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CHELSEA

City decides REU rate for Chelsea library

Library will receive
\$113,941 refund for
water connection fees

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

A dispute between Chelsea library and the city ended Nov. 22 when the council adopted a resolution assigning water and sewer connection residential equivalency units, or REUs, to the library.

The decision appeared to please Library Director Metta Lansdale, who told the City Council she was grateful for the "blood, sweat and tears" of everyone who worked on the issue.

The resolution stipulates a formula of 1 REU plus 0.1 REU per 1,000 square feet of the new McKune Memorial Library, plus one REU per 900 square feet of a meeting room, for a total of 7.37 REUs, at a rate of \$8,850 per REU.

Additionally, the resolution states one REU credit will be applied for the removal of the Staffan House from the site, and that a credit of 0.1 REU per 1,000 square feet be applied to demolished portions of the McKune House.

paid \$173,754.05 to the city for the REU connections.

Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac said Monday that, following the City Council's resolution, the city will refund \$113,941.45 to the library.

The city will also grant the library a credit for downsizing its water service and meter from a 3-inch line to a 2-inch line.

The REU reduction was significant.

The city classifies buildings used as public institutions as using 0.75 REUs per 1,000 square feet. Based on 29,712 square feet for the library's addition, that conversion factor yielded 22.284 REUs.

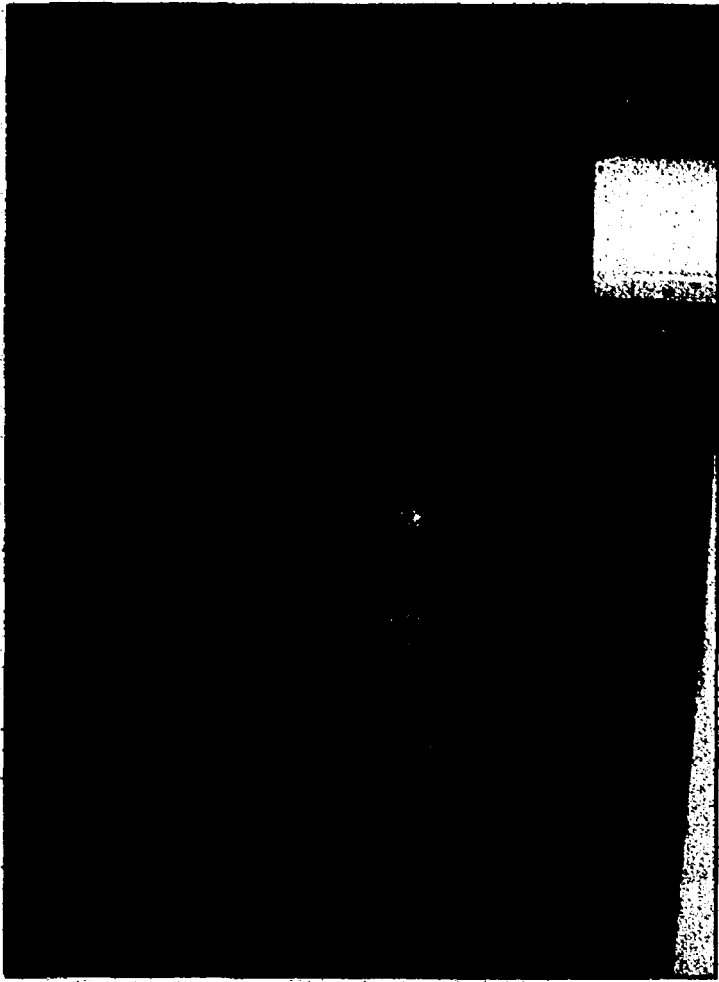
When library officials complained that figure was too high, the city established an appeals board to reconsider the conversion factor.

Steklac said that because a public institution classification can include a broad range of public facilities, and because information provided by the library showed a "significant disparity" between library uses and the public institution conversion factor, formation of the review committee was warranted.

Steklac said that, upon his further investigation of the issue, he discovered the con-

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Just below the sidewalk in front of the Chelsea Police Department, 104 E. Middle St., are abandoned men's and women's bathrooms, dating back to when the building was used as Chelsea City Hall. Pictured is a toilet stall in an east bathroom below the sidewalk, its floor littered with chunks of spalled concrete from a deteriorating ceiling. The Chelsea City Council has hired Fitzpatrick Structural Engineering to study the condition of the sidewalk, as well as future remediation efforts.



CHELSEA

City looks at sidewalk fix

City manager urges council
to address problem

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

The sidewalk in front of the Chelsea Police Department is not as stable as one might assume.

Jump on a certain section of it and a hollow sound meets the ear, instead of the expected concrete thud.

That's because there is hollow space just below the surface, remnants of an old Chelsea City Hall and fire station building, which was converted into the city's police station.

The façade of the police station,

building, located at 104 E. Middle St., demarcates a line where stairs descend to underground men's and women's bathrooms.

The bathrooms have long been abandoned, with chunks of ceiling littering the floors.

The city is using some of the space to store equipment, but its overall condition is precarious.

"It's a pretty scary looking area," Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac said. "The roof of the building, which is the sidewalk, is something we have to look at," he said, adding that water seepage is making the concrete crumble.

Steklac, who recently inspected the bathrooms, said shoring up the structure is an immediate concern.

The main worry is the structural integrity of the sidewalk, or bath-

room roof.

At a Nov. 22 Chelsea City Council meeting, Steklac said it's possible the sidewalk could collapse, potentially compromising support for the brick façade of the police station.

In a Nov. 22 report, Steklac said the city should pursue fixing the problem right away.

"The condition of the area under the sidewalks at the police station is of serious concern," Steklac said.

"Over the years, a number of temporary fixes have been attempted and these are no longer adequate. The accumulated toll of years of deferred maintenance and neglect must be addressed. Immediate professional structural engineering analysis is required."

At the Nov. 22 meeting, the City
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— IT'S OFFICIAL —



Chelsea City Clerk Terri Burch (left) swears in Chelsea City Council Trustee Cheri Albertson, Trustee Kent Martinez-Kratz and Chelsea Mayor Ann Feeney Nov. 22 to four-year terms on the Chelsea Council.

Photo by Steve Ricci

CHELSEA

Recount changes numbers, not outcome

Albertson, Martinez-Kratz retain
their seats on City Council

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

A recount of ballots cast in the Nov. 8 Chelsea City Council election yielded no change in its outcome, with City Council Trustees Cheri Albertson and Kent Martinez-Kratz retaining their four-year seats.

Albertson, Martinez-Kratz and for-

mer City Council Trustee Jim Myles were present at the Washtenaw County Clerk's Office for the Nov. 24 recount.

They looked on as four representatives from the Washtenaw County Board of Canvassers reviewed 568 ballots.

Myles, who said he was not interested in changing the election's outcome, initiated the recount by filing a petition so he could view the ballots — some of which he heard were incorrectly completed.

Albertson and Martinez-Kratz both filed counter petitions. Hammer was

out of town and could not attend the recount.

The Clerk's Office did not conduct a recount of ballots cast for Chelsea Mayor Ann Feeney because the recount petitions only pertained to trustee seats.

Myles and Martinez-Kratz both ran as write-in candidates. Ballot instructions stated that ovals next to write-in candidates must be marked for votes to count.

Myles said he wanted to see the bal-
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For more information about the program, call Maj. Dawn Dancer at 1-517-481-8140.

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Sesi Lincoln Mercury Volvo has been in business for 4 years but the Sesi family's successful business experience dates back to

1946 at its Ypsilanti location.

Now serving its third generation of customers and still treating them like honored members of the family, Sesi's Ypsilanti Lincoln-Mercury-Mazda dealership, located at 950 E. Michigan Ave., is in the top 25 in the nation for vehicle sales among all Lincoln Mercury dealerships and is also among the fastest-growing Mazda dealerships in the nation.

With a sales and service staff averaging 15 years of service, Sesi has one of the most experienced staffs in the business.

"Our employees stay and our customers keep coming back," says Joseph Sesi, owner of the dealership. "That combination has always led to our success."

The unique aspects of the Ypsilanti dealership, including up front pricing, great deals in financing and dealing with the

same person throughout the sale process, have extended to their new Scio Township location as well.

A state-of-the-art facility opened at 3990 Jackson Road in December, offering separate and unique showrooms for Lincoln, Mercury and Volvo brands; customer lounges featuring amenities such as wireless internet, kids' play areas and flat-screen televisions.

The customer-friendly environment allows Sesi to offer better service to their customers and keeps them coming back for future purchases. More than 75 percent of Sesi's business comes from repeat customers or those referred by other Sesi customers.

"Our reputation, our employees, and our customers are our biggest assets," Sesi says.

Chris Conley, general manager at Sesi's Jackson Road location, is

enthusiastic about the new facility and the fantastic opportunity for service it provides.

"Our service and parts departments have doubled in size," he says. "Even though we're a relatively new dealership, it's important for people to know that we operate under the Sesi family's tradition. Our employees are committed to honesty, integrity and

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WASHTENAW COUNTY

Clerk verifies SOS petitions

Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners likely will consider report Dec. 7

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

After several months of speculation, the Washtenaw County Clerk's Office issued a report Nov. 22 verifying that the Citizens to Save Our Sheriff's Department Committee surpassed the 15,000 petition signatures needed to bring a county plan to issue \$29.9 million in bonds to a public vote.

The \$29.9 million bond would pay for expansion of a chronically overcrowded county jail and a new courthouse.

The bond would include funding to expand the county jail by 96 beds, building a new probational residential center, funding inmate mental-health programs, building new 14-A District Court facilities and making courthouse security upgrades.

The bond proposal, presented by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners last August, followed voter rejection of a \$314 million millage to fund the projects last February.

After an initial 10-1 vote, the County Board voted 7-4 Sept. 7 to eliminate

Washtenaw County Sheriff subsidies by 2008 to free up money for construction of a new jail and courthouse.

The proposed \$29.9 million bond issue would be paid for, in part, by about \$5.5 million in annual revenue generated by cuts to the sheriff's patrols.

The group, known by the acronym SOS, organized the petition drive in an effort to stymie the county board's plan to fund the bond through subsidy cuts to sheriff's patrols.

Under state law, bonding issues such as that proposed by the county board can be brought to a public vote if at least 15,000 registered voters sign petitions within 45 days of the declaration of intent to issue bonds.

The SOS Committee turned in petition signatures by the Sept. 26 deadline, beginning a painstaking process where the County Clerk's Office worked to verify the signatures.

According to a Nov. 22 report by Washtenaw County Clerk Larry Kestenbaum, the SOS Committee turned in 2,431 petition sheets, containing 21,150 signatures, by the deadline.

Of those, 114 sheets, containing a total of 1,091 signatures, were omitted because the sheets contained errors or omissions in headings, bodies or the circulator's certificate.

Signatures totaling 20,058 individuals

on the remaining 2,317 petitions were manually entered into a computer and compared with a database from the State Qualified Voter File.

The comparison showed 14,190 verified registered electors, 5,868 unverified signatures and 312 duplicate signatures.

The Clerk's Office individually evaluated the 5,868 unverified signatures.

According to the report, illegible hand-writing, data entry errors or incomplete information caused 3,345 registered voters to fail the initial match with the Qualified Voter File. But they were later proven to be registered voters, raising the total number of verified signatures to 17,223.

Kestenbaum's report to the County Board recommended the 17,223 signatures be accepted as coming from registered and valid county voters.

How the board, as a whole, will respond to the report is anyone's guess.

The report is expected to appear on the County Board's agenda for a Dec. 7 meeting.

The County Board could decide to proceed with the referendum, or it could scrap the bond sale plan and attempt to fund the facility improvements with money raised by cuts to the sheriff's patrols.

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CHELSEA

DDA members named

Myles, Schwarz and Feeney named to board positions

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

The City Council unanimously approved the appointments of three people Nov. 22 to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors.

Under Michigan law, the city's mayor makes appointments to the board.

The DDA Board consists of a mayor, a city manager and no more than eight, and no more than 12 members, as designated by the City Council.

A majority of the members must be property owners within the DDA District.

Currently, there are 10 members on the board, seven of them property owners within the district. There is also one non-voting member.

DDA President Edith Behringer recently moved out of Chelsea and resigned her position in October.

Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac has served as a voting member on the DDA and also served as executive director.

Chelsea Mayor Ann Feeney took Steklac's place as the city's chief executive officer representative of the organization, as designated by the Downtown

Development Authority Act. Jim Myles, a former Chelsea City Council trustee, expressed interest in continuing to serve on the board. Myles, who owns the Chelsea House Victorian Inn at 118 E. Middle St., is a business and property owner within the DDA District.

Patti Schwarz also expressed an interest to continue serving on the board. Prior to the Nov. 22 meeting, Schwarz was a non-voting board member, with a term ending Dec. 31, 2008. Schwarz, a partner at River Gallery, 120 S. Main St., is a business owner in the district and a city resident.

The board recently recom-

mended appointments for Myles and Schwarz to regular seats.

The board also recommended that Feeney serve a dual role, as the chief executive officer representative for the city, as well as the City Council liaison to the board.

The City Council voted Nov. 22 to appoint Myles to a term ending Dec. 31, 2007, and Schwarz to a term ending Dec. 31, 2008.

Additionally, the City Council voted to name Feeney as the City Council liaison to the board.

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A photo caption on page 10-C in the Nov. 17 edition should have referred to Allie Suffey as chairman of One World, One Family.

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP

Local residents come together in protest

Presentation of trip to Fort Benning set for Dec. 18

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Lyndon Township residents Lynn Meadows and Marijo Grogan recently returned from a trip to Fort Benning, Ga., where they participated in a School of the Americas Watch Nov. 19 and 20.

The event is an annual vigil and nonviolent direct action at the gates of Fort Benning, and is aimed at closing down the school.

Grogan and Meadows will show photographs and speak about their trip from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at The Gourmet Chocolate Cafe in the Clocktower Complex on North Main Street in Chelsea.

The School of the Americas, in 2001 renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, is a combat training school for Latin American soldiers.

"When copies of handbooks from the school were obtained in the late 1990s, Americans were shocked to discover that one of our own

military bases was teaching torture techniques," Grogan said.

"Throughout the week, we met many people who had experienced or witnessed torture by those trained at SOA. This was the hard part. The joyful part was meeting so many who feel the tide is turning."

More than 125 members of the U.S. Congress have agreed to sponsor a bill to close the Schools of the Americas, Grogan said. The bill, HR 1217, may come up for a vote as early as next April.

Grogan and Meadows went down a few days early with another friend, arriving Nov. 16 for an apprenticeship with the Puppetista Theater Co. The troupe's puppeteers, still walkers, jugglers, and political clowns have been producing mass pageants and giant puppets at the Fort Benning vigils since November 2000.

The trio found the puppet troupe living in an abandoned apartment in former military housing. The FBI arrived in a large van to set up base next door, Grogan said.

With the help of several local children, the puppet group began making their creations. Grogan cut out crowns and painted masks.

Meadows sewed costumes. Volunteers stopped by from the local hospitality house and cooked for busloads of people, most of them college students, who arrived each day, they said.

On Nov. 19 and 20, 20,000 people were in the streets of Columbus, Grogan said. She slipped between barricades to join the Puppetistas, helping with the Madres, four large puppets representing indigenous mothers who lost their children to violence.

Americans in the group were joined by people from Argentina, Bolivia, Venezuela and Mexico, and musicians from Peru played at a concert after torture victims shared their stories.

On the Sunday, the group marched through the streets chanting the names of some of the thousands of people killed by School of the Americas graduates, Grogan said. People left flowers, crosses and signs stuck in the barbed wire.

"I hear the crowd roar as young and old alike begin to slip past the fence line to be arrested," Grogan later wrote in her journal. "I am sobbing uncontrollably and yet feel a great sense of hope as 40 to 60 persons cross the line for the rest of us."

"How privileged I am to



witness one of the greatest acts of civil disobedience occurring in the country. Both Gandhi and MLK

(Martin Luther King Jr.) have spoken of the importance of this sacrificial act to transform reality."

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RATE

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version factor used by the city was based on studies conducted more than 50 years ago.

In the meantime, plumbing technology has improved, resulting in less water usage, he said.

Library officials argued the library should be charged for 1.45 REUs, or the equivalent of a 1,100 to 1,400 square foot home, with three

to four occupants, using 220 gallons of water per day.

The library expansion is slated for 29,712 square feet. The library currently averages 460 patrons per day, and patronage is expected to increase by 25 to 30 percent when the new library opens.

Because of that, Steklac said the library's request was too low.

"I find it difficult to argue that a facility greater than 30,000 square feet and with that number of patrons will only have an impact on the

water and sewer system of less than two single-family homes," Steklac wrote in a Nov. 22 report to the City Council.

Instead, Steklac said, an REU conversion factor yielding seven to eight REUs is more reasonable.

With the new conversion rate passed by the city, the library will be charged a total of \$64,314.50 for connection to city water services.

Lansdale Monday praised those who have worked to adjust the REU rates.

"Many thanks to the Library Board, and the library staff and volunteers who have been following this issue and generating the community support required to impress upon the City Council how important this action was to the library and its success with this building project," Lansdale said. "I feel fortunate to be in a community where the library support is so strong."

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RECOUNT

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lots to determine if names of write-in candidates on some ballots were written without markings on the corresponding ovals.

The recount results, which have been officially certified by the Clerk's office, reflected no change in the order of winners.

On 17 ballots, Martinez-Kratz's name was written without marks on ovals next to his name, rendering them invalid.

On 19 ballots, Myles' name

was written without marks on corresponding ovals, also making those ballots invalid.

If the invalid write-in ballots had counted, therefore, Myles still would have lost the election.

The following changes resulted from the Nov. 24 recount, according to the Clerk's Office:

• Frank Hammer: 409 votes, down from an initial count of 410 votes.

• Cheri Albertson: 362 votes, up from an initial count of 357 votes.

• Kent Martinez-Kratz: 165 votes, up from an initial count of 162 votes.

• Jim Myles: 123 votes, up from an initial count of 119 votes.

Chief Deputy Clerk Derrick Jackson said last week that instructions on the ballots advise voters to completely fill in the ovals, and that most marks on the ovals are registered by a computer.

"There could be an 'x' or a check mark, and if someone didn't completely fill in an oval, there is a chance the machine (did not register the mark), depending on where they marked it," Jackson said.

During the recount, the canvassers were the only

people to touch the ballots. The candidates were able to view the each ballot at the same table, and could also ask questions during the process.

Jackson said the recount went smoothly.

"It was not contentious at all," he said. "There were no challenges that 'This vote should count or this vote should not.' They were all very clear."

Jackson said there were no questionable marks on any ballots.

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FIX

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Council unanimously approved a resolution to hire Fitzpatrick Structural Engineering of Ann Arbor for an engineering study at a cost not to exceed \$8,100.

The firm recently performed a structural engineering analysis of the gymnasium building at the Clocktower Complex, which collapsed Oct. 7.

The study will include a site survey, recording and evaluating the current structure, a structural analysis, drafting and specifications and a construction inspection.

According to an Oct. 18 letter from Fitzpatrick Structural Engineering to Chelsea Police Chief Scott Sumner, a repair effort, the cost of which has not been determined, would involve filling the vaults with concrete and replacing the sidewalk.

Following a structural analysis, Steklac said, the city could determine if the construction work and inspection could be deferred until the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

At the Nov. 22 meeting, City Council Trustee Jamie Bollinger said the \$8,100

expenditure amounted to "a lot of money to take a look at the problem," adding that he didn't see a need for a contractor to draft specifications.

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Bunny Love

Sara (left) and Emily Chizek of Chelsea recently paid a visit to Rodgers Corners Produce to check out the bunnies and other farm animals.

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CHELSEA

City sets lowered speed limit for Freer Road

Jurisdiction of roadway switches from Road Commission to city

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

The city has officially reduced a 45-mph speed limit on Freer Road, between Old US-12 and Trinkle Road, to 25 mph.

The Chelsea City Council voted Nov. 22 to reduce the speed limit.

At a Sept. 27 meeting, the City Council approved the jurisdictional transfer of that stretch of Freer Road from the Washtenaw County Road Commission to the city of Chelsea.

After the transfer, Chelsea City

Engineer Chris Linfield and Chelsea Police Chief Scott Sumner studied speed and signage on the acquired roadway.

They decided to lower the speed limit from 45 mph to 25 mph, and erect a sign displaying the new speed limit.

The City Council must ratify a signage change implemented by a traffic control order from a city official, such as its police chief.

Prior to the change, the speed limit on that stretch was different depending on direction of travel. It went from 45 mph to 25 mph northbound, and from 25 mph to 45 mph southbound.

The 45-mph area included frontage for Pierce Lake Elementary School.

Previously, the then-Chelsea Village Council requested the

speed limit be reduced to 25 mph, but the Washtenaw County Road Commission denied the request.

Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac said last week that it makes more sense for a given road to have equal speed limits for all its lanes.

"Generally, you want to have the same speeds going both ways, and that wasn't clear from the signs that were there," he said.

Steklac said that, under Michigan law, the basic speed limit for streets within the city is 25 mph. And although the city recently posted a new 25-mph sign, police did not enforce the speed limit until the City Council approved the change.

With the approval, the city might mark the speed limit sign with an orange flag, indicating a new enforcement policy.

Steklac said speeders would probably first get warnings, followed by tickets.

Steklac said the jurisdiction transfer was not a result of the Washtenaw County Road Commission's refusal to lower the speed limit.

Instead, he said the Road Commission suggested a jurisdictional swap, which the city has approved, of Freer Road, with the Road Commission accepting jurisdiction of a portion of Old US-12.

"It was pretty much an even swap," Steklac said, adding that the Road Commission has access to funds that could be used to repave Old US-12 from Wilkinson Street to the Fletcher Road interchange with Interstate 94.

The city can use money from its major street fund, and possibly fed-

eral grant money to re-pave its newly acquired portion of Freer Road.

Major work, leveraging federal grant money, is expected to begin this spring or summer, to install a new traffic light, a left-turn lane and an automated pedestrian crossing where Freer Road and a main driveway into Chelsea High School intersect.

Following the vote to approve the speed limit change, City Council Trustee Cheri Albertson said she hopes to see increased speed limit enforcement along Freer Road.

Because of speeders, Albertson said, there are residents living along the roadway who do not allow their children to play outside.

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CHELSEA

City to seek bids for improved water pumps

Upgrade soon may allow for lift of city's moratorium

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

The City Council may lift a moratorium on new housing construction in the city.

The City Council adopted a resolution Nov. 22 authorizing the city to seek bids for improving pumping capacity at two of its water wells.

The housing development moratorium stemmed from a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality-imposed freeze last June on issuing new water permits in

Chelsea.

The city also has imposed a moratorium on issuing new sewer permits because its wastewater treatment plant cannot accommodate additional sewage.

The MDEQ will not allow the city to issue new water permits until Chelsea can increase its water system's firm capacity, a measure of the city's ability to supply a historical maximum daily demand level if the city's largest well malfunctions.

If the city were to lose its largest well, it could supply about 1.15 million gallons of water per day to its customers, short of the peak historical level of 1.3 million gallons per day.

Boosting pumping capacity at the wells is one part of a three-pronged effort to lift the construction moratorium.

The city is also pursuing an emergency water interconnection agreement with Sylvan Township, as well as plans to expand its water treatment plant to boost overall water capacity.

Two proposals are on the table to upgrade the water wells.

The city has prepared a proposal seeking bids to upgrade its Well No. 1 to a capacity of 170 gallons per minute, with 77 feet of head, and its Well No. 3 to a capacity of 600 gallons per minute, with 77 feet of head.

Those upgrades would boost the firm capacity to 1.3 million gallons per day, and their costs are not expected to exceed \$12,000.

The other proposal would seek bids to upgrade Well No. 1 to a capacity of 275 gallons per minute, with 81 feet of head, and Well No. 3 to a capacity of 600 gallons per minute, with 81 feet of head.

The second option for upgrades would increase the firm capacity to 1.6 million gallons per day, and their costs are not expected to top \$15,000.

The city will also seek bids to replace well house roofs on Well No. 2 and Well No. 3 to replace tarps over those

wells. The cost to repair the roofs is estimated between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

As part of the resolution, the city will award contracts to the lowest qualified bidder and will pursue the option to expand the firm capacity to 1.6 million gallons per day if economically feasible.

In a Nov. 22 report, Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac said the upgrades could be

paid through the city's water fund balance or could be funded through a proposed \$1 million water revenue bond.

Steklac said he would report back to the City Council about the outcome of the bids, as well as a timetable for the improvements.

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CHELSEA

Council has closed session

City manager meets with council trustees in private session

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

The Chelsea City Council met in closed session Nov. 22, after its regular meeting open to the public, to discuss Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac's periodic job evaluation.

The Michigan Open Meetings Act allows closed sessions for personnel evaluations if an employee — Steklac, in this case — requests a closed meeting.

Steklac said last week that the closed session would not broach the topic of his annual salary, currently at \$68,000.

Instead, one topic it probably addressed was recent fighting on the Chelsea City Council.

As recently as an Oct. 11 City Council meeting, Trustee Jamie Bollinger alleged Steklac has a history of making decisions outside of consent from the City Council.

Bollinger said the issue was exemplified by Steklac's decision to lease a city-provided vehicle from Faist-

Diesing Chevrolet in Chelsea, instead of from Palmer Motor Sales Inc., the party the City Council originally approved for the lease.

Steklac is currently working under a three-year employment contract with the city, and his job performance is evaluated at least annually, with provisions for six-month evaluations, as well.

Additionally, he can receive job performance evaluations at any time at the City Council's discretion.

The city can opt to change Steklac's contract at any time, extending it for a certain number of years or converting it to an indefinite duration.

Under Steklac's current contract, the City Council has the authority to terminate Steklac's contract, in which case it must provide him a six-month notice of the decision and grant up to six months of severance pay.

Steklac started his job as the then-village manager March 1, 2004, and is nearing his two-year mark.

At a Nov. 17, 2004, job review, or eight months into his contract, the City Council gave Steklac good overall marks based on standardized job evaluation forms com-

pleted by each council member.

Based on a five-point scale, with a 1 score defined as "unsatisfactory" and a 5 score defined as "outstanding," Steklac scored a composite rating of 4, indicating "exceeds expectations," for his overall performance.

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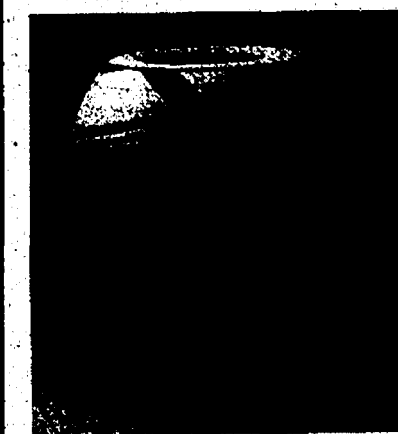
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DEXTER TOWNSHIP

Sale of cookbook to help struggling families

Group hopes to raise \$5,000 to build a home for a family in Brazil

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

What does a mother want for her children?

A warm, comfortable, safe home in which to live certainly ranks near the top of any mother's list.

Shelli Gary knows that as much comfort as she has in her Dexter Township home, there are children in many countries who can't take even the most basic shelter for granted.

Gary and her husband, Michael, and their sons, Nathan, 11, and Noah, 9, spent seven months living in much different conditions as they traveled to Campinas, Brazil, as missionaries with the goal of building new homes as part of a Habitat for Humanity-type program called Those Who Love, Share.

Currently, five families are on a waiting list for a new home through Those Who Love, Share. One family will be chosen by lottery to receive a home, thanks to a local project headed up by Gary.

The project, Mothers Helping Others, has grown to reach across western Washtenaw County thanks to a wide network of friends who date back to Nathan Gary's preschool days at Dexter Co-op Nursery.

The Hens, a group of 15 mothers who first met in 1997 when their children started preschool, have taken the bonds of friendship much further.

Each May, the group gets together for a weekend "escape," and this year, with Gary newly returned from Campinas, the friends were eager to hear about her experiences.

Debbie Koch hit on the idea of compiling a group cookbook and asking friends to contribute. By Aug. 1, the



The Hens, a group of mothers whose children were in class together at Dexter Co-op Nursery starting in 1997, have supported each other throughout the years and have extended that support to help build a home for a Brazilian family through a program called Those Who Love, Share. Pictured, in back, are Pam Wittenberg (left), Karen Hallway, Leslie Williams, Sheila Powell, Shelli Gary, Debbie Moorman and Kelly Harris; in front, Kristi Mansour (left), Melissa Kesterson, Debbie Koch and Trish Rayer. Group members Beth Chamberlain, Teri Leonard, Sue Zalucha and Dianne Singer are not pictured.

group had collected 350 recipes.

"When you tell the story, everyone wants to be able to do something to help," Gary said. "And this is one way to do it, even if you didn't know how you could help."

How did Gary, a 1983 Dexter High School graduate who's married and raised two children in a comfortable Midwest town, get involved with a project for the homeless so far away in South America?

"Three years ago, we hosted an exchange student from Brazil," she said. "We were sitting at a Dexter-Chelsea swim meet and I was surprised to hear someone behind me speaking in Portuguese."

The speaker was the brother of a young woman,

Damaris de Sequiera Ferreira, who was serving as an au pair in Dexter, and he was in town visiting his sister.

"He actually ended up staying with us for a couple of months," Gary said. "Then we met his father, Pastor Jonas Ferreira, when he came to Michigan to pick up (Damaris) when her au pair year was up."

Ferreira is pastor at the Vila Mimosa church in Campinas, out of which the Those Who Love, Share program has grown. Getting to know him better during his three-week stay in Michigan, the Garys felt touched by and drawn to his ministry there.

So, the family returned last August and spent seven months there.

Part of the vision of the

mutirão outreach is to help those in need, in any way possible.

"One program is they go in weekly and simply hand out boxes of milk to the people," Gary said. "It was as simple as going in and saying, 'Your life has value. God loves you. You have a purpose.'"

"A lot of those people had never heard a message like that."

Eventually, the outreach developed into building houses for those in the favelas. Since 1983, Jonas and the Vila Mimosa church have built 50 houses.

"People in their church give whatever they have," Gary said. "They are not a wealthy community — they might donate by cooking food, adding some extra bricks or a little bit of money.

They simply give out of what they have.

"We were so touched by that."

The Hens were touched by the stories as well and made it a goal to sell 500 cookbooks, which will realize about \$5,000 in profits. This amount will build one home, complete with running water and electricity, for a family in Campinas through the Those Who Love, Share program.

"We are also planning to get our kids involved," Gary said, "through car washes, bake sales, and other ideas. We want them to realize that we're so blessed in this country."

The Garys have maintained a relationship with Ferreira and plan to return for three months next summer to help even more with

the church's upcoming projects.

"It was such a great experience for us and for our kids," Gary said of their stay earlier this year. "We prayed about it and everything just fell into place."

The cookbooks, which arrived in Dexter last weekend, cost \$12 and all proceeds will be donated to the program. The cookbooks may be purchased at Hearts and Flowers, Christine's gift store and Dexter Pharmacy II in Dexter, as well as Cranesbill Books in Chelsea.

The cookbooks will be made available at local craft fairs, schools and some Dexter businesses. They also may be purchased by calling Koch at 426-5552 or e-mailing her at gkoch@constr@provide.net.

CHELSEA

City makes decision on Office Chair Olympics

Council prefers Scouts use a building at the Chelsea Fairgrounds for event

By Steve Ricci
Staff Writer

The Chelsea City Council adopted a resolution Nov. 22 encouraging a local Boy Scout troop to use a Chelsea Fairgrounds building for its Office Chair Olympics.

At a Nov. 8 City Council meeting, the Chelsea Venture Crew 412 Boy Scout Troop asked for the city's permission to use the abandoned BookCrafters building, 140 Buchanan St., for the event in

which participants race each other using wheeled office chairs.

The city postponed a decision on the request until the Nov. 22 meeting so it could seek advice from its legal counsel.

The Boy Scouts got the idea to hold the race at the building after completing a public service project at the site, where they replaced burned-out bulbs on city Christmas wreaths.

Some City Council trustees raised questions of possible black mold at the site, which the city owns and is considering for use as a new municipal office.

Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac also mentioned concerns about the city's liability for such an event, although he dismissed alle-

gations of black mold hazards, which he said were unsubstantiated.

Possible hazards Steklac cited are the many exposed beams that support the building, as well as debris on the floor that could trip up racers.

The resolution encourages the Boy Scouts to contact the Chelsea Fair Board and request using one of the buildings at the fairgrounds with open spans and concrete floors.

The resolution further states that if the Boy Scouts cannot use space at the fairgrounds that the Scouts could use the BookCrafters building for the chair race, subject to seven conditions. The conditions are as follows:

- The Boy Scout troop should provide a certificate of insurance naming the city as an additional insured party.

- All chair race participants should have signed waivers of liability with language approved by the city and signed by a participant's parent or guardian. The waivers would indemnify city officials and employees in case of accidents. Adult racers would also sign liability waivers.

- A sufficient number of adults would supervise the activities to ensure safety and compliance with conditions of use.

- The races would take place only in designated parts of the building.

- All race participants would wear protective equipment, includ-

ing head, elbow, wrist and knee protection.

- The races would be designed and conducted to avoid accidents or injuries. Precautions would include sweeping the floor to remove debris that could lock up wheels, and designing courses to avoid support poles or other obstructions.

- Boy Scout and city representatives would do a walk-through of the portion of the building before the event. A Boy Scout representative would sign a release attesting to no physical defects with the portion of the building to be used.

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CHELSEA AREA

Maps of towns available

Handheld walking maps of Chelsea, Dexter and Manchester are now available to the public.

The maps can be found in various locations in Chelsea, Manchester and Dexter, including the chamber of commerce offices, libraries, and city or village offices.

Each map features color-coded routes of varying distances, with brief descriptions and suggestions for where walkers might find water, restrooms and benches.

In addition to the printed versions, each map also may be downloaded in PDF for-

mat from the Chelsea Community Hospital's Web site at www.cch.org.

The maps were provided through a partnership effort led by Chelsea Community Hospital and involving volunteer residents of each community and the Healthy Communities Initiative. Funds were made possible through a grant from the Michigan Department of Community Health to the Washtenaw Steps Up project.

Washtenaw Steps Up is a program administered by the Washtenaw County Public Health Department designed to encourage Michigan resi-

dents to increase physical activity, improve nutrition and stop smoking.

An enlarged version of the Chelsea Walking Map soon will debut on the exterior

wall of the Chelsea Market.

The next phase of the Washtenaw Steps Up project involves the installation of bike racks in various locations in the downtown areas.

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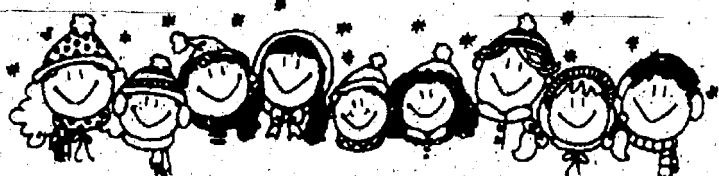
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Schedule of Events

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DATES/TIMES: Friday, December 2, 2005

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| 9:00am-5:00pm | Gigi's Flowers & Gifts | Make-And-Take Birdseed Ornament |
| 9:00am-6:00pm | Palmer Ford | Miniature Village, Toys for Tots & Teens |
| 9:30am-8:00pm | The Village Shoppe | Daily Drawing for Holiday Gift (Value Over \$100.) |
| | | Guess the Weight of World's Largest Bear Contest; Huge Bear Raffle; Color Own Holiday T-Shirt for a Bear; Face Painting & Free Tattoos |
| 9:30am-8:00pm | Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. | Holiday Open House with Refreshments |
| | | Learn Holiday Traditions from Around the |
| | | Treats from Lilly Pulltzer Entertaining & |
| 10:00am-8:00pm | Peartree Furniture | Refreshments |
| 10:00am-9:00pm | The Mission Marketplace | Holiday craft for kids, refreshments |
| Globe | | Music by Andrew Wiertella, refreshments |
| 10:00am-8:00pm | The Pink Turtle | Tree Lighting Ceremony sponsored by Chelsea Rotary, Santa arrives in the American Legion |
| Holiday Cookbook | | 957 Train Luminaries along Main Street sponsored by Girl Scouts, |
| 12:00pm-8:00pm | West of the Moon Gallery | With help from Cub Scouts & the S. Main St. Homeowners Association |
| 4:00pm-6:00pm | Cranesbill Books & Music | Cookie Decorating for Children, Refreshments |
| 5:00pm-6:00pm | LaJolla Fine Jewelry | Gingerbread House Display |
| 6:00pm-6:30pm | Pierce Park | Visits with Santa, Santa's Workshop with |
| | | Sponsored by Chelsea Children's Co-Op |
| 6:00pm-8:00pm | Main Street from Pierce Park | Carolers performing throughout Downtown |
| | | Story-telling in the American Legion |
| | To Clocktower Complex | |
| | | Sponsored by Cranesbill Books |
| 6:00pm-9:00pm | First Congregational Church | Live Nativity Scene |
| | | Hayrides |
| 6:30pm-8:30pm | Clocktower Complex 320 N. Main St. | Musician Markita Moore |
| 6:30pm-8:30pm | UAW Hall | |
| 6:30pm-8:00pm | Main Street | |
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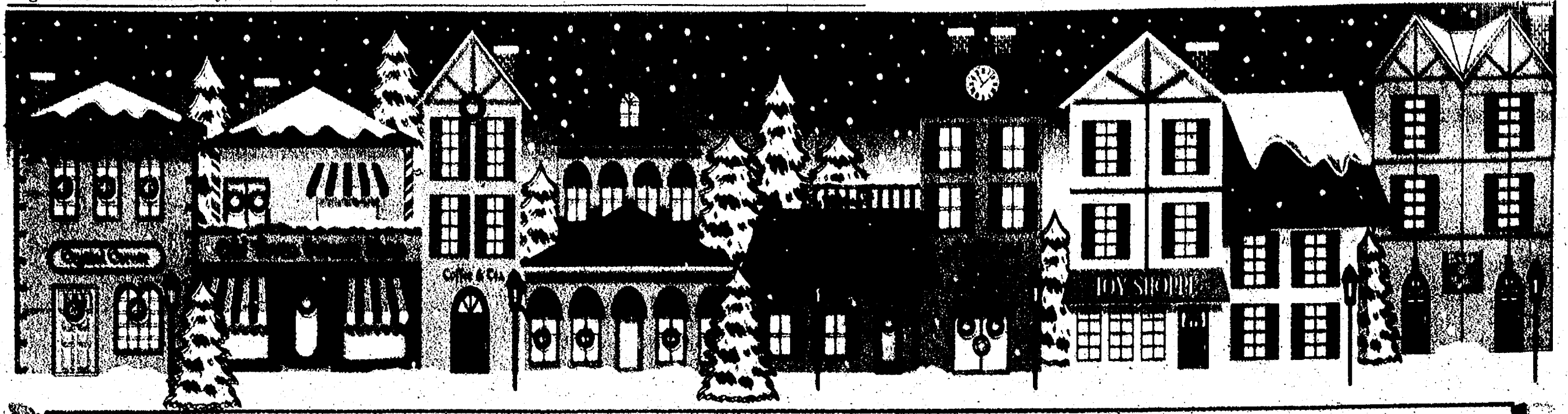
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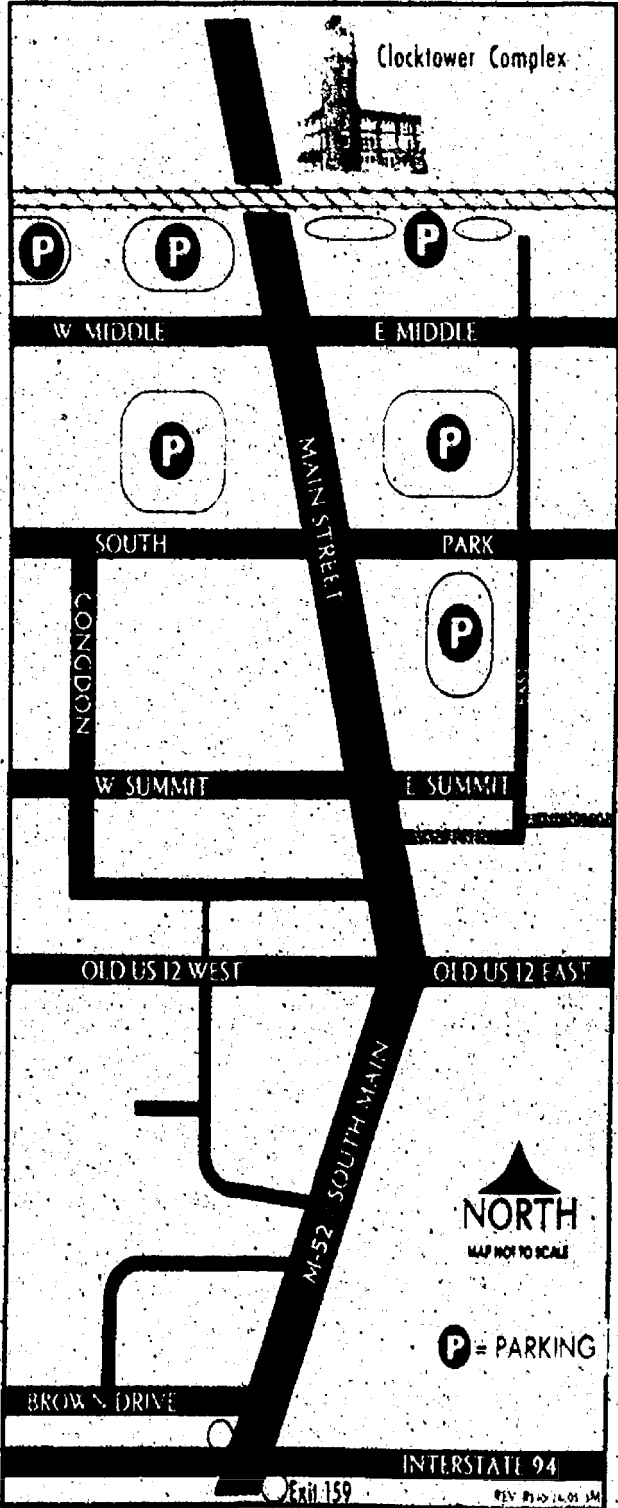
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Larceny
Someone stole items from a Howell woman's car Nov. 19 at Blockbuster Video, 1145 S. Main St. The car was left unlocked while the woman was in the store, according to police report.

The woman said she returned to her car and discovered a money envelope and a bottle containing approximately 100 prescription painkiller pills were missing.

The stolen envelope contained \$450.

Assist Chelsea Hospital
Police were called Nov. 22 to Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., to assist with a male patient who was not cooperating with hospital workers.

The man refused to take medicine and resisted entering a private room as instructed, physically fighting a hospital employee.

A Chelsea police officer warned the man he would be shot with a Taser gun if he refused to lie on the ground.

When the man refused to comply, the officer shot the man with the Taser two times, although the man remained standing despite being shot with the stun gun.

The man eventually entered a seclusion room and asked to be left alone.

Civil Dispute
Police responded Nov. 19 to a complaint of a domestic disturbance in a Chelsea home.

Police contacted a man and his mother at the house. Police did not find weapons on the man and determined his mother had not been assaulted.

The woman asked police to tell her son to respect her in her home, and said her son could stay with her for the night.

The man complied with his mother's demands. Police advised the man of domestic violence laws and told his mother to call 911 if there were any other problems.

Assists to Other Agencies

Police, working with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, issued a recreational trespass citation Nov. 19 to a Melvindale man.

The man allegedly left his car and fired multiple shots at a herd of deer on private property near the intersection of Sibley and Bush roads, according to an eyewitness

account.

Dexter Village Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property

A 16-year-old Dexter boy is a suspect in a number of recent larcenies from automobiles. The boy is currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court for theft and was picked up at Dexter High School Nov. 4 by his case-worker for a tether violation the previous night.

Police questioned the boy's father and sister between 2 and 4 p.m. Nov. 4 at the boy's home in Walkabout Creek apartments. The sister told police her brother had shown her some property he had apparently stolen and handed the items over to police.

Police were given \$1,190 worth of stolen property from the home. Most of the items were already identified by theft victims, but some have not been claimed yet. The items include 23 CDs, valued at \$115, a pair of sunglasses, valued at \$10, a Cobra radar detector, valued at \$100, and a CD player, valued at \$20.

Malicious Destruction of Property

A 23-year-old Pinckney woman reported her car had been deliberately damaged at about 5 p.m. Nov. 19 while it was parked in a lot at Busch's ValuLand, 3219 Broad St.

A witness reported to police that a woman between 25 and 35 years old, driving a 2005 Dodge Caravan, was unloading her groceries and appeared to have trouble maneuvering the shopping cart. The woman apparently rammed the cart into the victim's car about four times, then quickly drove out of the parking lot. Damage to the vehicle is estimated at \$1,000.

The witness wrote down the license plate of the van, which was registered in Illinois. The suspect could not be immediately located.

Larceny

A 46-year-old Ann Arbor woman reported her 75-year-old father's German Luger handgun missing from his home in the 3400 block of Huron View Court. The woman said she was taking inventory of her father's guns and placing them into safe keeping while he was hospitalized for three months. She discovered the gun missing around Nov. 25 and asked her father about it. He now lives

in an assisted-living facility.

The man told his daughter that he had discovered it missing around May, but was afraid to tell her. The gun is a 9mm, semi-automatic, eight-shot German Luger with a black holster. It's valued at \$1,000.

Dexter Township Suspicious Incident

An 18-year-old South Haven woman reported a man had nearly recently exposed himself at about 4:25 p.m. Nov. 19 while ordering coffee at the Bear Claw Coffee Shop, 9188 North Territorial Road.

The woman, an employee, took the man's coffee order when he had made a statement about a commercial he had seen with a woman wearing a black lace outfit. The employee ignored the statement. But when he paid for the drink, she noticed that he took his wallet out of his blue jeans, which were sitting on the passenger-side seat.

The employee said she then noticed the man had no pants on, but his shirt covered his waist and private area. The man's legs, up to his upper thighs, were showing, but the woman was not sure if the man had any underwear on.

A 40-year-old Whitmore Lake woman reported to police that her vehicle was shot by a BB gun at about 6:50 p.m. Nov. 21 while she was driving northbound on Dexter-Townhall Road near Fleming Road.

The woman said she saw two men wearing black clothing crouched down in the field near the intersection. As she approached, the men stood up and one pointed a BB gun at her car. She heard something hit her car.

After dropping off her brother, a 45-year-old Dexter man, she took the same route in reverse and saw the men at the same intersection on the opposite side of the road in the pine trees. She again heard something hit her car. Police have no suspects and no damage to the vehicle was observed.

Webster Township Canine Shot

A 35-year-old Webster Township man reported his 1-year-old Golden Retriever, "C.J.," was possibly shot by a hunter at about 10:30 a.m. Nov. 16 while playing outside the man's home in the 5000

block of Gleason Drive. The dog was shot in his front, upper right leg and was taken to a veterinarian in South Lyon. The dog was later moved to Michigan State University for further treatment.

Malicious Destruction of Property

A 45-year-old Webster Township woman told police that she someone driving around and damaging the green on the East Loch Alpine fairway around 8:45 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Ann Arbor Country Club. The woman, who lives near the green in the 4500 block of East Loch Alpine, said she was pulling up to her residence when she noticed the vehicle driving in circles on the green.

The vehicle, described as an older, dark blue, small sedan, drove off when the woman approached to get a license plate number. The plate is described as a blue Michigan plate that is illuminated.

A 38-year-old man told police that his 46-year-old next-door neighbor damaged his daughter's bicycle Nov. 20 because the bicycle was leaning up against a fence in the 8700 block of Pellett Drive. The man said that as he pulled into his driveway, the neighbor was standing in between his garage and the fence and held up the bicycle in the air and then slammed it down onto the cement.

Damage to the bicycle included a broken kickstand. The bicycle's estimated worth is \$400.

When questioned by police, the neighbor said she owns the fence and 3 or 4 inches of property on her neighbor's side of the fence. She said she didn't like the bicycles leaning against the fence and walked over and laid the bicycles down on the cement. She denied slamming them down on the pavement.

Warrant Arrest

A 28-year-old Grass Lake man was arrested on a warrant Nov. 22 after being involved in a two-car crash on Mast Road, north of North

Territorial Road Police said the man caused the crash by trying to pass a vehicle on a double yellow line.

Drunken Driving

A 37-year-old Dexter woman was injured and suspected of drunken driving at about 1:18 a.m. Nov. 21 when her car ran off the road and rolled over on Walsh Road near Huron River Drive. Both she and her husband, a 42-year-old Howell man, were injured in the crash.

The man said they were returning from a local restaurant when the car hit a rut in the road, causing the vehicle to run off the roadway to the south and hit an embankment and roll over, traveling about 100 feet.

Both were taken by ambulance to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. No preliminary breath or field sobriety tests were taken at the scene because of the woman's injuries, according to a report. The woman submitted to a blood-alcohol test at the hospital. The case is considered open.

A 69-year-old Dexter man was arrested Nov. 19 for driving while intoxicated, having an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle and for failing to change his address.

The man was driving erratically on Mast Road when he was pulled over on northbound Scully Road near North Territorial Road. He appeared confused, had difficulty speaking and following directions and denied he had been drinking, according to a police report.

The man never provided police with his driver's license, registration or insurance paperwork. He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test, which registered at 0.309 percent. A blood-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher is considered legally drunk under state law.

Police found an open bottle of vodka in a paper bag on the passenger-side floorboard, along with a second bottle just behind the driver's seat. The man was taken to the

Washtenaw County Jail, where he took a blood test. He has one prior alcohol offense on his driving record, according to the report.

Compiled by staff writers Steve Ricci and Heather Connor based on reports filed with the Chelsea Police Department and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shop locally during the holiday season

Another treasure is blossoming in Chelsea to the benefit of not only the local community, but truly the entire world.

The Mission Marketplace moved out of its space in a downtown church a little over a month ago and has expanded its business on north Main Street. With the principle of shopping fair trade, customers are helping to sustain many artisans from lesser-developed countries around the world.

I'd like to remind everyone of the value of always shopping in Chelsea first, before traveling elsewhere. Year round, it does make a difference to our economy, and our quality of life, to discover the wide range of products and services right in our own hometown at many family-owned or independent businesses.

The Mission Marketplace is a nonprofit gift shop that supports the mission of creating a market place for struggling artisans. We can all benefit from participating in its success. And we can all benefit from sharing the spirit of supporting our local shops, businesses and service providers in Chelsea at any time of the year.

Jennifer Kundak
 Dexter Township

Kindness is very much appreciated

While last-minute shopping Nov. 23 at Polly's in Chelsea, I ran across the two nicest people. I was standing in line holding a frozen 18-pound turkey when a lady behind me said, "Excuse me, Ma'am. Put that turkey in my shopping cart. It's too heavy to hold."

I was shocked that anybody would be so gracious to make such an offer. I thanked her very much.

Then a gentlemen in front of me was giving me tips on how to get the frozen bird thawed in time to cook for dinner on Thanksgiving. I probably would have never run across such nice people in Jackson, where I normally shop.

I just want to thank these two once again for being so gracious and wish them the absolute best for this holiday season. And I want to remind everyone else, let's try to be a little nicer to our fellow man this holiday season.

These two people I met had a great impact on me and I will remember them for years to come. And it was a great reminder that there are really nice and decent people left in this world.

Deanna Weed
 Jackson

Council helped work through difficult issue

I would like to recognize the Chelsea City Council for its recent decision to adjust

the schedule of fees, which will be applied to the library for its connection to city water and sewer facilities.

The time and consideration given to this matter by both the council and its review committee were substantial.

I also would like to recognize City Manager Mike Steklac. His approach to the problem showed great professionalism.

As a member of the Library Board of Trustees, I appreciate how difficult it can be to make decisions on matters that stir a lot of emotional interest. Council worked through this emotion and came up with a well-reasoned solution. As a result, the library's building project can move forward on a sound financial basis.

In addition, the library district's community, who supported the library on this issue, should be lauded. It's through the work of our volunteers and supporters that we will have a new building and refurbished McKune House.

Now, we can look forward to the completion of construction and a grand opening in the fall of 2006.

Gregory DeGraff
 Chelsea

Allie Suffety serves as 'chair' of group

Using the adage that every mistake is an opportunity, I would like to assure everyone that the Mr. Allie Suffety, who we all know and love, is truly the gentleman he always has been.

The Nov. 17 Standard listed Allie as "chairwoman" of the One World One Family Task Force. We at One World One Family find it important to use gender neutral titles to be sure that we have equal expectations of whoever fills that position.

Allie Suffety is chair of the One World One Family Task Force and we submitted the information that way. Someone at The Standard incorrectly added "woman." I assure you that this was an error.

Joanne Ladio
 Chelsea

Editor's Note: The Chelsea Standard follows The Associated Press Stylebook, which calls for the use of chairman or chairwoman.

United States should fulfill its commitment

I am a veteran of the U. S. Army and served a tour of duty in Vietnam, an unpopular "conflict" and one that we "lost." I see many parallels in what was happening in the United States during the Vietnam War and what is occurring today during the Iraq conflict.

I have a different perspective than some, as I observe and listen to the few who are now protesting and criticizing our government and military.

Yes, I served in Vietnam. I was told not to travel in uniform so the American citizens would not harass and spit on me. Did that have an impact on me? Absolutely.

My perspective at the time — and still today — was that I was serving my country. Some in my country were figuratively attacking me for something completely outside of my control. Even during the last presidential election, the Sen. John Kerry, D-Massachusetts, attacked me when he said he committed war atrocities and every soldier in Vietnam did.

Well Senator I did not, and I did not see any other soldier commit atrocities. If the senator did, then he did us a huge disservice and he contributed to the lack of respect we have in the world today. The senator owes some of us an apology.

Did I support or believe in the United States' involvement in Vietnam? The answer is no.

The way to change that was to participate in the federal, state and local election process, not to openly protest against the soldiers who were serving their country. Those protests serve to encourage the enemy and discourage our soldiers.

I am appalled to hear of protesters demonstrating at funerals and burials for those soldiers who have lost their lives in Iraq. How could someone be so cruel? How could someone be so dishonorable toward a soldier who has served our country?

I did not attend the Chelsea Memorial Day parade last year. I knew that the protesters were going to march and I did not want to confront them. As a patriotic citizen, I did not want to again be confronted by those who objected to what my country was doing.

Memorial Day is intended to honor those who served. I was wrong in not attending the parade that honors our veterans and avoiding the demonstrators. I will attend next year and ask that we honor those who served, and turn our backs on those who take this opportunity to distract us from honoring our veterans.

Our veterans served to give them the right to protest. The protesters should honor them and find another place and time to protest.

I was embarrassed and ashamed when the United States withdrew from Vietnam. Rightly or wrongly, the United States entered the conflict in Vietnam and made a commitment to help that country escape communism. As a nation, we broke our word.

Do you remember how you felt Sept. 11, 2001? I felt violated. My home country was attacked. I wanted our country to respond with a strong show of force. I wanted a

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OTHER VOICES

How many more Americans must die?

Seems like just a couple weeks ago we turned the corner, with 2,000 of our servicemen and servicewomen dead in Iraq since we invaded.

And now we're knocking on 2,100.

How many do you think will die before it's done? What will be the name of the next one to be killed? The names of his or her spouse, children, parents?

Regardless of how you feel about it, you have to admit that we're in a hell of a mess.

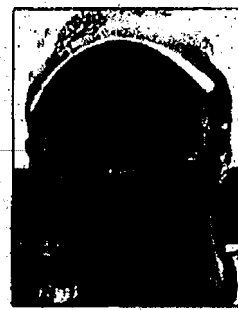
It's like when you're playing poker and you think you have a good hand and a good bluff, and as you dump more and more into the pot, you start to realize you're not going to make it. You feel embarrassed. You secretly pray you won't have to show your cards. You think of the pile of cash that you're going to lose. You feel sick to your stomach. And there's no turning back.

You either keep feeding the pot that you know is going to end up in someone else's lap, or you turn in your cards and take the loss.

When the hand was dealt, all you allowed yourself was a rosy image of getting a couple helper cards, declaring, "mission accomplished," as you lay down your hand triumphantly, and raking in a hefty pot of capital. You never considered that you might lose. You never planned for that.

Right now, the Democrats are talking about accountability, talking about a plan, talking about getting out. And the Republicans are trying to discredit the Democrats. "You voted for the invasion," they say.

"Yeah, but we were lied to about the need for it," is the response.



ROY SCHMIDT

Remember, it was never about terrorism. The 9/11 terrorists were Saudis. It was about Saddam Hussein and his (non-existent) great big weapons. And President George W. Bush's secret-but-obvious agenda.

I was dead set against this Iraq invasion. I'm also against the so-called "war on terror." To me, it's like living next to a forest full of bees. You start getting stung, you plant some

flowers on the other side of the woods. You don't start taking pot shots with your 12-gauge.

And don't fall for the baseless, "If we fight them over there, we don't have to fight them over here." That's simplistic, misapplied and cowardly.

God gave us brains to think for ourselves, not follow the advice of bumper stickers. Except for the chill-

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By Heather Connor

What do you wish for over the holidays this year?



"More than anything, peace and happiness for everybody in this world."

Lynn Williams
 Waterloo Township



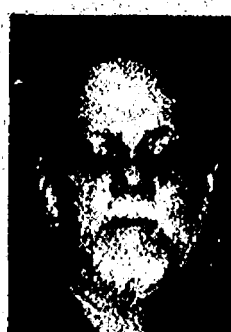
"Not so big bills. I'm trying to cut back a little this year."

Thomas Weastine
 Webster Township



"Peace on Earth.. Good will toward men."

Joyce Rowe
 Lima Township



"I'd like to get an iPod — one for myself and one for each daughter."

Tim Holman
 Lima Township

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LETTERS

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response that would punish those who had attacked us, to send the message that they had crossed a line and that we would not just toss a few cruise missiles at them and announce that we would hunt them down and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.

I suspect that those who were alive Dec. 7, 1941, had many of the same feelings. As a nation, we did respond after Dec. 7, 1941, and after Sept. 11, 2001, and interestingly enough, there do not seem to be many who are saying we should withdraw and abandon Afghanistan.

Based upon available intelligence, after months of trying to get the United Nations to take action against a country that had weapons of mass destruction, after the Congress had reviewed and approved, we attacked Iraq. With that attack, we made a commitment to the people of Iraq that we would remove an evil dictator and support the formation of an elected democratic government.

Now, many months later, some in our country say the current executive administration lied and withheld information from the American people and Congress in an effort to gain approval for an unjust invasion. Let's get this right. The prior administration, the United Nations and many other countries, based upon their own intelligence, had reached the same conclusions.

In retrospect, it's feasible that Iraq was running a bluff in an effort to keep its enemies at bay, including Iran. We should not rewrite history. That is what happened.

This is again a similarity to 1941. That administration was accused of knowing in advance of the attack on Pearl Harbor, but not taking steps to prevent it because the administration wanted to enter the war. This accusation has never been proven.

The accusation that the current administration deliberately misled Americans also has not been proven. If it is, I am confident that it will be dealt with promptly.

To those of you who so strongly believe that the United States should withdraw at once from Iraq, I ask the following questions:

- Why are re-enlistments in this all-volunteer armed forces at record highs? Could it be that our troops believe in their mission and what they are accomplishing?
- Why do you support an action that would adversely impact the trust that many countries place in America?
- Do you think that the terrorists would use a withdrawal to support their claim that America is evil and cannot be trusted?
- Would a premature withdrawal only create chaos and civil war, as well as retaliation against the Kurdish citizens of Iraq?
- Since we have not again been attacked on our soil,

why do you think that again assuming a passive position, the one held by the prior administration, is in our best interest?

We should fulfill the commitment to the people of Iraq and then we should withdraw. There should be no fixed timeline or schedule for that withdrawal. Such a timeline only encourages those that would do us harm.

Tim Kelley
Grass Lake

Put limit on 'left-wing' commentary in paper

The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader gave me another reason for thanking you when I received an issue just before Thanksgiving Day. The staff had mercy and did not inflict upon us another Other Voices column by Roy Schmidt.

I look to my local, community newspaper for information about local schools, local activities, local politics, etc.

If I ever think that I have not been insulted enough recently, I can always find the Maureen Dowd column in The Ann Arbor News or pick up a copy of The Nation.

There is plenty of left-wing propaganda available locally if people are interested (listen to WLBY radio 1290 AM if you want to hear the latest conspiracy theories). But please limit the amount you subject us to in our local newspaper.

Donald DeSmith
Dexter Township

Holidays a time to embrace, not exclude

There are traditional seasons greetings like Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Good Kwanzaa and then there is Maria Vaughan's own unique seasons greeting: "Don't be politically correct at Christmas" (Letters to the Editor, Nov. 17).

Perhaps if Santa brought Maria Vaughan some tolerance, she would not feel that inclusiveness "tramples" Christmas. Clearly, Maria Vaughan has failed to heed the important messages of the season:

Christmas, Dec. 25: celebrating the birth of the Lord, honors his message of peace and justice. Jesus preached unity, not division. He practiced multiculturalism, not racism.

"Love One Another As I Have Loved You" (John 13:31-35).

"Whatever you desire for men to do to you, you shall also do to them" (Matthew 7:7-12).

Maria Vaughan should have faith. Christianity is not under attack, especially not at Christmas.

Hanukkah also falls on Dec. 25 this year. Hanukkah celebrates freedom of religion, and the eight-day miracle that occurred on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem (now a Muslim holy site) 100 years before the birth of Christ.

Hanukkah means "Festival of Lights." Chelsea's annual Hometown Light Parade brings people together for an ecumenical celebration of luminaries and caroling. I

dearly hope Maria Vaughan attends.

Kwanzaa is observed Dec. 26. Kwanzaa celebrates unity, freedom, responsibility, cooperation, service, creativity and faith. Maria Vaughan sees honoring cultural values as an affront to the Christianity — "political correctness" run amok.

Boxing Day is also celebrated Dec. 26 (a busy weekend). A commonwealth tradition of charity toward public servants. On Boxing Day, many in England and Canada honor the dreadful responsibilities of our brave young soldiers, so far from home.

The holidays are a time to embrace, not to exclude. They are a time to practice tolerance, not racism; to wage peace, not war; to hold faith in the light of brotherhood; and to welcome the Grace of the Lord.

Happy Christmas/HanuKwanzaa!

David Bloom
Sylvan Township

First Amendment protects phrase

I felt compelled to respond to Maria Vaughan's letter ("Don't be politically correct at Christmas") Nov. 17 about Christianity being "attacked" and "trampled" by the use of the phrase "Happy Holidays."

No one has mandated the greeting "Happy Holidays" or banned "Merry Christmas." I would like to assure Ms. Vaughan that the First Amendment of the Constitution protects her right to wish anyone a "Merry Christmas." The First Amendment also protects everyone from the establishment of a state religion or the endorsement of religion.

By acknowledging that one out of four Americans is not Christian and including them in marketing campaigns is not "politically correct," it's simply business savvy.

The Christian religion is not being "trampled." Last time I checked, Christmas is still a federal holiday, unlike the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur or the Hindu Devoli. Don't the entire towns of Dexter and Manchester light up with luminaries on Christmas Eve?

No one is preventing you from sending Christmas cards. No one is preventing you or your church from hanging lights or staging a nativity scene. You can call your decorated evergreen tree a "Christmas tree." Though I would like to point out that long before a Christmas tree represented Christmas, decorated trees were used by pagans to honor the winter solstice. In fact, the Bible explicitly bans the tree practice in Jeremiah 10:2-4.

Though Christianity, in its many diverse sects, is the majority, the citizenry does not owe it hegemony or preference.

The Constitution protects all Americans. Yelling "persecution" when other religions get equal treatment along with Christianity is dishonest and unpatriotic. Demanding special treatment for one religion demonstrates the need for vigorous

enforcement of the First Amendment.

Wishing "Happy Holidays," is not meant to exclude, insult or devalue Christianity. It merely includes everyone in the spirit of goodwill and joy and what is more Christ-like than that?

Marka Eberle
Chelsea

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Headlee amendment to the Michigan Constitution was passed in 1978. It limited growth of state spending and taxes. Many have argued that Headlee is too restrictive, and unduly restrains government spending; the author below argues the opposite, pointing out that Lansing could increase taxes by more than \$560 per Michigan resident before reaching the Headlee cap.

We should adopt a taxpayer bill of rights

Most informed Michigan residents know that the revenue cap imposed by the 1978 Headlee constitutional amendment limits state spending, taxes and fees. What these same Michiganians probably do not know is that the Headlee limit looks increasingly unlikely to restrain the growth of state government.

Passed in the midst of a nationwide tax revolt, Headlee established that "the Legislature shall not impose taxes of any kind which, together with all other revenues of the state, federal aid excluded, exceed" 9.49 percent of the aggregate personal income of Michigan residents in any given year.

If revenues overrun the limit by 1 percent or more, the state must prorate and rebate the "overcharge" back to every person who paid personal income or business tax in the previous year.

The revenue cap in dollar terms has risen as personal income has grown. Some of that is due to inflation, but much of the increase has a happier cause: Our society and most families are wealthier now.

Given the presence of a mostly free-market system and the rule of law, this is not surprising. Despite attacks from those who hate of resent these institutions, history shows that when allowed to flourish, free markets and the rule of law always create more wealth and distribute it more widely.

There are lots of direct and indirect evidence for this. For example, the increasing wealth of most families can be seen in homeownership rates. In Michigan, even in its current economic malaise, 77.1 percent of households owned their own home in 2004, up from 70.7 percent 20 years ago.

For aggregate personal income growth, we have direct evidence. In constant 2003 dollars, Michigan's per capita personal income grew from the equivalent of \$24,144 in 1977, the year of the Headlee index, to \$31,189 in 2003 — a 29 percent increase in real terms.

Over the same period, the state's population rose from

9.20 million to 10.08 million. These are the components that combine to determine the Headlee revenue limit.

So has Headlee restrained tax and spending growth? The answer is an unequivocal "maybe." In its 26-year history, the cap was exceeded just three times, and only once by enough to trigger a rebate. In 19 of those years, revenue was at least \$500 million beneath the cap, and in 15 years, that cushion exceeded \$1 billion.

As a result of Proposal A in 1994, \$3.5 billion in school spending and revenue was shifted to the state, and still there was enough cushion to accommodate this change without triggering a rebate.

It's impossible to definitely conclude whether this history proves the cap was just too high to be effective, or the opposite: That it held back legislators from tax and fee hikes they might otherwise have passed.

The cap might have been effective in another way, too. Using personal income as the Headlee index gave the beneficiaries of government spending a stake in economic growth, possibly inhibiting the adoption of more economically damaging taxes and regulations.

Having said that, there is no question that since 2001 the Headlee cap has "run away" so far from actual revenues that it has become

irrelevant. In 1980, revenues were \$526 million less than the maximum amount allowed, a difference equal to 71 percent of actual spending. Fast forward to 2005: The revenue cap is \$29.84 billion, and actual revenues are \$24.16 billion, or 23.5 percent, without bumping against the cap.

This would translate into a tax increase of more than \$560 on every man, woman and child in the state.

Looked at another way, for the current Headlee cap of 9.49 of aggregate state personal income to limit spending and taxes by one penny, the per-capita annual income of Michigan residents would have to fall by more than \$5,900 (\$17,700 for a family of three). Alternatively, the state's population would have to decline by about 1.9 million. Either scenario would be highly unfortunate.

Michigan residents concerned about the growth of state government need to look closely at the Headlee amendment's constitutional cap on taxes, fees and spending. Perhaps now is the time to consider a more sure-fire way to limit the growth of government — a "taxpayer bill of rights" that caps state spending growth at the rate of inflation plus population growth.

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ingly correct, "We're making enemies faster than we can kill them."

We're in a hell of a mess. In Iraq we're fighting civilians, radicals and not an opposing army. The same thing happened in Vietnam, and the orders eventually became, "Just kill everybody." We're not winning in Iraq.

Here's the problem: We

can't walk away now.

I hate to say it, being a strong believer in peace and goodwill. But if we walk away, we leave the country in total chaos, we let down the innocent people of Iraq, we hand them over to the radical factions fighting for control.

At least life under Saddam was predictable. Tell me again why we didn't just send in a handful of Navy Seals, take him out and set up a puppet government like we used to do under Nixon and

Reagan?

It looks like the only real way to end this debacle is to try to get a real coalition, not Bush's "mother-of-all-coalitions." If we had any international political capital — and if we had a plan — and if we had some due dates, we could go to the rest of the world and put together a shocking, awesome military force. We could go in, finish this invasion, set up the government and hand things over to the Iraqi people with-

in a couple years.

We sure can't stay the course, not when there is no course.

We can't pull out, not after what we've done. We need to finish this thing.

We need to fold this hand and win the next deal.

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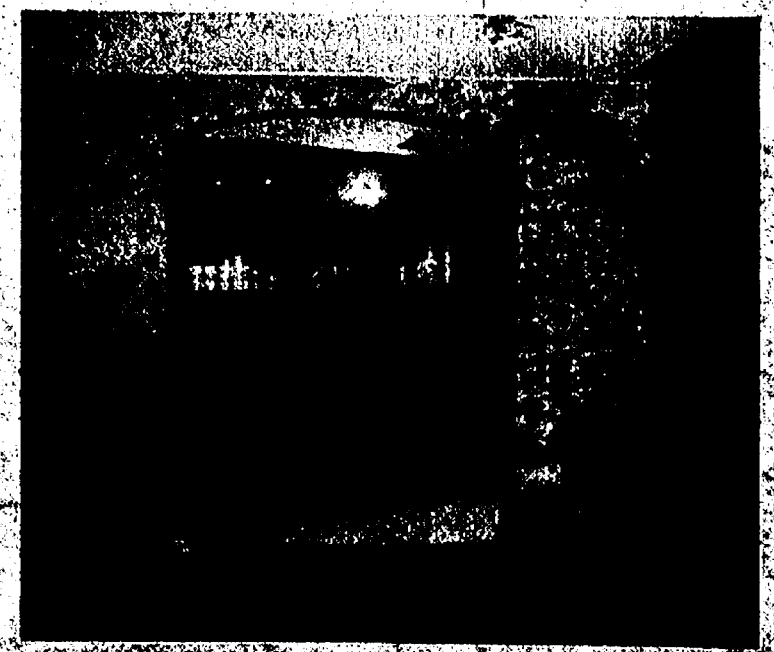


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A Job Well Done

The Chelsea Senior Center hosted more than 160 senior citizens Nov. 12 for a holiday dinner with entertainment provided by the Choral Connection. The annual gala was underwritten by Cole Funeral Home and Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home. The Chelsea National Honor Society served as wait staff for the evening and Marcia White-Parker (left), outgoing president of the board of directors, was honored with a plaque presented by incoming president Chuck Schauer and Tina Patterson, executive director of the senior center.

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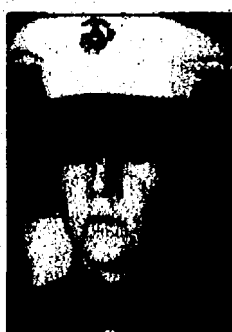
Zeigler ends training

Private Zachary Zeigler, 18, of Chelsea, a 2005 graduate of Chelsea High School, mastered 13 rigorous weeks of training Nov. 23 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Parris Island, S.C.

Following graduation, he will be required to complete three weeks of combat training at Camp Geiger in North Carolina. He will then receive training in the occupational

field of aviation maintenance. After completing the training, he will perform his duties in the Fleet Marine Force.

The son of Andrew and Kathy Zeigler of Chelsea, Zeigler enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Aug. 29. He enjoyed a 10-day period of leave after completing Marine Corps recruit training before attending the School of Infantry.



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HIGH: 34°-38° Mostly cloudy with some snow	LOW: 19°-23° Mostly cloudy	HIGH: 28°-32° Mostly cloudy, flurries; colder LOW: 15°-19°	HIGH: 32°-36° Rather cloudy with flurries LOW: 14°-18°	HIGH: 32°-36° Cold with some sun LOW: 16°-20°	HIGH: 30°-34° Cold with partial sunshine LOW: 18°-22°



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TRAVEL

Lansing, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties
 Low pressure will bring a period of snow to the region Thursday with accumulations expected to be around an inch. Winds will be west 8-16 mph.

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Four-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.
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 Thu: 10:54 a.m. 4:39 a.m. 11:23 p.m. 6:08 p.m.
 Fri: 11:54 a.m. 5:39 a.m. 12:10 a.m. 6:10 p.m.
 Sat: 12:54 a.m. 6:44 a.m. 1:26 a.m. 7:16 p.m.
 Sun: 1:57 a.m. 7:52 a.m. 2:28 p.m. 8:23 p.m.

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Temperatures:
 High for the week: 65°
 Low for the week: 7°
 Normal high: 42°
 Normal low: 29°
 Average temperature: 30.8°
 Normal average temperature: 35.9°

Precipitation:
 Total for the week: 1.28"
 Total for the month: 4.05"
 Total for the year: 26.35"
 Normal for the month: 2.79"
 % of normal this month: 145%
 % of normal this year: 82%

SUN AND MOON
 Sunrise Thursday: 7:44 a.m.
 Sunset Thu. night: 5:04 p.m.
 Moonrise Thursday: 8:01 a.m.
 Moonset Thursday: 4:47 p.m.

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City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	36/22/sn	30/18/af
Battle Creek	32/17/sn	26/15/af
Bay City	34/18/sn	28/15/af
Coldwater	35/19/sn	25/16/af
Dearborn	35/23/sn	32/19/af
Detroit	36/22/sn	32/18/af
Grand Rapids	31/19/sn	26/17/af
Holland	34/22/sn	27/19/af
Jackson	34/22/sn	30/18/af
Kalamazoo	34/17/sh	28/15/af
Lansing	34/16/sn	26/15/af
Livonia	36/21/sn	30/19/af
Midland	34/18/sn	28/15/af
Monroe	38/22/sn	29/18/af
Muskegon	33/22/sn	28/19/af
Pontiac	35/21/sn	29/18/af
Port Huron	38/23/sn	31/19/af
Saginaw	34/18/sn	27/15/af
Saline	36/21/sn	30/17/af
Sault Ste. Marie	29/17/sn	26/15/af
Sturgis	34/17/sn	28/16/af
Toronto	38/22/sn	30/17/af
Traverse City	33/17/sn	25/17/af
Warren	36/24/sn	31/21/af

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City	Thur. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W
Acapulco	80/75/pc	81/76/pc
Algiers	61/41/pc	64/47/pc
Amman	59/34/pc	48/39/pc
Athens	70/61/f	73/61/c
Auckland	76/57/pc	66/67/c
Bangkok	69/74/c	69/75/sh
Barcelona	69/78/pc	69/79/pc
Beijing	42/25/s	40/24/af
Beirut	77/69/pc	78/67/pc
Belgrade	39/33/f	46/39/sh
Berlin	39/30/pc	41/34/pc
Bogota	66/45/f	65/43/c
Buenos Aires	69/63/pc	69/68/pc
Cairo	67/64/s	69/66/s
Calgary	13/1/pc	15/1/af
Cape Town	70/59/s	71/57/pc
Copenhagen	33/30/pc	35/34/pc
Dublin	48/43/r	48/41/r
Frankfurt	36/26/pc	40/28/pc
Geneva	41/30/pc	42/41/af
Hong Kong	78/66/pc	77/65/pc
Istanbul	63/58/r	67/68/r
Jakarta	32/27/af	36/33/c
Jerusalem	79/58/s	81/60/s
Johannesburg	70/54/pc	78/64/pc
Karachi	84/58/s	81/55/s

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Albany	39/21/sn	27/18/af	Buffalo	37/28/s	31/23/af	Denver	42/23/pc	48/26/pc	Phoenix	51/32/pc	50/28/pc
Albuquerque	42/28/pc	37/22/af	Burlington, IA	32/15/c	29/17/pc	Des Moines	28/12/c	24/12/c	Portland, ME	47/30/pc	39/22/af
Anchorage	58/32/pc	57/33/pc	Burlington, VT	43/28/pc	38/22/af	Duluth	17/3/c	16/2/pc	Portland, OR	49/37/pc	48/33/pc
Atlanta	14/4/pc	17/11/c	Casper	30/22/pc	38/20/pc	El Paso	67/42/s	69/44/s	Providence	48/32/pc	43/25/af
Baltimore	58/38/pc	56/38/c	Cedar Rapids	31/11/sn	23/11/pc	Fairbanks	-4/23/sn	-16/26/s	Rapid City	25/1/pc	20/11/pc
Birmingham	49/28/pc	44/22/pc	Charleston, SC	64/39/s	61/38/s	Fargo	14/3/c	9/1/pc	Richmond	51/32/pc	51/28/pc
Bismarck	48/30/pc	44/22/pc	Charleston, WV	64/39/s	61/38/s	Flagstaff	54/27/pc	52/27/pc	St. Louis	41/22/pc	38/28/pc
Boston	21/7/pc	17/11/c	Chicago	34/20/sn	30/16/af	Fort Wayne	38/22/sn	33/18/pc	St. Paul	41/22/pc	38/28/pc
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Dexter

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Dexter girl in 'The Nutcracker' ballet

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

NUTCRACKER

When the lights go down and the curtain rises at the Detroit Opera House tonight, Emma Korte of Dexter will be living a dream.

The 10-year-old fifth-grader at Creekside Intermediate School is dancing in her first performance of "The Nutcracker" ballet. She is among 80 children selected to dance in the Joffrey Ballet's production, which also features performances by local youth choirs.

Emma, who dreams of one day performing in the Nutcracker's lead role of Clara, is dancing the role of a Russian doll, one of several "dolls" in the cast. She performs in both Act I and II of the ballet.

Based on ETA Hoffman's "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King," this version of the ballet is set in America, on Christmas Eve, 1850, and features elaborate Victorian scenery, and puppets by Kermit Love, known for his work with Muppet creator Jim Henson.

The dancers are accompanied by the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra performing Tchaikovsky's famous music.

The Detroit Opera House will also host two high school choirs, singing Christmas carols during intermissions.

Emma, the daughter of Jennifer and Jason Korte, has been dancing since she was 3 years old. She started in the "Tiny Tots" program at the American Dance

Academy in South Lyon, where the family made their home until moving to Dexter a couple of years ago.

Emma travels to South Lyon for four dance classes a week. "She just loves it," her mother says. "She likes to do all kinds of dance — ballet, tap, jazz — but she's very serious about ballet."

In late September, Emma and several of her friends at the dance academy auditioned for the ballet. After a 10-hour day, each was rewarded by landing a role, many of them in a party scene.

It has been a whirl of dance activity since then, with mandatory rehearsals every Saturday and Sunday. A big commitment for a youngster, but one that Emma, who dreams of a career as a dancer, is willing to give.

"I'm very excited," she said. "I've done lots of dance recitals at the studio, but I've never been in a show like this before."

The sound of audience applause is music to her ears.

"Especially when you dance a solo, and people are clapping for you. It feels really good," she said.

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Thai student enjoying stay Cox family opens home as host family

By Heather Kilpatrick
Special Writer

Rungroj Lapngamphian, 16, is a senior at Dexter High School, a member of the JV soccer team, a sports fan and a computer enthusiast. Sounds like the typical all-American guy, right?

But he isn't. Rungroj Lapngamphian, who goes by the nickname "Benz," is a foreign exchange student from Thailand living in Webster Township with his host parents, John and Ashleigh Cox.

Lapngamphian made the decision to become an exchange student about a year ago. After the yearlong process, which included a special exam, obtaining a passport and permission to enter the country, he was accepted into the American Field Service program and paired with the Cox family.

In Thailand, Lapngamphian lives with his family, including his father, mother, grandmother and 12-year-old brother. In Dexter, his host family is made up of John and Ashleigh, and Ashleigh's youngest child, 10-year-old Zane.

"(My parents) were proud for me," Lapngamphian said. "They wanted me to come here to get new experiences."

The Coxes learned that they had been paired with Lapngamphian not long before his arrival.

"We decided to become a host family about a month before the final draw," John Cox said. "We applied and were accepted, and were in contact with Lapngamphian and his family about two weeks before he came to the United States."

Lapngamphian will live with the family and go to school in Dexter for a year. So far, it already has been an exciting experience, as plans are regularly made for the foreign exchange students in the American Field Service program.

"There's a big list, over there," Lapngamphian said, pointing to a long schedule of events on the refrigerator.

The fun began about two weeks after he attended a putt-putt golf outing, and the fun hasn't stopped since.

"They went to Detroit for the Art Institute, and to see Greek Town and tour the city," Cox said.

While there, the students saw the Detroit River and Canada from the shores of Detroit. Since Lapngamphian is only granted one entry into the United States, he couldn't cross the border.

"They had a Halloween party last

month and they'll be having a Christmas party, too," Cox said. "They make plans at least every 30 days."

As Lapngamphian's host family, the Coxes have taken it upon themselves to give the teen a grand tour of the state, as well. They will be taking him to the upcoming tree-lighting ceremony at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, and also plan to take him on an adventure this spring.

"We're going to make a trip up to Mackinac Island in the spring before he heads back," Cox said.

This is perfect for Lapngamphian, whose favorite subject in school is history, particularly Michigan's history.

"I want to see the Great Lakes because they are unique to the state," he said. "I want to see the history. It's interesting to me."

The student's stay is also a learning experience for his host family.

"It's different," Cox said. "It's interesting to see what other cultures think of the United States and what they know about us, and what the students understand about the policies in the United States."

When Lapngamphian isn't busy touring the near and far attractions of Michigan, he's soaking up life in his

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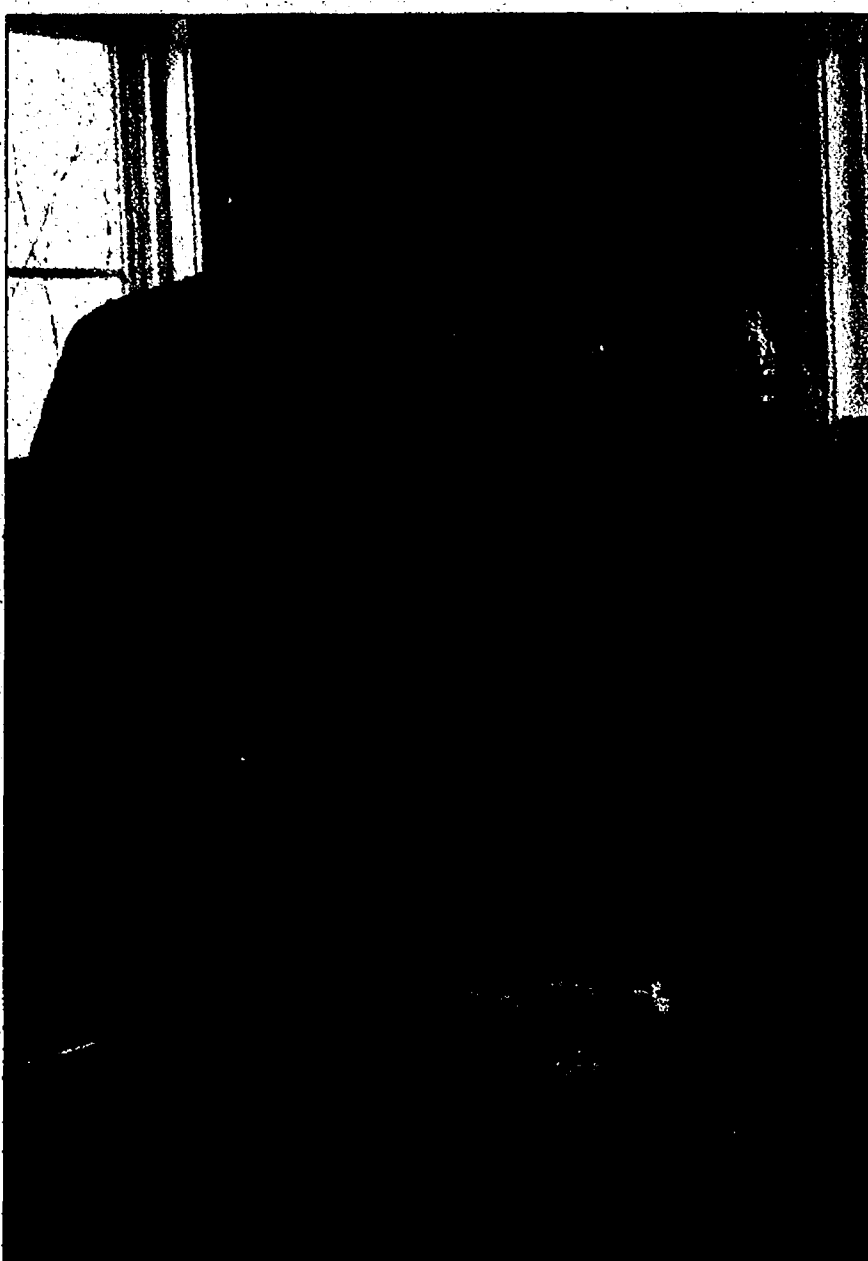


Photo by Heather Kilpatrick

Rungroj Lapngamphian and John Cox are getting to know each other through the American Field Service program. The teen is staying with Cox and his family, wife Ashleigh and 10-year-old Zane, and attending classes at Dexter High School.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Friday, Dec. 2

A bake sale fund-raiser will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chelsea Retirement Community, 801 W. Middle St. Proceeds will benefit residents of the Chelsea Retirement Community.

Friday, Dec. 2 through

Sunday, Dec. 4

The 18th annual Chelsea Hometown Holidays will feature a variety of activities for the family in downtown Chelsea. The event will include visits with Santa. In addition, merchants will host special activities, and there will be cookie decorating and a holiday light parade on Saturday. The event concludes Sunday with the Festival of Lessons and Carols. For more information, visit the Web site www.chelseafestivals.com.

Saturday, Dec. 3

Golden Griffin will perform from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., in Chelsea as part of the Morning Mochas and Melodies program.

Boy Scouts from Chelsea Troop 425 will sell Christmas wreaths, swags and grave blankets from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside Chelsea State Bank, 1010 S. Main St., at the corner of M-52 and Old US-12. For information, call 475-1568.

A book sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. The book sale is sponsored by Friends of Chelsea District Library. For more information, call Sharon Pignaneli at 475-5829.

A book signing at Cranesbill Books will feature author Gabriel Weirich, who will sign "Confessions of a Jewish Priest" from 2 to 4 p.m. at 108 E. Middle St. in Chelsea. For more information, call 433-2665.

Friends of 4 Friends Holiday Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chelsea Fairgrounds Service Center building. The show will feature glass art, wood carvings, pastels, dolls and illustrations.

Saturday, Dec. 3 and

Sunday, Dec. 4

Christmas on the Farm will be

held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at Waterloo Farm Museum, 9998 Waterloo-Munith Road, in Waterloo Township. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children ages 5 to 17 years old. For more information, call 1-517-596-2254 or visit the Web site at www.waterloofarmmuseum.org.

Sunday, Dec. 4

Advent by Candlelight for Women ministry will be held 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St., in Chelsea. The free event will include music, beverages and dessert. Reservations are required. For more information or to register, call 433-1896 or 475-1404.

Chelsea Chamber Players Hometown Holiday Concert will have two performances at 3 and 7 p.m. at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St., in Chelsea. Admission is free. For more information, visit the Web site www.chelseachamberplayers.com or call 475-0433.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Chelsea Community Hospital, Woodland Room B, 775 S. Main St. The blood drive is open to the public. For more information, call 971-5300.

The Lyndon Township Board is having an informational meeting on the Neighborhood Watch Program presented by the Michigan State Police 7 p.m. at Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 North Territorial Road. For more information, call Katie Francis at 475-1174.

Thursday, Dec. 8

American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Grams Hall, 128 E. Park St., in Chelsea. The blood drive is open to the public. For more information, call 971-5300.

Friday, Dec. 9 through

Sunday, Dec. 11

Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan presents "The Nutcracker" ballet 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday at Chelsea High School auditorium, 740 N. Freer Road. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$8 for senior citizens and students. For more information, call 475-3070.

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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. Call 1-800-337-3827.

Books & Banter Group meets 1:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Copies of the books are available for registered readers. For information, call 475-8732.

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

Friends of Chelsea District Library meets on a regular basis. For more information, call Marie Brooks at 475-8732 or Jennifer Kundak at 475-2424.

Mastering Motherhood group meets every Thursday during the school year from 9:15 to 11 a.m. at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. The group provides support to mothers through weekly meetings, discussions and book studies. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, call 475-1391.

Senior Nutrition Program meets noon every Thursday 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 Center Great Room. Call 475-1462.

Bingo is held 6:30 p.m. every Friday night at Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, 7103 Lingane Road, in Chelsea. Call 475-7910.

Saturday

Hope 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. Call 475-3305.

Western Washtenaw Republicans meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Cleary's Pub, 113 S. Main St. Call 996-9467.

German Social Club meets 1 p.m. the last Saturday of the month at Wolverine restaurant, 20460 Old US-12. Call 475-1583.

Prayerful Hands Group meets monthly at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St., in Chelsea. The group knits, crochets, sews and quilts for those in need. For more information, call the church at 475-1404 or 475-1295.

Sunday

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

Monday

Al-Anon meets 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-1462.

Chelsea AA group meetings are held 8:30 p.m. Monday, 8 p.m. Thursday, 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Chelsea hospital dining room, and noon on Tuesday and Wednesday at First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle St.

Chelsea Area Garden Club meets noon the second Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Call 475-1493.

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-6128.

Lima Township Board meets 8 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road. For more information, call 475-2246.

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

Taste of Home Café serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. It's open to the public with a \$2.50 donation for senior citizens 60 years or older and \$5 for all others. Reservations are required one day in advance. For information or reservations, call 475-9242.

Overeaters Anonymous meets 6 to 7 p.m. every Monday at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road. Call 995-1835.

Tuesday

Chelsea District Library Board meets 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Washington Street Education Center, 500

Washington St.

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

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

Euchre Party is held 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center, 512 E. Washington St. Call 475-9242.

Grandparents as Parents program is held 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Call 712-3625.

Senior Computing: One to One workshop is held from 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Tuesdays each month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. There is no charge, but registration is required. To register or for more information, call 475-8732.



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

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

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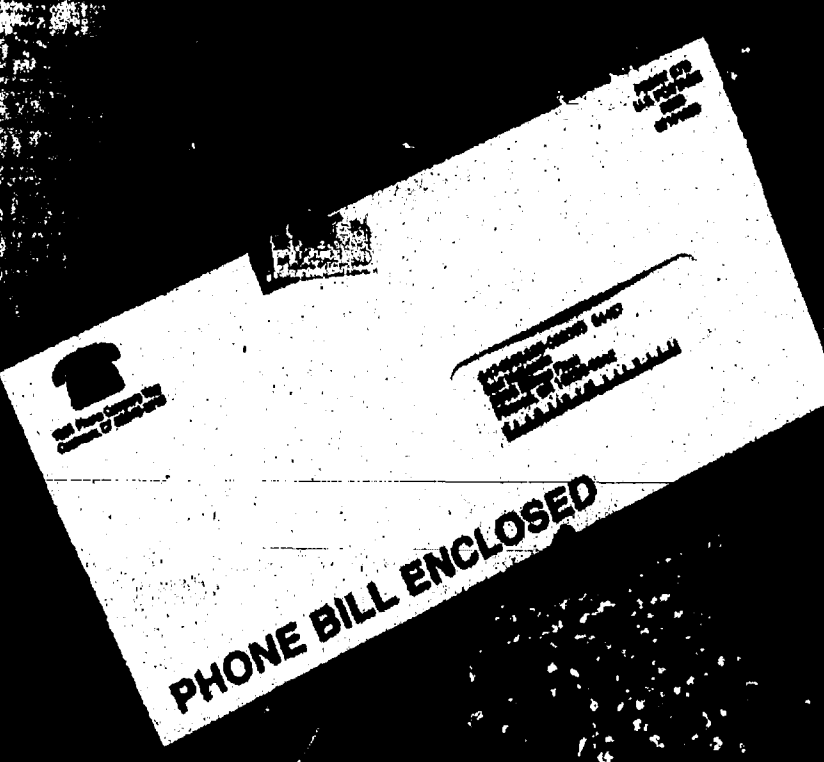
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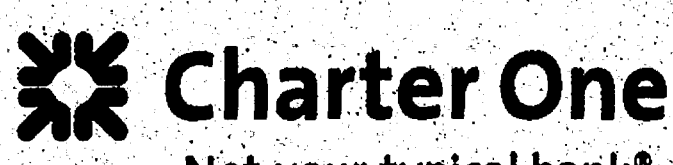
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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Bohjanen, Bauer tie the knot in Chelsea

Lindsay Bohjanen of Kentwood and James Bauer of Chelsea were married Oct. 1 at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Chelsea.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Jenny Bohjanen of Kentwood. The groom is the son of Jim and Kati Bauer of Chelsea.

The maid of honor was Shannon Southland of Kentwood.

The bridesmaids were Kendra Williams of Grand Rapids, Randi Sherwin of Grand Rapids, Kristin Southland of Kentwood and Theresa Antinori of Grand Rapids.

Richard Wade of Chicago was the best man.

The groomsmen were Chris Bauer of Chelsea, D.J. Zylstra of Grand Rapids, Tom Hohman of Grand Rapids and Todd Pearsall of Ann Arbor.

April Bohjanen of Kentwood, sister of the bride, was the flower girl.

A reception was held at the Comfort Inn in Chelsea. The couple honeymooned in Curacao. They reside in Wyoming, Mich.

The bride graduated from Kentwood High School and from Grand Rapids Community College.

The groom graduated from Chelsea High School and from Grand Valley State University in Allendale.



McIntosh, Tomshany exchange vows

Rickelle McIntosh of Chelsea and Jason Tomshany of Pinckney were married Sept. 17 at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Dexter. Paul Tomshany, the groom's grandfather, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Vicki Erskine of Stockbridge. The groom is the son of Tim Tomshany of Fowlerville and Lynn Harvey of Pinckney.

The matron of honor was Noel Lasho of Brighton. The bridesmaids were Lori Mayrand of Dexter, Danielle Berry of Pleasant Lake, Tracy Mclean of Dexter and Lesia Cobb of Dexter.

Jason Mclean of Dexter

was the best man. The groomsmen were Jamie Mayrand of Dexter, Paul Tomshany of Dexter, Doug Kennedy of Pinckney and Jamie Cobb of Dexter.

Caitlyn Tomshany, the newlywed's 3-year-old daughter, was the flower girl. The ring bearer was Ethan Dunahoo, also 3 years old.

A reception was held at the Knights of Columbus in Dexter. The couple will honeymoon in Aruba early next spring. They reside in Pinckney.

The bride is a receptionist for Silver Maples, a retirement community in Chelsea. The groom is a crew leader for L-N-J Landscape and Lawn care.



Janukaitis to wed Diesing

Mitzi Janukaitis of Pinckney and James Diesing of Chelsea are engaged and planning a June 10, 2006, wedding at Zion Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor.

The future bridegroom is the son of David and Jane Diesing of Chelsea. He is a graduate of Chelsea High School and has a bachelor's degree in marketing from Michigan State University. He is the finance manager at Faist-Diesing Chevrolet Buick Dealership in Chelsea.

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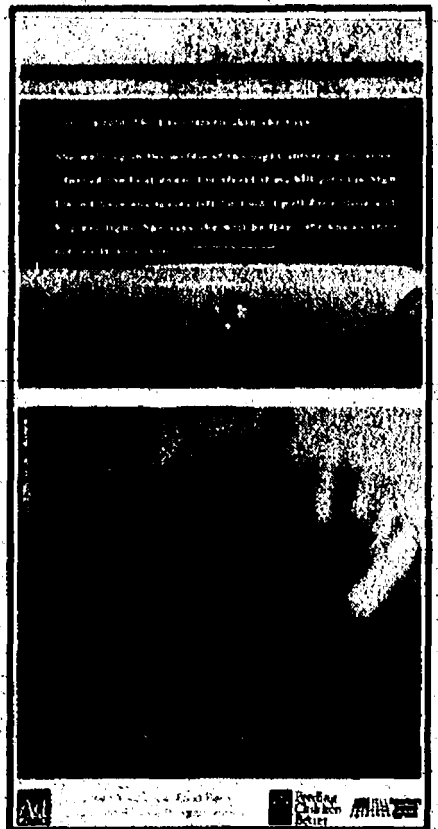
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BIRTHS

A son, Gavin Alexander, was born Oct. 2 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago to Kelly and Erik Brown of Chicago. Maternal grandparents are Phil and Shirley Jackson of Pinckney. Paternal grandparents are Ed and Barbara Brown of Chelsea. Great-grandparents are Merle and Stella Davis of Chelsea, Irene Jameson of Ypsilanti, and Ed Jackson of Sebring, Fla.

A daughter, Georgia Faye, was born Oct. 15 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township to Kathy and Marty Fletcher of Whitmore Lake. Maternal grandparents are Jack and Faye Wiseley of Dexter. Paternal grandparents are Norm and Sandy Fletcher, formerly of Chelsea. Georgia has three brothers, Griffin, 6, and Carter and Brady, both 21 months.



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Wednesday

Chelsea Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4076, 105 N. Main St., meets 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. Call 475-1448.

Muscle Toning class held every Wednesday 11 a.m. at the Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington Street. Chair exercises followed by walking. The class is free and open to the public. For more information, call 475-9242.

Narcotics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Chelsea Community Hospital, main dining room, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

The Evening Primrose Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St.

DEXTER

Friday, Dec. 2

A community tree lighting ceremony will be held 7 p.m. and will be followed by caroling in Monument Park in Dexter.

Saturday, Dec. 3

The Luminaria Kit Workshop will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dexter Commerce Building, 8005 Main St., in Dexter. Volunteers should enter in the back. Drivers are also needed to deliver the kits to Huron Farms and Westridge subdivisions.

Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4

Dexter schoolchildren will perform with the Brighton City Ballet in "The Nutcracker" ballet 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday at Jane Tasch Performing Arts Theatre on M-36 in Pinckney. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for children, teens and senior citizens. For information, call 1-810-229-7690.

Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4

Dexter Victorian Christmas will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the village of Dexter. The event will include photos with Santa, art-and-craft shows, Christmas caroling and sales at downtown shops.

Sunday, Dec. 4

American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 Huron River Drive, in Dexter. The blood drive is open to the public. For more information, call 971-5300.

"Hiking along the Huron-Exploring the Burns-Stokes Preserve" will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at Burns-Stokes Preserve on Zeeb Road in Dexter. Parking will be available in the Sweepster parking lot located off Zeeb Road, just north of the Huron River. For more information, call 971-6337.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dexter High School, Band room 121, 2200 N. Parker Road. The blood drive is open to the pub-

lic. For more information, call 971-5300.

Thursday, Dec. 8

Understanding Alzheimer's program will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Generations Together, 2801 Baker Road, in Dexter. For information, call 677-3081 or visit the Web site www.alzmgreatlakes.org.

Pipplin Puppets live performance of "Rudolph! Rudolph! Where's Your Nose?" will be held 7 p.m. at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. The puppet show is free and open to the public. No registration is required. For more information, call 426-4477.

Saturday, Dec. 10

Victorian Christmas Light Parade will take place 10:30 a.m. in downtown Dexter. Floats, vehicles and marching units are encouraged to participate. Call the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce at 426-0887 to reserve a spot in the parade.

Tour Mill Creek and Mill Pond Dam by bus from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The event is free, but registration is required by Dec. 6. For more information and to register, call 769-5123 or e-mail enggs@hrwc.org.

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 Community Band meets from 7 to 9 p.m. every Thursday at the Dexter High School band room, 2200 N. Parker Road. 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 to 8:30 a.m. every Thursday at Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road.

Dexter Downtown Development Authority meets 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the 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 Thursdays at DAPCO Industries, 2500 Bishop Circle East, in Dexter. Call 426-8549.

Girlfriends Inc. is for women of all ages. The group meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Call 424-3404.

Friday

Friends of Dexter District Library meets 10 a.m. the second Friday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. Call 426-4477.

Saturday

Monthly Book Sale by the Friends of the Dexter District Library will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the first Saturday of each month through June at the library, 8040 Fourth St.

Monday

Dexter Board of Education meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth

Mondays at Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road, in Dexter.

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

Dexter Village Council meets 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

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

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

Tuesday

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

Dexter Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St. Call 426-8299 or e-mail bjlansdell@cs.com.

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Light-house Cafe, 8124 Main St., in Dexter.

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

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

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

Wednesday

Dexter American Legion Auxiliary meets 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. Call 426-3112.

Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Committee meets 8 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Chamber Conference Room, 8005 Main St. For more information, call 426-0887.

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

La Leche League meets monthly on Wednesday mornings in Dexter. The league is a support and information group for pregnant and nursing mothers. For more information, call 426-5648.

TOPS Weight Loss Group meets weekly from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor-Dexter Road. Call 426-4031 for more information.

Western Washtenaw Democrats meets 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at the IBEW Hall, 7920 Jackson Road, in Scio Township. For more information, call 475-8551.



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Fall Preview

Amy Larkin and Luke Burke show off the leaf patterns that they learned in teacher Kathy Shannon's morning kindergarten class at Bates Elementary School.

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CHELSEA

'Nutcracker' cast looking forward to performance

Holiday ballet to be held at the Chelsea Performing Arts Center

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

For the past seven years, Chelsea audiences have been treated to the magic of Tchaikovsky's classic holiday ballet "The Nutcracker" performed by the Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan.

The ballet, about a young girl whose magical nutcracker soldier transports her to a wondrous fairyland on Christmas Eve, returns for its eighth year with four performances at Chelsea High School Dec. 9 through 11.

"It's becoming a popular holiday event," said the theater's spokeswoman, Diane Elwart of Chelsea, whose daughter, Marissa, is one of the dancers. "Last year, we sold approximately 2,600 tickets during our four shows."

The ballet is choreographed by Wendi DuBois, who says the show is a fun production for everyone involved, as well as a great holiday tradition for its audiences.

Young dancers from Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, Grass Lake, Pinckney, Ann Arbor and other surrounding communities will hit the stage with such well-known characters as the nutcracker soldier, Herr Drosselmeier, the rat queen, the snow queen, dancing dolls and more.

This year, 70 female and male dancers auditioned to be in Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan.

"The male dancers generally do not audition as they are in quite high demand," Elwart said.

As dancer Josh Tisch put it, "It's a good workout throwing girls around all day."

Tisch is among 24 male dancers in the performance — five male company members younger than 18, 14 male guest performers younger than 18 and five other male guest dancers 18 or older.

"It's fun to perform in front of your family and friends to show all the hard work you have done," said Steve Courson of Dexter.

Not all the action takes place on stage. More than 50 parent volunteers do everything from sewing costumes to making sets.

"All the dancers and parents put in many, many hours of long hard work to make this production happen," Elwart said.

Rehearsals begin early in September. By October, most of the cast members work on Saturday afternoons and rehearsals for a good part of the day on Sundays.

The Pas de Deux rehearsals begin at 11 a.m. on Sundays and these soloist dancers usually stay until 6 p.m., rehearsing for other roles and helping other dancers. Upper-level dancers spend 15 or more hours per week dancing.

"Even our younger dancers take class two to three times per week and rehearse an additional two to four hours on the weekends," Dubois said.

It may be hard work, but these young dancers are passionate and committed to their craft.

"It's very fun to take part in such a wonderful performance," said Hannah Smyczynski of Pinckney.

Chelsea dancer Sarah Eckart echoes the sentiment.

"The Nutcracker performance is a lot of hard work, but it's a lot of fun and goes by fast," she said.

Alyssa Alder of Grass Lake, who will dance the role of the sugarplum fairy, says she looks forward to "The Nutcracker" all year.

Chelsea's Scott Longpre, for whom Christmas wouldn't be complete without "The Nutcracker," says he's happy to be a part of it.

Adds Marissa Elwart: "I love it because of all the different parts you can be."

Marissa, 13, an eighth-grader at Beach Middle School in Chelsea, has three roles this year: a toy soldier, a maiden of Marzipan and a jester.

"I love to dress up in all of the different costumes," she said. "It makes me feel pretty to put make-up and a costume on and then dance in it."

"I get very nervous and excited before I perform my roles. Then when I'm on stage, I think about doing my best for Wendi and the audience."

One of the nicest parts about "The Nutcracker" is the tradition of working as a team to build a production, Dubois said.

"We have wonderful youth mentoring happening within YDT. The older company members help younger members with their roles. Many of our younger members who have been with YDT for a year or two, in turn, try to help new members feel at home within the organization."

Lauren Nickels of Manchester enjoys mentoring others.

"The Nutcracker is fun to do because you can make new friends and help the newest dancers," she said.

Graduates of the program often return to teach and help with rehearsals. Sarah Hughes, one of the seniors from last year — and a former sugarplum fairy — returned

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Photo by Alex Weddon

A Historic Day

Sylvia Gilbert (left), Donna Lane and state Rep. Pam Byrnes, D-52nd District, all of Chelsea gather in front of the Park Lane Beach historical marker during dedication ceremonies held Nov. 19 in front of North Lake's Inverness Country Club. Gilbert was recognized for her efforts in documenting the history of the area. Recognizing the contributions of early settlers, the Park Lane Beach marker commemorates the establishment of North Territorial Road to direct settlers through the Michigan Territory, John Glenn's arrival in 1833, the organization and building of the first Methodist church and Mary White's creation of the trading post that eventually became the Inverness Inn. It's the 53rd historical marker placed in Washtenaw County since the program's inception.

CHELSEA

Library to hold book sale

Chelsea District Library Friends will hold its monthly book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Washington Street Education Center location.

The book sale was resurrected at the Washington Street library location in September after construction on McKune House forced discontinuance of the sales in 2004.

Sharon Pignaneli, chairwoman of the book sale, said she is anticipating a large crowd at the next sale

because it's before the holidays. She said many books, CDs and DVDs have been dropped in the library's donation bin.

"Sales attendance, donations and proceeds have increased with each sale as word spreads that the book sale is back," she said.

STUDENT

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home-away-from-home Dexter.

"I like it here," he said. "It's quiet. The neighborhood is good and the city is nice."

Lapngamphian also enjoys school life.

"It's fun and I like everything," he said. "The people are all very good. They help me with everything and, mostly, they have a good sense of humor."

In the fall, Lapngamphian played goalkeeper, defense and forward as a member of the JV soccer team at Dexter High School.

"Goalkeeper is my favorite," he said. "It's the position I played very often in Thailand."

In addition to being an athlete, he is also a good student.

"Benz's grades are in the A to B average range, and they should be in all-A range next time," Cox said. "He's doing really well with the language barriers."

Lapngamphian began learning the basics of English in Thailand about four or five years ago.

"I feel better, now," he said. "That is my native lan-

guage and English was hard to learn."

So far, the stay has been a good experience for Lapngamphian.

"I decided to go here because I thought it would be a new experience and it would challenge me, and it does," he said.

The Cox family is also happy with the results.

"We're having a lot of fun," John Cox said. "We were very fortunate to get Benz. Some foreign exchange students are not used to the culture at all. They're used to being able to stay out all night, and when you take that away, they won't be happy. But Benz's not like that. He's doing very well."

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EASY # 16

Introducing Sudoku

Sudoku is a placement puzzle and is also known as number place.

The aim of the puzzle is to enter a number from 1 through 9 in each cell of a grid, starting with various "given" numbers in some cells. Each row, column and region must contain only one instance of each number.

Completing the puzzle requires patience and modest logical ability (although some puzzles can be very difficult).

First published in the United States, Sudoku initially became popular in Japan and attained international popularity in 2005.

The numerals in Sudoku puzzles are used for convenience; arithmetic relationships between numerals are not important.

Rules and guidelines:

The puzzle is most frequently a 9x9 grid made up of 3x3 "regions." Some cells already contain numbers, known as "givens."

The goal is to fill in the empty cells, placing one number in each, so that each column, row, and region contains the numbers 1 through 9 exactly once.

Each number in the solution therefore occurs only once in each of three directions.

The attraction of the puzzle is that the completion rules are simple, yet the line of reasoning required for completion may be difficult.

Published puzzles often are ranked in terms of difficulty. This also may be expressed by giving an estimated solution time.

While the greater the number of givens, the easier the solution, and the opposite is not necessarily true. The true difficulty of the puzzle depends upon how easy it is to logically determine subsequent numbers.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

Tantre Farm one of the community's jewels

Local farmers regulars at market

Everyone who comes to the Chelsea Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings from May through October knows Deb Lentz from her friendly smile and willingness to educate her customers on her fresh, organically grown produce.

Lentz's calm and personable spirit makes a visit to her booth more than just a quick stop for your fresh produce for the week. She makes everyone feel at home there.

Every Saturday, rain or shine, Lentz and one of her interns can be seen with baskets and crates bursting over with fresh produce. Tantre Farm has been selling its home-grown, organic produce at the Chelsea Farmers' Market for five years. Regular customers of the market have come to rely on Lentz for their weekly supply of hearty vegetables and flowers.

What Lentz says she enjoys most about the market is the camaraderie of the vendors and the friendliness of the customer. The atmosphere at the market is supportive and cheery, she said.

Tantre Farm, 2510 Hayes Road in Sylvan Township, was established in 1993 and was certified organic the same year. The farm is 40 acres and offers more than 50 varieties of vegetables, herbs, flowers and some berries.

Lentz and Richard Andres own the farm. Andres has been farming all of his life and Lentz was raised on a 160-acre sustainable beef farm in southeastern Minnesota. So, their love for farming stems all the way back to the beginning of their roots.

The farm originally started out as wholesale vegetable production farm. In 2001, it was established as a community-supported

agriculture group. Today there are more than 160 members.

Community-supported agriculture is a way for the small farmer to directly market produce to the community. The community, in turn, directly supports its local farmers by purchasing an annual share of the farm's produce. It allows the community to receive fresh, just-picked produce.

Tantre Farm also offers group members a cookbook. The cookbook is a complete guide, including information on how to store the produce, recipes on all produce, along with tips on how to prepare it.

The cookbook also helps to reintroduce produce that has gone out of fashion. Community-supported agriculture groups are popular around the world.

With such a variety of produce, it takes more than two people to keep the farm operating. So, Tantre Farm offers internships on farming. The interns are offered a family-type atmosphere, along with room and board while teaching every aspect of organic farming.

This season, the farm has six interns. They join Andres, Lentz and the couple's young daughter for every meal while living as a family. The atmosphere at Tantre Farm is so uplifting and motivating, Lentz says, that it's not uncommon for interns to return for a second season, and most all interns return sooner or later for a visit.

Everyone is on a schedule, taking turns cooking and cleaning, which allows them an opportunity to learn how to prepare and cook the produce that they just picked fresh from the fields.

— Submitted by Debbie Rydzon



Photo courtesy of Debbie Rydzon
Richard Andres takes a break from his work with his calf, Peaches. He is restoring a 100-year-old building on the property.

CAST

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this year as one of Dubois' primary rehearsal assistants.

"The Nutcracker" is truly a magical production for audiences and cast members alike. Dubois said, recalling her own excitement as a young dancer, "standing in the wings listening to the beginning of the overture play, and feeling the excitement and energy of the performance."

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"Each role is important to this process — the smallest party child, the mysterious Drosselmeier, the valiant nutcracker, the beautiful sugarplum fairy and her handsome Cavalier, and of course, the child we all want to be — Marie, who is treated to a wonderful Christmas gift of a dream."

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Discounted groups tickets are available for the Saturday matinee performance for affiliated groups of 10 people or more.

Dec. 11 at the Chelsea High School Auditorium, 740 N. Freer Road, in Chelsea.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$8 for students, seniors and children. Reserved seat tickets are available at The Glass Slipper in Chelsea, The Dancer's Boutique in Ann Arbor, by phone or at the door.

To reserve tickets or for more information, call 475-3070.

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Giving Thanks

Jim Lester of Dexter is thankful for bread that Country Market and Busch's ValuLand donate to the Dexter Senior Center. The center, located at the former Copeland Elementary School in Dexter, attracts seniors from the Dexter area.

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CHELSEA AREA

Local couple recognized for dedication to 4-H Graus receive Alumni Award

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Years of dedication to 4-H have paid off for the Grau family.

Dan and Kathy Grau of Chelsea were honored Oct. 29 at the 4-H Recognition Program with the 4-H Alumni Award, and their son, Jeff, received the Danforth Award, which honors 4-H members for their leadership roles and experience.

The Alumni Award is given to people who were involved in 4-H as youngsters and continued to be involved as adults, and the Graus are a perfect example.

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**Nancy Thelen
MSU Extension Director
Washtenaw County**

Both Dan and Kathy were members of 4-H while they were growing up. Dan attended Chelsea schools and belonged to the Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club, showing sheep, dairy and beef. Kathy attended Dexter schools and belonged to the now-defunct Scio Lodi Junior Farmers 4-H Club. She showed beef, and participated in cooking, sewing and craft projects.

Both were recognized for their achieve-

ments back then, as well as their work today with the Saline 4-H Farmers.

Kathy is also co-adviser of the Washtenaw County Teen Club. Members range from 12 to 18 years old. The group is committed to serving the community through service projects.

"Our group just completed a petting farm at the Saline Evangelical Home. Many of the residents at the home were farmers themselves. To see the farm animals is very therapeutic for them," she said.

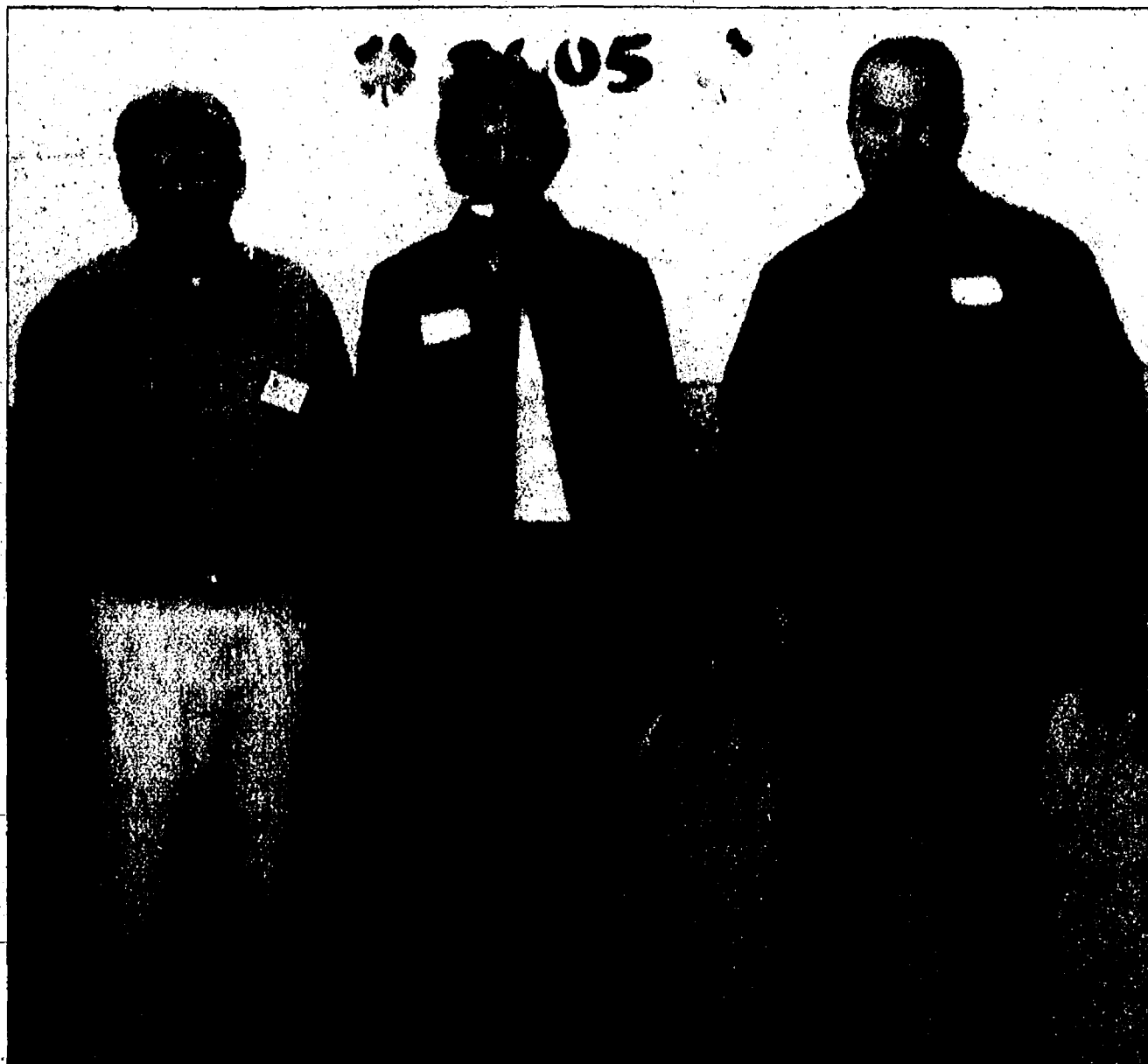
The Graus continued with the tradition of 4-H in their family when their children, Cindy and Jeff, were old enough to participate. Jeff shows beef, sheep and dairy and Cindy is now in college.

As part of his award, Dan was recognized for his work as president of the Washtenaw County 4-H Livestock and Dairy Committee, which governs the livestock division of the 4-H Youth Show. He is also co-adviser of the 4-H Junior Livestock Committee, helping direct the livestock activities at the 4-H Youth Show.

Fran Baldus of Dexter also received an award that evening for 50 years of leadership to 4-H.

"My husband and I were both honored to receive the award. We had no idea that we were getting it," she said.

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Washtenaw County Commissioner Mark Ouimet (left), R-1st District, congratulates Dan and Kathy Grau of Chelsea for receiving the 4-H Alumni Award.

ANN ARBOR

Theater raises money

An Arbor Civic Theatre held a benefit performance of its Junior Theatre production of "Dorothy Meets Alice" Nov. 4 to benefit the young victims of hurricanes Katrina and Wilma.

The theater raised \$460 — the entire proceeds from its sold-out performance — and is working through the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation to donate the money toward a fund to benefit children affected by the hurricanes, according to a press release from the theater.

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre's Junior Theatre is a program for area youth in fourth through 12th grades. Twice a year, Junior Theatre presents children's shows to area families and provides opportunities for young actors to learn about and participate in live theater.

The spring Junior Theatre production will be "The Reluctant Dragon," which runs May 18 through 21 at Washtenaw Community College's theater.

For more information, call 971-2228 or visit the Web site www.a2ct.org.

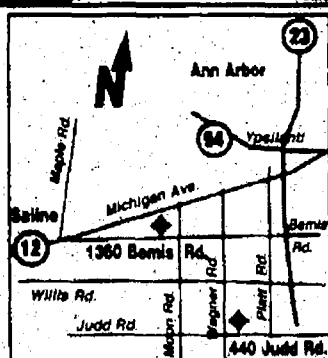


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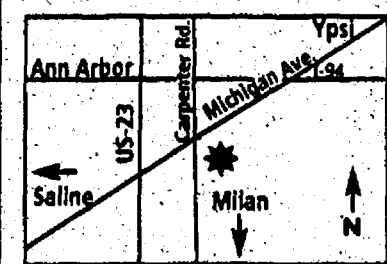
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PEOPLE

Local residents who signed up for Chelsea Community Education's "Home Repairs Made Easy" class learned about those bothersome repairs that no one ever wants to get around to doing. Instructor Larry Lohey of Manchester invited those interested in electrical repairs to come and see just how easy it can be to repair some things. Students learned the basics of small repairs on lamps and other gadgets.



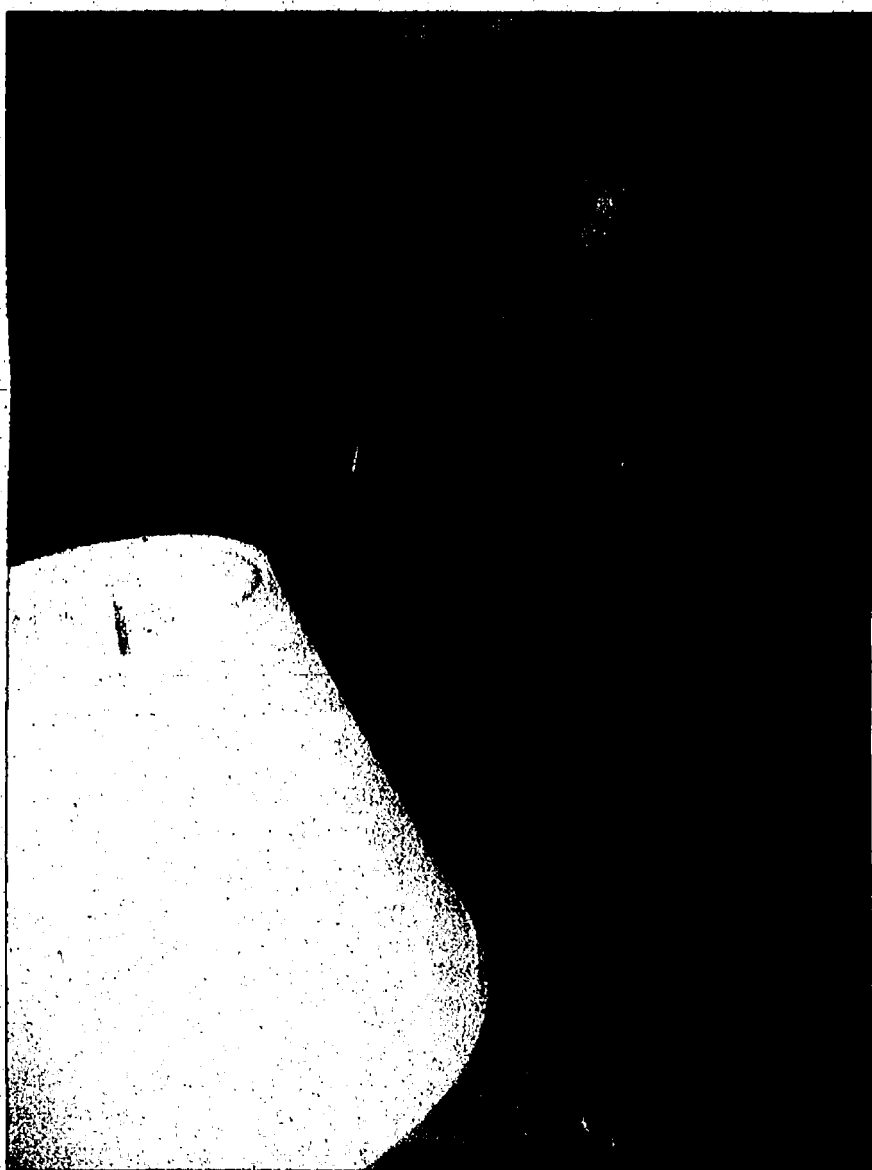
Instructor Larry Lohey shows Louise Jernigan how to rewire a freestanding light from the base up as part of the class "Home Repairs Made Easy."

Home Repairs

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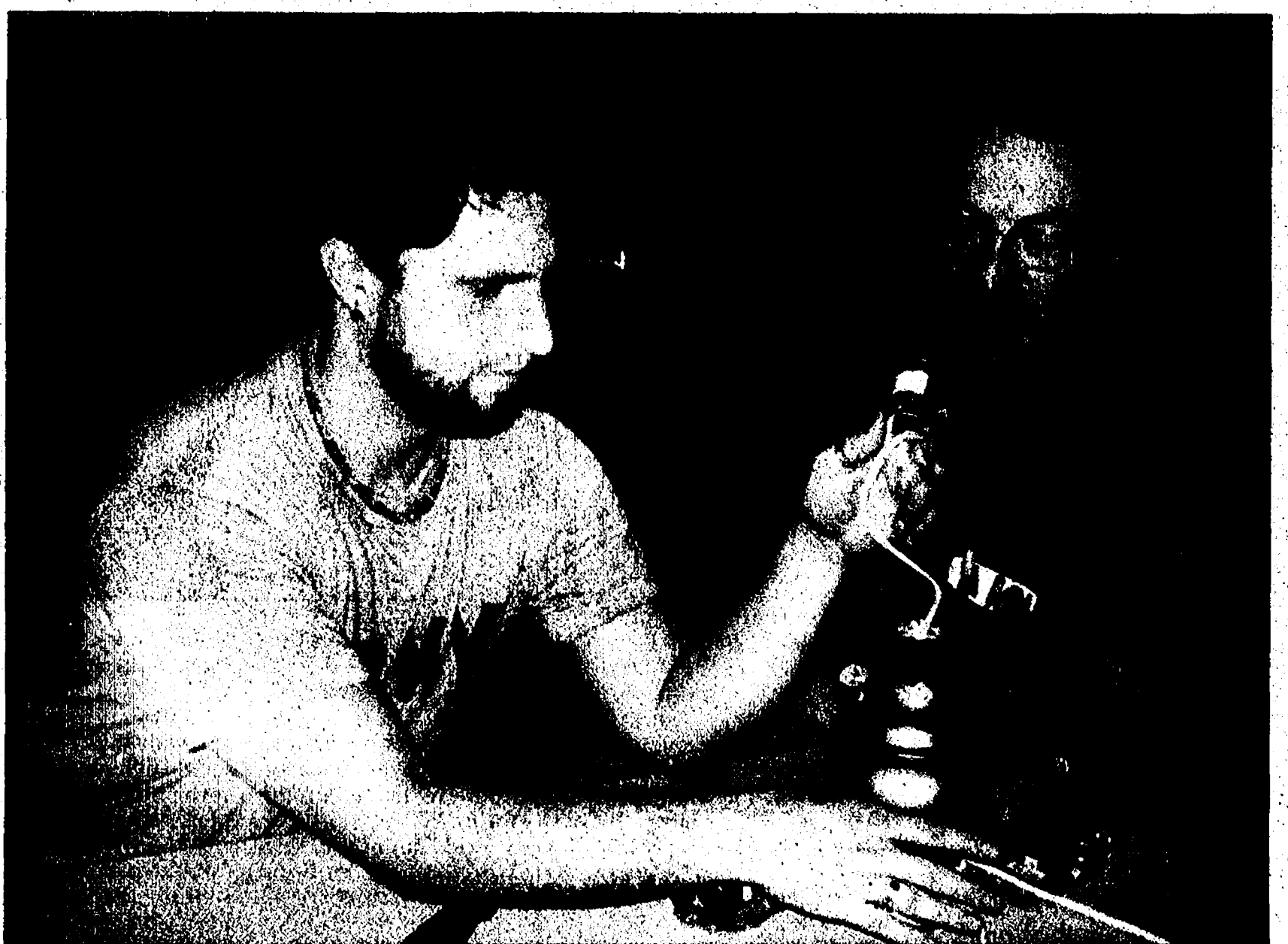
Cary Church of Chelsea works on a lamp that needs repair in the "Home Repairs Made Easy" class offered through Chelsea Community Education.



Jamie Packard is all smiles as the light comes on for her electrical project.



Linda Podojil rewires a hanging light as part of a class offered through Chelsea Community Education.



Howard (left) and Ken Hurst, a father-son duo, tackle the electrical work on a lamp for their home.

SPORTS

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All-Heritage line-up has speed, power, size

Ziegler named top offensive player

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The first ever All-Heritage football team has it all - size, speed and power.

It has an offensive line that averages 6-foot-3, 270 pounds, a linebacker who recorded 161 tackles, and a junior stud who's being recruited by Michigan State, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Heritage Newspapers-West sports writers selected the squad with help from local coaches.

The team includes players from Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, Milan and Saline.

In addition to the All-Heritage squad, an honorable mention list, an offensive MVP, defensive MVP and Coach of the Year were selected.

While there were many big-time players in the area this season, one gridded stood above the crowd, literally and figuratively.

At 6-foot-6, 210 pounds, Dexter's Jeff Ziegler was born to play quarterback.

The Dreadnaught senior signal caller had a record-breaking season, setting seven school passing marks this past year.

For his performance on the field this season, Ziegler has been named Heritage Newspapers-West offensive MVP for 2005.

"I've always been a quarterback," said Ziegler, who's being recruited by Iowa, Purdue, Central Michigan and Toledo, among other schools. "Even on the playground (as a youth) I was always a quarterback. It came naturally."

Behind Ziegler, the Dreadnaughts finished 5-4 overall, their first winning season in 16 years.

Ziegler, who runs a 4.9 40-yard dash, finished the year 144-of-235, with 1,893 yards passing, 19 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. He averaged 210 yards passing a game this year for Dexter. On

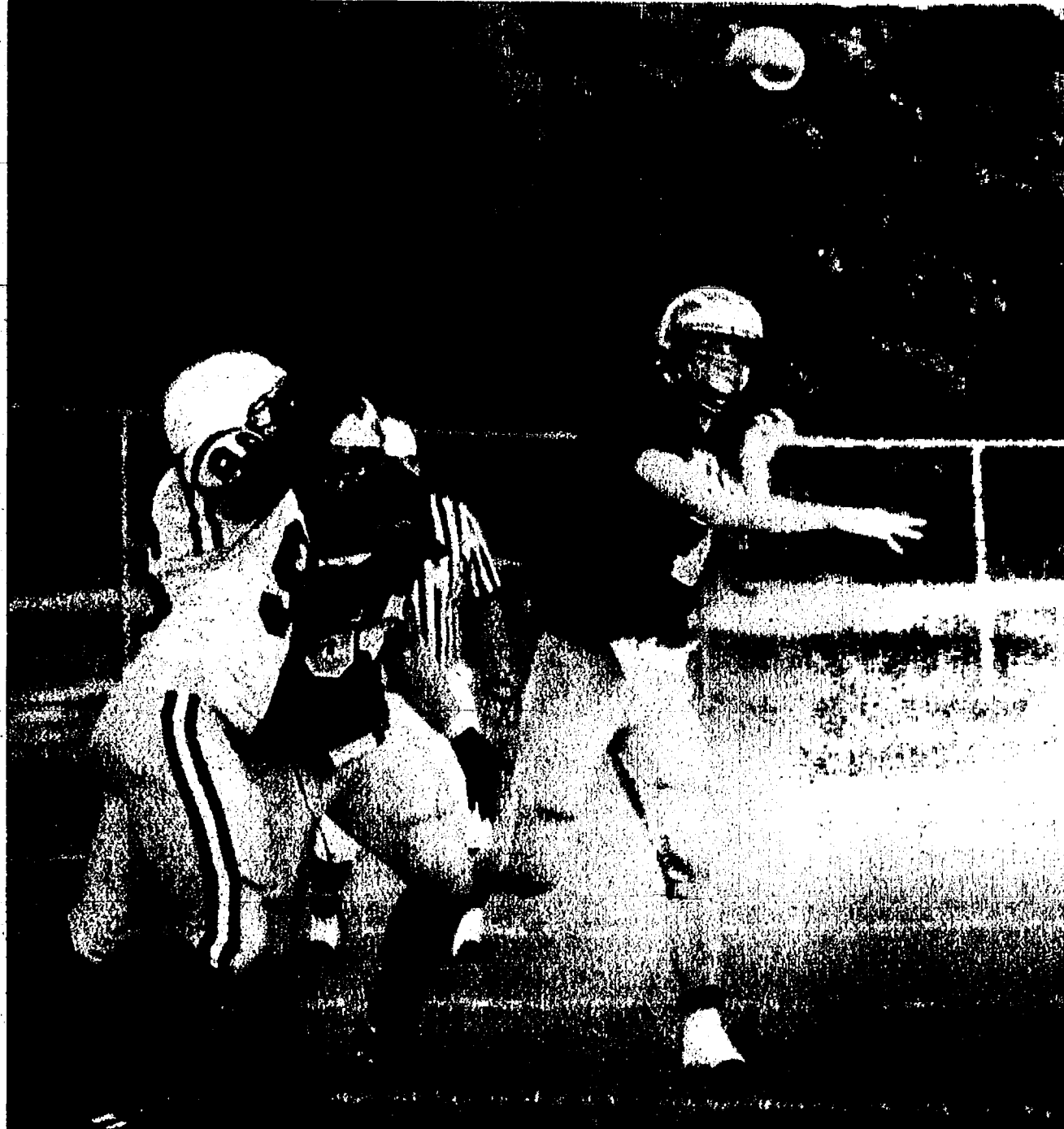


Photo by Mary Kumbler

Dexter quarterback Jeff Ziegler passed for 1,893 yards and 19 touchdowns this season. The 6-foot-6, 210-pound senior set seven school passing records for the Dreadnaughts this past year. Rushing-wise, he scored four TDs. His talent has drawn the interest of schools from the Big Ten and the Mid-American Conference. For his efforts this season, he has been named Heritage Newspapers-West offensive MVP.

the ground, he rushed for 164 yards and four TDs.

Ziegler, who began playing flag football in the third grade, set school season records for touchdowns (23); highest passing percentage (61); TDs thrown (19); passes completed (144); yards (1,893); passes completed in a game (22); and longest pass from scrimmage (94 yards). With Ziegler under center, the Dreadnaughts set a team record for points in a season, with 271, breaking a 40-year-old mark.

"I love being a leader," Ziegler said of what he enjoys most about being a quarterback. "I like the pressure. I like controlling the game from that position."

Dexter coach Tom Barbieri said Ziegler, a two-year starter and first-team All-Southeastern Conference White Division selection, has improved since last season. "He has learned to scramble and avoid sacks," Barbieri said. "He's learned to run for first downs. He's also learned to step up in the

pocket. He's had a great career at Dexter."

Ziegler, who's also one of the area's best basketball players, said the key to the Dreadnaughts' first winning season in more than a decade was teamwork.

"We all had the same mindset that we wanted to get it done," he said.

And, this year, Ziegler got it done better than anyone in the area.

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Tackling machine hounds ball carriers

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Like a hound dog, Manchester's Brian Guenther has a strong nose. Unlike a hound dog, instead of sniffing out escaping felons, the Flying Dutchman senior linebacker seeks out fleeing running backs.

This season, Guenther hunted down backs, quarterbacks and receivers better than anyone in the area. For his efforts, he has been named Heritage Newspapers-West defensive MVP.

This year, Guenther made plays from sideline to sideline, leading the area with 161 tackles, including 88 solo hits. The first-team All-Cascade Conference pick also had five sacks, four tackles for losses, one fumble recovery and one blocked kick.

"The best part about playing linebacker is that I can get anywhere on the field," said Guenther, who's being recruited by Harvard, Columbia and a whole host of Division III schools. "I also enjoy hitting. I'm a physical kind of guy. The bigger the hits, the better."

Manchester coach Wes Gall said Guenther is an intense player.

"He's got great passion and enthusiasm for the game," he



Manchester linebacker Brian Guenther finished the 2005 season, with an area high 161 tackles. The 6-1, 195-pound senior made plays from sideline to sideline this year for the Flying Dutchmen. The first-team All-Cascade Conference selection also had five sacks, four tackles for losses, one fumble recovery and one blocked kick this season. His performance earned him Heritage Newspapers-West defensive MVP honors.

Photo by David Jose

said. "You've got to have that on the field. He's also a great vocal leader, and can back it up. He's always there, whether he's sick or healthy. He's like a player-coach on the field. He made all the calls for us."

Gall said Guenther, who sports a 3.79 grade point average, is a smart player. "He's always around the ball," he said. "He does a great job reading his keys.

He has a nose for the ball. He had a knack for getting to the ball."

Guenther, who bench presses 305 pounds, and squats 405 pounds, said he'd never forget his last home game as a Flying Dutchman.

"I'll always remember walking off the field after winning the (state) district title," he said. "I had a career-high 28 tackles."

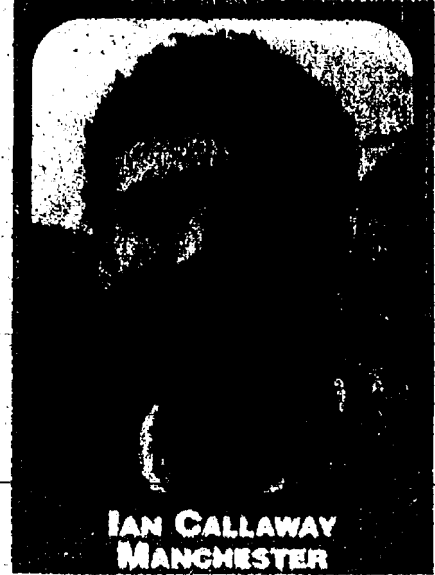
Behind Guenther, who runs

a 5.0 40-yard dash, Manchester finished 10-2 overall and advanced to the Division 6 state regional final.

Guenther had a simple answer to what makes him a tackling machine.

"I flow well to the ball," he said. "I find a way to get to it."

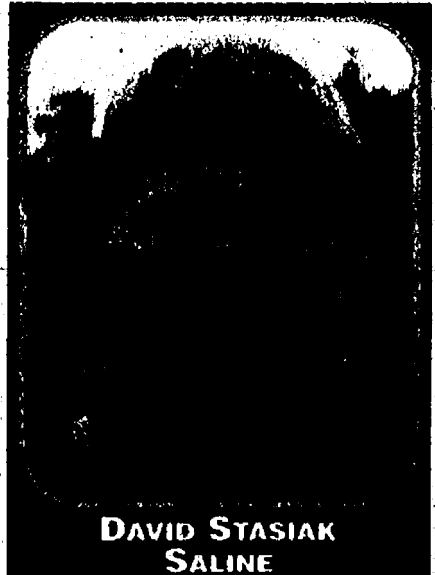
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IAN CALLAWAY
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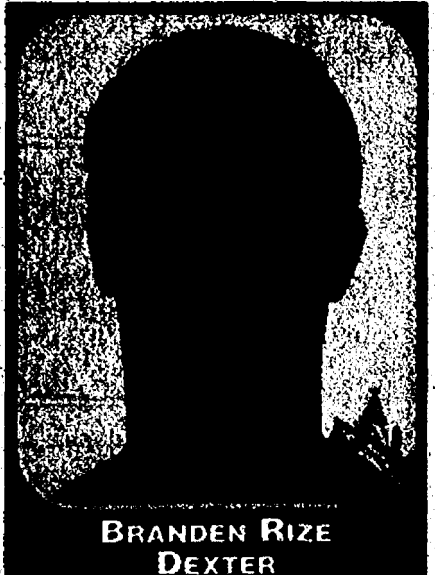
WR-6-1, 160 - Callaway was the Flying Dutchmen's big-play threat from his wide receiver position. A first-team

All-Cascade Conference selection, the senior speedster finished the season with 30 receptions for 804 yards and 10 touchdowns. He had an average of 26.8 yards per catch. Defensively he was a standout, as well, intercepting five passes and recording 48 tackles from his defensive back spot. He also returned seven punts for 113 yards, with a long of 65 yards.



DAVID STASIAK
SALINE

WR-5-7, 160 - The cat-quick senior wideout has been Saline's go-to player for the past two years. A two-time first-team All-Southeastern Conference Red Division pick, Stasiak ended the season with 22 catches for 522 yards and five TDs. The Hornets' Receiver of the Year had a season-high six receptions for 120 yards and one touchdown, against Temperance Bedford in Week 5.



BRANDEN RIZE
DEXTER

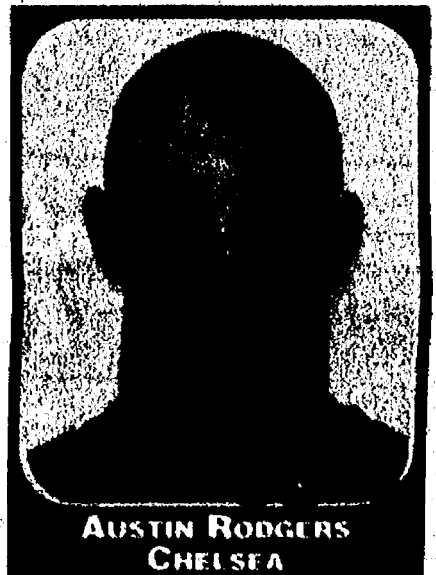
WR-6-1, 190 - Dexter's Rize combines speed and size, with excellent hands from his receiver position. The steady senior set a Dreadnaught season record with 45 receptions this year for 416 yards and six touchdowns. "He was a dependable receiver for us," said Dexter coach Tom Barbieri. The first-team All-Southeastern Conference White Division player also rushed for 83 yards, with one TD this season.



VINCE HELMUTH
SALINE

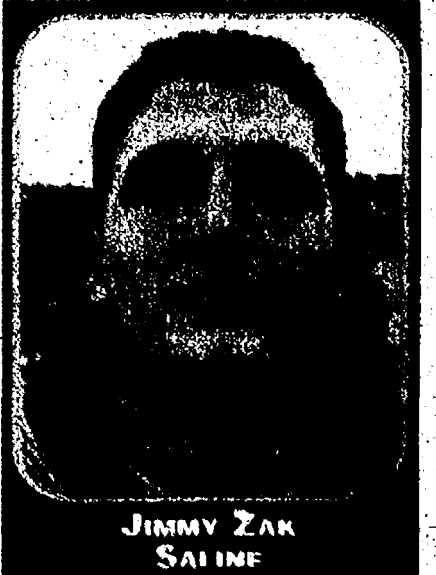
DL-6-2, 250 - The burly Helmuth was a menacing force this season for Saline.

The All-Southeastern Conference Red Division junior finished the year with 72 tackles, including 17 solo stops, three tackles for losses, two fumble recoveries and four quarterback sacks. On offense, Helmuth, who runs a 4.9 40-yard dash, ended up with 841 yards rushing on 131 carries from his fullback position, with seven touchdowns. Michigan State, Michigan and Wisconsin are a few of the schools recruiting him.



AUSTIN RODGERS
CHELSEA

DL-6-2, 230 - A physical presence along the defensive front for Chelsea, Rodgers led the Bulldogs in tackles this season with 51.5, including 46 solos and 10.5 tackles for losses for 54 yards. The All-Southeastern Conference White Division tackle had 4.5 sacks for minus 30 yards. He dominated in the trenches all year. "He's a two-year starter for us," said Chelsea coach Brad Bush. "He has a great motor."



JIMMY ZAK
SALINE

DL-6-2, 255 - Zak, a two-time All-Southeastern Conference Red Division selection, was the anchor of the Saline front line this season. The senior finished the year with 47 tackles, including 26 solos, nine tackles for losses, 20 quarterback hurries and a team-high five quarterback sacks. Adept at stopping the run, or rushing the passer, Zak was named the Hornets' Defensive Lineman of the Year his junior and senior seasons.

OFFENSE — 2005 ALL-HERITAGE FOOTBALL TEAM



LEVI BREZEE
CHELSEA

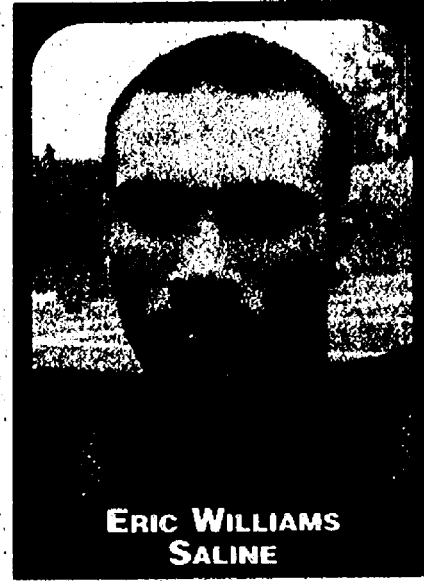
OL-6-7, 270 — An All-Southeastern Conference White Division first-team selection, Chelsea's Brezee overwhelmed opponents this season from his tackle position. "Levi came into his own as a senior," said Chelsea coach Brad Bush. "He's a freak." Despite his size, Brezee, who benches 300 pounds, runs a 5.0 40-yard dash. Eastern Michigan and Toledo are among the schools recruiting him.

All-Heritage First Team

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	School	DB	Kevin Susterka	5-9	165	Sr.	Milan
WR	Ian Callaway	6-1	160	Sr.	Manchester	DB	Jesse Hagerman	6-0	195	Sr.	Manchester
WR	David Stasiak	5-7	160	Sr.	Saline	KR	DeMiano Jackson	5-7	175	Sr.	Milan
WR	Branden Rize	6-1	190	Sr.	Dexter	P	Corey Beneke	6-2	190	Sr.	Dexter
OL	Levi Brezee	6-7	270	Sr.	Chelsea	Honorable Mention:					
OL	Jared Westwood	6-2	240	Sr.	Dexter	Chelsea: Nate Schwarze-WR-5-8, 145-Jr., Danny Rhodes-DB-P-5-8, 150-Jr., Paul Ernst-DT-6-2, 230-Sr., Craig Tomaka-OL-5-11, 215-Sr., Dan Augustine-TE-6-2, 205-Jr.					
OL	Brad Peppers	6-1	295	Sr.	Milan	Dexter: John Smart-OL-DL-6-0, 240-Sr., Jacob Stoll-DB-6-1, 185-Sr., Chris Trinkle-DL-6-0, 190-Sr., John Parker-LB-6-1, 205-Sr., Alex Kerr-DL-6-2, 200-Sr., Alex Taheri-PK-6-1, 170-Jr.					
OL	C.J. Boyer	6-3	255	Sr.	Chelsea	Manchester: Nick Ross-OL-5-11, 250-Sr., Derrick Von Broda-OL-6-2, 195-Jr., Brian Flahie-DL-6-1, 255-Jr., Mike Coltre-QB-6-2, 165-Sr., Ryan Kleinschmidt-DB-6-0, 180-Sr.					
OL	Andy Hochradel	6-5	285	Sr.	Milan	Milan: Bobby Robbins-OL-6-0, 265-Jr., Justin Fugate-DL-6-5, 220-Jr., Josh Roe-DL-6-0, 250-Sr., Evan Betts-DB-PK-6-1, 170-Sr., Austin Straub-WR-6-1, 185-Sr.					
QB	Jeff Ziegler	6-6	210	Sr.	Dexter	Saline: Nick Sheridan-QB-5-11, 180-Sr., Charlie Moeller-OL-6-2, 250-Jr., Joey Everett-OL-5-10, 250-Jr., Ben Wood-LB-6-2, 210-Sr., Ben Cupka-DB-5-11, 180-Sr., Mike Adler-LB-6-0, 165-Jr.					
RB	Eric Williams	5-10	170	Sr.	Saline	Coach of the Year: Steve Robb, Milan					
RB	Bryan Young	6-0	190	Sr.	Milan	DL Vince Helmuth 6-2 250 Jr. Saline					
UT	Matt Young	6-0	190	Sr.	Milan	DL Austin Rodgers 6-2 230 Sr. Chelsea					
PK	Cam Hawkins	6-2	215	Sr.	Chelsea	DL Jimmy Zak 6-2 255 Sr. Saline					
						DL Dan Lobbstaal 6-1 200 Jr. Manchester					
						LB Robbie Moffett 6-10 195 Sr. Chelsea					
						LB Donny Robinson 6-0 205 Sr. Milan					
						LB Brian Guenther 6-1 195 Sr. Manchester					
						DB Ben Pascoe 6-1 160 Sr. Saline					
						DB Scott Chevalier 5-9 170 Sr. Dexter					

Coach of the Year: Steve Robb, Milan

DL	Vince Helmuth	6-2	250	Jr.	Saline						
DL	Austin Rodgers	6-2	230	Sr.	Chelsea						
DL	Jimmy Zak	6-2	255	Sr.	Saline						
DL	Dan Lobbstaal	6-1	200	Jr.	Manchester						
LB	Robbie Moffett	6-10	195	Sr.	Chelsea						
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ERIC WILLIAMS
SALINE

RB-5-10, 170 — An explosive runner, Williams was a threat to take it the distance from anywhere on the field. With 4.3 speed, the Saline senior rushed for 883 yards on 103 carries this past season, in a balanced Hornet attack. He had an average of 8.5 yards per attempt. Also a threat as a receiver out of the backfield, Williams, a first-team All-SEC Red Division selection, had 12 catches for 244 yards. He finished the season with 15 touchdowns. Michigan State, Marshall, WMU and Toledo are some of the schools recruiting him.



MATT YOUNG
MILAN

UT-6-0, 190 — A versatile player, Young was a threat passing or running the ball this season. As Milan's quarterback, he finished the year 59-of-111 for 717 yards with six TDs. Rushing-wise, he had 521 yards on 78 attempts with 11 touchdowns. A senior, he was selected Co-Offensive Player of the Year and a unanimous first-team All-Huron League pick this season. Like his twin brother, Bryan, most MAC schools are recruiting him.



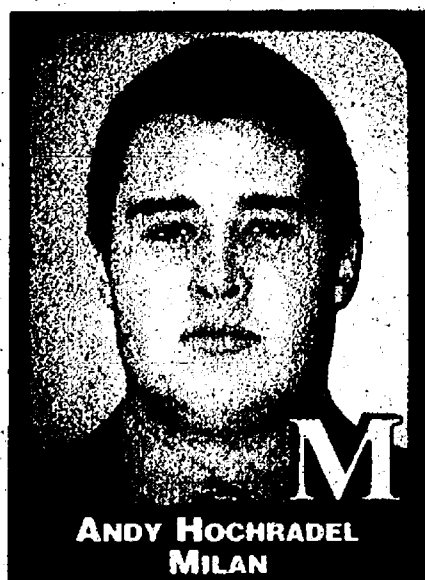
JARED WESTWOOD
DEXTER

OL-6-2, 240 — A two-year captain, Westwood was a three-year starter for Dexter. "He's been as solid as a rock," coach Tom Barbieri said. "He does a great job pulling and in pass blocking." A first-team All-Southeastern Conference White Division pick, Westwood, who runs a 4.9 40, benches 335 pounds and squats 385 pounds. Saginaw Valley State, Ferris State, Hillsdale and Hope are a few of the schools recruiting him.



C.J. BOYER
CHELSEA

OL-6-3, 255 — Arguably the best, all-around lineman in the area, Boyer, a first-team All-SEC White Division pick, does everything well for Chelsea. "He's tough and athletic," Chelsea coach Brad Bush said. "His best football is ahead of him." Boyer was a key reason for a Bulldog offense which churned out an average of 334 yards per game. Also, a top flight first baseman in baseball, Boyer runs a 5.0 40, benches 300 pounds and squats 490 pounds. Projected as a center in college, Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Bowling Green State and Grand Valley State are some of the schools recruiting him.



ANDY HOCHRADEL
MILAN

OL-6-5, 285 — A mammoth offensive tackle, Hochradel was a punishing blocker for Milan this season. He teamed with Peppers on one of the area's best offensive lines. Behind Hochradel, who earned second-team All-Huron League accolades, the Big Reds finished 8-2 this past year. "Andy is being recruited well, due to his size and agility," said Milan coach Steve Robb. Hochradel used his brute power to open holes for teammate Bryan Young, who rushed for 1,427 yards this season. He also was a standout pass blocker, helping Big Red quarterback Matt Young pass for 717 yards.



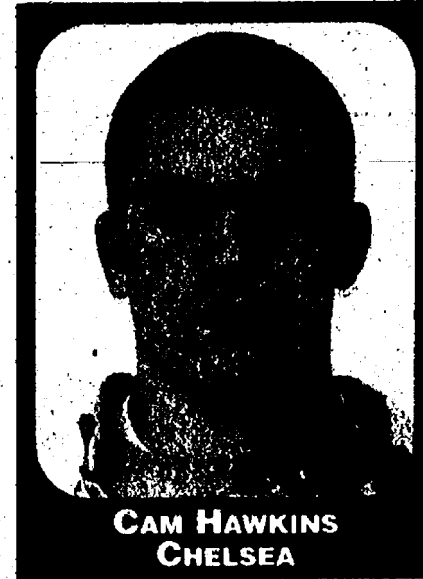
JEFF ZIEGLER
DEXTER

QB-6-6, 210 — A strong-armed, senior signal-caller, Ziegler set seven Dexter passing records this season. For the year, the first-team All-SEC White Division selection was 144-of-235 for 1,893 yards and 19 touchdowns. He threw 10 interceptions. As a runner, he had 164 yards on 70 attempts, with four TDs. He finished with 1,950 total yards of offense, averaging 216 yards per game for the Dreadnaughts. "He has such a powerful arm," coach Tom Barbieri said. "He can throw the ball 67 yards on the money." Iowa, Purdue, Miami (Ohio), EMU and WMU are a few of the schools looking at him.



BRYAN YOUNG
MILAN

RB-6-0, 190 — The workhorse in Milan's high-octane offense this season, Young rushed for 1,427 yards on 256 carries with 19 touchdowns. As a receiver, the senior snagged 12 passes for 107 yards. A first-team All-Huron League pick, Young also was named first-team All-Region by the Monroe Evening News. Most Mid-American Conference schools are recruiting him.



CAM HAWKINS
CHELSEA

PK-6-2, 215 — A talented all-around player, Hawkins rarely came off the field for Chelsea this season. As a kicker, the first-team All-SEC White Division senior finished the year 34-of-37 on extra point tries and 3-of-5 on field goal attempts, with makes from 44, 42 and 36 yards. As a quarterback he was 137-of-256 for 1,911 yards and 17 TDs. He had 120 yards rushing, with four touchdowns. Defensively, from his linebacker position, he had 14.5 tackles and one sack.



BRAD PEPPERS
MILAN

OL-6-1, 295 — An absolute road grater, Peppers mauled opposing defensive linemen this season, opening gaping holes for Milan backs all year. A devastating blocker from his guard position, Peppers, a senior, was named first-team All-Huron League this past season.

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The Orange County Register thought its readers might like to know about the criminal histories of workers in the state's day-care facilities. After all, the paper's readers were placing their own trust and their children's well-being in the hands of those workers.

But the state of California turned down a series of newspaper Freedom of Information requests to look at those histories, citing the privacy rights of the workers. It also refused access to its data base of offenses and other day-care center violations unless the newspaper paid \$45,000 for the information.

In the end, the Register won its fight for access to documents—which were used to track down the criminals and public court records that revealed their histories. The newspaper also built its own data base from nearly 50,000 pages of inspection and complaint reports in Orange County. These efforts allowed the Register to unveil for the state's parents the uncomfortable truth. Throughout California, thousands of day-care workers had long criminal histories. The results of the data base analysis also showed pervasive problems of mistreatment, neglect, overcrowding and unsafe conditions.

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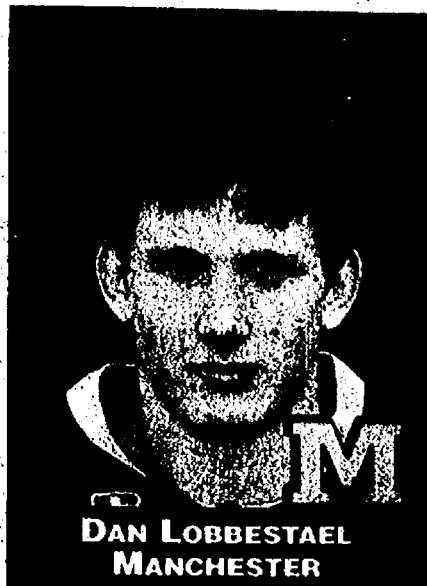
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DEFENSE — 2005 ALL-HERITAGE FOOTBALL TEAM



DAN LOBBSTAEL
MANCHESTER

DL-6-1, 200 — Lobbstaal used quickness and agility to harass opposing ball carriers and quarterbacks all season for Manchester. The All-Cascade Conference junior concluded the year with 51 tackles, including 24 solo stops, two tackles for losses, and three sacks for minus 14 yards. He also had one fumble recovery. Lobbstaal was an important cog in a defense that recorded 30 sacks this year.



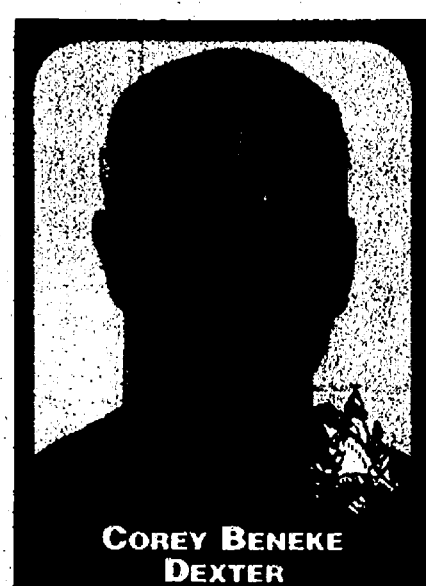
BRIAN GUENTHER
MANCHESTER

LB-6-1, 195 — The area's leading tackler, Guenther was a one-man wrecking crew for Manchester this year. The senior finished the season with 161 tackles, including 88 solo stops, five sacks, four tackles for losses, one fumble recovery and one blocked kick. A first-team All-Cascade Conference selection, Guenther helped lead the Flying Dutchmen to a 10-2 overall record this year.



KEVIN SUSTERKA
MILAN

DB-5-9, 165 — A two-way starter for Milan this season, Susterka excelled in the secondary for the Big Reds. A first-team All-Huron League pick, he concluded the year with 45 tackles, two tackles for losses, two interceptions and one pass breakup. "He's one of our most physical players," said Milan coach Steve Robb. Offensively, he caught 10 passes from his receiver position.



COREY BENEKE
DEXTER

P-6-2, 190 — A fine, all-around athlete, Beneke averaged 36.7 yards punting this season for Dexter with a long of 57 yards. He placed four kicks inside the 20-yard line this year. "He has good hang time with his punts," said Dexter coach Tom Barbieri. "He played so many different roles for us. He's a unique talent." On offense, Beneke caught 40 passes for a school record 694 yards with six touchdowns. Beneke, who runs a 4.7 40 and benches 265 pounds, had a 400-pound squat, with seven-pound returns for 87 yards, and seven kickoff returns for 126 yards. Defensively, he had 15.5 tackles from his secondary position.

Robb Coach of the Year

Longtime coach leads Big Reds to state playoffs this season

By Brian Cox
Staff Writer



Steve Robb

After 20 years as head coach of the Milan Big Red varsity football team, the thought of perhaps hanging up his playbook was knocking around inside the head of Steve Robb. The past few years had been difficult. The Big Reds had not posted the six wins needed to make the playoffs since their first year in the Huron League in 2000. They were coming off a disappointing year in which they had gone 2-5 in league play and 3-6 overall.

That all changed this year, when the Big Reds stormed back with a 6-1 league record and an overall 8-2 performance, earning the right to advance to the first round of the state playoffs.

It was a season of rebirth for the Big Reds.

For the first time in the program's history, eight play-

ers were named to the All-League first team. The Big Reds outscored their opponents 306-108, and lost in the pre-districts to Melvindale by just a field goal, 28-25.

Robb credits his senior players' heart and determination for the turnaround.

"They have rejuvenated the program," Robb said. "I know for sure they rejuvenated the coaching staff. And I think they rejuvenated the whole community. There's an air of excitement about Milan football again."



ROBBIE MOFFETT
CHELSEA

LB-5-10, 195 — The emotional leader of the Chelsea defense, Moffett, a two-year starter, made plays all over the field for the Bulldogs this season. A first-team All-Southeastern Conference White Division selection, he finished with 46.5 tackles, including 44 solos, and six tackles for losses for 17 yards. "He was our best linebacker," Chelsea coach Brad Bush said. "He was a playmaker. People ran the ball away from him." Also a top-notch baseball player, Moffett is being recruited by Albion and Adrian.



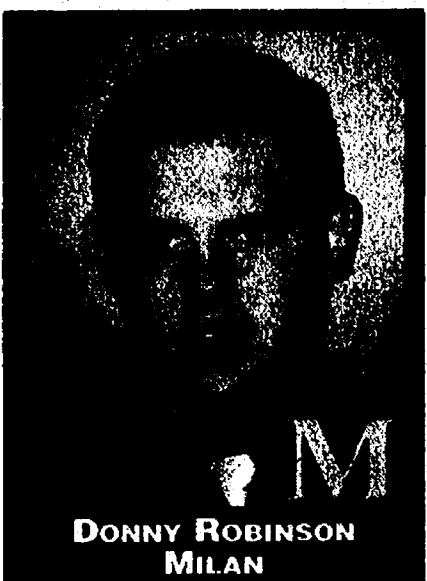
BEN PASCOE
SALINE

DB-6-1, 160 — Pascoe earned first-team All-SEC Red Division accolades after intercepting a Saline-ester four passes this season. The Hornet Defensive Back of the Year also had 79 tackles, including 47 solos, two tackles for losses, eight pass breakups, one caused fumble and two fumble recoveries. As a kicker, the senior was 8-of-11 on extra point attempts, and 2-of-4 on field goal tries.



JESSE HAGERMAN
MANCHESTER

DB-6-0, 195 — A do-everything type player for Manchester, Hagerman was a standout two-way performer this season. Defensively, he had 72 tackles, three tackles for losses, three interceptions, three pass breakups, two sacks and one fumble recovery. Offensively, the first-team All-Cascades Conference senior rushed for 1,481 yards on 222 attempts, with 14 touchdowns.



DONNY ROBINSON
MILAN

LB-6-0, 205 — A run-plugger for Milan, Robinson led the Big Reds with 105 tackles this season. A hard hitting, sure tackler, he was a unanimous first-team All-Huron League pick. Robinson also had three tackles for losses, four fumble recoveries and one interception. Offensively, the senior averaged seven yards a carry as a fullback. As a punter, he had a 35.3-yard average for Milan.



SCOTT CHEVALIER
DEXTER

DB-5-9, 170 — A lock down cornerback for Dexter, Chevalier used his outstanding speed to make plays this season. A first-team All-SEC White Division selection, he ended the year with 22 tackles, including 19 solo stops, one interception and five pass breakups. One of the state's top sprinters, opponents usually threw away from the 4.4 speedster, who blanketed receivers.



DEMARIO JACKSON
MILAN

KR-5-7, 175 — Arguably the most exciting player in the area, Jackson was a human highlight film on special teams this season for Milan. The senior returned four kickoffs for touchdowns this year, including runbacks of 89, 83 and 80 yards. He averaged 54.2 yards on kickoff returns. "He's a fast, big play guy," Milan coach Steve Robb said. "He's an outstanding young man."

HOCKEY

Bulldogs capture tourney

Chelsea scores overtime goal to reach championship

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

For the fourth time in the last five years, Chelsea hockey captured its own Thanksgiving Classic Tournament.

Last Saturday, the host Bulldogs (4-0) shut out Riverview 2-0 to earn the title.

"We played our best game this season," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "We moved the puck very well. We passed the puck quickly. We played very well as a team. We never let Riverview take it to us. We were dominant in the third period."

Chelsea not only ruled the third period, but it controlled the entire game.

The Bulldogs opened the scoring with 26 second left in the first period as Schyler Williams converted a short-handed goal off an assist from Eric Cremer.

"That was a big goal," Wright said. "That really gave us momentum."

In the second period, Chelsea scored the night's final goal as Williams again turned the light on, this time off an assist from Ryan Ruikka and Cremer.

The Bulldogs out-shot the Pirates 25-16.



Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson
Chelsea's David Maveal is hauled down by a Southgate defenseman during the Bulldogs' 4-3 overtime victory over the Titans. Maveal scored the game-winner in the extra session, helping Chelsea improve to 4-0 overall this season.

Goaltender Josh Cottrell earned the win in net for Chelsea.

Riverview had five power plays in the game, but never scored. The Bulldogs, on the other hand never played with the man advantage.

In the tournament's consolation game, East Grand Rapids defeated Southgate Anderson 6-2.

To begin the tournament, Chelsea rallied to beat Anderson 4-3 in overtime.

The Titans skated out to a seemingly secure 3-0 lead, scoring one goal in the first period, followed by two goals in the second stanza.

It appeared the contest was over, when with 5:26 remaining in the game, Williams scored, closing the Anderson

lead to 3-1. Ruikka and Cremer picked up assists for the Bulldogs on the play.

Less than a minute later, Cremer scored, trimming the Titan advantage to 3-2. Zach Leszczynski and Ruikka recorded an assist on the goal for Chelsea.

With fewer than two minutes left on the clock, David Maveal scored on a power play for the Bulldogs, tying the game at 3-3 and sending it into overtime. Taylor Hooper and Travis Amburgey assisted on the play for Chelsea.

In the extra session, Maveal scored the game-winner at 3:54 of overtime off an assist from Nick Biciocha and Hooper.

The Bulldogs out-shot Anderson 39-29.

BASKETBALL Blue/Gold game tonight

The Chelsea boys' basketball team will hold its annual Blue/Gold game 7 p.m. Thursday.

The Bulldogs' varsity squad will be divided into two teams. The contest will have officials and the score will be taken. The players will also be introduced prior to the event.

Chelsea opens its season hosting Pinckney Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Old Dolphins Stay Thirsty, but, Mizzou Contestants Toasts Win

THE ULTIMATE FOOTBALL CONTEST

Midwest Results Week 11 — Pears that champagne might lose its bubbles before the members of the 1972 Miami Dolphins get a chance to drink it. Each year the ol' boys from that team gather to celebrate when the last undefeated team in the NFL bites the dust each year. That Dolphins team is the last to go through an entire season undefeated.

But Peyton Manning and his mates on the Indianapolis Colts seem intent on spoiling that party. They've run out to a 10-0 record so far this season and show no signs of weakening. Lots of folks thought Sunday's game against the mighty Cincinnati Bengals might get those corks popping in Miami but the Colts put 45 points on the Bengals to continue their string.

While those old Dolphins stay thirsty, a Rolla, MO, woman can begin celebrating immediately. Mary Brown tallied a region-high 131 of the possible 136 points to capture grand prize honors and the accompanying cash bonanza of \$1,000 in Week 11 of the Power Points of the Midwest Football Contest.

She entered the contest through the Rolla Daily News newspaper.

Local high scorers in Week 11 were:

Midland... Kevin Myers, Midland (117 points); 2nd to Chad Lowe, Midland (114 points); 3rd to Ed Bober, Midland (113 points); 4th to Mike Rivard, Midland (111 points); 5th to Bob Walters, Midland (110 points).

Monroe... Mel Vasher, Monroe (117 points)

Mount Clemens... John Warner, St. Clair Shores (122 points)

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GM announces major effort to restructure

Manufacturing to see 30,000 job cuts in U.S., Canada by '08

By Joseph Szczesny
Journal Register News Service

General Motors' board announced plans last week to restructure its manufacturing operations in the United States and Canada and to cut 30,000 jobs by 2008, as part of its effort to regain profitability and to achieve long-term growth.

The announcement, while sweeping, spares most of GM's plants in Michigan, unlike previous shutdowns, despite the dire predictions that several large plants in the state and region could close.

GM will shut a parts depot in Ypsilanti with 100 employees and a small engine plant in Flint, employing 600 workers, as well as a small assembly plant and stamping plant in Lansing, where the company is preparing to open a new brand assembly plant next year.

GM plants in Georgia, Oklahoma and Oshawa, Ontario, will bear the brunt of the cutbacks, GM officials said in the pre-holiday announcement. The move was designed to cut nearly 1 million units or nearly 20 percent of the company's assembly capacity.

The assembly plant building the Saturn Ion in Spring Hill, Tenn., also will close next year, GM announced.

Richard Wagoner, GM chairman and chief executive officer, said overall the company plans to close a total of nine assembly, stamping and powertrain plants. In addition, three parts warehouses will close between now and 2008.

The cuts will eliminate a total of 30,000 manufacturing positions in North America between now and 2008, Wagoner said. GM currently has about 119,000 hourly workers in the United States and another 11,000 in Canada.

"We have a number of plants that can produce only one product," Wagoner said. "We're trying to build a lot more robustness in our system with lower costs and capacity."

GM also will eliminate the third shift at Oshawa Car Plant No. 1, in Ontario, Canada, in the second half of 2006 and idle the Oshawa Car Plant No. 2 after the current product runs out in 2008.

Wagoner also said GM is eliminating the third shift at a sport utility vehicle plant in Moraine, Ohio, during 2006. GM also is closing stamping plants permanently in 2007.

Because of the age of GM's workforce, the company plans to use attrition to eliminate most of the positions, but when necessary, also will offer early retirement programs. GM will work with the leadership of its unions, as any early retirement program would need to be mutually agreed upon.

GM hopes to reach an agreement on such a plan as soon as possible.

"These are difficult moves that will affect thousands of dedicated GM employees and families, as well as state and local governments," Wagoner said. "We will work our hardest to mitigate that impact."

The GM chief executive also said there will be a significant restructuring charge against earnings in conjunction with new restructuring. The charges also will help finance the early retirements of hourly personnel caught in

the restructuring.

GM had eliminated 1 million units of production capacity over the past three years and last spring had closed aging assembly plants in Baltimore, Md., Linden, N.J., and Lansing.

Wagoner also said at the company's annual meeting in June that the company would eliminate 25,000 jobs by 2008.

"The decisions we are announcing today were very difficult to reach because of their impact on our employees and the communities where we live and work," Wagoner added.

"But these actions are necessary for GM to get its costs in line with our major global competitors. In short, they are an essential part of our plan to return our North American operations to profitability as soon as possible."

UAW president Ron Gettelfinger, however, said the union was extremely disappointed by the GM announcement.

"Today's action by General Motors is not only extremely disappointing, unfair and unfortunate, it is devastating to many thousands of workers, their families and their communities," he said in statement issued after Wagoner's press conference at GM headquarters in Detroit.

"We have said consistently that General Motors cannot shrink itself to prosperity. In fact, shrinking General Motors only exacerbates its problems.

"Workers and their unions have worked hard to improve product quality and productivity at GM facilities in the United States and Canada, and these efforts have produced strong gains in both these critical areas, as reported in recent studies by J.D. Power & Associates and the Harbour Report.

"The actions covered by today's announcement will be the subject of ongoing discussions and the 2007 negotiations between the UAW and General Motors. Today's announcement clearly makes those negotiations much more difficult.

"GM's return to prosperity depends on it offering products that consumers find attractive, exciting and want to buy. Only then will GM's market share stabilize and grow, only then will revenues increase and only then will General Motors return to prosperity.

"Being successful in this regard is the exclusive responsibility of management: Workers have no control over GM's capital investment, product development, design, marketing and advertising decisions. But, unfortunately, it is workers, their families and our communities that are being forced to suffer because of the failures of others," Gettelfinger noted in his statement, which also was signed by Richard Shoemaker, the head of the UAW's GM department.

Peter Morici, professor of business administration at the University of Maryland, See GM — Page 5-C



Craig Eckfeld, 57, of Onsted John Platt, 36, of Whitmore Lake, and Teresa Stassinis, 38, of Napoleon, run C. Wilson Associates, a land surveying company in Chelsea.

BIZ PROFILE

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Ownership, ages and educational background: Craig Eckfeld, 57, of Onsted graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1971; John Platt, 36, of Whitmore Lake, graduated from Ferris State University; and Teresa Stassinis,

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Q: What are your business-related goals for the next five years?
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Restructuring a 'necessary' step for GM

Plant closing part of effort to slash operational costs

By Gary Gosselin
Journal Register News Service

General Motors' announcement of massive cuts and plant closings are a "necessary first step," say analysts. Some project much more cost slashing will be needed to right the faltering auto giant.

Economic shock waves in Michigan will not be as severe as some had thought, with only four state facilities closing. Most closings will be out of state.

"It was less concentrated in Michigan than I feared," said Dana Johnson, senior vice president and chief economist at Comerica Bank in Detroit. He also noted that although the Craft Centre and Metal Center in Lansing are closing, a new plant will open next year to build popular crossover vehicles.

"So, the adjustments go on," Johnson said. "We're going to lose some blue collar jobs and lose some white collar jobs, but for Michigan, the thing to believe is that the sooner they align their manufacturing with their market share the better for Michigan."

GM's U.S. market share fell to 26.2 percent in the first 10 months of this year compared to 33 percent a decade ago. GM lost nearly \$4 billion in the first nine months of this year.

The plant closings are part of a plan to shave \$7 billion off GM's \$42 billion annual bill for operations by the end of next year. That includes a \$3 billion cut in health care costs, \$1.5 billion in manufacturing cuts and \$1 billion in savings on materials.

Johnson pointed to the enormous pressure Ford Motor Co., GM and parts makers are facing from financial markets to "really accelerate their adjustments and attack their (cost) structure and capacity. This really represents an accelerated adjustment, more than people were expecting. And they really are acting like they are in the midst of a crisis and that's what they should be doing."

The next step is to concentrate efforts on health care and pension costs, said Patrick Anderson, founder of Lansing-based Anderson Economic Group, a business consulting firm. Bankrupt Delphi, which is asking for up to 60 percent wage cuts, may well set the pattern other manufacturers will follow, he said.

"This is clearly one of the other shoes that had to drop," Anderson said. "GM must restructure its organization in order to become competitive given the small-

er market share they occupy. That means cutbacks of this scale are not only a cost-cutting measure, but they're necessary for their survival."

Anderson said GM is actually well positioned with its product line and new emphasis on crossovers, those truck-like vehicles on car frames that offer both utility and better fuel economy than their truck and SUV counterparts.

Of the closures and staff reductions, Jim McTevia, principal of McTevia & Associates, a financial and management consulting firm in Bingham Farms, said these are likely permanent. They will reflect a smaller GM in coming years based on shrinking market share, he said.

"You'd think the management and board know what to do, so this is a logical first step," McTevia said. "In the final analysis, we'll see what the market does and how their shareholders feel. It may not be enough, but it's a start. It certainly is much farther ahead of where it was six months ago."

In terms of employment, the cuts won't be a huge hit for Michigan, said Johnson, but there are long-term implications for the state.

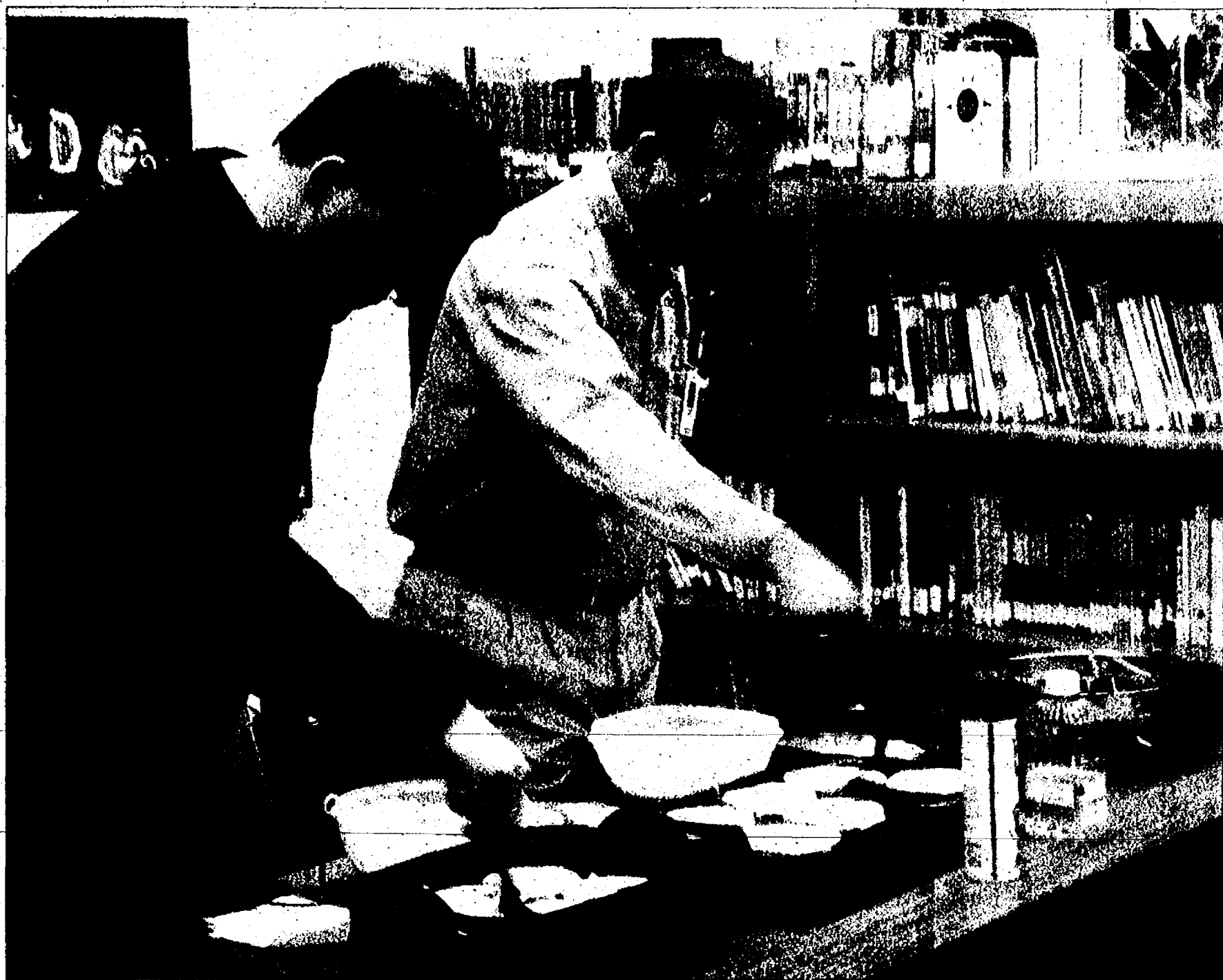
"There are adverse implications for income; no profit, no (employee) bonuses," no burst of spending, Johnson said. "And they are, I'm sure, in the next round of negotiations looking for more concessions, and the hit to incomes will outpace the hit to jobs."

Most of the cuts, according to early reports, will be through attrition or buyouts, but McTevia said GM should just shut down facilities. He acknowledged that contracts probably forbid that type of closure and that mass closings might also trigger companywide strikes.

"I think moves like this have a negative reaction because there's pain and suffering, but really these are the kinds of things they need to do. Whether there are more, who knows?" said Van Conway, president of Conway, McKenzie & Dunleavy, a turnaround firm in Birmingham. "But you have to reduce your costs ... And the more hesitant they are the less chances of survival. You have to stabilize your market share, stabilize costs, and preserve cash. Chrysler figured out what kind of cars to (build) and if you can figure that out, the consumer will buy it."

McTevia said he doesn't see GM heading into bankruptcy anytime soon. This move helps push talk of bankruptcy onto the back burner — for now at least, he said.

— The Associated Press contributed to this story.



Recognizing the Good

Andrew Ingall, principal at Beach Middle School, and David Killips, superintendent of schools, serve breakfast Nov. 23 to the staff at South Meadows Elementary School. The breakfast was a reward for the employees of the Chelsea School District who have donated more than \$10,500 to the 2006 Chelsea United Way campaign. The campaign has an overall goal of \$120,000. School district employees have consistently been in the top two or three organizations providing support to the campaign. Giving by school employees for the 2006 campaign represents a 50 percent increase over contributions for the 2005 campaign. Iva Corbett, assistant superintendent of schools, and Shawn Lewis-Lakin, executive director of student performance, co-lead the effort for the school system.

DEXTER

Fireside to receive award

Fireside Home Construction of Dexter is among 18 finalists nationwide that will be recognized at the 2006 Energy Value Housing Awards Jan. 11 in Orlando, Fla.

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said he wonders if GM's restructuring really addresses the company's fundamental problems.

"GM's announced plant closings do little to address the underlying problems. It has too much capacity because its labor, product design and management are too costly. It will be smaller but its per unit costs will still be too high to compete. It keeps shrinking but never gets more competitive," he said.

Michael Robinet of CSM Forecasting Inc. in

Farmington Hills, however, said the cuts ordered by Wagoner are significant and should help the company regain its competitiveness. "It certainly was wide ranging and it should help turnaround the business in North America."

Robinet added the list of plant closings contained few surprises.

"In the end, if you're flexible enough, you don't need as much capacity. It opens up the possibility of using different vehicles and using three-crew operations in some plants" when the products are selling, he said.

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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

Chelsea SADD group earns accolades



Students attend annual conference, bring home three awards

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Chelsea High School teacher Deborah Bentley was named Adviser of the Year and Sarah Nassari was recognized as Student of the Year last month at the Students Against Destructive Decisions Michigan Conference.

In addition, the chapter won the Living the Legacy Award for having more than 20 students at the conference.

It was the 20th year the Chelsea SADD chapter has been represented at the conference and Bentley's seventh year attending.

Chelsea students were the featured guests because they had the most people at the

conference, with 21 students in attendance.

Nassari is president of the local chapter. She and Alisha Jacobs designed the Web site www.michigansadd.info to raise awareness of the organization, formerly known as Students Against Drunk Driving.

Nassari said she took home a lot of ideas about how to get people more involved with the local chapter.

"I thought that this year's conference was great because we got a lot of good ideas for the projects that will get us more involved in the community and get the community more involved with us," she said.

Katy Steklac, a freshman at Chelsea High School, said the conference was informative.

"I think it's important because we learned about new and inventive ways for

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Members of the Chelsea High School chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions recently attended the organization's Michigan conference. In front are Amy Whitesall (left), Katy Steklac, Katie Sayer, Sarah Nassari, Alisha Jacobs, Jessica Schulz and Marci Brown; second row, Jake Vogt (left), Tyler Connell, Ryan Schroeder, Kyle Bucholz, Katie Cohen and Katie Klink; third row, Jared Clark (left), Chelsea Moore, Joey Millen, Brian Clark and James Brien; and in back, Karen Allen, co-adviser Cathy Opoka, Becky Allen, Mandy Kitchens, Erin Bergman and adviser Deborah Bentley.

COUNTY

Area students earn honors

Cadet Philip Steenstra, son of Jim and Louise Steenstra of Ann Arbor, has earned the Superintendent's Award for Achievement at the U.S. Military Academy for the spring semester, which ended in June.

To be selected for the award, a cadet must simultaneously achieve excellence in academic, military and physical programs.

The cadet is awarded a gold wreath, which signifies the top 15 percent of cadets in each class.

Steenstra also was named to the dean's list by maintaining a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

The 2004 Dexter High School graduate is concentrating his studies in leadership. He plans to graduate from West Point in 2008 and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Griffin M. Biedron, son of Ronald Biedron of Chelsea, has enrolled as a transfer student at Amherst College in Amherst, Mass. He transferred from the U.S. Air Force Academy and is among 448 new students entering the independent liberal arts college in western New England this fall.

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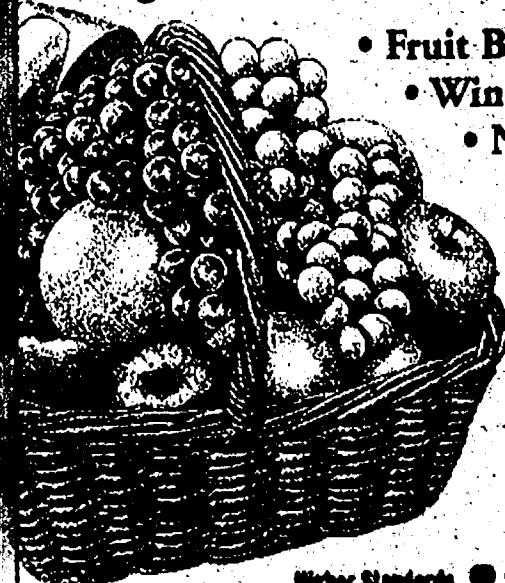
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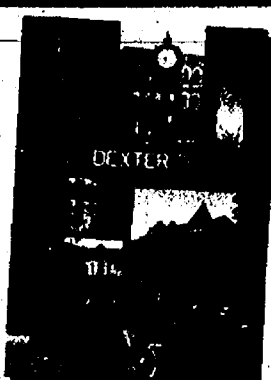
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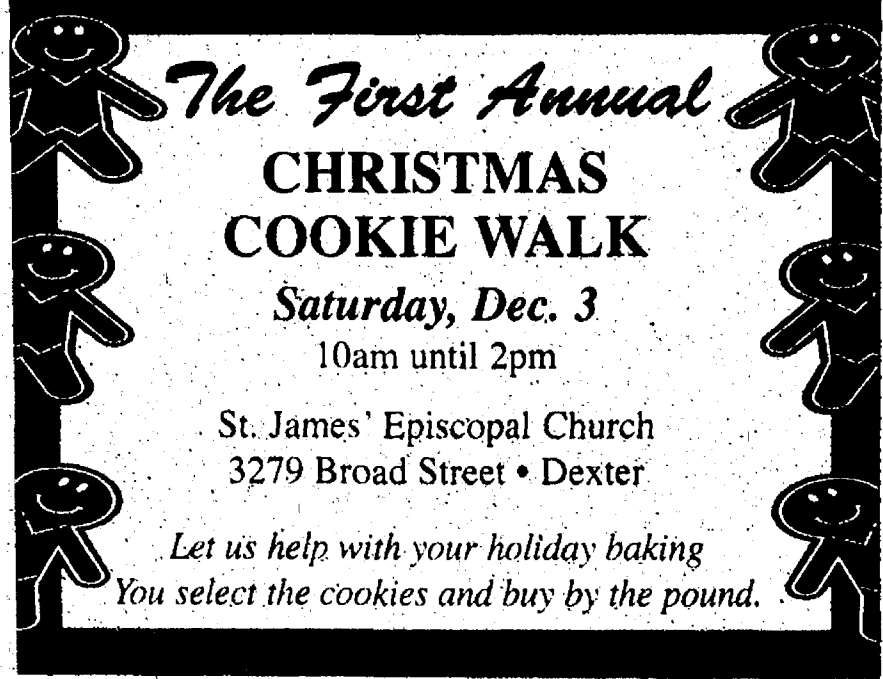


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Second-graders in teachers D'Ann Gietzen's, Lydia Weid's and Lois Bohl's classrooms at North Creek Elementary School in Chelsea recently completed projects on their choice of a fiction book they read. Pupils will be reading a mystery book for the month of November and completing a similar project. Pictured in the front row are Dylan Ousley (left), Sam Golding, Kelsay Hildebrant and Katie Lear; kneeling in the second row are Mackenzie Benning (left), Trevor Kingsley and Derek Schaedig; standing in the third row are Morgan Chrisman (left), Taylor Bliesl, Devon Gosnick, Alex Norris, Austin McCarty and Devin Hewitt; standing in the fourth row are Evan Sweeny (left), J.J. Duncan, Colleen McDevitt, Christopher Grande, Olivia Kingsinger, Gabby Gonzalez-Nagy, Carly Ferry, Tobin Vaughan and Ashley Brooks.

STATE

Design contest set for kids

For many, turkey time ended last Thursday, but for the state Department of Natural Resources and artistic students in kindergarten through 12th grade, there's still a week to go. The agency is inviting children to help wild turkeys by designing a clothing patch. By the early 1900s, the bird had disappeared from the state, but decades of management efforts have made the turkey population soar. Besides roaming through the woods in packs of sometimes 50, a wild turkey has even been spotted running

through the streets of town. The design of the competition winner will be incorporated into the 2007 Michigan wild turkey management cooperation patch. Design entries must be postmarked by Monday. The youth who wins will be awarded \$100 and invited, along with parents or guardians, to a National Wildlife Turkey Federation dinner in January. Teaming up with the department for the competition are the federation's state chapter and Project WILD of Michigan State University.

Once designed, the 2007 wild turkey patch will be free to hunters ages 12 to 17 with a valid license. The patch is available to everyone else for \$5. Proceeds support wild turkey and hunter heritage programs in the state. Currently, the 2005 patch is available for purchase. The competition rules and more information are available at www.carrs.msu.edu/projectwild. Participants also may call Dale Elshoff at 1-517-335-1712.

ANN ARBOR

Performance to benefit camps

Fresh off a number of national appearances, Katherine Schell's career continues to blossom on a personal platform that gives back volumes to Special Days Camps, a program benefiting children with cancer and leukemia. Schell will perform 7 p.m. Dec. 11 in concert at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St. in Ann Arbor. The concert will benefit the charity. Schell grew up in mid-Michigan, where her younger brother, a cancer survivor, attended Special Days Camps. "This has been a long journey and I'm so blessed to be able to share my work with the world to help Special Days," Schell said in a press statement about her upcoming album launch. "Special Days Camps has meant so much to my family and I'm thrilled to support their programs." Schell's songwriting and vocal talents have drawn crowds in the hundreds for benefit performances to raise funds for Special Days, bringing in contributions of more than \$5,000 to date. In a personal letter, Gov. Jennifer Granholm acknowledged Schell's talent and commitment to service. "Your successes are just a few examples of your dedication and creativity, along with your will to make a positive change in the world," she wrote. All of the proceeds from the concert's ticket sales will benefit the camps. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or the Michigan Union Ticket Office to the general public for \$10 and students for \$7.

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- Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 possible points as you can. Simply review the week's schedule of games, listed on entry form, and decide which game you are SUREST of picking a winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on the 16-point line, and so on down to the 1-point line, which game you figure to be a toss-up. Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's designated game. If this step fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yardage from scrimmage in the game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The weekly Midwest regional winner will receive \$1000.
- Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
- Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York and other similar teams.
- No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.
- Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and reasonable promotional purposes at no charge.
- Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.
- Any inquiry about a protest of weekly results must be made by noon on the Friday following the announcement of winners.
- No purchase necessary. Facsimile game entry forms will be accepted. Enter contest by dropping entry form into POWER POINTS container at participating co-sponsors.
- Weekly deadline for entry will be 2 p.m. Thursdays except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.
- Neither this newspaper nor any co-sponsor will be responsible for illegible entry forms or those lost, stolen or damaged in any way.
- Limit: one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of an entrant; group entries, systems or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filing out extra forms and putting your friends' and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
- Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

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ALICE

CHELSEA

Bacon lived long, interesting life

Chelsea resident served with the Army Nursing Corps in WWII

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

When Deborah Bacon died Nov. 18, one month short of her 99th birthday, a huge slice of history died with her. The New York native, who called Chelsea home since 1998, packed a lot of adventure into almost a century of life — a life that will be memorialized in a service set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Chelsea Retirement Community.



Deborah Bacon

Bacon trained as a nurse in the 1930s, and after spending two years as a missionary nurse in Alaska, returned to New York City to earn a bachelor's degree in public health.

In 1941, she studied obstetrics for six months in Chicago, then spent 18 months as head of a tiny hospital in the backwoods of Kentucky.

After America entered World War-II, Bacon signed up with the Army Nursing

Pacific Ocean, before being ordered to board a train — and 40 doctors, 40 nurses and 200 enlisted men traveled back to New Jersey.

The unit crossed the Atlantic in the second largest convoy ever to cross that body of water, 95 ships carrying every possible kind of material except gasoline.

Bacon's memories of the devastated city of London remained very strong — women and children, huddled on the platforms of the London Underground through the nightly bombing raids, resurfacing the next morning to go about their lives.

Bacon and her co-workers were delegated as a poison gas unit, ready to take action if the Germans used the deadly weapon.

Operation Overlord, the huge amphibious assault that started the liberation of occupied Europe from Nazi Germany, began June 6, 1944. Thousands of Allied soldiers stormed beaches in Normandy, successfully breaching German-held territory.

After landing at Omaha Beach in Normandy six weeks after the initial

assault, Bacon's mobile hospital unit followed American troops across Europe, moving every three weeks and staying 15 miles behind the battle lines.

"Ours was the first hospital the wounded would reach. We did triage and moved them on as quickly as possible," Bacon said in 2000.

Having had a French governess as a child, Bacon spoke fluent French, and acted as translator for her unit.

When Gen. George Patton and his troops made a rapid move to Le Mans, Bacon was among the forces entering the town.

"We felt like Roman emperors returning in triumph," Bacon said in 2000.

"The French poured out into the streets to greet us. When we took off our helmets and they realized we were American women, they went crazy." Bacon met Patton a couple of times, remembering a larger-than-life character with a reputation as a great bridge and poker player.

Bacon earned five battle stars during her time in Europe. One battle was at Falaise Gap, where American forces took hun-

dreds of German prisoners. Bacon also crossed the last bridge over the Rhine at Remagen, an allied victory depicted in several movies.

"The Germans were supposed to blow the bridge as they retreated, but someone didn't give the command in time," she said in 2000.

The bridge held and allied forces poured across it to pursue the retreating German army.

Bacon had fond memories of the men she nursed.

"When things are tough, our American troops are the most wonderful in the world. However, at other times they were like rowdy teens," she said in an article published Nov. 9, 2000.

Her mobile unit followed the army for 800 miles across France almost as far as the border of Czechoslovakia.

When the war ended, Bacon got a 48-hour leave and went to Paris, a city still reeling from celebrations. Her unit was driven around in army trucks to see the damage that had been inflicted on the city.

After the war, Bacon studied at the Sorbonne in Paris

for four months — where she had the thrill of meeting Gertrude Stein — before returning stateside and enrolling at Columbia University on the GI Bill, and earning a master's degree and a doctorate in English and comparative literature.

In 1950, Bacon was appointed Dear of Women at the University of Michigan, serving for a decade before resigning to become associate professor of English literature and humanities at U of M.

Retiring in 1968, she spent 10 years in southern California before returning to Michigan. She traveled to more than 48 countries, wrote several books, and divided her time between Ann Arbor and lakeside summers in Harrisville.

In 1998, she moved to the Chelsea Retirement Community, where she became an occasional speaker on literature and life — with superb qualifications on both topics.

Sheila Pursglove is a freelance writer. She can be reached at bingley51@yahoo.com.

CHELSEA

Holiday events set this weekend

The annual Chelsea Hometown Holiday will be held this weekend.

The event kicks off with a tree-lighting ceremony 6 p.m. Friday at the gazebo in Pierce Park.

After the ceremony, Santa Claus will make a special appearance at the UAW Hall when he arrives in the American Legion Washtenaw County Voiture 957 train. He will spend the evening listening to special wishes from children. The train will then continue to Middle Street,

where it will be the site of Christmas storytelling.

In addition, the First Congregational Church will offer visitors a chance to decorate cookies and drink hot chocolate before or after a tractor-drawn hayride through downtown.

The fun continues Saturday with local shops offering sales, docent-guided architectural walking tours of town, children's activities, including a gingerbread house workshop, a complimentary movie and more.

The Holiday Light Parade will start 8 p.m. Saturday, offering lighted floats and marching units down Main Street to the Clocktower Complex. After the parade, treats and hot chocolate will be offered at the Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. and a preview of the "The Nutcracker" ballet will be performed by the Youth Dance Theatre. In addition, there will be a community Sing-a-long.

The Chelsea Chamber Players will perform at the First Congregational Church

3 and 7 p.m. Sunday. In addition, Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel will host Festival of Lessons and Carols.

For a complete schedule of events, call the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce at 475-1145 or visit the Web site www.chelseafestivals.com.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROLLAND W. SPAULDING TRUST

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the Trust and estate may be barred or affected by the following: Rolland W. Spaulding, whose last known address was 14210 Eisenbeier Drive, Chelsea, Michigan 48118, died November 7, 2005. Creditors of the deceased Settlor are notified that all claims against the Trust and estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees, Lee S. Tremper and William M. Spaulding, of 6251 Conway Road, Chelsea, Michigan 48118, within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice. The Trustees are serving as a result of the Settlor's death.

Notice is further given that the Trust estate will be administered, assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it. KEUSCH, FLINTOFT & CONLIN, P.C. BY: PETER C. FLINTOFT (P-13531) 119 South Main, P.O. Box 187, Chelsea, MI 48118 (734) 475-8671

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WILL HOST A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM PRESENTATION ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M.
THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL
17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118
ATTENTION LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Agenda:
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM
Written comments may be sent to: Carol A. Morrow, Office Manager of Lyndon Township, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.
The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individual with disabilities at the public hearing.
Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling: Carol A. Morrow, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.
A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Clerk.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP
Linda Reilly, Clerk

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SADD

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drug and alcohol prevention," she said.

Bentley, who teaches computers at Chelsea High School, has been the group's adviser for the past eight years and is now joined by art teacher Cathy Opoka.

Three years ago, the group was presented with the Charlie Stilec Spirit Award for having the most spirited chapter in the state.

"It's important for kids to learn about the dangers of making bad choices and decisions," Bentley said. "They do not always realize who they could be hurting other than themselves."

The chapter has been busy throughout the year raising funds and sponsoring awareness activities.

This past year, members participated in Red Ribbon Week activities, A Detroit Lions fund-raiser, Operation Christmas Tree, the Chelsea Fair Parade, a Three Men and a Tenor fund-raiser, Halloween Activity Fun Night and a Halloween bowling party for middle school-age children, raising money for the Katrina Hurricane Relief fund.

On Dec. 17, the local chapter will hold a bowling party to support Toys for

Tots program.

Members also plan to organize No Smoking Week and participate as a team in the Relay for Life benefit for the American Cancer Society this spring.

SADD's goal is to provide students with prevention and intervention tools to deal with issues related to underage drinking, drunken driv-

ing, drug abuse and other destructive decisions.

Attention is focused on potentially life-threatening issues such as not wearing a seatbelt, smoking, steroid use, violence, sexually transmitted disease and suicide, Bentley said.

Rita Fischer is a freelance writer. She can be reached at rita@fischer.com.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M.
AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

AGENDA
1) West Lake Hills, Consideration of Finding for Denial
2) Consideration of Zoning Ordinance Revisions
3) Natural Features Ordinance Discussion

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VILLAGE OF DEXTER BREAKING & ENTERING FALSE ALARM FEE ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 34-2005

An Ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by the adoption of regulations concerning the cost of responding to false alarms and to discourage the continuation of repeat false alarms.

THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 Title
This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Village of Dexter False Alarm Ordinance.

SECTION 2 Purpose and Preamble
The Village is empowered to act by Act 246 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended (now MCL 41.181), and by Act 33 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended (now known as MCL 41.806a), to adopt Ordinances regulating the public health, safety, and general welfare of persons and property, including but not limited to regulations concerning the cost of responding to false alarms and to discourage the continuation of repeat false alarms, and to provide fees for responses to false alarms.

The purpose of this ordinance is to defray the cost of responding to false alarms and to discourage the continuation of repeat false alarms.

SECTION 3 Definitions
As used in this ordinance, the terms below shall be defined as follows:
Alarmed premises means any building, property, or premises equipped with an alarm system.
Alarm system means an assembly of equipment and devices arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention by the police department or fire department.
False alarm means a bell, mechanical, electrical, or telephone apparatus or combination thereof, which is activated for the purpose of summoning the police department or fire department to respond to a holdup, break-in, burglary, unauthorized entry, destruction of property, fire alarm, smoke alarm, or flow alarm, or other similar such event requiring police, department or fire department response, when in fact the service called for is not needed.

SECTION 4 Regulations
The owner and lessee of any alarmed premises shall be jointly and severally responsible to pay the Village fees for each occasion on which the Village Police Department (or other agency with whom the Village contracts for police services, including the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department). The Village Council shall establish an annual schedule of fees for such false alarm responses.

The police department shall report, monthly, a list of false alarms, identifying the alarmed premises and the responsible owners and lessees. The Village Treasurer shall bill each responsible owner and lessee for the amounts due in accordance with the established schedule of fees. All amounts billed by the Village Treasurer under this ordinance shall be due within 30 days after each billing. The Village Treasurer is authorized to prosecute collection procedures for any overdue amounts.

SECTION 5 Appeals
(a) Appeal. Any owner or lessee of an alarmed premises may appeal the assessment of a false alarm fee to the Village Council. Such appeal shall be in writing, shall be filed with the Village Clerk within ten (10) days after written notification of the assessment by the Village Treasurer, and shall state adequate, verifiable facts showing that the false alarm occurred under circumstances that could not be reasonably anticipated or controlled by the owner or lessee of the alarmed premises. The Village Council shall render a decision on the appeal within forty-five (45) days following the receipt of the written appeal, and shall notify the appellant and the Village Treasurer of the decision in writing.
(b) Exceptions. The following circumstances shall not constitute a false alarm, and no fee under this section shall be assessed:
(1) Alarm conditions activated by a person working on the alarm system, with prior notification to the Village Police Department.
(2) Alarms activated by damage to public utility lines, when the affected public utility corroborates that the damage to such lines caused the alarm.

SECTION 6 Saving Clause
The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, sentence, word, section, or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reasons by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect any portion of the Ordinance other than said part or portion thereof.

SECTION 7 Repeal
All Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8 Effective Date
This Ordinance shall become effective April 1, 2006. This effective date provides a three-month grace period commencing January 1, 2006 and ending March 31, 2006.

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LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2005, 7:30 P.M.
LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL
11452 JACKSON RD., CHELSEA, MI 48118

APPLICATION # 05-011. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE LIMA TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY TEN ACRES FROM A1 (AGRICULTURE) TO RR (RURAL RESIDENTIAL). THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED 12165 TRINKLE ROAD, DEXTER, MI 48130, AND IS PART OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 16, LIMA TOWNSHIP PARCEL # G 07-16-200-011.

APPLICATION FILED BY: KAREN MATUSKO
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ELIZABETH SENSOLI, CHAIRMAN
LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 59
CHELSEA, MI 48118

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DETROIT

New exhibit aims to spark interest again in nation's space program

'Space: A Journey to our Future' on display at science center

By Klint Lowry
Heritage Newspapers

From the Wright brothers' first takeoff at Kitty Hawk to Neil Armstrong's crackling voice announcing from the surface of the moon, "Tranquility base, the Eagle has landed," only 65 1/2 years elapsed.

That huge leap required aggressive, enthusiastic, dedicated scientists and engineers.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration recently has set some lofty goals for the next few decades: the completion and use of the International Space Station, a new generation of space shuttles, a return to the moon and manned missions to Mars.

To accomplish these goals is going to take a new crop of talented, creative, enthusiastic scientists and engineers.

Depending on one's age, "Space: A Journey to our Future," now at the New Detroit Science Center, is designed to kindle or rekindle that sense of purpose and imaginative excitement the public once had for the space program.

Anyone over 40 years old will get a smile seeing examples of the Space Age craze that dominated their childhood, and how it was symbiotic with the actual space race of the Cold War era.

But the real target audience for this exhibit is the young minds who will write the next chapters of our journey into the unknown.

"This is the newest and possibly most significant exhibit we've had here," said Shawn Kaehle, president of the New Detroit Science Center.

"Not only does it take a look into the future, it's also a coordinated effort by private-sector companies and science centers like ours to truly address a critical national problem: the need for more math, science and engineering graduates to meet the growing demands of our knowledge-based economy."

NASA designed and owns the exhibit, which is touring the country for five years, with General Motors Corp. and Lockheed Martin as the major sponsors.

This underscores the idea that the aim of the exhibit is to show youngsters what can be done with the right skills. Whether those skills are applied toward space or here on Earth, they will benefit our quality of life.

At this exhibit, imaginations are pointed directly at stars.

"NASA has embarked on a new mission that will take us back to the moon by the end of the next decade. And these students who are visiting this exhibit are going to be the ones to make it happen," said Jim Stofan, director of the informal education division for NASA.

As entertaining as it is educational, there is a balance of actual artifacts and well-made artificial representations throughout the exhibit.

Guests will see parts of actual space suits, then get to stand next to a mock-up that gives them a sense of standing on the gantry next to a Saturn V rocket from the Apollo program.

Youngsters can watch the video footage of the first moon landing through the windows of a simulated lunar lander, then see a real tire from a lunar rover.

Both young and old will be fascinated by an actual moon rock, brought back from an Apollo mission. Next to it is a piece of moon meteorite guests can actually touch.

The exhibit begins with a brief walk through the history of mankind's interest in space, beginning with a gallery that represents the earliest fascination with the night sky. This is followed by a display that combines early attempts to define the cosmos, including Stonehenge, an Aztec sun calendar and a Copernican chart.

Immediately after that, viewers will get to meet Galileo — actually a reasonable facsimile — who will explain how the Italian astronomer challenged the notion that the universe revolved around the Earth. They can look through telescopes to see what Galileo saw when he discovered the moons of Jupiter.

From there, guests move past the age of Isaac Newton, including an actual third edition of his "The Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy" on loan from the University of Michigan. This is the text in which Newton introduced his laws of physics.

The trip through history continues to showcase H.G. Wells and Jules Verne, who fueled imaginations toward space over a century ago, and to Einstein, Goddard, Von Braun, Hubble, the scientists who actually got us there.

There are artifacts of the 1950s and '60s, when space was the hottest thing in pop culture.

All this is in the science center's uppermost level, which generally is used for

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Earning Accolades

Angel Bennett (left), Mandi Roderick, Lily Karatzas and Emily Knafel, members of Troop 1733, are pictured at an organic community garden they created. Mandi, Lily and Emily earned the Silver Award as part of the project. The award is the highest award that a Cadette Girl Scout can earn. The award has been two years in the making and comes after the trio earned Interest Project awards related to their project. They also earned the Food Connection, Plant Life and Creative Cooking awards. In addition they were required to earn the Cadette Challenge Award, Leadership Interest Project Award and From Dreams to Reality Award. As part of the project, the girls spent their summer planting, weeding and harvesting more than 125 bags of fresh produce that they donated to Food Gatherers in Ann Arbor. They also learned how to plant, care and maintain the garden with the help of Dan Sparks-Jackson of Fraleighs Landscape Nursery. Farmers Supply in Chelsea donated the seeds for the planting of the garden. The community garden was located at the home of Pam and Paul Knafel. The Scouts will be presented with their official award at a ceremony in May.

ANN ARBOR

Holiday Home Tour set Dec. 6

The Conger Holiday Home Tour and Art Market will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 6, and will feature three homes decorated for the holidays.

The Art Market will be held at Barton Hills Country Club. It will feature 32 artists and exhibitors with holiday and gift items. The Art Market will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All proceeds directly benefit the Conger scholarship fund, which supports women without the necessary financial means to attend the University of Michigan.

This year, Conger awarded \$30,000 in scholarships. The Lucile B. Conger Alumnae Group of the University of Michigan has awarded scholarships to women entering the fields of engineering, education, dental hygiene, the arts, the sciences, business and others

since 1947. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$15 from Saturday to Dec. 5 at Downtown Home and

Garden in Ann Arbor and tour are \$20 at Barton Hills Nicola's Books in the Country Club.

Westgate Shopping Center For more information off Jackson Road, about the group, call Wendy Correll at 677-1645. Tickets on the day of the



WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP HALL AT 5665 WEBSTER CHURCH RD., DEXTER, MICHIGAN

Agenda: Consideration of revisions to Article 2 Definitions including "Contractors Establishment"

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than seven days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance. Written comments may be made in advance at the above address.

John Kingsley, Chairman

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LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING — NOVEMBER 14, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.

A public hearing was called to order prior to the Lima Township Board Meeting, on November 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. and was opened with the Pledge to the Flag. The public hearing was concerning a Lima Township special assessment district for fire protection. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees McKenzie and Laier, and Zoning Administrator Frisinger. Also present residents and guests.

There was discussion as to the cost of fire protection, the services the fire departments provide and how the fire budgets are established. The public hearing was declared closed at 8:10 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order at 8:25 p.m.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to approve the minutes of the regular October 10, and special November 3, 2005, regular meetings. Carried.

The treasurer's report was received.

The Zoning Administrator issued 34 permits.

Motion by Laier supported by Havens to table the Wireless Washtenaw Master Agreement until the attorney has reported his findings on the latest revision. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to approve Private Road Application #2005-04 Beacon Hill, based on OHM Plan Review #4, dated October 26, 2005, subject to all conditions on that report, with the correction it not be Washtenaw County Soil Erosion Control, but Chelsea Area Construction Agency Soil Erosion Control, with the additional proviso that approval does not include lot splits or land division approval. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to table any action on computer bids until designated office committee reviews the bids. Carried.

Motion by Havens supported by Laier to hire Kari Drake to perform the audit for 2005-2006 at a cost of \$2500.00. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to table any action on the Middle Huron River Watershed Agreement dated September 16, 2005 and request our representative of the Middle Huron to ask the questions noted and report back to the board. Carried.

Motion by Unterbrink supported by Laier to table Sylvan Township Sewer and Water Rules and Regulations for a report from the attorney. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to approve Application #05-007 Petition to Amend the Official Zoning Map, from A 1 Agriculture to GC General Commercial, parcels G07-16-300-014 and 015. Carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Havens to direct the Supervisor to prepare a tax roll for the Special Assessment for Fire Protection. Carried.

A special township board meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to review the Lima Township Private Road Ordinance. Carried.

Motion by Havens supported by Bareis to amend the WWRA Resolution to collect \$22.00 per year for new residences, from January 1, 2006 - August 31, 2006. Carried.

Motion by Unterbrink supported by Laier that Lima Township approve Resolution #2005-16 rejecting responsibility for waste water treatment and water supply systems for Blitmore.

Lima LLC, as printed. Ayes: Laier, Havens, McKenzie, Bareis and Unterbrink. Nays: None.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to table any action on Thornton Farms Phase II Private Road Application, pending resolution of Knox Boxes and a report from the Township Engineer. Carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Bareis to pay bills as presented. Carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Havens to adjourn at 10:07 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

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LIMA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL LIMA TOWNSHIP ZONING MAP

Parcels G 07-16-300-014 and G 07-16-300-015 are rezoned from A1 Agriculture to GC General Commercial as requested by the Chelsea Area Construction Agency, Application #05-007 dated August 10, 2005.

This rezoning will become effective 30 days following this publication.

Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP ATTENTION RESIDENTS -NOTICE-

THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
CHANGE IN SCHEDULE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2005 AT 6:00 P.M.
THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL
17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118

Written comments may be sent to: Carol A. Morrow, Office Manager of Lyndon Township, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individual with disabilities at the public hearing.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling: Carol A. Morrow, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.

A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Clerk.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP
Linda Reilly, Clerk

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SYLVAN TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sylvan Township is seeking proposals to license a High Speed Wireless Internet Provider to mount appropriate equipment on the Sylvan Township Water Tower and to provide reasonably priced connectivity to the Township. For information or to receive a copy of the RFP call the Township Office at 734-475-8890, or email DSolo@twp-sylvan.org. Due January 4, 2006.

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VILLAGE OF DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Council will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m., Monday, December 12, 2005 at the Village of Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following general code ordinance amendment to Chapter 18 Environment, Article 2 Public Nuisances, Section 18-31(3), the following will be added:

a. Accumulation of junk or rubbish, including unlicensed or inoperable motor vehicles, household and other equipment in disrepair and inoperable, boats and trailers, except in a completely enclosed building, for a period of longer than sixty (60) days.

b. Abandoned excavations and/or open basements remaining unfilled or uncovered for a period of 90 days or longer, that are situated as to endanger the safety of the public. Upon notification of the nuisance the property owner or occupant shall repair or rehabilitate the dangerous or hazardous condition and any excavation shall be filled to grade level.

c. Any building, under construction authorized by a building permit (whether or not expired), having unsafe characteristics, or having a manifestly unsightly appearance, if no significant progress towards completion has been made on the building for more than 90 days. Any structural condition, excavation, or hazardous machinery that is a) objectively dangerous; b) left unattended on public or private property for an unreasonable length of time; and c) attracts exploration or trespass by members of the public, especially children.

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. 15. Written comments regarding this plan should be submitted to the Village Clerk, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2005. 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.

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DEATHS

DEBORAH BACON

Chelsea
Deborah Bacon, 98, of Chelsea, formerly of Ann Arbor, Harnsville, Alaska and New York, died Nov. 18 at home in her apartment at the Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born Dec. 11, 1906, in Chappaqua, N.Y., the daughter of Selden and Josephine (Daskam) Bacon.

Survivors include her niece, Anne Robinson of Alaska, and nephews, Michael Bacon and Selden "Samuel" Bacon Jr. of New Jersey.

Also surviving is her lifelong friend, Elsie Radford Fuller of

Chelsea, and Elsie's family as who became Ms. Bacon's family, too as Nancy and Harold Harpler of Harrisville; Lynn, Dave, Phoebe, Max, Abram and Willa Booth of Chelsea; Janis, Larry, Matt and Sam Monte of Kalamazoo; Karen and Ed Solomon; and Marisa, Andy and Vince Cozzolino of Florida.

Ms. Bacon was preceded in death by her brother, Selden Jr., and sister, Anne.

Ms. Bacon attended Smith College and received her degree as a registered nurse from Bellevue Hospital in New York City in 1934. In 1941, she earned a bachelor's

degree in public health nursing from New York University.

From 1929 to 1942, she held a variety of jobs across the country, from being a nurse for the New Jersey State Prison for Women to serving as a missionary nurse for tubercular Indian children in Fort Yukon, Alaska.

Ms. Bacon worked as a floor nurse in the psychiatric ward at Bellevue Hospital in New York, earned advanced obstetrical certification at Chicago Lying-In Hospital and provided home deliveries in the poorest neighborhoods. She also served as the superintendent of

U.S. Public Health Service Obstetrical Hospital in Appalachian, Ky.

In 1942, she volunteered for the U.S. Army and became a 1st lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, serving as a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital nurse in frontline evacuation hospitals across Europe, earning five battle stars. When the war ended, she spent 12 weeks studying at the Sorbonne and then enrolled at Columbia University on the GI Bill, where she earned both a master's degree (1948) and a doctorate (1950) in English literature.

She also conducted research in

Oxford, England, as an ACLS fellow. In 1950, she was appointed dean of women at the University of Michigan and served until 1961 when she resigned to become an assistant professor of English at U of M.

Ms. Bacon took two sabbaticals to teach at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C., a member of the United Negro College Fund. Upon retirement from U of M in 1968, she traveled to more than 48 countries, wrote several books and divided her time between lakeside summers in her beloved Harrisville and Ann Arbor.

In 1998, she moved to the

Chelsea Retirement Community, where she became an occasional speaker on literature and life.

Memorial contributions may be made to the UMARC Heritage Foundation, earmarked for the Chelsea Retirement Community, Benevolent Care Fund, which provides for residents who outlive their savings.

A memorial service will be held 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Chelsea Retirement Community in the first-floor theater.

Arrangements were by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

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Pastor Larry Courson
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CHELSEA

Library to host Smithsonian exhibit in '07

The Michigan Humanities Council will bring the Smithsonian exhibit, "Key Ingredients: America By Food," to six Michigan communities, including Chelsea, in 2007.

In addition, the council will sponsor a state version of Key Ingredients called "Michigan Foodways" and will help local communities in developing their own kiosks.

The exhibit will be at the Chelsea District Library, May 25 through July 8, 2007.

"The Michigan Humanities Council is excited to be able to work with the Smithsonian to bring Michigan an exhibit about the impact food has on our culture and heritage," Jan Fedewa, executive director of the Michigan Humanities Council, said in a press release.

"We are also looking forward to working with the six selected communities to help them develop interactive programs to complement the exhibits."

Key Ingredients is the newest exhibition of Museum on Main Street, a partnership of the Smithsonian Institute, and the Federation of State Humanities Councils.

With photographs, illustrations and artifacts, it explores the connections between Americans and food via the historical, regional, and social traditions of everyday meals and celebra-

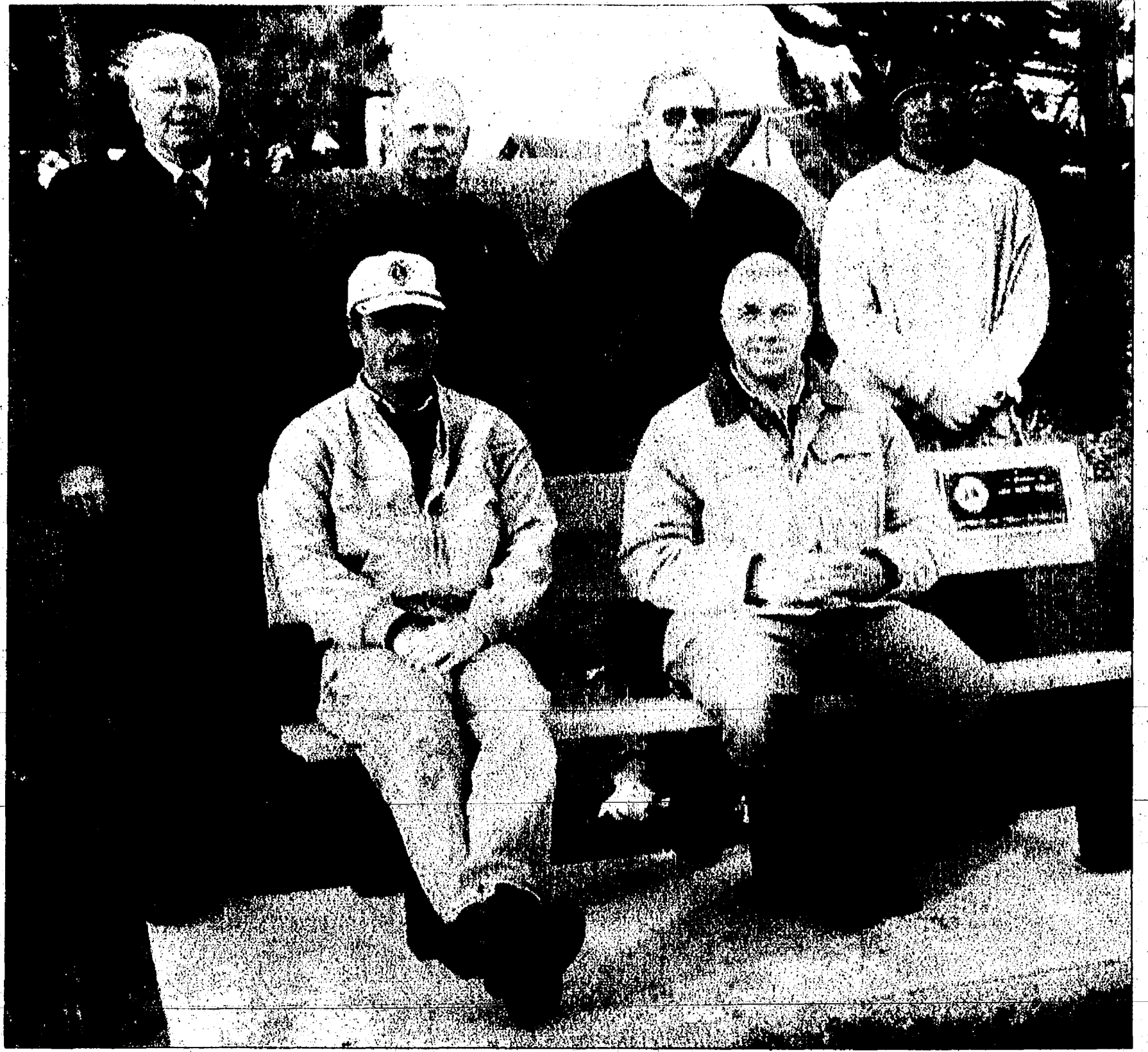
tions. In addition to farming, table manners, history and markets, the exhibition examines the evolution of the kitchen, the technological innovations that bring Americans a wide variety of prepared and fresh foods, and the role of public eateries and food celebrations in building a sense of community.

The six communities hosting Key Ingredients and Michigan Foodways will add their own local flavor to the exhibit's larger, national story.

"Hosting a Smithsonian traveling exhibit is a great opportunity for both Chelsea and our new library," said Metta Lansdale, director of the Chelsea District Library. "Chelsea has a great agricultural heritage, and we hold one of the longest running and largest community fairs. We plan to make this a big part of our programming."

Lansdale said the library also plans to celebrate Chelsea's connection to Chelsea Milling Co., makers of Jiffy Mix, and The Common Grill, which has quickly become one of Southeastern Michigan's most highly rated restaurants.

An opening kick-off event to launch the exhibit is planned for May 24, 2007. The council will announce the location and details for the event at a later date.



Remembering A Friend

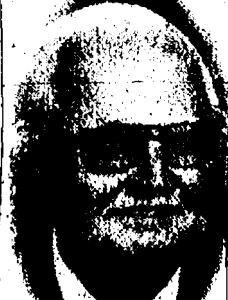
Chelsea Lions Club member Doug White, who died in May, was recently memorialized with a park bench and marker. White was an active member of the club and had 28 years of perfect attendance at meetings. He was the club newsletter editor for more than 15 years and served as the club's "tail twister" for approximately 11 years. In addition, he received several awards from Lions International for his dedication to community service work. An avid walker, White's major route included the Pierce Lake Golf Course walkway. Contributing to the park bench fund were Munith Lions Club members Irv Tabaka and Harry Thurkow, as well as employees at Polly's Country Market. Washtenaw Parks and Recreation Director Robert Tetens, Golf Course Superintendent Brian Klander and Greens Superintendent Bryan Bloomensaat helped install the bench. In back are Lions Club members Dave Jachalke (left), Keith Bloomensaat and Phil Radant with Bloomensaat; in front are Lions club members Chuck Armstrong and Dan Nutt.

OBITS

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JOHN (JACK) M. PARISHO

John (Jack) M. Parisho, 75, of Chelsea died Nov. 23, 2005, surrounded by his family at his home. He was born Aug. 12, 1930, in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Merlin and Ethel (McClure) Parisho.



Mr. Parisho had lived in Chelsea since 1972, and was a former member and trustee of North Lake United Methodist Church. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Army and a former Boy Scout leader. For 33 years, he worked for Michigan Bell and retired as a supervisor in 1988.

Gardening was a passion. His vegetable and iris beds were incredible, his family said. He also enjoyed bird watching, traveling and had a great love for all animals. On Nov. 11, 1950, he married Virginia J. Groomes in Ann Arbor, and she survives. Also surviving are their children, John R. Parisho, James "Jay" (Diane) Parisho, and Rebecca (Jeff) Murillo, all of Chelsea, and Dennis (Jennifer) Parisho of Gregory; and nine grandchildren, John M. Parisho II, Lisa M. (Nick Harms) Parisho, Jayson J. Murillo, Scott J. Parisho, Jesse M.

Murillo, Aaron M. Parisho, Tara N. Murillo, Shawn J. Parisho and Lindsay N. Parisho. In addition, he was expecting a 10th grandchild. He is also survived by one great-grandchild, Brock R. Harms.

He was preceded in death by his parents. A funeral was held Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Chelsea. The Revs. Joy Barrett and John Elliott officiated.

Burial was at Washtenaw Memorial Park and Mausoleum.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Wildlife, Rescue, Rehabilitation, Release, P.O. Box 1505, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

The family received friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

ROBERT DALE BALL JR.

Robert Dale Ball Jr., 43, died Nov. 27, 2005, at the University of Michigan Hospital. He was born Aug. 4, 1962, in Ann Arbor the son of Robert D. and Margaret Alice (Simpson) Ball Sr.

Mr. Ball had graduated from Chelsea High School in 1980. He worked for Sweepster Attachments in Dexter as a product engineer for 25 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, Harley Davidson motorcycles and NASCAR races.

On July 15, 1983, he married Eileen A. Stapish in Chelsea, and she survives. Also surviving are his parents of Chelsea; two sons, Robert D. Ball III and Tyler M. Ball, both of Chelsea; one brother, William (Shasey) Ball of Chelsea; two sis-

ters, Elizabeth Ball and Shawn (Bill) Mikkelsen, both of Chelsea; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Charles and Jeanne Stapish of Chelsea; two brothers-in-law, Mark Stapish of Tecumseh and Michael Stapish of Chelsea; and a special cousin, Robert Gimmy of Chelsea.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Dale Heppburn and Alberta Slane; his maternal grandparents, William and Kathryn Simpson; and one brother-in-law, Mathew Stapish.

A funeral will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea. Deacon Richard Shaneyfelt will officiate. Burial will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to the children's educational fund.

The family received friends at the funeral home Tuesday and Wednesday.

ELEANOR G. FARLEY

Eleanor G. Farley, 88, of Chelsea died Nov. 24, 2005, at the Chelsea Retirement Community's Towlsley Village. She was born Sept. 30, 1917, in Martinez, Calif., the daughter of John and Mary (Cardoza) Martin.

She had lived in Chelsea since 1955, and was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church. She was also a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Chelsea, a den mother in Scouts, and she grew roses and enjoyed knitting.

On May 1, 1943, she married Curtis Farley, and he preceded her in

death in 1979. Surviving are two sons, Curtis M. (Kay) Farley of Richmond, Ky., and Arthur (Lynne) Farley of Chelsea; three grandchildren, Curt (Michelle) Farley, Laura (Chad) Tepfer and Christy Farley; and two great-grandchildren, Joey and Kelley.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Edwin and Arthur Martin, and an infant sister, Evelyn.

A funeral was held Tuesday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea. The Rev. William Turner presided. Burial followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith in Action.

The family received friends Monday at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea and a rosary was held.

RAY E. KNICKERBOCKER

Ray E. Knickerbocker, 77, of Chelsea died Nov. 27, 2005, in the comfort of his home and family. Born July 27, 1928, the son of Maynard L. and Ethel (Kennedy) Knickerbocker, he was a lifetime resident of Chelsea.

Mr. Knickerbocker enjoyed several careers, ranging from owner of Heirloom Photographic Studios in Chelsea and carpentry with Associated Builders to machine repair at Chelsea Milling Co., where he retired in 1997.

He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He loved gatherings of family and friends, especially at Cavanaugh Lake, where the Knickerbocker family has

a long history. Mr. Knickerbocker was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ, where he taught Sunday school for many years and married A. Louise Salyer Aug. 31, 1957.

Mr. Knickerbocker is survived by his wife, Louise; five children, Terri Raye Alcazar (her fiancé, Bruce Wildey), Brian T. Knickerbocker and Bradley J. (Patricia J.) Knickerbocker, all of Chelsea, Brett P. Knickerbocker of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Heidi A. (Ryan) Farris of Rochester Hills; and five grandchildren, Travis Ray Alcazar, Sarah and Grace Knickerbocker, and Carter and Gavin Farris.

He is also survived by a very special nephew, J. Gregory (Pam) Howard of Kentucky, as well as many other nieces and nephews.

Mr. Knickerbocker had six brothers and one sister. He is survived by siblings Clare Knickerbocker of Chelsea, Dorothy Collins of Jackson, David (Carole) Knickerbocker of Reno, Nev., and Alfred (Deanna) Knickerbocker of California.

He was preceded in death by brothers George Knickerbocker of Chelsea, Stanley Knickerbocker of Arizona and Harvey Knickerbocker

of California. In addition, he is survived by three sisters-in-law, Elaine (George) Knickerbocker, Diane (Stanley) Knickerbocker and Jeanne (Harvey) Knickerbocker.

A funeral will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Paul United Church of Christ.

Interment will be in Chelsea at Oak Grove Cemetery.

The family received friends Tuesday and Wednesday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul United Church of Christ in Chelsea or the American Cancer Society.

HARVEY KNICKERBOCKER

Harvey Knickerbocker, 84, of Spring Valley, Calif., formerly of Chelsea, died Nov. 23, 2005, in Spring Valley. He was born July 7, 1921.

Mr. Knickerbocker is survived by his wife, Jeanne, and two children, Kathy (Gene) Porter and Jeffrey Knickerbocker.

SPACE

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special exhibits.

But at more than 12,000 square feet, the exhibit was too big for the gallery, so guests move down to the science center's lower level to continue the exhibit and get a glimpse of the future.

Once down the stairs or elevator, guests are greeted by the entrance to a mock-up of a Mars habitat, or at least one proposed version of the structures that will be built for manned missions to Mars, where astronauts will live for up to two years before returning to Earth.

Inside the habitat, there is an actual piece of Mars, a meteorite sample found here on Earth, that guests can look at and touch.

After that, guests can watch a 360-degree film about space exploration, and there are interactive games for young guests to begin future.

"It's our responsibility to inspire young people toward that future, to literally sur-

prise themselves," said Dan Brandenstein, a man whose personal understands of both the astral and earthbound need for new blood in the fields of science and engineering transcends that of most people.

Currently the vice president and program manager for space operations at Lockheed Martin, Brandenstein commanded missions on the Discovery, Columbia and Endeavor space shuttles.

"A lot of the leaders I see in engineering and the aerospace industry have been there a long time; we're in the twilight of our tour," Brandenstein said. "And with these new goals coming, there's some interesting and exciting stuff to be done, and we certainly need the scientists and engineers to do it."

"The aspect of this exhibit I think is most motivational to young people is that it demonstrates how the dreams of one generation become the reality of the next through technology."

"Space: A Journey to the Future" will be at the New

Detroit Science Center through May 14, 2006. The New Detroit Science Center also is featuring the IMAX film "Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon" and "Journey to the

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- * Wear comfortable clothing and comfortable shoes. The more comfortable you are, the happier you will be.
- * Keep shopping trips to 3 hours or less. Long shopping sprees lead to impulse buying and frustration.
- * During the holidays, traffic is heavier than normal. Plan your routes and consider carpooling, valet parking or taking public transportation to your shopping destination.
- * Limit the number of presents per person. The fewer presents you have to buy, the less shopping you have to do. It's not quantity — it's quality.
- * If you see a gift, buy it — no matter what time of year it is. It will save you the hassle of having to buy so many gifts all at the same time.

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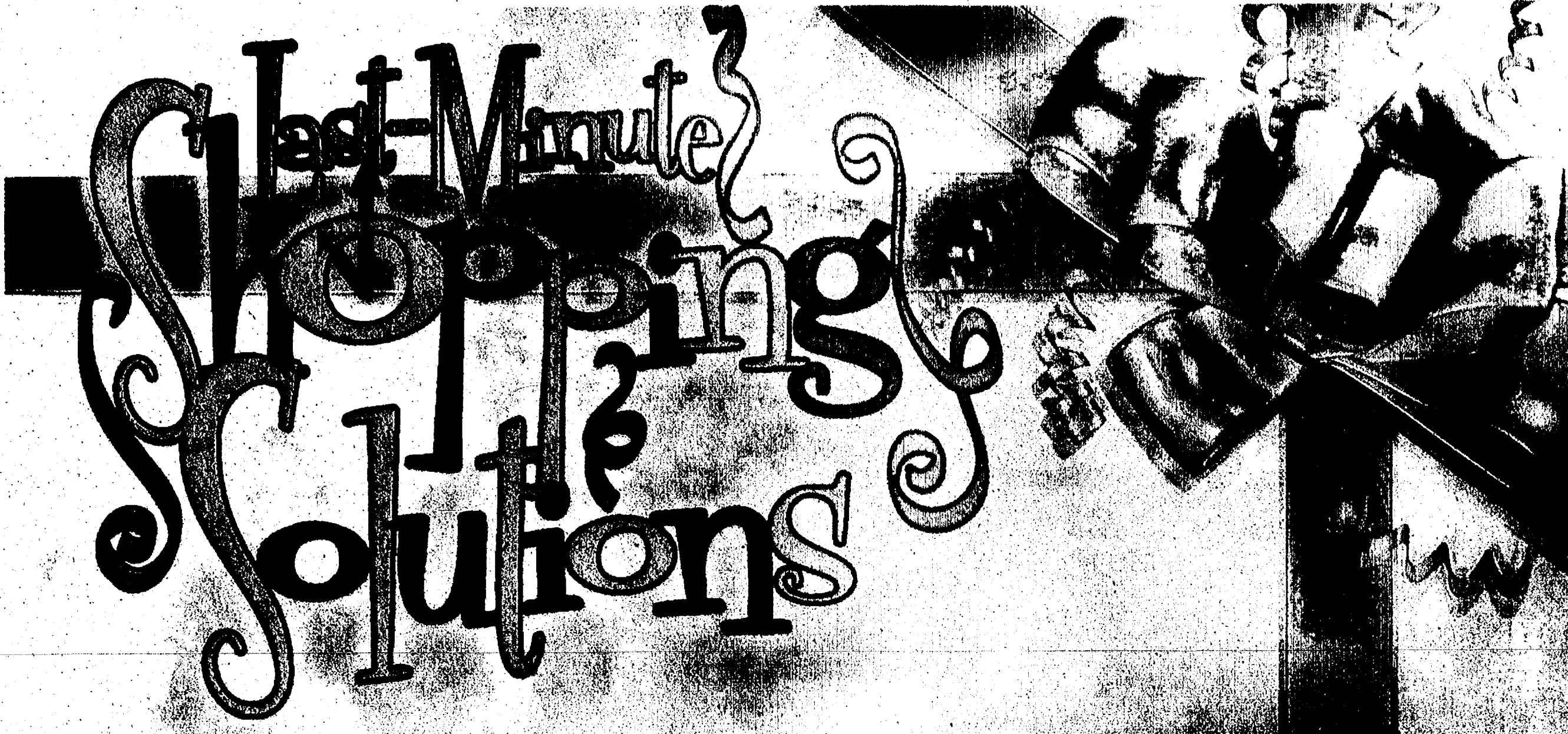
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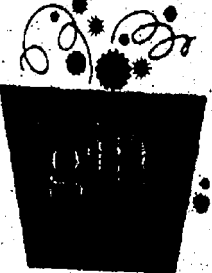
10 Ways to Reduce Holiday Stress

The holidays are full of annual events — parties, gifts, decorating and more. Sure, it's all in good fun, but sometimes you spend so much time doing those activities that you have no time left for yourself. Here are some easy ways to get back some sanity during the holidays.

1. Shop via phone or catalog so you don't have to stand in line at the store. Many merchants offer free shipping.
2. Make your home festive by inviting friends or family over for a decorating party. That way, it can all be done in one day, and you can visit with people at the same time.
3. Instead of baking 20 different types of holiday cookies, ask each family member for his or her favorite kind and make those.
4. Sign and address holiday cards in advance. Make your life even easier by using a computer database to print addresses on envelopes. You can add a personal note when you are ready to mail them.
5. Instead of hosting one gathering of your childhood friends, another of your work friends and yet another of your husband's friends, combine groups. While it will be a larger gathering, you'll only have to entertain once. And don't feel the need to whip up a three-course homemade feast. Make it easy on yourself by catering the party or making it a potluck.
6. Don't spend hours cleaning your house from head to toe. Hire a cleaning person. It's an expense that's well worth it!
7. Set a limit on the number of holiday invitations you accept. If you feel badly about declining, offer to help the hosts set up before or clean up after.
8. It's okay to take a year off from flying to visit relatives and family. And it's also okay to pass on sending out holiday cards this year.
9. Keep the focus on the people at the event, not what kind of food you serve. It's okay to serve one kind of cookie, one plate of cheese and crackers, and some beverages. As long as your guests have something to eat and drink, they'll be satisfied.
10. If someone offers to bring food to your holiday party, don't be a martyr. Say yes! Make a list of items that are nonperishable and possible (like bottled soda or rolls) and assign a guest to bring them when asked. Keep the spirit of the season alive at all times. The holidays aren't a race to see who puts their presents first or who makes the best cookies. Do the best you can, and enjoy!

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<p>Chelsea \$260,000</p> <p>Open Sunday 12-1:30 13988 Green Acres Off Freer Betw. Old US 12 & Jerusalem 1700 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, master suite, partially finished basement, lots of storage, all on 1.75 acres. Newer roof, furnace, C/A & hot water heater. (GR2512913) Cindy Glahn 478-9582 / 426-1487 caglhn@aol.com</p>	<p>Chelsea \$315,000</p> <p>4862 Cottonwood 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on 1 acre in country sub offers finished w/family room & playroom. Master suite, study and large private deck. (O2510930) Greg Johnson 648-5957 / 682-8800 www.GregJohnsonRealEstate.com</p>	<p>Chelsea \$336,000</p> <p>12508 Roepke 2700 sq. ft. 4 bedroom + study home in Chelsea Schools on 2 acres. Go to web site for map, features, room by room photo and dimensions. (R02513216) Greg Johnson 648-5957 / 682-8800 www.GregJohnsonRealEstate.com</p>	<p>Dexter \$284,900</p> <p>Open Sunday 3:30 - 6:00 3457 Huron View Ct. Dex-AA to Huron View Ct. Absolutely immaculate ranch condo loaded w/extras. 3 BRs, 3 baths, 2 car garage, 1st floor laundry. Beautifully finished basement w/awesome media room. (HU2513006) Christine Moler 717-5303 / 426-1487 Christine@RealEstateOne.com</p>	<p>Dexter \$335,000</p> <p>Open Sunday 2-4 6791 Brasow Lane Off Mast. Betw. N. Torr. & Hur Riv Dr. 2000 sq. ft., 4 BR w/master suite, 2.5 bath, formal dining room, fireplace, full basement, 12x20 outbuilding, country setting. Compare & you will come to this home! (BR2515020) Cindy Glahn 478-9582 / 426-1487 caglhn@aol.com</p>	<p>Dexter \$459,900</p> <p>Open Sunday 2-4 5610 Crest Cherry kitchen, master suite has sitting room and spa-like bath w/full tile shower. BR's 2&3 share bath, BR 4 w/private bath. Walkout LL, on 2 acres. (CR2513960) Sue Wright 626-1243 / 426-1487 www.SueWrightRealtor.com</p>
<p>Dexter \$725,000</p> <p>Executive Ranch on 7.17 Acres Cherry cabinetry & custom built-ins. Gourmet granite kitchen w/hiqh end appliances. 3 season screen porch views, 4 BR, 3 1/2 baths, 5225 sq. ft. ranch. (MA2514549) Sue Wright 320-1243 / 426-1487 www.SueWrightRealtor.com</p>	<p>Dexter \$450,000</p> <p>7814 Zeeb 3 BR, 2 1/2 bath home w/2 1/2 car garage. 5 stall horse barn & 7 ac. fenced pasture. Stone fireplace in FR. For map, features, room by room photos & sizes, go to web site. (Z2509047) Greg Johnson 648-5957 / 682-8800 www.GregJohnsonRealEstate.com</p>	<p>Dexter \$219,900</p> <p>Great Building Site The Huron River is in the rear and a quaint babbling brook is in the front. Small bungalow currently on property but the value is in the land! 2 acres w/new drainfield. (HU2515039) Sue Wright 320-1243 / 426-1487 www.SueWrightRealtor.com</p>	<p>Grass Lake \$159,900</p> <p>Charming Home 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in established neighborhood. Updated w/mostly finished basement and fenced backyard. (GR2509620) Maureen Peterson 616-4399 / 302-8800 www.SpecializingInResults.com</p>	<p>Lincoln Schools \$169,900</p> <p>Open Sunday 2-5 5653 Mohawk Whitaker, E. on Textile, N. on Mohawk 2 story delight in Spruce Falls features over 1250 sq. ft. + 300 sq. ft. finished rec room, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, newer appliances, detached 2.5 car garage w/ft. (MO2514871) Danielle Groszick 637-5897 / 438-4131 www.Groszick.com</p>	<p>Milan \$149,900</p> <p>Open 2-4 373 Everett Btw. Iva & Argyle Crescent Enjoy this 4 bedroom home complete w/white picket fence. Boasting a remodeled kitchen and bath, hardwood floors, newer windows, 2.5 car garage, deck. (EV2515013) Denise Baker 218-3324 / 944-7998 dbaker@gregrealtors.com</p>
<p>Milan \$189,000</p> <p>Open Sunday 2-4 12631 Crowe Rd. Betw. Sherman and Cone Located on 2.5 acres this 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch is a pleaser. Features New bath, windows, roof and paint. 1500 sq. ft. w/finished basement. (CR2511722) Danielle Groszick 637-5897 / 438-4131 www.Groszick.com</p>	<p>Milan \$182,900</p> <p>Open Sunday 2-4 598 Asher Pass Off Allen betw. Wabash & Crowe New construction. Finishing touches are underway on this 3 BR, 2 BA ranch w/2 car garage. December special includes finishing of clear-span bsmt. (AS2506094) Mary Blatz 478-7954 / 438-4131 maryblatz@milanrealestate.com</p>	<p>Milan \$181,900</p> <p>Open Sunday 2-4 317 Ann Marie Off Platt south of Main This 7 year old ranch is better than new! Features include fresh paint, carpet and laminate. Spacious landscaped yard. Quiet smaller sub w/convenient location. (AN2510217) Mary Blatz 478-7954 / 438-4131 maryblatz@milanrealestate.com</p>	<p>Milan \$129,900</p> <p>Give Yourself A Gift! Sharp new 2 BR, 2 BA condo w/1 car garage and large covered deck. Spacious open floor plan w/lots of natural light & built for comfort w/many upgrades. (CH2505311) Barbara Gaines 439-9405 / 682-8800 www.213Cherry.com</p>	<p>Milan \$325,000</p> <p>Get Back To Nature 3 BR, 2 BA log home on 5 acres w/mature trees & space for 2-3 horses, 8x8 log shed & 24x32 pole barn. Enjoy a 23x12 master suite w/BA & office/study. (OA2513918) Barbara Gaines 439-9405 / 682-8800 www.13925Oakville.com</p>	<p>Milan \$239,000</p> <p>Yule Love This newer 3 BR, 2 BA open floor plan ranch in Eagle Springs. Many builder upgrades including central air, bay window, hardwood flooring & fireplace. (FA2514024) Barbara Gaines 439-9405 / 682-8800 www.946Faith.com</p>
<p>Milan \$82,000</p> <p>2BR Condo in Milan Commons. Newer furnace, A/C & kitchen counters. Private patio off kitchen. Walk to shopping & schools. Nice pool area. (R12512707) Vanessa Shutes 478-2063 / 682-8800 www.vrsr.com</p>	<p>Pittsfield Twp \$375,000</p> <p>Lots of History Tour this older home featuring hardwood floors, fireplace, 3 baths, 1st floor bedroom, 3 large bedrooms upstairs, full basement on over an acre. (MU2511236) Tonya Ireland 396-1806 / 682-8800 www.RealEstateOne.com</p>	<p>Pittsfield Twp \$229,900</p> <p>AA Schools/Pittsfield Twp. Taxes. Kid friendly on 1 acre, park like fenced yard. Brick home w/3 BR, 2 baths, solarium, FP, 2.5 car garage, many updates & mechanicals. \$229,900. (CA2511975) Doris Sobie 604-1108 / 682-8800 www.realestateone.com</p>	<p>Saline \$379,900</p> <p>Beacreshire You're invited to visit this spectacular ranch home. 3 BR, 2 bath, central great room layout. Daylight basement for more living space. (BR2513500) Vanessa Shutes 478-2063 / 682-8800 vrs@provide.net</p>	<p>Ypsilanti Twp \$121,450</p> <p>Best Value On The Market Fantastic starter w/ immediate occupancy features new kitchen, beautiful hardwood floors, updated mechanicals, fresh paint and large fenced backyard. (NA2514041) Amy Davis 616-4387 / 438-4131 www.RealEstateOne.com</p>	<p>Ann Arbor \$180,000</p> <p>3316 Springbrook Ready, Set, Go This 3 bedroom AA home w/full bsmt, ceramic tiled kitchen and bath, new Berber carpet in LR, new 3 car garage. Mature trees thru-out neighborhood. (SP2511526) Tonya Ireland 396-1806 / 682-8800 tira@realestateone.com</p>