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Village considers connector road

■ *Debate among council members focused on the pros and cons.*

By Kent Ashton Walton
 Special Writer

Chelsea Village Council postponed a decision for the second time last week on whether to connect M-52 to the proposed Chelsea West Drive. Lee Fahrner of Midwestern

Consulting in Ann Arbor asked local officials to approve construction of the connector road as part of Sylvan Township's master plan for public roadway construction.

Trustees, however, tabled a decision because council members James Myles and Howard Holmes were not at the April 22 meeting.

Fahrner said plans call for extending the existing Commerce Drive, which currently heads west from M-52 and south to Brown Drive. It would

link with the proposed Chelsea West Drive and with a proposed Laurel Drive.

Laurel Drive eventually will lead to a proposed 350-unit housing development in Sylvan Township. The Washtenaw County Road Commission and Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Committee are currently reviewing the plan.

Fahrner said the village would not incur any construction costs, which would be met by the developer. He

said the extension would benefit the village.

Debate among council members focused on the possible benefits and disadvantages of the plan. Some said the plan could worsen traffic at the Commerce Drive and M-52 intersection, especially after a mobile home park opens in Sylvan Township at the southwest border with the village.

Council Trustee Cheri Albertson
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NEWS BRIEFS

Arts scholarships available at CCDA

Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts will award two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to pursue a degree in performing arts and visual arts.

Applications are available at the school counseling office or the CCDA, 400 Congdon St. Applications are due May 18.

Students named Olympiad winners

Seven pupils at Beach Middle School were honored in the Michigan Social Studies Olympiad held April 12.

Margy Brill won in photo journalism, Anna Mueller for poetry, Liz Gunden for political cartoon journal, Daniel Rhodes for essay, Johanna Jackson for artistic poster, Christine Kelley for poetry and Dolan Personke for graphic design.

Students named as award finalists

Chelsea High School seniors Stephanie Hanna and Erika Malinoski were named as finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program.

Andrew Neuenschwander was a semi-finalist in the program, and Virginia Bailey, John Groesser, Matthew Holmes Jacob Holton, Emily Leidner, Karen McCormick, James McKenzie, Julia Mida, Sarah Misenheimer, Jessica Percha and Katie Personke were honored.

Local artwork on display in Texas

Chelsea artist Flo Collins will have four acrylic paintings on display at the May 10 grand opening of the Art Gallery of Kingwood in Kingwood, Texas.

I Love Lucy



Erin Byrne takes center stage as she and Kyle Kooyers depict Lucy and Ricky Ricardo from the TV show "I Love Lucy." The two dance captains, flanked by Jayna Katz (left), Jake Heydlauff, Jessie Ott, Meredith Reynolds and Nathan Taylor, were rehearsing for the Washington Street Show Choir "Cabaret," featuring Latin rhythms and dance. The performance is set for 7:30 p.m. May 9 and 10 at Chelsea High School. Tickets are \$8 and are available at Chelsea Pharmacy or the door. For more information, call 475-9331.

Sylvan mulls offer

■ *Homeowners, local officials don't seem to be interested in park.*

By Michael Rybka
 Special Writer

The Sylvan Township Board is mulling over an offer from Washtenaw County that would allow the township to acquire ownership of Cavanaugh Lake Park.

If accepted, the offer would have the township relying heavily on the lake's homeowners' association for maintenance and upkeep.

While no decision was made at a special board meeting April 23, neither board members nor representatives of the Cavanaugh Lake Homeowners' Association

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Seniors look for ways to raise funds

■ *School district may cut \$10,000 from senior center budget.*

By Sheila Pursglove
 Associate Editor

A newly formed board at the Chelsea Senior Center is tussling with finances, trying to find ways to fund programs in a tough economic climate.

The Chelsea School District is

looking at cutting its \$10,000 contribution to the center. Teresa Zigman, executive director of business and operations, said the school board will not make a decision until it adopts a preliminary budget in June.

The school district's contribution and donations from local organizations are the center's two main sources of funding.

John Mitchell Sr., treasurer of the senior board, will present a budget when the Chelsea Senior Center

Board meets 7:30 a.m. May 8 at the center, located in the Faith In Action building, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

Mitchell said the school district's contribution has covered a salary for the center's part-time activities assistant. He said Chelsea Senior Center Director Colleen O'Neill has offered to cut her hours in the summer to reduce expenses.

"Many other senior centers in Michigan are funded by municipalities," Mitchell said. "The village and

local townships just don't have the funding for one here. There's nowhere to go for funds."

Mitchell said some of the center's biggest events are trips, but they are not moneymakers. Other programs also drain the center's budget.

"The birthday dinners we hold for seniors are also a cost, and the last one lost well over \$150," he said.

The center generates approximately \$10,000 a year through two craft
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Vision of hope

Arts center to create mosaic

By Rita Fischer
 Special Writer

A mosaic pathway in the shape of a shell, the focal point of a community project to be created this summer at Timber Town in Chelsea, will provide a place of renewal and hope for the community.

Ginger Sissom, director of the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts, hopes the "Pathway to Renewal: Vision of Hope" project, created with transitions in mind, will bring peace and healing to a community that has seen too many tragedies in recent years.

"The community will join with many partners to create a place of healing and hope in

a setting that celebrates life through connections with nature, peace and one another," Sissom said. "Peace with the community is the outcome."

The mosaic pathway is in the shape of a snail shell. Artist and therapist Lorin Kummer said that both the mosaic art form and the shape of the ammonite spiral have healing significance.

"The ammonite fossil was once a sea creature," Kummer said. "It carried what it needed while it grew. It would grow out of one shell and into another and seal that section off."

"This is how we live our lives. We learn
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Lorin Kummer (left), who will serve as artist-in-residence at the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts this summer, works on a mosaic tile project with Elaina Tsai, Mitchell Clark and Bella Cramer. The CCDA will create a mosaic spiral pathway at Timber Town this summer.

Photo courtesy of Janice Ortring

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Margie Bovee
Special Writer

Dale LaClair, president of LaClair Builders, is a calm and confident man. He and sales manager Bill Foote sit and chat in one of the LaClair Builders home models at 765 N. Hewitt in Ypsilanti. The tastefully decorated model, quality built by LaClair, of course, is a Providence 2,286 square foot Cape Cod. Customers can choose plans ranging from Victorians and contemporary ranches to two story Cape Cod styles. Samples of flooring, carpeting and other customized options are on display as well as colorful brochures of over one hundred model homes, elevations and floor plans. Dale says, "If you can imagine it, we can build it. Customers can bring in ideas for floor plans and we send them to our engineers who will modularize them."

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As Dale knowledgeably answers questions about the concept of modular homes and the unique features of LaClair modular homes, LaClair homes are in the process of being built in five different counties by over forty construction specialists. He knows everything is under control because he only hires the best and he only builds the best. Dale, now celebrating his tenth year in business, spends much of his day on various building sites in Washtenaw, Wayne, Livingston and Lenawee counties. His partner Jeff Verhines services Monroe and parts of Lenawee county where the model home is located in Dundee on US 23 across from Cabella's.

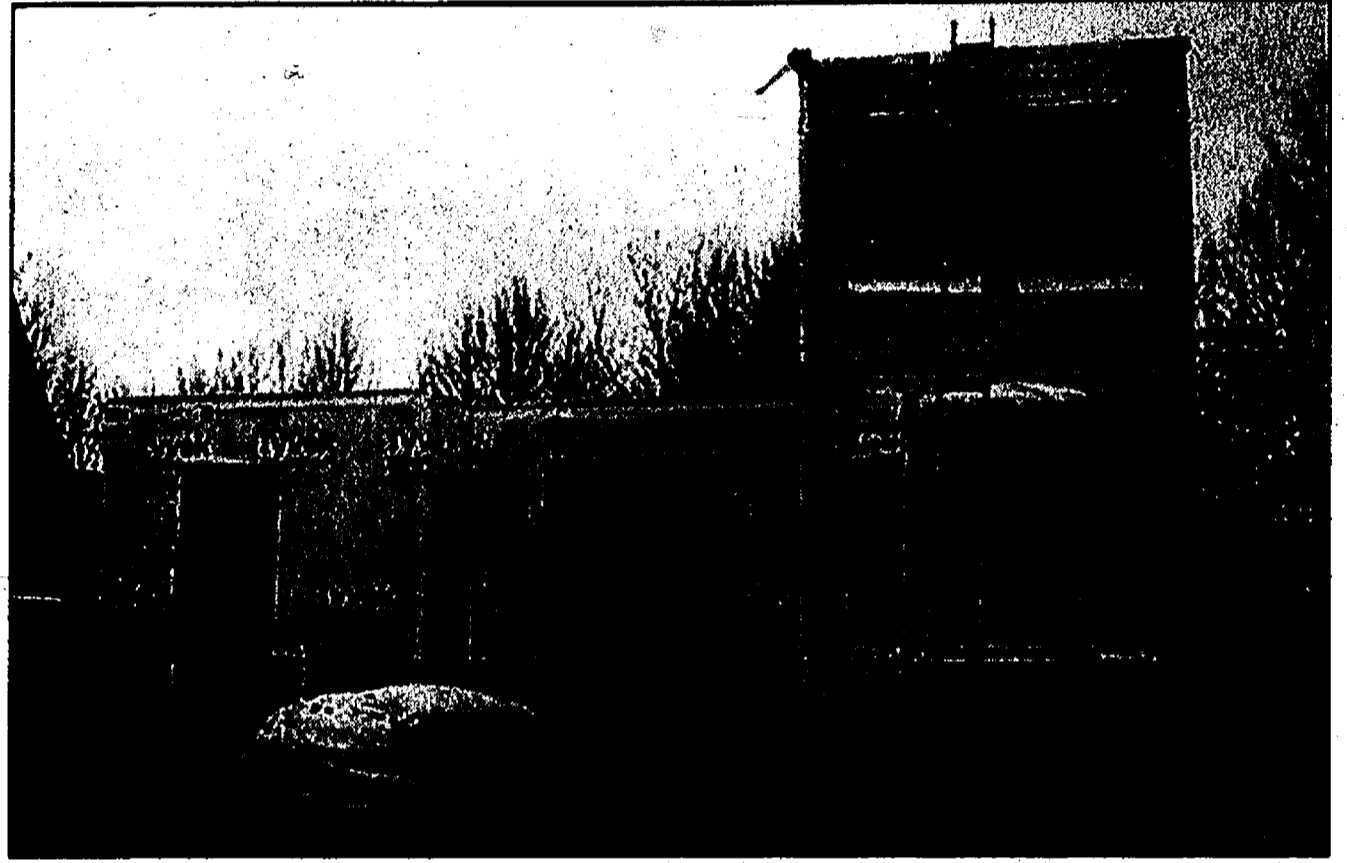
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Dale notes that often customers are confused about the terms manufactured home and modular home. Manufactured homes, sometimes referred to as mobile homes are another type of building system altogether—NOT related to modular homes. Manufactured homes are constructed to meet a different building standard which requires them to be constructed on a non-removable steel chassis. Many communities have restrictions on where manufactured homes can be located.

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Bright idea

Local couple offers land to fire department for dry hydrant

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Bob and Else Heller have discovered that one good turn deserves another — and another.

The Lima Township couple has lobbied hard to provide better fire protection in their neighborhood, and recently received help from the Chelsea Area Fire Authority and a local excavating firm.

The idea to promote "dry hydrants" was first brought up by the Hellers at a Jan. 6 Lima Township Board meeting discuss long-term strategies for the fire department.

A dry hydrant siphons water from a surface source by way of an extended porcelain pipeline. The pipeline is, for the most part, buried underground. However, its final extension is perpendicular, sticking up from the ground for fire department access.

The term "dry hydrant" derives from the fact that accessing the water source requires a suction device and water does not naturally gush forth as it would when drawing from

an underground source.

At the meeting, the Hellers said they were concerned that Lima Township was too far from a fire department, so they offered their property for a hydrant because it's located near a creek.

Chelsea Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood offered to supply the piping, but said it would be up to the Hellers to pay for the excavating. The couple decided to take him up on the offer and contacted T.N.T. Diversified, a Chelsea excavating firm.

When Troy Townsend, president of the company, heard that the Hellers were engaging in a project that would benefit the community, he donated his services.

Townsend, three assistants and massive machinery arrived on the Hellers' property last week and the project was completed within three hours.

Dexter Area Fire Department Inspector Donald Dettling estimated the combination of material and labor at \$2,000.

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Else Heller stands on her property where the Chelsea Area Fire Authority and T.N.T. Diversified installed a dry hydrant. Heller and her husband, Bob, offered to host the site.

Kudos

Jennifer Kundak named Chelsea Library's Friend of the Year

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Jennifer Kundak of Dexter Township has been named Chelsea District Library's Friend of the Year.

The honor came April 12 at a celebration winding down National Library Week.

Kundak said she was surprised to receive the award and honored by the recognition.

"I have been so enriched through my participation in Friends' activities over the years and am very fortunate to work with such a unique group of members," she said.

Kundak said the Friends are a "fun-oriented, positive



Jennifer Kundak

group who serve the library by enlisting volunteers or helping with special service projects."

The group encourages and supports staff through special recognition, provides financial assistance to supplement special library programs, materials and equipment, and helps increase visibility of the library in the community.

Kundak said some of her favorite activities include coordinating the Parenting Resource Center, helping with the Summer Reading program, Summer Reader's Theater programs for youth at the library, presenting programs about The Beatles for patrons, and working on the annual Staff Appreciation Dinner.

"Also, an important role is being the 'plant watering

person at the library," she said.

Kundak said she is especially excited to help plan the second annual Music at McKune, a free concert for families and the entire community held on the grounds next to the McKune House June 14.

Kundak, a graduate of Wayne State University, is involved in many activities around town, including the Chelsea Area Garden Club, Scout Venturing Crew 452, Chelsea Community Family Network, One World One Family Task Force, and Chelsea Area Responding to Teens. She is a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

"Jennifer's enthusiasm —

about everything, from volunteering to flowers to Ringo — is unique," said Shawn Personke, development coordinator for the library. "She's always been there when you need her and is always willing to pitch in and make whatever you're working on a success."

"Her commitment to cultural diversity, the library, to giving young people and parents the best information

they need to find success is really one of a kind. Her spirit of volunteerism is something that more people should aspire to."

Friends of the Library meet 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the library, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea.

Associate Editor Sheila Pursglove can be reached at 475-1371 or spursglove@heritaget.com.

Planners frustrated with village

■ Sylvan Township wants an answer concerning road upgrades.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Sylvan Township Planning Commissioner Barb Satterthwaite said that developments are on hold in the township until an issue involving Chelsea West Drive is resolved.

The Chelsea West Drive proposal involves upgrading a stretch of road from Commerce Park Drive to Holiday Inn Express to a Class A thoroughfare. The upgrade will allow for the road to extend in a similar fashion in a northwesterly arc to Old US-12.

In addition, a new road would be built from Brown Drive to the Holiday Inn that would end in a T-intersection. Its design will accommodate a 350-unit manufactured home community to be built at the western end of Brown Drive in Sylvan Township.

For everything to proceed, the township needs the village to approve the upgrade from Commerce Park Drive to the Holiday Inn because

those properties fall within the village's jurisdiction.

Commissioners expressed frustration that the Village Council has postponed action on the matter twice.

Sylvan Township, working with developer Rene Papo, will assume responsibility for the project's cost.

"If the council doesn't approve Commerce Drive, the whole bypass project is finished," Planning Chairman Robert Lange said at the commission's April 24 meeting.

Trustee Earl Heller, who serves as the Township Board's representative on the Planning Commission, said the council should per-

ceive the project as something mutually beneficial to Sylvan and the village.

Heller also said the village should feel obligated to share in the costs associated with extending the road to Old US-12.

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Automobile accidents are another category of personal injury cases that can present some difficulty in terms of determining who is at fault; weather and road conditions, mechanical issues, existing traffic laws, all extenuating circumstances; all of these factors must be taken into account before filing suit. To discuss the specifics of your case, call the **LAW OFFICES OF KITCHEN & STRINGER, J.D.** at 426-4695 to schedule a free consultation at our offices, located in Dexter, at 3249 Broad Street. We also handle cases involving equine litigation.

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Chelsea Area Fire Authority submits FEMA grant proposal

■ Funds would buy equipment for crews to respond to hazardous materials.

By Sheila Pursglove

Associate Editor
Chelsea Area Fire Authority is hoping for a windfall.

Fire Inspector Matt Tuttle has submitted a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency requesting \$69,950 in funding.

If awarded, the funds will be used primarily to buy equipment for responding to hazardous materials.

The grant request covers a \$20,000 decontamination tent, a \$12,500 fill station for air bottles, gas monitors for \$3,000, two radiation monitors at \$800, four portable radios at \$8,800 and an auto-

matic external defibrillator at a cost of \$19,000.

Funding also would cover a generator and light, \$2,000; three mercury spill kits, \$100; a case of coveralls for emergency responders, \$1,000; coveralls for patients, \$100; a case of protective gloves, \$350; latex boot covers, \$100; absorbent socks, \$100; absorbent pads, \$100; and the \$2,000 cost of training firefighters.

Former Chelsea Area Fire Authority business manager Sandi Bird successfully obtained a FEMA grant last year for a similar amount that was used for a county-wide class in rapid intervention training and to purchase equipment.

Tuttle said \$2,200 of the original grant was spent on two saws when a team from Chelsea attended the Fire Department Instructors Conference April 3 through 5

in Indianapolis. Tuttle and Chelsea Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood, Assistant Chief Steve Jaskot, Lt. Ken Bauer and Sgt. Chris Mueller attended the conference.

Tuttle said they looked at new ideas and gadgetry for fire departments. He focused specifically on equipment for quick and effective mass casualty decontamination.

The team gathered information on various types of equipment, including listening devices, breathing apparatus, pulleys for use in confined spaces, as well as saws, power units for the jaws of life equipment, and air shores used in trench rescues.

Tuttle said he also obtained information for the Explorer Scouts on a fire academy at the University of Maryland.



Photo by Allison Marable

Presidential Presentation

The village presented a plaque to South Meadows Elementary School in honor of the school's 50th anniversary last month. Village President Richard Steele is flanked by Principal Lisa Nickel (left) and teacher Beth Newman.

Yard sale to benefit nurses association

Licensed practical nurses across the state will celebrate National Nurses' Week May 4 through 10 by holding statewide garage sales to promote the profession.

In addition to bargain finds, blood pressure screenings will be held at each site. May 9 has been slated as LPN Day.

The local event is set from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 9 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 10 at 717 Taylor St., the home of Mary Ann Burgess, president of the Jackson district. The sale will offer an assortment of treasures, Burgess said. Proceeds will go to the Michigan Licensed Practical Nurse Association.

More than 700 licensed

practical nurses belong to the association, which is located in Lansing. It's divided into 14 districts, from Detroit to Traverse City, and strives for the expansion and improvement of skills, educational progress and utilization of licensed practical nurses in all areas of health-care.

The association provides continuing education for LPN and other nurses with seminars and an annual convention that will be held June 16 through 18 in Frankenmuth.

There are currently more than 25,000 licensed practical nurses in Michigan and 28 nursing schools.

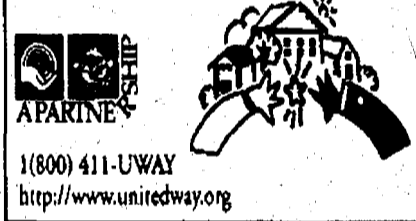
STRAIGHT FACTS

Arnold Stieber's letter to the editor in last week's edition should have said, "The U.S. government gets the people to fight wars by invoking fear and invoking patriotism, usually with slogans and symbols such as 'Support Our Troops,' 'Freedom Isn't Free,' 'Defend Our Freedom' and flag waving.

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A week and a half ago we celebrated Easter. For many people their observance of Easter was not real either. For many, maybe Easter was more about clothes and spring and bunnies and chickens and baskets; and the fact that Jesus rose from the dead to prove His victory over sin and death was not really a part of their Easter. For them the empty tomb of Jesus is just a rock with a hole in it.

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School board discusses new K-12 science curriculum

Class materials will cost \$146,515.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

When the school board meets Monday, trustees will vote on whether to approve a new K-12 science curriculum.

Shawn Lewis-Lakin, director of curriculum for the Chelsea School District, gave a presentation to the board April 21.

The total cost is \$146,515, which he said is within the amount budgeted for K-12 instructional resource purchases.

Lewis-Lakin said Monday that the curriculum is the result of a three-year review process.

"In this process, we analyzed student performance on a variety of indicators, including standardized norm referenced tests and MEAP tests," he said.

The review team compared the district's science curriculum with the state's framework, and talked with representatives from high-performing school districts.

They reviewed the latest literature on science education and curriculum materials available to schools.

Lewis-Lakin said the most significant changes are at the middle and high school level. The review panel found inquiry-based learning and a curriculum aligned with state benchmarks to be the two consistent ingredients common to instruction in high-performing middle schools and will utilize both in Chelsea's curriculum for sixth through eighth grades.

At the high school level, instead of a set requirement for all students, they will select either an integrated science path in which basic high school science requirements are covered in two

years, or a traditional path in which students take three years of science, biology, chemistry and physics.

"This latter path will go beyond basic requirements and include concepts taught in traditional college preparatory courses," Lewis-Lakin said.

"Both paths ensure that all students receive mastery level instruction in all Michigan Curriculum Framework High School science benchmarks."

He said the process has been both challenging and rewarding.

"The staff came together with a common focus and we've been able to meet our goal of developing a rich science curriculum that will serve the needs of all our students," he said. "As we implement the new curriculum, we will monitor student progress and make adjustments as needed."



Cookie Walk
Rachel Phillips (left), Megan Hardcastle, Anna Rode, Britney Schmelz and Aimee Mesko line up for the cookie walk during North Creek Elementary School's recent Family Fun Night.

CHELSEA FIRE REPORT

April 21
• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 300 block of Wilkinson Street in Chelsea Village. Someone who fell was treated at the scene.

• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 400 block of Washington Street in Chelsea Village. Someone who may have suffered a stroke was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital.

April 22
• Five firefighters and an engine were called out to help Stockbridge Fire Department at a blaze at Brown's Muffler & Brakes in the 5000 block of Clinton Street in Stockbridge. Three cars and half the building were damaged, but the building was saved. No damage estimate was available.

April 24
• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 4000 block of Kalmbach Road in Sylvan Township. Someone who fainted was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital.

• Firefighters investigated a possible hazardous material in the 6000 block of Conway Road in Sylvan Township. Someone complained of a smell of crude oil. Firefighters, however, could not locate a prob-

lem.
April 25
• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 18000 block of Waterloo Road in Lyndon Township. Someone who suffered a seizure was treated at the scene.

• Firefighters were dispatched when a jug of weed killer fell from a truck on M-52 near Sager Road in Sylvan Township. They called a local farmer to take the container.

• Firefighters investigated controlled burns in the 11000 block of Dexter-Chelsea Road in Lima Township and the 19000 block of Old US-12 in Sylvan Township. Both homeowners had burn permits.

• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 6000 block of Stofer Road in Dexter Township. An unconscious person was treated at the scene and recovered.

April 26
• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 1000 block of Commerce Drive in Chelsea Village. No details were available.

• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 13000 block of Bolen Court in Dexter Township. A patient was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital. No further details are available.

• Firefighters extinguished a seven-acre brush fire between Roe and Waterloo roads in Lyndon Township.

April 27
• Firefighters treated someone who fainted in the 800 block of W. Middle Street in Chelsea Village.

• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 200 block of Ellsworth Lake Drive in Lyndon Township. A person with breathing difficulties was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital.

• Firefighters extinguished a half-acre grass fire at Lima Center and Dexter-Chelsea roads in Lima Township.

April 28
• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 1000 block of Main Street in Chelsea Village. A person who suffered a seizure was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital.

• Firefighters were dispatched to a single car rollover at Meadow View Lane and Freer Road in Lima Township. Minor injuries were treated at the scene.

Compiled by Associate Editor Sheila Pursglove with information provided by the Chelsea Area Fire Department.

Food drive set May 10

The National Association of Letter Carriers will hold the Help Stamp Out Hunger campaign May 10.

Local postal carriers will collect non-perishable food items left in bags by mailboxes. Items will be distributed to the food pantry at Faith In Action.

Chelsea Postmaster Ted Duve said a container also will be available in the lobby at the Chelsea Post Office Monday through May 10 for food donations.

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Students named to NMU dean's list

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Fantasy world

Prom to offer Willie Wonka's Chocolate Factory

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Chocoholics will be in seventh heaven Saturday when Chelsea High School is transformed into Willie Wonka's Chocolate Factory for the prom.

Visitors might not get a golden ticket or a lifetime supply of chocolate, but they can get a tour of a fantastic world.

The gates to gluttony will be thrown open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for people to enjoy a walk-through preview of the school gymnasium. The prom will get under way at 9 p.m.

Junior class president A.J. Thompson said the class has been planning the event since November, when the Willie

Wonka theme was chosen based on the popular book and movie.

Art teacher Kerry Kargel, who serves as prom director, came up with the blueprints and has been guiding the students. Parents have been volunteering, as well.

"Parental involvement plays a huge part in the prom," Thompson said. "We couldn't do it without their help."

Thompson said volunteers will pitch in right up to the last minute.

"We've been working really hard for the past two weeks, and will continue right up to the very last minute. We've had a lot of hurdles to overcome but it's going to be great," she said.

Visitors and prom partygoers will

find "Loompaland," the "Candy Room," the "creepy tunnel and boat" on the chocolate river, lollipops, mushrooms, geese with golden eggs, a gobstopper machine, "Blueberry Girl," and a couple of "Oompa Loompas" running around handing out candy.

In Willie Wonka's office, all of the furniture, from his desk and chair to a safe and lamp, has been cut in half.

The "factory" even boasts a shrinking machine in which participants step on a pad that activates a camera that will project their image onto a screen.

Several local businesses donated materials to help make the prom a success.

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ways to go on. Together we can work through transition and create a positive place of beauty, a place to reflect."

To kick off the project, the CCDA will hold a cleanup from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, transforming a garage into a temporary artist-in-residence studio. Volunteers will wash and paint walls, build tables and storage areas for the studio and create flowerbeds.

"It's important that the garage and the space around it become a welcoming place that people want to visit repeatedly throughout the summer," Sissom said.

A ground-breaking ceremony is set for 6:30 p.m. May 8 at Timber Town.

Activities through the summer will include sorting glass, setting tile and preparing panels, as well as a hot dog roast and a vocal music program. Sissom would like other community organizations to participate, including music, dance, theater and service groups.

The arts center will host Kummer as artist-in-residence June 16 through Aug. 14. She will be joined by Bill and Marsi Darwin, Nancy

Solo, Rick DeTroyer and Janice Stevens Botsford, five guest artists from the Chelsea area.

"Loss is a universal human experience that can occur not only after a death but also following a divorce, relocation or illness," Botsford said. "People deal with loss at a varied pace."

"I like the fact that the pathway will provide a calm, quiet, peaceful setting in a natural environment where people can express their feelings in private. I'm looking forward to both the opportunity to help create the mosaic pathway in our village, as well as it being a place I can come back to in years to come."

Artist Karen Smith, who will make the fused center stone for the spiral design, will be on hand for the groundbreaking May 8.

"Beyond the uniqueness and beauty of the Pathway Project is the depth of meaning and passion from which it was conceived," Smith said. "It's very exhilarating as an artist to work with a dedicated group — the CCDA — on a community project in my media."

"I also believe this will be a great community project resulting in a special place

of beauty for Chelsea to be very proud of and to enjoy and share."

A student intern from the University of Michigan will create a series of temporary sculptures from objects.

"We think this will be great fun for kids and may provide an opportunity to begin a community discussion about public art," Sissom said.

"One pleasant surprise has been the overwhelmingly positive response to the idea of public art in Chelsea."

Funding for the project is currently at the halfway mark, with a \$20,000 grant from the Michigan Association of Community Arts. Sissom is seeking an additional \$20,000 in funding so that all of the art projects and related programs can be offered at no charge.

"We feel strongly that all activities should be free," Sissom said.

"I believe this project has the potential to make a significantly positive impact on the community. We are eager to begin the journey."

Information on the Pathway project will be posted on the CCDA Web site at www.ccdonline.org.



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Climbing High

Eric Spero enjoys his view of the world from high up on the climbing equipment at South Meadows Elementary School's playground.

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Overcoming obstacles

Foreign-born adoptees encounter challenges

By Lisa Carolin
Special Writer

Any youngster knows that it's tough being different. But for foreign-born adopted children, growing up in a primarily Caucasian area such as Chelsea and Dexter can present its own set of special challenges.

Chelsea resident Carol Rauschenberger, who adopted two children from Cambodia, said that raising her two Asian children in mostly Caucasian Chelsea may be a disservice to them. She and her husband, Reid Travis, have considered moving to Ann Arbor with its more diverse culture.

"After I first brought Sam home, I spoke at a Girl Scout troop about government and I brought him along," she said. "A little Hispanic girl looked at Sam and said, 'Why did you adopt a brown baby. They don't like brown here.'"

"I wanted to cry for her and for my baby, Sam." Rauschenberger said that, so far, neither of her children has personally experienced any negativity from other children, mostly because Sam is only 3 years old and Bopha, who recently arrived from Cambodia, doesn't understand English well enough.

"Mostly, the young children are amazed at the adoption part of the equation," she said, adding that classmates often ask her if her children are adopted.

"But I've heard from mothers of older adopted Asian children that much more subtle discrimination happens when they are older, at dating age," she said.

Rauschenberger said that the first significant international adoption was from Korea after the Korean War. "So many of those first children are adults now," she said. "Adoption from China, Vietnam and Cambodia is

fairly recent. Most are just grade-schoolers or younger now.

"I'm reading whatever I can and being prepared to help my children through any types of discrimination they may encounter in the future."

Rauschenberger's oldest child, Zoë, 7, is in second grade at North Creek Elementary School, where Bopha started kindergarten in December, five weeks after arriving in the United States.

Rauschenberger said Zoë is proud of being the "only person in Chelsea with a brother and sister from Cambodia."

"Obviously it makes her feel special," Rauschenberger said.

In 1992, Sue and Terry Mors of Dexter Township adopted a 5-month-old baby from South Korea.

"Anybody who feels bad about the world should go to Metro Airport when an international flight with babies comes in," Sue Mors said. "There's not a dry eye."

The couple moved from Lansing to Dexter Township when their adopted son, Kevin, was 2 years old. He attended daycare in Chelsea and later went to the Dexter Co-op Nursery School.

At the nursery school, the Mors said a 4-year-old taunted Kevin because of the shape of his face. Mors told the teacher, who urged her to forget about it because she thought it would make it worse for Kevin. Mors said the other child's mother knew what happened, but never said anything to her about it.

"Her right not to be inconvenienced or embarrassed was greater than Kevin's right not to hear a racial epithet," she said.

"It taught me that I had to be vigilant and needed to broach the subject of adop-

tion earlier than I anticipated."

The Mors explained to Kevin that he was a Korean-American and praised his physical characteristics.

They were also pleased with the atmosphere of support in Kevin's third-grade class in Dexter schools.

When Kevin was among several third-graders who read to first-graders, one of the youngsters taunted him about his looks and told him that he was Chinese. Three of his buddies stood up to the child and explained that Kevin was Korean.

"Now Kevin laughs about that story," Mors said. "The most important thing to him was that his friends stood up for him."

But misunderstandings still happen. Mors said teachers and principals still confuse Kevin with a Chinese boy at the school.

In 1995, the Mors adopted another child from South Korea, 8-month-old Miranda.

At one time, Miranda was bullied by a neighbor, but Mors wasn't sure if it was because of her heritage or outgoing personality. So far, the young girl has not been called any derogatory names.

"A lot of people ask her if she's Chinese and she welcomes the opportunity to set them straight," Mors said.

Like Rauschenberger, the Mors have thought about moving to Ann Arbor in search of more diversity.

"People are not as accustomed to differences in Dexter," Mors said.

Mors said Kevin doesn't particularly enjoy talking about his Korean background, while Miranda is

comfortable doing so. Both children have attended Korean Culture Camp, where they learn about the language, traditions, cooking and other aspects.

"For one week a year, they don't have to be a minority," she said of the camp.

Like the Mors family, Lucy and Ira Cohen adopted babies from South Korea. Twins Jonathan and Danny were 4 1/2 months old, and are now fifth-graders at Creekside Intermediate School in Dexter.

"We got a lot of funny looks and head turns when people saw the twins," Lucy Cohen said. "People would ask, 'Where did you get them?'"

Like the Mors, the Cohen family has had people confuse their children's heritage.

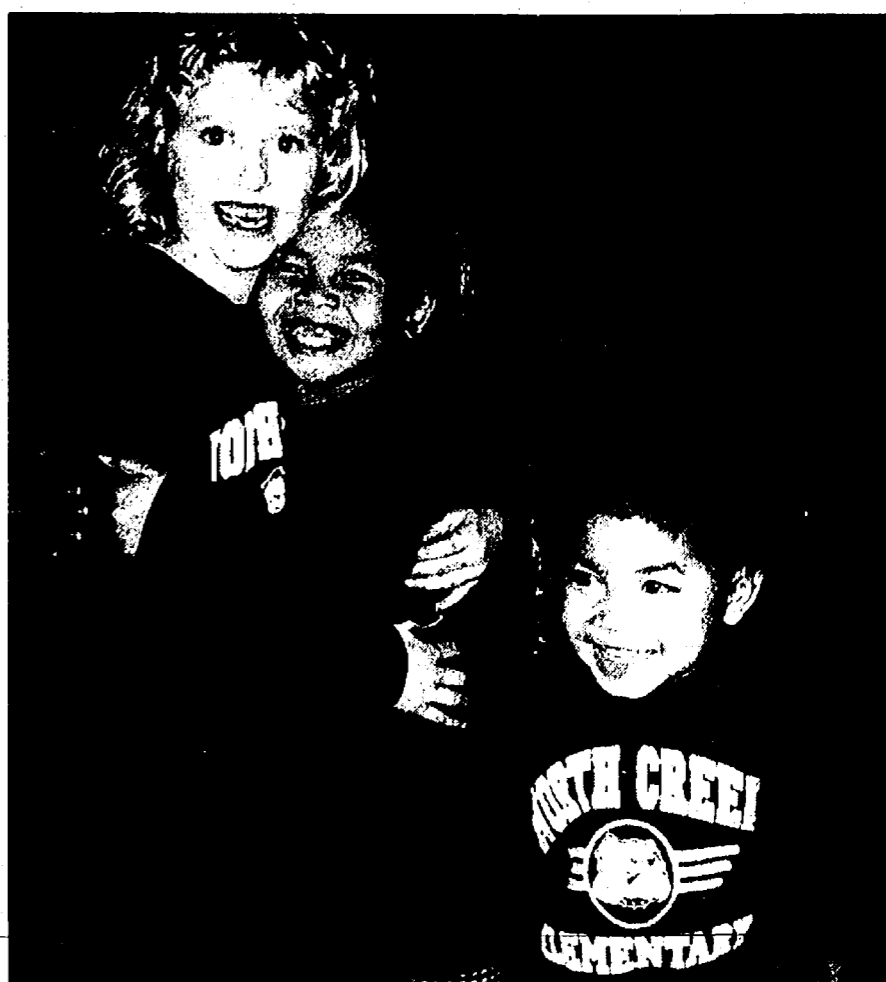
"People ask if we're Chinese or Japanese," Jonathan said. "It's special being from Korea. I don't think about being different."

Jonathan and Danny are being raised in the Jewish faith, which they feel makes them as different in Dexter as being Korean.

"We weren't in Korea that long," Danny said. "It's fun being different. It's fun being Jewish. It's cool, and you get to explain stuff."

Jonathan and Danny say that some kids used to pull their eyes in a slant and make fun of them, but it doesn't happen anymore. People often ask them if they are Chinese or Japanese, and the boys think that's just because some people have never met anyone from Korea.

— Associate Editor Sheila Pursglove also contributed to this article.



Zoë Travis (left) shares a laugh with her two siblings, 6-year-old Bopha and 3-year-old Sam, who were both adopted from Cambodia. Zoë is a second-grader at North Creek Elementary School and Bopha started kindergarten at the school in December. The three are the children of Carol Rauschenberger and Reid Travis of Chelsea.

Kattula joins honor society

Chelsea High School graduate Susan Kattula was among 23 Alma College students who have been selected for membership in Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society.

The announcement was made April 3 at the college's Honors Convocation.

To qualify for membership, students must be juniors or seniors in the top third of their class and participate in a wide variety of campus activities.

Kattula, a senior majoring in psychology, is the daughter of George and Carol Kattula of Chelsea.

Neiser, Wallo earn degrees

Two Gregory residents have been named to the dean's list at Northwood University in Midland.

Amanda Neiser, a junior, was named to the list. She is the daughter of James Miller of Gregory and Brenda Marks of Lynden, Wash.

Michelle Wallo, a senior, also received the honor. She is the daughter of Robert and Teresa Wallo of Gregory.

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The conversation touched on the idea of the township purchasing a portion of the park on the southern side of Cavanaugh Lake Road for a sewage pump station. During the conversation, Dresselhouse said Tetens asked him if the township would be interested in taking over the entire park.

Accepting or rejecting the offer would have no bearing

on the purchase of the site for the pump, Dresselhouse said.

Dresselhouse said the land has to remain as a park because the Washtenaw County Road Commission made it part of a deed restriction when transferring the property to the Parks and Recreation Department several years ago.

As the owner, the township could control the park's hours of operation, use restrictions and upkeep.

Scott Cooper and Douglas Sleight, representing homeowners on Cavanaugh Lake, said the offer is appealing in that they could take action against illegal boat launches and they could beautify the park. However, both questioned whether the homeowners' association had the funds to manage it. They also

expressed concern over liability issues.

Cooper said the homeowners' association has offered to work with the county on a dollar-per-dollar basis on park maintenance but the county hasn't expressed any interest.

Trustee Earl Heller told the homeowners that they could expect to spend a minimum of \$6,000 annually to keep the park maintained. He is against the idea and, if approved, he said the township would have an obligation to install better toilet facilities on the site.

Dresselhouse said he had discussed the issue with Lee Fahrner of Washtenaw Engineering who estimated that an upgrade to the restroom facilities would cost \$40,000. He attributed the high cost to installing wash

basins and flush toilets.

Clerk LuAnn Koch expressed concern that Cavanaugh Lake residents may consider it a private park because they're paying for maintenance and resent others using it.

Cooper asked if the parks department and the County Road Commission would jointly agree to sell the land for a dollar to free the township and the association from the deed restriction. Dresselhouse said if the land ceased being a park, the commission likely would sell the property at full market value.

Sleight said Cavanaugh Lake homeowners don't want a park and Cooper said there is no advantage to the association using its funds to take on something the county does at no charge.

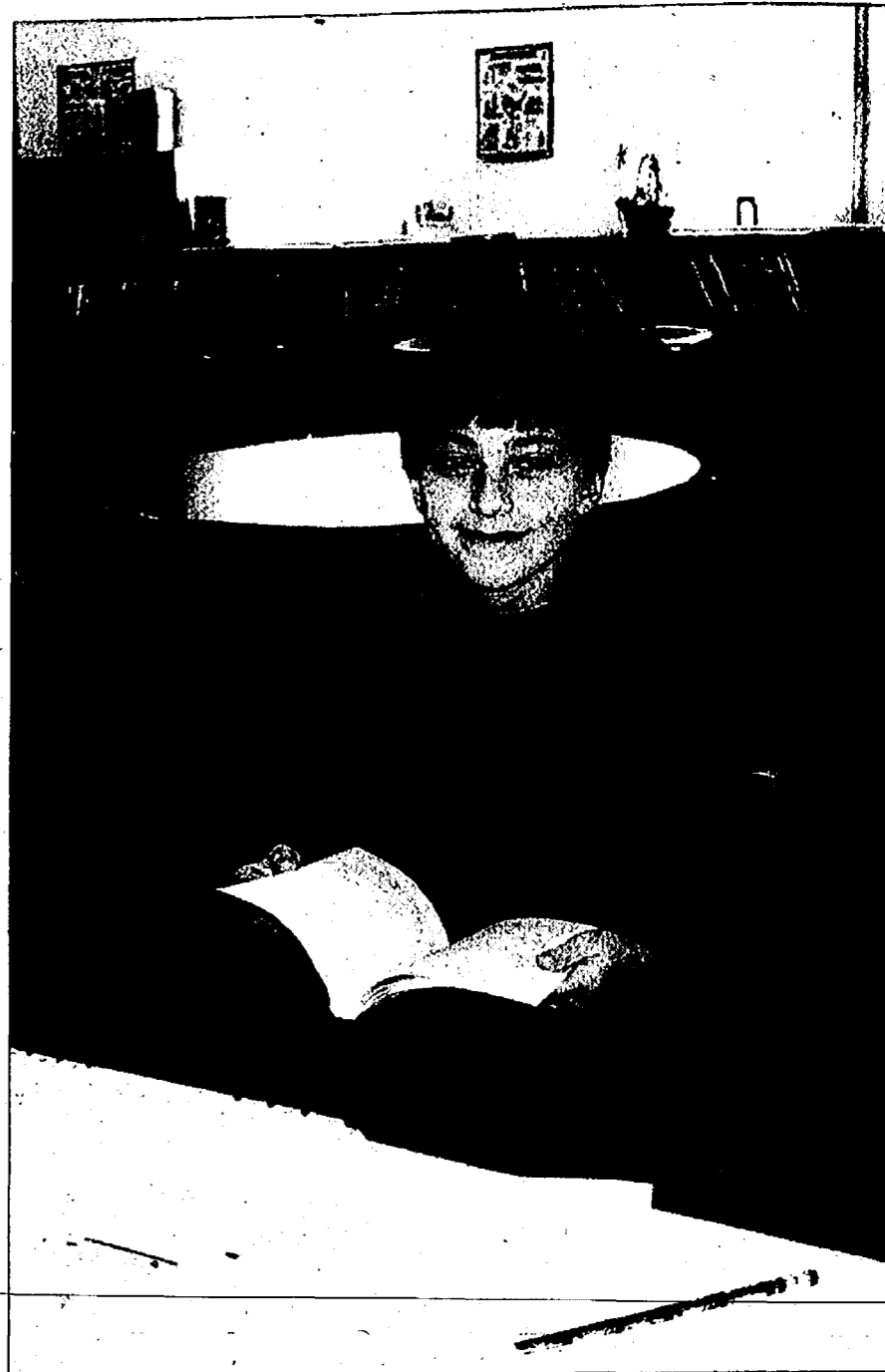


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History Buff

Graham Emberton, a fifth-grader at Pierce Lake Elementary School, settles down in the school's media center to do research before writing a history report.

SENIORS

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shows. In addition, a fund-raising dinner has been set at Chelsea Community Hospital May 17 and the center will hold a garage sale during Summer Fest July 25 and 26 to raise money.

The center has received contributions from Chelsea Community Hospital, Dexter Township, Modern Mothers, Chelsea Kiwanis Club, and the Area Agency on Aging Area 1B. Memorial donations have helped to start a modest building fund.

O'Neill said the center has operated on about \$25,000 a year, money that covers a portion of the director's salary, utilities, phones, office supplies, maintenance, a newsletter, postage and conference fees.

Mitchell said the center is outgrowing its space at the Faith In Action building. The center, which has been located in the FIA building for 12 years, leases the space for \$1 a year, plus utilities.

The defeat of a recreation millage last September was a blow to many seniors, who had hoped for a new center.

The board, which has held three meetings on the subject, plans to hold a retreat May 12 to brainstorm ideas to solve the budget crisis.

Board President Gladys Buck said it's critical for the senior center to meet the needs of local senior citizens.

"We must be able to provide programs that offer

enrichment, physical activity, as well as social," she said. "To provide this we need a place that is appealing and convenient for everyone."

"We must provide the income for the operational cost of this center, a full-time director, part-time program coordinator and the cost of maintaining an office. We know that some place in this community there will be a building available that we can call ours."

County Commissioner Joe Yekulis, R-1st District, who

serves on the board, said he will work closely with the senior community to find a solution.

"It's time that we began taking a closer look at the types of services and programs that we have to offer to this important population locally," he said.

Yekulis said the 2000 Census shows 21.5 percent of the county population is age 50 and older. Chelsea's figures are much higher because of the retirement communities.

"These facts point to the need for us to totally re-evaluate where we're at today in terms of the provision of senior services, and to create a vision for what their future needs might be," Yekulis said.

"I believe that there is a great deal more that can be done by doing a better job of collaborating services through existing providers," he said. "That will be one of our major challenges and our board will soon begin addressing this issue."

ROAD

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asked about a traffic study, which was completed last July. She argued it was not a peak month because it did not include school traffic. Washtenaw County Traffic Study Committee member Terri Blackmore, however, said July is Chelsea's peak traffic month because of all of the recreational traffic.

Blackmore said at the council's March 25 meeting that if the village turns down the proposal it could lose matching funds for other projects.

Blackmore said moving the current traffic signal from Brown Drive to Commerce Drive would produce a significant improvement in Chelsea's traffic congestion.

She also countered suggestions about moving the Interstate 94 interchange ramp, which she said was not a possibility because it's under the jurisdiction of the Federal Highway Administration.

Blackmore said the four phases of construction would most likely take 10 years to complete at an estimated cost of \$17 million. She said nearly \$12 million would come from the federal government and the remainder from developers.

County Commissioner Joseph Yekulis, R-1st District, spoke to the council about the environmental assessment study for Chelsea West Drive. The study was recently accepted by the Federal Highway Administration.

Yekulis said the acceptance of the study qualifies the proposed road for federal funding. Plans call for an alternative route around Chelsea to relieve traffic congestion downtown. It will consist of more than three miles of two-lane road west of Chelsea.

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Respite program helps caregivers

Volunteers needed to visit older adults.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

People caring for chronically ill older adults in the Chelsea community will receive some help thanks to a program that matches volunteers to families.

The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan recently awarded Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw a grant of \$25,000 to provide Chelsea-area caregivers with respite services.

Catholic Social Services has been helping people for more than 44 years. Last year, it served more than 7,000 people of all ages, faiths and cultures.

Programs include adoption and pregnancy counseling, emergency food assistance, homelessness prevention, family therapy, violence prevention, and services to empower older adults and at

risk families. The Respite Program is a volunteer program providing family caregivers with a temporary break from their responsibilities.

Trained volunteers are carefully matched with a family, usually visiting for two to four hours a week.

According to program coordinator Connie Hoffman, volunteers not only afford the caregiver welcome and necessary relief but also help the patient by bringing a friendly face, news and different perspectives.

"Most of our family caregivers are responsible for care 24 hours a day seven days a week because they want to see their loved one remain in the comfort and security of their own environment," Hoffman said.

"At some point, they need a rest. Often the caregiver uses this time to keep doctor appointments, run errands or just have lunch with a friend. Sometimes they may

just take a nap while the volunteer tends to their spouse or parent."

Volunteers, who have access to Respite Program staff for support, guidance and on-going training, will visit, read aloud, write letters, take walks, play games or just be present while someone naps.

"Usually a bond forms between volunteer and client and some of our matches have been together for years," Hoffman said.

Professional staff is available to offer assistance in addressing other needs such as referrals to caregiver support groups, information on advance directives or to discuss when it is time to consider nursing home placement.

Prospective families must be Washtenaw County residents and be 60 years of age or older. There is no fee for respite services although donations are accepted.

"We are very excited about

bringing this service to the Chelsea community and are committed to recruiting volunteers here and providing area caregivers with a valuable service," Hoffman said. "The success of the program rests on our ability to recruit volunteers and to spread the word to those who might benefit from the service."

"We would be happy to collaborate with faith communities to do volunteer trainings and provide respite to those interested in their congregations."

For information on volunteering or receiving respite services, call Hoffman at 1-734-712-3625.



Photo by Allison Marable

Governor's Accolade

Viktor Rosza, a fifth-grader at South Meadows Elementary School, read a letter to the school from Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who sent congratulations on the school's 50th anniversary.

State honors Red Cross chapter

State Sen. Liz Brater, D-18th District, recently presented the Senate Resolution 18 tribute from the Michigan Legislature to Pamela Horisny, executive director of the Washtenaw County chapter of the American Red Cross.

The presentation coincided with March as Red Cross Month in Michigan.

The state Senate adopted the tribute in appreciation of the local chapter's role in disaster preparedness and assistance to Michigan citizens.

Since the onset of the war against Iraq, the American Red Cross has been urging all Americans to protect

themselves through its "Together We Prepare" program. The program encourages five actions that every individual and family should take to better prepare for an emergency or disaster.

The five steps are to make a plan, build a kit, get trained, volunteer and give blood.

The local chapter recently made available to the public survival kits in the event of a terror attack. Kits come in three different sizes and are priced between \$27.25 and \$125.

The kits contain such items as food rations, water packs, a first-aid kit, a dusk mask

and a flashlight.

The local chapter is also making it easier for families to stay in touch with loved ones who might be in the armed forces.

The Red Cross and Prosodie Interactive have teamed up to create Military Connect, a program that offers prepaid phone cards to be used by military personnel.

The military prepaid calling card, sold in \$15, \$25 or \$50 increments, may be designated for particular military personnel or be donated to non-specified members.

The card comes with an option to set up a voice mailbox where messages can be left for the card's recipient.

For more information about Red Cross programs in Washtenaw County, visit the organization's Web site at www.wc-redcross.org, or call 971-5300.

March of Dimes event slated for tomorrow

Customers at TCF Bank at 1135 S. Main St. in Chelsea will find pianist Ted Chames on hand tomorrow for a day-long "Music for the March of Dimes" event.

Activities also include a raffle for items donated by Chelsea area merchants, a silent auction, hotdogs, face painting, doughnuts and coffee.

Employees of TCF Bank statewide have raised more than \$23,000 for the March of Dimes this year. Many local employees walked in the April 27 Walk America event at Hudson Mills Metropark.

The March of Dimes has committed \$75 million in the

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POLICE BLOTTER

Sylvan Township Family Trouble

Michigan State Police Troopers were called April 19 to a home in Sylvan Township to break up a fight between a husband and wife.

The 43-year-old woman told troopers that her estranged husband had been drinking alcohol and might have been drunk when he stopped by her house. The man was upset because the woman had changed the locks on the front doors and wouldn't let him in the house.

Drunken Driving

A 45-year-old Chelsea man was arrested on charges of drunken driving April 20 near Old US-12 and Fahrner Road.

A state trooper stopped the man because he could not see the vehicle's license plate, which was covered with mud.

The trooper smelled alcohol on the driver's breath.

The man was given a Breathalyzer test. His blood-alcohol level was 0.25 percent. A blood-alcohol level of 0.08 percent or higher is considered legally drunk under state law.

He was taken to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

Scio Township Stolen Vehicle

A conversion van worth \$55,000, was reported stolen April 15 from the parking lot at Jim Bradley Pontiac, 3500 Jackson Road.

The dealership was moving vehicles around the lot and preparing for a sale when the discovery was made. Employees checked the lot, but couldn't find the van.

Property Damage

A car window was reported damaged April 15 at Jim Bradley Pontiac, 3500 Jackson Road.

The car was in the dealership's parking lot facing a nearby restaurant. Sheriff's deputies looked at the damage and believe a pellet from a BB gun may have damaged the window.

Damage is estimated at \$500.

Two stained-glass windows were reported damaged April 26 at a model home in the 3000 block of Walnut Ridge.

Construction workers think juveniles might have thrown rocks at the windows.

Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

Shoplifting

A 23-year-old Dexter man and his 22-year-old girlfriend were caught shoplifting April 12 at Meijer Inc., 5645 Jackson Road.

Store employees noticed that the man was concealing two VHS tapes and a compact

disc under his coat. He later put the merchandise in his girlfriend's purse. The items are valued at \$66.

Two Dexter teen-age girls were caught shoplifting April 18 at Meijer Inc., 5645 Jackson Road.

Loss prevention officers overheard the girls in the store's dressing room trying to conceal merchandise in their purses. One girl was attempting to steal a pair of jeans and automotive equipment. The other was trying to take air fresheners.

Employees stopped the girls as they were exiting the store. The merchandise is worth \$43.

Larceny

A cellular telephone was reported missing April 18 at Tutto Moto, 4477 Jackson Road.

The storeowner noticed the

phone was missing from his desk at the end of the business day. He told sheriff's deputies that several customers were in the store during the day and anyone could have taken it. The phone is valued at \$100.

A cellular phone and a car radio were reported stolen April 22 from a car at Bel Mark Lanes, 3530 Jackson Road.

The owner was inside the bowling alley at the time of the incident. The vehicle's locks were broken and the items were on the car seat.

The radio and phone are valued at \$450.

Dexter Township Family Trouble

Sheriff's deputies were called April 11 to break up a fight between a father and son.

When deputies arrived at

the family's house, the two had stopped arguing. Police said the two appeared to be intoxicated.

The father was asked to leave the house for the evening so both he and his son could cool off.

Webster Township Breaking and Entering

More than \$3,700 worth of household items was reported missing April 14 from a home in the 5500 block of Merkle Road. No one was home at the time of the incident.

The owners returned home to find a mattress, sofa, trampoline and bedding missing.

Deputies think the suspect may have entered the house through the garage. Pry marks were found on the garage window. A screen was also damaged.

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BE SURE THAT TEENS UNDERSTAND THE

Nowadays, it may seem it's common sense that you shouldn't operate a car while under the influence of alcohol. However, many people still drink and drive, believing that they haven't had enough to drink to be impaired. Remember, in low concentrations, alcohol reduces inhibitions. As blood alcohol concentration increases, your response time greatly decreases. Loss of hand-eye coordination, impaired balance, disorientation and perception difficulties can occur — all factors that make driving while intoxicated deadly. And, you don't have to be behind the wheel to have alcohol cause trouble. Increased confidence and loss of judgement may put you in the middle of other dangerous situations like fights, opportunities for sexual harassment or experimentation with drug use.

Booze Clues: Test Your Knowledge of Alcohol Awareness



Despite more than 20 years of public awareness campaigns and law enforcement efforts, many people are not aware of the dangers surrounding alcohol abuse. Myths abound — have you ever heard that drinking coffee will "wake up" someone who is drunk? The truth is, only time can end a "buzz." Alcohol is responsible for millions of injuries and deaths each year across the United States. Approximately half of all fatal motor vehicle accidents involve alcohol, a number which is rising according to research by the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration. In 2000, the nation experienced its largest percentage increase in alcohol-related traffic deaths on record. In a recent survey by Nationwide Insurance, 13 percent of adults say that they have ridden with someone who has had too much to drink, or they themselves have driven while intoxicated in the past year. Underage, and especially binge drinking — often considered a "rite of passage" — also remains a very important national concern, costing more than \$52 billion per year. Studies have shown that young people who drink are more likely to develop drinking or drug problems, be involved in a violent crime and engage in unsafe sexual activity.

With television networks set to lift bans on liquor advertising and "zero tolerance" rules in effect across the country, it's more important than ever for individuals and families to be aware of the facts when it comes to alcohol abuse at all ages.

Think you know everything there is to know about alcohol? Is your level of alcohol awareness up to "bar"? Test your knowledge with the quiz below courtesy of the Bowles Center for Alcohol Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (www.med.unc.edu/alcohol).

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ALCOHOL?

1. Alcohol has been used as a medicine. TRUE FALSE
2. Alcohol is digested in the same way that food is digested. TRUE FALSE
3. Moderate consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally not harmful to the body. TRUE FALSE
4. An estimated 85 percent of adult Americans who drink are alcohol abusers. TRUE FALSE
5. Alcoholic beverages do not provide weight-increasing calories. TRUE FALSE
6. A blood alcohol concentration of 0.10 percent

is the legal definition of alcohol intoxication in most states with respect to driving.

TRUE FALSE

7. Alcohol is not a drug.

TRUE FALSE

8. Approximately 10 percent of fatal highway accidents are alcohol-related.

TRUE FALSE

9. Eating while drinking slows the absorption of alcohol in the body.

TRUE FALSE

10. It takes about as many hours as the number of beers drunk for the liver to completely burn up the alcohol ingested.

TRUE FALSE

11. Few women become alcoholics.

TRUE FALSE

12. Alcohol is considered a stimulant.

TRUE FALSE

13. The most commonly drunk alcoholic beverages in the United States are distilled liquors (e.g., whiskey, gin, vodka).

TRUE FALSE

14. A person cannot become an alcoholic by just drinking beer.

TRUE FALSE

15. "Proof" on a bottle of liquor represents half the percent of alcohol contained in the bottle.

TRUE FALSE

16. Alcohol consumption improves sexual performance.

TRUE FALSE

Answers: 1. True; 2. False; 3. True; 4. True; 5. False; 6. False; 7. False; 8. False; 9. True; 10. True; 11. True; 12. False; 13. False; 14. False; 15. False; 16. False.

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Cornerstone Art

Second-graders at Cornerstone Elementary School in Dexter recently studied paintings by a number of artists. They learned how different kinds of lines help convey the artists' meaning. Pictured are Sawyer Clark (left), Bethany Martini and Maxwell More with their paintings of weather scenes.

Photo by Mary Kumbier

POLICE

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Larceny

A cellular telephone was reported missing April 16 from an unlocked car parked in the 8600 block of Fox Hill Court.

The phone, valued at \$150, was in the car's center console. No other items appeared to be missing from the vehicle.

Dexter Village

Larceny

More than \$400 worth of car equipment and tools were reported stolen April 22 from a garage in the 7000 block of Kookaburra Court in Walkabout Creek apartments.

Deputies think the suspect may have entered the garage through an unlocked door.

Items missing include a CD player, car stereo, toolbox and storage container.

Chelsea Village

Family Trouble

Chelsea police officers

were called April 23 to settle an argument at Scrapbook Memories, 1125 S. Main St.

The storeowner called police after attempting to resolve a situation with a Clinton couple and their two young children.

The storeowner said that the children were running throughout her store without being supervised. She asked the parents to watch their children, but told police that they ignored her requests.

According to a police report, the manager approached the parents and told them to leave. The manager said the man began to swear at her and call her names.

Officers met with the family and told them not to return.

Property Damage

A Chelsea resident called police April 19 after discovering that two signs in his yard were damaged.

The signs endorsed the war in Iraq and were on the man's front lawn in the 700 block of

DANGERS OF DRINKING AND DRIVING

Help Grads Say Goodbye to School Safely

From buying a prom dress to signing yearbooks and saying goodbye to friends and teachers, many events are synonymous with the final months of one's high school career. However, most seniors especially anticipate two school-end events — graduation and prom. Indeed, they are milestones worthy of a celebration. But it's important that students don't toss away safety precautions along with their mortarboards. Parents should take extra care to prepare their children for the celebrations ahead, especially when it comes to alcohol and drugs.

The proof is in the numbers. According to the Century Council, a group that educates about the effects of alcohol, there were nearly 1,000 alcohol-related traffic fatalities in May and June 1999 — the peak of graduation season — among those under the age of 21.

Here are some tips to help keep your children safe during graduation season and beyond.

- Make sure your grad has a plan for the evening and that you know it. Set a curfew. If he or she doesn't already have a cell phone, now may be a good time to get one so that help is readily available in case of emergency. If the school sponsors pre- and post-prom or graduation parties, encourage your teen to attend them as it's likely no alcohol will be there.

- Monitor the alcohol in your home. You don't want to be the access point for your child's alcohol consumption.

- If your child is taking a limousine, make the arrangements yourself. Tell the driver not to make any stops other than those authorized by

you. Find out how the driver will prevent the car from becoming a place where kids drink. For example, keep all bags in the trunk.

- Make sure you know who is driving. If your child is driving, make sure the car's engine, tires and brakes are in good condition and insist passengers wear seat belts. It's important that teens understand that they should never get into a car with someone who has been drinking or doing drugs, no matter who he or she is. Tell him to feel free to call home and ask for someone to pick him up at any time, no questions asked.

- Be aware of the local "hot spots." If you lose track of your child, you'll know of some places to look for him or her.

- Speak with the parents of your child's friends. If you're worried that alcohol may be at a party, discuss your fears with the host's parents. You can refuse to let your teen attend if the parents ignore your concerns.

- Discuss the consequences of drinking and drugs, including impaired judgment, unsafe sex, hangovers, fatigue and dangerous or illegal activities.

- Most importantly, make sure your teen understands that it's okay to say no to any activity that makes him or her feel uncomfortable.

With parties a plenty during this time, it may be impossible to watch out

for teens every minute of every evening, but parents can take time to talk with their young graduate about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and help them make wise decisions when out with friends. For more information and tips, visit The Century Council online at www.centurycouncil.org.



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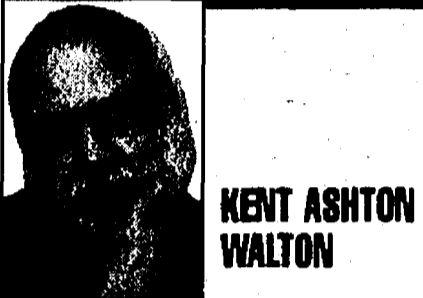
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The Youth Dance Theatre performed "Five Dancing Princesses" last weekend. Cast members include Kathleen Wright of Ann Arbor, Joe Kelly of Chelsea, Liisa Locker of Chelsea, Leah Gerstenlauer of Chelsea, Alyssa Alger of Grass Lake, Emily Leidner of Chelsea and Alexis Peterson of Pinckney.

Kids shine in production 'Five Dancing Princesses'



KENT ASHTON WALTON

ARTS REVIEW

Last week's premiere ballet performance of "Five Dancing Princesses" by The Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan can be summed up as delightful, charming and professional.

This is the Youth Dance Theatre's first full-length original ballet, choreographed by Wendi DuBois, the Chelsea-based group's artistic director and choreographer.

It was performed Saturday and Sunday at Chelsea High School's Center for the Performing Arts. The cast of more than 70 included students from Chelsea and surrounding areas.

The ballet, set to the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, is crafted around a fairy story composed by DuBois and Daniel Locker, who also played the role of peasant father Daniel in the ballet. The story involves a king and queen, as well as five princesses, a sinister duke, a variety of lords, ladies, peasants, nymphs, spirits, and fairies.

The story, written with both adults and children in mind, follows the adventures of a peasant, Peter, who tries and eventually succeeds in solving a plot in which a spell is cast over the king and queen's five daughters. The princesses were tricked, with the help of Dark Fairy Canidia, into all-night dancing with Duke Cardenio's shameless lords. Naturally, the story has a happy ending.

In what seemed a flawless performance, Emily Leidner, as Queen Genevieve, and Joe Kelly, as King George, performed gracefully and regally. Maya Chensue as Fair Fairy Rosalind fought it out

with Dark Fairy Canidia, played by Halle Walton, with wands in a suitably fairy-like manner.

The five princesses did a magnificent job of carrying the ballet through its intricate and sometimes strenuous sequences with the help of their lordly dancing partners.

The graceful princesses were Liisa Locker (Clarissa), Alyssa Alger (Angelica), Alexis Peterson (Evelina) and Leah Gerstenlauer (Penelope). The charming lords were Justin Fitch (Alexander), Steve Lambert (Bertram), Max Sprinkle (Esmond), and Zac Law (Perceval). Casey Little danced the role of the sinister Duke of Cardenio.

Rehearsals began in January. The First Company's older members spent 10 to 16 hours each week practicing. Younger members practiced an average of five hours a week.

The Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan was formed in

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Students on CMU honors list

Several local residents were named to the fall honors list at Central Michigan University.

The list includes Martha McDonald and Erin Raymer of Grass Lake; and Dexter residents Mark Birmingham, Matthew Birmingham, Meghan Jakubik, Dani Miller and Melissa Nadeau.

Maria Carter, Woodrow Chenoweth, Danielle Herrmann, April Jaakkola, Carrie Maneikis, Sarah Rentz and Robert Smiley, all of Whitmore Lake, were named to the list.

Chelsea residents named to the list were Elizabeth Branch, Celeste Bycraft, Elizabeth Faeth, Heather Gray, Amy Herendeen,

Amber Hoef, Jennifer McAlister, Erin Peck and Martin, Adam Montero, Julie Zick, all of Stockbridge. Andrew Montero, Michelle made the list as did Brett Smith and Mark Valchine. Knight and Malia Montange Adam Green, Amanda of Gregory.

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Street Talk

By Rita Fischer

Has the SARS outbreak changed your travel plans?



"It hasn't affected us. We haven't changed our travel plans."

Susan Kiezer
Sylvan Township



"It hasn't affected me. I will still travel, and be cautious of who I come in contact with."

Emily Scott
Gregory



"Yes, I will not go to Canada now. I also don't want to take my children to the hospital with me if I go."

Kathy Koke
Dexter Township



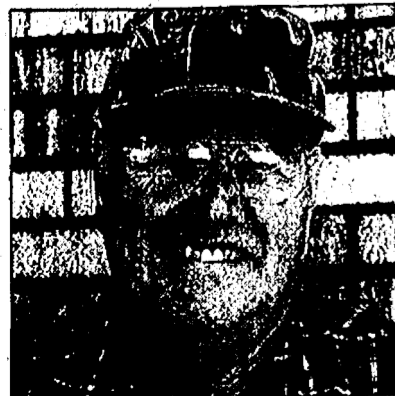
"No, it hasn't changed our plans. We haven't wanted to travel to areas that have been affected."

Linda Tollefson
Scio Township



"No, the places that I go, Glacier Park or Montana, are not crowded and don't attract a lot of people."

Kelly Thomas
Sylvan Township



"I don't think that it will affect my travel plans."

Tom Rickelmann
Dexter Township

Every day should be Earth Day



KENT ASHTON
WALTON

JUST A THOUGHT

I'm ashamed to admit that Earth Day went right by me this year. I didn't notice it. Some kind of environmental advocate I turned out to be!

But it gave me pause to wonder whether my oversight (in the original meaning of this word) was unusual. I don't remember exactly what I was doing April 22, but I know it was very cold, and I was thinking it was still winter. I was also, as I recall, still preoccupied with Operation

Iraqi Freedom.

Had people generally lost interest in the environment? Nobody mentioned it. Perhaps that was because I just didn't go out that day and meet anyone. And it wasn't, as far as I know, even mentioned on the news.

The Earth still matters to me. It has been pillaged, mined, drilled, clear-cut, blown up, polluted, owned and occupied to the point that it just isn't a wild place anymore. And to many people, the wild is a lawn that hasn't been cut for two weeks. The once-threatening wild is now a very diminished and vulnerable remainder of civilization.

I was reminded of Earth Day while reading an article in Onearth magazine about a government employee, John D. Graham, head of the Office

of Information and Regulatory Affairs. He is basically a cost-benefit analyst, where the benefits go to industry and the cost to the environment.

Graham estimates the cost of rivers, forests and the air, for example, in relation to commercial interests. He might decide that clear-cutting the California redwood forests would be cheaper than not building a factory.

Apparently OIRA asked the Environmental Protection Agency to use its estimates of the value society places on human life in its decision-making. The EPA uses a price of \$6.1 million per statistical human life. OIRA, based on its risk analysis, proposed a value of \$3.7 million per human life. However, it prices people 70 years and older at only \$2.3

million.

Using that cost-benefit logic, if a pesticide factory produces toxins that kill on average 10 people per year and the factory makes only \$40 million annually, then, according to OIRA, the company would do well to build its factory near a large retirement community.

I find it peculiar that people can think like that. I don't know what price OIRA would put on a tree, a wetland, a wolf, or a hummingbird, but I bet they aren't worth their weight in weed killer.

Take a black cat that wandered up to our front window at the beginning of winter. It looked lost and cold, so we fed it and gave it water. The idea of putting a price on it seems completely perverse. Pets don't fit in the category of things with a price. The cat

is just not something that we intend to consume or profit from. You may feel the same way about your pet. Only someone depraved (or desperate) would try to pin a price on life.

The same goes for the Earth and its various parts. Can you imagine selling the Earth, even to a very wealthy alien race? What could you buy with the profits that would be more important?

However, lumber companies clear-cut four billion trees annually and don't blink. To them, a tree is just so many board feet of lumber. To me, a tree is a miracle.

So from now on, I'm going to think of every day as Earth Day. That way I'll never miss it again. After all, we each come from the Earth - unless of course you are one of those aliens looking for a bargain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Free speech is a weapon of choice

Taking time to touch on letters written by Arnold Stieber and Sidney Olinyk last week, I find it appropriate to look at both of these fine perspectives.

Each deals with the issue of war, yet both shows a different side of the issues at hand.

While I understand Olinyk's concern that many of our anti-war protestors are hypocritical at a time when we should be supporting our men and women who support us, one must take the ideas that Stieber dwells on quite seriously.

Yes, this war (and so many others) is not always about "liberating their countrymen from evil," but making money.

The "government" that makes the military, economic and political decision to go to war, which as Stieber began to allude to, consists of no more than a dozen people who sit on the National Security Council.

This group of people consists of President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, along with cabinet secretaries from agriculture, treasury, commerce, and so on.

These people, all of whom are former CEOs, have vested interest in making money for what bleeding-heart liberal college professors refer to as the "Military Industrial Complex."

Again, Stieber is right. We, as citizens, did not vote for this war. And come to think of it, our elected officials never voted to declare war - another right swept away from under our own feet.

Anyone remember the War Powers Act? As Stieber pointed out, most of our tax dollars go toward defense. If President Bush's 2003-2004 budget and tax cut proposal goes through, the United States will officially outspend the entire world in defense.

Yes, while many jobs are created, among other advancements, such as the Internet, many lives are lost at the hands of this group of people who meet at 8 a.m. every day to make long-term decisions for our country that will affect us for generations to come.

They have been doing this since President Harry Truman formed the National Security Council, along with other pet projects such as the CIA, in 1947 at the end of World War II.

And what did they fight? The Cold War, a war based on propaganda pushed upon by the government and leaked into the press that led to a cultural uprising in the '60s, better known as the "counter culture."

Those anti-war protestors, while not treating their soldiers with the respect that they deserved then and still do now, were simply speaking their mind, as is the group that stands in front of the post office every Sunday and hundreds of other street blocks from New York to Los Angeles.

People in this "Post 9/11 America" are so concerned about "safety" and "security" and "our freedom" that they will allow these 12 individuals to make decisions that could lead to outbreak of a world war all in the name of "homeland security" and "capitalistic imperialism."

Well, I don't know about you, but I'd rather live in danger of terrorism every day than to have my freedom to express myself ripped away. My freedom to worship whatever god I please (if any) and my freedom to do as I please, make an honest living, and not have to fear being censored or discriminated against in a society that takes naivety to whole new level.

Someday I, too, would like to thank Cpl. Joshua Miles of the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines for his service to our country. His courage to volunteer and fight for his country is heroic and deserves the attention of both sides of the street.

But when he says to "please stop yelling, put down your signs and pray for those behind enemy lines," I respond (not speaking for the anti-war protestors necessarily) and say if I didn't have the right to question the motives of the "government," then I would have no rights at all.

You have M16s to fight "for freedom." We have signs, editorial pages of newspapers, the First Amendment and

classrooms to fight for our right to speak.

These are our weapons and we will not put them down.

Chad Livengood
Sylvan Township

McDevitt deserves local voters' support

As Laurel McDevitt's mom, it's gratifying to see her declare her willingness to expend her time and efforts as a Chelsea school board member. But I'm not surprised.

When Laurel was a student in the Chelsea schools (kindergarten through graduation), she was quite active in extracurricular activities. Now, as a mother of three (kindergarten, third and fifth grade), she regularly works in the school, usually behind the scenes, in preparation of and assistance with whatever needs doing, along with other parents and PTO members. She's a familiar figure to teachers, students and parents.

I think Laurel's candidacy is particularly advantageous to voters who want to elect a parent of current Chelsea students.

Laurel has her "finger on the pulse" of what's going on in the schools. Although their three children are still in the elementary grades, Laurel and her husband are friends with parents of students at Beach and Chelsea High School, so they hear what's happening there, also.

Laurel is in a good position to gauge the success of the educational programming in the Chelsea school system. And taxpayers in the Chelsea School District are in a position to elect this energetic, caring, involved parent June 9 to be a new member of the Chelsea school board.

A vote for Laurel McDevitt for Chelsea school board is a vote for new-perspective goals, a worthy platform and common-sense ability.

Laurel has a vested interest in making the Chelsea school experience be the

best possible.

Charlotte Inglis Williams
Sharon Township

Post office mural is a piece of history

Occasionally, I stop in at the Chelsea Post Office, and while I wait in line, I can't help but observe - and wonder about - the large mural that covers the north wall.

It certainly is a work worthy of attention, as well as being an example of a historical style and school of art.

In the Depression years of the 1930s, several hundred murals (many now lost) were sponsored by the Federal Arts Project, a branch of the Work Projects Administration, which provided employment for artists and writers.

The Chelsea mural is an example of American Regionalism, most familiar in the work of Grant Wood and Thomas Hart Benton.

Whatever the artistic influences there, the work itself still presents some odd aspects that must have been noticed by postal patrons or members of the community of painters now active in the Chelsea area.

Most prominently, the woman's head sits on her left shoulder, as if moved there to provide for the large child reaching for an apple. Her upper right arm is depicted in a sort of brownish corrugation, while the child's right leg and left shoulder are not credible as anatomy.

Yet the artist, George Fisher, was also able to paint convincingly the ribbons and bows on the woman's frock, while modeling the male figure in heroic scale.

Since the three subjects are positioned in classic tri-

angular form, upper left and right areas of pictorial space had to be filled, and that was done with a huge spinning wheel on one-side, and grinding wheel on the other. (Note that the stacked logs in the foreground are neatly sawed, not chopped.)

The size of those wheeled tools suggests also the couple's agrarian labors, compared to their pastoral interlude out on the greensward. Of course, in 1935, artists did not need to worry about scorn by cosmopolitans for showing stereotyped work roles as a portentous "gender issue."

Indeed, when we regard this edifying allegory, with its harvest of fertile productivity - ripe fruit, sheaves, a child - we read a message easier to deliver 68 years ago, before the family was found to be threatened, or even in need of defense against its detractors. It was just there, the way things were then.

So, if the post office is moved someday to larger quarters, I would hope that this evocative period piece will not fall to progress, to be replaced elsewhere by one of those post-modernist proposals for incomprehensible "public art," which urban officials elsewhere have been too intimidated to reject.

And how about the Postal Service reproducing the mural as part of series of commemorative stamps of other examples of murals of the time, to join the many attractive sets they have published in recent years?

Perhaps readers of this newspaper will have comments of their own on all of this.

Thomas Fitzgerald

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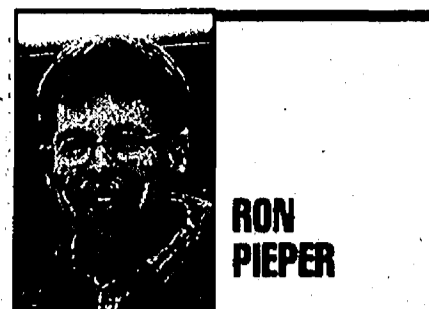
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Ukrainian Easter has interesting customs



RON PIEPER

LETTERS FROM UKRAINE

Easter is celebrated a week later in Ukraine and is an important holiday, even bigger than Christmas.

Before Easter, people hold a fast, much as we do for Lent.

Where we would call the Sunday before Easter Palm Sunday, in Ukraine it's called "Willow Sunday."

On the way to church, we saw people both in the marshrutka — a van-sized bus — and in the streets carrying their freshly cut willow branches. One Ukrainian custom is to whip people very gently with the willow branches. We haven't yet discovered the significance of the action.

For Easter weekend, we invited five orphans to our apartments. They were Nina, 14, her brother, Yuri, 12, Maia, 15, Nadia, 16, and

Oxana, 15. Our first activity was coloring Easter eggs, which is also done in Ukraine. The children were mystified by our dye, which didn't mix with the water but sat in blobs on the surface. They enjoyed using more than one color, twisting the egg to make multi-colored swirls.

After an Easter Eve service at church, we celebrated Yuri's 12th birthday and put American candles on a Ukrainian cake. These are made of several layers of dry cake with different fillings between layers.

Everyone in the country

sings "Happy Birthday" in English, even if they don't know any other English words.

Another Ukrainian birthday custom is to pull on the birthday person's ears. We gave Yuri's ears 12 tugs.

Ukrainians bake a special kind of sweet bread called Pasca for Easter. People have their Pasca blessed during all-night vigils at Orthodox churches, standing outside holding lighted candles as they wait to have their bread blessed. They then go home and eat the bread, breaking their Easter fast.

The older girls got up at 3 a.m. and stood in line for about an hour at the neighborhood Orthodox church, along with one of our fellow missionaries.

On Easter morning, we introduced the kids to another Easter tradition, egg casserole. After church, we held the Easter Egg Hunt, an idea that was completely new to them.

Although they thought the idea of a rabbit that hides eggs was a little weird, they caught on very quickly. They were all over every nook and cranny of our apartment, climbing over themselves

and the furniture. They thought they had found all of the eggs, but when we counted and came up short, they burst into action again.

To round out the day, we watched the movie "Ben Hur" on television, dubbed over into Ukrainian. Since we could hear the original English, by listening carefully we were able to follow the dialog fairly well.

Lyndon Township residents Ron and Joanne Pieper are on a yearlong mission in Ukraine, helping at orphanages. They're writing a regular column about their experiences.

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There also will be a collection from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jackson County Health Department, 1697 Lansing Ave., in Jackson. People should enter the driveway located off Lansing Avenue, which is just south of I-94. There is a \$5 per vehicle

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Both collections are open to residents of Washtenaw, Jackson and Lenawee counties.

Materials that will be accepted include oil-based paint, flammable materials such as old gas, aerosols, home repair and cleaning products, pesticides, herbicides, items containing mercury such as thermometers, thermostat switches, fluorescent lights and motor oil.

All materials brought to the drop-off site should be properly labeled. Unacceptable items in-

clude latex paint, car batteries, radioactive materials and ammunition.

The Jackson County collection will accept transmission fluid and antifreeze; however, the Adrian collection will not. To dispense of these items, consult Washtenaw County's Turning Trash into Treasure Guide at www.ewashtenaw.org.

The state, through its Clean Michigan Initiative Grant

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Chelsea in 1995, providing training for young dancers in third through 12th grades. The nonprofit organization featured its first full-length production of "The Nutcracker" ballet in December 1998, followed in the spring by a production of "Dancers Collage," which formed the basis of the "Five Dancing Princesses" ballet. The group has performed

"The Nutcracker" five times, with a sixth production planned for December. The mission of the dance group is to provide dance education opportunities through its master classes. There is also a summer Dance Intensive Camp that runs for four weeks beginning in July. Youth Dance Theatre holds auditions each year at the end of August. It currently has 65 members, mostly from Chelsea, but also from Ann

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Spring brings overcrowded shelters

The Humane Society of Huron Valley is gearing up for one of its busiest times of the year.

"Without fail, we see countless litters of kittens, and many puppies, brought to the shelter during the spring months by owners who cannot care for them," said Huron Valley Humane Society Executive Director Josephine Kelsey.

"We definitely want people to bring in their animals to us rather than giving them away, but it is difficult to find homes for all of them," she said.

Humane societies across the United States look for potential pet owners who are willing to give a life-long home to a new pet.

Along with the springtime

intake of kittens and puppies, there are many older animals that are in need of good homes. But in addition to adopting, there is another important message that the humane society hopes pet owners will heed.

"Pet overpopulation has been a tragic problem over the years," Kelsey said.

"We've made some progress, but millions of healthy pets are still being euthanized in the United States simply because there are not enough homes to go around."

Reports show that cats are often victims of overpopulation. The humane society urges pet owners to have cats and dogs spayed and neutered. Not only does spaying and neutering help decrease the number of

homeless animals, it is beneficial to the pet, Kelsey said.

A sterilized pet is less likely to develop reproductive cancers, is less likely to roam and, in cats, pose fewer problems with litter box training and inappropriate elimination.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley offers low cost sterilization and other veterinary services.

For more information, contact the humane society's clinic at 662-4365. The shelter is open for adoption from noon to 6 p.m. seven days a week. It's located at 3100 Cherry Hill Road in Ann Arbor Township.

To view some of the animals currently available for adoption, visit the humane society Web site at www.hshv.org.



Gajewski in Honor Society

Sherri Lee Gajewski, daughter of Bill and Linda Gajewski of Dexter Township, was recently inducted into the Golden Key International Honor Club at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. The 2000 Pinckney High School graduate is a junior at CMU and holds a 3.85 grade point average. She is a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority and is vice president of intellectual development. The Golden Key International Honor Club is a non-profit, academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service and career networking.

Hohnke, Matthews earn academic honors

Two area residents received academic honors at the Adrian College Honors Awards ceremony April 4.

William Hohnke, a senior majoring in music, received the Outstanding Senior Music Award. He is the son of B.J. and Kristyn Hohnke,

and is a 1998 graduate of Chelsea High School.

John Matthews, a senior majoring in business marketing, received the Achievement Award in business administration. He is the son of John and Diane Matthews and is a 1999 graduate of Dexter High School.

Residents on Kettering list

Three local residents were named to the dean's list of Kettering University in Flint.

Ross Smith of Gregory, Shawn O'Farrell of Pinckney and John Hayes of Whitmore Lake received the honor.

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- The main reason pet owners give for not spaying or neutering their pet is that they cannot afford it.
- Approximately 56 percent of dogs and puppies entering shelters never leave and are euthanized based on 1,000 animal shelters in the United States. About 71 percent of cats that come to shelters eventually are killed.
- It costs U.S. taxpayers an estimated \$2 billion each year to round up, house, kill and dispose of homeless animals.

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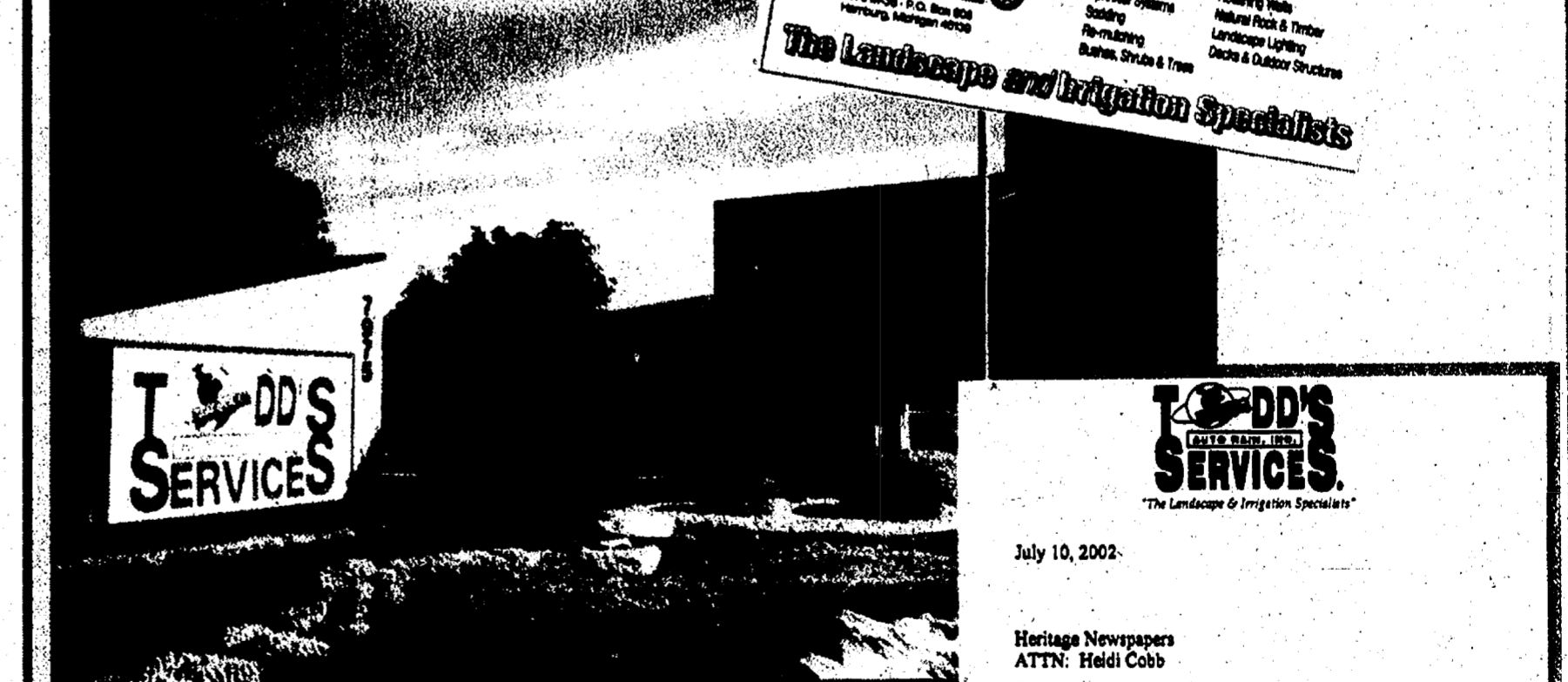
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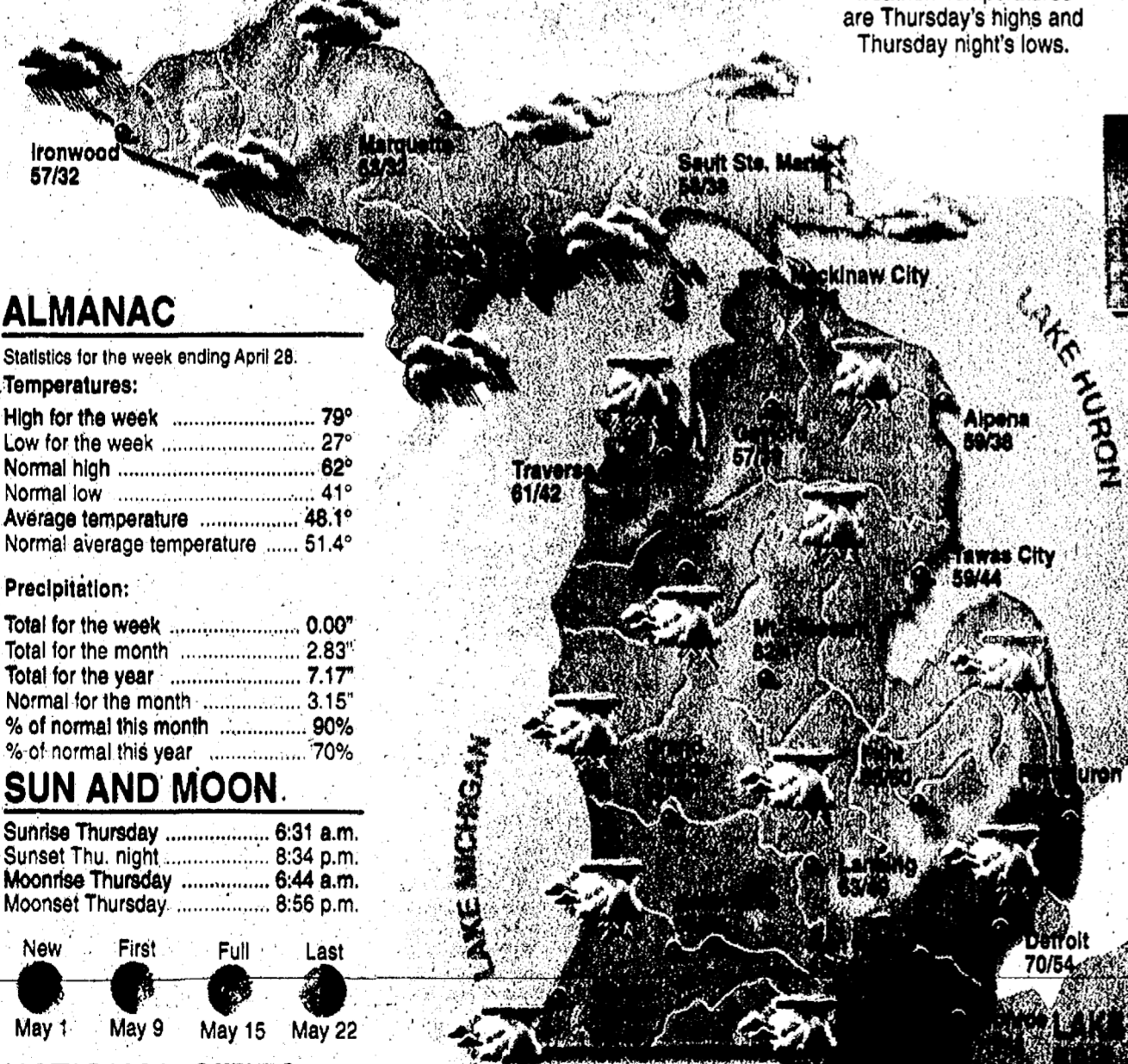
FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

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THURSDAY	THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 66 - 70 Cloudy; showers and thunderstorms.	LOW: 38°-42° Cloudy with showers.	HIGH: 59°-63° Windy with clouds and sunshine. LOW: 41°-45°	HIGH: 57°-61° Mostly sunny. LOW: 39°-43°	HIGH: 59°-63° Increasing cloudiness. LOW: 41°-45°	HIGH: 61°-65° Cloudy with a couple of showers. LOW: 43°-47°

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LOCAL WEATHER



MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	63/44/1	60/42/pc
Battle Creek	65/53/1	58/40/pc
Bay City	62/48/1	56/37/pc
Coldwater	67/55/1	60/41/pc
Detroit	60/48/1	61/42/pc
Flint	70/54/1	60/42/pc
Grand Rapids	62/49/1	57/37/pc
Holland	62/49/1	58/39/pc
Jackson	68/48/1	58/40/pc
Kalamazoo	68/52/1	58/39/pc
Lansing	63/49/1	58/37/pc
Livonia	69/52/1	62/41/pc
Midland	62/48/1	56/37/pc
Monroe	70/55/1	62/43/pc
Muskegon	61/46/1	57/37/pc
Pontiac	65/51/1	59/39/pc
Port Huron	65/51/1	59/39/pc
Saginaw	62/49/1	57/37/pc
Sears	67/55/1	61/43/pc
Sault Ste. Marie	59/52/1	52/32/c
Tawas City	68/52/1	59/41/pc
Traverse City	68/52/1	60/36/sh
Warren	61/42/1	53/33/pc
Westland	70/55/1	62/44/pc

AGRICULTURE

Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties
Low pressure will bring showers and thunderstorms to the region Thursday. Rainfall amounts will average 0.25-0.50 of an inch with south winds 8-16 mph.

REAL FEEL TEMPTM

The exclusive AccuWeather RealFeel Temperature measures how the air feels, taking into account all weather factors including temperature, humidity, wind, precipitation and sunshine. Show is the highest realfeel temperature for each day.

Highest Thursday	64°
Highest Friday	58°
Highest Saturday	58°
Highest Sunday	62°

SOLUNAR TABLE

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

Time	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Thur:	12:14 a.m.	6:03 a.m.	6:24 p.m.	
Fri:	12:36 a.m.	6:47 a.m.	12:36 a.m.	7:10 p.m.
Sat:	2:15 a.m.	7:36 a.m.	1:47 p.m.	7:59 p.m.
Sun:	2:15 a.m.	8:28 a.m.	2:40 p.m.	8:52 p.m.

UV INDEX

Highest Thursday 1 Minimal
The ultraviolet index is a guide to exposure to the sun. The higher the UV index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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Statistics for the week ending April 28.

Temperatures:

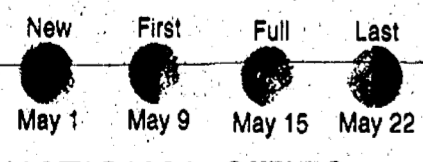
High for the week	79°
Low for the week	27°
Normal high	62°
Normal low	41°
Average temperature	48.1°
Normal average temperature	51.4°

Precipitation:

Total for the week	0.00"
Total for the month	2.83"
Total for the year	7.17"
Normal for the month	3.15"
% of normal this month	90%
% of normal this year	70%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday	6:31 a.m.
Sunset Thu. night	8:34 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	6:44 a.m.
Moonset Thursday	8:56 p.m.



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W	City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W	City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W	City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Akron	73/56/c	69/44/c	Buffalo	67/51/c	61/40/sh	Denver	60/51/1	64/41/pc	Knoxville	60/50/1	77/83/1
Albany	74/51/pc	66/49/c	Burlington, IA	65/48/sh	61/43/pc	Des Moines	61/42/sh	60/41/pc	Las Vegas	76/54/pc	80/58/pc
Albuquerque	71/45/pc	74/47/s	Burlington, VT	70/47/sh	69/43/c	Durham	63/32/sh	62/32/pc	Lexington, KY	61/50/1	71/66/1
Anchorage	55/37/s	58/37/pc	Casper	55/30/c	61/33/c	El Paso	82/54/s	84/58/s	Lincoln	62/39/c	66/41/pc
Atlanta	82/62/c	78/59/t	Cedar Rapids	62/44/sh	60/39/pc	Fairbanks	61/28/pc	49/28/pc	Little Rock	63/53/1	78/54/pc
Atlantic City	71/54/pc	74/54/c	Charleston, SC	82/61/c	82/63/pc	Fargo	56/38/pc	62/40/pc	Los Angeles	72/54/s	72/54/pc
Baltimore	86/64/pc	88/63/pc	Charleston, WV	80/62/c	78/51/c	Flagstaff	60/26/pc	64/30/pc	Louisville	68/53/1	72/50/1
Baton Rouge	74/55/pc	78/55/c	Charlotte	60/52/sh	78/56/t	Fort Wayne	74/50/1	62/40/c	Madison	60/44/sh	57/38/pc
Billings	87/87/pc	83/83/c	Cheyenne	60/32/sh	69/37/c	Gary	60/50/1	68/43/pc	Mankato	64/58/1	77/85/pc
Birmingham	56/38/sh	62/41/c	Chicago	70/44/1	58/42/pc	Green Bay	61/41/sh	54/33/pc	Miami	85/73/1	87/72/1
Bismarck	85/63/pc	80/57/1	Cincinnati	60/58/1	70/48/1	Hakone	61/25/1	63/37/pc	Minneapolis	68/43/sh	64/37/pc
Bloomington	59/34/c	63/40/pc	Cleveland	70/58/c	64/46/c	Honolulu	85/71/s	85/71/s	Minneapolis	58/39/sh	60/39/pc
Boise	62/42/pc	68/44/pc	Columbia, MO	68/48/sh	67/44/pc	Houston	68/58/1	63/61/pc	Nashville	82/62/pc	75/51/1
Boston	69/52/pc	66/52/c	Columbus, OH	78/60/c	70/50/1	Indianapolis	77/56/1	64/45/t	New Orleans	82/62/pc	83/61/pc
Brownsville	88/73/c	89/72/pc	Dallas	88/82/pc	80/60/pc	Johannesburg	63/32/1	67/34/1	New Orleans	82/62/pc	83/61/pc
			Davenport	62/45/sh	60/39/pc	Kansas City	72/47/pc	68/45/pc	New York	72/55/pc	71/55/c

COMMUNITY

Thursday, May 1, 2003

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Joe-Bob Daly (left) and Cole Hatch show off their afternoon's catch at Hope Town, Elbow Cay, in the Bahamas.

Anchors aweigh

Local scouts enjoy adventures on the high seas

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

A group of local Scouts spent spring break swabbing decks, raising and lowering sails and anchors, washing portholes, polishing brass, steering a vessel, catching fish and cooking meals. It was all part of an extraordinary Sea Base sailing adventure in the Bahamas.

"Pride in the boat, our crew and our skills grew steadily all week," Venturing Crew leader Jeff Cowall says. "It's an indelible memory for me and an incredible experience to have participated in."

Cowall and John Daly, an adult leader with Troop 476, led a group of 21 Scouts from the Chelsea-Dexter area.

Before taking to the water, they took to the skies, flying from Detroit to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where they then caught small 10-seater, twin-engine Cessnas to Marsh Harbor on Great Abaco Island in the Bahamas.

"Passing through customs in Scout uniforms was fast and easy going both ways," Daly says.

Cowall's crew took over a former Nova Scotia fishing trawler called "Le Peches d'Etoiles," or "Fisherman of Stars," which was captained by a semi-retired British couple who have been sailing the world for two decades.

The crew included David Blair, Jeff Cowall, Rachel Green, Sean Hankerd and Emily Wineland from Venturing Crew 452. James Daly,

Alex Hatch, Dave and Sean Steinbach of Troop 476, and Christopher Dennis of Fowlerville and Marty Kosla of Saline joined them.

Members of Chelsea Troop 476 sailed on the "William H. Albury," the flagship of the Sea Base fleet. The 65-foot schooner is capable of flying eight sails.

Sailors assigned to this vessel were Jason Allen, Zack Coleman, Joe-Bob Daly, Cole Hatch, Jim Leach Jr., and were joined by Andy Ramsey with adult advis-

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Boy Scouts offer several different high-adventure programs, including Sea Base in Florida, and Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Florida High Adventure Sea Base operates sailing, snorkeling and scuba diving programs with 40 sailboats in the Florida Keys and eight from Marsh Island on Great Abaco Island in the Bahamas.

Great Abaco Island is 150 miles directly east of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and is one of the larger islands in the Bahamas.

Great Abaco Island is close to Grand Bahamas Island, where the city of Freeport is located.

The Sea of Abaco, bounded by Grand Abaco Island on the west and various islands, or cays, on the east, is 55 miles long and five miles wide.



Sea Base Crew 1 onboard a ship in the Bahamas. In front are Emily Wineland (left), Rachel Green and Sean Hankerd. In the middle row are Venturing Crew leader Jeff Cowall (left), Sean Steinbach, David Blair, James Daly and Marty Kosla. In back are Dave Steinbach, Chris Dennis and Alex Hatch.



Jason Allen takes to the wheel as skipper of a boat during a recent Boy Scout adventure in the Bahamas.



Members of Sea Base Crew 2 enjoyed their recent adventure to the Bahamas. In the front row are Bob Allen (left), Jason Allen, Julie Coleman, John Daly and Jim Leach Sr. In back are Joe-Bob Daly (left), Zack Coleman, Cole Hatch, Andy Ramsey and Jim Leach Jr.



Photo by Rita Fischer
Sylvan Township resident Mary Erskine is bidding farewell to the Chelsea Area Transportation System after 17 years. The Chelsea native spent 13 years behind the wheel of the CATS bus and another four years in dispatch.

Erskine says farewell to CATS

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Mary Erskine, a familiar face at the Chelsea Area Transportation System's dispatch center and behind the wheel of a CATS bus, is leaving after 17 years.

Nadine Shaneyfelt of Faith In Action says Erskine was well known for her ability to work with people, her smile and her easy-going manner.

"Mary truly made it a joy for the people who rode the CATS bus," she says.

The Sylvan Township resident originally answered a want ad in the local paper looking for a part-time driver and dispatcher. The position seemed ideal for a mom with an infant son.

After Frank Bobo hired her, Erskine began a career with CATS that spanned

almost two decades. She spent 13 years behind the wheel and four in dispatch.

Erskine was able to turn her job into a family affair. First her son, John, traveled on the bus with her, and later her first granddaughter, Valley, did the same. Erskine says her passengers loved the children's company during their trips.

When Erskine started with CATS, it was operating out of the basement at the Chelsea Retirement Community. The office later moved to the upper level of the facility.

Erskine even dispatched buses from her home for three months while the CATS organization looked for new office space, finally settling in the Faith In Action building on the campus of Chelsea Community Hospital.

Erskine was among the first to move into the new FIA building. She has been a familiar face in the front office with its unusual half door.

"I asked for the door to be cut in half because I was also a greeter of sorts to bridge the gap between the seniors and the CATS staff," she says.

Erskine has fond memories of her career and says she will miss working with the public.

"I loved the seniors and what they have given me," she says.

"I treasure the friendships that I have made over the years and the phone conversations when they would talk to me like we were long-lost friends. We prayed and cried together. It was a lot of personal relationships and I am

sorry to see that go."

Erskine also treasures mementoes given to her by grateful riders, including a purple ceramic pansy and hand-painted pictures, as well as Beanie Babies for her extensive collection. She currently has approximately 300 of the critters, mostly teddy bears.

Erskine will continue to schedule drivers for the Washtenaw County senior nutrition program and says the program is always in need of volunteer drivers to take meals to the home-bound.

"The seniors like having that trust, knowing that the drivers are so caring and there is so much compassion," she says. "I love them all dearly. We had a good

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, May 1

Chelsea High School's Stage and Drama class will perform "You Can't Take It With You" 7:30 p.m. at Chelsea High School, 740 Freer Road. Call 475-0239 for tickets.

Friday, May 2

Chelsea Family Science Night will be held 6 to 9 p.m. at North Creek Elementary, 699 McKinley St., in Chelsea.

Saturday, May 3

Household Hazardous Wastes Collections will be held 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Wacker Silicones, 3301 Sutton Road, Adrian and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jackson County Health Department, 1697 Lansing Ave., Jackson. There is a \$5 charge. Collections are open to residents of Jackson, Lenawee and Washtenaw counties. For information, call 1-517-788-4433 or go to the Web site www.co.jackson.mi.us/hd.

Prom Walk-Through for the public, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Chelsea High School, 740 Freer Road, in Chelsea. The theme is "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., in Chelsea presents Mochas and Music from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This week's entertainment is Two Grass, with Patt Taylor and Frank Jones.

"Incredible Wild Edibles" 1:30 p.m. at the Waterloo Recreation Area, Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Road, in Chelsea. Tom Jameson will lead a hike to acquaint people with Mother Nature's kitchen. To register or for more information, call 475-3170.

Thursday, May 8

Beach Middle School parent group will host psychologist Mike Wallace who will address adolescent issues 7 p.m., at the school's media center.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Alzheimer's Association Family Caregiver Support Group meets 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 1-800-337-3827.

Bingo is held 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month at Chelsea American Legion and VFW, 1700 Ridge Road, in Chelsea. For information call 475-7212.

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

U.S. Congressman Nick Smith, R-7th District, offers hours from 4 to 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Chelsea Village Office, 305 S. Main St. For more information, call 1-517-783-4486.

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 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. Fridays at Chelsea Community Hospital White Oak Inn, 775 S. Main St. For information, call 475-1462.

Saturday

Hope Clinic, a free clinic for people with no health insur-

ance, 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 information, call 475-3305.

Western Washtenaw Republicans meets 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at Cleary's Pub, 113 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For 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 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 information, call 433-5451.

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For 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 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 6-7 p.m. at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road, in Chelsea. For information call 995-1835.

Tuesday

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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 information, call 475-9242.

Grandparents as Parents Program held 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. For information, call 712-3625.

Senior Nutrition Program meets noon every Tuesday for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For 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 information, call 1-517-522-5859.

DEXTER

Sunday, May 4

Dexter Community Band will present its final concert of 2002-2003 season at 3 p.m. at the Dexter High School Center for the Performing Arts, 2200 N. Parker Road.

Wednesday, May 7

La Leche League of Western Washtenaw will meet 10 a.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, 3279 Broad St., in Dexter. Call 426-5648 for information.

Friday, May 9

The Dexter Department of Public Works will hold a

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Saturday, May 10

Michigan Dahlia Association's plant sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dexter Mill, 3515 Central St., in Dexter. For information, call 429-5796.

Sunday, May 11

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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 information, call 426-5304.

Dexter Community Band meets 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road. For more information about the band, call 426-2734.

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, 7954 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 more information about the club, call 426-3664.

Dexter Garden Club meets 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Dexter Museum, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter. Call 426-2372 for information.

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets

6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at Cousins Heritage Inn, 7954 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Touchdown Club meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the library at Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road, in Dexter.

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

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

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


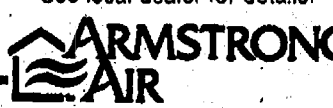
Independent Order of Oddfellows meets 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesdays at Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 W. Huron River Drive, in Dexter.

Wednesday

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ENGAGED: Meghan Grau of Ann Arbor, daughter of Pamela O'Hara of Dexter and Donald Grau of Howell, and Peter Rauchenstein Jr. of Cincinnati, son of Peter and Kathryn Rauchenstein of Columbus, Ohio, have set a summer 2004 wedding date. The future bride is a 1998 graduate of Dexter High School. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan and is working on a master's degree in public health. The future groom is a 1997 graduate of Gahanna-Lincoln High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in management information systems from the Max M. Fisher College of Business at Ohio State University and is employed as a systems analyst with Procter & Gamble Co. in Cincinnati.

Local humanitarian

John Hruska receives award at banquet

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

John Hruska of Lima Township was honored for outstanding service to the Dexter and Chelsea communities Saturday at the Faith In Action banquet.

Hruska received the 2002 Howard Holmes Humanitarian of the Year Award for his volunteer work over the last decade.

"I don't know how I got that with all the other fine people in Dexter and Chelsea," he said during the ceremony.

Hruska has led Dexter's Christmas in April chapter since its inception 11 years ago and has been active at St. Joseph Catholic Church, serving as a Grand Knight in Dexter's Knights of Columbus.

He is also a longtime member of the Dexter Lions Club. The organization donated \$500 to Faith In Action in his honor.

Hruska was touched by a presentation put on by Mary Anne McCreight of Lodi Township. To the song "Thank You" by musician Ray Boltz, McCreight had assembled photographs of Hruska's volunteer work in the community and at Emanuel House for the Elderly in Ann Arbor.

"John has gone out of his way to help others," McCreight said. "We don't have family here and John was one of the first people I met. Instantly, he was like an old friend."

"One time I had to cook around 30 batches of cookies for a sale. I panicked and John helped out by taking some home, and he and his wife helped me get the job done."

Hruska, who also serves on

the board at Faith In Action, said he enjoyed the presentation.

"It was a big surprise and it was outstanding," he said. "Mary Anne did a good job."

Hruska's wife, Jean, said her husband was thrilled to receive the award.

"It was a very important night to him," she said.

The Hruskas moved to the area 11 years ago. Dick Shaneyfelt, director of Faith In Action, said the organization is grateful for his arrival.

"John and his outstanding work to both the communities of Dexter and Chelsea has touched many lives," Shaneyfelt said. "Many people have been blessed by his assistance."

"He brings the spirit of working to assist others in need and enhances the character and quality of life in the community."

Approximately 100 people attended the banquet, which was made possible by nearly 30 sponsors from both communities. Chelsea Community Hospital donated the prime rib dinner.

Anne Wood and Ron Joseph were recognized as 2002 Volunteers of the Year.

The Rev. Brendan Walsh of St. Joseph Catholic Church in



Photo by Rita Fischer
Chelsea Community Education Director Jeff Rohrer (left), who serves on the board of Faith In Action, presented Lima Township resident John Hruska with the 2002 Howard Holmes Humanitarian Award at Saturday's annual Faith In Action Banquet.

Dexter gave the invocation. Dexter attorney Frank Grohnert served as emcee, and musicians Debbie Fogell and Meghan Grau provided entertainment.

Participants also enjoyed a silent auction before the dinner.

Shaneyfelt said the banquet and silent auction raised \$9,000 for the nonprofit, the largest human services organization in western Washtenaw County.

Vera Lynn Klink of Lima Township said she and her husband, Roland, look forward to attending the banquet every year.

"Faith In Action is so unique and you can't find a Christian organization like this anywhere else," she said. "It's nice to know the money that we donate goes back to the community."

Rita Fischer is a freelance writer. She can be reached at ritafischer@yahoo.com.

Students named to WMU dean's list

Several local residents have been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Western Michigan University.

They are Morgan Bauer, Abigail Boehm, Bethany Fulton, Deanna Fulton, Samantha Heppburn, Robert Hohnke, Kelly Jackson, Keith Jaynes, Cara Long, Amber Mattocks, Doris Moore, Anthony Scheffler, Melissa Seyfried, Lauren Varady and Rebecca Williams, all of Chelsea.

James Daratony, Jessica King, Brian McLogan, Benjamin Nadeau and Theresa Whiting, all of Dexter, have all been named to the dean's list.

Grass Lake residents Lesley Jacob, Corey Piotrowski, Erin Ryder and Julia Williams all received the honor as did Katherine Paris of Gregory.

Jenny Armstrong, Alison Betz, Elizabeth Cook, Sarah Hohn, Chad Jehnzen, Benjamin Starr and

Christopher Wilson, all of Pinckney, were all named to the list.

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SCOUTS

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ers John Daly, Bob Allen, Julie Coleman and Jim Leach Sr.

"When we arrived, Sea Base staff advised all the Scouts to 'lean into the adventure' to get the most out of it, and as soon as our crew boarded the Pecheur, we knew what to do," Cowall says.

After a brief conference with the skipper, the Scouts organized as if they were at camp, listing jobs that needed to be done, dividing into buddy teams and drawing up schedules.

"Under Skip's adroit instruction, we soon were learning how to crew the boat," Cowall says. "We even cleaned the 'loo' as it was delicately put.

"All this served as the backdrop for the real adventures, and just made it all the more engaging."

On the first night, the two vessels anchored in a bay near Marsh Harbor. Scouts served as anchor watch in two-hour shifts all night.

"On our watch, we had two hours in which we had to watch the location of certain landmarks and watch the anchor and run the bilges," Jason Allen says.

Cole Hatch caught the first

fish of the trip, a 15-pound red snapper, which formed the evening meal. He went on to catch three barracudas during his weeklong voyage.

The next day, crews sailed to Mermaid's Reef, where they enjoyed snorkeling on a protected coral reef inhabited by large numbers of colorful parrotfish and other species.

Both vessels then took shelter in harbor from a storm, riding out gale-force winds that lasted about 30 hours. The crews took advantage of shore time to explore the seaside villages.

"My favorite part was going into the little towns and seeing that they drive golf carts more than cars," Allen says.

The "William H." sailed to Hope Town on Elbow Cay, where Scouts snorkeled on a coral reef on the south side of the island, and explored the red and white striped Hope Town lighthouse, which was built in 1863.

"This light is one of only three in the world that still uses a kerosene mantle to provide its light," Daly says.

Both crews landed at Baker's Bay on Guyana Cay, where they hiked across the island to go snorkeling on the Atlantic side.

Daly said the spot used to be a resort but had been abandoned around 1989, leaving dilapidated and rot-

ting buildings.

"The facilities had become somewhat like ancient ruins in only 14 years," he says.

Cowall, whose co-ed Venturing Crew is sponsored by the Chelsea Kiwanis Club, said the Sea Base experience provides an unusual alternative and a safe and challenging environment for teens seeking a spring break adventure in a warm climate.

Scouts enjoyed exploring deserted islands, building bonfires on the beach, and snorkeling at night over a wreck in an isolated cove, where they saw glowing plankton in the dark waters.

"Sharing these wonderful experiences and many more untold, the Scouts became a single, happy and proud team, making friendships and memories that will last a long, long time," Cowall says.

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Scout Award

Scouts at Waterloo First and Waterloo Village United Methodist churches recently earned their God and Country Award and pin. Pack 455 den leader Scott Olsen is pictured with Cub Scouts Sam Christie (left), Alex de Meijer, Ricky Cassell and Zachary Fosdick, and Cub Scout R.J. Menge of Pack 435. Also pictured are Troop 810 leader Laura Cassell with Girl Scouts McKenna Jerant and Julia Cassell, along with teachers Shirley Case and Marsha Hawker. Not pictured are Thomas Lancaster, Jeffrey Fitch and Joey Hansen, who earned mentor pins.

ERSKINE

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time. We understood one another," she says.

A Chelsea native, Erskine graduated from the old high school, now the Washington Street Education Center, in 1966.

Her husband, Gary, retired from the Washtenaw County Road Commission's Chelsea yard three years ago. They have three children, Shari, David and John, as well as four granddaughters, with whom Erskine enjoys spending her spare time.

Erskine plans to continue spending time with local seniors and remaining on the CATS board, where she can be an advocate for senior citizens and the physically challenged.

"CATS is expanding and I would like to see them continue the good service that they have provided for the community," she says. "I will not be answering the phone

anymore, but I am still here and willing to serve in any capacity I can."

Rita Fischer is a freelance writer. She can be reached at ritafisch@yahoo.com.

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Chelsea baseball continues to rack up victories

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

One can forgive the Chelsea baseball team if it's a little tuckered out this week.

The Bulldogs (14-3, 4-2) recently finished a stretch where they played 11 games in seven days. During that time, Chelsea compiled a record of 9-2.

Last Monday, the Bulldogs split a doubleheader with visiting Saline, winning the opener 3-2, but dropping the second game 7-4.

In Game 1, senior Jimmy Baker (2-1) recorded the win from the mound, scattering five hits, striking out six and walking three.

The Hornets had a 2-0 lead heading into the bottom of the fifth inning, before Chelsea rallied for two runs in its half of the frame, keyed by senior Matt Cunningham's double and a single by junior Lee Woodruff.

With the score deadlocked at 2-2, senior David Grabarkiewicz blasted a game-winning home run in the bottom of the sixth inning to ice the "W" for the Bulldogs. The round tripper was Grabarkiewicz's first of the year.

"That was a very good high school baseball game," said Chelsea coach Wayne Welton.

In the nightcap, senior Joe Myers recorded the loss from the rubber for Chelsea.

Cunningham was the offensive star, with three hits, including his first home run of the season.

Myers had a double. Last Saturday, the Bulldogs and Saline hosted an invitational at Chelsea.

Besides the Hornets and Chelsea, other squads participating in the tournament included Southgate

Anderson, Belleville, St. Joseph and Coldwater.

"They're all quality teams," Welton said.

In the Bulldogs' opener, they shut out Anderson 3-0, as Kyle Kendzicky (3-0) threw a one-hitter with seven strikeouts and three walks.

"He was really sharp," Welton said.

Chelsea scored all three runs in the sixth inning. Ryan Keiser singled, Cunningham had a RBI double, while Baker and Grabarkiewicz each had RBI singles.

Ending the contest with two hits each were Keiser, Cunningham, Baker and

Grabarkiewicz.

In their second game of the day, the Bulldogs beat Belleville 3-0.

Grabarkiewicz went the distance for the victory, allowing six hits, fanning seven and walking none.

Chelsea scored all three runs in the third inning. Junior Matt Eckler and Myers each singled, while David Bell and Tim Wacker each had RBI singles.

Wacker finished the game with two base hits.

In the final game of the day, the Bulldogs faced west Michigan power St. Joseph.

The Bears came into the contest unbeaten for the tournament.

Chelsea won the battle of undefeated clubs, besting St. Joseph 8-4.

Ronnie Herrst (1-0) recorded the victory from the hill that began with a few friends on the Dawgs, going four innings, fanning three and walking one. Nate Chamberlain finished the final three innings.

Chelsea scored two runs in the second inning on RBI singles by senior Ben Daniels and junior Brian Kinashuk.

In the fourth inning, the Bulldogs brought three runs across the plate, as senior

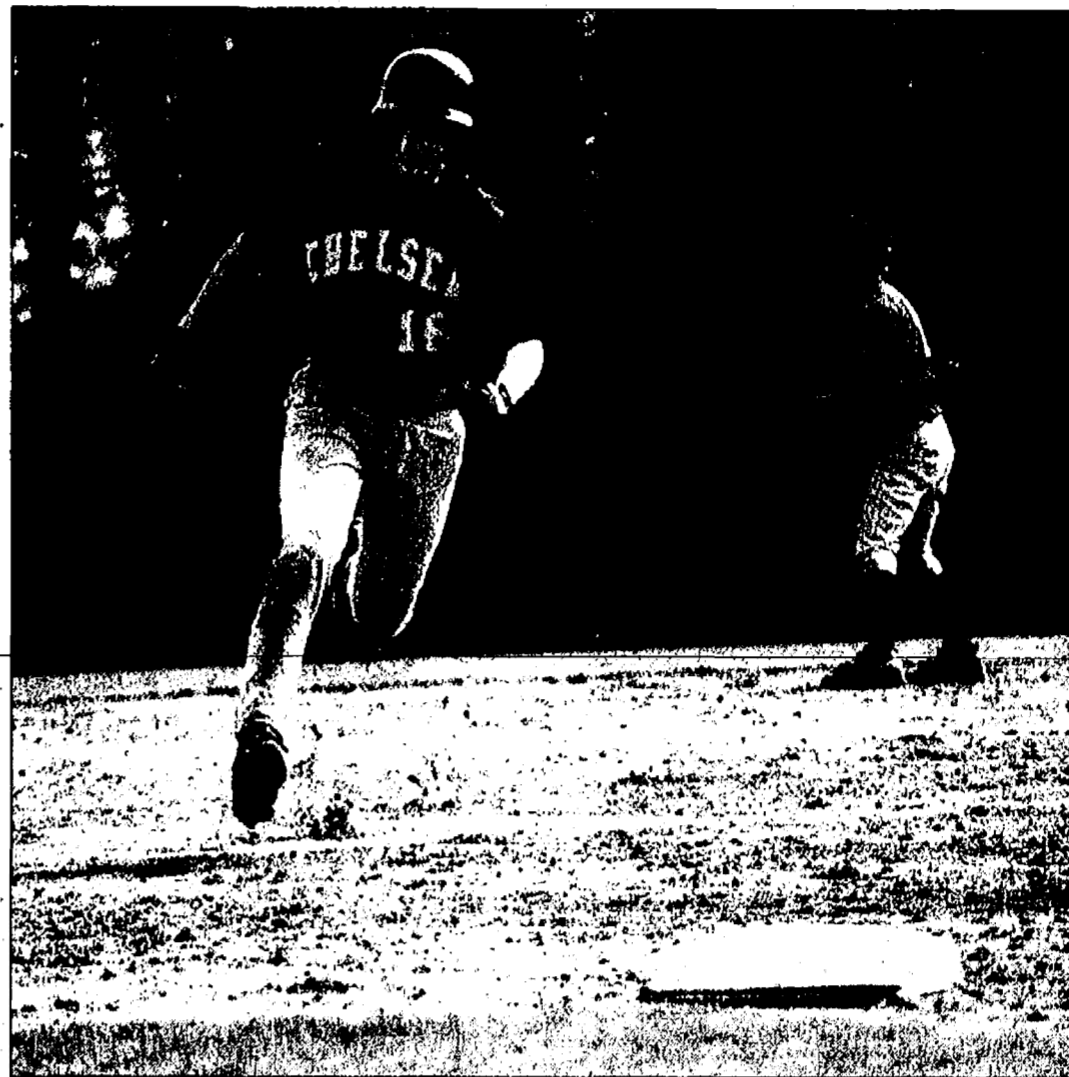


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Chelsea junior Lee Woodruff heads toward third base in recent action. Woodruff and the Bulldogs went 9-2 in a seven-day, 11-game stretch last week.

Drew Warren and Daniels singled and Bell stroked a two-run RBI single.

In the fifth inning, Chelsea added three additional runs, as Warren had a single, soph-

omore Steve Crews a RBI single and Kinashuk a two-run RBI double.

Daniels and Bell each finished with two hits for the Bulldogs. Junior Jeff Elliott

and Baker each singled.

Last Thursday, Chelsea swept a doubleheader from county rival Dexter, winning 18-1 and 2-1.

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Netters capture two tournaments

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Despite splitting its squad, the Chelsea boys' tennis team still had enough talent to capture two separate tournaments last Saturday.

The Bulldogs finished first at the Dexter Invitational with 20 points. Placing second was the host Dreadnaughts with 18 points, followed by Carleton Airport with nine points.

Also last Saturday, Chelsea captured the overall title at the Howell Invitational with 10 points. The host Highlanders finished second with nine points, followed by Lansing Eastern with eight points and Lansing Sexton with four points.

Chelsea coach Rahn Rosentreter said he was

proud of his squad.

"To win two tournaments in one day is pretty impressive," he said. "That's a credit to the kids."

At Dexter, the Bulldogs swept all four singles flights.

At No. 1 singles, Trevor Bach beat Dexter's Alex Gardner 6-1, 6-0 and Airport's Tristan Buending 6-2, 6-3 to earn the title.

At No. 2 singles, Brian Merkel defeated Dexter's Sean Stockson 6-1, 6-0 and Airport's Ryan Heck 6-1, 6-1 for the championship.

Kyle Brown beat Dexter's Erik Batell 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 and Airport's Jeremy Zaluski 6-0, 6-0 to place first at No. 3 singles.

"That was a real credit to Kyle to come back to win his match after losing the first set (to Batell)."

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Gus Macker invades Chelsea

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

You got game? Do you dominate the backyard court?

Do you have three friends who can shoot, rebound and pass the rock?

If so, you'll want to participate in Chelsea's first-ever Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament May 24 and 25.

The tournament will be held on 16 courts at the Arctic Coliseum parking lot.

Parking will be available at the Chelsea Fairgrounds.

The team entry fee is \$96.

Registration deadline for the inaugural tournament is May 7. Registration forms are available throughout Chelsea. The Arctic Coliseum, Chelsea Lumber, Chelsea Community Hospital and The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader newspaper office are a few of the locations prospective teams may pick up registration forms. Also, a team may register

online at www.macker.com. Deadline for online registration is May 11.

For those of you un-hip to the orange, Gus Macker is a 3-on-3 basketball tournament that began with a few friends playing on a driveway in Lowell in 1974.

Since those humble beginnings, Gus Macker has expanded to more than 65 cities throughout the United States and Canada.

In Gus Macker tournaments, teams are placed into male and female divisions, with junior divisions (ages 18 and younger), adult divisions (ages 19 and older) and top divisions (teams with the most experienced players).

Junior divisions are broken down into 10 years old and younger, 11 to 12, 13 to 14, 15 to 16 and 17 to 18.

Adult divisions are grouped into 30 to 34 years old, 35 to 39 and 40 and older.

Teams are guaranteed a minimum of three scheduled games. The Macker is a double-elimination tournament with a bracket called the Toilet Bowl for squads losing their first two games. A standard basket is worth one point, while a bucket made from behind a designated line is two points.

Possession changes occur after each made basket. In adult divisions, players call their own fouls. In junior

divisions, a GusBuster official calls the game. In the top division, a registered basketball official calls the action.

"Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball is designed to let people of all ages and abilities have fun with basketball," said Jeff Thomas, a Gus Macker official.

Chelsea Free Methodist Church is one of the groups that helped bring Gus Macker to the area.

"We started this to raise money for our church," said Chelsea resident Lisa Stebelton, a member of Chelsea Free Methodist Church. "I love them (Gus Macker tournaments). I go to watch. I'm a big Macker fan. I'd like to make this an annual event in Chelsea."

Sylvan Township resident Art Finger is the event manager for the Chelsea Gus Macker Tournament.

For additional information on Gus Macker basketball, call 1-800-876-4667 or 1-616-754-0373.

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— Jeff Thomas
Macker official

"We made no errors and took away their opportunities."

— Kim Reichard
Chelsea coach

Top-ranked

Division II No. 1 Chelsea softball sweeps visiting Saline



Photo by Doug Trojanowski

Bulldog junior Missy Morcom has helped lead Chelsea to a No. 1 ranking in Division II. The Bulldogs are 15-1 overall.

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea softball swept a doubleheader from visiting Saline last Monday, winning 3-1 and 10-0.

In the opener, senior infielder Anna Arend was the catalyst offensively for the Bulldogs (15-1, 5-1), blasting a two-run home run in the third inning. The fence-clearing shot was Arend's second of the season.

Junior catcher Katrina Moffett chipped in with two hits, including a RBI double.

Seniors Cynthia Johnson and Julia Arnold each finished with two hits for Chelsea.

Junior pitcher Jenna Connelly recorded the win from the circle, allowing three hits, striking out 11 and walking one.

The Bulldogs, despite ripping 11 hits, left 10 runners on base.

"We weren't able to get the key hit," said Chelsea coach Kim Reichard.

In the nightcap, the

Division II No. 1-ranked Bulldogs scored five runs in the first inning to take control of the game.

Moffett paced Chelsea's attack, going 3-for-3, with an out-of-the-park home run and three RBIs.

Arend had a double and two RBIs, while Alise Augustine, Brynna Darwin and Arnold each had two hits for the Bulldogs.

Connelly improved her record to 11-0 on the year, throwing three innings, yielding one hit, fanning three and walking none.

Senior Carly Daniels finished up, allowing no hits, no walks and striking out two.

Last Saturday, Chelsea hosted its own invitational. The Bulldogs captured the championship, defeating

Temperance Bedford in the final 5-0.

"That was a very good game for us," Reichard said. "We got on them early and kept them off the bases. We had a shutout, which was big."

Connelly baffled the Mule batters, guile the distance, scattering three hits, fanning nine and walking none. Offensively, senior All Mann had a double and two RBIs, while Arend had a triple and one RBI. Johnson had two hits and one RBI, while Augustine had a double.

To begin the tournament, Chelsea beat Holt 9-3.

Daniels chalked up the victory from the circle, throwing five innings, allowing five hits, striking out one and walking none.

Connelly finished up, pitching two innings, yielding no hits, no walks and fanning two.

Getting the big hit in the game for the Bulldogs was Arend who cranked an over-the-fence grand slam in the second inning.

Arnold and Moffett each ended up with two hits.

In Game 2 of the invitational, Chelsea bested a tough Okemos club 4-1.

"That was a picture perfect game," Reichard said. "We made no errors and took away their opportunities. Julia (Arnold) threw out a runner at home plate. We were able to get key hits. It was one of our better games of the year."

Connelly picked up the win, giving up four hits, striking out eight and walking three.

Moffett had two hits, including a double, while Arnold had two hits and Mann a single and two RBI.

In their third game of the tournament, the Bulldogs

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Lewis paces Chelsea at Mason Invitational

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's Dan Lewis paced the Bulldog boys' track and field squad at last Friday's Mason Kiwanis Invitational.

Lewis was Chelsea's lone first-place finisher, besting the field in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 10:08. Teammate Marius Varner placed fifth in 10:25.

In the 1,600-meter run, Trevor Bach finished fifth in 4:47 to lead the Bulldogs.

Andre Bravo ended up fourth in the 800-meter run for Chelsea, crossing the line in 2:07.

In the 400-meter run, Andy Hurst was fifth in 53.3 and Hugh White was sixth with a time of 53.4 for the Bulldogs.

In sprints, Darl Bauer led Chelsea. He finished third in the 200 meters with a clocking of 23.8 and fourth in the 100 meters in 11.7.

In hurdles, Ian Galvin was seventh in the 110 hurdles (17.1) and eighth in the 300 hurdles (44.9). Teammate Max Wineland was seventh in the 300 hurdles with a time of 44.3.

In the shot put, Chris Bauer finished fourth with a heave of 46-feet, 3 inches, while teammate Joel Powers was fifth with a 46-1.

In the discus, Chris Bauer was third with a toss of 131-8. Jeff Bairley was fifth with a 121-4.

In the high jump, Bravo finished sixth, clearing 5-10.

The Chelsea foursome of George Royce, Alex Rabbitt, Drew Ellis

and Darl Bauer finished second in the 400-meter relay in 45.4.

The Bulldog 1,600-meter relay placed fifth in 3:36.6.

Chelsea's shot put relay was third in 52.6.

On April 22, the Bulldogs lost to Tecumseh 75-62 in a Southeastern Conference White Division dual meet.

Lewis finished first in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 10:11 and third in the 1,600-meter run in 4:45.

Varner was third in the 3,200-meter run with a clocking of 10:46.

In the 800-meter run, White placed second in 2:05.3, while Bravo was third in 2:06.2.

Hurst crossed the line third in the 400-meter run, with a time of 54.9.

Darl Bauer was third in the 200 meters (23.4) and second in the 100

meters (10.97).

"Darl Bauer had good races across the board," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager. "His 10.97 100 meter time is the best by a Bulldog in five years."

In the 110 hurdles, Galvin was third with a time of 16.4. Wineland was third in the 300 hurdles in 45.3.

In the shot put, Chris Bauer finished first with a throw of 45-9. Powers was second with a 43-3.

In discus, Chris Bauer was first with a toss of 132-5. Royce was first in the high jump, clearing 5-8.

The Bulldog team of Tony Reifel, Bravo, Hurst and White bested the field in the 3,200-meter relay, placing first in 9:22.

The Chelsea 1,600-meter relay placed first in 3:47.

"We faced a very talented Tecumseh squad and competed hard," Swager said. "The meet came down to four or five very close races. We were edged out in each one. The 100, 200, 800 and 400 relay were all nail biters that determined the outcome of the meet."

"This meet shows how little things like handoffs, block starts and pre-event preparation can matter in a big way. We need to keep improving our execution and technique in several events, and keep working hard in all areas."

Chelsea next travels to SEC White foe Ypsilanti Lincoln for a dual meet 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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Bulldog linksters fall to Saline in dual match

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea girls' golf team finished second at last Monday's Southeastern Conference White Division

quad at Tecumseh's Raisin Valley Golf Course.

The Bulldogs ended up with a score of 182.

Placing first, one stroke ahead of Chelsea, was county

rival Dexter with 181 points. In third place was Tecumseh with a 198, followed by Ypsilanti Lincoln with a 218.

Individually for the Bulldogs, junior Blythe Crane paced the squad, shooting a school record 40 for nine holes. Sophomore Blair Lane finished with a 41, while senior Julie Inwood had a 47 and sophomore Courtney Aili had a 54 for Chelsea.

"It was disappointing for

the girls, as we all recognize that to win the division title we must finish ahead of Dexter at a majority of the quad matches," said Chelsea coach Jim Tallman. "However, it was a strong performance from both Blythe and Blair. If we can keep them consistent and Julie can get back to her usual form, which she will, we can still be in the hunt."

On April 23, Chelsea lost to Saline 175-205.

Leading the visiting Bulldogs was Inwood, who shot a 43.

Crane finished with a 50, while Aili had a 54 and Lane a 58 for Chelsea.

"This certainly was not our best effort of the season," Tallman said. "Poor practice conditions this week leading up to the event could certainly enter into our being rusty, but Saline had to live with the same conditions."

The Bulldogs next travel to

Jackson County Western tomorrow for a 9 a.m. match at Whiffle Tree Golf Course.

On Monday, Chelsea will participate in the SEC White Division quad at Dexter's Hudson Mills Golf Course at 3 p.m.

On Wednesday, the Bulldogs travel to Temperance Bedford for a match at 3:30 p.m.

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Bulldog girls' track sixth at Kiwanis Invitational

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea girls' track and field team finished sixth at the Mason Kiwanis Invitational last Friday.

The Bulldogs ended up with 59 points.

Capturing the overall title was Haslett with 137.25 points. Placing second was Okemos with 106 points, followed by Mason with 90 points, Holt with 83.25 points, Lansing Catholic Central with 69.5 points, Jackson Northwest with 45 points and St. Johns with 31 points.

"We actually ran quite well, even if the point total doesn't reflect it," said Chelsea coach Bill Bainton. "We had a number of season and career bests, which is what you like to see in big meets. Our goal was to hit 50 points, so we were on target."

Bulldog Savannah Hyssong paced the squad, finishing second in the 100 meters (13.5), second in the 200 meters (27.6) and third in the 400-meter run (1:01.0).

Nina Kramer placed second in the 300 hurdles, with a personal best time of 50.7. Kramer also was sixth in the 100 hurdles, with a clocking of 18.0, and seventh in the long jump, with a leap of 13-feet, 4 1/2 inches.

The Chelsea foursome of Kari Moyle, Ashley Brainerd, Shannon Kinner and Kim Gieski finished second in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 10:09.3. All four runners posted season best splits.

The Bulldog team of Hyssong, Kinner, Kramer and Gieski placed third in the 1,600-meter relay with a clocking of 4:16.4.

In the 800-meter run, Brainerd crossed the line sixth, in 2:39.3.

Gieski ended up sixth in the 1,600-meter run with a career best time of 5:47.9.

Ashli Welshans finished seventh in the discus for Chelsea with a toss of 88-5.

The Bulldog combo of

Leigh Stoll, Sam Bogdanski, Winn Mahoney and Chelsey Verardi placed seventh in the 800-meter relay with a clocking of 2:04.8.

In the 400-meter relay, the Chelsea group of Megan Korc, Welshans, Stoll and Mahoney finished seventh in 57.7.

On April 22, the host Bulldogs defeated Tecumseh 87-50 in the opening dual meet of the Southeastern Conference White Division season.

Hyssong had three first-place finishes and was a member of the winning 1,600-meter relay. She bested the field in the 100 meters (13.0), the 200 meters (27.9) and the 400-meter run (1:02.1).

In the 200 meters, Jessica Percha was second in 29.0, while Morgan Seitz was third in 29.6 for Chelsea.

Gieski captured both the 1,600-meter run (5:50.3) and the 3,200-meter run (13:25.1).

Kinner was second in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6:08.7, while Brainerd was second in the 3,200-meter run with a season best 13:34.8.

Moyle broke the tape first in the 800-meter run with a clocking of 2:35.3, while teammate Katie Grabarkiewicz was third in 2:51.1.

Kramer was second in both the 100 hurdles (18.3) and the 300 hurdles (51.5).

Verardi was third in the 300 hurdles with a time of 57.9.

In the pole vault, Korc set a sophomore record, winning the event with a clearing of 9-0. Teammates Julie Mida and Lauren Williams finished second and third, respectively, each with a mark of 8-9.

Welshans was second in the discus (88-0) and shot put (27-3). Melissa Koch was third in the discus (82-7) and the shot put (27-1/2) for Chelsea.

Kramer and Verardi tied for second in the high jump with each recording a height of 4-2.

Percha was second in the long jump with a leap of 14-4.

The Bulldog group of Ashley Houle, Moyle, Brainerd and Grabarkiewicz finished first in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 11:24.

Kati Kelly, Percha, Seitz and Stoll placed first in the 800-meter relay in 1:58.8.

Hyssong, Moyle, Kinner and Kramer prevailed in the 1,600-meter relay with a clocking of 4:24.3.

"We figured the meet to be a little closer," Bainton said. "We ran some good times and outscored them 28-4 in the last four events. They have a good vaulter, so the sweep in the pole vault was some key points also."

Chelsea next travels to SEC White Division foe Ypsilanti Lincoln for a dual match 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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Bulldog Emily Bradburn hands the baton off to teammate Kari Moyle during action last week.

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Chelsea senior midfielder Sarah Kaminsky battles for the ball against Jackson County Western last Friday.

JV baseball splits with rival

Chelsea's JV baseball team split a doubleheader with county rival Dexter last Thursday, winning the opener 12-1, but dropping the nightcap 14-11.

In the first game, the visiting Bulldogs (5-5) scored three runs in the second and fourth innings, along with four runs in the sixth inning, to put away the Dreadnaughts.

Aaron Parisho went the distance, picking up the win from the mound, pitching a no-hitter, striking out 10 and walking four.

At the plate, Andrew Koich and Bryan Dunn each went 3-for-4 for Chelsea.

"We played very well," said Chelsea coach Jim Ticknor. "We took advantage on several occasions with key hits and defensive plays."

In the second game, Dexter regrouped to win the contest. Helping the Dreadnaughts was eight walks by Bulldog pitching.

Trailing 7-1 entering the third inning, Dexter exploded for 13 runs in the next three innings, including six in the fifth inning.

J.R. Engelbert paced Chelsea offensively, finishing 4-for-4, with six RBIs. Dunn ended up 2-for-5.

"Dexter battled hard," Ticknor said. "We battled, but came up short."

On April 22, the Bulldogs were swept by Milan, losing 16-1 and 6-4.

In the opener, host Chelsea could muster only three hits. The Big Reds, on the other hand, connected for eight hits. Milan brought nine runs across the plate in the fifth inning, securing its victory.

In the nightcap, a five-run

third inning was the difference for the Big Reds.

Dunn absorbed the loss from the hill for the Bulldogs, allowing five hits and seven walks.

Offensively for Chelsea, Nick Hammond had two RBI, Chris Knight had one RBI, while Derek Jolly and Engelbert each singled.

"We played much better in Game 2," Ticknor said.

On April 19, the Bulldogs split a doubleheader with Coldwater, losing the first game 13-2, but capturing the second contest 9-8 in eight innings.

In the opener, the visiting Cardinals scored four runs in the first, third and fourth innings to break open the game.

The Bulldogs allowed 10 walks for the contest.

Mike Ernst had a RBI single, while Engelbert had a RBI double for Chelsea.

Coldwater had six hits to

the Bulldogs' four.

"Everything that could go wrong, did," Ticknor said. "We will get better."

In Game 2, Engelbert pitched all eight innings for the victory. He scattered six hits, striking out seven and walking seven.

A Chelsea five-run fourth inning tied the game at 8-8, before singles by Engelbert and Ernst produced the winning run in the eighth.

Brian Seyferth led the way with the stick, finishing the contest 3-for-4, while Koich was 2-for-5.

"It was a fun game," Ticknor said. "We shut them down completely the last four innings."

The Bulldogs next host Ypsilanti Lincoln 4 p.m. today.

On Monday, Chelsea hosts Ann Arbor Pioneer at 4 p.m.

On May 8, the Bulldogs travel to Tecumseh for a game at 4 p.m.

Chelsea falls to Western

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

To win soccer games, it takes strong defense and an effective offense.

The Chelsea girls' soccer team has proven it has a capable defense so far this year, but what the Bulldogs haven't been able to provide this season is consistent offense.

Last Friday, Chelsea (1-5) played tough defense but, once again, couldn't find its offense, losing to visiting Jackson County Western 2-0.

"It's really frustrating," said Chelsea coach Chris Orlandi. "The kids are getting frustrated. We're playing well against everybody, but the game is about scoring goals. Right now, we're having trouble with that. Our

shot selection has been poor."

Orlandi said his squad is playing good, solid defense, but that when breakdowns occur, it has been hurtful.

"We're giving up soft goals in back," he said. "Every mistake we make costs us."

The game saw both clubs muster 12 shots on goal.

Bulldog senior keeper Sarah Manville continues to have a fine season, recording five saves against the Mounties.

Chelsea next hosts Southeastern Conference White Division foe Tecumseh 4 p.m. today.

Tomorrow, the Bulldogs travel to SEC White opponent Ypsilanti Lincoln for a game at 4 p.m.

On Tuesday, Chelsea hosts Saline at 4 p.m.

On May 8, the Bulldogs visit county and league rival Dexter for a contest at 4 p.m.

Orlandi said the next few games are crucial for his club.

"This is a huge week for us," he said. "We have three SEC White contests. I'm still very confident in this team. We're not giving up hope yet."

Sports Editor Don Richter can be reached at 475-1371 or drichter@heritage.com.

Bulldog freshman soccer beats Mason

The Chelsea girls' freshman soccer team defeated Mason 2-1 last Thursday.

After a scoreless first half, the Bulldogs took the lead 11 minutes into the final stanza as Heather Neff hit the back of the net. Neff intercepted a pass in Mason's zone and made the visiting Bulldogs pay, blasting a shot from 25 yards out for the score.

Five minutes later, host Chelsea increased its advantage to 2-0 as Kellyn Pagliarini scored during a scramble in front of Mason's net.

The visiting Bulldogs answered the host Bulldogs' goal quickly, scoring one minute later on a shot from 25 yards away that brushed the goal post and spun into the net.

Despite Mason's momentum, Chelsea remained poised, playing strong

defense the rest of the game, securing its victory.

Keeper Ariel Schepers recorded the win in net for the Bulldogs, making six saves.

Chelsea out shot Mason 9-6 on the day.

"Jenny Carty played an outstanding game at sweeper," said Chelsea coach Jim Hicks. "She turned away a number of Mason attacks and started the counterattack for the Bulldogs."

"Kellyn Pagliarini generated some shot production for the team that we haven't had for several games."

Chelsea next hosted Walled Lake Western 4:30 p.m. tomorrow.

On Monday, the Bulldogs travel to Saline for a game at 4:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Chelsea hosts Dexter at 4:30 p.m.

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Chelsea junior Katrina Moffett connects during last Thursday's doubleheader against county rival Dexter.

SWEEP

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defeated Plymouth Canton 3-1.

Daniels recorded the win, pitching four innings, allowing four hits, fanning one and walking one.

Connelly threw three innings, allowing no hits, no walks and striking out three.

Missy Morcom and Mann each had two singles, while Augustine and Moffett each had RBI singles.

Last Thursday, host Chelsea swept county rival Dexter, winning 3-1 and 12-2.

In the opener, Connelly picked up the win, surrendering four hits, striking out 10 and walking one.

Arend and Augustine each had RBI singles. Morcom and Arnold each had singles.

In the second game, a mercy rule victory, Connelly threw three innings, while Daniels finished up, tossing

the final two frames.

The Bulldogs had 14 hits in the contest.

Johnson had two hits, with three RBI, while Arend had a single and three RBI.

Moffett had two hits, including a double and one RBI. Mann had two hits, while Augustine had two hits and one RBI.

On April 22, host Chelsea swept Milan, winning 6-0 and 4-3 in 11 innings.

Connelly won the first game, throwing a no-hitter and striking out 11.

Moffett had three hits, including a double and triple. Morcom had two hits, including a triple, while Mann had two hits.

In the second game, Daniels started, allowing seven hits and fanning three. Connelly threw the final four innings, allowing no hits and striking out eight.

Darwin got the game-winning RBI single in the 11th inning, bringing home Mann,

who had singled earlier in the frame.

The Bulldogs next travel to Ypsilanti Lincoln for a doubleheader 4 p.m. today.

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BASEBALL

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In Game 1, Myers chalked up the win, yielding two hits, striking out six and walking none.

The host Bulldogs scored three runs in the first inning, five in the second inning and 10 in the third inning for the mercy rule victory.

Cunningham had two hits, with three RBI, while Baker had two RBI. Eckler was 2-for-2, with a double and four RBI, while Myers was 2-for-2 with three RBI. Bell and Woodruff each had a double.

In the second game, Grabarkiewicz picked up the win from the mound.

Chelsea scored one run in the first inning on a RBI single by Eckler. In the sixth inning, Baker connected for the game-winner on a RBI double.

On April 22, Chelsea swept a doubleheader from visiting Milan, winning 7-2 and 9-5.

In the opener, Kendzicky pitched well, striking out seven and walking three for the victory.

"That was his best outing of the season," Welton said. "He had a no-hitter through five innings. He was very sharp."

Herrst finished up, throwing the final inning.

Eckler continued his torrid hitting, cranking a three-run home run in the fourth inning for the game's big

blow. For the year, Eckler has four home runs.

Also hitting well was Keiser, who ended up with two hits.

In the nightcap, Chamberlain recorded the win in his first varsity start. He went four innings for the victory.

Herrst again was strong late in the game, tossing the final three innings, allowing no runs and fanning three.

"He's been very effective for us," Welton said.

Baker led the way with the stick, stroking two hits, including a home run and three RBIs.

Eckler finished 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI while Myers was 3-for-4.

On April 21, Chelsea split a doubleheader with Adrian, dropping the first game 6-3, but winning the second game 16-8.

In the opener, Baker absorbed the loss, going five innings and fanning seven.

A four-run first inning by the Maples was the difference.

Pacing the Bulldogs offensively was Eckler, who hit a two-run home run in the first inning.

In the nightcap, Grabarkiewicz recorded the win,

striking out seven.

"After that first inning, David got in a groove and was unhittable," Welton said.

Chelsea trailed 7-1 after one inning, but roared back to claim victory. The game went just five innings because of darkness.

Eckler led the Bulldog attack going 4-for-4, with two doubles and a home run. Baker finished 2-for-2.

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Champion sixth at state finals

Champion Gymnastics' Level 6 squad topped off a great season with a sixth-place finish at the state finals last week in Southgate.

Thirty-three teams from throughout Michigan competed at the championship.

The meet was highlighted by individual state winners Champion's Eleanor Stewart and Chelsea Larsen. Stewart placed first on vault with a score of 9.5. Larsen was first on beam with a tally of 9.2.

Besides Stewart and Larsen, Champion's Level 6 team is comprised of Emily Black, Ellissa Black, Carly Dalton, Paige Cederna, Taylor Ford, Caronae Howell, Brittany Holloway, Kristine Hintz, Mary Cebula, Catie O'Sullivan and Maria Trombley.

Overall, the squad scored a Champion Level 6 record of 109.15 points.

In the 10-year-old group, O'Sullivan finished seventh on bars (9.0) and beam (9.125) and 13th all-around (35.45).

In the 11-year-old division, Emily Black was 19th on vault (9.05), while Ellissa Black was eighth on vault (9.15).

In the 12-year-old bracket, Cederna was 14th on beam. In the 13-year-old division,

Hintz was third on bars (9.075), 11th all-around, 14th on vault and 16th on floor. Howell was 14th on beam, while Stewart was sixth all-around, eighth on beam, 14th on floor and 15th on bars.

In the 14-year-old group, Cebula was fourth on vault (9.25), ninth all-around and 10th on bars. Larsen was second on bars (9.125), third all-around (36.175), 11th on floor and 13th on vault.

Achieving personal best scores on the day were Emily Black, O'Sullivan, Stewart, Cederna, Cebula, Hintz and Larsen.

"We are very proud of the season this team has had and the progress made by all of the gymnasts on this team," said Dave Black, Champion Gymnastics owner. "They have been fun to watch this year."

Coaching the Level 6 squad was Kristy Reske.

The Level 5 state championship will be held this weekend at Eastern Michigan University. Champion will have 10 gymnasts competing in the event.

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NETTERS

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Rosentreter said. "He was down 4-1 in the second set before coming back."

At No. 4 singles, Evan Wildey defeated Dexter's Clayton Simons 6-0, 6-1 to capture the title.

In doubles, the Bulldog duo of Brian Schiller and Tim Mann finished third at the No. 1 flight.

At No. 2 doubles, Chelsea's Joel Griffith and Dan Dewall placed second.

At No. 3 doubles, the Bulldog twosome of James Ballas and Chris Johnson finished first, winning their matches 6-4, 6-3 and 6-0, 6-2.

Chelsea's John Erwin and Kurt Olenjczak placed second at No. 4 doubles.

At Howell, Bulldog Sye Hickey placed second at No. 4 singles, winning his match 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

"If he loses that match, Howell wins the tournament," Rosentreter said.

In doubles, Chelsea captured all four flights.

At No. 1 doubles, David Deis and Mark Tapping placed first, winning 6-2, 6-1.

At No. 2 doubles, Matt Neff and Pieter Boshoven prevailed 6-0, 6-3.

Bryan Hayes and Mike Groesser finished first at No. 3 doubles for the Bulldogs, winning 6-1, 6-2.

At No. 4 doubles, Clayton Wilson and Quinn Branson

placed first, besting their opponent 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Rosentreter said splitting his squad was difficult.

"That made the margin of error very slim," he said. "We cut ourselves pretty thin."

Rosentreter said splitting his squad, though hard on everyone, was a good experience overall.

"It gave a lot of kids matches," he said. "I really give the JV kids credit for stepping up."

Chelsea next travels to county and Southeastern Conference White Division rival Dexter today for a match at 4 p.m.

On Monday, the Bulldogs host Grosse Ile at 4 p.m.

On Tuesday, Chelsea will participate in a quad hosted by Ann Arbor Pioneer at 4 p.m. Besides the host Pioneers, Ypsilanti Lincoln and Adrian will be competing in the tourney.

On May 8, the Bulldogs visit Pinckney for a contest at 4 p.m.

Sports Editor Don Richter can be reached at 475-1371 or drichter@heritage.com.

Bodybuilder wins competition title

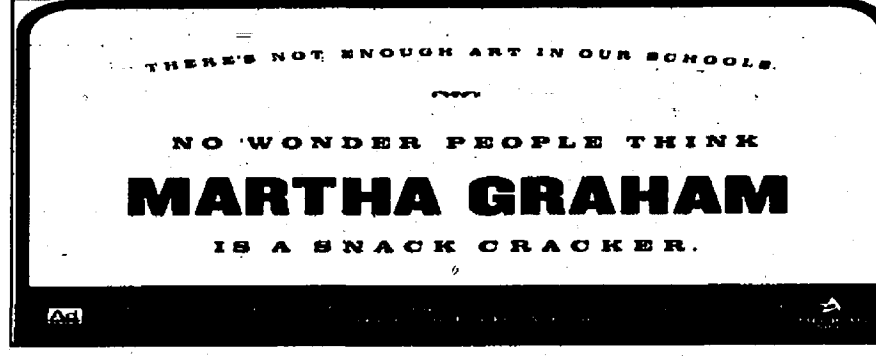
Dexter's John Demisick, along with son Richard Demisick, participated in the Northern Classic Bodybuilding competition last week.

The twosome both finished in the top five in their respective divisions.

John, 50, finished third in the Grand Masters Division, while Richard, 17, placed first in the Teen Division and third in the Novice Division.

"It was thrilling to see him (Richard) do so well in his first competition," John said. "Particularly in the Novice Division, where all the competitors were 21 through 24 years old."

"He (Richard) was the smallest body-out-there, but his presentation was so good that the judges chose him for third place. They had nothing but compliments for him."



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This meeting is to present the following to the community:

1. Guidelines for Teachers & Presenters
2. 5th Grade Curriculum and Instructional Resources
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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP HALL AT 5665 WEBSTER CHURCH ROAD, DEXTER, MICHIGAN

AGENDA:

Request of Kevin & Judith Woods for a variance on Section 5.05 of the Webster Township Zoning Ordinance, to locate a barn in front of a dwelling unit, barn to be located 600' back from the center line of Mast Road. Parcel No. C-03-08-200-023, 8555 Mast Road.

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than 7 (seven) days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance.

Richard Kleinschmidt, Chairman

Posted 04/25/03

LYNDON TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an Ordinance under the provisions of Act 48 of 2002, to regulate access to and ongoing use of public rights-of-way by telecommunications providers, was adopted by the Lyndon Township Board on April 22, 2003. A summary of the Ordinance is:

THE ORDINANCE IS ENACTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 48 OF 2002, TO REGULATE ACCESS TO AND ONGOING USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS FOR THEIR TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WHILE PROTECTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE AND EXERCISING REASONABLE CONTROL OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE METROPOLITAN EXTENSION TELECOMMUNICATIONS RIGHTS-OF-WAY OVERSIGHT ACT (ACT NO. 48 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 2002) ("ACT") AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, TO REQUIRE PERMITS, TO AUTHORIZE APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT BY THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR, TO REQUIRE A PERMIT UNDER LYNDON TOWNSHIP BUILDING CODE, AS AMENDED, TO REQUIRE REPAIR OF DAMAGE, TO MODIFY, TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY, ANY FEES CHARGED TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2002, RELATING TO ACCESS AND USAGE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, TO AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THE AMOUNTS OF FEES AND CHARGES REQUIRED UNDER THE ACT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION FINES, AND TO ENSURE THAT THE TOWNSHIP QUALIFIES FOR DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE ACT BY MODIFYING THE FEES CHARGED TO PROVIDERS AND COMPLYING WITH THE ACT.

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Clerk of the Township of Lyndon

Date: May 1, 2003

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M. AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL 6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

AGENDA

- 1) Agenda to be determined

John Shea, Chairman

LYNDON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2003 AT 7:00 P.M. AT LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA:

To review the Special Land Use Application of United Acquisition Services on behalf of Sprint PCS (parcel # E-05-16-400-003), 3960 Brown Park Drive, Suite 1, Hilliard, Ohio 43026. They are requesting to co-locate an antenna on their existing tower, located at M-52 and N. Territorial Roads, and to extend the fenced-in area at that location to 20 feet by 30 feet.

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP
Linda Reilly, Lyndon Township Clerk

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TO: ALL RECORD OWNERS OF AND PARTIES OF INTEREST IN LAND IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DESCRIBED HEREIN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan (the "Township"), will hold a public hearing at 7PM, May 6, 2003, at the Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, Michigan, to review a proposed special assessment petition and hear objections to the petition, to the proposed improvements, and to the proposed district, from certain record owners of land in the Township for the construction of a sanitary sewer extension, at an estimated cost of \$200,200.00, in a special assessment district described herein. The Project and the proposed special assessment district to be established by the Township Board as the district against which the cost of the Project is to be assessed are generally described as follows:

Project Description: The Township Board of Sylvan Township proposes to construct a sanitary sewer extension, including all transmission, collection and related facilities necessary to the operation of such extension. Sylvan Township Sanitary Sewer District No. 5: See Exhibit A.

Exhibit A

F-06-09-480-001, F-06-09-480-002, F-06-09-480-003, F-06-09-480-004, F-06-09-480-005, F-06-09-480-007, F-06-09-480-008, F-06-09-480-009, F-06-09-480-010, F-06-09-480-011, F-06-09-480-012, F-06-09-480-013, F-06-09-480-014, F-06-09-480-031, F-06-09-480-032, F-06-09-480-033, F-06-09-480-034, F-06-09-480-035

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a special assessment petition has been prepared and is on file with the Township Clerk, LuAnn S. Koch, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118-9673, for public examination during ordinary business hours. Said special assessment petition proposes to assess the cost of the Project to the property benefited therefrom.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in property within the proposed district may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll.

However, appearance and protest at the public hearing on the special assessment roll are required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party of interest or his or her agent may (1) appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the hearing.

The Township Board shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk

Printed: 4/17/03 and 5/1/03

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER - APRIL 8, 2003

Present: President Steele, Village Manager Myers, Village Clerk Branson
Trustees Present: Trustees Albertson, Holmes, MacFarlan, Myles, Ritter, and Schumann
Absent: None
Others Present: Jim Drolett, Nancy Schumann, Bob Shepherd, Dan Rosentreter, Steven Fisher, Gary Adams, Barbara Fredette, Chris Rode, Diane Kye, Ann Feeney.

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

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

*Motion by Holmes seconded by Albertson to approve the Regular Agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Audience Participation:
None

Communications to Council:

President Steele brought to the attention of Council the following correspondence: fax re: Chelsea WTP deficiency list, letter from Polly's re: extension of time to install sidewalk, emails from HRWC re: NPDES permit for Lima Woods Mobile Home Park and TMDL rule, email from CCDA re: approval of grant for mosaic, updated Village of Chelsea Directory, CAFSA agenda and financial information, MDEQ notice of meeting for Colt Farms, March-2003 Zoning Report and Year End Report, letter from Art Dilis, Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce President to Village Manager Myers, letter from Peter Flintoft re: Anderzack-Pitzen suit, letter from Biff Weber re: extension of time to install sidewalk, Vet's Park Pump Station budgeted project cost, letter from Village Manager Myers re: Vet's Park Pump Station issues, letter from Lelanel Malick re: use of pesticides to combat West Nile Virus.

Report from Council Committees:

Trustee Schumann spoke to the letter regarding use of pesticides. He said Illinois and Michigan have the highest incidents of death relating to the West Nile Virus. He said that use of pesticides should not be ruled out in combating this deadly virus and he hoped that we would make an effort to control the virus any way we could.

Trustee Ritter attended the CAFSA meeting on April 2nd. A Business Manager was hired, but those reporting this did not know his name. Mark Nottley has been hired to help in getting a millage for CAFSA passed.

President Steele reported that the Charter Commission is continuing to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Reports from Village Officers:

Jim Drolett, Planning & Zoning Administrator said his zoning reports were in the Council packets. The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for April 15th has been changed to a work session. This meeting will be held in the lower level conference room at the Villages offices.

Chris Rode, Planning Commission Chair, reported that the CAPT meeting will be held at the Washington Street Education Center on April 21, 2003.

Barbara Fredette, Administrative Assistant, reported that her staff has been working hard to get the new utility billing up and running and the next bill residents receive will be from the new system.

Dan Rosentreter, Water Superintendent, reported that TCI is back to finish the tie-ins on the watermain project.

Bob Shepherd reported that the electric department helped Portland during the ice storm. He invited Council to come and see the new bucket truck.

Ann Feeney reported that the DDA is working on a new signage program, has talked to the DEQ in regards to removing the monitoring equipment off the old Pump and Pantry site, and has discussed ways to alleviate the bicycle problem downtown.

Nancy Schumann gave an update on the Chelsea District Library. (Report attached as Appendix A)

Unfinished Business:

*Motion by Ritter seconded by Myles to remove the approval of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Agreement and Ordinance No. 79-GGGGG, request for rezoning from RS-1 to PUD, for Heritage Pointe Development from the table. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Steven Fisher asked the Council approve the Heritage Pointe PUD. Jim Drolett said a typo had changed in #33 of the agreement - "preliminary" site plan was changed to "final" and the agreements were re-signed. Trustee MacFarlan said she found it curious that the small changes she had previously requested were not made - she had been told that changes could not be made to the document as it had been signed. Council discussed other issues: Attorney Flintoft has said the agreement is legally binding and proper, the traffic study will be done before Phase 2 and the Village will be responsible for obtaining the easements for acceleration and deceleration lanes, if needed, but the cost of this will be actually paid for by the developer through tap fees, whether the appraisal of the 10 acres of property took into account the proximity to the wastewater treatment plant, the amount of land in the 29.53 acres of open space needed for stormwater detention, which will be determined when the final site plan is done, the plan is the one approved by the Planning Commission and the area to be developed last is the land used for agriculture now. Trustee Ritter said he believes the development should go through, but the developer should pay for any condemnation expense and he isn't sure that is the case.

Although money isn't exchanging hands, the Village is responsible for the cost of the ten acres given to the Village by the developer. The developer is responsible for the cost of installing the watermain, which the Village will install. This will leave an amount due to the developer, which is equal to the cost of 17 tap fees. Therefore, the developer will receive a "credit" for 17 tap fees. If there is a cost for condemnation of property to acquire easements, this amount will be deducted from the tap fee credit.

*Motion by Holmes seconded by Schumann to approve the PUD Agreement for Heritage Pointe Development. Roll Call: Ayes: Albertson, Holmes, MacFarlan, Schumann, Steele. No: Myles, Ritter. Motion carried. (Agreement attached as Appendix B)

*Motion by Ritter seconded by Holmes to approve Ordinance No. 79-GGGGG, Request for Rezoning from RS-1 to PUD, for Heritage Pointe Development. Roll Call: Ayes: Albertson, Holmes, MacFarlan, Myles, Ritter, Schumann, Steele. No: None. Motion carried. (Ordinance attached as Appendix C)

New Business:

*Motion by Holmes seconded by Albertson to not approve the proposal from Tetra Tech to amend their current agreement with the Village to include a budget of \$10,000 for their efforts related to litigation in the Anderzack-Pitzen case. All Ayes. Motion carried.

*Motion by Holmes seconded by Albertson to approve the Settlement Agreement between the Village of Chelsea and Teamsters, Local 214, effective March 1, 2003 through February 28, 2006. Six Ayes, One No (Ritter). Motion carried. (Agreement attached as Appendix D)

*Motion by Schumann seconded by Albertson to approve the Settlement Agreement between the Village of Chelsea and the Police Officers Labor Council, effective March 1, 2003 through February 28, 2006. Six Ayes, One No (Ritter). Motion carried. (Agreement attached as Appendix E)

*Motion by Holmes seconded by Myles to approve the non-union full time salaried employees benefit proposal, effective March 1, 2003 through February 28, 2006. Six Ayes, One No (Ritter). Motion carried. (Proposal attached as Appendix F)

Trustee Ritter stated he voted no on the last three agenda items because the information was handed out at the meeting and there was no time to review it. Trustee Albertson stated the Personnel Committee had reviewed it. Trustee Myles said that Trustee Ritter's concern is valid in many cases, but the presentation tonight justifies taking action.

*Motion by Ritter seconded by Albertson to approve the outdoor seating requested by Zou Zou's with the condition that it is the same as last year. All Ayes. Motion carried.

*Motion by Ritter seconded by Holmes to adjourn Regular Session.

Trustee Myles asked about the correspondence received from property owners regarding delay in installing sidewalks. President Steele stated that issue would be on the next agenda. Trustee Myles also asked if the Village had received the additional traffic study information regarding the roadway connector and he was told not yet.

*Vote on motion to adjourn: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Approved: April 22, 2003

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

BUSINESS

Thursday, May 1, 2003

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Success story

Local businessman overcomes struggle with dyslexia

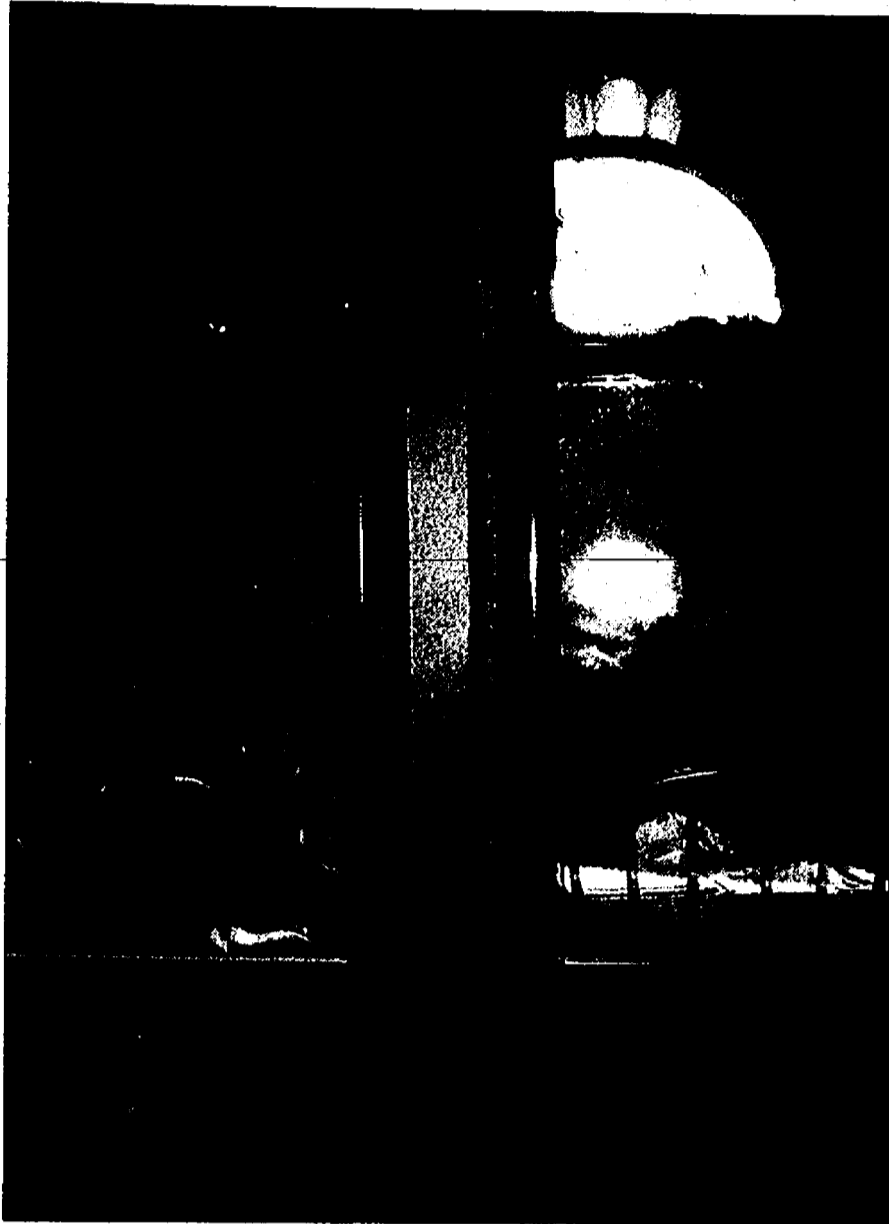


Photo by Lisa Carolin
Reading tutor Wanda Montibeller works with students of all ages with a variety of learning disabilities. One of her star students is John Maynard of Chelsea (not pictured).

By Lisa Carolin
Special Writer

John Maynard has had to overcome an obstacle that most people, even some employees and business associates, don't even know he has.

The president of Door Control International, a successful company in Dexter that produces hardware products for office building and schools, is dyslexic. Until the age of 36, the Chelsea resident could read very little.

The 47-year-old grew up in Ann Arbor. His struggle started in kindergarten when he couldn't make the sounds of the letters. He had tutors through fourth grade after which he was sent to the Children's Psychiatric Hospital in Ann Arbor as an outpatient because doctors believed he was suffering from a psychological problem. Little was known about dyslexia at the time.

In junior high school, Maynard took wood shop, art, drafting and stagecraft, classes that involved little to no reading, to get passing grades. He played sports, including football, basketball, track and swimming, and had a lot of friends.

By high school, his grades were low. He was good at math, except when it involved story problems. Maynard took a course in photography and liked it, thinking he could make a career of it since there wasn't much reading involved. "How I got through high school, I don't know," he said. "I dated girls who were bright and became a master of disguise."

Maynard graduated from Huron High School in 1975 and got into the School of Art and Design in Detroit. After two years, he had to drop out because of poor grades.

Maynard went to work for his father at Door Control International and in the early 1990s his father made him president of the company. Maynard was always a good "people person" and that helped, but running stockholders meetings and the day-to-day operations of a company without being able to read was a challenge.

What he couldn't tolerate, however, was not being able to read to his children. He wanted to be a part of their lives, and decided that he needed to do something for himself.

Maynard heard about a program at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District for people with difficulty reading. That's where he met Wanda Montibeller, a Webster Township resident and former educator in the Ann Arbor School District.

Montibeller identified Maynard's learning disability as dyslexia. No two dyslexics are alike. Intelligence is not the problem, but reading, spelling, understanding language and expressing one's self in speaking or in writing can be problems associated with it.

Up to 15 percent of the U.S. population has dyslexia. It tends to run in families and results from differences

within the organization of the brain. Early signs include difficulty learning to talk, following directions and remembering.

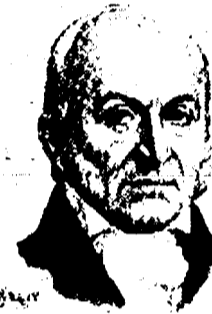
Montibeller became Maynard's reading tutor, using the Orton-Gillingham approach to teaching. It's a method developed by Dr. Samuel Orton, a professor of neurology, and Anna Gillingham, a psychologist and teacher. Procedures are adapted to the needs of each student and can be used with people of all ages.

The Orton-Gillingham approach requires that each student master the recognition of printed symbols and their appropriate sound

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PATRIOT OF THE WEEK

She [the United States] has... respected the independence of other nations while asserting and maintaining her own. She has abstained from interference in the concerns of others, even when conflict has been for principles to which she clings.



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She well knows that by once enlisting under other banners than her own, were they even the banners of foreign independence, she would involve herself beyond the power of extrication, in all the wars of interest and intrigue, of individual avarice, envy, and ambition, which assume the colors and usurp the standard of freedom.

The fundamental maxims of her policy would insensibly change from liberty to force... She might become the dictatrix of the world. She would be no longer the ruler of her own spirit.

John Quincy Adams, 4th July, 1821

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Local publishing house releases 3 books

El Paso City Books, a publishing house located in Chelsea, will premiere its first hardback titles May 30 through June 1 at Book Expo I.A., an international book show in Los Angeles.

Previously a writer's services agency and short-run publisher, El Paso City Books will open sales at a national level with "The Texan," penned by Chelsea author George Kohler, "Heart of a Girl" by Emma Pagano and "Highway Robbery" by C. G. Cole.

The three titles represent a sampling of the types of manuscripts the publisher will consider for publication.

Dedicated to the premise that "too many literary gems fall through the cracks of the major publishing houses," El Paso City Books was founded to provide a home for talented authors and special works that might otherwise go unnoticed.

"The Texan," in the tradition of "Lonesome Dove," follows the life of Sam Duncan, a young man left alone after the death of his father as the American West begins to change from a wild frontier to a more civilized place. Survival of the fittest is replaced by modern ideas of propriety and Duncan finds himself an anachronism — once a necessity and a hero, finally despised by the very people he spent his life protecting.

The story, dark and moving at times, wry and quick-witted at others, pulls the read-

er in and refuses to let go until the very end. Not a story just for readers of Westerns, this is mainstream fiction set against the backdrop of the American West.

"Heart of a Girl" is a lyrical, poignant story of a young girl's life as it's broken and rebuilt by the tragedies of World War II France. Written by a young Italian girl of 13, Pagano, now 16, originally started the story as a school assignment, but found her passion in writing and has brought heart and innocence, as well as amazing authenticity, to this work.

Already being courted to write for several national newspapers in Italy when she has finished school, the teen has earned praise from several editors at top publishing houses in the United States, as well.

"Highway Robbery" is a light-hearted, highly entertaining romp through the 1960s in the spirit of "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." Jake McCutchen, a lik-

able aspiring bank robber, spurred on by his first success and the resultant publicity, determines that the public needs a little diversion from the reality of the Vietnam War and so sets off

to become America's Robin Hood.

Publicity tours for the authors will begin this summer. For more information, call 945-2189 or visit the Web site www.epcitybooks.com.

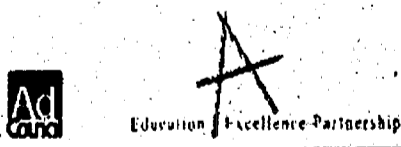
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Smokin' idea

New book helps people quit smoking cigarettes

By Pat Andrews
Heritage Newspapers

Smoking-related diseases claim an estimated 430,700 American lives each year and cost the United States approximately \$97.2 billion annually in health care and lost productivity, according to medical statistics.

For Tony Palmieri, those statistics make his blood boil, not to mention that cigarette manufacturers get richer and richer.

What the Michigan resident used to get on a speakers' box about, he has now put into print.

He wrote and published a book titled "Get Mad! Get Even! Quit Smoking!"

Palmieri said he wrote the book to help people quit smoking by pointing out the unethical methods he believes are used to get smokers in the first place.

"I'm not giving professional medical advice, just telling

about how others have quit smoking," he said. "It is not a medical book and only the individual can quit smoking. I just hope to open a few eyes."

Palmieri likens the tobacco industry to a salesman who uses deception to get people to buy.

"Cigarettes are poison," he said. "They will make you sick and probably will kill you. The companies that sell the products are uncaring

people who couldn't care less about you and your family."

Palmieri is especially angry with the tobacco company using a camel for advertisement.

"Young children associate the character with Mickey Mouse and lovable cartoons," he said. "They don't realize it has become a nasty character."

The book offers suggestions on how to quit smoking

and gives Web site addresses for various agencies that help those trying to quit.

Palmieri self-published the book with Whale of a Book Publishing.

"I'm not doing this to get rich," he said. "I just feel if I

can help one person take charge and save their health, it all is worth it."

Pat Andrews is an editor at The News-Herald, a publication of Heritage Newspapers. She can be reached at pandrews@heritage.com.

DYSLEXIA

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equivalents. It takes a lot of time, repetition and drill work. Montibeller has been using the approach successfully for the last 10 years.

It's worked for Maynard, but it has taken many hours. The first book that Montibeller introduced him to was John Grisham's "The Firm." After that, Maynard was hooked.

"Reading has opened up so many doors for me," he said. "I use books to find the answers. The only problem is there are so many books out there that I want to read. I want to catch up on all that I missed and I'm passionate about it."

Montibeller says that it's important for teachers to realize that all students don't learn by the same method. She says it's important to identify problems with words early on.

"Dyslexia is a two-edged sword," she said. "First, you can't read and then it undermines your self-confidence."

"Dyslexia has nothing to do with how bright you are. Often if a kid is good in other things but can't read, that's indicative that something is going wrong with the learning process."

"Dyslexia never goes away, but you can learn to deal with it," she said.

Many famous and accomplished people have dyslexia, including inventor Thomas Edison, physicist Albert Einstein, automobile pioneer Henry Ford, former U.S. Presidents Woodrow Wilson and John Kennedy

and current President George W. Bush. Author Agatha Christie, movie magnet Walt Disney, author F. Scott Fitzgerald and inventor Alexander Graham Bell all had dyslexia, as well as basketball star Irving "Magic" Johnson, baseball great Pete Rose, actor Sylvester Stallone and singer Cher.

Maynard's dad, who died in 1992, loved to read and now his son is following in his footsteps. He particularly enjoys business books such as "First Things First" by Stephen Covey, as well as golf books.

"Knowing about books creates dialogue with other people," he said. "I feel like I've gotten a whole new chance at life. There was the John Maynard before reading, and the John Maynard after."

Maynard said that it's still hard for him to read out loud. When someone dictates numbers to him, he often has to have them repeated several times, and he says some peo-

ple have asked him if he's dyslexic.

Writing also has been difficult for him, but e-mail has helped. He now likes to send colleagues quotes of the month through e-mail.

Maynard says that learning to read is a prayer that has been answered for him. He says that having this disability has made him appreciate other people who have difficulties, and he is more sensitive and connected to their needs.

Montibeller says that there are two stages to her teaching: learning to read and reading to learn. She is thrilled with how far Maynard has come.

"I'm amazed that Wanda has the patience she has, and I'm grateful for what she's done for me," Maynard said.

Montibeller says that she is thankful for the joy she feels while teaching people.

"When someone doesn't get it, I don't ask 'What is he doing wrong?'—I look to

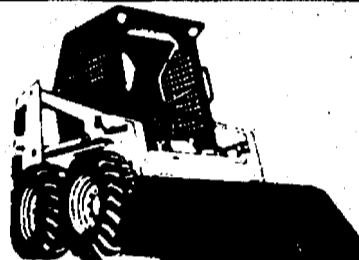
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Roaring Good Time

Tiger Cubs in Den 6, Pack 477, visited the office of The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader April 22 as part of their "Go See It," while learning about communication. In front are Jesse Whittinger (left), Alex Elliott, Brad Papin, Jacob Davidson and Colin Greeley; in the second row are Zeke Bruening (left), Jacob Higman, Brad Lewis, Andrew Shay and Nick Elliott; in back are Tom Greeley (left), Monica Higman, Dave Whittinger, Brian Shay, Nathan Shay, Mike Papin, Eileen Davidson, Josie Davidson and Julie Elliott.

AAA recommends helmet use

After a long, hard winter, springtime brings special joy to lovers of bicycling and other environmentally friendly transportation, such as scooters and skateboards. For those who are passionate about these activities, AAA Michigan advises that it always pays to temper excitement with caution. Enthusiasts should wear a helmet for protection, no matter what the sport. "Bicycle helmets have become an accepted fact of life for many children and adults who ride bikes, but too many forget to wear a helmet when riding scooters, skateboards and in-line skates," said Richard Miller, manager of AAA Michigan community safety services. "Sixty percent of injuries could be avoided by wearing the proper safety equipment."

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, emergency room injuries from the newest trend of transportation — the lightweight scooter — have increased 700 percent since the year 2000.

Bicycle helmets can be used for riding scooters and in-line skating. However, a bicycle helmet may not be the correct fit for skateboarding.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, skateboarders who generally do more aggressive skating, including tricks or freestyle, should look for helmets made specifically for their sport. Generally, these helmets have stricter safety requirements, such as fully covering the back of the head.

Other recommended equipment for scooters, in-line skating and skateboarding includes wrist guards, elbow

and knee pads. "Making sure you buy the right helmet and that it fits properly is just as important as wearing one," Miller said. AAA recommends a few tips to help purchase the right helmet:

- Place the helmet evenly on the head, with only one or two finger widths above the eyebrow.
- Make sure the helmet doesn't tilt forward or back, but rests straight on the head.
- Adjust foam fittings inside if they are adjustable, making sure the helmet is snug.
- Tighten the chinstrap as snug as possible, adjusting the side straps that connect

the front and back to just below the ears.

- The helmet should not be able to shake loose or move from side to side.

- Never purchase a helmet for a child to grow into. It must fit properly at the time the child is wearing it.

- Make sure to purchase a helmet that has been approved by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission or one or more of the voluntary bicycle standards. Look for a label on the helmet to see if it meets the

standards.

- Never wear a helmet that has been involved in a significant crash. Always replace it with a new helmet, even if you do not see physical damage.

A bicycle helmet can reduce serious head injury by up to 85 percent. But AAA encourages people of all ages to wear a helmet that is appropriate for their sport.

"It is important to remember that helmets can save lives and not just when bicycling," Miller said.

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Heller wants to leave committee

■ Sylvan Township trustee says regional planning team spinning its wheels.

By Michael Rybka
Special Writer

Sylvan Township Board Trustee Earl Heller no longer wants to work with a regional planning committee because he said the group isn't accomplishing much.

Heller, who serves as a representative on the Township Planning Commission, told commissioners April 24 that he is losing interest in being the township's representative to the Chelsea Area Planning Team.

Heller said he might ask Planning Commission Chairman Robert Lange or Sylvan Township Clerk LuAnn Koch, who now serves as the alternate representative, to replace him.

The regional planning team works with Sylvan, Lyndon and Lima townships, as well as Chelsea Village, to coordinate growth management.

It also asks for input from Washtenaw County, Dexter

Township, the Chelsea School District and the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

Heller attended the group's meeting April 21.

"I don't feel comfortable going anymore," he said. "It's the same old song and dance, the same old gibber-jabber, and I don't think its heading anywhere."

Heller said the committee's newfound commitment to include roadway issues on its agenda only would serve to redo the work of professional engineers completed during the Chelsea bypass study.

He said one problem with the regional committee is that there are too many members and high turnover in its makeup.

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Third Quarter

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Eighth Grade

Third Quarter

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Principal Party

Three South Meadows Elementary School principals enjoyed the recent 50th anniversary celebrations at the school. Pictured are Lisa Nickel (left), the current principal, and former principals Bob Benedict and Lucy Stieber, now the principal at Pierce Lake Elementary School.

Bailer completes basic training

Marine Corps Pfc. Brett R. Bailer, son of Debbie Brock of Gregory, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Bailer and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Bailer spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat, water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

They performed close-order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Bailer and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values of honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Bailer and fellow recruits ended the training phase with "The Crucible," a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional cere-

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Cowan presents research paper

Tasia Jae Cowan, a graduate of Chelsea High School majoring in psychology at Hanover College in Hanover, Ind., presented a research paper at the April 11 Undergraduate Research Conference at Butler University in Indianapolis.

The title of her presentation was "Escape-Style Coping: Exercise and Self-Focused Attention."

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Cowan is the daughter of Chris and Melissa Cowan of Chelsea.

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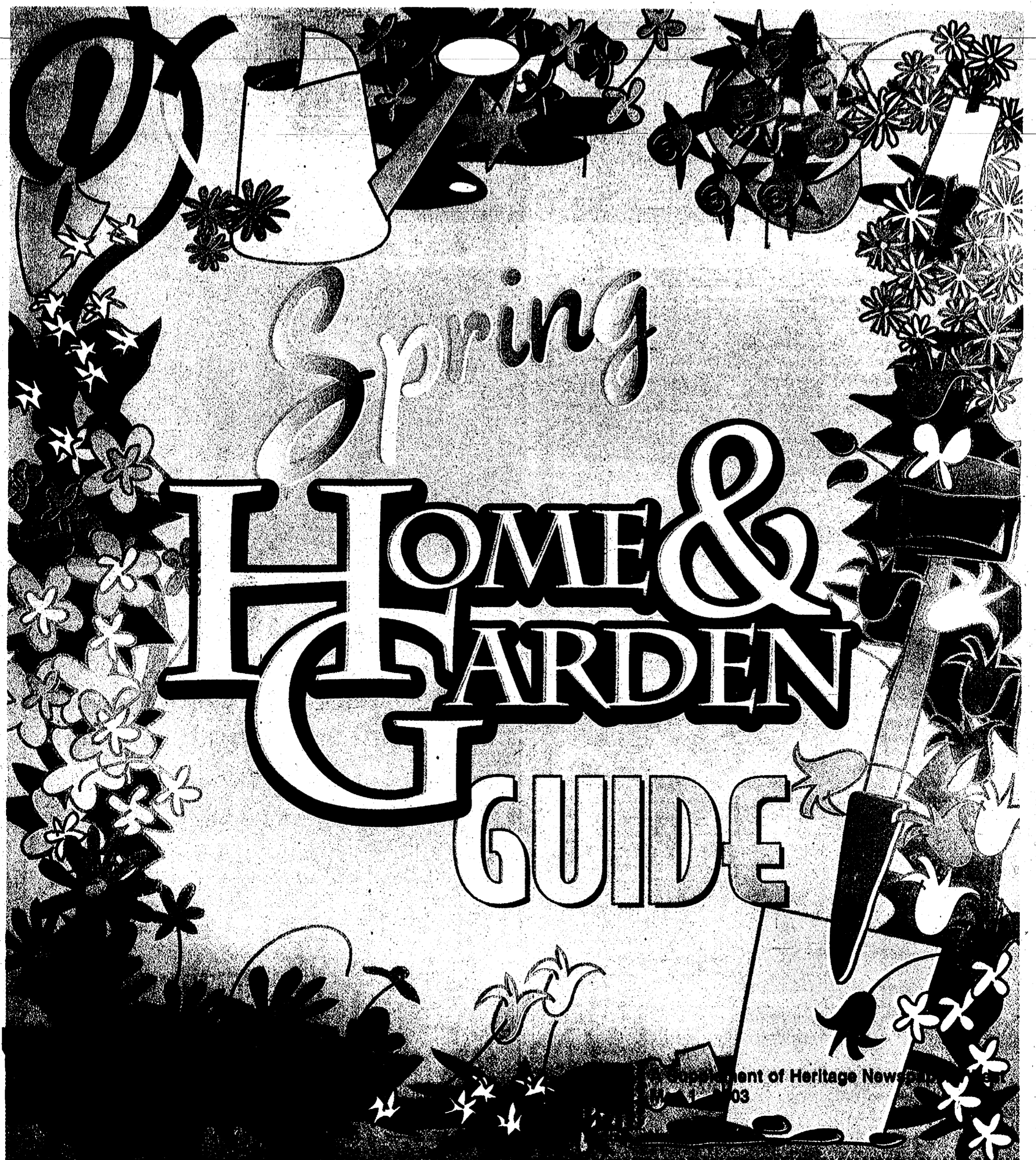
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Bugged

Damage by Ash Borer could last years

By Margie Bovee
Heritage Newspapers

Feeling bugged this spring? Got the creeps? If not, read on - you will.

Millions of ash trees have died or been mortally wounded in the past several years in southeast Michigan, victims of an exotic pest from Asia which probably arrived in the U.S. five or more years ago, but wasn't noticed until last June. Experts, necessarily newly minted, forecast sharp increases in ash mortality in each coming year, and anticipate millions of tree deaths this year. Unless something dramatic is done, they forecast the demise of millions more next year. The trouble is, nobody knows what to do.

The pest is well established in Washtenaw, Wayne, Macomb, Livingston, Oakland, and Monroe counties, which contain about 25 million ash trees and are under quarantine: it is illegal to transport untreated ash trees or wood away from the quarantine area. Unless something unexpected comes up, experts say, nearly all the quarantined trees are doomed. Efforts are now directed to preventing the spread of the infestation to the 650 million Michigan ash trees outside the quarantined

area. The other lower-47 states contain some seven billion ash trees vulnerable to the pest, according to the USDA Forest Service Research Station in Syracuse, NY. No count is reported from Alaska, and Hawaii's ash trees, if any, seem safe for now.

SO FAR, you may be stunned, but here comes the creepy part. The following life cycle information is compiled from DNR and MSU extension fact sheets.

It's late April in Saline, and the larvae of the Emerald Ash Borer in local ash trees are ready to pupate. Hatched last summer from eggs laid on ash trunks and limbs, they burrowed into the wood and squirmed around just underneath the bark for months, feeding on sapwood and leaving shallow serpentine "feeding galleries" behind. By late fall, having reached their full shape of ten thin segments and their full size of about 1-inch overall, they each excavated a shallow chamber in the sapwood and waited out the winter. If woodpeckers didn't get them, each is now arranging a pupal chamber and will spend a couple of weeks in metamorphosis, after which they will dig their way out through the ash bark and emerge as small bright metallic-

green beetles. These exit holes are persistently referred to as "D-shaped" in the newly-fledged literature on the subject, but the holes are shaped exactly as one would

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The Emerald Ash Borer Larvae leave serpentine tracks behind as they feed on ash trees.

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expect when a flat-bottomed, arch-topped beetle digs its way out head-first. The hole is about 1/8" across, and can be hard to see.

The beetles feed on ash leaves, but that hardly matters - male beetles live only two weeks, females a week longer. Most significantly, the female lays eggs on the tree - an

average of 75 eggs per female, placed one at a time in different locations on the bark of branches or trunk. When an egg hatches after 7-10 days, the larvae eats through the bark and feeds on sapwood - and so on.

THE DAMAGE is done by the larvae, not the beetles. The larvae's feeding galleries, shallow as they are, soon girdle the branches beneath the bark, cutting off the flow of water and nutrition. The smaller branches are usually the first to be girdled, resulting in a "dieback" of the tree from the crown downward. Often, epicormic shoots (commonly called "suckers") emerge from the trunk or large branches as the tree attempts to replace the dead crown. Such a tree may resemble a tall narrow bush with dead tree branches sticking out the top. It is estimated that two or three years go by before the tree dies fully, which means that the trees which die this year were already damaged beyond repair during last year's larval feasts.

are the white ash, black ash, and green ash. The mountain ash, a member of the rose family, is not susceptible. David Roberts, PhD., an MSU plant pathologist investigating dying ash trees in southeastern Michigan last summer, discovered infestations of a bright metallic-green beetle. No one at MSU or the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. recognized the beetle, so Roberts sent samples around the world, and a Slovakian scientist identified it in July as *Agrilus planipennis*, an Asian beetle which Roberts dubbed the Emerald Ash Borer, or EAB for short.

Ash is among the most widely planted street trees. According to Roberts, "Cities and townships have invested heavily in ash over the past several decades...costs to now remove these trees is staggering." Many of the ash trees were planted to replace elms that succumbed to Dutch Elm Disease. The DNR Forest Division estimates replacement cost of ash trees in the six-county area at about \$9 billion.

ACCORDING to Saline City Manager Larry Stoeber, Saline owns between 500-600 ash trees

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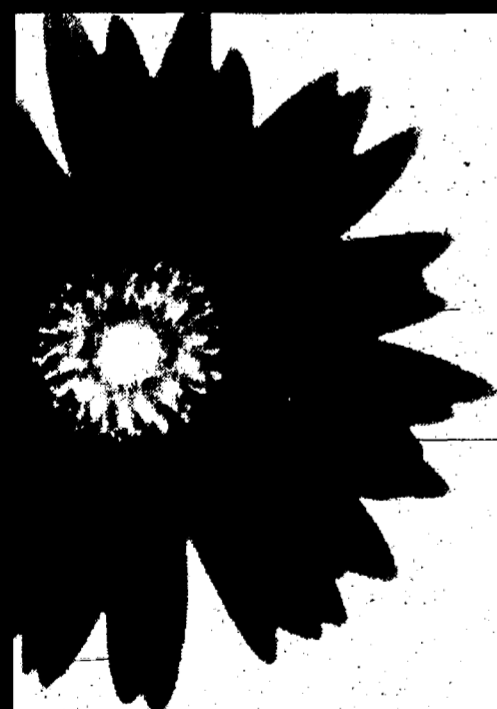
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This is the "D"-shaped exit hole of the ash beetle.

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Dahlias have long history in U.S.

The American Dahlia Society was founded in New York on May 10, 1915. It is the umbrella organization to more than 75 dahlia Societies throughout the United States and Canada. Their purpose is to advance interest in and knowledge of the Dahlia.

The ADA recognizes 540 individual classes of dahlias and within those classes there are more than 42,000 distinct dahlia varieties, some are more than 100 years old. The Dahlia is classed in 19 petal formations and nine size categories ranging from dinner plates to golf balls. The dahlia is further classified into 15 distinct colors or color combinations.

The Michigan Dahlia Association was formed in 1935 to promote the growing of dahlias, and currently has 56 members. The club meets 8-10 times a year at the Taylor Community Library, holds seminars on various aspects of dahlia cultivation and conducts



Special thanks to Fred Nicholas of Saline for contributing the dahlia photographs and articles.

annual root sales in the spring to finance the annual show, which will be held on Aug 30 and 31 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor, beginning at 10 a.m.

Membership is open to everyone and the annual dues are \$10 per family, which includes the club newsletter offering advice on growing and showing Dahlias and information on club activities. Membership in the Michigan Dahlia Association also entitles you to reduced dues in the American Dahlia Society which

includes a subscription to its quarterly magazine, *The Bulletin* and annual handbook, *Classification of Dahlias*, invaluable when growing and showing dahlias. The dues for both organizations are \$27.

Whether your ambitions or your garden are large or small, if dahlias are given a little care and attention, the results you achieve might amaze your friends, neighbors and perhaps even yourself. The Michigan Dahlia Association has established a mentor program to help new growers with their Dahlia gardens and invites you to come "Grow with Us."

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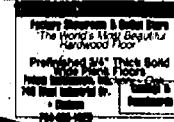
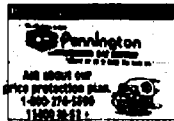
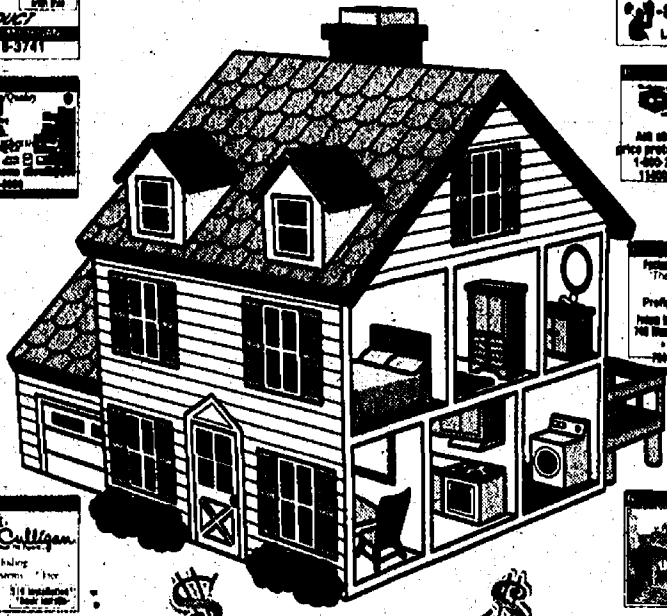
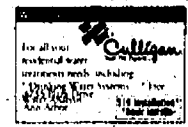
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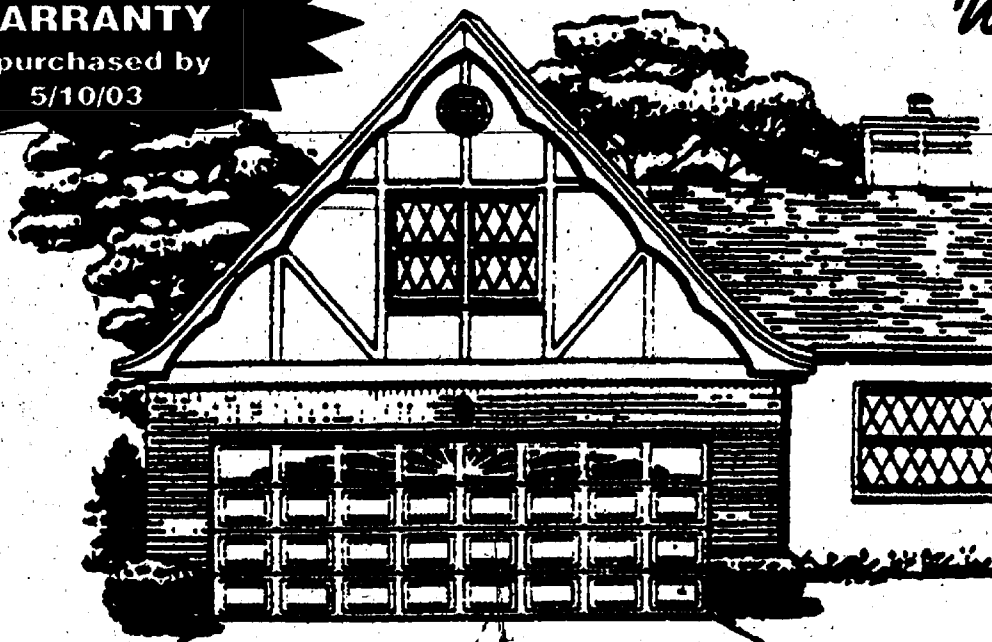
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West Nile Virus target of seminars, pest control

Spring is in the air, which means the mosquitoes soon will be, too. Consequently, Washtenaw County officials want residents to know what they can do to keep from catching the West Nile virus.

There have been no human cases of the virus in Washtenaw County, but there have been in several adjacent counties, including Wayne and Oakland.

Last year, 51 people in Michigan died from medical complications related to the West Nile virus, primarily in southeastern Michigan.

Prevention of the virus was the topic of a recent seminar at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District Teaching and Learning Center in Pittsfield Township.

More than 70 local health and county representatives attended to learn the history and latest facts about the virus.

Many communities, including Saline, are contracting with a pest control service to help reduce the mosquito population, and thus the

chance of any infection. The West Nile virus was first detected in the United States in 1999 and has spread throughout most of the country during the last four years.

Infected birds carry the virus in their blood. When mosquitoes feed on those birds, they become infected and their bite can spread the virus to humans, as well as animals, including dogs, cats, horses, bats, chipmunks, rabbits, raccoons, skunks and squirrels.

There is no evidence that the virus can be transmitted from animals to humans.

Dr. Stan Reedy, medical director for the Washtenaw County Department of Public Health, warned people to be careful.

"Some people call mosquitoes flying syringes because they are a neat delivery system," he said. "What's amazing is the rapid spread of the virus in such a short time."

At this time, there is no vaccine or specific treatment for the West

Nile virus. Some 80 percent of people infected have no signs of the illness, while 20 percent develop flu-like symptoms such as fever, headaches and body aches.

Less than 1 percent of the people infected with it suffer serious illnesses, such as encephalitis, meningitis, and severe neurological diseases, as well as muscle weakness and paralysis.

The people at the highest risk of getting seriously ill are those with weakened immune systems and the elderly.

Richard Fleece, director of the Washtenaw County Department of Environmental Health, detailed some ways to protect from the virus.

"The best way to avoid West Nile virus is by not going outside when mosquitoes are prevalent and taking the necessary precautions against being bitten by them," he said.

Precautions include:

• Avoid activities in areas where

there are large numbers of mosquitoes and at the times when they are most active, when the sun rises and sets.

• Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants in mosquito-filled areas.

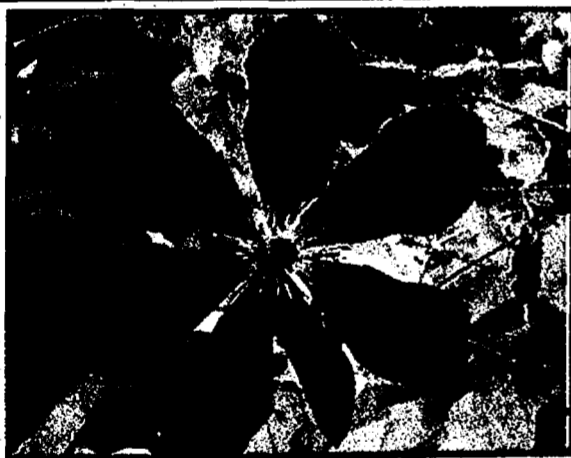
• Apply insect repellent that contains DEET to exposed skin and spray clothing because mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing. (Do not use DEET repellent on children younger than two or during pregnancy.)

• Repair and maintain window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside.

• Limit mosquito-breeding sites by draining standing water in your yard. Unclog drain gutters, swimming pool and patio furniture covers and other items that can collect water.

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Look for drought to continue in west, says NOAA

The U.S. spring outlook for April through June calls for above normal temperatures in the western third of the nation and in Alaska. Southern Texas may be a bit cooler than normal. The chances for above-normal rainfall are increased in the far Northwest,

parts of the Southwest and southern Texas.

"The wet fall and winter from eastern Texas to the Ohio Valley and eastward to the Atlantic has already resulted in some flooding this year, and we expect flooding to remain a threat across the area," said John Jones, deputy assistant administrator of the NOAA National Weather Service.

In the Northeast, cold conditions and heavy winter snows set the stage for possible spring flooding. Thick ice on rivers in eastern New York and northern New England could lead to ice jam flooding. If heavy rains combine with rapid snow melt, serious flooding could be possible.

The NOAA National Weather Service reported that, because the Midwest and northern Plains received considerably less snow than normal, the current focus is on the possibility of drought.

As a result of precipitation shortfalls from the West into the Midwest, drought and water supply problems loom. In many areas in the West, reservoirs have been drawn down as a result of three or more consecutive dry years. A considerable portion of snow melt from a generally meager mountain snow pack will be absorbed by parched soils, further reducing inflow into reservoirs. Barring unusually heavy precipitation in the next few months, weather and climate forecasters at NOAA pre-

dict bleak water supply conditions will affect broad areas in the West this summer.

"With El Niño's influence fading, the major factor this spring is the long term, multi-year water shortages in parts of the West," said Jones. "The wet season will end in the West in the next several weeks. Afterward, significant widespread precipitation is unlikely until the summer monsoon season or when precipitation typically resumes in the fall of 2003."

NOAA advises spring weather requires the public to stay abreast of the day-to-day weather fluctuations by listening to NOAA Weather Radio and commercial radio and television broadcasts for advisories, watches and warnings to take proper precautions. Spring weather can change quickly—from drought to flash floods.

Meteorological spring began on March 1. The vernal equinox was March 21.

The 2003 spring outlook is a consolidated effort of the NOAA National Weather Service and the NOAA National Climatic Data Center. The National Weather Service (including the Climate Prediction Center and the Hydrologic Services Program) is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the United States and its territories.

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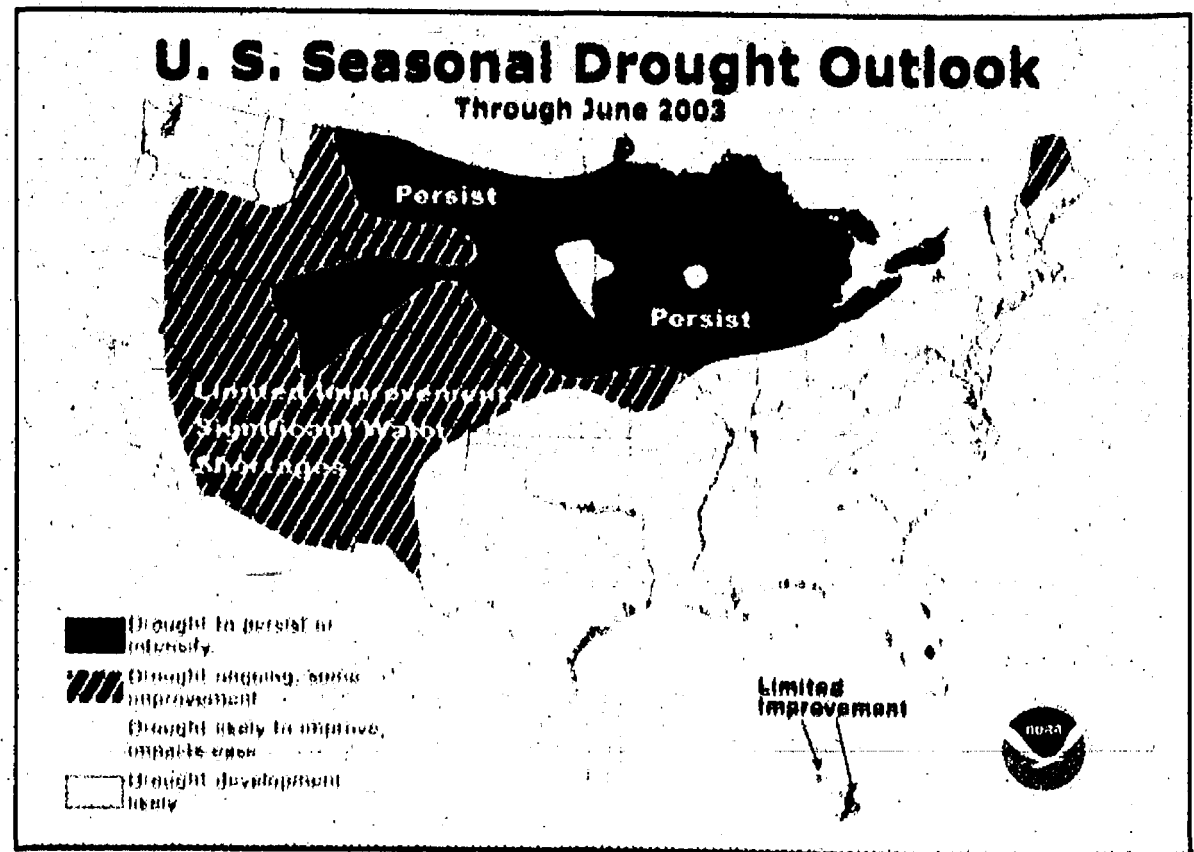
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But there are ways to lessen the pain. These tips from health experts should do the trick. That way, allergy sufferers can enjoy the spring season outside without just looking at it through a window.

• Watch what time you go outdoors. Pollen counts are higher in the afternoon in the spring and in the early morning in the fall. They are also lower during and right after

rainfall or on cool, cloudy days.

• If going outside, pretreat yourself with antihistamines or nasal sprays.

• Change your clothes and shower after working outdoors. You can even wear special clothing or shoes for gardening or outdoor activities.

• Avoid wearing heavy perfumes or colognes when outdoors.

• Keep windows closed in your home. Avoid using window or attic fans, which can bring pollen indoors.

• Do not dry clothes outside pollen; can get trapped in clothing.

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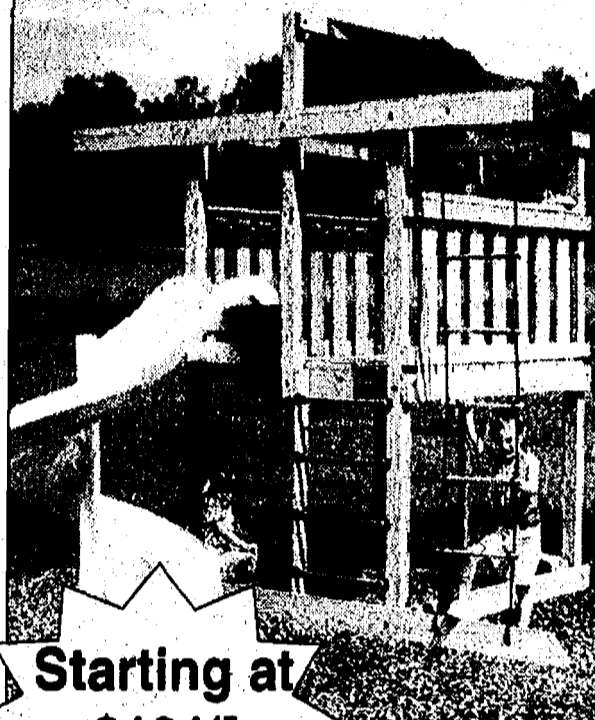
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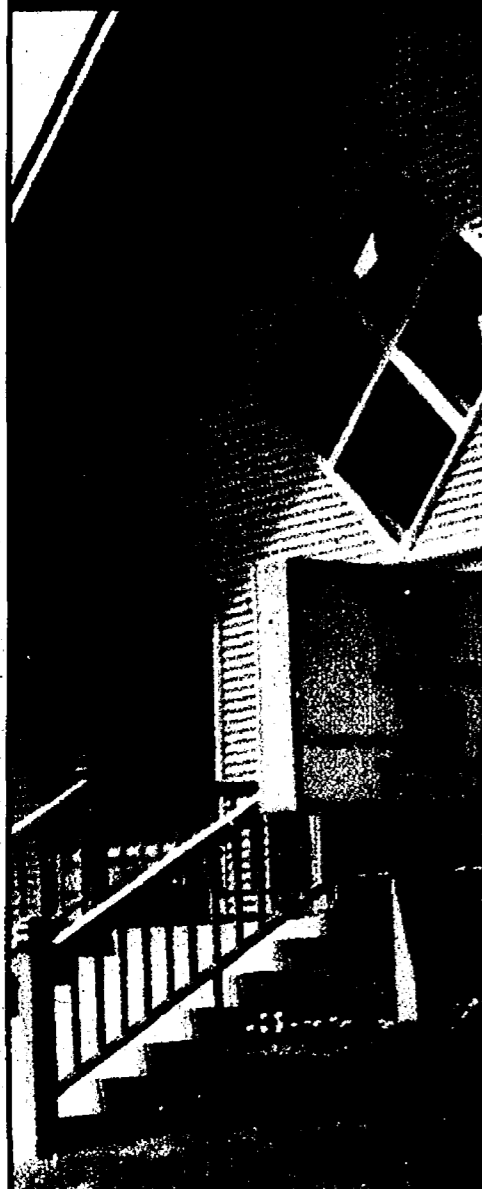
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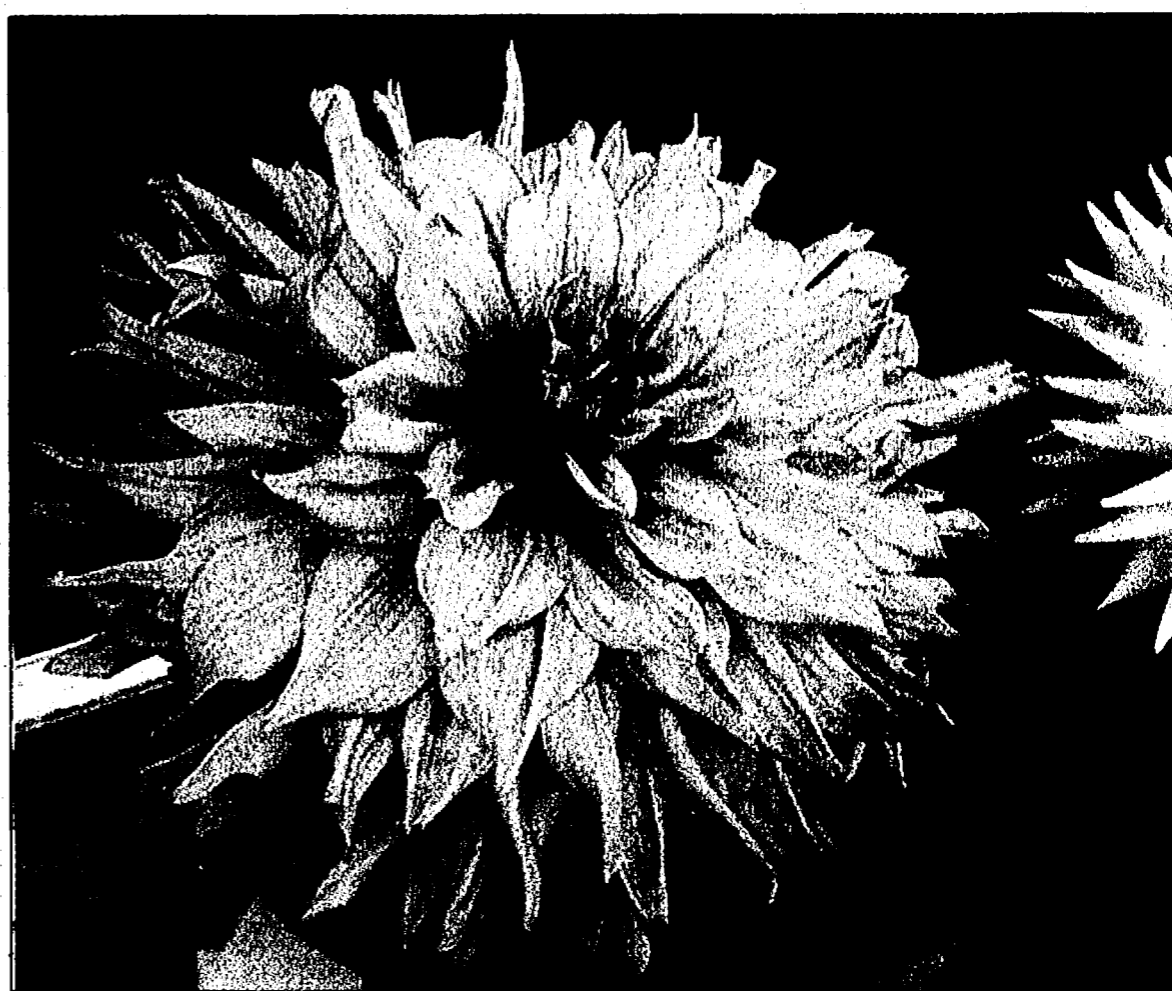
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Because of its many sizes, forms, and colors, the Dahlia has become a popular hobby flower.

Tips for growing dahlias

Dahlias like rich soil with good drainage. They also need a sunny location; at least 8 hours of direct sunlight is best. Plant when the ground is warm and the danger of frost has past. Bone meal is ideal at planting, a small handful in the hole. Dahlias require low nitrogen fertilizer such as 5-10-10, 10-20-20 or 0-20-20. Plant the tubers 4" to 6" deep about 24" to 36" apart. Do not water the tuber until after the sprouts appear above the ground. The Dahlia blooms from about mid-July until the first heavy frost.

When to Plant: Plant when the ground has warmed and the danger of frost has past. For Michigan, around the end of May, the same time as your vegetable garden.

Where to Plant: Dahlias like rich soil with good drainage. They also need a sunny location, at least 6 to 8 hours of sunlight per day. The ideal location is one protected from wind and in full sun.

Soil Preparation: The ground should be warm, well drained at planting and in an open sunny location. If you have heavier soil add in sand, peat moss or bagged manure to lighten and loosen the soil texture for better drainage. About two weeks before planting, broadcast a low nitrogen fertilizer such as 5-10-10 or 0-20-20 at the rate

of 3 lbs per 100 square feet and till it in. The Ph of your soil should be 6.5 to 7.5, slightly acidic. Do not amend your Dahlia beds with purchased topsoils that have been treated for weeds.

Planting: Plant the tubers 4-6" deep and 24-36" apart. A stake 5 to 6 feet tall should be driven into the ground next to each hole to support the Dahlia as it grows. Bone meal is ideal at planting time, put a small handful in the hole and work it in well before planting the tuber. Place the tuber horizontally in the hole with the eye or sprout near the stake. Do not water after planting; wait until the sprouts have appeared above the ground. If you prefer to get a head start, as most Dahlia growers do, you may plant your tubers in pots 4-6 weeks before planting in the garden and keep them under lights or near a sunny window. You will then have a nice healthy plant to put in your garden following the steps above. You should then start enjoying flowers in mid-July till the first heavy frost.

Watering: After Dahlias are established a deep watering 1 to 2 times a week is necessary during warm weather. Proper watering promotes better blooming. Dahlias

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love water, do not let the soil dry out. However, to prevent powdery mildew, water the base of the plant rather than the foliage. This is where mulching will help slow down moisture loss. Early July use straw, compost, manure, leaves or grass clippings around your Dahlias.

Cultivating and Fertilizing: Dahlias should be cultivated regularly to control weeds and provide the necessary aeration to the soil. This should be discontinued by mid summer as the tubers form just below the ground surface. A side dressing of phosphorus potash rich fertilizer can be applied, before mulching, be careful to stay 8-10 inches from the stalk and leaves of the plant. Apply at the rate of 1/2 cup per plant. Dahlias are heavy feeders and fertilizers high in potassium and phosphorus are recommended.

Topping or Pinching, Disbudding and Tying: To promote shorter, bushier plants with better stems

for cutting, pinch or cut the center shoot just above the third set of leaves or plant height of about 18" to 20" tall. As buds appear there are always one main bud and 2 side buds. Remove the side buds when stems are tender and buds are pea size. This will promote longer stems for cut flowers and send more nutrients to the main bud. All spent blooms should be removed from the plant to encourage new blooms. When the plant is about 12" to 18" tall, it should be loosely tied to the stakes to prevent damage from wind or rain. The best time to cut flowers is in the cool morning.

Pests and Problems: This is a job you must do to maintain a healthy Dahlia garden as Dahlias come under attack from a wide variety of insects. Try and start a weekly program of spraying, rotating insecticides to prevent immunity to certain sprays by the insects. Follow directions on the specific chemicals as to mixing strength, time and method of application. You may add a commercial wetting agent or

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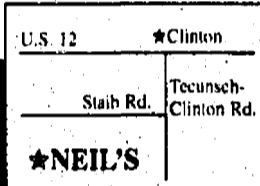
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Today, we know better. Several research studies in recent years have shown that people whose diets are rich in vegetables, fruits and whole grains have lower rates of cancer, heart disease, osteoporosis, hypertension and other diseases. With all the interest in health these days, more and more people are finding their backyard garden to be a fine source of sound nutrition and health. Once harvested, the nutrient-value of fruits and vegetables fades with time. Therefore, freshly picked vegetables can be more nutritious than store-bought produce. Quite simply, a

garden is just like having your own natural food store in your backyard.

Begin your kitchen garden by grouping produce of similar hardiness and growth time by following

the basic guide below. This defines the time window for planting each vegetable and gives you an idea of how long the vegetables will be in the ground. Good luck and get gardening!

Planting guide

Short/Early Season (50 days)

Arugula, Chinese broccoli, mizuna, scallions (sets), spinach, mustard greens, beets, carrots (baby), bok choy, radishes, purslane, Mustard greens, purslane, Arugula, beets, carrots, Chinese broccoli, chress, mizuna, bok choy, spinach, mustard greens

Midseason (50-90 days)

Broccoli, cabbage, chives, collards, dandelions, escarole, endive, kale, leeks (early), parsley, peas, beets, early potatoes, carrots, cauliflower, chard,

Chinese cabbage, lettuce, radicchio, turnips, beans, corn (early-midseason), early tomatoes, corn (main crop), cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, summer squash, winter squash (early), cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, collards, kale, lettuce, spinach

Long/Late Season (more than 90 days)

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This year, homeowners have a new tool in their lawn and garden arsenal with www.yardcare.com, a Web site filled with information and inspiration to help you get your yard in shape.

"It's a different, more personal look at how you take care of your outdoor space," says Dave Francis, Yardcare.com Web site manager. We've found that people approach yard care in different ways. Some people love it, it's their passion. Others just want to get the job done quickly. We've gathered information to help both ends of the spectrum and everyone in between."

Visitors can log on and take a

simple quiz to determine their "yard personality," then they will be directed to tips and techniques that fit their style of caring for their yard and garden.

"This is real life information," Francis says. "You no longer have to wade through a ton of techniques just to find out when is the best time to seed your lawn. The personalized answers are right there for you, and you can print out the results for later reference."

For avid gardeners, the site has information to help you have the best yard on the block, including tips on landscape design, unique plant choices and the latest advances in yard care technology. If you're a busy homeowner who doesn't have a lot of time to invest in your yard, there are plenty of timesaving tips to help you get the job done faster. There is information on low maintenance lawns, weed control and the latest tools


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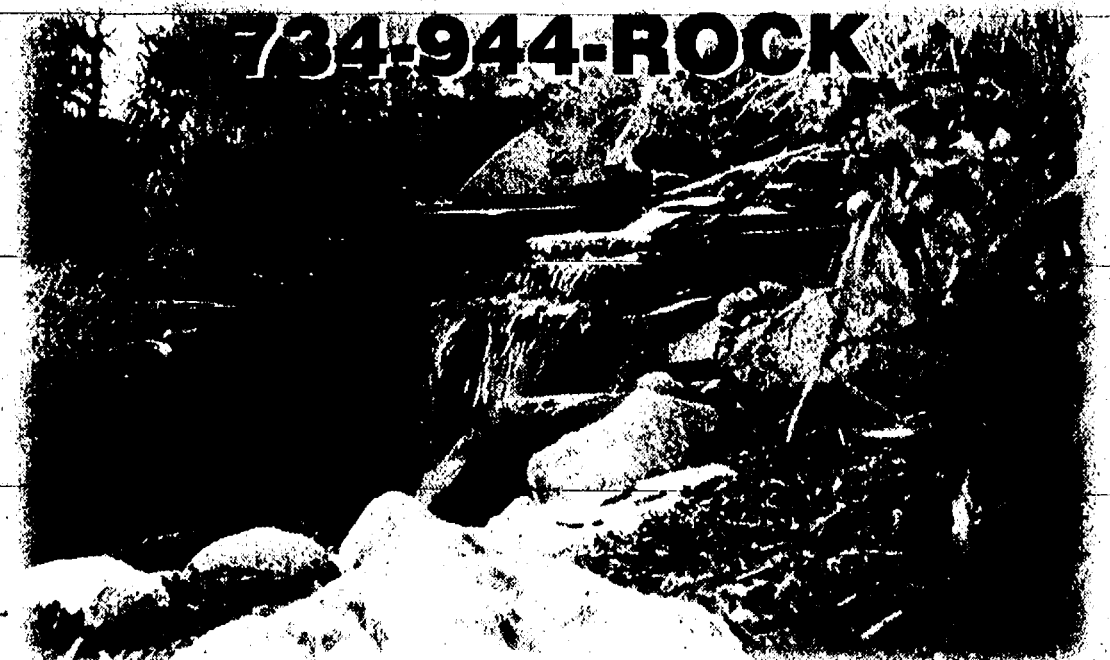
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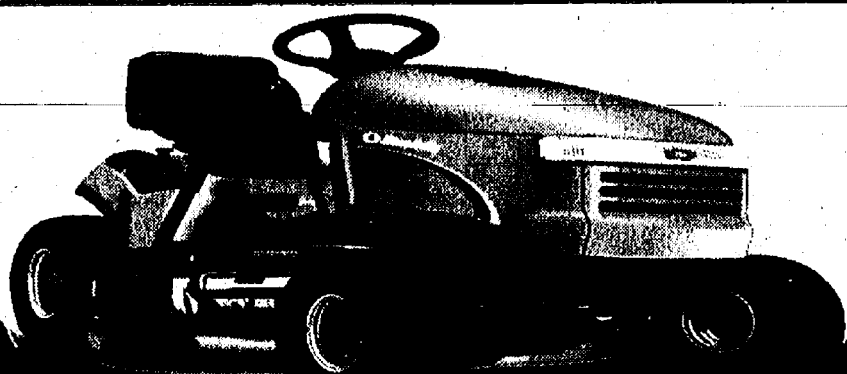
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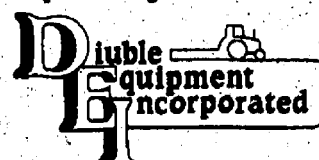
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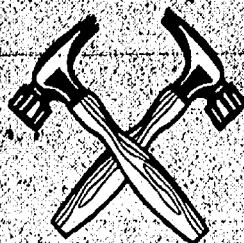
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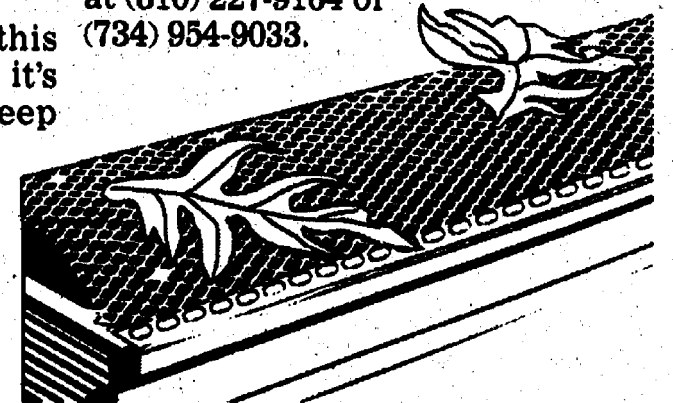
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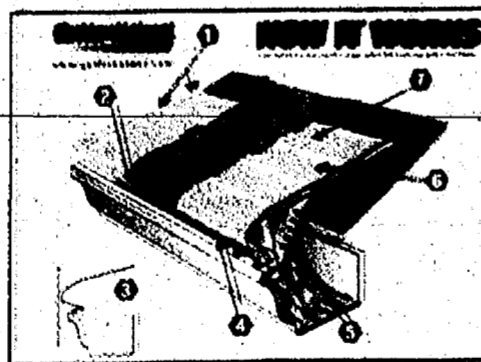
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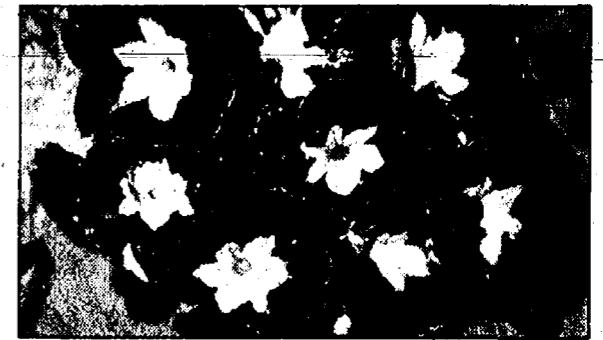
The newly elected officers for 2003-2004 are Barb Greiner, president; Jodi Smolek, Charlene Harris and Rene Shepherd, vice presidents; Dixie Rudnicki, secre-

tary; Shari Thompson-Sacks, treasurer; and Velma Markins, membership chairperson.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Chelsea Depot at 7 p.m. Some of the activities planned for the upcoming year include a May plant exchange and work bee at the

Depot; summer garden tours at the homes of Shari Thompson-Sacks, Barb Greiner and Velma Markins; a fall plant exchange and work bee; and a garden scrapbooking project.

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Q & A: Golden tips for every gardener

Q: Do sunflowers hurt plants or trees that grow close to them? I've heard that you are not supposed to plant sunflowers within 10 feet of trees and shrubs

A: There is a growth inhibiting chemical in sunflower seed hulls, but this simply stops other seeds from sprouting too close to them. The chemical washes off in rain-water and isn't strong enough to affect plants growing several inches away. You can plant sunflowers within a foot of other plants. The spacing isn't to provide a buffer zone between plants because of growth inhibiting chemicals, but to give the sunflower ample room to grow and fully develop its large seed head.

Q: How much water do petunias and marigolds need, and do they like shade or sun?

A: Both these plants like full sun, though they'd also do well with a little shade during the hottest part of the day. How much you need to water depends on the size and type

of container, soil type, exposure to sun and wind, temperature, and the size of the plant. Your best bet is to feel the soil, and water when the soil begins to dry out. Petunias, especially, don't like to be over watered, but neither plant will withstand drying out completely. Sorry I can't be more exact, but there is no exact answer.

Q: I have some poppies and peonies that used to be in the sun, but are now growing in shade. I'd like to transplant them this season. I know they don't like to move, but they must go to a sunnier place. Any tips for the move? Can I move them now?

A: Peonies are traditionally moved in the fall, but they can also be moved in very early spring although this will sacrifice the current year's bloom. Oriental poppies are best moved when they are dormant in midsummer; you may find it easier to move root cuttings than to try to move the entire plant as the roots tend to break apart

when you dig the plants. Moving poppies when they are in active growth is usually fatal to the poppies.

Q: I've grown green peppers for about 10 years. To date, I've not had much luck with getting them to grow larger than a child's fist. Also, I leave them on the vine to turn red, but most times they only get red on one side, and begin to rot. Can you give me any tips to make them grow larger, and how to get them to ripen to red properly? I've tried Epsom salt mixed in with the soil, and setting the plant deeply.

A: Peppers need a soil with a pH around 6.0 to 6.5, well prepared with ample amounts of organic matter, and a good supply of phosphorus. Note that an oversupply of nitrogen can reduce yields. You might want to run some basic soil tests and see what amendments, if any, need to be added.

Peppers also need an evenly moist soil that is well drained. If

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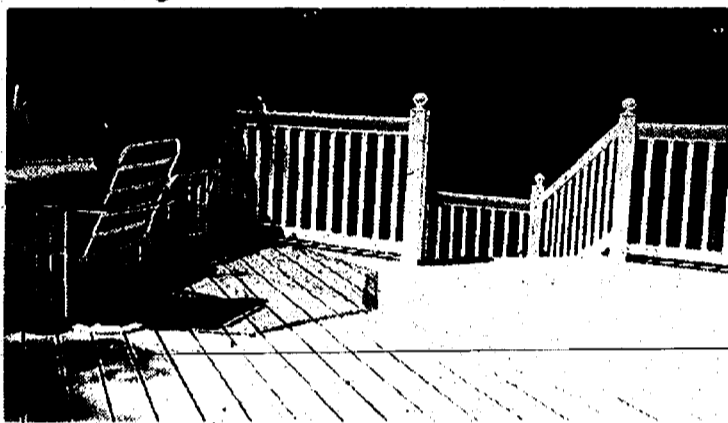
a couple of drops of liquid soap to the tank sprayer to improve stickiness. When spraying plants take particular care to spray the underside of the foliage as insects, especially spider mites, tend to develop there. Try to incorporate different types of sprays to give your plan not only killing by contact but also systemic action. A Systemic enters the plant and kills or repels by becoming a part of the plant. Pests to be aware of are: snails, slugs, spider mites, earwigs, cucumber beetles, Aphids and Japanese beetle. Recommended chemicals would be: Diazinon, Malathion, Sevin and Kilthane powder. Systemics are: Isotox, Orthene, Cygon 2E and Ortheenex. Recommended Fungicides are: Ortho's Funginex and Bonide's Benomyl 50W. A good spray program is the best preventative and should begin the end of June and continue through August.

Digging: If you plan to store your tubers for next year they should be dug after the first killing frost. Dahlia plants are cut down to about 6" and the roots are lifted carefully with a shovel, by digging around the plant and lifting the

clump, being careful to avoid breaking the necks of the tubers. Keep the correct name with each variety. You may tap the clump to remove most of the dirt, some growers prefer to wash them and let dry for 24 to 48 hours.

Dividing and Winter Storage: The clumps can be divided either in the fall or in spring. When Dahlia tubers are divided from the clump each tuber must have an eye to grow. The eyes are only found around the crown. Methods of storing Dahlia tubers are as numerous as Dahlia growers. However, an easy method is to line a cardboard box with 10-12 sheets of newspaper and place the clumps in the box, cover with a storage medium and cover the top with another 10-12 sheets of newspaper. Good storage mediums are: coarse vermiculite, wood shavings, sand and newspaper. If the clumps are divided, the tubers of one variety can be put in plastic shopping bags with a few handfuls of the storage medium and stored in the cardboard box as above. The ideal storage temperature is 40 to 50 degrees or any cool, dry location where the roots will not freeze. It is a good idea to examine your tubers once or twice during storage for signs of rot or drying.

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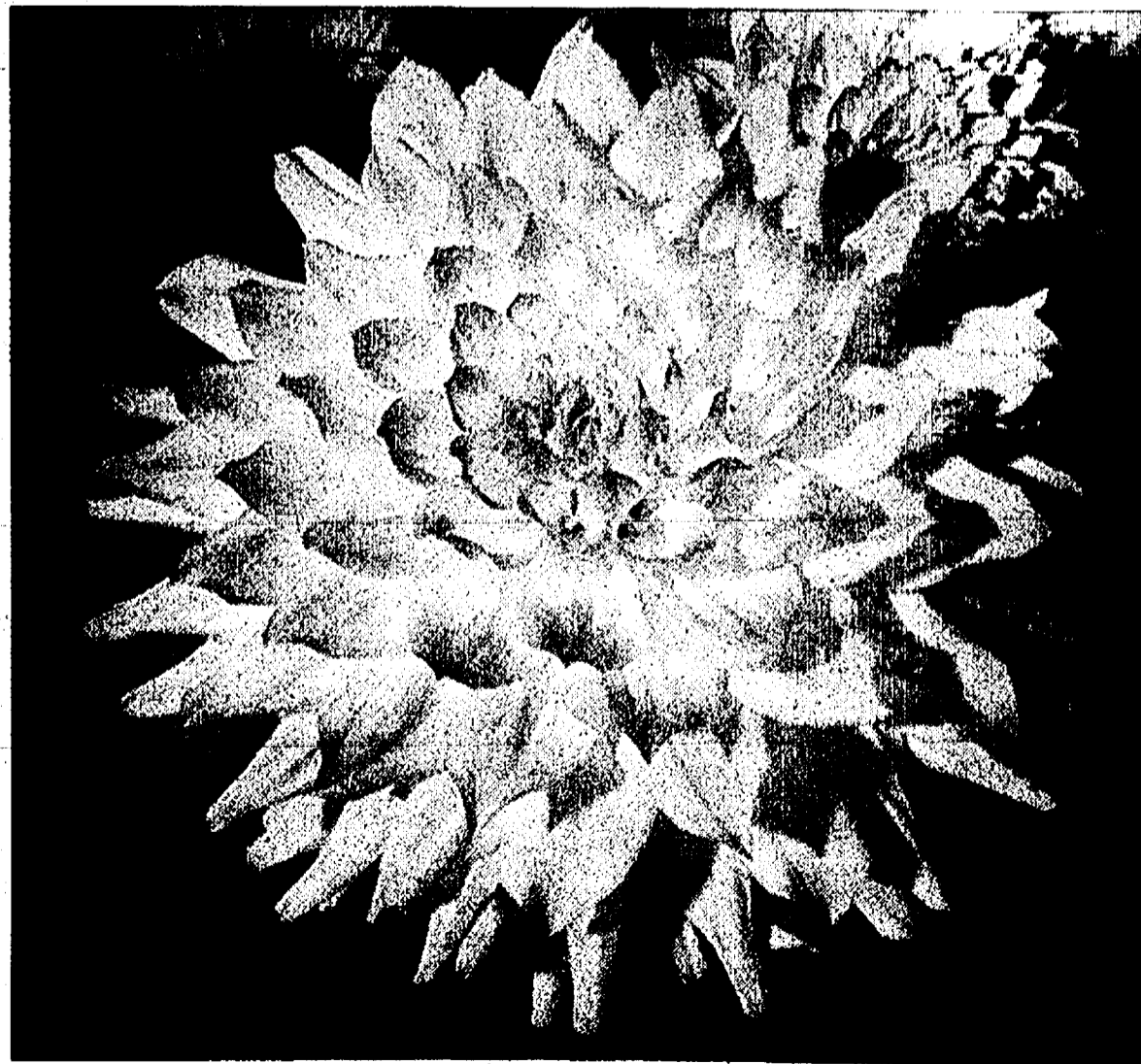
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One of the most important steps is finding the right height for your grass.

THERE ARE several reasons not to cut the grass too short. First, grass grows from the crown, not the blade tips. This trait makes grass ideal for lawns because it keeps on growing despite the regular mowing off of its upper stem, leaf sheath and blades.

This is also why it's important not to damage grass crowns by accidental scalping with the mower. No crown, no grass!

Second, keeping grass on the longer side also allows it greater surface area to carry out photosynthesis. This in turn results in healthier plants.

Third, taller grass grows slower than shorter grass. You can use this simple fact to eliminate up to 20 percent of the mowing done annually.

Finally, by keeping your grass at the high end of its recommended mowing height, you can prevent 90 percent of all weeds from germinating, and thereby eliminate the need for herbicides.

WARM SEASON grass should be mowed when it is 2- to 2-1/2 inches tall. Cut no more than one-third of the grass height at each mowing to avoid damage to plants.

If the lawn grows too high to cut off one-third the height and have an acceptable length, cut off one-third now, and mow one-third off again in two or three days.

Cutting more than one-third the height will cause grass clippings to lie on top of the lawn and decompose more slowly, which will give the grass a more open, bristly appearance. Short cutting will also stunt or slow root grow and weaken the grass plants.

TODAY'S ADVICE, contrary to 20 or 30 years ago, is to leave clippings on the lawn. The old belief that clippings contribute to thatch build-up is false.

Thatch is a build-up of roots and stems, not grass blades. Leaving clippings where they fall not only saves the labor of collecting and composting them, it also reduces the need for adding fertilizer to your lawn and helps to conserve soil moisture.

There are exceptions, however, to this advice. If you have neglected your mowing or must mow in wet conditions, the long clippings are likely to form heavy soggy clumps that cover the grass.

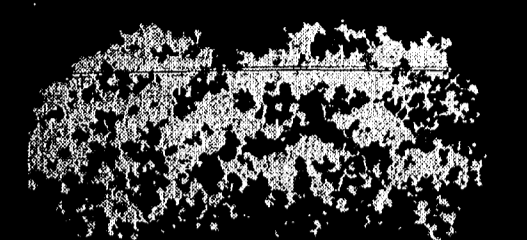
In such cases, the clippings should be removed so they do not smother the grass plants that lie beneath them.

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located in parks or on lawn extensions. "Experts tell us that all the ash trees in our region will die," Stoever says. "The Michigan Department of Agriculture tells us they're working on a plan, but I haven't seen it yet." Meanwhile, Stoever says, about 100 infested trees have been orange-tagged and will be removed this spring, and replaced this fall with a variety of tree species. The cost is roughly \$40,000. A similar procedure is projected for next year. Tagged trees can be seen in the Maplewood, Wildwood, and Northview subdivisions, and in front of 111 and 135 W. Michigan Ave.

WAYNE COUNTY'S recent experience is illustrative: according to reports, Patrick Hogan, director of roads for Wayne County, said in March "...last winter in Canton we took out three ash trees. This year we took 2,700, and about 860 in Plymouth and another 200 in Northville."

Ash trees on private land, however, are strictly the responsibility of the landowner. According to DNR experts, the cost of professional removal of an ash tree ranges from \$800 to \$2,600, depending on size and location. Disposal of ash wood must be made within the quarantined area. No regulations for disposal are now in place. The wood can be used as firewood, ground up for mulch, or even used as lumber, as long as it is not transported outside the quarantined area.

Officials are uneasy about firewood use: burning the wood will certainly kill the pests, but they worry that infested firewood might be inadvertently transported by private parties to upstate cabins and campgrounds - a sure way to distribute the pest. To reduce this risk, officials recommend that ash wood be chipped to pieces smaller than 1 inch. According to Roberts, several "marshaling yard sites" have been established to chip and dispose of ash wood. The closest to Saline is the City of Westland Department of Public Service, 37137 Marquette St., Westland. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anyone from the quarantined area can drop off trees and limbs at this site at no charge. A huge grinder will be used periodically to chip the wood, which will then be burned at a co-generation plant. Private residents and tree care professionals are urged to use this free service, which will reduce the pest population and eliminate the chance that the wood might stray from quarantine.

MUCH EXPERT equivocation exists on the question of what

landowners within the quarantined area should do with their ash trees. Trees that are obviously infested should, of course, be removed, but for many people the expense will be prohibitive. Such infested trees then become what Roberts calls "brood trees" or "Typhoid Marys," hosting insect concentrations which threaten other trees. Likewise, efforts to nurse what seem to be lightly infested trees are likely to fail, since a tree exhibits little sign of ill-health until it is mortally infested, and already serving as a brood tree. Suggestions for judging the health of trees (admittedly error-prone) and for chemical treatments to protect healthy trees are set forth on Roberts' website (see below), but the efficacy of these treatments is admittedly speculative, the price high, and the attempt seems questionable given the numerous official announcements that all the quarantined ashes are "doomed."

The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor has imposed its own quarantine. According to Marvin Pettway, U-M's supervisor of forestry and horticulture, the U-M campus has about 900 ash trees on its 700 acre campus. The Michigan Department of Agriculture predicts 75 percent mortality in the next four years.

THE USDA forest service in a document entitled "Compensatory Value On Timberland Potentially Infested with Emerald Ash Borer" estimates the value country wide to be \$282 billion. A harrowing question, then, is how breakouts of the infestation from quarantine will be handled. Canada has quarantined ash wood from Windsor to Amherstburg, but this was not really a breakout, since Roberts discovered the infestations last summer. Since the first quarantine went into effect, three breakouts have occurred.

Originally, the quarantine did not include Monroe county. When infested trees were discovered there, Monroe was simply added to the quarantine.

According to Deb McCullough, an MSU forest entomologist, an area in Lenawee County near Tipton became infested when a load of ash firewood was left on the property in June of 2002. The EAB was unknown at the time, but was recognized when the beetles emerged later in the summer. The

site became a center of concentrated investigation. Late in the year, 74 of the 245 ash trees on the site were cut down and debarked to determine how far the adult EAB beetles flew.

"Unfortunately," says McCullough, "four or five trees with EAB larvae were found 400 meters away from the firewood pile. That means more checking will need to be done as far as a half-mile away to see just how far the adult beetles dispersed last summer."

The study was scheduled to end by early April, but results are not yet available. Trees around the site will be cut and destroyed.

ACCORDING to an Ohio Office of Communications press release of April 2, an infestation of the EAB was confirmed in Ohio's Swanton Township in March. The Ohio Department of Agriculture immediately quarantined 25 private properties within a quarter mile of the infestation and notified the owners that their ash trees, whether infested or not, would be removed at state expense. About 3000 ash trees are to be removed, chipped, and burned. Some 200 ash trees on other properties around the perimeter of the removal will be treated with imidacloprid, an insecticide which some hope will protect healthy trees. According to the press release, "State regulations are in place to control and prevent the spread of a number of invasive species and plant diseases to protect the health of Ohio's plants and prevent massive economic losses to the nursery, timber, and tourism industries and the communities they serve. The state is authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 927.70 to remove all trees and timber in a given area for those purposes."

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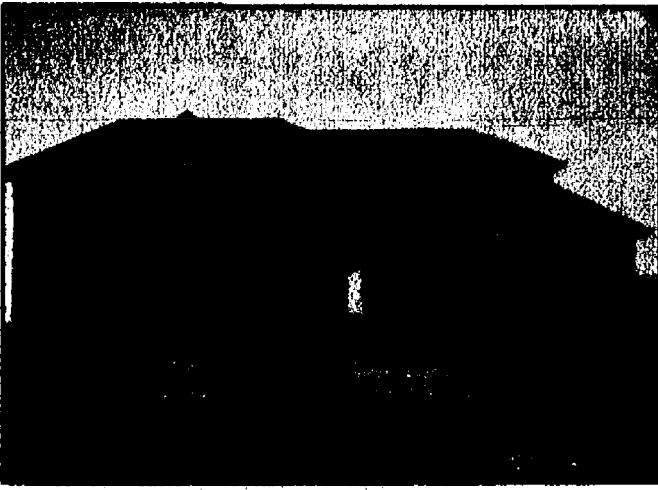
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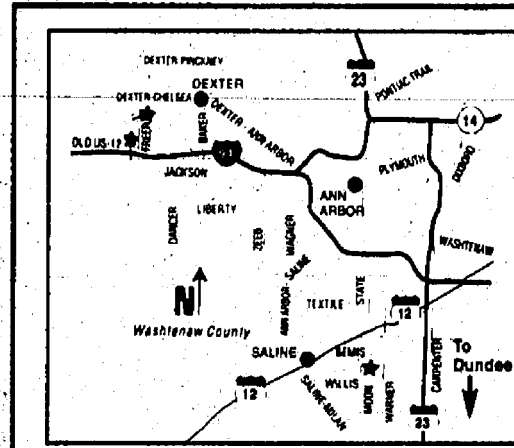
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First of all, spring and fall are the best times to plant a tree. The mild, wet weather during these two seasons is the least stressful for a tree. It is no coincidence that Arbor Day is in April, one of the wettest months of the year. Now that you know the ideal time to plant a tree, you'll need to determine what you want from your tree and where it should go on your lawn. To avoid problems, do this before you go to the nursery to buy the tree.

Take a walk around your yard. Would you like a nice shady area on your lawn or patio? Do you want to improve the look of your property with a tree that provides sweet-smelling flowers in the spring or has beautiful autumn hues? Would you like to attract more songbirds to your yard? Do you want a tree sturdy enough for a tree house or child's swing?

Many trees can satisfy all of these needs, but be mindful of the tree's height and width at maturity when selecting where to plant it. If you have a small yard or low power lines, you don't want to purchase a tree that will grow to a massive height. Also, ask yourself how much maintenance you want to do with your tree. If you don't like rak-

ing leaves, then an oak tree probably isn't the tree for you.

Also, some trees bear fruits that can stain or can be downright stinky when crushed. You want to be sure to avoid planting these trees near sidewalks, patios and other surfaces.

Now that you know what you need from a tree, you should purchase the best type you can find. The tree should have lots of vigor, that is, not wilting or

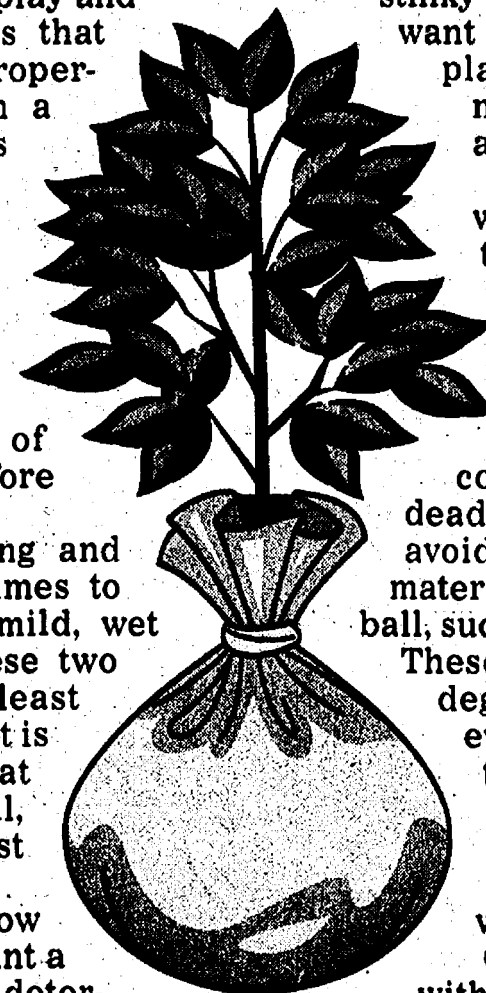
containing a lot of dead branches. Also, avoid non-biodegradable materials on the tree's root ball, such as plastic or nylon. These materials don't degrade and could eventually girdle the tree and kill it. Ideally, the root ball of the tree should be in a burlap bag tied with twine.

Once you are home with your new tree, prepare the hole about 6 to 12 inches larger than the root ball. Remember, don't plant the tree too close to your home's foundation and don't remove the tree from the burlap bag.

While digging the hole, be sure not to dig too deep. When you place the tree in the hole, you should be able to see the flare of the tree, where the trunk flares out at ground level.

After backfilling the hole, water the tree with a good slow soaking. On average, your tree should get an inch of water per week, either from rain or from a sprinkler.

Now that you are a tree owner, you want to remember to keep your tree watered, prune any dead branches, mulch around the trunk and keep an eye out for any signs of disease or insect infestation. Following these simple guidelines will help ensure that your tree lives a long and healthy life.



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TIPS

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drainage is a problem, the plants won't thrive and fruit will be small. Watering properly is probably the most critical factor in my experience, assuming the soil is adequate.

You may also find that some varieties simply hold better than others to the mature red stage. Also, leaving peppers on the plant to fully ripen will actually reduce the overall yield. Hope this helps!

Q. How can I control bind weed in my flower beds?

A. Bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis* — also known as wild Morning

Glory or creeping Jenny) is indeed a nasty weed in the garden. Bindweed, can be eradicated from the garden with persistence. Pulling on a weekly basis will eventually wear out the roots. Don't allow it to get out of control, and never ever allow it to flower! Mulching



heavily will also help destroy the weed. Keep at it, and you will win the battle!

Q. When is the best time and what is the best way to trim azaleas and boxwoods?

A. Azaleas need little pruning except to remove dead wood. Overgrown plants may be thinned to reduce their size by cutting back 1/3 of their stems to the ground each year for 3 years. This rejuvenating pruning is best done when the plant is dormant in late winter or after flowering in spring.

To prune individual branches back for size or shape, use hand pruners rather than hedge trimmers, individually pruning each branch. Prune back to another branch or bud, so as not to leave

stubs which will eventually die and be open to disease and insects.

Azaleas should always be pruned to a natural shape. Boxwood can be sheared or left natural. For a formal hedge shear the new growth to produce the maximum number of densely-growing branches.

Boxwood can also be thinned and hand pruned for a more casual looking hedge or shrub. Prune in late winter while still dormant for heavy trimming. They may be clipped at anytime for neatness.

Q. I would like to ask for advice on my flower beds. I have two, one is shaded and the other is almost all sun. What type of flower (annual or

perennial) could I use that would thrive in both conditions? I would prefer ones that are low maintenance and have long lasting bloom. Am I asking too much?

A. Well, low maintenance and long bloom is what every gardener longs for! The first thing

you need to do is prepare the beds well. Add lots of compost and make sure that they are weed free before planting. This is the most often ignored step in establishing a low maintenance garden! In the shade garden, a mix of hostas, astilbe and some annual impatiens should give you a fairly low-maintenance garden with continuous bloom.

There are so many choices for the sunny garden, start with just a few selections, because as you become more experienced with flowers you will enjoy adding others. For early bloom, try catmint, iris and coral bells. Midsummer bloomers include hardy geraniums, bee-balm, liatris, daylilies and phlox. Round out the season with rudbeckia, purple cone

flower and asters.

Of course you can add any annuals that you enjoy to balance your color scheme and help fill in until the perennials become well established. None of these plants are very fussy, and should give you a continuous season of bloom.

Mulch your gardens and keep them watered during dry spells (1 inch of water a week), and your perennial gardens should please you just fine!

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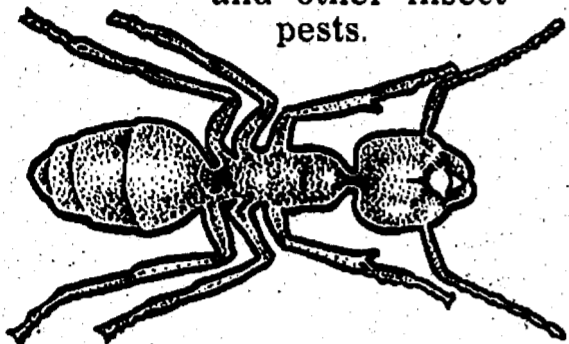
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Bug safety key to outdoor enjoyment this year

Bug safety key to fun out-of-doors. With the West Nile virus circulating around Michigan this year, it's more important than ever to guard your children from mosquito bites and other insect pests.



Here are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics: Don't use scented soaps, perfumes or hair sprays on your child.

Repellents appropriate for use on children should contain no more than 10 percent DEET because the chemical, which is absorbed through the skin, can cause harm. The concentration of DEET



varies from product to product, so read the label of any product you purchase.

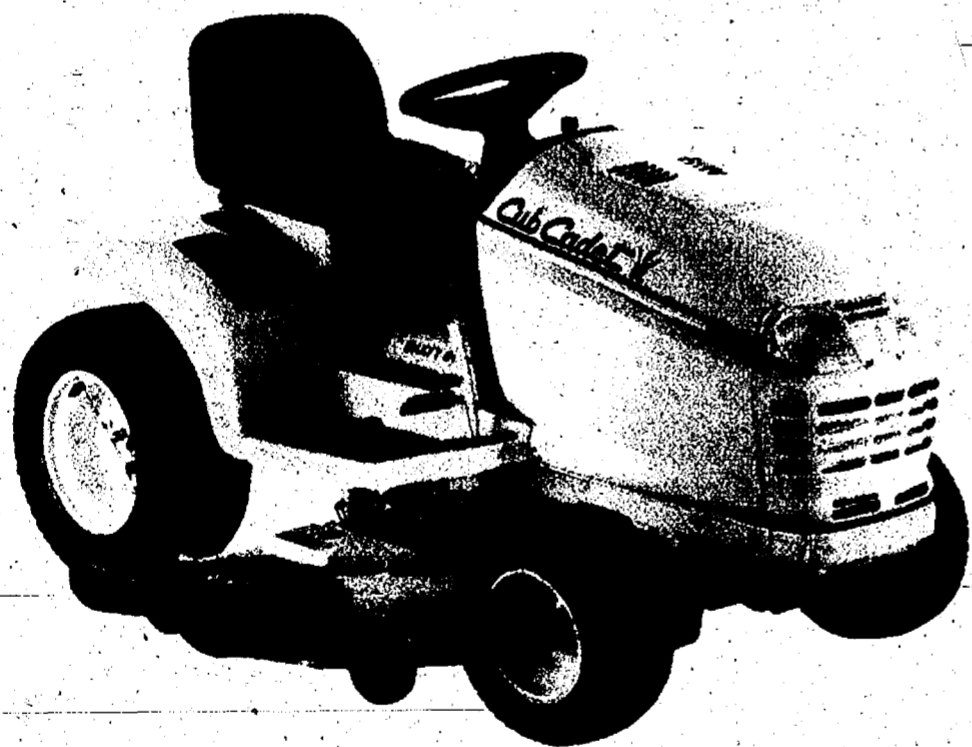
Avoid areas where insects nest or congregate, like stagnant pools of water, uncovered foods and gardens where flowers are in bloom.

Avoid dressing your child in clothing with bright colors or flowery prints.

To remove a visible stinger from skin, gently scrape it off horizontally with a credit card or your fingernail. You can also remove a stinger by with a pair of tweezers or your fingers.



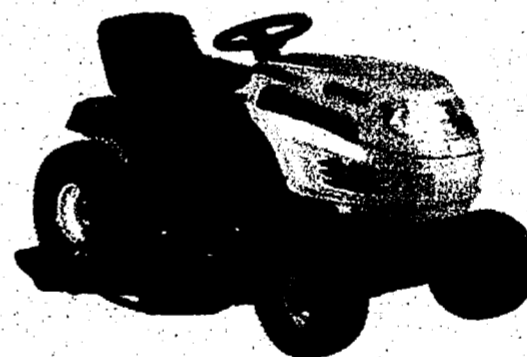
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Healthy soil means an abundant harvest

Good, healthy soil provides plants with the right amount of nutrients, water and air to thrive. Understanding the characteristics of soil will help improve your soil's health and the overall health of any garden.

One indicator of healthy soil is the number of earthworms it supports. When a lot of organic matter is present, earthworms abound. Healthy soil also is bursting with microorganisms breaking down organic matter into a usable form by plants. But that's difficult to see.

You can determine the quality of soil with some simple tests that indicate its structure, pH level and fertility. Armed with these basics, you can amend the soil appropriately and look forward to producing beautiful plants and flowers and a bountiful vegetable garden.

Soil structure is determined by the amount of sand, silt, clay and organic matter it contains.

The size and characteristic of each particle affects the soil's ability to hold air, water and nutrients. Humus is the organic component of soil. It is the remains of once-living organisms, mostly plants. The ideal soil for gardening contains a mixture of all four items.

Sand, the largest particle, allows air and water to infiltrate the soil and drain well. But sandy soils also lack the ability to hold moisture and nutrients. As a result, they tend to dry out quickly and require more fertilization.

Silty soils usually occur in flood plains and readily hold water. When dry, these soils become powdery and difficult to rewet. Silty soils hold more nutrients and water than sandy ones.

Clay soils readily retain water and are easily compacted. Clay soils require more time to dry out in spring and may puddle. These soils also easily hold most nutrients.

The addition of organic matter will generally improve poor soils. Organic matter improves sandy soils by retaining moisture and nutrients, and improves the drainage and aeration of silty and clay soils.

Natural organic fertilizers, which come from biological mate-

rials, provide organic matter as well as nutrients to soil, including the nitrogen lost to decomposing mulch.

A soil's pH value indicates the acid or alkaline level and can affect the availability of some nutrients to plants. The ideal pH level for fertile soil is 7.0, which is considered neutral.

For most edible plants, a pH range of 5.5 to 7.5 is good. Amendments can be added to bring the soil closer to neutral, but organic matter, especially compost, tends to neutralize soil over time.

To test the pH of your soil, use a do-it-yourself pH kit available at garden centers, or send a soil sample to your local county extension agent.

Home kits also can test fertility by measuring the relative amount of nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus. University extension laboratories will test soil for a small fee and can provide a more extensive analysis and recommendations.

Fertilizers replace nutrients that have been used up from the soil. Whether you use a natural organic fertilizer or a synthetic chemical fertilizer is a personal preference. Although each has benefits, natural organic fertilizers may provide gardens with a bit more of what it needs.

Natural organic fertilizers provide nutrients and encourage microorganisms to thrive. The organic materials turn into humus as microorganisms in the soil break them down.

Synthetic fertilizers tend to deplete organic matter in the soil, which leads to a more compacted soil. It also may interrupt the ecology of the soil with its quick release of nutrients. Beneficial microorganisms can be harmed, while harmful microorganisms may be encouraged.

Nutrients from natural organic fertilizers are released into the soil over a longer period of time at a rate the plants can use. The rapid release of nutrients from synthetic fertilizers may cause run-off and groundwater concerns.

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Other important safety rules include:

Safety first. Don't let children operate this equipment. Make sure the operator is not only physically able to handle the machine (enough strength to push or guide a walk behind, tall enough to comfortably reach the controls on a riding mower) but responsible enough to use this equipment.

No passengers. Many accidents are caused by well meaning adults who want to "give rides" to excited children. Even though a riding mower moves slowly through a yard, children can slip off when the mower hits the slightest bump, throwing them in harms way. Children used to riding along often lose their natural fear of the machine and run toward it, often without the operator being aware that the child is there. **No passengers, Period!**

Always dress properly. How do you dress to mow the yard? You should always wear hard shoes to protect your feet, long pants to protect your legs from flying debris or hot engine parts and a shirt that will give some protection to your chest and arms. Accessorize your lawn mowing outfit with a pair of safety glasses to protect your eyes.

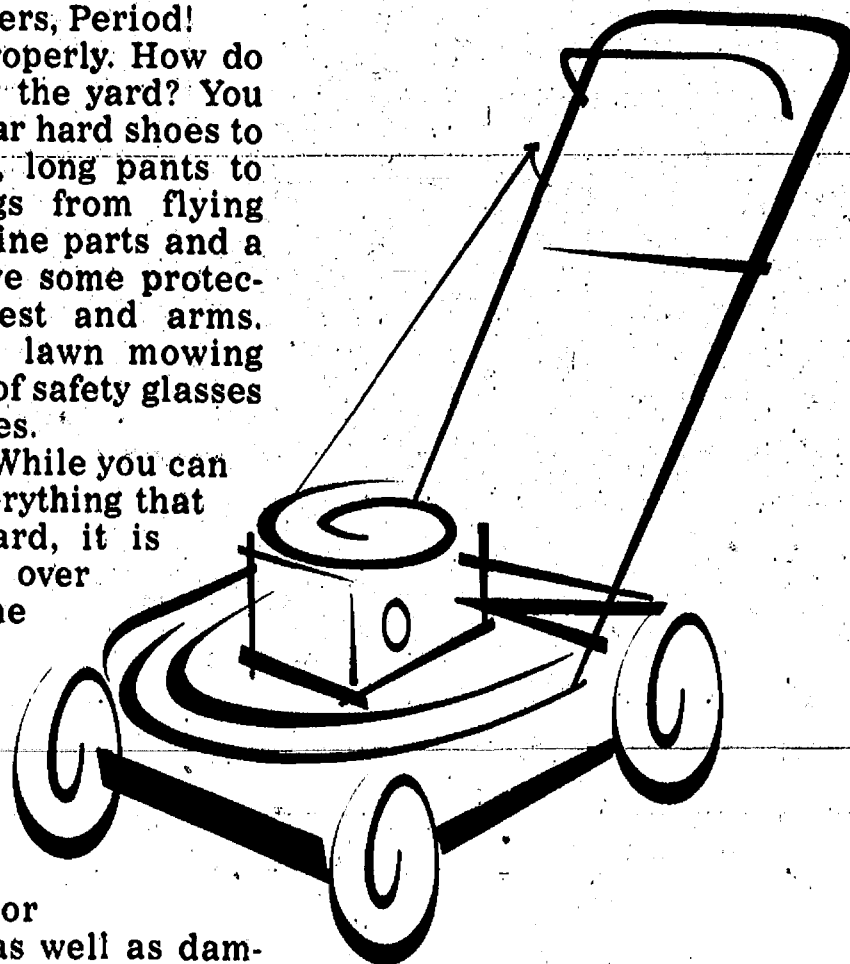
Pick up debris. While you can never pick up everything that lands in your yard, it is important to look over the yard each time before you mow. Wire, rocks, small branches, and soda containers can become a missile, causing injury to you, or someone nearby as well as dam-

aging your mower.

Prepare your mower. Know that you and your mowing area are ready, make sure you properly prepare your mower. Start the year with a good checkup by an Independent Lawnmower Dealer. Each time you mow, give the mower a safety check. Look for loose or missing parts. Make sure guards, shields and bags are installed properly and in good repair and ensure that safety switches work properly.

Eliminate Potential Accidents. Keep children and pets away from the mowing area. Make sure they are inside and under someone's watchful eye. Let everyone in the immediate area know you will be mowing. Be aware of changing conditions — sloped terrain, wet areas, small animals, changing weather — and be prepared to act quickly. It's easy to get lulled into complacency when you move in repetitive ways across familiar territory. Stay alert!

Read your owner's manual — again. More injuries and damage to mowers are caused because owners just don't understand their mower. While most mowers generally work in the same ways, each manufacturer adds different handles, throttles and fail-safe mechanisms to their specific machines.



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Roses, bedding plants beautify any landscape

If you're planning to add some bedding plants to your garden this year, why not spoil yourself a little?

Giving yourself a treat needn't cost more—it's merely a matter of which flowers you choose to grow. Plant fragrant varieties, like alyssum and heliotrope, along your driveway or patio so the scent of flowers becomes a frequent pleasure. Pick flowers like snapdragons and cosmos, which are suitable for cutting, so you can fill your home with beautiful bouquets. And, for ongoing enjoyment, grow everlasting types like statice and ornamental grasses to provide flowers and seedheads for dried arrangements.

Even if your garden is small, it easily can serve multiple purposes. Stocks have a heavenly scent and are stunning in both fresh and dried bouquets. Sweet peas are as fragrant in bouquets as in the garden, and the more often you cut them, the more they bloom. An added bonus is that sweet peas are one of the easiest flowers to grow from seed.

WHATEVER YOU choose to grow, take a little extra time to prepare your soil before you plant. Your reward will be healthier plants with lots more flowers.

Peat moss provides long-term results. As well as seeing a better display of flowers, you'll find that you need to water and fertilize less often because peat moss absorbs and holds moisture. It also helps retain the nutrients vital to plant health.

Immediately after planting your bedding plants, water well; then water lightly over the next two weeks and during summer whenever the soil is dry.

Roses may not be as carefree as impatiens, but they really are easy to grow. But if you've never seen a particular insect or fungus on your roses until now, you may feel a little overwhelmed. Or maybe you'd just feel more comfortable with a little expert help in planting, pruning, or choosing the right rose for your garden. Why not call the rose doctor in your neighborhood?

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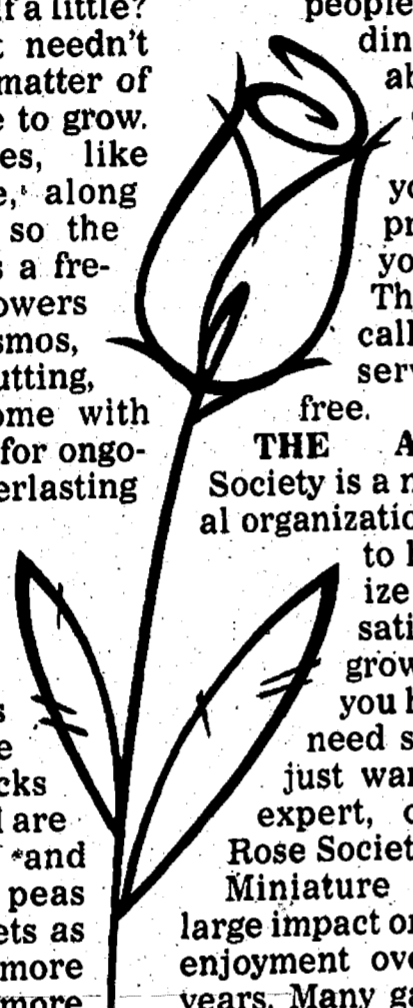
THE AMERICAN Rose Society is a nonprofit, educational organization, and its mission is to help gardeners realize how much fun and satisfaction there is in growing great roses. If you have a rose question, need some rose advice, or just want to talk to a rose expert, call the American Rose Society at 1-800-637-6534.

Miniature roses have had a large impact on gardening and rose enjoyment over the past several years. Many gardeners have come to realize that these little plants offer big color, continuous bloom, and easy care.

And while miniature roses are often seen in landscape plantings, as bedding plants, and as underplantings for larger roses or perennials, the truly spectacular climbing miniature roses have often been overlooked. Perhaps because there are so few different varieties available, gardeners are not very familiar with these amazing plants that can grow as tall as the tallest large-flowered climbing rose.

Climbing miniature rose plants, like their shorter-growing cousins, have small flowers (1 to 2 inches in diameter) and small leaves, in perfect proportion. The canes, however, can grow to 10 to 12 feet, making them perfect for fastening to arbors, trellises, or fences. Many gardeners tie the long canes to the ground to create a fountainous effect.

LIKE THEIR more compact counterparts, climbing mini-roses are really easy to grow and are very winter hardy, sustaining little or no winter damage and requiring little or no winter protection even where winters are cold.

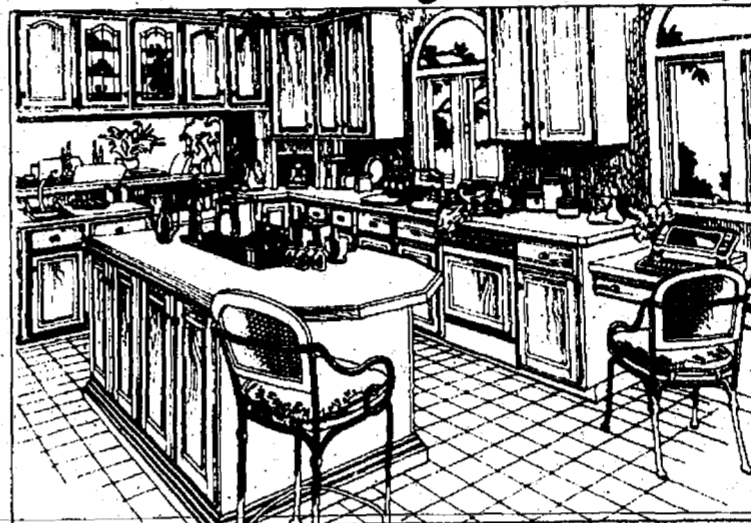


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Build your own backyard greenhouse

Spring is in the air, and the flowers are nearly in full bloom. Do you wish it could be like this all year? Maybe it's time to consider building and maintaining a greenhouse in your own backyard.

The ancient Romans were the first to protect plants from nature's blast by housing them under slabs

of rock on top of heated pits. By the 18th century, explorers began to create glasshouses, closer to the greenhouses we know today. But it was not until 1800 that gardeners realized light was more important to a plant's health than simply heat.

In 1851, Sir Joseph Paxton, a horticulturist for a British duke and the leading landscaper of his generation, erected London's Crystal Palace, a prefabricated structure made with iron and glass — the first of its kind in the world. Paxton's creation was a milestone for architectural design and greenhouse development. It set the stage for future greenhouse design.

But the greatest achievements for home greenhouses have come in the last 40 years. Today, about 1,500 people are members of the Hobby Greenhouse Association, a group that provides enthusiasts with advice on the upkeep of home greenhouses.

If you are thinking about con-

structing and maintaining a greenhouse in your own backyard—whether it be to have fresh vegetables year-round or simply because gardening is your passion—here are some things to consider:

Types of Greenhouses

Keepers of a hot greenhouse should maintain a temperature of at least 65 degrees,

ideal for tropical or exotic plants.

The temperature remains about 55 degrees in a warm greenhouse, which is perfect for growing flowers such as sunflowers or vegetables such as lettuce that you would normally plant outdoors. In other words, this type of greenhouse is the right investment for those who want to protect their outdoor gardens in the winter months.

In a cold greenhouse, the temperature should be between 40 and 45 degrees. This climate is best for growing seedlings, which rarely require lots of heat and is a great place to get a jump-start on summer gardens, including coveted tomatoes, a plant that is often hard to grow.

Plant databases and encyclopedias are excellent research tools that can help you decide which plants would grow best in each type of greenhouse.

Building your greenhouse

After you have decided what type of greenhouse you will have, you need to start planning its location. Pay attention to the parts of your backyard that get maximum amounts of sunlight during the day. Greenhouses should receive at least six hours of direct sunlight a day, but you can supplement light with lamps if necessary, especially during winter's shorter days. Check with experts at a nursery, garden center or commercial greenhouse for advice on what type of supplemental light will

depending on the types of plants you are growing.)

Also, consider the design of your greenhouse. For example, if you live in a snowy climate, you will have to build a house with an arched, rounded roof that forces the precipitation to the ground. Mounds of snow piled on top of the greenhouse could cause structural damage and reduce the temperature inside. You also have to decide if you want a freestanding greenhouse that is separate from your home or one that is attached. Its really a matter of personal taste and, again, depends on your reasons for building a greenhouse. Consult greenhouse experts and think about all of your options.

When building a greenhouse, you can use foam or rigid board insulation in the foundation to prevent the freezing ground below from affecting the temperature inside. This will help lower heating costs.

Maintaining a greenhouse

The fun begins once your greenhouse is up and running. The key to success is paying attention to your plants. Always keep the temperature constant, and water and fertilize plants as directed. Be aware of each plant's maintenance needs. For example, a rare orchid or African violet probably will require more attention than an onion or daisy. Remember, as a greenhouse keeper, green is now your signature color.



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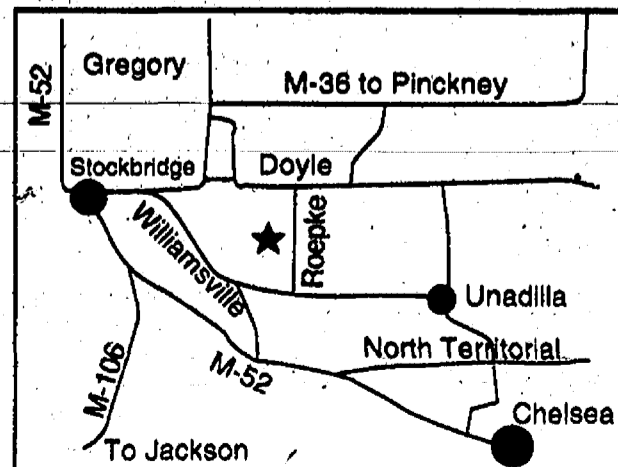
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The keys to success include building houses according to specs, and placing and maintaining them properly. If they aren't built or maintained right they can become sparrow slums, remain unused, or actually become a death trap to nesting birds and mammals.

Here are other tips to consider before starting these small-scale construction projects:

- Build for specific birds, because different species have different house-size and entrance-hole requirements. Provide a hinged side or roof so the house can be checked easily and cleaned each year.

- Use at least four 1/4-inch diameter drain holes in the bottom of houses, except for the Peterson bluebird house, which has a sloping floor and swing-door front to allow drainage.

- Though wren houses can be sus-

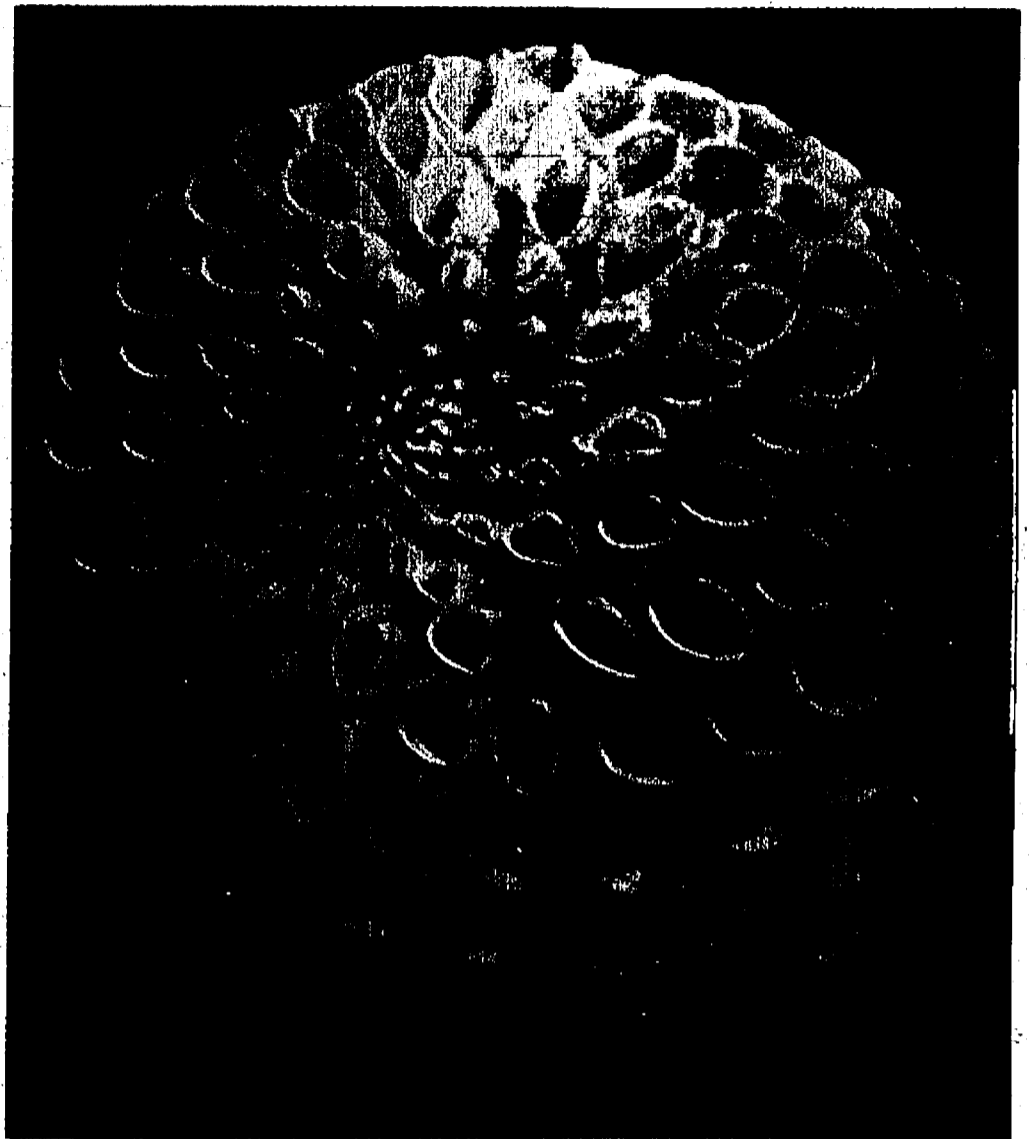
pended from eaves or tree limbs, firmly attach all other houses to a support post, building, or tree. On trees, use lag screws and washers that can be unscrewed to allow for tree growth.

- Don't put perches on houses because only house sparrows and European starlings prefer them. A wood slab with bark can be placed horizontally under the entrance of a wood duck or common merganser hole to make it easier for landing at the entrance.

- Allow the top-front edge to overhang at least two inches to help protect entrance holes from wind-driven rain and to keep cats from reaching up from above.

- Drill at least two 1/4-inch holes near the top of the right and left sides, except in duck boxes, to provide ventilation. Recess the floor 1/4-in. up from the bottom of the sides to help prevent deterioration from moisture.

- Softwood, such as pine, is fine for smaller nests. Cedar, redwood, or cypress may be used for larger boxes. Pine or plywood can be used for duck boxes if it is treated.



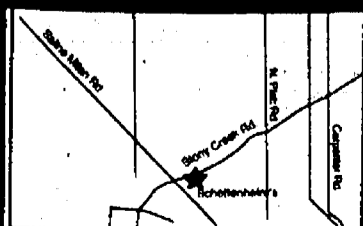
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