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NEWS BRIEFS

Burgess will attend tree lighting in D.C.

Sylvan Township Supervisor Charles Burgess and his wife, Mary, have been invited by Congressman Tom Reynolds, R-New York, to attend the tree lighting celebration at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., Dec. 10 and 11.

The couple will be special guests of Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, R-Illinois, at a pre-lighting reception.

The celebration will be followed by a year-end board meeting of the National Republican Congressional Committee's Business Advisory Council. Charles Burgess is co-chairman of the council.

Township to identify roads, associations

Dexter Township officials may conduct an inventory of private roads and homeowners' associations.

Contact information for homeowners' associations would be helpful in emergency situations and when other issues arise.

Homeowners' associations may contact the township at 428-3767 with information.

The Dexter Township Hall is located at 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

High school SADD chapter wins award

The Chelsea High School chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions has won the Charlie Stille Spirit Award, given to the chapter that exemplifies positive energy, enthusiasm and dedication to the ideals and vision of student leadership services.

The school's chapter, which has tripled in membership since last year, is led by computer teacher Deborah Bentley.

Record-breaking Bear



Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory Co. owners Kara Turner (left), and her husband, Bob, along with Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Director Bob Pierce, are dwarfed by the Guinness Book of World Record's world's largest stuffed teddy bear. The bear, measuring more than 12 feet sitting and some 30 feet in total length, was created by the local company. A preview of the bear is set from 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 5 during the opening of Chelsea's 16th annual Festival of Lights. The official unveiling will be 1 p.m. Dec. 6 during the store's open house.

Photo courtesy of Janice Orthing

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

Couple dies in blaze

■ Haskell and Lillie Worden were well known in Chelsea.

By Sheila Pursglove
 Associate Editor

Lillie Worden should have been out delivering Thanksgiving food baskets Tuesday for Faith In Action. And next week she was supposed to drive Santa Claus into town during the Festival of Lights celebration.

Instead, Lillie and her husband, Haskell, known to everyone as "Skeets," are being mourned by the community.

The Wordens died in a fire that lit up the sky during the early hours of Tuesday morning. Their two-story wood-frame home at 25 Cedar Lake Drive in Sylvan Township was completely destroyed.

Chelsea Fire Chief Dan Ellenwood said the department took a call from a neighbor at 1:40 a.m. Tuesday. Chelsea firefighters were joined by crews from Man-

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CHELSEA

Library unveils plans for McKune House

■ Board looking at a millage request to support construction.

By Michael Rybka
 Special Writer

The Chelsea Library Board approved a preliminary design of a renovated McKune House library Nov. 18, and hired O'Neal Construction of Ann Arbor to oversee the plan's implementation.

The plan and the players were introduced to the public at a party the next evening at the Washington

Street Education Center.

In addition to the Library Board and staff, about three dozen people attended the event. Among the attendees were Sylvan Township Supervisor Charles Burgess, Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Ann Feeney, Chelsea School District Superintendent David Killips and Chelsea planning commissioners George Kinzer and Walter Bolt.

The plans are the culmination of 11 months of work by the board's building planning committee. The committee comprises board member Lynn

Fox and resident Jane Diesing as co-chairs, and residents Karen Dixon, Leila Draugelis and Ken Kloviski, Village Council Trustee Jim Myles and architect Jim Mumby.

The committee modified plans drawn in 1998 that led to the 1999 defeat of a 0.85-mill request for a \$6.29 million library. The board is now looking at asking for 0.75 mills.

The renovation project would require 18,000 square feet of new construction. Of that amount, 15,580 square feet will be usable space.

The McKune House will be restored to its pre-1956 condition

before new additions were constructed.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$9.3 million.

The board hopes to raise at least \$1 million in private donations to support the project.

Library Director Metta Lansdale said at the board meeting that she sent out 300 invitations to potential contributors asking them to attend the Nov. 19 event.

At the public forum, Mumby said the new building, which will connect to the McKune House in a T-forma-

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Giving thanks

Residents share thoughts on Thanksgiving

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Chelsea Standard asked local residents to share what they're thankful for on this Thanksgiving. Below are their responses.

I'm especially thankful, as most people are, for family and friends. Specifically, I'm thinking about family and friends who are "encouragers." Chelsea is full of them — they send you a smile, a hug, and a word of encouragement. I'm thankful for the many people who make my life so much better.

— Bob Pierce

women defending our country so far away. So, I give thanks for the simple comfort of being with my family every day.

Rick De Troyer
 Chelsea

Since my father's passing on the Monday of Thanksgiving week in 1978, my brothers, sister and their families, Nadine (my wife) and I travel to each other's homes to celebrate this special family holiday together. We give thanks, especially for our parents and the many sacrifices they made during our childhood.

— Bob Pierce

in the Buffalo area, the Batsakis family was gracious enough to come over to our house to stand in for my snowbound family. We are thankful always for kind friends.

Bob Pierce
 Director
 Chelsea Area Chamber
 of Commerce

I give thanks for family and friends. We'll be having my sister and her family in to celebrate. The two daddies will head to the Lions game while we do craft projects with the kids. When the guys get home, we then eat Thanksgiving dinner. This year we'll be trying something different and having

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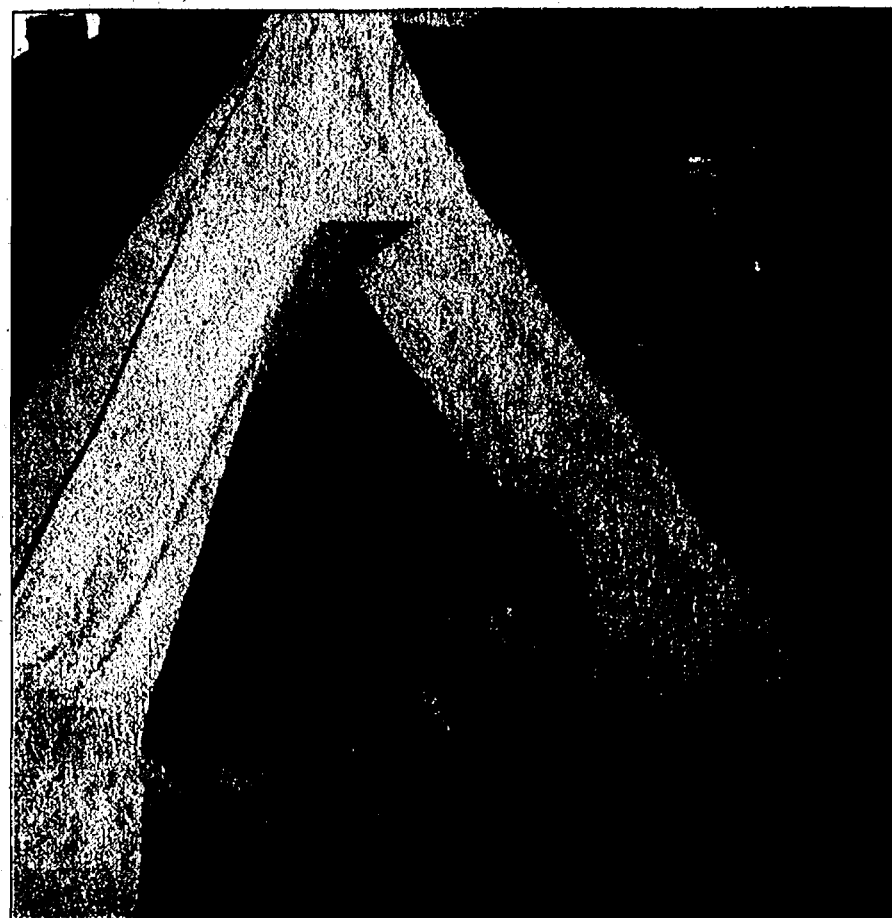


Photo by Rita Fischer

Turkey Teepee

North Creek Elementary School kindergartners Mitchell Mills pretends to gather turkeys for Thanksgiving.

Doggone good work
 Township duo compete in agility competition

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District loss
 Chelsea cagers fall to Saline

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Food drive
 Elementary pupils collect for needy

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tion, would provide a quiet backdrop to the old structure and not tower over it.

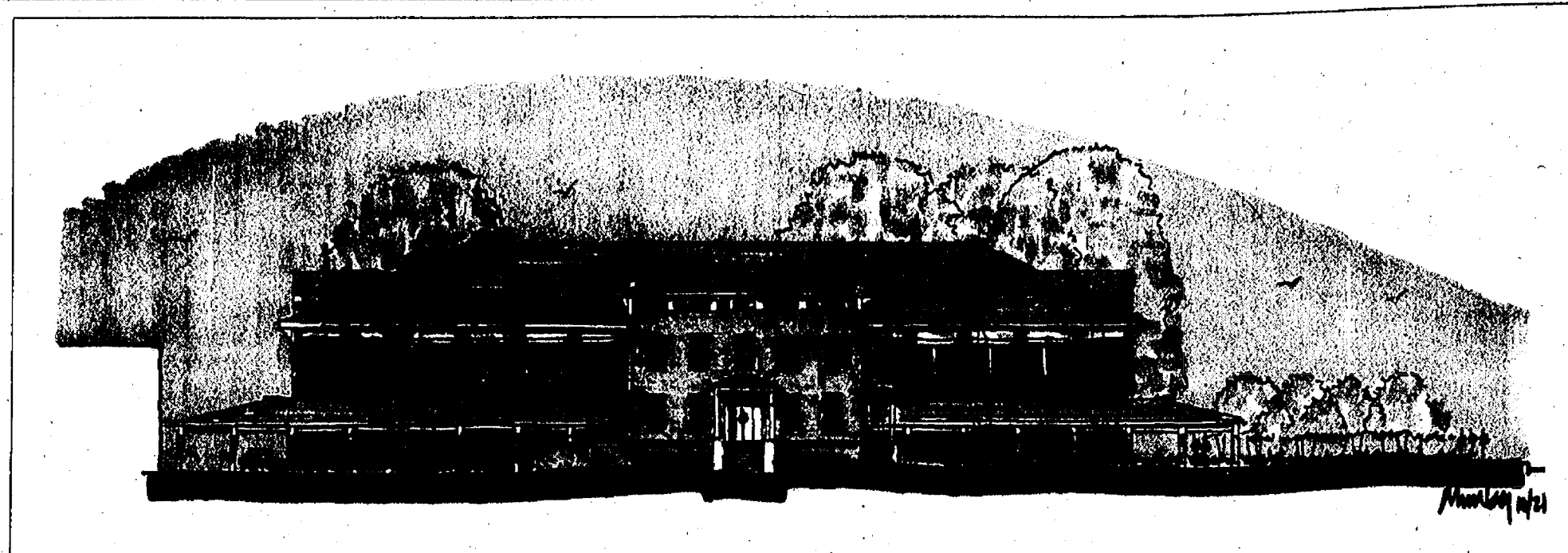
A canopied walkway will separate the old from the new.

Mumby said the façade of the new building would complement the McKune House exterior, but not duplicate it.

The McKune House itself, Mumby said, likely would be used to hold meetings and house historic photographs and special, revolving collections.

A one-way drive for book drop-offs was shown extending from Orchard Street to Park Street.

Mumby said the drive would probably have its ingress on Orchard Street and its egress on Park Street to take advantage of the latter's traffic light.



The McKune House on Main Street, the former location of the Chelsea District Library, will be renovated to accommodate a larger library if voters pass a millage next year. At left is an artist's rendering of what the facility would look like.

At the board meeting, Draugelis said she is still concerned about the number of new parking spaces that would be provided for library use.

Draugelis said a bigger library would require more staffing and fewer parking

spaces for the public.

Mumby said patrons could use the existing municipal lot east of Merkel Furniture and Carpet One, while the staff could be asked to park farther away.

Lawrence Hill, chief estimator for O'Neal Construction, introduced himself at the forum as the person who will bring to the public "the best library for the lowest price."

Hill said the library project gave his company a chance to do what it likes to do best, which is restore a historic building and build a

new structure from scratch.

Hill said some of O'Neal Construction's projects include restoring the Michigan Theater on East Liberty Street in Ann Arbor and the William P. Faust Library in Westland.

Alyce Riemenschneider, whom the board hired as the project's interior designer, said her job is to oversee the interior spaces.

"My job is not to make the interior gaudy," she said. "In fact, you might not even know I was there."

Riemenschneider, who lives in Chelsea, said she has

worked on 60 libraries in the last 20 years and keeps up on the size of new equipment and the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

About six to eight architectural drawings will be made available on the

Chelsea District Library's Web site and in its temporary location at the Washington Street Education Center.

Michael Rybka is a freelance writer. He can be reached via e-mail at Mhrybka@aol.com.

CHELSEA

Cello master class slated for Friday

Eight students from the studio of Sara Cumming, a private cello teacher and member of the Chelsea Chamber Players, have been selected to participate in Friday's cello master class with internationally acclaimed cellist Laurien Laufman.

The class will be held 10 a.m. to noon at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St.

The event is free and open to the public.

The students are Viktor Rozsa, Jack Hermann, Justin McGrath, Libby Masaracchia, Andrew Chou, Colin Lenehan, Alice Butcher and Kate Wakefield.

Laufman, an artist of international stature, is professor of cello at the University of Illinois. She has performed throughout Europe, the United States, Canada, South America, India and the People's Republic of China.

STRAIGHT FACTS

A photo caption for the "Hard Rock Challenge" in last week's edition should have identified Grace Valentine, Lisa Erickson and James Wright as members of the Venture Crew of Saline, and Jamie Burke, Randy Martzoff and Clint Krembus as members of Webelos Pack 442.

No matter how hard we try to avoid mistakes, sometimes they happen anyway. When that occurs, we rely on our readers to let us know about them. So, please help. To request a correction, e-mail Editor Michelle Rogers at editor@chelseastandard.com or call 475-1371.

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HINT: Although it varies from state to state as well as from claim to claim, and with the exception of a claim against a government agency, most personal injury claims need to be filed at least one year from the date of injury.

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chester, Dexter and Stockbridge.

Ellenwood said the home was completely engulfed in flames and the roof was caved in when crews got there. As firefighters arrived, the second floor collapsed.

"Crews couldn't get in at all for interior firefighting until about 7 a.m.," Ellenwood said. "There were a lot of hot spots, and the floors were unstable. It was very difficult and unsafe to send firefighters too far in."

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Ellenwood said an autopsy would be conducted to identify the pair, but the couple is assumed to be Lillie and Skeets because Lillie's car was at the house.

Lillie, who celebrated her 70th birthday last month, was a driver for the Chelsea Area Transportation System, most recently serving as a substitute driver. Her husband was 86 years old.

CATS Director Michaelene Pawlak said that Lillie also drove for special events, such as a shuttle for senior citizens during the Chelsea Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings.

"The seniors just loved

her," Pawlak said.

"She was the most humble, faithful employee I've ever encountered. Whether she was at the dispatch desk or behind the wheel or shopping and doing deliveries for seniors, she was always there for you."

"Lillie and Skeets also loved to spend time with their children and grandchildren."

Bob Pierce, director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce and a CATS board member, said he often would see Lillie bringing laundry, usually belonging to others, into the laundry facility next to the chamber office.

"Lillie was very unselfish with all of her deeds," Pierce said. "She was just always there for anybody who needed her."

"This is a huge loss for the community, and especially for CATS."

Lillie worked for the Chelsea Schools Transportation Department for nearly three decades, from September 1976 to April 2002. She was a bus driver for the first 26 years and a bus monitor for the last 18 months.

"Lillie is fondly remembered by all of us as a quiet, generous and caring lady," Transportation Director Sam Vogel said.

Vogel said the entire trans-

portation department and former employees were very saddened by the tragic news. Transportation secretary Chris Frayer said that Lillie enjoyed doing volunteer work.

"She was a driver for the Meals on Wheels program, and I know she especially enjoyed doing this," Frayer said. "She was an inspiration to me getting involved in subbing in the Meals on Wheels program."

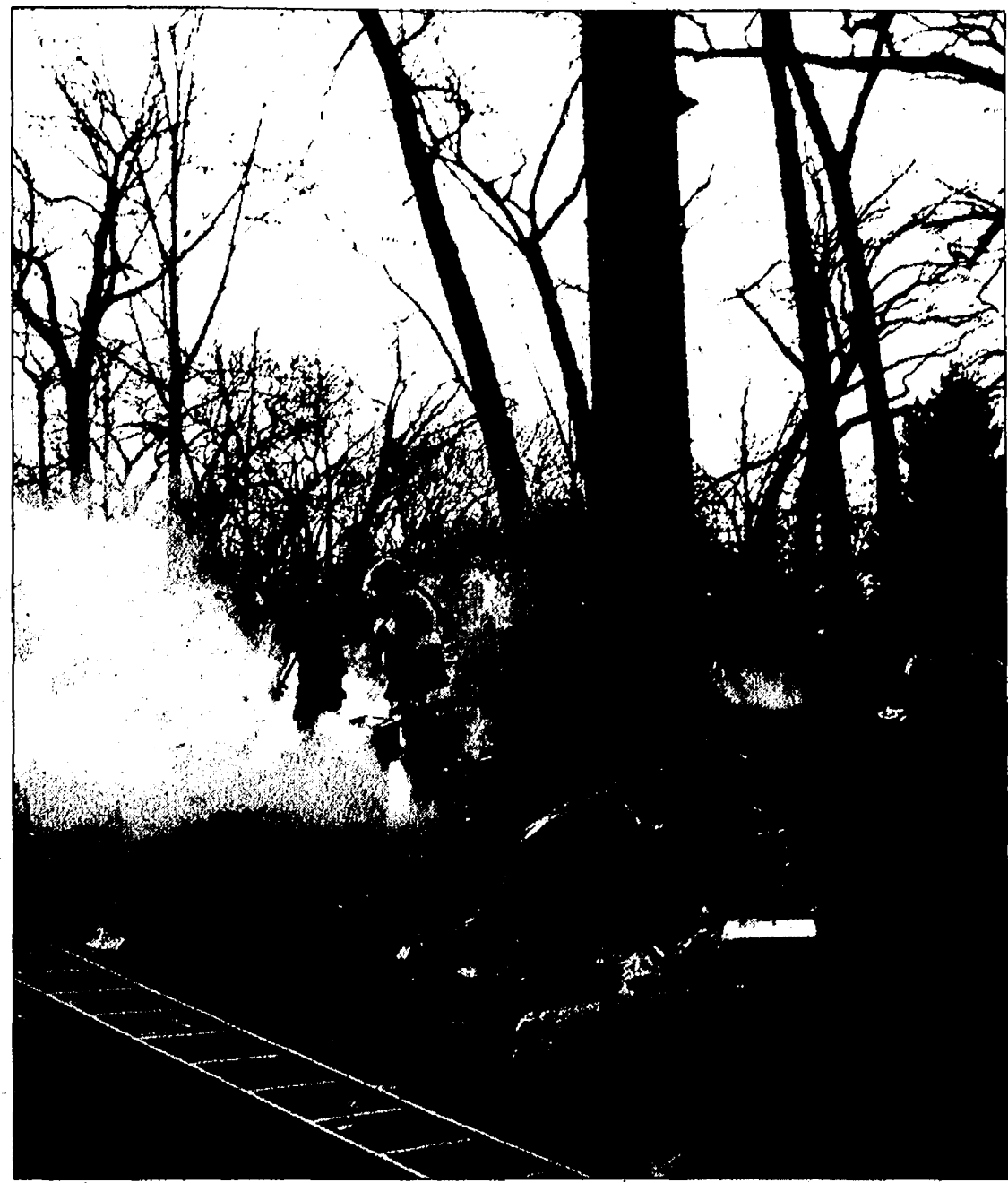
Lillie also volunteered at Faith In Action and with the Chelsea Nutrition program.

"We were all absolutely stunned when we heard the news," said Nadine Shaneyfelt of Faith In Action. "This is a huge blow to the community."

The Wordens also cared for Lillie's developmentally disabled brother, Clinton Hawkins, for many years before he became a resident a couple of months ago at Cedar Knoll care center in Grass Lake.

The Wordens enjoyed activities at the Chelsea Senior Center, as well.

"Lillie was absolutely a fixture here," said Colleen O'Neill, the center's former director. "She and Skeets were very friendly, volunteered and helped out in so many ways, including our newsletter. Lillie was in the knitting group and took a



Chelsea firefighters Derek Klink, Jim Boritzki and Chelsea Fire Investigator Al Thompson sift through the rubble of the Wordens' home on Cedar Lake Drive. Fire crews left the scene at noon Tuesday.

computer class. She was very generous and always willing to go out of her way, even driving people into Ann Arbor for doctor appoint-

ments and waiting for them. "Skeets would dig up plants and bitter root from their property and bring them to our plant sales, and they always enjoyed helping at the senior craft fairs." Associate Editor Sheila Pursglove can be reached at 475-1371.

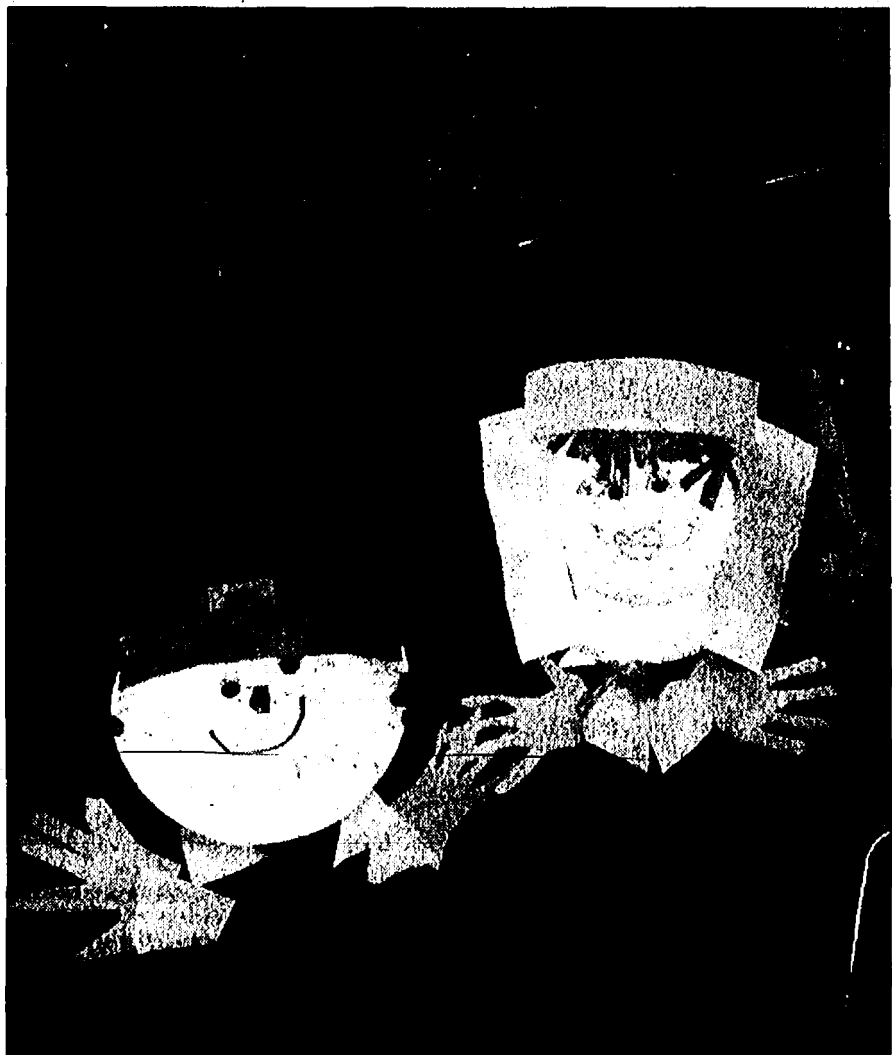


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Pilgrim Pair

Clayton Maloney-McGlinn (left) and Maya Pifer show off pilgrims they made in a recent class at North Creek Elementary School.

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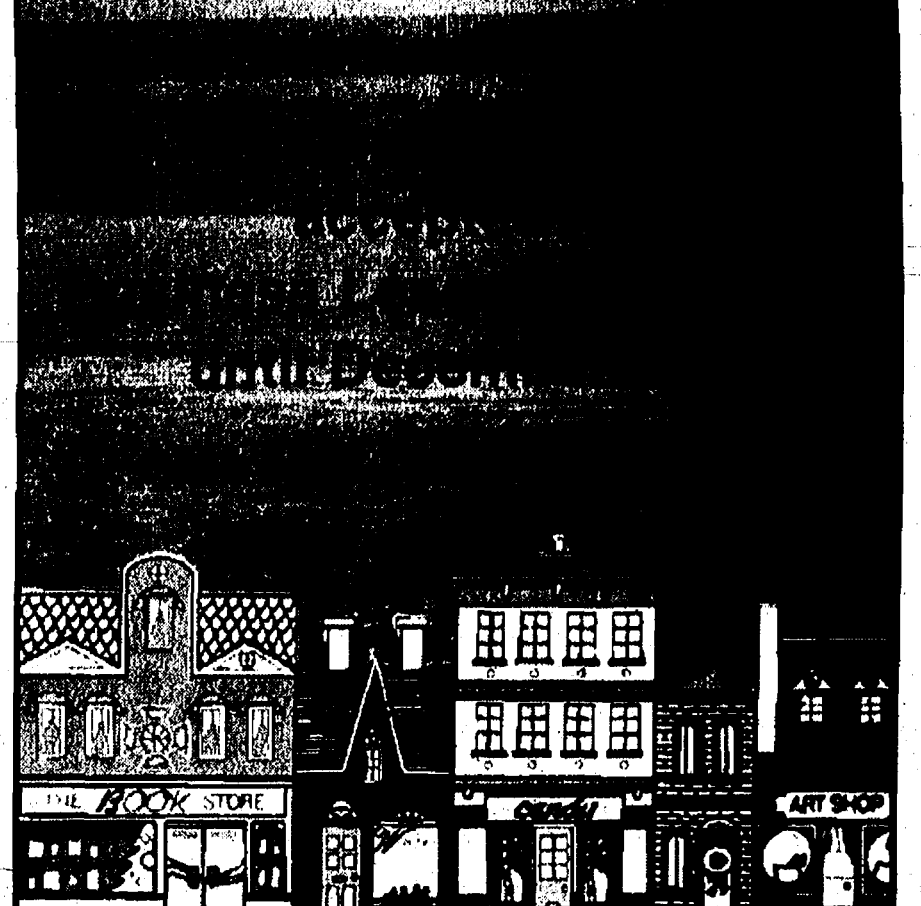
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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

District holds forum on school finances

■ Officials looking at \$2.5 million deficit.

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Teresa Zigman, executive director of business and operations for the Chelsea School District, sees a smidgen of financial relief in recent news from Lansing.

"It looks as if (Gov. Jennifer) Granholm will not roll back the income tax and is looking to allocate \$115 million to schools," Zigman said. "That could take care of one-third of our pro-rata problem — from \$196 per pupil cut to approximately \$131."

For Chelsea, that means going from a loss of \$570,000 to \$380,000.

Zigman was the main speaker at a school funding

forum Nov. 20 in Chelsea.

About 40 residents attended, as well as school trustees, administrators and district employees.

Zigman began with the basics — how schools in Michigan are funded.

Before the state assumed control of education funding through the 1994 Proposal A school finance changes, more than 90 percent of the Chelsea School District's funding came from local property taxes, the remainder from state sources.

Districts had the opportunity to go directly to voters to raise taxes for instructional or operational purposes.

Since Proposal A, more than 90 percent of funding comes from the state and is provided on a per-pupil basis. Chelsea receives about

\$7,073 per pupil.

In the 2002-03 school year, the Chelsea School District reduced its expenditures by more than \$1.2 million with the elimination of two administrators, one technology position, 3.8 support positions, 10 teaching posts and a reduction in the athletics department.

The state currently shows a \$600 million deficit in its general fund for the year ending Sept. 30, 2003. The School Aid Fund showed a deficit of \$350 million, equating to a cut in funding of about \$196 per student to take effect midway through the 2003-04 year, when staffing, programs and services are already in place, Zigman said.

This means possible cuts in the second semester, or use of fund equity, she said.

The 2004-05 school year will bring additional cuts in per-pupil funding because of the poor economy, declining district enrollment, retirement contributions, increased salary steps and benefits, increases in utility costs and the effects of special education costs, Zigman said.

The Chelsea School District is facing a potential deficit of \$2,516,000 in the 2004-05 year.

The district currently uses its general fund for both instructional and operational expenditures, and collects 7 mills to retire outstanding district debt. The sinking fund of 1 mill is used for major renovations and repairs in the district.

Options to reduce the deficit include a schools-of-choice program that would

open Chelsea classrooms to non-district students, resulting in more state aid.

Superintendent David Killips cited an example of Chelsea taking in 50 schools-of-choice students, and said the district could gain about \$335,000 in state funding.

With the added costs of about \$150,000 for two additional teachers and supplies, the net gain would only be about \$185,000.

In addition, Chelsea residents would subsidize non-district students through the building millage, Killips said. Non-resident parents can't vote on district millages or bonds, and there may not be enough space in extracurricular activities for both resident and non-resident pupils, he said.

Other options include reducing staffing, programs and services; a countywide educational enhancement millage through the Washenaw Intermediate School District; use of \$3.1 million fund equity; an additional millage for recreation and building maintenance and repairs; and a \$25 million bond election next June that could extend the existing 7-mill capital levy.

"I believe that everyone realized that, no matter what options we put into place to help alleviate the deficit, that no one option will take care of it," Zigman said.

"We will still have to make cuts in any case scenario."

The district plans to hold its next public forum sometime in January.

CHELSEA AREA FIRE REPORT

Nov 18

• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 700 block of North Freer Road in Chelsea. Huron Valley Ambulance took a person who had fallen to the University of Michigan Medical Center.

• Firefighters extinguished a transformer fire in the 800 block of West Middle Street in Chelsea.

Nov 19

• Firefighters responded to two automatic fire alarms, one in the 1200 block of South

Main Street and the other in the 400 block of Congdon Street. Both were false alarms.

• Firefighters secured the scene after a power line came down around 1 p.m. in the 15000 block of M-52 in Lyndon Township.

Nov 20

• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 7000 block of Lakeshore Drive in Dexter Township. A patient with chest pain was taken to U of M Medical Center.

• Firefighters answered a

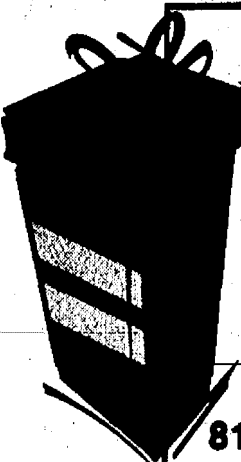
medical call in the 1800 block of South Main Street in Chelsea after someone reported having breathing difficulties. The person refused transportation to the hospital, however.

• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 800 block of West Middle Street in

Chelsea. A person with abdominal pain was taken to Chelsea hospital.

Nov 21

• Firefighters answered a medical call in the 700 block of South Main Street in Chelsea. A person who may have fractured a hip was taken to Chelsea hospital.



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Fighting spirit

Local teenager faces more challenges over holiday season

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

Mandy Kitchens' arms are too short to wrap around her mom, but her heart and spirit stretch for miles.

Mandy, an eighth-grader at Beach Middle School, was born with VATER Association — an acronym for a series of birth defects.

Her left arm is very short and her hand only has two fingers.

Her right arm is about 75 percent of its normal length, and — without a radius — turns inward. She has no thumb on her right hand.

Other challenges include only one kidney, brain and spinal cysts, asthma, hearing loss, expressive language and articulation delays, tracheal stenosis, and an extra rib on the right side and a missing rib on the left.

A malformed third lumbar vertebra, causing scoliosis, is the reason Mandy faces delicate surgery Tuesday.

The operation, which should last at least five hours, will include removal of a disk and vertebra from Mandy's spine and moving bone from her hip to create a substance to fuse the vertebrae together.

While her friends enjoyed fall and pre-holiday activities, Mandy has been doing a round of pre-op appointments that have included several blood draws and X-rays, and even emergency room visits when nerves in her back caused pain and weakness.

Not that physical challenges ever slowed Mandy down one bit.

The teen enjoys dancing, singing, artwork, riding her 10-speed bike, swimming, inline skating, ice skating, horseback riding, skiing, sledding and much more.

"She is by far the bravest person I know," Kitchens says. "If I had to sum her up in one sentence, this would be it — stolen from a popular country song and rephrased — if she has the choice to sit it out or dance, she dances."

"I promised Mandy she and I would spend the whole day together before her surgery just dancing and jumping around and being, basically, goofy."

"After this surgery, she won't be able to do much but walk or maybe swim for at least a year."

After the break up of her marriage a few months ago, Kitchens moved her three children — Mandy, Jake and Josh — from Ann Arbor to Dexter Township to live with a friend.

Kitchens — formerly Mary Jane Long — came to Chelsea in her teens, graduated from Chelsea High School, and still has family in town.

"I always wanted to come back to Chelsea, so when the opportunity presented itself again, this time I jumped at the chance," Kitchens says. "The neighbors are wonderful and have accepted us as their own."

"After being a city girl for 20 years, I was surprised at how at home I still felt out here."

Kitchens, who said Mandy felt left out of social cliques at her middle school in Ann Arbor, was anxious to see how her daughter would be accepted at Beach.

She need not have worried. "I'm enormously happy to say that she loves her new school, and her many, many new friends," Kitchens says.

Sadly, the little girl who dreams of being a veterinarian, had to leave her own puppy behind when the family moved to Chelsea.

She found a surrogate pet at school. Teacher Craig McCalla brings his dog, Jacob, to class a couple of times a week.

"I don't know if Mandy is crazier about the dog, or if the dog is crazier about her, but they're so cute together. They just run to each other whenever they see each other," Kitchens says.

Mandy has now set her

heart on getting a cockatoo, her mother says.

Kitchens is juggling taking care of her three children, preparing for Mandy's surgery, and coordinating everything while holding down a job at Campus Management in Ann Arbor.

"My bosses are great and really want to try to work it out so I can take care of her and still work there. But any work I'll be able to do will be very, very limited, so my income will be as well," she says.

"I've decided I will not be working at all from the day before her surgery, so we can spend the day together, until she is fully recovered — about six weeks."

"I just can't bring myself to leave her."

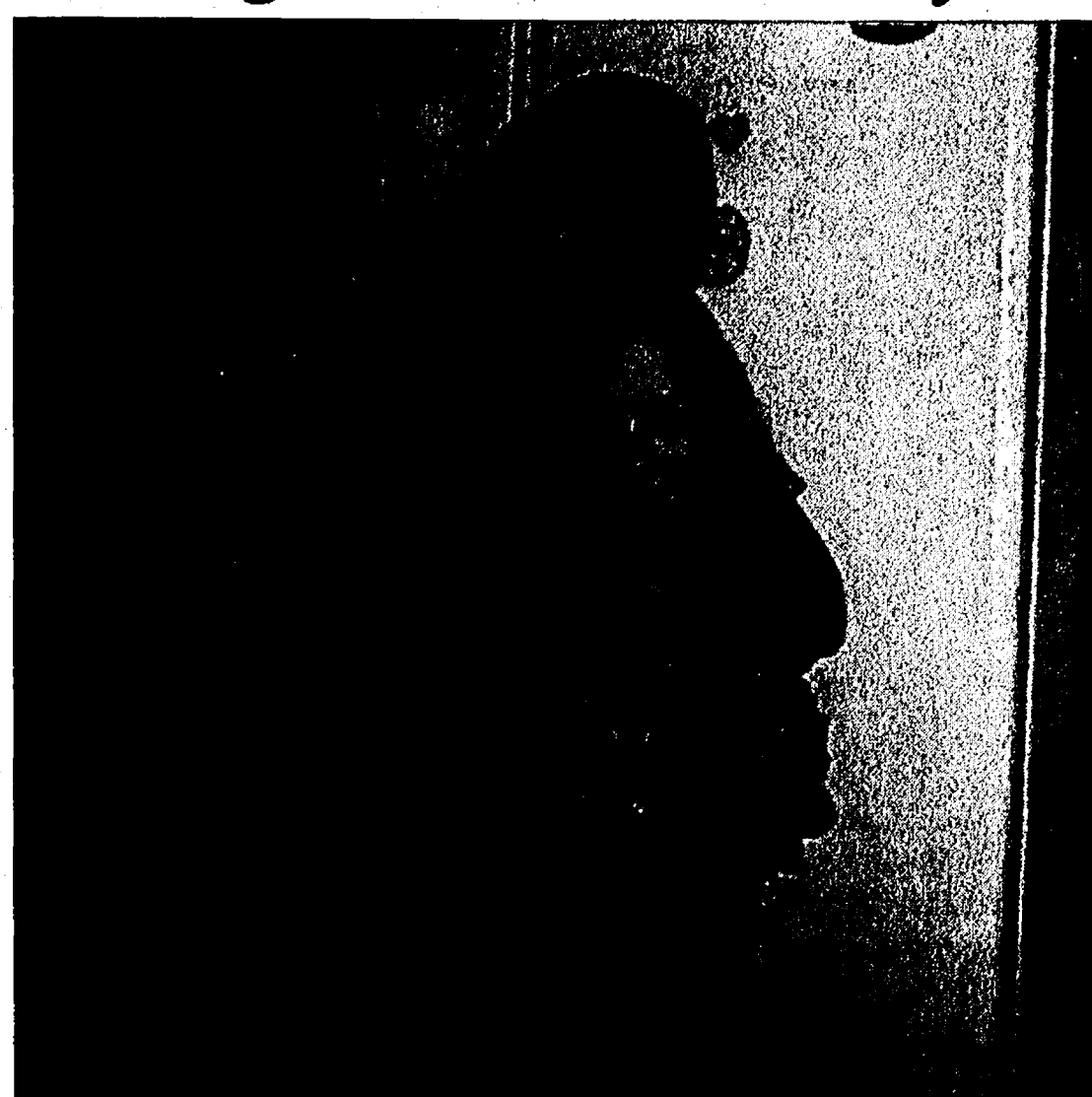
While there is never a good time for something like this, Kitchens says the surgery has come at the worst time.

"I'm so worried about being able to pay bills, keep food on the table, and give the kids a decent Christmas, especially Mandy," she says. "She'll be recuperating right through Christmas. That makes me so sad to think about it."

Kitchens would love to fulfill Mandy's Christmas wishes of stuffed animals, video games, jewelry, arts-and-crafts materials and anything with a dolphin theme, one of her passions.

The family suffered another recent blow when Kitchens' laptop computer broke. Mandy had planned to use it to stay in touch with friends from the hospital, and to stay on top of her schoolwork.

Chelsea School District Assistant Superintendent Iva Corbett and Technology Specialist Scott Wooster



Dexter Township's Mandy Kitchens, an eighth-grader at Beach Middle School, was born with multiple birth defects. Mandy, pictured with her mom, Mary Jane Kitchens, faces delicate surgery on her back next week.

swung into action and contacted Jay Jahnke of Affordable Computers Inc., owned by Douglas Nadeau of Chelsea. The company provided refurbished laptop computers for the district's sixth-grade Freedom To Learn program.

Jahnke has arranged for Mandy to have the use of a

laptop computer for the duration of her recovery.

Klara Danner, head of the Parish Nurse Connection at Chelsea Community Hospital, has taken the family under her wing, rounding up volunteers to help, and even providing a Thanksgiving turkey and trimmings.

Staff at Beach Middle

School is also helping out the family for the holiday season.

"The support we're getting from this town is nothing short of amazing," Kitchens says. "It's so nice to be home again."

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Lisa Nickel
Principal
South Meadows Elementary School

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Judy Gallagher
Development Director
Purple Rose Theatre Co.

I'm always grateful for my three wonderful children, good health and great friends. I'd also be grateful for a new, wonderful village manager!

Terri Burtch
Village Clerk

I'm always grateful for my wonderful family, their health and caring. I'm thankful for the great students, families and peers I'm fortunate to work with every day. I pray that we learn to work together to support those in need and create a world of peace and understanding.

Lucy Stieber
Principal
Pierce Lake Elementary School

I'm thankful for family, friends, and the ability to have fun.

Andy Ingall
Principal
Beach Middle School

I'm most thankful for a loving and healthy family, and

for all of the wonderful friendships we've made here in Chelsea.

Teresa Zigman
Executive Director of
Business and Operations
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I'm thankful for my family, who are all doing good, and for the people who work for me, who make me look good! I'm also thankful for my good health.

Dan Ellenwood
Chelsea Fire Chief

I'm especially thankful for my family, the freedoms we enjoy in our great nation, and the multiple blessings we have received from a loving God.

Ron Mead
Principal
Chelsea High School

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. No gifts, no costumes, no unnecessary preparations, just the basics — family and a meal.

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My wife, Jane, has whoever is at our house each year write what we are thankful for in a Thanksgiving book. Fun to remember who was here and what we were thankful for over the years. Everyone needs to be reminded occasionally to be

thankful. Thankfully we have this opportunity to do so every year.

Bill Shrosbree
Chelsea

I give thanks for having a loving family a wonderful and supportive wife and healthy and fantastic daughter. I give thanks for having a career/job that I love, and that involves working with enthusiastic young people — I regard teaching as being the most rewarding and important work anyone can do.

I give thanks for having the opportunity to work and live in Chelsea — a community that believes in and is concerned for its young people.

Rick Catherman
Band Director
Chelsea High School

Recently a wild, black cat adopted us and let us invite her into our home and feed and pet her. So on this Thanksgiving, I'm grateful to have my fears challenged — then again, I'm falling in love and committing to a relationship. On the other hand, I'm also learning a bit more about my own wild and playful side.

Marijo Grogan
Lyndon Township

The Chelsea Standard wishes all its readers a wonderful Thanksgiving.



Photo by Rita Fischer

Happy Thanksgiving

Pupils in Sherri Plank's kindergarten class at North Creek Elementary School "catch" paper turkeys to put them in a teepee. Pictured are Graham Kuras (left), Tristan Koch, Kyle Doyle, Mitchell Mills and Alyssa Gray



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Twin Turkeys

Brandon Alder (left) and Madison Nelson show off paper turkey creations they made in teacher Lydia Weid's second-grade class at North Creek Elementary School.

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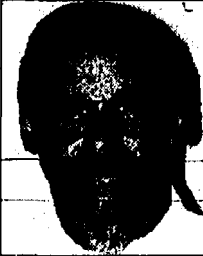
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DEXTER TOWNSHIP

Local officials discussing private roads, driveways

■ Shared driveways could be part of revised ordinance.

By Paul Fletcher
Staff Writer

Shared driveways in Dexter Township will not be allowed until two ordinances that are incompatible can be revised.

While the township's zoning ordinance allows driveways to be shared by two or more homes, the private road ordinance does not.

It likely will be months before the ordinances can be revised. One person, Township Supervisor Pat Kelly said, has been waiting for a shared driveway for two years.

"It takes time to work it all out," she said. Officials know the private road ordinance could use a makeover, and are working toward that now.

Resident Sharyn Lynn Williams spoke to the township last week, requesting a shared driveway for two land tracts owned by her and her husband.

Williams said a vacant lot she owns likely would be sold as a building lot.

Those two parcels and another tract owned by another party were split some 50 years ago. An easement also was granted at that

time. Williams wants to use the easement as a shared driveway for the three tracts.

"You have a number of problems," Kelly said. "That road is very long and in very bad shape right now."

The easement is just over 1,100 feet long. Clerk Harley Rider said the easement probably could be made a private road, but it would be costly to bring it up to required standards.

The easement would have to be reviewed by the township engineer and attorney, Rider said, and it must be made safe for year-round public use.

The private road application fee is \$1,350. The amount would cover part of the engineering and legal fees.

The township does not have an application for a shared driveway, Rider said.

Williams had the easement surveyed and said she is prepared to improve it.

Rider recommended that the private road ordinance address shared driveways on an interim basis, and officials should work toward including both in the same ordinance.

Three other requests for shared driveways are being reviewed.

Staff Writer Paul Fletcher can be reached at 475-1371 or pfletcher@heritage.com.

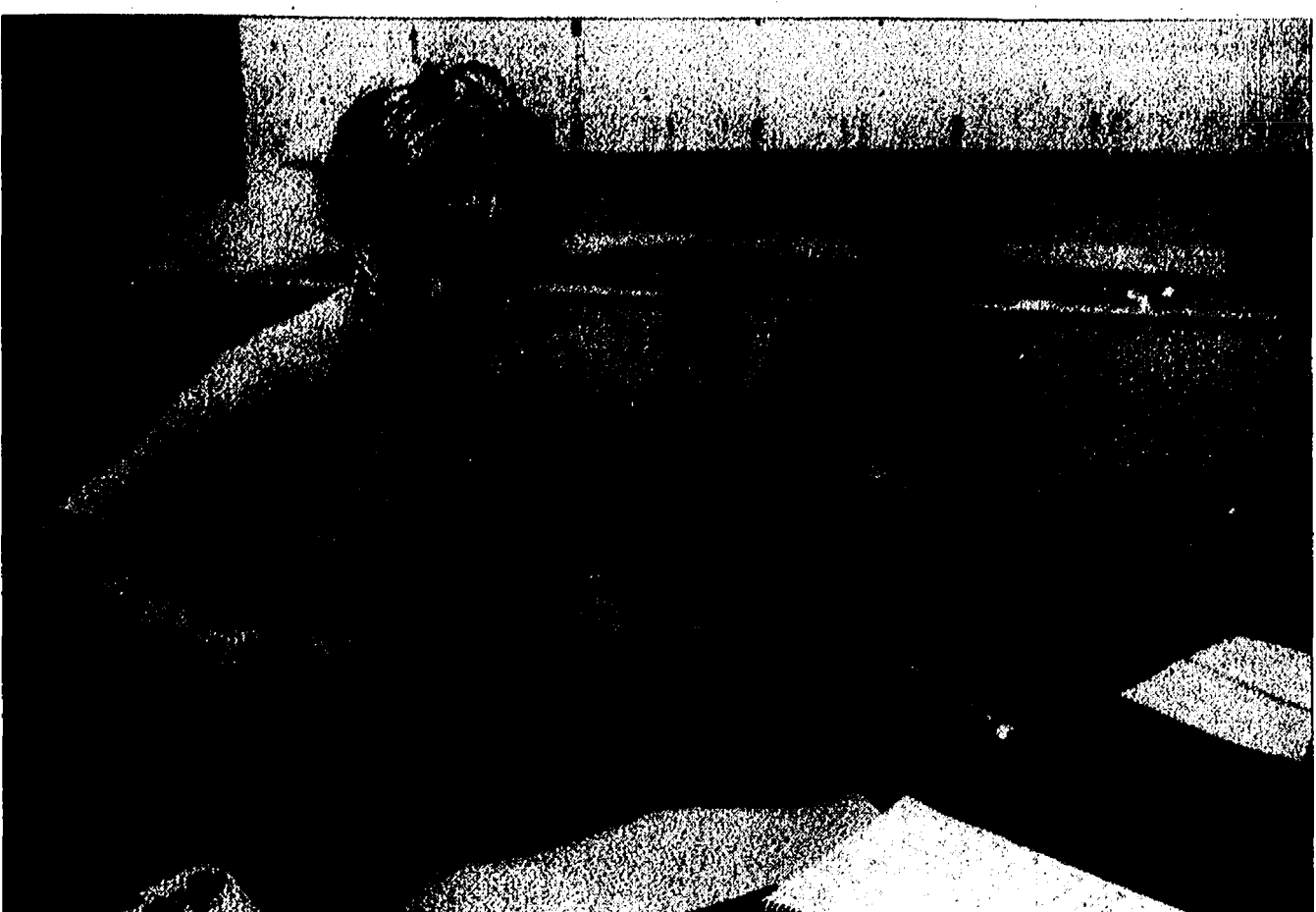


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High Strung

A dulcimer class was offered for the first time this fall through Dexter Community Education as a course for beginners. Strumming out a tune in class are Nancy Fisher (left) and Sally Katchorek.

CHELSEA

Art show set for Dec. 6

The 4 Friends art group will hold an expanded holiday show during Chelsea's Festival of Lights.

Chelsea artists Marsi Darwin, Marlene Dusibier, and Candace Pappas will team up with a dozen friends and relatives to exhibit artworks from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Chelsea Fairgrounds service building on Old US-12.

Friends Susan Falcone and Tracy Gallup will hold home shows the same day.

Darwin has been creating stained and etched glass pieces in the family studio near Waterloo since 1988, and her work can be seen at the Chelsea Gallery.

Dusibier is a professional woodcarver, making folk art animals, birds and seasonal objects in her saltbox home near Chelsea. She has been featured in Country Home magazine, among other publications.

Pappas is a painter, recently transplanted from California, whose work is represented

by the W.A.R.D. Gallery in Harbor Springs.

Three previous shows at the Chelsea Depot and at Grass Lake inspired the friends to expand.

In addition to the glasswork, woodcarving and paintings, there will be

antique items, jewelry, soaps, cross-stitch, pottery, and other items.

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CHELSEA

Faith In Action receives donation from United Way

Faith In Action, which serves the needy in the Chelsea and Dexter school districts, has received a pledge of \$38,000 from the Chelsea United Way to support the 2004 programs.

"Faith In Action epitomizes what the Chelsea United Way and its many donors believe in — neighbor helping neighbor," says Chelsea United Way President Bob Trudell.

"Chelsea is a unique and special community, and Faith In Action is the heartbeat of our community's generous spirit."

Faith In Action Director Dick Shaneyfelt said he continues to be "in awe" of the community.

"Our trustees are extremely grateful to the Chelsea United Way, and everyone who supports it," he said. "This pledge accounts for almost one-third of our budget, and once again makes the Chelsea United Way the largest supporter of Faith In Action."

The pledge comes at an ideal time, as Faith In Action volunteers prepare to deliver food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

This year, more than 100 families will receive food baskets on the two holidays.

Shaneyfelt said that Faith In Action acts as a clearinghouse, providing an array of services and support to families in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas.

"We believe in giving people and families a hand up, not a handout," he said. "Counseling, guidance and support are as much a part of the services a person is likely to get here as food, clothing or funds to help pay utility bills."

Faith In Action got its start in 1980 when the Rev. Jerry

Beaumont and the congregation at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church approached other area church leaders with the concept of an interdenominational service agency to support Chelsea and Dexter families.

The organization has grown a long way from its humble beginnings in the back pews at St. Barnabas.

In 2002, Faith In Action served more than 3,100 families, which included some 9,000 individuals.

The Faith In Action building is located at 775 S. Main St. in Chelsea, at the north entrance to the Chelsea Community Hospital campus.

On a typical day, six to seven families receive financial aid, vouchers to buy shoes, gently used clothing donated by local residents or food collected in food drives by elementary school children, Boy Scouts or mail carriers.

Faith In Action administers a home meals program for people with special diet needs, as well as a scholarship program that assists families with the costs of preschool education.

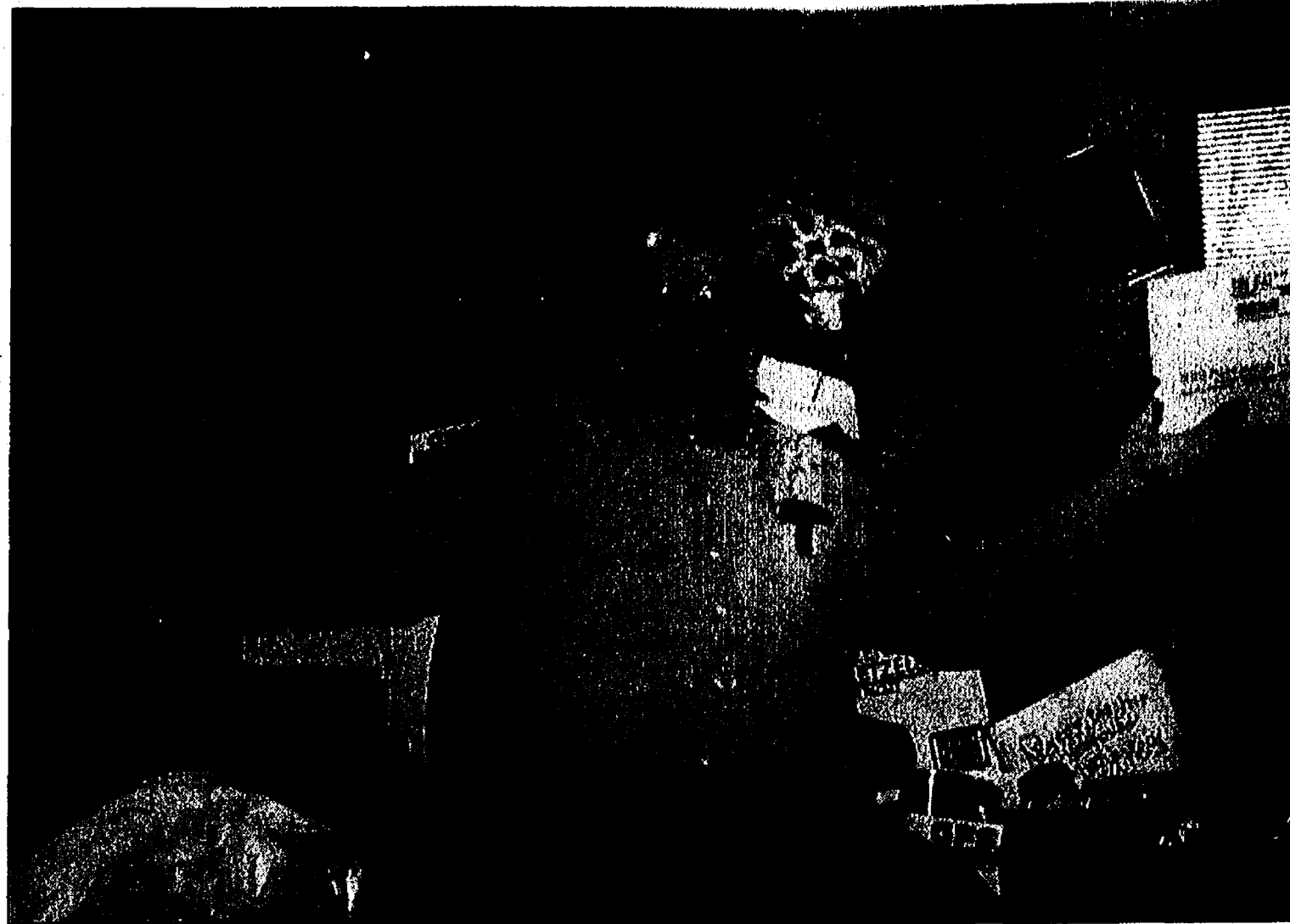
The organization also assists stranded motorists with gas vouchers, food or lodging.

Shaneyfelt said that last year brought an increase in requests because of the area's economic downturn.

"Many people came to us after losing their job, or running out of unemployment benefits," he said.

Faith In Action was able to meet the increased need through donations and over 5,050 hours of volunteer service.

Trudell said that the economy has been hard on the Chelsea United Way, but community members have



Dick Shaneyfelt, director of Faith In Action, sits in front of the huge pile of food collected by pupils in recent food drives at South Meadows and North Creek elementary schools in Chelsea.

Photo by Rita Fischer

come through and the organization reached almost 90 percent of its \$130,000 goal in 2003.

"We're really hoping that people will dig deep again this year and make a pledge to us that will go to support groups like Faith In Action," Trudell said.

"Our board is proud of the

fact that we're all volunteer and almost 95 percent of what we raise goes straight back to agencies like Faith In Action."

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Annual Festival of Lights to include many activities

The 16th annual Chelsea Festival of Lights marks the beginning of the holiday season.

This year's event will offer a variety of expanded activities, attractions and festivities Dec. 5, 6 and 7.

The first night will feature a tree-lighting ceremony hosted by the Chelsea Rotary Club. It will be held downtown next to the McKune House. Chelsea Community Fair Queen Mia Lancelotti will turn on the lights at 6 p.m. The Live Creche Tableau will follow.

Across the street at the UAW Hall, children may create holiday crafts while waiting to share their Christmas list with Santa Claus.

Other highlights for Friday night will include cookie decorating and refreshments at the First Congregational Church on Middle Street, horse-drawn carriage tours, Christmas story time, and live music from A Wing-N-Prayer at the First United Methodist Church on Park Street.

Chelsea District Library will host a holiday used book sale at McKune House. In addition, there will be a viewing of the annual miniature village and Model-T display at Palmer Ford on Main Street.

Merchants will host special events, activities and sales. Children's author Denise Brennan Nelson will be at Dayspring Gifts from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; rug hooking, spinning, embroidery and gourd doll-making demonstrations will take place at A Gathering Basket; and renowned wood-carver Marlene Dusbiber will show her talents live at The Village Shoppe on Main Street from 7 to 11 p.m.

Guitarist Preston Woodward will perform Celtic and Scottish ballads at Zou Zou's, and the newly opened Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory Outlet, the festival's sponsor, will preview the Guinness Book of Records largest Teddy Bear in the Clock Tower building.

Cranesbill Books on Middle Street will host story telling, live music and offer refreshments. The Chelsea Historical Museum at the Chelsea Depot on Jackson Street will be open for tours starting at 7:45 p.m.

The evening's activities will close 9 p.m. at Chelsea Depot with a community sing-along and announcement of the home-decorating prize winners.

The town will be decked out in festive décor, and downtown merchants will showcase in their windows the creative talents of local children with displays of gin-

gerbread houses.

On Dec. 6, daylong activities will be held at the Chelsea Center for the Arts, 400 Congdon St. The Artists' Market will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Activities will include a preview of the Chelsea Youth Dance Theatre's upcoming performance of "The Nutcracker."

Local metal artist Rick De Troyer will lead a metal arts workshop, and children may visit Santa.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Common Chords Bell Choir, which will perform at 2 p.m.

Other activities on Saturday will include the Holiday Used Book Sale at the McKune House, entertainment and an origami demonstration at Cranesbill Books, and Mission Market place at the First United Methodist Church.

The Chelsea Area Players Junior Theatre will perform "A Christmas Carol" 2 and 8 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

Also on Saturday, local merchants will hold several events, including demonstrations of creative gift wrapping, bow tying, and pretzel dipping at Dayspring Gifts, and pinecone bird feeder ornaments at Gigi's Flowers on Main Street.

St. Nicholas will make an appearance at Pierce's Pastries Plus as Laura Federbush plays seasonal harp music from 11 a.m. to 2

p.m.

The Chelsea Gallery is hosting an artists' reception for jewelers Helen Bunch, Heather Dombey and Sandra Xenakis, and dollmaker Carol Stygles from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Zou Zou's will host jazz saxophonist Ed Sugar from 8 to 11 p.m.

Highlighting activities Dec. 6 is the 1 p.m. unveiling of the Guinness Book of Record's largest bear at the Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory Outlet store.

Preservation Chelsea will host the Holiday Historic Home Tour, with six stops. Tickets are \$20 and should be purchased in advance. The tour starts at 4 p.m.

On Dec. 7, "A Christmas Carol" will be performed by the Chelsea Area Players Junior Theatre program 2 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center.

Chelsea Musical Celebrations will host a concert at the First Congregational Church, featuring the Chelsea Chamber Players.

The Chelsea Retirement Center Chapel will present a Festival of Lessons and Carols 6:30 p.m. at 800 W. Middle St.

Chelsea merchants also are holding a holiday shopping contest all weekend through mid-December. Details are available in participating stores.

For more information, call the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce at 475-1145.



Bake-Off Winners

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DEXTER VILLAGE

Chamber preparing for Victorian Christmas

■ **Event celebrating sixth year in Dexter.**

By Paul Fletcher
Staff Writer

Dexter Village will be transformed into a Victorian wonderland as the community celebrates the start of the holiday season with its annual Victorian Christmas Dec. 6 and Dec. 13.

Victorian Christmas evolved out of an annual open house held by downtown merchants several years ago.

"We made it more of a festival-type event," said event chairperson Carol Jones.

This is the sixth Dexter Victorian Christmas, Jones said. It's sponsored by the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce.

Preparation for the event takes a committee of about a dozen people some six months.

Event visitors can enjoy Victorian ladies, strolling musicians, carolers and horse-drawn sleigh rides.

Crown Carriage in Fowlerville furnishes the sleigh and reindeer, Jones said.

Children can write letters to Santa Claus or pose for a picture with Santa.

The festival, which takes place in the downtown area and in Monument Park, runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available with stories from the North Pole, sing-alongs and holiday magic.

Festive sounds performed by the Dexter Community Band may be heard while strolling through the park Dec. 6, and indoors at the Victorian Tea Dec. 13.

The holiday celebration will conclude Dec. 13 with a holiday light parade through downtown beginning at 5 p.m.

Jones said much of the event is designed with children in mind.

"We get quite a few families with small kids," she said.

Cousins Heritage Inn will host the Victorian Holiday Tea from 2 to 4 p.m. both days of the event. Tickets are available for \$20 per person. The price includes tea, snacks, tax and gratuity.

"This is a nice opportunity for mothers and daughters, friends or grandmothers and granddaughters to enjoy a special memory during this busy holiday season," Jones said.

"We are so pleased that the staff of the Heritage Inn will be participating with this great event."

Tickets may be purchased by phoning Cousins Heritage Inn at 426-3020, or in person at 7954 Ann Arbor St.

Storytelling, a petting farm with live reindeer and horse-drawn wagon rides

through town also will be offered.

Collector's edition Christmas ornaments marking the event's sixth year are now on sale.

The 2003 ornament will feature Cousins Heritage Inn. A fixture for many years in the community, the restored 1855 building is home to one of the area's most notable restaurants.

Ornaments are available for \$10 at Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce, Central Street Gifts & Graphics, Christine's, Dexter Card Shop, Dexter Flowers, Elaine's Gallery, Frivolities, Hearts and Flowers and O'Neil's Home Furnishings.

The Victorian Christmas committee, a division of the Dexter chamber, still needs volunteers to help during the event, Jones said.

"(We need) volunteers to assist with event set-up, staffing the cookies and hot chocolate tables, assisting Santa, and carolers and musicians," she said.

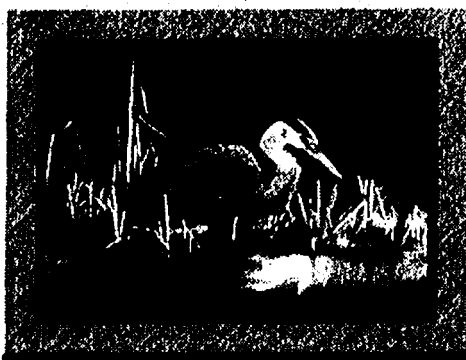
"Most shifts are two hours, and (it's) a great way for people to get involved in community activities."

If you, your organization or musical group wishes to volunteer, contact the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce office at 426-0887, or via e-mail at info@dexterchamber.org.

For more information, contact Jones at 426-0887, or Ray Lance at 426-3020.



Rachel Sakowski talks to Santa and Mrs. Claus at last year's Victorian Christmas in Dexter.



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STATE

Identity theft victim faces blow

■ **Supreme Court refuses to hear case after \$1.5 million judgment overturned.**

By Andrea Blum
Heritage Newspapers

Patricia Nelski's fight against identity theft was recently weakened.

Nelski has fought credit bureaus and utility companies since a woman used her Social Security number in 1996 to open about 15 accounts in her name.

She sued Ameritech Corp. for failing to clear her credit, and won in 2000. But the state Court of Appeals later reversed the landmark \$1.5 million fine against the company.

Nelski and the state attorney general took the matter to the state Supreme Court, but the court announced Oct. 9 that it would not hear the case.

"I'm very, very upset," Nelski said after hearing the news. "This means they can keep doing what they did to me, and they're not made to pay one red cent or change any of the laws."

She was dealt another blow that day when she learned that her jury trial in Wayne County Circuit Court against credit bureau TransUnion, set for Oct. 20, wouldn't happen after all.

The company was granted an emergency appeal in the matter by the Wayne County Court of Appeals.

"It's going to be tied up for another six months at least," Nelski said.

"The Court of Appeals went over the judge's head and they will decide if I get a trial."

Nelski, a victim of identity theft, has continued her fight to change the state's credit reporting laws for seven years.

She is suing TransUnion for defamation of character, libel and slander.

Nelski says the company failed to remove a fraudulent address from her credit record and allowed transactions after she took proper

steps to clear it.

"I put a fraud victim's statement on there and they still allowed transactions," she said. "Once you inform them of fraudulent activity, it's their duty to investigate and clear your name."

The company cleared her record after she filed the lawsuit in 2001.

She said she isn't seeking a specific dollar amount

because her ultimate goal is to toughen the state's identity-theft laws.

"Money isn't foremost in my mind," she said, adding that she will probably never recoup everything she's spent fighting the companies.

"If they get hit with a big fine, maybe they will change the law."

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DEXTER SCHOOLS

Teachers attend conference

Three teachers from Mill Creek Middle School in Dexter traveled to Kansas City, Mo., to present the program "S4, RAP, and the Media Center: A Middle School Collaboration" at the American Association of School Librarians annual conference Oct. 24 and 25.

The trio also recently presented at the Michigan Association for Media in Education conference in Grand Rapids.

Technology instructor Sue McCarthy, media specialist Linda Livingstone and instructor Julie Snider brainstormed to find a way to combine their curriculum.

McCarthy teaches computer basics and multimedia applications in her resources, applications and production course.

Snider teaches skills and strategies for student success (S4) each quarter, and Livingstone teaches library/information skills to the same

population.

The three teachers found ways develop a creative plan to integrate their learning across the curriculum.

Students develop a common language, which is reinforced by each teacher, and then learn search strategies and the research process. They produce multimedia works using content from the core curriculum of language arts, math, science, and social studies.

Teachers found an innovative way to reach all seventh-grade pupils during the first semester.

This allows students to get on board as soon as possible with the basics of information and technology.

During second semester, students return for more in-depth research and application of skills.

The collaboration revolves around a student's need for information. A four-step research process of question-

ing, learning, synthesizing and storytelling facilitates the need to understand, access, and effectively communicate.

In S4, students learn reading, writing and listening skills, and develop strategies to further their understanding of text. In the media center, students learn processes for accessing and organizing information. The RAP class teaches the tools to publish the ideas, stories and research.

At the end of the course, students are equipped with skills to effectively locate information, understand the information they encounter, and present it to audiences in a variety of formats: word-processed documents, PowerPoint slide shows and iMovies.

With the addition of RAP to the Mill Creek curriculum, seventh-graders have access to technology and the skills to apply technology to the

work they produce. Using content from the core curriculum, S4 students learn and practice reading and writing skills. They continue making connections when they move between S4 and RAP, applying technology skills to the content of S4.

The teachers were selected from over 1,000 applicants to attend the conference. More than 3,500 librarians and educators attended.

The work of local students was highlighted in the multimedia presentations, which included a slide show of students actively engaged in their learning.

"We really wanted to include examples of the students' work in our presentation, since that makes it much more interesting to the audience," Snider said.

"Mill Creek students work so hard in RAP and S4. We wanted to show off their accomplishments. Students and we teachers are proud of their work, and it is quite evident in the show."



Photo by Mary Kumbier

Maracas Music

Second-grader Michela Hanrath makes music on the maracas at Cornerstone Elementary School in Dexter.

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might have weakened her resolve, but she doesn't plan to abandon the cause.

"I did give up once," she said. "I just couldn't take the stress on my everyday life. But I couldn't drop it after speaking to so many victims."

Many people end up paying fraudulent charges because they don't want to deal with the situation, according to Nelski.

"And that isn't going to help," she said.

Nelski has penned two

books about identity theft and now counsels other victims through the Identity Theft Resource Center in California.

"I feel compelled to help other victims," she said. "Every day I go out, I meet someone who's been a victim. I'm not going to be quiet."

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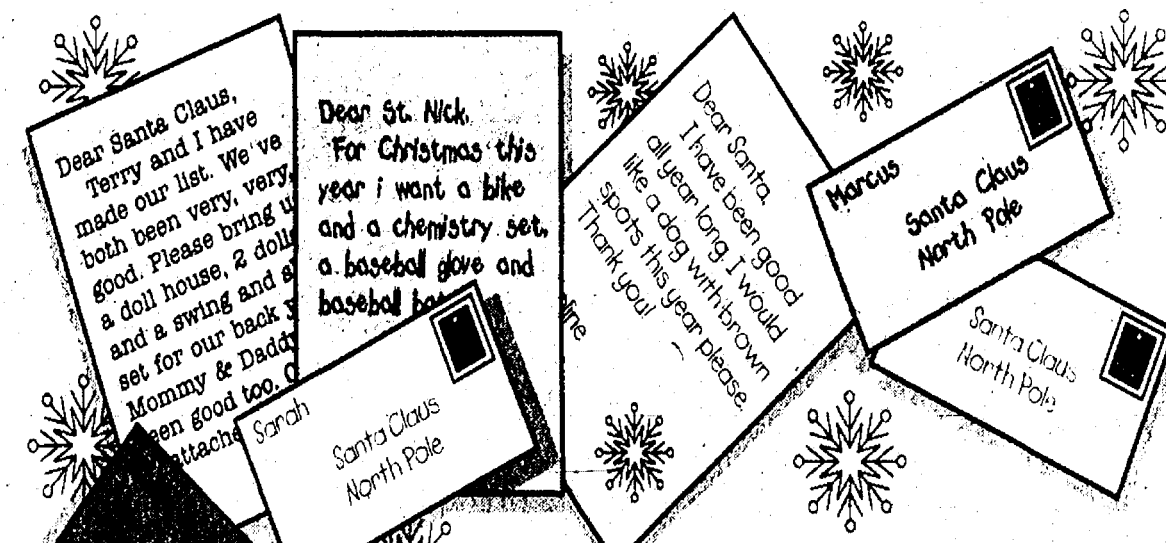
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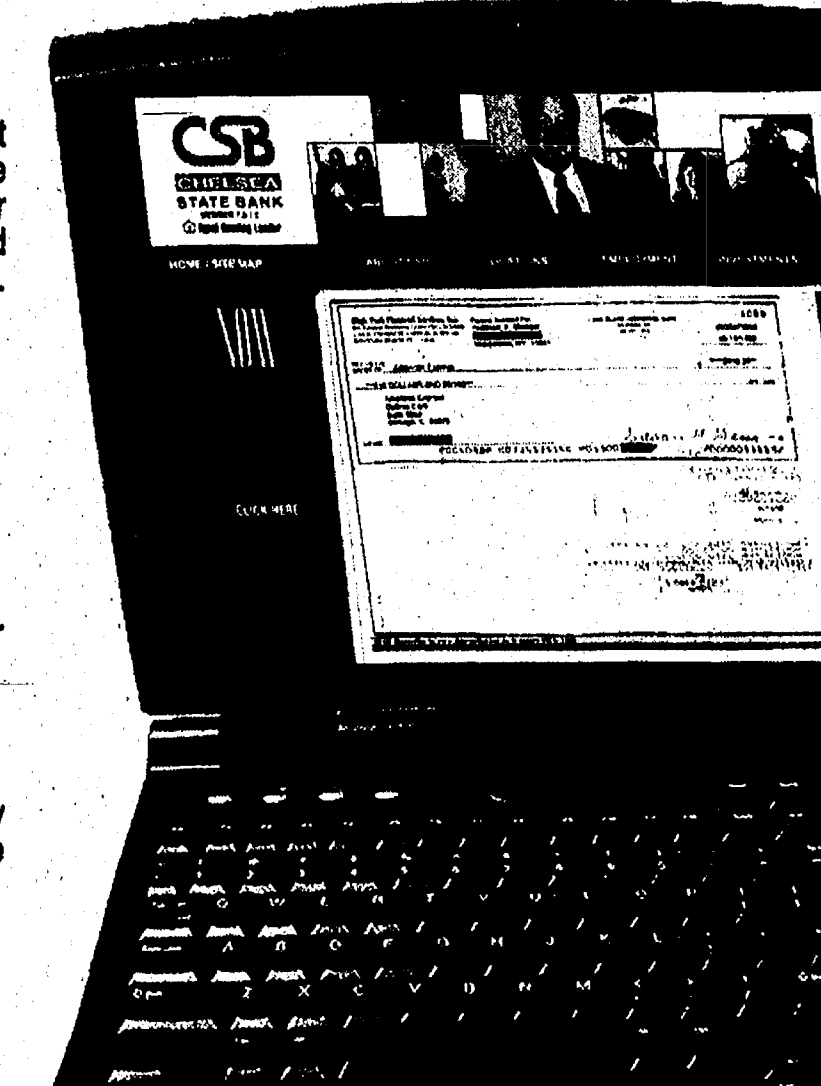
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POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township

Larceny
Washtenaw County sheriff's deputies responded to a residence inside Scio Farms Estates, 6655 Jackson Road, Nov. 14 after a wallet was stolen from a vehicle.

The wallet contained about \$70 and a credit card.

Property Damage

Windows and lights were broken in two buses at Christian Montessori School of Ann Arbor, 5225 Jackson Road, Nov. 14.

Damage was estimated at \$1,600.

Police suspect the items were broken by shots from a BB gun, a report said.

Two windows and a glass door were shot out of a building located on Enterprise Drive sometime between Nov. 14 and Nov. 17.

Police do not know what type of instrument was used to do the damage, a report said.

Suspended License

A 48-year-old man was arrested Nov. 10 for multiple counts of driving on a suspended license.

Police stopped the driver on Baker Road for driving a vehicle with defective tail-lights.

Retail Fraud

Police were unable to catch a man who was accused of stealing a cell phone from Meijer, 5645

Jackson Road, Nov. 15.

Meijer security officers told police the man concealed the phone under his jacket and left the store. He fled when officers approached him, a report said.

Police saw the man run across Jackson Road and into a business. Officers followed on foot. The man ran across Interstate 94 and into a wooded area.

Several officers surrounded the area.

About an hour later, a report said, the man was spotted again, but was able to get away from police.

The cell phone was valued at about \$90.

Webster Township

Property Damage

A mailbox valued at \$50 was destroyed in the 4200 block of Laurie Lynn Drive Nov. 15.

Residents told police the mailbox and pole were taken out of the ground and thrown into the driveway.

Police were looking for a blue Ford Thunderbird after the incident.

Someone fired a shotgun slug through a metal building in the 8900 block of West Huron River Drive Nov. 15.

Chelsea Village

Larceny

Chelsea police officers responded to Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St., Nov. 17 to

investigate the theft of a purse.

The theft happened sometime between Nov. 5 and Nov. 17.

The purse contained various papers, a police report said.

It was valued at \$20.

Suspicious Incident

Three men who were trying to sell stereo equipment out of the back of a van at Farmer Jack, 1255 S. Main St., Nov. 17 were asked to leave the area.

The men didn't have a peddler's permit, a police report said.

Disorderly Conduct

Police responded to Chelsea Lanes, 1180 S. Main St., Nov. 20 after a disorderly person was causing trouble.

Officers arrived to find a 35-year-old Jackson man fol-

lowing another man and yelling at him.

The man ignored officers who were trying to call out to him.

He was grabbed and handcuffed by police.

An employee told police the man had been drinking until about an hour earlier when employees stopped serving him.

The man registered 0.14 percent blood-alcohol level on a Breathalyzer test. A level of 0.08 percent is considered drunk under Michigan law.

Compiled by Staff Writer Paul Fletcher based on reports filed with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and Chelsea Police Department.

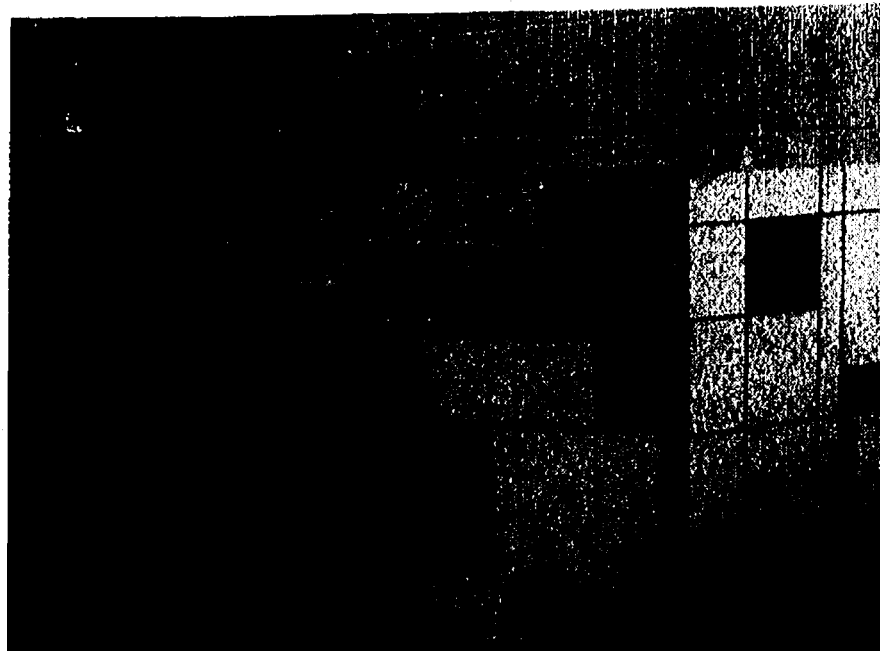


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Fresh Look

Students in teacher Val Eninsche's 2D design class at Dexter High School recently gave furniture items a new look. The teens brought in a piece of furniture for the project, and chose an artist or artistic style for the painting of their piece. The furniture was sanded, primed and painted with their design. Students used imagery from the artists to extend the designs into the third dimension. Laura Klein is putting the final touches on her nightstand. Her design was abstract art in the spirit of Piet Mondrain.

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Cowan to serve as ambassador

Tasia Cowan has been chosen to serve as an ambassador for the 2003-04 school year at Hanover College in Indiana.

Cowan is a graduate of Chelsea High School, and the daughter of Chris and Melissa Cowan of Chelsea.

The Student Ambassador Program is a tradition at Hanover College.

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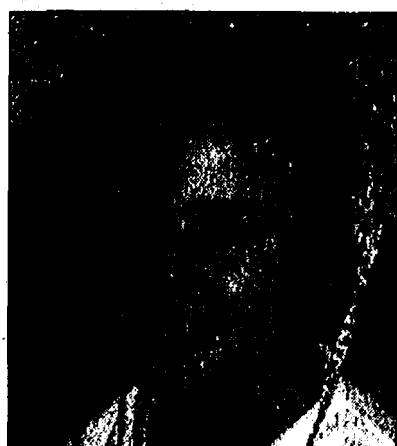
Street Talk

By Rita Fischer

What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?



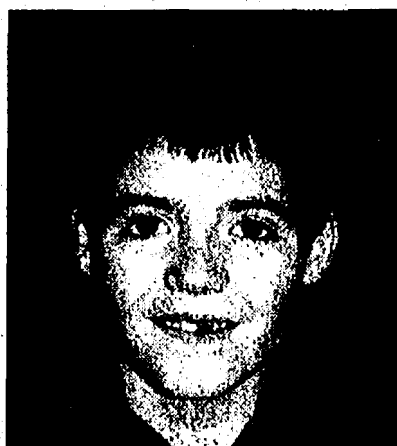
"I am thankful for my family and friends."
Jenny Gabbard
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"I am thankful for my pets and my family."
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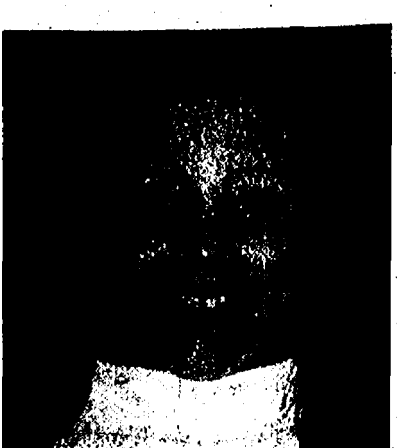
"I am thankful that we can share canned goods with other people."
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"I am thankful for a good home, and my family."
Ryan Kimball
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"I am thankful for my family."
Julia Porter
Dexter Township



"I am thankful for my family and my cat."
Taylor Pace
Lima Township

Boomers won't forget Kennedy



MARGARET GOVALERE STEPTOE

BOOMER BITS

With the 40th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's death, we've all been reminded of that terrible day.

I rummaged down in my basement for a small, white book tucked away in a box. The book titled, "Six White Horses," contains 21 stanzas of a poem written in 1963 by a 15-year-old student named Candy Geer.

She was inspired to write the poem after watching the president's funeral on television. Her heart was aching for "John-John," the little boy who would now grow up

without a father.

Re-reading the poem easily took me back to that day. I was 11 and attending fifth grade at St. Joseph Catholic School in Dexter Nov. 22, 1963. During one of our classes, the Mother Superior entered the room to tell us the horrible news — President Kennedy had been shot.

She asked us all to pray for him. I remember crying, as did many of the other children.

For what seemed like just a few minutes later, Mother Superior returned. The worst had happened. Despite all our prayers the president had died. Our innocence was shattered. The crying became worse.

I don't remember how the rest of the school day went. I don't recall continuing our lessons or what happened on the playground. I just remember tears and where I was that day, sitting in a classroom surrounded by

other children my age.

At the end of the day, instead of riding the bus home, I felt the need to see my parents. They both worked at a nearby family-owned printing factory just a few blocks from the school.

I didn't see my parents right away when I first entered the building. I went to the office where the secretary sat at her desk.

Of course, all the employees had heard the news. The secretary, MaryLee, asked if I had been crying. I guess I was embarrassed because I told her I hadn't. I said that something was caught in my eye, but I'm pretty sure she didn't believe me.

My dad asked why I had not taken the bus home. I told him I had missed it.

The tragic events were broadcast by the bewildered news media to the nation. Black-and-white images of Jackie Kennedy wearing her bloodstained suit helping a Secret Service agent climb

into the president's car, and crowds of Dallas citizens crying in disbelief were repeated over and over again.

We watched and listened to the announcement that an alleged assassin had been taken into custody. Lee Harvey Oswald's name would remain in our memory for as long as we live. It was hard to believe our president was gone.

And just when we thought things couldn't get any worse, two days later came another startling development. At a moment when only my brother was watching television, he ran from the living room anxiously telling us that someone had just shot Oswald.

It was difficult to celebrate Thanksgiving, just six days after the tragedy. We didn't realize at the time, but the assassination of our beloved president would remain a mystery for years.

I believed that no definitive answer might come in

our lifetime as to why this had to happen. There has been speculation, conspiracy theories and conflicting reports.

The country suffered a great loss, but we managed to move on with our own lives and look toward the leadership of a new president.

And, in the blink of an eye, 40 years have come and gone. The generation following the baby boomers doesn't quite understand what the country experienced, but that's OK.

Perhaps, someday, our children may become more curious and want to know more. Maybe they'll be interested in certain historical events that took place in our lifetime.

And when they get around to asking us where we were that dark day in November of 1963, we will most certainly remember.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

YMCA should pay its fair share

The YMCA is straying from the values and philanthropic traditions that brought on its inception more than 150 years ago.

From coast-to-coast, both nationally and locally, Y parking lots are expelling bikes and beat-up Buicks to make room for BMWs and affluent patrons.

So exclusive has the former community center become that the YMCA of the USA recommends that a neighborhood have a minimum annual household income of \$44,000 before establishing a new YMCA.

Locally, the Y's new \$18 million facility denotes more than just an organizational identity crisis. It's a socioeconomic crisis that is marginalizing individuals who, in the past, have relied on its services for exercise, recreation and a fresh start.

I have personally known such people. The Y is ridding itself of temporary shelter and affordable health programs, and now plans to open its doors to market-rate memberships and a for-profit approach.

Nationally, very few Y facilities offer shelter — even temporary — and less than 10 percent of Y members receive discounts or subsidized memberships. For this reason, the Y's tax exemption is being challenged — often successfully — because so few memberships are in any way subsidized.

The Y is now little more than a tax-free health-club operator, so much so that a recent study conducted by the University of New Haven found that 65 percent of Y members use the club exclu-

sively for its fitness component. Why then, you might ask, is the government building health spas?

This also begs the following questions: With its clearly defined drive for fitness revenue — its funds now in excess of \$4 billion — shouldn't the company change its name to YMCA Inc.?

Why, with half-a-dozen health clubs already servicing Ann Arbor's middle-to-upper class, does the YMCA find it necessary to not only betray its altruistic philosophy, but to lie about it, as well?

Consider the following public relations spin that the Y is forcing on its employees and the community. This, from a YMCA community press kit:

•YMCAs are different than health clubs.

•The Y is run as a community service, and not to make money.

•Promoting public fitness promotes public health, and that's charitable.

•We ask for fees from those who can pay, and we subsidize those who can't....

All wrong. If promoting health makes you a charity, then why aren't all Ann Arbor health clubs tax-free? Why not Whole Foods, for that matter?

For more than 20 years now, the YMCA has been in the business of making money. Certainly, there is no shortage of such businesses in Ann Arbor. The problem is, the YMCA is operating like a business but not paying taxes like a business.

In fact, the Ann Arbor Y is raking in \$3.12 million in annual revenue behind the mask of a nonprofit agency and under the umbrella of

tax exemption.

It's my opinion, the owner of a health club, that Ann Arbor residents should hold the YMCA responsible and require it to operate as a for-profit business. The YMCA should pay taxes and remove its veil of "not-for-profit."

Mark Wiley
Clarkston

Speak against cuts to MSU Extension

I am writing as a concerned parent and citizen. The news of a possible complete elimination of MSU Extension was very disturbing to my family and myself.

For several generations, my family has depended on services provided through the MSU Extension, specifically 4-H youth programs and many of the agricultural education services.

I feel very strongly that each state program should contribute to the budget through a percentage cut, but not complete elimination. It seems strange that Gov. Jennifer Granholm would want to eliminate the MSU Extension when she is consistently speaking on the advantages of mentoring programs for youth.

What does she think that the 4-H youth program, run through the MSU Extension, is? There are more than 300 adult volunteers who mentor some 3,600 youth, and engage in positive interaction with them through the 4-H program in Washtenaw County alone.

4-H also impacts youth from all over the county in educational character building and after-school programs. The organization has educational programs that

teach leadership and technical skills to potential community leaders.

The list of educational opportunities through this program are so vast that I am unable to list all of them. Both of my daughters have reaped great rewards from this program. My oldest daughter is now starting to give back to the younger children in the 4-H youth program. If we allow the elimination of MSU Extension, we will be making a huge mistake.

If this happens, we will never again be able to rebuild what was torn from our children and agricultural community.

Please take the time to help make our voice heard in the office of the governor.

Terri Cook
Lima Township

Police chief should be from within ranks

I live outside the village limits, but after having a business in downtown

Chelsea for a number of years, I do have a very strong opinion about selecting a new police chief.

Chief Lenard McDougall has more than earned his retirement. He has done a tremendous job as chief throughout the years. The way he ran his department and conducted his staff is not only a credit to him as a person, but as a law enforcement officer, as well.

I think the Village Council is taking an attitude of "pass the buck, then if it does not work out, blame someone else," by not promoting within the department.

The department that Chief McDougall has assembled is doing an outstanding job. These men were trained by the chief and are familiar with the problems the department has to face each day.

Maybe when the council has its next election, the candidates should be decided by an outside source.

Dave Murphy
Sylvan Township

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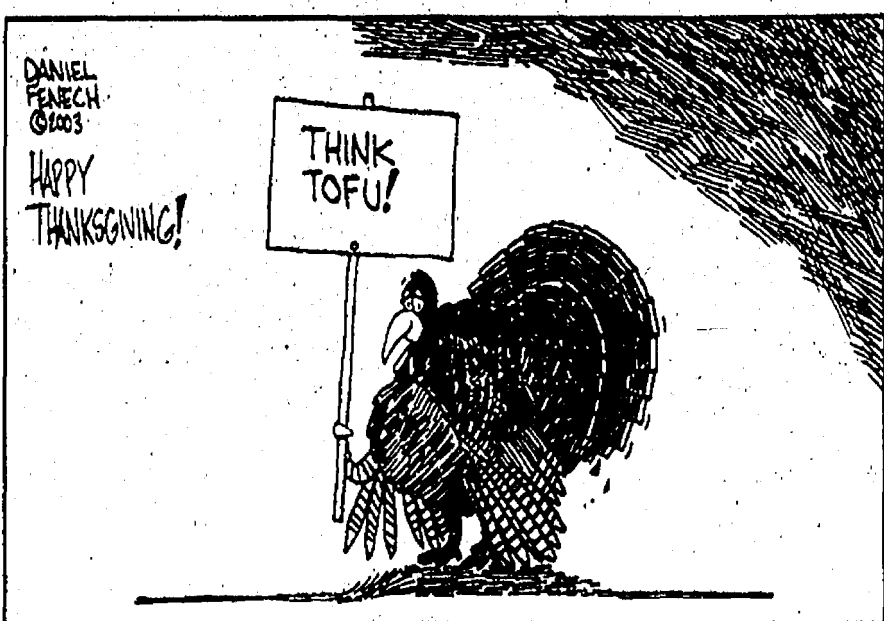
Todd Ortbring of Chelsea: Village Executive Assistant Georgia Beeman, and Dave Bulson and his Department of Public Works crew are great people, and great community supporters. It's so nice to live in a place where people help out like they do.

Dick Shanewelt of Chelsea: As director of Faith In Action, I'm completely overwhelmed again this year by our youth and their efforts in the recent food drives. Pupils at South Meadows and North Creek elementary schools sent us more than 10,000 units of food over two days, and Pierce Lake Elementary School is also holding a food

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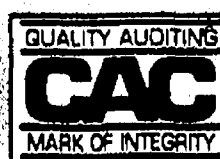
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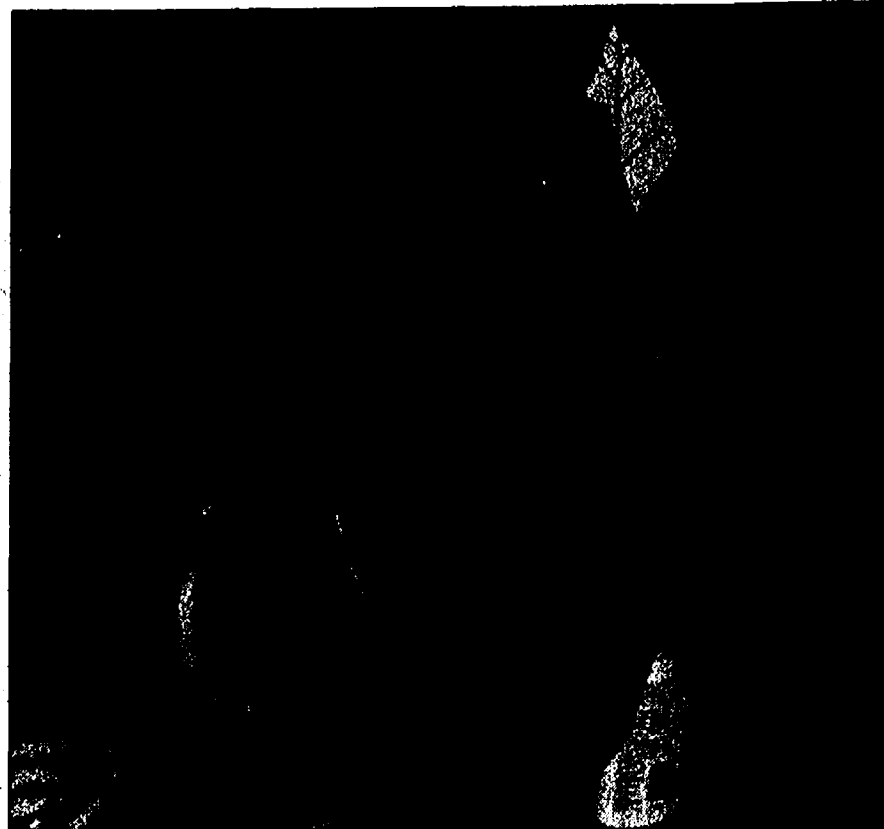
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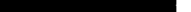
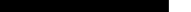
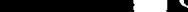
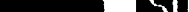
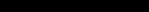
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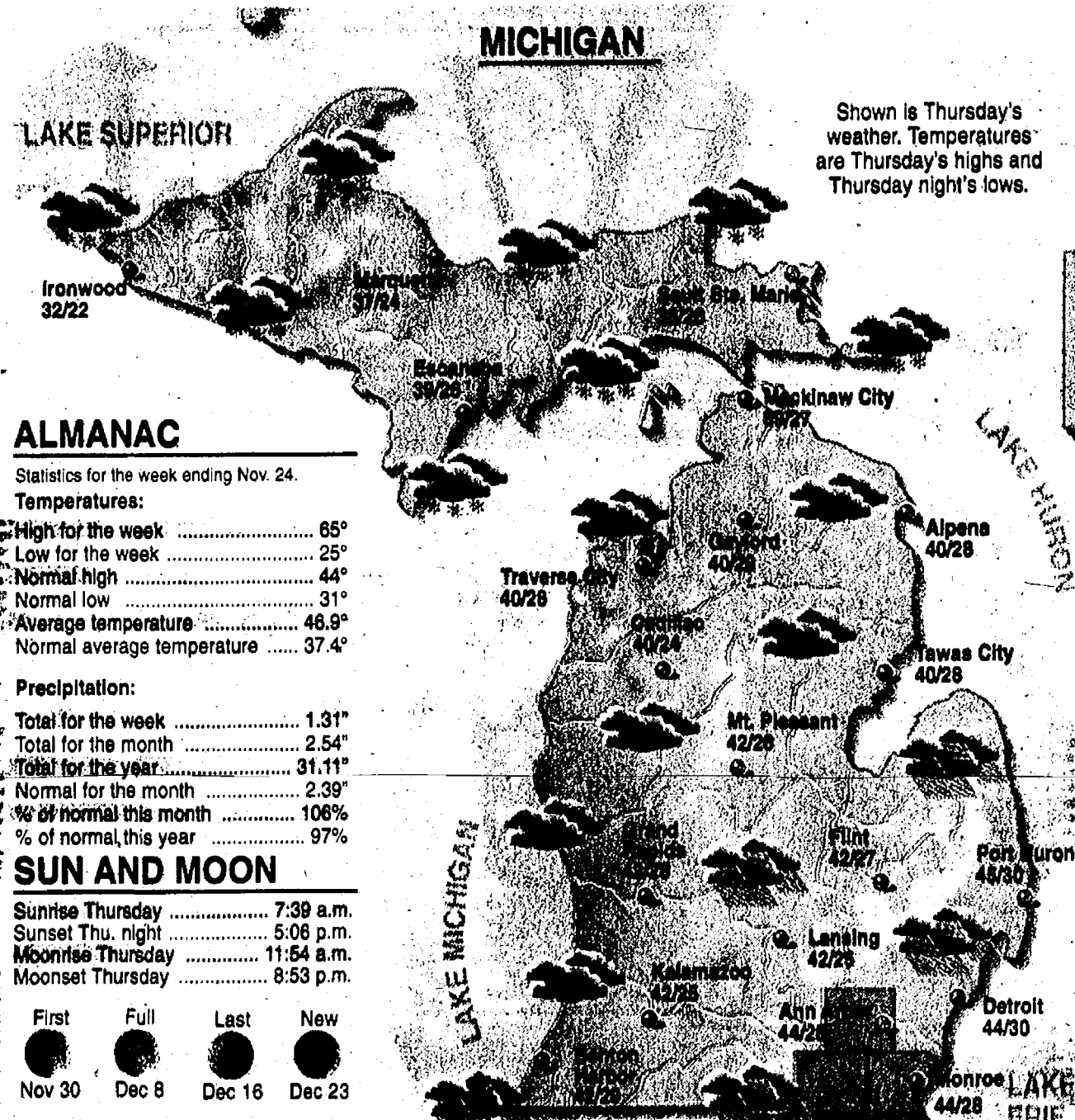
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THURSDAY	THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 42°-46° Cloudy with a chance of rain. 	LOW: 26°-30° Mostly cloudy, flurries; cold. 	HIGH: 34°-38° Windy and cold with clouds and sun. LOW: 18°-22° 	HIGH: 40°-44° Partly sunny. LOW: 24°-28° 	HIGH: 42°-46° Increasing cloudiness. LOW: 30°-34° 	HIGH: 38°-42° Cloudy with rain or snow. LOW: 26°-30° 



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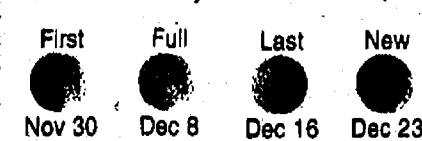
Statistics for the week ending Nov. 24.

Temperatures:

High for the week	65°
Low for the week	25°
Normal high	44°
Normal low	31°
Average temperature	46.9°
Normal average temperature	37.4°

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday	7:39 a.m.
Sunset Thu. night	5:06 p.m.
Moonrise Thursday	11:54 a.m.
Moonset Thursday	8:53 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	City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W	City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W	City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Akron	50/29/f	34/24/f	Buffalo	48/34/r	38/28/f	Denver	42/28/p	56/36/s	Knoxville	56/36/r	45/30/p	Norfolk	65/49/r	51/37/p	Sacramento	59/44/p	58/45/c			
Albany	45/38/p	43/28/c	Burlington, IA	40/23/c	40/25/p	Des Moines	36/19/p	40/27/p	Las Vegas	62/39/s	66/42/c	OKlahoma City	54/30/s	53/37/s	St. Louis	48/31/p	43/31/p			
Albuquerque	48/26/s	53/31/s	Burlington, VT	43/38/c	41/28/c	Duluth	31/16/f	26/16/s	Lexington, KY	55/31/r	41/27/p	Omaha	40/22/c	40/24/s	Salt Lake City	47/26/p	47/34/p			
Anchorage	20/18/p	26/16/c	Casper	38/22/c	44/26/p	El Paso	-56/30/s	59/36/s	Lincoln	41/18/p	49/27/s	Orlando	64/62/p	78/54/p	San Antonio	71/59/s	65/43/s			
Atlanta	63/41/r	53/33/s	Cedar Rapids	38/18/c	38/23/p	Fairbanks	-11/1/c	6/-7/f	Little Rock	62/37/p	64/37/s	Palm Springs	72/48/s	74/50/s	San Diego	70/50/s	69/52/p			
Atlantic City	55/42/p	51/32/p	Charleston, SC	78/49/sh	62/58/s	Fargo	28/14/c	26/14/p	Los Angeles	76/50/s	72/52/c	Peoria	40/25/p	38/25/p	San Francisco	60/50/p	58/48/c			
Austin	69/58/s	65/36/s	Charleston, WV	58/37/r	42/29/c	Flagstaff	52/15/s	54/22/s	Louisville	53/35/c	42/28/p	Philadelphia	54/42/p	50/32/p	Santa Fe	44/18/s	49/26/s			
Baltimore	56/42/p	50/30/p	Charlotte	58/42/r	56/30/s	Fort Wayne	44/28/c	36/24/p	Madison	38/22/p	34/24/p	Phoenix	70/47/s	75/49/s	Seattle	48/42/c	48/40/r			
Baton Rouge	74/44/c	60/38/s	Cheyenne	33/22/p	50/27/p	Gary	42/28/c	36/24/p	Memphis	58/58/s	49/37/s	Pittsburgh	50/32/p	38/26/f	South Bend	42/27/s	34/25/p			
Billings	31/27/p	45/30/c	Chicago	42/26/c	35/22/p	Green Bay	38/21/f	34/22/p	Miami	82/68/s	80/59/p	Portland, ME	53/38/p	46/28/r	Springfield, IL	42/26/c	40/24/p			
Birmingham	65/38/c	57/31/s	Cincinnati	50/32/c	39/28/p	Helena	34/28/p	42/25/c	Minneapolis	42/25/c	38/28/p	Portland, OR	50/44/c	48/40/r	Tampa	62/60/p	76/47/p			
Bismarck	33/14/c	34/24/p	Cleveland	49/33/r	37/26/f	Honolulu	85/71/c	84/69/p	Mobile	34/18/c	32/16/p	Providence	52/40/p	48/31/p	Toledo	45/28/c	36/24/p			
Bloomington	46/27/c	58/24/p	Columbia, MO	44/26/p	40/26/s	Houston	68/48/p	66/40/s	Nashville	75/47/f	66/39/s	Raleigh	62/42/r	58/30/s	Topeka	47/23/p	62/28/s			
Boise	46/34/p	46/30/c	Columbus, OH	50/32/r	37/22/p	Indianapolis	47/28/c	36/22/p	Omaha	57/38/c	47/32/s	Rapid City	32/19/p	46/26/p	Tucson	68/43/s	74/45/s			
Boston	50/40/p	46/34/r	Dallas	64/37/s	59/43/s	Janeau	28/17/p	31/30/s	New Orleans	78/51/c	64/45/s	Reno	50/28/p	52/35/p	Washington, DC	58/44/p	52/34/p			
Brownsville	73/51/s	71/53/p	Dayton	38/18/c	35/23/p	Kansas City	44/25/p	41/27/s	New York	52/42/p	49/38/p	Richmond	61/43/r	54/29/p	Wichita	49/23/s	52/35/s			

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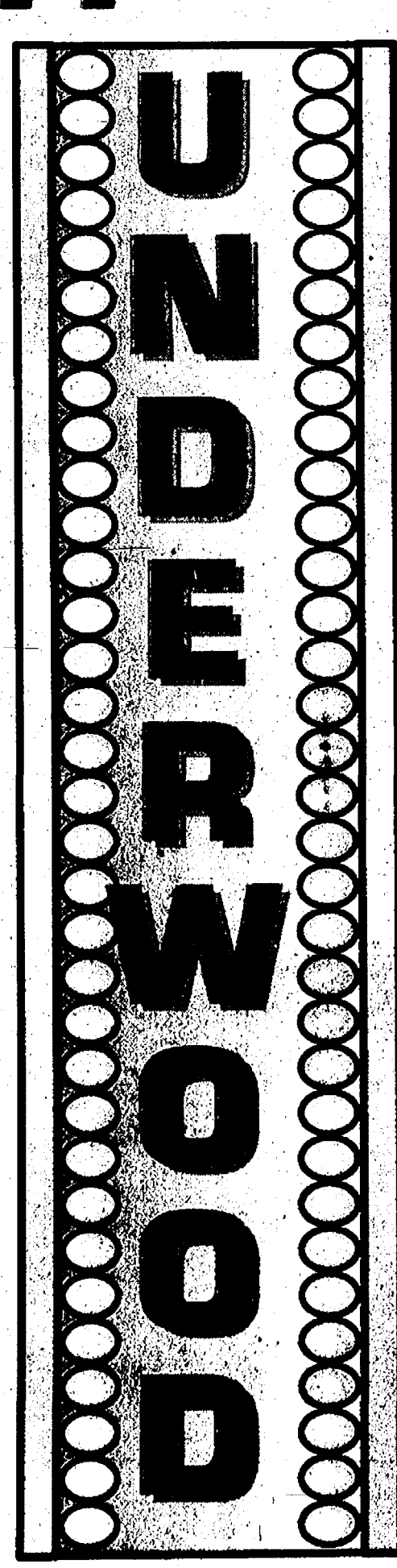


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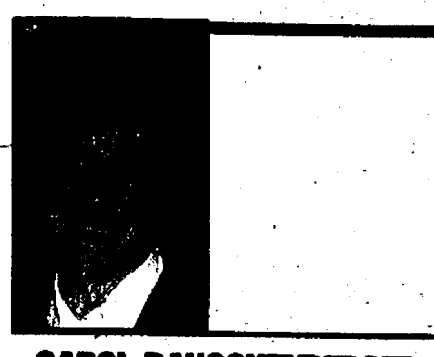

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NOTES FROM ABROAD

Saipan has changed

Just before we departed for Saipan, my daughter Zoë checked out the book "Pippi Longstocking in the South Seas" from the library. So her vision of Saipan included monkeys and tree houses in the coconut palms and oyster pearls for the picking on the beach.

I had envisioned what Saipan must have been 50 years ago — open-air buildings without air conditioning, few roads, rickety buses for public transport, a leisurely lifestyle focused on the ocean and the residents looking like subjects in Paul Gauguin paintings.

Who is to say whether it's for the better or worse, but Saipan has little in common with our preconceived fantasies.

Where once people lived by the rhythms of the sun and sea, now a western life style — with its accompanying trappings — has been superimposed on this tropic isle. Saipan today is a bustling tourist center — primarily catering to the Japanese — with growing urban-like problems and traces of suburban sprawl.

It's obvious to me that at one time the most industrious part of the day here would have been from 5:45 a.m., just before sunrise, to mid-morning before the sun becomes too fierce. Probably simple farming and fishing and cooking would have been the usual morning activities.

Then I imagine the remainder of the day was spent in a hammock until the heat of the day passed. By 6 p.m., as the sun readies to slip behind the horizon, the air here cools and I surmise that the evening pastimes would begin with cooking, then eating, socializing and chewing a few betel nuts. These activities would last late into the night fueled by cool breezes off the ocean.

Today, Saipan beats to the rhythm of the industrialized world's drum. The workday starts at 8 a.m. and winds down at 5 p.m. This, of course, would be completely impossible without almost every school, business, restaurant, office, home and automobile being air-conditioned.

Life comes to a halt here if the power goes out, as it often does, because one cannot survive in a square cement building without "aircon."

Now, instead of being in tune with the crashing of ocean waves, we all live with the constant drone of the air conditioning units.

Over the centuries, the original inhabitants of Saipan — the Chamorro — have suffered the influences of others. First, the Spanish and their missionaries and then there were the Germans and Japanese. And finally the Americans who put "westernization" on the fast track here after World War II.

The first order of business back in the late 1500s was to put clothes where leaves simply fluttered in the breeze. By the 1950s, it was to pave roads and put cars on those roads.

The island of Saipan is only 14 miles long and five miles across at its widest. Pre-World War II movements between the settlements

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DOGGONE Good Work

Dexter Township duo excels in agility debut

By Lisa Allmendinger
Special Writer

Nancy Jennings never competed in anything athletic until she caught the agility bug.

The 40-something avid outdoors lover always enjoyed hiking, though, and that was her impetus for getting her first purebred curly coated retriever, Banjo, after having lived with a number of mixed breeds.

Jennings, a Dexter Township resident, returned to the area from Alaska in 1975 and saw a photo of the breed in an encyclopedia. The rest, as they say, is history.

"I always had mixed breed dogs," she says, "and I wanted a purebred."

Jennings says she thought the breed was "nifty looking," but there was not a lot of information about them at the time. So, she started looking for a breeder and responded to an ad in Dog World magazine.

Breeder Dale Detweiler, an avid hunter in Wind Gap, Pa., imported dogs from Australia, New Zealand and England. He sold Jennings her first curly coated retriever named Crow.

"He was the coolest dog. He'd go up slides and actually break ice in the water," she says.

Jennings says Crow loved the water. He would dive for rocks, bring them back to shore and roll on them. Then he would shake the water off his coat, go back in the water and do it all over again, and this would go on for hours.

"He was aloof with people, but he was loyal and a good watchdog," she says.

Jennings continued to research the breed and discovered they are one of the oldest and rarest of the retrieving breeds. As the name implies, the dog's body is a mass of crisp, small, waterproof curls.

"Unlike a poodle," Jennings says, "they do shed."

Weighing in at 70 to 80 pounds, the dogs stand between 25 and 27 inches at the shoulder. The breed was first registered in the American Kennel Club in 1924, and was introduced to the United States from England as early as 1907.

Jennings says the breed's

temperament makes them easy to train.

"They are smart dogs, but sometimes smart doesn't necessarily mean obedient," she says. "They stay puppyish for a long time."

But Jennings says they are self-entertaining.

"They always want to be doing something, whether it's chasing a cricket or rolling in the grass," she says.

About six months after Crow died, Jennings acquired her second, named Boldo, from the breed's rescue group.

"He was my hiking buddy," Jennings says.

The pup had almost 11 years together before he died of stomach cancer. Afterward Jennings attended a number of dog shows looking for another curly. This time, she wanted a show quality dog — one with which she might be able to compete in conformation or obedience.

While speaking with breeders, she learned of a litter due in January, and she contacted the breeder to get on her list of buyers. The litter never happened, but because the breeder thought Jennings would provide a good home, she put her in contact with Susan Shaw, a breeder in Perkasi, Pa.

On Mother's Day weekend 2002, she headed to Pennsylvania to pick out her pup, affectionately named Banjo.

Jennings decided that she should do things a little differently this time around, and she enrolled him in obedience classes. After attending an open house at Lane Veterinary Hospital in Chelsea, she signed up the pup for a household obedience class. As part of that class, the instructors introduced the pups to agility by having them go through tunnels and over jumps.

Together they walked several miles a day, and sometimes headed out for six to 10 miles in the morning and another mile or so at the end of the day on the weekends. All that exercise prepares them for agility.

Jennings and Banjo began training in agility in Chelsea about a year ago and competed for the first time Oct. 31 at a trial in Ann Arbor.

Dog agility is one of the fastest growing canine sports, which involves the handler running and direct-



Photo by Rebecca Burk

Nancy Jennings has a love for the curly coated retriever. The local resident got her first in the 1970s after seeing a photograph of the breed in an encyclopedia.

ing a dog through a prescribed course that consists of jumps, tunnels, weave poles and large wooden contact obstacles called an A-frame, a dog walk and a teeter totter.

The fastest dog with no faults wins. There are competitions held across the country, as well as throughout Europe.

"I never thought I'd know what I know now about agility," Jennings says. "You just start out one step at a time."

From those humble beginnings, a winning pair was born. She and Banjo won the first class they entered, and followed it up with three more qualifying runs, as well

as three second-place finishes. They also placed third as a team competing among 11 teams.

"I never thought I'd be showing in agility," Jennings says. "I thought I might try obedience or the breed ring, but I never thought about agility."

Prior to her agility experience, she had already put a title on Banjo in obedience called a Canine Good Citizen.

For anyone considering a curly as a companion or pet, Jennings cautioned that research is essential.

"Research, research, research," she says. "I lucked out. I knew nothing and I got a really good dog."

Jennings said that an interested buyer should look at both of the pup's parents and check out the kennel to make sure it's clean and well maintained.

"Ask about health problems in the lines," she says, because curls, as with almost all purebred dogs, are prone to breed-specific health problems.

This is a dog that requires exercise, she says, not as much as say a border collie, but curls are much happier after they've played ball, gone swimming or gone for long walks.

Lisa Allmendinger is a freelance writer. She can be reached at yankee@izzy.net.



Lots of exercise and activities keep the curly coated retriever entertained. Banjo, with help from owner Nancy Jennings, is a prize winner at agility.

Photos courtesy of Cheryl Ertelt

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Saturday, Nov. 29

Pierce's Pastries Plus will present morning Mochas and Melodies 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 103 W. Middle St. in Chelsea. This week's entertainer is Jerry Perrine.

Friday, Dec. 5

The 17th annual **Country Kitchen Bake Sale** will be held 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Chelsea Retirement Community in the Town Hall, 805 W. Middle St., in Chelsea.

Saturday, Dec. 6

Boy Scout Troop 425 will sell wreaths and swags 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Chelsea State Bank on M-32 and Old US-12.

Sunday, Dec. 7

Advent by Candlelight for Women will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St., in Chelsea. Call 475-1404 for reservations.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

Bingo is held 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Chelsea American Legion and VFW, 1700 Ridge Road, in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-7212.

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

U.S. Congressman Nick Smith, R-7th District, offers office hours from 4 to 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Chelsea Village Planning and Zoning Office in Chelsea State Bank, 305 S. Main St. For information, call 517-783-4486 or e-mail rep.smith@mail.house.gov.

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

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

Friday

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

Bingo is held 6:30 p.m. every Friday night at Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, 7103 Lingane Road, in Chelsea. Proceeds will benefit the building fund. For more information, call 475-7910.

Saturday

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

Western Washtenaw Republicans 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 more information, call 475-3874.

German Social Club meets 1 p.m. the last Saturday of the month at Wolverine restaurant, 20460 Old US-12, in Chelsea. For information, call Edith Weber 475-1583.

Sunday

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

Monday

Al-Anon meets 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in the Woodland Room. For more information, call 475-1462.

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

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

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets at 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-5944.

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

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

Overeaters' Anonymous meets Monday nights 6 to 7 p.m. at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road, in Chelsea. For more information, call 995-1835.

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

Grandparents as Parents Program is held 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., in Chelsea. For more information, call Virginia Boyce at 712-3825.

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

Woman's Club of Chelsea meets 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at The Pines, 325 Wilkinson St., in Chelsea.

Chelsea. For more information, call 475-0487.

Wednesday

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

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

DEXTER

Monday, Dec. 1 through Thursday, Dec. 4

School book fair open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 8:50 a.m. until 5:45 p.m. Thursday at Wylie Elementary, 3060 Kensington St., in Dexter.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

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

Saturday, Dec. 6

Dexter Area Girl Scout Holiday Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, 7610 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

The **Heritage Guild of the Dexter Area Historical Society** will hold its annual bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter.

The **"Birds in Winter"** program will be held indoors 2 p.m. at Hudson Mills Metropolitan, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter Township. There is a \$2 fee per person. Call 426-8211 to pre-register.

Thursday, Dec. 11

Winter Orchestra Concert by grades sixth through eighth-graders will be held 7 p.m. at Dexter High School's Center of Performing Arts, 2200 N. Parker Road, in Dexter.

DEXTER

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Dexter AA group meets 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in the education building, 3470 Dover St., in Dexter.

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

Dexter Community Band meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Dexter High School band room, 2200 N. Parker Road. For information, 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 426-8549 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 7:30 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.

Dexter AA Group meets at 8 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall (Education Building), 3470 Dover, in Dexter.

Dexter Child Study Club meets 7 p.m. at various locations on the third Tuesday of the month. For information, 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 Township Board meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

Friends of Dexter District Library meets 12:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., in Dexter.

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CHELSEA REMINISCING

25 years ago...
November 1978

Because of a Chelsea sign ordinance, the new McDonald's restaurant will not have the distinguishing "golden arches" erected on the outside property. The property will, however, be landscaped in a pleasing, fashionable manner.

Chelsea Players will present "Harvey" this weekend. Nov. 17 and 18 will be evenings of firsts for the Chelsea Players as the group presents its first fall production, first non-musical and first play to feature a multi-talented professional actress. Rita Wilson Howard, longtime professional actress and recent newcomer to Chelsea from Sussex, England, plays the part of an attractive-but-dumb nurse in Ruth Kelly.

As in the past few years, Chelsea's students scored extremely well on both math and reading sections of the state assessment test.

Called everything from "Excedrin Headache No. 49" to "the greatest thing ever to happen to Michigan," the Michigan Beverage Container Deposit Law has put

many local merchants somewhere between a rock and a hard place.

Once again this year, area Cub Scouts and their fathers will be braving the weather to hold their annual Christmas tree sale.

10 years ago...
November 1993

An Old US-12 resident called Chelsea police Oct. 24 to report that someone was "doing doughnuts" in his front yard. Arrested for turning the circles in a station wagon was a 48-year-old Chelsea man. Within the car were two boys. Police also found a six-pack of beer in the vehicle.

A Chelsea-area farm started by James Irwin in 1837 has been recognized by the Michigan Historical Commission as a centennial farm. Donald Irwin, 82, great-grandson of James, is the owner of the farm, where he lives with his wife, Hedwig.

Chelsea's Gene LaFave called it "one of the most difficult defeats" he's endured as a head football coach. "The kids were devastated," LaFave said of the Bulldog's 21-16 loss in the first round of the playoffs last Saturday in

Chelsea. "It's hard to win when you only have 34 yards rushing."

Trophies were awarded to the fastest boats in each age group in Cub Scout Pack 455's Raingutter Regatta Oct. 21. Boys with winning boats are Wolf Scout Joshua Clark, Webelos Scout Dan Wright and Bear Scout Scott Dettling.

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce is offering a second annual Chelsea Village tree ornament. Proceeds from the ornament sale help to fund the annual Chelsea Festival of Lights.

Lise Thompson and Stephen Akers are opening the South House bed and breakfast at 120 South St. in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. It will be the first business of its kind in the village.

Chelsea Post Office, in conjunction with post offices throughout the Detroit area, will hold a Customer Appreciation Day Dec. 2. Refreshments will be served and there will be a drawing for a mailbox.

—Compiled by Chelsea District Library volunteer Tom Knox.

SAIPAN

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were simply by canoe, oxcart or foot. Typical of post world war American thinking: pave the roads, bring in the cars and ignore any thought of public transport.

Just like the rest of America, the car is — and had to be — king here. And, out of a newly found necessity, fixing automobile air conditioning is a major business.

Though strikingly beautiful as you might imagine a

small south sea island, it has been disfigured by a major asphalt road, sometimes four lanes wide.

Middle Road, which appropriately runs through the belly of the island, is the main commercial thoroughfare and boasts typical strip-mall development translated into no sidewalks, lots of driveways, no architectural significance and a Subway, a Pizza Hut and a McDonald's.

Some of my friends and colleagues here on Saipan revel in that fact that there

are shopping malls and McDonald's, and the aircon is always full blast in public places.

Others of us bemoan the fact that little is left of the life style of the tropics and an indigenous culture that is all but lost.

Carol Rauschenberger is a Chelsea resident who is living in Saipan for two years with her children while working as an occupational therapist in the schools. She can be reached at carol@com-puman.com.

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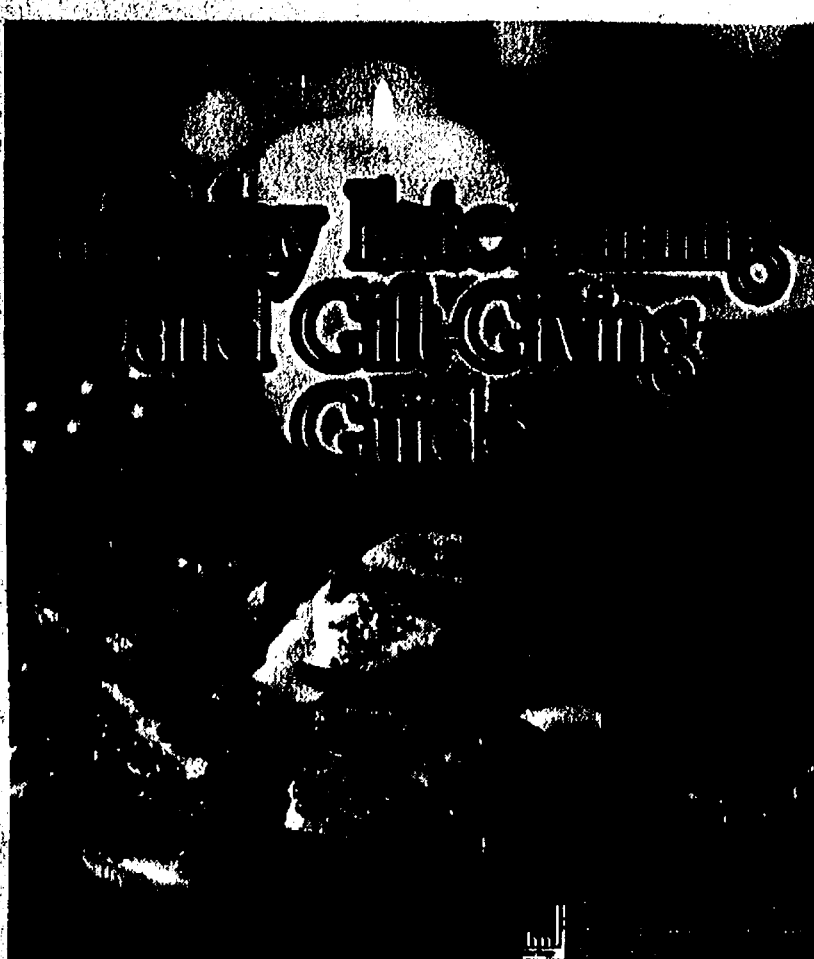
Choir Party

The Chelsea High School Concert Choir will hold a concert and release party to celebrate its new CD, which includes 12 traditional Christmas songs. The event, which will include a short concert, refreshments and the opportunity to buy the CD, is set for 8 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St. The party is part of the Festival of Lights celebrations in Chelsea. The CD also will be available at local shops Dec. 1. Pictured in rehearsals are choir members Sharon Dault (left), Shana Weddington, Caitlin Power and Beth Muszkiewicz.

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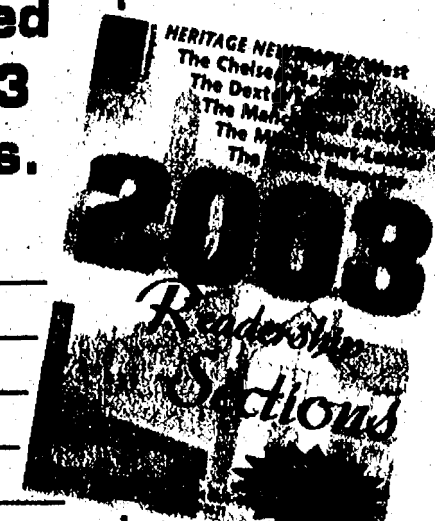
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SOUTH MEADOWS Food drive



Parent volunteer Lisa Preston helps fifth-graders Conor Tate (left) and Zac Schepers sort and count bags of food dropped off each morning from classrooms.

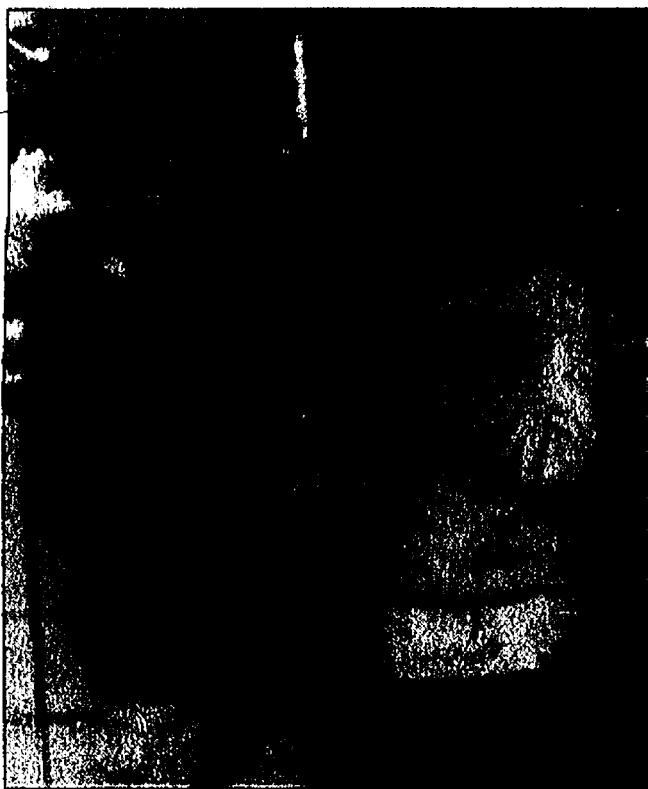
South Meadows Elementary School fifth- and sixth-grade pupils were challenged to collect a total of 5,000 food items to donate to Faith in Action, and met the challenge by collecting 6,703 items.

Pupils collected food Nov. 10 through 19. The food drive challenge was planned and organized by Emily Shrosbree, Zac Schepers, Jake Riemenschneider, Matt Lindauer, Shawn Owsley, Dan Herrst, Kristine Herman and Drew Johnson. Other students, staff and parents volunteered their time on the project.

Each morning, food was collected, counted and totals were announced on the public address system.

The Golden Can Trophy is given to the grade that brings in the most cans. The trophy will stay in the school's showcase to be used again next year. Bragging rights go to the fifth grade this year.

Jack Meloche (left) and Martin Harris hold the trophy awarded to the grade that donates the overall highest number of food items.



Simone Gonzalez-Nagy displays the Golden Can, awarded daily to the class that donates the most food items. She is pictured with teacher Barbara Brown, head organizer of the food drive, whose class won the award the first day.

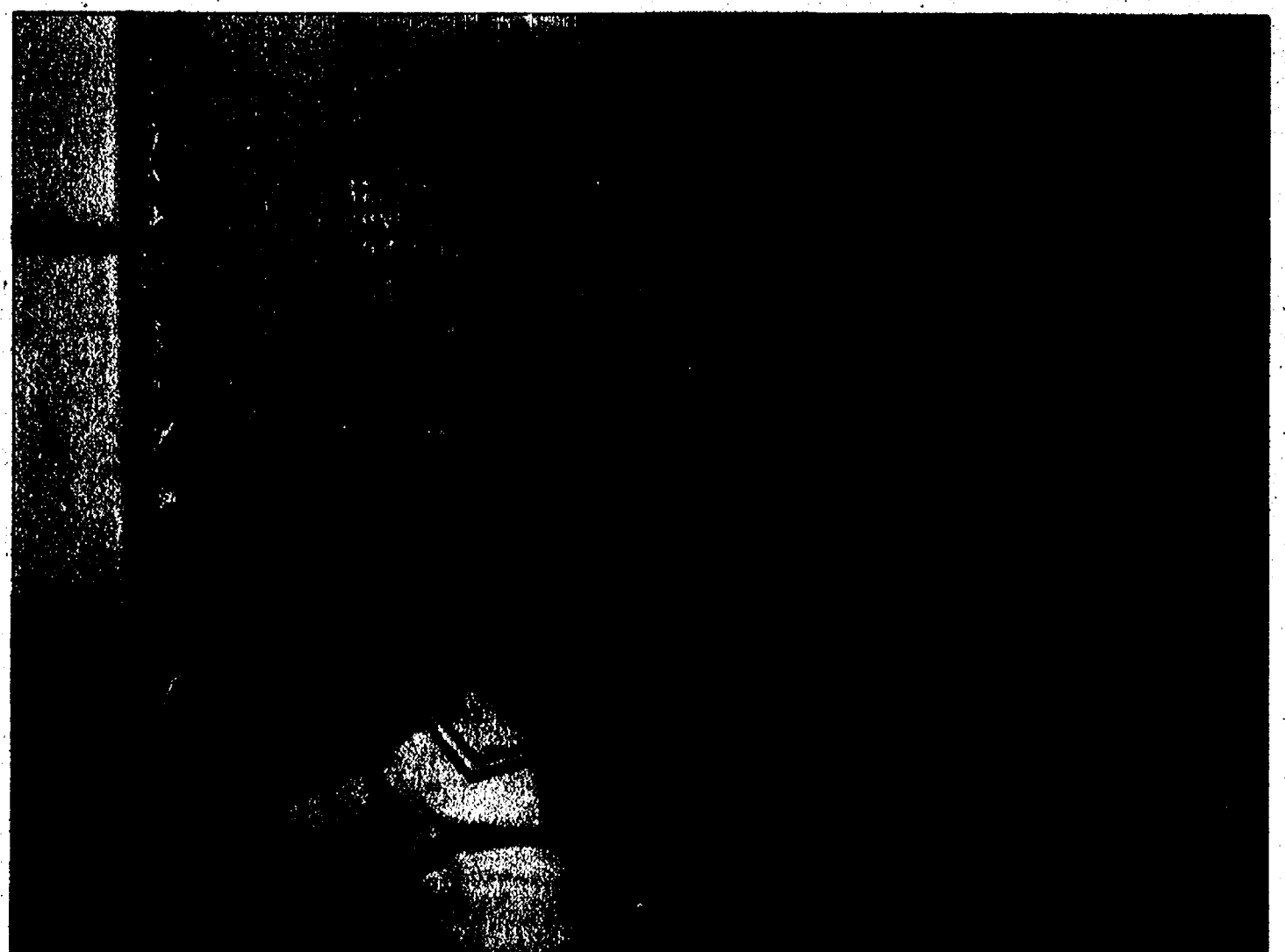


Lauren Gray (left) and Kristine Herman carry a large box of food to one of two storage locations within the school.

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Alison Marable



Jake Riemenschneider drew a huge thermometer to display in the school's lunchroom. He is shown filling in the total count of food collected that day.



Running tallies were displayed on a graph in the hallway. Natalie Kaczorowski (left), Claire Myers and Emily Shrosbree color in the day's totals.

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MICHELLE MITCHELL

REC BEAT

Recreation kids thank coaches

For the last six weeks, children in the Chelsea Recreation youth basketball program have been influenced by their coaches.

The first- and second-graders play in a coed division. The pressure of winning and losing is eliminated by not keeping score. Emphasis is placed on developing fundamental skills. All players leave the game as winners.

Coaches, here's what your players are saying about you:

David Stucki coaches the Zombies.

"Coach Stucki is really nice," said Teddy Darr, a 7-year-old second-grader.

"I like my coach because he's my dad," said eight-year-old second-grader Aaron Stucki. "He doesn't work us too hard, and the work we do is fun. We have three plays: Batman, Superman and Spiderman."

Stu Strahan has been coaching youth basketball for a few seasons.

"I like basketball because of the 360 shot," said Taylor Waggoner, a 7-year-old second-grader. "My favorite player is Yao Ming. I like my coach because he puts pressure on me to try and, if I don't make it, he tells me to keep trying."

"Coach Strahan is really nice," said Taylor Langenderfer. "He teaches us about basketball. It's a fun sport to play. My dad played college basketball and I want to be just like him."

Rich Fahle's players were eager to share their thoughts on their coach.

"I like shooting, dribbling and just having fun," said Eric Spero, a second-grader. "Coach Rich is very nice. His son is a good player. I like playing 'tag basketball.'"

Daniel Lindauer, a 6-year-old first-grader, agreed.

"Coach is nice," he said. "He teaches us a lot about basketball."

Said 7-year-old second-grader James Biller, "I like rebounding and jumping. It's a lot of fun. Our coach (Fahle) does not force us to do stuff. He's nice. During practices, we play games like basketball tag ball."

Michael Purdy has been coaching basketball for many seasons.

"I like basketball because we can shoot hoops," said 6-year-old Dominick Goderis. "Coach Purdy teaches us a lot of skills to help you play good. Oh, and I also like floor hockey."

Shon Kuhn said he likes basketball because it's fun.

"Coach (Purdy) makes practice fun," he said. "We learn a lot about basketball and have fun."

Nancy Shanley is head coach for the first time. Her players had plenty to say.

"Basketball is my favorite sport," said 6-year-old first-grader Jack Baylis. "I like dribbling. Coach Nancy is nice. Practice is fun. She's pretty cool. Our team is the Sharks."

Mikhaila Babycz echoed her teammates' thoughts.

"(Shanley) doesn't get mad if you make a mistake," she said.

Said second-grader Madi-

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Cagers end season with gallant effort

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Unless you're one of the four state champions, every high school girls' basketball team will end the season with a loss.

They'll conclude their year with a setback. Losing at the end of the season is never easy to take.

On Nov. 19, Chelsea's girls' basketball team ended its year losing to Saline 56-48 in a Class A district semifinal at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Despite falling, and despite hanging up their sneakers for the season, the Bulldogs (6-15) can hold their heads high.

The scoreboard said Chelsea lost but, in defeat, the Bulldogs showed themselves well.

"We probably played our best game of the year against a very good Saline team," said Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist. "We were down 18-14 after one quarter, but outscored Saline 12-7 in the second quarter to take a 26-25 halftime lead."

In the third quarter, the Hornets came out with a fire in their belly. Like the Bulldogs, Saline was well aware of the significance of the night.

In the state playoffs, it's



Chelsea senior Ashley Gadbury scored 22 points in the Bulldogs' 56-48 district semifinal loss to Saline Nov. 19.

Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

one and done. One loss, and a season is officially over.

The Hornets (19-3) battled back, taking a 10-point lead in the third frame, outscoring the Bulldogs 17-7.

In the fourth quarter, Chelsea refused to go quietly. The Bulldogs dug down deep,

fighting back and rallying to within one point of Saline.

The Hornets, however, remained poised, canning free throws and making their shots as time wound down, securing their victory.

Chelsea outscored Saline 15-14 in the final quarter.

For the game, the Hornets shot 39 free throws, compared to Chelsea's 22 from the line.

Senior swing player Ashley Gadbury led the Bulldogs with a game-high 22 points, including one three-pointer. Sophomore forward Emily

Woodruff added 14 points.

Senior forward Devon Lixey had four points and three rebounds, while junior forward Megan Korr had four points for Chelsea.

Senior point guard Missy Morcom finished with three

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Local athletes make All-SEC football team

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Fourteen Chelsea players and two Dexter performers were selected for the 2003 Southeastern Conference White Division first-team football squad.

Dreadnaughts making the elite team include senior linebacker Matt Gibson and senior defensive back Brian Taylor.

Gibson (6-foot, 210 pounds), a rugged, hard-hitting defender, led Dexter in tackles this season with 46 solo stops and 30 assists. He used his speed to record two quarterback sacks and intercept two passes. He also recovered one fumble.

Taylor (5-10, 175), a safety, was second on the Dreadnaughts with 34 solo tackles and 21 assists. He had two interceptions, and was the leader of a secondary that had 13 picks overall.

Bulldogs selected to the SEC White Division first-team defense include defensive linemen seniors Steve Tisdale and Chad Lance; linebackers seniors Lee Woodruff and Ryan Keiser; and defensive backs senior Adam Ellis and junior Terry Arnold.

Tisdale (6-0, 185) finished with 12 solo tackles, 14 assists



Photo by Jerry Milliken

Chelsea receiver Mark Borders was selected All-SEC first team. The senior finished the season with 56 receptions for 1,225 yards and 16 touchdowns.

and two sacks, while Lance (5-11, 215) had three solo tackles, six assists and two sacks.

Woodruff (6-0, 185) led Chelsea in tackles with 32 solo and 48 assists. He also had two sacks. Keiser (5-9, 175) was second on the squad with 32 solo stops and 37

assists. He had one sack.

Ellis (5-7, 142), a run-stopping cornerback, was third on the Bulldogs with 24 solo tackles and 15 assists. He had one interception.

Arnold (5-10, 165) finished with nine solo stops, 13 assists and one interception on the year.

Rounding out the All-SEC White first-team defense are linemen senior Tino Rebottaro of Tecumseh and Ypsilanti Lincoln senior Jovahn McGee, linebacker junior Andrew Yarbrough of Tecumseh and defensive back senior Taylor Clement of Tecumseh.

On offense, Chelsea had seven players selected to the first unit.

Quarterbacking the club is Bulldog senior George Royce (6-1, 190). Royce ended the season 107-of-183 for 2,372 yards and 24 touchdowns. He threw six interceptions. Royce set a state record in Chelsea's 65-64 double overtime defeat against Farmington Hills Harrison in the first round of the Division III playoffs, throwing for 529 yards and seven TDs in the game.

At running back, Bulldog junior Alec Penix (5-10, 180) was selected to the first team

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Davis named Chelsea boys' soccer MVP

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Senior Ken Davis was selected Chelsea boys' soccer MVP at the team's end-of-the-season banquet earlier this month.

A midfielder, Davis was the Bulldogs' main offensive force this year, leading the team with a school record 22 goals.

On Chelsea's all-time list, he ranks second in goals with 36, trailing only Craig Forshee (2000 graduate), who finished his career with 39 scores.

Besides his scoring prowess, Davis, a tri-captain, also excelled in the open field, leading the squad with a school record 19 assists.

For his career, he holds the Bulldog record with 40. The next closest player on the all-time list is Bryan Hayes (2002 graduate now playing for Albion College), who had 18 assists.

Davis also led Chelsea with a school record 63 points this season. He holds the all-time mark in the category with 110 points. Forshee is second with 91 points.

Besides his team MVP, Davis also received the squad's offensive MVP award. Earning the team's defensive MVP was

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The Chelsea boys' soccer team ended the season with an overall record of 12-8-2 and a Southeastern Conference White Division mark of 5-0-1. The Bulldogs were led by seniors, front row, Jason Medeiros (left, No. 8), Ken Davis (14) and Steve Koich (3); middle row, Matt Neff (left, No. 15), Max Hepburn (10), Chris Ruikka (18) and John Weber (16); back row, Cage Cowan (left, No. 2), Joel Griffith (11) and Dan DeWall.

Free throws hurt Beach FOOTBALL

Chelsea's Beach Middle School boys' Blue basketball team lost to Ypsilanti Lincoln 37-27 Nov. 17.

The Bulldogs (1-2) were cold from the free-throw line, shooting 5-of-19.

"That was the difference in the game," said Chelsea coach Jim Tallman.

The Bulldogs jumped out to an 8-3 first quarter lead, but in the second frame, the Railsplitters fought back, tying the game at 14-14 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Lincoln played aggressive defense, committing numerous fouls. Chelsea was unable to make the Railsplitters pay with its ineffective shooting from the line.

With the missed free throws, Lincoln was able to break ahead, outscoring the Bulldogs

23-13 in the second half.

Stuart Mann paced Chelsea with 15 points. Nathan Vleck and Scott Naab each scored four points, while D.J. Conrad and Dan Battistone each netted two points for the Bulldogs.

On Nov. 21, Chelsea lost to Adrian Drager 38-27.

Vleck paced Beach with 19 points. Jon Mykala added six points, while Mann had two points.

Drager outscored the Bulldogs 8-0 in the second quarter, taking control of the game.

"We played them pretty even the other three quarters, but they just slipped away in that second quarter, and we don't have the type of team that can make up huge deficits," Tallman said.

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after rushing for 991 yards on 150 carries and 12 touchdowns. His longest run of the season was 76 yards.

Receiving-wise, Chelsea seniors Mark Borders (6-0, 175) and Kyle Kendzicky (6-3, 190) made the first team.

Borders finished the year with 56 receptions for 1,225 yards and 16 TDs. He averaged 122 yards per game. Kendzicky, a tight end, ended up with 12 catches for 167 yards.

Along the offensive line, seniors John Houle, Joel Powers and junior Nick Toth were selected to the first team.

Houle (6-4, 220), at guard, Powers (6-2, 220), at center, and Toth (6-2, 290) at offensive tackle, helped pave the way for the Bulldogs to gain 1,633 yards as a team. The threesome also helped protect Chelsea quarterbacks, who were sacked 19 times during the year for an average of two per game. Not bad, considering the Bulldogs attempted 198 passes this season.

On special teams, Bulldog senior placekicker Kyle Franks (5-11, 180) was named to the first squad. He ended the year 5-of-5 on field goal attempts and 37-of-41 on extra points. His longest field goal was 30 yards. An all-

around athlete, Franks led Chelsea with three interceptions from his safety position.

Rounding out the first team were running backs Josh Hutchison, a senior from Tecumseh, and Eltoro Hooper, a senior from Lincoln, along with receiver senior Tanner Clement of Tecumseh and linemen Shane Dillon, a junior from Lincoln and John Ahearn, a junior from Tecumseh.

The team's punter is Tanner Clement of Tecumseh.

Earning honorable mention accolades from Dexter were senior lineman Brice Wandys, and juniors placekicker Matt Glahn, quarterback Bill Burgett, linebacker Travis Bourdon and defensive end/punter David Ager.

Named honorable mention from Chelsea were seniors linebackers Craig Urwin and Kyle Schiller, and wide receiver Brian Kinaschuk and junior defensive end Josh Liebeck.

Receiving the SEC Sportsmanship Award from Dexter was senior lineman Graham Nichols, while senior back Chris Kolokithas was the recipient from Chelsea.

In the SEC Red Division, making the first team offense

were quarterback senior Tom Molter of Adrian, and running backs seniors Paul Dapkus of Saline and Brandon Hubbard of Adrian.

Receivers making the elite team were Adrian seniors Kellen Davis (6-6, 230) and D.J. Howard, Saline senior Jeff Waltz and Ann Arbor Pioneer senior Allen Kennedy.

Up front, seniors Pat Lyall and Brandon Cooley of Adrian; seniors Ross Conn and Tom Bianchi of Saline; and senior Sam Miller of Pioneer made the first team.

Defensively, Saline seniors Kyle Schuyler (6-1, 280) and Brendon Moss (6-6, 230), and Adrian seniors Mike Jennings and Mike Dubose comprise the first team line.

At linebacker, Saline seniors Bobby Tiernan and Eric Slocum; Adrian seniors Matt Vanover and Cody Waters; Pioneer senior Ben Porath; and Temperance Bedford senior Dustin Longway got the first team nod.

In the secondary, Adrian senior Nick Gurica, Saline junior Donnie Wurtzel and Pioneer's Scott Martin, a senior and Casey Keenan, a junior made the first team.

No kickers were selected for the squad.

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Joel Griffith. The senior tri-captain was Chelsea's anchor in front of the net.

Besides his skill in the defensive zone, Griffith also was a threat on offense, scoring three goals and passing for one assist.

Receiving the Coaches Award was senior tri-captain midfielder Chris Ruikka. A strong, all-around performer, Ruikka finished the year with two goals and eight assists. His eight assists tied him with fellow classmate Steve Koich for second on the team behind Davis.

Presented with the Most Improved Player Award was midfielder/defender Matt Neff. The senior ended the season with one goal and one assist.

The Bulldogs finished the year with an overall record of 12-8-2. Chelsea captured a Southeastern Conference White Division championship with a mark of 5-0-1.

The Dawgs ended their season losing in the district final to SEC White rival Tecumseh 3-2 in overtime. The upset loss occurred after Chelsea had beaten the Indians 6-1 and 2-1 during the regular season.

Defensively, the Bulldogs allowed 36 goals this year for an average of 1.6 goals against.

Senior keeper Dan DeWall and junior net minder P.J. Stecker led the stingy defense.

DeWall ended the year with a 1.45 goals against average. Stecker had a 1.11 GAA. Stecker had four shutouts this year, while DeWall had two.

Offensively, Chelsea scored 69 times during the season for an average of 3.1 goals per game.

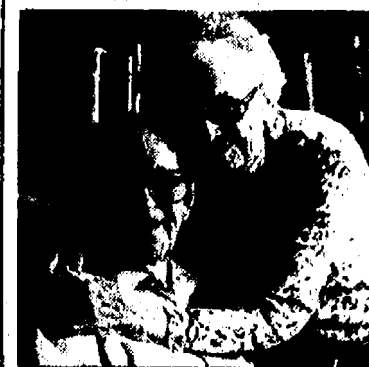
This season, the Bulldogs had a high game score of 11 goals in an 11-1 blowout of Milan.

Chelsea was shut out twice during the year, losing 1-0 to Portage Northern and Ann Arbor Huron.

The Bulldogs were further honored when coach Chad Scaling was named Division II District Coach of the Year. It's the second time Scaling has received the award.

In his fifth season, Scaling has an overall record of 53-34-14. Last season's team reached the regional semifinals, losing 2-1 in overtime to eventual state champion East Lansing.

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I don't know.
I guess it's better than watching the Carolina Panthers or the Houston Texans punt the ball over and over and over again.

At least I'm watching the home team. And I'm sure Ford Field will look nice.

What can I say, I'm easy to please.

What else am I thankful for?

Locally, I'm thankful for the Dexter Crossing Plaza's video store. I will one day see every classic movie in the place. "Network" was the latest to go down. I know, it's not really a classic, but that's what section it's in at the store. Poor Howard Beale — his ratings were too low. Watch out Jimmy Kimmel.

"The Prime of Miss Jean

DON RICHTER

ON THE SIDELINE

Brodie" — saw it. Maggie Smith rules!

"Love Story" was, uh, interesting. I'm still trying to figure out why love means never having to say you're sorry.

Anyway, I'm thankful for downtown Chelsea and its orange barrel-free environs. Aren't we all? I think that's a given.

I'm thankful for my Brisk Iced Tea addiction. I recently joined the club of iced tea devotees. I swear, if I had the nerve, I'd walk around and/or sit at my desk with one of those construction helmets fitted with cup holders on each side, chin strap it to my

head, place a straw in each corner of my mouth, and slurp down the golden nectar to my heart's content.

Sorry, I got carried away.

I'd say half the time I purchase a two-liter or 12-pack of the drink, the checkout girl invariably shakes her head in agreement, saying she loves the stuff, too.

The cult, er, I mean, the club is growing.

I'm thankful for Chelsea and Dexter sports.

Already, this fall season, I've been able to cover a cross country state championship for the Dexter boys' squad — its second in a row.

I've lived through "The Game" as it's becoming known in Chelsea. The 65-64 double overtime thriller, which set or was near, state records for passing yards, touchdowns and points.

Is George Royce still throwing the football? I heard the Harrison defensive backs still wake up in the middle of the night, in a cold sweat, thinking they have to line up one more

time against the Bulldog offense.

I'm thankful for all of the coaches, athletes and teams I'm lucky enough to cover in the Chelsea and Dexter area. It's always a pleasure.

Linda and Sue, you're the best!

Wayne and John, I couldn't do it without you.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

I see the Lions are lining up to punt for the 60th time. I wonder if it's going to be a 40-yarder or a 45-yard punt? I'm on the edge of my seat with anticipation.

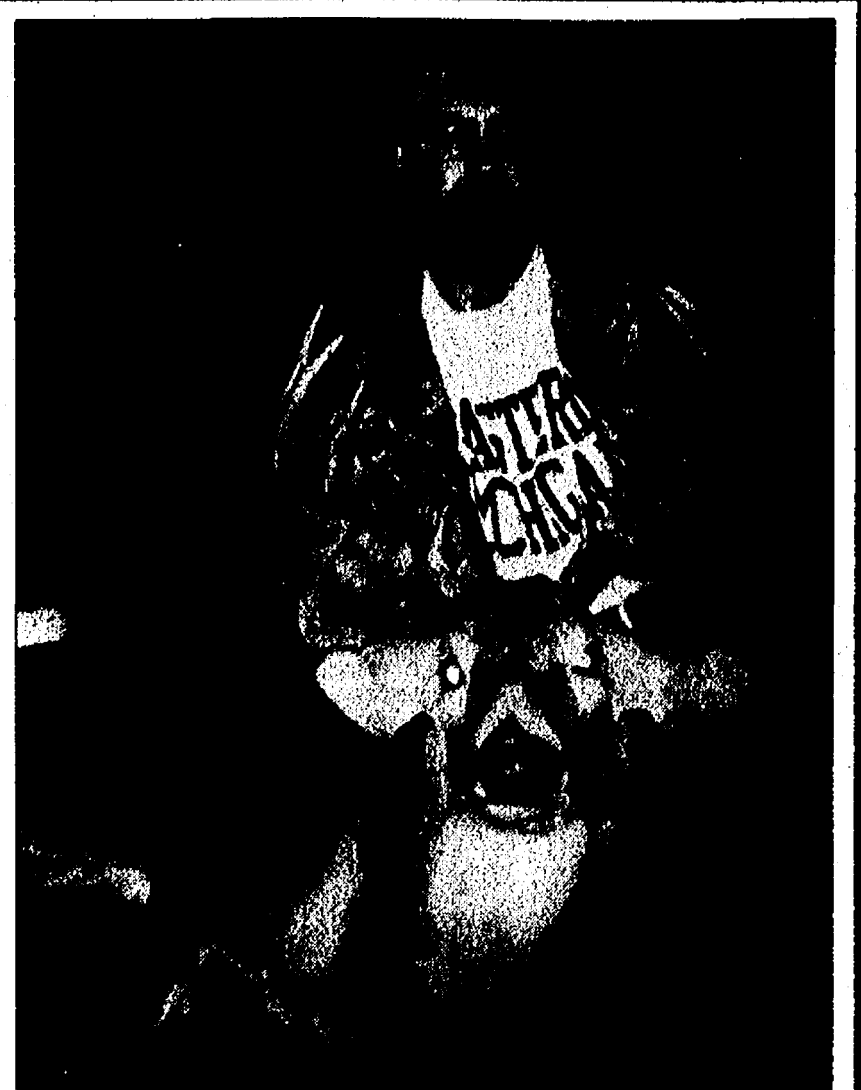
Oh well, maybe I'll rent "Topaz" or "The Manchurian Candidate" later tonight. I hear they're both pretty good, and I've never seen either.

That classics section at the video store is getting smaller and smaller as I speak.

Yeah, it's gonna' be a big night at the Richter household.

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

Chelsea Hunter



Chelsea native George Bentley Jr. kneels next to the 10-point buck he bagged in Livingston County Nov. 9.

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son Rabbitt, "Basketball is good exercise and it's fun. It's a lot of teamwork. Even though you play another team, you leave tied. Who cares who wins. I like it cause it is fair."

Tony Nichol and Tanner Day had similar thoughts toward their coach, Mike

O'Quinn.

"Basketball is fun," Tony said. "I like dribbling. My coach is nice and he makes practices and games fun."

Tanner said basketball is his favorite sport.

"I like passing, rebounding, and being with my friends," he said. "Coach Mike is nice. He makes learning fun. Sharp, crisp

passing."

Darwin Smith has been coaching basketball for many seasons.

"My coach is really good," said 6-year-old Joey Smith.

"He's my dad. He's a good basketball player and a good teacher. He teaches us to spin while dribbling."

Ty Nelson also enjoys playing for Smith.

"I like shooting on the lower baskets," he said. "Coach Darwin lets us play and he's funny."

Happy Thanksgiving!

Chelsea, continue to keep our community strong and healthy.

Michelle Mitchell is the director of Chelsea Recreation. She can be reached at 475-1112.

Beach Gold tops Saline

Chelsea's Beach Middle School boys' Gold basketball team defeated Saline 30-26 last week.

Leading the Bulldogs (2-2) was Jeff Adams, who had 22

points. Matt Schwarze added three points, while Jason Kolokithas had two points and Matt Johnson one point for Chelsea.

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rebounds, while junior guard Liberty Dickerson had two points, three boards and three assists.

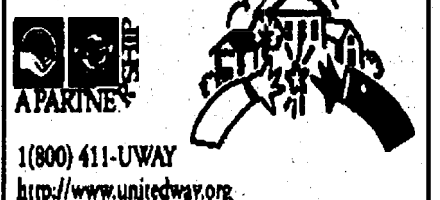
Senior forward Meghan Reames netted two points for Chelsea.

Junior 6-foot-3 center Lauren Paolini paced Saline with 16 points.

Forward Lia Cronenwett chipped in 15 points, while guard Jessica Duff had 12 points for the Hornets.

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Noteworthy Common Chords hand chime choir to perform Dec. 6 in Chelsea

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Members of the Common Chords troupe will bowl on Dec. 6 then exchange bowling balls for hand chimes before heading to Chelsea for the Festival of Light celebrations.

The Washtenaw County group of young adults with developmental disabilities will bring its unique style of music to the Yule Tree event at the Chelsea Center for the Arts 2 p.m. Dec. 6.

"Common Chords will put on a performance and then invite the audience up to try the chimes," CCA Director Ginger Sissom said.

"This is my favorite part. I love to watch the musicians' faces. They sometimes laugh as audience members struggle to play their instruments. But their faces are also so soft and loving."

"They're a beautiful group. We're honored that they choose to perform here."

"Many of them come into the building with hugs for all. And the music is lovely."

In 1990, the Common Chords was the dream of retired music teacher Paul Richmond who shared his musical abilities with young adults in the High Point program.

The fledgling band, meeting each Monday in Ann Arbor, experimented with an assortment of instruments — guitars, saxophones, drums, trumpets, maracas, xylophones and autoharps — before settling on rhythm instruments and singing, incorporating sign language and motion into their songs.

Parent Marge Wright, who has a degree in music education, acquired keyboards and autoharps at yard sales, color-coding the keys to match special song cards she developed.

"This was fairly successful but took us farther away from being the dream of becoming a musical band," Wright said.

"We continued to meet every Monday night using music as a vehicle for social, emotional and educational growth."

"Music is a means of expression everyone can experience no matter what level of development. This is the common thread that connects those who play in the Common Chords, and how their name came to be."

It was during a project on music therapy at Eastern Michigan University that Wright came across the idea of hand chimes.

The group's first attempt with hand chimes — the song "Love Me Tender" —

was such a success that members were inspired to reach for their dream.

With the help of 4-H associate Mary Kronenberg, group members wrote to service organizations in Washtenaw County. With donations, the choir was able to buy three octaves of hand chimes in June 1996.

Their first performance was at the Milan Kiwanis Club, where they received their first club donation.

The Common Chords have since performed at a variety of different venues, including the Chelsea Festival of Lights, 4-H Talent Show, Milan Senior Center, Cobblestone Farm in Ann Arbor, St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Saline and Saline Peace Presbyterian Church.

"What began as a friendship company is so much more now," Wright said. "We are a special group of friends devoted to enjoying each other's company and music of all sorts."

Sylvan Township resident Dan Polens, the son of Bob and Emily Polens, has been in the group for about four years.

"Dan enjoys playing. It gives him a great sense of pride," Emily said. "They started to play simple songs and the socialization is very important to them."

"Marge Wright knows when to demand from them or just have fun with them. It's a good group of people."

"This gives them a chance to display their talent for others and feel good about themselves."

Bob and Nadine Pierce, who coach the Saturday bowling team, invited the Common Chords to perform at Chelsea's Festival of Lights a few years ago.

"They first performed at the VFW Hall on the Saturday of the festival," Pierce said.

Pierce, now the director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, says the group was an instant hit.

"They became so popular that when the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts facility opened, I asked if we could move the show there," he said. "Now, the group has the opportunity to play for larger audiences."

"My real challenge is getting them to finish bowling early so they can get out here, eat and get ready for the show."

Pierce said during the years he ran Pierce's Pastries, he and Nadine didn't have a chance to hear the Common Chords perform for the Festival of Lights.

When the Pierces sold the

bakery a couple of years ago, they relished the opportunity to see the performance.

"As part of the show, members of the audience are invited to join the group," Pierce said. "I was thrilled to be a one-song member of the choir."

"But David Wright and Dan Polens got a special thrill out of correcting 'Coach Bob' when I screwed up my bell assignment."

"I've decided to stick with coaching bowling and not make a career out of performing in a bell choir."

The Common Chords hand chime choir will perform 2 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Chelsea Center for the Arts, 400 Congdon St. in Chelsea, as part of the Yule Tree and Festival of Lights celebrations. Pictured are Dan Polens (left), Penny Marke, Steve Darling, Yun Ho Kim and Steve Tsai.

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Previously on best-seller lists for The New York Times and Publisher's Weekly, this book is the perfect fireside read. It's fast paced, fun, and guarantees that you will get to the last page and no longer think you have the absolute

worst boss in the world. No one could possibly be as bad as Miranda Priestly, the editor of fashion magazine "Runway," where recent college-graduate Andrea Sachs lands a job.

Sachs wants to be a writer for The New Yorker, and when she applies and is hired as Priestly's assistant, she hopes the opportunity will serve as a stepping-stone toward her dream.

In landing the job "a million girls would die for," Sachs must endure a year's worth of humiliation from her boss while readers experience life from the top of the magazine-world food chain.

Nothing is too good for the lauded Priestly, who has her staff spend weeks personally wrapping thousands of Christmas gifts, spoils her children rotten with the newest books and toys, and generally walks over every-

one around her in spiked heels wearing Prada, Armani or Versace designer clothing.

As Sachs sells her soul to the devil on the job, her relationship with her boyfriend, family and friends crumbles like the muffin crumbs she brushes off her new (and free) designer clothing. Will she survive the year with anything left of her dignity or is her paycheck the only important aspect of her life?

Even if you are not a fashion hound, you will appreciate this dance through the high-powered world of haute couture.

If you are a boss, it will make you think twice about how you treat your employees.

And if nothing else, it will make you think twice about the labels in your clothing.

Weisberger's fresh, funny voice puts just the right spin on the lunacy of what some bosses expect of their employees, and just how often employees will let themselves be trampled upon to be a part of the "in" crowd.

If fashion is a cult, then Priestly is the high priestess of the underworld, and Sachs is her favorite picked-upon minion.

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Musical Trio

Tyler Paul (left) Carly Lippert and Frank Shanley play the xylophone in teacher Andrea Miller's second-grade music class at North Creek Elementary School in Chelsea.

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CHELSEA

Local chamber orchestra to perform Dec. 3

The 61 members of the Chelsea High School Chamber Orchestra and the 44-member strong Cass Technical High School Symphony Orchestra of Detroit will exchange school visits and hold rehearsals together next week.

After rehearsing in Chelsea on Tuesday, two orchestras will perform in concert 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Cass Technical High School, 2421 Second Ave., in Detroit.

Chelsea High School Orchestra Director Jed Fritzmeier and his counterpart, Marc Haas, of Cass Tech, arranged the event.

"My goal is relatively simple — to bring these two cultures together and allow them an opportunity to have a positive experience through music," Fritzmeier said.

Cass Tech graduate Joseph Stripland, a violinist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will be the guest conductor for the concert.

The combined orchestras will play movements from the African Suite by Fela Sowande and a selection from the Symphony No. 8 in B

minor, "The Unfinished Symphony" by Franz Schubert.

Concert tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Chelsea parents are encouraged to attend. A map and driving directions are available in the high school office and orchestra room.

The One World, One Family organization is helping to support the exchange.

Joanne Ladio, an orchestra parent and member of One World, One Family, said that the group will provide disposable cameras for both orchestras and will assemble photos into albums for each school.

"This is the way stereotypes are broken," Ladio said. "It's impossible to maintain a stereotype of a group when you get to know someone face to face."

"This is a great opportunity."

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Contestant Nails Cincy 'Upset', Claims \$1,000 in Power Points Contest

Midwest Results Week 11 - 11-16-2003 - Halloween was nearly three weeks ago, but its effects are still being felt in the NFL. Consider the bizarre happenings of Sunday when the once-hapless Cincinnati Bengals, or, Bengals topped undefeated Kansas City and at the same time propelled themselves - it's true, Virginia - into a tie for first place in the AFC North Division. And these unlikely of heroes at the same time became the toast of Miami as the Dolphins were assured of folding onto their record as the only undefeated team in NFL history for at least one more year. Well, as they say, on any given Sunday...

It's true as well in the POWER POINTS of the Midwest Football Contest where anyone during any week can strike it rich for the \$1,000 cash bonanza. In Week 11, the fates smiled on Andy Janovski, of Spring Grove, IL, who tallied a region-high and near-perfect 135 of the possible 136 points to claim grand prize honors and the accompanying cash prize of \$1,000. And, for him, that Cincinnati victory was no upset; he picked the Bengals at the top of his card - for a whopping 16 points.

Janovski entered the contest through the Janesville Gazette in Janesville, WI. Local winners in Week 11 were:

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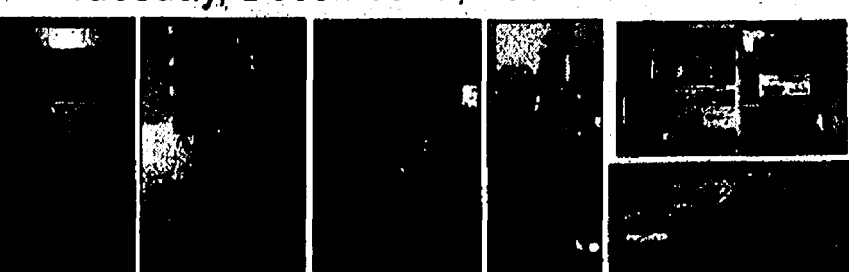
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Otto Artico has joined Heydlauff's Appliances as the new service technician. Artico, who has 18 years experience in the field, previously worked for Amana and Maytag.

New technician joins Heydlauff's

Heydlauff's Appliances and Electronics in Chelsea has expanded its service department with the addition of new service technician Otto Artico.

Artico comes to Heydlauff's with more than 18 years of service experience in the appliance industry.

His background includes 16 years as a franchise service technician with the Amana Co. in Amana, Iowa.

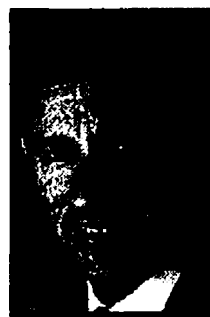
Artico spent the last two years with the Maytag Company after its buy-out of Amana. He is a certified manufacturer-trained technician and has attended several industry training sessions.

"Otto really expands the capabilities of our service department," store owner Mark Heydlauff said.

"He has a wealth of knowledge and experience, and he's joining us at a time when our customers' need for follow-up service is in great demand. He and Steve (Heydlauff) make a great service team."

Artico makes his home in the Brighton area with his wife and two children. The store is located 113 N. Main St. in Chelsea.

Market timing can be dicey



MICHAEL CEASER

MONEY SENSE

There certainly hasn't been any shortage of stock market scandals over the last few years.

First there were the accounting problems with companies such as Tyco, Global Crossing, WorldCom and Enron. Then there was the \$1.4 billion settlement concerning fraudulent stock analysis.

As USA Today has reported, the latest involves the \$7 trillion mutual fund industry.

According to media reports, the two major areas of concern to securities regulators involve market timing and late trading.

Market timing is the practice of moving in and out of mutual funds over short-term periods (sometimes within a few days) to take advantage of perceived market opportunities.

Since mutual funds always have been considered a long-term investment, their portfolios are not positioned to easily accommodate this kind of activity.

When short-term trading occurs, the fund incurs additional transaction costs and possible tax consequences to the fund's other investors.

Although market timing is not in and of itself illegal, most mutual fund prospectuses do not allow it, and therefore it violates the

mutual fund's own rules of operation.

Since mutual funds must operate in accordance with their prospectuses, it is a violation of regulations to operate otherwise.

Perhaps an even greater problem is that some mutual fund managers have been accused of market timing the funds they manage. In these cases, the possible violation besides market timing is a form of insider trading, since the managers can take advantage of information not available to the public.

Late trading occurs when a purchase or sell order is placed after the 4 p.m. close of the stock market and the individual making the trade is allowed to still receive the price just as though they had placed the trade before the close.

This illegal activity can be especially valuable when trading international funds, when one can exploit the time differences that occur in markets around the world.

The revelations concerning these violations have rightly outraged many investors, just as the previous scandals have done. According to the Wall Street Journal, in one fund company, more than \$14 billion (that's billion with a "B") has been withdrawn from their funds in just a few weeks since accusations have been brought by regulators.

There seems to be a great deal of confusion as to what course of action would be prudent for investors given the current circumstances.

First of all, don't panic. Although the story is still unfolding, it appears many of these violations occurred several years ago. In addition, many of those accused of the most serious charges have been fired, and in some cases, the chief executive

officers of the firms in question have been forced to resign.

There have been announcements by several firms of reorganizations, as well as revisions of policies and procedures to detect potential violations.

Although some people might have profited from illegal activities, since most mutual funds are so huge, it is unlikely that individual investors have suffered significant losses.

That notwithstanding, some mutual fund companies already have promised to reimburse investors for any losses that might have occurred as a result of abuses.

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Welcome aboard

Virginia Kingsley joins staff at Chelsea Center for the Arts

By Sheila Pursglove
Associate Editor

The Chelsea Center for the Arts welcomed Virginia Kingsley Nov. 5 as its new program coordinator.

"My interest in the arts was cultivated with my interest in music in grade school that continued throughout high school," Kingsley said. "I became involved in the drama club in high school and had many roles in our school productions."

Kingsley said she has been drawn to the arts as a creative outlet, and feels strongly that the arts fulfill an important role in everyday lives.

"I'm fortunate to work for an organization like the CCA that's very well thought of in the community."

Kingsley, who grew up on a

farm in rural Battle Creek, relocated to the Ypsilanti area to attend Eastern Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

She worked for the conference services divisions at EMU and Wash-tenaw Community College, assisting meeting planners with conferences, site tours and scheduling of summer camps.

She also has served as the executive director of the Ypsilanti Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, where she was responsible for the administration and opera-

tions of the bureau, including staff and volunteer management, marketing and budget administration.

Kingsley has served the Chelsea community since 2000 in her role as community relations representative for the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. She has worked with a group of volunteers and the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce in the upcoming Chelsea Festival of Lights and a variety of other community events.

Kingsley also has worked closely with volunteer event committees on the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival, the

Ypsilanti Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, the Drum Corps International Preview of Champions and the Ypsilanti Festival of Lights.

Kingsley and her husband, David, live in Ypsilanti with their two children, Breanna, 7, and Noah, 3.

Kingsley's hobbies include spending time with family, sewing outfits for her children, scrapbooking, reading, and "being a gymnastics mom."

"I also enjoy volunteering at my daughter's school and supporting their programs, when my schedule permits," she said.

In addition, Kingsley is active in Transfiguration Catholic Church, where she helps her husband on the Parish Life Commission.



Battle Creek native Virginia Kingsley has joined the Chelsea Center for the Arts as program coordinator. Kingsley, who lives in Ypsilanti with her husband and two children, has served as executive director of the Ypsilanti Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and as community relations representative for the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

CHELSEA

Chamber seeks nominations for awards

The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce will award two business leadership awards at its annual meeting in early 2004.

The awards — one to businesses with 10 or fewer employees, the other to a business with 11 or more employees — will be awarded based on leadership in one or more of the following areas:

- Display of innovative ideas and services.
- Contributing to the economic impact of the Chelsea area.
- Enhancing the uniqueness of the community image.
- Demonstrating leadership in their business category.
- Supporting the activities of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Demonstrating other exemplary activities.

Director Bob Pierce said the chamber's goal is to recognize outstanding businesses in the Chelsea area, promote the uniqueness of the community, and promote the chamber.

Anyone may nominate one or more businesses, and only chamber members are eligible for the award.

The two businesses selected for the award will each receive an etched-glass award for permanent display, a plaque to be permanently displayed at the chamber office listing each year's winners and a prominent spot in the Chelsea Community Fair Parade.

A list of members and nomination forms is available from the Chamber office at

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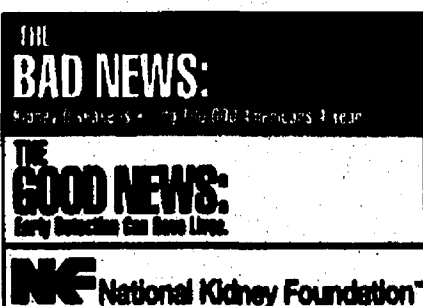
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So, what did you do during that dive? Were you brave enough to stay the course as

a "long term investor" or did you make wholesale changes and move your investments to "safer money" like stable value funds or the money market?

The decisions you make have both short and long-term implications.

In a 2001 study of cash flows into and out of mutual funds, Dalbar, a company that studies investors' behavior, reaffirmed that the long-term advantage of a buy and hold investment strategy is extraordinary.

The study shows, despite the short-term advantage of having been un-invested in 2000 as a result of the decline in equity markets, investors would still reap greater long-term returns by holding their mutual fund investments.

Now, before I go any further, I want you to know that does not mean that there is never a time to make changes to your investments.

Your life will change and with it your investment objectives. For this topic we will explore just the advantage of a buy and hold strategy and the benefits that could apply to you.

Dalbar examines real investor returns from equity, fixed income and money

market mutual funds from January 1984 through December 2000. The data is compelling.

The following annualized returns for investors, whose average fund retention was 2.6 years in 2000 (down from 2.8 in 1999, but up from 1.7 after the stock market crash in 1987), compared to corresponding indexes, clearly illustrate the benefit of buy-and-hold strategies:

The average fixed-income investor realized an annualized return of 6.0 percent, compared to 11.83 percent for the long-term Government Bond Index.

The average money-market fund investor realized an annualized return of 2.29 percent, compared to 5.82 percent for Treasury Bills and 3.23 percent for inflation. Money-market fund investors lose money after inflation; and the average equity-fund investor realized an annualized return of 5.32 percent, compared to 16.29 percent for the S&P 500 Index.

This data does not include numbers up to 2003.

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Questions for financial adviser Tony LaJeunesse can be directed to tonylaj@hotmail.com or 1-313-381-1137.

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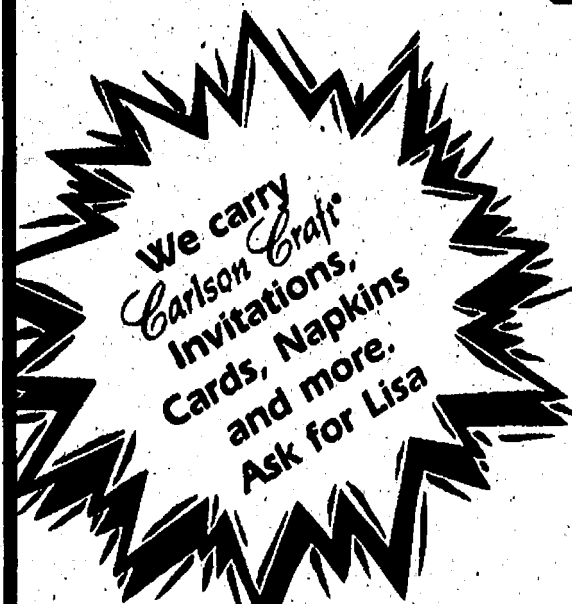
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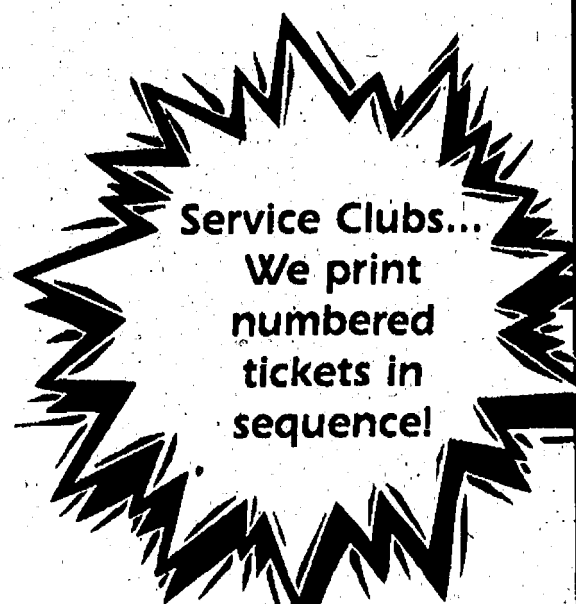
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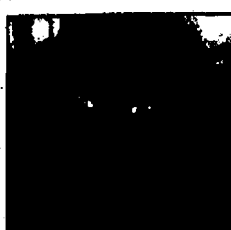
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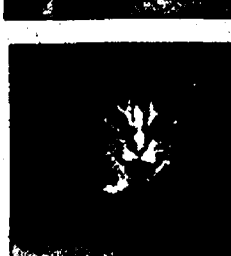
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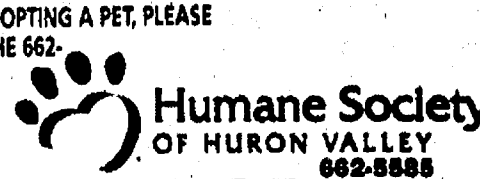


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WASHTENAW COUNTY

Home Builders Association appoints officers

Jim Haeussler of Saline, president of Peters Building Co., has been elected president of the Home Builders Association of Washtenaw County.

After joining the association, Haeussler served a term on the board of directors in the 1990s, as well as on the Showcase of Homes Steering Committee.

Immediately prior to being elected president, he served a term as the first vice president for the association.

Haeussler became president of Peters Building Co. in 1997, after more than 20 years of experience with the company.

He is a licensed real estate broker and licensed mortgage lender, as well as a managing partner of the Brighton-based development consulting firm Development Services Group.

Haeussler obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Toledo in 1983 and a master's degree in construction technology from Eastern Michigan University in 1989.

Dave Rhoads of Saline has been elected the first vice president of the Home Builders Association of Washtenaw County Board of Directors for the 2004 year.

Rhoads is a second-generation remodeler and owner of Homeowner Services of America, a Saline based building and remodeling firm.

He is a former chairman of the Remodelers Council, and currently serves as a director for the State Board of Remodelers.

Geoff Perkins of Ann Arbor, owner and president of Perkins Construction

Company, has been elected second vice president of the Home Builders Association of Washtenaw County Board of Directors.

He will serve during the 2004 year and succeeds Dave Rhoads of Homeowner Services of America in this position.

Perkins founded his company in 1984 and has since provided quality commercial, industrial and residential building services to the Ann Arbor community.

He currently serves as the

president of the Washtenaw Contractors Association and as vice president of Washtenaw Citizens for Responsible Growth.

Diane Gilson, president of Info Plus Accounting, has been elected treasurer of the Home Builders Association of Washtenaw County Board of Directors for 2004.

Gilson, a certified public accountant, certified internal auditor, QuickBooks Pro advisor is also a published software developer and author of "Accounting with

QuickBooks Pro for Home Builders & Remodelers."

She has also served as an

associate member of the Home Builders Association since 1995.

VILLAGE OF DEXTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Monday, December 1, 2003 at the Village of Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following:

- 1) The Village of Dexter Planning Commissions review of the 2004-2010 Capital Improvements Plan, a program that projects and coordinates public expenditures for improvements to the transportation and utility systems, municipal facilities, and other improvements over a six-year period.

Information regarding the plan is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 2. Written comments regarding this plan should be submitted to the Village Clerk, and must be received no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, December 1, 2003. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Hall.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

Present: Pat Kelly, Supervisor; Harley Rider, Clerk; Julie Knight, Treasurer; Libby Brushaber, Trustee; Michael Howard, Trustee

Absent: None

Location: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Kelly at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Public comment - None.

The agenda was approved as amended.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Minutes of the October 21, 2003 Board Meeting and the Zoning Board of Appeals Report were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Brushaber, second by Howard to approve the Consent Agenda. Carried 5-0

The Minutes of the October 21, 2003 Regular Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

The report of the Zoning Board of Appeals was accepted and filed.

AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS

Motion by Brushaber, second by Howard to pay the bills in the amount of \$99,571.20 and gross payroll in the amount of \$17,043.85. Carried 5-0

Motion by Rider, second by Knight to approve payment to Washtenaw County in the amount of \$1,818.32 for Debt Service Funds 321 & 323 for Sewer System #12. Carried 5-0

Motion by Rider, second by Brushaber to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$19,856.36 from the Police Fund to the General Fund to cover current law enforcement contract expenses. Carried 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

WCRC request to change names of Courtland and Webb's Shore Drive - No action by WCRC.

Financial Review and Analysis of Multi-Lakes Sewer - Per Supervisor Kelly, Tom Traciak should have the report completed in January.

Motion by Rider, second by Howard to bring discussion of Fox Ridge off the table and back to the floor. Carried 5-0

Motion by Rider, second by Howard to authorize the refund of \$2,000 to Koehn Real Estate, Inc., for site plan deposit paid in error for Fox Ridge Site Condo, contingent upon payment to the Township of fee for late filing of Property transfer Affidavit and release of claim on the deposit by current project owner. Carried 5-0

Call of Outstanding Balance on 1995 Multi-Lakes Sewer Bonds - Supervisor Kelly to gather additional info.

Motion by Rider, second by Brushaber to table action on the Call of Outstanding Multi-Lakes Sewer Bonds. Carried 5-0

Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority appointments - Put over to December.

MTA Annual Educational Conference - Put over to December.

NEW BUSINESS

Private Road/Shared Driveway Requests - Supervisor Kelly explained her memo and the four requests for shared driveways that have been received. Lynn Williams asked the Board how to proceed with her request to expand a current shared driveway to access a third residence. She was advised that in her case there would be little substantive difference if she were to proceed with a Private Road application. Supervisor Kelly and Clerk Rider will be meeting with Township Attorney Peter Flintoft in the near future to further examine the issue.

SBC Telecom Act Application - Supervisor Kelly will gather more information.

Motor Vehicle Code enforcement on Private Roads - The Board discussed the issue and expressed a desire to identify all homeowner associations in the Township.

Motion by Knight, second by Brushaber to approve the contract for snow removal with A-1 Tree, Inc., for the period of 11/1/03 through 5/1/04. Carried 5-0

Supervisor Kelly offered the reappointment of John Shea, Jamie Gorenflo and E.J. Gilbert to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Rider, second by Brushaber to confirm the appointments to the Planning Commission of John Shea, Jamie Gorenflo and E.J. Gilbert for three-year terms to expire on 12/31/06. Carried 5-0

Supervisor Kelly explained the changes in the Homestead Exemption process and the intent to eliminate improper exemptions.

Supervisor Kelly presented information on Michigan House Bill No. 5145, a bill that would significantly change the manner and time-lines for connection to public sewer. More information is needed.

Motion by Knight, second by Howard to contract with Dennis's Tree Service to remove trees and grind stumps for \$700, provided the Township is provided with a copy of their insurance certificate. Carried 5-0

The Board discussed cleaning or protection of the gutters. No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT & OTHER ISSUES

There was no additional public comment.

Treasurer Knight informed the Board that the preliminary tax roll had been prepared.

Trustee Howard informed the Board that the No Dumping signs around the recycle area appear to have helped.

Clerk Rider informed the Board that information gained at a recent MTA Fire financing seminar was helpful and the subject would be on the December agenda. He also informed the Board that the Michigan Legislature has overturned the law that prohibited hunting on lands of another on Sunday.

Supervisor Kelly informed the Board that it is her understanding that Lyndon Township is considering paying off their portion of the Multi-Lakes Sewer Bonds. She also reported on the status of the lighting at Huron Creek Party Store.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Harley B. Rider, Clerk
Dexter Township

NOTE: These are preliminary minutes subject to approval by the Township Board at the Regular Meeting to be held on December 16th, 2003.

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AGENDA

- 1) Working Session/Amendments to Zoning Ordinance

John Shea,
Chairman

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2003, 7:00 P.M.
SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL
18027 OLD US 12, CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA

Variance application has been received for an appeal to install a fence in the front yard of a corner lot at 18251 Garvey Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Written comments may be sent to Linda Hahn, Secretary, Zoning Board of Appeals, 20232 Scio Church Road, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

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LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2003 WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER

Roll Call

Present: Village President Steele, Village Clerk Burtch
Trustees Present: Myles, Holmes, Albertson, Ritter, MacFarlan, and Schumann

Absent:
Others Present: Jim Drolett, Bob Shepherd, Andy Johnson, Marilyn Troyer, Fred Mills,

Regina Krzesicki, Lynn Fox, Chris Rode, Lois Lantis, Nancy Schumann, Woody Lantis, Michael Rybka, Bob Ponte, Gary Adams
President Steele called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval Of Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes of Regular meeting of September 9, 2003
2. Meeting Minutes of Regular meeting of September 23, 2003
3. Meeting Minutes of Special meeting of September 29, 2003
4. Meeting Minutes of Regular meeting of October 14, 2003
5. Meeting Minutes of Special meeting of October 16, 2003
6. Approval of Bills

Motion by Trustee Ritter; seconded by Trustee Holmes, to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to the minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried. Correction to the Sept 9th Minutes on page 3, add month that traffic counts were given to the Manager.

When there is no public comments add - no public comments
Special Council minutes of Sept 29th minutes, add Trustee MacFarlan voted nay because motion was not clearly stated on the SLC Service Meter bid.

Approval of Regular Agenda

Motion by Trustee Holmes; seconded by Trustee Ritter, to approve the Regular Agenda with the removal of items one (Moratorium Resolutions) and two (Conservation Easement for Heritage Pointe) under New Business. After approval of Regular Agenda, introduce member of audience, Dale Martin, and have him come up to the microphone to address Council and also add under new business leaf pickup. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Dale Martin - spoke with council regarding his interest in the Manager Position.

Audience Participation

Jim Machnik - Addressed Council with regards to traffic and rerouting.

Communications to Council:

President Steele brought to the attention the communications in the packet.

1. Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, Report to the Board of Directors and minutes from the September 18, 2003 Board of Directors Meeting.
2. Letter from David Drullinger, Surface Water Permits Section, regarding National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Permit Requirement, informing the Village that we need to apply for a storm water permit.
3. Letter from Chelsea School District, David Killips, Superintendent regarding a resolution passed at the October 13, 2003 Board meeting in opposition to House Bills 4820-4828-Election Consolidation.
4. Letter from Amy Boit, 326 Madison Street, expressing interest in being appointed to the Library Board.

Report from Council Committees:

J. Myles, DDA is finalizing contract for signs. Signs will be given to the community for review and more information will be available within the next 60 days.

D. Schumann no report.
C. MacFarlan attended the CATS meeting key items were modifying the length of terms of their board, and two, changing their fiscal year. Looked at preliminary budget also, adding "in-kind" contributions. One would be from the Methodist retirement for rent. Budget looks like it will be within \$600 of budget.

Participating in Petition drive to stop Canadian garbage into Michigan.
C. Ritter - Recreation Council budget is running just about even, still in a position that they always need money. Looking at putting in a skateboard park on Book St.

C. Albertson no report
H. Holmes no report

R. Steele - Contacted Mr. Coryell, regarding the managers position, he has selected another position in Minnesota. We have two candidates so far for library board, Next Tuesday is the regular Council work session, the Council will have a joint meeting with the Planning Commission. The County has requested we get comments back by middle of December for the Chelsea Regional Plan Joint Meeting this will be discussed at the joint PC and Council Meeting so those comments can be sent to the County.

A representative from the Michigan Municipal League will be at the first

meeting in November and will talk to Council about what services they provide in a search for a Police Chief.

Reports from Village Officers:

Jim Drolett - November 18 is the next Regular Meeting for the Planning Commission. Public hearing for the Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Final Site Plan review of Heritage Pointe will be on the Agenda. Still meeting with developers and folks from Heritage Pointe regarding the conservation Easement.

Chris Rode - working with surrounding communities to make amendments or updates to the comprehensive plan. Also a parks and recreation text change to the maps that go along with that. What serves as a conceptual plan that can go out to the municipalities. We're ready to put that together so at some point we need to get some action from council to authorize us to submit that intention to plan. The maps and text is all draft and is conceptual to the point where we want to be.

Andy Johnson - working on several projects, AMR meetings last week.

Nancy Schumann Library Board - reported on the Library and presented Council with pictures of what the library board and the architect have come up with for the new library.

Unfinished Business

1. Fire Task Authority (President Steele)
Discussion of applicants interested so far. Fire Task Authority will be on the November 11th Council Agenda.
2. CAFRA Representative (President Steele)

Motion by Trustee Myles, Supported by Trustee Albertson. To replace Mr. Ritter as CAFRA Representative and have Trustee Holmes as new CAFRA Representative and Cindy MacFarlan as the alternate. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Chelsea Fairways Performance Bond/Finished Project (President Steele)

Discussed earlier regarding pipe sticking out of ground that has been fixed.

4. Amend Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 12, 2003 (Trustee Ritter)

Erroneously added to agenda as they were approved at the Sept 29th meeting with corrections.

5. 425 Agreement (President Steele)

Motion by Trustee Myles, Supported by Trustee Albertson to table to the November 11th Council meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

6. Other Unfinished Business

Motion Dale Schumann, Supported by Trustee Ritter. To enter into an agreement with Dale Martin with Council and his approval once everyone has had a chance to read the personnel agreement over. Also, to have the personnel committee meet with him as soon as possible. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Moratorium Resolutions
Removed for lack of support
2. Conservation Easement For Heritage Point
Removed from agenda.
3. GASB (Plante & Moran)

State is requiring clarifications on fixed assets. Gasb#34 financial statements require full accrual approval making sure all fixed assets are on the infrastructure, the roads, and valuing those assets.

Discussion regarding the two contracts, items that need to be reported on the financial statements, this item would need to be added to budget, listing of fixed asset can be done internally, and if Marilyn would be able to do these reports in the future. Contracts are to be sent to Village Attorney and will be added to the November 11, 2003 Council Meeting.

4. Veterans' Day Council Meeting 11/11/03

Council will meet on Veterans Day.

5. Leaf Pickup Memo

Discussion regarding defining certain pickup dates, less manpower from the state, ideas as far as bumper stickers on trash cans for leaves. Once dates have been decided to put those dates on water/electric bills for a reminder to customers.

6. Other New Business

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Myles, Supported by Trustee Holmes to adjourn Regular Session. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Approved: November 11, 2003

Richard Steele, Village President

Teresa Burtch, Village Clerk

**Minutes corrected at 11/11/03 Council meeting.

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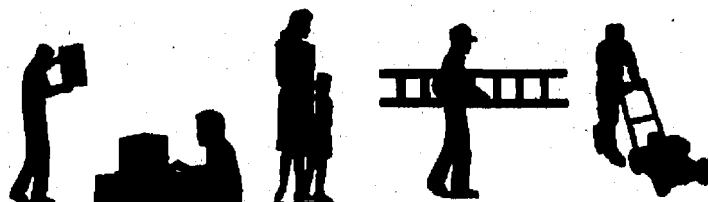
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MARGARET M. MARKER
Chelsea

Formerly of Lansing

Margaret M. Marker, 80, of Chelsea, formerly of Lansing, died Nov. 16, 2003, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. She was born June 27, 1923, in Battle Creek, and was preceded in death by her brother, John Gothrup.

Mrs. Marker is survived by two sons, Jeff Marker and Dennis Marker; six grandchildren; a beloved former daughter-in-law, Betty; a sister-in-law, Aggie Gothrup of Chelsea; nieces; and many friends.

Mrs. Marker touched the hearts of many. She was fun loving and had a great sense of humor.

She was also a very caring person and will be missed by all.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society or one's favorite charity.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were made by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

LAURETTA C. BIRCHMEIER
Dexter

Lauretta C. Birchmeier, 89, of Dexter died Nov. 17, 2003, at Stockbridge Country Manor. She was born March 22, 1914, in Detroit.

Mrs. Birchmeier was preceded in death by her husband, Marcellus, two brothers and a son.

Survivors include one sister, Dorothy; nine children, Joseph, Joyce, Rosemary, Michael, David, William, Louis, Peter and Edward; 45 grandchildren; and 62 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter.

Arrangements were by Pusey Funeral Home in Adrian.

DOUGLAS ALBERT VOGEL
Pinckney

Douglas Albert Vogel, 74, of Pinckney died Nov. 18, 2003, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. He was born Oct. 26, 1929, in Chelsea the son of Clarence "Cub"

and Beatrice V. (Trolz) Vogel. Mr. Vogel graduated from Chelsea High School in 1948, and then served in the U.S. Navy.

He later attended the Michigan State Police Academy, and served as a state police trooper from 1957 until his promotion to detective, serving in Detroit. He was a recipient of the prestigious Michigan State Medal of Valor for bravery.

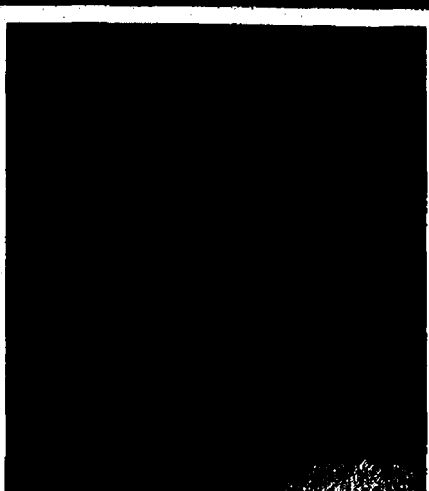
Mr. Vogel married Eunice Matson, and she preceded him in death July 20, 1984.

Survivors include six daughters, Sally (James) Bashaw of Canton, Shelly Hirsch of Ypsilanti, Elizabeth (David) Sinclair of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., Diane (Tim) Merritt of Brooklyn, Nancy Vogel of Hillsdale and Susan (Jim) Hurt of Nashville, Tenn.; one son, Robert (Joyce) Vogel of Tecumseh; three sisters, Phyllis (Ralph) Wurster, Sally (Richard) Ringe and Kay (Hugh) Weinberg, all of Chelsea; 10 grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert.

A funeral was held Friday at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea. The Rev. Paul Kuntzman officiated. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.



SHEILA R. WERNER
Gregory

Sheila R. Werner, 40, of Gregory died Nov. 20, 2003, at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor. She was born Feb. 12, 1963, in Detroit the daughter of Leonard and Stella (Polonis) Dombrowski.

Mrs. Werner moved from Farmington Hills to the Chelsea area more than six years ago. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Leader of Cub Scout Pack 455, and taught Christian education at St. Mary.

Mrs. Werner was also an avid Barbie Doll collector, cake decorator, and a collector of Hallmark ornaments.

She spent her career in accounting, working for Italo American and A&M Label.

On Aug. 15, 1987, she married Danny J. Werner in Dearborn Heights, and he survives. She is also survived by her two children, Susan and Paul; mother, Stella, and father-in-law, Albert Werner of Wixom.

Also surviving are many brothers and sisters, John Dombrowski of Orlando Fla., Deanna (Mark) Muckerman of St. Louis, Donald (Joan) Werner of Clinton Township, Dennis (Stacey) Werner of Livonia, David Werner of Westland; Deloris (Douglas) Kisiel of South Lyon and Donna Roussel of Lincoln Park.

In addition, several nieces and nephews survive.

Mrs. Werner was preceded in death by her father, Leonard, and her mother-in-law, Emma Werner.

A funeral was held Monday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea. The Rev. William Turner officiated. Burial was at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to her children's college funds.

Arrangements were by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

SUSIE C. FREILING
Chelsea

Formerly of Mount Clemens

Susie C. Freiling, 93, of Chelsea, formerly of Mount Clemens, died Nov.

18, 2003. She was born May 22, 1910, in Lawton the second daughter of Leon and Ruth Hicks. She had been a resident at the Chelsea Retirement Community for several years.

Mrs. Freiling married John Freiling Nov. 11, 1931, and they lived in Berrien Springs and Jackson until 1978. After the death of her husband, she made her home in Mount Clemens.

Mrs. Freiling is survived by two sisters, Ruth (Robert) Hawley of San Jose, Calif., and Patricia (Kenneth) Thornton of Mount Clemens; one brother, Richard (Connie) Hicks of Hudson, Ohio; several nieces and nephews; many cousins; and a special niece, Pamela Mott, whom she raised.

She was preceded in death by sisters Grace Hicks and Hazel Baker.

A memorial service was held Friday at the Chelsea Retirement Community. The Rev. Beth Foster officiated. A private, graveside service was held at Oakgrove Cemetery in Lawton.

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BODY TALK

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That's when having a home gym can come in handy. Home gyms can be as basic or as elaborate as you want them to be.

Before setting foot in a fitness equipment store, however, there are a few questions you should ask yourself.

•How much do I want to spend? The most expensive equipment isn't always the best equipment. The equipment you choose doesn't have to be expensive but it should be good quality.

If you only have a little money to spend, you can get a great workout with some dumbbells, an exercise ball and a few resistance bands.

If you do decide to go all out on the facility-type equipment, check out a great Web site at www.best-exercise-equipment.com to get the latest, direct, hype-free articles on the most popular products.

•How much space do I have available? People often overlook this issue. Decide where you're going to put your bulky treadmill or home gym before you get it home and have to figure out if it's going between the sofa and the chair, or if it's going to match your curtains.

•What do I like to do? If you're considering buying a stationary bike or a treadmill, but you like to exercise outside, this would be a bad decision. You would be better off buying a great pair of athletic shoes or boots, a pedometer and a really warm jacket.

Besides, there is no perfect exercise. Anything works, as long as you do it regularly and get your heart rate up. So, you might invest in a heart-rate monitor, too.

With all this equipment added up, it's still going to be more economical than a treadmill or a bike collecting dust or clothing in the corner.

Personally, I feel you can get the best workouts with the simplest of equipment. Listed is the equipment I recommend for the most basic and functional home gym.

•Fifty-pound hex dumbbell set, two of each, 5 pounds, 8 pounds and 12 pounds.

•Exercise ball. Make sure it's the right size for your height.

•A step or an adjustable bench.

•A set of resistance bands - light, medium, and heavy.

•Exercise mat.

These five basic pieces will have you set for a good winter of fun and functional exercise.

Oh, and one more thing: You may want to have a talk with a local fitness professional who can help you learn how to use all this great equipment.

Ann Brooks is a certified personal trainer employed as a fitness specialist at Chelsea Community Hospital Health and Wellness Center.

Cookie Day

The Dexter High School Student Council planned a Cookie Day to promote school spirit. Free cookies were distributed by council members to each student as they entered the building in the morning. Jen Hill (left) takes a cookie from Ryan Bruder while Lindsey Aeschliman gives free treats to Evelyn Marshall and Brandon Rize.



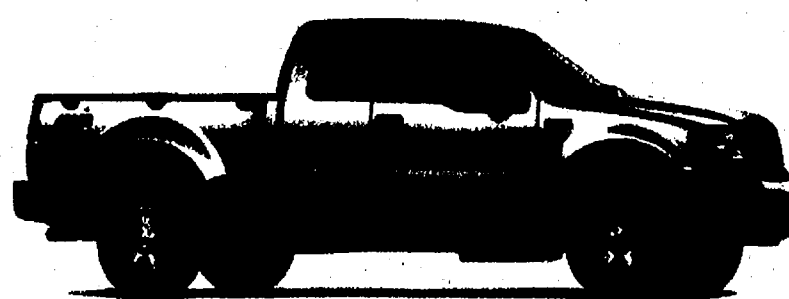
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Frank Grohnert was named chairman; Steve Pontoni, vice chairman; Charlie Nielsen, secretary; and Guerin Wilkinson, treasurer.

Michigan House of Representatives Minority Leader Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, was the keynote speaker. She discussed issues facing the state Legislature.

State Sen. Liz Brater, D-

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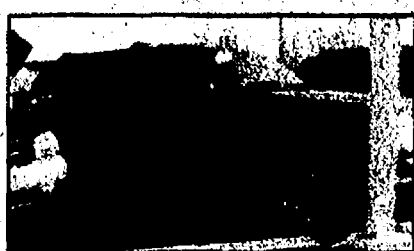
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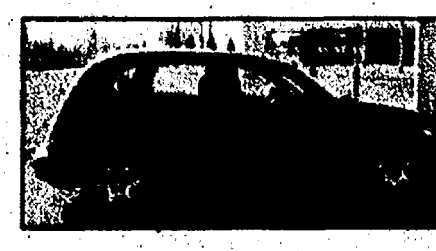
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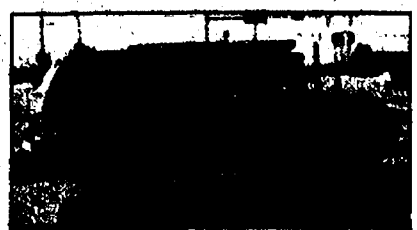
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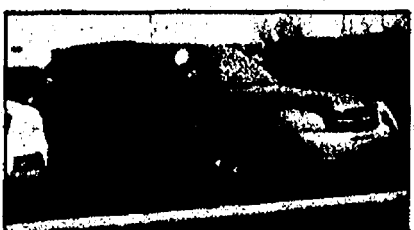
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Automotive Showcase

The secrets of headache-free family road trips

When Mark and Ginger Jumper plan a road trip, they plan for seven others too.

The couple has seven children, ranging in age from nine months to 10 years old, and they frequently pile everyone in their 12-passenger van for long vacations.

Over the years, the East Lyme, Connecticut, couple has taken the children on road trips to Georgia and Pennsylvania and on trips as far away as Brazil. Through their travels, the family has come up with five tips for parents to help make road trips run smoothly.

1. Plan ahead: The Jumpers plan months in advance for their vacations, talking with their children about the trip almost daily and answering any questions that arise. "With a large family, gone are the days when we could just drop everything and go," says Ginger.

Fodor's Travel Web site,

www.fodors.com, recommends visiting the library to check out children's books about the destination. Seeing a movie that features the vacation spot or watching videos from tourism bureaus can also help children prepare for the journey.

With small children, going on a make-believe trip can help ease their fears. Have them pack a suitcase and take a pretend car ride or plane trip. Here, parents can have a chance to prepare children about what to expect, like plane turbulence and long airport lines.

Ginger says it's also important to play up the trip to the children: If the parents are happy and excited about the vacation, the children will be, too. "The mom really needs to set the tone. She is very important, and she really has a lot to do with it," she says.

2. Keep the same routine:

Mark and Ginger Jumper try to stick as closely as possible to their schedule at home. They have mealtimes at around the same time and have regular naptimes and bedtimes. After dinner on the road, Ginger often has the children change into their pajamas for the evening leg of a long journey. She plays soothing tapes so the kids can sleep.

Keeping a schedule also helps combat behavior problems, says Ginger. "You see kids who are just berserk in rest areas. They're being pushed to the max," she says.

3. Pack lightly and well: With so many children, the Jumpers have a system for packing. Ginger often combines the clothes of two children into one suitcase to save space. She packs only about four days' worth of clothes to save space and washes the family laundry at



A little preparation and smart planning can help keep family road trips headache-free for the whole family.

least once during the vacation.

Each child also has a small "travel bag." It's a canvas sack and each child packs a bag with toys and treasures for the journey. Fodor's Travel says children as young as three can decide which toys or books they want to take.

For infants and toddlers, some suggestions include tapes of children's songs and a favorite stuffed animal. For

preschoolers and up, try spiral notebooks and some washable markers, small play cars and trucks and travel versions of popular board games.

4. Be realistic: You can't get in the car and drive five or six hours without stopping like you could before you had children. Remember that your children will have to stop often for bathroom breaks. "There are times you struggle to make 100 miles in three hours, and there's no

such thing as a short stop," said Mark. While he doesn't stop the car at every whim, when one of the children truly needs to stop, he does.

5. Have fun: Keep a sense of humor and cut your kids some slack. A vacation is never the time for the strictest discipline. Remember that family time is important, and family vacations are experiences your children will remember for a lifetime.

Behind the scenes at a collision repair business

(MS) — It's a common misconception that once your vehicle has been damaged in a collision, it will never drive or perform the same again. Chances are it wasn't an insurance company representative or an employee of a collision repair business who said this. That's because every day, collision repair industry professionals return collision-damaged vehicles to their previous condition both structurally and cosmetically.

So what does it take to repair your vehicle properly

Whenever appropriate, original parts are fixed, but severely damaged parts need to be replaced. A properly trained technician can repair sheet metal and plastic so that it can be difficult, if not impossible, to find any indication of damage. In some cases, parts not included on the estimate may need to be ordered during the repair process if unforeseen damage is found.

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repaired areas are finely sanded, then primed and coated with corrosion protection products. Areas that are not to be painted are "masked off" for protection. The painter then uses a

special system to mix the color that will match your vehicle's finish. A paint code on your car or truck provides the starting point, but it generally requires a trained eye to match the paint exactly. The paint is applied inside a spray booth designed to keep dust and other contaminants off the new finish.

Once the painting is complete, the vehicle is reassembled with all trim pieces, decals and stripes. If any new glass is needed, it is usually installed at this point. The wheel alignment will also be checked if the collision damage was severe, if the vehicle spun or if a tire or wheel was damaged. This helps catch any potential problems with the steering and suspension parts.

Finally, your vehicle is taken to the detailing area for a thorough interior and exterior cleaning. Any minor imperfections in the new paint surface will be removed by polishing and buffing. A final check is made to ensure all work meets the repair facility's standards, and the final paperwork is prepared for the vehicle owner and insurer.

Throughout this process, the repair facility will be in contact with the insurance company handling the claim. The insurer may want to review the estimate and inspect the vehicle before or during the repair process. In

some cases, the repair facility may need to obtain insurer and vehicle owner approval before completing additional necessary repairs not included on the initial estimate.

Locating a collision repair business that will provide quality service is important for any vehicle owner. Insurers and collision repair business owners alike say the key is looking for evidence of properly trained technicians. Technicians can

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look at what it entails:

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If your vehicle was hit hard in the collision, the repair facility should use a measuring system that checks specific points of your vehicle structure against dimensions provided by the vehicle or equipment manufacturer. The facility will also need to measure your vehicle several times during the repair process to make sure it is within the recommended tolerances. Some vehicles today require a tolerance no greater than one millimeter, while most allow up to three millimeters — the thickness of three dimes.

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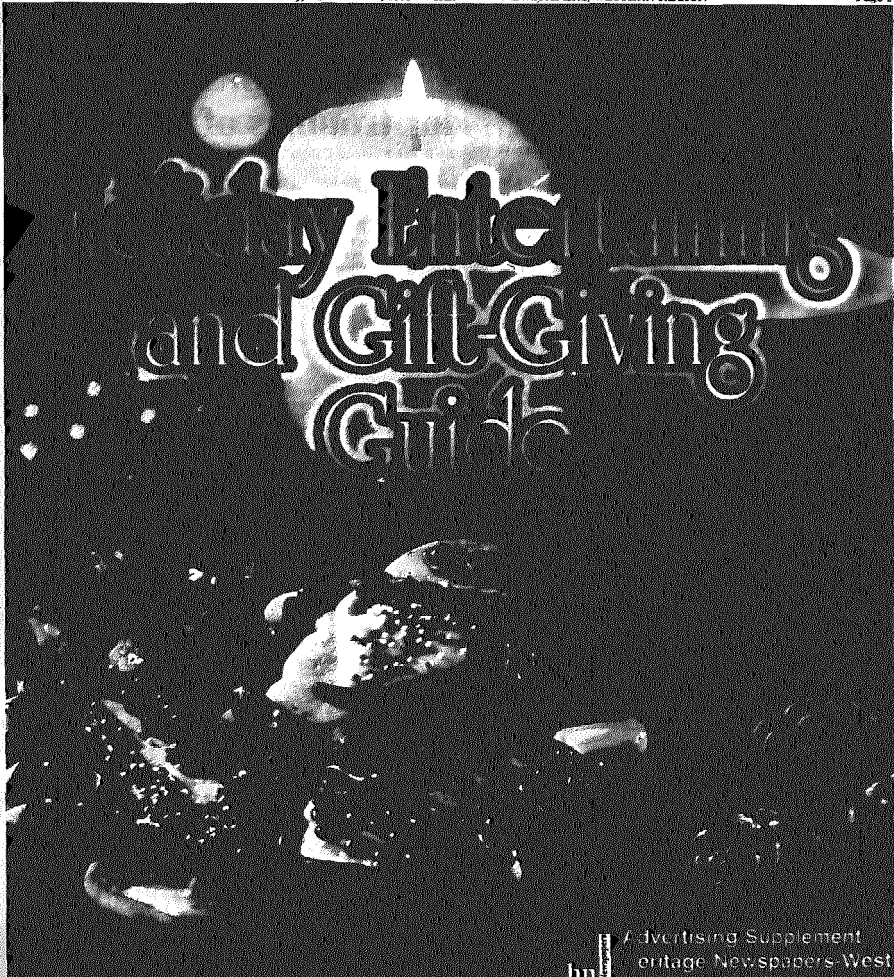
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Holiday Gift Giving and Entertainment

Christmas past is a balm for troubles of adult life

By Renee Lapham Collins

Heritage Newspapers

There are a host of Christmas traditions that vary from family to family, and each of us probably has a memory or two of the typical events that created what we recall today as Christmas.

For me, these memories are centered around a happy childhood spent in the company of little sisters—the brothers didn't arrive until I was in my teens. My sisters and I would wake before dawn on Christmas morning, too excited to stay in bed. We'd creep into the living room and see what Santa had brought.

I don't remember ever being disappointed—St. Nick always seemed to come through with the gifts we'd asked for, even though my parents had very little to spend. After awhile, my parents would get up and my dad would spend the morning playing with us on the living room floor while mom would make breakfast and put the Christmas chicken in the oven. I'm sure my parents didn't get too much sleep, especially if they had gone to Midnight Mass. When I was a kid, Midnight Mass really was at 12 o'clock, which made for a late night for all the parish Santas who had to rush off and prepare for the morning gift-giving.

I LOOK BACK and see that my expe-

periences as a child have both prepared me to help others enjoy the holiday as much as I did and set me up for disappointment, since the holiday now never quite lives up to my memory of the past.

My husband isn't a Christmas kind of guy at all—he hates it. His childhood was different, and his life experiences much more tragic than mine. My mother, whom I always figured was enamored of the holiday, doesn't like it, either. There are too many reminders there of my late father, of a time when we were all young and healthy and she didn't feel as though she was facing the future alone.

Despite her sadness, my mother's efforts when I was a child gave me the holiday I have about the holiday.

Frankly, I love it.

I love the music, the decorations, going to Mass, the smells of pine wreaths, "buckeyes," Peace on Earth, giving presents to everyone I can. Most of all, I adore the memories.

One of the great traditions we always had growing up was the Christmas cake. This was no ordinary cake—it was Jesus' Birthday Cake. Every Christmas morning, my mom would bring the cake out with a single candle burning in the center and we'd crouch around the Christmas crèche to sing "Happy

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The birthday cake for Baby Jesus was a holiday tradition in 1963.

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Milan residents urged to join 'Lights Aglow'

The City of Milan Parks and Recreation Department and the Beautification Department invite the community to join in celebrating the upcoming holiday season by participating in the annual holiday decorating contest: "Lights Aglow and Mistletoe."

Each year residents and business owners are invited to join together to beautify Milan with an array of holiday decorations, lights and other creative and artistic touches to beautify our community.

It is easy to join in this free and fun competition. Just decorate your home or business and call the Milan Parks and Recreation Department at 439-1549 by Thursday, Dec. 15, to enter your home or business in the competition. You may also call to nominate a neighbor or a home you have passed that has caught your attention for its unique holiday décor. This year each participating home or business will receive a tree-shaped marker indicating that they are participating in this community event. Ellen Bell, secretary of the Parks and Recreation Department, is designing the



Jennifer Posey, Milan Parks and Recreation Director, holds a template for the new Lights Aglow and Mistletoe sign. The signs, still in the design phase, will adorn the lawns of homes or windows of businesses which have been nominated for their artful and original holiday decoration.

Christmas tree-shaped markers.

This year's official judges have invited the public to help them vote. Ballots will be available at the counter of the Parks and Recreation

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Did You Know ...

During Advent in the 11th century, scenes called mysteries, including one about Paradise, were very popular. A tree decorated with red apples symbolized the tree of Paradise. During the 15th century, the faithful began to put up trees in their own houses on December 24, the feast day of Adam and Eve. However, the first Christmas tree as we know it, but without lights still, appeared in Alsace in 1521. It was introduced in France by the Princess Hélène de Mecklembourg who brought one to Paris after her marriage to the Duke of Orleans. By the 18th century, the custom of decorating a Christmas tree was well established in Germany, France and Austria. In 1841, Prince Albert (originally from Germany), husband of Queen Victoria, set up a Christmas tree at Windsor Castle in England. From the royal court, the custom of Christmas trees spread quickly to the middle class and then to working people.



Holiday Gift Giving and Entertainment

Chelsea Festival of Lights set Dec. 5-7

The 16th annual Chelsea Festival of Lights marks the beginning of the holiday season.

This year's event will offer a variety of expanded activities, attractions and festivities Dec. 5, 6 and 7.

The first night will feature a tree-lighting ceremony hosted by the Chelsea Rotary Club. It will be held next to the McKune House in the downtown. Chelsea Fair Queen Mia Lancioni will turn on the lights at 6 p.m. The Live Creche Tableau will follow.

Across the street at the UAW Hall, children may create holiday crafts while waiting to share their Christmas list with Santa Claus.

Other highlights for Friday night will include cookie decorating and refreshments at the First Congregational Church on Middle Street, horse-drawn carriage tours, Christmas story time, and live music from A Wing-N-Prayer at the First United Methodist Church on Park Street.

Chelsea District Library will host a holiday used book sale at McKune House. In addition, there will be a viewing of the annual miniature vil-

lage and Model-T display at Palmer Ford on Main Street.

Merchants will host special events, activities and sales. Children's author Denise Brennan Nelson will be at Dayspring Gifts from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; rug hooking, spinning, embroidery and gourd doll-making demonstrations will take place at A Gathering Basket; and renowned wood carver Marlene Dusbiber will show her talents live at The Village Shoppe on Main Street from 7 to 11 p.m.

Guitarist Preston Woodward will perform Celtic and Scottish ballads at Zou Zou's, and the newly opened Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory Outlet, the festival's sponsor, will preview the Guinness Book of Records largest Teddy Bear in the Clock Tower building.

Cranesbill Books on Middle Street will host story telling, live music and offer refreshments. The Chelsea Historical Museum at the Chelsea Depot will be open for tours starting at 7:45 p.m.

The evening's activities will close with a community sing-along and announcement of the home decorat-

ing prize winners at the Chelsea Depot on Jackson Street starting at 9 p.m.

The town will be decked out in festive décor, and downtown merchants will showcase in their windows the creative talents of local children with displays of gingerbread houses.

On Dec. 6, daylong activities will be held at the Chelsea Center for the Arts. The Artists Market will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Activities will include a preview of the Chelsea Youth Dance Theatre's upcoming performance of "The Nutcracker."

Local metal artist Rick De Troyer will lead a metal arts workshop, and children may visit Santa at the CCA, 400 Congdon St.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Common Chords Bell Choir, which will perform 2 p.m. at the CCDA.

Other activities on Saturday will include the Holiday Used Book Sale at the McKune House, entertainment and an origami demonstration at Cranesbill Books and Mission Marketplace at the First United

Methodist Church.

The Chelsea Area Players Junior Theatre will perform "A Christmas Carol" 2 and 8 p.m. at the Washington Education Center, 500 Washington St.

Also on Saturday, local merchants will hold several events, including demonstrations of creative gift wrapping, bow tying, and pretzel dipping at Dayspring Gifts, and pinecone bird feeder ornament making at Gigi's Flowers on Main Street.

St. Nicholas will make an appearance at Pierce's Pastries Plus as Laura Federbush plays seasonal harp music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Chelsea Gallery is hosting an artists reception for jewelers Helen T. Bunch, Heather Dombey and Sandra Xenakis, and dollmaker Carol Stygles from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Zou Zou's will host jazz saxophonist Ed Sugar from 8 to 11 p.m.

Highlighting activities Dec. 6 is the 1 p.m. unveiling of the Guinness Book of Record's largest bear at the Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory Outlet store.

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Beautiful Hair is the Ultimate Fashion Accessory

To get the haircut you want every time try the following 10 tips for effectively communicating with the stylist:

1. Collect pictures of the style you like, and bring them with you to the salon to help explain your ideas.

2. Ask the stylist about the latest styles and what would work with your hair and look best.

3. "Show not tell" how you want your hair to be when the haircut is complete. Use your hands to show the stylist how much you want taken off instead of asking for an inch or two off the ends. This will help ensure that your hair will be cut to the desired length.

4. Tell the stylist how much time you usually spend on your hair. This information will help determine which style best suits your daily routine.

5. Let the stylist know about any hair habits, such as tucking your hair behind the ears and pulling your hair back for work or sports. Taking your habits into

consideration will help determine an appropriate hairstyle.

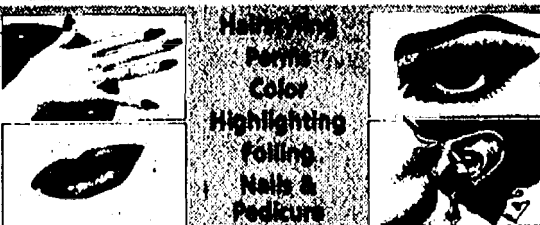
6. Be realistic. If a hairstyle may look great in a magazine, it may be unsuitable for your facial structure. The stylist can usually help you determine what is appropriate for you.

7. Don't be shy. If the stylist uses a term you don't

understand, ask for clarification. Use a hand mirror to check the back of your head with the cut.

8. Ask the stylist how to recreate and maintain the cut. Get information, such as product recommendations, so that you

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Holiday Gift Giving and Entertainment Home for the holidays in Manchester

The Festival of Trees at the village hall combines a worldwide tradition of trimming Christmas trees with the community's tradition of a holiday food drive.



Six Christmas trees stand in the village lobby, decorated by area children in a competition where the real winners are the

Community Resource Center and Manchester Family Service.

The six trees are sponsored by Heritage Newspapers, Kleinschmidt True Value, the employees of Dan's River Grill, the Kiwanis of Manchester, Manchester Optimist Club and American Legion Post 117 and its Auxiliary. The trees are decorated by Klager first graders, Klager second grade classes, Manchester Co-op Preschool, Manchester Girl Scout troops, Manchester Soccer Association and the middle school

Builder's Club.

The lobby is open during regular village office hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Canned goods and non-perishable grocery items will be accepted through Dec. 11.

Library coloring contest

The Manchester District Library is sponsoring its second holiday coloring contest for children up to age 12.

Prizes are donated by area businesses and are on display in the Manchester Enterprise window through mid-December. On Dec. 23, coloring contest winners will be announced.

Trees at the Mill

The holiday also offers an opportunity to beautify our community.

An assortment of decorated trees in the Manchester Mill will raise money to improve the holiday decorations on Main Street for future years, sponsored by the Manchester Merchant Association.

The trees are theme-decorated by organizations and businesses and a silent auction will be held to raise funds. Donations are gratefully

accepted, whether or not you choose to make a bid.

The trees are on view at the mill daily except Mondays.

School programs

Nellie Ackerson Middle School's winter band concert, featuring the seventh and eighth-grade bands, will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at the middle school.

The Manchester High School Holly Hop will be held from 8:45 to 11:45 p.m. Dec. 5 in the high school cafeteria.

Klager Elementary School will host the annual Senior Citizens dinner and program on Dec. 12, at Klager cafeteria.

Manchester Co-op Preschool will have a musical program at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 at Emanuel U.C.C.

A winter concert by the high school symphony and concert bands will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 in the high school gym.

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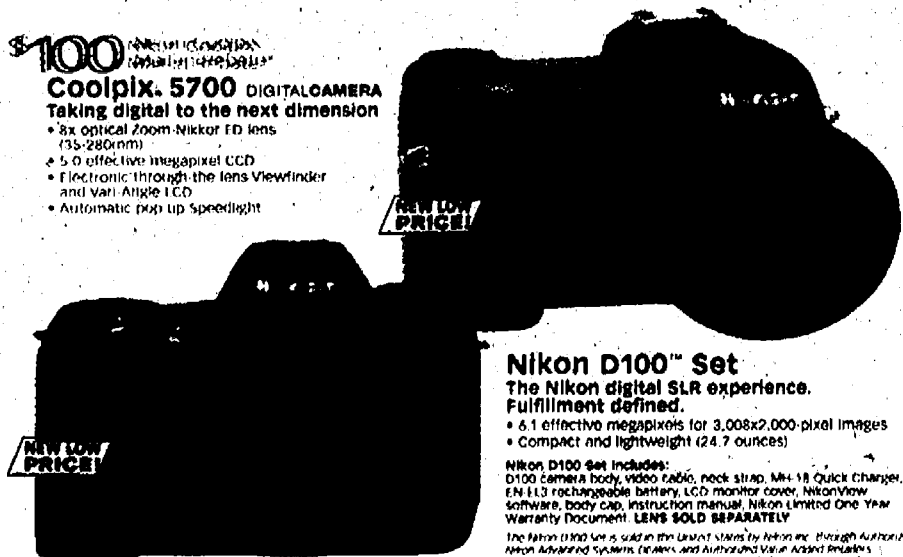
Luminarias are traditionally lit in Manchester at dusk on Christmas

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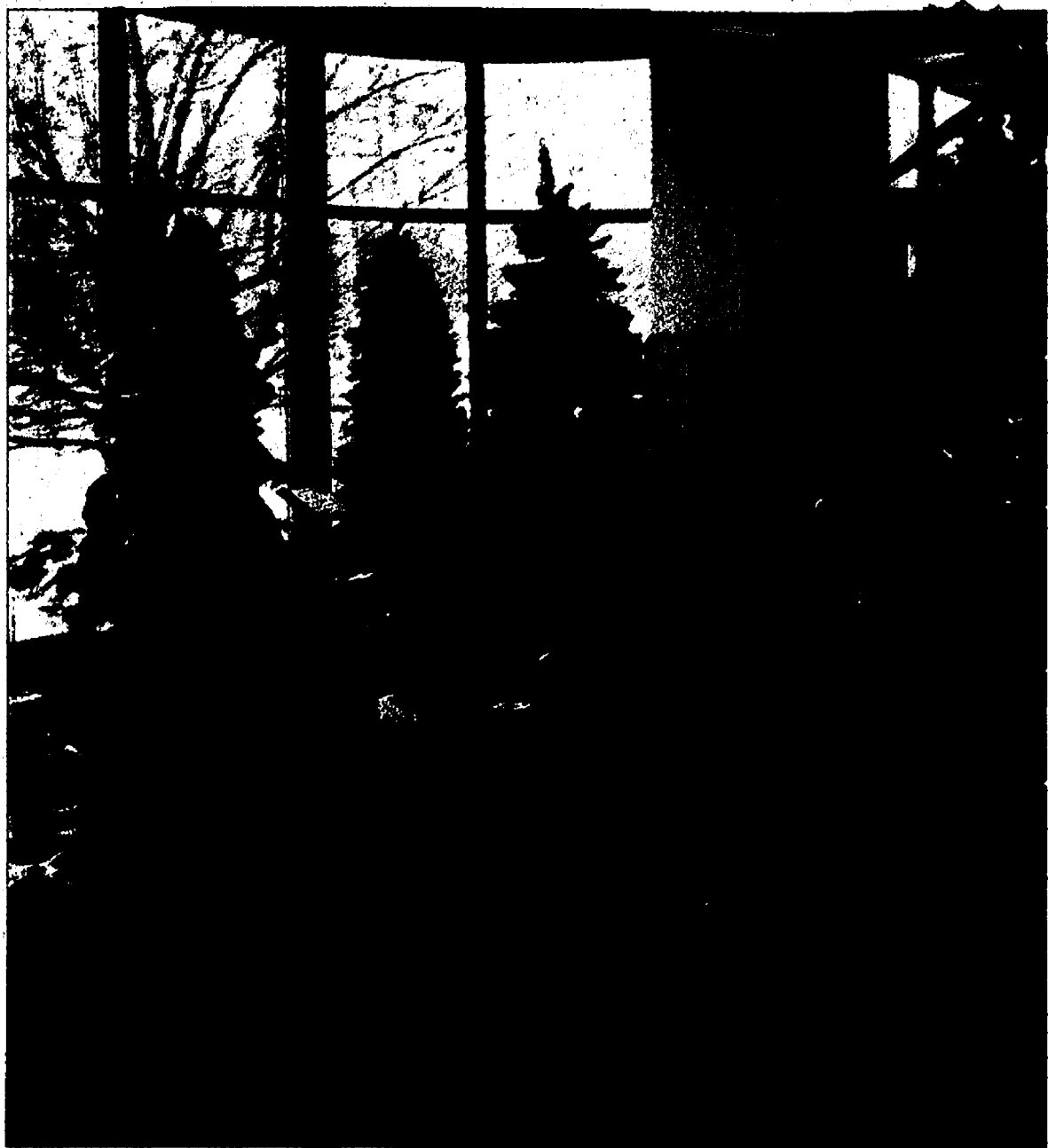
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Christmas trees spring up all over Manchester during the Festival of Trees.

Historic homes tour set Dec. 6 in Chelsea

Preservation Chelsea will present the Holiday Historic Home Tour, part of the 15th annual Festival of Lights, 4 p.m. Dec. 6.

This year's walking tour will feature four historic homes, the First Congregational Church and the Chelsea Post Office.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at select places in Chelsea.

Chelsea's Festival of Lights celebration is Dec. 5, 6 and 7. Many activities and attractions will highlight the event.

The Historic Home Tour has experienced brisk ticket sales in previous years. This year's line of homes is sure to attract visitors from across the state.

Each home on the tour features unique architectural design and historical backgrounds to match, from the Arts-and-Crafts-style home designed by noted architect Claire Allen to "vernacular Victorian" to Queen Anne late Victorian, to the grand 5,000-square-foot Glazier mansion now being renovated to its original splendor.

Tickets are available in limited

quantity.

The tour features guides and docents at each stop.

The Chelsea Post Office tour will feature the famous mural painted in 1933, a local landmark.

The First Congregational Church will serve as the warming center for the tour. The church also was designed by noted architect Claire Allen, former Chelsea industrialist Frank Glazier's architect for many of his buildings.

The tour will take groups through the heart of downtown Chelsea, where participants may experience classic historical architecture still relatively intact, and many family-owned businesses still operating for more than a century.

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Holiday cheer a hallmark of Saline show

Some new faces and long-time favorites comprise the more than 135 crafters and artisans representing juried arts and crafts from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois will be selling their wares at the seventh annual Saline Community Ed Craft Show, set for Dec. 6 at Saline Middle School, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Crafters specializing in decorative painting, stoneware, rugs, birdhouses, holiday decorating ideas, ceramics, calligraphy, furniture and clothing will display and sell their products at affordable prices.

Some of this year's newcomers include Michael Brown of Saline, a furniture maker, and Stacey Burmeister, a Saline wildlife and equine artist who has done work for Cabela's.

Like the November Craft Show, the Community Ed event is in part designed to provide fund-raising and citizenship activities for students and student-athletes.

Throughout the show, they will operate a concession stand, host a bake sale, and conduct a variety of other activities to raise money for projects and promote citizenship and leadership at their school. The students also assist with setup and take down of the event.

"The craft show serves as a money-



Platt Road Greenhouse will have plenty of Christmas greens and wreaths.

maker and opportunity for various student organizations to raise funds and promote leadership and citizenship at their school," explained organizer Cheryl Hoeft.

Those who choose to come to the show after 1 p.m. will be eligible for special door prizes, with drawings through 3 o'clock.

Admission to the show is \$2. Plenty

of parking is available at the Middle School and High School. Organizers ask that no strollers be brought to the craft show due to the crowded conditions. The craft show is accessible for those in wheelchairs.

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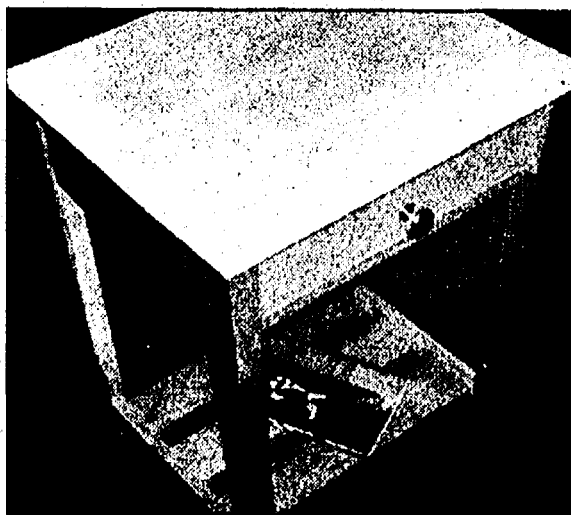
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Did You Know ...

December 26 was traditionally known as St. Stephen's Day, named for the first Christian martyr. Celebrated in many countries, including Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom, it is now more commonly known as Boxing Day. According to historians, this expression came about because money was collected in alms-boxes placed in churches during the festive season. This money was then distributed to the poor and needy after Christmas. It is thought that Boxing Day was first observed in the Middle Ages. It found renewed popularity in the 1800s when wealthy Britons presented gifts in boxes to their servants on December 26 in appreciation of their work during the Christmas celebrations.

Holiday Gift Giving and Entertainment

Victorian Christmas in Dexter set Dec. 6, 13

The spirit of Christmas past will make its annual appearance in the Village of Dexter Dec. 6 and 13 when the annual Victorian Christmas Festival gets under way.

The event will be staged from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both Saturdays, and will include a variety of activities for the young and the young at heart.

Complimentary photos with Santa Claus, storytelling, a petting farm with live reindeer, strolling musicians and carollers, and horse-drawn wagon rides through town are just a few highlights of the event. Shoppers will find everything from antiques and collectibles to fresh baked goods and home-style restaurants to specialty florists and more.

The festive sounds of the Dexter Community Band will be heard as the group strolls through the park on Dec. 6. The holiday celebration will conclude on Saturday, Dec. 13 with a Holiday Light Parade through downtown beginning at 5 p.m.

The Heritage Inn, noted for its fine food and European atmosphere, will be hosting a Victorian Holiday Tea on Saturday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 13 from 2-4 p.m. Tickets are \$20/person and include tea, tasty, tempting

treats, tax and gratuity. The Dexter Community Band will play a variety of festive, holiday tunes during the tea.

"This is a nice opportunity for mothers and daughters, friends or grandmothers and granddaughters to enjoy a special memory during this busy holiday season," said Carol Jones, this year's Victorian Christmas chairperson. "We are so pleased that the staff of the Heritage Inn will be participating in this great event."

Tickets for the tea can be purchased with a credit card by calling the Heritage Inn at (734) 426-3020, or in person at restaurant, located at 440 Arbor St., just east of the intersection of Main Street and

Heritage Inn. If you happen to be a collector of Christmas tree ornaments or are looking for a special gift, this year's Victorian Christmas ornament now is on sale and features the historic Heritage Inn.

Ornaments are available for \$10 each and on sale at the following locations: Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce, Central Street Gifts & Graphics, Christine's, Dexter Card Shop, Dexter Flowers, Elaine's

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The Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce and the Dexter Area Merchants Association sponsor this holiday celebration. For more information on the Dexter Victorian Christmas, call the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce at (734) 426-0887 or visit the Chamber's Web site at www.dexterchamber.org.

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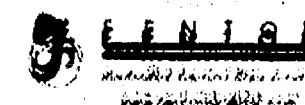


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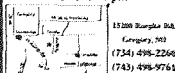
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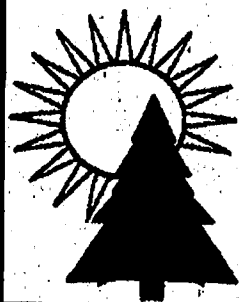
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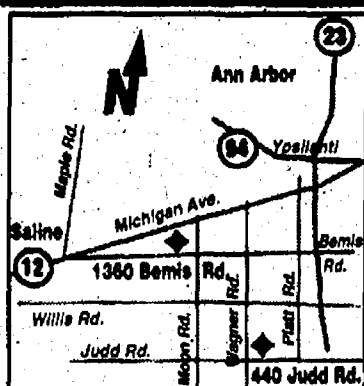


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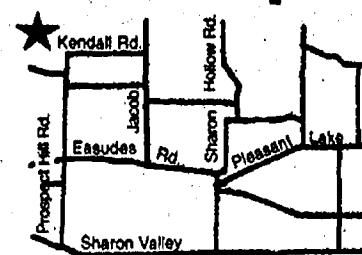
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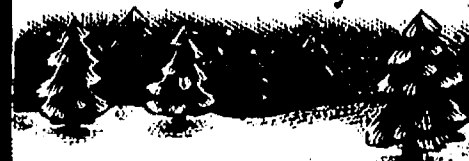
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The event, coordinated by the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce, will begin at 5:30 p.m. downtown, and upward of 10,000 parade-goers are expected to attend, according to organizers.

"This will be the first year that the parade will be on Saturday evening instead of Friday," said Art Trapp,



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chair of the Parade Advisory Committee, noting that the parade budget is approximately \$11,000.

The parade is the kick off for a host of holiday festivities over the following week, according to Larry

Osterling, executive director of the SACC.

SUNDAY IS Hospitality Day, Monday is Giant Stocking Day, Tuesday is Seniors' Day, Wednesday, Kids' Day; Thursday, Gift with Purchase Day; and Friday, Out of Towners' Day.

Saturday is the Treasure Trail to Santa. Kids can visit St. Nick and complete their Treasure Trail maps. It takes place at the Saline Shopping Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa will be at Busch's Valuland and Busch's will provide refreshments for

kids. The live reindeer will accompany Santa and Mrs. Claus. Elves and Buddy Busch will help entertain kids.

The Saline Community Ed Craft Show will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Saline Middle School.

ALSO ON Saturday, Cheryl and Jim Hoeft will host a Victorian Holiday Tea at their historic Saline home. Rooms will be decorated to reflect a Victorian Christmas. Tickets are available for the 7 p.m. seating from Saline Community Education and must be purchased in advance. Call 429-8020 for more information.

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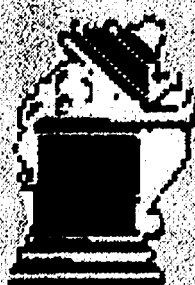
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Sweet smiles and reindeer antlers were the order of the evening last year when thousands flocked to Saline for the annual Holiday Parade. This year's event is set for Saturday, Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Gift Giving and Entertainment

Many other groups mark holy days in December

It's typical of Western culture to associate the 12th month of the year with the Christian holy day celebrated on Dec. 25, or the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah, which this year starts on Dec. 20.

But, times are changing. Immigrants from the Middle East, Africa, and Asia are shaping the future of cultural diversity in our land. December isn't just for Christmas anymore.

Many Jewish holidays commemorate events that have both historical and religious significance. Hanukkah, which means "dedication," represents the re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem more than 2,300 years ago, and also is considered a time for Jews to reaffirm their faith in God.

"The Festival of Lights" begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, but on the Western calendar, that date varies from year to year. In America, Jewish families celebrate Chanukah by giving and receiving gifts, decorating the house, entertaining friends and family, and lighting the holiday menorah.

Many people think of Kwanzaa as an ancient African celebration. It's only ancient if one considers the

1960s to be ancient history.

Kwanzaa was established in 1966 to provide an opportunity for the African-American community to celebrate its heritage and reinforce positive community values. It is celebrated for seven days beginning on Dec. 26 and ending on Jan. 1. A banquet



typically is prepared on Dec. 31 for family and friends. The word "kwanzaa" is Swahili for "the first fruit."

Ramadan is a special month of the year for more than 1 billion Muslims throughout the world, comparable in religious significance with the Christian Advent and Lenten seasons. It is a time for inner reflection, devotion to God, and self-control. Muslims think of it as a kind of tune-

up for their spiritual lives. There are as many meanings of Ramadan as there are Muslims.

Ramadan is also a time of fasting, intensive worship, reading of the Qur'an, giving charity, purifying one's behavior, and doing good deeds.

The daily period of fasting starts at the breaking of dawn and ends at the setting of the sun. In between — that is, during the daylight hours — Muslims totally abstain from food, drink, smoking, and marital sex. The usual practice is to have a pre-fast meal (suhoor) before dawn and a post-fast meal (iftar) after sunset.

The Islamic lunar calendar, being 11 to 12 days shorter than the Gregorian calendar, migrates throughout the seasons. This year, Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting, started Oct. 27 and ended Nov. 25.

The celebration at the end of the Muslim Ramadan is called 'Eid-ul-Fitr or the Festival of Fast-Breaking. It is a joyous occasion, similar to Christmas in its celebration, even though it typically doesn't happen at

the same time as the Christian holy day.

Muslims dress in holiday attire, attend a special community prayer in the morning, and visit friends and relatives. Greetings of "Eid mubarak," or "a blessed 'Eid" are exchanged. In some places, children are given gifts or money by their parents and relatives.



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CONCERT, Chelsea, 7:30 p.m. Bulldog sweatshirts also available for purchase in the office.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL WINTER BAND CONCERT, 7 p.m., Center for the Performing Arts.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA CONCERT, students in grades 6-8, 7 p.m., DHS Center for the Performing Arts.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

MADRIGAL DINNER, CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL - music students, Pierce Lake Elementary School.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

"TREASURE TRAIL TO SANTA" through the shops at Busch's Shopping Plaza, where Santa and his reindeer, treats, and entertainment will be a part of the fun, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

YOUTH CONCERT, Chelsea District Library, 11 a.m. featuring music from Bethany Bagbey's Cello and Violin Studio. Enjoy holiday and classical music played by Chelsea area youth musicians.

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A Christmas past:

Snowstorm kept stage actress in Milan for Christmas

By Warren Hale
Milan Historian

When she left Toledo that crisp winter morning of Dec. 24, 1880, poor Sarah had no idea she would be spending Christmas Day and night stuck in a snow drift near Urania Station about 5 miles north of Milan.

My tale begins 10,000 years ago when the glaciers of the last ice age receded northward and left behind a fairly steep ridge of debris approximately 3 miles north of Milan in the Judd Road area. That event set the stage for what happened 8,120 years later, all because of that pesky rise in elevation.

In 1878, two years prior to Sarah's snow job, the Toledo and Ann Arbor Railroad, linking the Ohio city of Toledo with Frankfort, Michigan, was finally completed. When the track laying crew of gandy dancers reached the glacial moraine, they were obliged to construct a fairly long grade from our town to Judd Road in order to lessen the climb for early

steam engines. To reduce the grade even more, a deep cut was chiseled in the moraine, which unfortunately created another problem. The ravine-like cut was found to be prone to severe snow drifting during the winter months.

You are probably wondering who Sarah is by now and in order to continue this story, the time has arrived to clue everyone in. She is Sarah Bernhardt, the renowned French actress who was making her first American tour 122 years ago. By special arrangement, Sarah and her entourage had agreed to present a private performance in the university town of Ann Arbor on Christmas Eve, 1880. A shortened version of the "Sarah Bernhardt Special" headed north to make the short hop from Toledo to Ann Arbor. The infant railroad assigned a secondhand eight-wheeler, old T&AA No. 4 to pull Sarah's personal Pullman palace car, a baggage car, and a locomotive tender to make the trek. The actress



The Urania cut under the Judd Road bridge prevented Sarah Bernhardt from getting to Ann Arbor for a special Christmas Eve performance and thus the famous stage actress had to spend her holiday in Milan.

planned to return to Toledo on Christmas Day for a performance that evening.

Mother Nature provided a white Christmas for 1880 and snow was falling as Sarah arrived in Ann Arbor. It was still snowing when she boarded her Toledo Bound special Christmas morning. To make sure the return trip was uneventful, the track superintendent dispatched an engine pulling three boxcars and a caboose to clear the track an hour before the special was to leave Ann Arbor. Even so, Sarah's train experienced difficulty as it progressed southward. Just north of Urania Station, the engineer had to make a second run at a cut to break through the drifts covering the tracks. As the train neared the potentially serious obstacle of the Urania Hill cut, the engineer opened throttle of old No. 4 all the way to provide all the "oomph" possible. He launched his engine into the slot made in the snow drift an hour before by the freight extra. Snow blasted in every direction as the engine plowed nearly halfway through the cut...and slammed to a dead halt! Try as he would, the engineer couldn't move his train an inch in either direction. Everyone had forgotten that Sarah's palace car was nearly two feet wider than a standard boxcar and it was wedged between the walls of snow like a cork in a bottle.

The trainmen realized there was no chance of getting un-stuck that day so they prepared for a night of waiting. The engine boiler kept the cab fairly warm and the Pullman and baggage cars both contained stoves to ensure plenty of warmth. The Pullman kitchen was stocked with enough food to provide at least a meager Christmas dinner. During the night, the storm completely covered the train and the only evidence of it being there were holes melted in the snow by the chimneys and locomotive stack. The trainmen dug a tunnel from the palace car to the top of the cut in order to check on the outside world. There was a farmhouse a half-mile away and the engineer and conductor waded through the deep snow in hopes of purchasing some extra food. The kind owners of the farm supplied the men with homemade bread, butter, eggs, and sausage. They returned to the train and the cooks fixed a Michigan country breakfast for the entire company.

The trainmen took turns shoveling snow into the boiler tank to keep the boiler from running dry. About 10 a.m. a rescue train arrived carrying one hundred strong-armed shovel wielders. It took that army of men five hours to free the train from its icy prison. Finally, at 3 p.m., Sarah and

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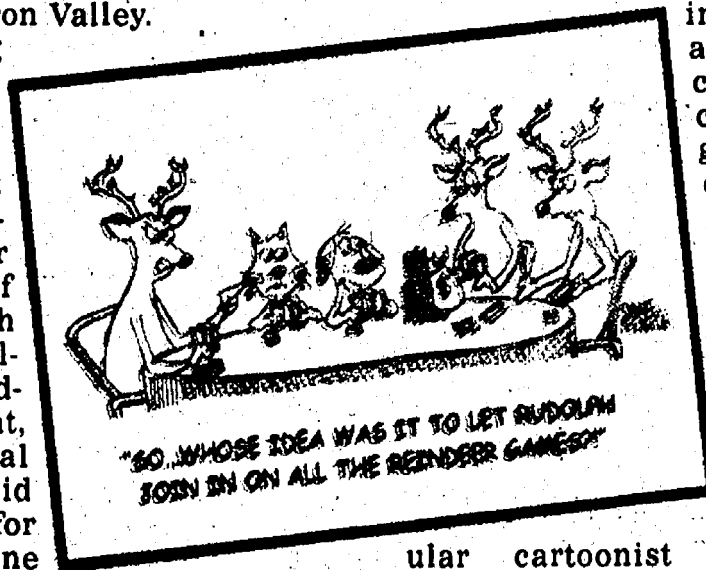
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including pet adoption, low-cost spay/neuter clinic, emergency response, cruelty investigation, and community education.

The original artwork is courtesy of Fenech, a professional animation director and a pop-

ular cartoonist for Heritage Newspapers in Saline, Milan, Chelsea, Dexter, and Manchester. His cartoons also appear regularly in USA Today.

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The holiday cards are available at Ann Arbor area bookstores, various retail establishments, and the shelter. The cost is \$10 for a package of 10.



Santa's workshop was a hit last year in Manchester.



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Hand chimes group will ring the sounds of the season

Members of the Common Chords troupe will bowl on Dec. 6 then exchange bowling balls for hand chimes and head to Chelsea for the Festival of Light celebrations.

The Washtenaw County group of young adults with developmental disabilities will bring their unique style of music to the Yule Tree event at the Chelsea Center for the Arts 2 p.m. Dec. 6.

"Common Chords will put on a per-

formance and then invite the audience up to try the chimes," CCA Director Ginger Sissom says.

"This is my favorite part. I love to watch the musicians' faces — they sometimes laugh as audience members struggle to play their instruments. But their faces are also so soft and loving.

"They're a beautiful group. We're honored that they choose to perform here.

"Many of them come into the building with hugs for all. And the music is lovely."

In 1990, the Common Chords was the dream of retired music teacher, Paul Richmond who shared his musical abilities with young adults in the High Point program.

The fledgling band, meeting each Monday in Ann Arbor, experimented with an assortment of instruments — guitars, saxophones, drums, trumpets, maracas, xylophones and autoharps — before settling on rhythm instruments and singing, incorporating sign language and motion into their songs.

Parent Marge Wright, who has a degree in music education, acquired keyboards and autoharps at yard

sales, color-coding the keys to match special song cards she developed.

"This was fairly successful but took us farther away from being the dream of becoming a musical band," Wright says.

"We continued to meet every Monday night using music as a vehicle for social, emotional and educational growth.

"Music is a means of expression everyone can experience no matter what level of development. This is the common thread that connects those who play in the Common Chords, and how their name came to be."

It was during a project on music therapy at Eastern Michigan University that Wright came across the idea of hand chimes.

The group's first attempt with hand chimes — the song, "Love Me Tender" — was such a success that members were inspired to reach for their dream.

With the help of 4-H associate, Mary Kronenberg, group members wrote to service organizations in Washtenaw County. With donations, the band was able to buy three octaves of hand chimes in June 1996.

Their first performance was at the Milan Kiwanis Club, where they received their first club donation.

The Common Chords have since performed at a variety of different venues including the Chelsea Festival of Lights, 4-H Talent Show, Milan Senior Center, Cobblestone Farm in Ann Arbor, St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Saline and Saline Peace Presbyterian Church.

"What began as a friendship company is so much more now," Wright says. "We are a special group of friends devoted to enjoying each other's company and music of all sorts."

Sylvan Township resident Dan Polens, the son of Bob and Nancy Polens, has been in the group for about four years.

"Dan enjoys playing, it gives him a great sense of pride," Nancy says. "They started to play simple songs and the socialization is very important to them."

"Marge Wright knows when to demand from them or just have fun with them. It's a good group of people.

"This gives them a chance to display their talent for others and feel good about themselves."

Bob and Nadine Pierce, who coach the Saturday bowling team, invited the Common Chords to perform at Chelsea's Festival of Lights a few years ago.

"They first performed at the VFW Hall on the Saturday of the festival," Pierce says.

Pierce, now the director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, says the group was an instant hit.

"They became so popular that when the Chelsea Center for the Development of the Arts facility opened, I asked if we could move the show there. Now, the group has the opportunity to play for larger audiences.

"My real challenge is getting them to finish bowling early so they can get out here, eat, and get ready for the show."

Pierce said that, during the years he ran Pierce's Pastries, he and Nadine didn't have a chance to hear the Common Chords perform for the Festival of Lights.

When the Pierces sold the store a couple of years ago, they relished the opportunity to see the performance.

"As part of the show, members of the audience are invited to join the group," Pierce said. "I was thrilled to be a one-song member of the choir."

"But David Wright and Dan Polens got a special thrill out of correcting 'Coach Bob' when I screwed up my bell assignment."

"I've decided to stick with coaching bowling and not make a career out of performing in a bell choir."

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her crew resumed their journey to Toledo, one day behind schedule. She appeared that evening of Dec. 28, 1880 at the Wheeler Opera House. It may be assumed she wasn't too upset over her unscheduled layover at Urania Station because she awarded everyone a pass to her Toledo performance. What a trouper!

My friend Jim Edwards provided a

lot of assistance with the "Sarah saga." Featured this week. He and I made a trip to Willis Road last month and we located the charred remains of the Urania Station on the east side of the Ann Arbor railroad tracks about 300 yards north of Willis Road. Jim found information on the "web" which leads us to assume the combination station and post office burned in 1914 and was never replaced.

Holiday Gift Giving and Entertainment

Annual Milan parade rolls out red carpet for Santa

Chad Nyitray, financial advisor and president of Milan's Main Street Financial, is busy getting ready for a most illustrious guest who is coming to town on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m.

This guest is accustomed to a lot of fanfare when he comes to town, and Nyitray is making sure that he won't be disappointed.

The guest, of course, is Santa Claus, and this year he is bringing two live reindeer with him. According to Nyitray, the two reindeer are not of the Dasher,

Dancer, Prancer and Vixen variety. Those reindeer are busy getting in shape for their big Christmas Eve travels. Nyitray is almost certain, however, that the two coming to Milan are closely related to Rudolph.

THE ANNUAL Milan Holiday Lights parade is a popular event for the community. Traditionally, more

than 2,000 residents line the parade route which begins at the Milan Lumber Yard, travels along Main Street, and ends at the Old Fire Barn. The parade usually lasts for one hour.

At the end of the parade, children may pet the reindeer and, courtesy of the Parks and Recreation Department, have their picture taken with Santa.

Nyitray, immediate past president of the Chamber of Commerce and current member of the Chamber Board of the Directors, has been

coordinating the holiday event for ten years. He is currently looking for more float entries or marchers for the parade. With surrounding towns having Christmas parades on the same evening this year, there has been competition for floats. Floats don't have to be elaborate, but should be bright and colorful. According to

Nyitray, people should re-think their concept of a float. It doesn't have to be ornate. It can be built on a wagon, constructed on the back of a pick-up truck or just a decorated tractor. Nyitray remembers the year one stellar entry was a tractor which was completely blanketed in holiday lights. He encourages friends, neighbors, reading groups, musical groups, non-profit groups, families and clubs to think about joining together to

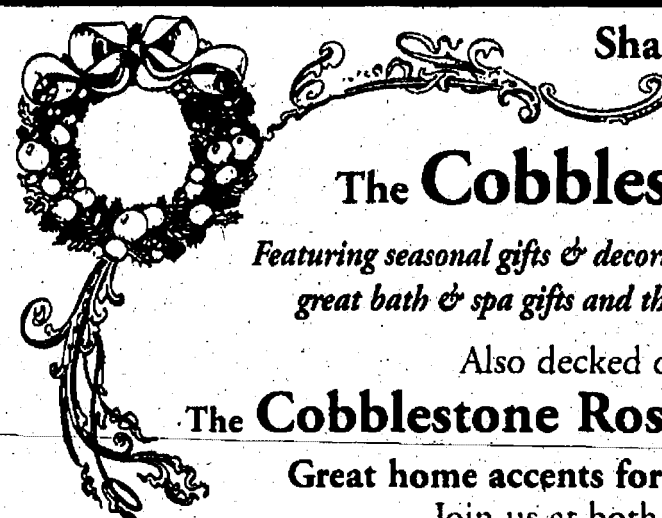
build a float and enter it in the parade. "It would be a great way to get into the holiday spirit."

THE CURRENT entries joining with Santa and the reindeer in the parade are: the Six Pillar Club, Miss Washtenaw County, the Milan Fire Department, Aid in Milan, Huron Valley Ambulance, A1 Ford Insurance, Back Street Cruizers,

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Chad Nyitray



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Eve. This event is sponsored by the Manchester Area Historical Society.

Luminaria kits will be sold from 4 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 22 and 23 and from noon to 3 p.m. on Dec. 24 at the Blacksmith Shop on Main Street.

Live Nativity

Emanuel United Church of Christ annually hosts a live nativity scene. This year the nativity will be played out at the church, 324 W. Main Street, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 22 and 23.

Church events

Children's Christmas program "The Little Shepherd" 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14, at Emanuel U.C.C.

Emanuel Choir Christmas Cantata, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14

Children's Christmas program "Santa Bowed at Christmas," 6 p.m. Dec. 14 Community Bible Church.

Candlelight Christmas Service 6 p.m. Dec. 21 Community Bible Church.

Watch Night Service Dec. 31 at North Sharon Baptist Church.

Manchester Family Service

Manchester Family Service's annual Christmas Shop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 13 at the St. Mary's Parish Center, 106 E. Madison St.

Low-income families and individuals in the community will receive Christmas gifts, items of food and clothing and grocery and retail store certificates.

The in-gathering day is between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 12.

Manchester Area Historical Society

The public is invited to the society's annual Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at Don Limpert's home and museum at 901 City Rd. Bring cookies to share.

After sampling the cookies and singing favorite carols, the remaining cookies are available for purchase. All donations will go to Manchester Family Service.

Toys for Tots

Borek and Jennings Funeral Home, Jenter Chapel, will host the third annual Toys for Tots drive in Manchester through Dec. 13.

Santa visits Manchester

Santa will be in his Main Street house to visit with Manchester children, from 10 a.m. to noon on Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

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Madrigal Dinner on stage Dec. 12-13 in Chelsea

By Sheila Pursglove
Heritage Newspapers

The annual Chelsea Madrigal Dinner—a much-anticipated tradition in the village since its inception in 1991—is set for Dec. 12 and 13.

With fine food, beautiful music and a festive Renaissance atmosphere, the dinner marks the start of the holiday season for many Chelsea resi-

dents.

The fun, frolic and feasting has a new setting this year, moving from its previous venue at Beach Middle School to Pierce Lake Elementary School, 275 N. Freer Road, to accommodate the large number of people wanting to attend.

"The biggest reason for the move is simply the larger space," said Steve Hinz, the school's music director.



Renaissance frolic and frivolity will come to Chelsea when the high school choirs, directed by Steve Hinz, present the 12th annual Madrigal Dinner Dec. 12 and 13 at Pierce Lake Elementary School. The event is a much-anticipated tradition in Chelsea, and the fine food, beautiful music and festive Renaissance atmosphere makes a fine start to the holiday season. Pictured are Sharon Dault (left) as Dr. Spin, Nathan Taylor as Sir Speakeasy, Lucas Daniels as Lord Shrub, Jayna Katz as the queen and John Maynard as the king. In front are Mia Lancioni as Mertonsire, Lady of Misrule and Ben Garrison as the jester.

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"Between the larger performing site for students, expanded dining for guests and ample parking, it really is the perfect choice," he said.

An additional benefit, Hinz said, is that the Pierce Lake cafeteria and gym have better acoustics for the performance of choral music.

Musical preparations for the Madrigal Dinner got under way the first day of school.

In September, an adult committee gathered to plan the details. Student roles were cast at the end of October.

The Madrigal Dinner is the major annual fundraiser for the vocal music department. Proceeds supplement district funds, and help support the Chelsea High School choir program by paying for recordings, purchase of

orchestral parts for major choral works, buying robes, fees for the Solo and Ensemble Festival, guest clinicians, and hiring professional musicians for special performances.

Close to 100 students perform in the Madrigal event each year.

Over the years, more than 4,000 people have enjoyed the students' performances and the feasts prepared by Karen Carty, the district's food and nutrition director, and her staff.

In true Renaissance style, meals are eaten with the hands only.

A variety of meals have been served, including Cornish hens or smoked turkey legs as the main course. Herbed potatoes, steamed

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FESTIVAL

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Preservation Chelsea will host the Holiday Historic Home Tour, with six stops. Tickets are \$20 and should be purchased in advance. The tour starts at 4 p.m.

On Dec. 7, "A Christmas Carol" will be performed by the Chelsea Area Players Junior Theatre program 2 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center.

Chelsea Musical Celebrations will host a concert at the First Congregational Church. It will feature the Chelsea Chamber Players.

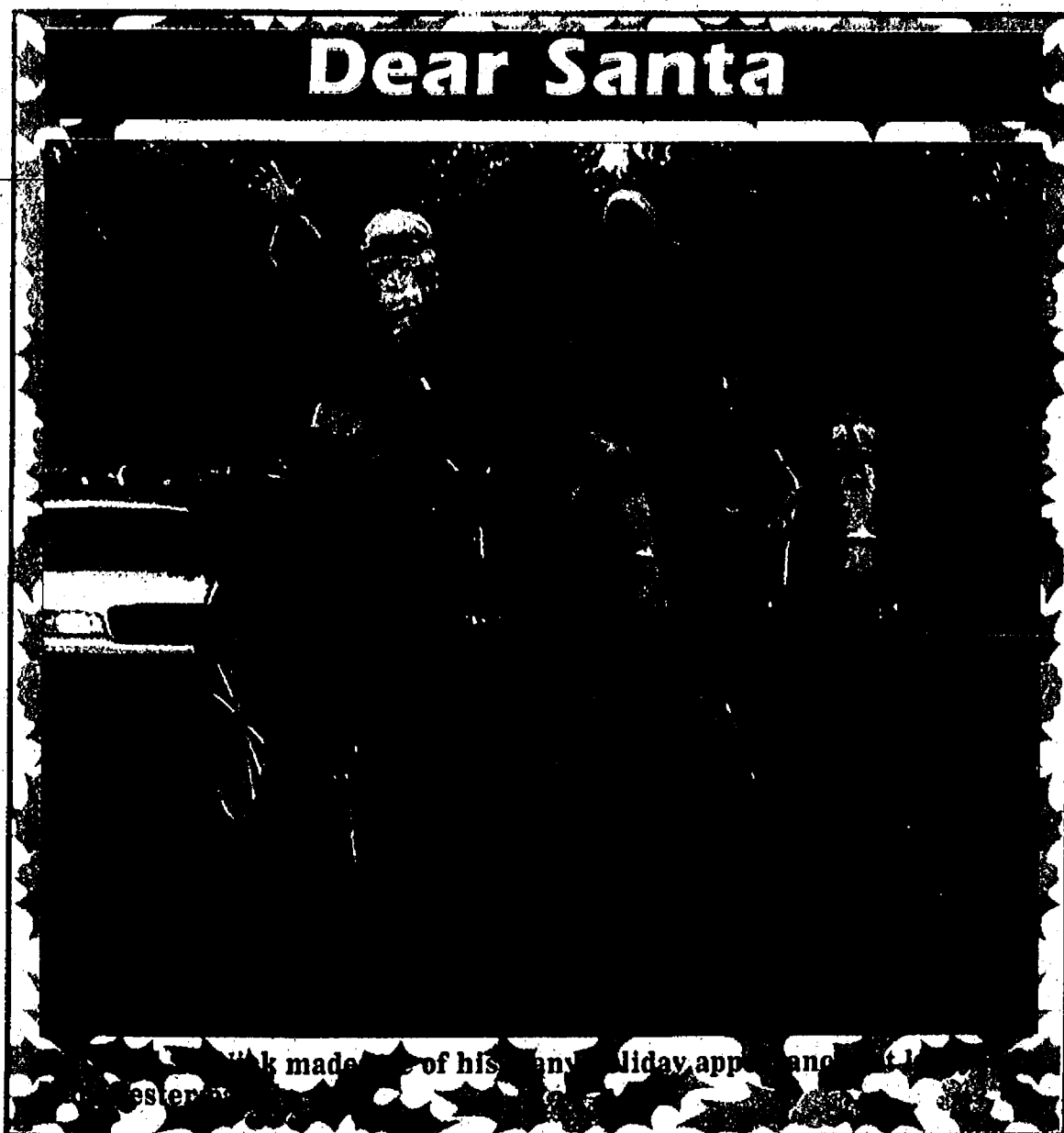
The Chelsea Retirement Center Chapel will present a Festival of Lessons and Carols at 6:30 p.m.

Chelsea merchants are also holding a holiday shopping contest all week-end through mid-December. Details are available in participating stores.

For more information, call the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce at 475-1145

Holiday Gift Giving and Entertainment

Dear Santa



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holiday car, Milan Public Transit, Harmony Acres Arabian horses, Phillips Automotive, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Milan Cub Scout pack 491, and the Milan Chamber of Commerce. Newly-elected mayor Owen Diaz and the Milan City Council members will be marching along with the parade.

For an entry form call Chad Nyitray at Main Street Financial at 439-0607

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MADRIGAL

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course. Herbed potatoes, steamed vegetables, delicate petit fours and flavorful broths have rounded out the festive fare.

The Madrigal Dinner has seen its share of funny mishaps. One year, the traditional boar's head went missing and was replaced at the last minute by a bear's head.

Another time, the royal court's head table fell off of a platform, scattering platters of fruit, pitchers of water and Renaissance decorations on the floor. Hinze said the audience thought it was part of the action.

Perhaps nothing tops the year Hinze, serving double-duty as director and accompanist, sat down at the electric piano to begin the first strains of the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah.

A slip of the finger on the electronic instrument caused a percussive rap-style accompaniment to fill the room, creating perhaps the first rap or hip-hop version of Handel's Messiah performed in Renaissance garb.

To join in this year's medieval revelry, visit the district Web site at www.chelsea.k12.mi.us and click on "special events," or call 475-4524.

PAST

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Birthday" to Jesus, and then all together, we'd blow out the candle. It was my mother's way of instilling in us the true meaning of Christmas—not toys or stockings but the birth of Christ.

IF YOU think about all of the material things that remind us of the holiday—the decorations in stores that seem to be going up earlier every year; the constant reminders of how many shopping days are left; the 20 and 30 percent off department store sales; and the various

"great gift ideas" that spring up at Meijer's or Wal-Mart's for under \$10, well, it's easy to see how we can get so caught up in the holiday that we forget to celebrate the "reason for the season," as the saying goes.

Seen through the eyes of a child, the Christmas tradition is a magical time of twinkling lights, Santa, shiny ornaments, and presents under the tree. It is a time for us as adults to look at our own lives and at the world around us and believe—even for just a day—that everything is going to be okay.



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Toddler Talk



Steven Rangel, 2

Milan

Steven would like to receive the learning grocery cart from the jolly old man in the red suit whom he calls Mr. Ho Ho Ho. Steven's mother thinks that Steven might be receiving some educational toys for Christmas this year.



Jocelyn Brockman, 3

Milan

Jocelyn would like Santa to bring her a Barbie, a baby doll, a bike and a real black kitty—definitely not a white one!



Samantha Brockman, 2

Milan

According to Samantha's mother, Samantha hopes Santa will bring her a real white kitty—definitely not a black one! She would also like baby dolls and a Jason mask, which she may save for next Halloween.



Lauren Eckenrode, 20 mos.

Milan

Lauren is not quite sure about Christmas or Santa yet. Her mother thinks that Santa will be bringing her coloring books and her own play kitchen complete with pots and pans and dishes.

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