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NEWS BRIEFS

Girl Scouts mark 90th anniversary Monday

Anyone who has been affiliated with Girl Scouts is invited to a 90th anniversary celebration of Girl Scouting in the United States 6 p.m. Monday at Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea.

The evening, which features a ceremony and buffet dinner, is sponsored by the Chelsea Girl Scout Service Unit and Cadette Troop 1264. Scout leaders and parents will provide transportation if needed. For more information call Lynn Booth at 475-8179.

Free medical clinic set for Saturday

Hope Clinic, a free medical clinic for people with no medical insurance, will be held 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Faith In Action building, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

Patients must make an appointment first by calling 475-3305.

Superintendent search meeting set Tuesday

A public meeting to help in the search for a new superintendent of Chelsea schools is set 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

Tom Shorkey, a consultant with the Michigan Association of School Boards, will meet with school district staff all day, and then be available at the meeting to hear public input.

A public questionnaire about the superintendent selection process will be available online at the district Web site at chelsea.k12.mi.us. Questionnaires, which must be returned by April 8, also will be available at each school building.

Pre-school Open House set March 15

Chelsea Community Education First Steps to Learning Pre-School will hold an Open House from 1 to 2 p.m. March 15 at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. in Chelsea.

Candidates face off in chamber forum

■ Carol Rauschenberger files as a write-in for village president.

By Lisa Carolin
Special Writer

Approximately 35 people attended a candidates forum Monday in Chelsea at the Washington Street Education Center. The two-hour-long event, co-sponsored by Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority, was organized to better inform residents about the candidates and the

issues before Monday's village election. Village President Richard Steele faced off against challengers Jim Machnik and Charles Ritter, while incumbent council trustees Brian Cashman, Frank Hammer and Dale Schumann squared off against challengers Cheri Albertson, Howard Holmes and Tammy Lehman.

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce President Ric Sauer asked the candidates questions and they had a limited time to respond.

Steele is finishing his sixth term as vil-

lage president. He said that the most important issue facing the village is cityhood. Steele said that he wants to continue his service to Chelsea because, "I'm effective and I do this because I love to."

Ritter is currently a village trustee. He said that high taxes appear to be the biggest problem in Chelsea. He'd also like to see more people attending the Village Council meetings.

Machnik wants to see "a more open government that communicates better with the community." He's concerned

about Chelsea "giving away" the Interstate 94 interchange to Sylvan Township.

When asked to describe the character of Chelsea, Machnik responded: "It's Charles Ritter sitting at a council meeting alone pursuing what he thinks is right."

Brian Cashman said that he'd like to be re-elected to see through such projects as the water tower, new well, moving into a new village hall and seeing Chelsea become a city.

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Reading Madness



Shawn Hertz (left) and Devon Spaulding enjoyed South Meadows Elementary School's recent celebration of Dr. Seuss Reading Day, which kicked off National Reading Month. Shawn is joined by Community Education Director Jeff Rohrer, radiant in his red and white striped headgear.

Rash of thefts hits village

■ Warm temperatures blamed for increase in local thefts.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

For the past two months, the Chelsea Police Department has logged an increasing number of larcenies from vehicles.

As temperatures warm up and more children are out at night, the number of thefts seems to increase, said Chelsea Police Chief Lenard McDougall.

"Last year, at this time, we had logged 12 larcenies from cars. We have more than doubled that this year, with 25," McDougall said after the recent warm

The police chief said that most of the larcenies are from unlocked cars. He said thieves seldom break a window or glass.

A majority of the larcenies have been targeted on the east

side of the village, McDougall said.

"They are taking items from cars that are parked in driveways, garages, parking lots and on side streets. They aren't stealing much. The big items are cell phones and CDs."

The police department also had a complaint in the past couple of weeks about someone stealing an 8-track player from a car.

Since noticing the increase in thefts, officers have caught a couple of suspects, but continue to receive theft complaints. McDougall said he thinks teenagers are the culprits.

"The ones we have caught are about 13 to 15 years old, and the ones who are still out there doing this are probably about the same age," he said.

Residents need to be aware that a break-in can happen at any time and need to remember to lock their car doors, he added.

Village Council OKs annual budget

■ Police protection tops list of expenditures.

By Sheila Pursglove
and Will Keeler
Staff Writers

Chelsea Village Council approved the 2002-03 budget after a public hearing Feb. 28.

The budget is estimated at \$2,850,655 and is up approximately 7.5 percent from last year's budget of \$2,649,841.

Chelsea's largest source of

revenue is from real property taxes, which are estimated at \$1,689,482. The amount is up from \$1,624,270 last year because of new construction and the consumer price index, Village Manager Jack Myers said.

Real property includes any buildings and land.

The village will collect \$575,000 from the state's small business tax reimbursement. State funds are shared by municipalities and based on each town's population. Since Chelsea's population has increased,

revenue from the business tax reimbursement is up more than last year.

Myers estimates the village will also collect \$28,000 from business licenses and permits, \$4,000 from liquor licenses, \$55,000 in zoning fees, \$26,673 from the fire authority in dispatch fees, \$21,000 in fines and forfeits and \$35,000 in interest and dividends.

Approximately 6.5 percent of the electric fund will go the gen-

eral fund to keep the millage rate down.

Other revenue sources include grants, administration fees, charges for services, reimbursements from other funds and contributions from the sewer fund.

The largest expenditure is police protection, estimated at \$728,075. Insurance costs are estimated at \$470,000, public works at \$486,900 and planning and zoning at \$140,200.

General service administra-

tion, which includes fire billing, professional services, legal fees, printing and some insurance, is estimated at \$440,540.

Election expenses are budgeted at \$8,000, legislature expenses at \$12,500, recycling at \$17,000, and parks and recreation at \$34,700.

Executive expenses cover 5 percent pay increases for Myers and his staff. Myers' annual salary will increase to \$78,000; administrator Barbara Fredette

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Sylvan sewer, water plant ready by August

■ Township to service three new housing developments.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Priming for a flood of new residents, Sylvan Township is progressing with the construction of a new water and sewer works plant that will be able to process 300,000 gallons of water a day.

Gerald Dresselhouse, special projects coordinator for the township, said the \$5 million system would be ready for use in August.

Its cost has been funded by the sale of bonds, which will be repaid by special assessment districts and, additionally in the future, by tap-in fees. Current residents' taxes will not be affected, said Dresselhouse, the former township supervisor.

So far, construction of the foundation and the concrete walls of the plant, as well as some preliminary work on the laying of pipes, has begun. Dresselhouse said the water system is primarily

being built to serve three future residential developments.

• A 350-unit manufactured housing community west of Brown Drive and north of Interstate 94 that will be phased in over four years;

• A 30-acre housing development that will be built on the north side of Cavanaugh Lake Road to the east of Deerfield Estates;

• A 150-acre housing development on the south side of Sibley Road, west of the Village Industrial Park.

The latter two properties adjoin each other. To cope with the new influx of residents, the 14-acre water project site, 18755 Old US-12, was purchased last year as part of the \$5 million investment.

Dresselhouse wouldn't say who suspected there was water on the site, but said the township struck pay dirt on the first test run. He gave all the credit to the engineering firm of Jones & Henry, who designed and will oversee the project, for

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Larry Clark of Dexter, owner of Cribbley Drilling Co. Inc. stands by as water gushes from the ground at the site of a new well in Sylvan Township. The company recently drilled two wells for the new water treatment plant expected to go online this summer.

New program to pair adults, children

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Boy Scout visits Ground Zero

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Village OKs tax abatement

■ Tax break helps expand industrial park facility.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

Chelsea Village Council granted Hardwood Solutions a nine-year tax abatement Feb. 28 as the Chelsea-based business considers further expansion of its facilities.

Hardwood Solutions, 880 E. Industrial Drive, asked for exemption certificates for personal property of \$1,645,000 and real property of \$1,450,000 to expand its current facility.

For the past five years, the business has developed four acres of land in the industrial park and is looking to build another structure on three acres

of undeveloped land near its current facility.

Based on a village evaluation, Hardwood Solutions would be responsible for paying 50 percent of the amount of personal and real property taxes over a determined amount of time.

Village officials approved a seven-year tax break for personal property and a nine-year break for real property.

Personal property includes interior contents like new machinery or furnishings. Real property is the actual property—the building and the physical ground.

The industrial park facility is looking to expand and create 10 more jobs, adding to its current crew of 22 employees.

"We have been adding on little

by little, but we've run out of room," said Jeff Hardcastle, president of Hardwood Solutions.

The tax break would allow the company to grow and bring in more people without the burden of high taxes, said Georgia Beeman, the village's executive secretary.

"We like to see businesses expand and grow in the area," she said.

With a nod from the Village Council, the State Tax Commission and the Department of Commerce will then review the abatement application. The State Tax Commission is responsible for final approval and would issue the exemption certificate, if approved.

In the past, the Village

Council has approved abatements for Hardwood Solutions.

Certificates were granted in 1997 for real property in the amount of \$1,100,489 and for personal property in the amount of \$8,999.

Again in 1999, a certificate was given to the business for real property in the amount of \$325,000 and \$650,000 for personal property.

Council Trustee Jim Myles commended Hardcastle for his hard work and continued success in the area.

"The growth has been very positive," Myles said.

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School Receives Grant

Chelsea High School recently received a \$500 grant from the Exxon Mobil Foundation. Assistant Principal Shawn Lewis-Lakin (right) accepted a check from Cindy Randall, manager of the Perky Pantry Mobil at 501 S. Main St., in Chelsea. Store employee Nicole Bies (left), who worked at the Perky Pantry while attending college, brought the grant opportunity to Lewis-Lakin's attention when she was student teaching at the high school last fall. Funds will be used to purchase used musical instruments to loan to students, and also to help student-teachers accompany mentor-teachers to professional development conferences.

Trustees appoint ZBA alternate

■ Charles Schauer named to appeals board.

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

Chelsea Village Council appointed Charles Schauer as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals Feb. 28.

He will fill in when a board member is absent.

"He'll have the chance to par-

ticipate and speak about issues, but won't be able to vote unless someone is absent," said Jim Drolett, the village's planning and zoning administrator.

In a letter to Drolett, Schauer said that he believes that his experience in public service has been varied and extensive.

"I believe that I can bring to the ZBA a well-rounded outlook and ability to analyze and make decisions based on fact and not

emotion," Schauer said.

The village resident is the zoning administrator for Lima Township, but has submitted his resignation effective April 28.

Schauer has served on several councils and committees, including the Huron River Watershed Council, Washtenaw County Consortium for Solid Waste Management and the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority.

He has been involved in such community groups as the Chelsea Senior Advisory Board and Faith In Action Board of Trustees.

Schauer has called Chelsea home for the past eight years. He and his wife, Charlotte, have four grown children.

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Food staff receives certification

■ Chelsea school buildings pass recent health inspections.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Seven members of the Chelsea Food Service Department passed a recent class and certification examination from the Michigan Department of Public Health.

Deb Van Orman, Deb Hack, Angie Wynn, Gary Kaiser, Theresa Powers, Judy Bunton and Karen Carty received certification for five years. The exam was conducted by Michigan State University.

All five school buildings passed the most recent health inspection with no critical violations, Interim Business Director Robin Raymond said in a report to the school board Feb. 25.

Raymond said the food service department continues to break even financially. School lunch sales are down approximately 3 percent, he said, but a la carte sales and catering revenues are on the rise. Menu changes at Beach Middle School continue to be popular.

New health code regulations have prompted the revision of food policies for groups holding events in school buildings in which food is sold or admission is charged, Raymond said.

He also reported on snow removal operations that are now being done in-house. This includes purchasing equipment, erecting a storage building and purchasing supplies.

"We believe that we will recoup our investment within two to three years," Raymond said. "In the past, our cost for contracted snow removal has been between \$50,000 and \$70,000."

"Our maintenance staff has done a great job of adapting their work schedules to accommodate our labor needs and accomplish snow removal as needed."

Raymond said the district saved on the cost of utilities this year because of the mild winter.

"Because of this, we may in a position to purchase next year's natural gas needs at a lower-than-average cost," he said.

STRAIGHT FACTS

An article in last week's edition should have said Jackson and Wayne counties have the only full-time road commissions in the state.

No matter how hard we try to avoid mistakes, sometimes they

happen anyway. When that occurs, we rely on our readers to let us know about them. So, please help. To request a correction, e-mail Editor Michelle Rogers at editor@chelseastandard.com or call 475-1371.



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Cub Scouts Warm Up

Cubs from Pack 445, based at Pierce Lake Elementary School, warm up by the fireplace after outdoor activities during a recent winter event at Camp Munhacks. Pictured are Kevon Schuler (left), Dylan Shuler, Kevin Nauts, Dylan Raye-Leonard and his sister, Olivia Raye-Leonard, Tyler Shuler and Trevor Omer. Not pictured is Den leader Greg Raye.

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Hammer said that growth is the greatest issue facing Chelsea. One of his priorities is to improve village streets.

Schumann agrees that growth and traffic are Chelsea's biggest issues. He, too, would like to be re-elected to see the completion of projects that he's been working on such as Chelsea's quest for cityhood.

The three challengers each approached their goals based on their own professional backgrounds.

Albertson is a clinical social worker who is interested in the dynamics of the community. She thinks Chelsea's history and character are its most important attributes. She suggested hiring an ombudsman.

Holmes is a scientist and said that land conservation is his prime concern. He wants to see more parks and playgrounds, and to maintain Chelsea's small-town feel.

Lehman works in real estate and said that to be a prosperous community, Chelsea needs growth.

th. She wants to see a plan for controlled growth that includes the townships. But, at the same time, she wants Chelsea to retain its small-town character.


The election is set from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

Write-in candidates have until

tomorrow to declare their intentions. On Monday, Carol Rauschenber, a former Village Council trustee, filed as a write-in for village president. No other write-ins had come forward as of press time Tuesday.

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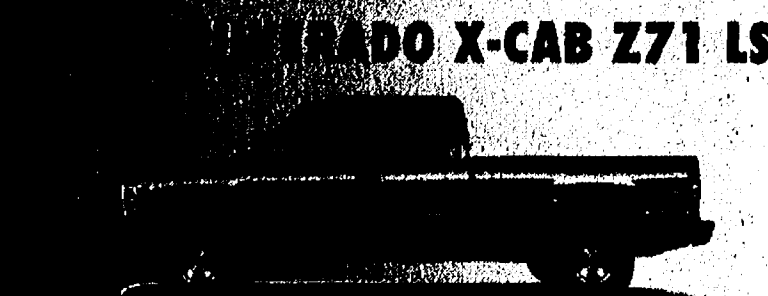


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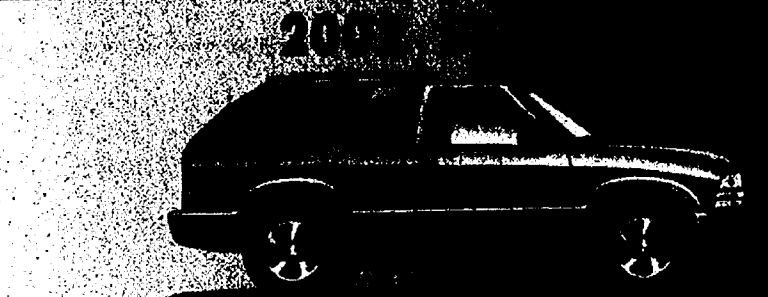
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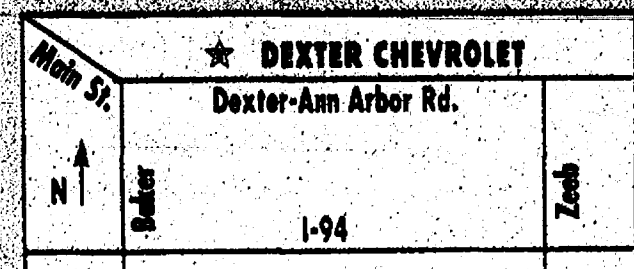
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Chelsea school buses earn top marks

■ Federal and state regulations cover a multitude of items.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Chelsea school buses received a perfect score during a recent state inspection. Transportation Director Sam Vogel said Monday.

"Each school year, every school bus in the state must be inspected and pass the inspection before it can continue to be used by the district," Vogel said.

A bus inspector from the Michigan State Police spent three days at the Chelsea bus garage inspecting the district's fleet. Federal and state regulations cover a multitude of items, from mechanical equipment to the location, color and size of lettering on the bus.

"An example of the strict rules was the issuing of a special ruling by the state police this past fall to allow school buses to display American flag emblems," Vogel said. "The guideline was that flag emblems could only go on the bulkhead area above the driver or on the front bumper."

When a bus is inspected three different tags can be issued, Vogel said.

An inspection tag means everything on the bus was in working order and the bus met

all federal and state regulations.

A yellow tag means that it has a non-serious fault that has to be repaired within 10 days, but the bus can continue on the road. Yellow tags are issued for such things as ripped seats and unlit lights.

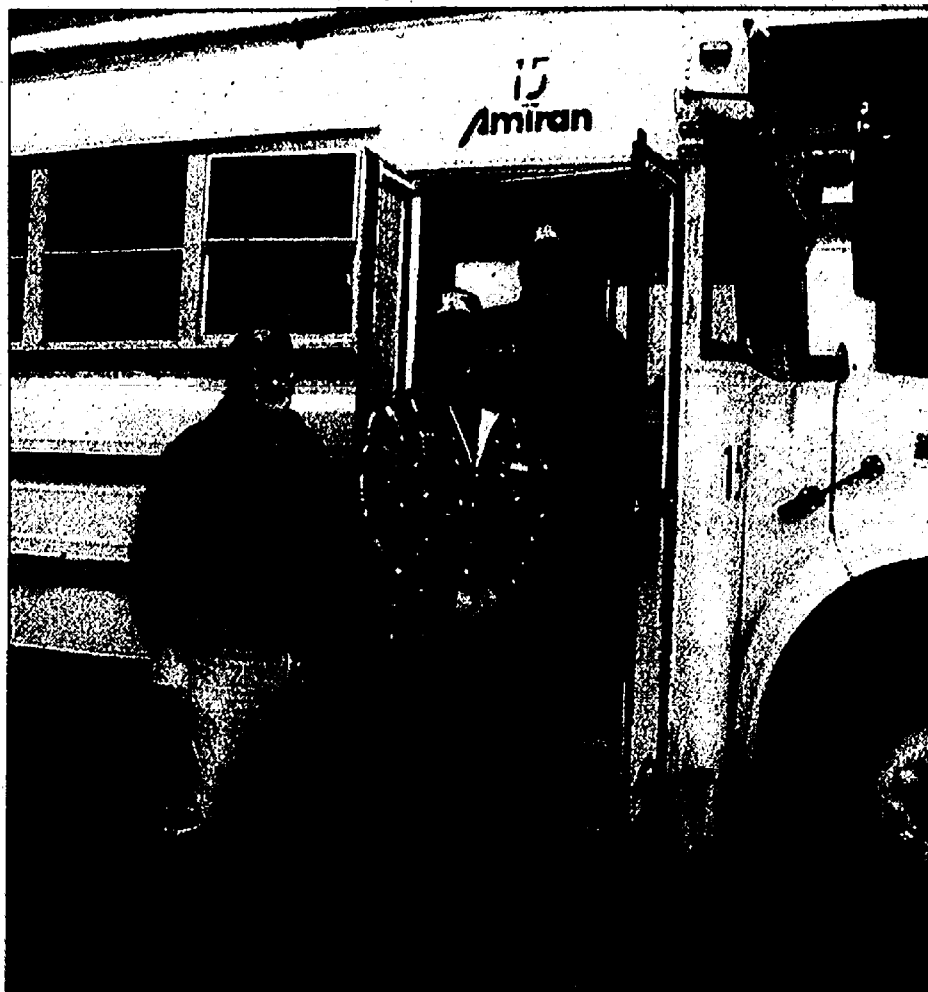
A red tag means the bus cannot be driven until it's fixed and re-inspected. Red tags are issued for items like exhaust leaks and mechanical problems.

"It's difficult to obtain a 100 percent rating since that means every bus was in perfect order when it was inspected," Vogel said.

"Chelsea mechanics Jim Zenz and Steve Wolk put in a number of work hours prior to the inspection to make sure everything was in perfect working order on the buses," he said. "Bus driver Paul Hoffman worked with the mechanics during the inspection days to make sure the next bus in line for inspection was ready."

In addition, Vogel said all of the drivers contributed to the rating by making sure their buses were properly maintained and by immediately reporting any problems with the bus.

With 38 buses on the road, amassing more than 1,400 miles each day, repairs and maintenance take place every day in the bus garage.



Chelsea school bus driver Paul Hoffman (left), and mechanics Steve Wolk and Jim Zenz, kept the Chelsea buses in top-notch condition for their annual inspection.

In addition, every driver spends 15 to 20 minutes daily doing a pre-trip check of their bus, which includes inspecting under the hood, inspecting suspension parts, checking all

lights and controls, and inspecting the interior of the bus.

"The mechanics and drivers take great pride in their buses, and it really showed with the 100 percent rating," Vogel said.



Photo by Allison Marable

Crazy Quartet

Art teacher Joe Tinsley (left) and Technology Director Scott Wooster got in the spirit of the celebration of Dr. Seuss Reading Day at South Meadows Elementary School March 1. Standing in front of the crazy duo are second-grader Amanda Johnson (left), and first-grader Airea Bandrofchak.

BUDGET

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will get \$56,000 and Executive Secretary Georgia Beeman will receive \$44,000.

One third of Village Engineer Christine Linfield's \$60,000 salary will also fall under the executive expenses fund. The other \$40,000 will come from other funds, including the street fund and the planning and zoning fund.

Salaries for department heads will come from their respective budgets. Each will see a 5 percent raise over last year's salary, which for Police Chief Lenard McDougall was \$66,000; Electric Department Superintendent Bob Shepherd was paid \$60,000; Public Works Superintendent Dave Bulson received \$58,000; Solid Waste Superintendent John Elliott was paid \$53,000; Water Department Superintendent Dan Rosentreter and Wastewater Superintendent

Brad Roberts each took home \$56,000.

The village has budgeted revenue and expenditures of \$510,000 for the major street fund and \$85,500 for the local street fund; \$439,000 for the solid waste facility; \$237,000 for the vehicle and equipment fund.

The Downtown Development Authority has a budget \$353,000, and \$32,250 for operational costs.

The electric fund is the

largest, with expected revenues of \$5,078,950 and expected expenditures of \$4,959,800.

Reporters Will Keeler and Sheila Pursglove can be reached at 475-1371.

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the rapid facility of the find.

"We did the first boring in a location where we wouldn't have to take down trees," Dresselhouse said. "We found water, but not the deep 'rock water' that we wanted."

"After sealing up the first boring to avoid cross contamination, we moved up about 50 to 60

feet in a wooded area and on the second boring found good 'rock water'."

Three separate construction firms have been contracted for the building of a 500,000-gallon capacity water tower, the plant construction and the laying of pipes.

The new water system necessitates the need for a water and

sewer authority. Dresselhouse said that this would consist of one part-time employee working out of Sylvan Township Hall. Billing of services would be contracted out to an independent agency.

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Self-esteem is a concept that many in our society view as one of the highest goals in life, a magic solution to all sorts of problems. It is promoted by schools and even some church leaders; the name Robert Schuller comes to mind. Self-esteem is a concept, on the other hand, that many Christians have reservations about. After all, we are by nature sinful and spiritually unclean, and as we are by nature we don't look very good before God. Our circumstances call for humility and meekness rather than self-esteem, don't they?
The problem, I think, lies in how self-esteem is defined and understood: A person does need a certain level of self-esteem, or else they're easy prey to be taken advantage of. Unfortunately, though, self-esteem most often seems to be interpreted in an in-your-face sort of way, such as: "I am a decent, worthwhile human being; I'm as good as anybody else, so I don't have to put up with anybody's abuse."
This view of self-esteem is not Christian, nor is it productive for society. But it is widespread. A recent study revealed that American math students, whose average scores were significantly below those of the Japanese and many other countries, had a far greater level of self-esteem regarding their math skill. Another study found that certain classes of imprisoned criminals ranked right at the top of the self-esteem ladder.
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Getting to Know the Neighborhood

Kurt Jolly (left), Marrin Holliday, Tyler Even and Katie Fischer, pupils at the Chelsea Children's Co-op, enjoyed a recent field trip to the Chelsea Post Office.

Health fair on tap

■ Event will provide screening, information on health issues.

By Shella Pursglove
Associate Editor

Staff from Chelsea Community Hospital and Chelsea Pediatric Center will be among the health professionals featured at the Community Health Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the gymnasium at Klager Elementary School, 405 Ann Arbor St., in Manchester.

Joan Paskewitz, a physical therapist at Chelsea Community Hospital for 12 years who also teaches classes in preventing osteoporosis at Beach Middle School, will give a presentation focusing on calcium-rich nutrition, exercise, and avoiding such foods as cola drinks and excess protein that leech calcium from bones.

The presentation on osteoporosis prevention is just one of many attractions at the health fair, which will also feature demonstrations, question-and-answer sessions and raffles.

There will be demonstrations of automatic external defibrilla-

tors and a demonstration by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department on the safest way to buckle children into car seats.

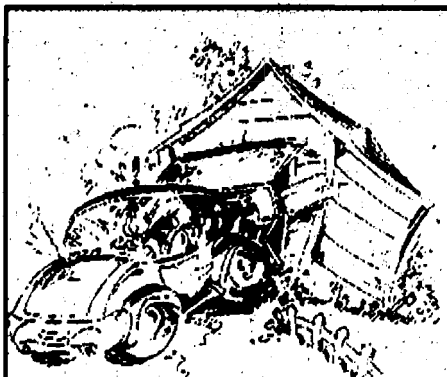
The Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute will take blood pressure readings throughout the day and will have information on cardiovascular disease.

Representatives from the Alzheimer's Association, University of Michigan Cancer Center, Huron Valley Ambulance, Washtenaw Community Health, HelpSource, hospice programs, Arthritis Foundation and the Elderwise program at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital will be on hand to answer questions, as well.

Information also will be available about depression, drug and substance abuse, chiropractic solutions, nutrition, physical fitness, and holistic healing.

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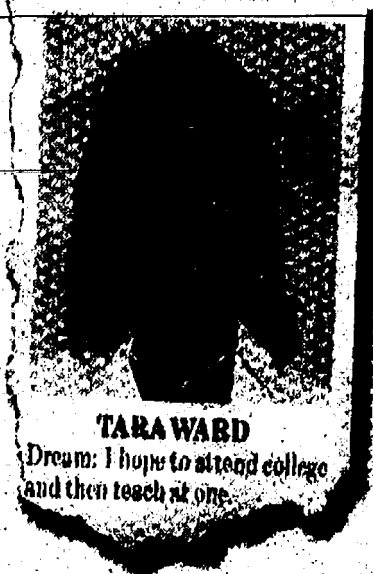
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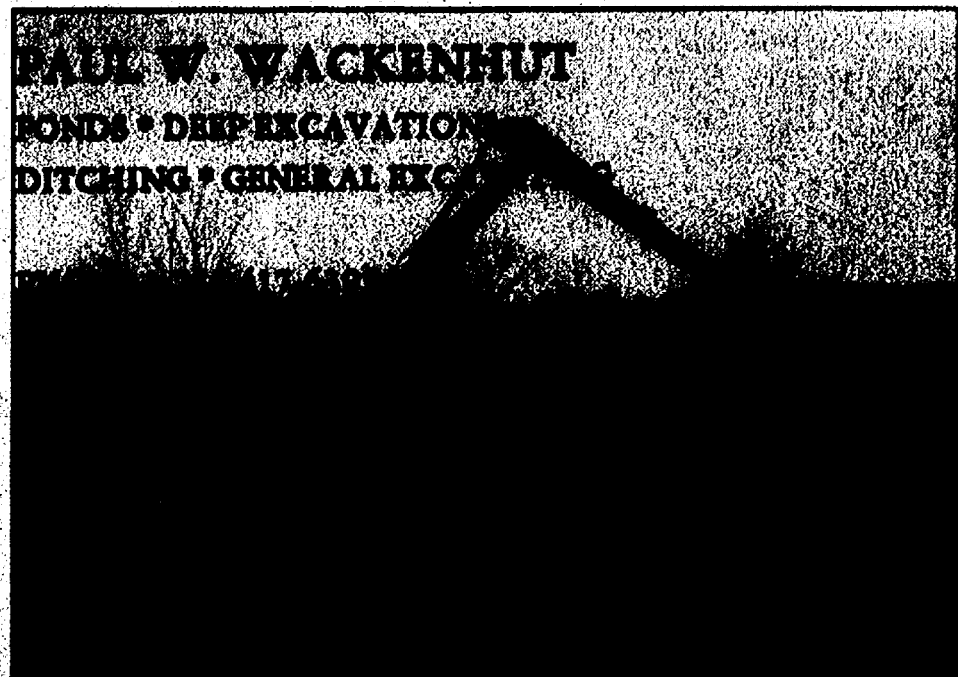
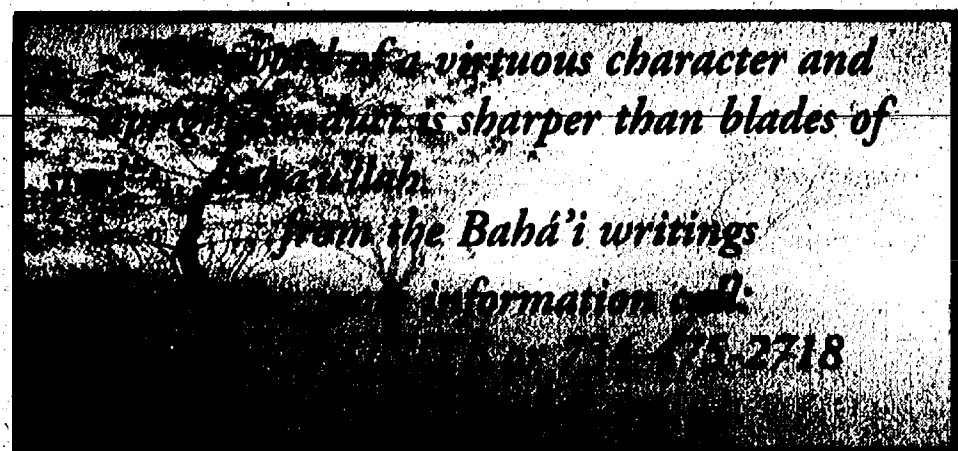
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POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township

Breaking and Entering
Damage was done Feb. 5 after someone broke into the Burger King restaurant, 151 S. Zeeb Road. Someone pried open the front doors and entered the restaurant between 12:30 and 6:30 a.m.

The intruder broke into a safe, but no money was taken.

A second safe was also damaged. Two handles to the safe were broken off and an electronic keypad was removed. Damage is estimated at \$3,000.

Two security cameras were damaged when the wiring was pulled apart. The camera system, however, wasn't operational at the time of the break-in. Damage to the surveillance system is estimated at \$200.

The store doesn't have an alarm system. Deputies were able to lift fingerprints from the front door.

Assist Other Agency

A deputy from the Dexter substation was called on a medical emergency March 1 to the Alpha House, 4290 Jackson Road. A deputy from the Scio Township

station was not available.

The Dexter deputy helped until an ambulance arrived.

Possession of Marijuana

An Ypsilanti man was arrested March 2 for possession of marijuana. The 19-year-old man was sitting in his car with another friend at the end of a cul-de-sac in the Preserve subdivision, which is under construction.

Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies have been patrolling the area after a number of vandalism complaints in the past two months.

Deputies noticed the man's car at 1 a.m. parked at the dead-end street. When the two men were approached, deputies noticed that the suspects were nervous. The deputies could smell a faint odor of marijuana, as well.

They asked the man why his sunroof was open on a cold night. Deputies also noticed that the two had a difficult time pulling their driver's licenses from their wallets.

The suspects were given a number of sobriety tests and both passed. Deputies found a small package of suspected

marijuana in the 19-year-old's coat. He was arrested and taken to the Washtenaw County Jail. The other man was released.

Lyndon Township

Assist Other Agency

Deputies from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department met with Michigan State Police troopers Feb. 21 in Lyndon Township to help with a car crash.

Deputies helped manage traffic near the crash on Stofer and North Territorial roads.

The state police did not make a report available as of press time.

Dexter Village

Drunken Driving

A 17-year-old Dexter boy was arrested for drunken driving, and underage drinking Feb. 28. Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department deputies noticed the boy at 3:30 a.m. driving near the intersection of Inverness and Second streets.

Deputies initially stopped the boy for speeding 45 mph in a 35-mph zone. When they spoke with the boy, they could smell alcohol on his breath. The suspect told police that he had been drinking at a friend's house.

Officers gave the boy a Breathalyzer test. He had a blood-alcohol level of .09 percent. A blood-alcohol level of .08 percent is considered legally impaired under state law.

Deputies also found a small plastic baggie of a substance that looked like marijuana. The boy was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail and the suspected marijuana was given to the Michigan State Police to be tested.

Dexter Township

Driving With a Suspended License

A 25-year-old Chelsea man was arrested Feb. 28 for driving with a suspended license.

Deputies stopped the man after he drove past another car in a "no passing" zone near the intersection of McGregor Road and Portage Lake Avenue.

The man told deputies that he was in a hurry to get to court and said his license was suspended. The man was arrested and taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Larceny

A \$3,000 laptop computer was stolen from Quality Properties, 7141 Dexter-Pinckney Road, between Feb. 18 and Feb. 28.

The owner of the business last saw the computer Feb. 18 and noticed it was missing two weeks later. He asked employees if any of them had seen it or took it home, and all said no.

Chelsea Village

Suspicious Incident

The owner of Mancino's restaurant, 1250 S. Main St., called police March 1 after receiving a complaint letter.

The letter was sent from a man in Detroit, stating that he had bad food and bad service recently at Mancino's and he wanted the manager to "make it right."

The owner wasn't sure the intent of the letter. Police called the man in Detroit, but there was no answer.

Compiled by Staff Writer Will Keeler based on reports filed with Chelsea police and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.



Photo by Colleen O'Neill

Martial Arts

Dylan and Zachary Schepers, third-graders at North Creek Elementary School in Chelsea, show off fine style in martial arts.



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Meeting showcases ambulance service

Huron Valley Ambulance was showcased at the annual meeting of the National Association of Emergency Medical Services Physicians Jan. 11 in Tucson, Ariz.

The national meeting draws more than 600 physicians, mostly medical directors, for providers of emergency medical services across the United States.

Huron Valley Ambulance was featured as an example of a successful, progressive suburban-rural emergency medical services system. Each year the association honors three progressive EMS systems and features them in their program.

The Milwaukee EMS system was featured as a successful urban example and a Czechoslovakian system as a successful international example.

President and CEO Dale Berry and Robert Domeier, medical director for the Washtenaw-Livingston County Medical Control Authority, represented Huron Valley Ambulance. Berry discussed operational issues and Domeier discussed clinical issues.

Huron Valley Ambulance, based in Ann Arbor with a presence in Chelsea, is a nationally accredited, nonprofit community ambulance service covering Washtenaw and western Wayne counties. It recently celebrated 20 years of service.

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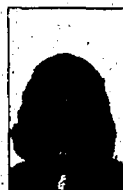
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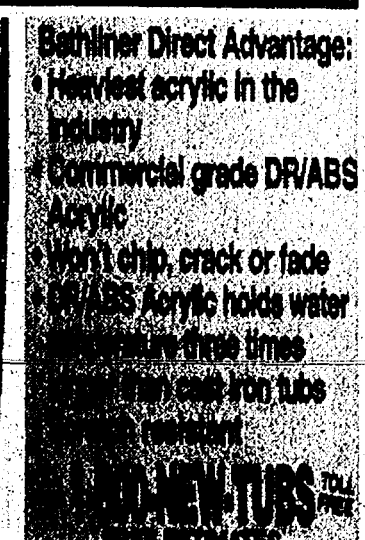
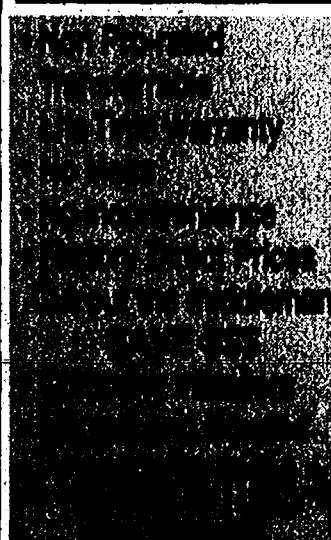
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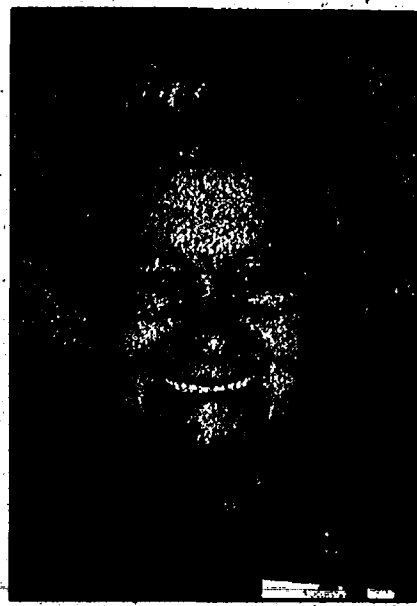
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Street Talk

By Erin Dronen

What was your favorite birthday?



"Ninety. I was overwhelmed by the number of cards I got — over 100."
Ruth Curnow
Sylvan Township



"Sixty-five, the year I retired."
Laurette Sochow
Sylvan Township



"Sixty. I was in good shape then."
Fred Hollenberg
Sylvan Township

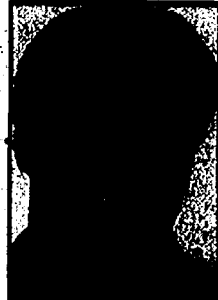


"Eighty I went to California for a family reunion."
Merle Davis
Sylvan Township



"Eighteen, because I was legal for everything."
Melissa Young
Jackson

People should care about local elections



GREGORY PARKER

COMMUNITY ROOTS

Could everyone who plans on voting in Monday's village election please raise their right hand?

Hold on now, not everyone at once.

(That was supposed to be sarcastic, by the way.)

Maybe you could honk when you drive by?

I'd imagine that the silence would be deafening. Crickets chirp, tumbleweeds blow past, but local voters are hard to come by.

Which is kind of funny because for the average citizen, it's usually local government that matters most.

Local government determines

the shape and future of your community. It administers the public works that affect you on a daily basis. It funds your police and fire departments — the ones you rely on in times of trouble.

It's the one that zones your land, the one that paves your street, the one that clears it when it snows.

Yet, in Chelsea, in recent history, local government elections have seen miserable participation.

It's in these elections that your vote matters most.

So how come voters are so scarce?

Is it an aversion to choice? Is it backlash from the Pepsi Challenge, when the nation was forced into choosing Pepsi versus Coke?

I've spent a lot of time trying to figure this out.

Maybe it's a lack of controversial issues. There isn't a tax revolt (or none that I know of), and it isn't like the village is having trouble remaining solvent, like some Metro Detroit suburbs. It certainly isn't lax in providing the services on which we

rely.

But wait — what about development? It's the one issue that's really fired people up lately. And it's not like this is a new issue, either. Chelsea has experienced growing pains for a long time now. So you'd think that this, alone, would bring people to the polls.

Unless, that is, there was no discernible difference between the candidates. But it's really not the case at this local level.

Sure, none of the candidates are running on the platform of unbridled development for outside interests. But if you read the candidate profiles, and if you learn just a little more about them, you can discern subtle differences in opinion.

There are also differences in terms of experience, some with years invested in Chelsea and others who are newcomers.

Maybe Chelseans just don't care. But hold on — nearly 600 signed the park petition. There were hundreds on hand for Martin Luther King Jr. activities held in the village. Just look at the number of people at a

Chelsea Bulldogs home football game, and you'll be convinced of the strength of community here.

So what's the problem? There are important, controversial issues; there are differences between the candidates; and Chelsea definitely cares. Could it be that the candidates' lack of national party affiliation is keeping voters away?

You can't vote straight ticket in a village election, you can't simply seek out your "home" party and vote away. Local, non-partisan elections take a little more homework, a little more independent thought.

And if you don't take an extra few minutes to get to know the candidates, it's impossible to make an intelligent decision.

There are no coattails to ride on, since there are no party affiliations. Plus, village elections are often held separate from federal and state elections.

In local elections, you've got to keep up with local news. Flip on the radio or open up a paper and you've got state and nation issues coming at you from all angles. But it's a little harder to

keep up with local news. It's part of a different effort.

But that's really no excuse, either. Last week's Chelsea Standard contained information on every candidate for president and trustee, and Monday's Candidates Night offered an opportunity to ask questions that weren't addressed in the paper. It seems there's plenty on which to base an informed decision.

You know where your convictions lie. You can read the candidate profiles and determine who best matches your personal views. Not counting the candidates meeting, I'd say it takes about 10 minutes to make an informed decision on the future of Chelsea.

Are you going to let a measly 10 minutes — and perhaps 15 more to actually vote — get in the way of putting in your two cents about Chelsea's future?

So, vote early, and vote often.

OK — well, at least vote early.

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This conflict is very different from other wars



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HOME FRONT

We are at war, and it's frighteningly unlike any conflict before.

This is something everyone knows, of course, but we've done a good job in the last few months of living our good American life as usual, just as the president requested.

It is easy, I think, to become complacent, despite the hideous images of Sept. 11 tattooed on

our hearts.

We shop, we watch television, we go out with friends. And we do these things without fear.

But something happened last week to change that for me.

I was slapped right out of my sense of life-as-usual during a recent conversation.

The woman I spoke with is the wife of a serviceman recently called up for duty and the mother of another serviceman about to be called.

I called her, hoping to do a story about our soldiers and sailors who are quietly being called up and what they leave behind — families, jobs, pets — as they go off to serve their country.

We got the idea for the story when a nice lady at a veterinary clinic called. She was trying to find homes for two dogs and two

cats — the pets of a servicewoman who had to leave abruptly when she was called to duty.

The woman I called told me the servicemen and their family members have been asked not to participate in media coverage.

She said this with regret — she is proud of her husband and son — and double-checked for me to make sure the policy still stands.

It does.

The reason?

Highlighting our soldiers and sailors and their families singles them out as targets for the enemies of our nation.

"We don't know how long their arms are," the woman said.

Her words sent a chill up my spine.

But I can't tell you her story.

I can't tell you about the young enlistee leaving for boot camp in

a few days and how he will miss his newborn son's first smile, first tooth, first wobbly steps across the floor of the living room.

I can't tell you about the teacher who had to leave his classroom full of students and his mission to teach them the wonders of science.

I can't tell you about the grandmother unexpectedly struggling to raise two young children whose parents — her daughter and son-in-law — both were called suddenly to serve somewhere overseas.

I can't tell you about the servicewoman who left her beloved pets at the veterinary clinic, trusting the people there to find them good homes.

I can't tell you about the service club whose newly elected president's duties are being filled now by someone else as he

fulfills his duty to Uncle Sam.

But I can tell you that I am overwhelmingly sad to live in a world where people's families are considered targets.

And that I am frightened and disgusted all over again by the nature of the enemy we fight.

And I can remind you that, even though most of us are living life as usual, some of us aren't.

And that our men and women in the military and their families deserve all of the support we can give them, even if we can't celebrate their contributions individually.

Nothing is normal for them.

Not even as small a thing as a story in a hometown newspaper.

Paula Evans Neuman is a reporter for Heritage Newspapers. She can be reached at paula@heritage.com or at 1-734-246-0885.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City folks are pushing out retirees at lake

I would like to make a few comments about the Cavanaugh Lake sewer system.

First, this sewer system was not brought up as something for the benefit of the folks who live at Cavanaugh Lake, but rather for the few folks who moved to Cavanaugh Lake from the city and have tried to take over the lake and all that is associated with it.

Cavanaugh Lake has been Cavanaugh Lake for many many, many years and never, until the last few years, needed to have a Cavanaugh Lake Association.

This association has complained to everyone about everything since coming to the lake. They've had chemicals put in the lake to kill the weeds. These chemicals are going to starve the fish because, eventually, they will not have food to eat.

The water testing that was done, I believe, showed that the chemicals in the water was runoff from the lawn chemicals these fine people are putting on their lawns and that the rains are washing into the lake.

Now they want a sewer system. Why is that? It's because these folks are only thinking about themselves, not anyone else. They want to use the space required for a septic field to build big additions on to their already-too-big houses and to heck with those who suffer the consequences.

Cavanaugh Lake has a lot of folks living around it who have lived there for years and are retired and living on a fixed income. A fixed income does

not allow them the kind of money that you are going to need to complete this type of project.

Aside from that, my dad for one, has put in a new septic field a few years back and he should not have any problems with it for the rest of his life. He is 89 years old. So, he has something that is good and that works, and he doesn't want to have the sewer line.

There are others like my dad who can't afford this and who don't want it, but have not really known what to do to stop it from being passed except to hope that it wouldn't happen. They don't have money to get petitions and run them around town as do the folks from the city who are the instigators of all this.

If this project goes through, it's going to force a lot of retirees to sell their homes and move away from the lake.

As far as I am concerned, these city folks can go back to the city and live if they don't like our primitive way of life at Cavanaugh Lake.

They knew that it was septic fields and tanks when they bought the land, and now they can live with that or move back where they came from. No one will miss them.

Willadean Miles
Lima Township

We don't need more stoplights

My wife and I walk the streets of Chelsea three or four times a week, and I must say that our observations are quite different from Ms. Chevela's in the Feb. 21 letter to the editor.

We do not view the streets as unsafe. Although I have not

reviewed police records, I am of the opinion that accidents involving pedestrians are very rare.

It should be noted that pedestrians have a responsibility to look both ways before proceeding across the street, even if they have a green light.

There is no question that Main Street carries too much traffic. In this regard, I hope Ms. Chevela will wholeheartedly support efforts to create a bypass around town.

Thank God, Ms. Chevela is not a traffic engineer. The job of the traffic engineer is to move traffic as safely and expeditiously as possible, not to impede it. Her suggestion that

stoplights be installed at every intersection from I-94 to the railroad and definitely not in sequence is ludicrous. It would bring traffic to an absolute standstill.

Not only should we not add more stoplights, we should get rid of a number of newly placed stop signs. I doubt that there have been accidents at these intersections. Using stop signs to slow traffic isn't needed if speed laws are enforced.

Stoplights and stop signs only add to air pollution and use enormous amounts of gasoline. It takes very little gasoline to keep a car moving at a constant speed. But every time you have to stop and then accelerate, you use prodigious amounts of gas and produce all sorts of air pollution.

Let's keep Chelsea a traffic-friendly community.

Russell Reister
Chelsea

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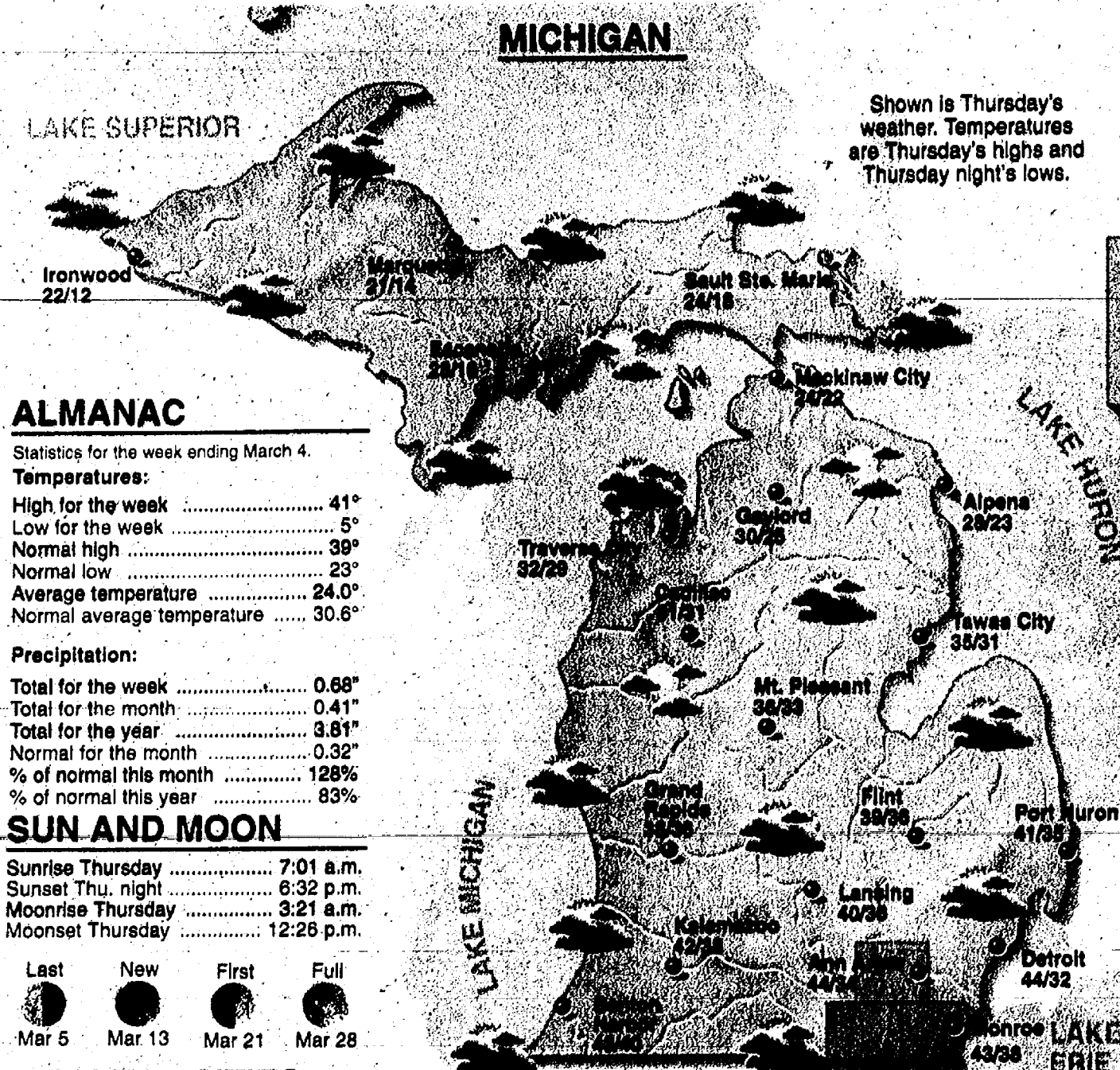
WEATHER

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

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THURSDAY	THU NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 42°-46° Mostly cloudy; a shower possible.	LOW: 32°-36° Cloudy; breezy overnight.	HIGH: 50°-54° Mostly cloudy; showers possible. LOW: 39°-43°	HIGH: 54°-58° Mostly cloudy; showers possible. LOW: 28°-30°	HIGH: 30°-34° Mostly cloudy, windy and cold. LOW: 14°-18°	HIGH: 32°-36° A mix of sun and clouds; cold. LOW: 13°-17°



ALMANAC

Statistics for the week ending March 4.

Temperatures:

High for the week 41°

Low for the week 5°

Normal high 39°

Normal low 23°

Average temperature 24.0°

Normal average temperature 30.6°

Precipitation:

Total for the week 0.68"

Total for the month 0.41"

Total for the year 3.81"

Normal for the month 0.32"

% of normal this month 128%

% of normal this year 83%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday 7:01 a.m.

Sunset Thu. night 6:32 p.m.

Moonrise Thursday 3:21 a.m.

Moonset Thursday 12:26 p.m.

Last Mar 5

New Mar 13

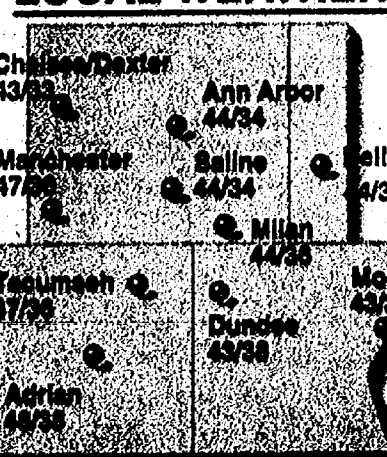
First Mar 21

Full Mar 28

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W	City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W	City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W	City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Akron	50/36/c	54/40/c	Buffalo	42/32/c	44/38/c	Denver	68/34/p	48/24/p	City	HI/Lo/W	HI/Lo/W
Albany	48/34/c	46/38/c	Burlington, IA	48/44/c	58/38/c	Des Moines	44/41/sh	64/29/sh	Knoxville	61/42/p	84/48/p
Albuquerque	60/38/p	56/30/p	Burlington, VT	44/24/c	38/32/c	Duluth	22/14/sn	27/8/sn	Las Vegas	60/42/p	60/38/p
Anchorage	22/12/s	23/11/s	Casper	44/18/p	30/12/c	El Paso	78/49/p	68/38/p	Lexington, KY	60/45/c	62/48/p
Atlanta	68/47/p	68/49/p	Cedar Rapids	44/41/sh	54/35/c	Fairbanks	12/17/p	15/11/s	Lincoln	48/39/c	60/29/c
Atlantic City	56/38/p	58/44/p	Charleston, SC	70/48/p	72/51/p	Fargo	16/11/sn	28/7/sn	Little Rock	68/50/c	73/58/c
Austin	74/57/p	72/55/c	Charleston, WV	61/42/p	68/48/p	Flagstaff	45/27/p	39/13/c	Los Angeles	59/48/c	63/48/c
Baltimore	60/38/p	60/40/p	Charlotte	66/48/p	68/48/p	Fort Wayne	50/34/c	52/40/c	Louisville	60/40/c	62/48/p
Baton Rouge	74/53/p	75/58/c	Chicago	50/28/p	38/18/p	Gary	44/41/sh	54/44/c	Madison	40/38/c	60/38/c
Billings	30/6/c	21/10/c	Cheney	44/38/sh	54/48/c	Green Bay	32/28/sn	42/32/c	Miami	79/69/r	61/70/sh
Birmingham	68/47/c	72/58/p	Cincinnati	58/38/c	60/44/p	Helen	23/28/c	19/12/c	Memphis	40/37/c	60/38/c
Bismarck	14/6/sn	15/4/c	Cleveland	50/34/c	58/42/c	Honolulu	82/68/c	82/68/c	Minneapolis	32/24/sn	38/28/sn
Bloomington	52/44/c	64/51/p	Columbia, MO	59/47/c	68/42/c	Houston	78/60/p	78/60/p	Mobile	72/54/s	73/57/p
Boise	46/22/c	36/24/p	Columbus, OH	54/38/c	58/42/p	Indianapolis	53/42/c	64/50/c	Nashville	63/48/c	76/52/p
Boston	54/38/c	48/38/c	Dallas	72/58/p	74/52/c	Jacksonville	28/77/p	24/10/s	New Orleans	73/58/p	74/61/p
Brownsville	82/64/s	84/64/p	Davenport	44/42/sh	54/43/c	Kansas City	60/44/p	69/38/c	New York	58/40/p	62/40/p

LOCAL WEATHER



MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	44/34/c	52/41/c
Battle Creek	43/38/sh	55/45/c
Bay City	38/34/c	43/40/c
Coldwater	47/40/sh	55/45/c
Dearborn	44/34/c	50/41/c
Detroit	44/32/c	50/40/c
Grand Rapids	38/38/c	52/40/c
Holland	40/37/c	54/43/c
Jackson	44/37/sh	49/43/c
Kalamazoo	42/38/sh	53/43/c
Lansing	40/38/c	49/42/c
Livonia	44/37/c	53/41/c
Midland	35/34/c	45/40/c
Monroe	43/38/c	52/48/c
Muskegon	37/37/sf	49/38/c
Pontiac	43/35/c	48/44/c
Port Huron	41/35/c	45/44/c
Saginaw	44/34/c	44/40/c
Saline	44/34/c	52/41/c
Sault Ste. Marie	24/18/c	38/24/sn
Shirley	44/40/sh	55/45/c
Troy	42/32/c	48/38/p
Traverse City	32/28/sf	44/34/r
Warren	43/34/c	49/42/c

Weather (W): s-sunny, pe-partly cloudy, e-cloudy, sh-showers, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice

TRAVEL

Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties

A few showers may occur across the region Thursday, otherwise, there should be very little travel problems. A few showers are also expected on Friday.

REALFEEL TEMPTM

The exclusive AccuWeather RealFeel Temperature is a measure of how the weather feels, taking into account wind, weather and UV radiation. Shown is the highest realfeel temperature for each day.

Highest Thursday 45°

Highest Friday 45°

Highest Saturday 51°

Highest Sunday 15°

SOLUNAR TABLE

Four-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.

Major Minor Major Minor

Thu: 6:46 a.m. 12:36 a.m. 7:13 p.m. 12:30 p.m.

Fri: 7:38 a.m. 1:22 a.m. 8:01 p.m. 1:18 p.m.

Sat: 8:28 a.m. 2:08 a.m. 8:47 p.m. 2:34 p.m.

Sun: 9:06 a.m. 2:54 a.m. 9:30 p.m. 3:18 p.m.

UV INDEX

Highest Thursday 1

Minimum 1

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COMMUNITY

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WANTED: Adults to spend time with local youngsters like Billy Turner.



A helping hand

Big Brothers-Big Sisters program provides friendships

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor
Lisa Carolin
Special Writer

Billy Turner has a Big Brother for a friend.

Billy's one of the lucky ones. Currently, 70 kids in Washtenaw County are still waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister to befriend them.

"The Big Brothers-Big Sisters program is wonderful," says Linda Durgan-Turner, Billy's mom.

She and her children left a violent domestic situation four years ago and she suffers from chronic health problems and works full time, needing to rest on the weekends. Two of her three children have participated in the program.

"My children needed other people to talk to," Durgan-Turner says. "My kids were dealt a rough hand."

Two years ago, her daughter, Stephanie Durgan, now a 10th-grader at Dexter High School, was paired with a Big Sister.

"We got to go to cool places, and to meet her fiancé and roommate," Stephanie says. "Val worked with exotic animals and brought a baby wallaby to our house."

While Stephanie, at 15, has now outgrown the program, her 7-year-old brother, Billy Turner, has just been paired with his second Big Brother.

"Micah was my first Big Brother," Billy says. "We went to McDonald's and the mall a lot, played games, and went to the playground."

"We got to go to his house sometimes and made cookies with his wife, Jamie."

Although Micah moved to Illinois last year, the pair stayed in touch through e-mail.

Billy's latest Big Brother and his wife will spend

time with Billy once or twice a week. They joined the program because they want to make a difference in a child's life, Durgan-Turner says.

"Billy has no older males in his life and needs a positive relationship with a male," she says.

Durgan-Turner says she is very selective about the people paired with her children and appreciates the careful selection process.

"We may not have a lot, but we're safe and we have each other," she says. "We live under the poverty line and I can't get my kids all they need, let alone what they want."

Big Brothers-Big Sisters, a program of HelpSource, will now have a local office at Faith In Action, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

Margaret Spaly, school social worker at Chelsea High School and Beach Middle School in Chelsea, is delighted that the program is coming to western Washtenaw County.

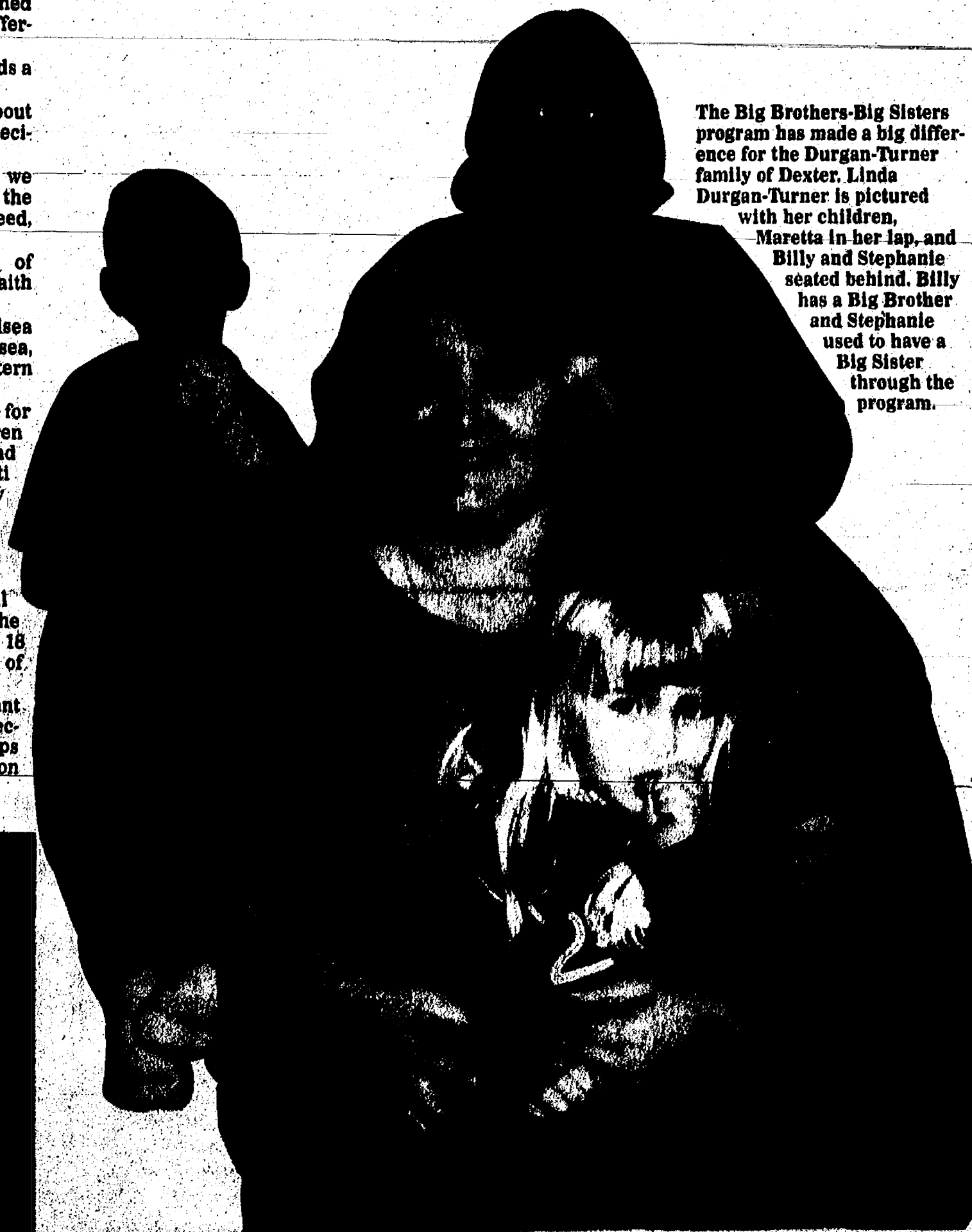
"We've had several families who have asked for Big Brothers and Big Sisters for their children and yet, historically, it's been difficult to find volunteers from the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area to drive out to Chelsea each week," Spaly says.

"I think it will intensify the sense of community to have Chelsea-area volunteers providing this service to students in our area."

Spaly and Vicki Utke, social worker at all three Chelsea elementary schools, broached the idea with the Rev. Jerry Beaumont about 18 months ago, when Beaumont was director of Faith In Action.

"We're firm believers that the most important thing we can do for a child, and the most effective interventions, are positive relationships with caring adults," Utke says. "Research on resiliency supports this."

The Big Brothers-Big Sisters program has made a big difference for the Durgan-Turner family of Dexter. Linda Durgan-Turner is pictured with her children, Maretha in her lap, and Billy and Stephanie seated behind. Billy has a Big Brother and Stephanie used to have a Big Sister through the program.



THE FACTS

Boy Scout visits Ground Zero

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Andy Lenahan still can't get the images out of his mind.

The Beach Middle School eighth-grader visited New York City in December — in what he calls a "disturbing but interesting trip."

Lenahan, 13, a member of Ann Arbor Boy Scout Troop 5, traveled to the Big Apple with three other Scouts and two adult leaders. The group delivered Christmas gifts for the children of firefighters. Scouts from troops in the Ann Arbor, Saline and Chelsea area donated the toys.

"We had hundreds of dollars worth of toys," Lenahan said. "These were for the children of firefighters who were so busy working at Ground Zero that they had no time to shop for their kids. All the firefighters were really happy to get them."

At a time when most kids are getting ready for Christmas festivities, Lenahan and his fellow travelers visited Ground Zero, site of the collapsed World Trade Center towers during the

Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Accompanied by a New York City fire chief, the group visited a firehouse 10 feet from Ground Zero.

"It's much worse than it looks on TV or in the newspapers," Lenahan said.

"When we visited, we saw the body of a firefighter being pulled from the rubble. They had a ceremony and placed him in an EMS truck. In honor of him, we all had to salute him."

"This was probably the saddest thing we saw at the World Trade Center site."

The Scouts stayed at a fire station in the Bronx for three days and two "sleepless" nights before returning to Michigan on Christmas Eve.

"Every hour or so we'd hear a bell go off and we'd have to get

up and run downstairs to go with the chief," Lenahan said.

"It was amazing how many false alarms are called in during the night. Almost half the calls were false alarms. The rest were

for gas leaks, water main breaks and trash bin fires. The false alarms were worth it, though, because it was really exciting."

"We got to ride in the chief's car, an SUV with NYFD painted on the side," he said. "It had sirens and was

full of computerized equipment."

Lenahan, the son of Linda and Bill Sotirion of Chelsea and Brian Lenahan of Ann Arbor, said he wanted to be a firefighter when he was younger. But after seeing how hard real-life firefighters work, he's not sure

now it will be his chosen career path.

A member of King of Kings Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, Lenahan moved to Chelsea five years ago but stayed with his Ann Arbor Boy Scout troop.

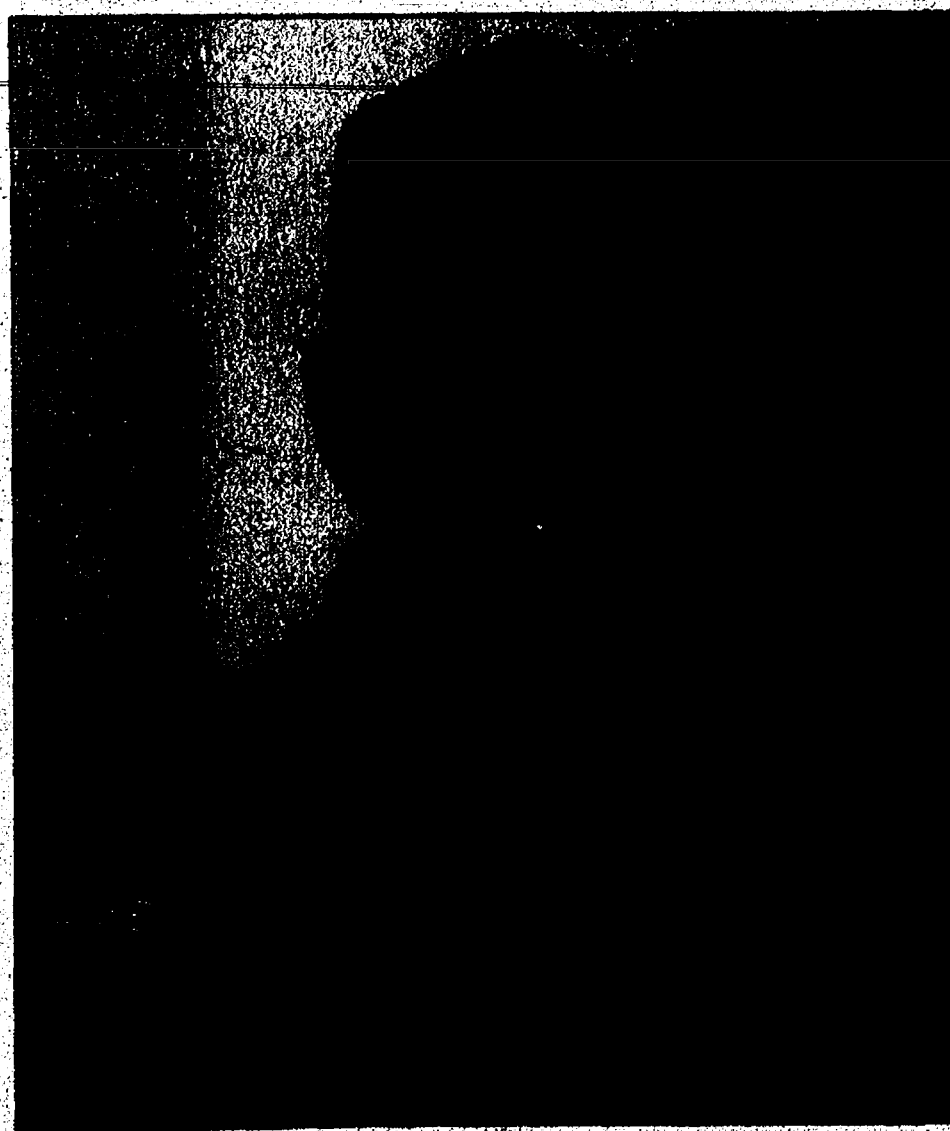
Involved in Scouting since Cub Scouts, he is working toward his first-class badge and hopes to eventually earn Eagle rank.

Linda Sotirion said she was somewhat ambivalent about her son making the trip, imagining how disturbing this experience could be.

"However, Andy was determined to go and deliver the 100 gifts they had collected for the firefighters and their children," Sotirion said.

"As parents, we were all very proud of our boys and their desire to help in whatever way they could. It was a sobering experience for the boys who have had little exposure to traumatic events in the world. I know its impact will be lasting."

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Boy Scout Andy Lenahan, an eighth-grader at Beach Middle School, traveled to New York City in December with his Ann Arbor troop. The Scouts and their leaders took gifts for the children of firefighters at Ground Zero, the site of the collapsed World Trade Center towers.

"I know its impact will be long lasting."

— Linda Sotirion
Scout's mother

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Saturday, March 9

Western Washtenaw Republicans meets 9 a.m. at Wolverine Food & Spirits at Old US-12 and M-52. The guest speaker is U.S. Rep. Nick Smith of the 7th Michigan Congressional District. The meetings are open to the public. Call 475-3874.

Chelsea Senior Citizens biannual Country Craft and Folk Art Show will be held 10 a.m. at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

Croppin' for Critters will be held 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Scrapbook Memories, 1125 S. Main St., in Chelsea. Proceeds will benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley and Farm Sanctuary. There is a \$20 fee. Call 433-1478 for reservations.

Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St. in Chelsea, presents Saturday morning's Mochas and Music from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This week's entertainment is Lonesome Road.

Monday, March 11

Lunch with the Arts will be held 11 a.m. at the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, 400 Congdon St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 433-2787.

Chelsea Area Garden Club meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Chelsea United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. Roger Sutherland will give a talk and slide presentation on how to make maple syrup. Visitors are welcome. The program is free.

Celebration of the 90th anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States will be held 6 p.m. at the Chelsea United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-8179.

Seminar set for Tuesday

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the business seminar, "Successful Marketing in Challenging Times," 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

Business owners and marketing managers can learn strategies to promote their businesses effectively through print and electronic media, including the Internet.

In addition, they will learn to determine how well their advertising works and how to avoid common marketing errors.

Wayne Hindmarsh of Grosse Pointe, who has presented the seminar for other chambers in Michigan, will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$30 for chamber members and \$40 for nonmembers.

For more information or to register, call the chamber office at 475-1145 or send e-mail to chamber@chelsea.web.com.

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Wednesday, March 13

The second annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 14200 E. Old US-12, in Chelsea. Advance tickets are recommended. Call Mary or Lourdean at 475-7561.

The Western Washtenaw Area Relay For Life will hold a captain's meeting 6 p.m. at the Chelsea Community Hospital, Dining Room B. For more information, call 971-4300.

Thursday, March 14

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held 4 to 8 p.m. at Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer Drive, in Chelsea.

German Dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Alzheimer's Association Family Caregiver Support Group meets the third Thursday of the month from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Retirement Community, Crippen Building, 805 W. Middle St. Meetings are free and confidential. Call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-337-3827 or 877-3081 for information.

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the third Thursday of each month. Call 475-1145.

Chelsea First United Methodist Church hosts a monthly dinner, second Thursdays of the month, 5 to 7 p.m. in Grams Hall at the church, 128 Park St. Call 475-8119 for information.

Friends of Chelsea District Library meet 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Call Tom Gerstenlauer at 475-7500 or Jennifer Kundak at 475-2424.

Senior Nutrition Program meets at noon Thursdays for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For reservations, call 475-7439, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday

Chelsea Arbor Treatment Center holds Nicotine Anonymous meetings noon to 1 p.m. Fridays at 900 Victors Way, Suite 310, in Ann Arbor. Call 930-0201.

Saturday

Hope Clinic 9 a.m. to noon, second Saturdays of the month at the Faith In Action building, 775 S. Main Street, Chelsea. A free clinic for people with no health insurance. Call for appointment, 475-3305.

Western Washtenaw Republicans meets 9 to 11 a.m. second Saturday of each month at Wolverine Food & Spirits on Old US-12 in Chelsea. Meetings include refreshments and speaker. Call 475-3874.

Sunday

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets 1:30 to 4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month. Call 741-9209 or 1-800-852-9781.

Monday

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

Chelsea Area Garden Club meets at 12:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. in Chelsea. For information, call Janet Wamboldt at 433-5451.

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call Gary Maveal, president, at 475-6090.

Domestic Violence Project Safe House Support Group meets 6:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays at Chelsea Community Hospital, Behavioral Health Services Building, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. Call 426-0369.

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

Overeaters' Anonymous meets every Monday night at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road in Chelsea. Call 433-0902 or 475-2508 for times.

Tuesday

Chelsea District Library Board meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday in the Washington Street Education Center meeting room, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

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

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

Discover "Tai Chi" Tuesdays through March 26. Beginners meet 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Level II classes meet 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Chelsea Community Hospital's White Oak Center Great Room. Call 475-4103.

Euchre Party 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center in the Faith In Action building, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. Call 475-9242.

Senior Nutrition Program meets noon Tuesdays for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For reservations, call 475-7439 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday

Chelsea Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4078, 105 N. Main St. meets at 7:30 p.m. second Wednesdays. Call LeRoy Fulcher at 475-1448.

Grief Support Group is for people who have experienced the death of a loved one. It's offered as a community service by the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., in Chelsea. Meetings are from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. every Wednesday. Call 475-8833 for location.

The Evening Primrose Garden Club meets regularly 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St., in Chelsea. For information, call Helen Brown at 1-517-522-5859.

DEXTER MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Dexter American Legion meets 8 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. For more information, call 426-5304.

Dexter Historical Society meets the first Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Dexter Museum, 3443 Inverness, Dexter.

Dexter Rotary Club meets 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7954 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, in Dexter.

Dexter Downtown Development Authority meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Wylie Middle School media center, 3060 Kensington St., in Dexter.

Monday

Dexter PTO meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month in the media center at Mill Creek Middle School.

Dexter Village Council meets at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the Wylie Middle School media center, 3060 Kensington St., in Dexter.

Tuesday

Dexter Child Study Club meets 7:30 p.m. at various locations on the third Tuesday of the month. Call 426-8598 or 426-8872 for more information.

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7954 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, in Dexter.

Dexter Township Board meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Township Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and fourth Tuesday of each month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at

Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Touchdown Club meets every second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter High School media center, 2615 Baker Road, in Dexter. For more information, call Bob Muchmore at 426-5745 or Susan Evanski at 1-810-231-3701.

Dexter Village Parks Commission meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Wylie Middle School, 3060 Kensington St., in Dexter.

Wednesday

Friends of Dexter District Library meets 12:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., in Dexter. For information, call Melissa Kesterson at 426-8775.

Monument Park Committee meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the basement of the National City Bank, 8123 Main St. For more information, call Jeff Hall at 426-2883.

Parents for Safety is a non-profit organization dedicated to safety issues within the schools and the village of Dexter. Meetings are open to the public at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Mill Creek Middle School media center, 7305 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, in Dexter. For more information, call Rhonda Hall at 426-2883.

Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Wylie Middle School media center, 3060 Kensington St., Dexter.

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ENGAGEMENTS



ENGAGED: Rachel Lister of Mt. Pleasant and Matthew Chizek of Dexter have set a wedding for spring 2003. The future bride is the daughter of Dianne Lister of Bay City, formerly of Sebawaing. She is a 1998 graduate of USA High in Sebawaing and is a senior studying hotel and business management at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. The future bridegroom is the son of Perry and Martha Chizek of Dexter. He is a 1996 graduate of Dexter High School and is employed as a journeyman plumber.



ENGAGED: Kelli Hoover of Munith, daughter of Roger and Vera Hoover of Munith, and Kenneth Weiner of Gregory, son of Russell and Karen Weiner of Gregory, have set a May 24, 2003, wedding date. The future bride is a 2000 graduate of Stockbridge High School and is attending Jackson Community College. She is employed as a nurse's aide at Chelsea Community Hospital. The future bridegroom is a 1999 Chelsea High School graduate. He is employed as a laborer with Union 959.



ENGAGED: Jo Dolecki of Dexter and Randolph Lane of Jackson, formerly of Chelsea, are engaged and have set a June 15 wedding date. They plan to marry at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter. The future bride is the daughter of Franklin and Audrey Cox of Vero Beach, Fla. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University, and is employed as a physical therapist in geriatrics at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor. The future bridegroom is the son of Bob Lane of Crystal River, Fla., and Jean Lane of Jackson. He graduated from East Jackson High School and is a certified plant engineer in facilities management for Washtenaw County.

BIRTHS

A daughter, Alexa Nichole Schumann, was born Feb. 19 to Nicholas and Jennifer Schumann of South Lyon. Maternal grandparents are Ron and Jackie Koenig of Canton. Paternal grandparents are Denny and Bev Schumann of Chelsea. Maternal great-grandmother is Erika Schaas of Ft. Wayne, Ind. Paternal great-grandparents are Margaret Myrning of Chelsea, and Howard and Wanda Schumann of Saline.

A son, Benjamin Edward Yeasting (Zale), was born Feb. 28 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor to Susan Zale-Yeasting and Steven Yeasting of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Donald and Mary Zale of Palm Beach, Fla., formerly of Ann Arbor. Paternal grandparents are the late G. Emerson Yeasting, the late Arlene Matthews and the late Betty Jean Yeasting. Benjamin has a brother, Austin, 2½.

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Drop Spindle

Rebecca Herman, a member of the Spinners' Flock, gave a demonstration of hand spinning at the Feb. 16 Winter Fleece Fair held at Beach Middle School in Chelsea.

Students receive WMU degrees

Five local residents were among 1,616 students who received degrees from Western Michigan University at the end of the fall semester.

Meghan Bragg of Chelsea, the daughter of Terry Bragg, received a bachelor's degree cum laude in elementary group minors.

Casey Wescott of Chelsea, the son of Bill and Sue Wescott,

received a bachelor's degree in history.

Matthew deVries of Pinckney received a master's degree in biological sciences. Julie Flynn of Pinckney received a bachelor's degree in community health education; and Timothy Plachta, the son of Matthew and Elizabeth Plachta, received a bachelor's degree in business management.

PROGRAM

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Utke says that while teachers do an excellent job of showing an interest in individual students and going the extra mile to provide support, there are children who lack opportunities for additional support outside of school.

"We felt we could recommend a number of students who would benefit from some extra TLC," Utke says. "The attraction to the Big Brothers-Big Sisters program was that there was already a well-known, established organization in place."

"Living in Dexter and working in Chelsea, I realize there has always been a strong commitment to more or less 'bloom where you are planted.' We felt bringing this program to the Faith In Action service area would provide a great opportunity for volunteer support. We feel there's a good chance to recruit sponsors for local kids."

After Beaumont left Chelsea for Florida, Dick Shaneyfelt became director of Faith In Action. The program, sitting on the back burner for a while, picked up steam again last summer.

"I think what sold me was a meeting I attended at the high

school, held by the Student Advisory Committee," Shaneyfelt says. "I was told that anything that will help level the playing field for children is needed. Sometimes all they need is for someone to show them care."

"I've talked with a number of people who have been mentors in the program, everyone has had a positive experience."

Big Brothers-Big Sisters representative Laura Ballou will be based at the Faith In Action office.

"Our role is to introduce Laura to the community and help her establish a base for recruiting mentors for at-risk children," Shaneyfelt says. "We've offered (the program) a space for a regional office, and also a place for their training program. Our staff will screen calls and forward messages."

Durgan-Turner and her kids certainly appreciate the benefits of the program.

"Big Brothers-Big Sisters has really made a difference for my family," she says. "If people have the opportunity to do the program, they should do it."

"It's all about the children and people get into it with a full heart and a lot to give."



Dick Shaneyfelt, director of Faith In Action Inc., gives his wife, Nadine, pointers on her bowling skills as the pair prepares for the Bowl for Kids' Sake fund-raiser. The event, which will raise funds for the Big Brothers-Big Sisters program that will have a regional office in the Faith In Action building, is set 1 to 3 p.m. March 23 at Chelsea Lanes, 1180 S. Main St., in Chelsea.



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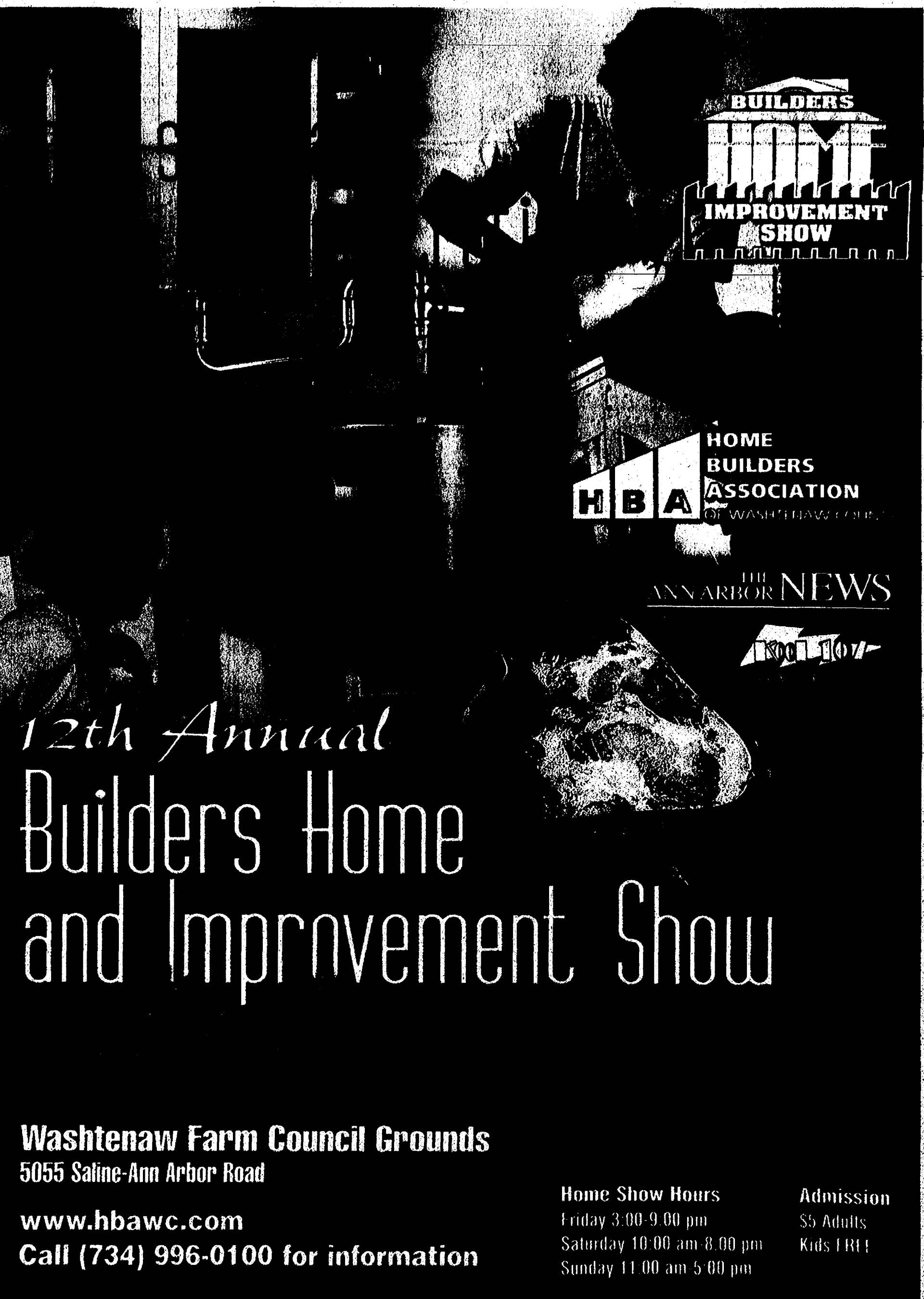
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A stitch in time

Local woman enjoys centuries-old craft

By Rita Fischer

Special Writer
Gertrude Miller embroiders her stories — literally.

The Dexter Township resident practices the centuries-old craft of crewel embroidery, creating pictures of outdoor scenes, family life and farm animals.

Miller took up the craft in the 1940s, when her husband, George, was serving as a surgical technician in the Navy during World War II. Crocheting afghans, baby blankets and dollies, and doing embroidery helped pass the time while her husband was away.

The Monroe native turned to crewel embroidery in the late 1940s, a craft that has been around for several centuries. The old form of crewelwork, also called Jacobean embroidery, can be found in 17th century samplers and was also used for bed hangings, tapestries, chair covers and petticoat hems.

A hook, or crewel, is used, along with wool, floss or yarn. The thread is worked both under and over the linen fabric, layering the stitches up and over each other to achieve the desired effect.

Miller, whose mother and grandmother also enjoyed sewing, didn't take lessons in the craft.

"I just learned from books and pamphlets that came with the projects," she says. "Now that I'm older, it keeps me busy and it's the satisfaction of getting (the pictures) done. It takes up time and it's a good thing to accomplish."

Miller says the days of sitting around visiting and learning a form of handiwork are almost gone.

"When I was a kid, we thought nothing of just staying home and finding things to do," she says. "We used to play checkers. We embroidered and made things to give as gifts."



Photo by Rita Fischer

Dexter Township resident Gertrude Miller enjoys doing crewel embroidery, a craft that dates back to the 17th century. She started sewing and embroidering in the 1940s when her husband was stationed in the Navy. Miller is pictured with two of her crewel embroidery pictures.

"We didn't chase around the malls back then."

Miller and her husband moved to the Dexter-Chelsea area in 1959, where five of her six children attended Dexter schools.

After she was widowed, Miller moved in with her daughter and son-in-law, Rosie and Glen Seleska of Dexter Township. Many of her crewel pictures adorn the walls of the house. Running out of wall space, she has had to put some in storage.

A winter scene features a horse pulling a sleigh uphill as children are sledding down, while other children play hockey and ice skate on the frozen pond. A summer scene depicts a lighthouse, horses grazing, a girl rolling a hoop downhill, a boy

fishing and a man riding a bicycle cart while selling ice cream. Another picture shows a scene on Christmas morning with Santa watching children unwrap presents.

"The crewel work and crocheting that I do keeps my hands good," Miller says. "I have piles of dollies I have crocheted, and afghans, tablecloths and baby blankets. It makes time pass and it keeps me young."

Rita Fischer is a free-lance writer. She can be reached via e-mail at ritafischer@yahoo.com.



Green Thumbs

Members of the Chelsea Area Garden Club are shown during a work party at the Chelsea Post Office. The club maintains flowerbeds at the post office and the McKune House. Pictured are Janet Wamboldt (left), Jayetta Edwards, Jean Storey, Kathy Kersten, Cindy Masaracchia, Mary Randolph and Christine Forsch. The club's next meeting will feature a talk on making maple syrup 12:30 p.m. Monday. It will be held at the Chelsea United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. Visitors are welcome.

Banquet slated for March 16

Faith In Action will hold its annual benefit banquet 6:30 p.m. March 16 at Chelsea Community Hospital.

The event will also include a silent auction with items donated by local craftsmen, artists and merchants.

The banquet is a major fundraiser for the organization, which delivers basic social ser-

vices to needy families in Chelsea and Dexter. Faith In Action is also introducing a Big Brothers-Sisters program.

The Howard Holmes Humanitarian of the Year Award will be presented to local Boy Scouts

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Friday, March 15, 7 pm
Dead Poet's Society featuring the poetry of Pablo Neruda
Poet Pablo Neruda will be portrayed by Catherine Croissant Varner. Perhaps no other modern poet received as much international recognition as Pablo Neruda, for in his poetry he addressed universal concerns, writing passionately about love, nature, the beauty of one's homeland (in his case, Chile), and the human condition. Open mike.

Tuesday, March 18, 7 pm
Illustrator and Storyteller Will Clay and his new "Auntee Edna"
"Auntee Edna" author Ethel Footman Smothers tells the story of sisters, Tokee and Beba's visit to their "old fashion" Auntee Edna. Instead of "bo-ring" as expected, the girls find their Auntee Edna is full of surprises and fun. Will Clay's illustrations bring the words of the story to life. He uses bright colors and his characters are animated. Mrs. Clay will also have original paintings on display.

Sunday, March 24, 2 pm
Discourse on Gurdjieff/Ouspensky
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Saturday, March 30, 2 pm
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Little Professor Book Reading Clubs:
The daytime reading group meets at 1 pm every other Thursday reading on 3/7 "Jim the Boy" by Tony Earley and 3/21 "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver. The evening reading group meets on the last Thursday evening of the month at 7 pm. On the 2nd Thursday of the month, we have a special reading group for 20% off your monthly selection and 50% off all books.

Monthly Open House with Jack Smith
Enjoy our new monthly open house on the second Saturday of each month (March 10) at 11 am. Chelsea's own Jack Smith will share his knowledge of the area's history and culture. Open house for beginners to advanced, open folding for the whole family!

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April is Poetry Month

Birthday bash

Music fans mark late Beatle's birth

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

Chelsea fans celebrated the birthday of late Beatle George Harrison at Zou Zou's coffee-house Feb. 25. Harrison would have turned 59.

Jennifer Kundak, a longtime Beatles' fan and Chelsea resident, organized the event.

Harrison, 58, died Nov. 29 in Los Angeles after battling cancer.

"We are here to celebrate his birthday in the spirit of 'love, love, love,'" said Kundak.

Selections from Harrison's "All Things Must Pass" album played in the background as locals sipped coffee.

Kundak expected a lot of celebrants to come in for the two-hour morning event. Harrison is the favorite Beatle of many Chelsea fans, she said.

Kundak brought along a small selection of books for people to look at, including "The Ultimate Beatles Encyclopedia" by Bill Harry. The book has in it everything one would want to know about the Beatles, she said.

Kundak has a lot of Beatles memorabilia at home that she has been collecting for more than 40 years. One of her prized possessions is a picture of her son, Michael, signed by Ringo Starr. When she was 11 years old, her mother bought a Beatles' pillow as a Christmas gift.

Kundak attended the Beatles 1968 concert at Olympia Stadium, and she has seen Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr with their new bands a few times.

She plans to hold a bake sale and car wash to raise money for the next Paul McCartney performance in Michigan.

Harrison was born Feb. 25, 1943, in Liverpool, England. He was married twice. His first wife



Photo by Kent Ashton Walton
Alex Weddon (left), Jennifer Kundak and Beth Kalmbach gathered at Zou Zou's Feb. 25 to commemorate the birthday of the late George Harrison, former guitarist with the Beatles, who died of cancer in November.

was model Patti Boyd. He and his second wife, Olivia, have a son, Dhani.

His first band, called "Rebels," was a skiffle group, which had improvised instruments such as washboards, as well as guitars.

Harrison met McCartney on a bus when the front man headed a band called the Quarrymen. The Beatles got together in 1960 and formed the "Fab Four" after Pete Best was replaced with Ringo.

Harrison was greatly influenced by his meetings with Indian musician Ravi Shankar

and the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, after which he learned the sitar and practiced transcendental meditation.

Harrison split with the Beatles in 1969 after a dispute with McCartney, and went on to be involved in the making of several movies, including "Let It Be."

Some of Harrison's best loved songs were "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," "My Sweet Lord" and "Here Comes the Sun."

Kent Ashton Walton is a freelance writer. He can be reached via e-mail at kentwalton@earthlink.net.

Center provides opportunities



COLLEEN O'NEILL

SENIOR CITIZENS NOTES

Since taking over the director's position at the Chelsea Senior Center, I have been surprised by the number of people who are not aware that the center exists.

Even though we have a mailing list of more than 1,500 and last year had about 700 people pay to participate in at least one of our events, there are still people who don't know about the Chelsea Senior Center.

The center has been in existence for 23 years. Treva Winans, Ruth Smith and Pat Kaminsky are the previous directors.

Currently we are located in the Faith In Action building at 775 S. Main St. It's the first building on the right as you enter Chelsea Community Hospital at the north entrance.

The Senior Center is a day center with a wide range of activities, from bingo to craft classes, line dancing and bowling, and extensive travel opportunities that include day trips, overnight trips and extended cruises.

Membership is optional at \$10 a year and buys lower costs on all trips and classes, as well as free coffee all day every day.

The center shares the building with Faith In Action, the Chelsea Area Transportation System and the Senior Nutrition Program, so space is at a premium. For this reason, a number of activities are held elsewhere.

Walkers meet every Monday and Friday at the center then walk at the indoor track at Chelsea High School. Line dancing is held in the gym at Pierce Lake Elementary School and the computer club meets at the Washington Street Education Center.

For exact times and schedules, call the center at 475-9242. We can also add you to our mailing list for the monthly newsletter.

Free tax help for seniors is available from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the center, arranged through the Older Adult Services branch of the Catholic Social Services. Call 475-9242 to reserve a spot.

The annual Country Craft and Folk Art Show will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. Entry is \$2, children under 10 are free.

Donations of baked goods, plants or crafts can be brought to the center ahead of time or directly to the fair on Saturday. Beach Middle School pupils will be on hand from 8 a.m. to help unload items.

Julianne Smith, head of Adult Services at Chelsea District Library, will host our Book Club 1:30 p.m. March 21 at the center. She will bring a collection of books of different genres. Members can enjoy the books for a month. The group will decide what direction the club will go in.

Finally, Venture Travel, our hosts for a three-day trip to Toronto to see "The Lion King," will present a slide show 7 p.m. March 21. Coffee and refreshments will be available as you learn more about the trip, which includes round-trip transportation, two nights at the Marriott Hotel in Toronto, the show, sightseeing, shopping, a trip to St. Jacob's in Mennonite country, two breakfasts and two dinners.

Stepping into the director's position here at the senior center has been an exciting change for me. What a wonderful tradition Treva, Ruth and Pat built here in Chelsea. I just hope I can carry the torch and continue to build a place that enhances, encourages and supports the daily lives of senior citizens in Chelsea.

If you haven't been here yet, please stop in and pay us a visit. We really believe we are serving four generations of seniors — from the newly retired to our members who are in their 80s and 90s, we believe we have something for everyone. And if we don't have something, bring it to our attention and we will see what we can do.

Our regular hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, with special events and activities at other times as advertised in our newsletter.

Colleen O'Neill is director of the Chelsea Senior Center. She can be reached at 475-9242 or via e-mail at chelseaseniors@aol.com.

Happy 16th and 13th Birthday Derek and Travis

May you always be buddies!

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My heartfelt THANKS to Loren Yates & the entire Dexter Fire Department, the American Red Cross, and all the surrounding area Emergency Departments who responded to my house fire on February 7.

I especially want to thank "Darr" at Huron Creek Party Store, Grant & Margaret at Grant's Auto & Truck Service, Bill & staff at AAA, my children, my grandchildren & all my friends, relatives, & neighbors for your help & support. God Bless You All. I'm doing ok.

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Metroparks chief steps down after 26 years of outstanding service

By Lisa Carolin
Special Writer

Richard Sober of Chelsea is ending a 26-year career with the Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

"It's been a wonderful experience," said Sober, who officially retires Friday.

"The parks are expanding, the budget isn't, and I'm tired," he said.

Sober, 62, was born and raised on a farm in Howell. He had childhood dreams of becoming an airline pilot or a major league baseball player. Instead, he started a family and a friend persuaded him to try a career in law enforcement.

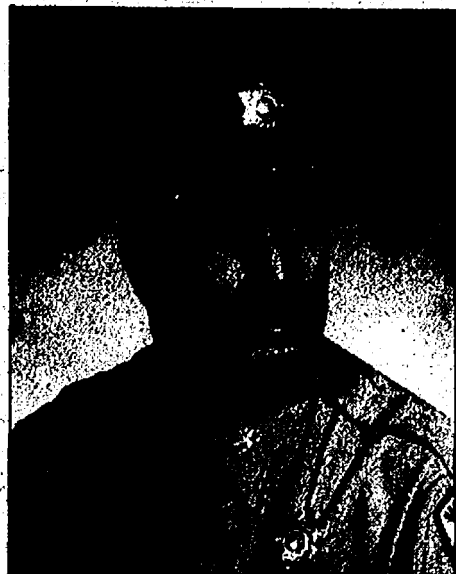
"I wanted to help the underdog," he said.

Sober began his law enforcement career in the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, covering Ypsilanti Township.

"I saw things that I didn't believe happened in this world," he said.

Sober said he saw a lot of tragedy, and there were days that he didn't want to go to work. But with each day, he said his confidence built and blossomed into enthusiasm. Soon he wanted to be involved with all kinds of different cases.

"I was called in on family fights, murders, suicides and car accidents," he said. "I was



Richard Sober

involved in the John Norman Collins murder case and was involved in the 1987 Detroit riots, as well as the disturbances after that at the University of Michigan."

In the early 1970s, Sober began covering western Washtenaw County and it was a very different experience.

"People would wave to me," he said. "People on the west side were more grateful for what we did. There was less stress, less traffic and less crime."

By 1976, after doing some work with the Metroparks, Sober decided he was ready to make a change. He held on to his deputy card and became a park ranger.

That meant working in operations, and plowing snow, as well as enforcing conservation and poaching rules.

Sober says he enjoyed the teamwork at the parks agency.

"At the parks, you get to meet nice people for the most part," he said.

Sober moved his way up through the ranks, from ranger to sergeant to chief. His coverage area came to include Hudson Mills, Delhi and Dexter-Huron metroparks in Washtenaw County, Huron Meadows Metropark in Livingston County, and Indian Springs Metropark in Oakland County.

Sober says the job suits him because he'd rather be out in the field than behind a computer. He questions all of the high-tech gadgetry of today, including video cameras in cars and complicated radar and radio systems.

"What I learned in my experience is that the badge doesn't mean anything. It's the person behind it," he said. "Education is great, but if you don't have common sense, you're not going to make it."

Sober believes that verbal control is the key in many situations and is one of the main reasons he's never had to shoot anybody and has never been shot.

"You can't go out and put on that badge and uniform and think that you're going to stop crime," Sober said. "You can only take care of your space in the world and Sept. 11 was a reminder of that."

Sober has many stories to tell from his long career. Highlights include two babies that he helped deliver, as well as nine piglets he delivered from a dead sow.

One of the hardest parts of the job for Sober was delivering

news to someone about a loved one's death.

Some of the most important lessons he has learned throughout the years are never letting anybody see that you are scared and keeping a sense of humor. He says it takes a special person to work in public safety and an understanding spouse.

Sober has two daughters from his first marriage and says he missed spending time when they were growing up because he was always working.

He married his second wife, Patricia, in 1976 and they live in Chelsea. They have two daughters, one son, and five grandchildren.

Sober looks forward to spending more time with his wife, traveling, bicycling and attending sporting events.

He also looks forward to visiting the parks as a "regular citizen" now.

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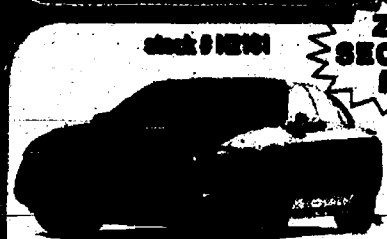
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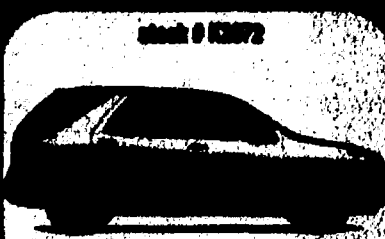


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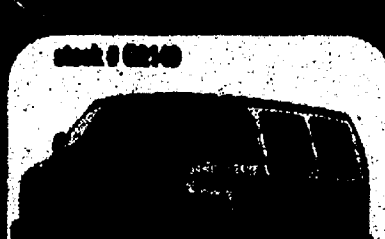


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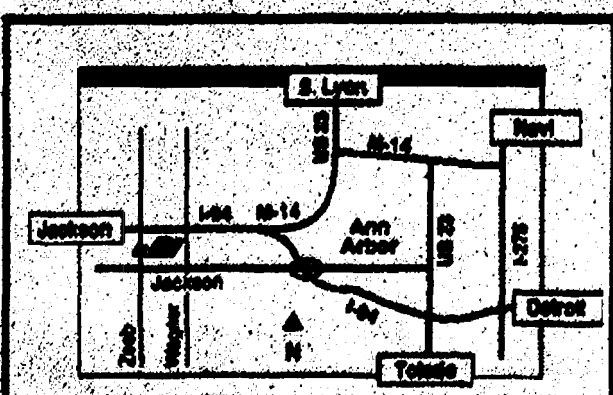
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Chelsea cagers on a roll as district play tips off

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea basketball is on a roll. Since a last-second loss to Fowlerville Feb. 19, the Bulldogs have won five in a row. Shots that weren't falling at the beginning of the season are now swishing through the net.

Rebounds that were clanging away from the Bulldogs are now finding their way into Chelsea's hands.

In fact, things are going so well for the Dawgs, they're even getting to the free-throw line. During most of the regular season, Chelsea was woefully out shot from the charity stripe.

Last Monday, the good times continued for the Bulldogs as they ripped Brooklyn Columbia Central 95-44 in a first-round district game at Milan.

"Offensively, we played better than at anytime during the year," said Chelsea coach Robin

Raymond. "We were able to get the ball inside anytime we wanted to. Plus, we caused a lot of turnovers."

For the night, the Golden Eagles committed 22 miscues, compared to the Bulldogs' 10.

Chelsea scorched the nets in the opening minutes of the game to build a substantial early lead. "We hit our first eight shots," Raymond said. "We were 10-out-of-12 from the floor in the first quarter. That set the tone for the rest of the game."

Junior forward Paul Newhouse (6-foot-5) led the Bulldogs with 18 points, six rebounds, six blocked shots and three assists.

"The addition of Newhouse, who can pass the ball, block shots and provide some offensive punch, has helped (with the win streak)," Raymond said.

Newhouse missed the majority of the season for personal reasons. He rejoined the club a few

games prior to districts.

"With Paul back, it's freed up everybody else," Raymond said.

Teams can't double down on Bulldog senior center Joe Tripodi (6-4, 265), with Newhouse in the line-up.

Besides Newhouse, senior guard Eddie McClendon added 18 points, including two three-pointers and four assists, while junior center Scott Dettling (6-5) finished with a double-double 10 points and 10 rebounds. Dettling also swatted away three shots.

For the game, Chelsea blocked a season-high 12 shots.

Senior guard Dan Mueller ended up with five steals.

"We're looking to make the extra pass now," Raymond said. "Our shot selection has improved in the last few games."

At the free-throw line, the Bulldogs finished 17-of-27 for 63 percent. Columbia Central was

4-of-8 for 50 percent.

This year, that statistic has usually been the other way around in the opponents' favor.

"We've been more aggressive taking the ball to the basket," said Raymond, explaining his team's increase in shots at the foul line.

From the floor, the Bulldogs shot 54 percent, going 33-of-61. The Golden Eagles ended up 11-of-31 for 35 percent.

"That's five games in a row we've shot 50 percent from the floor," Raymond said.

It just so happened Chelsea's won all five of those contests.

Raymond said his team's turnaround has come from its attitude.

"It's confidence," he said. "Once things started to go well, we've played better. There's no substitute for confidence."

Last Friday, the Bulldogs continued their fine play, defeating

host Tecumseh 66-40.

"That's a big rivalry," Raymond said. "It's always tough going down to their gym."

The Indians have named their gymnasium "The Jungle" in response to their rabid fans.

Despite the loud atmosphere, Chelsea dominated.

"I'm not sure how much better we could play," Raymond said.

Defensively, the Bulldogs shut down high-scoring Tecumseh.

The Indians finished the night 11-of-55 from the floor for a miserable 28 percent. From the three-point line, Tecumseh was 2-of-23.

In contrast, Chelsea was 26-of-50 for 52 percent from the field.

The Bulldogs finished with 19 assists on the night.

Chelsea had balanced scoring, with five players netting eight or more points.

"That's one of our best games of the year," Raymond said. "It's

a compliment to the team. We sustained a high level of play throughout the game."

The Bulldogs consistently built their lead during the contest.

"We were up six after one quarter, 15 at the half and 28 after the third," Raymond said. "We're playing with intensity for 32 minutes."

Dettling scored 17 points to lead Chelsea.

Newhouse added 13 points, six rebounds and five blocked shots, while senior swing player Kyle Pepper and Tripodi each finished with nine points. McClendon recorded eight points and four assists.

On Feb. 28, the Dawgs defeated Jackson County Western 63-38.

McClendon led the way with 15 points and four rebounds.

Newhouse chipped in 10

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District Champions

Bulldog volleyball beats Dexter, Brooklyn Columbia Central for title

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Timing is everything. During the regular season, Chelsea volleyball squared off against county rival Dexter on three different occasions. However, with each outing, despite battling hard, the Bulldogs found themselves on the losing end of the stick.

Last weekend, in a first round state district match, the outcome really changed.

With a never-say-die attitude and an enthusiasm fueled by a pumped-up home-court crowd, Chelsea defeated the Class B No. 6-ranked Dreadnaughts 16-14, 3-15, 15-9.

The Dawgs couldn't have picked a better moment to win their first match against Dexter.

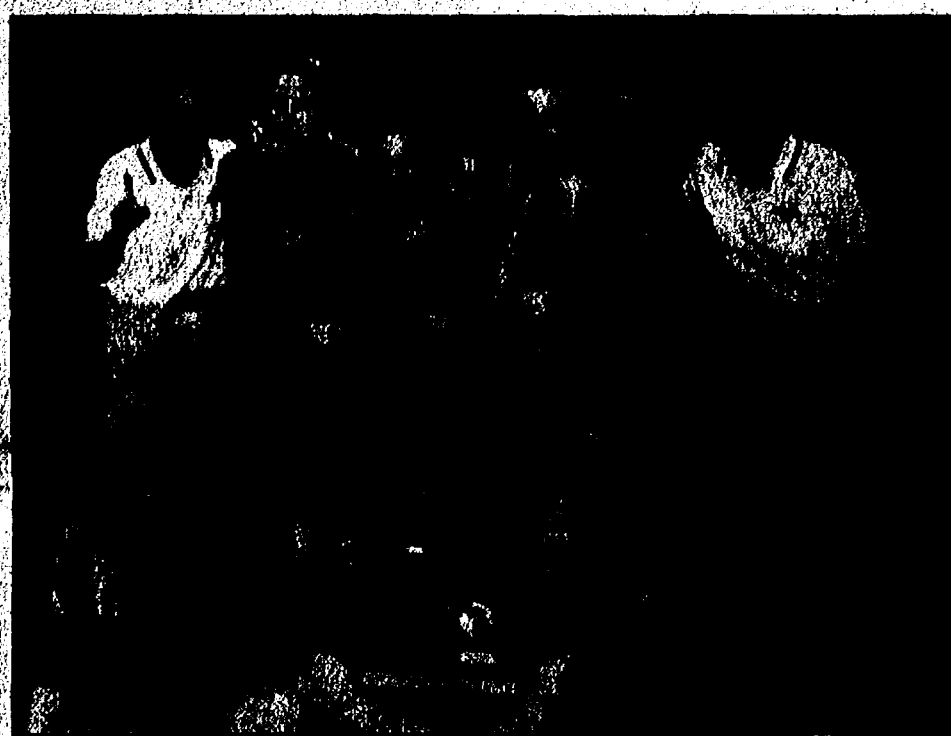
With their victory over last year's Class B semifinalists, the Bulldogs advanced to the district championship match against Brooklyn Columbia Central.

With its county nemesis finally vanquished, Chelsea breezed to a two set 15-7, 15-4 district title sweep over the Golden Eagles.

Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland said despite her squad's three previous losses to Dexter, she felt the Bulldogs were ready to play well.

"Coming into districts, we had been playing our best volleyball of the season," she said. "The week earlier we went to the U of M Dearborn tournament and came home with a second-place finish, losing only to (Class B defending state champion) top-ranked Marysville."

"The experience that we gained was invaluable and it gave us confidence that we can play with the top-ranked teams in the state. We came away from that



The Chelsea volleyball team gathers after winning a district title last week. The Bulldogs defeated Dexter and Brooklyn Columbia Central for the crown.

tournament feeling good about the season and looking forward to playing Dexter at districts."

Cleveland said Chelsea came into districts focused and ready to play at a high level.

"We got off to a slow start and then we were able to focus on our serve-receive efficiency, and that enabled us to hit effectively. (Setter) Courtney Bentley distributed the ball well, as Dexter has a very tall front row that blocks effectively."

Despite the new confidence gained from the U of M Dearborn tourney, it appeared to be business as usual in Game 1 against the Dreadnaughts.

Dexter led 14-11 in the opening game and seemed ready to, once again, roll over the Bulldogs. Not this time.

With ice in their veins, Chelsea began serving more effectively and, despite being one spike away from losing Game 1, the Bulldogs roared back to take the contest, scoring five consecutive points for a 16-14 victory.

Cleveland said Chelsea's opening game comeback turned the tide for her squad in the match.

"With each point that we won, the team gained in confidence and enthusiasm," she said. "The support of the home crowd was tremendous. It was an exciting atmosphere in the gym and the fans were exposed to a high level of play."

As expected, the powerful Dreadnaughts refused to go down without a fight.

In Game 2, Dexter regrouped and dominated Chelsea, win-



Chelsea seniors Meghan Tandy (left), Connie Kolokithas and Audrey Richardson are all smiles after the Bulldogs captured a district volleyball championship last week.

ning handily 15-3.

At this point, in earlier matches against the Dreads, the Bulldogs would have collapsed.

Not this time.

"Our team didn't panic or lose confidence as a result of the lopsided score," Cleveland said. "Volleyball is such a game of momentum. All season the team has been involved in many three-game matches, including many rally scoring matches."

"They were ready to play (Game 3)."

In the winner-take-all finale, Chelsea scored the contest's first five points, before Dexter slowly, but methodically, battled

back to close the gap.

"The intensity of the match soared," Cleveland said. "We went up 10-9 and Dexter never scored another point, partly due to scrappy defense and effective hitting."

For the district tournament, sophomore Lindsay Tye led the way for Chelsea with 19 kills and 11 digs.

Junior Anna Arend added 12 kills and seven digs, while junior Karri Kuczajda chipped in 15 kills.

Sophomore Lindsay Parker finished the tourney with 11 kills, while Bentley ended up with 33 assists.

To reach the district final, Columbia Central defeated Stockbridge in the quarterfinals and Onsted in the semifinals.

Cleveland said winning the district championship and overcoming Dexter was gratifying.

"To win against such a quality opponent was incredible for the team and the program," she said. "Going into the season, we knew we were a very talented team, but we lacked some experience."

"We gained that high level of experience over the course of the season and were ready to

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Chelsea hockey bows out of state tournament

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

If a hockey game was four periods long, Chelsea might have pulled out a victory over Dearborn Divine Child at the Arctic Coliseum Feb. 27.

Instead, the Bulldogs (12-9-4, 5-1-2) lost to the Division III No. 2-ranked and defending state runner-up Falcons, 3-1.

"They're the strongest team we've played all year," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "They reached the state final last season. It's disappointing we had to play them in the first game."

Divine Child used timely goal scoring to defeat Chelsea.

Two of the three Falcon goals came with a minute remaining in the first and third periods. Divine Child's other score came one minute into the second stanza.

"We didn't want to give up goals in the last minute or the

first minute of the period," Wright said. "All three of their goals came at the end of the period or early. Those goals were big momentum shifts."

The Falcons' Greg Norwood scored all three goals to record the hat trick.

After battling hard in the first period, the Bulldogs gave up a goal with a minute left to head into the second frame down 1-0.

At 1:15 of the second period, Norwood scored on a slap shot just outside the blue line.

With 16 seconds remaining in the period, Norwood notched goal No. 3, intercepting a bad clearing pass and burying the shot.

In the third period, with its season on the line, Chelsea came out fighting.

In the final frame, the Bulldogs took it to Divine Child.

At the 3:00 mark of the period, Chelsea junior defenseman Ben Daniels scored to trim the

Falcons' advantage to 3-1.

Daniels blasted a shot from the top of the circle, after junior center Drew Warren won the face-off back to him.

Despite its late rally, time ran out on the Bulldogs.

"In the first period, I felt we played tentative," Wright said. "We gave them a lot more respect than I wanted. We played too safe. Not afraid, just safe. We gave them too much room. We didn't play very strong."

After improving its effort in the second period, Chelsea came out in the third period with a vengeance.

"We played very well," Wright said. "We had a lot of scoring opportunities."

The Bulldogs' defense created three chances in the third period.

"We changed our forechecking in the third period," Wright said. "We became more aggressive."

Goalkeeper Andy Mossburg wrapped up Chelsea's season in net.

Wright said what makes Divine Child so tough is its overall skill level.

"Every player is very talented," he said. "They're strong on the puck. They win a lot of the small battles for the puck. They have good speed and they're smart."

Besides the Bulldogs' loss, the other regional first round game saw Dearborn Heights Crestwood defeat Allen Park St. Francis Cabrini 6-5 in overtime.

In the regional semifinals last Thursday, Divine Child defeated Dexter 5-2, while Jackson Lumen Christi beat Crestwood 11-1.

In the regional final last Saturday, Divine Child topped Lumen Christi 4-3.

The Falcons built a 3-0 lead before the Titans roared back to

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Chelsea junior goaltender Andy Mossburg guards the net during last week's regional game against Division III No. 2-ranked Dearborn Divine Child.

JV wins SEC title

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea's JV boys' basketball team won four out of its last five games to close out its season.

On Feb. 23, in a make-up contest against visiting Adrian, the Bulldogs led 37-36 heading into the fourth quarter.

Adrian, however, outscored Chelsea 18-13 in the final frame to record the victory.

After one quarter, the Bulldogs (12-8, 5-1) led 12-6 before giving up 17 points in the second stanza to head into the locker room tied 23-23.

Nick Miller paced Chelsea with 12 points, while Brian Kinashuk added 10 points.

On Feb. 22, the host Bulldogs defeated Lincoln 48-46 behind 14 points from Joel Hohnke and 10 points from Mark Borders.

Similar to Adrian, the score was deadlocked at halftime 21-21.

In the third quarter, the Rallspitters outscored Chelsea 11-8 to take a 32-29 advantage into the final period.

In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs exploded for 19 points, while limiting Lincoln to 14 points to pull out the "W."

On Feb. 19, Chelsea bested visiting Fowlerville 62-55.

Kinashuk led the Dawgs with 19 points, while Kyle Walker netted 10 points.

At halftime, the Gladiators were up 23-20.

In the third quarter, however, Chelsea's offense began clicking. The Bulldogs scored 19 points, while holding Fowlerville to nine points.

With the offensive outburst, Chelsea headed into the fourth quarter with a 39-32 advantage.

In the last stanza, the Gladiators outscored the Bulldogs 23-21 for the final margin.

Last week, Chelsea closed out its season with victories over Jackson County Western and Tecumseh.

The Bulldogs defeated the Panthers 72-62 and the Indians 70-50.

Against Western, Chelsea was led by Kinashuk with 19 points.

Hohnke and Miller each added 14 points, while George Royce chipped in 11 points and Borders nine for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea led 41-29 at halftime.

Heading into the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs had a 59-42 advantage.

In the last frame, Western outscored Chelsea 20-13 for the final margin.

Against the Indians, Kinashuk paced the Dawgs with 18 points.

Hohnke finished with 11 points, while Borders had 10 points, Jeff Elliott had nine points and Royce had eight points.

With its win over Tecumseh, Chelsea clinched the Southeastern Conference White Division championship.

The Bulldogs led 35-23 at halftime. By the fourth quarter, Chelsea had built a 55-38 advantage.

"We finally put together a consistent offense in the last two games," said Chelsea coach Mark Scheese. "We had 13 games this year decided by 10 or less points."

"I think the kids learned how to play in a tight game by winning the majority of those close games."

"I look forward to watching this group of players develop over the next two years."

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points, four boards and three steals. Senior swing player Nick Gadbury finished with seven points and four steals, while Tripodi had six points and four rebounds.

Visiting Western, a tall, plodding squad played a slow, methodical game.

At the end of the first quarter, Chelsea led 7-2.

By halftime, the Bulldogs had managed to pick up the pace, leading 27-10.

"We were able to get some steals and forced the action," Raymond said. "Their coach said he wanted to win the game 2-0. He wanted to hold onto the ball."

Chelsea, however, had other ideas.

"We went to a high-low game," Raymond said. "Newhouse on the high post and Joe (Tripodi) and Scott (Detting) on the inside."

"We were effective inside despite their height (Western has a 6-8 and 6-6 player). Our success inside freed up the 15-foot jumper from the outside. Plus, we were quicker than them."

For the night, Chelsea was 17-of-28 from the floor for a sizzling 61 percent. Western, on the other hand, ended up 11-of-24 for 46 percent.

If successful against Onsted (played last Tuesday night), the Bulldogs would play the winner of Milan-Tecumseh for the district championship 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Milan is hosting the district.

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Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Gold volleyball team members include; front row, Sarah Reinhardt (left), Katie Howe, Skye Hillman, Lauren Verardi, Chrissy Bennett and Maggie Valle; middle row, Katie Lynn (left), Katie MacFarlan, Alyssa Gadbury, Cara Simpson, Kelly Catalina, Hannah Guenther and Abby Gillingham; back row, manager Katie Riecks (left), Kate Trinkle, Ann Kendzicky, coach Tanya Lyons, Paige Denison, Ali York, Amanda McKenzie, manager Anna Emmerling.

Beach 7th grade Gold tops Ypsi

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Gold volleyball team wrapped up its season by defeating Ypsilanti 8-11, 11-2, 11-3, 11-3 last Thursday.

"The girls were very excited to end the season this way," said Beach coach Tanya Lyons. "I was very happy with the performance of my team."

Cara Simpson paced the Bulldogs (8-5) with nine points in Game 2. For the match, Simpson finished with 15 points.

Teammate Abby Gillingham added five points, while Katie Howe chipped in a season-high four points for Beach, as did Maggie Valle.

Kelly Catalina, Paige Denison, Alyssa Gadbury and Lauren Verardi each ended up with two points.

Skye Hillman, Ann Kendzicky, Katie Lynn, Amanda McKenzie and Sarah Reinhardt rounded out Chelsea's scoring with one point each.

Chrissy Bennett and Ali York each had 100 percent total contact for the match, while Gillingham was at 89 percent. As a team, Beach served at 81 percent.

On Feb. 28, the Bulldogs lost to host Tecumseh in a hard-fought five-game match 5-11, 11-8, 0-11, 11-8, 9-11.

Gillingham led Beach with seven points. She finished 7-out-of-9 serving.

Denison and Simpson each contributed six points for Chelsea.

Kendzicky added four points for the Bulldogs.

Lynn, McKenzie, Reinhardt and York each finished with three points, while Hannah Guenther had one point.

Reinhardt and York both

recorded an ace.

Bennett had 100 percent contact with the ball.

For the match, Beach ended up with nine total attacks.

"I was very happy with the performance of my team," Lyons said. "As a first-year coach, I learned a ton from the girls, and I hope they did from me, as well."

"It has been a wonderful experience and I look forward to next season."

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Frosh lose last match

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea's freshman volleyball team lost to visiting Tecumseh 15-17, 15-9, 14-16 Feb. 21.

The closely contested match concluded a successful season for the Bulldogs (23-11-3, 5-1).

Chelsea coach Terri McCalla said the games were exciting.

"The lead changed hands several times," she said. "We played well, but fell short."

"As with winning, where everyone contributes, so it is with a loss. We had many serve receive errors spread around the entire team."

While defensively the Bulldogs' serve-receive suffered, their offense was solid, McCalla said.

"Our serves were a strong point," she said. "We were 68-of-70 with 14 aces."

Leading Chelsea's attack was Amanda Mattocks, who finished the match 17-of-18 serving with five aces.

Teammate Kara Kimmen end-

ed up 17-of-17 serving with four aces.

Danae Seward was 12-of-12 serving and had two aces for the Bulldogs.

As a team, Chelsea recorded 30 kills.

Shannon Kinner was the Bulldogs' top hitter, posting six kills.

Megan Kore and Mattocks chipped in five kills each.

"With that many kills, I would have expected to have won," McCalla said. "But Tecumseh was playing very well and we were over confident after beating them just days earlier."

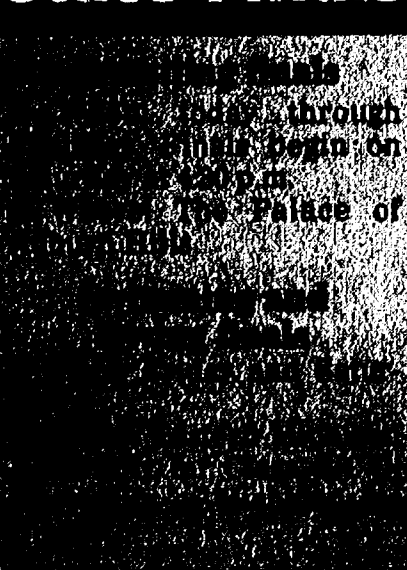
Despite the disappointing season-ending loss, McCalla remained positive.

"I am happy with the way the team played," she said. "We stuck to our game plan and the girls played hard."

"Of course, we would have liked a win, but we had a great season."

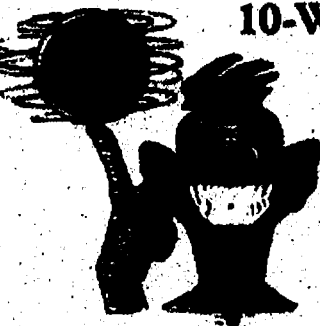
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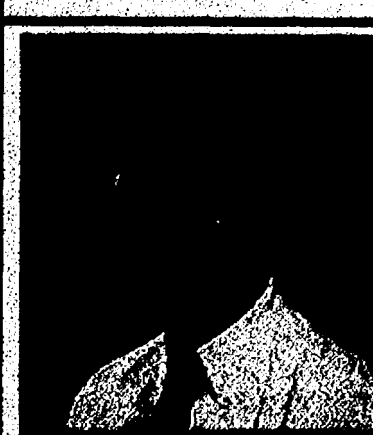
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Freshmen prevail in last 11 of 15 games

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Behind 13 points from Terry Arnold, 10 points from Alec Penix and six points each from Danny Keilman and Taft Richardson, Chelsea defeated Adrian Springbrook 39-27 in freshman boys' basketball Feb. 23.

The game, a defensive struggle throughout, saw just seven total points scored in the first quarter. Heading into the second stanza, the Bulldogs had a baseball-like 4-3 lead over the Maples.

"Both teams had a hard time converting on offense," said Chelsea coach Mike Bareis. At the break, the Bulldogs led 15-13.

As the third quarter came to a close, Chelsea (11-9) held a 22-19 advantage.

In the fourth frame, the Bulldogs heated up, outscoring the Maples 17-8 for the victory.

On Feb. 22, host Chelsea beat Lincoln 56-31.

The Bulldogs received balanced scoring on the night, led by Arnold's 11 points and Spencer Daniels' 10.

Richardson added eight points, while Penix and Keilman each chipped in six points for Chelsea.

Alex Rabbitt netted five points, Brian Seyferth had four points and Aaron Parisho, Andrew Koch and Ryan Scott each finished with two points to round out the Bulldogs' scoring.

The Dawgs played well defensively, but also opened it up on offense against Lincoln.

As opposed to its game against Adrian, Chelsea was strong offensively against the Rail-splitters.

Against the Maples, the Bulldogs tallied 39 points for the entire game. By halftime against Lincoln, Chelsea had scored 34 points, while yielding only 14.

"We played outstanding defense in the first half," Bareis said. "This set the tone for the entire game."

On Feb. 19, the Bulldogs prevailed over visiting Fowlerville 62-49.

Richardson led Chelsea's attack, scoring 16 points, including 6-of-8 from the free-throw line.

Seyferth added 12 points, while Penix ended up with 10 points.

Rabbitt finished with seven points, while Brandon Fitzsimmons and Daniels each recorded six points. Keilman had three points and Arnold had two points for the Bulldogs.

At halftime, Chelsea led 30-22.

The Bulldogs put together two strong halves.

"We played an outstanding second quarter offensively," Bareis said. "Our defense really picked up in the second half."

Last week, Chelsea closed out its season with two consecutive victories. With its two wins the Bulldogs ended the year on a five game win streak.

Chelsea defeated Jackson County Western 63-44 and Tecumseh 39-31.

Against Western, Penix paced the Dawgs with 19 points.

Richardson added eight points, including going 4-of-4 from the free-throw line, while Arnold and Seyferth each chipped in seven points.

Fitzsimmons netted five points, while Koch and Parisho each scored four points for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 17-7 first-quarter advantage. By the fourth quarter, Chelsea had increased its lead to 20 points.

Against the Indians, the Bulldogs clamped down defensively, allowing only two points in the fourth quarter.

Chelsea led 19-14 at halftime. Daniels and Keilman led the Bulldogs with eight points each.

Daniels finished with two three-pointers, while Keilman was 6-of-8 from the free-throw line.

Richardson ended up with six points, while Penix had four points, Arnold, Fitzsimmons and Parisho had three points each and Seyferth two had points to round out Chelsea's scoring.

After beginning the season 0-5, the Bulldogs ended the year winning 11 of their last 15 games.

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Beach 7th grade falls

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Blue volleyball team lost to Adrian Springbrook 11-7, 6-11, 11-7, 12-14 Feb. 26.

"It was a well-played match," said Beach coach Linda Turok.

Leading Chelsea (5-5) was Marie Rowland with nine service points, including two aces.

Carlyn Gallery had a season-best five points, including one ace for Beach.

Hannah Osbeck also finished with five points, while Jenna Simpson had four points.

Elise Dunn, Tiffany Goetz, Nicole Hogan, Alex Doering and Kelly Toon each ended with three points for the Bulldogs. Toon recorded one ace.

Megan Nichols and Julie Kedroske each had one point to round out Beach's scoring.

"The girls worked hard all season improving their skills with every practice and match we played," Turok said.

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play and win."

Chelsea next travels to Brooklyn Columbia Central to participate in regional competition against Corunna 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

The other regional match-up pits DeWitt against Coldwater earlier in the day at 10 a.m.

The regional final is 1 p.m.

HOCKEY

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make it close.

"They didn't get rattled," Wright said about Divine Child.

If Chelsea would have been able to get by the Falcons, it might have been the Bulldogs hoisting the regional trophy instead.

"Every team playing Thursday (besides Divine Child) we had beaten," Wright said. "It was just the luck of the draw."

Despite the loss, Wright said his program, in its second varsity season, is making progress.

If successful in regional play, the Bulldogs will travel to DeWitt for a quarterfinal match against the Tecumseh regional winner.

The state semifinals are March 15 at Western Michigan's University Arena.

The Class B state final is 6 p.m. March 16 at University Arena.

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Gold ends on high note

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Gold volleyball team ended its season on a high note last week.

The Bulldogs defeated host Tecumseh in a five-game marathon 8-11, 11-4, 3-11, 11-6, 11-4 Feb. 26.

Beach followed that victory with a season-ending win against visiting Ypsilanti 11-4, 11-2, 11-4 last Thursday.

"We ended awesome," said Beach coach Jenni Driskill.

Versus the Indians, Hannah Myers was Chelsea's top server, while Alex Keszier had two attacks and Kay Szcdronski had two assists.

"It was a great game," Driskill said.

Against the Braves, Myers paced the Bulldogs with 11 service points, including six aces.

Myers' performance behind the line impressed Driskill.

"She has a great serve," she said.

Sarah Iverson finished with three aces, while Lindsey Till, Rachel Armstrong and Rachel Vreeland had strong games passing, Driskill said.

"The girls really improved all year and were great to coach," Driskill said. "I wish them the best of luck in the future."

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Blue loses to Springbrook

By Don Richter
Staff Writer

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Blue volleyball team completed its season last week, with an 8-11, 10-12, 11-9, 8-11 loss against visiting Adrian Springbrook Feb. 26.

Despite the season-ending setback, Beach coach Audrey Lodewyk said she was pleased how her squad played.

"We competed against a very strong team and challenged them the entire match," she said. "Our players were shifting

from offense to defense, setting the ball up to attack and serving well."

For the Bulldogs, comprised mainly of players just learning the game, last week's match against Springbrook was a highlight.

"For most of our players, it was their best game of the year," Lodewyk said. "The 19-girl squad worked very hard throughout the entire season and improved tremendously."

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BUSINESS

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Ruth Koch enjoyed more than 50 years at her single-story home on Baker Road. She raised her daughter, Sue (left), and her son, Jim. She visited the former homestead, which was recently bought by Generations Together, Feb. 20 during an open house. The house sits next to the primary multi-age facility.

Remaking history Village home finds new use as center

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

The small house on Baker Road that Ruth Koch enjoyed for more than 50 years has been given a second life.

The 1,200-square-foot house where Koch and her husband raised their two children has been sold to Generations Together, a multi-generational learning center. The business is located at 2801 Baker Road.

Since the transfer, the house has been renovated and now houses a program for school-age children, offering a place where they can enjoy activities after school in a home-like atmosphere.

The house, which is within steps from Generations Together, is an extension of the original program and was named Generations II.

"When I asked some kids what they wanted to do after school, most said that they wanted to go home," said the program's director, Grace Conklin.

"I wanted to make this house a home away from home for kids who might go home to an empty

house," Conklin said.

And this is evident with the big armchairs, the play tables with scrap paper and markers, and a closet full of costumes for dress up.

Children ages 5 through 12 come to Generations II to feel at home until a parent picks them up. The facility offers a comfortable environment, giving youngsters a chance to find a special place to do homework, read, cook or play games.

When Koch visited Generations II Feb. 20 for its Open House, she was surprised to see some of the changes to her former homestead.

Koch wandered around the backyard looking for her raspberry bushes, noticing how the monkey bars and playground equipment stretch across the lawn where her garden once flourished.

"I don't see the asparagus that was once at the back of the house," she said.

Inside the house, the 88-year-old dodged children and noticed a lot of changes. During the renovations, some of the walls were taken down, adding more open

space.

Koch's husband originally built the house as a garage. And little by little, the structure was shaped into a house.

Koch's children, Jim and Sue, reminisced about the bygone days of their childhood home. The play area in the back of the house was once Jim's bedroom. "Things look a lot different," he said.

Sue and Jim were also surprised to see some of the kids at Generations Together playing with their old toys.

"It's nice to see them enjoying the toys we had," Jim said.

Ruth Koch said that she has no regrets leaving her house. She is now enjoying her new living surroundings at The Pines in Chelsea.

"It does my heart good to see all these little ones enjoying themselves," she said. "When you can hear them hollering and playing with others, it's well worth it."

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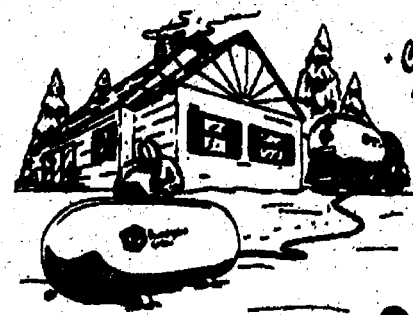
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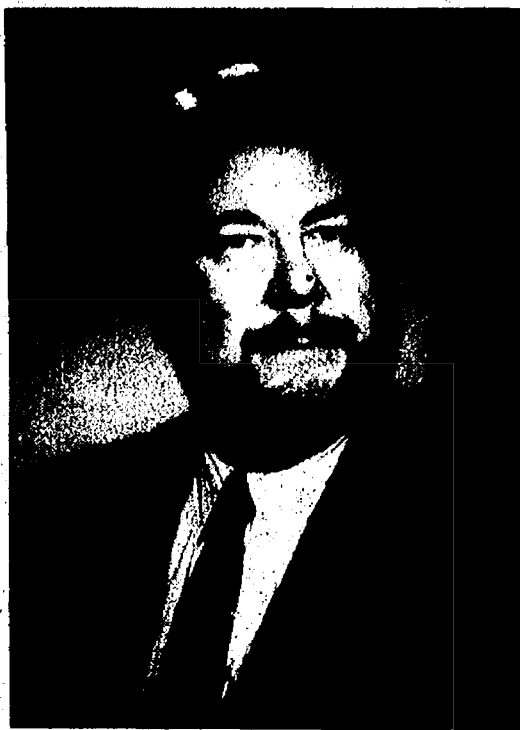
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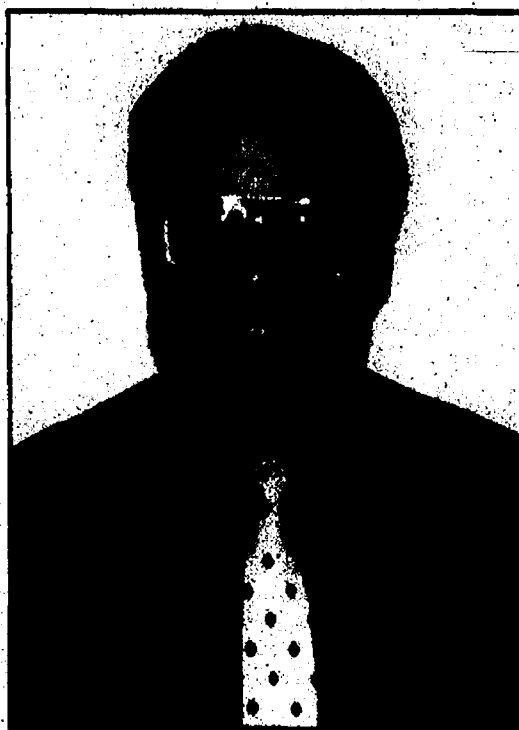
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Ann Arbor Country Club gets new look

■ Highlights include a new pool, lounge, snack bar and grill.

By Lisa Carolin
Special Writer

Long before there were houses in Loch Alpine subdivision and not long after there were automobiles and roads, there was a golf club that became the Ann Arbor Country Club in the 1930s.

It wasn't until the 1950s that houses started cropping up in Loch Alpine, located between Huron River Drive and Joy Road. A decade later, the Ann Arbor Country Club came into existence, as many know it today, with a clubhouse and a swimming pool.

Anyone who has driven past the clubhouse recently will have noticed a new clubhouse under construction. It's scheduled to open by early summer.

The new clubhouse will have

two levels totaling more than 14,000 square feet, which is more than twice the size of the old one. There will be a dining room with seating for 100, two adjoining private dining areas for meetings and events, a separate lounge that will accommodate 45 people, and an outdoor dining area.

The lower level will provide a pro shop, shower and locker facilities, an exercise room, as well as a patio snack bar and grill.

The pool's base will be made of concrete and the walls will be stainless steel panels welded on steel buttresses that are covered with gravel, dirt and the cement deck.

The new swimming pool will include a six-lane section, 25 yards long, for recreational swimming. It will also serve the competitive swimming program of the Ann Arbor Country Club, as well as the Dolphin youth swim and dive team that's part of the Washtenaw Interclub Swim Council.

There will be a dive well with two boards and an offset shallow area. The baby pool will remain.

The new clubhouse and swimming pool are expected to open in June.

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The new clubhouse and swimming pool are expected to open in June.



Photo by Lisa Carolin

The Ann Arbor Country Club in Loch Alpine subdivision, between Huron River Drive and Joy Road, is getting a makeover. A new clubhouse is under construction and will include more than 14,000 square feet, which is twice the size of the old facility.

Bank announces two appointments

Chelsea State Bank began the new year with two senior-level management appointments.

Veteran employee Jacqueline Schiller, who has been with the bank since 1972, has been promoted to vice president. The Chelsea resident is a 1972 graduate of Chelsea High School.

Schiller's responsibilities have included most of the operational duties performed at the bank, including teller, bookkeeper and accounting supervisor.

She assumed responsibilities as the auditor and compliance officer for the bank in December 2000, and remains in that position responsible for the bank's internal audit program and overseeing compliance with applicable banking laws and

regulations.

To help manage and expand its growing commercial division, the bank also announced that Mary Lee Penney has joined the staff as vice president and commercial loan officer. A resident of Pinckney, Penney's office will be located at the bank's Dexter location.

Penney's expertise is in new commercial business development and portfolio management. With nearly 20 years of senior-level experience in the commercial banking industry, Penney joins CSB from National City Corp., where she last served as vice president of corporate banking.

Penney was also employed by Bank One in various commercial management capacities.

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The Webster Township Board of Review will meet on Monday, March 11, 2002, from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. and Tuesday, March 12, 2002 from 3:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. to hear protests on the 2002 Assessment Roll. No appointments, first come, first serve basis. Protests will be accepted by mail and must be received by March 11, 2002. Meeting will be held at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Rd., Dexter, MI.

Dean F. Fisher, Secretary
Webster Township Board of Review

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- 1 Village Clerk - Regular Term
- 3 Trustees - Regular Term

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Village Clerk

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VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARINGS

An application has been filed by Craig and Donna Common of 67 Chestnut Ct. for a variance from the requirements of Sections 10.03 E and 4.32 G2 Ordinance No.79 (Zoning Ordinance), to expand a non-conforming structure and allow for the construction of a deck in the required rear yard. The required rear yard is also the limited common element.

The property is described as follows:
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Pursuant to the procedure for a variance request: a Notice of Hearing shall be given and will be served personally or by mail at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such hearing, upon the party or parties making the request for appeal, and all owners of record of property and occupants of property located within three-hundred (300) feet of such premises in question.

You are herein notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at 5:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Chelsea Village Offices, located in the Chelsea Bank Building, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 (lower level conference room), to consider objections to said request.

The petition 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 Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

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VILLAGE OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - FEBRUARY 12, 2002

Present: President Steele, Village Clerk Branson
Trustees Present: Trustees Cashman, Myles, Ritter, Schumann
Absent: Trustees Hammer and Ortring, Village Manager Myers
Others Present: Mike Harvey, Scott McElrath, Lynn Meadows, Dave Bulson, Tim Zimmer, Ginger Haugen, Kathie Gourley, John Wyeth, Jeff Hardcastle, Brad Roberts, Carol Rauschenberger, Richard Lewiston.

President Steele called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Ritter seconded by Schumann to approve the Consent Agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ritter seconded by Myles to approve the Regular Agenda with the following changes: remove Summerfest Update and Renewal of Washtenaw Development Council Agreement from the agenda. Under New Business add Corporate Authorization Resolution for University Bank and discussion of property behind old Sylvan Township Hall. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Audience Participation:
Scott McElrath of Dangerous Architects, a local businessman who supports other local businesses, addressed Council over his concerns that he was not afforded the opportunity to compete on the 140 Buchanan Street project, although he had expressed interest in doing so. When it is time to award the construction contract he urged Council to look at local builders.

Carol Rauschenberger spoke to Council representing an ad-hoc committee, which would like to update the 1992 Village of Chelsea Community Recreation Plan and Strategy, and they would like to do so in a short amount of time. They will be taking the plan to the Recreation Council meeting February 18th and would like to see this plan on the Council agenda for approval on February 28th, because the plan must be at the DNR by March 1, 2002 in order to apply for grants by April 1st.

Lynn Meadows spoke about an old railroad easement next to the tracks that the County hopes to turn into a "rails to trails" that would connect Chelsea and Dexter and the County would like to see a park adjacent. She said the Road Commission is concerned about the subdivisions going in south of the railroad tracks because of their proximity to the future trail.

Correspondence:

President Steele brought to the attention of Council the following correspondence: memo from Village Manager regarding five year financial model, letter to Chief McDougall and Village Manager from Peter Flintoft regarding federal legislation regarding the "derogation" of motor carriers, CAFE meeting schedule for 2002, Public Safety Advisory regarding mass mailings from Saudi Arabia to schools, letter from Village Clerk to Riemenschneider regarding denial of rezoning request, Huron River Watershed Council minutes, report from SmithGroup JJA on M-52 relocation study, Chelsea Area Construction Agency January report and board meeting minutes, letter from Village Manager supporting Summerfest, letter from Don Keim to Chief Ellenwood regarding financing of new life facilities, January zoning report, notice of State Boundary Commission Adjudicative Meeting noting postponement to March 14, 2002, email from MML regarding SB 1016, and letter from Chelsea Village Council Subcommittee to CAFE.

Report from Council Committees:
Trustee Ritter reported that the Lima Township Supervisor didn't understand the letter sent to CAFE by the Village Council Subcommittee requesting answer to questions within 60 days. Trustee Myles suggested that a copy of the letter be sent to participating municipalities. Clerk Branson will do so.

Reports from Village Officers:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Mike Harvey of Tetra Tech spoke to Council regarding the DWRP Phase II project which involves improvements to the water system. Bids were opened February 5, 2002 and TCI, Inc. of Michigan was the low bidder. Discussion ensued including efforts to provide good communication to citizens before and during construction and concerns regarding possibilities of dust and boil water advisories were raised. Mr. Harvey does not anticipate such problems.

Motion by Myles seconded by Schumann to approve the recommendation and award the bid for DWRP Phase II Watermain Improvements to the low bidder, TCI, Inc. of Michigan in the amount of \$2,407,384.15 contingent upon financing. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Dave Bulson discussed the condition of some sewer lines in the Village. Many lines have been Tved and there has been some cracking and he recommends lining those sewers rather than digging up the lines and replacing them. Motion by Myles seconded by Schumann to contract with Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. to line the sanitary sewer at Washington and Madison at a cost of \$47,157.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Cashman, Myles, Ritter, Schumann, Steele, No: None, Absent: Hammer, Ortring.

Motion by Cashman seconded by Myles to contract with Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. to line the sanitary sewer under the tracks at McKinley Street railroad crossing and under the tracks at Chelsea Milling at a cost of \$20,000.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Myles, Ritter, Schumann, Steele, Cashman, No: None, Absent: Hammer, Ortring.

At Chelsea Fairways Subdivision the lift station is operable, some landscaping needs to be done, warranties have been okayed and WWTP Superintendent Brad Roberts recommended that the Village accept dedication of the sewer system. DPW Superintendent Dave Bulson said the sanitary system has been Tved, pressure tested and is fine. Some water lines have not been completed, but acceptance of that utility is not on the agenda.

Richard Lewiston, developer of Chelsea Fairways, addressed Council. He said he was surprised that acceptance of the interior water system was not on the agenda tonight, as it has been completed. He has not been able to secure an easement to extend the water main across the Riemenschneider property on Old US 12 and he asked Council to help him secure an easement through condemnation. He is willing pay for this and to extend the water line, but he needs the Village's help in obtaining the easement. He can not receive CoDe for the houses in the subdivision until this extended water main is in place, although the subdivision is served by the water line he extended along Freer Road. Discussion ensued. Council will look into this matter.

Motion by Ritter seconded by Myles to accept the Dedication of Public Utility for the sanitary sewer and pump station at Chelsea Fairways Subdivision. All Ayes. Motion carried. (Dedication attached as Appendix A)

Motion by Myles seconded by Schumann to approve the request of McKinley Properties to rezone a portion of Tax ID Parcel #PC-06-12-108-003 at 320 N. Main Street, north of Clocktower, from L-1 to C-5. Four Ayes, One No (Ritter), Two Absent. Motion carried. (Ordinance No. 79-BBBS attached as Appendix B)

Motion by Schumann seconded by Myles to approve the Resolution increasing the commodity charge for water from \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed to \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed. All Ayes. Motion carried. (Resolution attached as Appendix C)

Motion by Ritter seconded by Schumann to set the Public Hearing for the Village Fiscal Year Budget 2002/2003 for the next Council meeting, February 26, 2002. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Myles seconded by Schumann to set the public hearing for Hardwood Solutions Abatement Application for the February 26, 2002 Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cashman seconded by Schumann to authorize the Village President to sign the Right of First Refusal for the Cugley property on N. Main Street. All Ayes. Motion carried. (Document attached as Appendix D)

Motion by Myles seconded by Schumann to accept the high bid of \$1,351.00 for the WWTP's 1993 Crown Victoria. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ritter seconded by Cashman to approve the Corporate Authorization Resolution for University Bank. All Ayes. Motion carried. (Resolution attached as Appendix E)

Trustee Myles brought to Council's attention the vacant piece of land owned by the Village behind the old Sylvan Township Hall and Seltz's Tavern. The Village is party to a lawsuit due to a fall on ice on adjacent property and he believes the Village property should be disposed of due to the liability issue. Village Manager Myers has offered to sell the property to the DDA and they will discuss it at their February meeting. Mark Heydlauff is talking to adjacent property owners to see if they are interested in doing something with it.

Motion by Ritter seconded by Myles to adjourn regular session. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Approved: February 26, 2002

Richard Steele, Village President
Jacalyn J. Branson, Village Clerk

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New Montessori school to open

The youth building at the Free Methodist Church in Chelsea will be the site for a new Montessori preschool in September.

Carol White, a member of the church, has been planning the school for a year.

White has raised four children and, by watching them and watching her nephew, who was in a Montessori school in Seattle, says she became interested in the Montessori method of education.

White was so interested that two years ago she signed up for training in the Adrian Dominican Montessori Teacher Education Institute. During that time, the family moved to Chelsea and discovered the congregation at the Free Methodist Church wanted to start a preschool.

White said there is one major tenet of Montessori education: the belief that young children are eager to learn and to be independent. As part of the

Montessori curriculum, youngsters learn buttoning, basic food prep, clean up, discerning lengths and weights, grading color tablets, and familiarity with the geometric solids.

White says that by handling the sturdy and tactile Montessori "golden bead" math materials, children develop a solid foundation in math principles. The "Grace and Courtesy" component of the curriculum teaches children to be considerate. In the language area,

the sandpaper letters connect spoken sound with the letter symbol.

As the children progress, they are taught to read when they demonstrate that they are ready. Art materials are always beckoning and help develop fine hand muscles. Geography and science units feed the children's curiosity about the world.

For more information about the new school, call White at 433-1920.

Hospital names board members

Chelsea Community Hospital Board of Trustees recently appointed Kenneth Gietzen to serve as chairman for the 2002-2004 term.

Gietzen is executive vice president and senior lending officer at Chelsea State Bank and also serves on the Chelsea State Bank Board of Directors.

He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Michigan State University and attended the

ABA Graduate School of Commercial Lending at the University of Oklahoma.

Gietzen is active in the community, is a past president of the Chelsea Rotary Club and serves on the Treasurer Student Building and Trades Program Board of Directors.

Gietzen, who is married with two sons, has been a Chelsea resident since 1981.

The board of trustees also announced the appointment of

two new board members to serve for the 2002-2004 term.

Michael Marcovitz is director of anesthesia and operating room services at the hospital and has recently been elected chief of staff by the hospital's medical staff members. He is an associate with Anesthesia Associates of Ann Arbor.

A resident of Ann Arbor, Marcovitz earned a medical degree at Wayne State University and completed his resi-

dency at Sinai Hospital in Detroit.

James Woods is president and chief operating officer of Ann Arbor Machine Co. in Chelsea. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in business management. Woods also serves on the Ann Arbor Machine and Chelsea United Way board of directors. He resides with his wife and two children in Dexter.

Photos on display at Dexter gallery

Artist Richard Wood will display his work through the month of March at Elaine's Gallery of Fine Art, 8063 Main St., in Dexter.

Wood uses the term "surface photography" to describe his interest in texture, color and shape. His photos, many of which are still life or landscapes, find unusual topics with unusual surfaces.

The images focus on such details and compositions found in everyday life as car fenders, coiled ropes, rusty nails and weathered wood.

Wood began a serious interest in photography while completing his master's degree in film and video at the University of

Michigan. He studied photography at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and taught photography and technique for many years.

Wood began displaying work at Michigan fairs three years ago and has appeared in Ann Arbor's State Street Fair, as well as many other fairs and art exhibitions throughout the Midwest. He currently works out of his Ann Arbor home.

Visitors to the gallery will have the opportunity to meet Wood in a "Meet the Artists" session noon to 2 p.m. March 30 at the gallery.

For more information, call the gallery at 426-1581.



Dental Assistants Week

Dental assistant Gwen Graham-Feldkamp, president of the Michigan Dental Assistants' Association, met with Gov. John Engler for the signing of a proclamation declaring March 3 through 9 as Dental Assistant's Recognition Week. Graham-Feldkamp, formerly of Chelsea, is a resident of Dexter.

LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2002, 7:30 P.M.
LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL, 11452 JACKSON ROAD
CHELSEA, MICHIGAN 48118

APPLICATION #02-001. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A SELF-STORAGE FACILITY. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF FLETCHER RD., NORTH OF SEITZ DR. AND IS PART OF W-1/2 OF SW 1/4 WHICH LIES NORTHERLY OF THE NLY R.O.W. LINE OF I-94, SECTION 16, LIMA TOWNSHIP.

APPLICATION FILED BY: MORRIS INVESTMENT GROUP D.B.A.
18000 BROWN
CHELSEA, MI 48118

A complete copy of this proposal is on file in the Lima Township office. Written comments may be sent to: Terry Wesner, Chairman
Lima Township Planning Commission
P.O. Box 59
Chelsea, MI 48118

DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the Township of Dexter that the Assessment Roll of said Township as prepared by Larry Merle, Township Assessor, will be reviewed by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 5:00 p.m. at

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

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:

Monday, March 11, 2002 - from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 14, 2002 - from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A resident taxpayer may file his or her protest with the Board of Review by letter without an appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent. A letter must be received by the first day of the Board of Review, (Tuesday, March 5, 2002).

The Dexter Township Board of Review will hear appeals by appointment. Taxpayers or their agents may set the appointment by calling the Township Hall at (734) 426-3767, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call prior to March 5, 2002.

DO NOT leave appointment request on the answering machine at the Township Hall.

Robert L. Telens,
Dexter Township Supervisor

LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2002, 7:30 P.M.
LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL, 11452 JACKSON ROAD
CHELSEA, MICHIGAN 48118

APPLICATION #02-002. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR TWO (2) MAJOR MAP CHANGES THAT ARE PROPOSED AS AMENDMENTS TO THE LIMA TOWNSHIP FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP:

1. AREA 1: THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TOWNSHIP, SPECIFICALLY 216.78 ACRES IN SECTION 1, ARE PROPOSED TO BE CHANGES FROM THE AG-2, AGRICULTURE CATEGORY TO THE RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY.

2. AREAS 2 AND 3: ALL OF THE REMAINING AG-1, AGRICULTURE CATEGORY THAT IS LOCATED NORTH OF THE I-94 EXPRESSWAY IS PROPOSED TO BE CHANGED TO AG-2, AGRICULTURE. THE AREAS AFFECTED ARE ALL OF SECTIONS 2, 3, 14 AND 15 (AREA 3). THE FOUR SECTIONS OF LAND ENCOMPASS APPROXIMATELY 2,000 ACRES OF LAND.

APPLICATION FILED BY: LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD
P.O. BOX 59
CHELSEA, MI 48118

A complete copy of this proposal is on file in the Lima Township office. Written comments may be sent to: Terry Wesner, Chairman
Lima Township Planning Commission
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LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the Township of Lima that the Assessment Roll of said Township as prepared by Marci Betts, Township Assessor, will be reviewed by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 3:30 P.M. at the

LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL
11452 JACKSON ROAD
CHELSEA, MI 48118

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:

Monday, March 11, 2002 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Monday, March 11, 2002 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 12, 2002 from 8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Friday, March 15, 2002 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

A resident taxpayer may file his or her protest with the Board of Review by letter without an appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent. A letter must be received by the first day of the Board of Review, (Monday, March 11, 2002).

The Lima Township Board of Review will hear appeals by appointment. Taxpayers or their agents may set the appointment by calling the Township Hall at (734) 475-2246, Monday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon. Please call prior to March 11, 2002. DO NOT leave appointment request on the answering machine at the Township Hall.

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Kenneth Unterbrink
Lima Township Supervisor

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the Township of Lyndon

County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan.

That the Assessment Roll of said Township will be reviewed by the

Board of Review on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at 8:00 p.m.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL

17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118

734-475-2401

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard BY APPOINTMENT

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002

1:00 P.M. - 4 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2002

9 A.M. - Noon and 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

A taxpayer may file his or her protest with the Board of Review by letter without an appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent. A letter must be received by the first day of the Board of Review (March 11, 2002).

The Lyndon Township Board of Review will hear appeals BY APPOINTMENT. Taxpayers or their agents may set the appointment by calling the Township Hall at (734) 475-2401 on Tuesday through Friday, March 5 thru March 8 between 9 A.M. and 12 Noon. Please call by March 8, 2002 for an appointment. DO NOT leave appointment requests on the answering machine at the Township Hall.

Such Assessment Roll as reviewed and approved by said Board of Review will be the Assessment Roll of Lyndon Township for the year 2002.

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MARYANN NOAH

Lyndon Township Supervisor

Tentative factors: Agricultural - 1.1784 Commercial - 1.1158

Industrial 1.4710 Residential 1.2115

DEXTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

WILL HOLD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL 6880 DEXTER PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MICHIGAN 48130

Agenda

1) 02-ZBA-491

04-36-100-032

4693 Dexter-Pinckney

Peggy Gause

Applicant requests relief from:

Section 3.14.B to allow a 97' setback on the front yard, rather than the required 183' (currently 92')

Section 4.30.E.4 to allow 3' from rear of property line, and 9' from side property line, to the rear of shed (shed has already been built).

And to recognize the following existing non-conformities:

11.8' north side setback, to side of garage.

8.2' south side setback, to side of garage.

92' to front of house, from Dexter-Pinckney Road.

97' from front of garage to Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Lot less than 4 acres.

Lot less than 160' width.

To allow a 16'x16' shed. Shed is 3' from back property line, and 9' from side property line. Shed has already been constructed, and is in place.

To allow construction of a new addition. Existing enclosed porch will be replaced with a larger room between the existing garage, and existing home. Existing porch is 9.6 x 9.6.

New addition is to be 19.4 x 9.6. A total of 96 square feet to be added.

2) 02-ZBA-492

04-24-300-007

6100 Dexter-Pinckney Road

Brenda Collins

Applicant requests relief from:

Section 3.14.B to allow a 123' setback on the front yard, rather than the required 183' (currently 42') to the front of the new building. Also to allow 54' to the front of canopy over the pumps.

And to recognize the following existing non-conformities: (May have been recognized in 96ZBA-309)

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS

WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2002, AT 7:30 P.M.
THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL
17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA:

1. To review the application of Wayne and Carol Slomiany (parcel #05-03-281-005) 4927 Homewild, Gregory, for a variance from the Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance Article VI, Section 6.04, Paragraph E.1, Front Yard Setbacks. The Slomianys are requesting a variance from the 60 feet from the lake setback requirement, asking it be changed to 16 feet because of lot size, in order to build.

2. To review the application of Virginia G. Gillick (parcel #05-23-200-016) 701 Island Lake, Chelsea, for a variance from the Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance Article VI, Section 6.04, Paragraph A, Lot Area. Mrs. Gillick would like to divide her property.

3. To review the application of Douglas E. Brown (parcel #05-33-300-004) 18001 Waterloo Road, Chelsea, for a variance from the Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance Article V, Section 5.04, Paragraph E.1, Front Yard Setback. Mr. Brown is requesting a front yard setback of 36 feet rather than the required 70 feet from the right-of-way line for his garage because of the location of his drain field and the topography of the land.

The application for the variance and supporting documentation is posted on the board. Written comments may be sent to: Helena M. Robinovitz, Office Manager, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling: Janis Knieper, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118, or phone (734) 475-2401.

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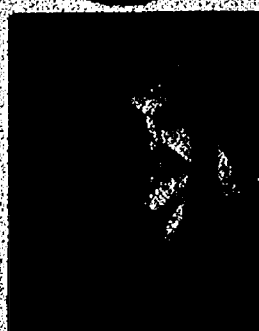
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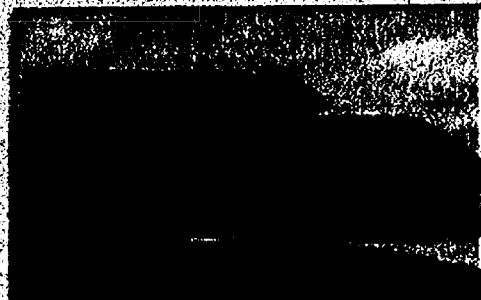
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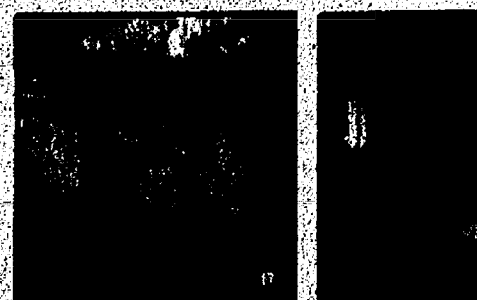


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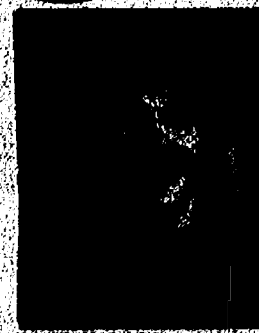
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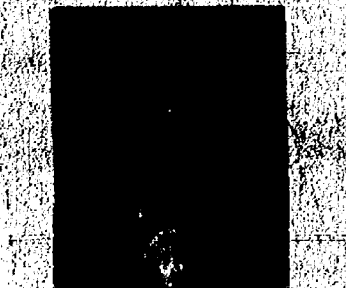


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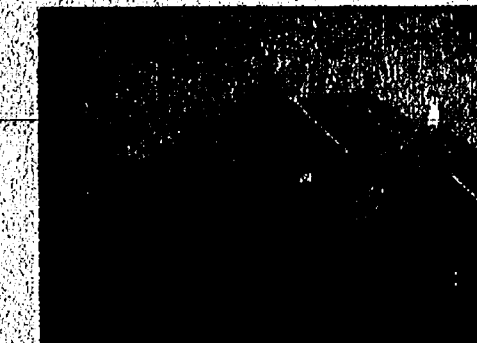


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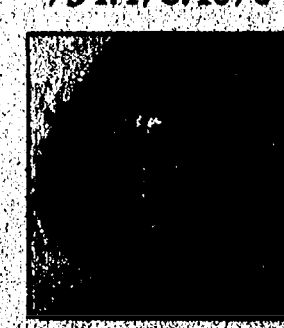
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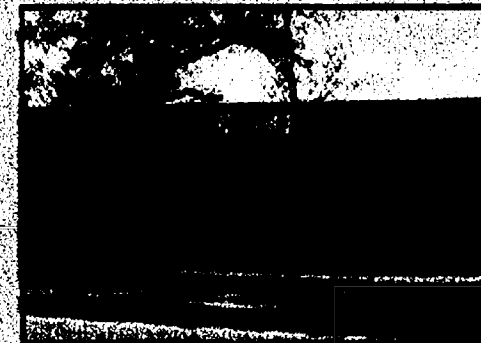
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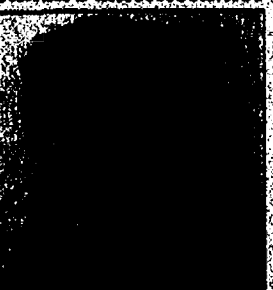
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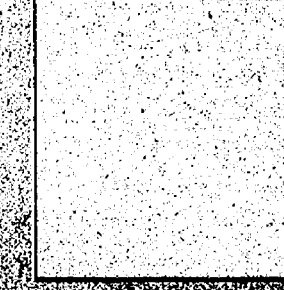
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 household goods, moving
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 cle, sleds
 N-8, Amanda Berg
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 Sealed bids March 6th
 to 10th, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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 County Finance/
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 Arbor, MI 48118, or
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24. Window shades
26. Party on
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33. Yoked duo
34. Shriver of tennis
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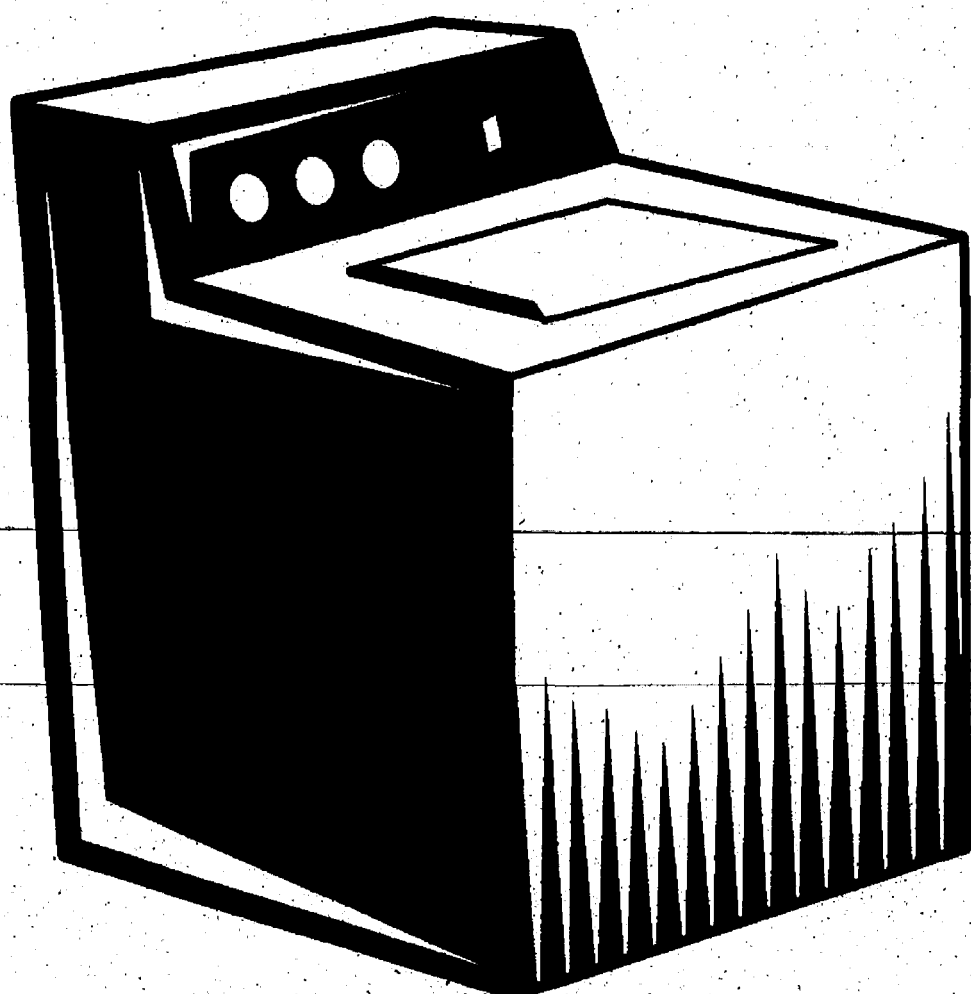
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Meeting called to address election reform

■ **Speaker discusses so-called clean elections.**

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

Imagine an electoral system where politicians owe no favors to big donors.

Imagine an electoral system where qualified candidates with no "big money" can be elected.

Imagine an electoral system where candidates can spend their time talking to constituents rather than raising campaign funds.

In the words of the late singer John Lennon, "You may call me a dreamer," but this is happening in Maine and Arizona, and it could happen in Michigan through a movement called Clean Elections.

Lynn Hartung, coordinator for

the Michigan Electoral Reform Coalition, outlined the reasons to initiate so-called clean elections in Michigan during a talk Monday at the Chelsea District Library.

In the 2000 national elections, more than \$3 billion was spent on election campaigns, Hartung said. It was also the first time that more than \$100 million was spent on the presidential election and more than \$90 million spent on Senate races.

Before voters cast their ballots, Hartung said wealthy campaign contributors decide which candidates will have the necessary resources to run a serious campaign.

She said half of the American public no longer believes that the United States is a "country of the people, by the people, for the people." She said the public

believes it's a "country of big spenders, by big spenders, for big spenders."

In recent years, she said corporations and big-business interests typically outspent labor 11-to-1. The gas and oil industries have outspent environmental interests 38-to-1.

The 2000 race for Congress took in more than \$44 million in contributions from oil, gas and chemical corporations, which cannot help clean air and water efforts, Hartung said.

Insurance and pharmaceutical companies contributed more than \$66 million, which bodes ill for universal health care, she said. The \$14 million that Congress received from weapons manufacturers cannot help disarmament efforts, she said.

Democratic and Republican parties in Michigan vastly in-

creased the amounts of campaign cash they spent in 2000. How can the Michigan Supreme Court remain impartial when in 2000 there was an 83 percent increase over 1998 in money raised by the six candidate committees? Hartung asked.

Each court candidate raised more than \$1 million. Even more was reportedly spent on issue advertising, she said.

There are no limits on contributions to state party accounts by individuals, political action committees and local or national party committees, Hartung said. It has been estimated that 95 percent of candidates who win elections are those who have spent the most money in campaigns, she said.

Hartung said that MERC is an organization that intends to challenge election financing in

Michigan in support of the idea of one person, one vote.

There are organizations supported by environmental, labor and church groups in 40 states behind clean elections, she said. Vermont and Massachusetts already have passed so-called clean election laws.

The goals of MERC include public funding for the Michigan Supreme Court elections; setting limits on campaign contributions and the use of public funds for local elections; and the electronic filing of financial reports so that campaign contributions and spending can be easily identified.

There is also a program for educating the public on election and campaign financing issues through videos, which could be shown on local TV stations.

Pam Byrnes who is running for the state House 52nd District seat, and Liz Brater, who is running for the state Senate's 18th District, also spoke on the topic Monday. Both candidates said that they would prefer to spend their time talking to the public rather than spending time on the phone trying to raise campaign money.

Hartung said that money influence in politics, as the NAACP has agreed, is essentially a civil rights issue. It penalizes the poor, minorities, and third party candidates. She noted that Abraham Lincoln was a third party candidate, running at the time as a member of the Republican Party.

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Sylvan Township resident to launch political newsletter

■ **David Brooks hopes the publication will help him get elected.**

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Believing that the pen is mightier than the drudgery of campaigning, Sylvan Township resident David Brooks will publish a newsletter about the township's political scene and form a political advocacy group that he hopes will succeed the township's governing board.

Brooks ran unsuccessfully for Sylvan Township supervisor in 2000.

Brooks said the model for his newsletter will be The Watchdog, which Christina Lirones published in Pittsfield Township before she and six others ran for seats on the Pittsfield Township Board. Six of the seven won election.

"Essentially, they took over the township," Brooks said. "They gained notoriety by advocating alternative land-use planning that's just beginning to be implemented."

It's land-use planning that Brooks cites as the primary issue his newsletter and his group, tentatively called Sylvan Township Friends, will tackle.

"Sylvan's master plan is not very creative," Brooks said. "It looked at the way the township was already growing and kept it

that way. It's not a real plan in the sense that anyone thought 'This is what we want our township to look like in 20 years.'"

Brooks said that in a private property and industrial-based economy, property owners should be free to do what they like with their land without restrictions.

Brooks also believes in preserving farmland and open space, but said classic land-use planning is not effective in doing this. His solutions include having the township zone larger lot sizes, buy vacant land and donate vacant land to parks and recreation agencies.

Brooks also believes the Sylvan Township Planning Commission wastes too much time in making decisions. For this, Brooks cites 15 acres on Helm and Sylvan roads that the owner wanted to subdivide into two-acre parcels. Brooks said that despite having the plan for months, the township's Planning Commission hemmed and hawed.

Brooks said another example of stalling is a decision whether to allow two different cellular communication companies to erect towers. The Planning Commission decided to issue a four-month moratorium on cell towers.

"Stalling will only encourage the state to take away a township's right to regulate such mat-

ters," Brooks said. "That's what happened with mobile homes. While I think that particular law is unfair, the townships were being unreasonable."

Brooks said that since only three states have township governments, it's important for them to retain power.

Brooks hopes that his newsletter and advocacy group will suggest solutions to these matters and others.

"When I ran for supervisor, I realized that not many people paid attention to township business," Brooks said. "Even those who try find it hard to stay current on issues because many of them are complex."

Brooks said the media isn't doing a good job of covering Sylvan Township, which is part of the reason he decided to publish a newsletter to keep people informed.

He said the newsletter will cover such issues as how to file a petition, how to acquire campaign money, how to run a campaign and how to run a township.

Brooks said the public could expect the first issue of the newsletter April 1.

"I'll go out and say it will come out on April Fool's Day," he said. "If I go on record as having said it, then I'll have to do it."

"Putting it out on April Fool's Day will keep a sense of fun to it."

Brooks said the newsletter will likely be called The Sylvan Sentinel, with contributors being called The Sylvan Sentinels and, for now, activity will be centered at his 2627 Hayes Road residence.

Joining Brooks' advocacy group does not obligate one to contribute to his newsletter or vice versa, he said. So far, Brooks said about a half dozen people have expressed interest.

He is hoping to recruit seven people who will serve on a board of directors to draft and pass bylaws, which are needed to file for tax-exempt status. The Internal Revenue Service code, however, automatically allows him the status in the interim.

Brooks said that it's conceivable that in the next election the board of directors could run as a slate.

The particular tax-exempt status that Brooks is pursuing will not allow the newsletter to endorse any single candidate or proposal, but will allow it to editorialize on the same subjects. The arrangement also allows contributions to be tax deductible.

Brooks said he attends various meetings and focuses on specific

issues and hopes that other people who become involved can help him by concentrating on other issues.

Reflecting on his past attempt at office, Brooks said he made a mistake by running as an independent.

"I didn't think a Democrat had been elected in this township since the Depression," Brooks said. "I didn't think I had a chance by running as one."

"Yet, in 2000 Sylvan Township went for Gore. If I had run as a Democrat, I might have won. Many people vote a straight ticket."

Although Brooks couldn't find all the information he wanted from county records, he believes he received the highest percentage of votes of any candidate in the county who ran for an office

without party affiliation.

Brooks said that even if he and Scott Cooper, who also ran unaffiliated for trustee, had won, there still would have been problems because they would have been outnumbered on the board 3-2. He said the reality underscores the importance of running as a slate.

Brooks grew up in Detroit and graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He did work for Ford Motor Co., the University of Michigan Hospital and Comshare, among others. He moved to Sylvan Township in 1978, and became interested in township politics after retiring in 1998.

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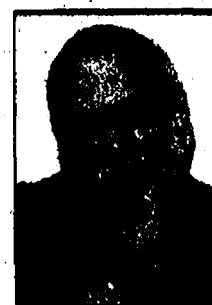
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KENT ASHTON WALTON

BOOK REVIEW

The Community Farm of Ann Arbor, which is located in Lima Township, has just published the second edition of its popular biodynamic foods cookbook.

The book contains 92 pages of recipes, food preparation, storage and preserving hints as well as on-the-farm photos.

There are several community

farms in the Ann Arbor area that are helping to preserve the land, grow healthy produce and close the gap between the land source and the kitchen table.

In his book "Culture Jam," Kalle Lasn says the average pound of food in America travels 1,300 miles before it reaches a kitchen table. He calls this inefficient and unsustainable.

Lasn suggests that we close the gap between our food source and the plate. He says we need to "de-market," which means getting away from hothouse tomatoes, fast food and supermarkets, and embracing institutions such as farmers' markets.

This is part of downshifting to a simpler lifestyle. But it's not just a matter of being eco-minded or of simply saving resources

and transportation costs. It's also a matter of health. Produce that has been pumped with chemicals to enable growth in poor soil and to survive the journey to market has dubious health and nutritional value, Lasn says.

The bio-dynamically grown food on the farm is usually harvested just hours before members come to pick up their quota, as opposed to days that supermarket produce sits in warehouses.

The Community Farm of Ann Arbor boasts that it uses no chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides. Instead the soil is enriched with "teas" made from rocks, plants and natural compost. Rudolph Steiner, philosopher, educationalist and agronomist, originally inspired these

farming methods in the 1920s.

The recipes, contributed by Community Farm members, include main and side dishes, such as Annie's wilted green salad, and blue-crusted Beet-za. There are also soups and stews, like Bubby's yellow bean soup, which has been handed down from her Bohemian grandmother who came to the United States in 1929.

Dressings and sauces include "How about Wild Raspberry Sauce?" with arrowroot to go over a cake, or Ann Elder's sesame ginger sauce.

The breads and cakes sound delicious, especially the gingerbread raisin scones. And, of course, there are sweets. Who could resist Lorna Sassa's chocolate chip cookies or

Stephanie's favorite cobbler. There are recipes for pickles and snack foods, as well.

Based on the photos and from personal observation, the farm animals seem serene, and healthy. The cows produce the milk, yogurt and manure. The goats eat a lot of whatever you feed them, while bees produce the honey and do a lot of pollinating. The children have a great time exploring, playing and visiting the animals.

The book also features a list of the produce grown on the farm, such as beets, sprouts, Chinese cabbage, collards, spinach, kale, Swiss chard, mustard and oriental greens, green beans, leeks, and a variety of herbs.

There are even descriptions of the nutritional value of vegetables, with the vitamins and min-

erals that protect against diseases.

This is a useful, original and simply produced book that offers a variety of uniquely enjoyable recipes that anyone can follow. It's being sold for \$19.95.

The cookbook was made possible, as it says in the book, by the efforts and wisdom of farmers Anne Elder and Karen Chalmer. Michelle Merizon, Linda Wan and LeAnn Seto contributed photographs and artistic work.

Elder, Chalmer and their friends from the farm will be presenting the book 1 p.m. Saturday at Little Professor Book Center in Chelsea.

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HORSE TALES

Author Tom Dorrance in "True Unity" urges us to "feel of the whole horse." The whole horse being the mind, body and spirit. The three are inseparable.

Dorrance believes the horse's behavior is driven by his sense of self-preservation of these three elements. So to be effective teachers and leaders to our horses, we must allow the horse to have his sense of self-preser-

vation while responding to our commands.

Through correct approach, we allow the horse to have his sense of self-preservation and build his confidence. The correct approach being: feel, timing and balance. Within these three seemingly simple terms there exists variation and depth.

Knowing how to use the correct approach takes practice and awareness, but the results are worth the continued effort because they bring a closeness or unity between horse and rider.

Horses are relatively silent creatures. They do, however, communicate through their bodies, displaying a wide range of emotions and behaviors, both positive and negative.

Using the principles of feel, timing and balance, along with the correct interpretation of the horse's body language, enables

us to help our horses understand what we want them to do. Indeed, it can help us to feel what our horses are feeling.

Horses are prey animals. When feeling threatened, their first instinct is to flee. If unable to escape, then they panic and display other behaviors, such as biting, kicking, bucking and rearing, as well as taking over. In short, the horse will do anything it has to do to save its life.

Using body language as your guide, try to feel what your horse is feeling. What do you think he's telling you?

Below is a list, but by no means a complete list. There is much variation among horse, rider and situation.

•What's your horse saying? Ear position indicates where the corresponding eye is focusing. Ears laid back signals anger or resistance, or perhaps a guilty conscience.

•Eyes wide, with the white of eye showing more than normal, indicate fear. Eyes bright and round show interest. A knot above the eye in the brow means fear or apprehension.

•Tail clamped down tight also shows fear. Top of tail clamped with end pointed out shows fear and anger. Tail swishing is agitation. Tail held stiffly and pointed up shows excitement. Tail hanging light and loose indicates calm.

•Barrel and shoulder pushing against you or invading your space during groundwork or your leg when riding indicates a brace or lack of respect.

•Hindquarters turned toward you, without your permission, indicates disrespect or aggression.

•Head slinging is an unwillingness to move feet, and it indicates fear, uncertainty or disrespect. Lowering of the head sig-

nals letting down and relaxing.

•Licking, chewing, relaxing and softening of the mouth indicates comprehension.

•Sighing, gentle blowing, blinking of eyes and yawning helps release pent-up internal tension, resulting in relaxation, commonly accompanied with a soft whinny and relaxed ears.

•A pushy-headed horse, a "humpy" horse, or one that drags on the halter also signals an unwillingness to move the feet. The horse shouldn't move off in a punch or leave in a hurry because this signals apprehension, uncertainty or fear.

As you can see, horses are very expressive and emotional animals. They communicate what they are thinking and feeling through body language. By using this language to better understand and control the horse, we can help the horse become a calm, confident and

willing partner.

This is the goal of natural horsemanship.

Writer Lolly Mindel owns and trains three Haflingers. She consults with Katie Laeder, owner and trainer of Sweetwater Natural Horsemanship Farm. Both are Dexter-area residents. Mindel can be reached at mindel@provide.net

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In related news, Therapaws voted in a new board for 2002. Jay Mahler was named president and Deb Stern, vice president. They are both from Ann Arbor.

Karen O'Connor of Dexter was named secretary and Gale Marcoux of Munith was made

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DEATHS



LOUIS G. SCOVILL
Chelsea

Louis G. Scovill, 81, died Feb. 28, 2002, at Chelsea Community Hospital. He was born on Nov. 2, 1910, in Hudson; the son of E. Mitchell and Arlie M. (Guise) Scovill.

Mr. Scovill moved to Chelsea in 1991, coming from Novi, where he had lived for 19 years. He was a member of Chelsea First United Methodist Church, and a former member of the Novi United Methodist Church and St. Timothy United Methodist Church in Detroit.

He was responsible for organizing and conducting three church orchestras at these churches. He also helped organize and taught strings in an after-school music program when music was cut from the Detroit Public Schools. His most rewarding achievement was conducting a small ensemble of Detroit Symphony Orchestra musicians in a public concert in the Detroit area.

Mr. Scovill had been a member of the American Federation of Musicians since the age of 16, and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1933, where he taught trombone as an undergraduate.

Mr. Scovill also graduated from Walsh College in accounting. He worked for Chrysler Corp., now DaimlerChrysler AG, for 33 years, and retired in 1975.

He was a lifelong "Michigan Man." He played first-chair trombone with the University of Michigan Marching Band for four years. He then continued to play with the U of M Alumni Marching Band for 66 years. He was given special recognition in 1988 for being the oldest living member of the Alumni Marching Band.

Mr. Scovill married Louise Urquhart in Detroit in 1937, and she preceded him in death in 1954. He then married Edythe (Watson) Chism in Detroit on July 1, 1960, and she survives.

Other survivors include one son, Donald B. (Kathleen) Scovill of California; one stepson, John P. (Anita) Chism of Wixom; one stepdaughter, Kathryn L. Chism of Ann Arbor; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Gary A. Scovill; one sister, Mary Scovill; and three brothers, Waldo, Harold, and Ellsworth.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel. The Rev. Richard Dake officiated. The family received friends at the Cole Funeral Chapel Sunday and Monday.

Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea First United Methodist Church or Chelsea Retirement Community.

GERLON MOORE

Dexter Township
Formerly of Livonia

Gerlon Moore, 81, died March 2, 2002, at her daughter's home. She was born Sept. 9, 1920, in Vina, Ala., the daughter of John and Perdella (Ozblim) Thom.

Mrs. Moore enjoyed sewing, quilting, and her family.

Surviving are her three children, Margaret (Randy) Blackford of Chelsea, Milly (Danny) Williams of Grass Lake and Frederick C. Moore of Livonia; three grandchildren, Clifford (Dor) Blackford of Chelsea, Tina (Scott) Fischer of Dexter and L.A. Williams of Grass Lake; three great-grandchildren, Ambur Flores, and Maranda and Cheyenne Fischer; one brother, Awtien O. Thom of Mulberry, Fla.; and one sister, Hydie Stevens of Hixson, Tenn.

A funeral was held Monday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

MARIE FRANCES (LOWREY) ENGLEHART

Ann Arbor

Marie Frances (Lowry) Englehart, 83, died Feb. 24, 2002, at Arbor Hospice following a courageous yearlong battle with cancer. She was born Feb. 5, 1919, in Macon, the daughter of Ray and Margaret Hendershot.

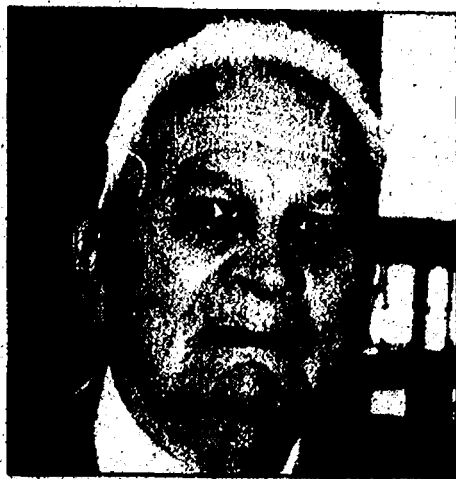
She retired after 27 years as an accountant for Chrysler Corp., now DaimlerChrysler AG. In addition to showing love to her family, she enjoyed writing poetry.

Mrs. Englehart was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ralph Blaine Englehart; her parents; her sister, Luella Bigelow; and her brothers, John and William Hendershot.

Mrs. Englehart is survived by two daughters, Suzanne Lowry Boys of Ann Arbor and Lynne (Michael) Acree of Chelsea; a granddaughter, Anne (Dan) Degener; a grandson, Christopher (Jennifer) Acree; three great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Drew and Brenna Degener; in-laws Helen Hendershot, Lee Esther Hendershot, Bernice Tappe and Paul and Donna Lowry; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation was at Muehlberg Funeral Chapel. A memorial service is 2 p.m. today at Arbor Hospice. There will be a private burial at Macon Cemetery.

The family suggests donations be made to Arbor Hospice in gratitude for the loving care received there.



THOMAS EDWARD CHAMPION
Chelsea

Formerly of Belleville

Thomas E. Champion, 84, died Feb. 27, 2002, at the University of Michigan Hospital. He was born on June 15, 1917, in Paulding, Ohio, the son of Edward J. and Eva A. Champion.

Mr. Champion was a custom home-builder in the Belleville area prior to working for the University of Michigan, retiring from there in 1979.

Mr. Champion was a quiet man whose strength was his devotion. He built the First Assembly of God Church in Belleville and last attended the Faith Assembly of God Church before moving to Chelsea in 1999.

Mr. Champion was an accomplished carpenter who enjoyed woodworking and furniture making. He also loved gardening, and playing the guitar and harmonica.

He was married to Alta Miller on June 20, 1937, in Ohio, and she survives. Other survivors include a daughter, Lois Mary Champion of Denver, Colo.; three sons, David Lee of Los Angeles, Daniel Paul (Barbara) of Ann Arbor and Lloyd James of Chelsea; eight grandchildren, Jeffery, Eric, and Rebecca, Laurie, Karlie and Jody, and Gina and Mia; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel. The Revs. Jeff Crowder and Clarence Hayes officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Retirement Community. Arrangements were made by Cole Funeral Chapel.

WALTER C.B. SAXMAN

Chelsea

Walter C.B. Saxman of Chelsea died Feb. 28, 2002, at the Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born July 6, 1907 in Wilkerson, Pa., the son of Cloyd and Bertha (Briney) Saxman.

Mr. Saxman was a retired Methodist minister. He graduated from Albion College, then received a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Michigan, and a master's degree from the University of Chicago. He graduated from Garrett Seminary in Chicago.

Mr. Saxman served churches in Willis, Stony Creek, Tecumseh, Salline, Hudson, Clarkston, Sault Ste. Marie, Flint and Trenton, retiring in 1971.

He was the oldest surviving Methodist minister in the Detroit conference, receiving the Conference Cane of the United Methodist Church in October of 1998.

Mr. Saxman had been a resident of Chelsea for more than 12 years, coming from Bay View, and spending winters in Florida. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Chelsea.

He was a Mason, and was also a Shriner for more than 60 years. He was also a member of Rotary years ago.

Mr. Saxman is survived by two children, Phyllis (Richard) Holman of Flushing and David (Sandra) Saxman of Oak Brook, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth E. (Maze) Saxman, of 70 years; three brothers, Herbert, Curtis and Harold Saxman; and one sister, Dorothy Morse.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, with the Rev. Karen Mars, chaplain of Chelsea Retirement Communities, and the Rev. Richard Dake, pastor of Chelsea First United Methodist Church, co-officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bay View Memorial Gardens.

ARTHUR C. PAUL SR.

Lewiston
Formerly of Chelsea

Arthur Charles Paul Sr., 73, of Lewiston, formerly of Chelsea, died Feb. 27, 2002, under the loving care of his family. He was born Aug. 1, 1928, in Chelsea, the son of Herbert L. and Elsa (Yocum) Paul.

Mr. Paul lived in the Chelsea area most of his life, until he moved to Lewiston in 1992. He was employed at Rockwell Standard for 23 years, and retired from the University of Michigan in 1992. Mr. Paul was a volunteer fireman in Chelsea from 1951 to 1984, and attended St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea.

On July 3, 1948, he married Dorothy Pucak in Chelsea and she survives. Other survivors include three sons, Arthur Jr. (Sherry) of Grand Rapids, William (Beverly) and Douglas (Kelly), both of Chelsea; two daughters, Debra (Russell) Schron of Jackson and Laura Hamm of Lewiston; nine grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Edward H., in 1988; a daughter, Mary Lou Sweeney, in 1988; and a grandson, Lee Kopke, in 1977.

A funeral Mass was held March 2 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea, with the Rev. William Turner officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea. The family received friends at Cole Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Chelsea Fire Department or Hospice of Gaylord.

JUDITH IRENE (MOORE) TURCK

Dexter

Judy Irene (Moore) Turck, 61, died at home March 4, 2002. She was born Feb. 9, 1941, in Idabel, Okla., to Martin Glenn Moore and Geraldine Keyes Moore.

Mrs. Turck married her husband, Robert, June 30, 1962, in Detroit. She lived in Prattville, Ala., from 1962 to 1965 with her husband and son while her husband was a captain in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base.

From 1965 to 1969, Mrs. Turck and her family lived in Plymouth, where she was active in the PTA, St. Kenneth Catholic Church and was president of the Plymouth Jaycettes. The family moved to Dexter in 1969 when Robert opened a dental practice. She was the office manager of the dental practice from 1969 to 2001.

Mrs. Turck was active in the Dexter community as a fund-raiser for Dexter High School athletics and music programs. She was also a major fund-raiser for the St. Joseph's Catholic Church parish, as well as the Dexter Community Players, of which she was also an actress and producer.

Mrs. Turck served on the board of directors for the Miss Washtenaw County Pageant, and had a strong belief in providing scholarship money for young women.

Mrs. Turck was a collector of nature art, a creative gardener of vegetables and flowers, and an avid bird watcher. A talented cook, she appeared on two PBS cooking shows and produced the "Great Chefs of Detroit" television special on Channel 58.

Mrs. Turck was a "sandlot baseball mom," and a knowledgeable sports fan. She loved to travel, having visited Japan and England, as well as 46 states. For more than 20 years, she supported many environmental and charitable causes in the area.

A loving wife, mother and loyal friend, Mrs. Turck will be missed for her high spirit and independent nature.

She flies with the birds she loves.

She glows with the colors of her gardens.

She smiles on her family and friends.

She rests in the hands of God.

Mrs. Turck is survived by her husband; son, Jeffrey Glenn Turck; grandson, Caleb Alexander Turck; daughter-in-law, Denise Michelle Turck; all of Dexter; and a sister, Gail Moore Wright of Auburn Hills.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., with a 7 p.m. wake, today at Hosmer-Muehlberg Funeral Chapel in Dexter.

A funeral will be held 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter, with the Rev. Brendan Walsh officiating. Interment will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, From the Heart Inc. for the children at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, or for a scholarship fund to be established in Mrs. Turck's name for the Dexter Community Players.

ROSE HARRIS

Dexter

Rose Harris, 88, died Feb. 28, 2002. She was born July 31, 1913, in Detroit, the daughter of Lawrence and Maryanna (Trybusz) Mroz. She married Ralph Harris in 1930. He preceded her in death in 1988.

Mrs. Harris was a member of the Dexter Senior Citizens.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Ann (William) Steptoe of Dexter; grandchildren, Robert (Margaret) Steptoe of Dexter, Bonnie (Stephen) Przelomski of North Carolina and David (Kim) Steptoe of Dexter; great-grandchildren, Dan and Sara Steptoe, Brett Stochi, Erin Steptoe, and Hannah and Joey Przelomski; brother, Joseph Mroz; and sisters, Stella Lashbrook, Anna Kuderkio and Victoria Gauthier.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph; and sister, Julia Galligan.

A funeral was held Monday at Hosmer-Muehlberg Funeral Chapel in Dexter. The Rev. William Donahue officiated. Interment was in Pinckney Cemetery.

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ROBERT E. FARRELL

Ypsilanti

Formerly of Dexter

Robert Emmett (Bob) Farrell, 94, died of natural causes in Ann Arbor Feb. 28, 2002. He was born Feb. 3, 1908, to Emmett and Clara Walsh Farrell. He married Ruth Helen Heatley on June 7, 1939 and she survives.

Mr. Farrell was a lifelong resident of Washtenaw County. He was raised on a farm in Webster Township and worked his own farms in Webster through his 48th year, never losing his love of horses. He subsequently worked for the

Washtenaw County Road Commission, retiring in 1971.

With his wife, he enjoyed more than 25 winters in Florida. A lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter, he was (along with his father, brothers, and father-in-law) a charter member of the Dexter Council Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife of Ypsilanti; a son, Robert (Donna) Farrell of Broomfield, Colo.; a daughter, Ruth Ann Ellis of Reno, Nev.; two sisters, Marian Camp and Margaret Bauer, both of Ann Arbor; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Francis, Martin and Louis (Bud) Farrell; and a sister, Florence Camp.

Visitation and a scripture service were held Monday at Hosmer-Muehlberg Funeral Chapel in Dexter. Mass of the Christian Burial was Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter. The Rev. Brendan Walsh presided. Burial was at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to St. Joseph Catholic Church or the Dexter Knights of Columbus.

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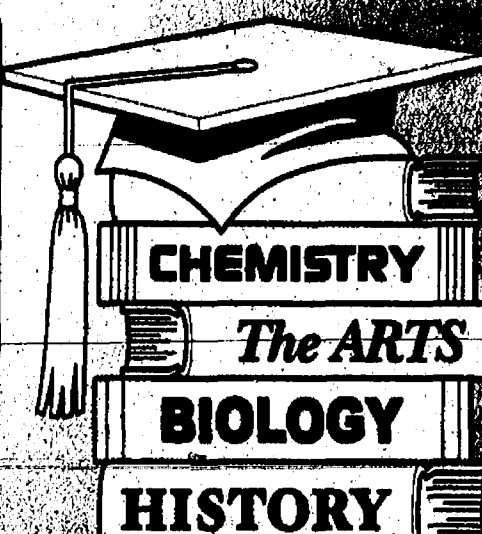
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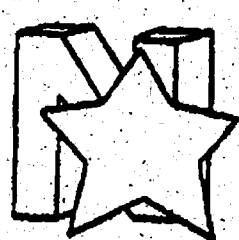
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