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Display ads are due by 1 p.m. today for the Jan. 2 edition. Classified ads are due by 5 p.m. tomorrow for the Jan. 2 edition.

Church group will donate funds

The Ladies of St. Mary Catholic Church's bazaar and raffle last month raised funds for several local organizations.

The group will donate \$1,000 to St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea to reduce the parish debt; \$1,000 to Faith In Action; up to \$1,000 to the St. Mary Youth Group to carpet the youth room; \$500 to the St. Louis Center in Sylvan Township; and \$500 to The Pious Union of St. Joseph.

Bea Beissel won the raffle for an original winter scene painting by local artist Flo Collins.

Friends of Chelsea Library give books

The Friends of Chelsea District Library donated nearly \$500 worth of reference books to the library's collection.

Mitch Planck, the group's secretary, presented the books to Tina Diab, Youth Services librarian, in November.

The donation was evenly split between adult and youth collections.

For information call 475-8732.

Chelsea schools to get defibrillators

The American Red Cross Washtenaw County Chapter has been awarded a \$10,500 grant from the Chelsea Community Foundation for the purchase of three automated external defibrillators for Chelsea schools.

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Township's fire budget jumps

■ Board holds off approving
new contract.

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

Dexter Township is looking at a 24.3 percent increase in what it pays the Dexter Area Fire Department, with the township's total fire budget now topping \$200,000.

Dexter Fire Chief Loren Yates met

with the Township Board Dec. 17 to explain the \$34,228 hike, from \$140,591 to \$174,819.

Township Clerk Harley Rider said the total fire budget, which also includes payments to Chelsea Area Fire Authority and Putnam Fire Department, is now \$216,100.

The township was only expecting a \$8,509 increase over last year's budget for Dexter, he said.

Yates said the Dexter Area Fire Board met Dec. 12, but did not adopt its fiscal year 2003-04 payroll budget of \$350,000, up \$94,000 from last year. He said there was a 4-3 vote in favor, but five were required to pass it. Two members of the nine-member board were absent.

Yates said the budget increases are due in part to increases in calls for service, as well as an increase in

insurance costs, which are up \$76,000. Yates said he has cut about \$3,000 from the fire department budget.

Yates recognized that Dexter Township is suffering hard times, too, with a loss in state revenue sharing. Rider said the township was counting on \$404,388 from the state, but will only receive

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Cookie Campaign



Brownies from Chelsea Troop 420 get ready to sell Girl Scout cookies in this year's campaign, with its theme, "Celebrate." Pictured in front are Emma Mathis (left), Madeline Day, Rachel Marks, Holly Kranz, Sarah Oberholzer, Courtney Ray and Bonnie Bairley. In back are Krista Pagliarini (left), Kaitlyn Brosnan, Natalie Dixon, Katie Olsen, Rebecca Whitesall, Abby Fischer, Jillian Dixon, Allison Fountain and Delaney Osbeck. The cookie sale campaign kicked off Dec. 19 with orders taken through Jan. 19. Booths will be set up at Polly's Feb. 8 through March 2. The girls will deliver cookies Feb. 15 through March 1. Boxes of cookies cost \$3 each and funds are used for camping trips, field trips, service projects and service unit functions.

School district balances budget

■ Two sources of state
revenue result in
additional funding.

By Shella Pursglove
Associate Editor

An increase in Chelsea's student enrollment this year has saved the school district from running in the red.

Teresa Zigman, executive director of business and operations for the Chelsea School District, delivered the good news to the school board Dec. 16.

While the preliminary budget for the 2002-03 year showed the school district in a deficit position, in the final analysis the district has been able to adopt a balanced budget, she said.

"This was mainly due to the fact that the district did not actually experience the drop in student enrollment that was anticipated," Zigman said. "This generated an

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Fifth-graders to take Web test

■ Pilot program will start in
late January.

By Shella Pursglove
Associate Editor

Chelsea fifth-graders will soon have the help of a mouse for reading and math tests.

Chelsea will join the 10 other school districts comprising the Washtenaw Intermediate School District in the Performance Series pilot program, said Shawn Lewis-Lakin, director of performance for the Chelsea School District.

Approximately 5,600 youngsters in Washtenaw County will take part in the program, scheduled to start in late January.

The WISD will pick up the \$81,000 tab for the program. The contract with Scantron, the company offering the test, will also pay for technical set-up and per-pupil testing fee.

The WISD is also considering funding online tests for about 7,000 third-, sixth- and ninth-graders if school districts show interest.

With the online testing, teachers will have instant, comprehensive

feedback to help them gauge a child's strengths and weaknesses, a big advantage over the Michigan Educational Assessment Program, where test results take several months.

However, the Performance Series tests will not replace the MEAP tests.

Lewis-Lakin said fifth-grade teachers will be trained by the WISD before using the online tests with pupils to assess reading and math achievement.

Each Performance Series test takes 15 minutes for an entire class. Since schools will use two tests, in

math and reading, the entire testing period would last about half an hour.

Lewis-Lakin said the district is in the process of reviewing its K-12 assessment plan in light of the "Education YES!" and "No Child Left Behind" mandates.

"We anticipate that in our final plan we will have online tests as part of our overall balanced K-12 strategy," Lewis-Lakin said. "However, nothing is official yet."

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Raingutter Regatta

Pierce Lake Elementary School Cub Scout Pack 445 recently held its first Raingutter Regatta. Aiden Holliday (left) took third place, Dylan Raye-Leonard was first and Austin Gray took second place. They are pictured with Cubmaster Tom Beneteau.

Teen remains in critical condition

■ Three in good condition after crash.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

As of press time Friday, four young people injured Dec. 12 in a head-on collision at M-52 and Clarks Lake Road remained hospitalized at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Trevor Reed, 16, of Grass Lake was driving northbound with Robyn Bailey and Erika Cote, both 15, and Robyn's brother, James Bailey, 21, a 2000 Chelsea High School graduate.

Reed, who was apparently going into Green Lake campground, turned his 1989 Chevrolet Caprice directly into the path of a 2002 GMC

Envoy driven by Joe Delaney of Pleasant Lake.

Delaney was injured and his wife, Robin, 29, was killed. The couple was en route to a party at Hatch Stamping Co. in Chelsea.

Reed, a junior at Chelsea Alternative High School, may face criminal charges. Michigan State Police are conducting an investigation before

sending their findings to the prosecuting attorney's office, said Lt. Beth Moranty, commander of the Ypsilanti post.

On Friday, James Bailey, Reed and Cote, a sophomore at Chelsea High School, were all listed in good condition.

Robyn Bailey, a sophomore at Chelsea Alternative High School, was in critical condition.

STRAIGHT FACTS

A story in last week's Chelsea Standard should have said wrestler John Lowry was 1-3 overall at the JAWS Invitational.

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Cassidy Lake to get municipal water

■ *Tentative agreement reached with Lyndon Township.*

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

A tentative contract from the state allowing the Cassidy Lake Technical School to use the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority for municipal services got Lyndon Township's approval Dec. 10.

Two other special meetings with governing boards will be called before an agreement is finalized.

The board adopted the contract and appointed future signatories after minor amendments were made to the document's language.

The changes were accepted at special meetings of the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority Board Friday and the Sylvan Township Board Monday.

The contract is relevant to both townships because the municipal sewer is a joint project. The authority board is pivotal as the controller and maintainer of the system.

Both townships have relied on the correctional institute's contract to proceed with their respective sewer projects at the lakes. The yearlong wait has prevented Lyndon Township from convening public hearings for special assessment districts.

The Cassidy Lake facility is assessed at 150 residential

equivalency units. It will have six years to pay an estimated \$2.145 million for the initial hook-up.

The estimate is based on the facility's current usage and it will be metered for two years to determine if it exceeds or falls short of the estimate.

The authority made allowance for an additional 70 REUs to be set aside for the institute's future use.

Board Chairman Gerald Dresselhouse set the terms of the contracts and served as an adviser at Lyndon Township's special meeting.

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



Photo by Rita Fischer

Playing House

Meredith Katz (left) tends to her baby doll and Maddle Nau hands D'mishion Howard a plate of pretend food while Tony Nichol looks on. The quartet were playing house in their kindergarten class at Pierce Lake Elementary School.

Lyndon Township planners rescind zoning ordinance

■ *Land use disputes can now go directly to circuit court.*

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

The Lyndon Township Planning Commission has rescinded an ordinance adopted Sept. 12 that mandates land-use disputes go before the Zoning Board of Appeals before reaching the Circuit Court.

The repeal was made Dec. 12 at a special meeting of the commission and Township Board.

Township officials were given an opportunity to revisit the issue when copies of the new zoning ordinance inadvertently omitted the new law.

At that time, Planning Commission Chairman Jay Hopkins, against the advice of two township attorneys, successfully lobbied for residents to appeal to the ZBA first in the interest of local control.

Hopkins said at the joint meeting that he began to have second thoughts about the decision when it occurred to him that the rights of residents were being impeded.

Hopkins also said a ZBA appeal costs \$400 without a

guarantee that the issue won't end up in court anyway. Zoning Officer Merritt Honbaum said reversing the decision would undermine the commission's work.

A vote to rescind passed 4-2, with Michael Grambau and Gerald Nelson dissenting and Robert Mester absent.

In other business, property formerly owned by Rodney and Janis Knieper on M-52 and sold to the township for a future township hall was granted the right to go through the rezoning process.

The next step will be a public hearing to determine if there are any objections to rezoning the land from rural residential to municipal use.

Hopkins said it's the first rezoning request to come before the commission in 20 years.

Also last week, the commission discussed whether to update the township's master plan. Hopkins said the plan dates from September 1997 and it's customary to review it every five years.

He said the master plan may not necessarily need changes, but should be looked at.

Township Supervisor Maryann Noah recommended that the document stress

the township's rural nature and how its topography fits in from a regional planning perspective.

In other news, Commissioner Leon Moore, who works for Washtenaw County, said the county is on the verge of buying land in the township for parks and recreation.

Also last week, Hopkins put commissioners on alert that they should give thought to his replacement as chairman. He said he would not be able to attend as many meetings as he has in the past and will be stepping down from the helm as a result.

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Chelsea Helpline gets a hand

■ Calls go directly to U of M crisis line.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The Chelsea Helpline crisis number is now answered by University of Michigan Psychiatric Emergency Services, Helpline board member

William Chandler said Friday.

The Helpline crisis phone line was previously answered by SOS Community Crisis Center in Ypsilanti. But because of funding problems, SOS stopped its crisis phone service Dec. 13. Calls to 475-0111 were forwarded to an answering machine

with a menu of phone numbers for specific needs.

However, Chandler said that a check on Dec. 17 revealed that the SOS number was not being answered because of technical problems with the phone lines. Staff from the U of M Psychiatric Emergency Services met with Helpline

trustees Dec. 18. Board members decided that in light of the problems with SOS, the Helpline should make an immediate changeover to the U of M.

The Helpline board will meet in early January to decide whether to continue with this service or seek another provider.

Arts Center receives \$500 grant

■ Money will help fund artist residency and public artwork.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts was one of 27 organizations to receive a \$500 grant recently from the Michigan Association of Community Arts Agencies.

CCDA Director Ginger

Sissom, who worked with local artist Lorin Kummer to submit an idea paper for the grant, said the money will fund planning of a larger grant for \$10,000 to \$20,000.

"The grant is a big success for us. Over 76 idea papers were submitted and only 27 planning grants were awarded statewide," Sissom said.

"The grant is a community partnership grant, so it will involve many organizations

and, in turn, many people."

Sissom said the money will fund an artist residency at the CCDA and a public art installation.

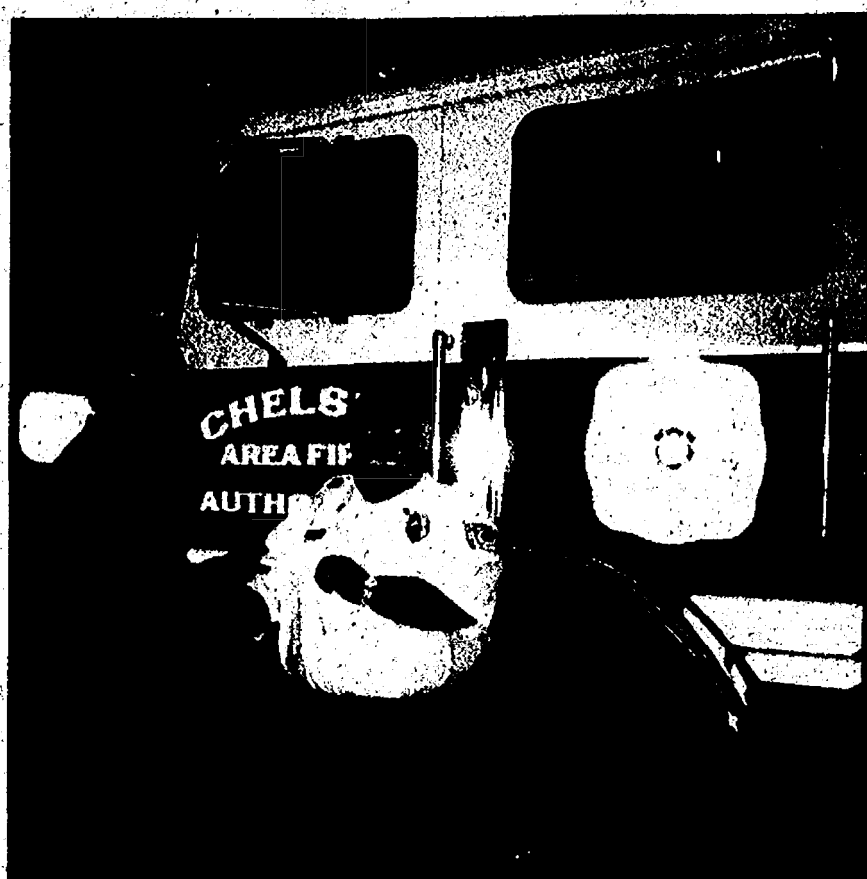
"Everything right now is just in the planning stage," she said. "The idea paper has to evolve into a formal grant proposal with solid community partners by March 1, so we have a lot of work to do in the next two months."

"If we receive the larger

grant, the actual art work would be done in the summer."

Sissom said the art project will be a tool for healing in a community burdened by tragic loss.

The concept is for a large-scale glass and mortar mosaic spiral pathway in a local park, based on community-shared expressions, thoughts and remembrances of lost loved ones, she said.



Fire Department Donation

John Kozminski (left) recently donated a \$100 check from Wisk Away Concepts Dec. 2 to Chelsea Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood. The donation was raised by the participation of Chelsea Lumber Co. in Wisk Away Concepts Fire Safety Education Program.

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Foundation hands out grants

The Chelsea Education Foundation is awarding \$20,379 in grants this year.

Since its incorporation in 1990, the foundation has granted more than \$150,000 in mini-grants to the Chelsea School District, as well as many community organizations.

Out of 28 grants requested this year, five were fully funded and 19 partially funded.

All three elementary schools received mini-grants totaling \$1,200 for their talent development programs coordinated by Rebecca Chamberlain.

The elementary schools also benefited from a \$1,000 grant to fund Chelsea Geography Week under organizer

Kavitha Sitaram, as well as \$750 and \$375 for special education camps directed by teachers Tara Thorburn and Craig McCalla.

They also benefited from \$500 for first-graders to learn about reptiles and \$1,050 for fourth-graders to learn about the Underground Railroad through the talent development program.

North Creek Elementary School received \$600 for teacher Luman Strong's marine biology trip to Bay City; and \$447 for Strong's program on diversity. Principal Sharon Whitmore received \$1,000 in mini-grants.

South Meadows Elementary School received \$1,000

for teacher Beth Newman's special projects and a 50th anniversary project of South Meadows; \$100 for teacher Marcia Quilter's program called Book Cooks; and \$650 for media specialist Barbara Locks' accelerated reader program.

Beach Middle School received a \$1,000 grant for "Kindergarten Stories" for sixth-graders and kindergartners; \$600 for sixth-grade camp; \$2,000 for the "Every-one Reads at the Beach" program; \$250 for the program Parents Reading/Students Learn; and \$1,000 for the Beach Study Club.

Beach Middle School and Chelsea High School received \$300 for an artist in residence program, and

Chelsea High School received \$750 for a guest speaker to talk to the Students Against Destructive Decisions organization.

A check for \$507 will fund teacher Kathryn McCalla's biographies project involving Beach Middle School pupils and residents at the Chelsea Retirement Community.

Chelsea Music Boosters received \$2,500 for the program Music Beyond High School.

The Chelsea Education Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization supported by contributions from individuals and businesses. Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 295, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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\$393,846, a loss of almost \$11,000 for the fiscal year 2003-04.

Yates said calls to the fire department are increasing each year as the population grows. He said there is a need for two additional full-time firefighters. Currently, the fire department employs four full-time firefighters, plus the chief and 33 paid-on-call firefighters.

The fire department budgeted \$115,000 for paid-on-call firefighters in fiscal year 2002-03. The cost has risen to \$119,963, and is projected to be \$130,000 for the 2002-03, an increase of more than \$10,000.

Yates, however, decided to slash it to \$70,000. He said too many paid-on-call firefighters have been showing up at the scene and they all get paid. So, instead, he has proposed employing additional full-time personnel to replace some of the volun-

teers in hopes of stabilizing the services.

The Dexter Area Fire Department serves Dexter Village, and Webster, Lima and Dexter townships, and covers more than 70 square miles.

Rider said the township budgeted \$149,100 for Dexter Area Fire Department, \$22,000 for Putnam Township Fire Department and \$45,000 for the Chelsea Area Fire Authority.

Township Supervisor Pat Kelly said a recently formed

Public Safety Committee in Dexter Township will be looking into the question of fire coverage for the township and whether the township should be served by three different fire departments.

The board will discuss the fire budget again Jan. 21. The Dexter Area Fire Department will reconsider its budget Jan. 23.

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additional \$400,000 in revenues.

"In addition, we received a significant catch-up payment for special education for reimbursement of costs paid in the 2001-02 year."

Zigman said the same payment will not be made in 2003-04 school year because the state took care of the lag in reimbursement for future years in this year's payment.

She said that as a result of these two revenue sources, the school district is able to include additional money in the budget for curriculum purchases and maintain a

balanced budget.

Zigman said the future does not look promising in the area of finances, not only for Chelsea but for school districts across the state.

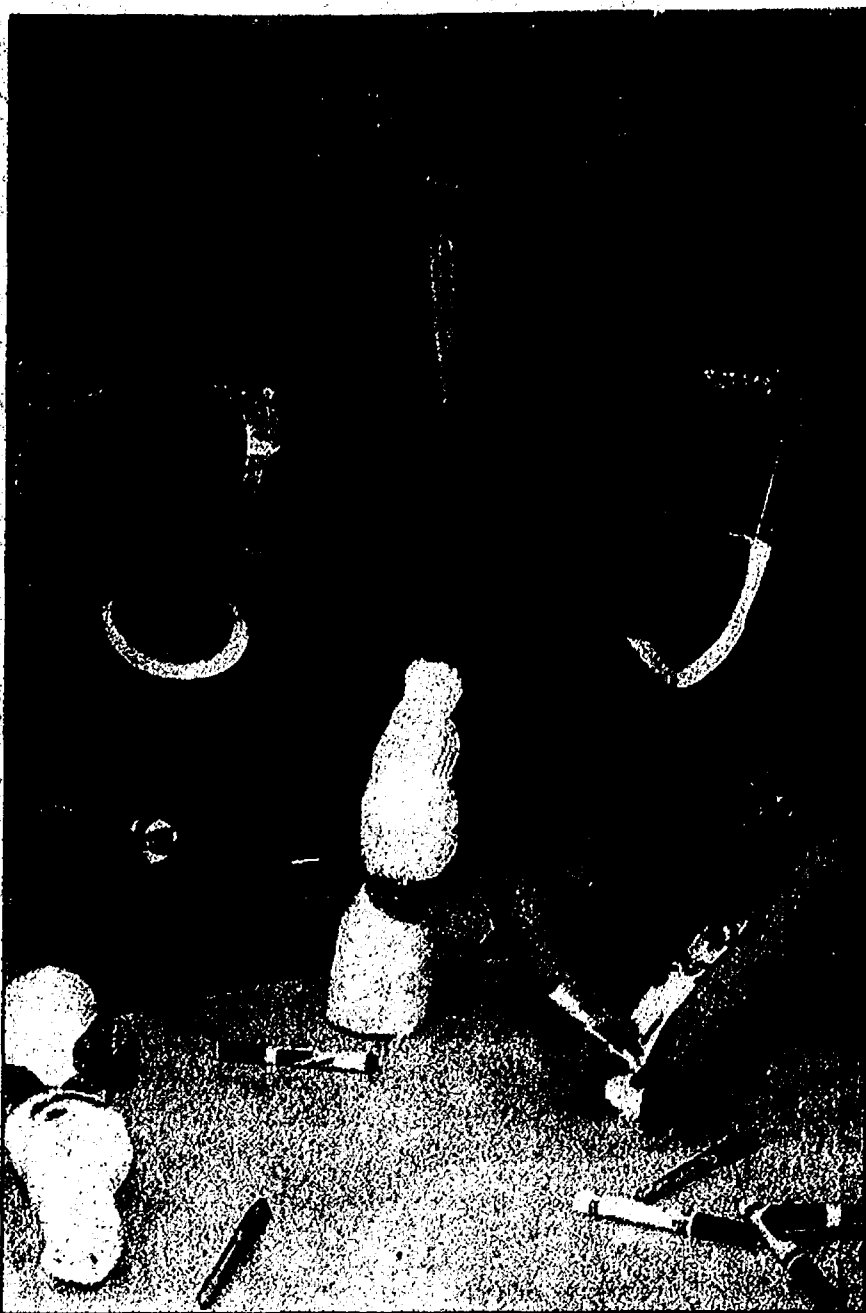
"The state has already informed us that our student foundation grant will be frozen at the current level for the 2003-04 year and maybe even the 2004-05 year," she said.

"This is the main source, approximately 90 percent of our revenues. With increases in revenue frozen and no control over some of our cost increases, such as retirement, insurance and utilities, the district is going to have to take a hard look at every-

thing that is offered."

Zigman said that although the school district has a fund equity to cushion the effects of these budget impacts,

without any changes to the state's freeze on foundation allowances, the equity could completely disappear in two years.



Snowmen

Tiger Cubs Dylan Shuler (left) and Michael Beneteau have fun decorating sock snowmen during the recent Holiday Craft Night organized by Pierce Lake Elementary School Cub Scout Pack 445.

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When we ask, "How was your Christmas?" most people will say, "Fine," or at least, "Pretty good, under the circumstances," and we might never know the sorrow that lies beneath their answer.

Yes, from another point of view, it is meaningless to ask, "How was your Christmas?" because Christmas never changes, and it does not depend on our circumstances. Christmas is the birth of God's Son Jesus into this world to bring forgiveness and eternal life in heaven. Even if we couldn't give or receive the gifts we wanted, God still gave the gift of His Son. Even if we had to celebrate

Christmas without part or all of our family, God sent His Son to make us part of His family. Even if we had to spend Christmas far away from home, God sent His Son and He said, "Surely I am with you always." Even if we're still mourning the death of a loved one, God sent His Son to overcome death forever. Even if a spouse or loved one left and refused to be reconciled, God sent His Son on Christmas to reconcile us to Himself. Even if war breaks out world-wide, and life as we know it becomes a distant memory, God's Son was born in Bethlehem as the Prince of Peace eternally.

Think of those things, and the next time someone asks, "How was your Christmas?" you just might give them an answer they've never heard before. Please visit us this Sunday morning. There is no Sunday School this week, but worship will be held, as usual, at 9:30 a.m.

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Snapshots of 2002... a look back



People stood by the sidelines and rallied for other participants who were taking part in the annual Relay for Life in June. The American Cancer Society works with local organizers to hold the fund-raiser.



Youngsters met the Easter Bunny and enjoyed an Easter egg hunt in March at the Chelsea Retirement Community. The event is an annual favorite sponsored by the Chelsea High School Key Club, part of Kiwanis.



Andrea Daane is all smiles as she receives her diploma from school board member Conrad Knutsen during the commencement ceremony in June.



Emily Leidner, a student at Chelsea High School, was crowned Chelsea Community Fair Queen Aug. 24. She also won Miss Congeniality and the Talent Award.



The Chelsea Community Fair attracted a record-number crowd this past August. Visitors enjoyed carnival rides, snacks, a tractor pull and animal judging.



Local heroes were honored during a special half-time ceremony during the Chelsea-Dexter football game in September. Local emergency, law and fire officials were honored for the work in light of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Pictured are Chelsea Fire Department Chief Dan Ellenwood (left) and Michael Grissom, a Dexter firefighter.



The Chelsea Farmers' Market kicked off in May in downtown Chelsea. Market organizer Elaine Economou started the Summer Chef series this year, introducing area chefs and their talents. Pictured are Economou (left) and guest chef Catherine Badgley. The market runs from May through October every year.

Board OKs appointments

■ **Marica Ottoman to serve as alternate instead of full time.**

By Kent Ashton Walton
Special Writer

Dexter Township Board has named four local residents to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

On Dec. 17, Steven Burch and William Gajewski were reappointed to two two-year terms beginning Jan. 1. James Cormier and Marcia Ottoman will serve as alternates.

Burch is a township resident and has served as the chairman on the ZBA since 1999.

Gajewski has been a ZBA alternate for the past year and will now be a full-time board member.

Cormier has been a ZBA alternate since 2000 and will continue through 2003.

Ottoman has served as a full-time ZBA member since 1999 and will continue as an alternate through 2005.

Township Supervisor Pat Kelly, David Millar and Mark Wojno also serve on the zoning board.

Kelly, who represents the township on the ZBA, has served since 1998. Her term ends next year.

Millar represents the Planning Commission on the

ZBA. Wojno's term expires Dec. 31, 2003. He has been a board member since 2001.

Ottoman, who was at the Township Board meeting, asked to continue with the ZBA, but the board voted to make her an alternate in the interests of training ZBA members in zoning expertise.

The ZBA handles requests for variances to the zoning ordinances and interprets zoning ordinances when asked.

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

Scio supports road proposals

■ **Officials change their minds after hearing history.**

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Scio Township Supervisor E. Spaulding Clark persuaded two skeptical trustees at the board's Dec. 17 meeting that improvements to the Baker Road interchange scheduled for the spring are wanted, necessary and cost effective.

At the previous week's work session, the board was asked to support the project in theory prior to holding a public hearing.

The board was also asked to commit to designating a special assessment district, and establishing a date and time for a public hearing on the issue.

Trustees James Cameron and Jerry Schleicher initially questioned the need for the project, as well as its cost.

Clark was not present at last week's meeting to respond to their questions.

At the follow-up meeting, Clark said that the impetus for the project began 10 years ago when the township's Downtown Development Authority approached the existing truck stops south of the Baker Road overpass to gauge interest in road improvements.

Clark said that after interest was expressed, the DDA and the truck stops worked together in widening Baker Road from Jackson Road to the overpass.

Clark said that once the Michigan Department of Transportation expressed interest in making improvements to the Zeeb Road and Baker Road interchanges, each truck stop tentatively agreed a \$200,000 special assessment to be paid over 15 years.

Clark said funding from the state and contributions from

the truck stops would cover the bulk of the project's \$4 million price tag, leaving the township with only minor costs to cover.

Trustee Gordon Darr said he has talked to constituents in the northwest corner of the township and they are looking forward to the improvements.

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

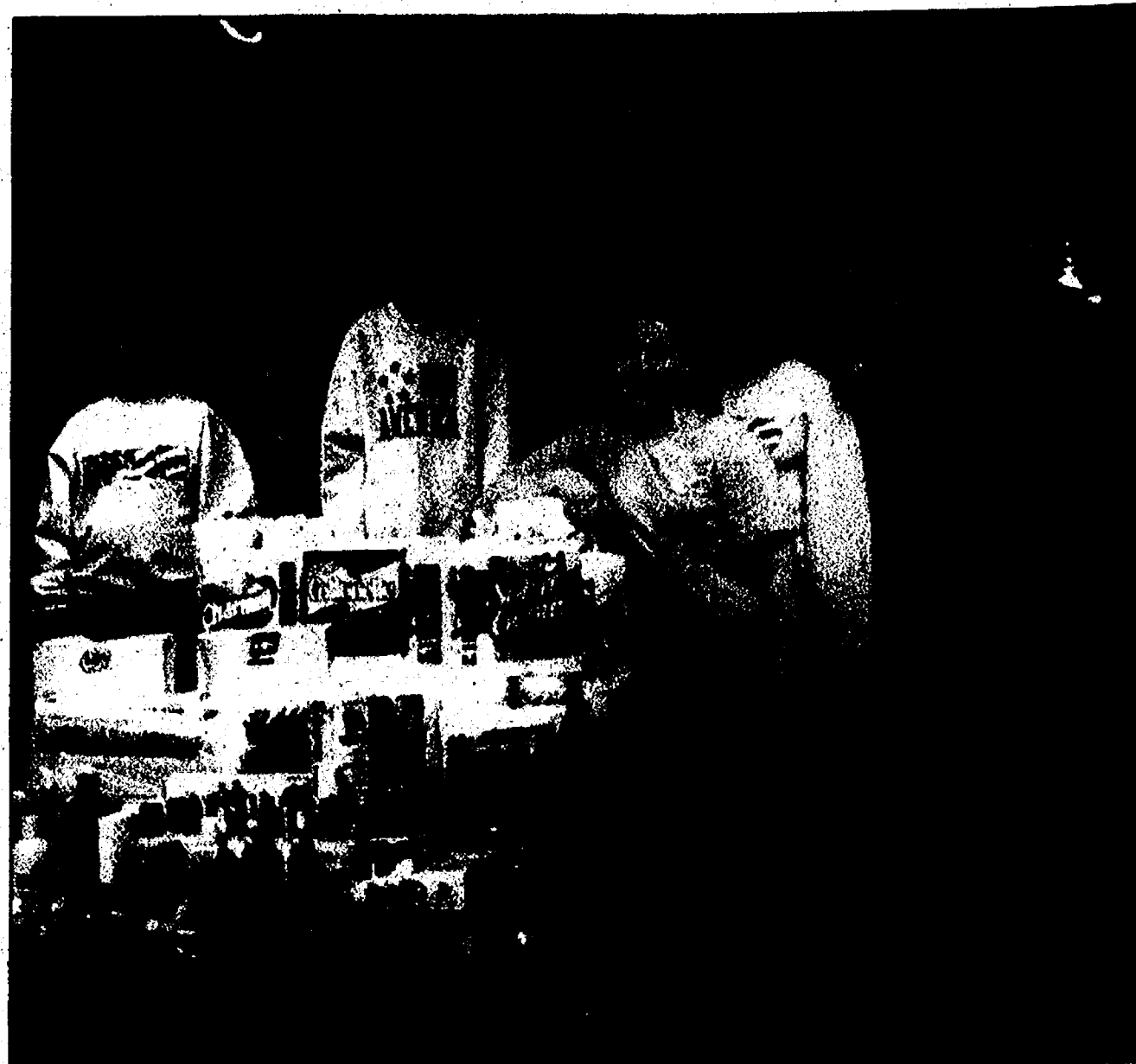


Photo by Rita Fischer

Generous Donations

Children from 4-H clubs throughout Washtenaw County collected food and personal hygiene items for children at Boysville. Pictured are Aaron Johnson (left) of Rogers Corners Herdmen in Chelsea; Eric Taepke, Ryan Taepke and Andrea Taepke of the Double L Llama Club in Manchester; Katie Lyons of 4-H Highlights and Blue Ribbon Livestock Club in Dexter; Amanda Johnson and Garrett Fischer both of Rogers Corners Herdmen in Chelsea; and Kevin Lyons of Blue Ribbon Livestock Club in Dexter.

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Street Talk

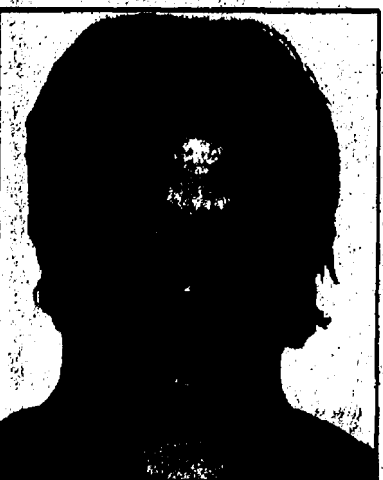
By Rita Fischer

What is your favorite Christmas gift over the years?



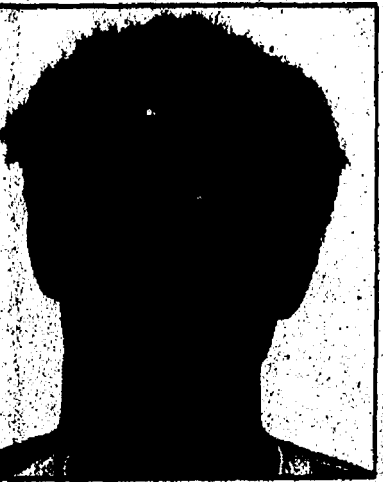
"My dad got me a carousel horse and I've collected them ever since."

Shawn Race
Sylvan Township



"I got Roller Blades and all the safety stuff. I fell down but had a lot of fun."

Brandon Bush
Sylvan Township



"A Dale Earnhardt 2001 replica of a Monte Carlo."

Nate Hinderer
Freedom Township



"A Schwinn BMX bike that I still have."

Christine Burg
Sylvan Township



"A DVD of an N-Sync concert."

Molly Walters
Sylvan Township

There is a conspiracy afoot



KENT ASHTON
WALTON

JUST A THOUGHT

My nose was beginning to run - the usual winter cold coming on. I reached for the tissues, blew my nose, and started to sneeze and sneeze. The first time this happened, I just thought, "Well, sneezing is part of a cold, isn't it?"

My cold ran its course and I had occasion to use a tissue again. As I put it to my nose, I began to sneeze and sneeze.

Suddenly, my conspiracy-theory mind kicked in. The more you sneeze, the more tissues you will use. What if the tissue manufacturers

made tissues that made you sneeze? They would sell 10 times the tissues.

I think this conclusion was indisputable. Every time I used a tissue, I sneezed. When I used some other nose device, such as a napkin, I didn't sneeze. Ergo, tissues make you sneeze?

Now, maybe I am allergic to tissues. But if I am, probably millions of other people are, too. The whole thing, I realized, is a set-up to sell tissues.

Then my mind went to other products. You've probably noticed on television the large number of advertisements for drugs. No doubt, you've also noticed how many side effects they are obliged to mention. In fact, you have to buy other medications to treat the side effects of the original drugs.

Don't you find this strange? Yet, isn't this very profitable for drug companies? You sell

drugs to cure the side effects, I also don't think most drugs cure anything. They just relieve some symptoms. When you stop using the drug, the symptoms return, so you keep buying the drugs forever.

I don't buy anything containing drugs if I can possibly help it. This is because most drugs seem harmful. For example, I have read that drugs like aspartame, used as an artificial sweetener in many foods, can cause holes in the brain. I don't need any more holes in my brain.

I also don't use allopathic drugs because my prescription insurance requires me to co-pay from \$20 to \$60 for a month's supply of drugs. I don't consider this a saving.

Then I began to think of other instances of products that cause you to buy more of the product. Pop is clearly contrived to make you thirsty when you drink it. I won't

mention brand names, but when I drank colas, they always left me gasping for more. My thirst was never quenched. I don't know if they add salt or some other more sophisticated chemical, but I no longer drink pop for thirst. I try to find natural juices, or plain old (non-chlorinated) water.

I'm not just talking here about addictive products, such as alcohol, nicotine or chocolate, or hard drugs. I'm talking about everyday items that you buy for the family.

Then I thought of other products designed to make you buy more. Milk used to keep in the fridge for more than a week. Now, I swear milk is designed to go sour in a few days, so you have to throw it out and buy fresh. Some popular cheeses also start to green quickly.

Come to think of it, the whole culture works this way. Factories that make products

also produce toxins that make the population sick. This is very profitable for both hospitals and drug companies producing the treatments and drugs to fix everything from itchy skin to cancer.

Call me paranoid, but even wars are fought so that the International Monetary Fund can move in and charge high interest rates on loans to war-ravaged countries. It also keeps weapons manufacturers wealthy. War is big business.

Maybe you can come up with other cultural products that make a profit - not because they are good products, but because they are designed to create a need for them or for some other product that is profitable.

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What happened to competition?



LISA
CAROLIN

MARCHING TO A DIFFERENT BEAT

Back in the 1980s, when I was in first grade, there was something at school that made me want to get up every morning and get to school on time. Throughout the school day, my teacher would selec-

tively award students gold stars.

If you went to sleep by 8 p.m. the night before or if you brought in your own tissues, you were given gold stars. If you got an "A" on your spelling test, you got a gold star.

From academic achievement to exemplary work habits, the gold stars were discriminatingly doled out nearly every day.

I don't remember if the person with the most gold stars received a prize at the end of the year, but that didn't matter. Those gold stars provided incentive.

The first day that I worked

at my son's cooperative preschool, I set up two identical obstacle courses. When I explained to the teacher that I would be dividing the children into two teams to race each other, she waved a finger in my face and shook her head.

Everybody these days says it's how you play the game that matters, not winning the game. But aren't we denying a basic human drive by discouraging competition? And aren't we losing out on a very natural motivator?

Take a look at a report card these days. There are checks and pluses that indicate "satisfactory work" or "developing work." What happened to

those good old A's, B's, C's, D's, E's and F's that really told the story?

Look at children's soccer leagues, for example. It doesn't matter how many games you win or lose, or how badly you lose the games because everybody gets a trophy. Is all this parity making us settle for mediocrity?

As far as the rather ambiguous grading system goes, I suppose it doesn't really matter what letter grade a child receives as long as they, their family and their teacher know what they are capable of achieving.

The goal of this non-competitive system seems to be

self-esteem. Nobody feels like they are better or worse than anybody else.

I surveyed a few people on the subject, and everyone said that they and their children are pleased with the checks and pluses, as well as the trophies.

Maybe the lesson for me is that the greatest challenge is competing against yourself, trying to improve in all that you do and getting acknowledged for it.

I'd still rather win the game or get the "A," but if this system is helping to create happier, more confident people, than I can accept marching to a different beat.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The term 'Christmas' is better than 'Xmas'

Commenting on free-lance writer Kent Ashton Walton's "Let's put Christ back into Christmas" column on page 9-A in the Dec. 12 issue of The Standard, I agree that there is too much commercialization of Christmas and not enough thought about the true meaning of it.

However, I should point out that writing "Xmas" is not taking Christ out of Christmas. The "X" is the Greek letter "ch" and was used in the early Christian era as a symbol for Christ.

It was probably used by Christians to quickly identify themselves to each other especially in time of persecution.

Even though "Xmas" isn't a de-Christianization of Christmas, I still prefer to read "Christmas" instead of "Xmas." I guess the former just looks more traditional.

Robert Lonsway
Adrian

Definition of rural, corridor in dictionary

I am baffled at the apparent difficulty in defining the meaning of the term "rural corridor" as applied to Dexter-Chelsea Road in the story "Council wants 'rural corridor' defined" Dec. 18.

My dictionaries confirm that "rural" denotes something related to the country, farming or agriculture; "corridor" refers to a long, narrow passageway.

The notion of widening any corridor is nonsensical, but especially so in the case of Dexter-Chelsea Road.

When the village's comprehensive plan was drafted, Dexter-Chelsea Road was lined by the trees at issue. The plain meaning of the words "rural corridor" to describe the road clearly

expressed the planners' vision that that the village maintain the current tree-lined, two-lane road.

A review of literature on zoning and planning confirms the plain meaning and the obvious intent of the drafters of the comprehensive plan. The term "rural corridor" is a common one used to describe those scenic roadways that might naturally come under development pressure.

Let's give the good people who drafted the plan the benefit of a common sense understanding of their words.

Gary Maveal
Chelsea Village

Learn the history behind the holiday

In regards to free-lance writer Kent Ashton Walton's column in the Dec. 12 edition, Xmas has been used for hundreds of years in religious writing, where the X represents a Greek chi, the Greek word for "Christ." In this use, it's parallel to other forms like Xtian, "Christian."

But people unaware of the Greek origin of this X often mistakenly interpret Xmas as an informal shortening. Many, therefore, frown upon the

term Xmas because it seems to them a commercial convenience that omits Christ from Christmas.

Long before Christ was born ancient cultures celebrated the Winter Solstice. On this day, the sun is at its lowest and weakest, a pivot point from which the light will grow stronger and brighter. This is the turning point of the year.

About the time that we call Christmas the days begin perceptibly to lengthen. And so this shortest day of the northern year (often falling on Dec. 25 in the old Julian calendar, and on Dec. 21 in our Gregorian calendar) was named the Winter Solstice.

Our barbarian ancestors were worshippers of the sun, and they celebrated his victory over the hosts of night. There were mid-winter festivals in ancient Babylon and Egypt, and Germanic fertility festivals also took place at this time.

The birth of the ancient sun-god Attis in Phrygia was celebrated on Dec. 25, as was the birth of the Persian sun-god, Mithras.

The Romans celebrated

Saturnalia, a festival dedicated to Saturn, the god of peace and plenty, that ran from Dec. 17 to 24. Public gathering places were decorated with flowers and gifts, and candles were exchanged. The population, slaves and masters alike, celebrated the occasion with great enthusiasm.

In Scandinavia, a period of festivities known as Yule contributed another push to celebration, as opposed to spirituality. The Celtic culture of the British Isles revered all green plants, but particularly mistletoe and holly. These were important symbols of fertility and were used for decorating their homes and altars.

When Christianity was young and struggling to gain a foothold with the masses, Christian leaders deliberately created holidays that would take place around the

same time as existing pagan celebrations. (Bible scholars unanimously agree that the birthday of Christ is not Dec. 25 and not even close to Dec. 25).

It made the transition much easier for the masses, whom generally didn't care what was being celebrated, only that there was a celebration. Winter Solstice was overlaid with Christmas, and the observance of Christmas spread throughout the globe.

The feasting, gift-giving, and frequent excesses present a drastic contrast with the simplicity of the nativity, and many people throughout the centuries and into the present condemn such practices as being contrary to the true spirit of Christmas. That's just too bad.

Dave Demers
Dexter Village

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POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township

Warrant Arrest

A 27-year-old Milan woman was arrested Dec. 14 on a warrant near Zeeb and Wagner roads.

Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies stopped her after she pulled out of a driveway at a high rate of speed.

Deputies checked the vehicle's license plate number with the Law Enforcement Information Network and discovered that the woman was wanted on a warrant in Monroe County.

The woman was taken to the Washtenaw-Monroe county line on US-23 and was transferred into the custody of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.

Larceny

A large, white spiral Christmas tree was reported missing Dec. 17 from a yard in the 4000 block of Woodland Drive.

The homeowner told deputies that she heard her dog barking at about midnight, but didn't check what was wrong.

When she awoke at 6 a.m., she noticed that the decorated tree was missing. The tree is valued at \$100.

A CD player was reported stolen from a 1979 Chevy Suburban Dec. 14. The vehicle was parked at Nicholson Enterprises, 4405 Jackson Road, when the theft occurred.

The owner of the vehicle noticed damage to the dashboard where the stereo was mounted. Several wires were cut. The stereo is valued at approximately \$50.

Four 500-foot spools of electrical wire were reported missing Dec. 16 from a construction area in the 200 block of Scio Village Drive.

The construction manager told deputies that he believes the 380-pound spools were taken between 4 p.m. Dec. 13 and 7:30 a.m. Dec. 16. The area is under construction for a condominium complex.

The manager said several people walked around the area, so deputies could not collect footprints as evidence.

Family Trouble

Deputies were dispatched to a family dispute between a couple living together Dec. 11. The girlfriend called 911 after arguing with her boyfriend.

The woman said she was upset that her boyfriend was had come from the bar and she did not want him near their 1-year-old son.

She told police that the

previous night she gave him his clothes in a bag and told him not to return.

No physical altercation took place.

Property Damage Larceny

An employee at Varsity Ford called the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department Dec. 13 to report that a 2000 Ford pick-up truck was damaged and a couple of the truck's amenities were missing.

The truck was being stored at Sweepster, 2880 N. Zeeb Road. It was to be sold at an auction. A Varsity employee noticed the damage and the missing parts when he was moving the vehicles around the storage lot.

Damage was found on the driver's-side door, the steering wheel and the bed wall.

The employee also noticed that a rear-view mirror and the cigarette lighter unit were missing. The items are valued at \$50.

Lima Township

Suspicious Vehicle

Michigan State Police troopers were called to the 9200 block of Scio Church Road at 8 p.m. Dec. 8 to investigate a suspicious vehicle.

A woman told police that a vehicle was backed into her yard and she was afraid someone was in her house.

Troopers checked the residence, but did not find anyone inside. Police believe the 1992 Chevy Beretta was just broken down.

Warrant Arrest

A 26-year-old Jackson man was arrested on two warrants after troopers stopped him at 9 a.m. Dec. 10 on Dexter-Chelsea Road near Freer Road.

The man was initially stopped for an equipment violation. A computer check revealed a misdemeanor warrant and civil warrant.

Lyndon Township

Voluntary Missing Person

A township man reported his 18-year-old daughter as voluntary missing from their home on Roe Road Dec. 9. The man said she left Dec. 12 after he confronted her about her boyfriend. He said she left a note that she would be staying with her mother.

The father said he has had sole custody of the teen since she was a child and he wanted to check on her safety.

A trooper spoke with the woman's mother and asked that the daughter call home.

Sylvan Township

911 Hang-Up Call

A 911 dispatcher sent a trooper to a home in the township when a call came in but no one spoke. The trooper discovered that there had

been an argument over money, but no physical violence took place.

The trooper wrote in a report that he was satisfied and left the residence.

Missing Person

A 25-year-old man was reported missing from the St. Louis Center, 16195 Old US-12, a home for developmentally disabled boys and men. Police were told that a severely handicapped person walked away from the facility for the second time.

A few minutes after the trooper arrived, however, the man was found in the building.

Driving with a Suspended License

A 38-year-old Royal Oak man was cited for the second time for driving with a suspended license. He was stopped on eastbound I-94 near M-52 Dec. 8.

The man was initially stopped for driving a vehicle with defective equipment. A computer check, however, showed his license was suspended for failing to pay a reinstatement fee.

Hit and Run

A 41-year-old Jackson man told police that someone struck his vehicle while he was stopped on Old US-12 near I-94 Dec. 9. The incident happened at 4:15 p.m.

The man described the sus-

pect, who fled, as a white woman with long, dark hair in her early 20s. She was with a white man with short blond hair and they were in an black older-model-Corsica or Beretta.

Recovered Stolen Property

Police troopers recovered a 1990 Toyota station wagon valued at \$12,000 that was stolen out of Kalamazoo. The vehicle was abandoned on eastbound I-94 near M-52 Dec. 11.

The owner made arrangements with a tow company to pick it up from the scene.

Dexter Village

Domestic Assault

A domestic assault between a brother and sister was reported Dec. 12.

The 60-year-old woman called 911 after her brother slapped her in the face with an open hand.

Deputies questioned the siblings and they could smell alcohol on the man's breath. The two said that the argument started over a conversation about the man's divorce proceedings.

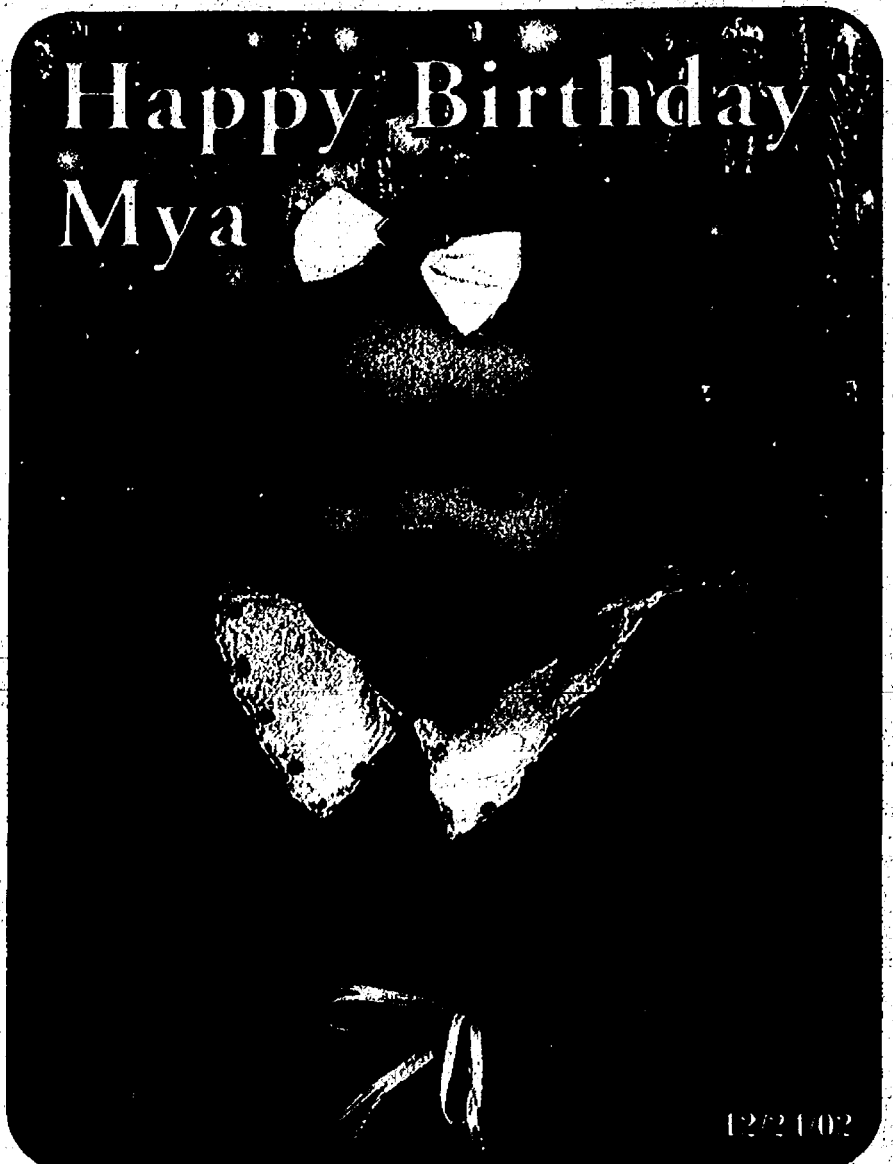
The man was arrested and taken to the Washtenaw County Jail.

Compiled by staff writer Will Keeler based on reports filed with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and Michigan State Police.



Artist of the Week

Eighth-grader Anna Hudzik was recently selected as Artist of the Week at Mill Creek Middle School in Dexter. She made a ceramic bowl with a lid resembling a large Hershey's Kiss.



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What a wonderful lady Ada is! Ada is here at the shelter as a stray, and she's about two years old. She's got a lot of white markings on her, which makes her very lovely indeed. She's got a lot of strength, so it'd probably be better if she was in a house with children eight and up. It's not that she doesn't know that she should be nice to them, it's just that sometimes she might get excited and happy and accidentally knock them down.

FIONA

Fiona is a shy little gal, but very loving and friendly. She needs a new home where she will be loved and well cared for! Fiona is here at the shelter as a stray, and she's about two years old. She'd make someone an excellent pet, she just knows it! She wouldn't hurt a fly and likes to administer love and kisses to those that give her some attention.

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Notice is hereby given that the Special Charter Commission Election will be held in the Village of Chelsea, State of Michigan at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, within said Village on Tuesday, January 21, 2003.

Jacalyn J. Branson, Village Clerk
Village of Chelsea

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE TO RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Chelsea Village offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. The offices will re-open on Thursday, December 26th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Chelsea Solid Waste Facility (Landfill) will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24-25. The Solid Waste Facility will re-open Thursday, December 26th from 12noon to 4:30 p.m.

Curbside Garbage Pick-up for Village residents will take place on Thursday, December 26th. Please note that the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority will also be conducting their curbside pick-up of recyclables on Thursday, December 26th. Thank you for your cooperation, Village Administration

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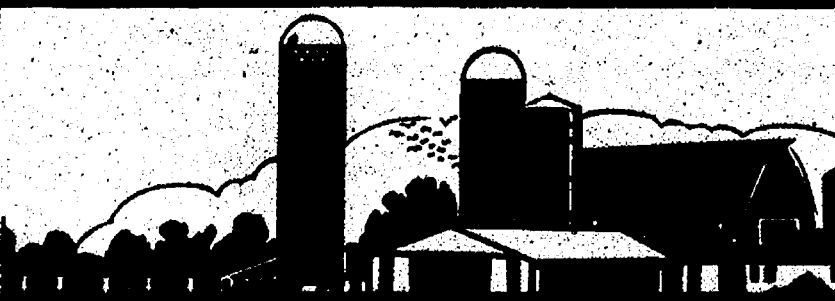
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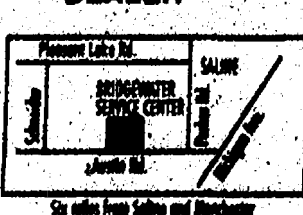
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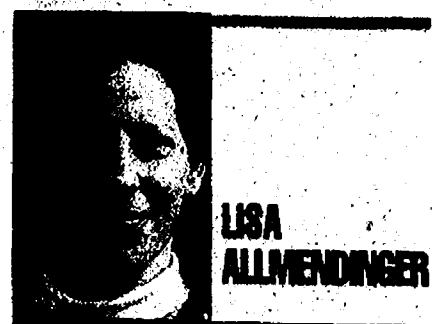
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BOOK NOTES

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In its first children's

sports pictorial, Chelsea's Sleeping Bear Press has published a title that will inspire the interest of everyone who turns its pages.

Written and illustrated by a pair of Canadians, "Z is for Zamboni" is a delightful book from its opening purple-blue "A is for Arena" to its deep-blue "Z is for Zamboni."

Written by college student Matt Napier and illustrated by fellow Toronto resident Melanie Rose, this book approaches its topic with wonderful illustrations and highlights terrific information.

Napier, the son of a former National Hockey League player, is a student at the University of Toronto. Rose is a graduate of the Ontario College of Art and recently toured her homeland with Children's Book Week 2002, promoting her first chil-

dren's book, "M is for Maple, A Canadian Alphabet."

Readers should be warned that some of the terms are published with Canadian spellings, but there is a glossary in the back of the book with the equivalent American ones.

Interspersed with the illustrious history of such hockey greats as Bobby Orr, Phil Coffey and Wayne Gretzky are the basics of how the sport is played. This is a beautifully done book with all aspects of this action-packed sport superbly depicted in both its words and its pictures.

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Dexter library to host programs

Several programs are on tap at the Dexter Library to host programs, 8040 Fourth St., in the coming weeks.

Story times will resume in Jan. 13. Registration will begin today and story times will run through March 6.

Children 18 months to 3 years old may sign up for sessions set 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursday. Children ages 3 to 5 may sign up for the 11:30 a.m. Monday or Thursday session.

Story time includes books, flannel-board stories, songs, finger plays and craft activities.

Parents are welcome to attend the 30-minute sessions.

Children ages 4 and older may also enjoy craft activities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 4.

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COMMUNITY

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Puppy Love

Local couple raises Leader Dogs for the Blind

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Bob and Charlene Chrisman are giving blind people the gift of independence with the help of a furry, four-legged friend. The Munith couple, who raise puppies for Leader Dogs for the Blind, originally got involved when their son, Bob Jr., was a member of 4-H and participated in a program training puppies.

The Chrismans loved training the dogs so much that when their son grew up and left home, they continued with the cause.

"We've always had animals and this project that our son started seemed like a natural thing

to do," Bob Chrisman says.

The couple, both members of the Munith Lions Club, is currently training Katie, a 3-month-old Labrador puppy. On Dec. 3, they brought her to the Chelsea Lions Club meeting to give members a firsthand view of the program. Lions Club International has supported for nearly 60 years.

The Chrismans explained how they teach Katie basic commands such as "sit" and "stay" using a tug on the leash to reinforce commands. Eventually, Katie will know commands so well that the leash no longer will be required for training.

Katie accompanies the duo across town and to stores. As she gets accustomed to being around people, she will be taken into restaurants.

In addition to basic obedience — crucial to a dog who must learn to follow commands exactly — Katie learns social skills around humans, how to walk well on a leash, and gets accustomed to walking up and down stairs and near traffic.

Leader Dog puppies are not allowed on furniture, or to beg for snacks or be fed from the table.

Chrisman, who has served three years as chairman for the Leader Dogs program, said dogs in training can only have certain toys. For example, they're not allowed to play with balls in case they were to chase after one while walking with a blind person.

Puppies and handlers have regular meetings at the Leader Dogs for the Blind facility in Rochester. Since its founding in 1939 by some Michigan Lions, the school has trained nearly 12,000 Leader dogs, and graduates hundreds of student and dog teams every year.

The goal is to minimize the challenge of blindness by allowing blind people to move safely and independently with their canine companion. The cost of a Leader Dog is \$28,000, with no cost to the blind person. The facility is supported by donations from Lions clubs.

During meetings, puppies enjoy some playtime before getting down to the more serious business of training.

"When it's time to work, the dogs just know that playtime is over," Chrisman says.

Handlers trade dogs for a few minutes so that they become accustomed to working with other people.

Puppies even see a "puppy counselor," a therapist who makes sure that everything is going well in the foster home and in training.

Not all dogs make the grade. The Chrismans once had a German shepherd that didn't fare well so they took her back as a pet until her death six years later.

Dogs that can't meet the high demands for helping a blind person undergo a career change.

Some are used in law enforcement. Others may find their calling with Paws With a Cause, where they are trained to answer telephones, pull a wheelchair, open refrigerators, turn lights on and off, or push elevator buttons.

Four of the seven pups the Chrismans have trained — three female Labradors and a female German Shepherd — passed with flying colors to become fully fledged Leader Dogs with blind people in Michigan, Indiana, Nevada and Ontario, Canada.

The three main breeds used are German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers and Labradors. Standard poodles were introduced into the program last year as being less likely to cause allergies with their tighter, curly coat.

If a dog doesn't work out with a new owner, it's held over until the right match is made. The Chrismans are sometimes called on to foster a dog until it's matched, rather than have the puppy in a kennel where it can get stressed.

Chrisman, who is retired from Wolverine Vinyl in Jackson, says the 20 or so hours they spend each week training the puppy is time well spent.

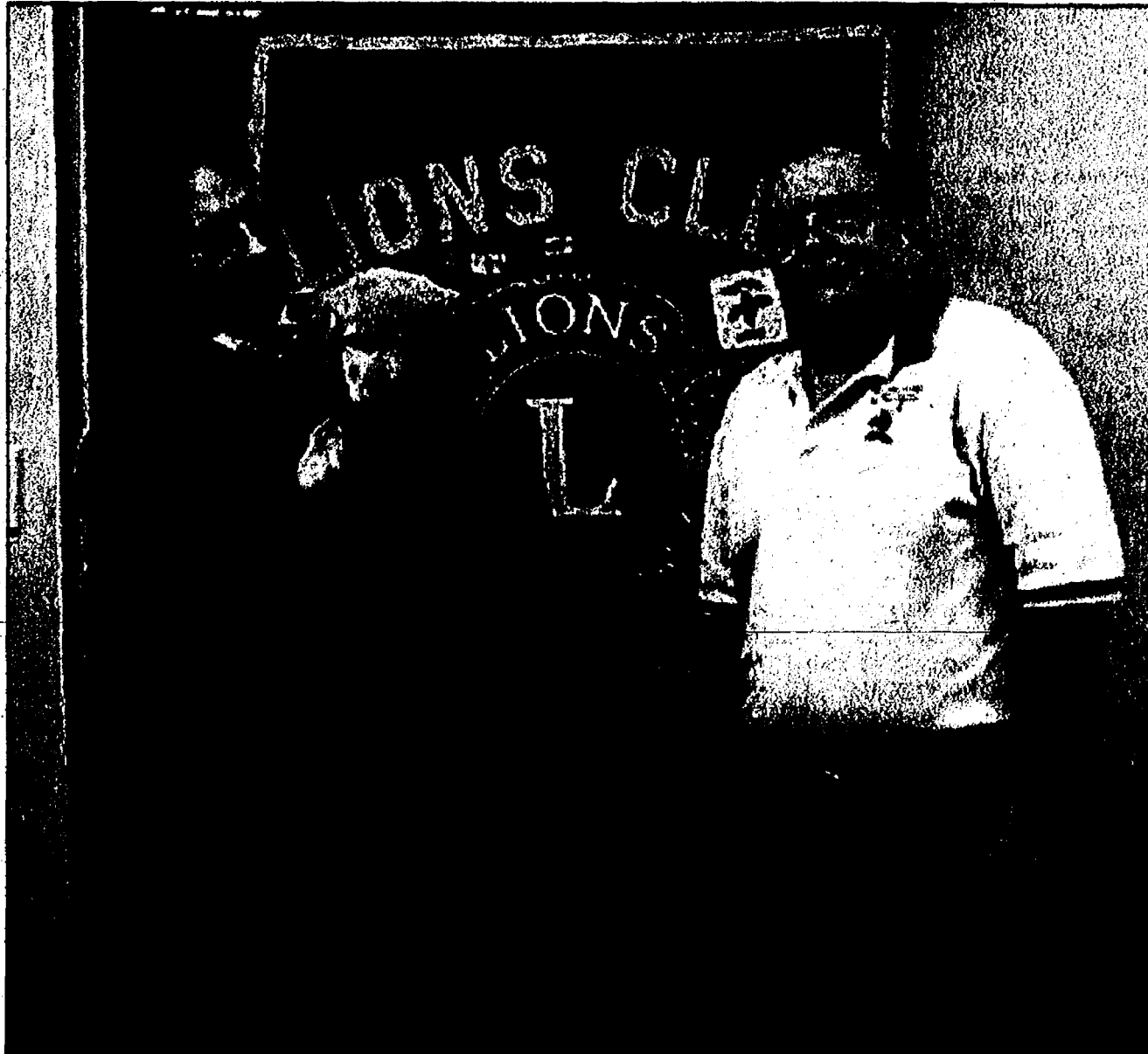
"You really can't put this into an hour slot," he says. "You do the training every day, just like raising a kid."

Trainers get a puppy when it's 6 or 7 weeks old and raise it for about a year. Chrisman says it's not hard to let the dog go to its new owner.

"We see the people who get the dog and it feels so good to see them get help," he says. "The dogs go on to greater things and they mean so much to the people who need them."

"That's what really keeps us going. We know how much they mean to a blind person."

For more information on the program, go online to www.leader-dog.org.



Charlene Chrisman (left) and her husband, Bob, brought their 3-month-old Labrador puppy, Katie, to the Dec. 3 Chelsea Lions Club meeting to talk about the Leader Dogs for the Blind program. The Munith couple, members of the Munith Lions Club, has raised seven puppies for the program. The Leader Dogs for the Blind facility, based in Rochester, was founded by Lions Club members in 1939 and is supported by Lions Clubs.

LEADER DOG FACTS

- Leader Dogs for the Blind was founded in 1939 by Lions Club members.
- The goal is to train dogs to assist the blind and provide facilities where dogs and blind masters can be trained.
- The training school and breeding offices are located in Rochester.
- More than 10,000 blind people have become self-sufficient through the use of a Leader Dog.
- People who are legally blind, 18 years or older, in good health, emotionally stable and of good moral character may be eligible for Leader Dog training.
- Students live under the supervision of instructors for four weeks of training.
- German Shepherds, Labrador and Golden Retrievers are commonly used for the program.
- Leader Dog places 7-week-old puppies into foster homes for a year. The puppies come from Leader Dog breeding stock and from pre-approved local breeders.
- There is no charge for a Leader Dog or any part of the four-week training.
- It costs the school about \$17,000 for each team.
- Leader Dogs for the Blind is supported by contributions from Lions, Lionsess and Leo clubs, florists, agencies and individuals.
- Leader Dogs wear a Leader Dog identification tag at all times, a badge of identity to the general public. A bandana is worn for public recognition.
- A \$10 donation supports the cost of a vaccine for a future Leader Dog. Just \$20 equips a slip collar, leash, comb and brush, while \$21 provides a starter kit for a puppy raiser; \$25 provides surgery sutures, x-ray and teeth cleaning; \$70 provides a crate for a puppy raiser.
- For more information, write to Leader Dogs for the Blind, P.O. Box 5000, Rochester, NY 14630, or call 1-248-451-6031 or toll free 1-888-777-5332.

Malone serves seniors as program coordinator



Karen Malone has been hired as the new program coordinator at the Chelsea Senior Center. The part-time position is funded by a grant for \$11,800 from the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. The Lima Township resident also serves on the Township Planning Commission.

Area Agency on Aging funds post with \$11,800 grant.

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Lima Township resident Karen Malone has been hired as part-time program coordinator at Chelsea Senior Center. She started Nov. 11.

The position was created when the Area Agency on Aging 1-B gave the center a grant for \$11,800 to provide staffing for 1,000 hours through Sept. 30, 2003.

Malone has a degree in computer information science from the University of Michigan.

Malone, whose son, Matthew, is in fourth grade at North Creek Elementary School, will work a flexible

schedule around her family. Her activities already include Cub Scouts, PTO events, organizing Science Night and serving as a reading tutor. She is also involved at the Chelsea First Methodist Church.

Malone's duties at the senior center will include writing the monthly newsletter and developing new programs such as men's activities, sports and homebound outreach.

She will also prepare materials for committees, and organize special events such as the bimonthly birthday parties and holiday celebrations.

Chelsea Senior Center Director Colleen O'Neill said the ultimate goal is to have Malone take over more responsibilities so that the director can focus on fund-

raising and writing grants. O'Neill plans to put more energy into other programming to allow the center to grow.

"The goal is to raise enough money so that eventually we can keep Karen full time, offer even more programs for seniors, operate a free-standing senior center and really offer more services to local seniors," O'Neill said.

"The (agency on aging) really sees this as seed money, enough to get us started but with the hope that when their money runs out, after a maximum of three years, we can continue with the same staff and programs on our own."

Malone, a substitute teacher and paraprofessional in the Chelsea School District, said she is looking

forward to taking the senior center to a new level.

"Colleen is enthusiastic and a good person to work with," Malone said. "I'm going to be there (as a senior) at the senior center someday and it's something neat to get involved with."

"I've met a lot of new people. It's fun getting to know a different population in the community."

Malone, who moved to Lima Township from Plymouth Township three years ago, has been a member of the Lima Township Planning Commission since July. Her initial interest in township issues led to her serving on the water and sewer study committee last year.

"Now, this year, it snowballed into the Planning Commission."

See MALONE — Page 4-B

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Monday, Dec. 23 through Wednesday, Jan. 1

Eddy Discovery Center will be closed during the holidays and will reopen 9 a.m. Jan. 2. For more information on the winter hours and programs, call 475-3170.

Thursday, Dec. 26

The Committee for Chelsea Park will not be meeting as previously scheduled because of the holidays.

CHELSEA

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors meets the third Thursday of each month. For more information, call 475-1145.

Friends of Chelsea District Library
meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Call 475-2424 for more information.

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

Friday

Al-Anon meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in the White Oak Inn. For more information, call 475-1462.

Saturday

Hope Clinic, a free clinic for people with no health insurance, is held 9 a.m. to noon, on the second Saturday of the month at Faith In Action, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-3305.

Western Washtenaw Republicans meet 9 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at Wolverine Food & Spirits on Old US-12 in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-3874.

Sunday

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets 1:30 to 4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month. For more information, call 1-800-852-9781.

Monday

Al-Anon meets 8:30 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in the Woodland Room. For more information, call 475-1462.

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

Chelsea Area Garden Club meets 12:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at First

United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 433-5451.

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at 8:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-5944.

Masonic Lodge 156 of Chelsea meets 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at 113 W. Middle St. in Chelsea. Call 433-1452 for more information.

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

Overeaters' Anonymous meets Monday nights at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road, in Chelsea. For more information, call 433-0902.

Tuesday

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

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

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

Euchre Party is held 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center in the Faith In Action building, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-9242.

Senior Nutrition Program meets noon every Tuesday for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For more information, call 475-7439.

Woman's Club of Chelsea meets 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at The Pines, 325 Wilkinson St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-0467.

Wednesday

Chelsea Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4076, 105 N. Main St., meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, call 475-1448.

The Evening Primrose Garden Club meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 1-617-522-5859.

DEXTER

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Dexter American Legion meets 8 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. For more information, call 428-5304.

Dexter Community Band meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Dexter High School band room, 2200 N. Parker Road. For information, call 428-2734.

Dexter Historical Society meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Dexter

Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter.

Dexter Rotary Club meets 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7854 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Downtown Development Authority meets 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Copeland Administration Building, 7714 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Lions Club meets 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of the month at DAPCO Industries, 2500 Bishop Circle East, in Dexter. Call 475-6945 for information.

Monday

Dexter Board of Education meets 7:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month at the Copeland Administration Building, 7714 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter District Library Board meets 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., in Dexter.

Dexter Village Council meets at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of the month at the

Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Village Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Tuesday

Dexter Child Study Club meets 7 p.m. at various locations on the third Tuesday of the month. For information, call 428-3664.

Dexter Garden Club meets 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Dexter Museum, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter. Call 428-2372 for information.

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7854 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

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

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

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

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

Independent Order of Odd-fellows meets 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesdays at Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 W. Huron River Drive, in Dexter.

Wednesday

Friends of Dexter District Library meets 12:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., in Dexter. For more information, call 428-6775.

ANN ARBOR

Monday, Jan. 6

Mothers & More will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Clare/Temple Beth

Emeth, 2309 Packard Road, in Ann Arbor. Introduction to yoga will be presented. Bring a blanket or mat. For more information, call 327-4901.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

"Teens Using Drugs Part 1: What to Know" seminar will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month through June at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, in Ypsilanti. Call 973-7892 for information.

Sunday, Jan. 12

The Parkinson Education and Support Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Building 5305, Huron River Drive, in Superior Township (near Parking Lot P). Guest speaker is Nla Aguirre, a fitness specialist at the hospital.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

"Teens Using Drugs Part 2: What to Do" seminar will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month through June at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, in Ypsilanti. Call 973-7892 for information.

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Royce on dean's list

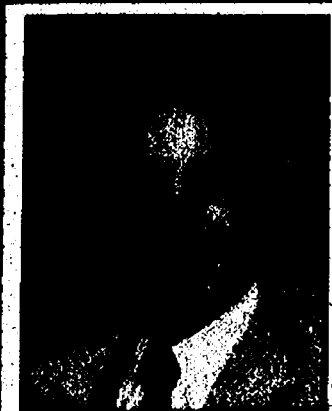
Emily Royce, daughter of Mark and Mary Royce of Chelsea, was named a First Group Scholar and was recognized for making the dean's list at Smith College in Northampton, Mass., for the 2001-02 year.

Royce, a 2001 Chelsea High School graduate, is majoring

in education at Smith with a minor in sociology.

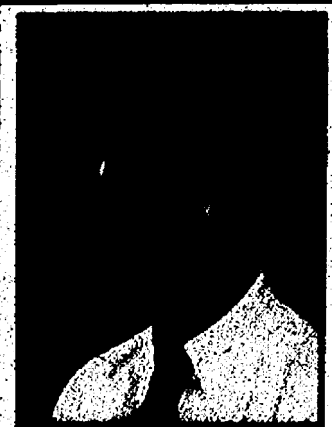
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Evelyn Copple, Scott Smith exchange wedding vows

Evelyn Copple and Scott Smith of Canton were married Aug. 10 at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. The Rev. Drex Morton officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Carl Copple of Livonia, and the late Gayle Lee Copple, and stepdaughter of the late Gale Ann Copple. The groom is the son of James and Sandra Smith of Dexter.

The maid of honor was Cathy Golden of Canton. The bridesmaids were Debra Smith, of Chicago, Valerie Szopko of Belleville, Catherine Dillard of Livonia and Christina Goodman of Durand.

Donald Babin, of Novi was the best man. The ushers were James Smith of Chicago, Todd Benson of Michigan Center, James Birdsell of

Howell and Jeff Goodman, of Durand.

A reception was held at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. They reside in Canton.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1998 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She has a bachelor's degree in special education. She is employed as a special education teacher at the Hawthorne Center for Emotionally Impaired Children in Northville.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Dexter High School and a 1995 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He has a bachelor's degree in marketing and co-owns Midwestern Specialty Advertising.



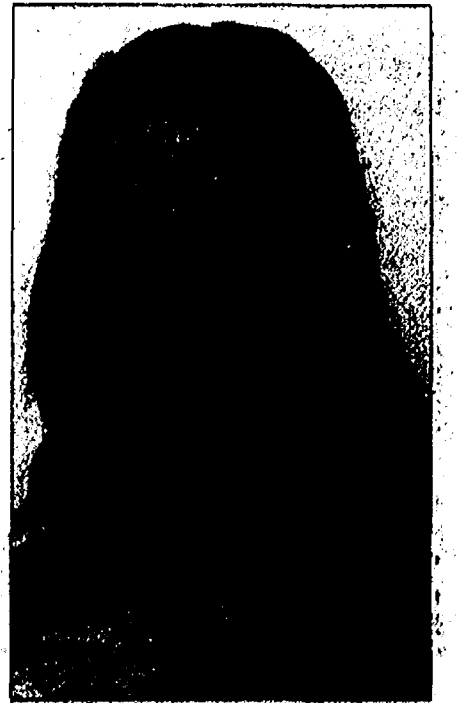
ENGAGED: Shelly Rickelmann of Dexter, daughter of Mark Rickelmann of Chelsea and Kristy Damron of Onsted, and Edgar "T" Morris of Dexter, son of Jacqueline Pustay of Grass Lake, have set an Aug. 9 wedding date. The future bride is a 1999 graduate of Chelsea High School and is a senior at Cleary University, studying human resource management. She is employed as a human resource assistant and receptionist at Dexter Fastener Technologies. The future bridegroom is a 1993 graduate of Dexter High School. He is also employed at Dexter Fastener Technologies as a header operator.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: Charles and Carole (Wheeler) Glover of Dexter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 13. Their children and friends held an open house and entertainment at Dexter United Methodist Church. The couple was married Dec. 13, 1952, in Gaylord. Charles is retired from DaimlerChrysler Proving Grounds in Chelsea. Carole worked in retail for many years at Dancer's Department Store and Dexter Card and Gift. They enjoy volunteer work, walking and traveling on their Gold Wing motorcycle. Their children are Gary (Lorelee Kilbreath) Glover of Chelsea, Cathy (Larry) Doebler of Hendersonville, N.C., Laurie (Ken) Watson of Pinckney, and Tom (Lisa Bitner) Glover of Dexter. The couple has 11 grandchildren.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: Jamie and Shirley (Turner) Heydlauff of Dexter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 16. The couple was married Nov. 16, 1952, at Salem Grove Methodist Church. Their children are Sharon (Stephen) Starling of Jackson, Daniel (Katherine) Heydlauff of Colorado Springs, Colo., Dale (Gloria) Heydlauff of Columbus, Ohio, David (Heather) Heydlauff of Dexter and Sue (David) Stanley of Pinckney. The couple's children hosted a reception at the Chelsea Depot and 88 people attended, including family and close friends, as well as 13 grandchildren.



Ganzhorn Performs

Jamie Ganzhorn, a graduate of Dexter High School, performed in The College of Wooster's Fall Dance Concert. The concert was held Nov. 22 and 23 at Freedlander Theatre at The College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. A senior majoring in English, Ganzhorn was featured in "In Line" and "Wading for Holding."

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Air Force Airman Richard J. Rice has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. During the six weeks of training, Rice studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training and special training in human relations. Rice also earned credits toward an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Roy Rice II of Jackson and Dawn Rice of Pinckney. Rice is a 2001 graduate of Vandercook Lake Junior Senior High School in Jackson.

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Festive Troop

Girls from Troop 472 in Chelsea relax with Santa Claus after helping him in his workshop during the Dec. 6 Festival of Lights. Pictured in front are Alexis Foley (left), Shelby Collins, Katie Olsen, Sarah Conrad and Stefanie Peyton. In the middle row are Hannah Olsen (left) and Emily Whitesall. Standing behind with Santa are Jessica Wisniewski (left) and Alexis Roberts. Troop members Courtney Parsons, Ellen Day, Hailey Dixon, Kaitlin Connin and Samantha Brown are not pictured.

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Commission," she said. "I enjoy working with the people. It requires a few hours a month. We have a meeting every third Tuesday of the month and review as they come up."

While Malone said she has yet to carve out time for her own hobbies and interests, she enjoys learning new

things, including everything involved in her new position at the senior center.

"This is just a step along the way," she said.

"I want to do the best I can to support and help build the success and awareness of the senior center."

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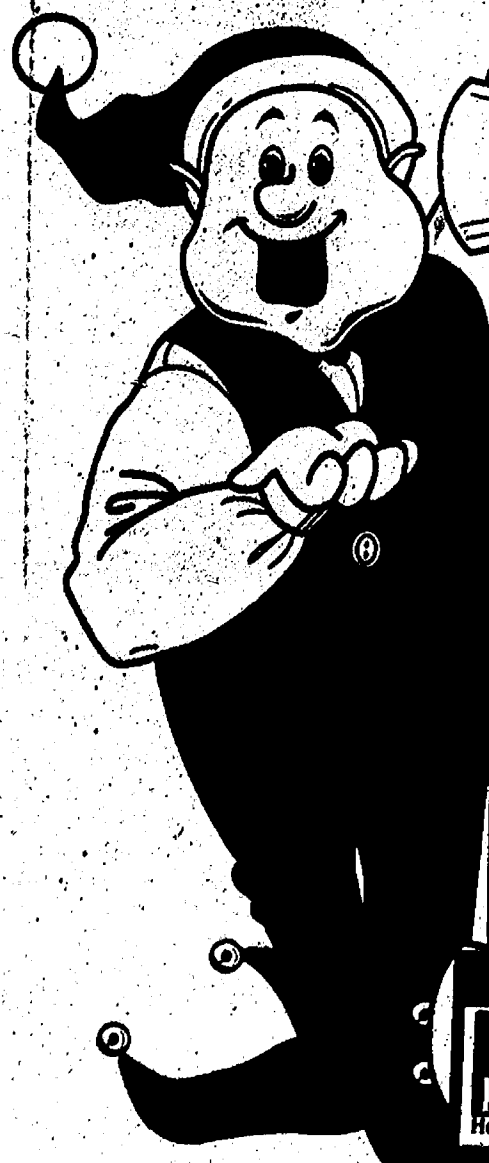
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Chelsea goes overtime against Williamston

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Whatever James Ballas had for breakfast last week prior to Chelsea's basketball game against Williamston, should be bottled and served to the rest of his Bulldog teammates for the rest of the season.

Against the visiting Hornets, unbeaten heading into their game against Chelsea Dec. 17, Ballas scored 13 second-half points while leading the Bulldogs (3-0) to a thrilling 75-63 overtime victory.

Whereas most players are losing their legs and tiring out by the fourth quarter, Ballas was able to find an extra gear, pacing Chelsea in the final frame and into overtime. All 13 of his points came in the fourth quarter and the overtime session. He netted eight of the Bulldogs' 17 overtime points.

"All of his points came on hustle plays, too," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond.

Though Ballas stood out late in the game, the entire Chelsea team was fresher and livelier in the final minutes than its Williamston opponent.

"By overtime, I thought they (Williamston) were getting tired," Raymond said. "We had the momentum. We

wanted to run the ball and create fast breaks."

In the four-minute extra session, the Bulldogs dominated, outscoring the Hornets 17-5 for the final margin.

"Scoring 17 points in four minutes was pretty good," Raymond said.

With Chelsea aggressively running the floor, the weary Williamston players were forced to foul.

In overtime, the Bulldogs were 6-of-7 from the free-throw line.

The Hornets (2-1), the pre-season favorites in the Ingham County League, appeared to have the momentum at the end of regulation.

Trailing the entire game, Chelsea tied the contest at 56-56 as senior forward Paul Newhouse scored on a put back with 45 seconds left. After a Williamston turnover, the Bulldogs worked the clock until Ballas was fouled with 12 seconds remaining. The senior forward canned both shots giving Chelsea a 58-56 advantage.

With no time left on the clock, Williamston scored on a fluke, garbage-type play down low as both teams fought for the ball on a missed three-point try.

Though the Hornets had made the play forcing overtime, they had little left in

the extra stanza.

Raymond said he was proud of his team's effort.

"The nice part of the win, was that we were behind for three quarters, but fought back for the win," he said. "That was pleasing, since we were ahead in our first two games (both victories)."

Also making Raymond smile was the fact Chelsea received balanced scoring. Five Bulldogs recorded 13 points or more.

"I like to see that," he said. "That was the biggest stat of the game."

Seniors swing player Jimmy Baker and Newhouse led the Bulldogs with 15 points each. Baker was 3-of-3 from three-point land.

Senior center Scott Dettling added 14 points, while senior Kyle Brown and Ballas each netted 13 points. Included in Brown's total were two three-pointers.

Rounding out Chelsea's scoring were senior swing player Joe Myers, who had four points, and senior guard Bryan Hayes, who finished with one point.

On the glass, the Bulldogs out rebounded the smaller Hornets 34-26.

Newhouse topped Chelsea with 11 boards, while Dettling added eight rebounds.

Dettling also had two steals and four blocked shots.

Leading the team in assists was Brown, with five. Ballas dished out three assists.

At the free throw line, the Bulldogs excelled.

Chelsea finished the night 24-of-33 from the charity stripe for a sizzling 73 percent. On the other hand, Williamston was 5-of-14 for 36 percent.

Individually, Dettling was 8-of-11 and Newhouse 5-of-6 at the line for the Dawgs. Brown was 3-of-4, while Ballas was a perfect 5-of-5.

In the second half alone, Chelsea was 16-of-18 from the free-throw line.

Forward Dave Stintzi had 20 points and guard Mac Miller had 17 points to lead Williamston.

The Hornets led 18-14 after one quarter. By halftime, Williamston had increased its lead to 32-26.

Heading into the fourth quarter, the Hornets had a 46-42 advantage.

"We struggled the first three quarters," Raymond said. "But we played well enough to stay within striking distance."

"Williamston is a quality opponent. This is a big win. They were 2-0 coming in, with double-digit victories.

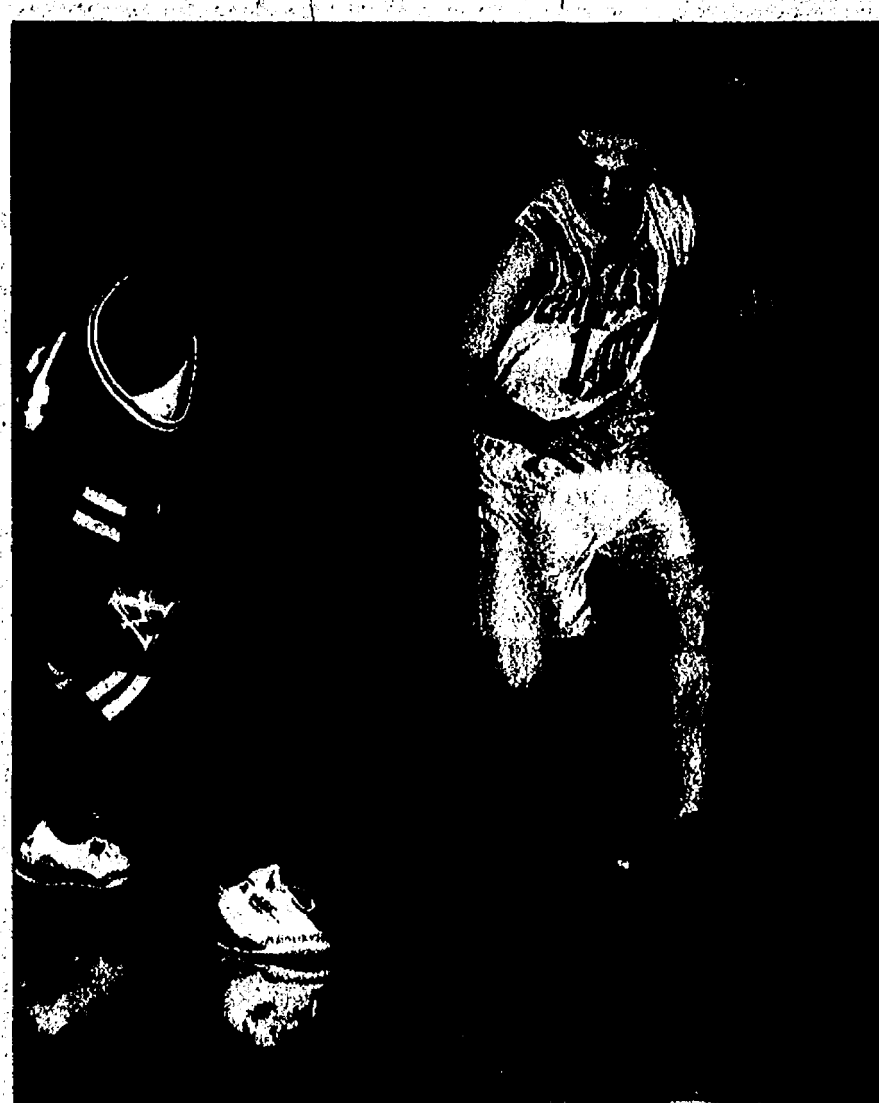


Photo by Doug Trojanowski
Chelsea junior guard George Royce brings the ball up court. Royce and the Bulldogs defeated Williamston in overtime last week, improving their overall record to a still perfect 3-0.

They're a good program." Chelsea next hosts its own Holiday Classic tomorrow and Saturday at 10 a.m. On Jan. 7, the Bulldogs host

Jackson Northwest at 7 p.m. Sports Editor Don Richter can be reached at 475-1371 or via e-mail at drichter@heritage.com.

Bulldog icers suffer tough loss to Flint Kearsley

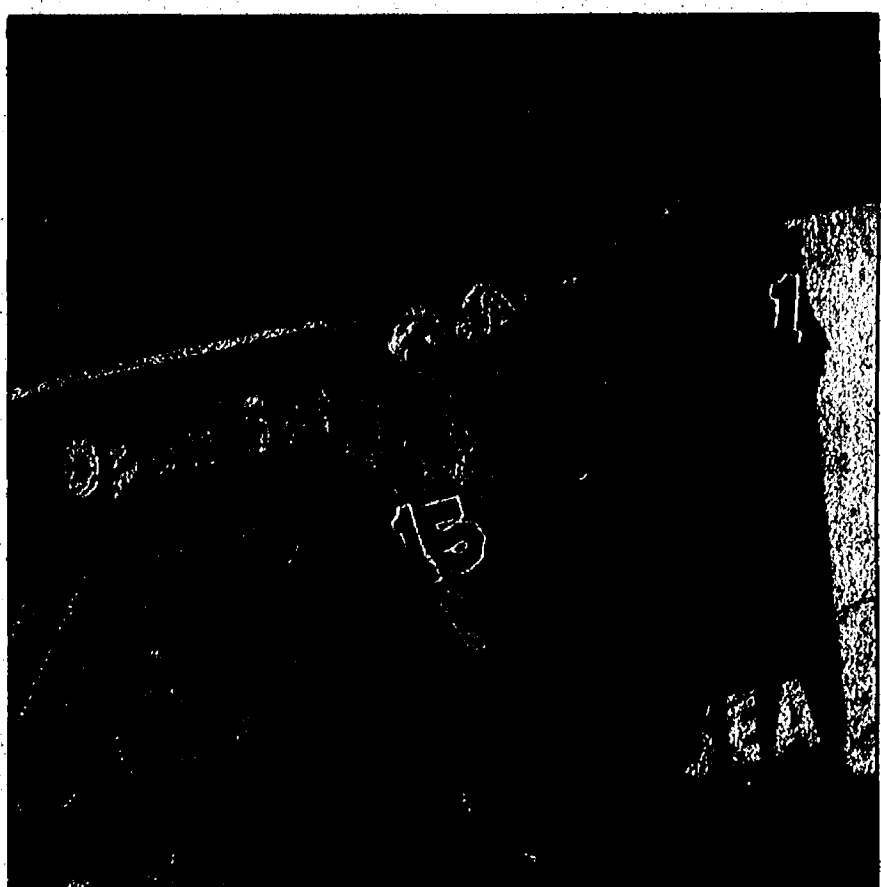


Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Chelsea's Luc Callow is one of the Bulldogs' top offensive weapons. Last week, against Flint Kearsley, Chelsea's offense was bottled up in the Bulldogs' 3-1 loss.

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

In the first-ever meeting between the two schools, Flint Kearsley defeated Chelsea 3-1 in hockey Dec. 18.

The Hornets, out of the Big Nine Conference, are one of the Flint area's top programs. Last year, Kearsley lost to eventual Division II state runner-up Davison 4-3 in the regional semifinals.

Against the host Bulldogs, the Hornets scored first at 5:58 of the opening period. Hamid Tagik turned the light on, beating the Chelsea net minder on a power play goal.

"He was able to pick up a loose puck in front of the net and bang it home," said Chelsea coach Don Wright.

Wright said the Hornets came out ready to compete.

"They carried the play in the first period," he said.

In the second period, the Bulldogs (8-3) tied the game as winger Craig Urwin

scored a power play goal at 3:58 of the frame. Assisting on the play for Chelsea was Kenny Williams.

"Craig came from the corner and wasn't picked up," Wright said. "He made a move on the goaltender and scored."

The contest stayed deadlocked at 1-1 until Curtis Christensen, the Hornets' best player, scored with 3:14 left in the game.

"He was able to get in front of J.R. (Engelbert, Chelsea goalie) and stuff a rebound by him," Wright said.

Kearsley added an empty net goal with 40 seconds remaining for the final margin.

Wright said. "We had our chances," Wright said. "We had seven shots or so from near their crease."

The Hornets out shot the Bulldogs 30-23.

In the first period, Kearsley peppered 15 shots on net, while Chelsea managed only four shots.

"I would have liked to have seen us come out stronger than we did," Wright said. "We certainly had chances to win the hockey game. Their goalie did a nice job."

Last week's game against Kearsley was somewhat bittersweet for Wright.

"Chris Christensen (Hornets' former coach) and I had talked about playing this game for some time," Wright said. "We had been friends for a long time. He had been their coach since the late 1970s. This summer he died in his sleep."

Though the former coach wasn't able to be at last week's game, he did, in some way, have an influence on the outcome. His son, Curtis, scored the game-winner.

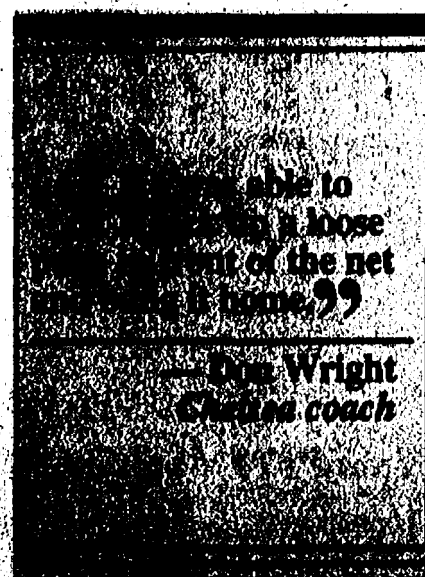
Wright said he wasn't sure if Chelsea would continue playing the Hornets year after year.

"I don't know," he said. "We'll have to see. It would be nice."

The Bulldogs next host Pinckney 7 p.m. Jan. 4.

On Jan. 8, Chelsea hosts Plymouth Canton at 7 p.m.

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Chelsea tankers top Pinckney

By Don Richter

Chelsea's boys' swimming team defeated Pinckney 12-7 last week. The Bulldogs' top two finishers, the first and second, each

scored 100 points. The Bulldogs' top two finishers, the first and second, each

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second was teammate Cliff Ballard with 171 points. In third place was Sean Cleary with 126 points.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the Bulldog foursome of Andy Kellogg, Andre Bravo, Mike Policht and Holton finished first with a time of 1:34.44.

In the 400 freestyle relay, Chelsea's Josh Haynes, Holton, Wacker and Policht bested the field with a clocking of 3:40.20.

Placing second for the Bulldogs on the day were Aaron Connell in the 100 butterfly (1:04.20), Andrew Cao in the 500 freestyle (3:51.53), Andy Kellogg in the 100 breaststroke (2:10) and Wacker in the 200 individual medley (2:15.75).

The Chelsea combo of Ryan Kelley, Mac Christman, Cao and Connell finished second in the 200 individual medley.

The Bulldogs' boys' swimming team defeated Pinckney 12-7 last week.

Season to remember for Chelsea, Dexter

I can't believe this is just the beginning. Somebody pinch me. I must be dreaming.

What a start to the athletic year.

For most areas, what happened this past fall season would constitute a full year's worth of athletic activity - if it were lucky.

For most communities, winning a league title is reason to celebrate.

For most towns, having an All-Area player is front-page news.

But for the Chelsea-Dexter area, those accomplishments took a back seat to some unbelievable performances this fall.

To begin with, the area brought home two state championships.

Not one - which would make most communities' year - but two, in one season. Dexter's boys' cross country and girls' swimming and diving teams both captured Division II state titles in their respective sports.

Throughout Michigan, only four other communities, Rockford, Grosse Ile, East Grand Rapids and Mar-



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quette, won multiple state championships.

Marquette was tops in the state, with three titles this past fall. Rockford, Grosse Ile and East Grand Rapids tied Dexter, with two championships each.

In Chelsea, although no state titles were brought home, the Bulldogs had a memorable fall season.

In football, Chelsea continued to be one of the area's best programs. For the fourth consecutive season, the Bulldogs advanced to the state playoffs.

Senior defensive back Joe Myers earned first-team All-State recognition after picking off a school record nine passes this season.

In cross country, Chelsea



Chelsea's David Knox and his Bulldog soccer teammates had a record-setting season this past fall. Chelsea finished the year with 16 victories, the most in school history. The Bulldogs also captured their first district championship.

shined, as well. At this year's state finals, the Bulldogs had the best overall showing of any school in Division II. The girls' team finished sixth in the state and was SEC champions, while the boys' squad was seventh at the finals. Pat Clarke was named Division

II's girls' Coach of the Year. Besides winning a title, Dexter's Jaime Dudash was named Division II's boys' Coach of the Year.

The Dreadnaughts' girls' basketball team captured a district title and advanced to

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the regional finals, before losing — three wins from a state championship.

Dexter's boys' golf squad won the SEC crown and qualified for the state finals.

Chelsea's boys' golf also had a fine year. The Bulldogs finished second in league play behind Dexter. Individually, seniors Chris Johnson and Paul Newhouse tied for first in the conference.

In Equestrian, Chelsea advanced to the state finals, placing 18th overall. The Dreadnaughts qualified for districts before bowing out of the state tournament.

Dexter's girls' cross country team had a memorable year, finishing second in the SEC and 15th in Division II at the state meet.

Bulldog girls' basketball placed first in the SEC White Division. Chelsea senior forward Alison Mann was named third-team All-State.

In girls' tennis, both Dexter and Chelsea had strong years. The Dreadnaughts advanced to the Division III state finals, where they finished 16th. The Bulldogs, on the other hand, captured the SEC White Division championship.

In boys' soccer, Chelsea had a record-setting season. The Bulldogs' 16 wins were the most in school history. The squad scored 70 goals on the year, also a school record.

Overall, Chelsea finished 16-3-3. The team captured a league title and a first-ever district championship. The Bulldogs lost in regional play 1-0 in double overtime to eventual Division II state winner East Lansing.

Over in Dexter, first-year coach Andy Vanover led the Dreadnaught kickers to a second-place league finish behind Chelsea.

In football, Dexter ended up 3-6 overall. After going 0-9 three years ago, Dreadnaught coach Tom Barbieri, who recently completed his second year, has led Dexter to 2-7 and 3-6 seasons. With improved middle school and youth programs, the future looks bright for Dreadnaught football.

In swimming, Chelsea placed second in the SEC and seventh in Division II at the state finals. Bulldogs Dani Sawyer, Alise Augustine, Julie Mida and Becca Armstrong combined for a state title in the 200 medley relay.

What a season. I can't wait for the next two.

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling lost to Ann Arbor Pioneer 50-24 last Thursday.

In the lower weights, at 103 pounds, Bulldog Geoff Wonders was pinned in 10 seconds by Pioneer's John Adgate. Marty Kelley, at 112 pounds, was pinned in 32 seconds by Ann Arbor's Greg Hart.

Chelsea's Chris Watt, at 119 pounds, was pinned in 2:03 by Ty Rentenbach. At 125, Bulldog Fred Dehn was pinned in 1:32 by Ken Smoot. At 130, Josh Clark was pinned by Ann Arbor's Devin Chard in 3:04.

Jeremy Loe, at 135, lost to Pioneer's Matt Sharra on a 7-4 decision. Randy Ostrowski lost a 5-3 overtime decision to Ann Arbor's Marty Everin.

In the upper weights, Chelsea's Matt Robinson, at

145, was pinned in 4:37 by Kevin Clauch. At 152, Stephen Kolokithas lost to Tim Petoskey on a technical fall 18-3. At 160, Bulldog Adam Egeler pinned Andrew Grimson in 1:55.

At 171 Sean Powell lost 7-0 to Pioneer's Chris Heeter. At 189, Chelsea's Darl Bauer pinned Andy Hueter in 1:08. At 215, Joel Powers pinned Ann Arbor's Mike Taylor in 1:21. At heavyweight, Bulldog Ross Davis pinned Charlie Rewoldt in 5:54.

Chelsea next splits its squad traveling to the Jackson County Western and Hillsdale invitationals 9 a.m. Jan. 4.

On Jan. 9, the Bulldogs travel to Temperance Bedford for a meet at 6:30 p.m.



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Chelsea senior Darl Bauer prepares to pin his opponent at last week's dual meet against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

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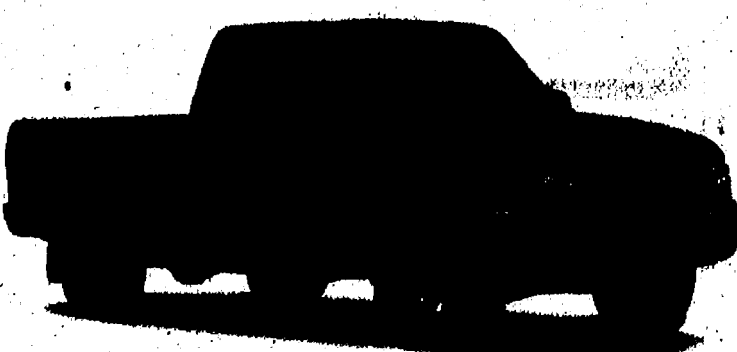
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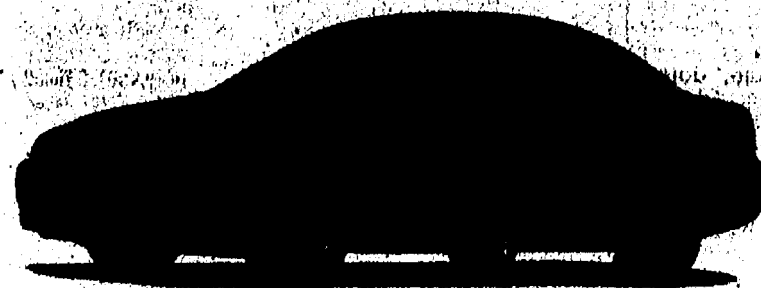
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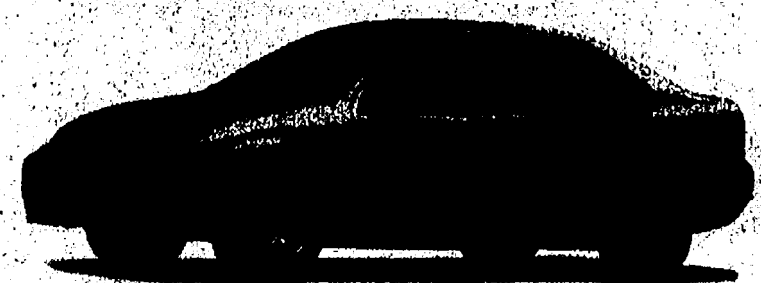
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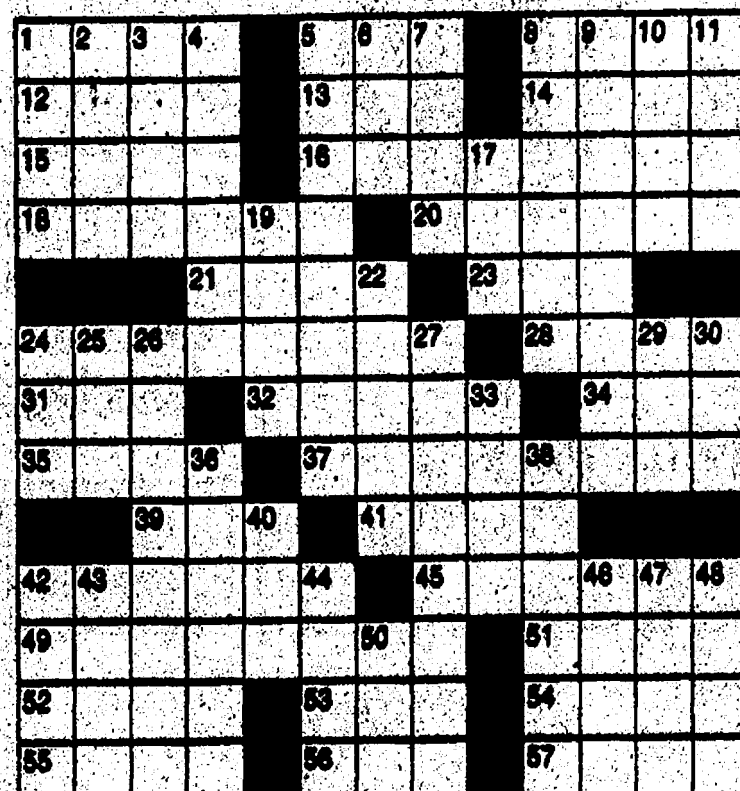
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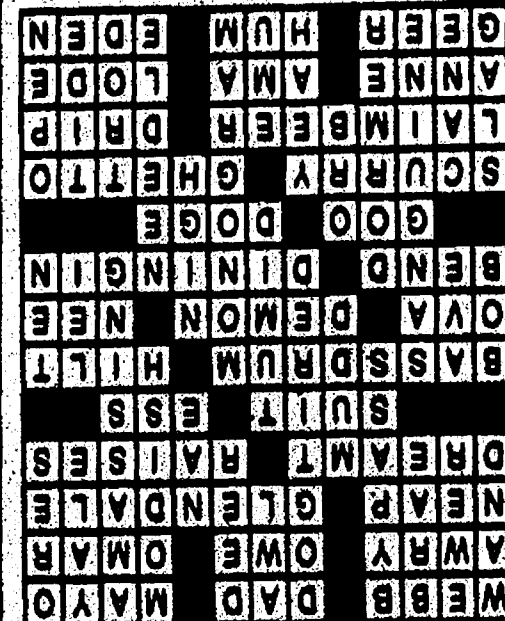
King Crossword

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- "Dragnet" star
- Mid-June honoree
- BLT topping
- Wrong
- Have bills
- Actor Sharif
- Variety of 47-Down
- Arizona city
- Had night vision?
- Pay boosts
- Be apropos
- Double curve
- Marching-band boomer
- Sword handle
- Eggs
- Imp
- Born
- Flex
- Forgoing restaurants
- Sticky stuff
- Venetian magistrate
- Scamper
- Certain city section
- Detroit Pistons rebounder Bill
- Faucet problem
- Mrs. Shakespeare
- "I" Camera
- Metal deposit
- "Waltons" actor Will
- Drone
- Paradise
- DOWN
- Harry Potter's weapon
- Basin adjunct
- Highland hillside
- Circumvent
- Ready to drop (Abb.)
- Hole-making tool
- Antelope's playmate
- Chic
- Piling up
- Bush alma mater
- 54-Across materials
- Dundee denial
- News-caster Roger
- Swollen
- Bing's caddy
- Thorough-fare (Abb.)
- Optimistic
- Pocket embroidery
- Island garland
- Highest rating
- Almost here
- Vertical window in a roof
- Phonograph feature
- Sphere
- Refinery residue
- Chaplin prop
- Slangy agreement
- Stepped (on)
- Ocean motion
- Admitting customers
- Ostrich's kin



Answers To This Week's King Crossword



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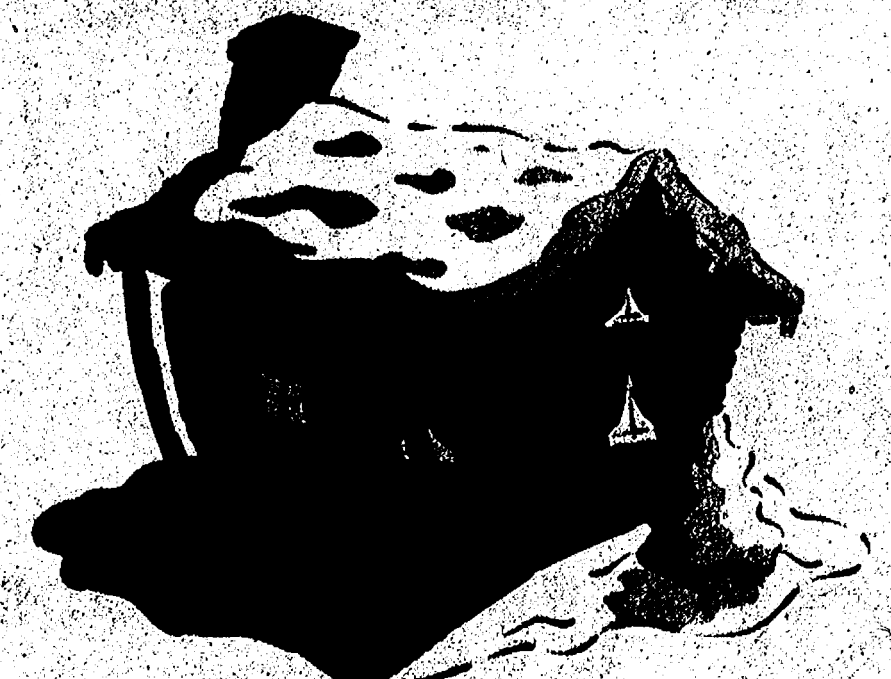
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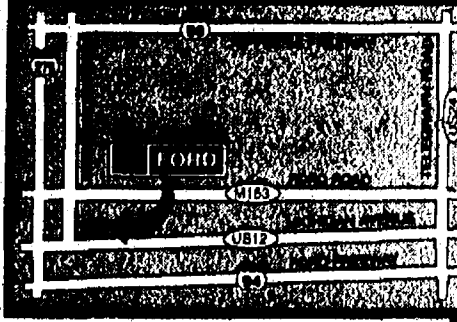
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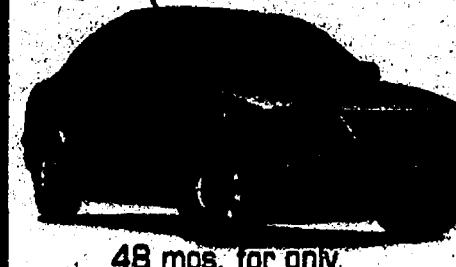
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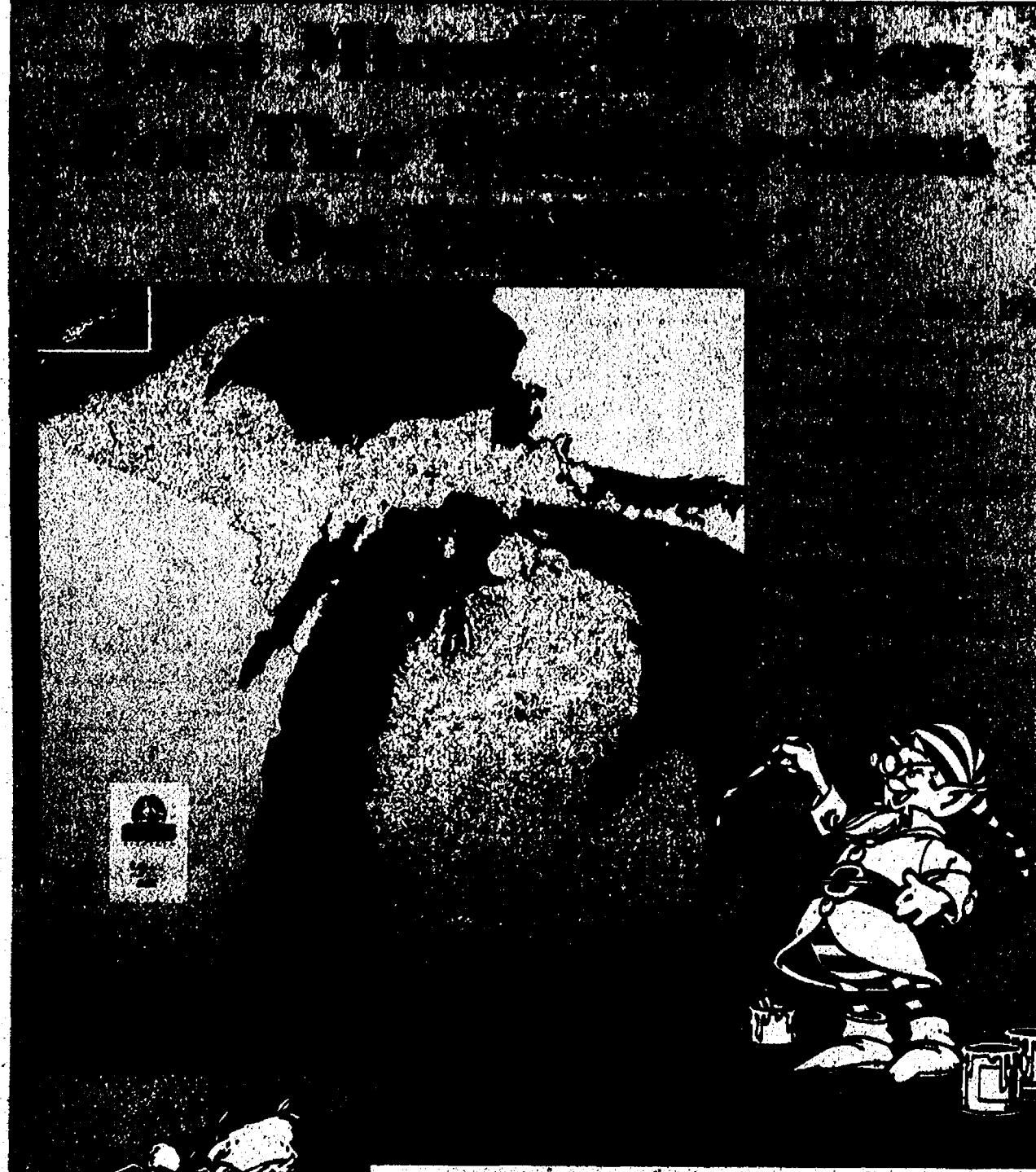
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DEATHS



HELEN DARWIN
Ann Arbor

Helen Darwin, 95, of Ann Arbor died Dec. 19, 2002, at Cedar Knoll Care Center. She was born Jan. 31, 1907, in Clayton, Wis., the daughter of Waldner and Anna (Szurgot) Glushyn.

Mrs. Darwin had lived in Ann Arbor since 1936. She was a long-time member of West Side United Methodist Church.

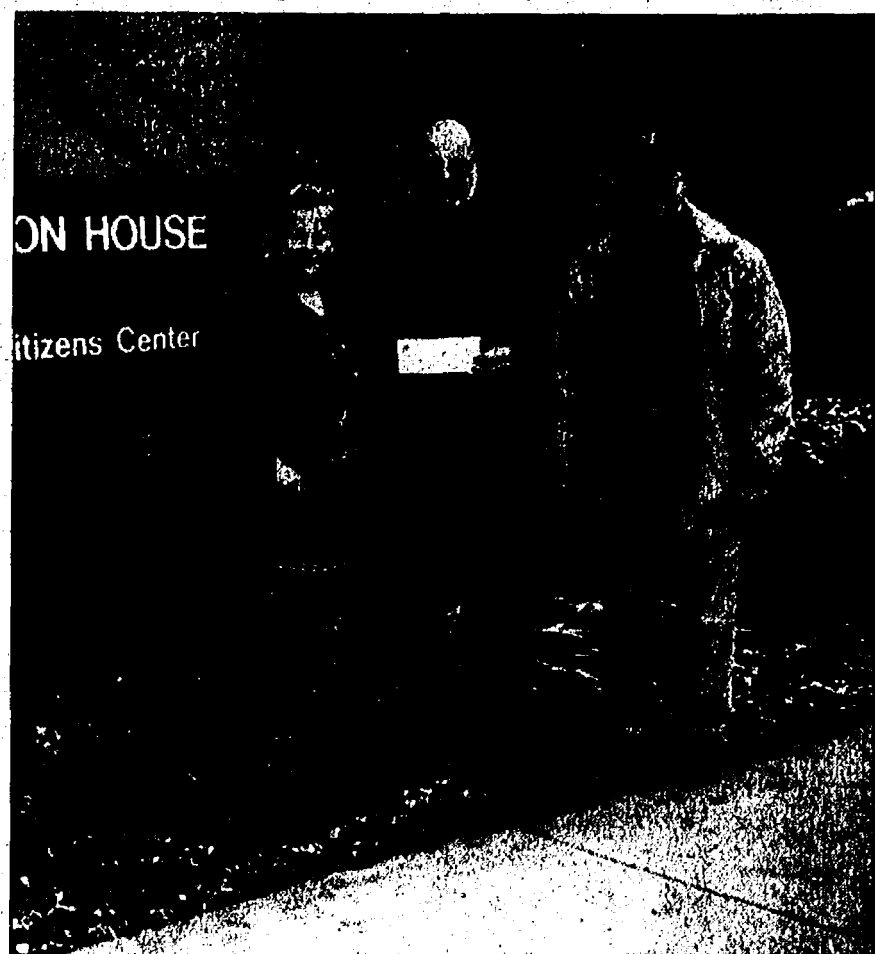
On Sept. 9, 1933, she married LeRoy F. Darwin in Minneapolis and he preceded her in death Aug. 26, 1987.

Survivors include two sons, LeRoy W. of Ann Arbor and William J. of Chelsea; one sister, Olga Wallace of L'Anse; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Darwin was preceded in death by a son, Arnold; three brothers; and five sisters.

A funeral was held Saturday at West Side United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor. The Rev. Tracy Huffman officiated. Burial followed at Bethlehem Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

Arrangements were handled by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to West Side United Methodist Church.



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Chelsea United Way board members Mary Underwood (left) and Bob Trudell flank Faith In Action Director Dick Shaneyfelt as they present him with a check for \$17,500. This was the second allocation of funds for the year. Chelsea United Way contributed a total of \$35,000 to Faith In Action in the 2002 calendar year.

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