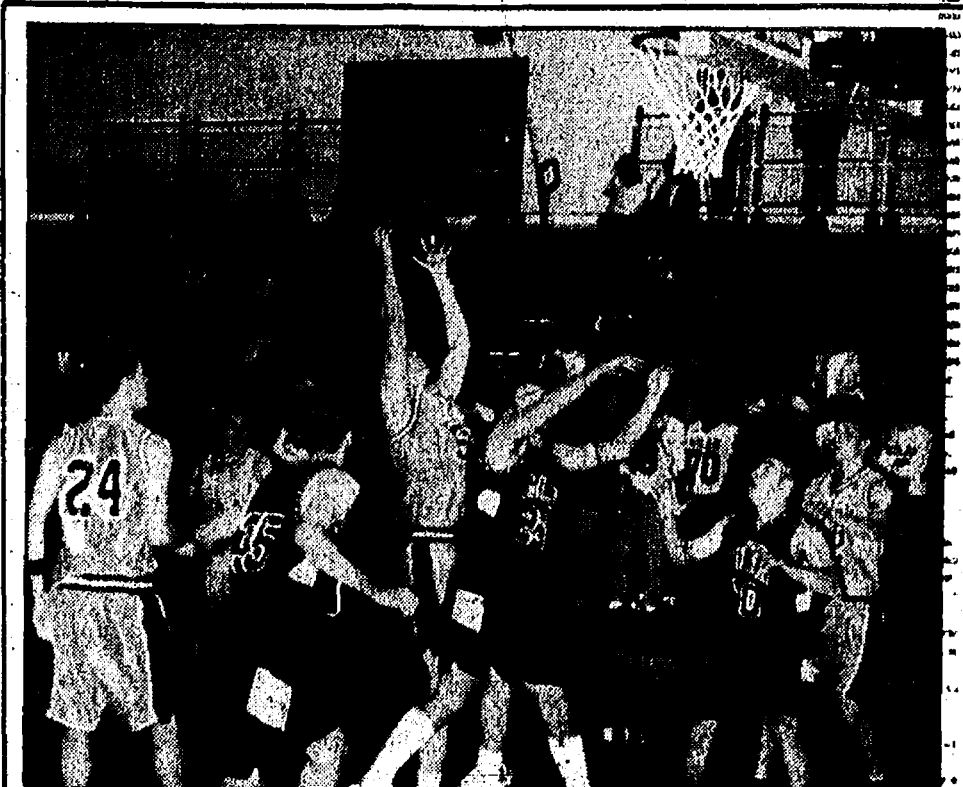
each had four. Senior Jeff Kolodica rounded out the Bulldog scoring with two.

Raymond is looking forward to their next game where he hopes the team will improve, as they get more game experience.

Earlier in the week, Chelsea beat Williamston in a high scoring affair 76-59.

Scheffler had a monster game, scoring 26 points including four of five from downtown. Davis scored 15 on a night where he hit eight out of ten from the charity stripe. Price followed with eleven and added four blocked shots to the book. Bairley hit for nine points, while Myers had six and Tripodi and Kolodica combined for five.

Raymond is hoping to see the improvement that game experience brings when the Bulldogs play at Lincoln this Friday. JV tipoff is slated for 6 p.m.



SEC Win

Chelsea downed Milan 81-71 Tuesday on the strength of Sean Davis' 22 points.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 16

Freshman Boys Basketball vs. Saline, 7 p.m. H

Boys Wrestling vs. Saline, 6:30 p.m. A

Friday, Dec. 17

JV & Varsity Boys Basketball

vs. Ypsilanti Lincoln, 6 p.m. A

Chelsea Hockey Club Vets Arena

Tournament, 9:30 p.m. A

Saturday, Dec. 18

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Chelsea Community Hospital

Tankers open season with a splash

The Chelsea High School swimming team got off to a fast start this past Thursday with an impressive 137-48 victory over the Lions of South Lyon. The Bulldogs also qualified four individuals for the state championships in mid-March.

Andy Thiel qualified in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle and was a member of the 200-yard freestyle relay which also qualified.

Andy Hack qualified in the 200-yard individual medley and was a member of the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Bobby Rohrkemper qualified in the 100-yard butterfly with both he and Jeff Heydlauff filling out the remaining two spots on the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Top finishers in the meet

were as follows:

Jared Wacker, Matt Holmes, Rohrkemper and Thiel won the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:50.10. Zack Christman, Mike Offenbacher, Mike Bowdish and Mike Policht were third in the event with a time of 2:03.16.

Greg Cook won the 200-yard freestyle at 2:06.15 with Matt Moffett close behind for second at 2:10.41. Tim Wacker earned his first varsity point, placing fifth at 2:20.26.

Thiel blew everyone away in the 200-yard individual medley, with an impressive time of 2:03.61. Christman was second with a time of 2:27.19. Bowdish was fourth at 2:49.26.

The first one-two-three sweep took place in the 50-yard freestyle. Thiel was first

at 23.45, Heydlauff was second at 24.36 and Rohrkemper was third at 24.64.

Gabe McGinnis broke 200 points in diving for the first time in his career, scoring 200.85, good enough for first place. Steve Basar was second with 159.95 points and Andy Ceo placed third with 142.40 points.

Rohrkemper was up again in the 100-yard butterfly and easily outpaced the field with a time of 58.04. Christman was second at 1:07.97.

Thiel destroyed everyone in the 100-yard freestyle, stopping the clock at 51.97. Heydlauff was second at 54.17 and Jared Wacker was third at 55.76.

Cook outswam everyone in

the 500-yard freestyle at 5:45.40, earning first-place honors.

Thiel, Hack, Rohrkemper and Heydlauff blasted their opponents in the 200-yard freestyle relay with an impressive 1:35.62 clocking.

Wacker won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:01.27. Moffett was fourth at 1:13.33.

Hack was the winner of the 100-yard breaststroke with Holmes close behind at 1:13.77. Offenbacher was fourth in the event at 1:17.66.

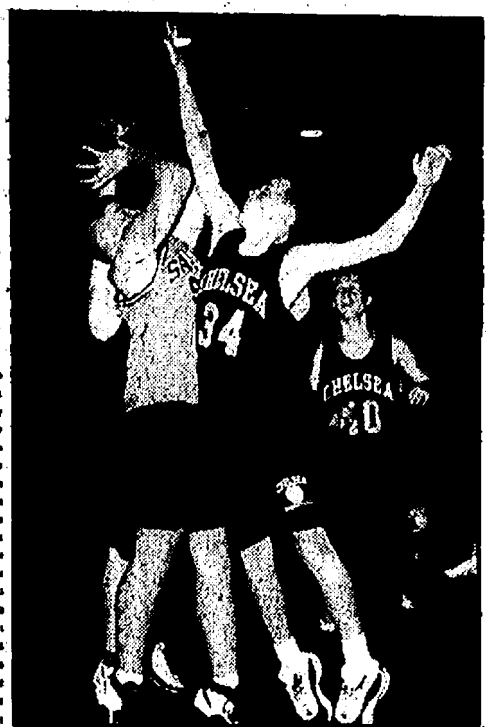
Cook, Moffett, Heydlauff and Hack finished out the night with a win in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Their time was 3:52.41.

The Bulldogs' next competition is Jan. 4 against Brighton. Action begins at 7 p.m.



Generations United

Rena Johnson, a Chelsea resident for 60 of her 86 years, celebrates five generations of family. Pictured above are Rena, her son Bud Johnson of Whitmore Lake, Bud's oldest daughter, Brenda Hunt of Clovis, Calif., Brenda's daughter Nicole Bruton, and Nicole's eight-month-old son Austin, both also of Clovis.



Ryan Kelsner

8th grade cagers fall

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

The eighth grade boys' basketball team in Chelsea is fighting through a slump as they approach the end of the season.

On Dec. 6 the Bulldogs lost 39-16 to Saline.

Chelsea's Brian Kinashuk was leading scorer with seven points. Nick Miller put up four points, Jeff Elliott three and Joel Hoenke added a field goal.

The team was two for three from free throw line.

"Saline is probably the best team in our league so we didn't have a great showing that night," said head coach Jim Tallman. "I felt that our kids were kind of going into a slump at that point."

The team then traveled to Dexter where they lost a heartbreaker by just one point. The final score was 32-31.

The scoring leader in that game was Hoenke with six points. Tony Reifel had five points, George Royce, Kyle Schiller and Miller all had four points. Mike Lucas added three points, Adam Ellis and Mark Borders each put up two and Elliot one.

"It was a close game throughout," Tallman said. "There was not more than a four point difference throughout the game. It was a matter of two teams playing evenly and either team could win."

"With a second left we had a chance to win, but didn't come through."

The struggling Bulldogs then hosted Pinckney who is the second best team in the league.

Reifel led with four points while Ellis had three. Miller, Alber, Schiller, Ryan Kelsner, Hoenke, Kinashuk and Neil Sterling all added two points.

Pinckney won the game 36-23.

Wrestlers fifth at Jackson

By Colleen O'Neill

Special Writer

The Chelsea Wrestling team took fifth place among the 16 teams who attended the Jackson Area Wrestling Schools tournament on Saturday.

"Overall I was quite satisfied," said head coach Kerry Kargel. "Especially since it is early in the year."

The Bulldogs started the day by losing to Jackson Northwest 40-30.

They bounced back from that defeat Hudson 45-27.

After that they lost a heartbreaker to Napoleon by one point, 39-38.

Chelsea again came back from the loss to defeat Lumen Christi 42-34.

"What's nice about this tournament is that we can wrestle different kids," Kargel said. "It gives them opportunities that they normally wouldn't see."

The results by weight class

are:

Dave Graff (103) went 4-1 for the day.

Randy Ostrowski (112) went 2-3.

Dave Brott (119) wrestled 1-2.

Pat Jolly (125) went 2-3.

Andrew Brott (130) went 1-4 for the day.

Kargel had no wrestler in the 135 weight class.

Justin Nadolny (140) went 1-4.

George Fairley (145) went 1-1.

Jeremy Price (145) went 2-0.

David Dault (145) also in this weight class went 0-1.

Three wrestlers competed in the 152 pound class. Darl Bauer went 3-0, Adam Egeler went 0-1 and Will Tyrell went 0-1.

"Eric Lixey (160) had an outstanding day," Kargel said. "He went 5-0. He had two pins, two major decisions, and one

technical fall (when beating the opponent by 15 points the match is stopped). Lixey is a sophomore."

Derek Egeler (171) went 4-0.

Ben Vogel (171) at that weight went 1-0.

Matt Underwood (189) went 1-1.

Ben Vogel also wrestled in the 189-weight class and was 1-0.

Four Bulldogs competed in the 215-weight class. Alex Underwood went 1-1, Dal Queenan went 0-1, Steve Laferty went 0-1 and Dan Whitesall went 1-0.

Three also wrestled at the heavyweight level. Nate Dawson went 2-0, Alex Slocum went 2-0 and Andrew Houle went 0-1.

"I got to see some kids in competition," Kargel said. "I thought they looked really good. We have a lot to work on but that will come as the season goes on."

JV cagers earn split in openers

By Dirk Fischbach

Editor

Eddie McClendon's 19 point output wasn't enough to turn the tide of a furious Saline comeback as the JV Bulldogs fell 67-60 in double-overtime Friday.

Coach Mark Scheese pointed to poor foul shooting as the culprit in the loss.

"Our inability to make free throws in the fourth quarter and the first overtime was our downfall," he said. "We missed 11 free throws in those two periods" to allow Saline back in the game."

Chelsea enjoyed a 32-25 half time edge. The Bulldogs got solid offense from Dan Mueller with 11 points, Jake Freeman and

Mick Gadbury with eight apiece and Kent Reames with seven in the losing effort. James Ballas (four points), Andy Smith (two) and Kevin Riddle (one) also played hard.

The news was better earlier in the week when the 'Dogs downed Williamston 64-52 on the road.

Freeman led the charge with 14 points and was backed up by McClendon with 13. Mueller also hit double digits with 10. Tim Bentley netted eight while Riddle hit for six. Ballas had five points and six rebounds, while Gadbury cleaned the glass seven times and scored three points. Reames (four points) and Andy Smith (one) also contributed.

Tough week for icers

By Doug Trojanowski

Special Writer

Over the weekend the Bulldog club hockey team tied and lost games to Lincoln and Bedford.

Saturday night the Bulldogs traveled to Ann Arbor to face the Lincoln Railsplitters in a league match up.

Lincoln scored, just two minutes into the contest on a shot from Nick Mourer. Chelsea countered just two minutes later, lighting the lamp off the stick of Senior Steve Williams, assisted by Kevin Phillips leaving. Later in the frame, Brad Wright slipped one through the pads to leave the score 2-1 Chelsea.

The third period started the

same as the second, with both offenses struggling to gain any free ice. But with just six minutes left in the game Lincoln's James Woldsyn netted a clutch goal after a scramble in front of the Bulldogs' net minder Mike Osborne, to knot the game up at 2-2.

Osborne turned away 24 of 26 Railsplitter shots, while Lincoln's net minder Robert De Lorey, stopped 34 of 36 Bulldog shots.

The Sunday night contest saw the 'Dogs drop a tough 4-2 decision to Bedford despite goals by Jason Risner and Dave Poupard and the solid goaltending of Casey Johnson. Jeff Jiga, Craig St. Clair and Mike Sayers recorded assists in the loss.

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Heritage Newspapers

What makes the United States a unique country? The late Russell Kirk of Meosota, one of America's foremost historians, answered that question in "The Roots of American Order," a book published 25 years ago this year.

As America faces its challenges in 1999, Kirk's insights are worth reviewing and discussing again.

In Michigan, Kirk's influence was and remains strong. Gov. John Engler insists that "The Roots of American Order" is one of the key books of all time.

"My own commitment," Engler wrote, "to the permanent things — ordered liberty, free markets, and limited government — owes much to Russell Kirk and his classic book 'The Roots of American Order.'"

"The history of most societies," Kirk noted, "is a record on painful striving, brief success (if success at all), and then decay and ruin."

But not so with America. It is unique. Kirk describes over 30 centuries of the origins of American liberty and freedom. In doing so, he describes the four major cities that have influenced American life.

First is Jerusalem, where the Hebrews established an enduring moral order. Second is Athens, where reason and knowledge helped sustain the freedom that reigned there in the fifth century B.C.

Third is Rome, where law and limited government went hand in hand. Fourth is London, where the tradition of common law helped establish justice and secure property rights.

In these four cities are found the roots of American order. These roots "go deep," Kirk argued, "but they require watering from time to time."

Kirk's discussion is relevant to understanding how America developed a free-market economy and what America must do to keep it.

A free economy and society, Kirk argued, must be guided by, and rooted in reason and morality and have a commitment to limited government and the rule of law.

With property rights protected and secure, freedom can grow and trade can prosper. The United States, with its history, its Constitution, and its persistent commitment to liberty, allowed a remarkably prosperous economy to form.

"American personal liberty," Kirk argued, "perhaps owes more to the common law than to any other single source."

Why? Because common law, with its stress on custom and precedent, forced judges and rulers to be bound by previous decisions.

That way, "evenhanded justice will be administered from one year to another, one decade to another, one century to another; that judges will not be permitted to create laws... or to favor particular persons in particular circumstances."

Investments and business relationships, in other words, can be made in a predictable, safe environment free from arbitrary regulations and seizure of property.

What are the dangers for a free-market economy? Kirk looks to his four cities and their history for his answer.

In Rome, the slow but steady growth of government gradually eroded individual liberty. Frequent, unnecessary wars and the rise of special interests produced a crushing tax burden.

"Taxation, and the growing bureaucracy, devoured prosperity," Kirk argued. "Attempts to replace private undertakings with state industries did not prosper."

The American founders, Kirk pointed out, were eager to learn from history. The Declaration of Independence proclaimed a commitment to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

The Constitution that followed made sure that power was fragmented and that government was limited.

Berton Folsom resides in Houston, Texas and was senior fellow in economic education at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland from 1994-99.

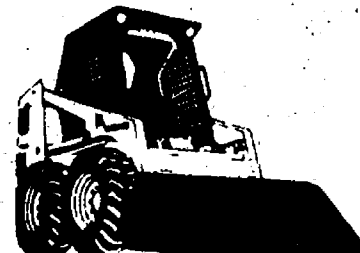
First Snowfall



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Cornerstone Elementary students enjoy the first snow of the season. Above left, Elizabeth So and Samantha Jaworski, first graders in Ginger Ford's class, build a snowman, while above right first graders Josh Hasan, Sean Pollard, Travis Chaffee, Brandon Caniff, Kenny Wiggins and Bobby Alder rolled a giant snowball; at left, Andy Sinelli gets his snowball rolling skill back in gear.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

"Sleepy Hollow"

Movie Review

By C.J. Nodus

If there ever was a perfect director for the movie version of the Headless Horseman, Tim Burton is it. He perfectly blends horror, fantasy and romance in "Sleepy Hollow."

Based on the classic tale of Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," this film features an extraordinary set of characters who dabble in the supernatural and pay for it with their heads.

The only creative license Burton and screenwriter Andrew Kevin Walker take is they make Ichabod Crane, the hero of the piece, a New York detective who comes to Sleepy Hollow to investigate a series of mysterious murders. In the original story, he was a school teacher.

Otherwise, everything central to the story remains.

Even though Crane (played masterfully by Johnny Depp) is a detective, he is a bit of a coward. At one point, when he is finally convinced about the existence of the horseman, he is found cowering in bed under the blankets.

Depp is well supported by the bewitching Christina Ricci as Katrina Van Tassel, daughter of Sleepy Hollow's most affluent man.

In a stroke of genius, Christopher Walken, complete with pointy teeth and mesmerizing contact lenses, plays the Headless Horseman. With the advances in computer-generated images, finally the headless rider is believable as opposed to the overbuilt stuffed shirts of the past.

Burton does an excellent job of creating the gritty, dark and dirty feeling of colonial America. The ambitious village of Sleepy Hollow combined with elaborate costumes and tremendous visual effects make "Sleepy Hollow" a tremendous accomplishment.

The final component that makes this a winning film is the excellent score by Danny Elfman. As with other Burton films, the score becomes an integral part of the story and the action.

Rated: R Grade: A

"Toy Story 2"

Movie Review

By C.J. Nodus

With the phenomenal success of "Toy Story" in 1995, it was only a matter of time before Walt Disney Pictures and Pixar Animation created a sequel. Part two opened Thanksgiving weekend.

"Toy Story 2" continues the saga of Woody, Buzz Lightyear and all of the delightful toys from the original, which proved the old theory that when people aren't around, toys really do come to life.

Joining the toys from the first film are Jessie, the cowgirl; Bullseye, the horse; and Stinky Pete, the prospector; toys from "Woody's Roundup," a fictional 1950s television show.

All of the familiar voices in the first movie are back: Tom Hanks as Woody, Tim Allen as Buzz, Don Rickles as Mr. Potato Head, Jim Varney as Rex, John Ratzenberger as Hamm and Annie Potts as Bo Peep.

Joining them are Joan Cusack as Jessie, Kelsey Grammer as Stinky Pete, and Wayne Knight as Al McWhiggin.

These fine vocal talents in addition to excellent animation and a wonderful story make "Toy Story 2" as good as

the original. It is a fast-paced and entertaining film with something for children of all ages.

Rated: G

Grade: A

"The World Is Not Enough"

Movie Review

By C.J. Nodus

James Bond returns to save the world in "The World Is Not Enough" and does it in grand style.

Following an illustrious tradition established by Sean Connery and Roger Moore, Pierce Brosnan plays Bond for the third time and combines the charisma of the character with the ability to carry out the physical demands of the role to make a perfect combination.

For this 19th installment, Bond must save the world from nuclear devastation, all in the name of protecting oil heiress Elektra King from international terrorist Renard. The twist is the unique relationship between King and Renard.

In the spirit of the other Bond films, this one has the usual bevy of beautiful women.

King is played to the hilt by the enchanting Sophie Marceau, while Bond is given able assistance (and a bit more) by nuclear weapons expert Dr. Christmas Jones, played by Denise Richards.

It is a bit of a stretch to have Richards play a nuclear scientist, but having her parade around in tank tops and shorts is worth the price of admission.

As the villain, Renard is wonderfully played by Robert Carlyle.

His appearance as Renard ranks him with Dr. No, Auric Goldfinger and Ernest Stavro Blofeld as one of the most memorable Bond antagonists.

Judy Dench reprises her role as M, Bond's boss. Desmond Llewelyn returns for his 17th appearance as gadget guru Q.

In a bit of apparent foreshadowing, John Cleese is introduced as R, Q's assistant. It would be great, though unlikely, if 85-year-old Llewelyn would last forever. The groundwork is now laid for his probable retirement.

The one disappointment of "The World Is Not Enough," though minor, is the all-too-brief appearance of Cleese. He makes what can only be called a cameo walk-on appearance. Hopefully, he will have more of a role in future productions.

As with each previous Bond film, the special effects are spectacular, the chases thrilling and the martinis shaken, not stirred.

Nothing is groundbreaking or innovative, but keeping the tradition alive is more than enough, even if the world isn't. Rated: PG-13 Grade: B+

"Flawless"

Movie Review

By C.J. Nodus

If there is a trend to films of the 90s, it seems to be that humanity can be found in all groups.

"Flawless" seems to give the message that tough former hero cops and drag queens also have humanity. This message is delightful.

The film stars Robert De Niro as Walter Koontz, an ex-cop who loves to tango and who lives in an apartment building where a group of drag queens hang out and rehearse their shows.

At the outset, Koontz is always at odds with the loud and seemingly obnoxious tenants.

Late one night while attempting to help a neighbor, Koontz suffers a stroke which leaves him partially paralyzed.

Refusing to leave his apart-

ment for therapy, he reluctantly agrees to a rehabilitative program that includes singing lessons from a street-tough drag queen who lives upstairs.

Thus begins a delightful and fascinating relationship that is hysterical, emotional and ultimately mutually dependent.

Veteran DeNiro is excellent as the stroke victim. He meets his match in Philip Seymour Hoffman as his singing coach. As different as each thinks he is, their similarities are far greater.

Both are lonely isolationists who have been disconnected from the world and who both possess enormous courage and integrity. They both find it hard to reach out to anyone, yet they crave human contact.

Hoffman, who created memorable roles in such films as "Boogie Nights" and "Happiness," is outstanding. He should at least get some Oscar scrutiny for his role in "Flawless."

DeNiro should, too. His portrayal of a stroke victim complete with partial paralysis and speech impairment is wonderful.

Adding to the charm and realism was the building of a residential hotel set complete with decay and eclectic styles of furniture and decoration reflecting each tenant.

Rated: R Grade: B+

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Don't wait for New Year to start losing weight

By Kristi Gutowski

Heritage Newspapers

Countless people will make resolutions to lose weight at the beginning of the New Year, but there is no time better than now to start dieting and exercising, said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, medical director for the Wayne County Health Department.

Lawrenchuk said the average person gains anywhere from 10 to 20 pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

The best way to avoid following that trend, he said, is to eat a low-calorie, low-fat diet — what is most commonly known as the "diabetic diet" among health-care professionals.

After consulting a physician, he said to take both food and exercise in moderation.

Going out and running 50 miles on the first day of your new exercise regimen is not a good idea.

"Look at it as a marathon, not a 50-yard dash," Lawrenchuk said, adding that taking things slowly and gradually building up strength and stamina is the best bet.

Setting realistic goals, one step at a time, also is essential.

Some of the leading causes of death — heart disease, cancer, diabetes — are due in part to lack of activity and a poor diet, Lawrenchuk said.

There are several groups that specialize in weight loss and physical fitness in the Downriver area.

Janice Fritz, a publicist for Weight Watchers Group, said this is the time of year when the people flock to its dieting program.

People who want to get a grip on their weight before Christmas sign up for help at the Weight Watchers Centers and look for support in saying "no" to calorie-loaded holiday treats, she said.

"Some members say they look forward to the next meeting (for support)," Fritz said.

In the Weight Watchers program, "leaders" who are lifetime members and have gone through nutritional training, suggest certain foods, drinking water and exercising. But members are responsible for what

they eat daily.

The company recommends that people find a weight loss program and stick with it for life. She said Weight Watchers is not a fad diet. The organization doesn't push diet pills or shakes. Rather, the centers encourage a change in lifestyle.

Brian Luscomb, director of corporate communications for Jenny Craig Weight Loss Centers said this is the slowest time of year for his weight loss business.

He attributes the trend to vacations, traveling and holiday foods, but he said things pick up in January because of the New Year's resolutions many people make to shed unwanted pounds.

Luscomb agreed that December is just as good as January to start to do something about being overweight.

"It is never a bad time to start a healthy lifestyle," he said. "To make a change, there is no reason to wait until Jan. 1."

Luscomb said that in the Jenny Craig program, repre-

sentatives meet with clients individually to review meal plans, physical activity and any other concerns.

The program offers prepackaged and portion-controlled meals.

Rhonda McArthur, a manager at Fitness USA Supercenter, said too many people are inactive, which leads to larger waistlines.

"We are the fattest country due to convenience," she said. "In the convenience of today's world, we need to compensate in other areas and work harder."

McArthur gave the example of people who spend their days doing inactive jobs, like sitting in front of computers.

Previously, she said, older generations had to walk farther to school and do more demanding, physical jobs than many do now.

Although right now is one of the slower times of the season at the gym, McArthur said things pick up closer to Christmas and through the New Year.

She attributes the rise in activity to New Year's resolutions as well.

McArthur said there are a variety of ages, sizes and shapes of people who work out at the facility. She said the usual stigma of "only people who are already in shape go there" doesn't apply.

Brad Trombley, one of the managers at Rob's Gym and Family Fitness Center, said business is bustling at this time of the year, but it gets an even bigger boost in January.

Trombley attributes the gym's New Year's peak in gym use to people who feel guilty.

"People come in after feeling guilty after eating during the holidays," he said.

There can be a downside to all of the weighty issues of picking a diet and exercise program.

Lawrenchuk cautions people to be wary of health fraud, which he called a nationwide problem. Many of the things touted as good for you on the market today can be very dan-

gerous and even life threatening.

"Buyer beware," he said.

Officials from the Better Business Bureau warn consumers to look at the fine print and to check out a business or product before diving in.

Representatives at the bureau said to watch for fad diets or things that sound too good to be true because they probably are.

"If you are planning to be a waist watcher this holiday season, don't fall victim to new diet or health fads and gimmicks," said Fred Hofferker, president of the BBB of Eastern Michigan.

Consumers should watch for slick advertisements that say they could lose a lot of weight because of "breakthrough," "exclusive" or "secret" ingredients.

"Medical science is yet to come up with a magical pill, potion or food for weight loss," Hofferker said.

The BBB can be reached by calling 1-248-644-9100.

New model car offerings little reason for excitement

By Gary Gosselin

Heritage Newspapers

Well, it looks like the auto-makers are leaving the 1990s and going into the "aught, aught" year with more of a whimper than with a bang.

It seems that the manufacturers are just exhausted at the end of this decade after making so many changes, in style and the way they do business, to start the next century with a plethora of new offerings.

Don't get me wrong here, there are a number of offerings that are appealing and interesting, but I just didn't feel the excitement like I did last year or the year before.

Take a look at the cars in this week's issue (trucks next week) and let me know if you're feeling the same 'aught aught' blues.

You'll see a lot of terms like "freshening" and "tweaks, but overall, not too many "all-new" (S).

There are two, however, that stick out; Saturn with its two new mid-size cars and Toyota with five entries, most ready for production.

It's about time Saturn did something. Their old cars were too small for many and the styling has become out-

dated (look for a revise soon). These two cars, a sedan and a wagon, should help revive some of the excitement this "different car company" created in its first few years.

And for Toyota, they're going smaller, hipper and high tech. The Echo screams "high gas mileage and low price" while the Celica and MR-2 Spyder look about as modern and stylish as you can get.

Then there's the Insight and soon to come S2000. The Insight is notable because it's the first retail electric/gas hybrid (a picture of things to come?) and the S2000 is just a plain fun entry in a two-seater sport car with 240 horses.

Then there are a couple of singular bright spots like the Cadillac DeVille, Chrysler's PT Cruiser and the Ford Thunderbird.

The night vision option is probably the biggest reason I like the new DeVille. I'm tempted to try to con-my-in-laws into buying one just so they can stay over past sunset when visiting. It's scary, like reverse vampires or something.

The DeVille is also loaded with other techno-toys like massage seats, an ultrasound rear sensor, adaptive seats and of course, the Onstar sys-

tem, which is not only a positioning service but a concierge service as well.

On the less luxurious end is the PT Cruiser, which, to me, was designed because someone wanted to have a little fun. It's bold, has strong features and is relatively small, sitting on the Neon platform — maybe the next Beetle?

And who can't fall in love with the T-Bird (hopefully) due out next year as a 2001. Gosh, golly and gee whiz, it reminds me of the 1950s (OK, I can only remember back as far as the 1960s).

Ford, to this day, says this is an all-new car, based only vaguely on the old T-Birds, but one look at those rear opera windows and front grille treatment and old-time head lights and you know they had a '57 T-Bird stashed somewhere in that design studio.

So, while the majority of entrants are going into the "aught, aught" year with mildly interesting fare there are some bright spots and there are some interesting offerings coming up in the first few years of the new millennium.

With the holiday season

upon us, the Better Business Bureau cautions businesses that they will be inundated this month with mail and telephone appeals from charities and relief agencies. Unfortunately, some of these charities are not legitimate.

If you receive a request from a charity that you haven't supported in the past, check the group out with your Better Business Bureau before sending a check or agreeing to donate. Don't hesitate to ask for enough information to make an informed giving decision. Most charities will be happy to provide you with written information about their programs and finances.

Watch out for emotional appeals. While they may bring tears to your eyes, they may tell you nothing about how the charity will use your donation. Appeals should clearly identify the charity's program activities. Never allow the solicitor to talk you into giving cash or a check to a runner or courier who will come by your office, or pressure you into using overnight mail. Charities who claim to need your money today will also welcome it tomorrow.

If you decide to give, write a check instead of giving cash, but don't make the check out to a certain individual. Use the official name of the charity. If your company doesn't want to donate money, you may want to consider alternative ways to support your favorite cause.

• Do volunteer work for the organization. Many charities need your time and talent just as much as they need your money.

• Organize an effort in your office to support a charity. By pooling contributions with your co-workers, you can make a more sizable donation.

• Donate food items, such as canned goods, or assist with organized food drives in your community. To find out where help is needed most, contact social service agencies in your area.

Whether you choose to support a charitable organization through your time and effort, or by donating money, carefully evaluate charitable re-

quests to avoid being taken by deceptive and fraudulent appeals.

Check out local charities with the BBB in your area. For more information national charities contact the Council of Better Business Bureaus, Philanthropic Advisory Service, 4200 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203 or visit the BBB's web site at <http://www.bbb.org>.

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food or food that has ice crystals usually can be refrozen.

- Open faucets slightly so they constantly drip to prevent pipes from freezing.
- A fuel-burning heater, such as a kerosene heater, requires an area with proper ventilation to prevent buildup of harmful fumes. Keep portable heaters away from furniture, draperies and other flammable materials.
- Never use a gas range for heating or charcoal as an indoor heating or cooking source.
- Leave on just one light switch to indicate when power is restored. Turn off or unplug all appliances during an outage because an electrical overload could damage them when power is restored.
- Disconnect house circuits from Detroit Edison power lines if using a portable generator. Pull or switch to "off" all main fuses or circuit breakers to protect line crews working to restore service. Always operate generators outdoors to avoid dangerous buildup of toxic fumes.
- During low-voltage conditions — when lights are dim and television pictures are smaller — shut off motor-driven appliances such as refrigerators to prevent overheating and possible damage. Sensitive electronic devices also should be unplugged.
- Listen to local radio stations for updates from Detroit Edison about electric service restoration efforts.

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LIMA TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Lima Township Board adopted an amendment to the Lima Township Zoning Map, rezoning a parcel of land at the Fletcher Road and I-94 Intersection, Parcel Number G-07-17-400-014, from C-3 to C-2, on December 6, 1999. The Petitioner is Laal, LLC (Eder/Lindauer).

The effective date of the amendment is 30 days from date of this publication.

LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE IN CHANGE IN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Village Council will not meet the fourth Tuesday of December, 1999 as previously published. The only meeting in December will be December 14, 1999. The first meeting in January will be held January 11, 2000.

Frances E. Zatorski
Village Clerk

LIMA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING — DECEMBER 6, 1999 AT 8:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order on 12-6-99 at 8:00 P.M. by Supervisor Adams and opened with the Pledge to the Flag. Present were Supervisor Adams, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustee Heller. Absent Trustee Trinkle. Also present several residents.

Approved minutes of November 1, 1999 meeting, motion by Heller supported by Havens. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Havens to extend the Somogyi permit for a private road to January 1, 2003 and to comply with the road ordinance and fee schedule in effect at the time he continues his work. Carried.

Motion by Heller supported by Bareis to sponsor another clean-up day organized by John Edwards in the Spring of 2000. Carried.

Motion by Adams supported by Heller to adjourn public hearing for Century Tel and conclude public hearing for Norlight. Carried.

The treasurer's report was received.

Zoning Inspector issued 3 permits and 3 new addresses.

Motion by Bareis supported by Heller to sign the Dexter Area Fire Department Interlocal Agreement per recommendation of Attorney Peter Flintoft and Wallace Fuellier. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Heller, under Lima Township Ordinance #15. Telecommunication. The Township Supervisor is hereby authorized to grant a permit to Norlight Telecommunications to construct a fiber optic telecommunications cable through Lima Township generally along Jackson Road and Old U.S. 12 per the agreement reached with Jim Pepelnjak upon receipt of an administratively complete application and upon approval of plans by the Township Engineering Consultant. Norlight will install three 1 1/4 inch interducts. Two will be available to other telecommunications providers. The interducts will be buried 27 feet, more or less from the road centerline buried 42-48 inches deep. Norlight will pay the township a fee of \$.25 per foot per year per filled duct. Carried.

Motion by Heller supported by Havens to table approval of application 99-008 definitions, for clarification. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Heller to approve application 99-007 to rezone from C-3 to C-2, parcel number G07-17-400-14, per recommendation of Lima Township Planning Commission, Washtenaw County Planning Commission and Consultant. Carried.

Motion by Heller supported by Havens to pay bills as printed. Carried.

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Group compiles list of 1999's looniest lawsuits

By Gary Gosselin
Heritage Newspapers

Although Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week was last month, one offshoot that keeps on giving is the Looniest Lawsuits of 1999 list.

Compiled by the Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch, the list is available on its Web site — along with wacky label contest

winners — at www.mlaw.org.

Visit the site, and you'll find out about the woman from Grand Haven who filed a lawsuit for more than \$25,000 after she was injured by a firecracker she took from a condominium that she had cleaned.

While dining later with friends at a restaurant, the

woman lit the firecracker claiming that she mistakenly thought it was a decorative candle. The explosion resulted in severe injuries to the woman.

She sued the owners of the condo for leaving the firecracker behind without a warning on it. The condo owners said that they had placed

the device, which looks like a "huge firecracker," in a cupboard to keep it away from the children after someone left it at their house after a party.

"Frivolous lawsuits pile costs on consumers, result in higher taxes, and worst of all, have changed the way we live," said Robert Dorigo Jones, president of MLaw. "For proof, all we have to do is look at schools. Fear of lawsuits often leaves educators wondering how to act. Physical contact between teachers and students, even a hug after a sports injury, is avoided because of a fear of a lawsuit."

"And principals trying to protect students have been sued for expelling other students who make bomb threats."

Dorigo Jones said his organization, which has a number of prominent business people on its board of directors, is dedicated to cutting lawsuits and at the very least, informing people of the problems and costs associated with frivolous lawsuits.

Perhaps a Michigan couple should get the wackiest award,

after suing the owners of a nearby business claiming that dust, noise and vibrations invaded their property and therefore were trespassing.

A jury found in their favor, but a Court of Appeals panel overturned the jury's verdict. The appeals court said that noise, vibrations and dust are intangible objects and cannot be considered as trespassers.

Then there are the warning labels, necessary because of the lawsuits.

Some of those listed on MLaw's site include a prescription of sleeping pills that says: "Warning: May cause drowsiness." Or, there's the label on a hand-held massager that advises consumers not to use "while sleeping or unconscious." And what about the cartridge for a laser printer that warns, "Do not eat toner."

But, this year's winner was found on a child's stroller and said, "Remove child before folding."

"The Loony Lawsuits help us bring an issue that's very serious and gets ordinary people to look at the issue for

a while," Dorigo Jones said. "Plus, it gives us a platform and lets us smile a little, too."

He said there are about 70,000 product liability lawsuits ongoing at any time in the United States, compared to about 200 in the United Kingdom.

The tide, however, may be changing, Dorigo Jones said, thanks to a more conservative court.

"The new majority on the Michigan Supreme Court has displayed a refreshing willingness to defend common sense and overturn outrageous outcomes in lower courts," he said.

"If their philosophy filters down to the lower courts, fewer people will use lawsuits as a way to avoid personal responsibility, as a way to harass others, or as a way to strike it rich in the 'lawsuit lottery.'"

There are laws on the books against frivolous lawsuits, he said, but they are either too vague or judges often don't want to be the ones to interpret them.

BOWLING

GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN - 12-7-99

Team	W	L
Kern Construction	55	39
Chelsea State Bank	54	44
Chelsea Lanes	51	47
Schum's	48	52
The Tappers	45	53
Chelsea Big Boy	42	58
Chelsea A&W	40	58

High Game: Jody Wenk, 192

High Series: Jody Wenk, 512

CENTURY 21 NORTHSTAR - 12-8-99

Team	W	L
Quit Claim	61	44
The Acres	60	45
Sisters	52	53
All Most	49	56
Back 40	48	57
Fore-Closure	45	60

High Game: Janis Borel, 210

High Series: Janis Borel, 520

JUNIOR HOUSE - 12-9-99

Team	W	L
Steele Heating & Cooling	68	30
Mark IV Lounge	64	34
La Jolla Shoppe	61	37
Vogel's Party Store	61	37
Certified Tractor	55	43
Clary's Pub	55	43
A Purple Rose Florist	55	43
Norm's Body Shop	53	45
Associated Drywall	52	46
Centennial Dental Lab	48.5	48.5
Chelsea Lanes	46	49
Jenex	47	51
Jiffy Mix	45	53
Seltz's Tavern	42	56
Microwave Communications	41	57
3D Sales & Service	33	65

Team	W	L
Sievick Gravel	30.5	67.5
Village Motors	23	75

High Game: R. Lyster, 279

High Series: R. Lyster, 780

SENIORS FUNTIME - 12-8-99

Team	W	L
Lucky 13	59	39
Wild Ones	58	40
Hit or Miss	58	40
Three Cookies	57	40
Volunteers	55	43
Good Times	54	44
Polka Dots	53	45
CBs	53	45
Alley Cats	53	45
Sand Baggies	51	47
Pals	47	51
Happy Bowlers	47	51
Go Getters	45	53
Steadies	45	53
Strikers	39	59
Spare Ribs	37.5	60.5

High Game: Joann Clouse, 189; Jack Richmond, 213

High Series: Betty Wild, 485; Charles Lonsberry, 556

MID-MORNING MIXED - 12-11-99

Team	W	L
Surge	62.5	28.5
Team Bubbles	60	31
Dynasty Strikers	55.5	35.5
Peace Babies	33	59
Pin Heads	32	59
Team 8	0	91

High Game: Erika Purdy, 85; A.J. Kalla, 139

High Series: Alicia Lambdin, 166; Chris Hague, 349

BIG'S BUMPER BOWLERS - 12-11-99

Team	W	L
Hart	40	25

Team	W	L
Brown	30	35
Burchett	25	40
Team 4	20	45

High Game: Casel Hart, 100; Dustin Hart, 98

High Series: Casel Hart, 176; Michael Purdy, 132

CHELSEA LANES YOUTH MIXED - 12-11-99

Team	W	L
Derla	64	34
Syrax Wrap	57	41
"We Are Family"	57	41
All in the Family	57	41
The Hicks	55	43
The Lunatics	53	45
Chelsea Lanes	51	47
The Other Team	51	47
Bushwackers	48	50
Strike Force	47	51
Slick	46	52
Red Dawgs	42	56
F.W. Express	41	57
Bowl Dogs	40	58
Cro-Magnons	38	60
Millennium	36	62
Quiet Riot	35	63
Regicide	24	74

High Game: Beth Wade, 192; Shaun Schanz, 223

High Series: Beth Wade, 503; Shaun Schanz, 578

LEISURE TIME - 12-9-99

Team	W	L
Not Yet	31	21
Doves	27	25
Mistis	26	26
Late Ones	24	28
Sweetrollies	24	28

High Game: Irene Draus, 190

High Series: Irene Draus, 507

CHELSEA SUBURBAN - 12-9-99

Team	W	L
Schultz Enterprises	63	37
3-D	61	39
Chart Hills	57	41
Flow Ezy	55	43
A&W	54	44
Vogel's Party Store	53	45
R.G. Scrappers	48	50
Creative Stitchery	47	51
A&T Painting	45	53
Gaul Painting	44	54
James Bauer Const.	38	60
Outcasts	23	75

High Game: Deb VanOrman, 211

High Series: Deb VanOrman, 550

Pets as gifts are bad idea

The Humane Society of Huron Valley recommends that when choosing that special gift for the loved ones on your holiday gift list, giving a pet is not a good idea. Every body who is in search of a companion pet has different needs and specific criteria that they will use to choose it.

While the gift of a cuddly puppy or kitten is thoughtful and unique, it is better to purchase a gift certificate from the Humane Society of Huron Valley in the amount of a pet

purchase. The recipient of this gift certificate will then have the opportunity to select the perfect animal of their choice.

You know that people always appreciate getting exactly the gift that they want, so let them choose their own pet.

by giving them a gift certificate from the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley wishes all of you a happy, healthy holiday season, and a prosperous New Year!

We will be starting the Community Calendar once again, so we need to hear from your organization regarding monthly meetings (w/dates & times) and special events. This is for local events only with some discretion for nearby towns. Please fax your info to (734) 475-1413 att: Community Calendar, or call the Chelsea Standard/Dexter Leader at (734) 475-1371 Thank You

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Calculating actual 401(k) returns can be tricky business

Q: Like most employees who invest in their employer's 401(k) plans, I make contributions every month. Each quarter I receive a statement showing the gain or loss on the individual investments as well as the total return on my entire account.

I also receive a report on the performance of all of the mutual funds that are offered in the plan. Somehow, whenever I look at my account vs. the performance of the individual funds, they do not seem to compare, even though I am investing in the same funds. Why is this?

A: This is a common complaint among many investors who see performance figures published for mutual funds that they hold and then try to reconcile the performance with their actual holdings.

If we assume that the published performance figures are correct, the numbers should correspond; however, when doing any calculations, we need to take into account the effects of cash flows into or out of the individual mutual funds.

This can be especially difficult when many contributions are made to an investment, such as the ongoing contributions to a 401(k) plan.

When most investors calculate the returns on their portfolios, they measure the total growth of the portfolio from the beginning of a specific period of time, such as a calendar quarter, through the end of that period.

This is commonly referred to as the internal rate of return, and is also known as the dollar-weighted rate of return. For example, if you began a calendar quarter with \$10,000 in your account, made no additional investments and had a value of \$10,100 at the end of the quarter, you would have earned 10 percent for the quarter.

When we make additional investments or withdrawals during the quarter, the calculation is entirely different. If



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we wish to accurately determine the rate of return when additional investments or withdrawals are made, we must use something called a time-weighted rate of return.

Breaking down the investment period into segments between each of the times that money is added to or subtracted from the account enables us to do this calculation.

To do this, you must know the value of the account on each day that money is invested or withdrawn during the quarter, and then calculate the return between that time and next time money is added to or subtracted from

the account.

These individual time periods are then linked together and compounded for an entire quarter.

The time-weighted rate of return is very important for two reasons. First of all, it will provide the truest picture of your individual total return for the period in question. Secondly, and perhaps just as importantly, it will enable you to more accurately compare the performance of one investment to another.

Without knowing the time-weighted rate of return, you might actually sell a top-performing mutual fund and keep an underperforming fund without realizing it!

How could this happen? Imagine two mutual funds with the same beginning and ending values. Upon further examination we also find that the times and amounts of additional contributions and withdrawals during the comparison period are the same.

Based on our observations, it would appear that the per-

formance of the two funds were identical. When we look closer, however, at the valuations after each contribution or withdrawal was made during the interim time periods, we might find that one fund had better performance when more dollars were available.

The other fund might have had better performance, just by chance, when fewer dollars were invested. Under these circumstances, it is possible that one fund might actually

have had significantly greater performance than another might, and yet, you would never realize it without doing a time-weighted rate of return of calculation.

A dollar-weighted rate of return calculation is helpful in determining if you are on target toward reaching your financial goals by showing the total growth of your investment.

The time-weighted rate of

return is a more accurate measure of the performance of your investment. Both of these measures can be helpful in assessing your overall portfolio and how it may be helping you to reach your financial goals.

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