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Dexter Twp commits to building authority

■ Startup costs total \$40,000, with \$8,000 coming from each municipality.

By Michelle Rogers
Associate Editor

Plans to establish a local building department are moving forward and have been endorsed by at least one of five municipalities that will comprise it. Dexter Township Board made a tentative commitment last week to join the not-yet-named building department. Township Clerk Bill Eisenbeiser is a member of the committee investigating the idea. The committee has representation from Chelsea Village and Sylvan, Lima, Lyndon and Dexter townships. "It's basically ready to go as soon as the townships are ready to take the next step," Eisenbeiser said. "But I'd like us to make the commitment now."

Washtenaw County currently handles inspections of electric, building and

plumbing systems from the County Department of Environment and Infrastructure Services, which is located in Pittsfield Township.

Eisenbeiser said the local municipalities would continue to rely on the county for health permits, soil erosion permits and its appeals board.

As proposed, the local building department would operate out of the basement in Sylvan Township Hall. Possible names discussed by the committee include the Chelsea Area Building Authority and the Northwest Washtenaw County Building Authority.

Eisenbeiser said it would cost \$40,000 to launch a local building authority and estimated annual expenses at \$295,640. Revenue from permit fees is estimated at \$311,000 a year. Eisenbeiser said he came up with the revenue estimate by averaging what the county took in permit fees for the five municipalities over the past four years.

"It's amazing the amount of money the

county has averaged from permits," Eisenbeiser said, pointing out that Dexter Township had the highest number of building permits out of the five municipalities.

Eisenbeiser said that the estimates he presented to the board are preliminary and have not yet been endorsed by the committee.

He also said the building department would reimburse the startup costs.

The Township Board approved a request by Eisenbeiser to pay \$300 to the committee to cover legal expenses involved in the startup. Eisenbeiser said the committee hopes to have the building department operational by May.

"It appears everybody is essentially interested in it and committed to it," Eisenbeiser said.

A timeline approved by the committee calls for an inter-local agreement in place some time in January, with representatives appointed from each municipality

by month's end. In February, the committee would like to investigate the state's building code and related ordinances. In March, each jurisdiction will need to contribute \$8,000 in startup costs, with the department open for business in late April or early May.

Manchester Village has its own building authority and is serving as a model. Eisenbeiser said the committee is not interested in combining with Manchester, however, because it doesn't want the department to get too big.

"We don't want it to get big. As soon as it gets large it loses its responsiveness," he said. "That's the main reason why the county's doesn't work well."

"It's just a case of where the bureaucracy has expanded to a point where it's difficult to deal with."

By having a local building department Eisenbeiser said it should take less time for builders to get inspections.

NEWS BRIEFS

Council passes tax breaks

At its Dec. 14 meeting, Chelsea Village Council approved two tax breaks for area residents, one relating to wastewater treatment, the other due to a change in district library funding.

The first tax break comes as a result of unrealized money set aside for payment on a wastewater treatment plant expansion. The millage to pay off an expansion debt was set at 2.65 mills in March 1987, and lowered to 1.85 in 1993.

The account for monies received on the payment is currently at \$424,000. Village Manager Jack Myers announced his plans to reduce the millage on the expansion payments by .95 mills, from the 1.85 rate to .90, when he sets rates in May 2000. The new rate will go into effect later in the year. Council members unanimously approved the change.

The second tax break coming to area voters is a result of alterations in funding of the Chelsea District Library. With the passage of the library operating millage in the Oct. 5 elections, the library now collects taxes from all five member townships, in addition to the village taxes.

As a result of an altered fiscal year budget, the library is setting aside \$38,000 in an escrow account. Myers told council he planned to implement a tax plan which will refund an appropriate amount to taxpayers included in the original tax, rather than redistributing it village-wide.

Commissioner speaks to seniors

Washtenaw County Commissioner Joe Yekulis will be speaking at a potluck lunch at the Chelsea Senior Center on Jan. 17. Yekulis will be addressing the center about area issues, including progress on an M-52 reroute, a proposed Ann Arbor homeless shelter, and will answer questions from attendees about their concerns for the Chelsea area.

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'Tis the Season



Palmer Ford wrapped up its 11th annual Toys for Tots and Teens, collecting many toys through donations. The toys were distributed around the Chelsea area by Faith in Action. Above, the staff of ReMax Realtors adds donations to the growing pile; counter-clockwise, from left, are Rob Stofer, Susan Fitzpatrick, Connie Woodruff, Kelly Cooper, Tammy Yost, Linda Penhallegon, Arlene Koker, Dennis Pearsall and Kevin Carlson.

Dexter Township renews gas company agreement

■ Consumers Energy allowed to continue operations in township another five years.

By Michelle Rogers
Associate Editor

Dexter Township adopted an ordinance Dec. 21 allowing Consumers Energy Co. to continue operating a franchise in the township for another five years.

Bill Pike of Consumers Energy asked that the fran-

chise agreement be renewed so the company can continue serving customers and expanding its service area as Dexter Township's population grows.

Pike said Consumers Energy has laid an additional 32 miles of gas mains in the township based on requests for service from local residents. Consumers Energy is the only gas company serving the township, Pike said.

If the township is interested in floating a bond, Pike said the company could extend its lines

and offer gas to all township residents. He said this was done in Groveland Township, near Flint. Since August, Pike said Consumers Energy has laid 230 miles of gas mains in that area. The bond issue was for \$2.5 million and will be paid back with user fees, he said.

"It's something that certainly could be done here, and we would encourage it," Pike said.

As part of the township's agreement with Consumers Energy, the company will be allowed the right to lay, main-

tain and operate gas mains and pipes in public areas while offering its services to residents.

This is the fourth franchise agreement Consumers Energy has had with the township. The first was 65 years ago and lasted for 30 years. That agreement was renewed in 1964 for another 30 years. The Township Board decided in 1994 to reduce the number of years for the agreement to five to ensure the company is responsive to customers' needs.

Perseverance key in year's inspirational stories

By Dirk Fischbach
Editor

While some will remember 1999 as a year of division among community groups, with lively debate over Rite Aid, the historic district and library and fire ballot issues dominating headlines, others will recall the close of the century as a time of tremendous personal achievement and group accom-

plishments played out weekly in the pages of *The Chelsea Standard*.

As we wind down the year's final week, we found it only natural to revisit a few of the stories that made us smile over these past 12 months. They are reports that tell the real story of the community and the people who make it up and they remind us of the awesome potential of the individual and

the indomitable nature of the human spirit.

We hope you enjoy reliving them as much as we enjoyed bringing them to you.

The top inspirational story of 1999 has to be an article about three local families coping with cancer. The piece addressed their thoughts on the disease, what they've gone through personally and how a local support group has helped them in their battle.

Local families find support, friendship in difficult times

Carol Acker, Howard "Buz" Osborne and Alice Otto all had something in common when we interviewed them earlier this year. They had cancer. Carol was diagnosed with multiple

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Local authorities ready for Y2K

■ Village has assurances from all major vendors that all systems are Y2K compliant

By Dirk Fischbach
Editor

If everything goes according to the plans laid out by local experts, the much-ballyhooped Y2K bug will be the biggest non-event since Geraldo Rivera opened Al Capone's vault.

Officials with the villages of Chelsea and Dexter, Chelsea Community Hospital, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and the school districts in both communities are confident that they are prepared for the millennial changeover.

"We're about as ready as we'll ever be," said Chelsea Village Manager Jack Myers, striking a chord common among everyone contacted.

The village has assurances from all major vendors, including Consumers Energy, MichCon and Detroit Edison, that all systems are Y2K compliant, and staff has made certain that all internal systems are upgraded and ready.

Vital services such as water and sewer are equipped with generator backup in case power is lost and each village, department will be staffed for the critical Jan. 1 period. The police department has extra manpower scheduled and also is on generator backup. In addition, Myers said the village is holding 200,000 gallons of water in underground reserves and 400,000 in the elevated tower.

Dexter Village Manager Jim Graham reports similar preparations.

"We've kept a close eye on it," he said. "All of our computers are new and the software is Y2K compliant and our fund balance software is Y2K-proof."

Graham notes that the village's backup generators are fully fueled and sewer and water will be ready for the worst.

Both Myers and Graham said that the only major threats

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myeloma (bone cancer) in 1992; Buzz, prostate cancer in 1991; and Alice, cervical cancer in 1997. A story in our April 15 edition shared their struggles and told of a place where they found friendship and support.

The trio was among a large group of residents from western Washtenaw County who had met through the Care and Share support group. The monthly meetings at Chelsea Community Hospital provided a safe place where they could share their thoughts on the disease, the latest treatments and dietary news, as well as their pain and struggles.

Carol and her husband, Von, ran the meetings, and started the group as a spin off of the I Can Cope support group at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Each of their stories provided inspiration for our readers. Carol's bright outlook on life despite her bleak diagnosis was admirable. Alice's frankness about the doctors and various treatments was enlightening information and the fact that Buzz found a support group where he felt comfortable enough to open up was touching.

We found each of them courageous, and believe there is a powerful lesson in their

approach to adversity.

Our second story centers on the ability of an individual to overcome obstacles on the way to achieving a goal. We featured CHS grad and Adrian College basketball standout Ann Terpstra in April. While her athletic talents are obvious, it was her classroom achievements that we found most uplifting.

Learning disability doesn't stop grad from meeting goals.

To those looking in from the outside, it would seem that Ann Terpstra has had an easy time of things.

A three-time all conference and all region basketball player as a prep star at Chelsea High School, Terpstra was an all state selection in her senior year. Her athletic prowess has helped her become a standout at Adrian college, as well, where this past season she averaged 15.5 points per game.

But the most impressive numbers Terpstra puts up are in the classroom. Since high school she has maintained a 3.8 grade point average. It is an accomplishment made all the more impressive by the fact that Ann has a speech and language disability.

While she received specialized instruction in elementary and middle school, the reason for her success is simple: hard

work.

Refusing to use her disability as an excuse, Ann simply worked harder to overcome the challenges she faced. Just as she was proven on the basketball court, where her hard work also has paid off, in the game of life, Ann is a definite winner — and a true inspiration.

Our third story also shows the value of perseverance. When Tucker Kern suffered a paralyzing injury on his motorcycle, the 14-year-old CHS student refused to give up his zest for life.

Life goes on

Tucker Kern lived to ride his dirt bike. The thrill of the speed and jumps was a lure that held him since he was 4 years old.

But on an outing in 1997, wearing full protective gear, Tucker took a terrible spill. Initially rushed to Cheboygan Hospital, he was transferred by life flight to Mott's Children Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Doctors discovered breaks in eight ribs, both wrists and two vertebrae. The latter leaving him permanently paralyzed from the waist down.

It was a devastating change of life for the active young man.

But while the injuries could damage the body, they could not touch the spirit. Buoyed by the support of family and

friends, Tucker met his circumstance head on.

Released from the hospital on a Friday, he was back in school the following Monday.

Missing the independence he had once known, he rigged up an innovative pulley system that allowed him to get himself and his wheelchair down the stairs of the family's home without assistance. He relearned the skills needed to be self-sufficient and mastered the handling of his wheelchair.

His friends have come to realize that despite his physical limitations he is very much the same "Tuck" he had been before the accident. He remains positive and involved and full of anticipation for the things that high school and life beyond have in store.

Our fourth story contains a simple message of thanks and remembrance. Continuing a tradition begun last year, Mary and Jeff Gunnis organized a dinner for area veterans to celebrate Veterans Day.

Veterans share memories, meal at Rod and Gun Club dinner

Making certain that the community remembers the sacrifice that armed service veterans made for our country, the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club hosts an annual Veterans Day dinner to salute area service-

men.

The effort was organized by Mary and Jeff Gunnis and this year the event provided meals for 125 vets.

Carrying on a tradition begun at the first dinner, when a power outage forced auxiliary lighting, this year's meal was served under lantern and candlelight. Vets from World War II to the Gulf War shared stories and camaraderie.

In an era when many have forgotten the price paid for our freedom, the Rod and Gun Club dinner is a powerful reminder and a wonderful thank you.

No recap of the year's best stories would be complete without a recognition of the great seasons enjoyed by several of our high school athletic teams. The stories of their quests for championships and titles captivated us week in and week out.

CHS Bulldogs provide thrills on many fronts

The year of glory began with the girls' softball team's powerful runner-up state finish in the spring.

After securing a co-championship in the Southeastern conference, the Bulldogs really found their stride in post-season play.

The girls downed Dexter and Saline to clinch the SEC tournament and beat Brooklyn Columbia Central to claim district honors.

The regional title was secured with a 2-1 win over Vicksburg, behind the pitching of McKenna Houle.

The team fell to Wyoming Rogers in the state final game, ending a season of excitement with the runner-up trophy for Class B.

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would occur further up the chain, if the utility companies were unable to provide power over an extended time — an eventuality that they have assured will not happen.

"Do I think there's a chance we could be inconvenienced? Sure," says Graham. "Do I think it will be a disaster? No." The schools also are confident.

Richard Weaver, who led an eight-person team at Dexter schools, is "real comfortable" with the state of readiness.

Weaver said that he began looking at the issue about five years ago, and made slow and steady progress toward compliance as the date loomed.

He and his group set a deadline for themselves of Oct. 31 to have all systems Y2K-proof, and while they ran a bit over, he is happy to report that as of last week the finishing touches have been put on the undertaking.

"I think we can handle anything that could cause us problems," he said, reiterating the message he delivered to the school board earlier this year.

Like Weaver, Scott Wooster at Chelsea benefited from a recent bond proposal which brought much upgraded technology with it.

"All the equipment that was tied to the bond was Y2K compliant," Wooster said.

And, like Dexter, Chelsea used a team approach to cover its bases. With the help of Mike Diaz and Steve Goddard, Wooster made the necessary software patches, and got assurances from Compaq, the district's major computer supplier, that all the machines were prepared for the changeover.

"We've done everything within our power to make sure we're Y2K compliant," Wooster assured.

At Chelsea Community Hospital, all patient care areas are equipped with generator backup and all computer systems have been checked for compliance.

"From an operational standpoint, it will be business as usual," said Phil Boham, the hospital's vice president of facilities and support services. "I don't think the general public needs to be concerned about health care on Jan. 1."

All major suppliers have verified the hospital's readiness, and the facility has two large diesel-powered generators on standby.

"It's no different than preparing for a bad storm," Boham notes.

If the dire predictions of the millennialists come true, the hospital has set up an emergency control command center with guaranteed communications and runners at ready.

The Washtenaw County sheriff's Department also is using preparations similar to those employed for a severe storm.

The department has created mini-reporting stations throughout the county, using both regular officers and reserves to handle the increased staffing. A release given to local media indicates that they will have, "Adequate

personnel and mobile patrols well beyond our normally scheduled ones."

Communications systems have been tested and the department expects no interruption in service.

"We anticipate things to be fairly peaceful," said Undersheriff Mark Ptasek. "We are likening it to a winter storm. We want to be particularly cautious and attentive, and be as prepared as can reasonably be expected."

Ptasek noted that the Y2K preparation process had forced the department to take a "good hard look at how resources are marshaled."

And while everyone is satisfied with the state of readiness, there still is an air of trepidation about problems that could happen which are beyond anyone's control, such as longterm power outages.

There also is the matter of the cost of preparation.

While many items included in upgrades were slated for eventual purchase, the Y2K concern sped up the process in many cases.

Making a rough estimate, Myers believed that with the new generators Chelsea probably spent in the neighborhood of \$160,000. Graham said that Dexter's effort likely ran about

\$20,000.

To Wooster, it wasn't so much a money issue as manpower. He noted that several hundred man hours were devoted to the process.

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Pennies From Heaven

Beach Middle School's three-week "penny drive" raised nearly \$1,450 for Faith in Action. The effort, which was coordinated by the Student Council, got help from Andrea Maines' block class, which counted and rolled the change collected. Pictured during the check passing ceremony from left are, back row, the Rev. Jerrold Beaumont of Faith in Action, Student Council reps Blythe Crane and Jamie Bougher and faculty representative Dennis Strzyzewski. In front are faculty representative Nancy Zyzeleski, and counters Rose Klapperch and Joe Ponte. Organizers hope to make the fundraising drive an annual event.

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The fall sports teams picked up on the momentum and gave local fans much to cheer on several fronts.

The football team took a share of the Southeastern Conference title, defeating Saline and Pinckney in a fabulous regular-season run.

Entering the state playoffs with a sterling 8-1 mark, the Bulldogs proved their mettle with a surprisingly lopsided victory over Hastings, advancing to second-round matchup with Haslett.

While the 'Dogs fell victim to some untimely turnovers and a powerful Viking offense, their brave comeback attempt showed the heart of a champion and reminded the large Chelsea contingent that had traveled to the game what a magical season it had been.

The girls' basketball team took a similar route to the top. After sharing a portion of the

Southeastern Conference title, the girls found little satisfaction in spreading the glory four ways (the title went to Chelsea, Dexter, Saline and Pinckney) and set out to put things right in district play.

Avenging a pair of regular-season losses to nemesis Dexter, the girls buried the Dreadnaughts in the district final to advance to regional action.

While the 'Dogs found themselves somewhat overmatched against a powerful Dearborn Divine Child team, they battled to the end, showing the resolve that had carried them all season long.

The boys' cross country team saved its best for the late-season.

Consistently running well all year, the team measured itself against its Class A opponent

down the road, Saline. At the SEC jamborees it was always the Hornets on top, with the Bulldogs just behind. Coach Eric Swager knew that if his charges could hold their own against the powerful Saline team, they would be in good shape for regional competition.

Boy did he have it right. Led by Jeff Kolodica, Chelsea blitzed the competition on a challenging Hudson High School course to claim the regional crown. It was the perfect reward for a season of hard work. The team then competed at the state level and placed a very strong 13th.

Along with the second-place state showing of the Chelsea equestrian team and the season-long efforts of all who wear the blue and gold, these performances kept us cheering and smiling all year long.

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SEMCOG releases environmental data

Since the early 1970s, a cleaner, healthier environment has been a national priority. To help gauge the region's progress in meeting environmental standards, SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has published *A Profile of Southeast Michigan's Environment: Identification of Environmental Indicators and Initial Data Collection*.

The profile contains information on the current environmental quality of Southeast Michigan's air, water and land. However, Chuck Hersey, SEMCOG Manager of Environmental Programs, notes that "the profile should not be viewed as a pass/fail test, but as a report that shows the state of progress."

In addition to ascertaining the gains in environmental quality, the profile pinpoints some new concerns. Typically, pollution falls into one of two categories, point source and nonpoint source pollution.

"Point source pollution comes from major, single sources such as a factory's chimneys or discharge pipes and is relatively easy to identify," explains Hersey.

"Nonpoint source pollution comes from a variety of smaller, individual actions, from farming practices to how much we drive our cars and how much fertilizer we put on our lawns. We've come a long way in getting major, single sources of pollution under control, but growth and prosperity are presenting new challenges; nonpoint source pollution is emerging as the major concern."

According to the profile, the continuing rise in nonpoint source pollution is fueled by the region's growth and needs

to be properly managed to avoid offsetting recent environmental gains.

Another major element of the profile is identifying the best "indicators" for measuring environmental health. By isolating the indicators best suited to gauge the region's environmental health, misleading and overwhelming volumes of irrelevant data can be avoided. Additionally, this helps identify areas where data would prove useful but is currently incomplete or non-existent, thereby helping guide future plans for data collection.

This is the first time such a comprehensive report has centered on the environmental health of Southeast Michigan. The data collected and summarized in the report should prove useful for both govern-

mental officials and policy makers as well as citizens groups and environmental protection professionals. The report will be a resource for future discussions on resource allocation and policies for meeting the challenges of the region's forecasted growth.

A *Profile of Southeast Michigan's Environment* is available from SEMCOG's Information Services, (313) 961-4266.

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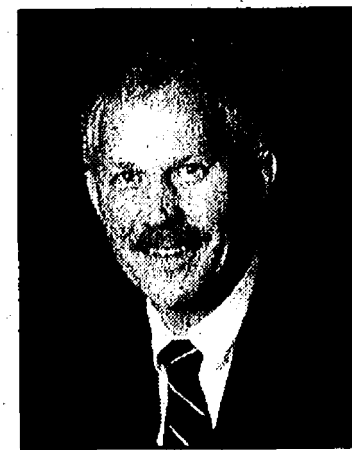


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AAA predicts 1.6 million holiday travelers

An estimated 1.6 million Michiganders — 17 percent of state residents — have travel plans for the Christmas/New Year's holiday period, according to an AAA Michigan survey. The number represents an increase over last year, when 1.4 million state residents made holiday travel plans.

Although 71 percent of travelers surveyed plan on visiting relatives, only 37 percent of those traveling will remain in Michigan. Popular destinations outside Michigan include Florida (18 percent), California (13 percent) and Indiana (13 percent).

Six percent of respondents indicated they have special travel plans related to the celebration of the Year 2000.

"We anticipate busy travel volumes — on land, sea and air," said AAA Michigan Director of Vendor Relations

and Travel Support Larry Dickens. "We're booking cruises and land packages this season. As usual, we urge travelers to plan ahead and remain calm when things get crowded."

Other survey findings:

- The average trip will include three travelers and last eight days — and the average amount spent will be nearly \$880.

- Eighty-four percent of the trips planned will be inside the United States, with 87 percent of those trips exceeding 100 miles.

- Most of the Michigan destinations will be in the lower peninsula (93 percent), and these are most likely to be in the northwest (23 percent), southwest (10 percent) and central (19 percent) regions.

- Seventy-two percent of all trips will be by car, truck or van. Thirty-two percent of all

trips will be by car, truck or van. Thirty-two percent will travel by air, an increase of six percentage points over last year.

Top 10 destinations

Based on requests for AAA TourBook@guides and Trip-Tik® routings, this winter's top 10 destinations (including Christmas/New Year holiday period) are:

By air: 1) Orlando, 2) Las Vegas, 3) Tampa, 4) Phoenix, 5) the Caribbean.

By land: 1) Florida (Orlando, Daytona, Gulf Coast), 2) South Carolina (Myrtle Beach), 3) New York (NYC and ski resorts), 4) Ontario (Niagara Falls, Toronto), 5) Illinois (Chicago).

Michigan motorists can expect to pay about 39 cents more for a gallon of gas this year (\$1.296 as of Dec. 13).

Nationwide, a near-record

44.6 million Americans are expected to travel during the Christmas/New Year's holiday — the second-highest number for any holiday period. Growth in travel for this period has increased 63 percent since the beginning of the decade. Approximately 35 million people plan to travel by auto this holiday period, while 9.6 million will go by plane, train or bus.

The official 78-hour Christmas holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23 and runs to midnight Sunday, Dec. 26. The 1999-2000 New Year holiday period (also 78 hours) begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30 and runs to midnight Sunday, Jan. 2.

During last year's 78-hour Christmas holiday period, eight persons died in Michigan in eight fatal traffic crashes. None of the crashes were al-

cohol-related, and restraints were not used by two of the victims who had belts available.

During last year's 78-hour New Year holiday period, 12 people died in 12 fatal crashes statewide. At least two of last year's crashes were alcohol-related, and restraints were not used by four of the victims who had belts available.

AAA Michigan reminds motorists that, as of Oct. 1, 1999, they will face tough new drunk-driving laws. Drivers convicted of drunk driving now face severe consequences, including loss of vehicle.

AAA Michigan urges motorists to allow extra time, buckle safety belts, get plenty of sleep and avoid alcohol (for a complete list of non-alcoholic drink recipes, visit News & Info at www.aaamich.com).

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The creeks under study include Honey, Letts, Malletts, Mill, and Fleming, and sites on the Huron River in Oakland and Washtenaw Counties. Interested children are welcome if each is accompanied by an adult.

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Meet at the Watershed Council, 1100 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, at 1 p.m. and carpool to two stream sites. We will finish by 4 p.m. Participation is free.

CHS grad makes dean's list

Tara Zyburt, daughter of Jeffrey and Nancy Zyburt, 11105 Boyce Road, Chelsea, has been named to the Ohio Northern University deans' list for the 1999 fall quarter. She is a freshman majoring in biology.

The deans' list includes students who attain a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a

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Third-grade students in Nancy McKinnon's class at South Meadows visited the Silver Maples Retirement Center to entertain the residents. Pictured above, from left, Braden Gladstone, Nicholas Morrow, Kevin Collison, Vallery Erskine and Dakota Littlefield-Risner get ready for a game of bowling.

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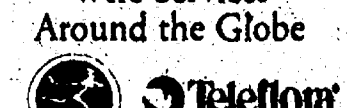
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Dexter Village

Breaking and Entering

On Dec. 11, a deputy was dispatched to Dexter High School, 2615 Baker Road, where an alarm had been triggered. On scene, he met a 54-year-old man, a key holder for the school, who said that a key for the school had been stolen earlier in the week.

The deputy, a sheriff's sergeant and the man all entered the school to investigate, and found a storage closet standing open. Two video cameras were missing from the closet, and possibly a computer. A canine team from Chelsea Police Department was called in. They were able to detect a track from the school, but it ended in a wooded area nearby.

On Dec. 13, two deputies were again dispatched to the high school, to take a statement from a 17-year-old boy. He told the deputies that he had information about several burglaries that took place in the Dexter area and along Jackson Road in the last several months. He also said he knew about the break-in that occurred two nights previous at the school.

He told police that he, a 17-year-old Scio Township boy, a 17-year-old Whitmore Lake boy and another 17-year-old Dexter boy had been at a woman's apartment on the evening in question, when the township boy said he wanted to take cameras from the high school to make some movies.

The boy said all four males had driven the woman's car to the school, where two went inside and procured the video cameras. The boy also told of an earlier break-in at the school, which resulted in the theft of computer, as well as the burglary of a dentist's office on North Territorial Road.

The information was used to apprehend the Scio Township boy and an Ann Arbor woman that night, in the process of another burglary.

A deputy was dispatched to Palmer Insurance Company, 3074 Baker Road, on Dec. 15. He met with a 23-year-old woman, the owner of the business, who told the deputy that sometime during the previous night unknown perpetrators had entered the business by prying open a window.

Once inside, the perpetrators had removed a concealed wall safe, but left it on the floor, as they were unable to open it. They also cut open a

night deposit bag, from which they removed \$250. Damage to the window totaled \$75.

The woman noted that the perpetrators appeared to know where the moneybag was located, as the offices were not ransacked. She also said that the perpetrators had replaced a wreath knocked from the broken window.

A deputy was dispatched to State Farm Insurance, 7955 Ann Arbor St., on Dec. 15. The deputy met with the owner, a 58-year-old woman.

She said that, at some time during the previous night, someone had entered the business. She had detected nothing, as the office was not in disarray, until she had looked for the previous day's receipts. She found them missing from the envelope in which they had been placed, while several checks remained. She said the money totaled \$360, while an additional \$10 was missing from the petty cash box.

Counterfeit Money

A deputy was called to the Clark Station, 8135 Main St., on a report of a counterfeit note on Dec. 19.

The deputy met with the manager of the station, a 55-year-old man, who told the deputy that a 16-year-old boy had tried to make a purchase with a \$10 bill that proved to be counterfeit. When the deputy questioned the boy, he said that he received the bill in change while at Zap Zone, 2809 Boardwalk St. in Ann Arbor. He said he had no idea the bill was counterfeit.

The manager of the station said that he had heard of several instances of counterfeit bills being passed in the area, and had been on the lookout for them. The matter was reported to the Secret Service, and the boy was released pending further investigation.

Possession of a Controlled Substance

While on patrol Dec. 10, a deputy saw two men seated in a parked car at Main and Alpine streets. He moved closer, and saw the two men handling a white powder on a plastic tray.

He spoke with the two, both 19-year-old men, who told him that the substance was Ritalin. He asked one of the men if he had a prescription, to which the man replied that he did not.

A search of the vehicle and the men also turned up a bottle of vodka, a knife, a flail-style weapon, a plastic ciga-

rette wrapper containing 51 tablets of Ritalin, a plastic straw containing white residue, a pack of cigarette-rolling papers, and a package of fireworks.

The men said they had bought the drugs from a man at a party, and had procured the liquor in a like manner.

The two men were held by police for a short time, and then released pending prosecution.

Dexter Township

Warrant Arrest

A deputy was dispatched to Dexter-Pinckney Road at Sarah Road to meet with Brighton Police on Dec. 22. They transferred possession of Daniel J. Oprisiu, a 43-year-old man, who was wanted in Washtenaw County on a Friend of the Court warrant.

Property Damage

A deputy reported to Island Lake Road near Dexter Town Hall on Dec. 10. He met with a person complaining of property damage.

The deputy was told that a piece of construction equipment left at the site had had its fuel filter melted, and a foreign substance introduced into the gas tank.

Attempted Suicide

A deputy was dispatched Dec. 14 on a report of a suicide attempt. He met with a 19-year-old man, who told the officer that his brother, a 23-year-old man, had earlier attempted suicide due to depression over relationship troubles.

The man said he had found his brother inebriated earlier, and had gone to pick up their father, a 41-year-old man. When the two returned to the residence all three men shared, they found the brother outside, and a suicide note and empty aspirin bottle inside.

Paramedics cared for the man. Due to his inebriated state, he made no statement.

A deputy was dispatched Dec. 18 on a report of a suicide attempt. He met with a 49-year-old woman, who told him that her 23-year-old son had earlier attempted suicide. The woman said the man had been arguing with his brother, a 24-year-old man, which is a common occurrence.

The younger man became upset, and his brother quickly ended the dispute and reconciled with him. The younger brother then said he was going to the barn on the property. A short time later, the older brother answered a phone call for the younger. He called to his brother, but received no answer.

When the brother went to the barn to find his brother, he discovered that the younger man had attempted to hang himself. He cut the man down, and told his mother to call 911. Meanwhile, he and his girlfriend began CPR on his younger brother. Paramedics arrived, and took over CPR. The man was listed as alive but in unstable condition.

The older brother noted that the younger man is an alcoholic, and had been drinking three beers and at least a half-pint of whiskey before the attempt.

Drunken Driving

On Dec. 14, a deputy stopped a 31-year-old Ann Arbor man for erratic driving on Island Lake Road near Dancer Road. When the deputy asked the driver for his license, the man said his license was suspended. The deputy asked the

man to get out of the car, and when he did, the officer noticed a strong smell of alcohol from the man and the car.

The man claimed he had had two beers, but refused to perform sobriety tests. The deputy arrested the man, and obtained a warrant to draw the man's blood.

Webster Township

Warrant Arrest

During a traffic stop on North Territorial Road at Maple Road on Dec. 17, a deputy discovered that the driver, Elliott W. Shawn, a 29-year-old Milan man, was wanted on a warrant for failing to pay a ticket for driving without a license.

Larceny

A deputy responded to a report of larceny in the 4500 block of Mast Road on Dec. 17. He met with a 54-year-old woman, who said that a wallet was missing from her mother's purse.

The woman said that she had discovered the loss before taking her mother out to go shopping, but had seen the wallet the previous day. The wallet contained several credit cards and \$120 in cash.

At that time, she was speak-

ing with two representatives of a senior home-care company. She had signed paperwork with a man from the company while her mother, an 88-year-old woman, showed a home nurse around the house.

When the daughter called a credit card company to report the loss, she was told that there had been several charges to one of the cards. The younger woman said that the only people with access to the wallet in the preceding 24 hours had been the home-care workers.

Scio Township

Family Trouble

A deputy was dispatched Dec. 18 on a report of family trouble. He met with a 34-year-old woman, the suspect, who told him she had been trying to gain entry to her home.

She said that earlier in the night her husband, a 29-year-old man, had come to her work and told her their marriage was over. He took the car she had driven to work, leaving another in its place.

When she left work, she went home to retrieve several items from the residence and

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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.
Between Dexter & Pinckney
(734) 428-0933

Paul McKelvey, Elder
Ron Manner, 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
5494 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 Chel-
sea/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.
Thank you.

DEATHS

JEFFREY SCOTT BISHOP

Dexter
Age 29, died suddenly Dec. 24,
1999. He was born July 22, 1970, in
Scottsdale, Ariz., to Paul S. and
Monica (Keppner) Bishop.

Jeff was a dedicated police
officer for Wayne County Sheriff's
Department. During his five years
of employment with the depart-
ment, he especially enjoyed his
most recent position at Detroit
Metro Airport. He was a graduate
of Dexter High School and Wash-
tenaw Community College.

On Feb. 14, 1997, he married
his high school sweetheart, Lisa
McGraw Bishop. She survives with
his beloved daughter, August Mary
Bishop, the apple of his eye, and
awaiting the arrival of his son, due
this coming March.

He was loved by many, espe-
cially his father and stepmother,
Paul and Rita Bishop of Dexter;
mother and stepfather Monica and
Dale Sheffield of Arizona; brother
Paul S. Bishop III of Dexter; step-
brother and sister-in-law Ronald
and Thais Rousseau of Ann Arbor;
mother- and father-in-law Mary
and Robert McGraw of Dexter;
Tracey and Niles Mayrand of Dex-
ter; three nephews and one niece,
Benjamin Rousseau, Robert May-
rand, Patrick Mayrand and Celeste
Rousseau; and many more friends
and relatives.

Jeff was a dedicated husband
and father. He cherished his little
girl, and was forever putting his
family first. He was an avid sports
fan and talented athlete, who en-
joyed snowboarding, mountain bik-
ing, golf and volleyball. But he
would forgo any of these to sit on
the floor with his daughter and build
a toy tower, or teach her how to do
a somersault. He was an affection-
ate, supportive, patient and fun-
loving husband, who always knew
how to make his wife smile. His
friends would describe him as a
loyal friend who in his own way let
each of them know how much he
meant to him. His place in his
friends' and family's hearts can
never be replaced, and he will
truly be missed by all that knew
him.

He died with his brother,
James Robert Bishop of Los Ange-
les. Memorial contributions may
be made to an educational fund
for Jeffrey's children. A memorial
service was held Tuesday, Dec. 28
at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ann
Arbor. The family received
friends at Hosmer-Muehlhig Fu-
neral Chapel on Monday, Dec. 27.

Surviving are his father and
stepmother Paul and Rita Bishop
of Dexter; mother and stepfather
Monica and Dale Sheffield of Ari-
zona; brother Paul S. Bishop III of
Dexter; stepbrother Ronald and
Thais Rousseau of Ann Arbor;
sister-in-law Lisa Bishop of Dex-
ter; niece August Mary Bishop of
Dexter; special friend Kim Ba-
jorek of Los Angeles; and many
other friends and relatives. He
died with his brother Jeffrey Scott
Bishop of Dexter.

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Jeffery's children. A memorial
service was held Tuesday, Dec. 27,
1999, at Trinity Lutheran Church,
Ann Arbor. The family received
friends at Hosmer-Muehlhig Fu-
neral Chapel on Monday.

JAMES ROBERT BISHOP

Dexter
Age 31, died Dec. 24, 1999, born
on Aug. 18, 1968 in Toledo, Ohio to
Paul S. Bishop and Monica (Kepp-
ner) Bishop.

Jim worked in visual effects
and graphic design in Los Ange-
les. He was a gifted musician and
composer of music with a great
love and deep understanding for
all the Arts. He graduated from
Dexter High School and attended
E.M.U. and U.C.L.A. He was a won-
derfully kind and compassionate
person who will be missed greatly
by anyone who knew him.

Surviving are his father and
stepmother Paul and Rita Bishop
of Dexter; mother and stepfather
Monica and Dale Sheffield of Ari-
zona; brother Paul S. Bishop III of
Dexter; stepbrother Ronald and
Thais Rousseau of Ann Arbor;
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friends at Hosmer-Muehlhig Fu-
neral Chapel on Monday.

RUTH J. RABER

Chelsea
Age 83, died Dec. 20, 1999, at
University of Michigan Hospital.
She was born July 9, 1916, in Port
Jarvis, N.Y., the daughter of Oscar
and Florence (Cortright) Winters.

Ruth had lived at Silver Ma-
ples in Chelsea since moving from
her home in Oneonta, N.Y., this
past September. She graduated
from Middletown (N.Y.) High
School in 1932. She then worked as
an aide at Middletown State Hos-
pital until she entered Syracuse
Memorial Hospital School of
Nursing in 1939. After graduation
from Memorial in 1942, she left for
assignment with the Army Nurse
Corps, with whom she spent one
year in St. Petersburg, Fla., and
two years in the European Thea-
ter.

Ruth returned to Syracuse
University in 1947 and graduated
in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in
education and public health. She
worked as school nurse in the
Oneonta Consolidated Public
School System until 1953. In 1962,
she became a clinical instructor of
the newly formed School of Prac-
tical Nursing, Oneonta, serving as
director from 1967 until her re-
tirement in 1980. She received a
master's degree in counseling
from the State University College
in Oneonta in 1970. She was a
member of Atonement Lutheran
Church there, where she had been
a Sunday school teacher and a
member of the church choir.

In 1951, she married Martin E.
Rabier at the First Presbyterian
Church, Unionville, N.Y., and he

preceded her in death in June of
1994. Survivors include one child,
Richard Rabier of Grass Lake.
A celebration of her life will be
held at the Atonement Lutheran
Church in the spring of 2000.
Memorial contributions may be
made to Atonement Lutheran
Church, or to a nursing scholar-
ship fund to be established in
Ruth's name. Memorials may be
sent to Richard Rabier, P.O. Box
502, Grass Lake, Michigan, 49240.
Arrangements by the Burden-
Stormont Chapel, Grass Lake.

GERTRUDE ODELL

Chelsea
Age 91, died Monday, Dec. 20,
1999, at the Saline Evangelical
Home. She was born Sept. 15, 1908,
in Half Mountain, Ky., the daugh-
ter of Noah and Cynthia (Rowe-
Shepherd) Joseph.

Gertrude had been a resident
of Chelsea for 70 years and had
worked for the Chelsea School
District for 25 years, retiring in
1973. She was a member of the
First United Methodist Church of
Chelsea, and an active member of
the Chelsea Hospital Auxiliary
from 1994 to 1997. She was a life-
time member of the Chelsea VFW
4076 Auxiliary. She was married to
Hushel B. Odell in Kenton, Ohio
on March 9, 1929, and he preceded
her in death on March 31, 1981.

Surviving are her three daugh-
ters and one son, Opal (Thomas)
McNamara of Wildwood, Fla.,
Janet Fletcher of Brighton, Gen-
eva (Jim) Walkowe of Manches-
ter and Bucky Odell of Chelsea; a
wonderful daughter-in-law, Jacky
Odell of Canton; 16 grandchildren;
18 great-grandchildren; nine
great-great-grandchildren; and a
sister, Opal Shepard Armentrout
of Maguffy, Ohio. She was pre-
ceded in death by an infant son,
Richard Lee; a son, Carl; five
brothers, Morgan, Warnie, Walter,
Dona and Corbin Joseph; and two
sisters, Cloey Hale and Minerva
Ellis.

Funeral services were held
Thursday, Dec. 23, at the First
United Methodist Church, Chel-
sea, with the Rev. Richard Dake
officiating. The family received
friends Wednesday at the Staffan-
Mitchell Funeral Home. Burial
was at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chel-
sea. Memorial contributions may
be made to the Saline Evangelical
Home. Arrangements by the John
W. Mitchell Family.

STEPHEN POLESCHUK

Chelsea
Age 83, died Saturday, Dec. 25,
1999, at the Chelsea Retirement
Community. He was born May 15,
1916 in Youngstown, Ohio, the son
of Vasil and Katherine Florence
(Pacula) Poleschuk.

Stephen was formerly of Can-
field, Ohio, and worked as a con-
sulting engineer. During World
War II, he was a Lieutenant Colo-
nel in the Army/Air Force, and he
later traveled to Sydney to be
honored as a member of the 49th
Fighter Squadron. He was a mem-
ber of the Masonic Lodge and
Shriners, and was a member of the
Good Hope Lutheran Church
while he resided in Youngstown.

He married Mary Jane Antal in
Youngstown, and she preceded
him in death on Jan. 1, 1988. Sur-
vivors include one son, Bill
Poleschuk of Oviedo, Fla.; two
daughters, Gail Dietz of Carmel,
Ind., and Barb Hensinger of Ann
Arbor; one brother-in-law, George
Antal; one sister-in-law, Martha
Antal; three grandchildren; and
two nieces and two nephews. He
was also preceded in death by one
sister, Mary Moran.

Funeral services were held
Sunday, Dec. 26, at the Chelsea
Retirement Community chapel,
with the Rev. Dr. J. Gordon
Schleicher officiating. The family
received friends Sunday, Dec. 26.
Burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery in
Youngstown. Memorial contribu-
tions may be made to American
Diabetes Association. Arrange-
ments by Cole Funeral Chapel.

VIRGINIA PADGHAM

Chelsea
Age 72, died Friday, Dec. 24,
1999, in her home following a short
illness. She was born March 11,
1927, in Allegan, the daughter of
Earl and Maude Stickley.

Virginia was a member of the
First Congregational Church of
Chelsea, and had been employed
at Chelsea Greenhouse for over 40
years.

She married George Padgham in
Grand Ledge on Aug. 9, 1947, and
he preceded her in death on
March 20, 1986. Survivors include
three daughters, Nancy (David)
White of Ann Arbor, Vicki (Rod-
ney) Munsell of Gregory and Pam-
ela (Ron) Warner of Galesburg;
two sisters, Mildred Hazel of Flor-
ida and Mary Older of McBain;
four grandchildren and one great-
grandson.

Funeral services were held
Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the Cole Fu-

neral Chapel, Chelsea, with the
Rev. Dr. David Cleaver-Bartholomew
officiating. Burial followed at Oak
Grove Cemetery. The family re-
ceived friends at the funeral home
the evening of Monday, Dec. 27.
Memorial contributions may be
made to Individualized Home
Nursing Care.

ASHLEY C. COY

Dexter
Age 92, died Dec. 22, 1999. He
was born April 1, 1907.

During the Depression, he
worked for the WPA, then at the
Willow Run Bomber Plant during
World War II. He later retired
from the University of Michigan as
a supervisor of the Plant Depart-
ment. After retirement he and his
wife were active at the Dexter
Senior Center.

Survived by his wife Josephine;
children Thomas N. (Marie) Coy,
Mary Jo (Richard) Ulrich, Richard
A. (Carol) Coy, Charles E. (Char-
lotte) Coy; 13 grandchildren; 12
great-grandchildren; a sister, Ze-
lma Mallon; and several nieces
and nephews. He was preceded in
death by a brother, LaVerne Coy,
and granddaughter, Tamara Coy.

Services were held Monday,
Dec. 27, 1999 at St. Joseph Catho-
lic Church in Dexter, with the Rev.
Brendan Walsh presiding. Inter-
ment at St. Joseph Cemetery. Visi-
tation was held at the Hosmer-
Muehlhig Funeral Chapel Sunday,
Dec. 26, with a scripture service.
Memorial contributions may be
made to St. Joseph Catholic
Church in Dexter.

KENNETH ALVIN LARAWAY JR.

Dexter
Age 24, died Sunday, Dec. 19,
1999, at University of Michigan
Hospital. He was born Nov. 8, 1975
in Ann Arbor, the son of Kenneth
A. Sr. and Denise Laura (Hannan)
Laraway of Dexter. Kenneth
worked at Cole's Excavating in
Jackson.

Survivors include his parents;
one son, Kenneth A. Laraway III;
two brothers, Brandon Laraway
and Frankie Mannor, both of
Dexter; two great-grandmothers,
Laura Bethke of Ann Arbor and
Minnie Reynolds of Stockbridge;
and many aunts, uncles and cou-
sins.

Funeral services were held
Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1999 at Cole
Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with the
Rev. John M. O'Dell officiating. The
family received friends Tuesday,
Dec. 21 and Wednesday before the
service. Burial was at Oak Grove
Cemetery, Chelsea.

JUANITA CAUDILL

Chelsea, formerly of Munith
Age 73, died Dec. 22, 1999 at
Chelsea Community Hospital. She
was born Jan. 21, 1926 in Carver,
Ky., the daughter of Dewey and
Anna (Watson) Salver.

Nita had been a resident of
Chelsea for a year and had lived
in Munith for 30 years. She mar-
ried Thomas R. Caudill in Angola,
Ind., on her birthday in 1956. He
preceded her in death on Sept. 29,
1998. Surviving are two sisters,
Rose Risner and Bea Fletcher;
both of Chelsea; three nieces; and
two nephews. She was also pre-
ceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held Fri-
day, Dec. 24, 1999 at the Staffan-
Mitchell Funeral Home. The fam-
ily received friends Thursday,
Dec. 23 at the funeral home.
Burial was in Oak Grove Ceme-
tery, Chelsea. Arrangements by
the John W. Mitchell Family.

DREW BRYAN STARKEY

Chelsea
Infant son of Todd J. and Beth
Ann (Unterbrink) Starkey, died
Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1999, at
Holden Hospital, Ann Arbor. He
was born Dec. 18, 1999, in Ann Ar-
bor.

Drew is survived by his broth-
ers Tanner and Cameron; paternal
grandparents Susan and Stanley
Starkey of Chelsea; maternal
grandparents Kenneth and Elea-
nor Unterbrink of Chelsea; mater-
nal great-grandmother Marilyn
Kansorka of Oregon, Ohio; pater-
nal great-grandmother Mary Ellen
Starkey of Northwood, Ohio; aunts
and uncles Chad E. Starkey of Los
Altos, Calif., Laura J. Unterbrink
of Houston, Amy J. (Richard III)
Poljan of Chelsea, and Lisa R.
(Dean) Castile of Manchester, Ga.;
five cousins; and several great-
aunts and great-uncles.

Funeral mass was held Mon-
day, Dec. 27, at the St. Mary Catho-
lic Church, with the Rev. Dr. Wil-
liam J. Turner and deacon Rich-
ard Shaneyfelt officiating. The
family received friends Monday,
Dec. 27, at the church before the
service. Burial at Mt. Olivet Ceme-
tery, Chelsea. Memorial contribu-
tions may be made to Holden Hos-
pital, Neo-Natal Intensive Care
Unit, University of Michigan Hos-
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POLICE

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the car, but was locked out. She banged loudly on the front door, and then went to the kitchen window. When the man put his hands on the glass, to prevent his wife from breaking it, it broke and he received a minor injury to his hand. At that point, he dialed 911.

The couple's 17-year-old daughter corroborated the account, as did the man. The woman was allowed to retrieve some items, and chose to spend the night elsewhere. Both were told that, pending court orders, the house should remain open to both of them, but they should steer clear of one another during emotional periods.

Breaking and Entering

On Dec. 16, a deputy was dispatched to the 5600 block of Villa France Ave. He met with the homeowner, who told him that, while the house in question was unoccupied, his nephew, a 17-year-old Ypsilanti boy, had entered using a duplicated key.

The man said that the boy had been living with him, but when the boy began stealing, he was told he had to leave. The man took the boy's key at that time, but believes that the boy had had a duplicate made.

A babysitter at the residence saw the boy enter with two of his friends, ostensibly to retrieve a pair of skis the boy had left at the residence. Shortly thereafter, the man realized that his wife's wedding ring, valued at \$8,000, was missing.

The man said that he would be moving to Nevada, but would call to give more information on the ring. The call was not forthcoming.

Larceny

On Dec. 14, a deputy was dispatched to the 4100 block of North Corey Circle on a report of larceny. At the scene, the deputy met with the victim, a 46-year-old woman, who said that sometime during the previous night, an unknown perpetrator had broken the passenger side window of her son's car, removing car stereo equipment valued at \$1,650. The woman suspected students at her son's school had committed the crime.

On Dec. 13, a sheriff's deputy received a report of larceny from a BP/Amoco station, 325 N. Zeeb Road. He met with the manager, a 48-year-old man, who said that, following a string of cash-drawer shortages totaling several hundred dollars, a security camera system was due to be installed. Before installation was possible, however, the VCR and camera, val-

ued at \$1,450, were stolen. The security company is conducting an internal investigation.

On Dec. 17, a deputy was dispatched to Pilot truck stop, 195 Baker Road, on a report of larceny. The officer met with a 16-year-old woman employed at the stop, who said that a tall white male driving a semi-truck with a logo for Ray's Trux filled his truck with over 57 gallons of diesel fuel, worth almost \$71, and then did not pay. The deputy contacted the trucking company, but had received no reply.

Minor in Possession

On Dec. 19, a deputy received a report of a hit and run in the 490 block of Cherry Road in Scio Farms Estates. Several residents told the deputy that two suspects in the vehicle involved had fled the scene on foot, and were running through the mobile home park.

The deputy apprehended a 20-year-old Saline man, who smelled of alcohol. The deputy administered a preliminary breath test, which returned a result of .05 blood-alcohol. The man was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Property Damage

On Dec. 22, a deputy was dispatched to the 5000 block of Pratt Road. He met with a 40-year-old woman who said that sometime during the previous week, someone had damaged the windshield of her pickup truck while it was parked in her driveway. She had no idea who to suspect. Damage was estimated at \$400.

Lost Property

On Dec. 22, a deputy received a report of a lost credit card. The officer went to the 3200 block of North Territorial Road, where he met with a 24-year-old woman. She said she believed she had lost the card at a gas station, and needed a police report so she would not be held accountable for charges on the card following its loss.

Unauthorized Driving Away of an Automobile

A deputy was dispatched to the 5200 block of Jackson Road on Dec. 14. He met with a 50-year-old man who reported that at some point during the previous night, an unknown perpetrator drove away his truck.

The man said that the truck had had a snow plow attached, and estimated its value at \$21,000. He also said that, while the truck had two for-sale signs on it, he was in possession of all the keys.

(Compiled by Staff Writer Jim Silver based on reports filed with Chelsea Police and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.)



Students Visit the Capitol

The Dexter High School Women in Science and Technology Club visited the Michigan State Capitol Nov. 30 and was greeted by state Rep. John Hansen, the former superintendent of Dexter schools. The students toured the restored Capitol building, including the House chamber, Senate chamber and Supreme Court chamber. They also attended an astronomy program at the Abrams Planetarium and toured the Michigan State University campus. Pictured

with Hansen, front from left, are Tammy Olton, Nikki Johnson, Jessica Swindell, Rachael Bergren, Kelly Varblow, Janelle Totten, Amy Coffey, Stephanie Harris, Tess Smith, high school counselor Larry LeBlanc, Melissa Arnett, Kim Williams, Jennifer Hammer, Veronica Pear, Darrin Locks and club adviser Cheryl Wells; back from left, Sam Emerick, Brandy Anderson, Emily Chartow, Darcy Stoll, Nicole Baskin, Katie Augustaitis, Cher Moore, Laura Luther, Porscha Doucette, Janna Repine, Rachael Szymanski, Janelle Bell, Sarah Kljek, Martha Gornik, Katie Boulton and Sara Sipple.

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CHUCK BRODERICK, JR.

on **Dec. 31, 1999**

This New Year's Eve Marks a milestone day Not only is it the end of the millennium But it's Chuck Broderick's 40th birthday!

Chuck wanted to keep this birthday quiet Without raising much fanfare But a big 40th birthday wish was necessary From those of us who care.

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Toys for Tots and Teens 1999



D'Ann Gietzen and her second-graders from North Creek Elementary.



Marsha Hansen and her second-grade class from North Creek.



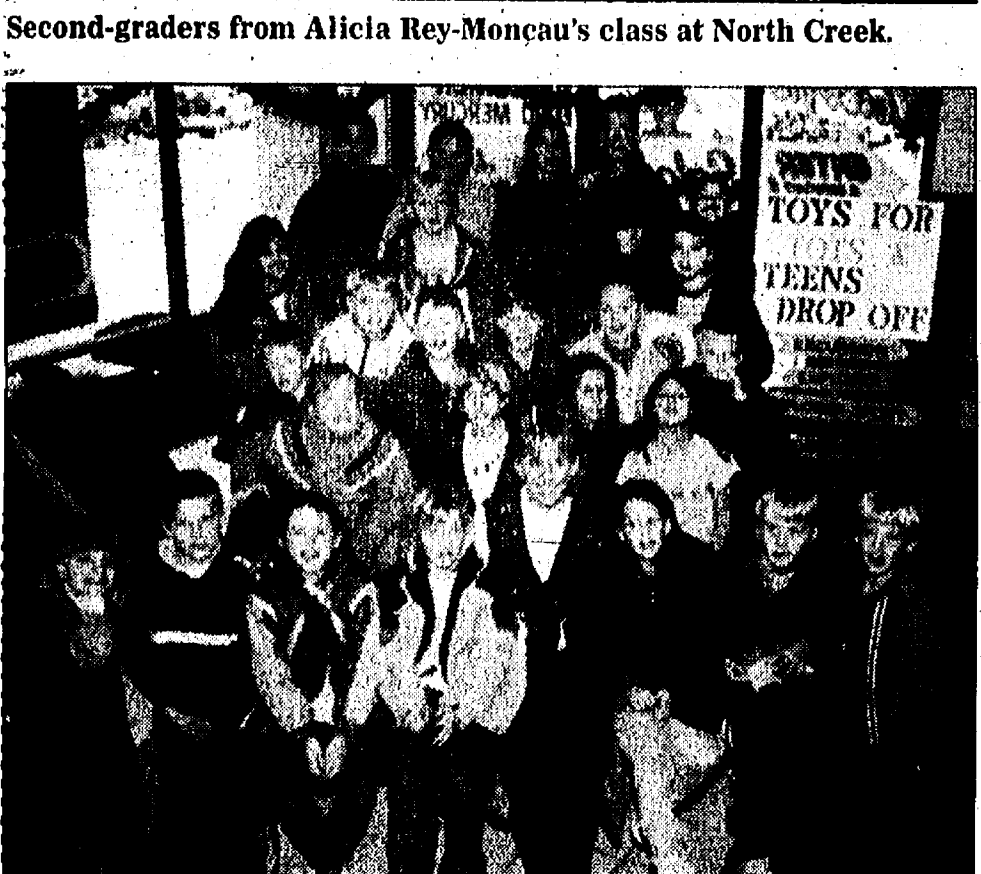
Sandra Lantis and her North Creek second-graders.



Sue Yager and her second-grade class from Pierce Lake Elementary.



Third-graders with their teacher, Karen Henry, from North Creek.



Crystal Heydlauff with her third-grade class from North Creek.



Third-graders with their teacher, Veronica O'Brien, from North Creek.



The combined fourth-grade classes for Susan Gillespie and Sue Walton, from North Creek.



Jeanne Hicks-Caselli and sixth-graders from Beach Middle School.



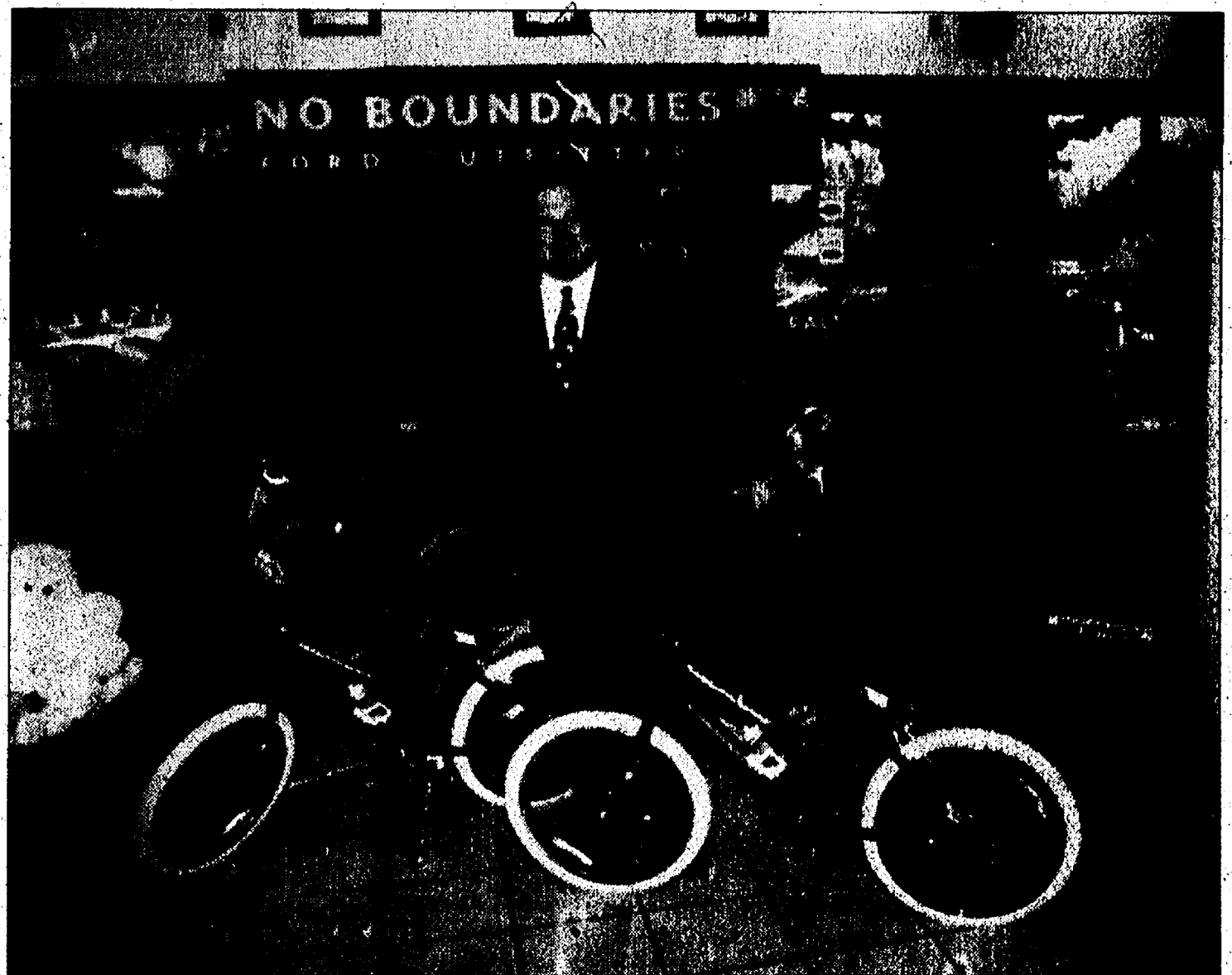
Chelsea Pediatric Center earned money throughout the year for various charities on casual Fridays. These toys were presented to Palmer with a collection from Dr. Mary Westoff and Dr. Brian Kennedy.



The staff from the Edward Surovell Realty office.



The employees of the Women's Health Center donated to Toys for Tots and Teens in honor of Dr. Douglas Forts and Dr. Ann Oldendorf.



Two bicycles, won by Meg and Molly Erznok of Waterford, were presented to Toys for Tots and Teens by Mike Erznok.

Street Talk

By Corinna Christman

What do you do when the first snowfall comes?



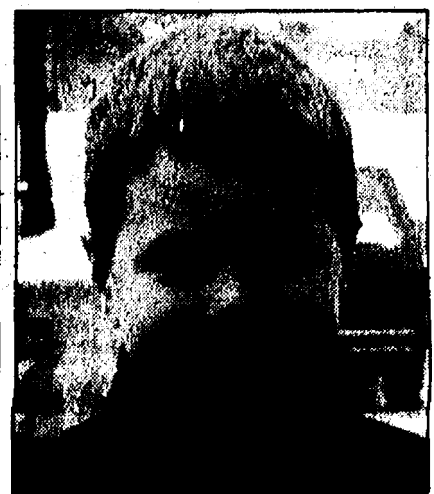
"I like to think I was prepared for it, and I stay home if I can. It's because, after all, we live in Michigan!"

Diane Bice
Waterloo Township



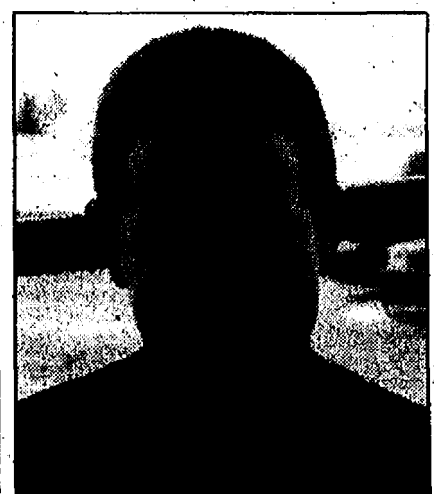
"I think back to how much I enjoyed skiing at Breckenridge."

Gail Turluck
Chelsea Village



"I build a snowman."

Jarret Hoffman
Grass Lake Village



"Chuck snowballs at my sister."

Austin Rodgers
Lima Township



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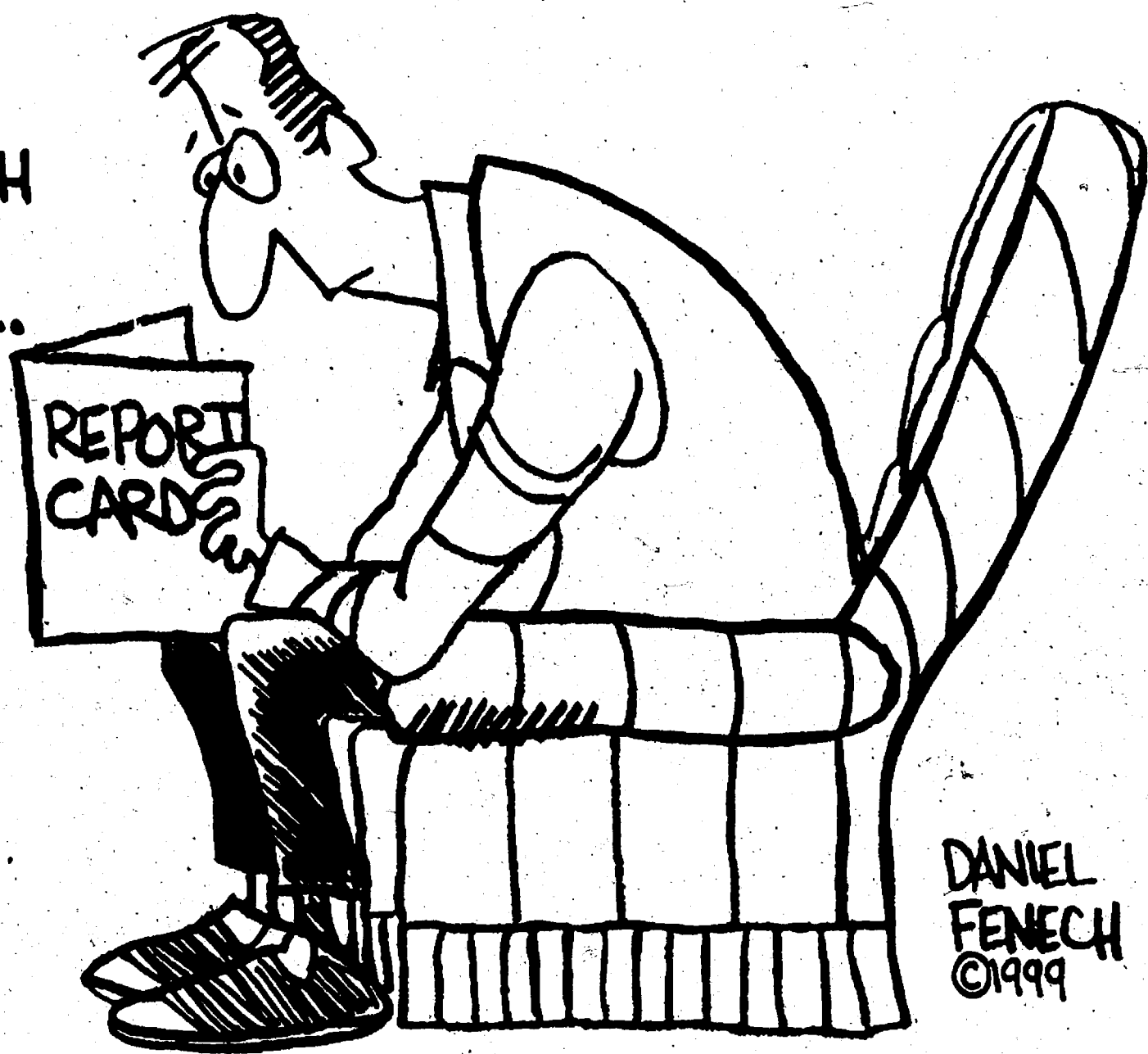
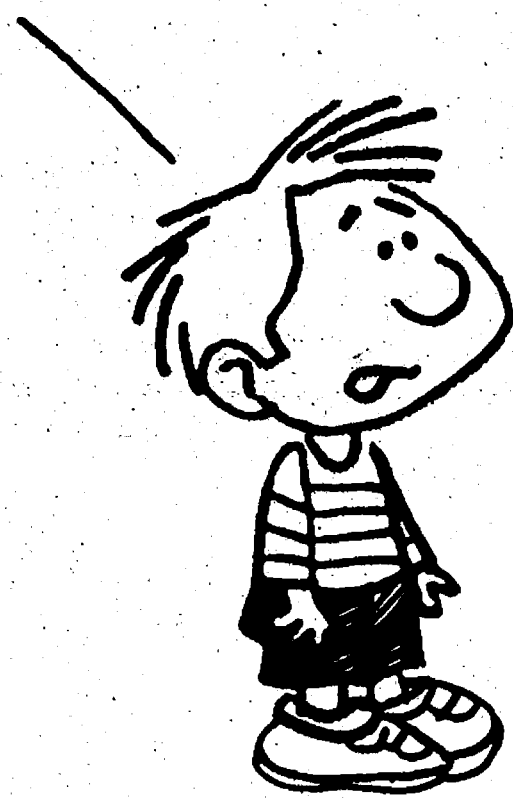
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Garden Club meets Jan. 10

The Chelsea Area Garden Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 10, at the First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. They will celebrate a new gardening year with a warm welcome to members and guests, sharing ideas and plans for the year 2000, and perhaps a few surprises.

All who share a love of gardening are welcome. For information, call Christine Forsch, president, at 475-4273, or Jennifer Kundak, publicity chair at 475-2424.

Chelsea Players hold auditions

The Chelsea Area Players will be presenting a dinner/variety show March 10 and 11, and they will be auditioning for the entertainment portion of the show on Wednesday, Feb. 9, Thursday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 12. Wednesday's and Thursday's auditions will be from 7-9:30 p.m. and Saturday's auditions will run from 1-3 p.m. All entertainment for the show must comply with the overall theme of "love and laughter."

Organizers ask that those auditioning come prepared to present their number or act. They are looking for singing, dancing, comedy and short skits. Auditions will be held in the Chelsea Community Hospital's Woodland Room.

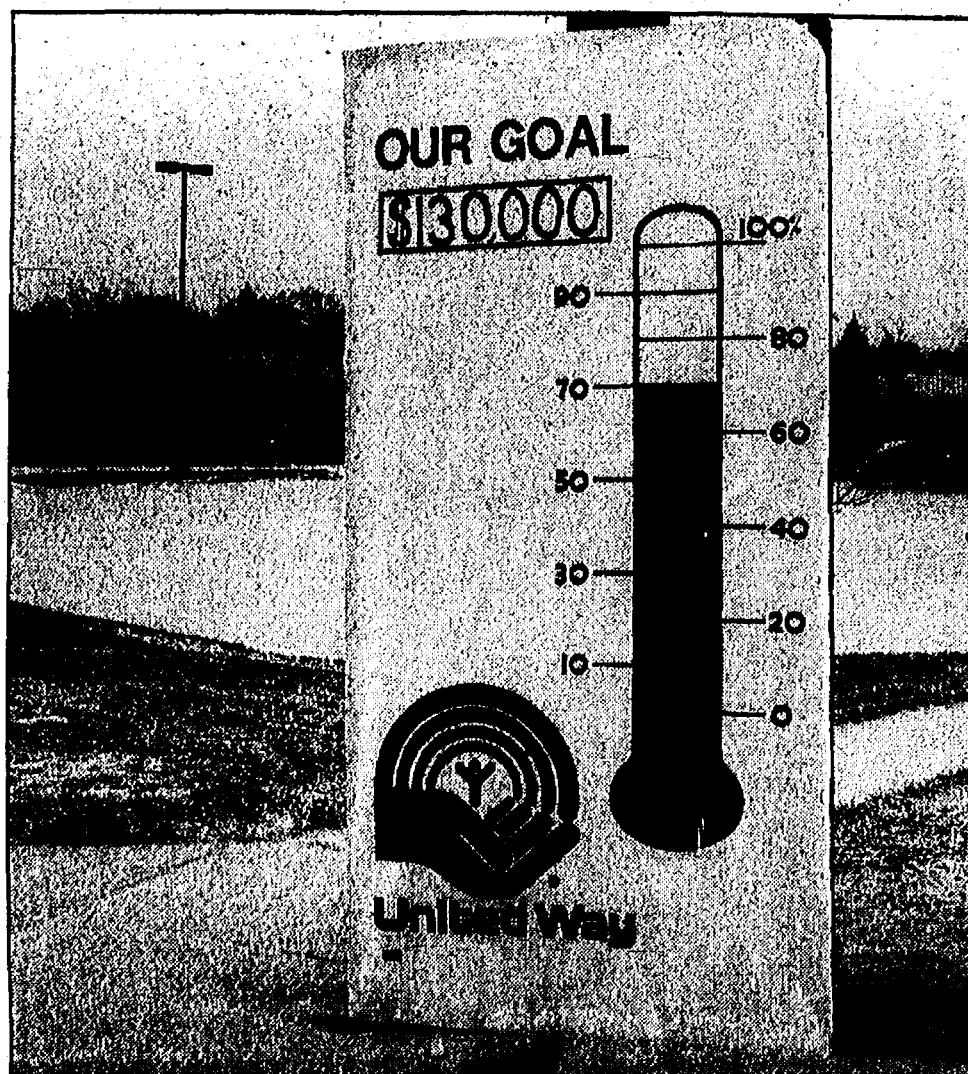
For more information, contact director/producer Vicky Wurster at (734) 428-9581.

Scouts start cookie sale

Huron Valley Girl Scouts have a new cookie variety to offer their customers this year: Animal Treasures, fudge-dipped shortbread cookies. Other favorite cookies: Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbreads, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Caramel Delites, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Creams and Frosted Oatmeal Upside-Downs are back. Girl Scouts will take orders through Jan. 17 and will deliver cookies Feb. 15-20. Booth sales begin Feb. 19 and will continue through March 13.

The price of a box of cookies remains at \$3, the same price since 1995. Girl Scout troop proceeds fund field trips, uniforms, community service projects and travel. Council proceeds provide low-cost camping at the Council's three camps, travel opportunities and Girl Scouting for low-income girls.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls, with more than 3.5 million members. The Girl Scouts — Huron Valley Council serves over 15,000 girls in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe Counties and in part of Oakland and Wayne Counties. To place your order for Girl Scout Cookies through a troop in your area, call the Cookie Hotline at (800) 49-SCOUT, Ext. 216.



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Chelsea United Way wrapped up its 1999 fund drive this week. The group collected \$91,000, 70 percent of its goal, which will be distributed to area charities in the coming year.

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Super-aspirin may help diabetics

In the first study of its kind, researchers report that giving diabetics with heart disease the so-called "super-aspirin" greatly reduces complications and death rates following a procedure called stenting, according to a report in *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

A stent is a small metal cylinder placed permanently inside a heart artery that has been weakened or clogged with fatty deposits called plaque. Such arteries are frequently opened with balloon angioplasty, but stents are widely used in addition to angioplasty to help hold the vessel open and to prevent re-blockage.

The "super-aspirin" drug called abciximab keeps platelets from clumping and forming blood clots that can obstruct blood flow and trigger a heart attack.

The multicenter study called EPISTENT (Evaluation of Platelet IIb/IIIa Inhibitor for Stenting Trial) involved 491 diabetic patients who were divided into three groups. One group received both a stent and the super-aspirin therapy. A second group underwent balloon angioplasty and also received the drug. The third group had a stent implanted, but received no drug, only a placebo.

One of the most surprising findings was that the re-blockage rate was cut in half in the patients who received both the

stent and the drug. Those patients had an 8.1 percent re-blockage rate in the six months following the procedure, which is about half that of the other two groups.

"The stent-abciximab combination brought the re-blockage rate in the diabetic heart patients to about the same levels as heart patients without diabetes. It's the first time this has been demonstrated," says Dr. Steven P. Marso, lead author of the study and a fellow at the MidAmerica Heart Institute of St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.

"Previous studies have shown that abciximab reduces the heart attack and death rate in a variety of heart patients following balloon angioplasty. However, this latest study is the first to demonstrate that the drug combined with stent implantation reduces re-blockage of arteries specifically in diabetics," says Marso.

Two-thirds of people with diabetes have some form of heart or blood vessel disease. They also tend to experience re-blockage of heart arteries following balloon angioplasty more often than patients who don't have diabetes.

Heart patients with diabetes are also more likely to have a heart attack in the six to 18 months following angioplasty and they have higher death rate following the procedure, Marso says.

"I feel we proved that stent-

ing combined with abciximab offers huge benefits to heart patients with diabetes," says co-author Dr. Eric J. Topol, chairman of cardiology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio.

Patients who received the drug, regardless of whether they underwent angioplasty, or received a stent, had a lower rate of heart attack or death in the six months following the procedure when compared to the patients in the stent-placebo group. However, the lowest rate — 6.2 percent — was seen in the stent-abciximab group. The combined death or heart attack rate in the six months following the procedure was 7.8 percent in the angioplasty-abciximab was delivered intravenously around the time of

the procedure and then for 12 hours afterward.

Marso says fewer than 2 percent of the patients in the study had side effects from abciximab such as bleeding or a low platelet count.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Spencer B. King III, director of interventional cardiology at Emory University in Atlanta, says the study's findings, if corroborated, will have a significant impact on the medical care of diabetic patients.

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By: Dianne Johnson (owner)

A proper inspection of a car's braking system involves removing the tires to get a good look at components. This job should be done annually by a certified technician. Aside from simply inspecting brake linings and pads for excessive or uneven wear, the technician will want to check for glazing and contamination from brake fluid or grease. The fluid level in the master cylinder should also be checked. Brake lines running from the master cylinder to all four wheels must be inspected for rust and leaks. Brake hoses running from brake lines to the brake calipers and cylinders should also be checked for cracks and brittleness of the rubber seals. Brake calipers and wheel cylinders, too, require inspection for leaks. Only by carefully checking the entire braking system can drivers be assured that it is in good working order.

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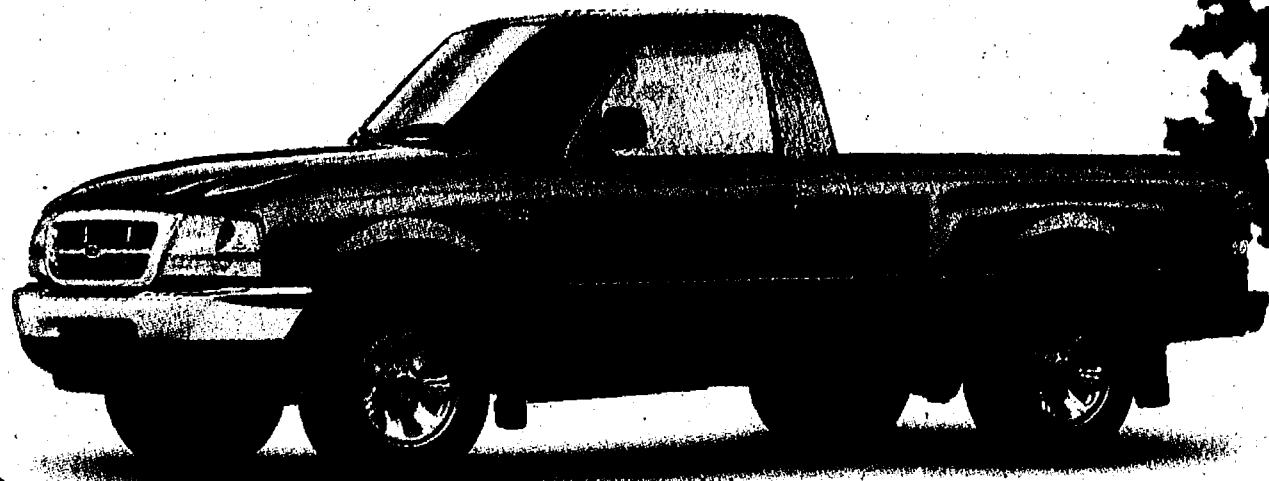
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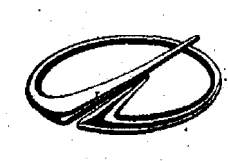
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1999 Year In Review

January ...

7—The outlook for BookCrafters business prospects is bright despite plans by its parent company to sell the book publishing division, BookCrafters President Gary Davis said recently.

7—Electa Wagner was an avid supporter of education. So when she died in May it was fitting that her wish was to give back to the schools of Chelsea. She bequeathed \$500,000 to Chelsea Education Foundation, an organization she helped build.

7—A 71-year-old Lyndon Township man died last Tuesday after an oncoming car collided with the tractor he was driving.

7—Municipalities just west of Ann Arbor were among the most rapidly growing communities in the county over the last eight years, according to recent population estimates reported by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

14—Chelsea School District will vote this month whether to expand the Southeastern Conference, Chelsea High School Principal Ron Mead told the school board Monday.

14—Diane Johnson began a two-year stint as Chelsea postmaster in August. She credits her family and her mentors with her success.

14—Chelsea Board of Education voted Monday to contribute \$250,000 over five years to fix up the Palmer-Baldwin Drain, which collects runoff from much of the eastern half of the village.

14—Lima Township resident Ralph Fletcher lost a barn and his livelihood Friday when a fire destroyed the structure he used as an auto shop.

14—After more than two years of cleaning up its act, Chelsea Village got some recognition for its efforts at an awards ceremony last Thursday put on by the Environmental Protection Agency and NSF International, an organization that certifies companies in environmental standards.

14—Sylvan Township hall is expected to officially become the property of developer Rene Papo Jan. 27.

14—The anticipated Jan. 14 opening of Country Market, the 44,000-square-foot grocery store that will be part of the Dexter Crossing shopping center, has been rescheduled for the end of the month, according to Sean Kennedy, vice-president of Kenco, Inc.

14—Sylvan Township officials expressed concern at their Jan. 5 meeting that the village of Chelsea has never consulted its board before searching for water outside the village limits.

21—Poor weather Tuesday forced the closure of Chelsea Schools for a sixth day in the last three weeks, elating many students, but giving their parents fits over how to take care of their children.

21—Representatives coordinating the Palmer-Baldwin Drain improvement plan alarmed some people Jan. 14 when they revealed that assessments for the project would be divided unequally among three subdistricts.

21—With the Village Council elections fast approaching in March, Chelsea Village recently began giving out nominating petitions to interested residents. The petitions are due Feb. 8, but some incumbents have already voiced their intentions.

21—Chelsea Planning Commission members hope to see several hundred people turn out today to gather information about the village's master plan.

21—The Purple Rose Theatre Company's expansion plans got the go-ahead from the village last Tuesday, when the Village Council voted 6-1 to rezone the property next door for commercial uses.

21—Chelsea Village Council authorized another \$3,200 last



Ralph Fletcher, a Lima Township resident, lost the barn on his property to a fire on Jan. 8. The structure housed an auto-body shop, Fletcher's primary business, as well as a restored 1955 Chevrolet. While the building and its contents were a complete loss, no one was hurt, for which Fletcher was grateful.

Tuesday to expand testing on a well that may provide an adequate water source for the village.

28—Beginning in March, teachers and school administrators will begin hammering out a new contract between the teachers union and the school district.

28—Chelsea Village Council is still considering whether the village should sign onto a regional fire authority agreement that has been under consideration since 1997. With two townships already committed and the other two ready to sign, Chelsea is the last holdout.

28—The village hall, sidewalks and future land uses were among the topics at a well-attended master plan open house Jan. 21.

28—Chelsea Planning Commission asked developers of Kentucky Fried Chicken in Commerce Park to come back with another site plan last Tuesday, after village reviewers said they had several problems with the design.

28—Chelsea Board of Education gave its blessing to expansion of the Southeastern Conference Monday night.

February ...

4—Developers looking to put in a Rite Aid drug store on the northeast corner of M-52 and Old US-12 may challenge the village's building moratorium in court after Chelsea Village Council voted 4-2 to turn down the company's request for an exception at its meeting Jan. 28.

4—Citing the township's entanglement in five lawsuits in five years, Lima Township's primary insurance company told the township Jan. 25 that its liability policy will not be renewed after it expires April 1.

4—Local business leaders frustrated with slow Internet connections in Chelsea may look for another exit to the information superhighway. Businesses are now considering banding together to form their own high-speed connection to the global network.

4—Chelsea and surrounding communities took a step Friday toward building a bypass when the Chelsea Area Traffic Committee voted to recommend JJR Inc. conduct an environmental and engineering study of western Chelsea.

11—Parents of athletes suspended under Chelsea School District's athletic code of conduct have dropped their lawsuit against the district, but neither side thinks the debate over the code is over.

11—With eight candidates taking the field in Chelsea's village elections, voters have more choices than in any election in recent memory, according to Village President Richard Steele.

11—An across-the-board salary increase figured larger than township officials indicated Feb. 2, up 4 percent or higher, yet officials said the increase was 2 percent for everyone.

18—Chelsea District Library recently announced its intention to hold an election Oct. 5 for voters to decide whether to fund the library's operations and a new building.

18—Officials from area municipalities met again Feb. 10 to discuss forming a fire authority, but Chelsea Village still has a few issues to resolve.

18—Citing the village's antiquated estimates for how much water and sewer services grocery stores use, Farmer Jack requested and received a reduction in tap fees from Chelsea Village Council Jan. 9.

18—Hoping to streamline the master planning process, Chelsea Village Council voted last Tuesday to hire The Strader Group to put together a new zoning ordinance for the village at a cost of \$19,500.

25—Chelsea Police Chief Lenard McDougall credits two Flagstar Bank employees for foiling the second bank robbery attempt in four weeks.

25—Faced with the prospect of spending up to \$300,000 for an environmental study of the proposed M-52 bypass, the Chelsea Area Traffic Committee asked local business leaders Friday to pitch in to cover the cost.

25—Longtime secretary to the superintendent of schools Miriam Klemer died last week, but her friends said they would remember her humor not with sorrow, but with a happiness that she had a full life.

25—With eight candidates vying for votes, the upcoming Village Council election March 8 promises to be a tight race.

25—The Purple Rose Theatre

Company unveiled its expansion plans last Tuesday, receiving the go-ahead from Chelsea Planning Commission to begin construction.

March ...

4—Though developers looking to put in a Rite Aid drug store were not at the Chelsea Village Council meeting last Tuesday, numerous residents expressed anger at their plans.

4—A mobile home proposal that could double the population of Sharon Township and add nearly 350 students to Chelsea schools has residents mobilizing opposition.

4—With Monday's Village Council election less than a week away, candidates have been knocking on doors, shaking hands and installing yard signs across the village.

4—Chelsea Village expects more than a 10 percent increase in revenues and expenditures this year, according to budget figures accepted by the Village Council Feb. 23.

11—Two-year veteran Jim Myles garnered the largest vote tally in Monday's Chelsea Village Council election, sweeping in with him fellow incumbent Brian Cashman and newcomers Janice Orthing and Robert MacLeod.

11—In the next two years, Chelsea's students may see a dramatic change in how the high school operates as administrators and the Board of Education consider implementing a block schedule at Chelsea High School.

11—The storied history of Chelsea's downtown is told in a recent report for the Chelsea Historic District Commission, now winding its way through the channels toward the goal of federal historic district designation.

18—Chelsea District Library has set May 11 as its deadline for deciding whether to expand at McKune house or seek another site, according to library Director Metta Lansdale.

18—Ameritech may soon have some competition in Chelsea's local phone market as cable and other telecommunications companies begin to expand their service.

18—With a vocal group of residents fighting a proposed Rite Aid drug store, Lois Lantis and

her sisters are in the middle of what has become a community battleground between big-time development and community character.

25—A 16-year-old Chelsea High School sophomore was suspended from school after he allegedly fired a BB gun pistol in the parking lot of the old high school.

25—Developers pushing a petition to construct 693 mobile homes on the northeast corner of M-52 and Waldo Road in Sharon Township were slammed on several fronts at a public hearing March 18.

25—Parents as Teachers Program Director Sara Houle said last week that the program hit a milestone recently when it received a \$105,000 federal grant to fund the program for the next 20 months.

April ...

1—In a 6-1 vote March 23 the council decided to contract with Dangerous Architects to come up with a cost estimate for renovating the village's Middle Street building, which now houses the police department.

1—On March 25 Sharon Township Planning Commission denied a request to rezone property near M-52 and Waldo Road for use as a mobile home park.

1—More than 100 area residents descended on the Washtenaw County Administration Building March 25 to show support for maintaining sheriff's patrols throughout the county.

8—With the filing deadline for school board candidate petitions just four days away, current Trustee Conrad Knutsen is the only candidate in the race.

8—Racist stickers that first appeared on village street signs two weeks ago have begun to worry local religious leaders.

8—After more than five years of donating their time and computer expertise to Chelsea School District, members of the district's technology team will get their just rewards Monday.

15—In an attempt to stop flooding along Freer Road this year, Chelsea Board of Education voted Monday to turn over a 30-foot right-of-way across the new high school property to the Washtenaw County Drain Commission.

15—Lima Township resident Rod Branham turned in a petition to run for Chelsea Board of Education a few short hours before the filing deadline.

15—Four townships surrounding Chelsea are ready to move ahead with a fire authority by next month with or without the village, Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryann Noah said last week.

15—According to Dick Shaneyfelt, who has organized the Christmas in April volunteer project since it began seven years ago, the chapter folded in February due to a lack of people in need.

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22—To alleviate the space problems, the Chelsea Senior Center's advisory board asked Chelsea Board of Education last week if the school district could spare some space in the Washington Street Education Center (the old high school).

22—The council passed a motion April 13 to pursue a development agreement with AARMAX, which wants to build a Rite Aid drug store on the corner of Old US-12 and M-52.

22—The prospect of paying close to \$22 more per month for water service drove several residents to speak their mind April 13 at a public hearing to discuss a proposed water system improvement plan.

29—Chelsea Board of Education issued a draft of the district's new facility use policy Monday night outlining how the district will begin charging local residents for using classrooms, athletic fields and auditoriums on school property.

29—The Chelsea Area Traffic Committee, which is working to reroute M-52 to alleviate Chelsea's traffic problem will receive \$300,000 in funding from various sources.

29—Chelsea Planning Commission postponed a May 4 hearing on proposed changes to the zoning ordinance April 20 after commissioners decided it was premature.

29—Chelsea Village formalized its objections to the current fire authority agreement April 22, when it gave a list of eight considerations to the fire authority board for comment.

29—The man picked to lead Chelsea's second-largest employer through its transition is Marc Fors, former president of American Signature Graphics Inc., a national printer of magazines and catalogues.

May ...

6—Chelsea Village Council is setting its priorities this week after a contentious vote April 27 blocked any further consideration of expenditures until the village determines which projects should be paid for first.

6—The Chelsea Commercial Historic District Commission presented a draft of its guidelines for downtown businesses to the village last Tuesday, beginning the process toward instituting a historic district downtown.

6—Sleeping Bear Press, a local publisher of sports, nature and children's books, has recently signed a lease to move into the third floor of the clock tower building.

13—Fewer Chelsea High School seniors have tried drugs, but more have consumed alcohol, according to a recent survey presented to Chelsea Board of Education Monday night.

In general, however, regular usage of both drugs and alcohol has dropped among all three age



The Chelsea District Library board set a May deadline for a decision on whether the library would remain in the McKune House or seek a relocation. Ultimately, the board opted to stay in the historic building, but temporarily moved to the Washington Street Education Center's media center at the end of the year.

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groups surveyed since the last survey in 1996.

13—Sylvan Township Board of Trustees officially convened for the last time at its hall on West Middle Street May 4, closing a 119-year chapter of political tradition.

13—Mary Lou Bower, who died May 1 at the age of 73, had two loves — children and the library. She dedicated her time and her energy to both because she believed each had a story to tell.

20—A Howell man reported missing from Chelsea Community Hospital May 3 was found dead in a drainage ditch on the hospital grounds last Friday.

20—The Institute for Community and Regional Development (ICARD) at EMU recently received a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation to create a blueprint for communities wishing to create integrated planning. ICARD hopes that by following and aiding Chelsea's process the organization can take away a good example of inter-governmental cooperation.

20—The Chelsea District Library's self-imposed May 11 deadline for determining the site of a new 24,000 square foot library came and went with no decision, according to library Director Metta Lansdale.

27—Chelsea school administrators will be looking for ways to cut costs next year after initial budget figures showed a projected shortfall of \$928,258, according to Superintendent Ed Richardson, who detailed the information for the Chelsea Board of Education Monday night.

27—With the pageantry of a color guard, the music of a marching band and the solemnity of 21-gun salute, Chelsea soldiers will commemorate the service of local veterans Monday, at the annual Memorial Day observance.

27—Chelsea Planning Commission completed its review of the 124-unit Chelsea Fairways subdivision May 18 by voting unanimously to accept the developer's landscape plan.

June ...

3—After more than three years of planning, debate and negotiation, Chelsea Village Council voted unanimously May 25 to accept a fire authority agreement with Lima, Sylvan, Lyndon and Waterloo townships.

3—Chelsea School Board elections are coming up quickly, and this year's contest features two local residents running for a single open seat. Conrad Knutsen, an eight-year incumbent, is running for a third term, but newcomer Rod Branham hopes to unseat him.

10—Despite the principal's misplaced speech, a fire alarm, technical difficulties with the class video and the stifling heat, the first commencement in the new high school will take its place as the "first chapter of a new book," in the words of Principal Ron Mead.

10—BookCrafters' parent company, American Business Products, announced June 1 that it has sold the Chelsea-based book manufacturer to

the Sheridan Group, a publishing company headquartered in Hunt Valley, Maryland.

17—The Chelsea Education Association and the Chelsea School District came to terms Monday night on a three-year master agreement that covers wages, hours and working conditions for the school teachers.

17—The Chelsea Board of Education meeting Monday was interrupted at 8:15 p.m. with the announcement that incumbent Conrad Knutsen defeated challenger Rodney Branham 392-225.

17—Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryann Noah made her relief evident June 8 after the Lyndon Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to accept articles of incorporation and join the Chelsea Area Fire Authority.

17—Prospective developers in the village will have to wait another three months to begin projects after Chelsea Village Council renewed its building moratorium June 8.

24—The Chelsea District Library will ask voters this fall to approve an operating levy of 1.75 mills.

24—Rene Papo of Chelsea Land Co. successfully petitioned the Chelsea Planning Commission to recommend the rezoning of 27.56 acres of vacant land north of Old US-12 and west of Wilkinson Street to develop a 190-unit, single-family apartment complex.

24—Village President Richard Steele was recently chosen as the 1999 Chelsea Citizen of the Year.

July ...

1—The first official meeting of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority June 24 left its five board members reeling from the amount of groundwork that they learned had to be covered in a short time to make it a functioning body.

1—Representatives from the Michigan Department of Transportation and Norfolk Southern Railroad received a fierce tongue-lashing and an ultimatum from some members of the Chelsea Village Council June 22 for having made no progress on the closing of the East Street crossing.

ing of the East Street crossing. 1—Chelsea School District adopted its 1999-2000 budget Monday, giving the district a \$377,556 deficit between revenues and expenditures for next school year.

7—Chelsea Village received notification Thursday afternoon that Chelsea Investors, the company that is developing the Farmer Jack grocery store, is suing the village over the store's water and sewer fees.

7—Armed with speeches and charisma, eight local high school students headed to Lansing two weeks ago to try their luck on the political stage of Boys and Girls State.

7—Local residents looking for extra Year 2000 peace of mind may have a tough time getting comfort. Area stores are sold out of electrical generators and have had difficulty getting any more shipments.

15—After much community outcry, a proposed Rite Aid drug store on the corner of Old US-12 and M-52 has been canceled, according to the company's spokeswoman Beverly Lyons.

15—Jane Diesing stepped down as president of Chelsea Board of Education Monday night after six years of leading the policy-making board.

22—Chelsea Village Council voted to fine the Michigan Department of Transportation and Norfolk Southern Railroad \$15,000 last Tuesday for failing to live up to its part of an agreement to close the East Street railroad crossing.

22—The rezoning of land off Old US-12 and Wilkinson for a proposed apartment complex was put on hold last Tuesday, despite a favorable recommendation from the Village Planning Commission.

22—Chelsea Water Department has found the best spot yet for a new well, Water Department Superintendent Dan Rosenreiter said Tuesday.

29—After a lively public hearing July 20, Chelsea Planning Commission now will consider changes to a draft of the village's new zoning ordinance before forwarding it to the Vil-

lage Council, for formal adoption.

29—The Chelsea Parents as Teachers program got another feather in its thinking cap last week when it became the first program outside of the organization's national headquarters in Missouri to begin teaching a full set of a new national curriculum.

29—Chelsea Board of Education approved a 2.5 percent raise for Superintendent Ed Richardson Monday night, putting his salary increase slightly above the 2 percent base-pay raise given to other administrators.

29—Though Rite Aid has backed out of building a store on the corner of Old US-12 and M-52, its presence loomed over a public hearing at the Chelsea Planning Commission meeting July 20.

August ...

5—With a timeline agreed to July 20 for construction to begin on the East Street railroad crossing, Chelsea Village Council rescinded its \$15,000 fine imposed against the Michigan Department of Transportation.

5—Some Sylvan Township residents feel that proponents of the proposed M-52 reroute are acting in secret and are oblivious to landowners' concerns.

5—Developers of the Chelsea Fairways subdivision on Freer Road and Old US-12 got some opposition to their plans last Tuesday, despite unanimously favorable votes in all previous appearances before the council.

12—After five days without electricity, three major Chelsea industries got production up-and-running early Aug. 5, after Chelsea Light and Power crews worked until 2:15 a.m. to restore current in the Industrial Park.

12—Chelsea Board of Education had its first full hearing on the district's proposed facility-use policy Monday night, drawing response from several residents in the audience.

12—A new state law expanding schools of choice to allow crossover of county lines apparently will have little effect

on Chelsea schools. Superintendent Ed Richardson said Monday that Chelsea has no plans to participate in the program, which was adopted by the state Legislature last month.

19—The blurry details of the village's office renovation began to come into focus Aug. 10 as Dangerous Architects gave its first presentation to the Village Council on the renovation plans.

19—The Chelsea Area Traffic Committee, a group of area leaders investigating an M-52 reroute to the west of the village, held focus groups Aug. 9 to get feedback on where the road should go.

19—According to Dawn Crane, Diabetes/Health Educator of Business and Community Health Services at CCH, the Chelsea Health Improvement Plan (HIP) is working to improve the health of Chelsea residents.

28—If you're looking for fun, excitement and a touch of pageantry, the Chelsea Community Fair, which opened Tuesday, has plenty to offer. Traditional favorites like the demolition derby, thrill rides and midway, offering games of skill, are sure to delight, as are updates such as the new roof on the merchants' barn.

28—The fresh spirit of optimism accompanying the new school year permeated Monday's meeting of the Chelsea School District Board of Education as members celebrated the closing of the books on the district's \$50 million upgrade. The unanimous decision to approve final billing numbers marked the successful completion of the four-year capital improvement program.

28—In an attempt to forestall potential problems if the village becomes a city, Chelsea Planning Commission on Aug. 17 began considering a new

zoning classification to allow substandard properties in newly annexed areas. The classification would allow current single-family houses or two-acre parcels into the village without bringing them up to village street, water and sewer standards. The lots would have to have the capacity for them if developed.

26—A bit of darkness brightened the day of developers Aug. 17 when their toned-down lighting plan got the OK from Chelsea Planning Commission. The commission's unanimous decision to approve a special land-use permit, and preliminary and final site plans, gives the go-ahead for Chelsea Auto Center to begin construction in Commerce Park. The center could open as early as January, according to developers.

September ...

2—Feasibility studies for swinging M-52 west of the vil-

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lage were allowed to proceed to another phase as the Chelsea Area Traffic Committee reluctantly agreed Aug. 27 to a Michigan Department of Transportation standard which will require the road to be engineered for a higher speed than what the committee had wanted. It also voted to formally accept the traffic statistics gathered by an engineering firm as the study of record.

2—The crowds have disappeared, the dust has settled and quiet now fills the 50 acres of the Chelsea Community Fairground. But the memories generated during the 62nd Chelsea Community Fair will live on through the months ahead, bringing reflective smiles to the faces of young and old alike until the year 2000 edition replaces them with fresh images next August.

2—When the final curtain closed on the Aug. 20 production of "Criminal Genius" at the Purple Rose Theatre, many were unaware that the theater would not reopen for at least another year. Due to the phenomenal success of the Purple Rose since it first opened its doors in 1991, theater owner and Executive Director Jeff Daniels has decided to shut down completely and revamp the building's interior.

9—The village council explored two possible options for a well field on property north of Sibley Road. The purchase of such property would spell the end for and almost year-and-a-half old building moratorium.

9—Chelsea Bulldogs began their SEC season with a 17-7 victory over Saline.

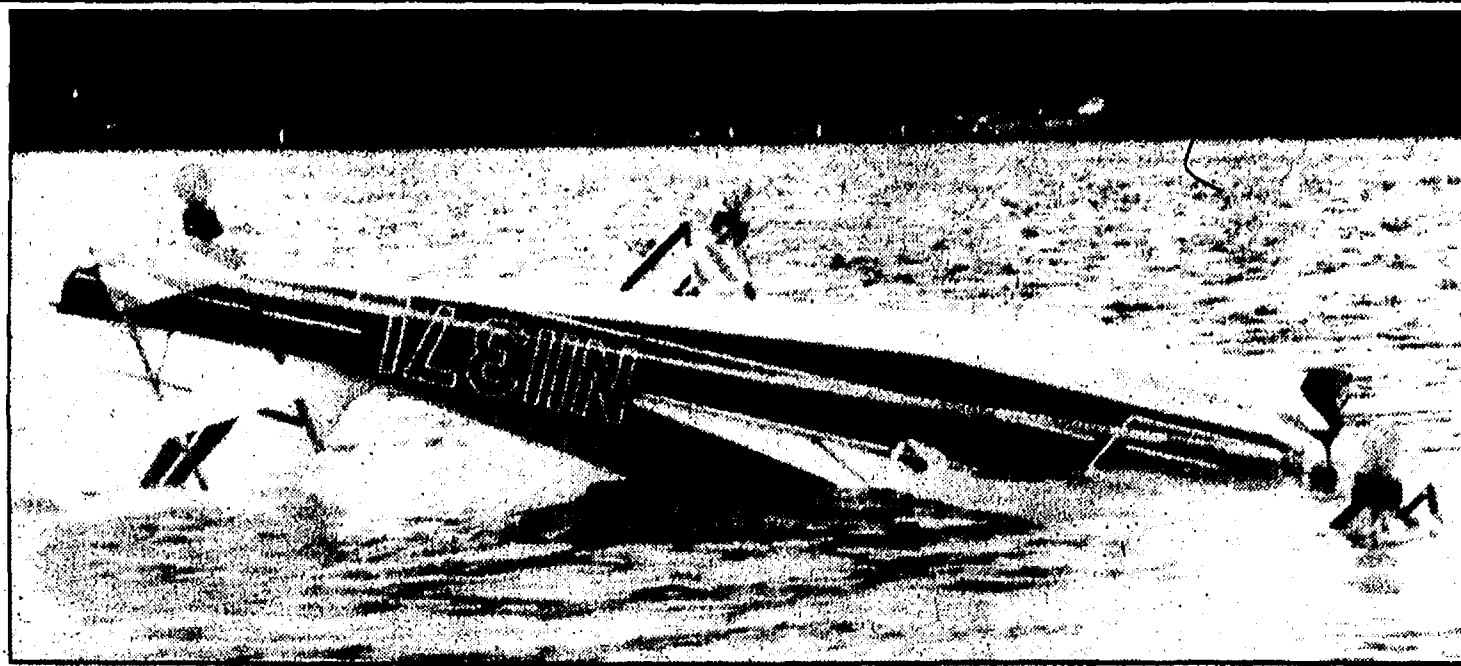
9—Washtenaw County announced the construction of a new building to serve the central and western portions of the county. The new building would house the county Dept. of the Environment, the County Planning Dept., and the MSU Extension Service offices. Opening is projected for summer 2001.

16—An airplane crashed into Bruin Lake on Sept. 12, injuring the pilot and spilling its fuel. An official for the Department for Environmental Quality said the amount spilled posed no threat, and that the DEQ was not concerned.

16—The United Way began its 1999 Fund Drive Friday, Sept. 10, with a goal of \$130,000. Drive chair Dayle Wright said the group would try to reach newer members of the community.

16—A contractor on the Farmer Jack store ruptured a gas main on M-52 on Sept. 8. While Village Lanes, Village Motors and Palmer Motors were evacuated, no one was injured, and the rupture was quickly pinched off.

23—A proposal for a downtown historic district incited public debate, with many downtown business owners in



A plane crashed in Bruin Lake on Sept. 12, injuring the pilot. Fuel spilled into the lake, but officials at the Department of Environmental Quality said the crash did not pose a significant threat to the water table.

opposition to such a district. A large turn-out is expected for a public hearing on the topic on Sept. 28.

23—Dangerous Architects released revised plans for a renovated village hall. The building would offer all-floor elevator service, public billing offices on the ground floor, and council chambers tailored to the acoustics of the building.

23—Robert Sheperd, electric department superintendent, was awarded the 1999 Employee of the Year by Village Council at the Sept. 14 meeting.

23—Village council voted 6-1 to send a friendly letter of condemnation to John and Gloria Mitchell, for their properties at 116 and 124 Park Street, the Serendipity Bookshop and Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, respectively. Council was unresolved on future use for the site.

30—The historic district public hearing on Sept. 28 opened with downtown business and property owners posing questions about the district to the historic district commission. Such questions were supporting or opposing the district, and, in some cases, the commissioners.

The hearing ended in an emotional outpouring from business owners, and the chair of the commission offering to resign.

30—"Not in my backyard" was the watchword at the Sept. 24 Traffic Committee meeting, as Kernwood Drive residents got their first look at the most recent proposed alignments for a reroute of M-52.

30—A trustee of the Chelsea District Library stated that the board does not plan to stay in the McKune House if the library does not get the building bond millage passed.

30—Discussions of the proposed block scheduling of classes at the high school and unanimous decisions on millage rate certification highlighted a short Chelsea School District Board of Education meeting Monday.

October

7—By the end of the night of Tuesday, Oct. 5, the election night vigil was winding down at the McKune House library building. The Library Board faced not just the prospect of cleaning up after the guests had gone home, but what to do with an increased budget but no building bond on which to spend it.

The Chelsea Area Fire Authority was also faced with a funding issue. In this case, however, it was a matter of how to increase funding.

7—Dexter Township Planning Commission denied a request from a developer looking to build a gas station, convenience store, fast-food restaurant and carwash on the southwest corner of North Territorial and Dexter-Pinckney roads. The planning commission cited seven reasons why it denied the proposal.

7—Students in both the Dexter and Chelsea school districts continue to perform well above state averages on testing conducted under the Michigan Educational Assessment Program. Results released this week show that the two school systems also do well when compared to other area districts.

14—The Oct. 11 public workshop on the reroute of M-52 was a study of entropy in action. At the beginning of the meeting the audience sat in a not-quite-hushed atmosphere as consultants from JJR and HNTB made presentations on traffic volumes and possible alignments for the proposed roadway. As small group dis-

cussions went on through the evening, the clamor spiraled to fill the meeting room at the Sylvan Township Hall. What Traffic Committee chairman Joe Yekulis called a "dialogue with the community" ended with many small cliques breaking off to discuss concerns with the alignment or the workshop privately.

14—A more detailed description of important elements of the proposed block-scheduling strategy provided the focus for the business portion of the Chelsea School District Board's Monday meeting and prompted discussions of graduation requirements under the system, which could be in effect as early as next fall.

14—In a move that shows the benefits of intergovernmental cooperation, Sylvan and Lima townships this week adopted identical ordinances aimed at giving them more control over telecommunication installation in the area. In drafting the ordinances, the townships worked closely with the county to create compatible standards.

14—Three illegal immigrants discovered on Sept. 27 found themselves on the lucky side of a budget shortage. Federal funding is allocated on the fiscal year of Oct. 1 of the previous calendar year to the following Sept. 30. Due to an increased incidence of illegal alien apprehensions in the Trenton Border Patrol area, which includes most of Washtenaw County, the Border Patrol had used up the money for physical removals.

21—The Chelsea Library Board got down to business at its Oct. 18 meeting. Following a mixed message in the Oct. 5 millage vote, board members considered what millage rate to levy. They were also faced with a question of what action to take on facilities, given the failure of the building bond millage.

21—In the last moments of the Oct. 12 Village Council meeting, village trustees turned their attention to an agenda item to remove Charlie Ritter as the alternate representative of Chelsea to the Fire Authority board. Once the motion had failed, Myles, the primary representative of the village to the fire board, announced his resignation, and effected it with a letter the following day.

The move will make Ritter the village representative to the Fire Authority until the council moves to install a new representative, or to finalize Ritter as representative and appoint a new alternate.

28—From third grade until graduation, Chelsea School District students take at least one standardized test every school year. Their scores are tabulated, and compared with students locally, at the state level, and nationally. How do Chelsea students stack up? While there is some variance from school to school, overall, Chelsea students performed well above state and national standards.

28—Lima Township's level of participation on the Dexter Area Fire Board appears uncertain now that the township has joined the Chelsea Area Fire Authority. Dexter Area Fire Board voted Oct. 21 to have its attorney examine the relationship between the township and fire board in light of Lima's new arrangement with the fire authority.

28—Following the resignation

of Jim Myles as Chelsea representative to the Chelsea Area Fire Authority, the village council appointed Trustee Frank Hammer as new representative. Charlie Ritter will remain the alternate representative to the Authority.

November

4—Peter Flintoft, attorney for the village, announced at the Oct. 26 Village Council meeting that the lawsuit brought against the village by Chelsea Investors has been dropped. While the suit is now legally moot, the investment group has the chance to bring it again within a year from the date the documents are signed.

4—At the Oct. 19 planning commission meeting, Commissioner Mark Wesley announced his resignation due to ongoing scheduling conflicts. The move added to a growing number of vacancies on village committees. Following the public hearing on a proposed historic district, three historic district committee members announced their resignation as well.

4—Since the failure of an operating millage proposal in the Oct. 5 special election, the Chelsea Area Fire Authority has been in a kind of limbo. However, at the Oct. 26 Chelsea Village Council meeting, council members passed an authority operating agreement that provides a fee structure for repayment of village expenses. At the Oct. 27 fire authority board meeting, board members addressed several operating issues as well, and discussed the adopted village agreement.

11—At the Nov. 2 Chelsea District Library Board meeting, board members came into the meeting with a full plate. The agenda listed a temporary re-

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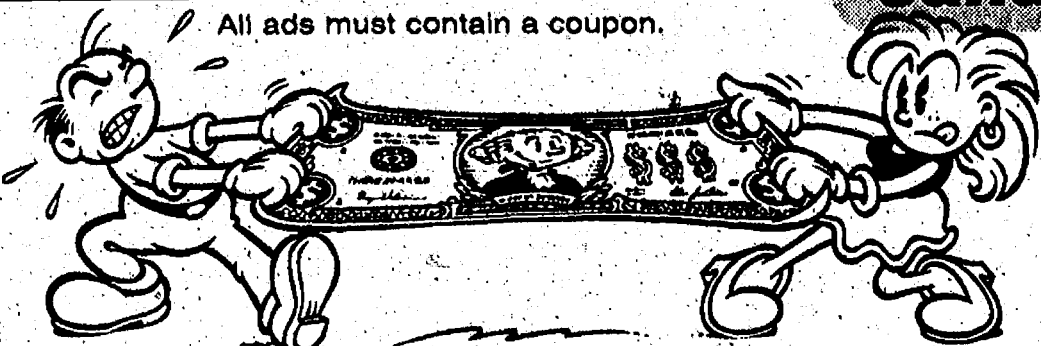
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location site as an action item, and a prospective budget as a discussion item. By the end of the night, they had moved closer to establishing a temporary site, and had a complete budget to propose at the Nov. 16 public hearing.

11—The Chelsea School District is in the black, construction costs are paid, and finances are at a normal level. That was the audit report that the Chelsea School Board heard at its Nov. 8 meeting. The school district's fiscal year runs from July 1 of one year to June 30 of the next. The general fund balance on June 30, 1998 was \$3,593,748, and the balance when the fiscal year closed was \$2,902,891. The difference represents the year-end deficit of \$690,857.

11—Ron Mead, Chelsea High School principal, continued presentations on block scheduling to the school board at its Nov. 8 meeting. During the last school board meeting, on Oct. 25, Mead had presented possible block schedules, many of which were based on a so-called four-by-four model. At the Nov. 8 school board meeting, Mead presented a prospective breakdown of class increases in a block schedule. The analysis came from the results of a student survey given in the high school last year.

18—If homeowners or contractors need a building inspection, at present they must contact the Washtenaw County Department of Environment and Infrastructure Services. But a newly formed committee is exploring the possibility of bringing such services under more local control. Chelsea and Lima, Sylvan, Lyndon and Dexter townships have formed the exploratory committee to consider possible procedures for establishing an authority, and how it would operate.

18—The Chelsea Village Council had an eventful session during their Nov. 9 meeting. Early on the agenda was a new contract for The Ride for the year 2000, the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) route running through Chelsea. The council had discussed the contract at its Oct. 26 meet-

ing, but delayed further discussion to the Nov. 9 session.

25—The Chelsea District Library Board looked to the year 2000 in one of its last meetings of 1999. At the Nov. 16 session, board members heard from speakers on Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, and from community members in a public hearing of the board's proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

25—Discussions on a new Chelsea Area Fire Authority contract continued at the authority board's Nov. 17 meeting. The sticking point for the board, a clause on dispatcher payment, continued to hold up board adoption of the contract.

25—Action taken by the Dexter Township Board last week will allow the township to continue collecting fines and costs associated with drunken driving convictions. The township has collected the money in the past but the state Legislature recently amended the Uniform Traffic Code and increased penalties. Local municipalities must amend their own traffic codes to continue collecting fines and costs.

25—The Chelsea Planning Commission had a full plate at its Nov. 16 meeting, reviewing a trio of site plans and a pair of rezoning requests. Commissioners also discussed details of the upcoming public hearing over the new master plan. In both rezoning requests, commissioners ultimately voted unanimously to recommend Village Council approval.

December

2—A discussion of a village hall bond issue at the Nov. 23 Village Council meeting saw trustees volleying questions and answers at one another from across the meeting room.

The debate began with Trustee Rob MacLeod urging the council to move forward with a bond proposal. He expressed a hope to bring a millage proposal to a vote in the next general election, March 13, rather than forcing the village to fund a special election.

2—The village is in good financial shape, but should re-examine its projections for development. That was the gist of the five-year financial model presentation, which the Village Council heard at its Nov. 23 meeting.

John Kaczor of the Michigan Municipal League, who made the presentation, stressed to trustees that the report was a "best guess" about future finances, not a complete and final prediction.

2—Questions and answers over the proposed block scheduling strategy dominated the public comment period of the Nov. 22 Chelsea School District Board of Education meeting, giving members valuable input as they consider the sweeping changes the initiative would bring to the high school.

The public comments came on the heels of the questions raised during a special Board of Education work session held four days earlier.

9—Planning Commission members held what amounted to a public unveiling of the new Village of Chelsea Comprehensive Plan at a public hearing Dec. 7.

9—An agenda item slated for discussion at the Dec. 6 Library Board meeting became an action item at the request of the Village Council, provoking amusement among library board members. The item proposed a joint work session between library board and council members to discuss a shared library/village hall facility. The request comes despite discussion of a bond issue to finance renovation of the Chelsea Municipal Building at the Nov. 23 council meeting.

9—From its source in the marshes of Oakland County to its mouth at Point Mouillee on Lake Erie, the Huron River is vital to the health of the communities that dot its banks. But a newly released study on the health of the river system itself calls into serious question the effects of development throughout the watershed.

9—December weather stayed relatively warm for the 12th annual Festival of Lights. While the evenings turned somewhat chill, the snow held off until Sunday night, creating a perfect atmosphere for festivalgoers to stroll around town.

16—Mark Heydlauff, Chelsea Area Traffic Committee member, garnered appreciative comments from audience members at the Dec. 10 committee meeting by calling for action be-

yond an M-52 reroute. His remarks came after committee consideration of a more definite plan for the southern terminus of a reroute alignment.

18—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 block schedule, to be submitted to the board for approval next year.

16—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.

18—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.

23—A large public turnout for the Dec. 14 Village Council meeting quickly turned into a smaller audience, when it became clear a discussion of commercial building design standards would be delayed until the Jan. 11 council meeting. The delay came as a result of a protest petition against another section of the same zoning ordinance. The petition requires full attendance by council, while at the Dec. 14 meeting, two trustees were called away by unforeseen family concerns.

23—The soldiers who belong to the American Legion have already fought in one war. Now they're fighting another. State and national membership in the Legion has been declining at a steady pace for the past five years, and with the largest segment of its membership, World War II veterans, dying at a rate of 1,000 per day nationwide, membership remains a major concern.



Area woman finishes training

Air Force Airman Teresa M. Mikelonis has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Mikelonis is the daughter of Joseph F. and Deborah J. Mikelonis of 1855 E. Baseline Road, Stockbridge, Mich.

She is a 1999 graduate of Stockbridge High School.

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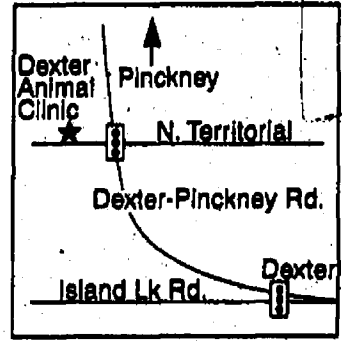
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CHOOSING THE PERFECT PET

By: Dr. Heidi Morgan, DVM

The most important part of becoming a pet owner is RESEARCH! Not only do you need to find out about your prospective pet, you also need to ask yourself some very serious questions. It is imperative that you do so before you obtain your pet. The following questions are meant to help determine the species and size of animal best suited to you and your lifestyle.

- Why do you want a pet?
- What type of pet do you want?
- What are your expectations for the pet?
- Do you have a lot of patience?
- What is your lifestyle?

- Are you ready to make a long-term commitment?
- Does everyone in your family want a pet?
- Who will realistically be the primary caretaker for the pet?
- Can you afford the animal?

Include in your pet budget the costs of food, pet supplies, and veterinary bills. A prospective dog owner also needs to include training in their budget.

Please contact us at Westarbor Animal Hospital if you have any questions about obtaining the Perfect Pet. Talking to us before obtaining the pet may help prevent problems later on.

Carpet One offers carpet-cleaning advice

Parties and house guests may be fun and festive, but they also mean more food, traffic, dirt and spills on your floors. From Yuletide dinners through Super Bowl parties, here's how to clean up almost anything your guests or family dish out, and still keep your floors looking great.

Whether you have carpets, hardwood, laminate, ceramic tile or vinyl floors, knowing how to give your floors a little first aid can mean the difference between a quick and easy cleanup and a permanent stain.

What's the most common spill? "It's probably the thing no one can remember — or will admit — dropping," laughs Howard Brodsky, co-CEO of Carpet One, America's largest floorcovering retailer. Besides these "unknowns," holiday festivities are likely to produce spills like chocolate, candle wax, cranberry sauce, candy, lipstick, beer, wine and alcohol. Other common holiday stains include fruit punch, coffee, cola and grease.

What to do? "With carpet, the first thing you should do is

check your stain warranty," says Brodsky. "The warranty may be voided if you don't follow the recommended stain advice." Then, act quickly. "Speed is the most important factor in getting rid of a stain before it ruins your carpet," Brodsky adds.

Don't rub it in.

Don't rub when you clean up a carpet spill. Instead, if it's a liquid, blot up the excess immediately. If it's a solid, gently scoop or scrape off the excess with the blunt edge of a spoon, working from the edge of the spill to the middle.

For fruit punch, juice, and cola — sprinkle dry baking soda on the stain, then vacuum off. Using a damp sponge and blotting action, rinse off the remaining baking soda, being careful not to over-wet the area. Never wet the carpet through to the backing. Then, mix one teaspoon of enzyme laundry presoak in one cup of warm (not hot) water and blot it with a dampened towel. Rinse as above. Dry well by blotting with a dry towel. Or put a half-inch thick layer of white, unprinted paper towels

over the area, weight it down with a paper weight or other non-staining glass or ceramic object, and wait for the paper towels to absorb the remaining moisture. When the carpet is dry, vacuum or brush to restore texture.

For coffee, tea, chocolate, candy, cranberry sauce, beer, wine and mixed alcoholic beverages — scrape or blot up the excess. Then, mix one-half teaspoon of clear dishwashing detergent in one cup of warm water and dab that on the spot with a dampened towel. Then, blot it off. Next, dab on undiluted household ammonia followed by undiluted white vinegar. Blot that off. Rinse by dabbing with a damp sponge. Blot again and finish by applying a weighted half-inch thick pad of white, unprinted paper towels overnight.

For lipstick, great, or "unknown" substances — gently scrape or blot up the excess. Then, dab on a non-oily, non-caustic dry cleaning solvent of the type sold for spot removal on clothing. Blot off the solvent and repeat as necessary. Rinse by blotting with a damp

sponge. Finish by applying a weighted pad of unprinted, white paper towels to the area overnight.

For candle wax — scrape off excess wax. Cover with a white cotton towel or brown paper. Lightly apply a warm iron to the towel or paper until the wax is absorbed. Be sure the towel is large enough to cover the wax stain. Never touch the iron directly onto the carpet, or you may melt the fiber. Change or rotate the towel to a clean area and repeat until all the wax is absorbed.

Keeping hard surface floors beautiful

Spills on hard surface floors, including wood, are usually easy to clean up. But dust and dirt tracked over any floor can dull its finish — and so can dusting products.

Here are some do's and don'ts for keeping your hardwood floors in tiptop shape:

Here are some do's and don'ts for keeping your hardwood floors in tiptop shape:

• Do use dirt-trapping entry

rugs inside and outside your front door.

• Do use felt glides under your furniture legs to prevent scratches.

• Do clean floors weekly with a vacuum or dust mop.

• Don't use dusting products — they can dull the finish.

• Do damp mop floors with a polyurethane or similar finish. Wipe the floor dry as you go.

• Don't use water, not even a damp mop, on a wax-finished floor.

• Don't use oil soaps or ammonia products — they can damage surface finishes.

Laminate floor coverings look like beautiful hardwood, but they're durable and never need waxing, sanding or refinishing. To clean them, just vacuum (without beater bars)

or damp mop with water and mild all-purpose cleaner. Most dirt and stains come right up, but you may need to keep acetone (nail polish remover) on hand for cleaning tar or oil. For ceramic tile floors, damp mopping is the best way to keep them clean and shining. And frequent mopping keeps the grout in good shape. Vinyl floors usually need just sweeping and occasional damp mopping to keep them looking sharp. Most tough stains will come out by using rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol) or lighter fluid, mineral spirits or turpentine and a clean white cloth. If you scrub, be sure to use a non-abrasive white scrubbing pad, and check with your retailer if stubborn stains remain.

Lucky couple to wed at Top of Park

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Our staff will be glad to assist in finding a caterer, and arrange for a bar and decorations to create an atmosphere tailored to your needs.

The cost for holding a wedding at the TOP is extremely competitive. You will need to pay the basic sponsorship fee of \$600 to reserve the tent. The Top of the Park staff will provide your bar. You can choose to have a cash bar or request to receive an invoice for the total cost. All catering and decoration costs will be paid directly to the businesses you contract with.

All interested parties should submit an essay 2,000 words or less on why they want to get married at the Top of the Park by February 29, 2000. Only one wedding will be held during the 2000 season. Essays should be mailed to the Ann Arbor Summer Festival office at: 400 Fourth Street, #150, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or faxed to (734) 936-3393. For further information please call (734) 647-2278.

MSU to present sheep production series

Michigan State University Extension will be offering a four-week series on sheep production and management in January of 2000. This series is designed for families who are interested in becoming sheep owners or already have sheep and need a little more information on production and management topics.

The series will be held on four Thursdays in January, 6, 13, 20 and 27. The cost of the series will be \$40 per family. The sessions will be held at the Michigan livestock Exchange on M-52 in Manchester from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This will be a hands-on experience. Sheep will be present at each session so participants will have the opportunity to practice the handling and management techniques that are presented.

Each week of the series will cover different topics relating to sheep production and management. Week one will primar-

ily focus on how to determine if land is suitable for sheep production and what are the housing and fencing requirements for raising sheep. Week two will cover nutritional requirements for the different types of animals in the flock as well as feed selection and storage. Week three, Dr. Joe Rook, from Michigan State University, will be discussing do-it-yourself veterinary care of the flock. Week four Dr. Margaret Benson, MSU sheep extension specialist, will be talking about sheep marketing options and flock financial management.

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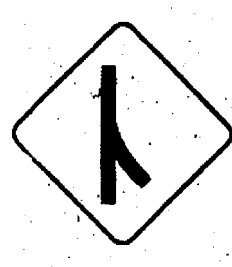
Library friends to meet

The Friends of the Chelsea District Library will hold its January meeting at the interim Washington Street Education Center location on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. The former Chelsea High School Media Center will serve as the library's temporary "home away from home," providing barrier-free public library services for the first time.

The friends welcome all library supporters who wish to assist in planning programs that enrich the entire community, such as the summer reading program, used book sales, Love Your Library Week, vol-

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For additional information, contact Marie Brooks, 475-4261, or Anne Merkel, 475-3272.



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PLANNING COMMISSION

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6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI 48130

AGENDA:

- 1) Agricultural District
- 2) Applications and Forms
- 3) Zoning Ordinance

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
John Gillespie, Chairman

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO VILLAGE OF CHELSEA ZONING ORDINANCE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Chelsea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing, as the statute in such case provides, for amendment of the Chelsea Village Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 79). The requested change would revise the Zoning Map from AG-1 to RS-3 in the area described as:

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The aforesaid hearing will be held in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., Chelsea, Michigan on Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at 7:30 P.M.

The petition, as filed by Donna E. Lane, is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea, and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Chelsea Planning Commission Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

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Curbside garbage pick-up will take place as usual on Tuesday, January 4, 2000. Happy New Year!

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION

DEXTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Dexter Township is seeking applicants to serve as regular members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The applicant must be a resident of Dexter Township. The Board of Appeals meets monthly and rules on variance applications and interpretations of the Township Ordinance.

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1999, 7:30 P.M.

Present: Robert Tetens; William Eisenbeler, and Julie Knight, Harley Rider, Libby Brushaber.

Place: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor, Robert Tetens.

Moved by Brushaber, supported by Knight to approve the agenda with the addition of the Area Building Authority. Carried.

Moved by Rider, supported by Knight to approve the minutes of the November 16, 1999 special meeting. Carried.

Moved by Brushaber, supported by Rider to approve the minutes of the November 16, 1999 regular meeting as corrected. Carried.

Moved by Rider, supported by Brushaber to approve the minutes of the December 14, 1999 special meeting. Carried.

Treasurer's report — Knight — The tax collection amounts were submitted. The November fund balance was submitted.

Clerk's Report — Eisenbeler — The 2000 Census needs publicity. We need all people to respond to insure all of our people are counted.

Planning Committee — Brushaber — Next meeting will be January 4, 2000.

Zoning Board of Appeals — Tetens — 1 case discussed.

Dexter Fire Board — Brushaber — The 2000 Budget is \$120,000 over the 1999 budget.

Chelsea Fire Board — Eisenbeler — Chelsea will refund Dexter Township their contribution to the Building Fund.

Code enforcement Officer — Harley Rider — The November report was submitted.

Assessor — Merte — The November report was submitted.

Sheriff's Report — Sgt. Toth — 7 suspects were arrested for over 80 break-ins in the area; 1 assault and battery, 1 breaking and entering at the Dental Clinic.

Multi-Lake Sewer-Brushaber — Annual Meeting — January 17, 2000 at 8:00 p.m.

Moved by Eisenbeler, supported by Brushaber to adopt the Consumer's Energy Company franchise Ordinance. Ordinance 4-B to replace Ordinance No. 4-A.

Yes — 5 No — 0 Carried.

Moved by Eisenbeler, supported by Brushaber to approve the private road permit application of Jim Glahn, subject to approval of the road maintenance agreement by the township Attorney. Carried.

Moved by Brushaber, supported by Eisenbeler to commit Dexter Township to join the Area Building Authority and contribute up to \$300 for legal fees.

Yes — 5 No — 0 Carried.

Moved by Eisenbeler, supported by Rider to approve a contract with MFCI to fulfill disclosure requirements for the Multi-Lake Sewer bonds as described in the letter dated December 3, 1999. Carried.

Moved by Eisenbeler, supported by Rider to appoint David Steinbach, Steve Platt, Jack West, and Jerry Loukotka to the Multi-Lake Sewer Authority for 4 years until 12/31/03. Carried.

Moved by Eisenbeler, supported by Brushaber to appoint Pat Kelley to the Zoning Board of Appeals until 12/31/02. Carried.

Moved by Brushaber, supported by Rider to confirm the appointment of Coy Vaughn and John Gillespie to the Planning Commission until 12/01/03. Carried.

Moved by Rider, supported by Brushaber to approve the contract with the Washtenaw County Sheriff for the year 2000. \$36,572 annually. Carried.


Moved by Knight, supported by Rider to open an account at City National Bank for the Fire Fund and authorize the clerk, treasurer, supervisor and deputy treasurer to sign the checks. Carried.

Moved by Rider, supported by Brushaber to pay the bills as submitted in the amount of \$50,708.12. Carried.

Moved by Brushaber, supported by Knight to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
William Eisenbeler, Clerk
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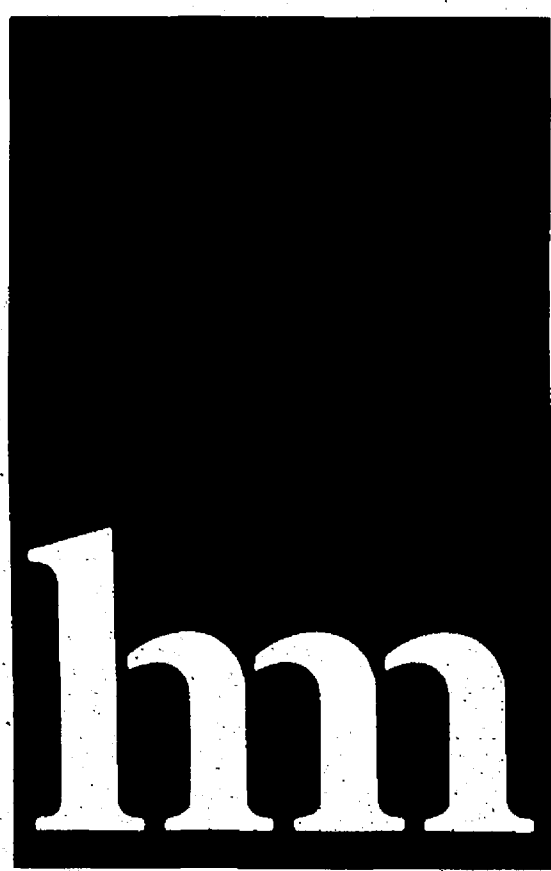
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102-Notices (Legal)

Default In Rental Sale: 444 George Bean, 4284 Gregory Robinson, 4285 Mike Warren, 4297 Ronald Clark, 4447 Philip Clark, Clothing, furniture, kitchenware, and misc. Sale Date: January 24, 2000, 1 PM. State Saline 1145 Industrial Park, Info 734-429-0590.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WASHTENAW PUBLICATION OFFICE Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 99-1258-SE Estate of FRANK A. LACHOWITZ, Deceased, Social Security No. 713-03-7394.

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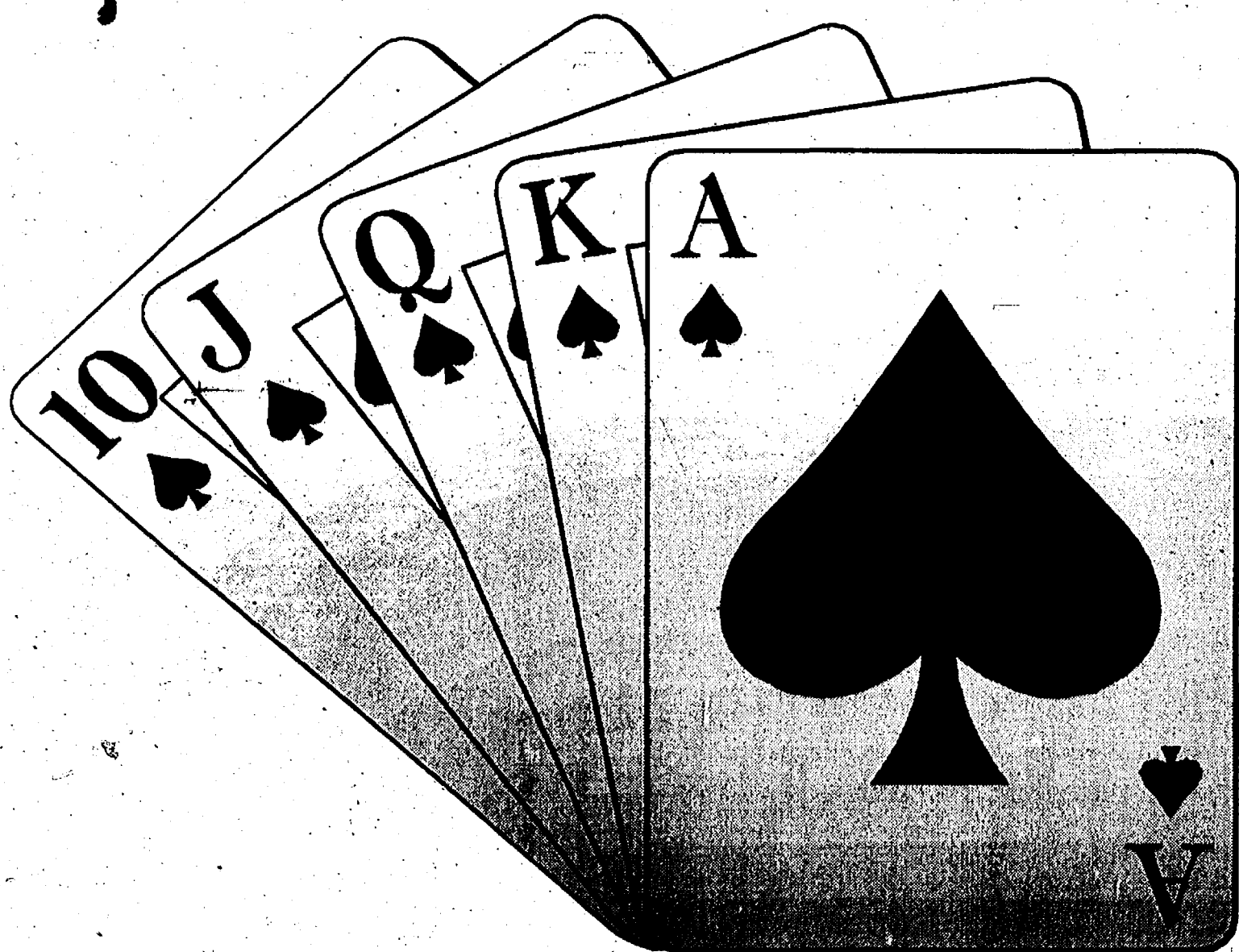
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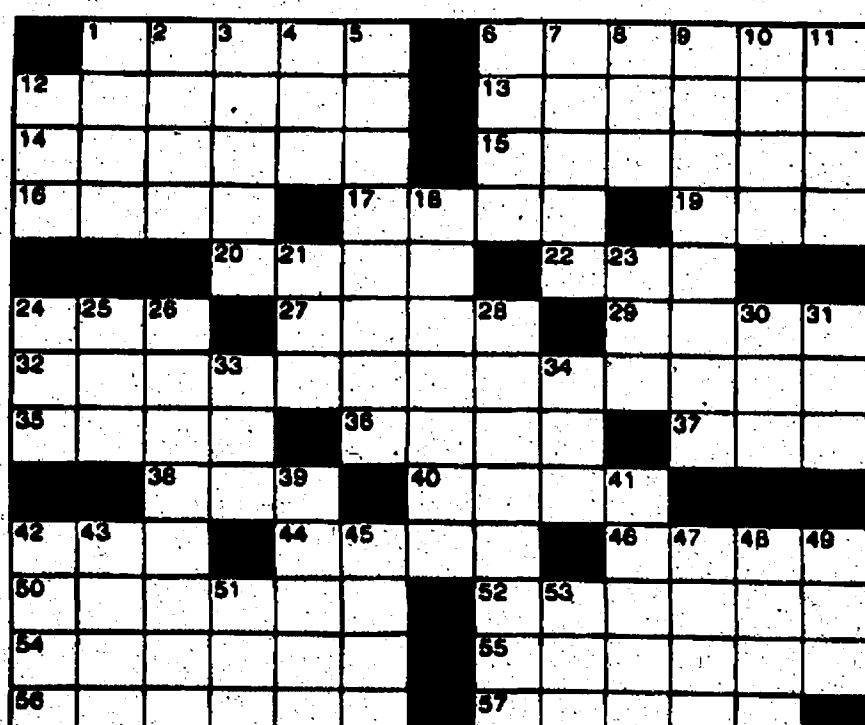
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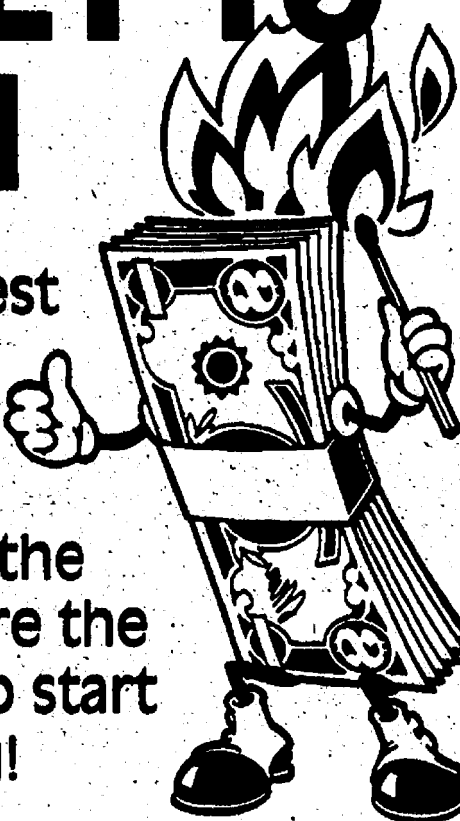


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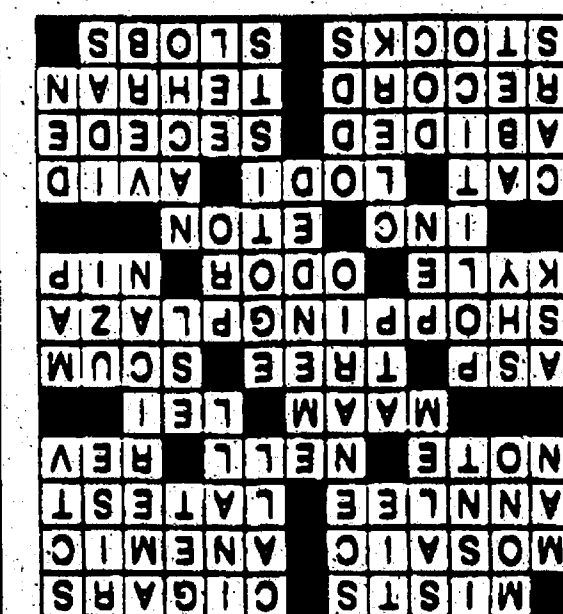
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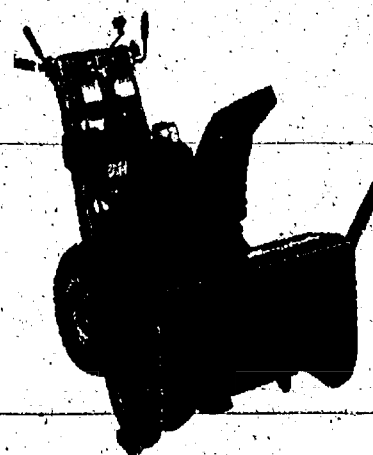




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A Necklace for Mom

There were special activities set up for students at Cornerstone Elementary School before winter break to celebrate the holidays. Cori Albert and her mother, Dita, are pictured making a reindeer necklace. The youngster is a student in teacher JoAnne Lowe's kindergarten class.

Road permit paves way for land split

■ Resident to divide land near Peach Mountain to allow for eight home sites.

By Michelle Rogers
Associate Editor

A private road permit was granted to a Dexter Township resident last week that will allow him to divide up his land into eight home sites.

Jim Glahn was granted a private road permit Dec. 21. He needed the permit before moving forward on three-land division requests.

Glahn said he wants to divide up his land now in case a new township ordinance to be considered by voters in February is adopted. Under the new ordinance, the lot sizes he has proposed would not be allowed. The smallest is slightly more than an acre.

"I don't want to find out five years from now that I have two parcels, not eight," Glahn said. Glahn said he does not plan to sell the lots right away, but he would like to start road construction this summer.

Township Board Trustee Harley Rider, who is also the township's zoning administra-

tor, reminded Glahn that if the new ordinance is adopted and he hasn't sold the lots, he will have to transfer ownership of the property to make the site legally nonconforming.

The private road Glahn was given permission to extend is Peach Mountain Lane near Stinchfield Woods. He will extend the 635-foot gravel road by 600 feet. Currently, there is a cul de sac, which will be put farther back.

Rider said Glahn is meeting all of the requirements of the ordinance and does not need any variances. A road maintenance agreement, however,

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