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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

Tutors could see new rules

New policy would require in-home tutors to be certified teachers

By Erin Ryder
Special Writer

The Chelsea Board of Education is considering a policy standardizing the instruction of students unable to participate in the school environment, including students unable to attend because of prolonged illness or injury.

The district receives requests for home or hospital instruction four to six times a year, said Assistant Superintendent Iva Corbett.

Currently, homebound students receive instruction twice a week from district teaching staff, substitute teaching staff or paraprofessionals. These in-home tutors collect work from the students' classroom teachers, provide it to the students and offer guidance to keep the students up to date with the lessons being taught in the classroom.

Tutors meet with students twice a week in two, 45-minute sessions.

The new policy specifies that in-home tutors must be certified teachers. This change may mean that staff formerly allowed to serve as in-home instructors may now be blocked from doing so.

For students to qualify for home or hospital instruction, a physician must certify that the student is unable to attend based on either physical or emotional disability. The physician must also estimate the length of time that the student will need to remain out of the classroom setting.

In-home instruction costs the school district \$60 per week of service, Corbett said.

The new policy also specifies that in-home instruction is to start within three days of its request for students not classified as special education and within 15 days for special education students.

New guidelines limiting certain aspects of in-home instruction also have been

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HOLIDAY FUN



Tammi Christian and her son, Connor, create a gingerbread house at the Clocktower Complex in Chelsea as part of the Hometown Holidays celebration. Many families joined together to make their own creations.

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— Jack Baylis

Hometown Holidays a hit

Many families come out for annual event

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Santa Claus must have worked overtime last weekend in Chelsea.

Old St. Nick put in appearances across town as part of the annual Hometown Holidays celebration organized by the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

"It was wonderful seeing all the families come out on a cold Friday evening to welcome Santa to Chelsea," Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Director Bob Pierce said Monday.

Santa rode in on the American Legion Voiture 957 Train Friday night and then appeared again for skating at the Arctic Coliseum Saturday afternoon.

He also was spotted Saturday morning at the Chelsea Comfort Inn, where he had breakfast with local residents. Later he was seen on top of one of the floats in the light parade and then strolling through town Sunday evening.

Many local residents joined the old elf in braving the cold weather and staying in good cheer for the 18th annual celebration.

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Alicia White and Brigitte Demelo, both of Chelsea, give a hug to a bear donated by State Farm Insurance last weekend at the Comfort Inn after eating breakfast with Santa as part of the Hometown Holidays celebration.

CHELSEA AREA

United Way needs help

Local service agencies could feel the pinch if \$120,000 goal not met

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

It's halfway through this year's Chelsea United Way campaign, and the going is slow. If the pace doesn't pick up, several local agencies will likely feel the pinch. More children may go hungry and cold. Fewer families will receive help. Fewer people will receive medical assistance.

That's the message the Chelsea United Way is delivering this holiday season.

The local organization's thermometer displays, which can be found around town, are rising, but slowly. Currently they show about 42 percent of this year's \$120,000 goal met. If the goal isn't met, fewer people will be helped in the new year.

The agencies that benefit from the fund drive include Faith In Action, Chelsea Recreation Council, Chelsea Area Transportation Services/Washtenaw Area Value Express, Hope Clinic of Chelsea, Help Source, St. Louis Center, First Steps and the Parents as Teachers program, Chelsea Area Scouts, and the Chelsea Senior Center.

Other organizations receiving help are the American Red Cross, Salvation Army of Washtenaw County, Association for Community Advocacy, Catholic Social Services and Huron Valley Child Guidance.

"A better name for Chelsea United Way would probably be Chelsea Community Chest," said Chelsea United Way Board member George Olson. "It's important to see the contributions from the community put back to good use in the community."

"Seeing our youth, elderly and needy benefit so greatly

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Before the change, Chelsea Post Office hours were from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

■ **Chelsea Center for the Arts organizing field trip:** Chelsea Center for the Arts will host a field trip from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday to Cranbrook Schools in Bloomfield Hills and the Detroit Institute of Arts in Detroit.

Craig Hoemschemeyer, project manager for

Cranbrook, will give a tour highlighting the school's unique and historic architecture. The tour will also visit "Camille Claudel and Rodin: Fateful Encounter," an exhibition at The Detroit Institute of Arts. A light breakfast will be served en route.

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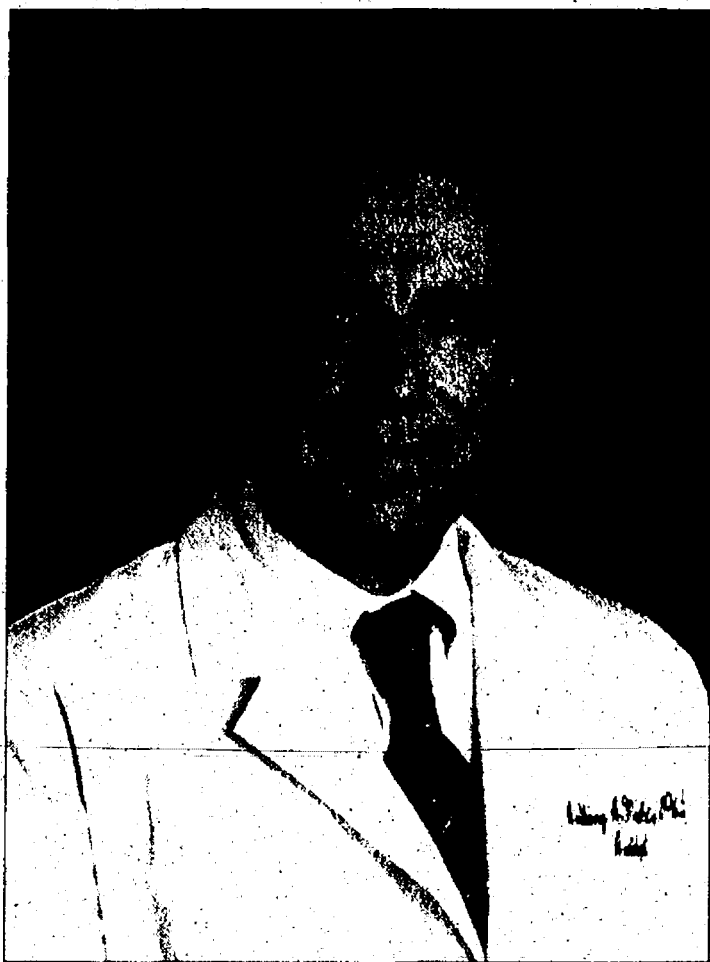
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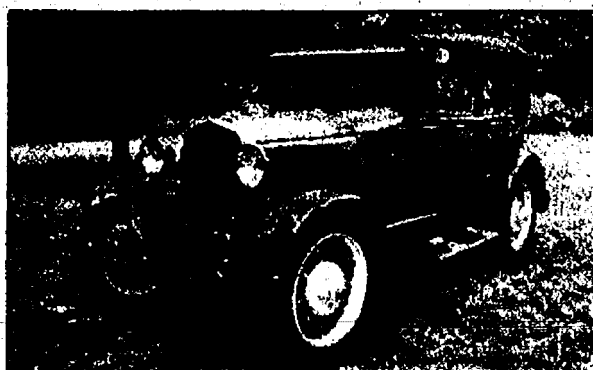
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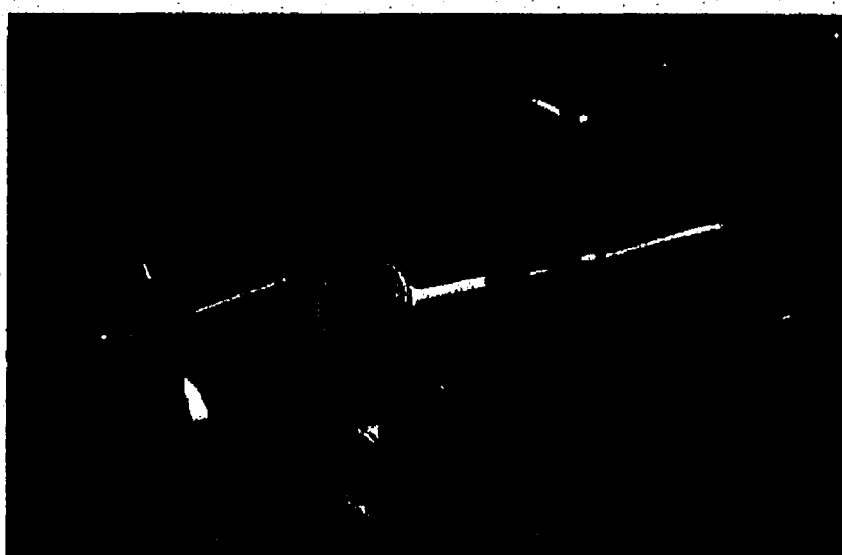


Home service used to be the primary service provided by health care professionals throughout the history of health. Many professionals would drive their Model A's to homes throughout Washtenaw County. Of course technology has replaced the Model A.

There also have been major changes in hearing instrument technology. Dr. Muraski owns one of the largest antique hearing aid collections in the midwest. The development of hearing instruments has followed the development of the telephone and electricity. Antique hearing aids can be grouped as hearing trumpets, hearing domes, conversation tubes, and early electric hearing aids.



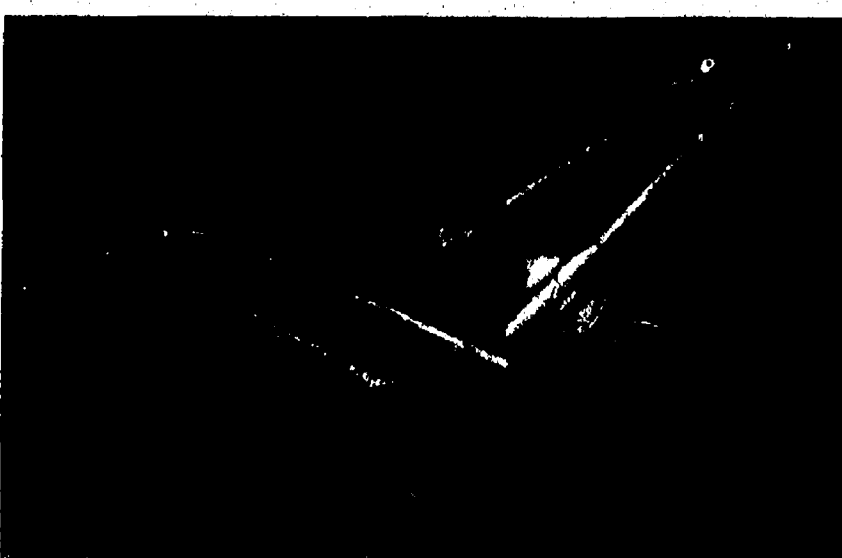
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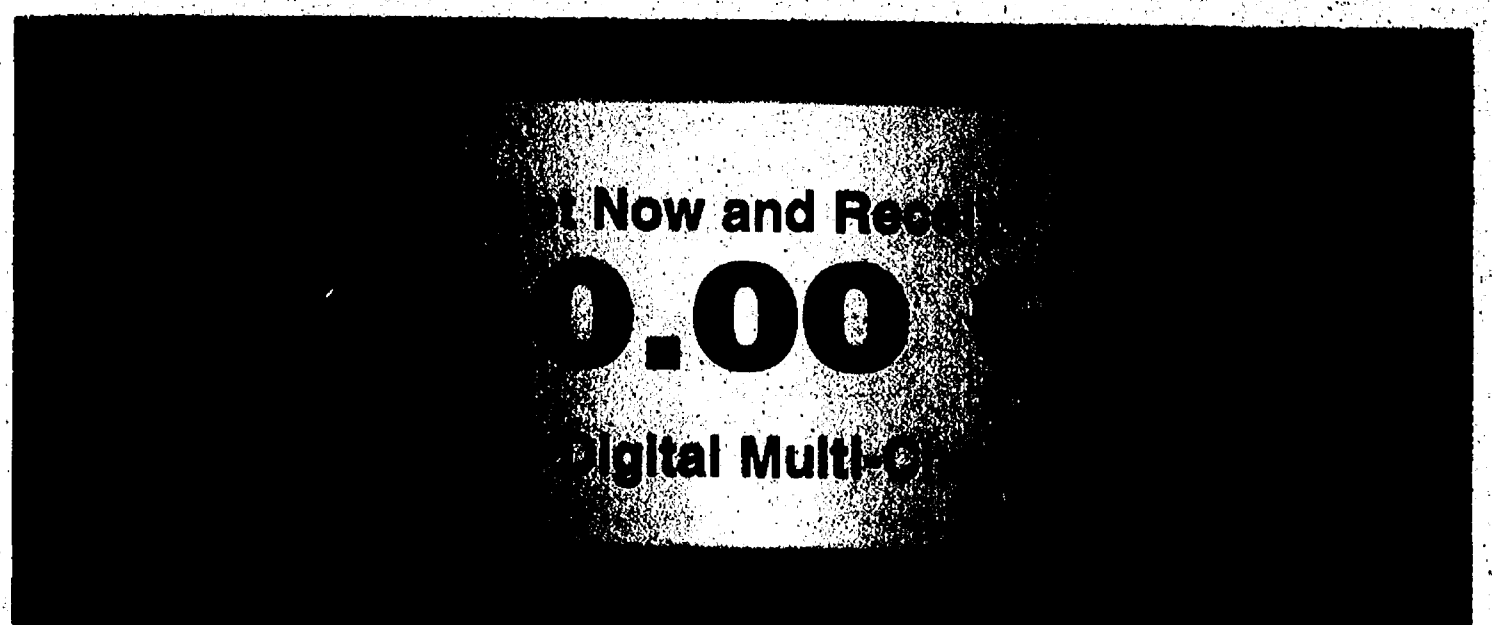
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WATERLOO TOWNSHIP

Farm showcases Christmas past

Christmas on the Farm features Chelsea area's farm history.

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Visitors to the Waterloo Area Museum last weekend stepped back in time as volunteers recreated what Christmas would be like on an 1800s-era farm.

The historical society took over the Realy farm in 1962 and since then volunteers have put in thousands of hours restoring the farm to its 19th-century glory.

The farmhouse features items that have been donated to show what pioneer life was like in the Chelsea area. In addition, buildings have been moved to the property to illustrate how goods were made and bought so farm life could thrive.

The event, called Christmas on the Farm, is among many attractions that the group puts on each year. It showcases how Christmas would have been celebrated during the late 1800s in a typical Midwestern farm.

Both the log cabin and the 10-room farmhouse were decorated with furnishings and other types of Christmas items to celebrate the holidays. The dining room was ready for a Christmas party, with bits of evergreen, red ribbon, green apples, and dried flowers adorning the windows and furniture. Punch and cookies were available for holiday guests.

In addition, the kitchen was bustling with activity, as a pot roast was cooking, a homemade apple pie was in the making and children played with old-fashioned games. Two neighbors sat and played a game of checkers, and grandma was in the sewing room working on a rug for a Christmas present.

Also, a blacksmith was working to showcase the items that would have helped the farm run. Dennis Petsch of Stockbridge, formerly of Chelsea, and his wife, Linda, are among the volunteers who participated in this year's event. They have been active with the museum for the past five years, and serve as the "Log House" family during the Pioneer Days event held every October.

The Petschs are also involved with the 24th Annual Christmas on the Farm. See FARM — Page 9-A



Photo by Rita Fischer
Kay Lantis of Chelsea was among the volunteers last weekend at Christmas on the Farm. She was a guide in the dining room.

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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

Pupils organize collection for troops

Donations to be hung on Gift Bag Tree at South Elementary

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Alexander Singleton, a fifth-grader at South Elementary School, attended a Veterans Day dinner in Concord and learned about the American Legion's efforts to collect donations for troops overseas.

Impressed with the Legion's work, he wanted to help. So, he rallied his schoolmates.

Joined by fellow Student Council members Jesse Stebelton, Judy Kim and Peter Riemenschneider, Alexander approached Principal Lisa Nickel and asked if the entire school could participate in the effort.

The Student Council agreed to sponsor a Soldier Gift Bag Tree, instead of the traditional Mitten Tree this year.

"It's great that the students' efforts will be recognized in this manner," said Patricia Peterson. "They are a very generous group of kids."

A tree just outside the school office will don donations through Dec. 15. New, non-perishable items packed in small bags will be hung on the tree as they come in.

Those wishing to make donations may bring in lotions, pencils, cough drops, hard candy, gum, combs, hand sanitizer, travel-size

grooming aids, pre-sweetened powdered drink mixes, hot chocolate packets, instant coffee packets, sugar, powdered creamer packets, deodorant, note cards, blank greeting cards, playing cards, puzzles, crossword books, comic books, magazines and shoe polish.

The Concord Tulaski Memorial American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary will pick up the donations Dec. 16.

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CHELSEA

Changes in store for relay

Relay for Life to be held in the spring at Chelsea Fairgrounds

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Big changes are in store for the Western Washtenaw Relay for Life.

Next year's event will be held on a Saturday night into Sunday during the spring at the Chelsea Fairgrounds, a change from the traditional June event kicking off on a Friday evening and taking place at the high school track.

Jamie Seyfried, event chairwoman for next year's American Cancer Society fund-raiser, and co-vice chairwomen Jamie Jablonski and Janice Kett-Blinn are excited about the changes.

Much help is needed for next year's relay as a result. There are openings on the planning, food and entertainment committees, as well as many other volunteer opportunities.

The new location will accommodate renovations that will be under way at the high school football stadium.

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STRAIGHT FACTS

A headline in the Nov. 24 edition should have stated, "Chelsea Internal Medicine merges with IHA."

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HOLIDAYS

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The festivities included a Luminaria display along Main Street, from the Clocktower Complex to Pierce Park. Friday set up by the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts.

The Rev. Larry Lyons of Chelsea Free Methodist Church, who also serves as president of Chelsea Rotary Club, emceed the tree-lighting ceremony Friday night in Pierce Park, kicking off the weekend of fun.

Chelsea Community Fair Queen Casey Sullens threw the switch to light the Christmas tree as the Chelsea High School Marching Band played and the crowd sang Christmas carols.

Santa Claus arrived by train, actually a

converted tractor-trailer, and was surrounded by children as he waved and yelled "Merry Christmas" and a hearty "Ho, ho, ho" to everyone nearby.

Santa then made himself at home in the UAW Hall, where Girl Scouts and Brownies served as Santa's helpers. Children made snow globes, birdseed ornaments and other crafts provided by the Chelsea Children's Co-op Preschool as they waited to tell Santa their wish lists.

More than 175 children were able to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus as part of the celebration.

Kristi Kerr-Cook of Chelsea bundled up her kids and came with the family to the event.

"Being part of the festivities is fun and the kids get to see Santa and do a craft," she said.

Another time-honored holiday tradition was cookie decorating and hayrides sponsored by the First Congregational Church.

Carolers sang throughout the downtown both nights, and many enjoyed the live nativity scene at Cole's Funeral Chapel Friday night.

A new Saturday event was the showing of "The Polar Express" at the Clocktower Complex to a crowd of about 175 people.

The guided historic architectural walking tours sponsored by Preservation Chelsea were a big hit Saturday, as well.

The Clocktower Complex was also the site for Saturday's holiday post parade party. The light parade began 6 p.m. Saturday at Chelsea State Bank and ended at the Clocktower, where the building was packed with people sipping hot chocolate and eating cookies.

They were entertained by Counterpoint, who also led the community sing.

Later in the evening, folks watched a preview of "The Nutcracker" ballet performed by the Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan, and viewed a gingerbread house display.

Jack Baylis of Dexter Township said he enjoyed the events.

"We have been coming here for a few years," he said. "It's fun coming to a familiar site with friends, and there is so much to do that is very exciting for the whole family."

On Sunday, there was a holiday concert at the Chelsea Depot featuring the Chelsea Chamber Players. In addition, the Chelsea Retirement Center hosted the Holiday Festival of Lessons and Carols.

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RELAY

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The date and time change will take the 2006 relay from 10 a.m. April 29 to 10 a.m. April 30.

The date has been changed as a result of the change in venue, as well as the possibility of additional community involvement coming with fewer people on vacation.

The organizers are also trying to avoid a repeat of the sweltering temperatures and power outages that plagued last year's relay.

"The goals for this year are to increase the number of teams to at least 30; up from 27 last year; increase our fund-raising total by approximately \$10,000 over the '05

total; and continue to bring awareness, education and support to cancer victims, their families and their caregivers," Seyfried said.

A Relay for Life kick-off meeting will be held 7 p.m. Feb. 13. A location has not been selected yet.

Western Washtenaw Relay for Life volunteers also will participate in the second annual Chelsea Holiday Light Parade Dec. 3. The theme for the float will be "Give the gift of hope," and the float will have a lighted Christmas tree with white and purple wrapped gifts underneath the tree.

Around the perimeter of the float will be lit luminaries, and the sides of the float will include lighted banners with the holiday theme and a banner identifying the

American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life organizers are looking for donations of strands of clear lights, as well as white or purple wrapping paper and ribbon. The organization is also looking for participants to walk next to the float and hand out brochures about the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life.

The parade staging area will be at the main branch of

the Chelsea State Bank, and participants are asked to show up before the start of the parade.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the parade will travel down Main Street to the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce parking lot. After the parade, refreshments and entertainment will be provided.

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standardized in the proposed policy. The district would be able to deny in-home tutoring if the teacher's health or safety would be compromised, if an adult in authority is not present during instruction or if the student would receive no benefit from the tutor's presence.

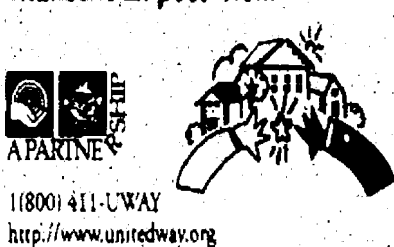
"Homebound services have been provided for years," Corbett said. "The board policy simply formalizes the services and proce-

dures of the Chelsea School District."

The new policy is expected to be voted on Dec. 12 at the Board of Education meeting.

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Ice Skating with Santa

Josie Ewald (left), Mrs. Claus, Olivia Jaynes, Santa Claus and Maggie Tarasow ice skate to holiday tunes Saturday at the Arctic Coliseum as part of the Chelsea Hometown Holidays celebration.

Photo by Alison Marable

HELP

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from the efforts of the people involved and the financial generosity of the community is very rewarding."

Money raised stays in the community, said board member Julie Ballow.

"Faith in Action receives our largest cut of the pie, and I believe we are crucial to their budget," Ballow said. "Even though we would most definitely protect FIA, the smaller agencies would or could be affected most, like Scouts and the senior center, and the WAVE bus."

Faith In Action, a nonprofit community-supported service agency funded by local individuals, businesses, churches and an annual fund-raiser, has a strong presence in the Chelsea area. It provides funding for Meals on Wheels, a clothing and food bank, emergency assistance, the Parent-to-Parent program, Parent Anonymous program, referrals, counseling and crisis intervention.

"Faith in Action has always relied on the generosity of the community to extend help to those who need it here at home," said Nancy Paul, director of the nonprofit group.

"The difficulties of our time, both here at home and abroad, can seem overwhelming at times, and figuring out how and who to share with can be overwhelming all by itself," she said.

"We have already seen

increases in requests for help in the area of food and utility support. We used the same amount of utility support funding by October this year that we used in all of 2004, and we anticipate needing even more funding for 2006."

Paul said many of the working poor simply don't have room in their budgets for catastrophes.

"We can be the safety net that can prevent the eat-or-heat choice," she said. "We know the people of Chelsea and Dexter are good people and will do their best, and we promise in return to do the best we can with the funding we receive."

The Chelsea United Way, an independent, nonprofit fund-raising organization, is a volunteer group governed by a board of 21 members from the community. The board has ties to local businesses, schools and commu-

nity organizations. Members take on a three-year commitment.

Christine Sing joined the board shortly after she and her family moved to Chelsea.

"It's a wonderful organization, with a special group of people behind it who really embody this caring and generous community," she said.

Donations may be sent to the Chelsea United Way, P.O. Box 176, Chelsea, MI 48118. Also, some people may designate the Chelsea United Way on their work pledge cards.

"United Way supports the programs I care about personally and professionally. More importantly, it serves the people of a community I care for deeply," Ballow said.

"There are many needs locally and what a great thing to be part of an organization that recognizes Chelsea helping Chelsea is where it truly begins."

CHELSEA

Yargeau ends military training

Private Richard Yargeau, in the 18, a 2005 graduate of Chelsea High School, has mastered 13 rigorous weeks of training 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 ordnance technician and metal works, and then perform his duties

in the Fleet Marine Force.

Yargeau, the son of Allan Yargeau and Jackie Markins of Chelsea,

enlisted in the U.S. Marines Aug. 22. He enjoyed a 10-day period of leave before heading for the School of Infantry.



Richard Yargeau

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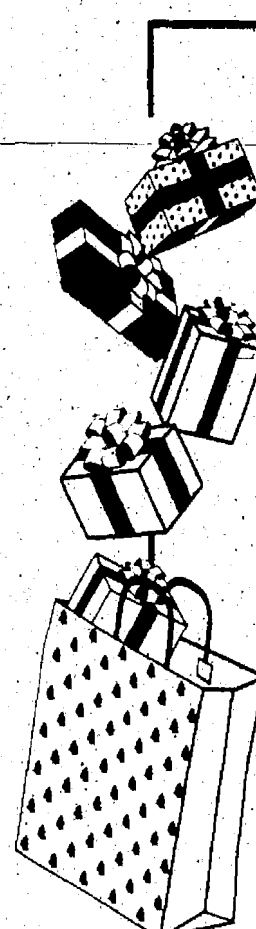
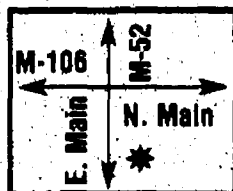
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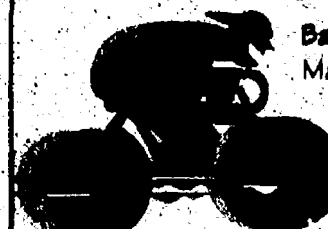
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The United States should leave Iraq

The news about the war in Iraq gets worse and worse, day by day.

More than 2,000 American troops and tens of thousands of Iraqi civilians are dead. There is increasing evidence of torture in Guantanamo Bay, Abu Ghraib, and other sites. There is alleged wartime profiteering by firms such as Halliburton that hold multi-billion-dollar contracts. And there has been use of depleted uranium and outlawed chemical weapons.

Meanwhile, White House officials try to smear war critics as unpatriotic, and Vice President Dick Cheney lobbies for legalization of torture.

While Democrats and the media fell for the White House's fraudulent claims, millions of Americans were skeptical. Many of us, including the Green Party, spoke out publicly against the invasion.

Now, the only rational action is an end to the occupation and immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. The demand by some Democrats for a withdrawal plan by the end of 2006 will only result in more U.S. troop and Iraqi civilian deaths. There is no honor or sense in "staying the course" that is obviously wrong.

President George W. Bush, supported by the Democratic leadership and major media, has shamed the United States, breached international and U.S. constitutional law and weakened our security. We need to hold them all accountable, and we need new political leadership.

If this is truly the greatest country in the world, we should certainly be able to do better than this mess.

Lynn Meadows
Lyndon Township

Schwarz should be recognized for work

We applaud U.S. Rep. Joe Schwarz, R-7th District, for his leadership in fighting to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

After drilling proponents used backdoor, bureaucratic maneuvering to include arctic drilling in the budget reconciliation bill, Schwarz was instrumental in ensuring that this destructive provision was removed.

Drilling in the Arctic Refuge would devastate this national treasure, but it wouldn't solve our energy problems. The United States consumes 25 percent of the world's oil, but has less than 3 percent of the world's proven oil reserves, so we can never drill our way to energy independence. And despite claims to the contrary, arctic drilling would affect gas prices by only about a penny per gallon at its peak in 2025.

The American people want

real leadership and real solutions to our energy problems, like increasing fuel economy and helping people weatherize and heat their homes.

Unfortunately, instead of promoting these common-sense solutions, the oil industry and its allies in Congress may try to reinsert arctic drilling into the final budget bill.

We look forward to continuing to work with Schwarz to make sure that this incomparable wilderness remains protected.

Deb Callahan
President
League of Conservation
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Washington, D.C.

Leave national politics out of local newspaper

I have to agree with Donald DeSmith's Dec. 1 letter to the editor, "Put limit on 'left-wing' commentary in paper." I do not purchase The Dexter Leader to read Roy Schmidt's left-wing socialistic column.

His latest column, "How many more Americans must die?" belongs in The New York Times. If I wanted to read this garbage in a local paper, I would subscribe to The Ann Arbor News.

So what is it doing in The Dexter Leader? Stick with the local and community news, and leave the hard-core politics out of the paper.

If The Dexter Leader is planning on becoming a political newspaper, let me know now so I can cancel my subscription.

Jim Wajda
Dexter Township

The U.S. should withdraw troops

Unlike some people, I enjoy and generally agree with Roy Schmidt's columns in The Chelsea Standard/The Dexter Leader. I must differ with him, however, on his hopelessness about ending the Iraq war ("How many more Americans must die," published Dec. 1).

I believe that we should withdraw our troops from Iraq promptly and feel good about doing it.

Imagine, for a minute, an America-gone-crazy scenario where you and I are hunkered down in a basement hiding from the cross fire in a battle between neo-Nazis and neo-Black Panthers.

Suppose we've heard that the U.S. Army is on its way to put a stop to the fighting and restore order. Think about your feelings at that moment.

I, for one, would be ready to welcome the soldiers with open arms, and it wouldn't hurt my mood to learn that my daughter would be piloting one of the Blackhawks flying overhead.

Is this the image that we project on average Iraqis hunkered down, hiding from similar conflict in their country? Although it's appealing, I don't think it's right.

Imagine a simple variation on that scenario. The army is coming to save the day, but it isn't the U.S. Army, it's the French Army, leading a coalition of willing European countries. They've been in our country for a couple of years trying to stem the racial conflict before it overflows into Europe. During that time, we've heard that they've all but leveled Detroit and Denver, but we haven't dared travel to see for ourselves.

You and I regularly have had to cross intimidating roadblocks manned by soldiers who do not speak English. The French insist that they only have our best interests at heart, but how does this make you feel? I'm sure that I would be outraged, and I might even have caught myself secretly sympathizing with some of the guerilla tactics used by the Nazis and Panthers against the French occupation.

I admit that this is a pretty fanciful story, and I have no intention of proposing an analogy between our government and the former government of Iraq. What I am trying to get at are feelings. I'm trying to imagine the feelings of ordinary Iraqis experiencing terrifying daily violence, Iraqis wondering if they are better off with or without an occupying army that doesn't understand them and that — possibly with the best of intentions — has inflicted great damage on their country.

Polls show that as many as 80 percent of Iraqis want us out of their country, and this doesn't surprise me. It's naive for us to think that we know better than they do.

Roy Schmidt and others have given good political and military reasons to end the war now. Let's not ignore these reasons because of worries about chaos or bloodbaths.

Just like you and I would, the Iraqis want to deal with their domestic problems themselves. We should withdraw our troops promptly, and make it clear to the Iraqis and the world that we truly support their self-determination and that we have no designs on their country or resources.

John Gourlay
Lima Township

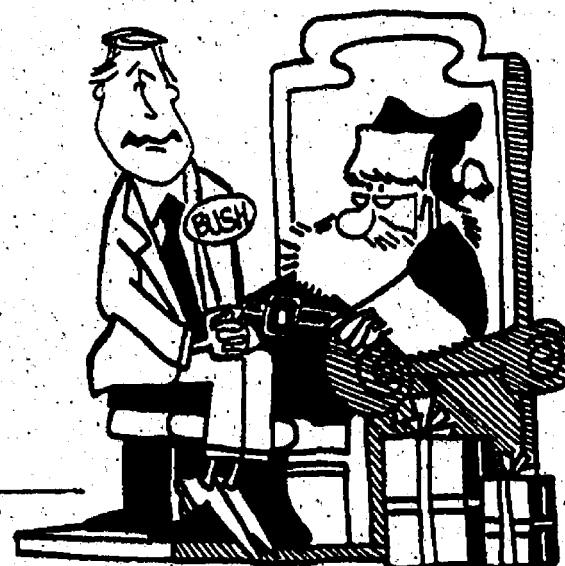
Readers missed point of letter about phrase

Thank you, Mr. Bloom and Ms. Eberle, for responding to my Nov. 17 letter ("Don't be politically correct at Christmas") about the "war on Christmas."

I accomplished what I had set out to do, bringing the subject to the forefront, though I wonder if Mr. Bloom or Ms. Eberle actually read my letter.

They have both implied in their respective letters ("Holidays a time to

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OTHER VOICES

Toyota deal will be good for Granholm

Last time anybody really bothered to check, the governor's personal car is a compact Ford. Ah, but there could be a fancy Toyota in her future.

A Toy-what?

The last time a politician of any note toiled around in a Toyota, it was Jack Louma while he was running for the U.S. Senate. When his Democratic Party opponent leaked the fact, the electorate sent the former astronaut a message: Get lost.

Surely this governor is not that, shall we say, stupid to pull a Louma. Well, turns out she could buy a Toyota and could get away with it — if it was made in Michigan.

Come on. Even though the Japanese automaker is scouting around for a North American site for a new engine plant, Michigan could not possibly be in the running. Everyone knows the Japanese have a "cultural bias" against this state in that the Big Three and the "nasty" United Auto Workers all call this joint home.

That might have been the case, but that was before Gov. Jennifer Granholm got in the game.

She shuffled off to Japan last summer, admitting the Toyota plant was on her wish list. Upon her return, she confirmed the aforementioned cultural bias and moved on.

But in recent days, the chatter has been increasing about Michigan's prospects of actually having a shot at landing the plant.

Has the anti-Michigan "problem" been addressed? "Yes," she said. "I think they are open to Michigan. I don't think Michigan has been ruled out, whereas perhaps in the past it might

have been."

Hmm.

That certainly warranted a quick call to Granholm jobs guru David Hollister, but he was in no mood to add to the chatter.

"I don't want to speculate," which is Hollister-speak for, "Get off the phone and don't mess up this delicate situation."

When pressed, Hollister coughed up this on the sta-

tus of the Granholm-Toyota relationship:

"Those bonds have been well established and are going to pay off, and the when and the timing are really out of our control."

Double hmm.

Having gone this far, it seemed only

logical to make the next call. With expectations lower than a Detroit Lions' foot-

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STREET TALK

Has Michigan's bad economy made you consider moving out of the state?



"No, I can't. I'm one of those people who are 100 percent tied to the automotive industry."
Dave Whittinger
Webster Township



"I want to move out of the state. I'm also looking at graduate schools because it's hard to find a job in what I want to do."
Liz Brown
Dexter



"No, I've worked for the University of Michigan for 25 years. That's as sure as you can get, I guess."
Steve Hoffman
Dexter



"No, not particularly. I'm a geologist and I'm keeping busy."
Nick Rogers
Chelsea

LETTERS

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embrace, not exclude" ("First Amendment protects phrase"), published Dec. 1, that I am divisive, dishonest, a racist, un-Christian like, unpatriotic, intolerant, and prejudice against other faiths and cultures.

I have re-read my letter and nowhere do I state anything that would bring about these conclusions. I was merely trying to say that I see an ongoing battle to take Christ out of Christmas. How does that make me intolerant?

I have worked with the public for more than 30 years and there have been times when I have wished someone a "Merry Christmas" and I was told that I should have said "Happy Holidays" because I could offend someone. I shouldn't have to feel uncomfortable or have to think twice when I say "Merry Christmas." I would be happy if they replied "Happy Hanukah."

Where did I state "persecu-

tion" or demand "special treatment" for Christianity when other religions get equal treatment? Where did I state that any tradition except Christianity be excluded?

As far as being unpatriotic, I am a daughter of an immigrant who never wavered in his love for this great nation. Who always told my sister and I that we should thank God every day of our lives that we were born in America and I do.

To question my patriotism because I brought to light what is happening to Christmas is both incorrect and ridiculous. It's unrealistic to expect others to change names or traditions so that they are "inclusive" to everyone.

I wonder if Mr. Bloom and Ms. Eberle are keeping up with current events. To state that there is not a war on Christmas, especially at Christmastime, says to me that they have not. A Jewish organization, Jews Against Anti-Christian Defamation, has offered its support to Christians because they have never seen anything so offen-

sive as what's happening to Christmas.

- They are wondering when the "political correctness" will attack their faith, perhaps change the name of the Menorah, Yom Kippur or Happy Passover to something more "inclusive."

Please don't preach the Bible to me. I have been involved with my faith since I was a young child. I practice Christianity all year long, not just at Christmas.

Ms. Eberle also stated that one out of four are not Christians. That is incorrect. Approximately 87 percent of Americans are Christians. If the marketing campaigns were business savvy as Ms. Eberle says, they would not change their banners of "Merry Christmas" to "Happy Holidays." They would add banners that say, "Happy Hanukah," "Happy Kwanza" or "Happy Ramadan," which migrates throughout the seasons. I would think that would be a more profitable market for them.

I suggest that Mr. Bloom and Ms. Eberle re-read my letter and refrain from

implying that I am dishonest, racist, un-patriotic, intolerant, divisive un-Christian like and prejudiced just to state their point of view.

Maria Vaughan
Dexter Township

Columnist's comments reflect society's values

A recent letter was critical of "left-wing propaganda" and Roy Schmidt's column. I feel two points are of value here. First, the American people hold values that are to the left of the major parties.

I've been reviewing studies done by reputable organizations with decades of experience in properly conducting public polling (The Program on International Policy Attitudes and The Chicago Council on Foreign Relations). Their studies are available on-line from their Web sites.

What their polling suggests is that the American public, to an extent that will probably surprise you, is compassionate and wants our country to conduct itself in a true

democratic fashion. For example:

• A majority of us favor the United States' participation in the International Criminal Court, the Kyoto treaty on climate change, the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, the treaty banning anti-personnel land mines, and in 2002 requiring UN approval to go to war with Iraq.

• Eighty-four percent consider global warming to be either a critical or important issue.

• Ninety percent believe combating world hunger is either very important or somewhat important. And 71 percent want the United States to contribute \$50 per tax-paying household annually to fund that effort if other wealthy nations pay their fare share.

• Eighty-one percent believe we should be strengthening the UN, and a majority are in favor of more democratic rules for the UN, including suspension of veto powers for the United States and the other four permanent members.

So, it would appear that

Roy Schmidt's opinions better reflect our values and the letter writer, who seeks to censor Roy is the one on the fringe.

Secondly, the American press, as the fifth estate in the balance of power, has been significantly compromised by the emerging media conglomerates. Eleven companies now control 90 percent of what we read and watch on television. Increasingly, their focus is on profits rather than the sincere exploration of issues.

The conglomerates are less willing to fund investigative reporting and much more willing to substitute propaganda from public relations firms that represent wealth and special interests.

I doubt that many people paid any attention to that reader's call for censoring Roy, but it did provide the opportunity to instead appreciate Roy's column and encourage political discussion outside the boundaries of the major media conglomerates.

Warren Kress
Lima Township

DEAL

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ball score; a source at Toyota was reached.

The source confirmed a "strong relationship" between Granholm and Toyota has already paid off. There is a Toyota operation in York Township and a research-and-development outfit in Ann Arbor.

Personal relationships are very big

with the Japanese. The source reports that a "positive relationship" with Granholm exists. Maybe the guy says that about every governor the company is courting, but at least it was something positive.

And yet there was one more twist. The sea of red ink at General Motors Corp. may actually turn out to be a plus in luring the Toyota plant here. Toyota is apparently concerned about a quality workforce in the South. Michigan will have a ton of "qualified"

autoworkers in the labor pool eager for work after the next round of GM layoffs.

Would it not be a stunner if the CEO of Toyota helped Granholm get re-elected by saying yes to Michigan?

For that, she'd gladly take her girls to basketball in a foreign car, made right in her own back yard.

Tim Skubick hosts the public TV show "Off the Record" and provides regular political commentary for WWJ-AM 950.

FARM

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Michigan Volunteer Infantry Civil War Re-enactors group. They feel strongly that local history needs to be preserved for the youth.

"People learn from history," Dennis Petsch said. "I became a member of this organization in order help make this happen."

Kay Lantis also volunteered at Christmas on the Farm, serving as a guide in the dining room. She said history is an important part of lives now and that everyone needs to share in it.

"I love old houses and the history that they embody," she said. "We are so fortunate to have the Waterloo Farm in our area. Here is a wonderful example of farm

life as it must have been for a Michigan pioneer family."

"I am honored to be able to pass on a small part of the Really family story."

The farm museum is open in the spring through the first week in December. Many school groups attend field trips to both the farm and Dewey School.

For more information about the farm, check out the Web site www.waterloofarm-museum.org.

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Protect yourself while making online purchases

The holiday season is a busy time as people hunt for the perfect gifts for family and friends. The Internet can make your shopping faster and easier, but there also can be pitfalls if you're not careful.

The Better Business Bureau offers the following advice to ensure you have a safe online shopping experience:

- Know who you're dealing with. Check out unfamiliar sellers with the Better Business Bureau. Look for a "BBBOnline Reliability Seal" on Web sites, click on it and verify that it's legitimate. If you're buying gifts on an online auction site that provides a feedback forum, check the track record of the seller before you bid. Don't buy things in response to unsolicited e-mail from unknown companies, since these may be fraudulent.

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- Never enter your personal information in a pop-up screen. When you visit a company's Web site, an unauthorized pop-up screen created by an identity thief could appear, with blanks for you to provide your personal information. Legitimate companies don't ask for personal information via pop-up screens. Install pop-up blocking software to avoid this type of scam.

- Keep documentation of your order. When you've completed the online order process, there may be a final confirmation page and/or you might receive confirmation by e-mail. Print that information and keep it handy in case you need it later.

- Know your rights. Federal law requires orders made by mail, phone or online to be shipped by the date promised or, if no delivery time was stated, within 30 days. If the goods aren't shipped on time, you can cancel and demand a refund.

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right, but you do have the right to reject merchandise if it's defective or was misrepresented. Otherwise, it's the company's policies that determine if you can cancel the purchase and whether you can get a refund or credit.

- Be suspicious if someone contacts you unexpectedly and asks for your personal information. Identity thieves send out bogus e-mail about problems with consumers' accounts to lure them into providing their personal information. Legitimate companies don't operate that way.

- Check your credit card and bank statements carefully. Notify the bank immediately if there are unauthorized charges or debts, if you were charged more than you should have been, or if there are any other problems.

- Keep your computer secure for safe shopping and other online activities. Protect your

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NATION

Epilepsy symptoms appear flu-like

The start of flu season in Michigan coincided with National Epilepsy Awareness Month in November. Some of the symptoms of epilepsy can masquerade as flu symptoms, or even small strokes.

It's important to know the symptoms of epilepsy, as well as common conditions that can be mistaken for epilepsy.

The following symptoms may indicate that someone has epilepsy. A medical exam is advised if you or a loved one experiences one or more of these symptoms:

- A convulsion with or without a fever.
- Odd changes in the way things look, sound, smell or feel.
- Short periods of blackout, dazed behavior or confused

- Episodes of blank staring.
- Occasional "fainting spells," where bladder or bowel control is lost followed by extreme fatigue.
- Episodes of blinking or chewing at inappropriate times.
- Sudden stiffening or falls for no apparent reason.
- Muscle jerks in the arms, legs or body — in babies, look for clusters of swift jerking movements.
- Repeated movements that look out of place or unnatural.
- Sudden fear, anger or panic for no reason.

Some common conditions that might be mistaken for epilepsy include:

- Seizures associated with high fever.
- Migraine headaches.
- Fainting.
- Sleep disorders, such as nightmares, narcolepsy or cataplexy.
- Psychiatric disorders, including panic attacks, fugue states or psychogenic seizures.
- Transient ischemic attacks, which indicate brief interruptions of blood flow to the brain.
- Childhood breath-holding episodes.

Epilepsy is the third most common neurological disorder in the United States, after Alzheimer's disease

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WASHTENAW COUNTY

Web site aims to curb drug use

Reality Check, a youth-directed anti-drug campaign targeted to sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade pupils, has launched a new Web site.

The site, www.myrealitycheck.org, directed to Washtenaw and Livingston County youth, provides Web users with interactive materials and resources designed to reduce young people's favorable attitudes toward drug, alcohol and tobacco use. The site is also designed to help change perceived community norms regarding

alcohol, tobacco and drug use.

"Reality Check is a counter-advertising campaign designed by and for middle school students to bring about change in community norms around drug use," Michele Baukema of the Washtenaw County Public Health Division said in a press statement.

"The goal is to offset the pressure youth feel to use drugs, as well as the permissive attitude many see via

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NATION

Study looks at gender tolerance to heart disease

Women with heart problems may be tougher about their disease than their male counterparts, a new University of Michigan study suggests. And that difference may help explain why they're less likely to get aggressive care for the No. 1 killer of both women and men.

In a study published in the most recent issue of the American Journal of Medicine, researchers from the U of M College of Pharmacy and the U of M Cardiovascular Center report the results of an exhaustive survey of 490 heart patients treated at U of M for a heart attack or severe chest pain who were enrolled in a research registry.

In all, the 142 women and 348 men rated the severity of their heart disease about the same. But, in fact, the women had much worse disease, took many more medicines, and experienced more serious symptoms and limitations on their daily lives, according to their medical records and answers on standardized questionnaires.

In other words, the women who had major problems related to their heart disease were just as likely to rate their disease as "mild to moderate" as men with far less-severe problems. And when the researchers took into account the differences between patients, the men were significantly more likely than women with similar disease levels to perceive their disease as severe.

"It's important to understand women's perceptions, beliefs and attitudes about cardiac disease and its treatment," senior author Steven Erickson, an associate professor of clinical sciences in the College of Pharmacy and a clinical pharmacist at the U of M Health System, said in a press statement.

"If women do not perceive their cardiac disease as severe, they may not pursue medical evaluation, treatment or rehabilitation."

Indeed, previous studies by other researchers have shown that women heart-attack survivors, for example, are less likely to go for post-heart attack rehab programs involving exercise and education to help patients improve their health.

Women are also more likely to delay seeking help for heart-related symptoms than men, and are less likely to receive heart-related diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.

The root cause of these gender differences has puzzled researchers for years, said co-author Dr. Kim Eagle, clinical director of the U of M

Cardiovascular Center and the Hewlett professor of Internal Medicine at the U of M Medical School.

"Physician bias and lack of awareness have been leading suspects, but no one has examined differences in attitudes," he said. "Although our study cannot prove that women's toughness influences their tendency to seek and accept aggressive care for their heart problems, we hope it prompts further investigation of this question."

The study, published in the November issue of AJM, is based on data from U of M Cardiovascular Center Acute Coronary Syndrome/Myocardial Infarction Patient Registry, which includes thousands of U of M heart attack and angina patients.

The patients surveyed for the study had been admitted to the hospital for a heart attack or chest pain episode between July 1999 and November 2002, and were surveyed in 2003.

The patients provided demographic data about themselves, reported how many medications they were taking, and completed standardized questionnaires that assessed the severity and impact of their heart-related symptoms and other medical conditions. They also reported any limits on their physical function and activity, and their heart's capacity to help them perform daily activities and exercise.

The questionnaire also included the question "How severe do you think your heart disease is?" and asked patients to select from five choices: very mild, mild, moderate, severe and very severe.

The researchers performed basic statistical analyses on the patients' responses that examined the relationships between aspects of patients' health status and perceived heart disease severity.

In all, the groups of women and men in the study had about the same distribution of age, race, type of heart problem, time since most recent cardiac event and number of co-existing diseases. On the whole, the women had lower heart capacity for daily activities, lower health-related quality of life, and lower physical, mental and general health status than men.

Nevertheless, 42 percent of the women rated their heart disease as very mild or mild — no different from the 40.9 percent of men who gave the same rating.

When the researchers performed the more sophisticated

statistical analysis, they found that women indeed showed signs of being tougher about their heart diseases. Even after all differences in patients, their diseases and their treatments were controlled for, men were far more likely to perceive their heart disease as severe.

Erickson, Eagle and their co-authors note that their study does not take into account functional problems related to other health issues that patients might have before their heart attack or angina. They also say that previous research has suggested that women in general are more affected physically, mentally and socially by heart disease than are men. This new study cannot address that potential difference.

But, they say, their data suggest that there's a relationship between gender and perception of disease severity — a relationship that might help explain the gender gap in delivery of heart-related health care to those who have survived a heart attack or bout of angina.



Visiting Author

Mike and Nicole Babycz brought their children, Mikhaila and Collin, to Chelsea District Library recently to meet author and illustrator Patricia Polacco. Polacco charmed the audience with a tale of the special quilt her great-grandmother made to help cherish their family heritage, which she recounts in "The Keeping Quilt." Polacco brought the quilt to show the audience. After the presentation, she personalized and autographed books.

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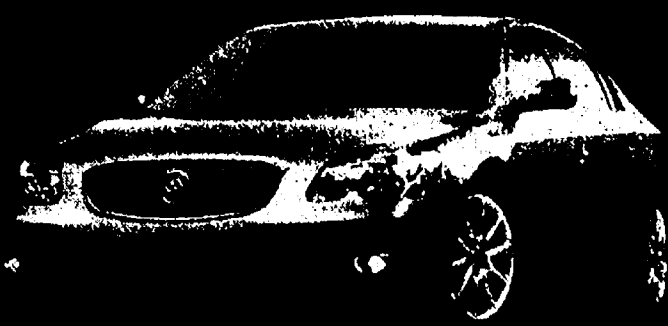
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CHELSEA AREA

Essay contest to mark MLK Day

The Chelsea Area One World One Family Task Force will sponsor its second annual Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest.

Last year's first essay contest was a success, with more than 140 entries submitted, and received a large amount of community support, organizers said in a press statement.

On Jan. 16, the official Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, the organization will sponsor afternoon student activities, a traditional symbolic march through downtown and an evening event, where the winning essays from each grade-level category will be read aloud. Runner-up essays will be displayed outside the auditorium.

This year's theme for One World One Family activities is poverty and economic diversity. The essay text and questions will follow the theme. The essay text is taken from a speech by King.

The format of the essay, which includes text with a choice of five questions, and the scoring rubric are both based on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program writing test.

The grade-level categories are third and fourth, fifth and sixth, and seventh and eighth. A winner in each category will be selected.

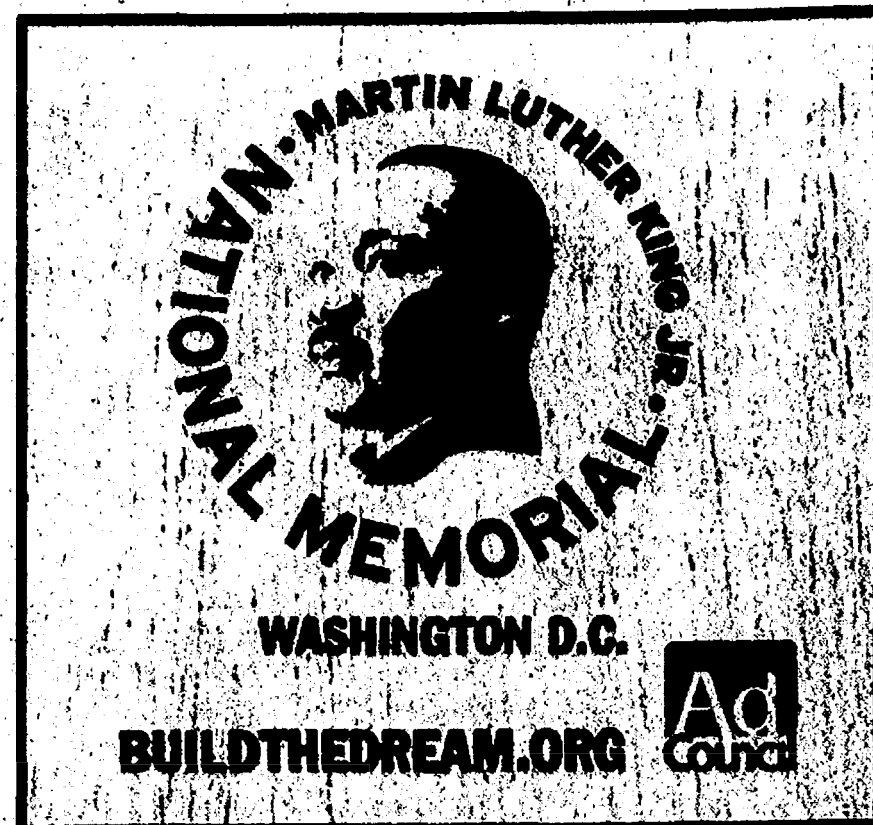
Any interested children from the Chelsea area may enter. Attendance at Chelsea schools is not required. The

finished essays are due Jan. 5.

Copies of the essay form are available at the Chelsea District Library, Cranesbill Books, the One World One Family Web site at www.owof.org or by calling Susan Lentz at 475-3614.

The One World One Family Task Force was founded in January 2002 and organized Chelsea's first community celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The group's mission is to celebrate the diversity of the human family while promoting understanding of the world's different cultures through activities and education events and to work to foster anti-discriminatory attitudes and practices in the Chelsea area, according to the statement.



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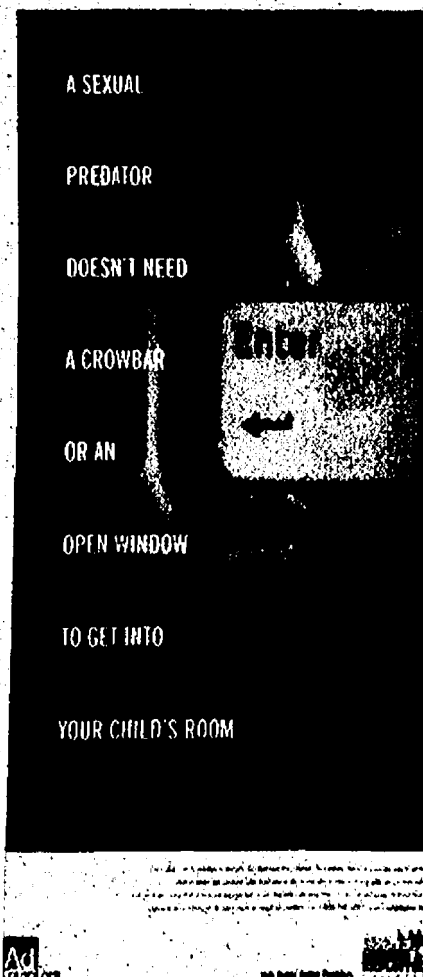
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Jess French (left) of Chelsea and Jess Napier (Dexter) have encouraged their classmates at the Program for Independent Living Skills at Chelsea High School to give of themselves by helping teacher Saundra Dunn and volunteer Mary Parks pack up donations to take to hurricane victims in Alabama. The focus of the class is to teach academic, social, vocational and living skills so students can live independently.

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The free concert will begin at 3 p.m. under the direction of William Gourley.

A concert suite from "The Polar Express," arranged by Jerry Brubaker, will be among the tunes performed.

In addition, "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" is one of the more traditional pieces on tap.

The band will perform several other seasonal selections, and conclude the concert with the band's traditional "Christmas Sing-a-Long," arranged by James Ployhar.

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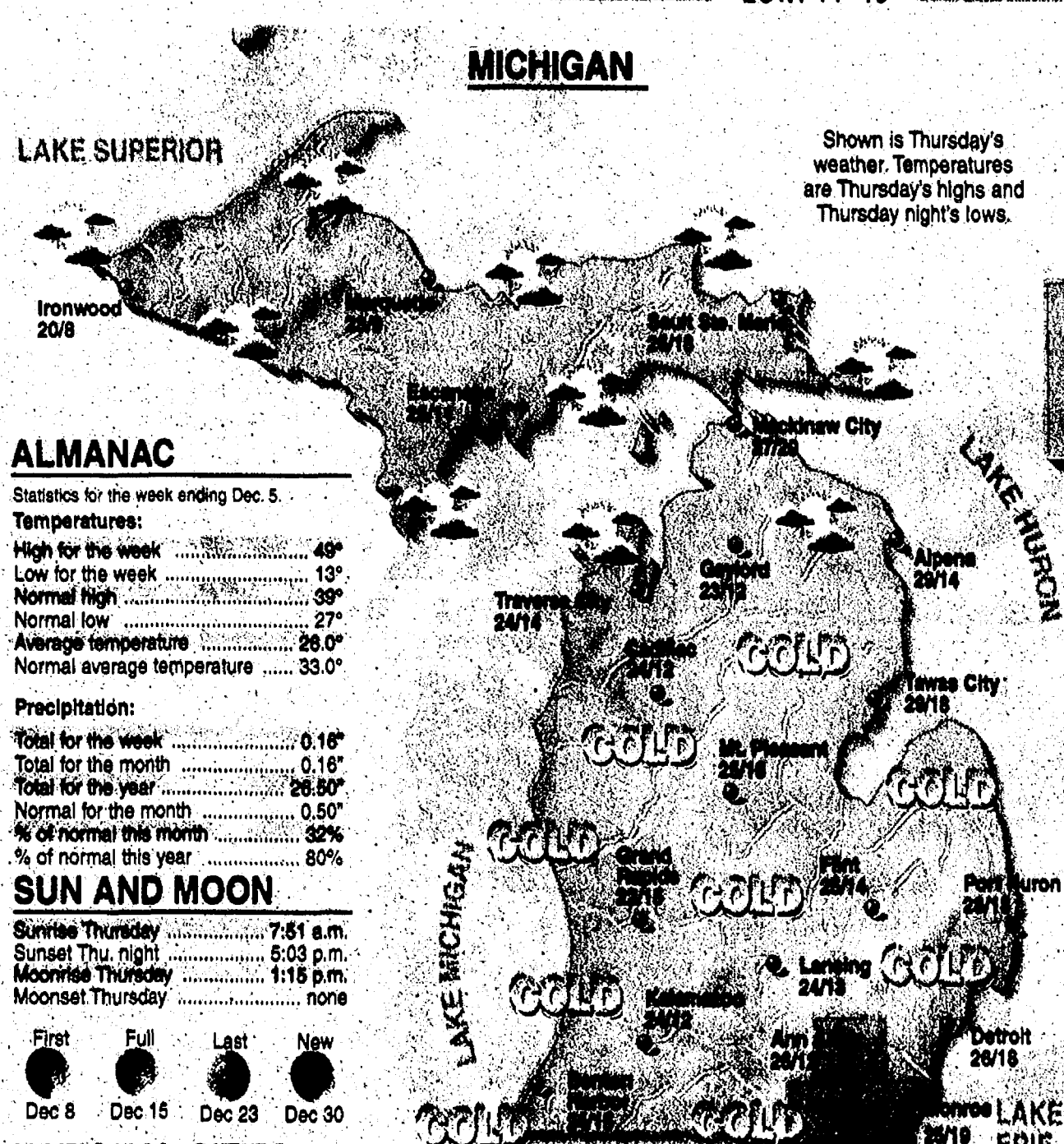
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

THURSDAY	THU. NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 24-28° Mostly cloudy and very cold COLD	LOW: 12°-18° Partly cloudy and very cold COLD	HIGH: 26°-30° Cold with times of clouds and sun LOW: 14°-18°	HIGH: 30°-34° Mostly cloudy, afternoon flurries LOW: 18°-22°	HIGH: 32°-36° Mostly cloudy with snow possible LOW: 20°-24°	HIGH: 30°-34° Periods of clouds and sunshine LOW: 18°-22°



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Statistics for the week ending Dec. 5.

Temperatures:

High for the week 49°

Low for the week 13°

Normal high 39°

Normal low 27°

Average temperature 26.0°

% of normal this month 32%

% of normal this year 80%

Precipitation:

Total for the week 0.16"

Total for the month 0.16"

Total for the year 26.80"

Normal for the month 0.50"

% of normal this month 32%

% of normal this year 80%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thursday 7:51 a.m.

Sunset Thu. night 5:03 p.m.

Moonrise Thursday 1:15 p.m.

Moonset Thursday none

First Full Last New

Dec 8 Dec 15 Dec 23 Dec 30

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur.	Fri.
Akron	28/17pc	30/19sh
Albany	30/19pc	33/20sh
Albuquerque	41/22s	39/23s
Anchorage	33/31s	36/28s
Atlanta	41/34r	48/32pc
Atlantic City	37/24pc	39/24sh
Austin	42/22pc	50/30s
Baltimore	37/22pc	35/22pc
Baton Rouge	63/30r	63/35pc
Billings	20/10pc	32/23pc
Birmingham	51/27r	44/28pc
Bismarck	20/4s	31/17pc
Bloomington	25/17sh	33/20pc
Boise	25/21pc	34/24pc
Bozeman	35/25pc	32/26sh
Brownsville	55/41r	59/48pc

City	Thur.	Fri.
Buffalo	28/20pc	30/22s
Burlington, IA	18/13pc	24/18s
Burlington, VT	29/16pc	31/20s
Casper	20/8s	30/18pc
Cedar Rapids	17/10pc	22/17pc
Charleston, SC	53/43r	55/36sh
Charleston, WV	36/24pc	31/23sh
Charlotte	42/28r	45/28r
Cheyanne	25/9pc	34/18pc
Chicago	22/14s	28/19pc
Cincinnati	26/18s	30/22pc
Cleveland	20/14pc	30/21s
Columbia, MO	28/18pc	30/20s
Columbus, OH	36/22s	44/31s
Dallas	36/22s	44/31s
Davenport	18/10pc	22/18pc

City	Thur.	Fri.
Denver	24/10pc	40/16pc
Des Moines	12/10s	21/20pc
Duluth	17/4s	18/16sh
El Paso	48/28s	57/29s
Fargo	28/12c	18/4c
Flagstaff	10/5s	20/16c
Fort Wayne	24/14s	26/16pc
Gary	24/18s	27/12pc
Green Bay	23/8pc	27/14pc
Helena	18/9pc	32/12pc
Honolulu	83/69pc	82/69pc
Houston	44/30sh	54/43s
Indianapolis	27/18s	28/18pc
Juneau	38/34r	41/37r
Kansas City	20/9c	30/21s

City	Thur.	Fri.
Knoxville	42/30sh	38/23pc
Las Vegas	58/37pc	56/36pc
Lexington, KY	33/21s	36/20pc
Lincoln	19/7pc	27/18pc
Little Rock	39/24pc	40/26s
Los Angeles	68/48pc	68/48pc
Louisville	34/22s	33/22pc
Madison	21/11c	25/16pc
Memphis	40/28pc	40/30s
Miami	82/70r	82/68sh
Milwaukee	30/22pc	30/22pc
Minneapolis	18/6s	20/16pc
Mobile	68/39r	68/38pc
Nashville	39/28sh	37/24pc
New Orleans	58/43r	54/43pc
New York	37/26pc	36/28sh

City	Thur.	Fri.
Norfolk	40/30pc	43/32sh
Oakland	25/12pc	43/24s
Oklahoma City	14/0pc	28/18pc
Omaha	74/50r	72/54sh
Orlando	70/48pc	66/48pc
Palm Springs	74/48pc	66/48pc
Peoria	22/14s	27/19pc
Philadelphia	36/23pc	36/26sh
Phoenix	68/39s	67/40pc
Pittsburgh	39/17pc	30/18pc
Portland, ME	36/18pc	35/21s
Portland, OR	42/32s	42/32c
Providence	35/20pc	38/24sh
Raleigh	40/29pc	42/28pc
Rapid City	24/7pc	33/13pc
Reno	48/25sh	48/22pc
Richmond	37/25pc	39/26sh

City	Thur.	Fri.
Sacramento	54/40pc	54/23sh
St. Louis	22/18s	29/22s
Salt Lake City	28/14pc	30/20pc
San Antonio	43/28pc	50/36s
San Diego	68/48pc	66/48pc
San Francisco	58/48sh	59/48pc
San Jose	37/18s	37/18s
Seattle	42/34c	44/38pc
South Bend	23/18s	26/18pc
Springfield, IL	22/14s	30/20pc
Tampa	78/62r	74/60pc
Toledo	25/18c	28/21pc
Topeka	18/11pc	26/20s
Tucson	65/33s	66/33s
Washington, DC	38/28pc	38/28pc
Wichita	21/9pc	26/20s

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COMMUNITY

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Examine your insurance needs annually

Most people understand that there are many types of insurance available to help protect them and their loved ones against the cost of accidents, illness, disability and death.

But what many may not realize is that there are numerous factors that can change your insurance needs and affect your exposure to risk, including major life events such as a marriage, the arrival of a baby or other events that may happen slowly over time, such as the appreciation of your home's value.

Getting Started

When it comes to setting up your insurance, be sure to do your research regarding which companies to work with. Companies such as Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's or A.M. Best Co. will rank and rate insurance companies and give you information about their strengths.

For basic types of coverage decisions, use these guidelines, but remember to review your insurance coverage each year to see if updates may be necessary:

• **Homeowners' insurance:** Homeowners' insurance should allow you to rebuild and refurnish your home after a catastrophe or other major losses and insulate you from lawsuits (coverage for lawsuits are capped at the liability limit — personal liability "umbrella" coverage provides coverage above the homeowners' liability limit) if someone is injured on your property.

Coverage should be at least 80 percent of your home's replacement value, minus the value of the land. Unless you increase coverage, most homeowners' policies cover the contents of the house for 50 percent to 75 percent of the amount for which the house is insured.

• **Life insurance:** Payable when you die, this can provide a surviving spouse, children or other dependents with the funds necessary to maintain their standard of living, help repay debt and fund education tuition costs, or other purposes. The amount you need varies depending on many factors, such as your income, mortgage and long-term savings needs for education and retirement.

Importantly, you may need to adjust your insurance coverage based on other less-obvious factors as well.

Let's say your home significantly increases in value and you take out an equity line of credit. You also should consider your life and disability income insurance coverage and ensure they are compatible with the increased liability risks you have undertaken.

• **Disability income insurance:** If you are unable to work for an extended period, a long-term disability policy can replace a portion of your lost income.

You should consider a non-cancelable policy with benefits for life, or at least until age 65, and as much salary coverage as you can afford.

According to the Insurance Information Institute, it is a good rule for disability coverage to add up to 60 percent to 65 percent of your gross

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Body & soul



Woman finds

healthier life

through yoga

By Laura Hipshire
Journal Register News Service

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even years ago, Connie Fisher was in pain — a lot of pain.

"It started out as fatigue, then I found myself waking up in the morning with

swollen joints," she said. Fisher, then 32, was diagnosed with systemic lupus.

"My doctor described it to me as 'friendly fire,' the body's natural immune system is overactive," she said, "and otherwise healthy cells begin to attack themselves."

Although she was reluctant to try the intense medication schedule typically prescribed for lupus patients, eventually the pain caused her to relent.

"I knew I needed to start taking meds," Fisher said. "I was very sick."

By September 2001, she was taking 38 different medications daily including Klonopin, Lipitor, Zoloft and Xanax. Doctors also prescribed Plaquanal, a drug commonly used for lupus patients.

"I became allergic to it, which I believe was a sign that my body was telling me that I should not be on it," she said.

To make matters worse, in June 2001 she had a grapefruit-sized tumor removed from her uterus.

She became depressed, disabled and unable to work.

In 2002, Fisher began seeing Dr. Jon Lovy, an osteopathic physician who practices internal medicine.

"We also receive training in manipulative techniques designed to alleviate pain and enhance function," he said.

Lovy told Fisher to do something to reduce the stress in her life.

While shopping one day, she bought a videotape on stress relief through the practice of yoga.

She watched the tape several times before attempting any of the exercises on it.

"The first time I tried yoga it was painful," Fisher said. "But the more I did it, the easier it became and the better I felt."

Soon, she was hooked, and was meditating and practicing Hatha yoga daily.

Yoga is an age-old practice of exercise, breath control and meditation. Hatha yoga emphasizes the use of physical postures and breathing techniques.

As Fisher began gaining strength and feeling healthier, she told her doctor her goal was to gradually wean herself off the medications completely.

"I didn't want to be sick anymore," she said, "I realized I was in control of my own health."

Lovy said he believes yoga can be helpful in alleviating pain in patients suffering from musculoskeletal disorders such as lupus.

"I think it provides definite benefits to anyone who uses it appropriately," he said. "The process of stretching and the use of range of

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Dec. 8

An 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 will present "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.

Stockbridge Town Hall Players will present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday at the Stockbridge Township Hall, located at the corner of Main and Clinton streets in downtown Stockbridge. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and children 12 years old and younger. For more information, call 1-517-851-8222 or visit the Web site www.townhallplayers.org.

Saturday, Dec. 10

Barefoot Kevin & Friends 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.

Sunday, Dec. 11

A book signing at Cranesbill Books will feature author Craig Common, a chef and owner of the Common Grill, who will sign "Return to the Common Grill," from 2 to 4 p.m. at 108 E. Middle St. in Chelsea. For more information, call 433-2665.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

"Tuesday with Tina" will be held 10 a.m. at Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Come share holiday memories with the center's director. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 475-9242.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chelsea High School gymnasium, 740 N. Freer Road. The blood drive is open to the public. For more information, call 971-5300.

Friday, Dec. 16

"Calling Quilters" will be held 10 a.m. to the Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Participants are invited to share ideas about a quilt project. The new group is open to the public. For more information, call 475-9242.

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, in Chelsea. 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.

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

Taste of Home Café serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. Open to the public with a \$2.50 donation for senior citizens over 60 years of age, 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 Wilkinson St. For information, call Marjorie Hepburn at 475-0467.

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 are held 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Chair exercises are 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

Thursday, Dec. 8

Understanding Alzheimer's program will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Generations Together, 2801 Baker Road, in Dexter. There is a \$10 fee for program materials.

Advance registration and payment are required. To register, call 677-3081.

Pippin Puppets will perform "Rudolph! Rudolph! Where's Your Nose?" 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.

Sunday, Dec. 11

"On the Whittail's Trail" program will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Independence Lake at the Beach Center classroom, 3200 Jennings Road, in Webster Township. The program will have a short slide presentation followed by a hike to look for signs of deer. A vehicle entry fee is required. For more information, call 971-6337.

Dexter Community Band will

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December Events!

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Saturday, Dec. 10, 11 am
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Books & Banter

Thursday, Dec. 15, 1:30 pm
Join us for a lively discussion of new books, old books, and everything in between. Reserved copies of titles available for participants. Call today!

Read to Leo the Library Dog & Friends

Third Fridays - Dec. 16, 3:30-5 pm
Help your kids become better readers! Sign your child up today to read aloud to a trained Therapaw dog. Pick a book from Leo's Book Box or bring your own!

'Twas the Week Before Christmas

Monday, Dec. 19 or
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 6 pm
Cuddle up and listen to Miss Jackie's stories, crafts and treats of the season. Recommended for ages 2-5 and registration is required.

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YOUR DECORATING DOLLAR

Keep holiday decorating simple

'Tis the season — shopping, wrapping, baking, visiting, holiday decorating and, of course, choosing the perfect Christmas tree.

The question is whether you want artificial, fresh cut or a potted, living tree that can be planted in your own yard after the holidays. So, which one is right for your home?

Fresh cut is the most traditional and fragrant choice. Lucky for us, Michigan is the No. 3 grower of Christmas trees in the nation and known for the wide variety available for wholesale.

Fraser Fir is still one of the most popular trees used in homes. The beautiful color — green on top and silvery beneath — soft needles and great needle retention make this tree a continued favorite.

A Balsam fir has a rich fragrance and sturdy branches that hold ornaments well and a Scotch Pine has a classic shape, long needles and good needle retention.



PAT ALLEGRA

The Concolor has been steadily gaining attention. This unique tree has a wonderful, citrus scent, silver-green color and long, soft needles.

Once you decide upon a tree, decorating it can be a fun project or another tiring job. Give yourself permission to keep your decorating simple this year. White twinkle lights and ribbon can give you all you need. Make bows for the tree, put white lights on the mantle, book shelves or in a glass bowl.

Use fresh boughs — trimmed from your tree or in your backyard — tied with ribbon for your front door and mantle. Use a bough bouquet in a large container with water for a wonderful centerpiece.

Keeping it simple will allow you to enjoy what is truly special about this season. Happy holidays!

Pat Allegra is the owner of Stylish Solutions, an interior decorating business. She can be reached at 1-734-449-4679.

CALENDAR

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present its Holiday Express concert 3 p.m. at the Dexter High School Center for Performing Arts, 2200 N. Parker Road. The concert is a free event.

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

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

Dexter Township Planning Commission meets 7:30 p.m. the first and fourth Tuesdays 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.

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.

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. Call 475-8551.

ANN ARBOR Monday, Dec. 12
Grief and the Holidays workshop will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive in Ann Arbor. The free workshop is open to the public, and will offer support and solace to grieving families and children during the holiday season. Registration is required by calling 662-5999, ext. 177.

Tuesday, Dec. 13
"Teens Using Drugs Part 2: What to Do" free seminar will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month through June at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, in Superior Township. Call 973-7892.

WEDDINGS

Kistka, Ingram exchange vows

Corinne Kistka and Patrick Ingram were married July 16 at St. Thomas the Apostle in Ann Arbor. The Rev. Enzo Addari officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Heidie Kistka of Chelsea.

The groom is the son of Banning and Elena Ingram of Brookeville, Md.

The maid of honor was Sara Brennan of Grand Rapids.

The bridesmaids were Jessie Wong of Berkley, Calif., and Erin Dronen of Chelsea.

Breanna Kappell was the flower girl and Steven Kappell was the ring bearer, both of Oak Park, Texas.

Christopher Ingram of Gaithersburg, Md., was the best man.

The groomsmen were Ben Levin of Olney, Md., and Zachary Kistka of St. Louis.

A reception was held at Four Points by Sheraton in Ann Arbor. The couple honeymooned in Europe for 39 days. They reside in Chicago.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Chelsea High School and earned a bachelor's degree in biopsychology from the University of



Michigan in 2005. She is working on a doctorate in physical therapy at Northwestern University in Chicago. The groom is a 2001 graduate of Sherwood High School and earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from U of M in 2005.

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1. Contestants may enter their colored picture at any of our offices in person or by mail: The Saline Reporter/Milan News-Leader, 106 W. Michigan Ave., Saline, 48176; The Chelsea Standard/Dexter Leader, 20750 Old U.S.-12, Chelsea, 48118, The Manchester Enterprise, 109 E. Main St., Manchester, 48158 and The Ypsilanti Courier, 13 W. Michigan Ave. Suite 131, Ypsilanti 48198-0799.
2. Contest is open to area children ages 4-12. Artists ages 4-5, 6-8, and those ages 9-12 will be judged in separate groups. A \$25 cash prize will be awarded to the coloring entry judged best in each group.
3. Coloring must be done by the child, using crayons, paint, felt-tip pens, colored pencils, or any other coloring medium.
4. Each entry form must be completed with contestant's name, age and phone number.
5. **DEADLINE** for entering is Friday, December 23, 2005.
6. Winners will be published in the January 5 editions of the newspapers.
7. Employees of the Heritage Newspapers and their immediate families, and families of the judges are not eligible to enter.

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DETROIT

McGovern starring in 'Little Women'

Singer-actress to perform at Fisher Theatre in Detroit

By Klint Lowry
Heritage Newspapers

Don't take this the wrong way, but Maureen McGovern has been around.

Broadway, movies, television, the recording studio — in a career that has spanned more than 30 years, she has divided her time among them all.

"I do a variety of things to keep me interested," McGovern said, understating the breadth of her resume.

Most performers would love to have her credits in any one of those fields, though she is perhaps best known for her singing voice, which first propelled her into the spotlight with the 1972 hit "The Morning After."

Three years later, she became the first person to have two songs nominated for Oscars in the same year.

While she has moved about in her career from one project to the next, she is now happily in one place: The Fisher Theatre in Detroit, where she is appearing in "Little

Women — The Broadway Musical."

One of the most popular books of all time, "Little Women" has been in print since it debuted in 1868. The story of a family of sisters growing up during and shortly after the Civil War is practically required reading for girls growing up in America.

"When I was about 10, I read a condensed version of it, and, of course, I'd seen all the movies," McGovern said. "I've always loved the story, and, of course, we always wanted to be Jo when we grew up."

"I didn't read the full version until I started doing research for this part."

Some who know the book might wonder how it could be done as a musical. McGovern, who is used to working in all media, wanted to know the same thing going in.

"The book is very large," she said. "It goes into great detail about everyone's lives, and the extensions of those lives. The movies are obviously a different medium, and the stage is a whole different animal."

"The creators of this piece have done a masterful job of synthesizing that very large book into two hours and 40 minutes on stage, and tell the story through Jo's eyes. It's basically her storyline, her quest to be a writer and all the obstacles that are in the way."

Of particular interest to McGovern was the score.

"I heard the music when I was offered the part," she said. "It's beautifully crafted music that comes specifically out of the story. It's a seamless effort."

Since taking on the role of Marmee, the family matriarch, McGovern has received a Drama Desk Award nomination for Best Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical.

For those unfamiliar with the story, the central character is Jo, a girl who aspires to be a writer, and must confront societal, personal and creative obstacles along the way to achieving her dream.

In this way, the story has something to say to anyone, whether they are male or female, young or old, McGovern suggested. And though the story is set in the 19th century, many of the story elements, including that of having a member of the family off at war, are things people today can relate to.

"Everyone who comes will see a piece of their own family up there," McGovern said. "I think that's the enduring quality. (Louisa May Alcott) wrote the quintessential family story."

"Though it was 1868, it's still very relevant today. It's joyous, it's fun, it's silly, it's moving,

it's very romantic and ultimately very life-affirming. It's the stuff of life, you know?"

While musicals by their very nature defy reality, the story itself is loosely based on Alcott's life experiences. In preparing for the role, McGovern explored Alcott's home in Concord, Mass. She got a sense of the town where Alcott was influenced by fellow residents named Emerson and Thoreau and Hawthorne.

Along with the research, being on the road has brought reality to the cast's sense of being a "family," with poker nights for the men and the younger cast members going to midnight movies together.

The show runs through Dec. 18 and then picks up again Dec. 27 through Jan. 1.

McGovern has signed on to "Little Women" through August, when she will be off on a one-woman cabaret-type show that already is in the works.

Tickets for "Little Women — The Broadway Musical" range from \$32.50 to \$72.50 and can be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets, the Fisher Theatre box office or online at www.NederlanderDetroit.com.

Klint Lowry is a reporter for Heritage Newspapers. He can be reached at 475-1371 or klowry@heritage.com.

YOGA

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motion allows the body to work out muscle spasms and joint stiffness.

"It's been studied in multiple sclerosis and found to have significant improvements in measures of fatigue."

Before Fisher was diagnosed, she was a working single mother who always put her own needs last. But yoga has influenced her

choices.

"My poor diet was like the typical American's diet — meat and potatoes, diet pop," she said. "Now my diet is a lifestyle."

She sticks to healthy foods such as raw fruits and vegetables, salmon and nuts for protein, very few dairy products and soy milk for calcium.

"Yoga started out as a means of reducing stress, but it helped me save my own life, and during this journey I became enlight-

ened," Fisher said.

"It's influenced the way that I breathe, my posture and the way that I interact with others."

Fisher attends classes with Eric Paskel of the Yoga Shelter in West Bloomfield.

According to Fisher, anyone, regardless of size, age, gender or shape, can practice yoga. All that's needed is a mat and loose clothing, and perhaps a little music.

"Music makes yoga more fun," she said. "I always

have music playing when I practice yoga."

In July 2004, she took her last dosage of Klonopin.

"I felt I just didn't need it anymore," she said. "I take nothing now."

Fisher now wants to do speaking engagements for the Downriver Lupus Society.

"I want to help other people," she said. "I want to give back."

Last September, she was able to return full time to her job as office manager of

a local dental office.

"I was fortunate in that I had a very understanding employer in Dr. (Steven) Shwedel, who held my job for me," she said.

Fisher's proactive approach to her illness has made Lovy's job a little easier, he said.

"Some people, like Connie, can find long-term relief by the lifestyle changes that yoga and other rehabilitative techniques can provide," he said.

In addition to alleviating

her symptoms and helping her to eliminate medications, yoga has provided her with a sense of peace.

"It's taught me to become one with myself and find the beauty within," Fisher said. "I now live my life with an intense calm and a defined purpose to help others."

She hopes to open her own yoga studio in the spring. As for the lupus, she doesn't dwell on it anymore.

"I'm not letting it back into my life," she said.

INSURANCE

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salary. Generally, you should have total coverage equal to two-thirds of your current pretax income.

But what if you have significantly increased your monthly mortgage payments after refinancing your home to get a better long-term rate? Again, this is perhaps a less obvious, yet important time when you might consider increasing your life and disability insurance to help yourself or your loved ones cover your higher monthly payments.

•Long-term care: With an aging population and uncertainty about the future of

Social Security, insurance coverage of nursing home or at-home health care is becoming more widespread.

Medicare pays very little of the cost of long-term care in the United States. According to www.Medicare.gov, Medicare will pay for the care, but only for patients whose assets are almost completely depleted. Medigap insurance can help pay medical expenses of the elderly not covered by Medicare; however, not custodial nursing home costs.

In fact, according to www.Medicare.gov, about half of all nursing home residents pay for the care with personal savings.

If you should need these services and do not want to

deplete your personal savings, long-term care insurance is essential.

Parents: Think Ahead

New or expectant parents must think not only about their immediate needs such as health insurance, but also about protecting their child's future with the parents' disability and life insurance. A common goal is to replace the income you would generate until the child has been educated and is out of the house.

Also, you'll want to balance the needs of your newborn, or your other insurance needs, without sacrificing your other financial goals. While it might be tempting to scale back on the 401(k) contributions, you run the risk of

derailing your retirement plans to fund your insurance needs.

No matter if you have children or not, be sure your protection planning and retirement planning is in sync and that your goals are rebalanced frequently based on your time frame and changing needs.

Seek Help

If you are considering purchasing or updating your insurance coverage, one goal should be to buy sufficient protection without overspending on coverage you don't need.

Seek the help of a qualified financial adviser, who can conduct a detailed insurance needs analysis based on your individual circumstances.

An experienced financial adviser also can integrate your protection planning needs into a personalized financial plan to help you best reach your financial goals and dreams.

Contact Shawn Bumgardner, a financial adviser and branch manager at Ameriprise Financial Services Inc. in Wyandotte, at 1-734-284-3700 or shawn.d.bumgardner@ampf.com.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Students earn honors

One local resident earned a degree and another made the dean's list at universities in Michigan and Ohio.

Danielle Thompson of Gregory graduated in May from Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Thompson earned an associate's degree in applied sci-

ence to work as a clinical laboratory technician.

In addition, Brian Bailey of Dexter made the dean's list for the October session at the University of Northwestern Ohio. A grade point average of at least 3.5 must be accomplished to make the dean's list.

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Wot Ees Dees Crees-mas?

Dear Friends and Neighbors,
If someone came to America at this time of year — someone totally outside our culture, who could communicate just a little bit in our language but knew nothing about our customs — what impressions would they get of the holiday we call "Christmas"? How long would it take them to discover what it was really about?

They'd hear songs about a White Christmas, a Blue Christmas, and a Holly Jolly Christmas. They'd hear people singing about wanting their two front teeth for Christmas, and even wanting a hippopotamus for Christmas.

They'd come into contact with Santa Claus and elves and flying livestock. They'd come across the partying concept that Christmas is a time to imbibe very heavily in alcoholic beverages.

If they finally did discover that Christmas is all about a Baby laid in a manger, would that come as a let-down for them after all the excitement our society creates around the occasion? Or would they be impressed by hearing that the Baby

in the manger is God Himself come down to earth in human form, to live and die as one of us, and to rise again, in order to provide for us the gift of eternal life?

These are things Faith Lutheran Church will explore in our fifth annual Christmas play, which we present in our roomy and beautiful church basement (our upstairs has been under construction for almost 5 months).

We invite you and your family to attend, on either Friday, December 16, or Saturday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m. The play will last about 45 minutes. There will be no admission charged, nor any offering taken. Light refreshments will be provided after each performance.

This play is more light-hearted than our others, but we think you'll get a clear message.

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PEOPLE

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THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1992



Josh Watko, Amanda Smith and Matt Otto cut tomatoes and cucumbers for the salad as part of a healthy lunch they're making for classmates in the Program for Independent Living.

Students with the Chelsea High School Program for Independent Living, which attracts students from Dexter, Manchester and Chelsea, recently showed off their cooking skills. The students made french-bread pizzas with salad and a drink.

The students go each week to Polly's Country Market to get their meal items so they can make their own lunches. In class, they learn how to budget, save, cook and shop.

The program encourages residents in the community to stop in and show the students how to make simple, healthy recipes. To volunteer, call Sandra Dunn at 433-2200, ext. 6205.

Learning Independence



Amy Martzloff of Dexter shows off one of her favorite cookbooks.

• • • Photos by Rita Fischer • • •



Jake Edgerly and teacher Callie Jerant work on the finishing touches of their french-bread pizza.



Robyn Cleary of Chelsea makes up some lemonade with Linda Stebelton while helping her classmates make lunch.

The Chelsea Standard

SPORTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2005

To report scores,
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BASKETBALL

Sauers, Whitley lead Dawgs

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Gold boys' basketball team lost to host Temperance Bedford 45-9 last Thursday.

Ben Sauers and Kyle Whitley both had strong games for the Bulldogs, especially on the perimeter said Chelsea coach Mike Bareis.

On Nov. 29, Beach lost to visiting Adrian Blue 35-14.

Bareis said Brett Caid and Graham Wagner had solid games inside down low for Chelsea.

On Nov. 22, the host Bulldogs lost to Ypsilanti Lincoln 30-27.

"That was just a great middle school basketball game," Bareis said. "It was well played by both teams. We shot 17-for-23 from the free throw line."

Nate Branham led Beach with seven points.

Scott Devol added six points, while Whitley and Sauers each netted four points for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea next travels to Saline Blue for a game 4 p.m. Thursday.

On Monday, the Bulldogs host Adrian White at 4 p.m.

On Wednesday, Chelsea visits Ypsilanti Lincoln for its regular season finale at 4 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Moore second at state final

Chelsea's Austin Moore, 11, finished second in the state at the Punt, Pass and Kick final last weekend.

The state championship competition was last Sunday at the Detroit Lions-Minnesota Vikings game at Ford Field.

Moore, a pupil at South Meadows Elementary School, participated in the 10- and 11-year-old division.

The kick and punt portion of the event was held prior to the game, while the passing competition was at half-time.

To qualify for the Ford Field state final, Moore finished first at the Saline regional event and first in the Chelsea competition.

This year was Moore's first time participating in a Punt, Pass and Kick event.



Chelsea's Howdy Holmes looks to pass the puck, as he skates up ice last week. Holmes and his Bulldog teammates beat county rival Dexter and tied perennial power Jackson Lumen Christi last week. Chelsea is undefeated on the year, at 5-0-1.

HOCKEY

Bulldogs tie Lumen Christi

Amburgey's third period goal knots score against Titans

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Despite playing seven of the last nine minutes of the game shorthanded, Chelsea hockey tied host Jackson Lumen Christi 3-3 last Saturday.

"We worked hard all game," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "I thought we did a good job (playing shorthanded). The kids fought through it."

The Titans opened the scoring as Derrick Walker turned the light on, converting a power play goal at the 4:37 mark of the first period.

Early in the second stanza, the Bulldogs (5-0-1) tied the game at 1-1 as Kyle George scored off an assist from Ryan Ruikka.

Lumen Christi regained the lead later in the period as Keonon Kelley scored a power-play goal, giving the Titans a 2-1 advantage.

At the 11:34 mark of the second frame, Chelsea's Luc Daniels scored a power play goal off an assist from Matt Perry and Ruikka, knotting

the contest at 2-2.

Two minutes later, the Titans' Marty Lozier scored, vaulting Lumen Christi to a 3-2 lead as the second period ended.

At 9:38 of the third period, Travis Amburgey scored for the night's final margin. Recording an assist on the play for the Bulldogs was Eric Cremer.

Chelsea out-shot the Titans 35-18 for the contest.

Combining for the win in net for the Bulldogs was Josh Cottrell, who played the first two periods, and Zach Leszczynski, who closed out the game in the third period.

Cottrell made six saves, while Leszczynski had 10 stops.

Lumen Christi played with a man-advantage nine times, while Chelsea had four power plays.

Chelsea vs. Dexter

On Nov. 30, the visiting Bulldogs defeated Dexter 7-1. The win was the largest margin of victory in the traditionally tight county rivalry series, since Chelsea began playing varsity hockey five years ago Wright said.

"We played well as a team," Wright said. "We continued to move the puck well."

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Bulldog Luc Daniels handles the puck near his own net last weekend. Against Jackson Lumen Christi last Saturday, Daniels scored a power play goal.

BASKETBALL

Beach cagers fall to Lincoln

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Gold boys' basketball team lost to visiting Ypsilanti Lincoln 31-25 Nov. 22.

Patrick Roberts scored 10 points to lead the Bulldogs. Brian Paulsen added six points for Chelsea.

Chelsea vs. Adrian White

On Nov. 21, Beach lost to host Adrian White 40-39.

Spencer Mykala paced the Bulldogs with 10 points. Roberts chipped in nine points, while Paulsen had six points for Chelsea.

"The kids are playing harder and with more confidence," said Chelsea coach Dennis Strzyzewski. "It shows in their performances."

The Bulldogs next travel to Temperance Bedford for a game 4 p.m. Thursday.

On Monday, Beach hosts Tecumseh at 4 p.m.

Chelsea vs. Saline Blue

On Dec. 8, Chelsea visits Saline Blue for a contest at 4 p.m.

Beach's eighth-grade Blue boys' basketball team lost to visiting Dexter 44-28 last Thursday.

Colton Waterbury led the Bulldogs with 11 points.

Joe Gunden added six points, while Ryan Smallwood, Brennan Darwin, Jared Farley, Nick Hill and Nigel Schuh each netted two points and Cody Adams one point for Chelsea.

"Chelsea was able to get their offense untracked a little better, but allowed Dexter to go to the basket uncontested too many times," said Chelsea coach Jim Tallman.

Chelsea vs. Saline Gold

On Nov. 29, Beach lost to host Saline Gold 30-18.

Waterbury scored five points to pace the Bulldogs.

Smallwood chipped in four points, while Gunden had three points and Luke Dehring and Shawn Schrottenboer two points for Chelsea.

Chris Stewart and Darwin each had one point for Beach.

"Chelsea played well defensively, but just couldn't put their offensive game together in this game," Tallman said.

The Bulldogs next host Adrian White 4 p.m. Thursday.

On Monday, Chelsea travels to Adrian Blue for a game at 4 p.m.

On Wednesday, the Bulldogs host Temperance Bedford in its season finale at 4 p.m.

Seventh Grade Blue

Beach's seventh-grade

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COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Local athletes stand out at collegiate level

For their efforts this season, Chelsea natives and Albion College men's soccer players Bryan Hayes, David Knox and Clayton Wilson each received third-year varsity award plaques for the Britons.

Albion finished 9-4-1 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Behind the local threesome, the Britons set a school record for goals in a season with 59.

Hayes was named to the All-MIAA second team, while Wilson earned All-MIAA honorable mention this year.

In other college athletic news, Dexter's Jeff Marsh is a member of the University of Michigan's No. 3-

ranked wrestling team. The junior is battling sophomore teammate Steve Luke (Massillon Perry) for the starting rotation spot at 157 pounds. To begin the season, Marsh lost 3-2 to Luke in the Wolverines' intrasquad meet. The win put Luke in the line-up against No. 12-ranked Penn State in U of M's season-opening 23-15 win over the Nittany Lions Nov. 26.

In women's swimming and diving, Chelsea's Dani Sawyer and Allison Sayers are both members of Michigan State University's team this season. Both juniors, Sawyer competes in the backstroke and individual medley for the Spartans,

while Sayers is a diver.

Also in women's swimming and diving, Dexter's Lindsey Smith, a junior, finished second in the 100 freestyle with a time of 49.77 for the No. 14-ranked University of Michigan squad at the Texas A & M Fall Invitational Nov. 20.

U of M freshman Hannah Smith, also from Dexter, placed fifth in the 200 backstroke in 2:01.00 at the Texas A & M Fall Invitational.

In the 400 freestyle relay, Hannah Smith swam third, while sister Lindsey Smith was anchor for the Wolverines, sparking U of M to a third-place finish in 3:21.72 at the Texas A & M meet.

Lindsey Smith is the defending Big Ten champion in the 100 and 200 freestyle. She finished eighth in the 200 freestyle at the NCAA final last year, earning All-American status.

Dexter senior Amalia Sarnecki finished sixth in the 200 breaststroke in 2:14.82 for the University of Wisconsin at the Texas Invitational last Saturday. She also was a member of the Badgers' 400 freestyle relay, which placed fourth in 3:20.92.

In men's swimming and diving, Dexter freshman Bryan Vessels finished fifth in the 50 freestyle with a clocking of 21.37 for No. 4-ranked

Michigan versus Eastern Michigan Oct. 21. On Nov. 5, he placed third in the 50 freestyle in 21.20 in a dual meet against Georgia.

In women's golf, Dexter's Lindsay Davis finished a career best 11th overall with a personal best 233 (77-81-75) in the Wolverine Invitational Oct. 2. The U of M sophomore helped lead the Wolverines to a first-place finish in the tournament. Also, contributing to Michigan's victory was Chelsea junior Julie Inwood, who shot a 255 (86-86-83).

Also at the Wolverine Invitational, Chelsea freshman Courtney Aili placed 19th individually with a

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GYMNASTICS

Champion third at state meet

Washtenaw County-based Champion Gymnastics' Level 5 team finished third at the state meet Nov. 20 in Westland. The squad finished with a total score of 109.5 points.

The team received five first-place medals at the state final event.

Taylor Livingston, who earned three first-place medals in the 9-year-old age bracket, led Champion. Livingston was state champion on the vault (9.15), beam (9.225) and all-around (38.750). She also was second on floor (9.175) and third on bars (9.2).

In the 7- to 8-year-old division, Champion's Maddie Kurcz was a state champion on beam (9.175). She also finished second all-around in the state (35.375), third on floor (8.925) and fourth on vault (8.8).

Teammate Shannon Wood placed fourth on bars (9.0), fifth on vault (8.65) and fifth all-around (34.875) for Champion.

In the 10-year-old division, Galina Traskos captured the all-around state title (36.250) for Champion. She also finished second on floor (9.2), third on vault (8.825), third



Champion Gymnastics' Level 5 squad finished third at the state meet earlier this month. Members of the team include, front row, kneeling, Alyssa Carr; back row, Emily Slater (left), Galina Traskos, Taylor Livingston, Morgan Taylor, Gabbie Ralph, Emma Powers, Shannon Wood and Maddie Kurcz.

on bars (9.2) and fourth on beam (9.025).

Teammate Emily Slater placed third in the state on beam (9.125), fifth on bars (9.125), ninth on vault (8.625) and seventh all-around

(35.525) for Champion. Gabby Ralph ended up second on bars (9.225), second on floor (9.2), fifth on beam (8.900) and third all-around (36.125).

In the 11-year-old group, Champion's Morgan Taylor

finished sixth on beam (8.675) and seventh on bars (8.500).

Champion is coached by Kristy Reske. Assistant coaches include Rachel Bergren and Laura Wolfe.

BULLDOGS

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When we do that, it causes good things to occur."

While the Bulldogs clicked offensively, their defense was strong, as well.

"We limited their number of chances," Wright said. "It (winning) all starts there. When we play well in our own zone, it leads to offensive opportunities."

Chelsea began the scoring as Schyler Williams beat the Dreadnaught net minder at 3:29 of the first period. Recording an assist on the goal for the Bulldogs was Nick Bicioccha and Cremer.

The Bulldogs entered the second period with a slim 1-0 lead.

"We out-shot them 13-3," Wright said. "We dominated play. I told the guys between periods that we weren't attacking, we weren't finishing."

In the second period, Chelsea turned up its intensity, overwhelming Dexter. The Bulldogs scored five unanswered goals, taking a commanding 6-0 lead into the third frame.

Thirty-six seconds into the second period, Taylor Hooper scored off an assist from Ruikka, giving Chelsea a 2-0 advantage.

At 5:30 of the frame, David

Maveal scored a shorthanded, unassisted goal, upping the Bulldogs' lead to 3-0.

Two minutes later, Daniels scored a power play goal, increasing Chelsea's lead to 4-0. Williams and Cremer picked up assists on the goal for the Bulldogs.

Less than a minute after Daniels' goal, Amburgey scored off an assist from Hooper.

Williams ended the scoring barrage with a power-play goal at the 11:44 mark of the period, giving Chelsea a 6-0 advantage. Ruikka and Cremer assisted on the goal.

In the third period, Ruikka scored a power-play goal off an assist from Perry for a 7-0 Bulldog lead.

Dexter's J.P. Ledwidge scored the Dreadnaughts' lone goal at the 11:50 mark of the third frame for the night's final margin.

Chelsea out-shot Dexter 36-16 for the night.

Cottrell picked up the win between the pipes for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea next travels to Canton for a game 8 p.m. Saturday at the Arctic Edge Arena.

On Wednesday, the Bulldogs host Ypsilanti Lincoln for a game at 6:30 p.m.

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BEACH

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"Blue boys' basketball team lost to host Saline Gold 27-23 Nov. 29.

Playing well for Chelsea were Aaron Zynda, Ben Avila, Tyler Frank, Chris Ballow, Mason Borders and Connor Tait.

"The team is improving, and that is all we can ask of them," said Chelsea coach Corey Knight. "I thought we

played one of our best quarters in the first quarter, but the shots didn't fall. Execution of the plays was there, but no points to show for it."

The Bulldogs next host Adrian White 4 p.m. Thursday.

On Monday, Beach travels to Adrian Blue for a game at 4 p.m.

On Wednesday, Chelsea hosts Temperance Bedford in its last regular season contest at 4 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Basketball tourney seeks area teams

Best of the Best Basketball will host a youth basketball tournament Dec. 17 and 18 in Detroit.

The event is for U-9 through U-18 boys' and girls' teams. There is a three-game guarantee.

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For more information, visit the Web site www.bestofthebestbasketball.com or call 1-888-279-7597.

BASKETBALL

Dawg cagers hold clinic

The Chelsea varsity boys' basketball team will conduct a free clinic from noon through 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the high school gymnasium.

The clinic will focus on what's important to the Bulldog basketball program. Coach Robin Raymond, along with the varsity players, will demonstrate drills and team philosophy.

Parents and all basketball fans and players are welcomed to attend.

— CHELSEA WRESTLING —



Chelsea's Cal Bauer (left) stands with Dexter's Shawn Chamberlain at the Michigan Wrestling Federation state final. Bauer finished first in the 11- and 12-year-old novice heavyweight division, while Chamberlain was third. At the national Central Regional meet in Wisconsin, Bauer placed third, while Chamberlain was fourth.



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Midwest Results Week 12 - It was a weekend for giving thanks, and nobody was more thankful than the Seattle Seahawks. The object of their gratitude was NY Giants placekicker Jay Feely, who missed three field goal attempts - two of them in overtime - to allow the Seahawks to stay alive long enough to make their own field goal to win Sunday's game, 24-21.

Feely had been an impressive 23 of 25 on the season until then. Impressive numbers, but an even more impressive one was the 134 points (out of 136 possible) racked up by a Monroe, MI, contestant in Week 12 of the Power Points of the Midwest Football Contest.

Sharon Brown accomplished that feat and as a result was grand prize winner and takes home the weekly cash bonanza of \$1,000.

She entered the contest through the *Monroe Evening News* newspaper.

Local high scorers in Week 12 were:

Midland... Cheryl Clark, Sanford (129 points); 2nd to Steve Smoot, Midland (123 points); 3rd to Jerry Hammers, Midland (121 points); 4th to Harvey Ueberroth, Midland (118 points); 5th to Mike Rivard, Midland (116 points) and TBI of 44 beats Chadwick Green, Midland, also with 116 points

Monroe... Sharon Brown, Monroe (134 points)

Mount Clemens... Anthony Frontiera, Roseville (123 points)

Pontiac... Dennis Hines, Rochester Hills (114 points)

Saline... Reno Nye, Chelsea (120 points)

Southgate... Joel Waters, Trenton (129 points)

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ATHLETICS

Hospital assists athletes

Chelsea Community Hospital, in partnership with two local doctors and with support from the Joan C. Banfield Foundation, is offering echocardiogram screenings and EKGs for young athletes on an ongoing basis.

The primary goal of the screening is to help identify those at risk for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, the most common cause of sudden death among young athletes. Known as the "silent killer," it's a genetic heart disease resulting in a thickening of the heart muscle that results in an obstruction of blood flow.

Left undetected, it can lead to sudden death, particularly in young athletes because of the added exertion on the heart during exercise.

Dr. Frank Smith, a cardiologist, and Dr. Steven Yarows, who practices internal medicine, will provide the screenings at a cost of \$55.

Each year, young people are cleared to participate in sports programs after physical exams that do not include screening for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. According to Chelsea Community Hospital, the echocardiogram is the best tool for detection, but has been too expensive, costing between \$800 and \$1,500 to perform. In addition, it's not covered by most insurance companies.

The screening involves ultrasound and ECG testing, which are both painless and radiation-free. The screenings are available to individuals 14 and older, including college athletes. A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child younger than 18 years old.

There are discounts and scholarships for families with more than one child needing screening.

For information or to make an appointment, call 475-4040, ext. 3477.

COLLEGIATE

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238 (81-76-81) for Eastern Michigan University. The Eagles finished sixth overall.

At Brown University, Chelsea sophomore Blythe Crane shot an 80, leading the Bears' women's golf team to the Central Connecticut Invitational Tournament title Oct. 10.

In volleyball, Dexter senior Erin Cobler had a career high 19 assists to go along with 10 digs and seven kills in Michigan's 21-30, 13-30, 27-30 loss to Penn State Nov. 26. The match, played before a season-high crowd of 1,727, concluded U of M's season. The Wolverines finished with a 13-16 overall record and a 7-13 mark in the Big Ten.

A tri-captain, Cobler, a 6-foot-1 outside hitter, with junior eligibility athletically, finished fourth on the squad with 261 kills this year for U of M. She also had 213 digs, 84 assists, 73 blocks and 20 aces this season.

In men's cross country, Dexter freshman Lex Williams placed 60th in 32:57.6 for Michigan in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional meet at Indiana University Nov. 12. Freshman Tony Nalli, also from Dexter, crossed the line 17th in 25:54.5 for U of M at the EMU Classic Oct. 21.

Also in men's cross country, Dexter junior Chris Burke placed 17th with a time of 30:44.0 for Brown University in the NCAA Northeast Regional in Boston Nov. 12. Burke's time earned him All-Region honors. The Bears finished fifth overall as a team.

In women's cross country, Dexter junior Kalli Williams was fifth at the EMU Classic meet in 18:14.0 for Michigan. Overall, the Wolverines finished sixth at the NCAA meet.

In football, Chelsea's Tony Scheffler earned first-team All-Mid-American Conference honors as a tight end for Western Michigan University. It was the second straight year Scheffler has been named to the All-MAC squad.

The 6-6, 260-pound senior ended up with 57 receptions, for 670 yards and nine touchdowns this season. He was third in the nation among tight ends in catches per game with five, and fifth in the country in yards per contest with 61. For his career, he finished second all-time for the Broncos in receptions for a tight end with 117 and yards at 1,345.

Also in football, Chelsea's Joe Tripodi started every game for Northwestern University at offensive guard this season. The 6-3, 300-pound junior helped lead the No. 22-ranked Wildcats to a 7-4 overall record and a 5-3 mark in the Big Ten.

Chelsea's Brett Putman earned a varsity award as a member of the Albion College football team this year. The Britons captured the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship this season with a 6-1 league record and a 7-4 overall mark.

In men's basketball, Dexter's Dan Dyer (6-6, 225) is a member of Ohio Wesleyan University's squad this season. The sophomore post player competed in seven games last year as a freshman for the Battling Bishops, who finished 12-14 overall.

BOWLING

JUNIOR HOUSE - 11-17-05

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Government Cheese Film	157	173
Norm's Body Shop	146.5	183.5
La Jolla Shoppe	130	200
Gold Division		
Manchester Chiropractic	223.5	106.5
Seltz's Tavern	146	182
Lloyd Bridges Traveland	130	200
Color Express Printing	102	228
High Game: 300, R. Rollins		
High Series: 737, R. Rollins		

GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN - 11-22-05

	W	L
Chelsea State Bank	50	27
Marshall Motors	43	34
Lindemann Farms	34	43
Flow Ezy	27	50
High Game: Dawn Foster, 186		
High Series: Donna Dault, 471		

SENIOR FUN TIME - 11-23-05

	W	L
K & C	50	34
Sand Baggies	49	35
The DokaBI Tribe	48	36
Wild Ones	47	37
Pala	44	40
Go Getters	44	40
Spillers	44	40
Spunky Crew	44	40
Spare Ribs	43	41
Sugar Loafers	42	42
Keglers	42	42
Squares	42	42
Alley Cats	40	44
Good Timers	39	45
The New Kids	39	45
Hit Or Miss	35	49
Hot Shots	32	52
Coach & Experts	28	56
High Game: Ginny Wheaton, 210; Harold		

Nabb, 223	20	370
High Series: Ginny Wheaton, 530; Ron Kapolka, 587		

CHELSEA SUBURBAN - 11-23-05

	W	L
Chelsea Lanes	66	25
Vogel's Party Store	56	35
Lloyd Bridges Traveland	56	35
Stupid Excuses	51	40
Chelsea Plumbing	47	44
Veterans Cab	43	48
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Strocketts	32	17
The Freshmen	29	20
CB's Full House	28	21
What's Left	27	22
Fire & Ice	25	24
Pin Busters	25	24
Strikers	25	24
900 Gang	24	25
Jenz & Co	23	26
B & G	23	26
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— CHELSEA CHEER —



Several Chelsea High School cheerleaders danced during the Detroit Lions' United Way Halftime Spectacular Nov. 24 at the Detroit Lions' game at Ford Field in Detroit. Cheer Coach Marti Williams received an invitation for the girls to participate. The girls visited Ford Field for three days straight before the Thanksgiving game day to practice in four-hour sessions. Pictured in the front row are Megan Devries (left), Becky Allen and Erica Guysky; standing in the back row are Katrina Williams (left), Angie Koich, Hannah Myers, Susie Cook, Ashley Rock and Christina Cooper.

SKATING

Moyle fourth in world

Chelsea's Kendra Moyle and partner Andy Seitz finished fourth at the Junior Grand Prix Figure Skating final in the Czech Republic last weekend.

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Indian company eyes plant

Delphi Corp.'s steering gear business may be purchased by Sona

By Joseph Szczesny
Journal Register News Service

A company in India has expressed an interest in purchasing the Delphi Corp.'s Saginaw-based steering gear business.

Sona Group of Haryana, India, and at least two smaller South Asian companies have expressed an interest in Delphi assets, according to reports circulating in India's English-language business press.

Delphi officials were unavailable for comment.

However, in an e-mail cited by the Indian press, Delphi officials said: "Delphi has said it intends to sell \$400 million and \$500 million in the non-core assets in 2005, including the previously announced \$202.5 million received from the sales of our battery business. Work is proceeding on our portfolio evaluation and announcements regarding a possible sale of additional non-core assets are anticipated in the fourth quarter."

Robert "Steve" Miller, Delphi's chairman and chief executive officer, has yet to present a coherent plan for the future of the company's manufacturing operations.

Miller has said Delphi can no longer manufacture components in the United States if the company's workers don't adjust to deep cuts in pay.

Indian manufacturing companies have quietly devel-

oped in the past several decades and are now beginning to venture abroad to acquire new technology and markets.

The steering gear business always has been considered one of Delphi's stronger units, but the company's executives have never described it as critical, like the electronics business, which yields larger profit margins but faces intense competition from new suppliers in China and elsewhere in Asia.

Delphi recently announced it had secured a new contract to deliver electric power steering units to Ford Motor Co. for use on the hybrid Ford Escape and Mazda Tribute. Delphi sells the same unit in Europe.

Delphi also announced recently that it had won another contract to supply steering gears for Arctic Cat's new Prowler XT 650 H1 snowmobile, which features two advanced steering technologies.

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"The manual rack-and-pinion gear is designed to offer our customers a high-quality, low-cost steering gear with worldwide availability," Delphi said in announcing the deal.

"This is a great example of how we can assist companies in pursuing new directions

with our proven transportation components and systems," said Robert Remenar, president of Delphi Steering.

"The advantage we bring to companies like Arctic Cat is that our components are proven in the traditional automotive environment, which is one of the toughest proving grounds in the world."

Meanwhile, Delphi Technologies Inc., another Delphi Corp. subsidiary, has started a welding company called SpaceForm Inc., which plans to commercialize Delphi's innovative new resistance welding technology with help from the state of Michigan and the Automation Alley organization.

Delphi's support for the project will be a license and technology transfer and start-up assistance for the new company.

"Welding has not significantly changed in decades," said Tim Forbes, director, new markets, commercialization and licensing for Delphi Corp.

"The ability to weld tubes and other configurations and dissimilar materials enables designers to create totally new structural approaches."



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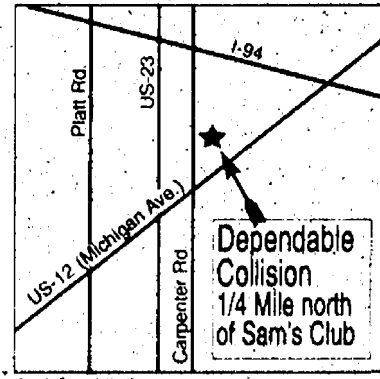
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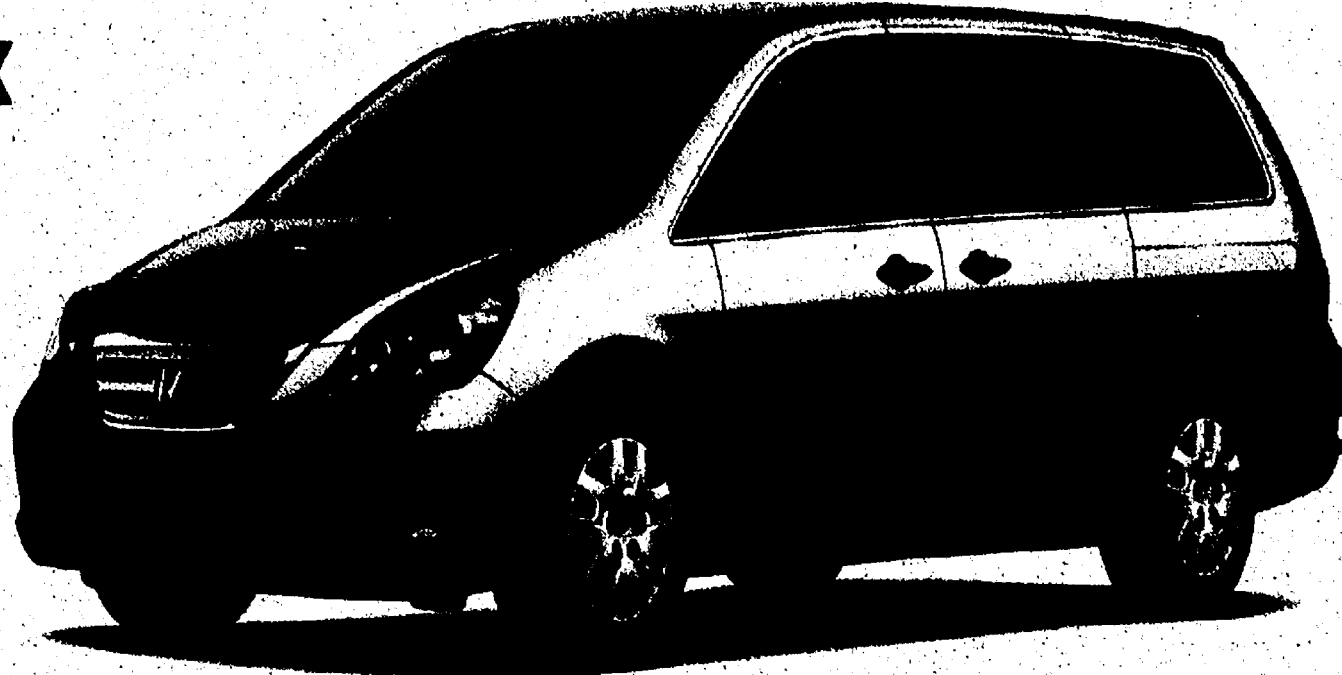
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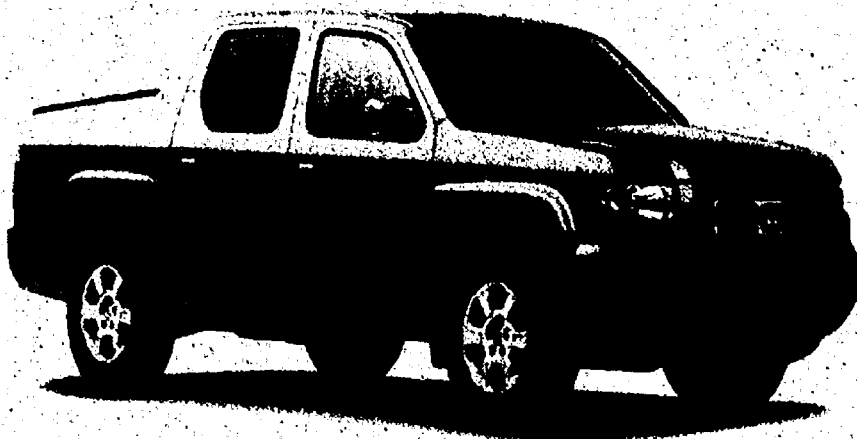


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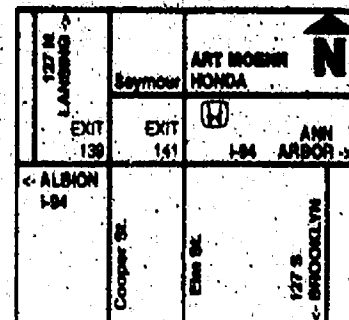
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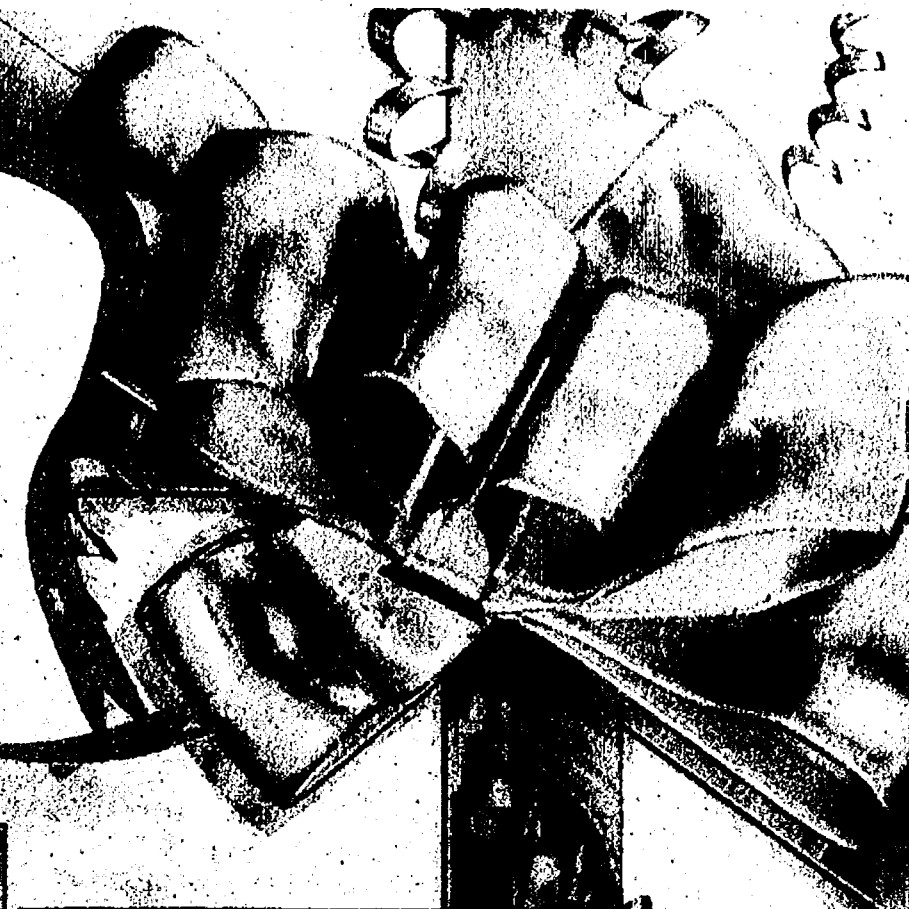
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Volunteers from the Chelsea-Dexter area traveled to Gulfport, Miss., last month to help hurricane survivors. Pictured, in front, are Rowena Atlee (left), Tim Conner, Jack Malone, Mark Musolf and Ron Mead; in back, Walt Radu (left), Mary Radu, Jim Moore, Larry Lyons, Dave Miller, John VanTiem and Pam Brown

CHELSEA-DEXTER AREA

Group helps victims rebuild

Local residents travel to Mississippi to help hurricane survivors

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Twelve members of Chelsea Free Methodist Church volunteered for a week, Nov. 5 through 12, in Mississippi, lending a hand to hurricane survivors in the South.

The group, which included residents of Chelsea and Dexter, stayed at the Naval Construction Battalion Center just outside of Gulfport, Miss., and slept in church pews two of the nights.

"I was humbled by the magnitude of the destruction in Gulfport," said Mark Musolf of Chelsea. "I was also honored to help those in dire need from this catastrophe. The damage from this storm is so great. It will take several years and tens of thousands of volunteers to get normalcy back in the Gulf region."

The volunteers tackled a variety of projects, from building roofs and bunk beds to cleaning up a camp site so that future relief workers would have a place to call home while helping out the region.

They also served more than 1,000 meals in one day in Pass Christian, where many residents lost everything and are still living in tents on the slabs where their houses once stood.

Pam Brown of Dexter said she had never seen such devastation in her life.

"I was overwhelmed with what I saw," she said. "It's hard to describe it until you are there and really see it."

Brown was inspired by volunteers from across the country who came to help. She talked to people from Washington, Oregon and Connecticut while serving meals and helping clean up.

"It was awesome to see people working together," she said. "You don't hear about the good stuff that's going on in the news. You can't see or feel that good feeling until you are there helping."

While some volunteers built a roof on one of the churches, others traveled to a Mennonite camp to make bunk beds. Brown said the camp is important so more volunteers can be housed as part of the re-building effort.

"Many people are living in

campers and tents. There was no place to stay," she said. "We cleaned the buildings and got them ready for more helpers to stay in."

Brown also volunteered at a Christian relief center called God's Katrina Kitchen. The place served meals from early morning until late into the night.

"People were hungry," she said. "We fed anybody that was there — those who had lost homes, volunteers, the Red Cross, the military, construction workers — anyone that needed a meal was served."

Rowena Atlee of Chelsea said she learned from broadcast news that parts of the country hit by hurricanes

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Nichols earns nomination

Julie Nichols, a second-grade teacher at Bates Elementary School in Dexter, is being recognized for her creativity and success in the classroom as a Disney Teacher Award nominee.

Nichols, a Chelsea resident, joins an elite group of teachers from across the country who have been recognized by their communities. As the next step in the awards process, she is submitting an application to be considered for the 2006 Disney Teacher of the Year Award.

"Being nominated for this award truly means a lot to me and is very exciting. However, I do not view this as

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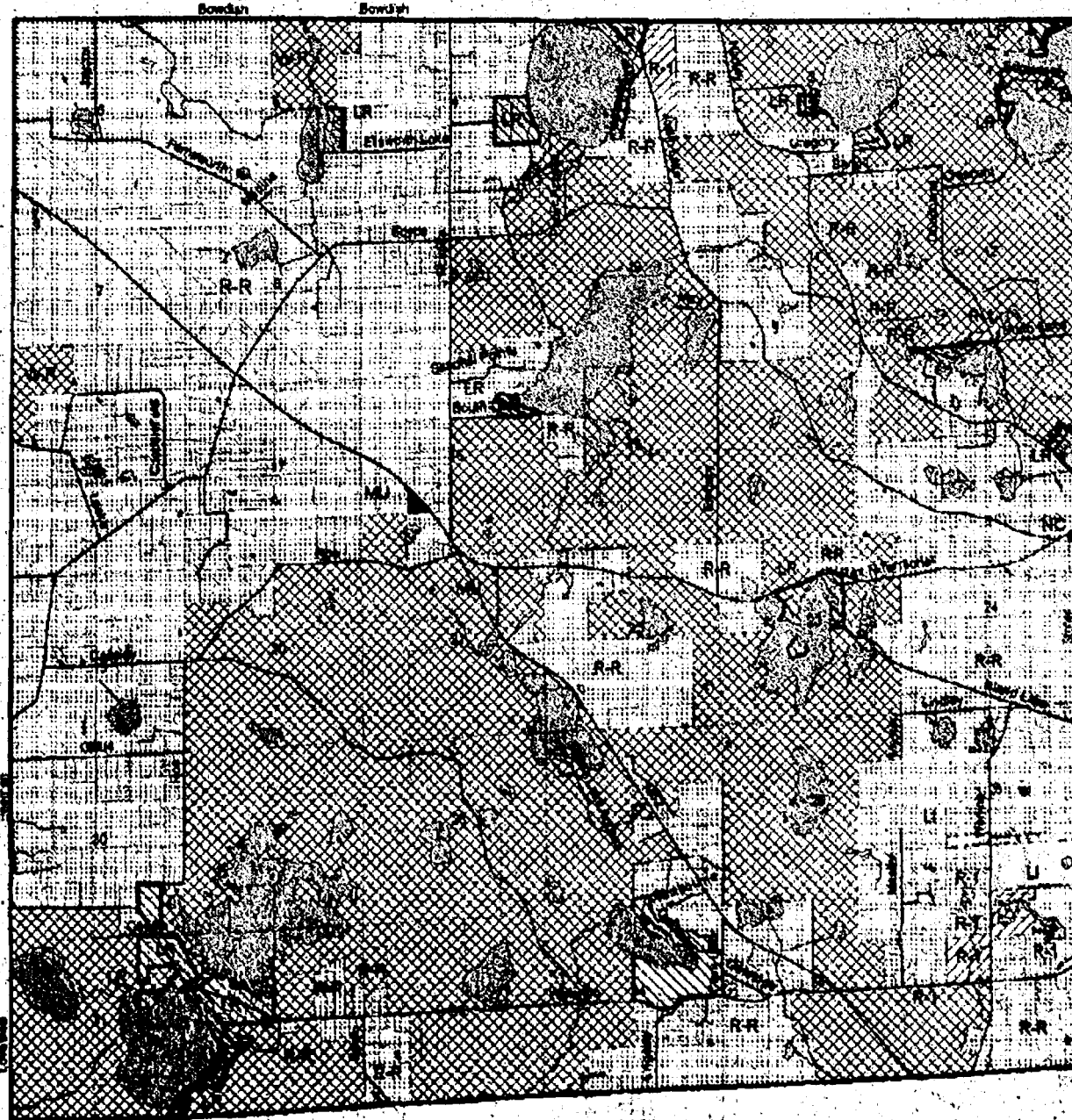
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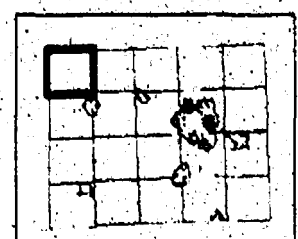


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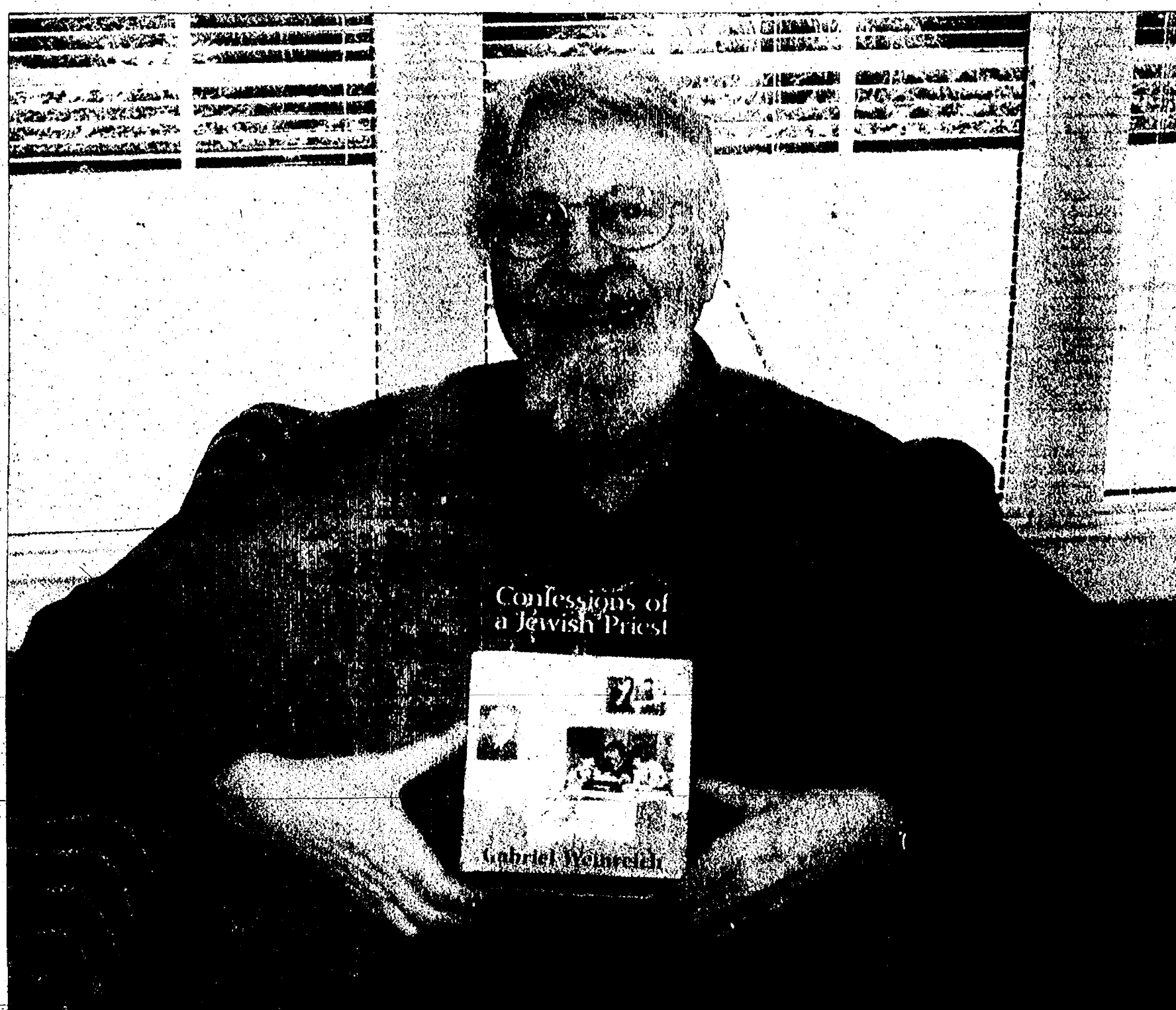


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Gabriel Weinreich of Chelsea has written "Confessions of a Jewish Priest." He appeared at a book signing Saturday at Cranesbill Books in Chelsea.

CHELSEA

Local man pens novel

On Saturday, in the midst of the town's Hometown Holidays event, Chelsea resident Gabriel Weinreich celebrated the publication of his new book, "Confessions of a Jewish Priest," with a book signing at Cranesbill Books in Chelsea.

Weinreich, who moved with his wife, Gerane, to Silver Maples retirement community last spring, is both professor emeritus of physics at the University of Michigan and a retired Episcopal priest.

"When people learn that I am at the same time a professor of physics and an Episcopal priest, the usual reaction is, 'That's quite a combination,'" he said in a press statement.

And that's before the speaker even knows that Weinreich was born in Vilna, Poland, now Vilnius, Lithuania, into a prominent Yiddish-speaking secular family. He came to America as a 12-year-old refugee when World War II was raging and became an internationally known expert in acoustics.

It's this unusual biography that forms the substance of

Weinreich's memoir, which will surprise readers both with its powerful reminiscences about the refined world of pre-war Eastern European Jewish culture and with its strikingly clear theological reflections.

Weinreich grew up steeped in language. His father was Max Weinreich, the renowned Yiddish scholar and founder of the preeminent Yiddish scholarly institute, called YIVO. The results are manifest in the book's precise, evocative prose.

How did a life that began in the rarified intellectual circles of prewar Europe result in ordination to the Episcopal priesthood? In his book, Weinreich tells the story of discovering the church by attending Ann Arbor churches with his Episcopal wife as they blended their families and then awakening to the presence of God in his own life.

But readers and Chelsea residents who encounter Weinreich will discover that both the book and its author completely lack the narrow-minded zeal of a convert.

Instead, although "Confessions of a Jewish Priest" is certainly steeped in love for the church, it also shows a keen perspective about that institution's historical persecution of the Jewish people. The book is especially rich in detailed and sympathetic recollections of Weinreich's childhood family and the Jewish world in which he was raised.

Indeed, Weinreich's Jewishness is integral to his life as a Christian, and his first purpose in writing the book was to explain the seeming paradox that "my Jewishness — of this I am profoundly convinced — in no way departed from me when I acquired a clerical collar," he said.

Weinreich's claim to being simultaneously Jewish and

Christian may prove unsettling and perhaps even controversial. However, as the parade of well-wishers who visited Cranesbill on Saturday afternoon will attest, those who read Weinreich's story invariably lay the book down with respect and gratitude for an extraordinary memoir by an Episcopal priest who prays in his most personal moments by silently reciting the 23rd psalm, in Yiddish.

Signed copies of the book, which was published by The Pilgrim Press of Cleveland, are available at Cranesbill Books. Weinreich will hold another book signing 7 p.m. Jan. 26 at Shaman Drum Bookshop, 313 State St., in Ann Arbor.

NICHOLS

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"We, as teachers, become empowered with the understanding that curriculum presented creatively is always encouraged and supported throughout our building. Allowing students to explore concepts in multi-sensory ways in and outside the classroom leads to greater understanding through real-life experiences and connections.

"Teaching with creativity allows students to recall information through the senses as different learning styles are addressed," she said. "It's also the way I love to teach."

Bates Elementary School Principal Roger Moore praised Nichols' teaching ability.

"Julie is an outstanding teacher who routinely uses a variety of hands-on experiences to address the different learning styles in her classroom," he said.

Since 1989, Disney Teacher Awards have been presented to teachers who construct learning environments in which students and teachers explore, imagine and engage in a variety of stimulating ideas and experiences. Specifically, the program honors those teachers whose approaches exemplify creativity in teaching and who inspire a joy of learning in their students.

"Sixteen years ago, we started celebrating local heroes by establishing the annual Disney Teacher

Awards to celebrate and honor America's finest educators," said Terry Wick, vice president of Disney Worldwide Outreach. "This nomination process shows thousands of teachers across the country how much their work means to their students, colleagues and communities."

In addition to letters of recommendation, Nichols will submit an application that includes several professional reflection essays describing her classroom and approach to teaching, the impact of high-stakes testing, how she approaches collaboration in her school and career, as well as an event that shaped her as a teacher.

A committee comprised of education experts from around the country will then review the nominee applications and select the 2006 Disney Teacher Award honorees.

The honorees will be announced in late spring and celebrated at a red-carpet Awards Gala in July. During the gala, four honorees will be selected as outstanding teachers and one will be named the 2006 Disney Teacher of the Year.

In addition, the honorees each receive \$10,000, a \$5,000 grant for their schools and a six-day professional development institute with their principals at the Walt Disney World Resort. At the institute, teachers share ideas to refine their innovative teaching approaches and learn how to engage other teachers to build an effective collaborative teaching culture at their schools.

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WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2005, 7:30 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL 6880 DEXTER PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA

- 1) 04-06-286-001 04-ZBA-601
Thomas Prose
9485 Lakeview Drive
Applicant requests relief from:
Section 18.23.A. to allow a 42' setback on the North side of property to proposed deck. (50'req)
Also to allow a 10.3' East Side setback from the Easement to the new garage.
Section 12.01.E.3.C to allow a 15' setback on the West Side to proposed deck. (30'req)
Also to allow a 15' setback on the South side to new home.
Section 12.02.E.4. To allow 27.2% lot coverage where 25% is allowed.
- 2) TABLED
Property Tax ID 04-03-300-007
Appeal Number: 05 ZBA 612
Applicant Name(s): Cindy White
Property Address: 8401 Thurston

Section	Current	Requested	Permitted	Description/Notes
18.23.A	20'	5'	50'	From Thurston Drive to new garage overhang.
18.23.A	16'	10'	50'	From the undefined easement
12.02.E.3.C	14.3'			From existing home to property line on the west side.
12.02.E.1				Recognize less than one acre
12.02.E.2				Recognize less than 150' wide.

- Purpose: To construct a 24' x 24' garage with attic storage.
- 3) Property Tax ID 04-18-100-020/021
Appeal Number: 05ZBA 614
Applicant Name(s): Gary Ford
Property Address: 7511 Noah's Landing
All existing non-conformities were recognized on 8-12-03.

Section	Current	Requested	Permitted	Description/Notes
18.23.A	14'6"	18'6"	50'	To allow 18'6" from new construction to Noah's Landing
18.23.B	48'	48'	50'	To allow 48' from new construction to waters edge.

Purpose: to allow for the construction of a 22' x 26' two story addition to the existing home.

- 4) Property Tax ID 04-01-407-011
Appeal Number: 05ZBA 620
Applicant Name(s): Jonathan and Kristi Martin
Property Address: 9375 Canal Street

Section	Current	Requested	Permitted	Description/Notes
18.23.A	30'	13'	50'	From O.H. of garage to Canal Street
18.23.B	48'	48'	50'	From O.H. of proposed home to high water line.
12.02(west)	4.5'	6.5'	9'	From O.H. to side property line.
12.02(East)	9.5'	6.5'	9'	From O.H. to side property line.
19.04				To allow for structure to be enlarged or otherwise altered.
12.02.E.1-2				Recognize not less than 150' wide and less than one acre.

Purpose: To remove existing structure and to rebuild a new two story home with attached garage.

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CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL

An application has been filed by RENE PAPO of CHELSEA HOOVER BUILDING, INC. for Final Site Plan approval for ONE WAREHOUSE BUILDING on the following described parcel of land:

TAX CODE: # 06-06-12-200-010 and 008

Located at the intersection of W. North St. and Hayes

The application for Final Site Plan Approval will be considered by the Chelsea Planning Commission on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI.

Signed, written comments, concerning the application will be accepted prior to the Planning Commission meeting, and will be read at the meeting. Comments should be addressed to the Chelsea Planning Commission, 305 S. MAIN ST. STE. 100, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Chelsea Planning Commission Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

CHELSEA VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION

Chris Rode, Chair

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2005

Webster Township Special Board Meeting was called to order at 4:59 p.m. on November 21, 2005 by Supervisor Fisher at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

Member Present: Supervisor Fisher, Clerk Heller, Treasurer Calhoun, Trustees Fink, Kingsley, Kleinschmidt and Westman attorney Reading.

Supervisors Remarks: Motion to go into Closed Session to consider a personnel matter.

Motion Calhoun to move the meeting to a Closed Session second Kleinschmidt roll call vote all ayes and carried.

Motion Fink support Kingsley to return to open session all ayes and carried.

Closed Session adjourned at 5:30p.m.

Return to Open Session at 5:33p.m.

Supervisor Fisher submitted resignation from the office of Supervisor of Webster Township.

Motion made by Calhoun, seconded by Westman that the Township Board accept the signed Letter of Resignation from Dean F. Fisher from the office of Supervisor of Webster Township. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

Motion made by Kingsley to amend the Agenda to deal with the question of employment, support Calhoun. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

Calhoun moved that the Township enter negotiations to engage the services of Dean Fisher as an employee at will, second Kingsley. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

Motion made by Calhoun to amend the motion that the Township continue the current rate of compensation and benefit until such time as they might be renegotiated otherwise.

All ayes and carried.

Motion made by Kleinschmidt that Mr. Fisher will report to the Clerk, support Calhoun. All ayes and carried.

Motion made by Calhoun to post application for Township Supervisor on web-page and at the Township Hall, second Fink. All ayes and carried.

Motion Kingsley to adjourn meeting, support Kleinschmidt all ayes and carried. Special meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP

SUMMARY MINUTES

PROPOSED MINUTES PENDING APPROVAL BY LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD ON DECEMBER 6, 2005
LYNDON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Consent Agenda adopted as presented.

Moved and carried to appoint Carol Hollenshead as the Lyndon Township representative to the Chelsea Library Board.

Moved and carried to approve the new proposed revised Zoning Ordinance and Zoning map.

Moved and carried to approve the sharing of the legal costs with Lima Township to have an attorney review the Wireless Washtenaw Master Participation Agreement.

The Board was in agreement to change the scheduling of the December Board meeting to 6:00 p.m. on December 6, 2005, with a special Neighborhood Watch Presentation following at 7:00 p.m.

Moved and carried to adopt the resolution for the National Incident Management System as the Township of Lyndon Disaster Response System.

Moved and carried to hire Bollinger for snow plowing for the winter months of 2005-2006, and collect comparison bids in the spring of 2006.

Moved and carried to support a policy which states the following: In the absence of the Supervisor, the Clerk will chair the Township Board Meeting.

In the absence of the Supervisor and the Clerk, the Trustee with the most years served on the Board will chair the Township Board meeting.

Moved and carried to purchase three fireproof file cabinets.

Reports given.

Moved and carried to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Morrow
Office Manager

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- 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.
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the rebuilding that is needed when we went to help," she said. "If you were to stand on a beach and see cement slabs and piles and piles of what is left of houses, and multiply it by everything that was up and down the coast, there was massive destruction."

Atlee said the volunteers' work made a difference in the lives of those living there.

"Our group only had time for two buildings in two different places, but every little bit helps," she said.

"Everyone needs to keep helping people in those communities. It's so easy to become overwhelmed. You want to give up, but we roofed a whole house, and we did it all in one week together."

John VanTiem of Grass Lake also found the devastation overwhelming.

"Whether they lived in a mansion along the beach or low-cost housing in the city, many people are now living in tents where their houses once stood," he said. "At the same time, there is an incredible spirit of servanthood among the volunteer relief."

"Most of the volunteers seem to be there out of obedience to Christ's call to serve in his name. We never felt so tired, so sore, and so good all at the same time."

Ron Mead of Sylvan Township also volunteered. He had spent his vacation last spring camping in Pass Christian and visiting Gulf Coast sites from New Orleans to east of Biloxi, so he was familiar with the area and wanted to help.

"This made it much more personal and motivated more interest in others going," he said.

Mead helped replace a roof on a small mission

church and worked on a house in northern Gulfport, installing insulation and ceiling sheet rock that had been ruined by water when the roof was destroyed.

"It was a very meaningful week, both in seeing the devastation and in seeing the outpouring of help," he said. "To the extent that it motivated my being willing to do such work in the future, it was also a positive experience."

"It's just one small way of returning God's blessings to others."

Musolf said more help is needed.

shared by those affected is that the volunteers will quit coming," he said. "We cannot depend on our government to do all the work and foot the cost. We, as citizens of this great nation, have been

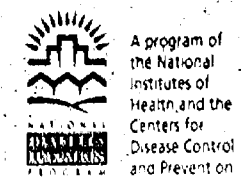
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WASHTENAW COUNTY

Father of five filled with holiday hope

Cancer victim joins clinical trial

By Kym Boelter-Muckler
Heritage Newspapers

Darren Pawlowski, a married father of five, had a normal life until July 11, when he woke up in a hospital bed. "I had a seizure," he said. "I don't remember anything. I felt fine before it happened."

The night before his life changed, Darren had spent the evening with a few of his friends watching sports on television at his Washtenaw County home. His wife, Carolyn, remembers every moment very clearly.

"Luckily I'm a light sleeper. It must have been around 4:45 in the morning, and I remember he made a noise. I thought he was having a bad dream," she said. "But he didn't stop moving. I switched on the light and saw that his eyes were rolled back and he was shaking all over."

Carolyn called 911 and Darren's parents who live close by.

During his seizure, Darren made several attempts to get out of bed, and the emergency medical technicians had to physically restrain him just so they could take his vitals.

"It took them about 25 minutes to get him on the gurney," Carolyn said. "They kept asking him questions and he wasn't responding."

Darren only remembers the face of a paramedic, but the image is too blurry for him to even determine if it was a man's face or a woman's face.

"All I remember about that morning is waking up in a bed at St. Joe hospital (St. Joseph Mercy Hospital) and everyone telling me that I

had a seizure," he said. That morning, the battery of tests began, including a CAT scan.

"The neurologist came to me and said, 'The CAT scan showed a spot on your brain. I'm sorry. I didn't know what to think. It was a shock.'"

The MRI gave a clearer picture of the tumor that was growing inside Darren's brain.

"As soon as they had the results of the MRI the surgeon admitted me," he said. "They said it was abnormal for a man my age to have a primary brain tumor. They have no idea what caused it."

The Pawlowskis were given two options: Take a biopsy of the tumor or have it taken out.

"We chose to have it taken out. The neurosurgeon said that it was in a good location, in the left frontal lobe, easily accessible," he said.

The seizure was July 11, and nine days later, Darren underwent major brain surgery. The operation was successful and was completed in 3 1/2 hours.

"My neurosurgeon said that he was 99 percent sure that he removed 100 percent of the cancer," he said.

Recovery from surgery left Darren unable to communicate for several weeks.

"It's a normal side effect of brain surgery called aphasia," he said. "I was completely alert and understood what was going on around me, but I couldn't verbally communicate. I couldn't figure out how to get the thoughts into words and get them to come out of my mouth."

He recalled saying, "well...well...well," without forming a sentence or communicating the thought.

Carolyn laughed. "I know him so well, that just from his non-verbal communication I could usually figure out what it was he was trying to say. I know it was very frustrating for him," she said.

Darren said he could feel emotions, but couldn't explain them.

"Sometimes it was really frustrating. Slowly all of that came back," he said.

After surgery, Darren's doctors enrolled him in a clinical trial in which he undergoes chemotherapy in conjunction with radiation.

"They want to put me on chemo for a year," he said.

Before Darren was hit with this illness, he worked full time for Lear Product Design. Because of the time involved in undergoing surgery and the chemotherapy and radiation, he has not been able to work.

"All of this has been extremely expensive," he said.

While the Pawlowskis' insurance carrier has not yet billed them for their share of the \$50,000 for radiation, they expect the bottom line for the entire treatment to be extremely costly.

Anti-seizure and chemotherapy medication, asthma prescriptions, doctor visits, MRIs every two months, a neuro-oncologist, radiation oncologist, blood tests, hospital stays are all very expensive.

"My neurosurgeon said that my surgery was a 'mop up,' and he's very sure that he got it all out. But it only takes just one cell to start growing and have the cancer return," Darren said.

The Pawlowskis have five children, ranging in age from age 2 to 16.

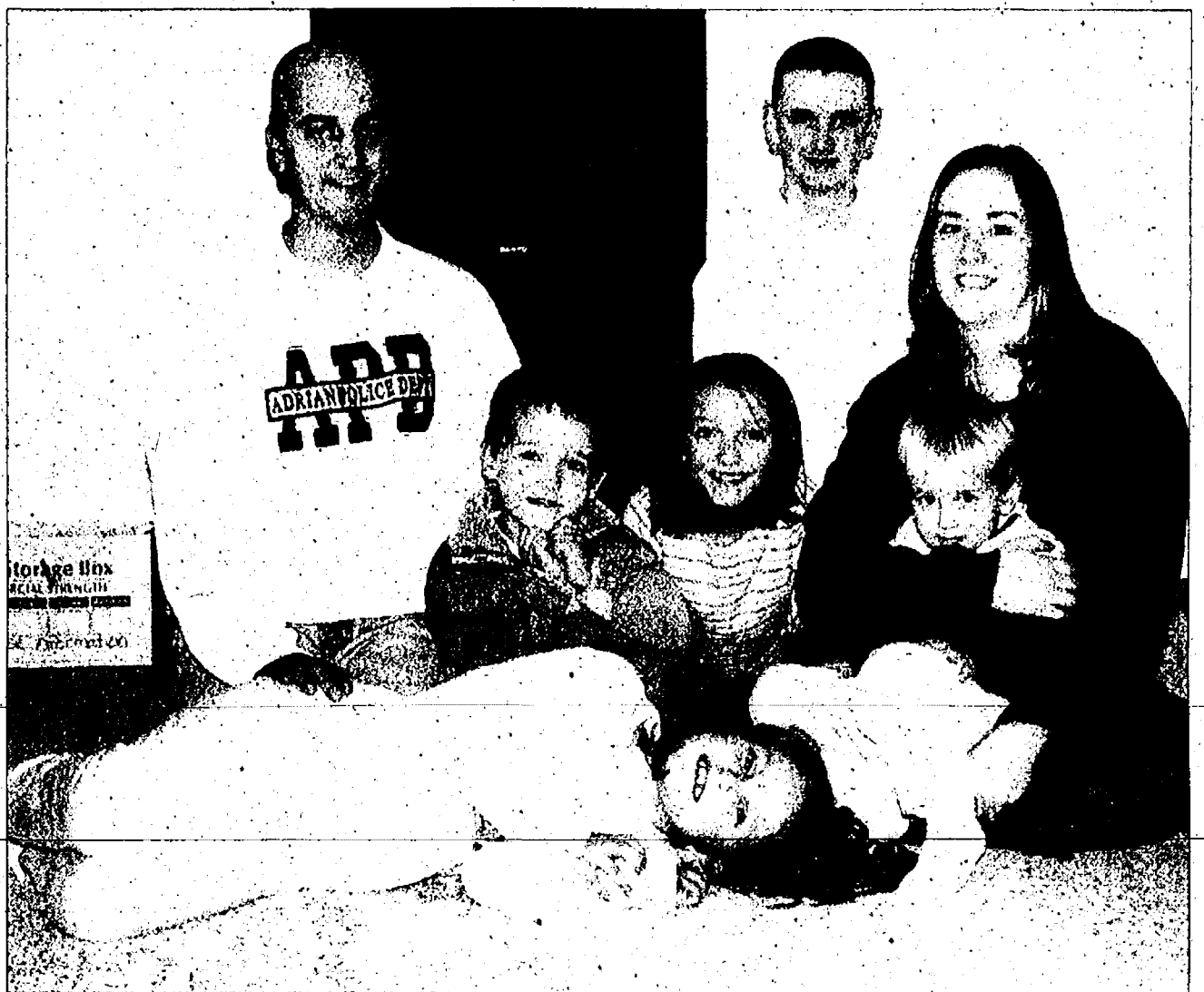


Photo by Kym Boelter-Muckler

While his prognosis has been frightening, Darren Pawlowski is both optimistic and filled with hope for the future. He is pictured with his wife, Carolyn, and their five children, Devin, 2, Dillon, 5, Julia, 7, Samantha, 8, and Ryan, 16.

"When school started things just got very hectic," Carolyn said. "If it weren't for all the help we've received from our family, friends and church, I don't know how we could've managed."

While the prognosis has been frightening, Darren is both optimistic and filled with hope for the future.

"My last MRI came out clear," he said. "That made me feel awesome. They just give you the chemo and the radiation and they hope you're lucky. So far, we've been very lucky."

Kym Boelter-Muckler is a reporter for Heritage Newspapers. She can be reached at 1-734-429-7380.

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The program continues this weekend and again Dec. 16 through 23, with the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of early holiday celebrations going back to the earliest colonial times up to the turn of the century each night from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Guests will feel as though they are moving through time or a Scrooge-like dream as they walk along the streets illuminated by candle and kerosene lanterns, the sounds of live musical performances including the Christie Street Carolers, the Main Street Carolers, the Dodworth Saxhorn Band and the 1st Michigan Colonial Fife and Drum Corps.

As they enter each house, re-enactors will talk about the specific time period and the Christmas customs of that period.

There are many lively activities and attractions along the way.

Those who have the ankles for it can skate on an old-fashioned skating pond. Skates are available for rent.

At the Robert Frost House, Santa will be on hand with his live reindeer.

Of course, Christmas means shopping, and the village will have six holiday shops open with unique gifts, seven food stations and ornaments made by the Liberty Craftworks artisans featuring limited-edition glass candy canes and ceramic tiles.

Guests can even buy their home decorations at the Greenfield Village tree lot, featuring traditional balsam fir trees, evergreen roping and a variety of loose winter-berry, holly and juniper bundles.

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ter fashions of the past.

For those who want to take the trip through time a step further, there's the Holiday Nights Dinner Package at Eagle Tavern, with seatings at 5 and 8 p.m. each night, so guests can decide if they want to eat before or after they tour the rest of the village.

Each night culminates with a sing-along and fireworks show.

A separate ticket is required for Holiday Nights. Tickets for members are \$12.75 for adults, \$8.50 for children. For non-members, the rates are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children.

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A Magical Place

In celebration of Friday's release of the movie "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," Chelsea District Library has a wardrobe closet for kids to use. Pierce Lake Elementary School pupil Patrick Koval, 8, walks out of the closet created by Stan Staffeld, Dottie Staffeld and Lucie Smith. It represents the magic of author C.S. Lewis' classic adventure series, "The Chronicles of Narnia," which the movie is based on. The wardrobe closet, which was made possible in part through Heydlauff's Appliance and Village Hardware, will be on display through December.

ALLEN PARK

Ernie Harwell to hold book signing Sunday

Appearance will benefit museum and library

By Jason Alley
Heritage Newspapers

A famed baseball legend is coming to the Detroit area this weekend with the hopes of raising thousands of dollars for a historical museum and public library.

Former Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell will be conducting two book signings Sunday, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the two groups.

Harwell, 87, will be autographing his fifth book, "Life After Baseball," from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Park museum, 1335 Southfield, and from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at the Lincoln Park library, 1381 Southfield.

His longtime attorney and adviser, Gary Spicer, is a 1960 graduate of Lincoln Park High School. The class president was the co-captain of both the baseball and basketball teams.

Spicer left Lincoln Park in 1960 to attend Adrian College and never returned to live again in his hometown. Despite that, however, he said, his heart still remains with Downriver.

"There's a lot of us concerned and any way we can help that community, we want to do it," Spicer said. "We're concerned with the schools and the number of kids going to college. We try to think about Lincoln Park anytime we can."

Spicer recently made a trip

to the area and stopped in at the historical museum. Before leaving, he became a life member.

"I'm really trying to encourage past Lincoln Park graduates to come back and join the historical society and visit the library," he said.

With that as his focus, Spicer said, he spoke with Harwell, who happily agreed to come down, meet some fans and raise some money.

Tying the library into the visit was a given as Harwell and former Tigers' Manager Alan Trammell have teamed up for a campaign called "Ernie and Trammell Go to Bat for Michigan Public Libraries."

"The goal is to put \$3,000 into every public library and there are over 360 of them across the state," Spicer said. "Times are pretty tough financially for libraries and our goal is to build an endowment for each of them so they can continue to survive."

Harwell, who was the first active broadcaster to be inducted into the baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y., said his late brother, Richard, who was a librarian, had a strong influence on his love for books.

"I think libraries have had a financial struggle for a number of years," Harwell said. "Generally, we want people to read and to take part in their community. Libraries are an important part of any community and they make a great contribution."

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CHELSEA-DEXTER AREA

Residents earn honors

Local residents captured academic honors at universities in Michigan and Ohio.

Brian Bailey of Dexter made the dean's list at the University of Northwestern Ohio.

Jennifer Adams, Ashley Houle and Michael Mignano, all of Chelsea, received academic honors for the summer 2005 semester at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design.

To be eligible for academic honors, undergraduate students must have accumulated at least a 3.5 grade point average in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework at the 100 level or higher during the semester.

Scott Holfka of Chelsea graduated in August from Ferris State University with an associate's degree in applied science. His major was automotive service technology.

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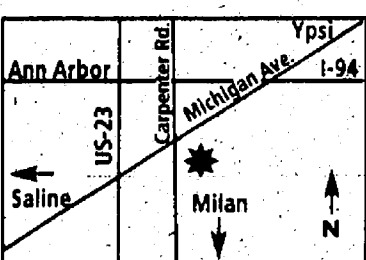
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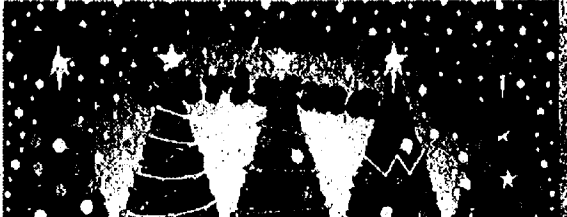
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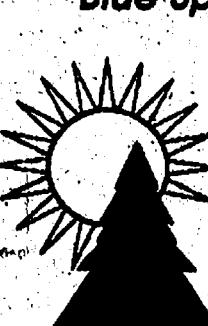
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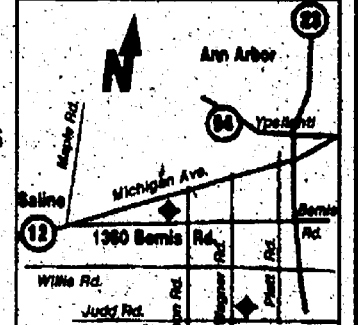
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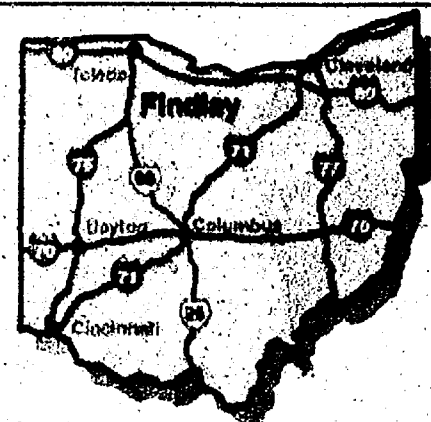


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Antiques and art abound in Ohio town

By Patricia Majher
Special Writer

College town. Flag City. Antiquers' delight. All of these terms help to define Findlay, Ohio, and are worthwhile reasons to visit this nearby community.

Located just 45 minutes south of Toledo, Findlay was founded as a mill town and later named the county seat.

In 1882, the community also had the foresight to join with the Churches of God, General Conference in establishing an institution of higher learning — now called the University of Findlay.

Today's university is a full-spectrum institution with programs in business, education, health, arts and sciences. It's also host to a nationally known art museum dedicated to children's book illustrations.

The collections of the Mazza Museum include the original works of artists ranging from the legendary Dr. Seuss to modern-day talents such as Gilsbert van Frankenhuyzen, illustrator of the "Legend of the Sleeping Bear." While open to the public, the Mazza additionally serves as the only teaching gallery in the world dedicated to this craft.

Another museum worth checking out is devoted to the preservation of Findlay's past. The Hancock Historical Museum is really a complex of buildings that illustrates everything from life in an authentic log cabin to the luxury of an 1880s mansion. The museum is also a prime sponsor of Hancock Heritage Days, a weekend festival in July marked by a Civil War encampment, vintage baseball games, period music, artisan demonstrations and more.

History plays a major role in Findlay. This was where Marathon Oil Co. and Cooper Tire and Rubber were founded and where

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Tell Taylor was inspired by the city's Blanchard River to write the old-time tune "Down by the Old Millstream."

Taylor's contributions to music are celebrated along the Millstream Parkway and Riverwalk, a relaxing place to stroll in the center of the city.

Another route worth walking is Sandusky Street west of Main Street. There you'll see a bevy of beautifully restored Victorian homes, among them several exuberant Queen Anne structures with turrets and trim to spare.

West Sandusky Street is also home to not one, but two tearooms (tea mansions, actually) — Swan House and Holbrook House — which also happen to sell gifts and antiques.

If antiques are what you seek, you must pay a visit to Jeffrey's Antique Gallery on Township Road 99. More than 250 dealers sell their wares here, making this mall the biggest in the northwest corner of the state. The items offered at Jeffrey's are varied, but it's an especially good source for Ohio-made glassware, including a brand that originated in Findlay and bears the city's name.

Speaking of names, Findlay has a nickname of which it's quite proud. Its efforts to embrace Flag Day

as a civic holiday in the 1970s resulted in Congressional recognition and the designation Flag City USA. To this day, you will see hundreds of flags attached to lampposts up and down Main Street. Many private homes fly Old Glory all year round as well.

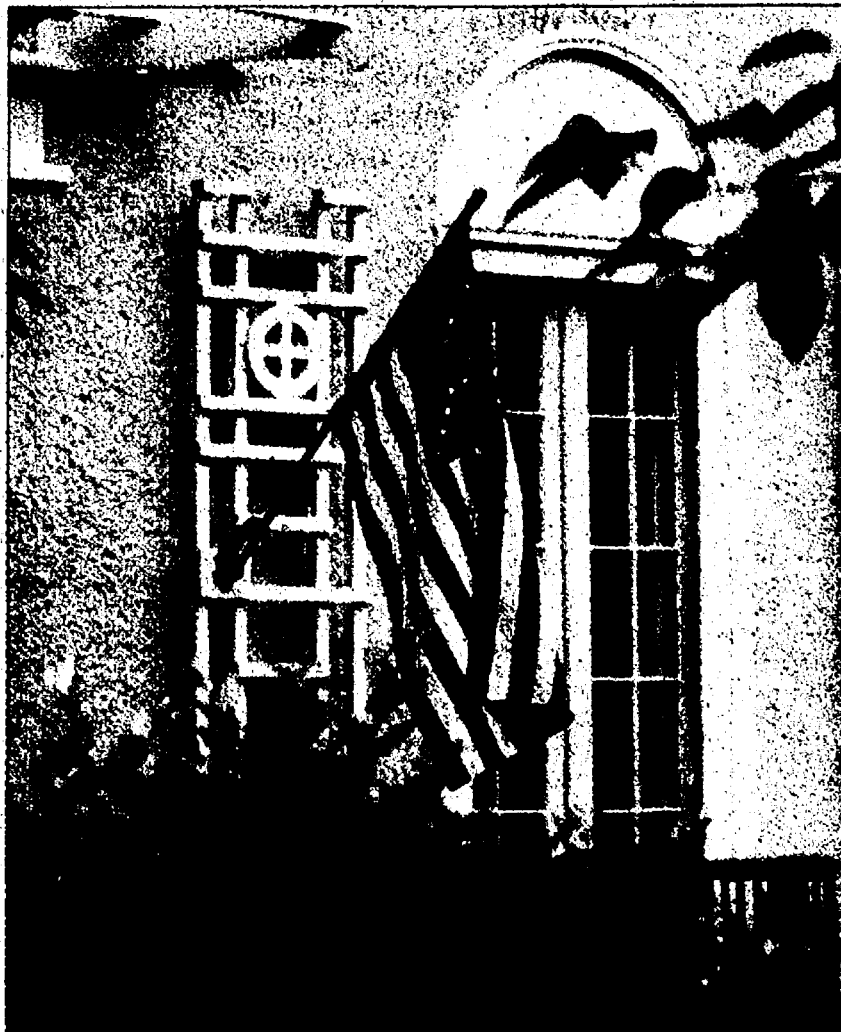
On the last weekend in August, you'll also see balloons flying in Findlay: hot air balloons, that is. The Flag City Balloonfest draws competitors from around the country and includes demonstrations by paragliders, skydivers and model rocket enthusiasts.

For more information about the Balloonfest and other upcoming events in this community, contact the Findlay-Hancock County Visitors Bureau at 1-800-424-3315 or visit the Web site www.visitfindlay.com.

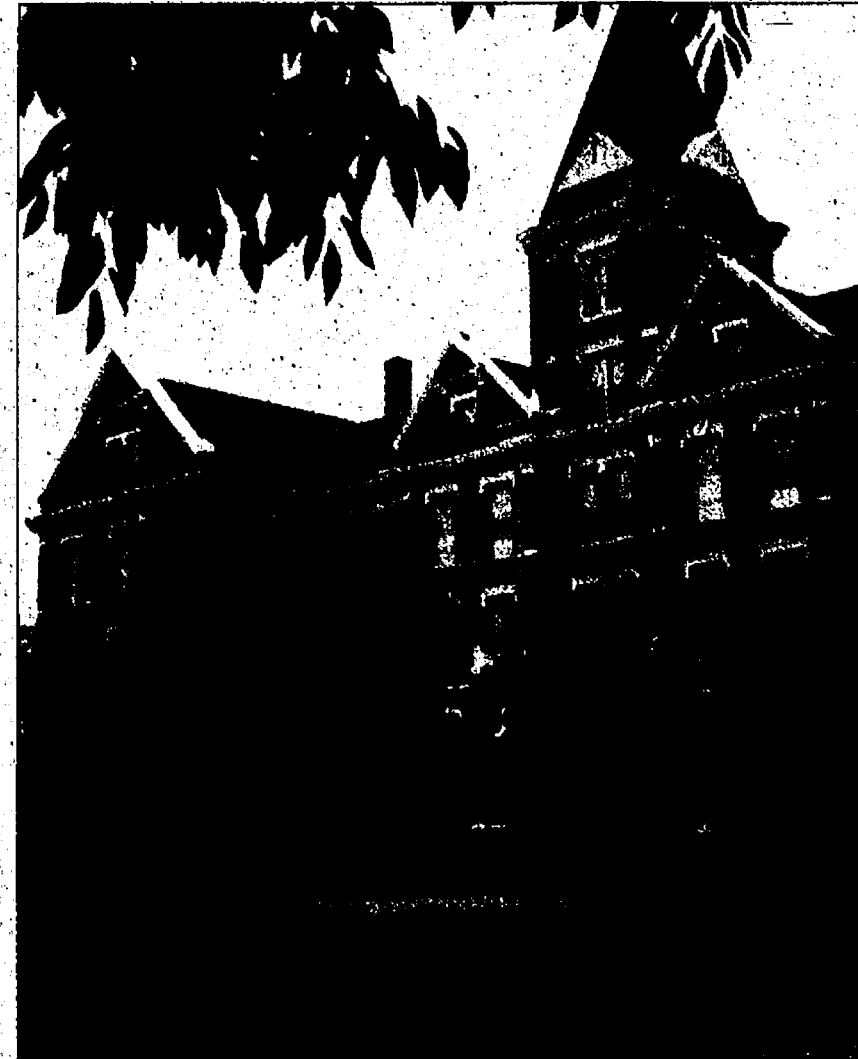
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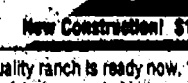
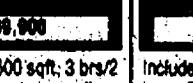
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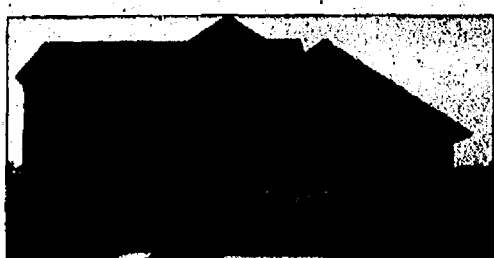
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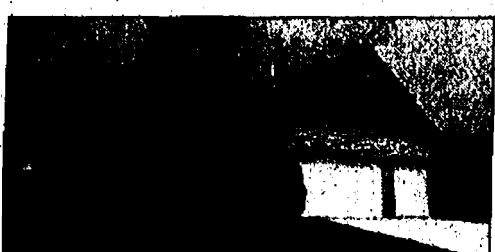
Dexter - Well maintained home, hardwood floors, 4 beds, 2.5 baths, bonus room, 3 car garage on a one acre lot. Great floor plan for entertaining. Basement has daylight windows. Better than new, landscaping, deck, A/C, blinds and sprinkler system are all in. Move-in ready! \$354,900
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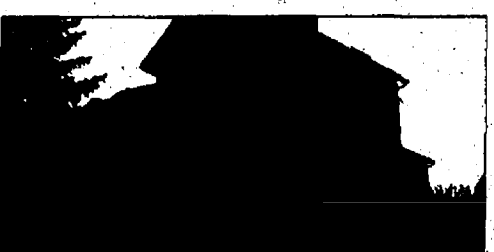
Pinckney - Better than new! Blinds, lawn, sprinkler, hrdwd flrs, gas fpl, ceiling fans, its all here. 2100 sq ft 4 bedroom, 2.5 baths w/ full walk-out plumbed for 3rd full bath. Attached 3 car garage. Acre lot with wooded backyard. Motivated seller. \$288,000
Carol Fuller 734-645-5985



Dexter Schools - Spacious Loch Alpine ranch overlooking the 8th green! 2214 sq ft on main level with an additional 1600 on tin walk-out lower level. Expansive living, family, and rec room and a nice sunroom w/hot tub. Updated kitchen w/Jenn-air appliances, 2-car garage and a master suite. \$364,900
Michael Dailey 734-368-4345



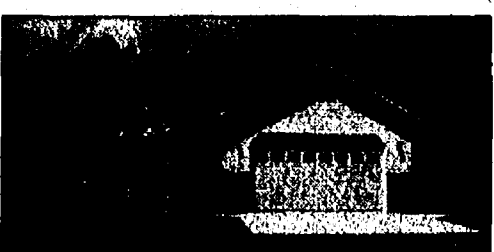
Clinton - Stunning 2 yr new ranch w/view of woods. Wonderful open floor plan with oak/ceramic/cathedral ceilings/3car garage on a peaceful 1/2 acre. Appliances too! Just minutes to AA. Off Michigan & Kehoe. \$207,000
Marian Gregor 734-821-0711



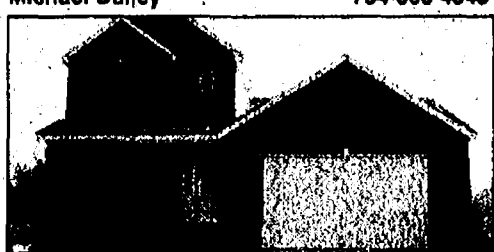
Freedom Twp - Centennial farm house-3200 sf has all of the quality of yesterday w/fabulous updates: a new granite & marble kitchen, 2 way FR, 3 full baths, 60x120 pole barn makes a great indoor horse arena. Only 15 min to AA. Pleasant Lk > Schneider \$449,900
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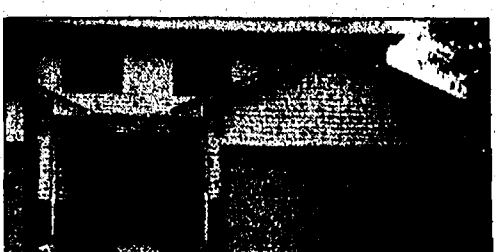
Dexter - Best deal in Dexter! Over 2500 sq' w/a new maple & Corian kitchen, 2 new baths, & 4 big bedrooms. Familyroom w/fieldstone FP too. It's all redone on one landscaped acre. Just W of Dancer \$244,900
Marian Gregor 734-821-0711



Stockbridge - New custom built ranch is loaded! Oak kitchen w/island & appliances, hardwood, plus stunning stone fireplace. On 2.5 landscaped acres. Pictures at www.AnnArborListings.com Sharp, custom, only \$199,900
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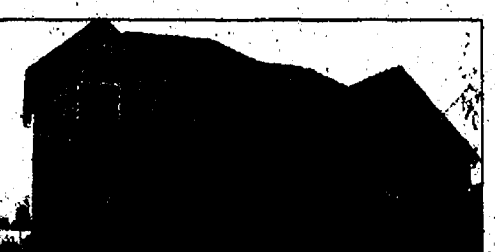
Munith - Wow a nearly new red brick beauty w/ 1 1/2 baths, 1st floor master w/spa bath. You'll love the hickory kitchen. It's on 5 beautiful acres. \$229,900 Pictures at www.AnnArborListings.com
Marian Gregor 734-821-0711



Chelsea - Great price for this 3 BR 2.5 bath Bridgetown condo w/1684 sq ft, a fully-finished basement, 2-car garage, and a fantastic view of the park-like common area. Close to shopping, I-94, and downtown. 1 year assoc. fees paid w/full-priced offer! \$198,900
Michael Dailey 734-368-4345



Dexter - Delightful Dexter cape cod on large, extra-deep lot. Spacious eat-in kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room w/fireplace and hardwood floors. Finished rec room and study in basement and a great bedroom upstairs. Perfectly located a few minutes walk from downtown and a short drive to I-94. \$198,000
Michael Dailey 734-368-4345



Chelsea - Stunning Chelsea Ridge home w/ 4 spacious bedrooms, 2.5 baths, and formal living/dining rooms. The beautiful kitchen w/island adjoins a large, well-lit family room that is complete w/fireplace. Master suite includes whirlpool tub and 2-car garage is oversized. A short walk to downtown, schools, parks, and library. Minutes from I-94! \$324,900
Michael Dailey 734-368-4345



Chelsea - Your own private inlet and a wonderful view of South Lake! Comfortable 3-bedroom, 1.5 bath home on one waterfront acre has 2217 sq ft with 1000 on the lower level. Huge living and family rooms and a 2-car garage. Close to state land. Tremendous potential! \$314,900
Michael Dailey 734-368-4345



Ann Arbor - Light-filled, neutral décor Country French Estates. w/ many builder upgrades. Kitchen has tall cherry wood cabinets & stunning counter tops, all appliances stay. Vaulted living room w/ skylights. Family room features granite fireplace & French doors to private backyard. \$304,900
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