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Chelsea teen killed in car crash

Dad, daughter were driving home after buying car.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

In a scene that has played out too many times in the Chelsea community, crisis counselors were on hand at Chelsea High School Monday as students mourned the loss of friend and classmate Katie Fox.

Fox, the daughter of Lynn and Randy Fox of Sylvan Township, was killed Sunday evening in a three-car crash on US-12 near Clinton. She is the fifth Chelsea High School senior in less than two years to be killed in a car crash.

A vigil service was held last night at St. Mary Catholic Church. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. today, with burial to follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea.

The crash occurred at about 6:25 p.m. Sunday as the

17-year-old and her father were returning from Clinton after buying a Chevy Celebrity for the teen-ager.

Trooper Dan Thomas of the Michigan State Police Adrian Post said Randy Fox was following his daughter westbound on US-12 near Clinton when an eastbound pick-up truck crossed the centerline and struck Katie Fox's car head-on. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Her father, who received minor injuries when his car struck the pick-up truck, was treated and released from Herrick Memorial Hospital in Tecumseh.

Thomas said several beer cans were found in the truck. Investigators are waiting on toxicology reports to determine if alcohol was a factor.

The driver of the pick-up, John Claxon of Grosse Ile, was flown by LifeFlight helicopter ambulance to St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, where he later died from his injuries.

His two grandchildren, ages 7 and 4, were taken to Herrick hospital, and later transferred by ambulance to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. They were released Monday.

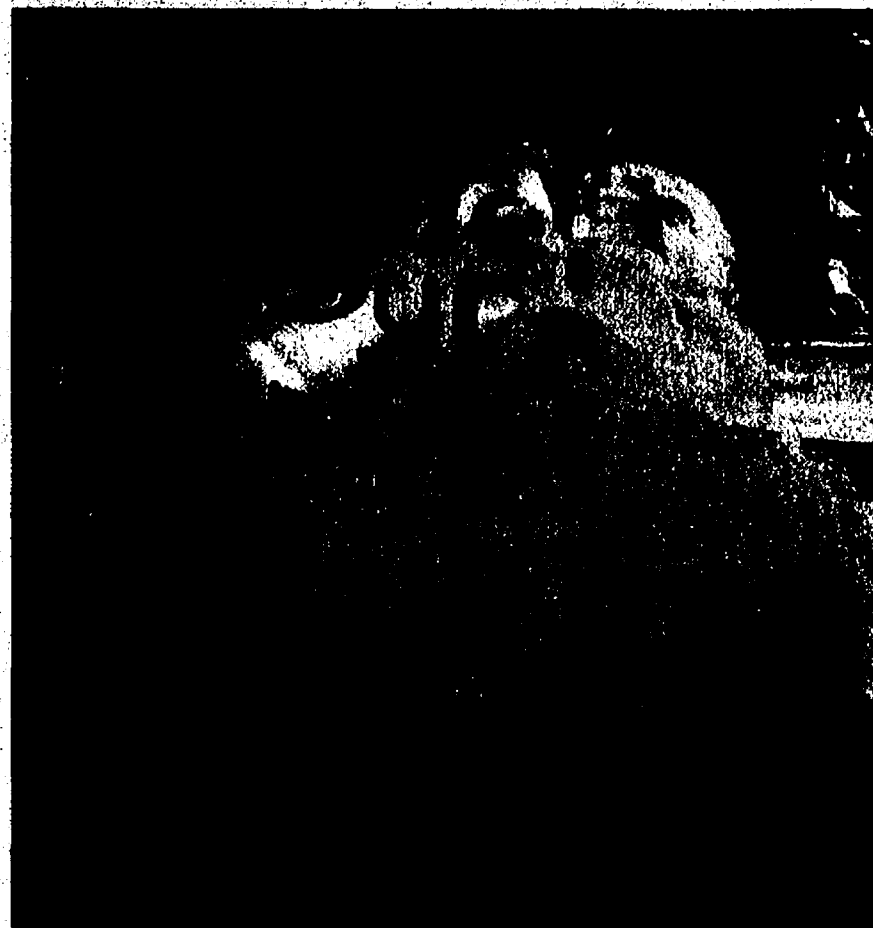
Fox, a high school senior and a member of the National Honor Society, was a member of the cross-country team for two years, played soccer and enjoyed riding horses. She also played the violin in the Symphony Orchestra and Chelsea House Orchestra.

Music teacher Jed Fritzemeter, director of the Chelsea House Orchestra, spoke Tuesday of the girl whose "electric smile" could light up a room.

Fritzemeter said Fox was an "incredibly quiet" pupil in middle school whose musical progress in high school was "dramatic, like watching a flower bud open overnight."

"She took more chances

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Friends of Chelsea High School senior Katie Fox, who was killed in a car crash Sunday, decorated the rock in Pierce Park as a tribute to her.

NEWS BRIEFS

Super Kicker Rodeo cancelled

The Super Kicker Rodeo to be held at the Chelsea Fairgrounds Saturday has been canceled.

The event was sponsored by Gigi's Flowers, Comfort Inn and Heritage Newspapers' Western Region, which includes The Saline Reporter, The Milan News-Leader, The Chelsea Standard, The Dexter Leader and The Manchester Enterprise.

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Family Network to meet Wednesday

The Chelsea Community Family Network will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday in the media center at Chelsea High School, 740 Freer Road.

Chelsea schools social worker Margaret Spaly will present a program addressing the results from a recent drug survey at the high school.

The family network is a communitywide volunteer organization working to create an environment that encourages young people to avoid alcohol, tobacco, drugs and risky behaviors.

Students earn recognition

Chelsea High School students Stephanie Hanna, Erika Malinoski and Andrew Neuenschwander have been named as semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program.

Scouts car wash set for Saturday

Chelsea Boy Scout Troop 425 will host a car wash from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday at Chelsea State Bank on the corner of Main Street and Old US-12. Proceeds will benefit Faith in Action.

Everyday Heroes



Photo by Alison Marable

Pupils at South Meadows Elementary School were asked to bring in photographs or magazine clippings of people whom they considered to be heroes to make into a quilt commemorating everyday heroes. Members of the Chelsea Area Fire Department and Huron Valley Ambulance visited classrooms Sept. 11 as the youngsters worked on the project. The quilt will be on display at the school's Open House Sept. 26. Pictured above, in back, are Jane Strath-Rose (left), Shelby Collins, Abby Ingall, Anna Herter and Flora Hay; in front, Chelsea firefighter Clifford Blackford, Colleen McDewitt and Dillon Hackworth.

Millage vote set Monday

Recreation, sinking-fund millage on ballot.

By Sheila Pursglove

Associate Editor
Voters in the Chelsea School District will head to the polls Monday to decide two millage proposals.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. in Chelsea.

Since 1995, school districts cannot ask for millage increases to fund education programs. They can, however, ask for a sinking fund, recreation millage and building bonds.

The first millage request, which seeks an additional mill for the sinking fund for 10 years, will allow the school district to provide maintenance and capital improvements to facilities, Community Education Director Jeff Rohrer said Tuesday.

A sinking-fund millage can only be used for building improvements, repairs and land purchase, and can include roofs, heating plants, flooring and parking lot maintenance.

One mill will generate approximately \$570,000 a year for the school district.

On a home with an assessed value of \$200,000 and a state equalized value of \$100,000, it would cost a property owner \$100 a year. Taxable values may be less and, depending on income, the amount can be reduced by Homestead property tax rebates.

"The sinking-fund millage will allow us to continue our facilities at a standard we can be proud of while keeping dollars in the classroom," Rohrer said.

It's anticipated that \$14 million will be needed over the next 10 years to maintain Chelsea's facilities, Rohrer

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Chelsea pupils do well on MEAP tests

Science scores high across the district.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Overall, pupils in the Chelsea School District fared well in the winter 2002 Michigan Education Assessment Program tests, although some elementary school pupils struggled with the new math test.

At Beach Middle School, 70.4 percent of eighth-graders met or exceeded state standards in the new math tests, compared with 53.8 percent of pupils statewide.

In the new science tests, 78.1 percent of eighth-graders reached the level, compared with 66.6 percent statewide. In social studies, 42 per-

cent of Beach pupils met or exceeded state standards, compared with 32 percent statewide.

Beach Middle School Principal Andrew Ingall said that since the math and science tests are new, it's difficult to make comparisons with previous years in an "apples to apples way."

"However, it appears that our science scores are much improved," he said.

While 63 percent of Beach seventh-graders met or exceeded standards in reading, against 50.9 percent statewide, the writing scores painted a bleaker picture. Only 52.5 percent of Chelsea's seventh-graders met or exceeded standards, falling below the statewide results of 66.2 percent.

Ingall said the writing test is an essay on an assigned topic.

"The directions provide students several ways to approach the topic," he said. "Then, over two days, about 90 minutes a day, students are given the opportunity to write a draft, revise, edit and write a final draft for reading."

Ingall said that with the exception of writing, the scores for Beach all seem to be moving in the right direction.

"We feel positive about that," he said. "Having said that, the scores are not at a place where I feel they could be based on the talent within our teaching staff and the student population we work with."

"The staff and I are committed to

continue to work for improvement. The language arts and English staff have already begun to review last year's writing scores to ensure we get back to our previous successes in writing."

South Meadows Elementary School Principal Lisa Nickel said she was pleased with this year's results.

"Our area of focus for the last three years has been science, and the hard work has paid off," she said. "We have made great gains every year and this year our total percent of students who met the state standards was 80.8 percent."

"We also did really well in the area of writing, with 71 percent, the high-

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such as auditioning for the House Orchestra," he said.

"The smile was easier and easier to come by, and the music making stronger and more confident."

Katie Fox

In Fox's junior year, Fritzemeier said she performed a solo and received a No. 1 rating at festival.

"What an achievement for this shy little girl," Fritzemeier said. "I don't know who was prouder, Katie or me."

Fritzemeier, who said that the loss of Fox will leave "a tremendous scar" on him and on the orchestra program, said that the teen-ager taught him empathy, patience and perseverance.

"Her warmth and optimism was felt by everyone around her; a very easy person to be around," he said.

Chelsea High School Principal Ron Mead said Tuesday that Fox was "a wonderful young lady."

"She was very quiet and close to her circle of friends," Mead said. "She was a very solid student in a typical college-preparatory curriculum."

Chelsea resident Shawn Personke's daughter had been friends with Fox since the two were at Chelsea Children's Co-op Preschool together.

"With two Katies in the class, she became Katie F. and my Katie was Katie P.," Personke said Tuesday.

"We'll miss her quiet laugh, smiling eyes and solid friendship. She was a good person and good friend."

Chelsea District Library Director Metta Lansdale said Tuesday that Fox had been active at the library long

before her mother joined the library board.

"Katie was a true child of the library," Lansdale said. "She was a presence at library programs as a child and when she was older was a regular helper at summer reading programs, helping the younger kids sign up for their reading programs and pony rides."

Lansdale said that when the District Library Board was formed, Lynn Fox — along with library trustees Nancy Paul, Bill Personke and Dan Kaminsky — was one of the "seventh grade club" of trustees with children of the same age.

"This hurts us very deeply in the library," Lansdale said. "Trustees have been soccer moms and dads with Lynn and Randy Fox. Library staff members have children in school and Chelsea House Orchestra with Katie. Our hearts are grieving with the Fox family and with the high school family."

A member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Fox had also attended a weekly youth group at Chelsea Free Methodist Church for two years. She was on her way to the group Sunday night.

The Rev. Jason Boyer, youth pastor at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, said that when he heard the news from the state police, the Bible group was in session.

"I called parents of the young people here and they came over and we grieved together," Boyer said. "It was pretty rough."

Chelsea High School Assistant Principal Shawn Lewis-Lakin said Tuesday that responding to the death of a young person is an incredibly difficult and sad task.

It's a task high school staff has had to deal with too much in the past couple of years. In November 2000, Jennifer Young, Tia Schiller and Amanda Martin died in a single car rollover on North Territorial Road when seven

high school seniors were returning from a football game in a minivan.

Last May, high school senior Amanda Taylor was one of three young people killed when a car in which she was a passenger hit a tree along Waterloo Road in Jackson

County. Chelsea High School graduates Aaron Schmell and Kevin Bollinger also died in the crash.

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STRAIGHT FACTS

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Community commemorates 9/11 anniversary

■ **Local firefighter makes quilt to honor day.**

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

A crowd of approximately 200 people gathered at Chelsea High School the evening of Sept. 11 for the "Service of Remembrance of Hope."

The event, one of thousands held throughout the nation, commemorated the anniversary of the previous year's terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C.

A paper flag created by pupils at South Meadows Elementary School covered the front of the stage, while a quilt made by local firefighter Lynn Higelmire graced the front of the podium.

The service opened with a slide presentation of Ground Zero to the music of Alan Jackson's song "Where Were You."

The Rev. Jeff Crowder of the Chelsea Church of the Nazarene gave the invocation, asking participants to "remember our commitment to each other and, as a family, to remember."

Chelsea Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood and the Rev. Larry Lyons, associate pastor at Chelsea Free Methodist Church and president of the Chelsea Ministerial Association, the event's organizer,

welcomed the crowd.

After the hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," the Rev. Mike Konow of Zion Lutheran Church, lay pastor Doris Case of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and Kathy Batell, chaplain at Chelsea Community Hospital, read from the Bible.

The Rev. Mearl Bradley, pastor at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, said people have been changed forever after witnessing the aftermath of the terrorist attacks.

Bradley's wife, Joyce, read what she described as a story of hope about a woman who was the last person rescued from the trade center rubble.

Chelsea House Orchestra violinists Max Parkanzky and Adrian Davis played two Celtic songs. Parkanzky's uncle, a New York City firefighter, died in the attacks.

"A community of believers can mend broken hearts," said Faith In Action Director Dick Shaneyfelt, a deacon at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea. "We need to love our neighbor and forgive our enemies."

Chelsea firefighter Matt Tuttle shared his experiences of visiting a fire station in New York City after the attacks.

"The second floor of a firehall gave us a view of Ground Zero," Tuttle said. "We must



Chelsea firefighter Lynn Higelmire created a quilt to commemorate the heroes of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The quilt depicts the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon, the U.S. flag and a firefighter. It was displayed on the podium at the Sept. 11 anniversary Service of Remembrance and Hope at Chelsea High School.

Photos by Rita Fischer

have stood there looking for over an hour.

"We lost 343 firemen that day. But because of the firemen, police, military and ambulance workers, over 25,000 lived."

At the end of the service, Tuttle carried the U.S. flag as participants joined in singing "America the Beautiful."

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Adrian Davis (left) and Max Parkanzky, members of the Chelsea House Orchestra, played two Celtic songs at the Sept. 11 Service of Remembrance and Hope held at Chelsea High School. The service was to commemorate the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Parkanzky's uncle, New York City firefighter Lt. Vince Halloran, died that day in the collapse of the World Trade Center towers in New York City.

Lima Township names delegates to new board

■ **Officials address billboard, road issues.**

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Lima Township Supervisor Ken Unterbrink will represent the township on the Sylvan Water and Sewer Authority Board and former Lima Township Zoning Officer Chuck Schauer will serve as the alternate.

These were among several issues the Lima Township Board resolved at a meeting Sept. 10.

After learning that the township had adopted its first amendment to the water and sewer authority's articles of incorporation, Unterbrink said it will not be long before the utility board begins meeting on a regular basis.

The first amendment allows a participating municipality to withdraw from the authority after a 180-day notice. Prior to the change, a municipality was only allowed to withdraw with approval from the majority of the five-member board.

Since three of the five representatives would be from Sylvan Township, Unterbrink believed Lima and Lyndon townships were at an unfair advantage.

Sylvan Township agreed to the amendment Sept. 3.

Schauer, who resides in Chelsea Village and Lima Township, will have to resign his role if the village be-

comes a city.

Billboard to remain

The Township Board has allowed a Gross Road resident to keep a billboard on his property by legally circumventing the ordinance.

The township ordinance states that a billboard can only be located on commercial or industrial property if the billboard is the land's principal use.

All rural-residential properties in the township that have billboards, such as those along Interstate 75, are exempt from the ordinance. Such was the case with the land in question when it was part of a larger lot. However, once the land was split and sold, the grandfather clause was nullified.

In addition, a house is to be built on the property, so the billboard will no longer be the land's principal use.

The landowner, unaware of the ordinance, signed a five-year contract with Viacom, which paid him to house the billboard on the property.

The landowner agreed to remove the billboard after the contract expires April 30, 2007.

No action on 'clean elections'

A request by township residents Lynn Sprague and Cathy Muha to have the board endorse "clean money/clean elections" legislation returned to the board's September agenda

despite a tepid reaction at last month's meeting.

Treasurer Nanette Havens and Trustee Greg McKenzie asked the board to revisit the issue because they did not have time last month to view the video that the township activists issued with their appeal.

The proposed legislation intends to give candidates who don't have campaign financing connections access to public funds.

In the end, the board decided that it's not its business to endorse legislation and cited a lack of knowledge about the grassroots movement by the Michigan Township Association.

"It looks like a way for more taxpayer money to be funneled toward campaigning," Unterbrink said.

Bareis, who oversees the township's election process, said she found the title of the proposed legislation offensive. She said Lima Township runs "clean elections."

The board took no action on the request.

Roads to see improvements

The board agreed to pay the Washtenaw County Road Commission \$24,000 for two applications of brine on its dirt roads and 4 inches of limestone to be placed on all unpaved portions of Trinkle Road, between Parker and Fletcher roads.

Rezoning to allow for 35 new homes

The Township Board approved the rezoning of land in the northeast corner of the township from agricultural to rural residential. It will be the future site of Island Hills Estates, a 35-unit single-family housing development.

The developer agreed to grant the Road Commission an easement for a proposed northwesterly extension of

Parker Road to Island Lake Road.

Athletic boosters to hold 10K run

The board gave the go-ahead for Trinkle Road to be used as part of a joint Chelsea-Dexter 10K run Oct. 19. The event will begin at Dexter High School and end at Chelsea High School, and will benefit the each school district's athletic booster clubs.

Board meets with Attorney over trailers

The Township Board went into a 50-minute closed session with its attorneys to discuss a trailer park proposed on the northwest corner of Jackson and Parker roads. No further details were provided.

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CROP Walk slated for Oct. 6

The Chelsea-Dexter area CROP Walk, which will raise money for hunger relief both locally and in more than 80 countries worldwide, is slated for Oct. 6.

Registration will take place at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 14600 Old US-12, in Chelsea.

This is the 15th year of participation for Chelsea and Dexter-area residents, who may take part in one-mile or 10-kilometer walk routes.

All community members are encouraged to walk or sponsor a walker. Pledge forms are available from local church congregations and service groups or by calling Larry Wiedmayer at 475-9190.

A percentage of funds go to support the local work of Faith In Action, with the remainder providing relief worldwide.

"I view my participation in CROP Walk as one way that I can help alleviate the conditions of poverty and oppression that frequently facilitate

the development of extremist ideologist," said Jan Roberts, long-time coordinator of the event.

"When you empower people to build better lives, you

give them hope," she said.

For information on the CROP Walk, call Heidi Doyle at 475-7348. To volunteer as a helper on the day of the walk, call Roberts at 475-3615.

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As we are approaching October, which is Diversity Awareness Month, it's a good idea to begin thinking about how hiring, promotion, and disciplinary issues are handled in our schools, government offices, and places of business. If you have concerns regarding discriminatory practices, the attorneys at the LAW OFFICES OF KITCHEN & STRINGER, J.D., invite you to call 426-4695 to schedule private consultation, free of charge. We also handle cases involving personal injury, real estate, and family law. You'll find our offices located in Dexter, at 3249 Broad St.

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Photo by Rita Fischer
Frank Doman (left) and his children, Maddie and Ellie, stop for a snack at the Chelsea Community Fair, held Aug. 20 through 24. Jack Davidson was manning the Chelsea Kiwanis Club's new custom-equipped trailer, purchased through a donation from the estate of Elwin Barth.

Snack stop

Kiwanis trailer helps raise funds

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Hungry fairgoers took advantage of Chelsea Kiwanis Club's new trailer, where they found an assortment of tasty foods and beverages.

The Kiwanis club took delivery of a custom-equipped trailer last fall. They bought it with a donation from the estate of the late Elwin Barth, a lifelong Chelsea resident who died in 1988.

"The club is committed to following Mr. Barth's spirit of

community betterment and all food sale proceeds benefit local programs," said Chelsea Kiwanis Club President Gary Maveal.

The trailer has an icemaker and indoor coolers to ensure ice-cold drinks to customers. It also has a large-capacity popcorn popper, which enables Scouts to serve the larger crowds in their seats at arena events, Maveal said.

"Most importantly, the club hopes that the larger coun-

ters make for shorter lines for patrons," he said.

The new trailer took its maiden voyage at the Chelsea High School home playoff game last October, supporting the Chelsea Athletic Boosters concessions.

While the Chelsea Community Fair is the club's biggest fund-raising event, Maveal said the group is exploring other opportunities for the trailer's use.

Fire chief answers critics

■ Council questions number of firefighters responding to a scene.

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

Chelsea Area Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood faced some tough questions last week from the Village Council when trustees asked why so many firefighters show up at a call when only a few are needed.

Trustee Charles Ritter brought up the issue at the council's Sept. 10 meeting after raising concerns about the Chelsea Area Fire Authority's improvement plan. Ritter said he has seen numerous firefighters standing around at a call with nothing to do.

Trustee Cheri Albertson also raised concerns about what she perceives to be a lack of rules in controlling the number of firefighters who respond to a scene.

Ellenwood said a dispatch-

er sends out an "at-call" signal to all firefighters when there is a structural fire. He said firefighters with air packs can only last five to 10 minutes without being relieved.

Temperatures at a structural fire can reach up to 250 degrees, he said. Typically, a dozen or more firefighters are needed to fight a house fire because there needs to be reserve personnel, an extra fire truck and additional fire-fighting equipment on hand in case of a problem.

Ellenwood said he has seen as few as a half-dozen and as many as two dozen firefighters respond to a call. Since most are paid on-call firefighters, the fire department never knows how many will show up, he said.

Ellenwood said that while it's cheaper to run a part-time operation with paid on-call firefighters, it's difficult to regulate how many people respond to a call.

Council Trustee Howard Holmes asked Ellenwood if he ever considered sending firefighters home who are not needed at the scene. Ellenwood, however, said he wouldn't feel comfortable deciding who would go and who would stay.

"People take time out of their lives to serve the community," he said. "If you send people home after they have taken time out of their lives to provide community service, it could discourage people from participating."

The chief also said extra work has to be done after firefighters clear a scene. He said equipment needs to be serviced and cleaned after a fire and that requires the labor of his paid on-call force.

In other news related to the fire department, the Village Council voted to allow the fire department to sell a 1967 ladder truck for \$2,500.

Man found guilty in Lyndon Township murder

■ Pregnant victim was a former student in Chelsea schools.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Richard Louis Temple of Howell was found guilty Sept. 9 of the first-degree murder of a 22-year-old expectant mother in Lyndon Township.

Temple, who faces a mandatory life prison sentence, will be sentenced Oct. 7 by Washtenaw County Circuit Court Judge Melinda E. Morris in Ann Arbor.

Temple, 27, strangled his ex-girlfriend, Anna Marie Sell, with a hand towel Nov. 5, 2000, at her home on Beeman Road. The home was owned by Sell's parents, Charles and Wilma Sell.

Sell, 22, a former student at Chelsea Alternative High School, was 25 weeks pregnant at the time of her death.

Defense attorney James Kincaid argued that since Temple had a history of depression and other mental disorders, he couldn't form intent to commit the crime.

Dr. Arthur Marroquin, a psychologist at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in York Township, performed the criminal responsibility evaluation for Temple and testified that the defendant was mentally competent to stand trial.

Washtenaw County Assistant Prosecutor Blaine Longworth said last week that Temple's actions that day showed he intended to commit the crime.

"Not only did he have the capacity, he did form intent: he intended to drive to her house, he intended to make a phone call and he intended to kill her," Longworth said.

The prosecutor said Temple drove to Sell's house Nov. 5, 2000, and used a tele-

phone to page a friend, 28-year-old Deanna Devoy, who testified at the trial.

Devoy reached the house about an hour later, to find Sell blue in the face and not breathing. Devoy testified that during a confrontational encounter with Temple, he re-applied the hand-towel to Sell's neck.

Longworth said Devoy was able to escape and call 911 from a payphone at a nearby store.

Sell was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital, where she and her unborn child were pronounced dead at 2:20 p.m.

Temple was arrested at the scene and taken to Washtenaw County Jail.

Longworth said Sell's parents were pleased with the trial's outcome and penalty.

"They don't want Temple to be able to get out and do this to another family," he said.

Lyndon Township OKs water, sewer amendment

■ Document now official in each municipality.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Lyndon Township Board amended the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority's articles of incorporation Sept. 10, officially making it each participating municipality's document of record.

Last month, the Lima Township Board adopted the articles with the condition that Lyndon and Sylvan townships agree to a change in how an entity can withdraw from the authority.

The original document stated that a participating municipality could only withdraw by approval of the majority of the five-member water and sewer authority board.

Since the board will consist of three representatives from Sylvan Township, officials in Lima Township thought the move could impede any withdrawal from the less-represented townships.

The Lima Township board proposed that withdrawal could take place with a 180-day notice. Officials in Sylvan agreed to the amendment Sept. 3, so a signature from the Lyndon Township

Board sealed the agreement. Despite an agreement on language, the future of municipal sewage for Lyndon and Sylvan townships' lakes is pending.

Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryann Noah announced that a contract allowing the Sugarloaf Lake Campground and the Cassidy Lake Correctional Facility to join the sewer district has still not come forth from the state.

It's unlikely that servicing the lake sewer districts could move forward without the state's involvement.

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said. The current sinking-fund millage will cover only half the cost, he said. Since 1995, school buildings have increased in size from about 300,000 square feet to approximately 600,000 square feet.

The recreation millage — with the acronym S.C.C.O.R.E. standing for Senior Citizens and Chelsea Organize Recreation and Enrichment — will fund five areas.

"The recreation millage will allow us to utilize dedicated funds to continue and enhance recreation programming, activity fields, the pool and the auditoriums for the next 10 years," Rohrer said.

The school board would allocate 25 percent of the recreation millage to sup-

porting the Chelsea Senior Center and its director.

The center, currently housed in the Faith In Action building on the grounds of Chelsea Community Hospital, receives no tax support for operations.

Thirty percent would be allocated to the swimming pool and two auditoriums to provide needed upgrades and enhancements. Rohrer said the millage will pay for the community-use portion of the facilities.

Recreation and school activity fields would get 27.5 percent to expand middle school programming, increase programs for children and adults, improve quality of instruction and coach training, and increase and improve non-sport programs for students and adults, Rohrer said.

If approved, the millage would support the communi-

ty-use portion to maintain 21 school sports sites used for recreation, including ball fields, sports fields, playgrounds, gymnasiums, and basketball and tennis courts.

The remaining 17.5 percent would be allocated to programs for future needs. A grant program would be available to school and community groups to fund special activities and projects.

Rohrer said the demand on facilities and requests for new and improved recreational programs continues to grow. Education costs, along with federal and state requirements, also continue to increase, he said.

More information about the millage requests can be found at www.chelsea.k12.mi.us.

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Firefighter pleads guilty to sex crime

■ *Chelsea man could face 10 years in prison.*

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

A Chelsea resident who has worked as a paid on-call firefighter for the Chelsea Area Fire Authority was convicted Monday of sexual assault and could face the maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

James Keen, 36, was charged with sexually assaulting his ex-wife in 1997. A bond was not set at the pre-trial Monday. He was released on his own recognizance.

Prosecuting Attorney Roland Sizemore said that Keen accepted a plea-bargain and was able to reduce the original charge of first-degree criminal sexual conduct by pleading guilty to criminal sexual assault with intent to commit penetration.

Keen's attorney, Michael Vincent, said Tuesday that he is satisfied with the outcome.

"This was a very unusual and unfortunate case. Mr. Keen is a very well-liked man in the community and we

have gotten a lot of letters of support for him," Vincent said.

The victim, Keen's ex-wife, reported the five-year-old crime Feb. 7. She said she came forward after receiving counseling.

The victim told Chelsea Police Officer Rick Cornell that Keen entered her home Oct. 12, 1997, while she was in the shower. The attack took place a month after the couple's divorce was finalized.

Keen's ex-wife told police that she ordered him to leave, but he refused and then forced her onto the bed and sexually assaulted her. The victim said that she repeatedly told him to stop.

Keen denied raping her. He told Cornell that they had sex and he thought they were still married.

The victim told police that she did not agree to have sex.

According to the police report, Keen acknowledged that he "seriously misjudged the moment" and said that he left after his ex-wife got upset.

Sandi Bird, business manager for the Chelsea Area Fire Authority, refused to comment Tuesday about

Keen's current employment status with the fire department.

Information related to Keen's past involvement with the fire department and the agency's bylaws was obtained earlier this summer under the Freedom of Information Act.

According to the FOIA response, Keen went on one call, a vehicle crash, between April 19 and June 20. Bird refused to say whether Keen has responded to other calls since the newspaper's last inquiry.

Bird provided a portion of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority Employee Handbook in May while responding to the FOIA request. The book outlines rules and guidelines of conduct for full-time, part-time and paid on-call firefighters, but there does not appear to be any rule against a convicted sex offender working as a paid on-call firefighter.

Some rules, however, prohibit consumption of alcohol or controlled substances on the fire department's premises, and tampering with firefighting gear or equipment.

The bylaws also state that a

firefighter could lose driving privileges if convicted of felonious use of an automobile or if he or she has a suspended driver's license.

Jim Adams, chairman of the Dexter Area Fire Board, said Tuesday that if a Dexter firefighter was convicted of sexual assault, he or she would be disciplined under the fire department's rules.

"The bottom line is that if there is a process and guidelines for a code of conduct, then it should be followed," he said.

"A fire department needs to establish a procedure of discipline, and if a firefighter is convicted of a crime, then they would be terminated," he said.

Adams said a Dexter firefighter can be reprimanded, suspended or terminated for immoral or indecent conduct that would be offensive to the average citizen, and malicious activity that would disrupt fire department morale or bring discredit to the fire department. He said a firefighter convicted of a sex crime would fall under those provisions.



Photo by Allison Marable

Honoring Heroes

Olivia Rowland (left) and Meredith Kurpinski, a pre-student teacher at South Meadows Elementary School, display a quilt square they made as part of the school's Sept. 11 project honoring everyday heroes.

Food allergies topic of school meeting

■ *Even a tiny trace of some foods can cause strong reactions.*

By Shella Pursglove
Associate Editor

For most kids, it's just a peanut butter sandwich. For others, it's a death sentence.

The Chelsea School District held a public information meeting Sept. 12 with a presentation by nurses Ann Russell and Kari Miller on life-threatening food allergies. Approximately 20 people attended.

Eight percent of children in the United States have a food allergy. Severe allergic reactions to food are responsible for more than 30,000 visits to emergency rooms each year.

The worst culprits are milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, wheat, soy, peanuts and other nuts. Just a trace of these foods can cause a life-threatening reaction in some people.

Symptoms include loss of consciousness, wheezing and hoarseness, shortness of breath, difficulty swallowing, swelling of the face, eyelids, lips, hands or feet, hives, and itching in and around the mouth, face, scalp, hands and feet.

Schoolchildren can help food-allergic schoolmates by not sharing their food with

them; washing hands after eating; helping their friends avoid foods they are allergic to; and getting help immediately if an allergic friend becomes ill.

Iva Corbett, assistant superintendent of Chelsea schools, said the school district provides a "life threatening health condition" form to all parents to alert school officials to any student with special health needs.

A team of school personnel — from administrators and teachers to food service, transportation, lunchroom, recess and office personnel — will meet with parents and discuss the specific health needs of the student.

Areas discussed include doctor's orders; review of symptoms; review of needs in class, at lunch, recess, on the bus and field trips; snack procedures; notification to other parents and substitute teachers; a review of Epi Pen medication administration; and location and the use of allergy-free zones.

"The doctor's orders are the key to the support plan," Corbett said. "No two plans will be identical."

"Working as a team, parents, school officials and medical personnel can work to provide a safe learning environment for our students."

Residents sway Waterloo planners

■ *Zoning to remain five acres per house.*

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

A large number of Waterloo Township residents showed up at a Sept. 9 public hearing to voice their opposition to a proposed master plan change that would have allowed housing to be built on two acres instead of the current five.

Another amendment proposed would have allowed land northeast of Portage Lake owned by Commissioner Robert Burgess' wife, Ruth, and her sister, Margaret Woodhouse, to be developed in three-acre parcels.

Those in attendance saw the move as self-serving, but Burgess vehemently denied it. He abstained from the vote because it would have been a conflict of interest.

The Planning Commission

defeated the amendment 4-2, with Chairman John Sweet and commissioners Steve Leiter, Kerene Morrissey and Wesley Schultz against it. Commissioners Robert Hannewald and Steve Opp gave their support.

Marian Sprague, a township resident who attended the meeting, said Friday that at one time she believed there were only two members on the commission who were against the proposed changes.

Sprague said she credits the activities of Waterloo Citizens in Action, a local political action committee, for the change in the commission's thinking.

"We're not really tree-huggers," she said, "but people come to live out here to enjoy open space and they shouldn't have that taken away from them."

Sprague also cited development's effect on water and sewage, as well as the

inevitability of having their utilities provided by the municipality.

But whether Sprague and the other activists have won the war or simply a battle remains to be seen.

Hannewald, who also serves on the board, does not believe the turnout was an accurate reflection of the township's desires.

Hannewald said on Monday that he was elected by the second highest number of votes for an elected politician in the township's history and was in tune with his constituency.

"It's always those with a gripe that show up at the meetings," he said.

Hannewald said that he is in favor of preserving open spaces, but preserving a person's private property rights is also important. He said that the township should not be in the business of diminishing the value of farm property.

Hannewald said the proposed two-acre change would have only affected one-third of privately owned land in the township, with one-third requiring three acres to build upon and one-third still requiring five acres.

Hannewald said five acres does not make for affordable housing or for a lot that most people can easily maintain.

"The definition of rural character is different for everyone," he said.

Hannewald said he was dismayed at the personal attacks hurled during the public hearing.

"Some commissioners apparently can't handle being attacked," he said, "but I'm not going to be influenced by scare tactics in order to further a particular group's cause."

"This may have to go to a referendum."

Michael Rybka is a freelance writer. He can be reached at 475-8597.

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est in the district for this area."

Nickel said her staff has begun analyzing data for the last four years, and spent two professional development mornings working on goals and plans to bring about higher student achievement.

Nickel said informational reading is one goal area, and that staff will also focus on problem solving and measurement for math.

This was a weaker area for her pupils; only 50 percent of South Meadows fourth-graders met or exceeded Michigan standards, whereas 81.3 percent of North Creek pupils and 80 percent of Pierce Lake pupils met or exceeded state standards.

Pupils at North Creek and Pierce Lake elementary schools also performed well in science. A total of 81.6 percent of North Creek's pupils and 82.2 percent of Pierce Lake's pupils met or exceeded state standards in the new science tests, compared to 73.2 percent statewide.

A total of 61.6 percent of Pierce Lake pupils and 66.7 percent at North Creek met or exceeded writing standards, compared to 55.7 percent statewide.

In reading, 58.6 percent of South Meadows, 79.5 percent of North Creek and 61.7 percent of Pierce Lake pupils met or exceeded standards as compared to 56.8 percent statewide.

In social studies, 27.1 percent of South Meadows, 41.7 percent of Pierce Lake and 32.4 percent of North Creek pupils met or exceeded standards, as compared to 22.4 percent statewide.

"The Pierce Lake social studies scores are up from 2001, from 21.8 to 41.7," Pierce Lake Principal Lucy Stieber said. "Our writing scores are down, although still above state average."

That's one of our new NCA goal areas for the next five-year cycle.

"We're working to provide a variety of writing presentations in all grades and developing a consistent editing format across grade levels."

Stieber said her staff plans to devote part of the October in-service day to understanding the MEAP tests. They will share copies of sample tests and work together to design effective teaching

tools for students.

North Creek Principal Sharon Whitmore, who once gave the Chelsea school board a mock social studies test several years ago, said that social studies continue to be a challenge.

Whitmore said that her school's three goals will be

to improve informational reading strategies, improve constructed responses in math and the integration of science and writing.

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Shared driveway causes problems for neighbors

■ **Lyndon Township Board insists on barrier.**

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

An issue concerning a shared driveway is preventing two Lyndon Township residents from improving their property and may result in legal action.

Werkner Road residents Thomas Capper and John Hood told the Lyndon Township Board Sept. 10 that its dictum to erect a barrier separating the 24-foot shared driveway is unreasonable and they have little faith that the driveway could be deemed a private road.

Capper said it appears that legal recourse is the only way the issue can be resolved.

Lyndon Township has an ordinance that permits only one driveway per residence. Another township ordinance, dating from 1999, forbids the creation of private roads.

Because Capper and Hood do not have their driveway separated by a barrier, deed restrictions have been placed on their properties. Liens prevent them from getting building permits for home and property improvements.

The issue began in 1997 when John Eisenbeiser owned vacant land next to Hood. Township records show that when Eisenbeiser wanted to sell the land, he was told by then-Zoning Officer George Coash that a barrier delineating the property line would have to be put up to make it a buildable lot.

Hood said the barrier consisted of planks strung with wire, which he described as both ugly and dangerous.

During the construction of Capper's house, the barrier was taken down to allow access for construction vehicles. The barrier was not replaced after occupancy.

Both Capper and Hood said at the meeting that they were unaware of the agreement between Eisenbeiser and Coash.

Clerk Janis Knieper said she personally did not understand why two people could not share a driveway.

Knieper said she gave careful thought to the matter and concluded that Capper's and Hood's only options were to erect a new barrier that would probably make a widening of the driveway necessary or apply for a private road application.

Knieper said that if they cited pre-existing conditions, a grandfather clause would enable them to skirt the ordinance prohibiting new private roads.

She also said that the township has no proof that the property line runs down the center of the driveway because, at the time, the county handled all land splits.

Capper told the board that he is not against some type of separation of the driveways, but he does oppose the township's arbitrary definition of what constitutes a barrier.

Noah said the precedent of what was erected in 1997, a 5-foot-high fence, would serve as the standard, but Hood said he doesn't understand why Eisenbeiser's standards should be used when the fence likely would not have withstood the first snowfall.

Capper said a fence would not be acceptable. He suggested a curb, but Township Treasurer Ellen McMurray said she didn't think it would be a good idea.

Capper said the township does not require a fence to separate two neighbors' lawns and he does not understand why it has to be different for driveways.

Addressing Knieper's second option, Capper said that a letter by the township attorney gave him little hope

that he and Hood would be successful in their application. In addition, attorney Peter Flintoft said that each would have to go through the application process separately and could not share its costs, he said.

As a builder, Capper said he knew it would cost \$30,000 for the driveway to meet private road standards. He said the amount of dirt needed for grading, elevation, retention walls and improved main roadway access would invariably impact any adjacent wetland.

Given the cost of upgrading the driveway, Capper said it would be cheaper to go to court. He also said he has already received a legal opinion that the township has no right to issue the liens. He said he is confident that a judge would rule against the ordinance.

Hood said he knows of a shared driveway that is narrower than theirs and he

questioned why they were being singled out.

"We don't drive around looking for infractions," Township Supervisor Maryann Noah said, "although we certainly could find them if we did."

Noah said infractions are usually brought to the township's attention when a zoning permit has been requested, as is the case with Capper and Hood.

Noah urged the two men to get approval for a private road. She said that some problems, such as grading and width, could be granted variances.

"We look at circumstances," Noah said. "We try to make the best out of a bad situation. You have to make a decision what you want to do. If you go the private road route, I promise we'll work with you."

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Downtown merchants upset about construction

■ **Workers have until April to wrap up project.**

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

Temperatures are heating up over the time it has taken to replace water mains in downtown Chelsea.

A handful of merchants attended the Chelsea Village Council meeting Sept. 10, complaining about the length of the project, dust problems and loss of business resulting from having Main Street in disrepair all summer.

To add to their woes, Chelsea Village Manager Jack Myers said he does not know when the project will be completed. He said the construction company, TCI, has until April.

In addition, Myers said the

Michigan Department of Transportation will begin work on Main Street in April 2003 to replace the storm drains. He said plans call for tearing up South Hospital Drive between Van Buren Street and Old US-12, as well as Middle and East streets, and north of town under the railroad tracks to the Letts Creek outlet.

On the positive side, he said work would take just a month.

Myers said the construction company is currently preparing to pave Lincoln, Madison and Dewey streets, and is wrapping up work on Main and Park streets as part of the water main project.

Trustee Janice Ortring asked if completing work on Main Street has been made a priority. She said there are

large holes and piles of stone on many streets, including the main drag. Myers said he has asked that the holes on Main Street be filled to grade.

Later in the meeting, Chelsea's Downtown Development Authority joined in the conversation, which turned into a heated discussion regarding the plight of downtown business owners.

Mark Heydlauff of Heydlauff Appliance and Electronics, Sheridan Springer of Springer Insurance Agency and Rob Winans of Winans Jewelry were among those with questions for the Village Council. Each was outspoken about the condition of Main Street and sur-

rounding streets caused by the construction project.

The three businessmen insisted that the contractor immediately fill holes in front of stores, fix broken sidewalks, open up the side streets and restore parking as soon as possible.

They said people have been avoiding the downtown because of the dust and construction, and elderly residents are having a difficult time negotiating the unfinished sidewalks.

Moreover, they said some merchants are having serious financial problems because shoppers are avoiding downtown.

The three men asked the

council to call a meeting with the business owners, the consulting firm Tetra Tech and TCI to ensure immediate action is taken to

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

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Scio Township

Larceny
A \$200 grill was reported missing Sept. 8 from a home in the 8400 block of Sandfield Court. The owners of the property last saw it Sept. 6 outside their house. They could not remember loaning the grill to anyone.

Found Property
A bicycle was found Sept. 6 near a home in the 5800 block of Quebec Drive.

A nearby homeowner propped the bike against a mailbox, hoping that someone would recognize and claim it.

Property Damage
A vulgar word was etched into a woman's car between 6 p.m. Sept. 9 and 3 a.m. Sept. 10. The car was in the parking lot at Banfield's Westside Grill & Tavern, 5510 Jackson Road. The woman works at the restaurant.

The employee went to her car after her shift and noticed the damage to the passenger-side door. There was also a small dent on the hood.

A car stereo was stolen and its dashboard was damaged Sept. 7 in the parking lot at Terumo Cardiovascular Systems, 6200 Jackson Road.

The owner of the vehicle works at Terumo. He noticed the damage to the car when he left for work. The stereo and speakers were pulled out of the dashboard.

Breaking and Entering
Someone broke into a van between Sept. 8 and Sept. 9 and stole CDs. The car was near a home on Hemlock Street in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road.

Two to three CDs were taken from the van. They are worth \$40.

Harassing Telephone Calls
A woman reported to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department that she has been receiving harassing telephone calls for the past two months.

The woman, who lives in Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road, told deputies that she gets as many as six calls a day. The calls register on her cell phone as "unknown" and no one speaks on the other end.

The woman has called her telephone service provider, which has logged several of the calls.

Dexter Village

Attempted Rape
A teen was assaulted to police Sept. 11 that two men assaulted him and tried to rob him near Forest Lawn Cemetery.

The 16-year-old Dexter

School student just left a nearby convenience store and asked his friends for a ride to the cemetery to meet some friends from Ypsilanti.

According to the police report, the boy was hoping to buy Ecstasy. When the boy reached the cemetery, two men wearing bandanas approached him and demanded money. One of the men hit the teen-ager in the face. The men reportedly drove off before anything was bought or exchanged.

Dexter Township

Drunk Driving

A 31-year-old Pinckney was arrested Sept. 6 for drunk driving. Deputies noticed the man back his vehicle back into his lane after swerving it into the oncoming lane. Deputies stopped the man and he continued to swerve his car off onto the shoulder of the road.

Deputies questioned the man and they could smell alcohol on his breath. The man was given a Breathalyzer test. His blood-alcohol level was .20 percent. A blood-alcohol level of .10 or higher is considered legally drunk under Michigan law.

The man was taken to the Washtenaw County Jail. **Animal Cruelty**
Deputies are investigating a possible case of animal cruelty involving a 14-year-old poodle. The poodle was euthanized on Sept. 5 after showing signs of possibly being poisoned.

The dog owner noticed the dog vomiting and it seemed very lethargic near his home in the 7000 block of Webb's Landing. The dog refused to drink water in the last couple of days.

The owner took the dog to a nearby veterinarian and was told that the dog was suffering from kidney failure. The veterinarian told the woman that the dog showed signs of having been poisoned.

The woman cannot prove anyone poisoned her dog, so she told deputies that a neighbor might have given it to her.

Deputies talked to the neighbor and he denied any wrongdoing.

Disorderly Conduct

Deputies were called Sept. 11 to the 9200 block of Pine Street to break up a fight.

A group of men were in the area digging a well near a home. A resident was upset by the men parking

their trucks near his driveway and blocking it.

One of the men working on the wall reportedly started arguing with the resident. Another worker noticed the resident pull out a knife.

When a deputy arrived, the resident had left the area.

Larceny
Someone stole three laptop computers between Aug. 19 and Sept. 12 from STM Power 275 Mett Drive.

The first computer was taken around Aug. 19. The company thought there was a mix up with a delivery, but realized it probably was stolen when a second one turned up missing Aug. 23. The two computers were taken out of unlocked offices.

The third computer was taken from an office near the company's docking station between Sept. 11 and Sept. 12. The computers are valued at more than \$8,100.

Webster Township

Breaking and Entering

Someone broke into a home between Sept. 5 and Sept. 6 in the 7100 block of Hickory Creek Lane.

The house is under construction in a subdivision north of North Territorial Road between Zeeb and Scully roads.

The new homeowners noticed the door into the garage had been broken. They also saw the double electric garage door was unlocked, even though it had been locked the night before.

The homeowners also noticed three window screens were damaged. The doorframe to the garage had pry marks and was damaged.

More than \$1,000 worth of items was reported missing from the house, including a stereo, a compact disc player, a VCR and a miter box.

Lima Township

Property Damage

A township resident told Michigan State Police troopers Aug. 30 that someone knocked over a statue out-

side her home in the 10000 block of Scio Church Road.

The 6-foot-tall statue, valued at \$800, was knocked off its pedestal and its arm was broken off.

Abandoned Vehicle

State Police troopers investigated an abandoned vehicle on Sager Road near Kilmer Road Sept. 9. Troopers found keys to the 1996 Ford Thunderbird locked inside the vehicle.

A dispatcher could not reach the vehicle's owner, so a tow service unlocked the car and towed it away.

When contacted later by police, the driver said he swerved to avoid a deer and accidentally drove into the ditch.

Larceny

A larceny was reported between 4:30 p.m. Aug. 29 and 8:30 a.m. Sept. 3 on Steinbach Road. The homeowner told a State Police trooper that someone broke into the garage and a barn.

Police believe thieves brought a large truck or trailer and loaded several items totaling nearly \$10,000. Missing items include a leaf blower, chain saw, generator, lawn mower, line trimmer, outboard motor and other home-construction tools.

A cellular telephone was also stolen from a 1993 Saturn station wagon parked in the driveway. The doors were not locked. The victim called the cellular phone and said a woman answered. She said she found the telephone on the corner of Dancer and Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Family Trouble

Family trouble was reported Sept. 5 by a passerby. A woman told State Police troopers that she and her husband were arguing over how they would raise their child.

The woman's husband said he grabbed her because she was leaving with the child and was upset. He said he put her arm behind her back and took her to the ground.

The woman told police that they struggled and fell to the ground. She said he may have hit her head, but she wasn't injured. She said she didn't think her husband tried to harm her.

Both told police that they were embarrassed over the incident.

Sylvan Township

Domestic Assault

Domestic assault was reported at 11:45 p.m. Aug. 31. A woman told State Police that she and her live-in boyfriend were driving westbound on Old US-12 when they got into an argument about going to Stiver's Bar.

The woman said her boyfriend wanted to go to the bar, but she refused to take him because he has been banned from the restaurant for violent behavior.

She said the suspect was drunk and became angry, punching her in the face with a closed fist. She said

he got out of the car and walked to his mother's home in Chelsea. The next day, she said he apologized.

The woman, who suffered injuries to her knee and upper lip, said her boyfriend is a war veteran and suffers from post-traumatic stress syndrome, but is taking medication for it.

Domestic Assault

Domestic assault was reported between two best friends Sept. 5. They had been living together temporarily for the last month when the assault took place.

The man staying at the home temporarily with his girlfriend and their child told State Police that he was arguing with the other man. He said he pushed the homeowner because he was yelling at him. He said the man then punched him and placed him in a headlock.

The visitor said the suspect, who has a criminal history involving domestic vio-

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WHO IS YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL?

Dear Friends and Neighbors,
Again and again I come across the mistaken idea that, when a person dies, he or she becomes a guardian angel and watches over the survivors (especially the children and grandchildren of the family).

The truth, to begin with, is that angels are angels and people are people, and they always will be. People do not turn into angels, even if they believe in Jesus, die, and go to heaven.

Secondly, people who die without faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior do not go to heaven at all, let alone become angels.

Thirdly, there is no indication in the Bible that deceased Christians can look down from heaven and get a view of people on earth. We should be thankful for that: If people in heaven could see us in our better moments, they would also be able to see us in our sufferings, or while we're

sinning and doing shameful things, or even while we're bathing, etc. You get the idea. It's bad enough, at times, knowing that God and His angels are watching me do certain things; I certainly don't want my deceased Grandma or Grandpa watching. Then, too, would they be totally happy in heaven seeing everything I do and go through?

God watches over us, and He does send real angels to protect us. He and the angels obviously see the disgusting things we do and the humiliating things that happen to us, as well as the good things. But they view all of these things through the filter of Jesus Christ and His righteousness and forgiveness.

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Fall Clean-Up a success

■ Lack of funding may end next year's event.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Turnout for Fall Clean-Up Day Saturday caught its organizers off guard as they labored without a break under the 80-degree temperatures for more than three hours.

While directing a half-mile of traffic coming from both directions on Pierce Road, Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryann Noah said she had never seen such a high turnout.

The cleanup was held at Jim Kalmbach's scrap recycling center on Pierce Road for residents of Lyndon and Dexter townships.

"Other years, we would be sitting back having a cup of coffee at this time," Noah said at about 11:30 a.m.

Kalmbach said the nice weather brought out a considerable number of residents.

The local resident operat-

ed a forklift on Saturday and was responsible for later hauling the tires, metals and Freon to various recycling locations across Michigan and Ohio.

What cannot be salvaged, Kalmbach hauls to a transfer station. He said a least 500 tires came in and an unprecedented number of appliances.

Lyndon Township Trustee Kathryn Francis, a volunteer at the event, said the turnout made her proud that a needed service could be provided for residents.

Francis speculated that the reason for the large turnout was the scheduling of the annual event a month earlier than in the past.

"Other years, we tried to schedule it around football games," Francis said. "Last year, if I remember correctly, it was a cold, damp October day."

Francis said the success of the event is bittersweet. She said funding from the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority will be reallo-



Photo by Michael Rybka
Lyndon Township Supervisor Maryann Noah stands outside the entrance to Jim Kalmbach's scrap yard, where Lyndon and Dexter townships hosted a joint Clean-Up Day Saturday.

cated next year from the townships to the city of Ann Arbor. As a result, the future of next year's fall clean up is

uncertain. Michael Rybka is a freelance writer. He can be reached at 475-8597.

POLICE

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lence and drugs, brandished a gun. Both men were reportedly drunk. The other man also has a criminal past involving assault.

Child Custody Dispute

Troopers were called to a home in the township Sept. 10 to deal with a child custody dispute. A woman told police that her ex-husband took their 2-year-old child and refused to return the boy.

The mother presented documents showing she had full physical and partial legal custody. However, the trooper noticed that the paperwork had expired and dropped the investigation.

Property Damage

Malicious destruction of property was reported in the 18000 block of Winters Road, near Kalmbach Road, Aug. 31. A resident told State Police that a mailbox was struck several times with a baseball bat between 9 p.m. Aug. 29 and 7 a.m. Aug. 30.

Malicious destruction of property was reported on Bush Road, near McClure Road, Aug. 31. A 1994 Chevrolet Blazer parked on the side of the road sustained \$500 in damage.

The vehicle's owner told State Police troopers that it broke down Aug. 30. When troopers investigated, they found the driver's side windows smashed, but none of

the valuables inside was stolen.

Larceny

Larceny was reported at a boat launch off McClure Road Sept. 2. Two people who were fishing in Mill Lake said they saw a blue Grand Am pull up to the boat launch between 6:30 and 7 p.m. with six to eight young adults who were drinking.

They told the State Police that they heard glass shatter. When they returned to shore, they noticed that their 2001 Chevy pickup's window was smashed and a purse containing \$300 was stolen.

Lyndon Township

Property Damage

Malicious destruction of property was reported in the 7300 block of Bush Road

Aug. 31. A resident told police that someone drove on the lawn at about 1 a.m. and caused \$200 in damage.

Suspicious Situation

A suspicious situation was reported at 8:30 a.m. on Sugarloaf Drive. A resident told State Police that his teen-age son saw a masked man in front of their residence.

The homeowner said he canvassed the neighborhood, but could not locate the suspect. He wanted the incident recorded in case of a future problem.

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

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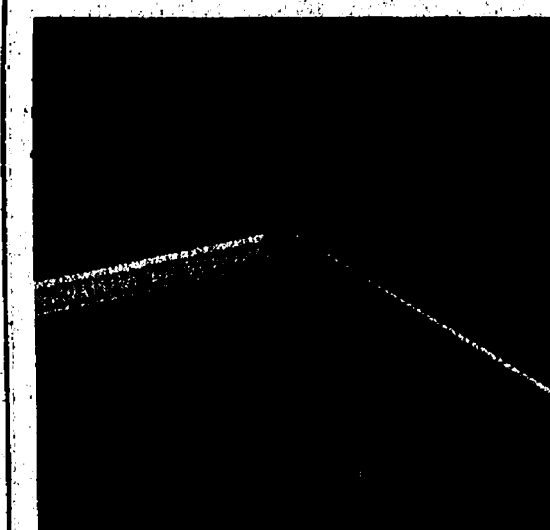
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By David Bobby, Licensed Builder & Owner of Atlas Gutter Helmet



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Street Talk

By Rita Fischer

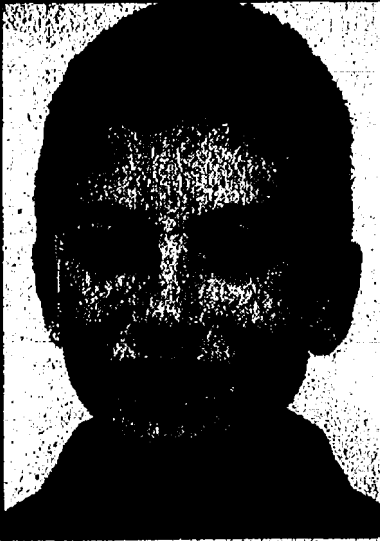
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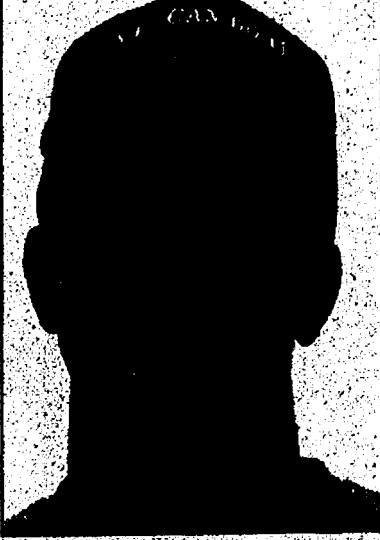
"No homework." Nick Huehl Chelsea



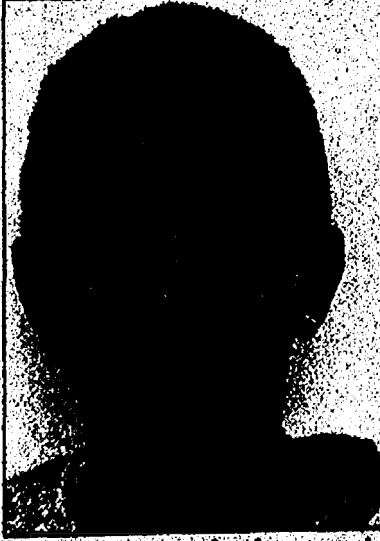
"The promise of a new year, the kids and meeting new friends." Jennie Breuninger Scio Township



"I'm excited about math." Ethan Breuninger Scio Township



"Lunch." Austin Rodgers Lima Township



"Lunch and then science." Joe Haroney Lima Township

We were a better nation, briefly

SCOTT McELRATH

GUEST COLUMN

Sept. 11, 2001, was an indescribably horrific day in the life of this country.

It was a gut-wrenching, very frightening day as people quickly lined up for gas as if preparing for the next holocaust while some gas stations greedily gouged the huddled masses.

There was an aura of near panic, even here in the isolated Midwest — a fear of what was going to happen next. Self-preservation instincts kicked in rampantly and the "me syndrome" was never stronger.

While there were many stories of selfless heroism told in the streets of New York and Washington,

D.C., and in the skies over Pennsylvania, most of us non-heroes scurried to save ourselves. We drove home like mad men and locked our doors to untold evil lurking outside.

Sept. 12, 2001, was a much better day. The sickness of so many people having been needlessly killed was still fresh on our minds. But the panic began to ease, we had survived the night; the skies were clear.

Our initial panic caused by witnessing the murders transformed into a curiosity of peripheral stories, as well as mounting anger toward the accused.

However, the news media could not get enough of the plane crashes. The posturing of media to offer the "best coverage" of this horrific day seems much more akin to celebrating the murder than offering remembrance.

While transfixed with the bombardment of coverage, people generally got back into the rhythm

of their lives.

But it was a different mindset. President George Bush Sr.'s wish

came true: We were a kinder, gentler America.

People not only prayed that survivors would be found, but they also prayed for each other. And they prayed for this country.

Flags

fervor of patriotism grew stronger and stronger. People opened doors for each other and said, "Excuse me."

Celebrities gave of their time while us non-celebs gave blood. A sense of unity developed which had not been felt so sincere in a very long time. We had all shared in something tragic at a simultaneous moment in time, so bonding was

inevitable.

But it was more than just bonding. It was a sincere effort of reaching out

to others to help them in some simple way. We were selfless for a brief moment in time on Sept. 12, 13 and 14.

However, since last fall, we have reverted in many ways to our same old excessive consumerism, nightly kidnapping stories and foaming road rage in our mile-long SUVs while guzzling world resources and brashly defying everyone outside our borders.

Basically, we are back to being loudmouth louts, which has earned us hate status from many regions in the greater planet Earth.

We should, of course, let the people who truly suf-

fered from that day last September memorialize in their own way this month.

But perhaps the rest of us should divert our focus to memories of Sept. 12 and the period shortly after of last year.

Perhaps we should remember our mindset and reflect on our compassion during that kinder, gentler time.

In this way, maybe we can again consider the basic human instinct of reaching out to one another for comfort and aid.

Maybe we can focus on community participation, and volunteering rather than self-preservation.

Maybe we can reflect on how and why we were briefly a better country. Hopefully, a constructive outcome will result from the memory.

Scott McElrath is a local resident. He can be reached at 475-3669. Readers may contribute guest columns by contacting Editor Michelle Rogers at 475-1371.

We were selfless for a brief moment in time on Sept. 12, 13 and 14.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bicyclists should obey stop signs

Bicyclists claim to have the same rights as automobile drivers, but with those rights come the same responsibilities, like stopping for stop signs, which many bicyclists ignore.

A case in point: On Aug. 24, we followed about a dozen bicyclists into Chelsea. At the first stop sign (McKinley Street), every one went right through the stop sign with little hesitation.

At the next stop sign (East Middle Street), they all did the same thing. Ditto for the next stop sign (East Street).

They finally had to stop at Main Street because the light was red and traffic was moving in front of them.

It was almost like stop signs were invisible to them.

Come on folks, with rights come responsibilities. Obey the stop signs like every one else.

Wally Fusilier
Lima Township

Figure 8 was highlight of fair

I am writing to let everyone who had anything to do with the activities in the arena at the Chelsea Community Fair know how much I enjoyed the Figure 8 race.

I'm a big race fan and the Figure 8 was very exciting. I've become bored with the derby and usually go only one night. The Figure 8 costs the fair much less than the motor-cross or rodeo and is even better.

I'd like to see one night of derby and two nights of Figure 8 next year.

I think after seeing it this year, more drivers will want to join the fun!

Nancy Hughes
Lyndon Township

Destruction at cemetery disturbing

Is anything sacred anymore? In particular, relationships or conduct at gravesites.

Relationships used to be long term, meaningful and not easily replaced.

Gravesites should be sacred, a place of peace, harmony and thoughts of what the loved one would want us to act like.

Gravesites should not have to be policed or guarded by family and friends for fear of damage to possessions or possessions being stolen.

People should not use the gravesite to clear their conscience or to continue life confrontations.

It's sad to see when drama occurs that people who before didn't care suddenly appear for personal attention. How low can someone be?

What right does anyone have to remove or break possessions, let alone leave hate mail to a family. As if losing a loved one is not hard enough, but then to anguish over destruction of what should be a sacred place.

Is anything sacred anymore?

Sherree McConville
Sylvan Township

Article's emphasis was disappointing

It was disappointing to read the front-page article in the Sept. 5 edition of The Chelsea Standard regarding the survey conducted for the Chelsea District Library. The writer put an inordinate amount of emphasis on the negative findings in the survey while burying the good news at the end.

When I left the Aug. 27 meeting at which the findings were presented the impression I took with me was community support of a district library expansion at the McKune site. That those surveyed thought the project could be downsized reflected their concern for the cost of the larger expansion, not the validity of looking ahead 10 to 20 years.

It was noted that library users are happy at the Washington Street location, but staying there is not an option, a fact conveniently left out of the article.

The library's board of directors and other volunteer groups have devoted countless hours to securing all the necessary documentation to allow them the right to build downtown. The Downtown Development Authority expressed its support by building a new parking lot to help relieve parking pressure. In conclusion, the article

was misleading in its emphasis. There is a lot of support, both financial and personal, for expanding the McKune site to accommodate a much larger, though not as large as originally proposed, library.

It will be a wonderful asset to the downtown. It will present library users with opportunities already available at libraries across the state.

Ann Feeney
Chelsea Village

Cemetery board should meet

The letter to the editor published Aug. 29 by a member of the Oak Grove Cemetery Board was not completely accurate.

Those of us who find the new cemetery gate a great inconvenience were told by a member of the cemetery board that the meeting of the board would be held Aug. 15. We were told that at the meeting we could express our objections and make suggestions for other means of coping with the problem of people using the cemetery drive as a through street.

Actually, the meeting was scheduled Aug. 8 and, even though the cemetery board member had my name and telephone number, I was not called and advised of the earlier meeting date.

It's true that the official notice of the board meeting was published in The Chelsea Standard, but it was in the paper the same day as the meeting and we (and others) do not receive our newspaper until late in the day.

When we called the board member regarding the mix up on date, we were told that a special meeting would be scheduled to discuss the gate problem and suggestions for alternate solutions.

In a later telephone conversation with the president of the board, we were told that no special meeting would be held and that we would have to wait until the next semi-annual meeting of the cemetery board 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13. The board meets on the second floor of the municipal building on East Middle Street. To date, almost 400 local

residents have signed petitions expressing their objection to the gate. It seems unreasonable that the cemetery board will not schedule a special meeting — with adequate notice and time for everyone to meet — to discuss means of controlling the problem of traffic through the cemetery and arrive at a more convenient solution to the problem.

We understand that serv-

ice on the cemetery board is a thankless task. But we feel that since the members of the cemetery board have accepted the position of responsibility for operation of the community cemetery, they should listen to people who have loved ones buried in the cemetery and arrive at a solution that is acceptable to the majority.

Patricia Wood
Sylvan Township

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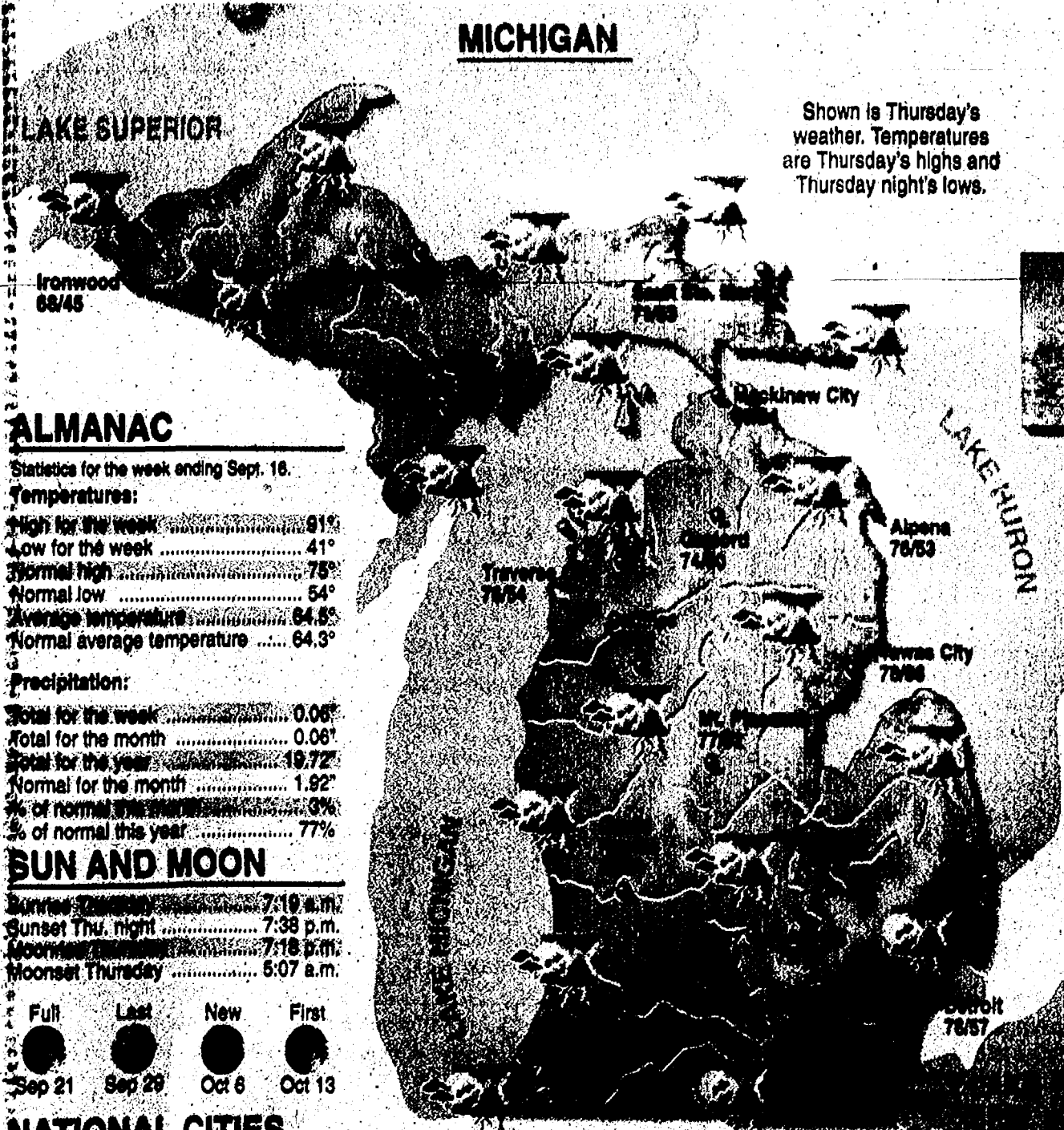
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

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THURSDAY	THU NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 78°-82° A couple of thunderstorms; windy.	LOW: 50°-54° Mostly cloudy.	HIGH: 72°-76° Clouds and sun; perhaps a shower. LOW: 50°-54°	HIGH: 71°-75° Perhaps a shower late in the day. LOW: 49°-53°	HIGH: 88°-72° Intervals of clouds and sunshine. LOW: 42°-46°	HIGH: 72°-76° Partly sunny. LOW: 48°-50°



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Statistics for the week ending Sept. 18.

Temperatures:
 High for the week: 91°
 Low for the week: 41°
 Total for the year: 19.72°
 Normal high: 75°
 Normal low: 54°
 Average temperature: 64.3°
 Normal average temperature: 64.3°

Precipitation:
 Total for the week: 0.06"
 Total for the month: 0.06"
 Total for the year: 19.72"
 Normal for the month: 1.92"
 % of normal this month: 3%
 % of normal this year: 77%

SUN AND MOON

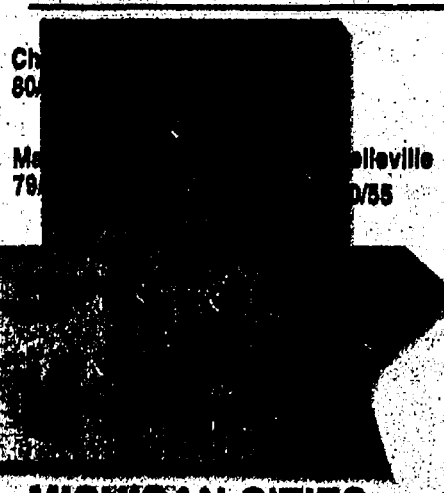
Sunrise Thursday: 7:19 a.m.
 Sunset Thu. night: 7:38 p.m.
 Moonrise Thursday: 7:18 p.m.
 Moonset Thursday: 5:07 a.m.

Full: Sep 21
 Last: Sep 29
 New: Oct 6
 First: Oct 13

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
Albany	78/59/pc	73/54/pc	Burlington, IA	73/54/1	75/53/pc	Des Moines	57/51/c	72/52/pc	Knoxville	78/59/pc	73/54/pc
Anchorage	57/41/pc	54/41/s	Burlington, VT	75/59/pc	72/53/pc	El Paso	84/54/s	88/58/s	Las Vegas	90/54/s	92/59/s
Atlantic City	77/68/pc	78/68/pc	Casper	72/43/pc	68/38/pc	Fargo	63/48/pc	61/38/sh	Lincoln	68/50/pc	77/51/s
Baltimore	82/68/pc	80/68/pc	Charleston, SC	88/72/1	87/71/c	Fort Wayne	78/58/1	79/54/pc	Los Angeles	84/54/s	84/54/s
Birmingham	82/67/1	80/67/1	Charlotte	82/64/1	84/68/1	Green Bay	76/48/1	72/49/pc	Madison	74/49/1	72/50/pc
Boston	82/67/1	80/67/1	Chicago	78/55/1	74/54/pc	Honolulu	88/73/1	88/74/pc	Miami	88/77/1	89/78/1
Butte	63/45/1	59/39/pc	Cleveland	85/60/pc	72/58/c	Indianapolis	81/58/1	77/58/pc	Minneapolis	68/49/c	68/48/pc
Cincinnati	82/69/1	80/69/1	Columbus, OH	85/59/pc	78/58/1	Kansas City	68/50/c	78/55/s	Nashville	88/62/1	85/62/pc
Columbus	72/59/s	80/42/s	Davenport	73/51/1	75/51/pc				New York	78/68/pc	78/68/pc
Dallas	83/75/pc	91/78/pc									

LOCAL WEATHER



MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Battle Creek	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Bay City	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Coldwater	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Dearborn	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Detroit	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Grand Rapids	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Holland	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Jackson	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Kalamazoo	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Lansing	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Livonia	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Midland	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Monroe	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Muskegon	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Pontiac	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Port Huron	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Saginaw	78/54/pc	74/52/pc
Southfield	78/54/pc	74/52/pc

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SOLUNAR TABLE

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 Sept 20-22: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Sept 21-23: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Sept 22-24: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

UV INDEX

The ultraviolet index is a guide to exposure to the sun. The higher the UV index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

COMMUNITY

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Book club offers escape



LISA CAROLIN

MARCHING TO A DIFFERENT BEAT

A year ago, my friend Laura and I decided to start a book club. We each enticed a few friends, and our book club was born.

The club is comprised of active mothers, some are wives and others work outside the home. What they all enjoy is the opportunity to get out of the house one night a month.

We actually take turns meeting at each other's houses. Our members include Barb, Becky, Beth, Donna, Laura, Maryann and myself. When we read the book "King of the Moon" by Gene Kira, which took place in Baja, Calif. and Mexico, Barb happened to be the hostess. She served marvelous margaritas along with salsa and avocado dips, and tortilla chips.

Then there was the gathering at Donna's house after we had read "Divine Madness" by the Ya Ya author. Donna provided each of us with complimentary tiaras, plastic flowers and Mardi Gras beads for starters.

She had the video of the movie "Gone with the Wind" appropriately playing on her VCR, and the soundtrack from the "Ya Ya's" movie playing on her stereo. The beverage selection was plentiful and her rum cake was out of this world.

Maryann built a fire pit in her back yard when she hosted the meeting after we read the mystical book "Mama Day" by Gloria Naylor. The book featured a hurricane, so we acclimated by drinking the liquid libation version while sitting around the fire on a star-filled night. Inspired by the book, we even took a candle walk in the dark.

The peach pie, also inspired by the book, was a sweet reward. We capped off the night telling ghost stories by the fire.

We've also dined on book-inspired sauerkraut and quenched our thirsts with book-inspired Brandy Alexanders. And yes, we do talk about the books, but that's usually after we talk about our lives, our goals, our hardships, our children and our significant others.

We've read everything from mysteries like "Smilla's Sense of Snow" by Peter Hoeg, to books of self-discovery like Fannie Flagg's "Welcome to the World Baby Girl" and David Payne's "Gravesend Light." My two favorites are "The Hours" by Michael Cunningham's brilliantly written sequel to Virginia Woolf's "Mrs. Dalloway" and Jonathan Franzen's "The Corrections."

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Queen of hearts

Local seniors find love over game of euchre

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

For one recently married local couple, love was always in the cards.

Lorraine Litke, 76, visited the Dexter and Chelsea senior centers "just to get out of the house, play cards and eat with others."

Joe Putsay, 77, had been attending the Dexter Senior Center for about a year, ever since one of his daughters told him "to do something or she was going to drag me somewhere and do it for me."

Both septuagenarians enjoyed playing euchre and often met for a game of cards.

"We just sat and talked. We were just good friends," Litke says. "We both just wanted a companion to play cards with."

"Love took a while."

The turning point was a trip to Indiana with the Chelsea Senior Center when Litke purchased a garden swing.

"Joe had a truck and he took me back to Indiana to pick up my swing," Litke says. "We were talking so much that we had to turn around to get back on I-49 as we kept chattering away."

"I would say that's when we first really enjoyed each other's company the most."

Litke found she and her new friend had several things in common, including playing cards, taking trips, playing at casinos, and "just plain having fun and making one another laugh."

"I spend his money, and if I win, I give him half," she says. "We like the same things. He's a nice guy and I'm very lucky."

Putsay, part owner of a tool-and-die shop in Grass Lake, almost lost his fingers to a machine. He took up latch hooking rugs as therapy and has made 115 of them in 34 years. He gave Litke a couple of his creations as gifts when they first met.

A widower, Putsay says losing his first wife was difficult. "But here I am finding love again and it feels so good," he says.

The pair tied the knot Aug. 23 at Zion Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor. Two days later, they celebrated with a dinner for more than 200 people at the Dexter American Legion.

They plan to take a honeymoon trip to the Mall of America in Branson, Mo.

"We wanted to run away and get married, but our daughters would have nothing of it," Putsay says. "They wanted us to be happy, but also wanted to celebrate with us. They wanted us to have a wedding."

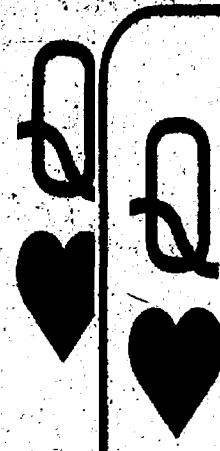
The couple each has three daughters. Putsay's daughters are Judy Risner, Sandra Denkhous and Donna Ramsey. Litke's three children are Leslie Birchmeier, Gerrie VanDoren and Becky Chamberlin.

Litke says love is "a different ballgame" the second time around.

"Everything is 50/50 and it's nice to agree on everything," she says. "Love is a heart-fluttery feeling. We're both very sentimental people."

"It brings us both to tears to be so in love again."

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Joe Putsay (left) and Lorraine Litke met and fell in love while playing euchre at the Chelsea and Dexter senior centers. The couple tied the knot Aug. 23.

Photo by Rita Fischer

Creating change

Local woman helped change the face of nursing



Arlene Boyce Howe of Chelsea was a registered nurse for 41 years. She is credited with implementing Central, Service and Unit Management programs in hospitals across the United States and South America.

By Andrea Blythe
Staff Writer

Arlene Boyce Howe of Chelsea was a nurse extraordinaire. Through her individual endeavors, the role of nursing evolved into what it is today.

Born in 1919, Howe was raised on a farm in Stockbridge with six siblings. Her experience with nursing and hospitals came at a young age.

When her sister was 6 years old, she had appendicitis and had to be operated on at the house. Her mother also had appendicitis and had surgery at the University of Michigan Hospital.

"I remember we talked to her through the window because children weren't allowed in the hospital at that time," Howe said.

A little while later, her mother became diabetic, and Howe accompanied her to the hospital many times before she died. Howe was just 10 years old at the time of her mother's death.

"My mom and I would have such long conversations on those trips to the hospital," she said. "I now know that she was preparing me for her death. She was teaching me how to handle different situations in life."

A month after her mother died, her father came down with acute pneumonia and was very ill for about five months. He was hospitalized during that time, but eventually came home. A visiting nurse took care of him at home for a while.

Howe said that she always felt nurses could make people feel better. While growing up, she never doubted that she would

become a nurse.

"I always knew I would go to the U of M Nursing School," she said.

Howe graduated from Stockbridge High School in 1936 amid the Great Depression. Her once prosperous family then had no money. She said she was the only child in her family who did not have senior pictures taken or purchase a class ring.

Her Uncle Lawrence tried to help the family. His new wife, Marie, was able to get Howe a job making dashboards for automobiles. She worked from 3 to 11 p.m. and took basic classes at U of M during the day.

Her pay was a measly 35 cents an hour, but she saved her money so that she could enroll in the nursing school. In the fall of 1937, her goal was met and she began her nursing career.

Howe lived in the dormitories, where she could only entertain boys in the main lobby. There were ways around the rules, however. Some girls would climb up or down the pole closest to the dorm to get around the strict housing rules.

She said nurses were very popular on campus. She would know, having run in the same crowds as such football greats as Tom Harmon.

Howe eventually got tired of the crazy rules in the nursing school. She said it felt like a boot camp. The nurses were not allowed to wear nail polish and they had to wear a heavy denim dress and apron with a slip underneath.

Since there were routine inspections of their appearance, Howe sewed a strip of

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



McCrumb, Straub exchange wedding vows

Amanda Dee McCrumb of Grand Ledge, daughter of Dennis and Debra McCrumb of Grand Ledge, and Peter William Straub of Ann Arbor, son of Marty and Darlene Straub of Ann Arbor, were married Oct. 20, 2001, at Emmanuel First Lutheran Church in Lansing.

The Rev. Mark Porinsky of Faith Lutheran Church in Dexter officiated.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Christina McCrumb of Grand Ledge.

The bridesmaids were the bride's sister, Samantha McCrumb of Grand Ledge, and the bride's friends, Julie Dionise, Sherry Sbraccia and Sara Withers, all of Grand Ledge.

The bridegroom's brother, Stephen Straub of Charlottesville, Va., was best man. The attendants were Eric Didocha of Troy, Matt Perry of Ann Arbor, Sean Byram of Gaylord and Jeff Lane of Chesterfield Township.

The ushers were Kevin Holmes and Garth Hammer, both of Chelsea.

The bridegroom's brothers,

David and Jonathan Straub of Chelsea, distributed programs.

The flower girl was Madison Arnouts of Lansing, the bride's cousin. The ring bearer, who carried a pillow that the bridegroom carried when he was a ring bearer, was the bridegroom's brother, James Straub of Chelsea.

The father of the bride and the mother of the bridegroom sang a duet in celebration of their children's lives.

A reception was held at the Lansing Center in Lansing. The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico. They reside in Ann Arbor.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Grand Ledge High School and a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University School of Nursing. She is employed at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township.

The bridegroom is a 1996 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2000 graduate of Alma College. He is a landscaper.



ENGAGED: Lisa Crowe, daughter of Hugh and Beth Phillips of Lima, Ohio, and William McCullough of Lima, Ohio, son of Richard and Janice McCullough of Dexter, have set an Oct. 12 wedding date. The future bride, a 1991 graduate of Allen East High School in Lima, is employed with the Allen County Juvenile Court in Lima. She is also a volunteer emergency medical technician with the Bath Township Fire Department. The future bridegroom is a 1997 graduate of Dexter High School, a 1999 graduate of Northwestern University in Lima, Ohio, and a 2001 graduate of Lima Technical College. He is employed as a paramedic with MedCorp Inc. and Promedica Mobile I.C.U. He is also a fire and E.M.S. instructor at Rhodes State College, and is a firefighter and paramedic for Bath Township Fire Department.



ENGAGED: Kelly Jackson of Chicago, daughter of Phil and Shirley Jackson of Pinckney, and Erik Brown of Chicago, son of Ed and Barbara Brown of Chelsea, have set a Nov. 9 wedding date. The future bride, a 1993 graduate of Dexter High School and 1997 graduate of Michigan State University, is employed as a business analyst for Kraft Foods. The future bridegroom, a 1993 graduate of Chelsea High School and 1997 graduate of Michigan State University, is president of CGI Capital, a division of CGI Inc.

BIRTHS

A son, Alex Benjamin, was born Aug. 19 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor to Lisa and Wally Steinaway of Jackson. Maternal grandparents are Steve and Judy Shepherd of Grass Lake and Dale and Wendy Purdy of Pinckney. Paternal grandparents are Waldo and Beth Steinaway of Ann Arbor, and Cheryl Steinaway of Ypsilanti. Alex has two sisters, Kara and Halle.

A son, Jacob Reuben, was born Aug. 24 at Holland Community Hospital to Matthew and Amy Jachalke of Holland. Maternal grandparents are Reuben and Deborah Feldkamp of Chelsea. Paternal grandparents are David and Marilyn Jachalke of Chelsea. Reuben has a brother, Johnathan, 2.

Winners named in derby

The demolition derby is an annual favorite at the Chelsea Community Fair and this year was no different.

The Cavalcade of Thrills Demolition Derby featured three heats of powder puff and feature Aug. 20, three heats of compact car and feature Aug. 21 and the Figure Eight Demolition Derby, a new event, Aug. 22. The winners are as follows:

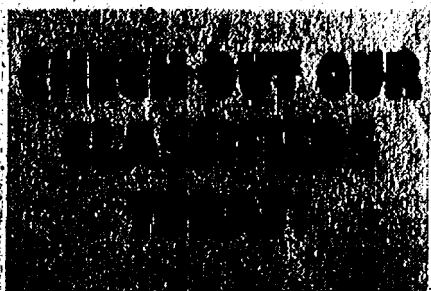
Winners from the Aug. 20 competition are Phil Potocki, feature first place; Garth Baiz, feature second place; David Beeman, feature third place; Rob Long, Best Paint; Mark Polzin, first-place heat; Steve Brill, second-place heat; Rob Davison, second-place heat; Scott Schouwenaar, third-place heat; David Beeman, third-place heat; Jessica Hafley, powder puff, and Dana Branham, powder puff.

Winners from the Aug. 21 competition are Jason Fletcher, feature first place; Jessica Hafley, feature second place; Grant Bollinger, feature third place; Jack Rathburn, Best Paint; Jessica Hafley, first-place heat; Jason Fletcher, first-place heat; Jim Branham, second-place heat; Scott Schouwenaar, second-place heat; Kurt Knisely, third-place heat; Frank Waller, third-place heat; Rob Molina, first-place mini; Grant Bollinger, second-place mini; and Michael Bice, third-place mini.

Figure Eight winners are Jim Steele, first-place feature; Rick Beeman, second-place feature; Grant

Bollinger, third-place feature; Rick Beeman, first-place heat; Ron Hafley, second-place heat; and Grant Bollinger, third-place heat.

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Spice of life

Heller curries flavor at market

By Michael Rybka

Special Writer

Marty Heller once dabbled in chemicals. Today, he's strictly organic.

The local resident, son of Kay and Earl Heller of Lima Township, was featured Sept. 7 at the Summer Chef Series at Chelsea Farmers' Market. He used the setting to further his transition from contemplating a future as a chemical engineer, to that of an organic produce entrepreneur.

Heller hopes to expand his organic farm and work as a personal chef at people's homes. He has already done something in a similar fashion at The Common Grill in Chelsea.

Heller displayed his horticultural and culinary skills by using his organically grown produce to create Indian-inspired cucumber curry that was accompanied by Mexican-style salsa verde and the Japanese snack staple edamame.

"A totally, multi-cultural menu," he said.

Heller said "curry" is an Indian term that refers to a method of fast-frying any combination of vegetables.

Heller said he was introduced to Indian cuisine by friends who he met while pursuing a doctorate in chemical engineering at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

After graduating, Heller visited these friends in India for almost a year and had an opportunity to experience Indian cuisine firsthand. He embraced their recipes, which are quite different from what's served in American restaurants, he said.

The cucumber curry he prepared Sept. 7 incorporated the method of home-style Indian cooking but was modified so that it wasn't viewed as non-traditional.

Heller said that because of the reduction process, it's an excellent use of cucumbers that have become too big, bitter and seedy.

Heller said his salsa verde ("verdé" is Spanish for "green"), made with tomatilloes, answers the question of "what do you do with these funny little green fruits."

It's the mild-tasting tomatilloes that produces the salsa's distinctive green color and is in no way indicative of its heat quotient.

Edamame are steamed green soybeans sprinkled with salt that are a Japanese snack favorite. When cooled, a person sucks the beans out of their hairy, bitter-tasting pods.

Heller earned a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry at Michigan State University. As part of a special program, he bypassed a master's degree and went straight for a doctorate.

Heller has never used the degree directly, but his education afforded him an



Photo by Michael Rybka

Marty Heller, a native of Lima Township, was featured Sept. 7 at the Chelsea Farmers' Market Summer Chef Series. He is a personal chef with a taste for the organic.

opportunity to work on an ongoing research project at the University of Michigan studying how agricultural methods in the United States impact the rest of the world.

Currently, Heller grows his produce on Turtle Spring Farm, a small subsidiary of his parents' Electr Farm on Sager Road.

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NURSING

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muslin under her dress so she didn't have to wear a slip.

The nurses had to make sure the castors on the beds were lined up just right at the end of the day and the corners of the beds had to be folded perfectly. If they did not meet the specifications, they would be called back at night to fix it.

Howe began to rebel. One night, she told her instructors that the system did not make sense to her and she did not like what was going on. The move almost got her expelled from the college.

Howe graduated from nursing school Jan. 3, 1943, and decided to go on private duty, instead of working directly for the hospital. She preferred the arrangement because she would be working directly for the patient.

As a result of being on the registry of private duty, she often found herself working in the psychiatric ward at the hospital, taking care of the V.I.P. patients.

In August of 1943 she married Charles "Cush" Howe and the couple moved to Chelsea. Since it was the beginning of World War II, Howe wanted to help out in some way. She could not join the military as a nurse because she had tuberculosis while in college and wore eyeglasses.

Instead, Howe volunteered with the American Red Cross. She taught home nursing classes, where families learned how to care for sick members.

In 1949, she was asked by the university to be the instructor for the Practical Nurse Program. She wrote a letter to the university stating how the program was not something U of M should do. The university saw her point and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital took on the project.

By this time the university was familiar with Howe's strong opinions on nursing and procedures and asked her to work in the Nursing Service Department.

Howe joined the Standardization of Procedures Committee. The nine-member committee's goal was to define the roles of nurses and doctors. The resulting publication was the first formal guideline of responsibilities to patients.

"My whole being was to make sure nurses had what they needed to take care of the patients," she said.

The philosophy spurred Howe to form the Central Service. Up until that point, it was the nurses' responsibilities to clean and sterilize all of the equipment, in addition to taking care of patients. The formation of Central Service allowed nurses to focus more on patient care.

Central Service was such a success at U of M Hospital that by 1954 Howe was writing articles for magazines and speaking at the Tri-State Convention in Chicago about her work.

The American Sterilizer Company in Erie, Pa., was very interested in the program, and approached her about implementing it. In 1956, she agreed to make the move and worked there for six years, while also lecturing across the United States it.

When she moved back to Michigan, U of M Hospital offered her a job with the hospital administration.

For the next nine years, Howe published articles on nursing unit management. She traveled to Chile with

the Pan American Health Organization of the World Health Organization and began to implement the techniques there.

She spent seven years commuting back and forth to Chile and other South American countries.

In 1972, Howe decided it was time to do something different. She served on the board at Chelsea Community Hospital for 14 years and helped convince trustees that they needed a hospital administrator. Will Johnson was hired at the age of 29 to be the hospital's first administrator. He has since retired.

Howe was also on the board of the C. S. Mott Children's Hospital design team and served as the chairwoman of the U of M Presidential Society.

She officially retired from nursing in 1984. In 1985, U of M awarded her the Distinguished Service Award. She also received a Distinguished Service Award from the U of M Alumni Association.



Photo by Rita Fischer

Old Glory

Pierce Lake Elementary School third-grader Taylor Stevens (left), fifth-graders Jacob Prince and Victoria Young, and third-grader Mackenzie Cole place stars on the American flag. The artwork was a Sept. 11 anniversary project by Student Council advisers Michelle Schertzing and Stacie Battaglia, who created the handprints.

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Hangin' Around

Buddies Sean Lyons (left) and Joey Smith hang out together on the playground at North Creek Elementary School.

Campaign kicks off with tailgate party

■ Board hopes to surpass last year's total of \$132,000.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The Chelsea United Way kicked off its 2003 campaign with a community tailgate party Saturday at Pierce Lake Elementary School in Chelsea.

This year's board, with John and Ann Mann serving as honorary chairs, hopes to surpass last year's record total of \$132,000 before the campaign ends at the end of November.

"The generosity of this community never ceases to amaze us," Board President Todd Regis said.

"It's a great feeling to pass that money out to those who need it and to know that it stays right here in Chelsea."

With an increasing number of nonprofit groups and charitable organizations vying for donations in the community, the Chelsea United Way has modified its approach and become more intuitive and aggressive in its efforts.

"In the last few years we have really changed our campaign strategy," said campaign co-chair Don Trivelline. "Our target mailing list is

eight times larger than before, and we've focused on educating area residents and businesses about who we are and where the money is going."

The 21-member volunteer board of the Chelsea United Way — now a member of the national United Way — determines each year the member agencies and the amount of money each will receive.

Nearly 97 percent of all donations are redistributed to these agencies, with 3 percent left for printing, mailing and marketing materials.

"Our member agencies make a formal presentation every year to us asking for money," Regis said.

"Our budget and allocations committee reviews the needs of each agency and recommends to the board how much money each agency is to receive, which determines our annual campaign goal."

All the member agencies are based in Washtenaw County, most in Chelsea. Major recipients include the Chelsea Area Transportation System and Faith In Action.

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"The Corrections" is a compelling, colorfully written story about a dysfunctional family. The people at the Dexter District Library tell me that I'm the only person they've met who liked that book. I tell them that there are also a few very discriminating members of my book club who liked it, too.

That's what's great about the book club — we can all expose one another to our own individual literary tastes. It's also about community and friendship, and being a part of something, not to mention self-discipline. We all do our best to try to finish each and every book in the allotted month.

There is one more point about our book club. We do more than eat, drink and socialize. Donna just hap-

pens to have a master's degree in English literature and used to teach the subject. She keeps us in line every month with an appropriate and challenging list of thought-provoking questions about themes, characters and motivations.

Our book club might not be traditional, but we sure have a cathartic, stimulating and uproarious time while marching to a different beat.

Lisa Carolin is a free-lance writer. She can be reached via e-mail at LWCarolin@aol.com.

Twin Masks Theatre Co. in Pinckney will hold auditions for "The Hobbit" by Patricia Grey. The play is based on the book by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Twin Masks is a drama club open to sixth-through eighth-graders.

To audition for any Twin Masks production, actors must be members of the club. The cost is \$15 for one season and may be paid at the audition.

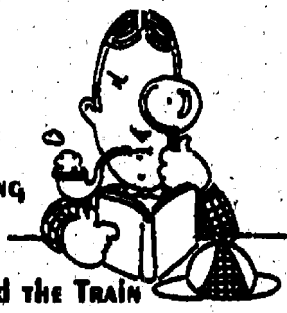
Auditions are slated 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 1 and 2 at the Jane Tasch Theatre, located at the Gateway Middle School campus, 2100 E. M-36, in Pinckney.

"The Hobbit" will have more than 20 roles for actors. Students interested in learning technical skills in theater production, such as lighting, sound, set construction and costuming, are encouraged to attend.

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Dynamic duo

Local residents to honor friends at marathon

By Will Keeler
Staff Writer

Lyn Yarows and Julie Olson are more than just neighbors.

The Scio Township residents are friends and have become heroes to two people afflicted with leukemia.

The duo has been training and preparing for the Chicago marathon, set for Oct. 13, to honor two close friends who were diagnosed with the blood-related cancer.

Yarows is running to honor a Chelsea resident who has worked for her husband, Dr. Steve Yarows, for the past 16 years at Chelsea Community Hospital. Olson is honoring a 9-year-old boy from California.

Yarows describes her friend, who wanted to remain anonymous, as someone who is strong. "She is a wonderful person and definitely my hero," Yarows said.

The two runners, who have known each other for the past five years, share similar situations — both knowing someone who had been recently diagnosed with leukemia.

"These situations came into our lives at about the same time, and then Lyn heard about the training (Team in Training)," Olson said.

Team in Training is the largest endurance-training program in the United States, providing coaching and training to make athletes reach a goal. In exchange for the training and support, athletes raise money toward a cure for a cancer or disease.

Olson, an avid runner, has always enjoyed running, especially with friends along the Potawatami Trail.

The pair has been training since May and was amazed by what they have already accomplished.

"When we started training, people asked us where we find the time to run and it would be physically impossible," Yarows said.

Over the past three months, Yarows said that she has run more than 600 miles, keeping track of each mile run around the side streets of Dexter Village.

"It doesn't matter where we are at, people seem to recognize us," Olson said.

"I was at my daughter's school open house recently and I had someone stop me in the hall and asked me if I was the one they always see running," she said.

"We have been getting unbelievable support from friends and families for the upcoming race," Yarows said.

The community has also responded to the cause. Yarows and Olson have collected gifts, such as gift certificates, a pair of binoculars and theater tickets from area businesses in June that were later raffled off at a summer party. Proceeds from the raffle sale went toward the more than \$6,500 already raised for the marathon.

To participate in the marathon (26.2 miles), each runner needs to raise \$2,800. So far the two women have raised \$6,500 and the amount continues to grow.

Olson said that the woman who won the 50-50 cash raffle donated the \$400 she won back to the women's funds.

Aside from the cash support, they continue to get support from family and well-wishers.

Yarows said she has



Scio Township residents Lyn Yarows (left) and Julie Olson are gearing up for the Chicago Marathon, set for Oct. 13. They have been training for the event since May and are running the marathon to honor friends who have leukemia.

received a few e-mail messages wishing her luck and urging her to keep up the good work.

"My family has been great, too," Yarows said.

She said that her training has even inspired her daughter to start running and getting in shape.

"It's amazing to see someone so young take an interest," Yarows said.

Olson and Yarows, neither of whom has run in a marathon before, said that they aren't sure how they will feel once they complete the race.

"I know I'll be bawling my eyes out and thinking of why I did this," Yarows said.

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Leukemia Facts

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The local event is part of a national effort of more than 30 walks being held across the United States. Walks are generally three to six miles long.

In addition to operating shelters for animals, Farm Sanctuary works to gain legal protection for animals used in food production and to

raise awareness about cruelty in factory farms and cruelty-free alternatives.

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The Hockey Baron

Chelsea teen represents U.S. in Europe

By Jenny Wright
Special Writer

Most 2002 Chelsea High School graduates have spent the past summer packing, saying goodbye to family and friends, and gearing up for college in the fall.

Local graduate and former varsity hockey team captain Josh Barron, however, managed to make time in his hectic schedule to participate in The Challenger Cup, an elite hockey tournament in Europe.

When informed of the opportunity in April by his high school coach, Don Wright, Barron admits he was doubtful that he would be chosen.

"I was pretty skeptical," he said. "I didn't even plan on making it at all."

The tryouts for the program, Team U.S.A. Midwest, were held in June at Kensington Valley. Nearly 50 select players from Michigan and neighboring states were there, hoping to place on the team.

"My teammates were great guys and totally phenomenal," Barron said. "They were all from elite high school teams."

In the end, Barron and 21 other players were chosen to represent their division of the Midwestern United States. Another U.S. team participated in the tournament as a representative of the West Coast.

Barron and his father, Ted, boarded an airplane Aug. 5 and traveled the 10-hour

journey to the heart of Europe. The team stayed at Prague's Hotel Rott in Czechoslovakia.

"There was so much to do. We had an awesome time," he said.

The tournament progressed smoothly, with the U.S. Midwest team on the brink of victory with a 4-1-1 record, posting wins against Czechoslovakia (5-0), Canada (5-2), U.S.A. West (9-1), and a loss against Russia (1-2) and a tie against Latvia (4-4).

Throughout the week, Barron earned two goals and three assists for a total of five points. Despite the American team's winning effort, the players fell just short of victory to Latvia.

Chelsea's star player began his ice hockey career at age 6. Competing on the Chelsea varsity hockey team in his last two years of high school, he was awarded the captain's "C" his senior year.

Barron also holds numerous team records, including the most goals and points in a season, most goals and points in a career, and such honors as First Team All-League status, All-State Honorable Mention and two MVP.

At the end of the 2002-2003 season, Barron also received the Brett Poupard Memorial Award, whose recipients are admired for their hustle and motivation.

"The great thing about Josh is his work ethic," Wright said. "He works hard all the time, whether it is on the ice, off the ice or in the weight room."

Josh was the first player on the ice every day, and always came up to me after a game to get the tape to watch. He did everything he could to improve.

"Josh is one of the hardest working players I've ever had the privilege to coach," he said.

Barron said no other team can compare to Chelsea. "Those guys are like family," he said.

The teen is a freshman at Central Michigan University, and plans to play on the club hockey team.

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Josh Barron, a former varsity hockey player for Chelsea, competed in The Challenger Cup, an elite hockey tournament in Europe. Barron graduated from Chelsea High School in June and is a freshman at Central Michigan University.

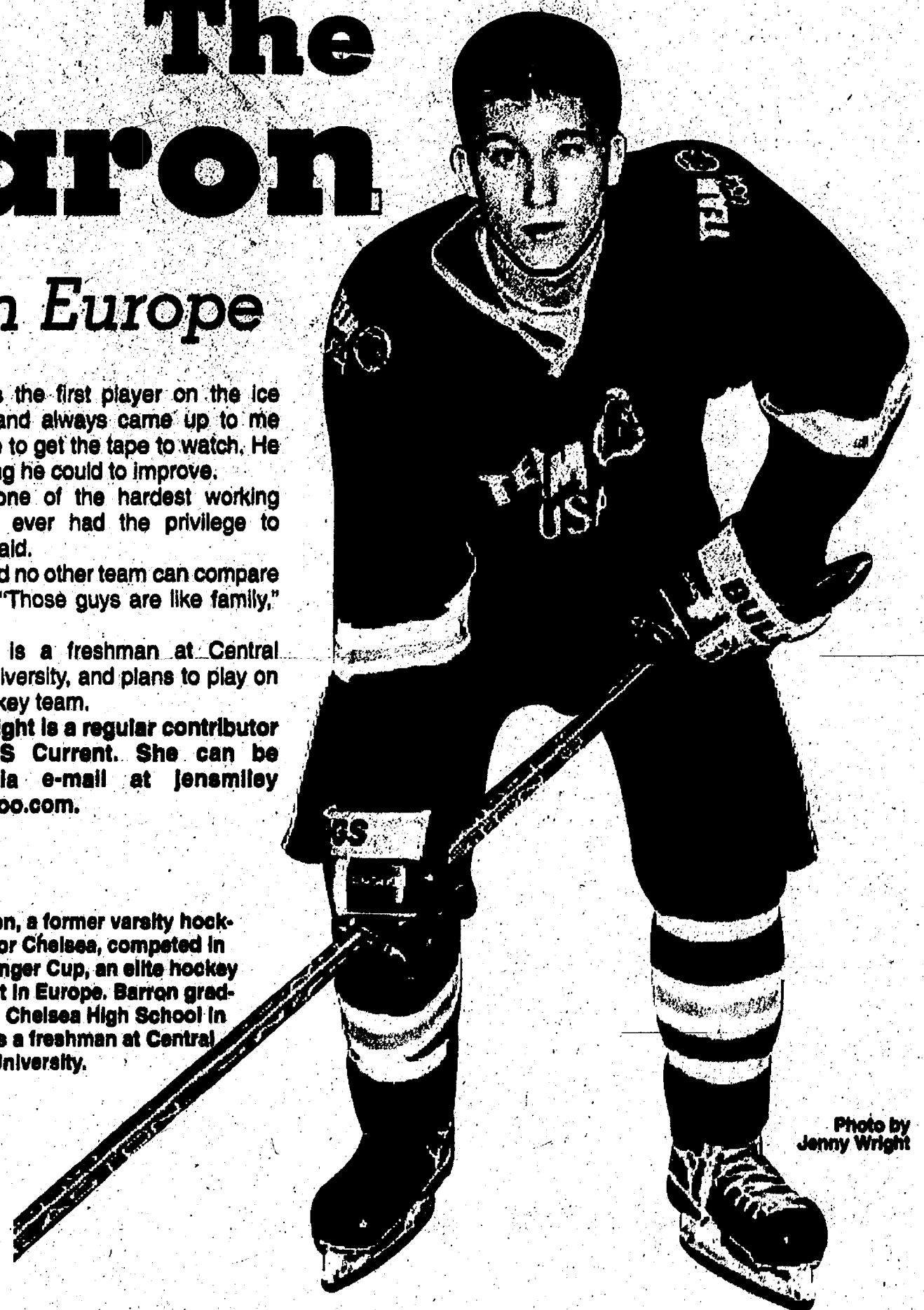


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Internet access should be open



ELISE MURPHY

ON MY SOAPBOX

I recently used the school computers to access the Emerson College Web site. Browsing around the student life information, I decided to check out the student safety policies and clicked on the Rape and Sexual Assault Policy, only to receive a message from the new Internet filter instead. "Access Denied!" the computer rebuked. "Word Found: sodomy."

I checked this on a non-censored computer and found the site to say that it considers all forced sexual acts to be rape, including "forced anal intercourse (sodomy)."

The site also contained lots of information on the medical and counseling facilities available to student victims, which are plentiful and really help me to trust Emerson, which is my first-choice school.

This summer, the Chelsea School District upgraded its software to a new program called Dan's Guardian. This system blocks not only a list of known sites, but also anything with specific key words and phrases that may indicate that it's inappropriate.

When a student hits on a site that contains one of these flags, he or she is blocked from the site and given a pop-up message such as the one I got, telling why the site is unavailable.

This new system seems to be working fairly well. It keeps students, especially younger children, from being exposed to con-

tent deemed inappropriate that they may stumble upon, either accidentally or intentionally.

However, the software is also preventing students from accessing important information on the Web. Many legitimate sites have the potential to be blocked, such as medical sites, historical information, and even sports information (all of the Super Bowls that number in the 30s contain the phrase "XXX.")

Many of these sites have been found and opened up. Students are told that they can report any such problems to their teachers, who will send the URL to the technology department, which will look into it and probably decide that the site is OK. Meanwhile, in some cases, the student's project is long overdue.

Aside from the time lapse in this system, it's obviously impossible for the school to find and open every legitimate site that is being unnecessarily blocked. There simply aren't enough hours in the day to make sure that students have access to all of the information they need with such a strict filter program.

To facilitate the research and enlightenment necessary for a full education, high school and, perhaps even middle school students, must be allowed a freer access to the Web.

Certainly any known inappropriate sites should be censored, but key word blocking should be saved for young children who need to be protected from accidentally accessing unseemly material.

Older students need to have full access to the legitimate resources available online. We must be trusted to use the computers prudently. In return, students need to be respectful of this privilege, or risk losing it on an individual basis.

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Bare midriffs and lower backs must be covered according to a stricter dress code at Chelsea High School.

Photo by Jenny Wright

High school strengthens dress code

By Jenny Wright
Special Writer

The halls of Chelsea High School are changing this year. New freshmen, new teachers, and even a stricter dress code can be seen.

Dress code?

Since when has Chelsea High School imposed a dress code on its students?

Some may hear the words "dress code" and think of uniform skirts and blouses for girls, and suits for guys. But do not panic. The administration has decided to regulate and supervise the clothing worn by students for the rest of the school year, but they're not talking uniforms.

In the past, rules for the high school were straight-forward: no inappropriate logos or slogans, and no skin-baring clothes.

It seemed that in the 2001-2002 school year, however, the rules were bent, with students walking the hallways bearing tiny tube tops and shirts with inappropriate logos.

This year, however, Principal

Ron Mead has decided to change the approach the administration is taking toward the problem.

"Styles have just become too revealing," he said. "The situation changes every year because the styles change every year."

Concerning tank tops, a minimum of 2 inches wide is required for each strap. Midriffs are to be completely hidden, including the lower back.

Clothing deemed inappropriate by the administration and staff will send a student back to his or her locker for a sweatshirt or other clothing, or even to the office for an out-of-school or in-school suspension, depending on the violation.

"The staff is very supportive," Mead said. "The majority of parents is with us, also."

A questionnaire was handed out to parents last year concerning their children's clothing, and nearly 75 percent agreed that the situation was out of hand.

Surprisingly, the decision to adopt the amended rule was

proposed by students themselves. During the 2001-2002 year, Mead gathered a group of high school teens to accompany him on a student advisory board. They discussed school issues at the monthly meeting. The dress code was brought up frequently during their conversations.

As the first day of school arrived, it was a challenge for everyone, but especially for the students wearing clothing classified as "inappropriate." Administrators such as Assistant Principal Shawn Lewis-Lakin helped to patrol the halls and classrooms to enforce the rules. Students were spoken to privately concerning their clothing and were given warnings.

"Kids had learned about the rule even before school began," Mead said. "A certain student walked right into the school office dressed in an extremely unacceptable outfit. I told (the student), 'You're zero for three' for the number of warnings a student can obtain."

"(The student) knew exactly what I was talking about, and

had even brought another change of clothes in case," he said. "The rule was being tested from the beginning."

However, after the first few weeks of school had passed, the number of dress code violations decreased.

"We aren't seeing 4 to 5 inches of midriff like last year," Mead said. "But we're getting to the point where clothing is less of a distraction to the students."

The dress code is being upheld at all school-sponsored activities and events.

The student planner and handbook contains the explanation for the dress code rules: "to establish the best possible climate in the classroom for learning, which avoids distractions and provides a clear focus and direction for students..."

Mead said the dress code will continue throughout the year and the 2003-2004 school year.

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Webster Fall Festival slated

■ Organizers to mark 21 years of family fun.

By Lisa Carolin
Special Writer

Crafts are being created, antiques rounded up and baked goods soon will be prepared for the 21st annual Webster Fall Festival.

This year's festival will take place 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 28 on the corner of Webster Church and Farrell roads.

Prior to the opening of the festival, a rummage and antique sale will begin at 8 a.m. in the Scadin barn.

Events will be clustered in an area on Webster Church Road, one mile south of North Territorial Road. Venues will include the historic Webster United Church of Christ, the old Town Hall building, Boy Scout Troop 477's Eagle Nest cabin, Scadin barn, the Podunk one-room schoolhouse and the blacksmith shop.

A luncheon will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature soups, biscuits, hot dogs and sandwiches.

An annual highlight is the pig roast from 5 to 7 p.m. Roast pork, German potato salad, sauerkraut, apple sauce, a roll, dessert, and a beverage are included with the meal.

Beeswax candles, honey, maple syrup, pies and breads are among the food items that will be on sale. A special crafts and games area will be set up for children with a \$1 admission.

Other features will include blacksmithing and spinning demonstrations, antique cars



A group of residents are preparing for the annual Webster Fall Festival. The event is scheduled for Sept. 28 on the grounds across from Webster United Church of Christ. Pictured with crafts are Bev Ross (left), Lea Fischer, Cheryl Walker, Bob Springer, Erica Perry and George Kelly.

and farm equipment, a fiber art exhibit, a petting zoo, hay rides and pony rides.

A craft show will feature local artisans in the Community House.

A storyteller will be on hand at 12:30 p.m., a magician at 1:30 p.m. and a clown from noon to 3 p.m. In addition, there will be a variety of musical groups, including the Cadillac Cowboys and the RFD Boys.

Co-chairperson Lea

Fischer said that there will be more crafts and a greater variety than in past years. General admission and park-

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- ¼ tsp. cumin seed
- 1 large coarsely chopped onion
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. turmeric
- ¼ tsp. garam masala (a blend of spices available at Indian groceries and other specialty food stores)
- ½ tsp. chili powder
- 3-4 large cucumbers peeled or unpeeled, quartered lengthwise and cut into one-inch pieces
- 2 medium-size tomatoes

Put oil, mustard seed and cumin seed in a large skillet over medium high heat. When seeds begin to pop, add onion. Sauté until slightly browned.

Combine salt, turmeric, garam masala and chili powder in one cup of water. Mix well and add to skillet. Simmer until the turmeric odor changes.

Add cucumber and another cup of water. Stir thoroughly, cover, and simmer on medium high heat for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add tomatoes and continue to simmer the mixture covered, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking.

When the cucumbers are tender and the sauce has thickened (15-20 minutes) it's ready to serve over spicy rice or lentils. For a protein variation, add small, cubed tofu at the same time as the cucumber.

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Annual county football tussle brings out best in rivals

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

In a battle of county rivals, Chelsea defeated Dexter 24-8 last Friday night before an overflow crowd at Al Ritt Field.

Behind two touchdowns from senior running back Darl Bauer, the visiting Bulldogs (2-1) righted the ship after last week's loss to Adrian. The setback broke Chelsea's 25-game regular season winning streak.

Bulldog coach Brad Bush said his squad gave a workman-like effort in subduing their crosstown foes.

"I felt overall we were decent," he said. "It was nothing special. We got out of here with a win. We had 70 guys that got to play tonight. That, to me, is important."

Dexter coach Tom Barbieri said he was proud of his team's effort against the favored Bulldogs.

"I think our kids played hard," he said. "Our kids played with a lot of heart. I think Chelsea stared us in the face and we didn't blink."

"We're going to get better because our kids played physical football. Chelsea's a very talented team. They do a lot of fancy things, but they play strong, fundamental football."

To begin the game, both teams punted on their opening possessions.

On the Bulldogs' second drive, however, they hit pay dirt.

Two plays into the series, Bauer broke free for a 45-yard sprint down to the

Dreadnaughts' 35-yard line. Five plays later, Bauer exploded up the middle for a 15-yard touchdown score.

The extra point by Joel Rosentreter was good and Chelsea led 7-0 with 7:28 remaining in the first quarter.

On the Dreadnaughts' ensuing possession, which began at its own 15-yard line, Dexter (2-1) executed an eight-play drive to

midfield before fumbling. Bulldog junior safety Neil Sterling recovered the miscue at the Dreadnaughts' 47-yard line.

Five plays later, on a fourth-and-five play from Dexter's 35-yard line, senior tight end David Grabarkiewicz hauled in a 35-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Jake Freeman with 1:49 left in the opening quarter. Rosentreter's extra point was good, and Chelsea upped its lead to 14-0.

The rest of the first half was a punting display as both defenses buckled down.

Midway through the second quarter, however, Freeman left the game after getting hit from the side. Though walk-

ing off the field under his own power, his injury was more serious than originally anticipated.

"His status is up in the air," Bush said. "He had an MRI Monday. He's definitely out this week."

Taking Freeman's place was junior George Royce.

Behind Royce, the Bulldogs drove deep into Dexter territory booting a 27-yard field goal by Rosentreter as the half ended, heading into the locker room with a 17-0 advantage.

To begin the third quarter, the Dreadnaughts ran five plays before punting.

On the Bulldogs' second play from scrimmage in the second half, Bauer ripped off a 56-yard touchdown jaunt, giving Chelsea a 24-0 lead.

In the fourth quarter, Dexter cut the deficit to 24-8 as senior fullback Keith Davey scored on a 1-yard plunge up the middle with 6:07 remaining on the clock.

Senior quarterback Tim Gross converted the Dreadnaughts' 2-point attempt on a quarterback draw for the final margin.

After the Bulldogs recovered Dexter's ensuing on-side kick, Chelsea ran 11 consecutive plays, draining the final six

minutes off the clock securing the victory.

The Bulldogs finished the night with 319 total yards. The Dreadnaughts accumulated 201 total yards.

Freeman and Royce combined for 85 yards on 8-of-24 passing. Gross ended the game 9-of-19 for 77 yards.

Bauer led the ground attack for the Bulldogs, finishing with 143 yards on nine carries. Davey paced the Dreadnaughts with 63 yards on 23 rushes. Gross added 44 yards on 13 carries, while senior Pete Vollbrecht had 13 yards on three carries and senior Jeff Marsh four yards on two rushes.

Receiver senior Matt Cunningham had three catches for 28 yards, while Grabarkiewicz finished with two receptions for 43 yards.

Vollbrecht led Dexter with five catches for 35 yards. Senior tight end Jason France added one catch for 18 yards, while senior Chip Reynolds had one reception for 14 yards and junior Brian Taylor one snare for seven yards.

Defensively, senior Ben Howison led the Dreadnaughts with 13 tackles, while Marsh had 11 stops.

Bush said despite losing their quarterback, his team would not falter.

"We all have a lot of confidence in

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State-ranked swimmers dunk Adrian

Chelsea's girls' swimming and diving team won Thursday.

Division II No. 3 Bulldogs (2-0) defeated Adrian 132-100.

Chelsea's coach Dave Scilling said his team was not to have a bad night, but to receive credit for their performances in swimming and diving from the judges on the team.

Chelsea's mission accomplished.

The Bulldogs first two events were a 200-yard freestyle relay, where they won with a time of 2:01.48.

Chelsea's girls' swimming and diving team won Thursday.

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have qualified for the state finals. Ten of those swimmers have qualified individually and, in most cases, in more than one event.

One can only imagine what will happen over the next three to four weeks as the Bulldogs work their way toward the team's mid-season goals, Jolly said.

To begin the meet versus Adrian, in the 200 medley relay, April Adams, Tara Jennings, Jessica Lodewyk, and Sarah Tschirhart combined for first place in a state cut time of 2:02.15. Kelsey Benton, Sarah Manville, Nicole Lodewyk, and Jessica Bassett were second at 2:04.36 in another state cut.

Bulldog Kara Stiles led the way for a 1-2-3 finish in the 200 freestyle. Stiles stopped the clock in 2:01.48. She was followed by Dani Sawyer at 2:03.45, while Danica Bassett was third at 2:04.36.

Bulldog soccer unbeaten in last six games

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's boys' soccer team is on a roll.

With last week's 7-1 victory over Dexter and 0-0 tie against Ann Arbor Pioneer, the Bulldogs find themselves in the midst of a six-game unbeaten streak.

For the season, the No. 10-ranked Dawgs (6-1-2) have scored 40 goals, while allowing only four.

Last Thursday, against its county rivals, Chelsea displayed both its offensive prowess and its defensive tenacity in its 7-1 shellacking of the Dreadnaughts.

The host Bulldogs jumped all over Dexter, scoring 20 seconds into the game. Clayton Wilson converted a nifty crossing pass from Ken Davis, beating the Dreadnaught keeper for an early 1-0 Chelsea lead.

"That was one of the quickest goals I've ever seen," said Chelsea coach Chad Scaling.

The Bulldogs continued their offensive outburst throughout the first half, scoring three additional goals, and taking a commanding

4-1 advantage into the break.

In the second half, Chelsea played like a well-oiled machine, shutting down the Dreadnaughts defensively, while heating up on offense.

The Bulldogs added three more goals to their final total, as Dexter was unable to stem the Chelsea momentum.

Despite its overall dominance, Scaling said his team wasn't at peak performance.

"We've played better games," he said. "We just finished our opportunities. That was the difference in the game."

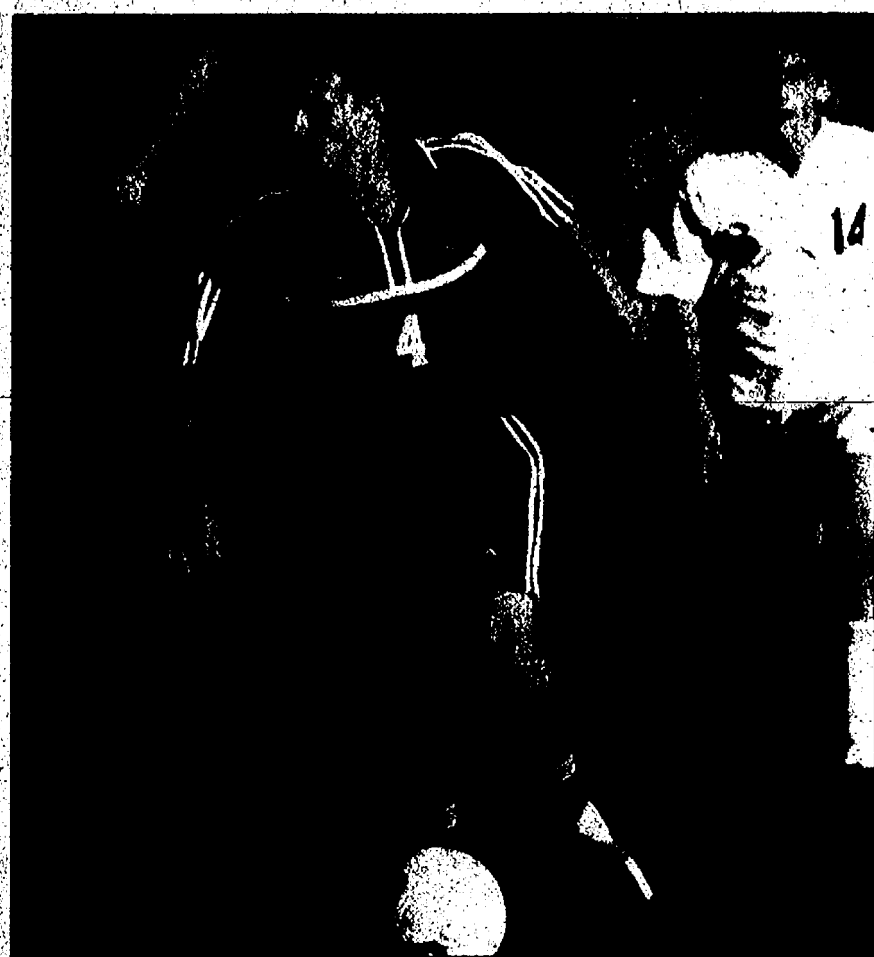
Scaling said his squad was ready for its county rivals.

"It's (intensity) always high for Dexter," he said. "They're not a bad team. We didn't give them many opportunities."

Pacing the Bulldogs offensively was Wilson and Davis, with two goals each.

Scoring one goal apiece were Bryan Hayes, Mark Tapping and Quinn Branson. Andrew Balbak and Ben Sporer shared the win in net for Chelsea.

On Sept. 10, the Bulldogs



Bulldog Clayton Wilson heads up field during recent action. Last week, Wilson scored two goals leading Chelsea to a victory over Dexter.

ties visiting Ann Arbor Pioneer 0-0.

The deadlock with Pioneer, one of the area's best teams,

was made even more impressive considering Chelsea played a man down for the

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Chelsea boys' cross country first at Huron Invitational

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's boys' cross country team finished first with 42 points at the New Boston Huron Invitational last Saturday.

Individually for the Bulldogs, James McKenzie led the way, placing fifth overall with a personal best time of 17:14. Kyle Brown was close behind in sixth with a time of

17:19.

"James McKenzie had a breakthrough race," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager.

Crossing the line in seventh place for Chelsea was Trevor Bach with a personal best 17:20, while David Fedele ended up eighth with a clocking of 17:23.

Andre Bravo finished 16th in 17:55, while Dan Lewis was 19th in 18:08 and Max Wine-

land 20th with a personal best time of 18:09.

In the JV race, Jeff Fitch paced the Dawgs, finishing 17th in 19:22. Keegan Peters was next for Chelsea, placing 24th with a time of 19:37.

Ryan Montgomery ended up 37th in 19:56, while Nate Hinderer was 71st in 20:30. Zac Zeigler placed 148th in 23:04, while Max Booth was 168th in a personal best 23:38.

James Daly 215th in 30:53, Chris Moyle 217th in 31:06 and Eric Gasleski 218th with a clocking of 31:07.

"We turned in a solid effort against a weak field," Swager said. "We easily won our third straight Huron Invitational."

Swager said his squad had a strategy before participating last Saturday.

"The guys followed the

plan of running the second mile hard and gapping our competition," he said. "We need to keep working hard to achieve our late season goals."

On Sept. 10, Chelsea finished second in the Southeastern Conference White Division Jamboree No. 1 hosted by Ann Arbor Pioneer.

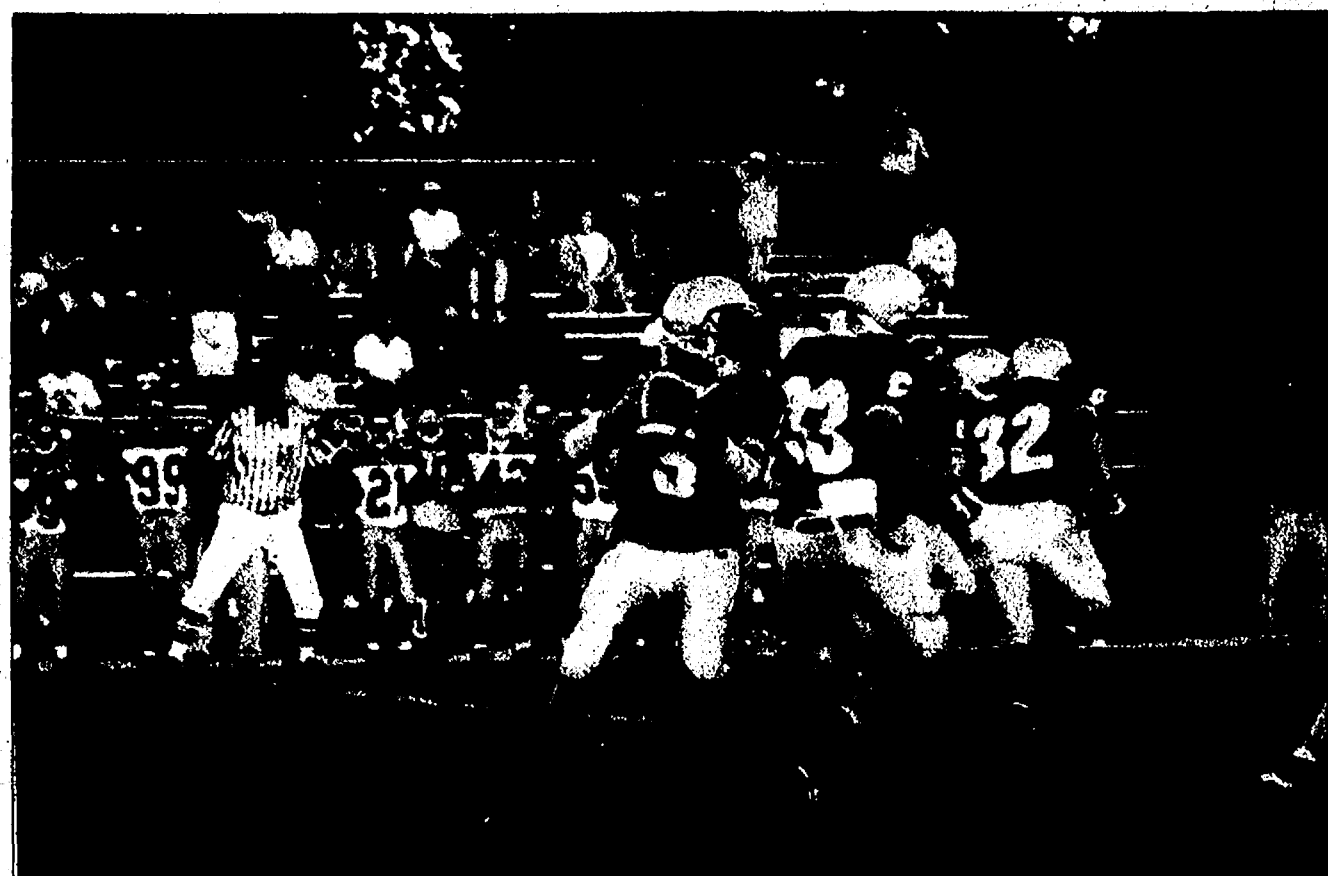
Capturing the meet was Dexter with 19 points.

The Bulldogs placed second with 46 points, while Tecumseh was third with 87 points and Ypsilanti Lincoln fourth with 97 points.

"We showed progress on a hot, hilly course," Swager said. "Dexter is arguably the best team in the state, and we need to keep getting closer to them as the year progresses."

Leading Chelsea individu-

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Bulldog sophomore quarterback Bryan Dunn drops back to pass against county rival Dexter last Thursday. Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

JV gridders rally for victory

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Despite being down 14-0 in the first quarter against county rival Dexter, Chelsea JV football coach Chris Orlandi refused to worry.

"We were down against Novi (week one)," he said. "I told the guys, 'Don't panic. It's a long game.' We slowly wore them down."

Late in the opening frame, the Bulldogs (2-1) began their comeback.

Running back Terry Arnold (24 carries, 70 yards) caught a short pass over the middle from quarterback Bryan Dunn and turned it into a 45-yard touchdown reception.

Entering the second quarter, Chelsea found itself down 14-7.

It wouldn't last.

"We blew the game open in the second," Orlandi said.

The Bulldogs scored on their first three possessions of the quarter.

Hitting pay dirt all three times for Chelsea was running back Justin Esch. Esch scored on runs of 5, 15 and 47 yards. The speedster finished the game with a team-high 95 yards rushing on seven carries.

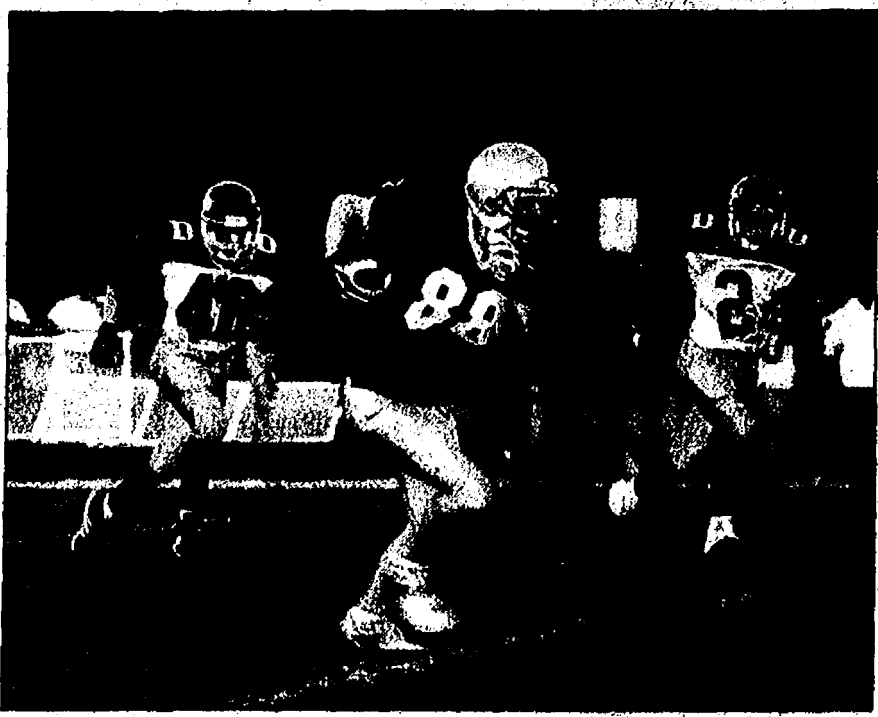
"They (Dexter) made it a point to take away Arnold," Orlandi said. "That created room for Justin."

With the offensive outburst, the Bulldogs entered the half leading 28-14.

Orlandi said at halftime he addressed the issue of mistakes early in the first quarter.

"We shot ourselves in the foot early," he said. "But, overall, I was pleased."

In the third quarter, Chelsea would tack on its final touchdown, as running back Alex Rabbitt (six carries, 70



Chelsea's Pat Brooks runs away from Dexter defenders during last Thursday's win over the Dreadnaughts. Photo by Mary Kumbler

yards) scored on a counter play from 18 yards out.

Besides scoring a touchdown, Rabbitt was also 4-of-5 on extra points for Chelsea.

Orlandi said he was happy with his defense's effort.

"It was nice to get the shutout in the second half," he said. "I thought we pursued to the football well."

Leading the Bulldog defensive corps was Josh Liebeck, Danny Keilman and Eric Mathis, who each recorded seven tackles. Aaron Parisho added six tackles for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs next host Saline 7 p.m. today.

On Sept. 28, Chelsea travels to Ypsilanti Lincoln for a game at 7 p.m.

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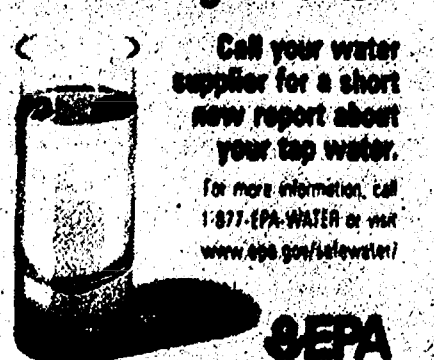
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Former Chelsea athletes help U-M to track titles

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The University of Michigan women's track and field team captured the Big Ten Conference's indoor and outdoor championships this past season with a little help from Chelsea.

Key contributors to the Wolverines' title run were two former Bulldog athletes, Jeanne Spink and Mora Arnold.

Spink, a fifth-year senior, competed in long distance events for U of M, while Arnold, a sophomore, participated in sprints.

This past year, Spink finished 17th in the 5,000-meter run at the Big Ten indoor finals at Penn State University. Outdoors, she placed 12th in the 10,000-meter run at the championships held at the University of Wisconsin.

"It was great," said Spink, a 1998 Chelsea graduate, on winning the Big Ten titles. "I was really excited. No one thought we could do it. We just had a lot of really good athletes. We chipped away and made our way to the top."

Arnold, leading off, was a member of Michigan's 1,600-meter relay team that finished second at the outdoor finals. Indoors, she was disqualified for accidentally elbowing a University of Minnesota runner during the 400 meters.

"It was a pretty physical race," said Arnold, a 2000 Chelsea graduate. "We were fighting for position."

This past season, everyone was fighting to keep up with the Wolverines.

"Everybody did their part, and it all came together," said Arnold, regarding U of M's two track titles. "We weren't expected to win. It

was really exciting. Everybody pulled together."

Besides being a four-year member of the Wolverines' track and field squad, Spink also competes for U of M's cross country team.

After red shirting her freshman year, Spink will close out her collegiate running career this fall as a fifth-year senior on the Wolverine cross country squad.

Spink, a communications major who'll graduate this December, has had an impressive career as a U of M harrier.

After a stellar high school campaign, in which Spink earned cross country All-State honors four straight years, she headed off to Michigan to begin her collegiate career.

As a Wolverine, Spink finished 13th in the Big Ten meet last year running a personal best 17:49. At the regional meet, she placed 29th overall. Quite an accomplishment for an athlete who's had to overcome three stress fractures in her career.

Arnold, a sports management and communications major, arrived at Michigan after a storied prep career. As a junior in high school, she won a state championship in the 200 meters, and was third in the 400-meter run. As a senior, she placed second in both the 200 meters and the 400-meter run.

As a freshman at U of M, Arnold helped the Wolverines finish third as a member of the 1,600-meter relay team.

Both athletes are two of the greatest runners Chelsea has ever produced.

Pat Clarke, Bulldog cross country coach, said he will never forget Spink.

"Jeanne was one of the

most determined athletes that I have ever coached," he said.

Chelsea track and field coach Bill Bainton said both athletes were very talented and motivated as prepsters.

"I think they always had a goal they were working for," he said.

Bainton said Arnold was special because she not only had great talent, but also worked hard in practice to improve.

"As a senior, her effort and leadership made everyone around her a little better," he said. "She was a tremendous competitor. I think I enjoyed coaching her as a senior more than any other athlete I've had because of her talent, work ethic and leadership."

Bainton said Spink was a hard worker who knew that she wanted to run after high school.

"She was a leader who was with a group of very good distance runners," he said. "Jeanne followed Lisa Monti (1993 Chelsea graduate who ran at the University of South Carolina) and had it not been for Lisa, she would probably have several school records."

"I remember that Jeanne ran three distance races in a meet and did very well. She was so consistent for us."

Arnold said her goals for the rest of her college career are to get better and improve her places.

"I want to try and help the team as much as I can," she said.

Spink said she'd like to conclude her college cross country career injury-free.

"I want to win the Big Ten and make it to nationals," she said. "I want our team to be in the top 15 in the nation. I think we can do that."



Former Chelsea athletes Mora Arnold (left) and Jeanne Spink embrace after helping lead the University of Michigan to the Big Ten outdoor track and field championship last spring. The twosome also sparked the Wolverines to the Big Ten Indoor title, as well, this past year.

Both runners felt it was pretty impressive having two athletes from Chelsea on Michigan's Big Ten championship team.

And both runners are each other's No. 1 fan.

"We both have a lot of fun together," Arnold said. "We always goof around. I have been friends with her (Spink) since my freshman year in high school. I met her running track."

"(At Michigan) we run really different events, but I cheer her on. She's done a lot for the team. She's a great leader."

Spink said she remembers the first time she saw Arnold in high school.

"I was the leader of our team, and I noticed this little freshman who was pretty good," she said. "She was able to beat everyone. I was glad when she decided to attend Michigan."

"To be from such a small school and have both of us

competing at Michigan, it's amazing. It's been so much fun. We have a special Chelsea bond."

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The University of Michigan women's track and field team captured the Big Ten's indoor and outdoor titles this past season. Chelsea's Mora Arnold and Jeanne Spink were key cogs in the Wolverines' drive to the championships.

Youth football battles Whitmore Lake

Chelsea's JV youth football team lost to Whitmore Lake 33-0 last Saturday.

Despite a strong performance from the host Bulldogs, the Trojans used their overall size to record the victory.

Having outstanding games for the Bulldogs were Zach Giller, Glenn Cobb and John Hillaker.

In the freshman youth game, Chelsea prevailed over Whitmore Lake 13-0.

Bulldog quarterback Dakota Cooley finished the contest 5-for-5 passing for 83 yards, while adding 89 yards

on the ground and scoring a touchdown to lead Chelsea.

Also contributing to the Bulldogs' offensive attack were halfback Charlie Hess, who rushed for 43 yards and caught five passes for 83 yards, and fullback Cody Adams, who gained 42 yards. Halfback Ben Avila also ran well for the Dawgs.

On defense, nose guard Joey Dabrowski dominated the trenches, recording eight tackles, two sacks, six quarterback hurries and forcing three fumbles.

Adams chipped in with five

solo tackles, while Lucas Dehring had four tackles and one forced fumble.

Earning Player-of-the-Game honors were cornerback Kevin Umerlik, who finished the contest with three open field tackles, center Matthew Lindauer, defensive back Max Giller and receiver Johnny Wall.

Chelsea youth football next travels to Milford for a pair of games Saturday. The freshman contest kicks off at 9 a.m., followed by the JV game at 11 a.m.

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Chelsea equestrians third at season opener

Chelsea's equestrian team finished third in B Division at its season opening competition at the Wayne County Fairgrounds last Sunday.

The Bulldogs have several new members on this year's squad. Two of those newcomers made their marks Sunday.

Sophomores Clara Worden and Kelly Kennedy performed well, scoring 13 and seven points, respectively, for Chelsea. The duo finished fourth in the two-man relay.

The team also has numerous freshmen riders this season.

"We really didn't know what to expect out of the freshmen at the first meet, but they nailed their classes," said Bulldog captain Halley Sissom.

Other top riders on the day were sophomores Katie Hardcastle, who recorded 12 points, and Jessica Jarvis, who added eight points.

"Being on the team for a second year really made us feel more confident in the show ring," said Hardcastle, who finished second in saddle seat pattern.

Leading Chelsea on the day was Sam Ortiz, who finished



Photo courtesy of Larry Sissom
Chelsea's Julie Ottoman prepares to compete in last Sunday's season opening equestrian event at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

ished with 19 points and a first place mark in trail.

Sissom recorded 11 points and placed third in equitation over fences.

Chelsea's next competition is Sunday at the Wayne

County Fairgrounds. The event lasts from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Chelsea's Katie Hardcastle rides at last Sunday's opening equestrian event at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

Linksters break school record

Chelsea's boys' golf team defeated visiting Adrian 151-170 at Reddeman Farms Golf Course Sept. 11.

The Bulldogs' overall score broke a school record for nine holes.

"This is one of the finest performances that we have had as a team since I've been coaching," said Chelsea coach Jim Tallman, in his 14th season. "If we can start shooting these scores consistently, we have great things ahead of

us this season." Individually for the Bulldogs, Brett Common recorded a 36, followed by Chris Johnson with a 37, Paul Newhouse with a 38 and Pieter Boshoven with a 40.

Chelsea next travels to Tecumseh for a South-eastern Conference White Division quad 3 p.m. Monday.

On Wednesday, the Bulldogs host Ann Arbor Pioneer at 4 p.m.

Beach harriers first at Saline

Chelsea's Beach Middle School girls' cross country team finished first at the Saline Jamboree Sept. 11.

The Bulldogs bested the field with 47 points.

Placing second was Temperance Bedford with 56 points, followed by the host Hornets with 57 points and Dexter with 110 points.

Individually for Beach, Amanda McKenzie finished

first overall, followed by Elise Dunn, who placed third; Caitlyn Ciaccio, who ended up seventh; Kelly Catalina, who crossed the line 15th; and Trisha Hash, who finished 21st.

In the boys' meet, Beach placed second with 73 points.

Pacing the Bulldogs individually was Abe Kane, who ended up third. Teammates Eric Dudek, in eighth place,

and Chet Hopp, in ninth place, rounded out Chelsea's scoring. Also competing in the meet for Beach were Jordan Skidmore and Dolan Personke.

"All the athletes did a great job representing Beach Middle School," said Beach coach Gina Watson.

The Bulldogs next host the Chelsea Invitational 8:30 a.m. Sept. 28.

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For additional information, call the recreation office at 475-1112.

This past Labor Day, Dan and I suffered a catastrophe that we never could have imagined. We had a house fire in which we nearly lost everything.

We would like to thank our neighbors Carol Briggs and Jimmy Steele for calling the fire department and notifying us. We would, also, like to thank the Chelsea Fire Department, Dexter Fire Department, Officer Sumner, and John Dettling for responding so quickly and for saving our two cats.

We would also like to thank our families, friends, neighbors, 5th grade class of Nick Schumann at Johnson Elementary School in Milford, and the Departments of Anesthesiology, Pediatrics, Neurology, Pathology, Mott OR, and Pediatric Surgery at the University of Michigan who have generously given us their support and donations to help us bring our lives back to normalcy.

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Chelsea Pride



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Chelsea students show their spirit during a home football game earlier this season.

Beach cagers top Bedford

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Gold basketball team defeated Temperance Bedford 21-12 last Monday.

The host Bulldogs ran out to an 8-0 first quarter lead. In the second frame, Bedford responded, outscoring Beach 4-1 heading into the locker room trailing 9-4.

In the third quarter, Chelsea (1-0) found its shooting eye, increasing its advantage to 15-8 as the two squads entered the final stanza.

Bridget Lynn paced the Bulldogs with six points, while Paige Denison and Kate Shroesbee each added four points.

Liz Gunden, Maggie Manville and Katie Lynn each netted two points, while Kirsten Conrad recorded one point to round out Beach's scoring.

The Bulldogs next host Ypsilanti Lincoln 4 p.m. Monday.

On Wednesday, Beach travels to Adrian Drager for a game at 4 p.m.

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JV hoopsters fall to Saline

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's JV girls' basketball team lost to Saline 46-39 last Thursday.

The host Hornets outscored the Bulldogs 28-22 in the second half to secure the victory.

To begin the game, Saline broke out to a 9-4 lead after one quarter. In the second frame, Chelsea outscored the Hornets 13-11 to head into the locker room down three points, 20-17.

"(It) was a hard-fought game," said Chelsea coach Paul Terpstra. "We rallied from a 38-27 deficit to narrow the gap to 40-37 before losing by seven points."

Pacing the Bulldogs (1-4) offensively was forward Anne Seelbach, who recorded a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Teammate center Beckah

Sauers added 12 points and three steals, while guard Liberty Dickerson chipped in eight points and three steals.

Guard Courtney All netted two points, while guard Trisha Terns recorded one point to round out Chelsea's scoring.

Despite the setback, the Bulldogs shot well from the free throw line, Terpstra

said.

"We shot 63 percent, led by Dickerson, who was 6-of-8 and Seelbach, who was 8-of-9," he said.

On Sept. 10, Chelsea defeated Milan 49-10 for its first victory of the season.

"We broke into the win column with a convincing win," Terpstra said.

The host Bulldogs dominat-

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Severin paces Chelsea cross country

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea girls' cross country team captured the 12-team New Boston Huron Invitational last Saturday. The Bulldogs placed first with 48 points.

Rounding out the top five were Dearborn Divine Child with 56 points, Monroe Jefferson with 99 points, Allen Park with 100 points and Carleton Airport with 128 points.

Individually for Chelsea, freshman Rachel Severin placed third with a time of 20:02.

In fifth place for the Bulldogs was Alison Sacks with a personal best 20:31, while Laura Oberholtzer finished ninth in a personal best 21:11.

Ashley Brainerd crossed the line 14th with a personal best time of 21:17, while Sarah Kaminsky was 17th in a personal best 21:24, Savannah Hyssong was 23rd

in a personal best 22:08 and Michelle Oberholtzer ended up 24th in a lifetime best 22:21.

In the JV race, Kari Moyle placed second in 21:41, while Kim Gasieski was 10th in 22:35 and Ashley Houle 24th in 23:43.

In 36th place for the Bulldogs was Rachel Stone in 24:16, while Genny Gourlay was 42nd in 24:20, Caitlin Paul 65th in 24:59, Candel Dickerson 96th in 28:27, Joyce Lewis 98th in 28:27 and Katie Fox 104th in 28:48. Tragically, Fox was killed in an auto accident one day later. (See story, page 1-A)

Katie Personke placed 138th with a time of 29:57. "We ran just great today," said Chelsea coach Pat Clarke. "We were focused as a team. Six out of seven runners set PR's (personal records) on the varsity. This meet was quite a turnaround from our Tuesday (Sept. 10) performance in the first jam-

boree.

"We improved dramatically with this meet and improvement is what cross country is all about. I just hope that we continue on this course throughout the season."

On Sept. 10, the Bulldogs finished second at the SEC White Division Jamboree No. 1 hosted by Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Dexter captured the event with 26 points. Chelsea was next with 33 points, followed by Tecumseh with 69 points and Ypsilanti Lincoln with 114 points.

Individually, Severin finished first overall with a time of 20:18.

Sacks placed fifth in 21:42, while Hyssong was eighth in 22:50, Kaminsky ninth in 23:05 and Brainerd 10th in 23:11.

Michelle Oberholtzer ended up 12th with a time of 23:25 to round out Chelsea's field.

In the JV race, Laura Oberholtzer placed 11th in a personal best 22:46 to lead the Bulldogs.

Moyle ended up 10th in 23:37, while Gasieski was 26th in 24:09, Houle 31st in 24:28, Gourlay 48th in 25:13, Paul 56th in 25:43 and Stone 82nd with a time of 27:33.

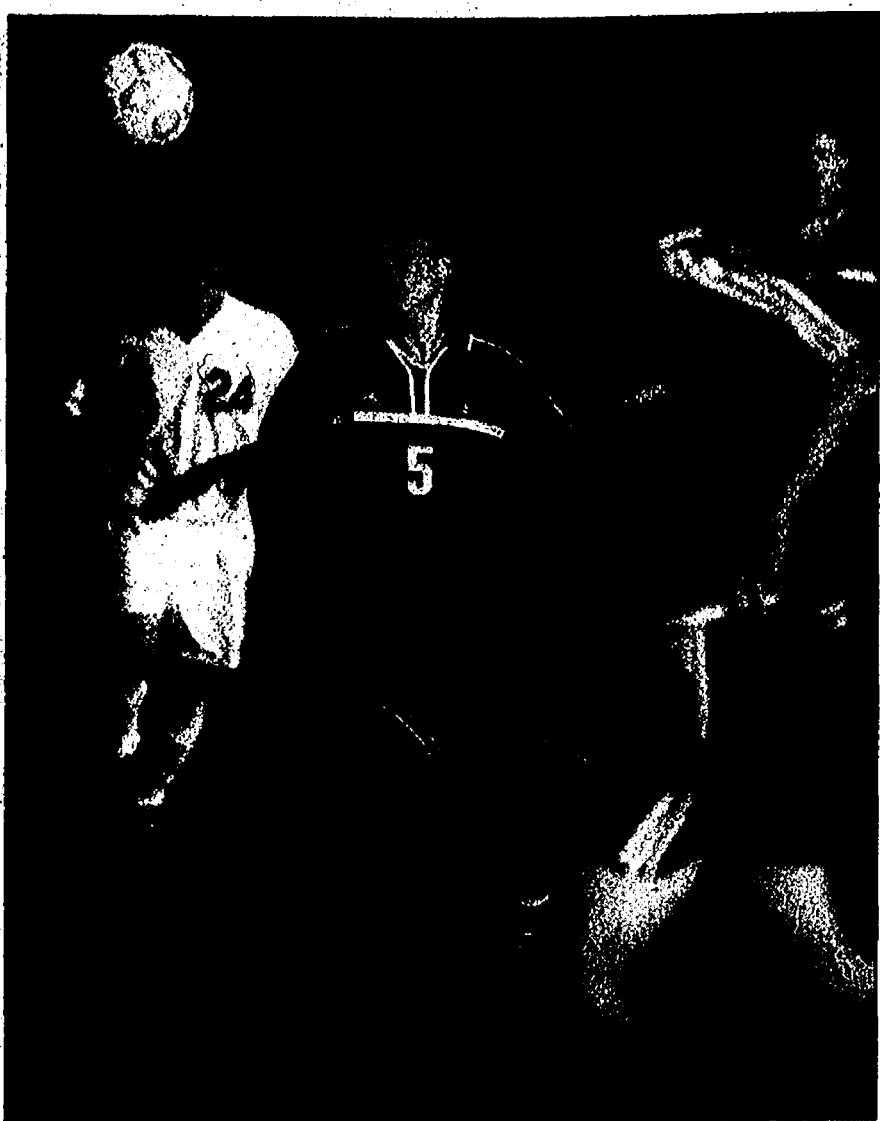
Lewis finished 84th in 27:45, while Fox was 85th in 27:50 and Megan Edgar 106th with a time of 31:15.

"We came up a little short in this meet to a fine Dexter team," Clarke said. "We'll just have to work a little harder and see if we can't close the gap a little in the next three weeks."

Chelsea next travels to the Jackson Invitational 11 a.m. Saturday.

On Sept. 28, the Bulldogs visit Mason to participate in its invitational at 4:30 p.m.

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Chelsea's David Knox eyes the ball against rival Dexter last week. Knox and the Bulldogs defeated the Dreadnaughts 7-1.

SOCCER

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final 25 minutes.

"We were red carded due to an overly aggressive play on our part," Scaling said. "We defended very well."

Scaling said his team came out strong in the second half.

"We had a great first 15 minutes," he said. "We changed our defensive pressure so that we weren't back on our heels as much."

Scaling said tying Pioneer

was a positive for his club.

"We played well," he said.

"We had a total team effort."

Preserving the tie in net for Chelsea was Baibak.

The Bulldogs next travel to Ypsilanti Lincoln 4 p.m. today.

On Saturday, Chelsea hosts Ann Arbor Huron at 2:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs visit Adrian for a contest at 4 p.m.

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Mann leads cagers over Saline

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Saline tried its best, but as most teams eventually find out, it's pretty hard containing Allison Mann.

Mann, Chelsea's 6-foot senior swing player, is one of the state's best all-around players. And last Thursday against the Hornets, she showed why.

Scoring more than half her team's total, Mann poured in 22 points, helping lead the Bulldogs (4-1) to a hard-fought 40-38 victory over Saline.

Senior point guard Julia Arnold added seven points for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs have won two straight since dropping a 39-31 contest to Adrian Sept. 5.

On Sept. 10, Chelsea defeated Milan 48-20.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 13-4 first quarter advantage and cruised from there.

By halftime, Chelsea had built a comfortable 26-7 lead.

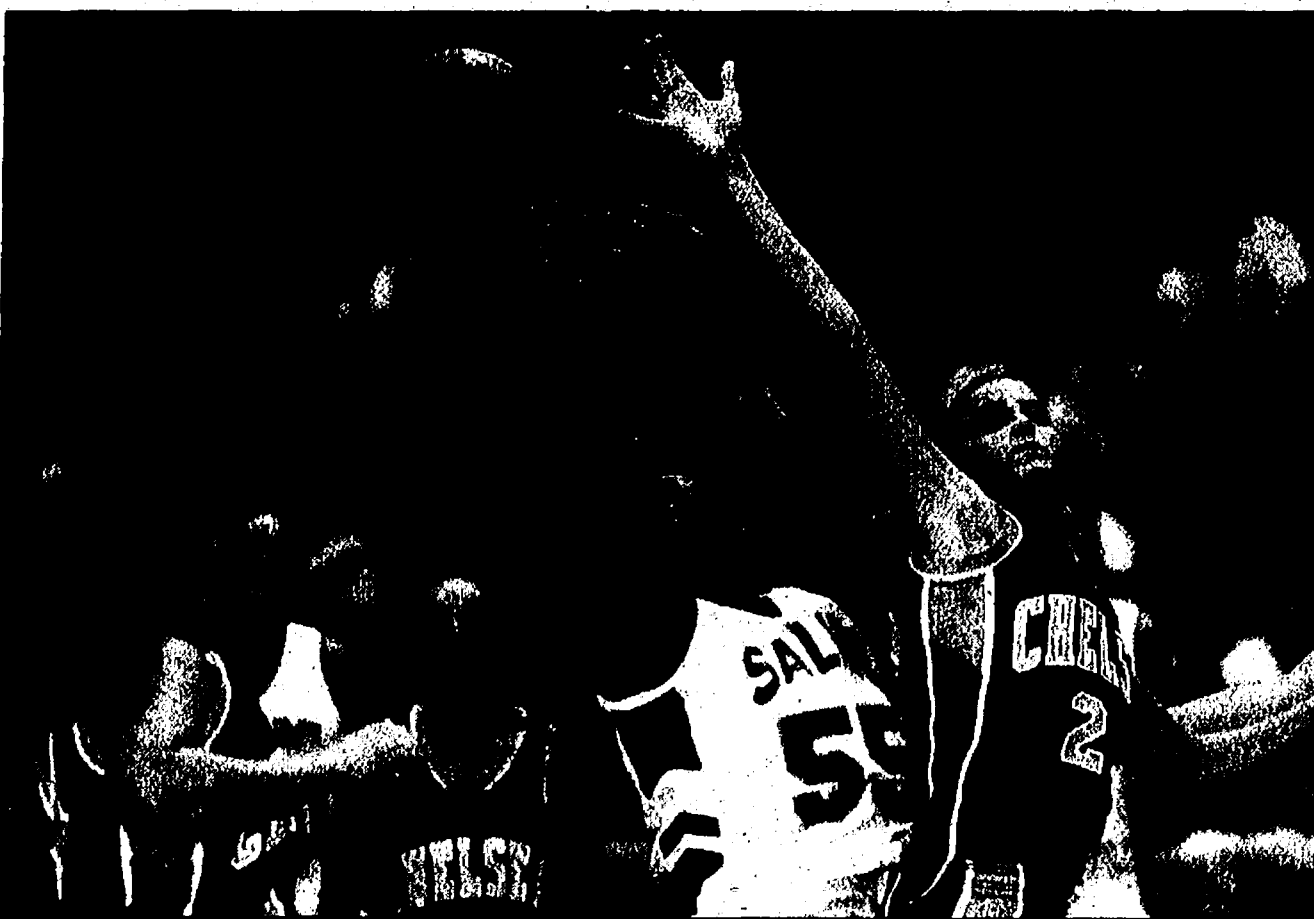
In the second half, the Bulldogs outscored the Big Reds 22-13.

Chelsea received balanced scoring on the night, as senior forward Anna Arend led the way with 14 points.

Mann added nine points, while Arnold had eight points and freshman Emily Woodruff six points for the Dawgs.

On the boards, Mann grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds.

Arnold dished off six



Chelsea's Stephanie Minzey battles for a rebound with a Saline opponent during last week's game against the Hornets.

Photo by Tom Kirvan

assists to pace Chelsea. Mann chipped in with five assists.

The Bulldogs next travel to county rival Dexter today for a game at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, Chelsea hosts Ann Arbor Huron at 7 p.m.

On Sept. 28, the Bulldogs host Ypsilanti Lincoln at 7 p.m.

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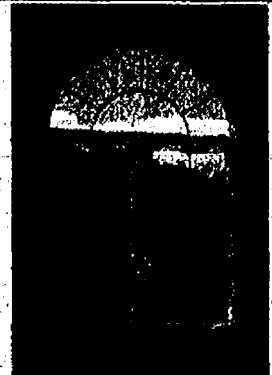
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RIVALS

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George Royce," he said. "He's just going to have to step up and be a leader."

"But, obviously, losing a senior quarterback with his (Freeman's) experience and talent, that's a hard blow. I have a lot of confidence in our team and in George. I think we'll be all right."

Besides starting at quarterback, Freeman was also Chelsea's punter.

"That's a big thing," Bush said. "That will kind of go unnoticed, but that's a big deal. Not only is he (Freeman) an athlete, but he's also a very good punter."

"It's unfortunate (injury). That's never happened to me in my (coaching) career — to have a quarterback go out like this. But you just have to continue playing."

Barbieri said he was encouraged by his team's



Chelsea senior defensive tackle Tony Kimmen (63) helps bring down a Dexter ball carrier as teammate Junior Lee Woodruff (45) rushes in to assist with other Bulldog tacklers.

performance despite losses.

"We played as a team," he said. "We hung together. Our kids never gave up. The fourth quarter started and we believed we could win the game. That's

"Part of what we need to do is believe we can win. That's a start."

"And when you hang in a game with a team like Chelsea, like we did tonight, it's going to lead to improvement," he said. Chelsea next travels to

Saline for a game 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Dexter next travels to Adrian for a contest 7 p.m. tomorrow.

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DUNK

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Jessica Lodewyk clocked her third state qualification of this young season as she finished first in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:20.02. Alise Augustine was second with a solid time of 2:31.99. Coming in third, with a season best performance, was Jennifer Adams at 2:32.75.

In the 50 freestyle, Becca Armstrong took one breath too many as she came close to making the state cut in the event. She would make up for it later in the 100 backstroke winning the event in 28:39. Julie Mida was second in 27:44, with Tschirhart earning fourth-place points with a time of 28:10.

Alli Sayers just missed breaking the varsity record in the 1-meter diving event,

scoring 211.30 points. Chelsea Gibbs was third with 22.25 points, while Christine Bentreter was fourth with 25.60 points.

Katrina Moffett qualified for her second state finals event, easily winning the 100 butterfly with a tremendous time of 1:04.50. Nicole Lodewyk had a personal best time of 1:08.09 for second place. Emily Drinkwater, who has shown awesome improvement over last year, was fourth at 1:17.01 for the Bulldogs.

Bassett earned her first individual state qualification time, winning the 100 freestyle with a time of 58:52. Book was fourth with a season best time of 1:04.02.

Jolly said in an attempt to get everyone in the meet, Benton swam the 100 backstroke in the varsity heat of the 100 freestyle. Though she

didn't place for points, she just missed the state cut by two-tenths of a second.

Kayla Hack earned her second state qualification time of the short season, winning the 300 freestyle in 5:34.05. Jessie Rohrer was second in 6:03.17, while Tracy Stetson was third in 6:13.24. Both Rohrer's and Stetson's times were season bests.

Armstrong earned her second state qualification time, winning the 100 backstroke with an unbelievable time of 1:04.75. April Adams and Kellyn Pagliarini finished at 1:08.17 and 1:08.53, respectively, for Chelsea.

Manville won the 100 breaststroke with a solid time of 1:17.08. Jolly said what was most impressive about Manville's performance was that she had been out of competition for nearly two years.

Anna Drow was probably one of the biggest surprises of the evening as she earned second-place honors at 1:17.72. Jennings finished third in 1:19.02 for the Dawgs.

The last event of the evening saw all three 400 freestyle relay teams for Chelsea earn state qualifying times.

Jessica Lodewyk, Hack, Benton and Tschirhart swam to an outstanding time of 3:56.89 to finish first. Hughes, Rohrer, Moffett, and Augustine were second at 3:59.64. Nicole Lodewyk, Sawyer, Frayer and Bassett earned third place at 4:02.75.

The Bulldogs next travel to Saline today for a meet at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Chelsea visits Fenton to participate in its relays at 9 a.m.

On Sept. 28, the Bulldogs host defending Division I state champion and No. 1-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer at 8:30 p.m.

HURON

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ally was Lewis, who placed sixth with a time of 17:26. In seventh was Brown with a clocking of 17:40.

"Dan Lewis had an outstanding race," as did Kyle Brown," Swager said.

McKenzie finished in 10th place with a time of 17:56 while Fedele was 11th in 18:03, Bach 12th in 18:09, Bravo 13th in 18:35 and Wineland 17th with a time of 19:14 to round out the Bulldog field.

In the JV race, Fitch finished 14th in 19:14 to pace Chelsea.

Hinderer ended up 20th in 19:26, while Peters was 27th in 19:39, Daly 39th in 20:15, Montgomery 41st in 20:29, Aaron Connell 67th in a lifetime best 22:06, Booth 93rd in 24:24, Zeigler 97th in 25:08 and Gasleaki 105th with a time of 29:57.

SALINE

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ed the boards, out rebounding the Big Red 31-17.

In the second and third quarters, Chelsea broke the game open, outscoring Milan 28-3.

At halftime the Bulldogs led 30-7.

By the fourth quarter, Chelsea had increased its advantage to 39-7.

Alli, with 17 points, spearheaded the Bulldog attack.

Terns and Seelbach each added nine points, with Terns also hauling down six rebounds.

Guard Margaret Wheeler finished the contest with five points, while Bauers had four points, forward Brittany Carey three points and forward Emma Inwood two points to round out Chelsea's scoring.

Sauers ended up with six rebounds, while Dickerson had three steals.

The Bulldogs next travel to county rival Dexter for a game 5:30 p.m. today.

On Tuesday, Chelsea hosts Ann Arbor Huron at 5:30 p.m.

On Sept. 23, the Bulldogs host Ypsilanti Lincoln at 5:30 p.m.

The Bulldogs next travel to Jackson Invitational 11 a.m. Saturday.

On Sept. 28, Chelsea will participate in the Mason

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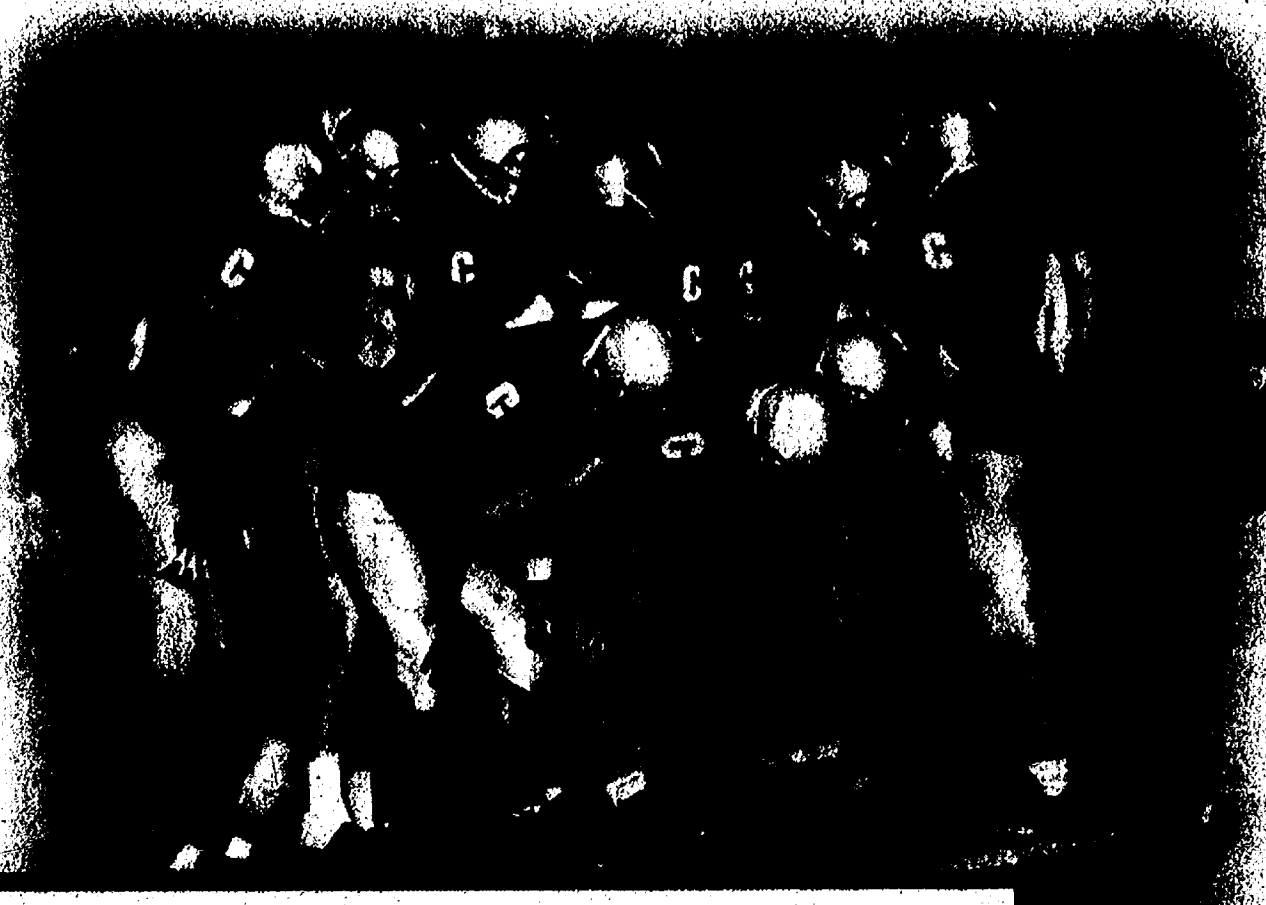
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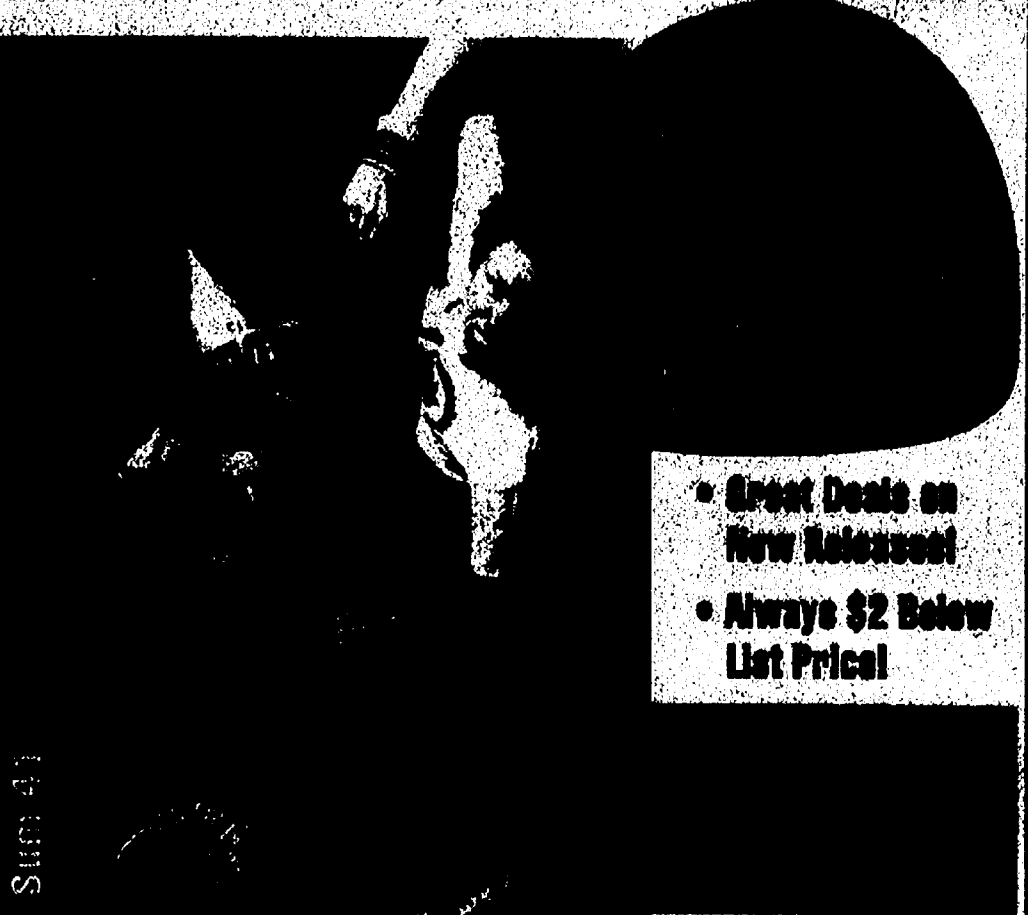
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BUSINESS

A gem

Local artist combines talents to make jewelry

By Lisa Carolin
Special Writer

Diane Rose is a metalsmith, a gem setter and an artist, and has combined her talents to become a successful and stylistic jeweler.

Rose is inspired by nature and says the setting around her log cabin on 40 acres in Grass Lake Township serves as her muse.

"It's 40 acres of woods that haven't been cut in 50 years," she said. "There are streams and deer, and a feeling of peace and serenity."

Rose grew up in Dearborn Heights and Westland in a family of engineers, designers and draftsmen. Her grandmother collected and cut rocks.

Rose remembers filling up her closet with rocks. Her mother would get rid of them, but Rose would fill the closet back up again.

Today she still holds a fascination for stones, and likes to share her knowledge about where rocks come from and how they were formed with children that she meets.

During high school, Rose worked with silver, copper and brass, and sold jewelry that she created.

She earned a bachelor's degree in metalsmithing from Wayne State University, and also took classes in chemistry, geology and engineering materials to learn why things work the way they do.

After graduating, Rose apprenticed with a master diamond setter for 14 years to learn the art of diamond and gem setting, honing her skills and developing a style all her own.

"I have always been an artist," Rose said, "but I do like to eat. I've trained through the Gemological Institute of America and learned to grade and appraise stones. I also do antique restoration."

Rose has owned a jewelry store in Ann Arbor for the last eight years called Diane Rose Jewelry, located on West Stadium Boulevard, two blocks east of Jackson Road.

She brings her two prize-winning Weimeraner dogs to work with her and receives help from her husband, Leo Santoro, a podiatrist who works next store.

Rose, who has given tours of her building to local Scouts, enjoys it when children visit her store. She said she likes to give young visitors samples of the rocks that she uses and answer all of their questions. She and an assistant create much of the jewelry in that same building.

Rose has petrified dinosaur bones and fossils at her store, as well as ancient Roman glass. She also has trays of gems from around the world.



Photo by Lisa Carolin

Diane Rose of Grass Lake Township has combined her talent as a metalsmith, gem setter and artist to make a living at her craft. Rose owns a store in Ann Arbor, and plans to also work from a studio at her home, where she draws inspiration from nature.

Customers may choose to work with her to custom create jewelry. She also works in metals, including various colors of gold, platinum and titanium.

"You have to know your way around a workbench here," she said. "I do a lot of soldering and torching. I've never made the same thing

twice." Rose is putting a studio in her house so that she can pursue her artistry in the serene setting of her home. She wants to work more with metal and start creating lawn sculptures. She also plans to have a workbench for her 6-year-old son, who is already showing an interest.

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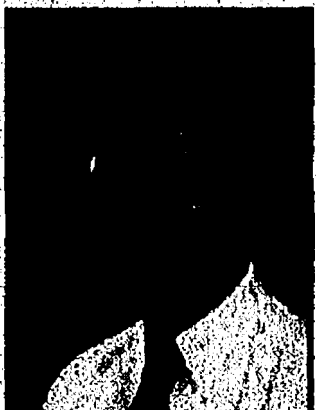
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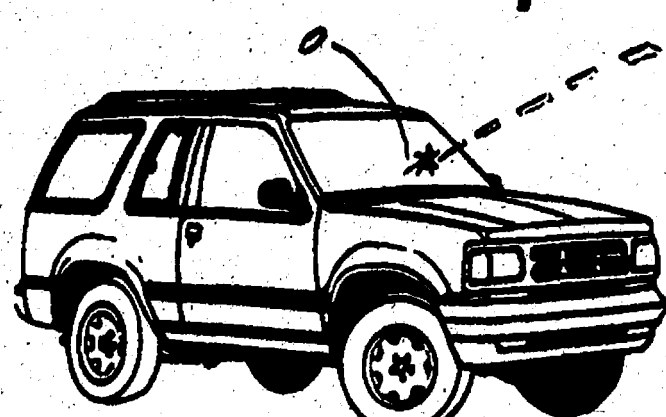
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Heydlauff named to post

Chelsea native Dale Heydlauff has been named to the new position of senior vice president of governmental and environmental affairs for American Electric Power.

Heydlauff has served as senior vice president of environmental affairs for AEP for the last two years.

Heydlauff will oversee AEP's 11 state offices, which provide community, customer and government relations services, and will supervise the company's Washington, D.C., office.

He will continue to be responsible for developing and implementing corporate environmental policies, as well as goals and environmental stewardship initiatives.

Heydlauff joined AEP in 1988 and served as director of federal affairs in the Washington office. He was also vice president of environmental affairs prior to advancing to his most recent post.

Heydlauff's previous experience includes 10 years in government affairs. He served on General Motors Corp.'s government relations staff, was a legislative assistant for former U.S. Rep. Carl D. Pursell, R-Michigan, and

served as deputy director of the Illinois-Washington office for former Gov. James R. Thompson, R-Illinois.

Heydlauff also specialized in energy, environmental, transportation and tax issues as a non-lawyer professional for two Washington law firms, Craft & Richards and Van Ness, Feldman, Sutcliffe & Curtis.

Heydlauff earned a bachelor's degree in political sci-

ence from Eastern Michigan University in 1978 and completed a master's degree in business administration at the University of Virginia's Darden Graduate School of Business Administration in 1997.

Heydlauff, a 1975 Chelsea High School graduate, was active in band, choir, theater and the forensics team. He is the son of Shirley and Jerald Heydlauff.

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Business Leadership Awards will be presented to one business with 10 or fewer employees and one with more than 10.

Member businesses will receive nomination forms in the mail. They are also available by e-mail or at the chamber office, 522 N. Main St., in Chelsea.

In general, the awards will be presented to businesses who display innovative ideas and services; contribute to

the economic impact of the Chelsea area; provide services meeting the needs of the local community; enhance the uniqueness of the community image; demonstrate leadership in the business category; support chamber activities; and demonstrate other exemplary characteristics.

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FOOD & NUTRITION

BREAKING BOUNDARIES

TODAY'S MEALS CROSS MANY CUISINES

Today, master chefs and home cooks alike are blurring the borders of ethnic fare, yielding exciting and delicious flavor combinations with hints from different parts of the world.

This fusing of cuisines, sometimes given specific cross-ethnic descriptions like "Cal-Ital" and "East meets West," features popular and versatile ingredients, seasonings and spices often associated with specific cuisines or regions combined to create entirely new dishes.

While cuisines can vary widely, some flavors and ingredients, such as Mexican chipotle chiles and Asian soy sauce, have become popular fusion ingredients. Because they marry well with a variety of bold, rich flavors from all corners of the globe, great-tasting pork and versatile Wisconsin potatoes are ideal cross-cultural ingredients.

As the most popular meat in the world, pork is a natural choice for internationally inspired cooking. Whether it's moist tenderloin medallions or savory sausage, pork's flavor combines well with many different spices and regional ingredients, from garlic to cumin to thyme. Using pork as a starting point, home cooks can easily create a meal with flair by combining complementary cultural flavors.

Try potatoes from Wisconsin to round out a cross-cultural menu. In addition to their versatility and adaptability to many different cuisines, Wisconsin potatoes will surprise cooks looking for a variety of different potato options, with their russets, whites, reds and yellow flesh varieties. They are easy to store, high in Vitamin C, full of potassium and fiber, and naturally fat free.

Take your taste buds on a culinary adventure by experimenting with the boundaries of ethnic cuisine using pork and Wisconsin potatoes. You can try one of the recipes below or try your hand at blending your own favorite ethnic flavors. Just be sure to savor the flavor along the way!

Entertaining with crossover cuisine

Surprise guests at your next dinner party with unexpected flavor combinations that blend the best flavors of two worlds. To bring the fusion theme to life and add ambiance, a few quick and easy touches can turn a simple dinner into a cross-cultural adventure. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

■ **Mexican/Latin:** Create small colorful arrangements of dried chili peppers for each guest's place setting.

■ **Asian:** Add a sense of exotic elegance with minimal effort by lighting small lanterns around the entire dining area.

■ **German:** Serve all cold beverages in chilled German beer steins, including alcohol-free drinks for guests under 21.

■ **Indian or Moroccan:** Skip the dining room table—use large throw pillows around a low coffee table.



Teriyaki Pork Medallions With Mango Salsa and Spanish Potatoes

Exploring crossover cuisine online

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Green Chili Pork Stew



Sausage and Spinach With Chipotle Mashed Potatoes



Teriyaki Pork Medallions With Mango Salsa

Asian/Latin

2 navel oranges
3/4 cup chopped refrigerated mango
1/4 cup sliced green bell pepper
2 tablespoons finely sliced red onion
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
1 teaspoon finely shredded lime peel
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon finely chopped jalapeño pepper
1 1- to 1 1/4-pound teriyaki-marinated pork tenderloin
1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Peel oranges, remove seeds and coarsely chop. In medium bowl combine oranges, mango, bell pepper, onion, cilantro, lime peel, lime juice and jalapeño pepper. Cover and chill at least 1 hour.

Cut pork tenderloin crosswise into 12 slices. Place between plastic wrap; press with heel of hand to 1/2-inch thickness. In large skillet sauté pork, half at a time, in hot oil for about 3 minutes on each side. Serve with salsa.

Serves 4.

Green Chili Pork Stew

Mexican/Indian

1 pound boneless pork sirloin, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
2 large Wisconsin potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
2 teaspoons curry powder
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 1/2 cups chicken broth
1 1/2 cups apple juice, divided
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
2 medium carrots, chopped
1 medium onion, cut into wedges
1 can (4 1/2 ounces) chopped green chili peppers, undrained
1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano, crushed
1/4 cup flour

In Dutch oven sauté pork, curry and garlic in hot oil until browned. Stir in broth, 1 cup apple juice, potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, onion, chili peppers and oregano. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes or until pork and vegetables are tender. Stir together remaining 1/2 cup apple juice and flour; add to Dutch oven. Cook and stir until mixture thickens.

Spoon stew into soup bowls. If desired, top with sour cream and chopped fresh cilantro. Serves 6.

Spanish Potatoes

2 medium Wisconsin potatoes, washed, peeled and thinly sliced
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion, thinly sliced
1 tablespoon minced pimento
1/8 teaspoon saffron
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup sliced almonds, optional

Heat oil in heavy 10-inch skillet. Sauté onion until limp. Add potatoes and pimento; cook and stir until lightly browned. Combine saffron and salt; sprinkle on potatoes. Add 1 tablespoon water. Cover and cook about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with almonds, if desired. Serve hot. Serves 4.

Sausage and Spinach With Chipotle Mashed Potatoes

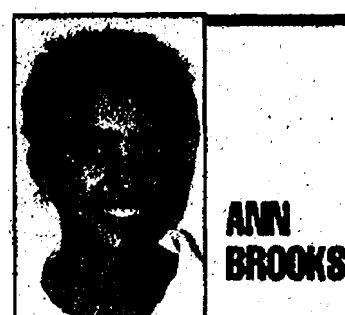
Eastern European/Mexican

3 medium Wisconsin potatoes (about 1 pound)
1/4 cup plain yogurt
2 canned chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, finely chopped
1 tablespoon butter
1/8 teaspoon salt
3/4 pound cooked, smoked Polish sausage links
1 medium onion, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 red bell pepper, cut into thin strips
2 tablespoons dry white wine
5 cups coarsely chopped fresh spinach leaves

Peel and quarter potatoes. In medium saucepan cook potatoes, covered, in boiling, lightly salted water for 20 to 25 minutes or until tender. Drain and mash potatoes. Stir in yogurt, chipotle peppers, butter and salt.

Meanwhile, cut sausage crosswise into 1/2-inch slices. In 12-inch skillet, cook onion and garlic in hot oil until lightly browned. Stir in sausage, bell pepper and wine. Cook and stir over medium-high heat until sausage is heated through. Stir in spinach. Cook and stir for 1 minute or until spinach starts to wilt. Serve with mashed potatoes. Serves 4.

Introduce stretching to your daily routine



ANN BROOKS

BODY TALK

Flexibility is an important component to health. Children seem to be able to twist and turn their bodies into anything short of a pretzel. However, it seems that as we age, our flexibility changes from pretzel to pencil and we are stiff as a board.

A decline in flexibility can mean poor posture and more frequent joint and muscle pain. A reduction in flexibility can also increase your chances of injury to muscles and joints.

The good news is loss of flexibility can be prevented, or at least slowed down. Daily stretching is the answer.

Here are some guidelines for developing a stretching program:

- You should try to stretch every day, even if it is for only

five minutes at your desk at work. Even these few minutes are better than nothing.

- Optimally, you should strive for 10 to 20 minutes at least four times per week. The easiest way to fit this in is right after your aerobic exercise activities.

- A common mistake I see in the gym is members coming in to begin their workouts without stretching. Stop right there. Muscles that have been idle all day need to be warmed up before stretching. The muscles will respond much better to the stretching activities if they are warm when they are stretched. It's also safer.

- If you are doing your stretches in the evening or after waking up, try to do them after your hot bath or shower.

- Listen to your body when stretching. It will tell you if you are forcing a stretch by giving you pain. Stretches should never be painful.

- Stretch to feel good, not to be more flexible. Reach until you feel a mild pull on the muscle, breathe smoothly and hold the stretch for 20 to 30 seconds until the muscle relaxes and the position becomes easier to hold.

- Never bounce during a stretch. This is known as ballistic stretching and is used by some athletes, but it's not recommended for most individuals. This type of stretching can actually cause the muscles to become tighter by activating the stretch reflex, which protects the muscle fibers from being over stretched. You will end up being tighter than you were when you started.

A regular stretching program at the end of your workout will give you a feeling of completion and relaxation. You can slow the heart rate and focus on how your body is feeling after an exhilarating workout. Not to mention, you will feel less stiff from those extra few pounds you lifted on the leg press today.

Take charge of your health and find the strength to dominate your day.

Ann Brooks has a degree in exercise science from Eastern Michigan University and is certified as a personal trainer. She is employed as a fitness specialist and personal trainer at Chelsea Community Hospital's Health and Wellness Center.

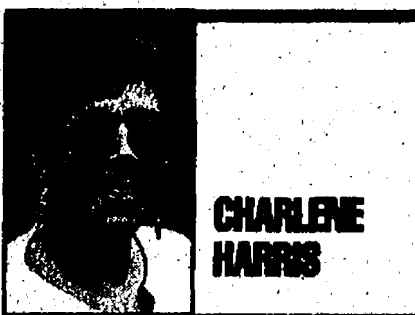


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Joint Effort

Ethan Forauer (left) and Sarah Tarnaski take a break from the heat and try making some extra money by selling popcorn and lemonade outside their Webster Township home.

Fall is a pleasant time to tend to your garden



CHARLENE HARRIS

GARDENS & NATURE

As a gardener, Labor Day weekend marks the onset of fall, and garden cleanup begins.

Like weeding, the clean up is a relaxing task, I enjoy. There's no pressure to get things done. I begin in September and end around Thanksgiving depending on the weather.

The first task is to cut down the peonies and lily foliage. Next are the daylilies. I want to dig and divide several of these plants so it's easier to cut them down now and sacrifice a few remaining blooms than to come back later. The foliage is getting a tad ragged, and when they are cut to the ground I can see how many divisions I will have later.

As I work my way through the garden I make notes of things that I want to move, divide or rescue. The divide

and rescue tasks come first.

Many perennials and some bulbs benefit from being dug and divided every 3-5 years. This year I noticed some of my large stands of Japanese and Siberian Iris had fewer and smaller blooms than usual, an indication they need to be divided. Both of these irises will do better if divided and replanted in fall and fertilized in early spring.

Next come the hosta. Any remaining flower stalks are removed. I removed most of the flower stalks as they grew, leaving a few of the larger blooms for the hummingbirds. I grow hosta for foliage, not blooms, and I want the plant to put more energy into the root system and growing new leaves than flowering. I wish the hosta hybridizers would develop more hosta with inconspicuous short bloom stalks.

My fall rescue tasks correct mistakes I've made in planting things or tasks that are

needed just because everything grows.

Plants I noticed struggling during the summer are on my list to be relocated. Their original site may have been too sunny, or become too shady or dry due to trees and shrubs growing near them. I moved several astilbe and a few ferns to a new site with more summer shade and better soil because of summer wilting. A few that are beyond rescue are added to the compost pile.

I will continue dividing and replanting through October. The warm soil and cool air temperatures provides just the right combination for new plantings and transplanting. Fall is a pleasant time to work in the garden. Few gardeners I know enjoy working in 90-degree weather.

In September, nurseries will begin their fall sales and some will bring in a fresh

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Allergies may be related to black mold



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Question: We moved all of the furniture out of our bedrooms recently to have the carpets cleaned. We discovered black mold in every room. My wife has cold urticaria and my daughter has asthma. Everyone has headaches and upper respiratory problems. Could the mold be causing this?

Answer: Either visible growth of mold or mold spores can be found almost everywhere. The spores come into our homes on our feet, clothes, pets and on the breeze as we pass through the door.

Mold spores are very small and drift on the wind like the tiniest specks of dust. These spores will then form visible mold colonies like those you've found in every room, once they encounter the nutrients and water necessary for growth.

There has been some speculation that "black mold," known scientifically as *Stachybotrys chartarum*, is responsible for a number of health problems, including lung hemorrhage and memory loss. In fact, there is little scientific information that implicates black mold any more than other molds.

All types of mold, not just so-called black mold, have a great ability to produce allergy and allergic-related disorders in humans. Asthma and respiratory problems like those your household members have may be caused by, or at least made worse by, mold.

Cold urticaria, the uncommon itching hives-like illness your wife has, may or may not be a response to mold exposure.

Ideally, no home, workplace or school should have any visible mold growth. In the real world, however, there probably isn't one of these places without at least some mold in the bathroom, kitchen or laundry areas. You see, molds need moisture to grow, so anyplace that has frequent spills or high humidity is a likely breeding ground.

Molds also grow in a nitrogen-poor, cellulose-rich environment like the moist drywall that your walls are probably made from.

Having mold in all of your bedrooms makes me suspect you have a problem with moisture being trapped in your walls. Condensation is probably the culprit, although water can penetrate insulation and other wall-building materials from heavy rains or from flooding.

You should seek the expertise of an experienced contractor to help determine the cause of the excess moisture in your home and then eliminate it. Without control of humidity in the building, no mold cleanup will give lasting results.

Mold is generally easy to eliminate once the underlying moisture problem is remedied. A solution of one part household bleach with nine parts water makes an effective disinfectant. This is particularly good for hard surfaces in the kitchen, bath and heating ducts.

It can also be used to treat surface involvement of drywall. If the drywall has been wet clear through, however, it will need to be replaced to eliminate the mold. Carpet and carpet padding that has mold growth must be replaced.

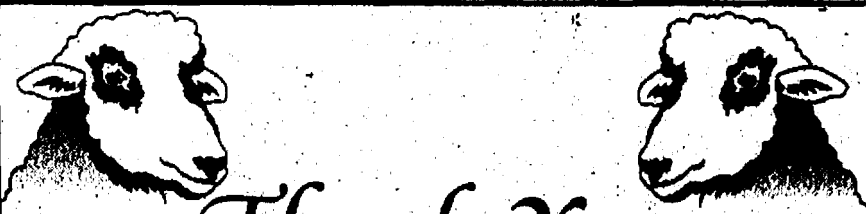
The health risks from cleaning up mold in a "sick home" like yours are generally small and can safely be accomplished by most homeowners. Your family and your home are an exception to this generalization, however.

Since all of you already seem to be having allergic reactions to mold, further

exposure from the extensive cleanup will only make you much worse.

Besides, you need to hire that expert to help you figure out why all that humidity is being trapped in your bedrooms in the first place. Why don't you just pay someone for the cleanup, too?

Dr. John C. Wolf, is an associate professor of family medicine at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701.



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Sandwich generation looking for extra room



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HOME HAPPENINGS

The 40- or 50-something homebuyer represents the core of the baby boom generation and is known as the "Sandwich Generation." And members of this generation are having demands made on their lives that are unprecedented — and that have made a profound impact on their home-buying habits.

So why are they called the Sandwich Generation?

Simply put: Because these couples are those who are providing a social safety net for their children — and even grandchildren — and for their older parents.

In short, they're the middle of a multigenerational "sandwich."

On the one end of the scale, they're dealing with children — some of whom have children of their own — who need help.

On the other end, they're dealing with parents who may be having difficulty maintaining their independence.

So they have children (and grandchildren) moving back home — or having a parent (or parents) moving in.

These kinds of pressures can be enormous for these couples and a home ill-

equipped to handle the extra bodies will only add to that pressure.

As a result, this Sandwich Generation is now thinking in terms of homeownership that will accommodate more than just the two of them, while still retaining some personal privacy. I know some couples like that. One couple in particular already has had children and grandchildren living with them in the past.

And although it looks like the kids are finally doing well on their own, the couple's parents are edging up in age. And that means the couple could end up with permanent guests sometime in the relatively near future. So what did they do?

They had a house built that incorporated second-floor bedrooms and a full bath, but featured a first-floor master bedroom.

This way, they're assured of their privacy while still providing living space for visitors — even long-term visitors.

In the meantime, of course, the rooms upstairs have acted as guest rooms for family and friends who spend nights, weekends and even a week or two visiting.

And the arrangement is great: Their guests feel like they've moved into a bed and breakfast — complete with a private bath — and can come and go as they please. At the same time, the couple retains their own privacy downstairs.

To further underscore their level of planning, the couple has long since conceded that

should one or more of their parents need to move in — and have a difficult time with the stairs — they're prepared to move upstairs and hand over their master suite. (A tough concession, but they agree it would be the right thing to do.)

So what is a member of the Sandwich Generation looking for in a new — or used home?

The answer is space and privacy.

On the one hand, they're looking for an open architecture that not only provides real space, but also provides the illusion of large rooms and an open environment.

Why?

So no one feels crowded.

At the same time, they're looking for amenities that will enhance their own desire for privacy and a level of luxury: They've worked hard and feel they deserve some creature comforts of their own.

That means that entertainment is a focal point: TV outlets in each bedroom, as well as the living and family rooms and even in the kitchen.

Also, phones — two-line phones in many instances — in every room, as well as DSL or even cable Internet access in multiple rooms.

Likewise, air conditioning and ceiling fans are necessary to provide the necessary comfort year-round.

A deck or a patio with attractive landscaping is a must. Sometimes you absolutely have to leave the home and go outside — and decks and patios provide instant expansion to your living space.

In the large kitchen — and it's usually large — the latest (although not the most expensive) appliances are popular: These couples not only enjoy cooking for themselves, but often end up cooking for others, as well.

From a purely financial point of view, members of the Sandwich Generation are still working, which means their home is most definitely the single most important investment they're making. It may or may not be their retirement spot, but it's certainly going to provide retirement security.

Not surprisingly, then, those who can afford to move are buying newly built homes — houses that will, in most instances, appreciate quickly and provide a solid return on their investment.

Since these couples are moving from another house, down payments aren't an issue. The after-the-sale

equity from their other house more than adequately met the mortgage lender's needs, with money left over for new furnishings.

The bottom line is that members of the Sandwich Generation are among the most prepared, far-thinking homebuyers in the market today. They're not just concerned with their own comfort, but actually thinking of the comfort and needs of

children, grandchildren and their own parents.

Homes that meet these needs are sprouting up everywhere: 2,000- to 3,000-square-foot homes that feature the latest technologies, amenities — and room — needed to satisfy one couple. Or one extremely extended family.

Harry Cassidy can be reached via e-mail at harry@harrycassidy.com.

CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT WASHTENAW AND JACKSON COUNTIES, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please take notice that a special election of the electors of Chelsea School District, Washtenaw and Jackson Counties, Michigan, will be held in the school district on Monday, September 23, 2002.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The following propositions will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special election:

I. MILLAGE PROPOSAL, BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Chelsea School District, Washtenaw and Jackson Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2002 to 2011, inclusive, to provide additional sinking funds for the construction or repair of school buildings, the purchase of real estate for sites and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2002 is approximately \$576,000?

II. MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE EARMARKED FUNDS TO OPERATE A SYSTEM OF PUBLIC RECREATION AND PLAY-GROUNDS

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Chelsea School District, Washtenaw and Jackson Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2002 to 2011, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating a system of public recreation and playgrounds; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect for such recreational program if the millage is approved and levied in 2002 is approximately \$576,000?

THE VOTING PLACE IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Washington Street Educational Center, Cafeteria

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

I, Catherine McClary, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of August 19, 2002 the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Chelsea School District, Washtenaw and Jackson Counties, Michigan, is as follows:

Charter millages are not over and above the tax limitation, but are listed for information purposes.

By Washtenaw County:	0.2457 mill parks 2009
0.2443 mill parks	2007
0.2500 mill HCMA	Indefinite
0.0012 mill drains	Indefinite
0.2500 mill natural areas	2011

By Washtenaw Community College:

1.0623 mills charter	Indefinite
0.5991 mill	Indefinite
0.9727 mill	6/2011
0.8218 mill	6/2007

By Washtenaw Intermediate School District:

3.0738 mills	Indefinite
By Chelsea School District:	
18.0000 mills non-homestead	2013
3.0000 mills non-homestead	2014
1.0000 mill	2002-2008

By Dexter Township:

0.9036 mill charter	Indefinite
0.9609 mill fire	2004
2.000 mills police	2005

By Freedom Township:

0.9241 mill charter	2002
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By Lima Township:

0.9241 mill charter	Indefinite
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By Lyndon Township:

0.8018 mill charter	Indefinite
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By Sharon Township:

0.9349 mill charter	Indefinite
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By Sylvan Township:

0.9537 mill charter	Indefinite
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Date: August 19, 2002

Catherine McClary

Washtenaw County Treasurer

I, Janet C. Rochefort, Treasurer of Jackson County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of August 19, 2002, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Chelsea School District, Washtenaw and Jackson Counties, Michigan, is as follows:

By Jackson County: None

By Waterloo Township: 1 mill

By the School District: 18 mills (exempting homestead and qualified agricultural property), 2002 to 2013, inclusive
1 mill, 2002 to 2006, inclusive
3 mills (exempting homestead and qualified agricultural property), 2002 to 2014, inclusive

By Jackson County Library: 1 mill thru 2016

By Jackson Co. MCF: 15 mill thru 2018

Date: 8-19-02

Janet C. Rochefort

Treasurer, Jackson County

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Chelsea School District, Washtenaw and Jackson Counties, Michigan.

Susan Moore

Secretary, Board of Education

WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ROAD CONSTRUCTION FREER ROAD BETWEEN OLD US-12 AND I-94 (LIMA TOWNSHIP)

The Washtenaw County Road Commission will begin construction immediately on Freer Road between Old US-12 and I-94 in Lima Township. This project consists of paving an existing gravel road, curb and gutter and drain crossing work. Estimated completion is Spring of 2003. Please note that due to weather conditions, all dates are tentative and subject to change.

If there are any questions regarding this project, please contact Phil Carbol at the Washtenaw County Road Commission. Thank you in advance for your patience as the Washtenaw County Road Commission strives to improve the county road system.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS PUBLIC HEARING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 AT 7:00 P.M.
LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL
17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA:

1. An application for a Variance from the Private Road Ordinance by Jerome M. Cyr of 3822 Badger Road, Gregory, MI 48137 (parcel # 05-02-430-004). Mr. Cyr plans on adding a second story to his existing home. Written comments may be sent to: Lyndon Township Clerk, Janis Knieper, 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.

A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP

Janis Knieper, Lyndon Township Clerk

LYNDON TOWNSHIP ATTENTION RESIDENTS NOTICE

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS
WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON

Monday, September 23, 2002, at 7:30 P.M.
17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118

AGENDA:

1. To review the application of Robert and Lynnette Bratten (parcel #05-03-305-001 and 05-03-285-003) 4028 Home Wild Drive, Gregory, for a variance from the Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance Article XVI, Section 18.11, Temporary Residence of a Travel Trailer, not a Mobile Home, and Article VI, Section 8.04, E. Set Back from Waterfront. Mr. and Mrs. Bratten would like to place a travel trailer, not a mobile home, closer to the water than the 60 foot setback requirement, so as not to interfere with construction while constructing a new home.

2. To review the application of Tom and Denise Dembinski (parcel # 05-18-200-023) 10518 Leake Road, Chelsea, for a variance from the Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance Article V, Section 5.04, Paragraphs E 1 and E 2, Front and Side Yard Setback Requirements. Because of the location of their home and well, Mr. and Mrs. Dembinski would like to build a garage with a front yard setback of 30 feet rather than the required 70 feet, and a side yard setback of 20 feet rather than the required 30 feet.

The application for the variance and supporting documentation is posted on the board. Written comments may be sent to: Helena M. Robkowitz, Office Manager, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP

Janis Knieper, Lyndon Township Clerk

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. AT
DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA

1) Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Zoning Ordinance

John Shea,

Chairman

VILLAGE OF DEXTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CANCELLATION

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals will no longer hold a public hearing, Wednesday, September 25, 2002 for the following application due to the applicant's withdrawal:

The applicant, John Ottino, 8535 Ashton Court, Ypsilanti, Michigan, is proposing to open Tables Billiard Hall and Restaurant in the Dexter Crossing Commercial Center, and has requested a variance from a Special Land Use requirement of an indoor commercial recreation facility. The property is located in the General Business district and Section 8.11(B) 30(a); Special Land Use, requires that indoor commercial recreation not be located within 100 feet of a residential district. The applicant is requesting a variance to allow an indoor commercial recreation center within 100 feet of a residential district. (CANCELLED)

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 3, 2002
AT 7 P.M. IN THE SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL
18027 OLD US 12, CHELSEA, MI 48118

The regular meeting of the Sylvan Township Board was held September 3, 2002 at 7 P.M. in the Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118.

The following board members were present: Supervisor Burgess, Clerk Koch, Treasurer Grau, Trustees Heller and Lesser.

Also present: David Brooks, Bob and Elsie Swanberg, Lynn Fox, Scott Cooper, Michael Rybka, Mike Lomonaco, Bob Lange, Jerry Dresselhouse, Mark Lewis and Lee Fahrner.

Motion by Heller, seconded by Lesser to accept minutes as presented. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Heller to pay bills as presented. Carried. Zoning Inspector Bob Lange reported 10 Permits, 2 Waivers and 1 Certificate of Occupancy issued in August.

Elizabeth Riggs from the Huron River Watershed Council was present to give a presentation to the Board regarding the Mill Creek Drain. Lynn Fox representative for Sylvan Township on the District Library Board was present to give the Board an update on the status of the proposed expansion to the District Library. Fox also presented the board with two press releases regarding the Library.

Caroline Hense of Sylvan Road was present to issue a complaint about the noise levels coming from the Chrysler Proving Grounds Vehicular Dynamics Tract which is located 1000 feet behind her property. Hense claims the noise is occurring on the midnight shift. Hense has reported the most recent incident to the State Police.

State Trooper Themko reported 55 incidents occurred within the last month. This is the highest month since January 2002.

Motion by Heller, seconded by Koch to approve Final Site Plan for PUD for Sylvan Crossing contingent on Items 1 and 2 in Midwestern Consulting's report. Carried.

The two proposed ordinances, Business Registration Ordinance and the Fire Prevention Ordinance, requested by CAFA were on the agenda. These Ordinances were discussed with Chief Ellenwood at the August meeting. Ellenwood suggested that the board make a list of questions and he would return with the Business Manager at the September meeting to address them. An invitation was extended to CAFA with a list of questions as requested. There was not one present from CAFA, as Clerk Koch was informed CAFA was unable to answer the board's questions or inform the board how these ordinances would be implemented. CAFA has requested the Board attend a special meeting of CAFA with a guest speaker, who would be able to answer the Board's questions. Koch reminded the Board that if more than 3 people attend and have dialog with CAFA the Open Meetings Act would be violated. Koch said the board could call a Special Meeting to eliminate the violation but would then be required to post such meeting, take minutes of such meeting and publish the minutes. The Board agreed that CAFA should have been present and able to answer questions, however, Koch and Burgess agreed to attend the special meeting September 18, 2002.

Clerk Koch also presented the Board with copies of CAFA's Proposed Operations and Facilities Plan for review.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to adopt the First Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Sylvan Township Sewer and Water Authority. Carried.

Motion by Heller, seconded by Grau to appoint Koch to replace Dresselhouse as the CAFA Alternate. Carried.

Motion by Heller, seconded by Grau to adopt the Telecommunication Tower Ordinance as presented. Carried.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Lesser to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Filing of Actions in the Small Claims Division of the 14th District Court. Roll call vote, carried.

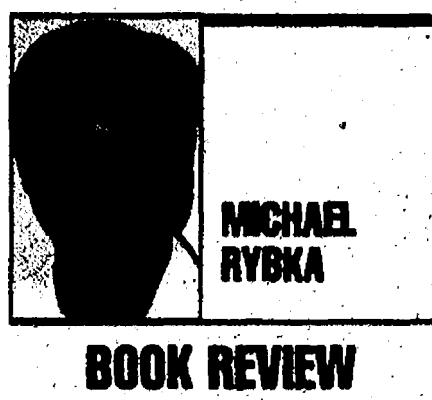
Motion by Koch, seconded by Grau to adjourn.

LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk

Sylvan Township Clerk

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Morris analyzes political strategies



Dick Morris, as former advisor for former President Bill Clinton, has always come across as possessing the traits that many wrongfully attribute to his former boss — naughty rather than nefarious and insightful rather than insufferable.

Clinton will never come close to writing a book on the level of Morris' "Power Plays," million-dollar advances notwithstanding.

The thesis of Morris' book is that political careers can be and have been strengthened or weakened by the use or misuse of six strategies:

- Standing on principle;
- Triangulating;
- Dividing and conquering;
- Reforming your own party;
- Using a new technology;
- Mobilizing the nation in times of crisis.

Actually, Morris' thesis is rather tenuous. He writes of politicians who were both successful and unsuccessful with each strategy.

This underscores the reality that the six strategies are merely a conjectural expansion on more well-known axioms such as "being in the right place at the right time," "being the right person for the time," and "what's right for one person is not necessarily right for another."

What Morris' outline does do is provide the reader with illuminating mini-biographies of political figures at the height of their power or facing a defining moment in their careers.

The book predominantly writes of U.S. presidents and presidential candidates, but is international in scope in

that Morris also writes of former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and current Prime Minister Tony Blair, former French prime ministers Charles de Gaulle and François Mitterrand and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

Morris is at his best when he writes from a historical distance.

His knack for explaining long-debated issues such as President Abraham Lincoln's true stance on the slavery issue, why former President Woodrow Wilson's League of Nations ended in failure and why England slept preceding World War II is brilliant in its clarity.

When he writes of contemporaries such as President George W. Bush, Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore, his whole style of writing changes and he loses the perspective and objectivity he demonstrates when profiling past political figures.

Fortunately, contemporary politicians fill a small percentage of the pages.

The book is inherently readable by the way it's structured. All of the biographies are relatively brief. The book opens with its longest section, "Standing on Principle," comprised of seven segments.

The second section is com-

prised of four sections. The next three sections are made up of three segments, while the last is a single short unit. This winding down effect gives the reader a sense of acceleration.

One anomaly in the book is the inclusion of de Gaulle in the first segment over that of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Every successive British prime minister, including Tony Blair, whom Morris writes about in the fourth segment, has to work within her shadow.

Ronald Reagan, who is written about in this segment, would not have had such an easy time of standing on principle without Thatcher's support.

Morris writes of de Gaulle reinstating a sense of lost grandeur in the French people that they sorely needed after surrendering Adolf Hitler only six weeks after the Nazi invasion.

In reality, de Gaulle merely injected into the French an unjustified arrogance of dubious past achievements that, if faced with a similar invasion today, would see them surrendering in six days.

Perhaps Morris thought that the inclusion of Thatcher in a segment that already included Churchill would be

too much Britannia.

However, not only would Thatcher have been a more logical choice, it would have contributed a female perspective to a book wholly focused on men.

Fittingly, historical giants Franklin D. Roosevelt, Lincoln and Churchill end up being profiled twice as successful examples under different strategy headings.

Our current president is profiled under "triangulation," or the co-opting of your opponent's issues.

When trying to place him within other contexts that Morris lays out, it is easy to conclude that, unlike Roosevelt, Lincoln or Churchill, Bush will not end up in a second chapter in some future edition of the book unless it's as an unsuccessful example of standing on principle.

"Power Plays" by Dick Morris, ReganBooks, \$25.95.

Michael Rybka is a freelance writer. He can be reached at 475-8597.

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Charlene Harris of Chelsea is a master gardener. She can be reached via e-mail at charis@provide.net.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL 6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA

- 1) Fox Bldge Final Site Plan

John Shea,
Chairman



ATTENTION WASHTENAW COUNTY RESIDENTS!

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WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC NOTICE

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners is looking for citizens to volunteer for vacancies that exist on the Neighborhood Advisory Council for the Huron Street Shelter. The Board of Commissioners will make these appointments at their October 2, 2002 session at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor Michigan.

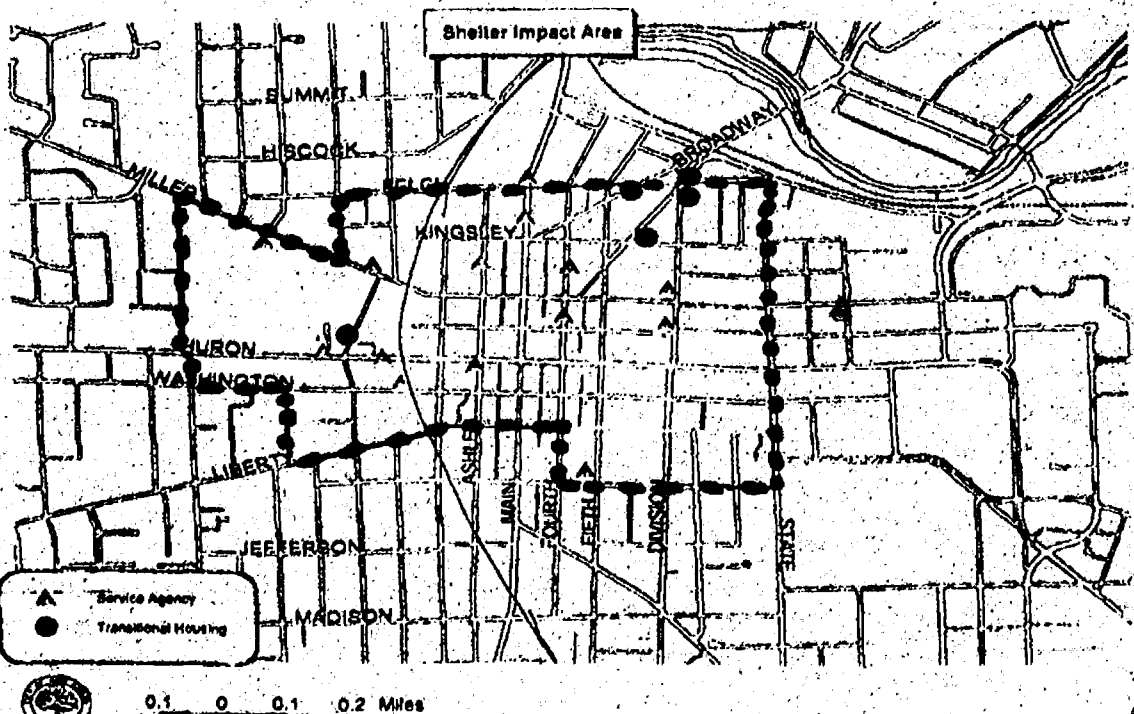
Individuals interested in applying should submit a letter of interest and resume, including a home address to Tammy Richards, County Administrator's Office, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107. Letters and resumes may be received via the Internet by sending to richardt@washtenaw.org or faxing Tammy Richards at (734)222-6715.

Those resumes received by **September 23, 2002** will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for its consideration on October 2, 2002.

The Neighborhood Advisory Council was created in July of 2000 by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to communicate current issues, concerns and information, as needed, in the Washtenaw Housing Alliance meetings (Operations Committee). The Neighborhood Advisory Council for the Huron Street Shelter serves as an education and outreach resource for the community.

On September 4, 2002 the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners modified the membership of the Neighborhood Advisory Council to change the West Park Neighborhood Association representation to a resident of Ann Arbor Shelter Impact area (map listed below) and change one of the Commercial Property Owner/Operator within 1/2 mile to a person with commercial interest in the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Area to be nominated by the Main Street Area Association.

The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill a position representing a resident of Ann Arbor Shelter Impact area-see map below for a term expiring December 31, 2004. A representative with commercial interest in the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Area to be nominated by the Main Street Area Association for a term expiring December 31, 2005. And a person to represent the Old West Side Neighborhood (nominated by the association) for a term expiring December 31, 2004.



For additional information please contact:
Tammy Richards
County Administrator's Office
(734)222-6731
email:richardt@washtenaw.org

RELEASED: 9/6/02

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC NOTICE

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners is looking for citizens to volunteer to serve on the Planning Advisory Board. The Board of Commissioners will make these appointments at their October 2, 2002 session at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor Michigan.

Individuals interested in applying should submit a letter of interest and resume, including a home address to Tammy Richards, County Administrator's Office, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107. Letters and resumes may be received via the Internet by sending to richardt@washtenaw.org or faxing Tammy Richards at (734)222-6715.

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The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has created the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board to assist the Board of Commissioners in completing those planning duties given to the Board of Commissioners under Michigan law, including, but not limited to, development of a county basic development plan with recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on final adoption of that plan and review of a township basic development plan with recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on its advisory comments back to the township. The first order of business of the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board will be the creation of by-laws to be recommended to the Board of Commissioners for final adoption.

The Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board is a 13 member Advisory Board that consists of representation from the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, Parks & Recreation Commission, Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Policy Committee, Board of Public Works, Washtenaw Development Council Board, Workforce Development Board, Drain Commissioner and four at large citizen representatives. The appointments are terms staggered for implementation.

The charge of the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board is to advise and make recommendations to the BOC and Administration on planning issues; to implement BOC policies through discussion and development of planning initiatives; to facilitate the cooperation and collaboration of the Planning Department with other County departments or agencies, especially those whose responsibilities affect planning issues; to facilitate the cooperation and collaboration of Washtenaw County with other municipalities; to support staff and the BOC in fulfilling planning responsibilities as mandated by Michigan law.

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners is looking to fill four positions representing the at large citizens for terms expiring December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004.

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Helping hands

Church members raising funds for mission trip

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Chelsea resident Ann Salyer visited the Sun Valley Indian School in Arizona last summer with a group from Honey Creek Church in Ann Arbor. This fall, she plans to lead a group from the Chelsea Church of the Nazarene.

"It was a wonderful experience, so I'm excited about the opportunity to take a group from Chelsea," she said.

Salyer joined the Church of the Nazarene three years ago. Within a few months, she took on the assignment as Nazarene Mission International president.

"The Church of the Nazarene has a tremendous mission program," she said. "Each month there is a specific focus, but it doesn't always involve financial giving."

"We put together crisis care kits, packages of used medicine bottles, used greeting cards, used Sunday school materials, and send them to places like Papua New Guinea, India, Africa, Argentina and Mexico."

"We have missionaries visit and write regularly to missionaries in the field."

Salyer said Nazarene Mission International strongly recommends getting personally involved in a mission experience, which is how she got involved with Sun Valley. Last year, church members from Saline and Chelsea were invited to join with



Children at Sun Valley Indian School in Arizona are pictured doing crafts. Members of the Chelsea Church of the Nazarene are raising funds to send a mission trip this fall to Arizona, where participants will help renovate the school.

Honey Creek Church. Salyer was the only person from Chelsea who was able to attend.

Salyer said the group spent two hot weeks last July building sheds, replacing tile, moving classrooms, painting and replacing doors.

"It was hard work but a tremendous blessing," she said. "I found the school to be a jewel in the rough."

"In the middle of the desert this school radiates love for the Native Americans. Unfortunately, the children weren't in session during our visit, so we didn't have the opportunity to interact with them. So, I knew I must return."

Salyer learned of a spon-

sorship program during her visit, and suggested the idea later to her husband, Rod. The couple sponsors 5-year-old Matthew Bia, who is in his first year at the school.

"It's our hope we can follow his progress through grade 12," she said. "We enjoy putting together care packages for Matthew's dorm. He writes us letters and his dorm parents send pictures often."

The church group needs funds to pay for travel costs and for materials at the site, where they'll work on a new cafeteria or refurbishing and relocating classrooms.

As a fund-raiser, Salyer is selling handmade crafts at the Chelsea Farmers'

Market.

"I've helped my father at the Ann Arbor market for several years, and I enjoy the atmosphere of a market and the opportunity to mingle with the community," she said. "We're trying to involve our children in fund-raising

projects since they will be a part of the trip."

Salyer said several members of the congregation are donating a portion of proceeds from garage sales to the mission fund.

"People are glad at participating as they can," she said.

Donations to the Church of the Nazarene will be accepted and are tax deductible, Salyer said. People wishing to donate may contact Salyer by e-mail at annsana@aol.com or call the Rev. Jeff Crowder at 475-2528.

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KATHERINE EMILY FOX
Chelsea

Katherine Emily Fox, 17, died Sept. 15, 2002, in Clinton as a result of an automobile accident. She was born March 23, 1985, in Ann Arbor, the daughter of Randall and Lynn (Hoyt) Fox.

Katherine lived in Chelsea all of her life. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, a senior at Chelsea High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Interact, cross country team, Chelsea House Orchestra, symphony orchestra, and the youth groups at St. Mary and Chelsea Free Methodist churches.

Besides her parents, she is survived by one brother, Jason of Okemos; her maternal grandmother, Jacqueline Hoyt of Fremont; and paternal grandparents, Clayton and Isabelle Fox of Fremont.

She also is survived by her aunts, uncles and cousins, Jan (Hoyt) and Gerie Leslie of Fennville, Nathan Leslie of Fennville, Geoffrey and Bianca Hoyt of Dade City, Fla., Christopher and Leonard Cruz of Dade City, Fla., John and Anne Hoyt of Lowell, Austin Hoyt of Lowell, Viki (Hoyt) and Tom Gots of Milan, Benjamin Gots of Mason, Katelin Gots of Milan, Rebecca (Hoyt) and Burt MacDonald of Fremont, Ariannah MacDonald of Fremont, Anne M. Hoyt of Fremont, Barb (Fox) and the late Larry Corbuser of Minnetonka, Minn., Scott Corbuser of Minnetonka, Minn., Jenni (Corbuser) and Brian Ramsey of Bozeman, Mont., Steve and Suzie Fox of West Gilgo Beach, N.Y., and Melissa, Jessica and Julie Fox of West Gilgo Beach, N.Y., David Fox of East Lansing and Bruce Fox of Stockton, N.Y.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Marvin Hoyt. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. today at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea, with the Revs. William Turner and Mearl Bradley officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea. A vigil service was held 7:30 p.m. yesterday at St. Mary Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea House Orchestra.

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Dora B. Carlson, 94, of Ann Arbor, formerly of Chelsea, died Sept. 10,

2002, at Arbor Hospice. She was born Feb. 19, 1908, in Ackley, Minn., the daughter of John A. and Rosa W. (Brown) La Barge. She was a resident of Chelsea since 1926 and had lived in Ann Arbor since 1966.

Mrs. Carlson was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist of Ann Arbor and was a health-care provider for the church. Mrs. Carlson received her general education diploma when she was in her 80s. She was married to Willard A. Carlson, who preceded her in death in 1954.

Surviving are three sons, Willard A. Carlson of Frankenmuth, Roy R. Carlson of Manchester and Michael L. Carlson of Ann Arbor; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Eldore Carlson, and her brother, John "Jack" La Barge.

Private family services were held. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

JULIA M. KENNEDY

Dexter
Julia M. Kennedy, 86, of Dexter died Aug. 31, 2002. She was born Jan. 29, 1916, in Dexter to William and Fredricka (Gutekunst) Marshall.

Mrs. Kennedy retired from the Ann Arbor Public School District. She was a life member of Bethlehem United Church of Christ, and was also a member of Pi Epilon Alpha.

Mrs. Kennedy is survived by her children, David (Jobi) Kennedy of Sleepy Hollow, Ill., and Jean (Richard) Hanson of Dexter; and grandchildren, Joshua and Zachary Kennedy of West Bloomfield and Lori and Kelly Hanson of Dexter.

Mrs. Kennedy was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald, in September 1980; three brothers, George, William and John Marshall; and two sisters, Mildred Lamee and Luella Weber.

A funeral was held Sept. 3 at Muehlberg Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Washtenaw Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethlehem United Church of Christ.

ROBERTA LYON BARSTOW

Dexter
Roberta Barstow, 81, died Sept. 16, 2002, at Hartland Health Center from complications resulting after an automobile accident and lymphoma. She was born Aug. 2, 1921, in Ann Arbor, the daughter of Bertha and Robert Lyon.

While serving as a Red Cross worker in Belgium during World War II, she met her husband, Dwight Barstow. They married at the Michigan League Chapel in 1946.

Mrs. Barstow attended University High School, Mary Washington College and earned a bachelor's

degree from Eastern Michigan University. She held a variety of teaching and clerical positions, and was a mail carrier for seven years.

Mrs. Barstow lived her life to the fullest, enjoying all water activities at her lake home, and she had a love of horses. An avid golfer and bridge player, she was a member of many groups, at times holding offices in these groups. She also enjoyed traveling, gardening, and skiing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dwight, and her brother, Robert.

Mrs. Barstow is survived by her son, D. Richard (Angela) Barstow, and grandson, Mitchell, of Bedford, Texas; daughter, Linda (Jack) Bowman, and grandchildren, Paula, Elizabeth and Jake of Carbondale, Colo.; her sisters-in-law, Marjorie Withe of Holliston, Mass., and Virginia Lyon Krueger of Green Valley, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Muehlberg Funeral Chapel, 403 S. Fourth Ave., in Ann Arbor.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. tomorrow at the First Congregational Church, with the Rev. Robert Livingston officiating. Final interment will be in Scotland, Conn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church, 608 E. William St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104, or Lymphoma Research Fund, University of Michigan Cancer Center, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

ADELAIDE T. SCHNAIDT

Chelsea
Adelaide T. Schnaidt, 75, of Chelsea died Sept. 12, 2002, at Saline Community Hospital following a long illness. She was born Sept. 7, 1927, in Detroit, the daughter of Joseph and Tillie (Medura) Saladonis.

She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea. Mrs. Schnaidt resided in the Chelsea area for many years. She married James N. Schnaidt in Detroit Sept. 8, 1947, and he preceded her in death Feb. 24, 1988.

Survivors include four sons, Daniel Schnaidt of Chelsea, Michael Schnaidt of Sylvania, Ohio, James J. Schnaidt of Adrian and Matthew Schnaidt of Chelsea; one daughter, Patricia (Robert) Parker of Toledo, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; and one nephew.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her sister, Geraldine Koch in 1996.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea. The Rev. William Turner officiated. Burial followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea. The family received friends at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice.

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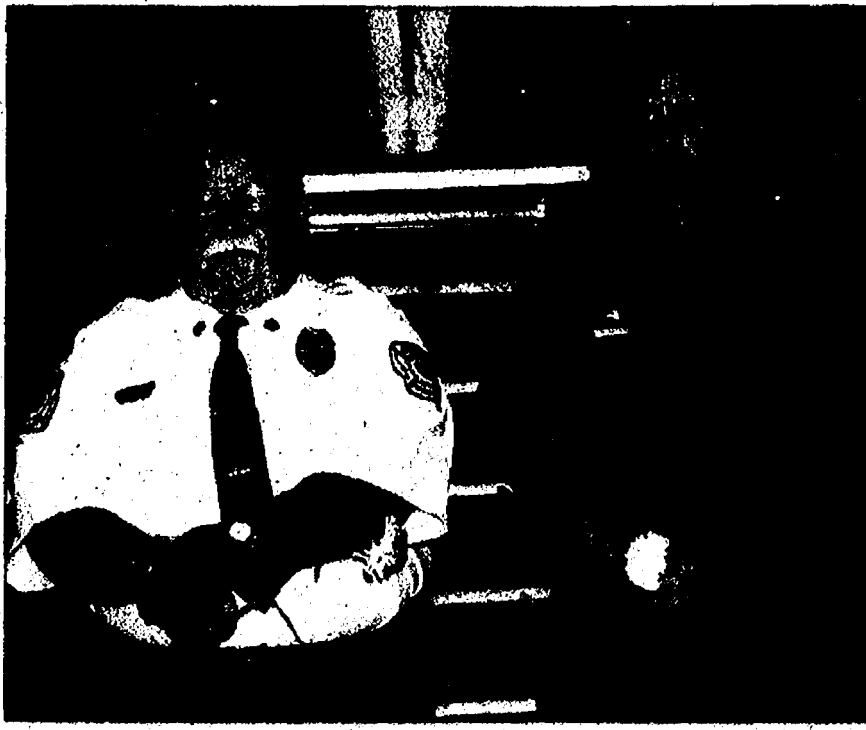


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Local Heroes

Area firefighters joined the community Sept. 13 at a Dexter-Chelsea football game to mark the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Pictured are Chelsea Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood (left) and Dexter Area Firefighter Mike Grissom.

Sixth annual Family Day slated for Oct 5

The sixth annual Family Day, organized by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, is slated from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth St., in Ann Arbor.

The free event is for people interested in mental health, those with mental illness and their loved ones who want to explore ways of living with mental illness and avenues to recovery.

Workshops will include assertive community treat-

ment, dual diagnosis, family education support and training program; video session; adolescent psychiatry; mental illness and the elderly; life skills; housing; "mental health alphabet soup" and principles of recovery.

A free lunch will be provided. Registration is preferred.

For information, call NAMI of Washtenaw County at 994-6611 or send e-mail to amiwashtenaw@ameritech.net.

County cracks down on drunk drivers

Washtenaw County law enforcement officials arrested nine motorists for alcohol-related offenses during the recent "You Drink & Drive, You Lose" enforcement period.

Of the 213 vehicles stopped, enforcement action included seven misdemeanor arrests.

Washtenaw County is part of the 24-county Drive Michigan Safety Task Force effort to reduce alcohol-related traffic crashes on Michigan roadways.

"Motorists should be aware that

increased enforcement is planned throughout the state and is happening in Washtenaw County," said Betty Mercer, division director of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. "We want our message to be clear: Drunken driving will not be tolerated. We will keep Michigan roads safe for all drivers."

For 2002, the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning provided Washtenaw County with \$27,000 to increase police patrols on Michigan

roadways.

The Drive Michigan Safety Task Force is a collaborative effort between Michigan State Police, county sheriff departments and local police agencies coordinated by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

The task force's goal is to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities in traffic crashes resulting from impaired drivers and unbuckled motorists through periodic, stepped-up traffic enforcement.

Yekulis named to national steering committee

Washtenaw County Commissioner Joseph Yekulis was recently named vice chairman of the National Association of Counties' Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee by the organization's president, Kenneth Mayfield.

The National Association of Counties' 11 steering committees form the policy-making arm of the association. Each committee is comprised of approximately 60 to 100 county officials who

meet several times during the year to examine issues critical to local government.

The Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee focuses on criminal justice and public safety systems, including criminal justice planning; law enforcement; courts; corrections; community crime prevention; juvenile justice and delinquency prevention; emergency management; fire prevention and control; and civil disturbances.

The steering committee's recommendations on legislative policies and goals are presented to the National Association of Counties' membership during the association's Annual Conference.

If approved, the recommendations become part of the American County Platform, which is the basis of the organization's efforts in representing counties before Congress and the White House.

Dexter residents win college scholarships

Anne and Leigh Rogers, the daughters of Patricia and David Rogers of Scio Township, were selected to receive the Provost Award from Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

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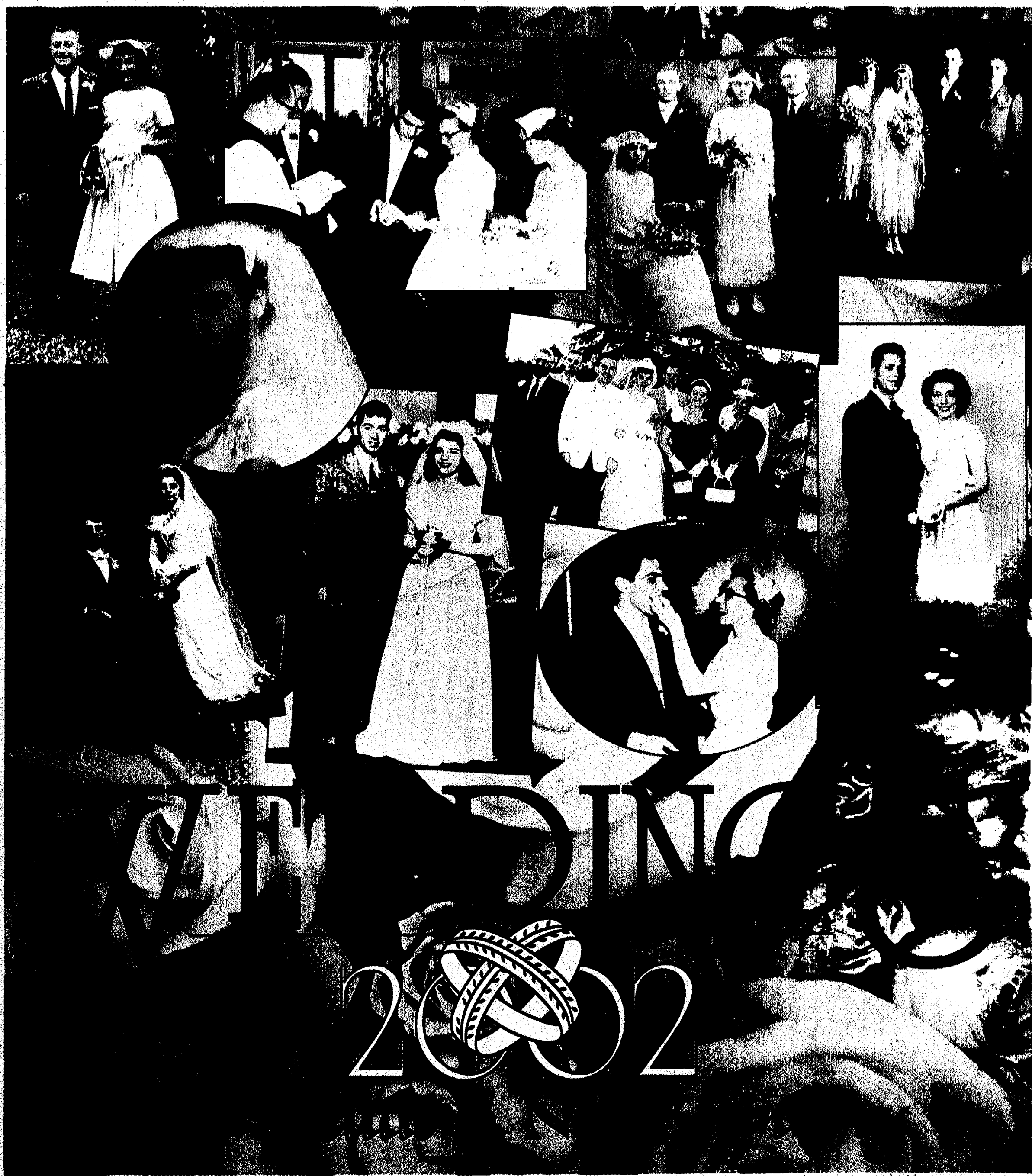
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•**Unity Candle** — A unity candle and holder is optional depending upon the style and religious nature of the ceremony.

•**Today's Rice** — Bridal couples are being very creative when it comes to this showering tradition. Some ideas include birdseed, flower petals, bubbles and even butterflies.

•**Decorations** — Church decorations could include flowers, an aisle runner, candles or bows for the pews.

FOR THE BRIDAL PARTY

•**Gifts** — Everyone in the bridal party, ranging from the maid of honor to the ring bearer, should be acknowledged with a special gift.

•**Flower Basket** — Every flower girl needs a basket to hold her petals.

•**Ring Bearer Pillow** — A ring bearer's duties would not be complete without the pillow and, of course, the rings.

•**Itinerary** — Have a detailed itinerary made for the bridal party ensuring they will stay on schedule and are aware of the day's activities.

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•**Champagne Glasses** — To toast the beginning of a new life together, the bride and groom should have keepsake champagne glasses.

•**Guest Book and Pen** — A guest book will help record all that attend the wedding as well as make future "thank you" notes much easier.

•**Cake Cutter and Server** — Make cutting the cake a moment to last a lifetime by purchasing cake accessories.

•**Cake Topper** — If remembering the special day is important, purchase a cake topper that can later be displayed in the home.

•**One-Use Cameras** — Giving guests the power to capture every moment will ensure good wedding day candid.

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The English traditionally scatter confetti over the newly-married couple, rather than rice, according to Bill Mangold of Saline, pictured above with his bride, Olga, on Sept. 22, 1959 in Maidenhead.



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Something old, something new

Ever wonder why a bride is encouraged to wear "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue?"

The tradition comes from England, and a lesser known part of the rhyme includes giving the bride a sixpence to put into her shoe. The silver coin is thought to bring the bride good fortune in her marriage. Today, the father of the bride will place a coin in the bride's shoe before leaving for the church.

"Something old" represents continuity as the bride moves from her old life into her new life. It also signifies durability in the marriage. Brides often choose from lace, a handkerchief, or piece of jewelry that belonged to a grandmother or mother.

"Something new" symbolizes optimism for the future as the couple builds its new life together. This could be the wedding rings or an article of clothing.

"Something borrowed" should be chosen with great care. It symbolizes future happiness, and should be an item from a happily married woman

whose virtues you aspire to. The tradition is meant to ensure marital bliss.

"Something blue" means modesty, fidelity, and love and comes from early Jewish history, when blue, not white, symbolized purity. In those days, the bride and the groom wore a band of blue around the hem of their wedding attire. Many brides choose a garter with a blue satin ribbon.

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Depending on which version you read, the tradition of a bride wearing a white wedding dress started in 1499, when Anne of Brittany popularized the white wedding gown for her marriage to Louis XII. However, some historians credit Queen Victoria with starting the fashion to symbolize the bride's virginity. The typical bride prior to 1499 usually wore her "Sunday" best to her wedding.

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Today, the services of thousands of travel agents and travel Web sites are available across the country. So sit back and take it easy when finding the perfect place to celebrate your marriage. Vacations are meant to be fun, not work!

One way to ensure that you have a worry-free honeymoon escape is to prepare ahead of time. You don't have to make dozens of lists or fuss over getting ready for your trip, but do take the time to pack correctly.

Home-care expert Gerry Luepke says this process begins by preparing your wardrobe. "Vacations are ideal times to take extra-special care of garments, especially when going on a romantic honeymoon."

She suggests preparing clothing by first washing each item. "Try using a liquid fabric softener to add a special touch to your laundry. This is especially beneficial for laundering items where line-dry care is suggested and for adding that extra softness to all

your laundry. It helps to create a delightfully scented, ultra-soft wardrobe for your vacation."

Once you're set to get packing, Gerry notes that a good way to keep your clothes smelling great and static free, even in a suitcase, is to use fabric softener sheets.

These aren't just for the dryer anymore and many people have discovered the unlimited uses for softener sheets. They are small, easy to take along and practical for a busy trip like a honeymoon.

To enjoy a wonderfully fresh smelling wardrobe every day of your vacation, Luepke advises placing a few of the sheets between packed clothing and around the edges of the suitcase.

"I prefer Cling Free fabric softener sheets. They smell wonderful and are easy to use and carry," she says.

The honeymoon wardrobe always includes very special items: beautiful lingerie and eveningwear. Gerry advises to bring a box of sheets along to rid items of static cling. Gently wipe a dryer sheet over each garment and the static will disappear—a tip that will keep you looking beautiful.

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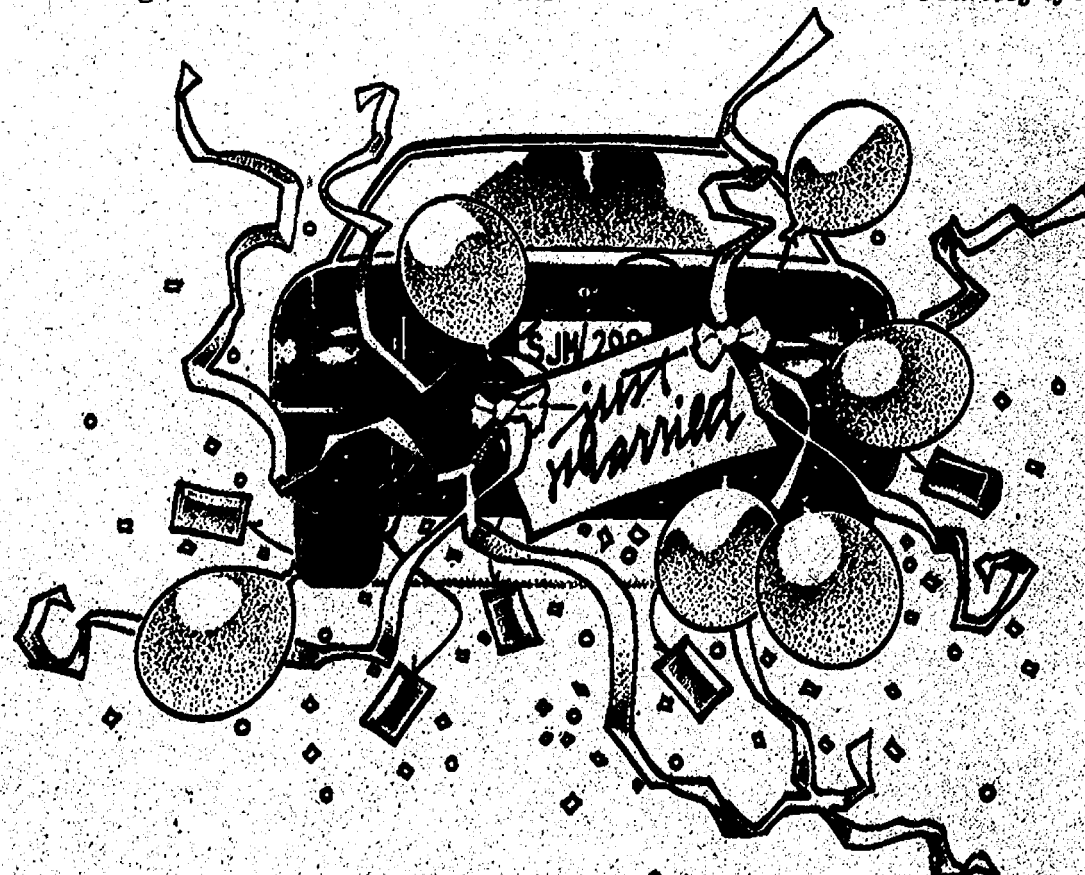


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Traditions are always in vogue

Each culture has its particular traditions surrounding a marriage and the wedding ceremony. Most of the Western wedding traditions have their roots in many ancient Roman, Anglo-Saxon, and European practices, and the history of these can provide a host of ideas for your own event, whether it be a lavish formal affair or a small intimate ceremony.

With this ring...

In ancient times, hemp was used as a makeshift ring given by a groom to his bride. The hemp didn't last and had to be replaced frequently. Eventually, the Romans developed the idea of making a ring out of iron.

The Romans and the ancient Greeks both believed that the vein in the third finger of the left hand went directly to the heart, and provided a connection between bride and groom that symbolized eternal love.

Rings were used in the Middle East

as coins before currency was developed, but it wasn't until the 9th century that a ring became part of the betrothal.

Pope Nicholas I decreed that all men intending to marry had to present a ring of gold to their bride-to-be as a sign of financial sacrifice. In 1477, King Maximilian presented what historians believe is the first diamond engagement ring to his beloved Mary of Burgundy. Venetians reportedly popularized the custom in the 15th century.

I thee wed...

The word "wedding" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word, "wed" or "wedd," meaning "wager or gamble." In the early years of the "Dark Ages," between roughly 475 A.D. and 870 B.C., Germanic tribes invaded England, which at that time was populated by Celts, Jutes, and Angles, people who historians and archeologists believe had migrated to the

British Isles from parts of Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, and western Germany.

Many marriages were accomplished by capture or kidnapping, and a strong, capable friend of the groom who could help fight off other prospective spouses often was invited to come along for the old-fashioned ceremony, hence the name "best man."

But abduction wasn't the only way a couple married. The preferred matrimonial union often began in childhood, when two families would arrange a marriage between their children for financial or political purposes. A bride also was considered in those days to be the property of her father, to be exchanged for land or social status. The word "wed" meant the groom would promise to marry the woman, and give the father whatever the two had agreed on in the deal.

Let them eat cake...

The wedding cake started in ancient Rome, when the newly mar-

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Photo courtesy of Suzanne Ketner

Cake cutting customs usually involve the bride cutting two slices of cake with the groom's hand over hers to insure no outside force cuts into her happiness. Some traditions dictate that the couple slices the cake together to represent a shared future. After the cake cutting, the groom feeds the bride and the bride then serves the groom, as shown in this photograph from the June 2, 1956 wedding of John and Marilyn Jarema in Zilwaukee.



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Minor mishaps can make for a humorous beginning to wedded bliss

By Renee Lapham Collins

Heritage Newspapers

"If it's not one thing, it's another."

So lamented the late Gilda Radner in her Rosanne Rosanadana persona. That's likely to be the case for most bridal couples when the big day arrives.

No matter how much planning, fretting, and work you put into that "perfect wedding," chances are something

will occur—good or bad—that will make the day memorable for everyone.

I INTERVIEWED a handful of co-workers who wish to remain unnamed to find out what made their special days ones they wouldn't forget.

"Well, three hours before my wedding, my future husband called to tell me that one of the groomsmen wouldn't be able to make it," said one person. "I had to call a good friend and ask him to be in the wedding party, and get him a tuxedo."

She and her husband celebrated 30 years together on Sept. 11.

Another co-worker remembers her father "crying all the way down the aisle" as he approached the altar to give his daughter away.

"I'm not sure if they were tears of sadness or tears of joy," she quipped, 8 years later.

One male co-worker got married in a place called Maidenhead, in England more than 40 years ago.

The engagement started with a cable from the future groom in the UK to the bride-elect in southeast Asia, proposing the marriage. The bride wore blue, the groom a chocolate brown suit.

During the wedding ceremony, the

matron of honor dropped the ring and had to chase it across the floor as it rolled away. The wedding cake, which is not the kind of cake we eat here, was placed on a cake stand that had been stolen a day before the wedding from an undisclosed location.

IN THOSE days, an unmarried woman of 29 was referred to as a "spinster," a moniker to which the about-to-be-wed bride objected in strong fashion, especially since it appeared on the couple's marriage license. The future groom was described simply as "a bachelor."

Halfway to the honeymoon location, riding in a little Morris Minor car, the groom discovered that the couple's luggage had been left behind and in their haste to start on their way, and they had forgotten to check out of the hotel they had stayed in before the wedding—in separate rooms, I might add.

A May bride remembers her husband stepping on her dress as they walked back down the aisle, ripping it

right up the side.

A woman in her 40s remembers with some delight the "hippie" wedding she had in a San Francisco park in 1977.

"I wore a dress I had made and all of our music was played on kazoos," says the bride. "The park was right across the Golden Gate bridge."

The Martha Mary Chapel at historic Greenfield Village was the setting for a 1980 ceremony which the bride remembers as being "beautiful, but too hot."

"My family and I all stayed in one room in Dearborn, so it was crowded," she says.

Simpler tastes were the order of the day for a 40-something bride who was married in 1979 to her husband in the judge's chambers, and then celebrated with margaritas and "Tex Mex" food. The honeymoon was spent in Copper Harbor.

"Our families were pretty upset with us because we went away and got married," she says.

Traditions

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ried couple would eat a cake made of salt water and flour, and the bride carried three wheat ears to symbolize fruitfulness. In the Middle Ages, guests took to throwing wheat grains after the bride, and even later, loaves of bread would be baked and then broken over the head of the bride during the ceremony. By the 17th century, the loaves contained fruits, eggs, sugar, nuts, spices, and alcohol, all piled into a tall mound over which the bridal couple would kiss. Prosperity was assured if the couple succeeded.

The wedding cake as we know it

today evolved after the discovery of a whipped form of sugar, which by the 18th century had found its way to the traditional English fruitcake. In Victorian England, the vertical line fad was translated to wedding cake in the form of "tiers," with the cake first being placed on a stand, and a vase of flowers placed on top of it. Eventually, more tiers were added, depending on what a couple's family could afford.

By the late 1880s, the French had developed the sugary piping to decorate a cake, and during the late 1890s, pillars were added to support ever more tiers. The vase of flowers was reduced to a smaller form, hence the style that is used still today.



In early Christian times, Sunday was the day selected for weddings because it was not a work day. But, Puritans decided that it was inappropriate to have any kind of festive celebration on the Sabbath, thus Saturday remains the popular choice. Herb and Norma Lapham (center) were married on July 6, 1957 at St. Joe's Shrine in the Irish Hills, a Saturday morning mass followed by a brunch.

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So how do you and your spouse merge your finances and begin a life of married bliss?

Even before you walk down the aisle, we recommend that you and your soon-to-be spouse share the intimate details of your financial life. You may find that both of you hate financial planning, but that doesn't mean that avoiding it together makes it any easier.

Some couples stay with their given names, some women replace their middle name with their maiden name, some couples hyphenate and others create a completely new last name. It's up to you. However, if you are going to change your name, take the time to update records, identification and other important documents.

If you change your name, you will also need to update your Social Security card, preferably before tax season comes around. Visit the Social Security Administration's Web site at www.ssa.gov for more information, but be prepared to provide information documenting your new and old names.

You can expect to receive your new

card in 10 days showing your new name but with your same number. If you don't take time to change your Social Security card or decide not to change your name, the IRS assures you that you can still file taxes as "Married Filing Jointly."

For answers to questions on how to file as a married couple, visit www.irs.gov. You'll also need to take a trip to your Department of Motor Vehicles to update your driver's license. Call ahead or visit www.dmv.org for details on documentation your state requires.

Don't put that marriage certificate away in a special place where "you won't forget it." Chances are that your favorite financial representatives weren't able to make it to your wedding, and even if they did, they will need to see the certificate to confirm that you did indeed tie the knot if you want to change your accounts.

Pictures of you at the reception cutting the cake won't work either. Even airline frequent flyer programs have been known to request it before updating your records with a new married name, so make sure to keep it handy.

You may find it easier to have separate rather than consolidated accounts because it's easier to keep track of written checks, and you don't have to share a physical checkbook. But you might incur more bank and check fees, so seriously consider merging your accounts instead.

Decide on a good time to discuss finances and then make it part of your married monthly routine. During your financial date, review bills, expenses, spending, saving or investing and income.

Although these topics are unpleasant to consider, you may also want to find out if your employer offers disability income insurance, a guarantee of income in the event of a disabling illness or accident, and life insurance.

Disability income and life insurance are things no one likes to think about, but when an accident or premature death occurs, they can greatly reduce financial worries during difficult times. Life insurance is easiest to get (and most affordable) when you're young and healthy, so don't put it off until you're older.

Now may be the first time in your life that you've ever needed a will. In the case of a married couple with no children, a quick trip to a lawyer can put your mind at ease that your assets will be divided the way you want should something happen to one or

both of you. That visit may last a little longer, but is even more important, if either of you has children from a previous relationship.

Dividing financial and personal assets among children can be sensitive and may raise issues that are difficult to think about. Are all the children treated the same or are there special circumstances that make it fairer to treat some children differently? Your children will thank you after you're gone for dealing with these issues now.

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The perfect dress is not hard to find if you know where to look

By Kym Boelter-Muckler

Heritage Newspapers

One problem that often faces a bride-to-be is finding that perfect wedding gown.

"She may find one dress with a sublime neckline, another with a to-die-for train or hem length," explained Toni Hunt, a local seamstress. "She may like the cut of one bodice but the cut of the sleeves may not be flattering to her. It can be extremely frustrating—but it is possible to combine all the needed elements to create a one-of-a-kind custom gown."

One way to deal with this problem is to consider sewing your own gown.

According to Hunt, the undertaking can be a very gratifying experience—even for a novice sewer with basic skills.

"A person who has taken a basic sewing class, can put in a zipper, set sleeves, sew a straight seam and put in a decent and invisible hem can make a simple and yet elegant wedding gown," Hunt said.

But she cautions, "However, this project is not recommended for those who have never sewn! More complicated gowns should be left to professionals—the slightest mistake can cost hundreds of dollars in wasted fabric and frustration."

But for those who are willing to take on the project, Hunt recommends a visit to the fabric store first.

"Many easy to sew prom or evening gown pat-

terns can be converted to wedding gowns using a white or ecru fabric with the addition of lace, beading and a simple veil and train can turn an ordinary easy design into a very elegant gown or bridesmaid dress."

The keys to success are imagination, patience, time and planning, according to Hunt, who back in 1975 took on the task herself, sewing her own gown, veil and dresses for four bridesmaids.

"I found myself very frustrated with the lack of quality and substandard fabrics, sloppy workmanship found on the dress racks," Hunt said.

Details such as straight and matching seams, perfect buttonholes, flawless necklines and smooth hems are hard not to notice for someone whose spent many years sewing.

A major ingredient to success to schedule many fittings with the bridesmaids.

"Don't just measure them once, and then deliver the finished product the day of the wedding—you may in for a big surprise," Hunt laughed.

"My sister who was twelve at the time, thought it was the most beautiful gown she had ever seen—unfortunately she also decided to grow between the time the gown was finished and the wedding—and I had to add three inches to the bottom the day before the ceremony!"

According to Hunt, there are thousands upon thousands of fabrics and combinations of fabrics from which to choose when making your gown and

the gowns of your bridesmaids. It is also a good idea to spend money for quality linings and accessories.

"An inferior lining fabric can ruin the fit and drape of the most fabulous gown—as will a cheap bit of lace cheapen the whole effect of your ensemble."

Be conscious of quality fabrics, hold them up to the light to test for even weave and color. Scratch the surface with a fingernail—if a powdery substance comes off—avoid that fabric—it's been overly starched to make it seem more substantial than it is.

"The gowns you will find at your local bridal shops are limited at best, and if you decide to make it yourself you are only limited by your imagination!"

Like the idea but not a seamstress yourself? There are many people listed with bridal shops and in the Yellow Pages who design and sew gowns for a living—according to Hunt it is possible to work with a seamstress who can take your ideas and your design and bring it to fruition.

"If you're doing it yourself—take your time, only work when you feel fresh," Hunt smiled. "The bridesmaids in my wedding chose a dusty rose floral fabric for their gowns and floppy straw hats—it was very seventies—I still have the gown, how times change!"

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"Something Old, Something New" Bridal Expo
Sunday, September 29th ~ 12 noon-5 pm
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Sunday, October 27th ~ 12 noon-5 pm
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