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CHELSEA AREA

Fire Board waits for OK

Lyndon Township needs to approve new funding formula for fire budget

By Michelle Rogers
Editor

A possible fire millage and new formula for funding operations are on the minds of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority Board and representatives of member municipalities.

The Chelsea Area Fire Board tentatively approved its new budget Tuesday, but is still waiting on the Lyndon Township Board to vote on a new funding formula.

In addition, three-year-old talks about putting a fire millage on the ballot have heated up in recent weeks.

Gary Adams, an at-large member of the Fire Board, said Monday that the board is considering a five-year millage, but a lot of work must be done before a

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LIVING LEGACY AWARD



Adviser Deb Bentley and student members of the Chelsea High School chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions presented the first Living Legacy Award to Chelsea resident Shauna Mote at Monday's school board meeting. Mote was honored for her courage and community involvement during her recovery from a car accident last year that resulted in the loss of both her legs. Pictured at the board meeting when she was recognized are, in front, Erin Bergman, Mandy Kitchens and Mote; center, Chelsea Moore, Becky Allen, Bentley, Amy Whitesall and Sarah Nassiri; in back, Ryan Schroeder, Brian Clark, Kyle Bucholtz and Terri Long.

Photo by Erin Ryder

WATERLOO

Vandals strike Eddy Discovery Center

State police seeking information in series of vandalism incidents

By Lisa Vidauri Bowling
Special Writer

It's the kind of scene that makes you shake your head: A front door at the Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center in the Waterloo Recreation Area is smashed to pieces by vandals.

Not far from there, the parking lot is littered with shards of glass, remnants of what used to be overhead lighting.

It's a sight that's becoming all too common and it's quickly adding up to an ugly, expensive problem.

"Vandalism occasionally occurs throughout the park," said Gary Jones, park manager. "The current rash of vandalism is occurring at the Discovery Center and the area around it, including

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SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

American Red Cross recognizes local couple

Residents help hurricane survivors

By Sheila Purglove
Special Writer

Flo and Jim Collins, who spent much of last year helping hurricane survivors, were recently recognized for their work.

The local couple received the Distinguished Volunteer Award Jan. 12 from the Washtenaw County chapter of the American Red Cross. Unfortunately, Jim was unable to attend the event, held at Washtenaw Community College, so Flo accepted the award for both of them.

The couple became interested in volunteering for the American Red Cross in retirement. Jim is retired from DaimlerChrysler AG and volunteers at Chelsea Community Hospital. Flo, a well-known local artist, retired from Hardwood Solutions in Chelsea.

After looking at various organizations, the pair decided to dedicate their time to the Red Cross.

"The flexibility drew us," Flo said. "We could work in Florida, where we have a home, or here in Michigan, with no set schedule."

They started training in June 2004, but had only taken a couple of courses when Hurricane Charley hit Florida that August. They headed south to check

on their own winter home in Fort Myers, happily finding it intact.

While in Florida, they often lent a helping hand. "We took on activities before completing our classes," Flo said, adding that they had no hesitation or doubt despite having taken only the first two classes. "We knew the Red Cross would guide us and we'd get good support."

The couple had been trained in mass care, helping people find shelter and feeding them.

"We were put in charge of the kitchen, not cooking, but setting up feeding stations so people could come through in a line and get fed," Flo said. "There were three meals a day, and snacks, buffet style, and all the setting up and clearing away."

"It was very hard work, but very rewarding." That was the start of a long involvement with what turned out to be two back-to-back devastating hurricane seasons for the southern United States.

"The last two years were horrible," Flo said, adding she has heard reports strong hurricane seasons could be a continuing threat for the next two decades.

In July 2005, Hurricane Emily threatened the southern United States, and the Collinses were sent

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Flo and Jim Collins, who are pictured volunteering in Montgomery, Ala., after Hurricane Katrina struck, were recognized Jan. 12 as distinguished volunteers by the Washtenaw County chapter of the American Red Cross.

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NEWS... BRIEFLY... Library to host special event Saturday: The Chelsea District Library will host a University of Michigan Exhibit Museum Family Science Workshop 3 p.m. Saturday at 500 Washington St. The hands-on workshop, part of the library's Winter Family Reading Program, is titled "Sensational Cenozoic: Back to the Sea."

Registration is required. Call 475-8732. Scholarship applications available: The Chelsea-Dexter chapter of the American Business Women's Association is seeking scholarship applications from qualified men and women residing in the Chelsea or Dexter school district, who are interested in pursuing higher education. Merit-based scholarships of \$1,000 will be

awarded to applicants who demonstrate significant involvement in school and community activities. Applications are available at the high school or by calling 1-734-332-3961. Pianist to perform March 4: Loris Sims, a classical pianist, will perform 7 p.m. March 4 at the First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle St., in Chelsea as part of the Music Celebrations program. For information, call 433-2787.

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Saline Veterinary Service's friendly staff are here for you. (Not pictured: Meg Butcher and Leslie Naebeck).



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The practice offers a "Jasmine Fund," named after their live-in cat. The fund helps special patients who may not have funds for treatment.

"We have great clients who donate to this fund, to benefit others' pets," said Penny Jones, the office manager at Saline Veterinary Service.

The entire staff treats each patient like it is their own pet, so you can be assured of thoughtful, helpful care of your special family member when you bring him or her to Saline Veterinary Service.

Since starting with the practice about a month ago, Dr. Baker says she has found the work much different from her previous practice.

"I have seen a lot of very interesting cases," she says. "Much more so than in Chesaning. So working here has been challenging, but fun.

"I'm really enjoying it."

tice for at least five years, and you know you can count on Saline Veterinary Service to take care of every aspect of your animal's health needs.

The entire staff is happy to welcome Dr. Baker, who is a native of Ypsilanti. Dr. Baker graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1995 and attended Eastern



Jody Oberdick, vet assistant and Dr. Cynthia Rushbrook perform an ultrasound on "Jasmine".



Brandan McCracken, vet assistant gives Pitbull, "Mango" a chin scrub with an acne wash.



LoAnn Carson, vet assistant trims an English Mastiff, "Giggs" toe nails.



Toby Scott, vet assistant greets "Pepper", a Bouvier puppy in the lobby.



Mannie, breeding stock for Leader Dogs for Blind (Penny's dog).

Michigan University and Michigan State University for her undergraduate studies. After earning her bachelor's degree from MSU in 2001, she followed up by attaining her Doctorate in veterinary medicine from MSU in 2003.

Following graduation, Dr. Baker worked as a mixed animal veterinarian in Chesaning, primarily treating dogs, cats, horses and cows.

Dr. Baker's husband, Ben, grew up in Clinton and comes from a farming background. Last year, the couple decided to move back "home," to be closer to their families, so they purchased farmland in Clinton where they, along with their two dogs and four cats, now grow corn, soybeans and wheat. Dr. Baker is an avid reader who also enjoys camping and spending time with her friends and family.

She says she joined the practice partly because of the location, but also because she was highly impressed with the level of medicine that is practiced at Saline Veterinary Service.

"The staff's knowledge was remarkable," she said. "And we have so much diagnostic equipment here — ultrasound, digital x-ray and the in-house lab.

"I've also found that the clients are willing to pursue some of the diagnostics we have available, and it makes it much easier to decide on a course of treatment when we know what we're dealing with."

Saline Veterinary Service counts dogs, cats, horses, cows, sheep, goats, alpacas, buffalo and llamas among its varied patients. They provide emergency service in their full-service small animal hospital, as well as mobile service for large and small animals in the field.

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"Our laser surgery equipment is state-of-the-art," says Dr. Romine. "We also have digital x-ray in house for our small animals and for large animals in the field



Jody Oberdick, vet assistant retrieves medicine from truck.



Dr. James Romine uses a laser to remove a lump on a Border Collie mix named "Sweetie." Renee Frisby, vet assistant, monitors anesthesia.



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CHELSEA

Library seeks volunteers for genealogy project

Family Index has
information dating
back to early 1800s

By Sheila Purglove
Special Writer

Beth Easterwood is, in her own words, "totally addicted to genealogy."

So when the Chelsea District Library was looking for volunteers three years ago for its genealogy project, Easterwood jumped right on board.

"I volunteered for the genealogy project because, first of all, I love the library and had done other volunteer work previously for the library," she said. "I called them to find out if they needed me again for anything, and Marie Brooks told me about the genealogy project."

"This was right up my alley as I was then, and still am now, totally addicted to genealogy."

Easterwood, along with Betty Marsh, Arlene Harvey, and many other volunteers and Friends of the Chelsea District Library, were all part of the team that in 2003 worked on the library's Family Index, also known as the Obituary Files.

They sorted, stamped and filed thousands of cards that gave a glimpse into the lives of people in Chelsea, as well as in Ann Arbor, Dexter, Manchester, Jackson and other surrounding communities, as far back as the early 1800s.

"Though I have no family history in Washtenaw County, I felt that the obituary cards being finalized was important for people who did have family history here," Easterwood said. "The obitu-

ary cards can be a great aid to anyone looking for their family history."

Easterwood, who hails from Grosse Pointe and who called Flat Rock home before moving to Chelsea with her husband and son, has traced parts of her family to 16th century England. Many branches of her family can be traced to the Puritans, who came to the Connecticut and Massachusetts colonies in the 17th century.

"Genealogy is fascinating because it gives us glimpses into the lives of people just like us, who lived in a different time, and finding out about their lives can teach us about that time in history," she said.

The Family Index was started in the 1950s by community leader Harold Jones, who gathered information from gravestones in western Washtenaw County cemeteries and

transcribed the details onto index cards. The bulk of Jones' collection was entrusted to the Chelsea library upon his death in 1967. The index was completely reorganized and updated by volunteers in 2003.

Now it's time to put the collection — 60,000 entries in 50 drawers — online as a searchable database. Reference librarian Elizabeth Goldman is in charge of digitizing the project.

The library, which will provide training, needs volunteers to help with the data-entry portion of the project. Volunteers should be comfortable with interpreting obituary information and Web-based data entry and basic Internet searching. In addition, they should be able to work with minimal supervision and commit to two hours a week for three months.

When the database is complete, those seeking their ancestors will be able to search the files by name, date of birth, spouse or children.

For more information about volunteering, contact

Volunteer Services Coordinator Marie Brooks at 475-8732, ext. 233, or e-mail mbrooks@chelsea.lib.mi.us.

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FAMOUS FILES

Their names echo through the generations. Here is a brief sampling of some of the names found in the Chelsea District Library's Family Index.

•Peter Powell, born 1763, died May 12, 1839, buried in Sylvan Center.

•Patience Kellogg, born 1763, died Dec. 2, 1839, buried Sharon Center Cemetery.

•Richard Edwin Lord, who fought in the American Revolution, and then moved to the Ann Arbor area in 1825. He was born Jan. 14, 1765, and died in 1943. Ann Arbor's first doctor, and Washtenaw County's first County Clerk was buried in Sharon Township.

•Abigail Miner Congdon, mother of Chelsea's original settlers, Elisha and James Congdon, born 1768, died March 5, 1858, and buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

•John Harford, one of the founders of Ann Arbor, and the first merchant in Ann Arbor, was born April 4,

1788, and died Nov. 15, 1836, in Lima Township. He built a double log house as an inn at Lima Center, the first public inn between Ann Arbor and Jackson.

•Samuel Dexter, for whom the village of Dexter was named, was born Feb. 18, 1792, in Boston, and died Feb. 6, 1863. He bought land in Dexter Township on Oct. 12, 1804, and was the first judge of Washtenaw County court appointed by Gov. Lewis Cass.

•Cyrus Beckwith, the first settler of Sylvan Township, born 1802, died April 17, 1874.

•William Hatch, the first clerk of the Chelsea, and former president of the Chelsea Board of Village Trustees, was born March 25, 1825, and died Jan. 24, 1904.

•Jerome Parker, said to be the first white child born in Lima Township, was born Oct. 28, 1829, and died May 4, 1913, and was buried in Clemons Cemetery.

•Calvin Conklin, said to be the first white male child born in Sylvan Township, was born in 1831 and died Jan. 28, 1918.

•Judson Dwight Collins, born Feb. 12, 1843, died May 15, 1853. He was member of a church mission to China in 1847, and there is a memorial boulder in his honor in Unadilla.

•A. Mortimer Freer, a charter member and first leader of the Chelsea Cornet Band organized in 1878, was born Oct. 23, 1848, in New York and died Feb. 29, 1912.

•Elisabeth Kusterer Bohnet, born May 20, 1852, died July 9, 1878, one of the area's many German settlers.

•Henry Pierce, born Oct. 7, 1837, died serving in the Civil War, Aug. 30, 1862.

•Martina Breitenbach, birth date unknown, died July 7, 1873, in Dexter Township. He was murdered by huckleberry pickers he had ordered off his

marsh.

•George Glazier, who came to Chelsea in 1868 and founded the Chelsea Savings Bank, was born April 8, 1841, in New York and died March 5, 1901, in Chelsea.

•William Conzidine, who served as a priest at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea from 1865 to 1918, was born Feb. 9, 1867, and died Dec. 24, 1921.

•John Lingane, who farmed on Lingane Road in Sylvan Township, was born in 1851 in Ireland and perished in the sinking of the Titanic April 15, 1912.

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STRAIGHT FACTS

The column "Local businessman helped Chelsea prosper" in last week's edition should have said, Jerry and Charlie Bridges hope to pass on the business to their sons, Casey, Tim and Ben, when the time is right, like their father did for them in 1981. A line of text was dropped as a result of a production error.

other day because he has time to debrief. We can talk about school and he doesn't feel so rushed."

Kaurnen was among several parents at the meeting who said they would homeschool or switch to private schools before sending their children to a full-time kindergarten system.

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

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FORMULA

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request can be put on the Aug. 8 ballot.

"We agreed we want to do it," he said, "but we've got a lot to do between now and then."

Among other things, Adams said the Fire Authority needs to find out what the taxable value is for the area making up the Fire Authority's boundaries, which include the city of Chelsea, and Lyndon, Sylvan, Lima and part of Dexter Township.

Millage talks have been ongoing since at least 2003. The Fire Authority hired a consultant that spring to gauge public reaction to a possible millage request and had been considering a request for the fall 2003 ballot.

At that time, the board was looking at a 0.08-mill levy. Adams said he does not know what the rate will be, but the board should figure it out in the next few weeks.

The Fire Board has been meeting weekly to finalize the budget and take care of other business, including a new funding formula. All the member municipalities except Lyndon Township have approved it.

Instead of getting billed based on the previous year's percentages of runs and then reimbursed or billed for actual costs, Adams said the board has approved a move to base the funding formula on a five-year average.

"The budget is growing, but this variation is clouding the issue," he said. "So, this will make it a lot easier for

municipalities to budget for our (the Fire Authority's) budget."

Adams, who lives in Lima Township, said Lima's share of this year's budget, which totals \$657,300, is about \$207,000, or 24 percent, up from 17 percent in 2005, 13 percent in 2004 and 11.5 percent in 2003. Lima also chips in about \$108,000 for areas within the township covered by the Dexter Area Fire Department.

"To me, police and fire services are the most important services a municipality provides. If someone dials 911, they expect and deserve a response — a quality response."

Gary Adams
Chelsea Area Fire Authority Board

Chelsea pays the greatest portion, at 38.8 percent, or \$332,718, up from 33.7 percent last year and 27.75 percent two years ago, a historic low.

"We're all concerned about the budget," Adams said. "All municipalities are in funding difficulties with the economy the way it is, inflation and the utility fuel costs, and unfortunately these services cost money."

"To me, police and fire services are the most important services a municipality provides. If someone dials 911, they expect and deserve a response — a quality response."

Adams has created a chart of the sliding three- and five-year average for member municipalities. It shows

Chelsea at 35.19 percent of the budget, Dexter Township at 7.84 percent, Lima Township at 15.03 percent, Lyndon Township at 16.06 percent and Sylvan Township at 25.88 percent.

According to his chart, Sylvan Township can expect to pay a larger part of the budget than it has historically, up from 18.95 percent estimated for this year. That's because Sylvan Township has fluctuated in the number of firefighter hours it has required. The five-year average shows Sylvan can expect to pay 18.95 percent in 2006, down from a high of 30.77 percent in 2004.

Adams also analyzed fire department data and found Lima Township runs were higher last March, April and June because of calls to three major fires. A house fire in June required 127.5 work hours, out of 194.5 total for the month. Additionally, a barn fire in March required 112 work hours out of a total of 194 hours for the month in Lima.

The Fire Authority's move to a 24-hour department this spring, Adams said, will help reduce additional work hours submitted by paid on-call firefighters because there will be two full-time firefighters on staff who can handle some of the more routine calls, such as medical runs, at night.

"To me, the bottom line is these runs don't cost a lot in terms of the fire department budget," he said. "Where it costs the budget is if it's on the midnight shift and you have to call people in who weren't already getting paid."

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Dazzling Duo
Caci Dishman (left) and Megan Brockett, members of the Chelsea Twirler and Pom-Pom Corps, formerly Chelsea Baton Corps, performed a dazzling duet to "I'm a Believer" at a recent Bulldog basketball game. The corps is coached by Erica Bloomsaat.

COUPLE

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to a staging area in Austin, Texas.

While Flo flew down, Jim and another volunteer drove the chapter's emergency response vehicle, which Flo describes as similar to an emergency vehicle but with a feeding window at one side, through which volunteers can dispense food and water.

The truck has a siren and a loudspeaker to alert survivors to its presence, and volunteers are easily recognizable in Red Cross T-shirts, vests and hats.

Hurricane Emily stayed south of the U.S. coast, taking aim at Mexico instead. The Collinses returned to Michigan, only to be called upon again when Hurricane Katrina turned its deadly wrath on the U.S. Gulf Coast Aug. 29, 2005.

"You do have the option of saying no, but if you say yes, you have to commit to three weeks," Flo said. "It's a big commitment of time and energy."

"But it's a really rewarding experience."

Once again, Jim got behind the wheel of the ERV and Flo flew down, this time to a staging area in Montgomery, Ala., considered to be a safe area away from the flood-prone coast, although Flo says the area sustained plenty of wind damage. It was also very hot and muggy, she said.

The pair arrived just after Katrina hit, and worked in bulk distribution and logistics, delivering supplies to shelters, and also driving volunteers to different places. The couple drove a 15-foot rental truck with American Red Cross signs on the side.

Hurricane victims made their way to the city from the devastated coastal area.

"Everyone was so genuinely grateful, even though they had left their homes, most could still smile and say thank you," Flo said. "People were so thankful for the necessities of life we provided, as well as baby supplies and toys to keep the children occupied."

"People had lost their homes, their livelihood, all of their treasures. The area will need a lot of long-term support and rebuilding."

After Katrina, the couple decided to take a relaxing break and headed for Florida, only to find Hurricane Wilma had the Sunshine State in its sight.

"We needed to get away

and clear our heads, only to find Wilma made her presence felt," Flo said.

This time, the Collinses were involved in preparations for the hurricane and were called in ahead of time to get supplies.

The couple encourages others to get involved with the Red Cross, either by making donations or by volunteering time.

"There are so many different aspects of volunteer work," Flo said. "It's not all national disasters. There are all kinds of things to do and ways to help."

They demonstrate that in their own voluntarism. Jim delivers blood to area hospitals one day a week and picks up extra shifts when he can. Flo is a member of the American Red Cross Celebration of Community Heroes and Volunteer Recognition committees. She also has donated some of her artwork to the Red Cross.

"Being so close to hurricanes has given me a greater appreciation of nature — of nature destroying nature,"

Flo said. "I think it's reflected in my artwork."

Flo laughs when she tells of going to a social gathering a couple of months ago, and a woman told her, "It's all your fault I ended up in Biloxi."

The woman then laughed and added, "I figured, if Flo Collins can do it, so can I."

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CHELSEA

Community Read events set through March 31

One World One Family and the Chelsea District Library have organized a number of activities as part of the third annual Community Read.

The events will culminate with a visit from Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Ship April 11. In addition to signing and a participating in a question-and-answer session, he will discuss issues of the working poor, the economics and politics of living wages and the inequalities of the American Dream.

Cranesbill and Serendipity book stores will offer books for sale at discounted prices, and the library will have multiple copies available for patrons to borrow. Most events will take place at the library, 500 Washington St.

"Katrina's Healthcare Crisis for the New Orleans Middle Class and Working Poor" will be held 7 p.m. Thursday. New Orleans physician Dr. Ravi Vadlamudi will speak of

the latest on Hurricane Katrina's aftermath, including the slow, difficult recovery of the area.

At 7 p.m. Feb. 24, "Roger & Me" will be shown. The documentary speaks to the devastating effects corporate decisions have on the "regular guy." It's recommended for ages 17 and older, and will be shown at Cranesbill Books.

At 7 p.m. March 3, "Supersize Me" will be shown. Filmmaker Morgan Spurlock explores the realities of our fast-food nation. It's recommended for ages 13 older, and will be shown at the library.

At 7 p.m. March 6, "Facts and Fiction: Wealth and Poverty in Chelsea" will be the topic. State Rep. Pam Byrnes will join representatives from Faith In Action, Food Gatherers, Chelsea schools, Hope Clinic and Alpha House.

A job search workshop will be held from 6

to 8 p.m. March 3. Participants will learn how to use online resources to their advantage while searching for a job. Participants will learn how to search for jobs and post resumes online. Registration is required.

At 7 p.m. March 10, "Wage Slaves — Not Getting by in America" will be shown. It's an A&E "Investigative Reports" special based on an award-winning book. It follows five families as they attempt to make ends meet. It will be shown at Cranesbill Books.

At 1:30 p.m. March 16, the Books & Banter group will discuss "Nickel and Dimed."

A resume writing workshop will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. March 16. Participants will learn how to create a professional-looking resume and get other tips. Participants should bring a copy of their current resume. Registration is required.

At 7 p.m. March 17, "My Family," an Academy Award nominee, will be shown.

The film stars Jimmie Smits and Edward James Olmos in the story of three generations struggling for the American Dream. It's recommended for ages 17 and older, and will be held at the library.

At 7 p.m. March 22, "Desserts and Discussion" will be held at Cranesbill Books.

At 7 p.m. March 24, "Store Wars: When Wal-Mart Comes to Town" will be shown at Cranesbill Books.

At 7 p.m. March 30, "Desserts and Discussion" will be held.

At 7 p.m. March 31, "American Dream," an Oscar-winning documentary, will be shown. It examines the Austin, Minn., Hormel meat-packing strike, and focuses on the emotions, personalities and strategies that left the community shattered. It's recommended for ages 13 and older, and will be held at the library.

CHELSEA

Two candidates file for race

Bentley, DeVol unopposed in May 2 election

By Tom Perkins
Special Writer

An incumbent and a newcomer have filed for the two open positions on the Chelsea Board of Education.

So far, incumbent Jon Bentley and Sally DeVol are unopposed in the May 2 school race, but write-in candidates have until April 28 to file.

DeVol, 45, said she would bring a wealth of experience to the board.

"As a parent, volunteer, employee and taxpayer, I have a track record for providing strong leadership and direction for our schools," she said.

Included in her experience is service as PTO president at her two children's school, coaching, volunteerism in the classroom and advocating for special education children.

"I am firmly committed to the whole concept of volunteering — giving of one's time and energies to support institutions that matter to you as a person," she said. "The luxury we have being able to be a part of the process is something I truly believe in, and everyone doing their part is what makes the system work."

DeVol said she is running for school board because she has enjoyed her volunteer experiences both in and outside of the public school system.

DeVol said she does not see any need for great changes on the board or in the district.

"Chelsea School District already has a great staff, committed board members and fantastic opportunities for our children," she said. "My purpose would be to help guide the district as it faces many issues that will be critical to its immediate future. Namely, how to offer students and residents quality educational opportunities in an era of

challenging financial constraints."

DeVol, who is a stay-at-home mom, has also worked in a number of volunteer positions outside the educational system, ranging from helping senior citizens with insurance issues to organizing a neighborhood watch.

Her family had lived in Chelsea for five years before a transfer at her husband's job took them to Colorado. They returned in 2004.

"I am committed to providing the best educational opportunities that prepare our children for their futures," she said.

Bentley, who serves as vice president of the school board, did not return inquiries seeking comment on his decision to run for another four-year term. He has held office since 2002.

Both filed nominating petitions by the Feb. 7 deadline.

Tom Perkins is a freelance writer. He can be reached via e-mail at trperkins@gmail.com.

VANDALS

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Walsh Lake and Mill Lake boating access sites."

For the past three years, Jones has worked at the Waterloo Recreation Area, the largest state park in the Lower Peninsula spanning more than 20,000 acres.

The visitor center is one of six located in Michigan State Parks and is open year around. It provides displays and programming on geology and outdoor education, and is funded through a variety of funding sources, which include user fees and assistance from the Waterloo Natural History Association.

The park's increase in vandalism, Jones said, started last month with damages occurring at and near the center on Bush Road, the area of the park that is closest to Chelsea.

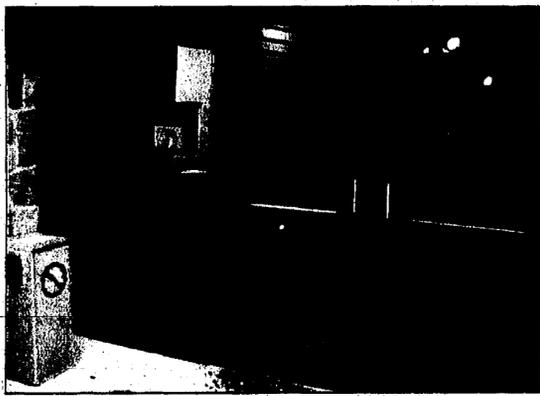
"There have been a number of signs damaged or stolen," he said. "Other damages include trash can holders destroyed, trees damaged and the self-registration station was stolen."

Road Commission employees later found the station and returned it to the park.

"Most of this vandalism is occurring after dark," Jones said. "Most recently, on Feb. 2, the glass in the front door was broken and all parking lot lights were knocked out."

Michigan State Police investigated the damages estimating the cost for repair exceeds \$300.

Currently, hours for the center are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. But, in



A front door at the Gerald E. Discovery Center in the Waterloo Recreation Area has been smashed to pieces by vandals, a sight that's becoming all too common and it's quickly adding up to an ugly, expensive problem. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Michigan State Police at 1-734-482-1211 or the Waterloo Recreation Area at 1-734-475-8307.

an effort to reduce future vandalism from occurring, the center's gates will be locked from 5 p.m. to 8:30 a.m., limiting access to those using the trails when the center is closed.

"The Discovery Center is also a trailhead for many interpretive trails used by hikers and cross country skiers," he said. "The gate has traditionally been left open when the building is closed to allow access to these trails."

Jones said patrols by park staff will be increased and assistance from other law enforcement agencies has been requested.

But there is a way everyone can help to defend the park.

"We ask those who use the park and/or live nearby the park to please report any vandalism to the park headquarters," Jones said.

Timely, relevant information — like dates, times, places and license plate numbers — is key to catching vandals.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Michigan State Police at 1-734-482-1211 or the Waterloo Recreation Area at 1-734-475-8307.

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CHELSEA

Sullens chosen to perform in music tour

Casey Sullens, daughter of Bruce and Julie Sullens of Chelsea, has been selected to perform with the national organization The Sound of America Band and Chorus.

Sullens is a junior at Chelsea High School and is a two-year member of the Chelsea High School Concert Choir, where she sings soprano. She also plays the violin in the Chamber Orchestra.

Sullens is also a three-year member of the Chelsea High School show choir, Company C, and the Chelsea House Orchestra, where she sings and plays the violin. She was also in this year's high school musical "Into the Woods," where she was Rupunzel.

The Chelsea Community Fair queen is also a member of the University of Michigan Women's Choral Youth Ensemble, and a private vocal student of Lisa Hinz-Johnson. She has been studying with Hinz-Johnson for more than six years.

Sullens will join other student musicians chosen from applicants representing nearly every state when the Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus begins its 2006 European concert tour next July.

Selection in the group is a distinguished honor for all participants. All applicants are screened carefully and chosen only after a rigid character and musical evaluation.

Student performers will meet June 30 on the campus of Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa. After four days of intensive

rehearsal and orientation, the group will depart via jet from John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York for Frankfurt, Germany.

The group is scheduled to present 10 performances in some of Europe's finest concert halls and major cathedrals, such as Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, Italy, during its 25-day concert tour.

The students will experience the cultures of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, France and Luxembourg. Some of the exciting locations that will be visited during the tour are Paris, Venice, Strasbourg, Salzburg, Stresa, Verona, Rothenburg, La Chaux-de-Fonds and Disneyland in Paris.

Clyde Barr, past state president of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association and president of the North American Music Festivals, which sponsors music festivals in Myrtle Beach, Toronto, New York, Virginia Beach, Hershey, Cleveland and Washington, D.C., is tour coordinator and conductor of the honor band.

Randall Yoder, an Emmy Award winner in music composition for television and conductor of the York County Honor Chorus, will serve as the conductor for the Sound of America Honor Chorus.

Students who have qualified for the Sound of America membership are responsible for all costs involved with the trip. Frequently, however, local businesses and civic clubs who have an interest in helping will offer some financial sponsorship to the student representing their community.



Delivering the Ministry

Bishop Wendell Gibbs of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Chelsea presided at the ordination Dec. 16 of Myra Colvin (center) and Doris Case (right) as Right Reverend deacons. Jan Varady (left) was commissioned for pastoral care. This is the first total ministry team to be commissioned for St. Barnabas.

CHELSEA FIRE REPORT

The Chelsea Area Fire Authority responded to 12 medical calls, six fires and seven motor vehicle accidents between Feb. 6 and 12.

Firefighters responded to the 10000 block of Scio Church Road in Lima Township Feb. 8 for a chimney fire. After firefighters arrived, it was determined the fire had advanced into the attic. The fire was extinguished with minimal damage to the structure. The Chelsea Area Fire Authority received help from Dexter and Scio fire departments.

Firefighters responded Feb. 10 to a vehicle fire in the 1000 block of Fletcher Road. Firefighters arrived six minutes later to find a Chevy pick-up truck in the ditch burning throughout. The owner could not be located. The fire was extinguished with a hose line, and firefighters cleared the scene.

Firefighters were dispatched Feb. 10 to an injury accident on Waterloo Road. When they arrived, they evaluated two occupants of a vehicle that struck a tree. Firefighters cut a ring off the driver because the person's hand was swelling.

Chelsea was asked to assist Dexter Area Fire Department Feb. 10 with an aerial device on Broad Street for a structure fire. Firefighters helped extinguish the fire, locating the extension of the fire and providing personnel and equipment for a Rapid Intervention Team. Chelsea sent a total of six firefighters to help.

On Feb. 11, firefighters responded to an injury accident. Two patients were

treated at the scene. One patient was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital by Huron Valley Ambulance, with a Chelsea firefighter driving. The other patient was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital by Huron Valley Ambulance.

Firefighters were dispatched Feb. 12 to a chimney fire in the 6000 block of Woodvine Road in Dexter Township. While responding, firefighters were told the fire appeared to be out. Upon arrival firefighters, checked hidden areas, but didn't find any fire.

Chelsea Area Fire Authority compiled this report. For more information, call Fire Chief James Payeur 475-8755 or e-mail jpayeur@afa6.org.

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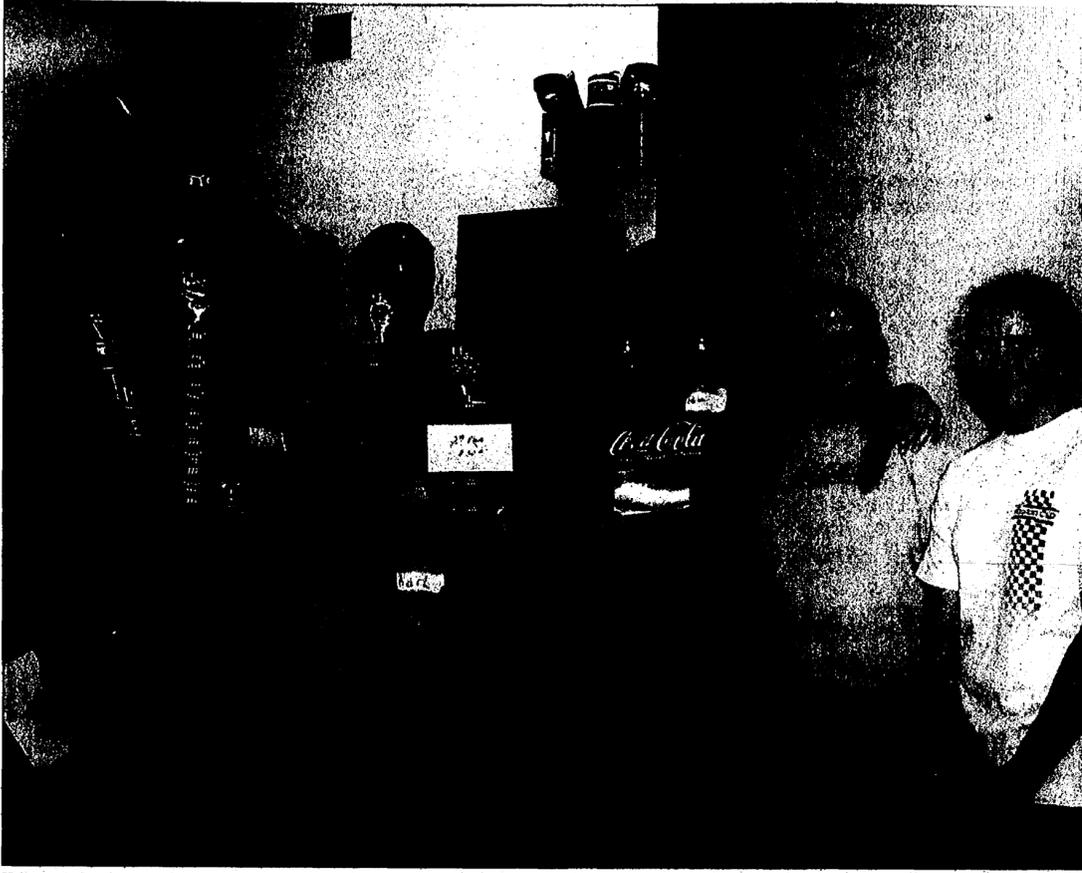
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Winners in the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 31 chili cook-off were, in front, Mick Wenderlich (left), Karl Wenderlich, Carl Collins, Sue Collins, Helen Collins, Tina Kingsbury and Shelby Collins; in back, Chairman Larry Doll (left), John Wenderlich, Brandon Wenderlich and Nicki Collins.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

Winners named in contest

There were several winners in the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 31 chili cook-off held Feb. 4 at Cavanaugh Lake.

The event was held as part of the Herbert J. McKune Post 31 American Legion Winter Carnival at Cavanaugh Lake in Sylvan Township.

Eleven contestants competed for trophies and cash prizes.

Mick Wenderlich of Saline won a first-place trophy and \$50; Sue Collins of Chelsea won second place and \$30; and John Wenderlich of Brighton won third place and \$20.

The People's Choice Award winner was Helen Collins of Munith.

Judges for the event were Mike Harvey of Grass Lake, Craig Maier of Chelsea, Jean Ringe of Chelsea, Steve Place of Plymouth and Brian Edick of Chelsea.

A total of 600 2-ounce sample cups were sold as part of the public tasting. Each person buying tickets for samples were given a People's Choice ballot.

The chili cook-off is a "renegade style" cook-off, which allows cooks to use any type of ingredient they choose. Traditional ingredients, such as beans

and rice, are allowed, as well as some not so traditional variations.

Mixtures of meat, peppers, tomatoes and spices made up most of the entries.

All ingredients must be commercially purchased, and cooks follow strict health department rules to ensure the safety of the food for public consumption.

The judging was extremely close this year. Five teams initially tied in points for first place. Winners were determined through a series of tie-breakers.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Appointees named to committee

The Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission has appointed three members to the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee.

David Lutton of Scio Township, William McCort of Chelsea and John Russell were appointed to the committee by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and will serve two-year terms.

Lutton is president and owner of Charles Reinhart Co. Realtors, McCort is past director of Protection for the Michigan chapter of The Nature Conservancy and Russell is a retired science teacher with the Ann Arbor Public Schools.

The Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee was established in 2001 by the Washtenaw County Board

of Commissioners. Its role is to serve as adviser to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission on land under consideration for purchase through the Natural Areas Preservation Program.

The committee consists of seven members representing different areas of expertise: fisheries biology/aquatic ecology; botany/forestry; wildlife management; professional land-use planning; environmental education; professional real estate or development practice; and land trust/conservation.

Since 2002, the committee has examined and made recommendations on more than 50 properties and has played a key role in helping Washtenaw County protect 780 acres of land.

The Technical Advisory

Committee has elected officers for 2006. Peter Pollack of Pollack Design Associates will serve as chairman of the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee and William McCort will serve as vice

chairman. Pollack and McCort will serve in their positions through 2008. The officers were chosen during the first Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee meeting of the year.

CHELSEA

Jones named fellow

Dr. Suzanne Jones, a board-certified general surgeon with Chelsea Surgical Associates, has been named a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Jones was among 1,336 initiates from around the world who received the distinction during convocation ceremonies at the American College of Surgeons' recent 91st annual Clinical Congress in San Francisco.

Jones has a strong professional interest in breast, laparoscopic, abdominal surgery and minimally invasive treatment of varicose veins. She holds memberships in other professional societies, including the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons and American Association of Women Surgeons.

By meeting the college's stringent membership requirements, fellows have earned the right to use the designation of Fellow, American College of

Surgeons, after their names. An applicant for fellowship must be a graduate of an approved medical school; must have completed advanced training in one of the 14 surgical specialties recognized by the college; and must have been in practice in the same geographic location for at least one year at the time of his or her application.

Before admission into fellowship, the surgeon must further demonstrate ethical fitness and professional proficiency, and her or his acceptance as a fellow of the college must be approved by three-fourths of its board of regents.

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OTHER VOICES

Refresher road course could decrease maniacs

"Have you ever noticed that people who drive faster than you are maniacs and people who drive slower than you are morons?" — George Carlin.

Ever wonder how some people even get their driver's license?

You've seen them — the NASCAR wannabes who exceed 90 mph on any road. The knuckleheads who double park in a no-parking zone and waste time at their leisure. The impatient schmucks who take the handicapped spot because they will "only be a second." And the holier-than-thou highway warriors whose 4x4 all-wheel drive mega-cars zip by my chugging Saturn in an ice storm.

The cops are just never around at the right time. But law-benders aside, do these people even know the rules? Or care? I'm not so bitter for their sake but for that of others on the road. Would it be so time-consuming for driving re-tests to be mandatory every 15 to 20 years?

Our driver's licenses expire and need updating, in addition to another unflattering photo. What if the same applied to driving skills?

Who knows if the roads would become safer, but it may place a little pressure on those who don't care to know or follow the regulations of the road.

My idea relates more toward the elderly, though. Consider an 80-year-old today. Grandma or Grandpa hasn't taken any sort of driving test for more than 60 years. They're due for a little refresher.

Not so much the intricacies of the road (i.e. how many seconds to sit at a stop light before proceeding or the distance from the wheel to the curb when parking), but the more important life-concerning questions, such as can they see the stop sign? Or do they know why they're parking at that curb?

I worry about the elderly behind the wheel. With the abundance of on-the-rush drivers out there, the older folks may not be



CHRIS BARNES

able to deal well. Either way, it wouldn't be a bad idea to test those skills some more. For everyone.

That magic age of 16 is a milestone for kids. Car keys are the magic gift most sought after by our innocent and beautiful youth. Parents, I'm sure, have a difficult time believing their little babies are ready. But if they pass the test, it must mean something.

The problem with those tests — like many overly-detailed tests of the world — is their technical drivel-filled multiple choice questions. The answers are meaningless. When we get in the car, do we pull out a protractor to ensure our hands are at 10 and 2? The real exam is on the road.

New students should be aware that there are a lot of veteran drivers out there who feel they own that classroom and don't like intruders. In no time, those children reach 18 and are able to vote, among other things.

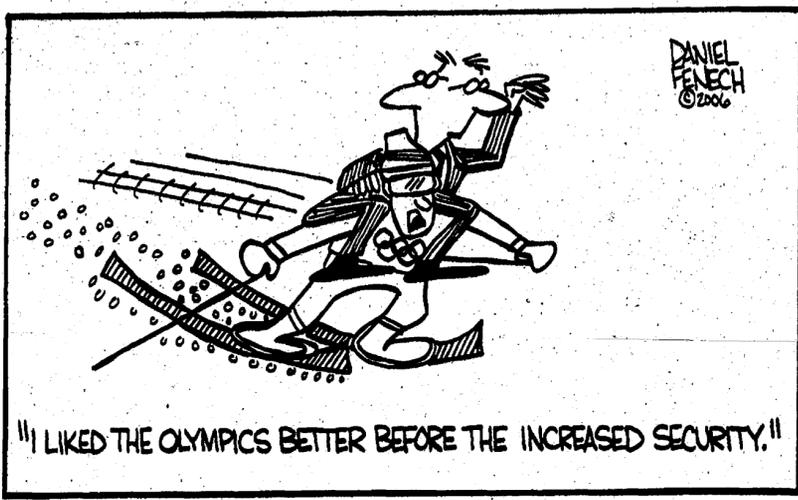
Then 21 — when Budweiser becomes legal. That's a huge separate set of rules, ethics, tough decisions and worrying hours shared.

Within those decades between 21 and 100, there are a lot of accidents, speeding tickets, traffic violations, angry honks, loud expletives screamed and middle fingers shared.

There are many professions that force employees to make sure they're up to par and still knowledgeable of the job's requirements. The same should go for the road.

Maybe George Carlin was right. We — ourselves — are the only good drivers and everyone else is in need of a tune-up. If everyone thinks that about everyone else, maybe the test should apply to all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New fire chief was out of line

I have been a resident of Chelsea since 1962. In my travels, I have proudly bragged about Chelsea law enforcement and firefighters. From what I see in The Standard, the new fire chief is going to try running the fire department with fewer personnel.

This sounds like a dangerous move for protecting the community. I was a volunteer firefighter in another community before coming to Chelsea and a full-time firefighter in the military. You may be able to get away with running a factory short of help, but not a service that's protecting a community.

To make matters worse, it sounds like he will be using younger, less experienced people. I think it's a shame to let go of all that experienced personnel, whom many reached their rank by spending a lot of their own money for training.

What a waste of knowledge. It's a slap in the face to insinuate they're unhappy because they're losing extra income. We all like extra money, but every one of these men released proudly did free duty for the Chelsea Community Fair and other activities.

I don't think one of these men is even thinking of money while risking his life helping the community. I think the new chief stepped out of line with his remarks.

Robert Rush
Chelsea

We shouldn't respect governor's failures

In response to Roy Schmidt's Other Voices column, "Governor Granholm deserves our respect," in the Feb. 9 edition, Jennifer Granholm deserves to be thrown out of office.

This state is a wreck and its antiquated taxation policies are to blame.

This state has the highest

unemployment rate and is second to last in job creation. South Dakota is last.

Why should I be proud of Granholm?

The single business tax is the main problem. Since Mr. Schmidt never finished Economics 101, I will walk him through the lesson plan. I plan to move every job out of this state that I possibly

can as long as the single business tax is in effect. It robs business of capitalization. On every 10 million in revenue the company produces, I have to pay Michigan an additional \$125,000 in tax. If I did not pay the tax, I would not buy a boat as you suggest, but rather reinvest it in the business.

That means investing in

infrastructure, technology and salaries in Michigan. However, it would be better for the company to move out of Michigan to, say, Indiana. In Indiana, I will pay less in property taxes and no single business tax. So, the dollars I save will put me at a better competitive advantage with my competitors in this difficult global economy.

This is why Michigan is not attracting any new business. Years ago, companies could stomach these excessive taxes, but not today in this highly competitive environment. Companies are staying away or moving out of the state.

By the way, I feel the same way about California, New
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OTHER VOICES

Take care of your heart

Before Santa Claus returns to the North Pole after a bustling holiday season, Cupid has already made his rounds in every drug store, grocery store and shopping mall nationwide. Love is in the air and not even the Grinch can break a heart.

Heart-shaped candies, chocolates and greeting cards awaken our love language early in January. We, after seeing that red, heart-shaped box filled with chocolates, start planning and start thinking about what we can do to show our significant other how much we love them and how much we want them to stick around.

We spend the majority of February thinking about our hearts: "Who does my heart belong to?" "I want him to share my heart" or "that chocolate heart looks good."

We see hearts. We eat hearts. We draw hearts. But do we actually think about our heart?

The answer is, unfortunately, no. We don't think about the true function of our heart: How it gives us life. How it pumps oxygen and nutrition to all of our organs. How it picks up and eliminates toxins.

We get our hair cut every six weeks. We change the oil in our car every 3,000 miles, but we forget to tend to our hearts. This is why cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer in the world.

Dr. Bruce Genovese, cardiologist at Michigan Heart in Ann Arbor, said heart disease kills 10 times as many women than



JENNIFER SINKWITTS

breast cancer. So, as women, what do we need to do? The answer is easy: We need to start loving our hearts.

Listed below are a few ways to show our hearts how much we care:

- Consume quality foods. Eat more fruits, vegetables, poultry and fish and watch your fat intake. The majority of fat should come from plant, not animal, sources. Trans fats can pose problems, too. They are often found in commercially

packaged foods, such as cookies and crackers, as well as in stick margarine and fast food. Watch the updated food label for specific listings of trans fats. The fewer trans fats you eat, the better.

- As a general rule, according to Genovese, if it taste really good, it's probably bad. However, don't go throwing away that box of chocolates that you probably received Tuesday. Dark chocolate is rich in antioxidants and has a protective effect on the heart, Genovese said. He continues to say that the less sweet the chocolate the better it is for you.

- Exercise is important. Our culture is not set up to promote exercise. Most of us don't live in an area where we can walk to work or school. In New York City, you see fewer obese people because you see more people walking. In our neck of the woods, it's not as feasible. To squeeze in some extra exercise, try parking farther away from the mall.

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STREET TALK

By Jennifer Sinkwitts

What type of business would you like to see move into town?



"We need a sporting goods store, like a Dunham's."
 Lenard McDougall
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"I have lived here my entire life and I have to drive to Jackson or Ann Arbor to see a movie. I would like to see a theater open up around here."
 Jami Paolard
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"I would like to see a Kerry Town district develop with a butcher shop, fish market and a kitchen accessory store."
 Fred Model
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"We need a good clothing boutique."
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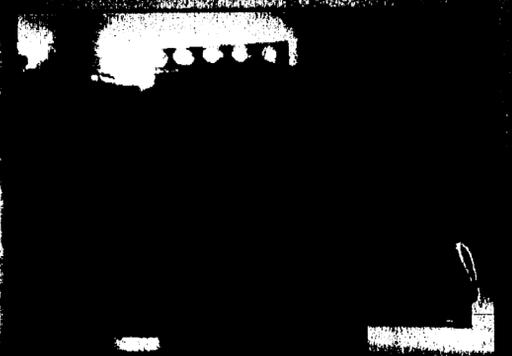
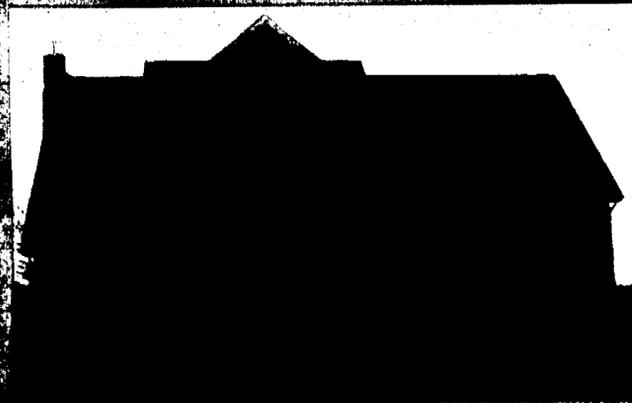


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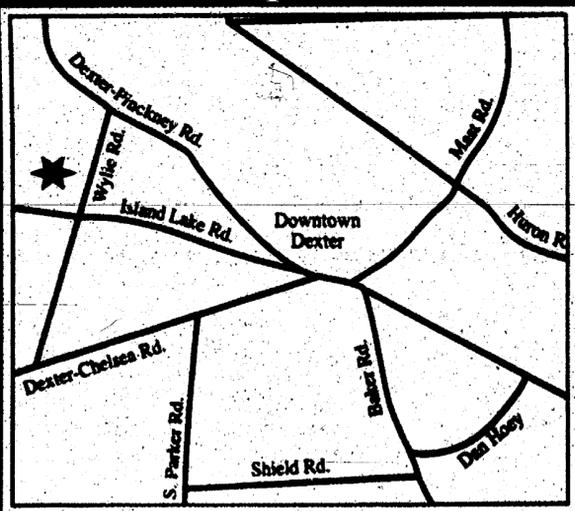


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PET TAILS



TIM PATINO

Are you worthy of a pet?

In Italy, if you don't walk your dog three times a day, you could face court fines.

In Rome, it's illegal to own a fish bowl because it's a cause of blindness to the fish.

This may seem a bit extreme, but consider the opposite in the United States, where anyone with cash can walk into a pet store and buy an animal of their choice — without even knowing what they are getting into. There's no questions asked, which isn't good for either party.

I was recently told a story about a young lady who quit her job at a local pet store when she became frustrated with the store's policies, the uneducated customers and the lack of resources to educate them.

Her job was in the small animal department, assisting customers with purchases and questions on hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils and other small pets.

One day she recognized a customer exchanging a small animal. The store policy stated if an animal dies within 14 days of purchase, it may be exchanged for another. She approached the customer and found out that the original purchase was on his third exchange.

In addition, up until that point no questions had been asked. Frustrated that none of her co-workers cared enough to ask, she decided not to do the same and questioned the man regarding the care, housing and diet given the animal. After some conversation, she discovered his daily regimen consisted of cleaning the animal's housing with ammoniated window cleaner, a product that is very toxic to small animals. He was poisoning them to death.

Many of us are appalled by this and wonder where was his common sense. Considering common sense is a trait some lack, is it any wonder a person getting house pets, without education in regards to the animal's needs, is a recipe for disaster?

Animal rescue groups and shelters are typically overwhelmed with animals because people aren't thinking things through and are making the wrong decision. Before you take a companion animal into your home, you need to be clear on the decision you make.

Some 65 percent of American homes have or are about to get a pet. Typically, the decision to find one is done as a family or a couple. But when the newness wears off and the daily care seems too much like work, one member of the family tends to wind up doing the majority of the feeding and cleaning.

Commonly this creates a conflict in the household that will make the family reconsider if a pet is right for them or the pet may be neglected. Too often they surrender their pet at a local shelter where they may be placed on death row if not adopted in a timely manner.

Responsibility and commitment should be seriously discussed before making the decision to bring a pet into your home. Once everyone

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Artist creates sculptures with recycled materials

By Margaret Govaere Steptoe
Special Writer

When artist John Schwarz wanted to buy fish sculptures for his brothers-in-law, who love fly-fishing, he was surprised at the cost. So instead of spending his money on the life-size figures, he decided to make them himself.

Schwarz, who lives in Sylvan Township with his wife, Patti, and their two children, created a carp with recycled items complete with metal fins and nails for teeth.

Fifteen years and various other artistic endeavors later, Schwarz is a prize-winning artist.

He captured first place Best of Show at the Photography and Sculpture Show held recently at the Grosse Pointe Artists Association in Grosse Pointe Park. His entry, "Rivet Shark," was built out of wood lath, garden tools and various metal parts.

"I always wanted to make a shark, even after I saw 'Jaws,' and I was glad when it was finally complete," Schwarz said.

The artist teaches at Detroit Country Day School in Birmingham. His courses include ceramics, sculpture, art design and media exploration, where he encourages his ninth- through 12th-graders to create works of art using items he gets at a recycle center in Ann Arbor. Schwarz says that 90 percent of what he uses is recycled material. The rest is nuts, bolts and paint.

Schwarz credits his father for giving him the talent and drive to create art.

"My dad was an engineer in the space program during the '60s and he was always collecting things to use as robotics parts," Schwarz said. "He was working on his own patent stuff and, after awhile, I started collecting things, too. Thanks to my dad, I have a mechanical background from working on cars."

Schwarz says he is always on the look out for recycled items.

"You have to keep your eyes open all the time," he said. "And be careful what you ask for (when it comes to recycled materials)."

When someone found out that he uses parts of almost anything metal to construct his creations, he was offered a snowmobile. Another time, a truck pulled into his driveway with a load of old snow skis.

Schwarz says he's not a "tree hugger," but he's always looking for usable items at garage sales and even along the side of the road. He also harvests parts from discarded bikes and exercise equipment.

While materials may be abundant, Schwarz says the ideas always aren't. First, he sketches out an idea, such as a whale he is currently constructing, but he says the sketches never comes out the way he first envisions them. The parts he uses dictate how the project will come together.

And no piece is finished until it looks balanced with the correct amount of color and brightness and it "feels right in my heart," he said.

A few of his works are on display at the River Gallery on Main Street in Chelsea. Schwarz and his wife, Patti, own the gallery, along with business partner Deborah Greer.

One of the items on display is called "Johnnie Rocket," which he considers a self-portrait. It stands 7 feet, 6 inches tall and weighs about 600 pounds.

"The sculpture visually contains some of the physical building blocks that shaped my life," Schwarz said.

For instance, the sculpture's motorcycle helmet represents his middle school years. The bicycle parts remind him of the period of time he held a newspaper route. His time spent

in Little League is evident through the use of baseball bats within the sculpture, and there is a sprinkler that once belonged to his parents.

"Johnnie Rocket" doesn't look like me, but it's built with things that were around when my earlier adult life was taking shape," he said.

Schwarz and his wife participate in the Chelsea Summer Fest by offering a pottery demonstration for children, as well as an area where kids can create art-and-crafts projects. They have participated in a program called Empty Bowls for Gleaner's Food Bank in Detroit, and every spring the gallery removes all of its pieces to hang artwork created by Chelsea students.

In February 2007, Schwarz will exhibit a one-man show at the River Gallery. He expects to have at least 20 pieces on display. For now, you can check out "Johnnie Rocket," as well as a dragon sculpture that contains a car hood ornament he's had since he was 10 years old, and some clay work he created before he started using metal parts to make his current sculptures.

Schwarz says that as an artist, he has a responsibility to people who view his works.

"It's important to keep the eye excited, to always have something to look for and to discover something new, as opposed to a blank, red canvas with a dot in the middle."

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Artist John Schwarz of Sylvan Township recently won a first-place Best of Show award for "Rivet Shark." He is pictured with another piece of his art, "Johnnie Rocket," which is on display at the River Gallery in Chelsea. Schwarz teaches at Detroit Country Day School in Birmingham.

Photo by Margaret Steptoe

Schuyler retires after 30 years at Palmer Ford

Dexter High School graduate enjoys long career at dealership

By Sheila Purgiove
Special Writer

Ron Schuyler's first car was his parents' 1963 Ford Falcon station wagon. His second car passed to him when his older brother left for college. It came from Palmer Motor Sales in Chelsea — a place where Schuyler worked for 30 years before retiring last month.

Schuyler, who grew up in Dexter, has been in and around cars all his life. As a teen at Dexter High School, he worked part time at Gould's Arco on Baker Road in Dexter, and continued working there after graduating in 1971.

He had no particular plans or goals. He was, in his own words, "too busy having fun."

The financial burden of college was out of the question, and he considered enlisting in the U.S. Marines, until his high school sweetheart persuaded him otherwise.



Ron Schuyler recently retired from Palmer Motor Sales in Chelsea after three decades. The Dexter native is pictured holding a cake on his 50th birthday in November 2003.

The turning point came after a conversation with his father, who was thinking of starting his own business, and who enjoyed working on small engines.

As luck would have it, a service station on the corner

of Main and Fifth streets in Dexter was vacant.

"It's funny how you open your mouth and your brain just follows," Schuyler said. "I suggested we go into business together. The plan was to open the three-bay garage,

pump gas. Dad would work on small engines, I would work on cars — piece of cake.

"His eyes lit up and he was really surprised that I would think of something like that."

The elder Schuyler swung into action, and by the following evening had set up a meeting with the local banker and property owner.

"I was surprised that he had taken the steps that quickly," Schuyler said. "I had just turned 18 and I was going to be a partner in a business."

Schuyler says his father's personality and reputation made it easy.

"He was well known in the area, and people knew he was a man of his word and that he worked hard. The bank, property owner and Atlantic Richfield Co. were all ready to help us get started."

The next step was Arco training school in Columbus, Ohio. There were about 15 people in the class, with Schuyler the youngest.

When he and his father started in business, there were four other service stations in Dexter.

"These guys were all well established in the community, and a lot of people thought the town wasn't big enough to support five stations," Schuyler said. "We set records for fuel sales from that station and were in business for close to three years."

"Then the oil embargo happened. Gas became expensive and hard to get. We had a large plywood sign that said, '\$1.67 a gallon' on one side, and 'Out of gas' on the other."

Although his father's business flourished to the point that he built a shop behind his home on North Territorial Road, the automotive side didn't fare as well. By May 1975, Schuyler locked the doors and called it quits.

"It took a few months to sell off and finish paperwork on the business," he said. "Here I am freshly married, November 1974, unemployed, unable to and not wanting to collect from unemployment."

Schuyler sat around for a few weeks feeling sorry for himself before applying for a sales position at Palmer Ford in Chelsea and inter-

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Feb. 16

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 128 E. Park St., in Chelsea. The blood drive is open to the public.

Chelsea Reads Together event will be held 7 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. The topic is "Katrina's Healthcare Crisis for the New Orleans Middle Class and Working Poor." For more information, call 475-8732.

The Tamarack Greens will meet 7:30 p.m. at the Main Street Coney Island, 1555 S. Main St., in Chelsea. Plans are being made for a film festival and for this year's elections. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call 433-9102.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Spinners Flock Winter Fleece Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer Drive, in Chelsea. Admission is free and facilities are wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 475-2306.

"Incredible insects and spectacular spiders" program will be held 2 p.m. at the Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Road, in Chelsea. Participants will learn about the lifestyles of these creatures and why they are important. The cost is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Reservations are required by calling 475-3170.

A University of Michigan Exhibit Museum Family Science Workshops will be held 3 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. The program is titled "Sensational Cenozoic: Back to the Sea." The program is free and registration is required. It's recommended for children ages 6 and older accompanied by an adult. For more information or to register, call 475-8732.

Sunday, Feb. 19

Movie Night at the Chelsea First Assembly of God Church, 14900 Old US-12, will feature a prelude to "Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames," with "Miracle in Medesto" at 6 p.m. The movie is not recommended for children younger than 12 years old. For more information, call 475-2615.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

"Introduction to E-mail" class will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Participants will learn how to sign up for a free Web-based e-mail account, set up an address book, attach files, photos and resumes. For more information or to register, call 475-8732.

Lima Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing 7:30 p.m. at the Lima Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road.

Friday, Feb. 24

Friday Night Teen Lock-in will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Events will include Dance Dance Revolution, Anime and Texas Hold 'Em. Participants who wear a pair of socks will receive a free gift. The event is free and no registration is required. For more information, call 475-8732.

Chelsea Reads Together will present the film "Roger & Me" 7 p.m. at Cranesbill Books, 108 W. Middle St., in Chelsea. It's recommended for ages 17 and older. The event is free. For more information, call 475-8732.

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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 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.

Step aerobics are held from 9 to 10 a.m. at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

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.

Circuit Training classes are held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

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.

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

Step aerobics are held from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

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

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 sec-

ond 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.

Silver Sneaker workout classes are held from 8 to 8:45 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners meets 1 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Road Commission Boardroom, 555 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor. For updates to the meeting schedule check out the Web site at www.wroads.org.

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 475-8971.

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 classes 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, Dining Room B, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

Step aerobics are held from 9 to 10 a.m. at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

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

DEXTER

Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18

The Dexter Community Players will present a dessert benefit performance of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"

8 p.m. at the Mill Creek Middle School auditorium, 7305 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road. Call 764-9210.

Saturday, Feb. 25

Special Hands-On Family Science Workshop titled "Magnificent Mesozoic: Into the Air" will be held 10:30 a.m. at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. The workshop is limited to children ages 6 and older who are accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Call 426-4477.

Saturday, Feb. 25 and Sunday, Feb. 26

"Maple Sugaring: Journey to the Sugar Bush" will be held 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon at Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter Township. Reservations are required for the guided tour. The cost for the tour is \$2 per person. An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will be served from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Activity Center. The cost for the breakfast is \$3.50 per person. For more information or to register call 426-8211.

Sunday, Feb. 26

The Dexter Community Band will present its winter concert 3 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts of Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road. The concert is free and open to the public.

DEXTER

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

Dexter American Legion meets 8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. Call 426-3112.

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

Dexter Historical Society meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter.

Dexter Rotary Club meets 7:30 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 Child Study Club meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Call 426-3664.

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

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Lighthouse Café, 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 Township Zoning

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COFFEE WITH THE EDITOR

Meet with Michelle Rogers
EDITOR OF THE CHELSEA STANDARD AND THE DEXTER LEADER

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Thursday, March 2, 7-8 pm
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Health & Wellness Center Conference Room

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Registration is requested.

Chelsea Community Hospital

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Chelsea District Library February Events

Read to Leo & Friends
Fri., Feb. 17, 3:30-5:30 pm
Leo, Kaylee, Cassie, Dolly and Flag are ready to be your listeners! Registration.

Intro to Email
Tues., Feb. 21, 6 pm
New to email? Find out how to get a free account, send emails and photos, and more! Registration.

LaRon Williams
Thur., Feb. 23, 7 pm
Award winning storyteller extraordinaire...a must see for all ages!

Friday Night Teen Lock-in!
Fri. Feb. 24, 6-9 pm
Wear your socks! Grab a friend and get to the library — after hours — for our first Lock-in! Pizza, DDR, Texas Hold 'Em! Prizes for everyone wearing a pair of socks!

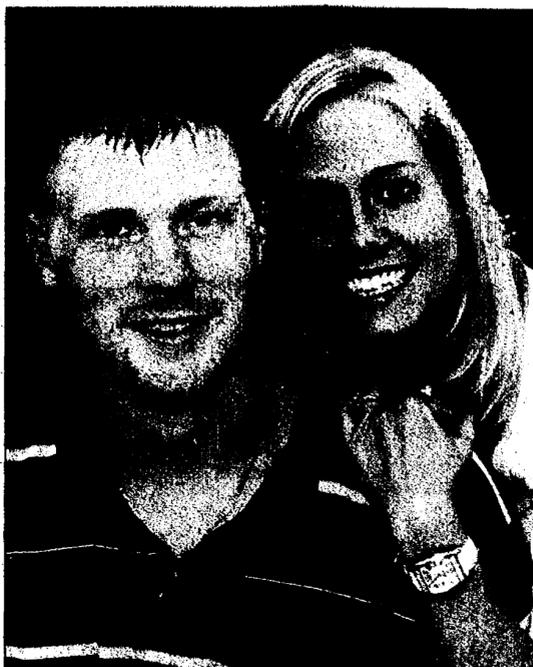
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All events held at the temporary location, 500 Washington Street

ENGAGEMENTS



Klever, Sullivan to marry in Lansing

Kimberly Klever, daughter of Karen and Timothy Klever of Dexter, and Matthew Sullivan, son of Mary Pat and Paul Sullivan of Dewitt, are engaged and planning an Oct. 21 wedding at People's Church in East Lansing. The future bride is a 2000 graduate of Dexter High School. In 2004, she graduated from Lake Superior State University. She has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. The future groom is a 2002 graduate of Dewitt High School. He expects to graduate in May from Lake Superior State University with a bachelor's degree in nursing.



Dentlinger, Daly to exchange vows

Megan Daly and Adam Dentlinger, both of Grand Junction, Colo., are engaged and planning a July 21 wedding at St. John's Catholic Church in Arcadia, Iowa. She graduated from Dexter High School and from Central Michigan University, while the future groom graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School in Carroll, Iowa, and from CMU. and Deanne Dentlinger of Arcadia, Iowa.



Gomberg, Dinkel to wed in March

Stephanie Gomberg of Chicago, daughter of Pamela and Robert Gomberg of Dexter, and Joseph Dinkel of Midland, son of Kathryn and Larry Dinkel of Gladwin, are engaged and planning a March 18 wedding. The future bride is a 2000 graduate of Dexter High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is currently a law student at DePaul University College of Law. The future groom is a 1995 graduate of Gladwin High School and a 2000 graduate from Michigan Technological University. He is currently employed at Hemlock Semiconductor Corp. as a project coordinator.



Couple to marry

Stacie Wollenslegel, daughter of Ned and Diane Wollenslegel of Stevensville, and Christopher Vollbrecht, son of Anne and John Vollbrecht of Dexter, are engaged and planning a May 19 wedding at Waldenwoods Resort and Conference Center in Hartland. County. The future groom is a 1998 graduate of Dexter High School and a 2000 graduate of Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind. He works as an applications engineer in Ann Arbor.

BIRTHS

A daughter, Megan Luann, was born Jan. 9 at Lakeview Medical Center in Rice Lake, Wis., to Jill and Leo Dunlavy of Shell Lake, Wis. Paternal grandparents are Jim and Becky Dunlavy of Whitmore Lake.

A daughter, Annalena Rose, was born Jan. 16 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township to Karen and Patrick Elsel of Dexter. Maternal grandparents are Margaret and the late Gearld O'Connor of Ann Arbor. Paternal grandparents are the late Richard and Rosemary Elsel of Berkey, Ohio.

A daughter, Marie Catherine, was born Jan. 31, 2006, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Town-

ship to Tony and Courtney Byers of Spring Arbor. Maternal grandparents are Cathy and Chuck Coulter of Taylor, and Len and Karen Plewa of New Boston. Paternal grandparents are Vern and the late Marie Byers of Jackson. Marie has a brother, Jack, 21 months old.

CHELSEA

Lecture set today

Chelsea Community Hospital will offer a free public lecture Thursday on the management and treatment of varicose veins.

Dr. Suzanne Jones, a board-certified general surgeon with Chelsea Surgical Associates, will discuss what causes varicose veins, how they are treated and what patients can do about them. Jones specializes in varicose vein procedures, including minimally invasive options.

The lecture is free and open to the public. It will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Chelsea Community Hospital Health and Wellness Center Conference Room. Pre-registration is requested by calling 475-4100.

Jones and her colleague, Dr. Jennifer Kulick, are general surgeons with Chelsea Surgical Associates. They perform a wide range of surgical procedures, including colorectal, thyroid, hernia and breast surgery.

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Thursday, February 23
8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
and
Friday, February 24
8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
and
Saturday, February 25
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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| Chinese Tonight | Mika's Deli | Wags to Whiskers |
| Cleary's Pub | Mission Market Place | Weber's Inn |
| Comfort Inn | O&W Distributing | Westside Gym |
| Compass Grill | Pamada | Winn's Jewelry |
| Cover for Women | Par's Pizzeria | Wolverine Food and Spirit |
| Cottage Inn Pizza | Pierce's Pizzeria | Zou-Zou's |

A Special "Thank You" to all the players and the special staff of people who helped make this evening a success.

WRITING MATTERS

Poetry and prose from the students in Chelsea

The sense I feel in me



If pictures speak one thousand words, why would we ever talk?

Without our mouths, you'd never see anything but my walk.

The smell of sweaty shin guards shows the world my passion.

You then might ask what sport I play, soccer I will fashion.



Sarah Bingel

My favorite touch in the world is warmed by the sun's heat.

The feel is beaches lovely sand, sinking beneath my feet.

I hear the sound of crashing boats, as I feel the sun bake.

This is the place I live year round. It is North Lake.

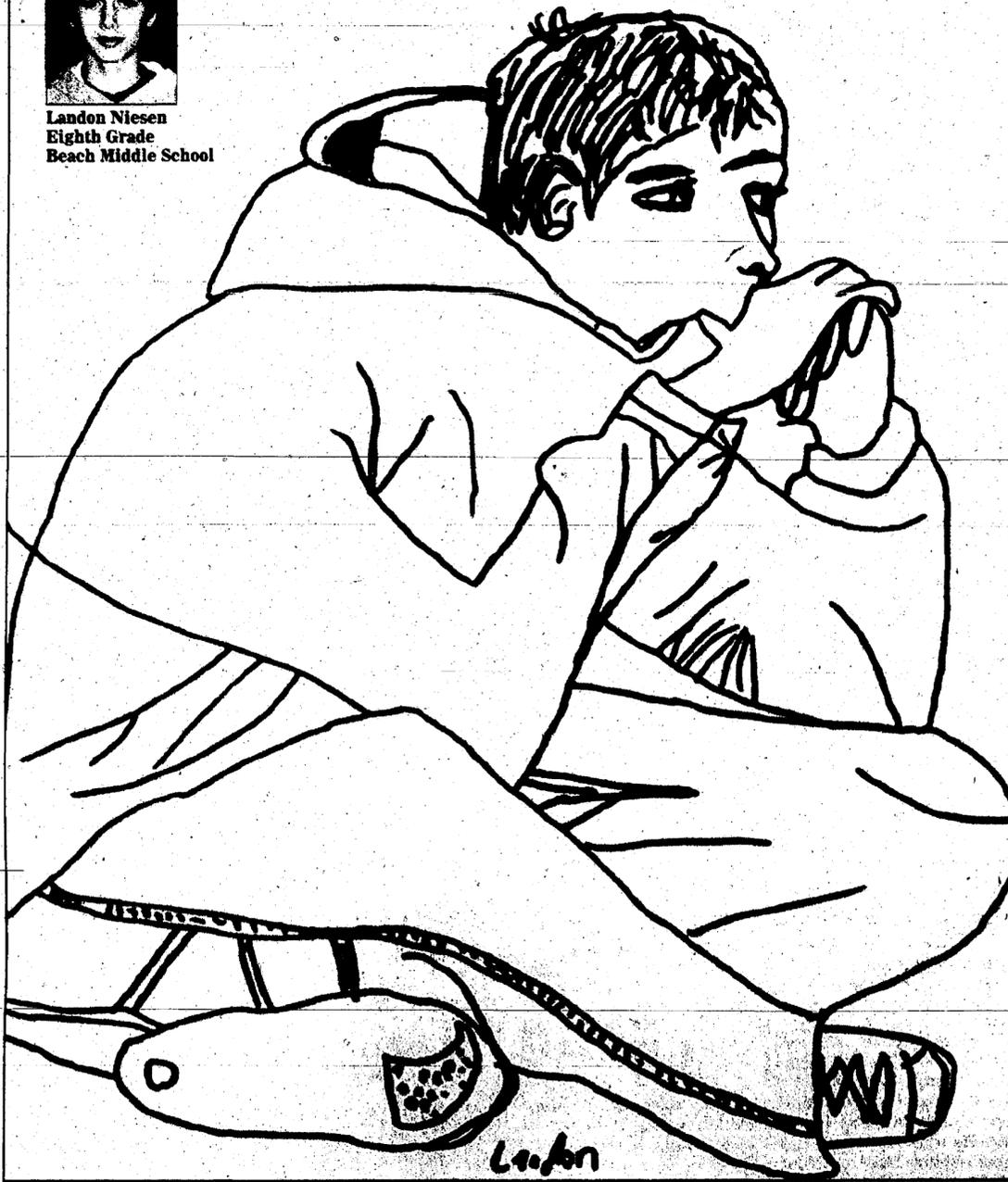
I love to taste my mother's delicious home-baked cooking. She turns around and then I eat, when she is not looking.

By Sarah Bingel
Eighth Grade
Beach Middle School

Pondering



Landon Niesen
Eighth Grade
Beach Middle School



Deception Point

Dan Brown has, yet again, written a fantastic book. Following in the tradition of "DaVinci Code" and "Angels and Demons," he has intertwined history, science and politics into a thrilling suspense novel called "Deception Point."

Rachel Sexton, the quiet daughter of a presidential candidate, is the main protagonist. She writes for the NRO, and disagrees with her father's political picture.



The other protagonist is Michael Tolland, a TV star who makes documentaries of the marine biology near his ship, the Goya.

The absence of the identity of the antagonist until the end of the book is a major mystery.

Most of the book takes place in Washington, D.C., the Arctic Circle and a small ship of the coast of Virginia. The places depend on which character is being focused on at that moment in time.

Even though there are many settings, all are described in such detail that I feel as though I have been there myself. The story all occurs in 48 hours, so it's fast-paced and action-packed.

The style of writing is amazingly crisp, but you can still paint a picture of what he's talking about in your mind. The author is exceptionally talented, because he can make you feel an emotion of love or hate or sadness or joy without being overly graphic or downright explaining it to you.

He has you feeling sad for the bad guy or resolute when important decisions are being made.

The amount of science in this book is overwhelming. There's almost too much meteorology and marine biology to comprehend the point the author is trying to get across.

I didn't really like how in-depth the scientists describe the meteor. I believe that the reader probably wouldn't understand it beyond a certain point. This holds back how fast the pace is, and just takes up pages that aren't very important.

Overall, this book is excellently written, a gripping novel that any mystery/politic/science/history-lover would appreciate immensely.

4 1/2 stars from the readers
Schuyler Adkins
Eighth Grade
Beach Middle School

Last night turned

It's all about the people who care
And the people who couldn't care less.
It's all about being organized
And about always being a mess.

It's all about the days when you're happy
And the days when you'd rather die.
It's all about staying honest
About each and every lie.

It's all about doing your best
And deserving what comes to you.
And when it comes to surprises,
It's about always pretending you knew.

It's all about the things you do right
And every mistake you've gone wrong.
It's about the people who have your back



Emma Tinsley

And not being afraid to get wet.
It's all about the opinions shared

And always help you move along.

It's about enjoying the sun along with the rain

That were never meant to be a threat.

It's all about acting your age

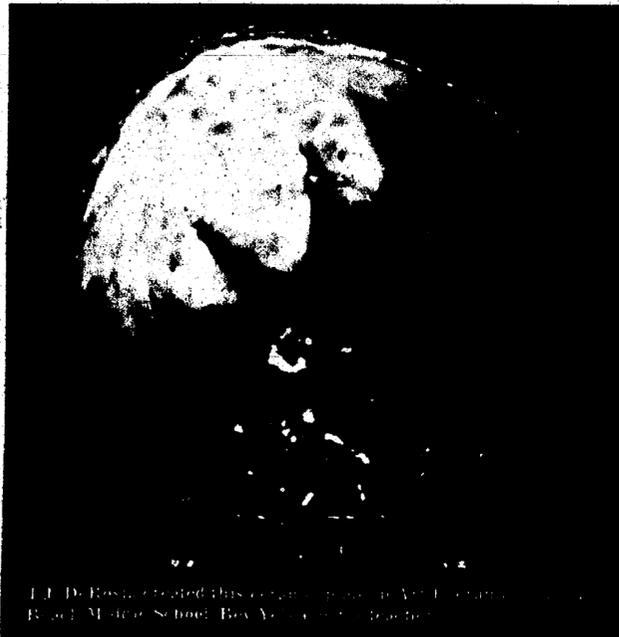
And not being afraid to act 2.
It's all about every laugh we'd shared
"We" being me and you.

It's all about the friendships that last
And the friendships that fade away.

It's about living in the present
And how last night turned to today.

It's all about living the life
You'll promise not to regret.
It's all about trying to forgive

But never once forget.
Emma Tinsley
Eighth Grade
Beach Middle School



L. D. Ross created this design for the Art Department at Beach Middle School, Box 4000, Chelsea, MA 01923.

Never

Never in one million years. I never could pick one up. Just the thought of being under the influence, scares me half to death.

Just the thought of drinking beer takes away my breath. I never did understand why so many people drink. All of the stories should make them think.

All of my friends said it was a ball, but I could never bear the dreadful call.

I was living my life alcohol free. That night, I didn't know that it was going to be me. I was listening to the paramedic talk to the sheriff. They said that the man had seven too many drinks.

I wondered to myself as I got colder, why this man couldn't have said, "Never."

When my friends told my parents,



Alisa Cremer

in that sad tone of voice, that their daughter had died at 11:23 that night, they would all cry and wonder why it had happened to me.

Why the drunk driver had full control over my life that night.

Why he didn't stay and see what he had done to the innocent daughter, friend and niece who never even thought of having one.

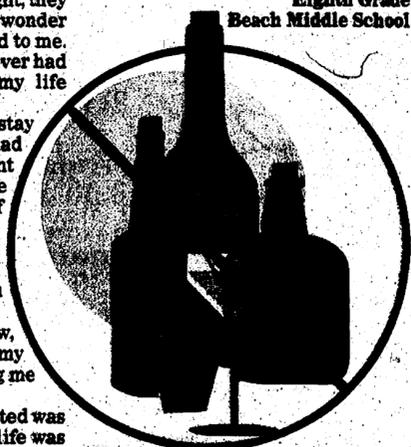
Now I am glad I never had a single drink. Now that I know what alcohol makes you do and think.

Drunken driving, I know, will never be right. And now my friends know this from seeing me lying here tonight.

Before I was gone, all I wanted was to say goodbye, but then my life was

over, done with, and I died.

Alisa Cremer
Eighth Grade
Beach Middle School



SCHUYLER

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viewing with sales manager Lyle Chriswell.

"I didn't get a call back and figured my chances were pretty slim," Schuyler said. "I had someone tell me once that if you really want the job, call the person at least every other day."

Schuyler took that advice to heart and persisted, and was called back for an interview with Chriswell and the dealership's owner, George Palmer.

"George told me that they wanted to hire somebody that would retire from Palmer Motor Sales," Schuyler said. "Naturally I answered yes, and that was my every intention. Yeah, sure, a 21-year-old thinking of retirement."

Nevertheless, Schuyler was called back.

"George told me he had talked to a couple of the dealership technicians that were from Dexter and they knew my father. They told George they didn't know me, but if I was anything like my dad, he couldn't go wrong."

Schuyler worked in sales for almost three years — "won some trips, made some friends, made some people mad, part of the business," he said.

Car sales, however, weren't his main interest, and he felt

more at home in the service department. With nothing opening up in service at Palmer, he took a position with Crystal Clear in Dexter, a water conditioning and swimming pool-business.

Palmer stayed in touch with his former employee. One day, after phone calls from both Palmer and Service Director Matt Villemure, Schuyler agreed to stop in on the way home — "and the rest, as they say, is history."

Schuyler, whose own two favorite cars were a 1966 Plymouth Belvedere and 1966 Plymouth Fury, says he always has worked under the premise of "treat people as you would like to be treated."

"I enjoyed meeting new people and helping people keep their cars in shape and keep the repairs to a minimum," he said. "When repairing vehicles, there are always options. If you tell a customer all the options, they understand you are trying to help them."

"I believe the reason people trust me so much is because I offered them choices," he said.

The Palmer family has been great to work for,

Schuyler said. "I always told my wife that if anything happened to me, death or illness, I felt George Palmer would have been one of the first people at the door to see how he could help her," he said.

Schuyler has enjoyed working in Chelsea, within just a few blocks of his home.

"I've walked to work for 30 years, passing a church at the halfway point. Every day on the way home, as I passed the church, I would try to leave all bad things that day on their porch step," he said.

Schuyler and his wife, Deb, of 31 years, plan to relocate to North Carolina, where the younger of their two daughters is in college. Schuyler says he will look for work, probably outside the automobile business, since automobile fumes tend to aggravate his asthma.

"I've been working 12-hour days and would like to see what it is like to work an eight-hour day and have time for a hobby," he said.

Shella Puraglove is a freelance writer. She can be reached at bingley51@yahoo.com.

George (Palmer) told me that they wanted to hire somebody that would retire from Palmer Motor Sales. Naturally, I answered yes, and that was my every intention.
— Ron Schuyler, Chelsea



Dinner and Auction Set

A Silent Auction and Family Dinner will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday to benefit Cornerstone Elementary School's playground improvement project. The auction, which will be held at Cornerstone's cafeteria, will feature items donated by parents and local merchants. In addition, children will be entertained by Karen Czarnik, a storyteller, singer and songwriter. The playground improvement project calls for extensive landscaping and the construction of a gazebo. Admission to the auction, which is \$5 per person, covers pizza, salad and either juice or water. Showing off a basket that they have created for the auction are, in front, Kyle Burton (left), Kevin Clipper, Amanda Jones, Lilli Paquin, Charlie Farnsworth, Lee Ramsey, Morgen Bell and Elise Coy; second row, Ethan Holliday (left), Toren Park, Alissa Trinkle, Emma Collins, Seamus McCurren, Clark Stetten and Jack Koenn; third row, Seth Greenfield (left), Julius Sennev, Chloe Varis, Jessie Cook, Toby Currie, Carson Howatt, Madison McCarthy, Jenna Nixon and Joey Hiser.

PET

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agrees on the shared responsibilities, a great resource for finding the right pet is Petfinder.com.

Choose the pet of interest along with a location and this site will guide you to rescue groups and shelters that have the animal you may be interested in. Frequently, the temperament of the animal also will be listed, helping to match the right family with the right animal.

Most of these groups pre-screen using an adoption application, an interview, or both. Some also may require a home-check. First time pet owners need not fear. If you've never had a cat, dog,

rabbit, or whichever, they will make sure you understand what is involved, including having the right housing, diet and veterinarian to ensure a happy, healthy pet — a service not often found in pet stores.

Because of these procedures, some potential adopters find that what they thought was the right animal choice for them really wasn't, and either don't adopt, or adopt an entirely different animal. Imagine how many homeless animals would be spared if more people received such guidance.

Also, after you get your new pet home, most rescue groups will conduct a follow-up phone call or visit to ensure everything is working out and all parties are happy.

Most also will be available to answer questions, give advice and be a general support system throughout the entire life of the animal.

So, maybe laws like those in Europe wouldn't be necessary if more people were aware of the resources available to them prior to choosing to bring a pet home.

Tim Patine is a board member of the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary. For more information about the group or to volunteer, he can be reached via e-mail at tim@rabbitsanctuary.org.



CALENDAR

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

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

Independent Order of Odd-fellows meets 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Dexter United Methodist Church, 7843 W. Huron River Drive, in Dexter.

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

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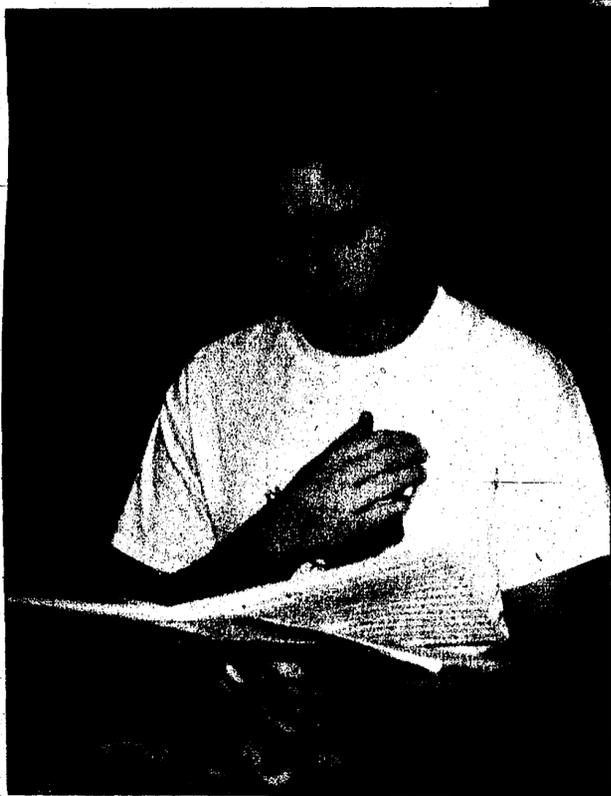
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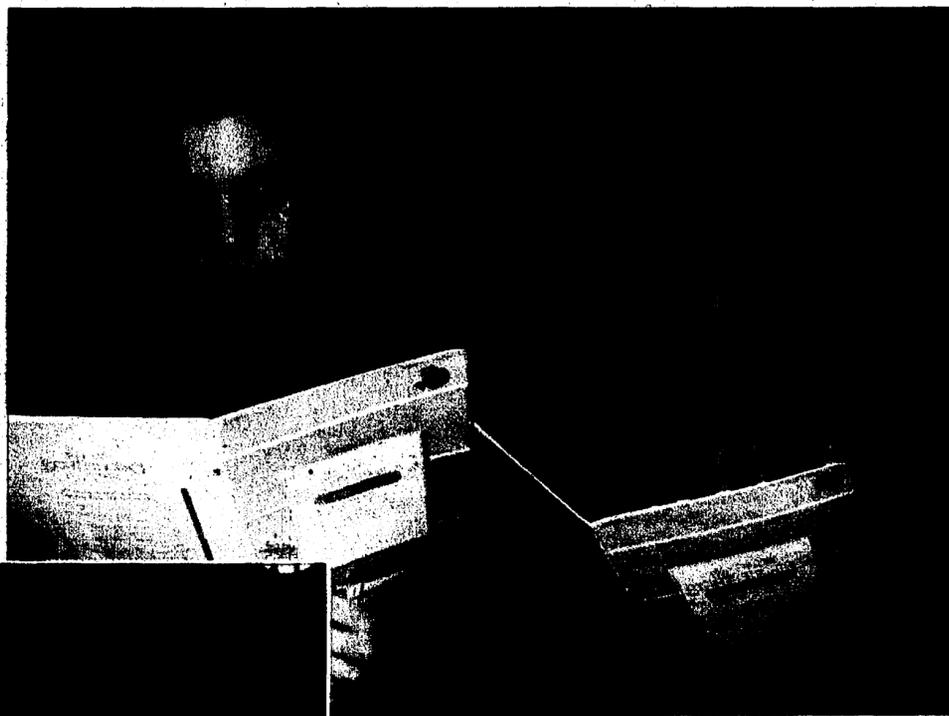
The Beach Middle School Choir, under the direction of Steven Hinz, will perform in concert 7 p.m. March 7 as part of a preview to the district festival at the end of March. The concert is a combined effort among the seventh- and eighth-grade band, choirs and orchestra classes. In preparation, pupils are learning how to harmonize together.



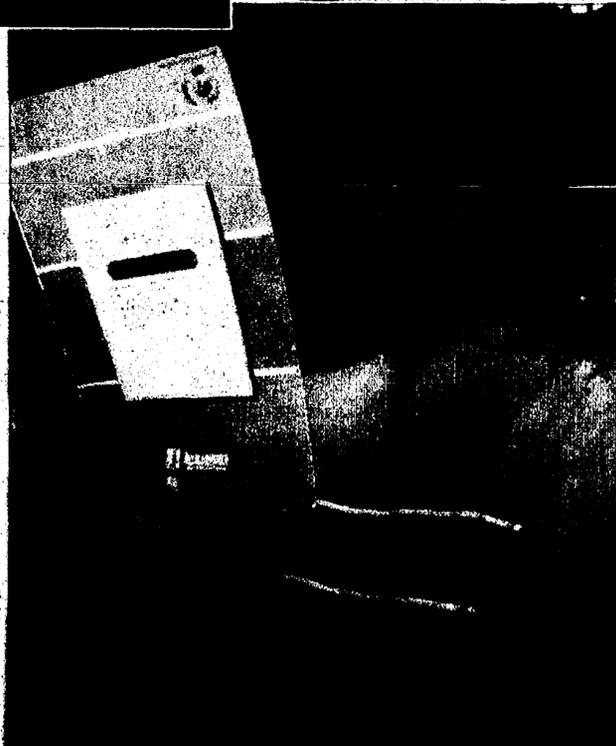
Alisa Cremer sings in preparation for the March 7 choir concert.



Chris Alexander works on his voice in choir class at Beach Middle School.



Kaitlin Jolly and Alexis Awarado work on their harmonizing skills.



Zach Schepers learns a new song for the spring choir concert.

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BASKETBALL

Chelsea cagers win ninth straight game

Bulldogs have best offensive performance of year in victory

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea basketball rolled over visiting Tecumseh last Friday, winning 84-35.

Two weeks ago, the Class B No. 7-ranked Bulldogs (13-2, 6-1) had their top defensive performance of the year, holding Saline to 10 points in a 54-10 victory. Last Friday, against the Indians, Chelsea excelled at the other end of the court.

"That was our best offensive game of the season," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "It was our best passing game (season high 23 assists). We knew Tecumseh would want to run, and that played right into our hands. We were intent on getting the ball out and running."

And run they did. The Bulldogs started the game full speed and never let up, opening up a 25-6 first quarter lead.

"We were 10-of-12 from the floor in the first quarter," Raymond said.

At halftime, Chelsea increased its advantage to 43-18.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs led 71-28.

In the third quarter alone, Chelsea scored 28 points, which is a season high. With two minutes left in the third frame, a running clock was used. A running clock is used only when a team is 40 points ahead of their opponent. It's a rare occurrence to use a running clock. The Bulldogs have forced three running clocks this season.

"That's pretty unusual," Raymond said.

Pacing Chelsea was senior forward John Mantel (6-foot-8), who finished with a double-double of 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Junior guard Micah Hudson added 16 points, including two three-pointers and six assists, while junior guard Adam Connell had 10 points.

Junior guard Nate Schwarze chipped in eight points and eight assists, while senior center Cam Hawkins had seven points and senior forward Matt Weber six points.

Junior guard Jon Seelbach finished with five points, while senior forward Robbie Moffett and junior forward

Benny Johnson each netted four points.

Sophomore post player Dean Roberts ended up with three points, while senior forward Jesse Freeman had two points for the Bulldogs.

For the game, Chelsea was 32-of-56 for 57 percent from the floor. Tecumseh was 13-of-34 for 38 percent.

From the free throw line, the Bulldogs finished 16-of-21 for 76 percent. The Indians were 6-of-8 for 75 percent.

Chelsea dominated the boards, out-rebounding Tecumseh 35-15, including 16-4 on the offensive glass.

"We had a height advantage," Raymond said, regarding Chelsea's rebounding strength. "We were able to rebound the ball well, which got our running game going."

The Bulldogs recorded 17 steals, while the Indians had four.

On Feb. 7, visiting Chelsea defeated Adrian 54-43.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 17-6 first-quarter lead.

At the break, Chelsea led 24-8.

"We played outstanding defense in the first half," Raymond said.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs continued leading 40-22.

"We controlled the game from the defensive front," Raymond said. "John Mantel played his strongest defensive game of the year. Adrian had no looks on the inside. He was a presence all game on the inside. He ignited our game from the beginning."

Mantel finished with only four points, but he hauled down 13 rebounds and blocked six shots.

He helped hold the Maples' inside force of 6-4 Brad Ohrman (six points) and 6-5 Steve Threet (five points) to a combined 11 points.

Hudson led Chelsea with 22 points, including four triples.

"He shot the ball well," Raymond said. "He had eight points in the first quarter."

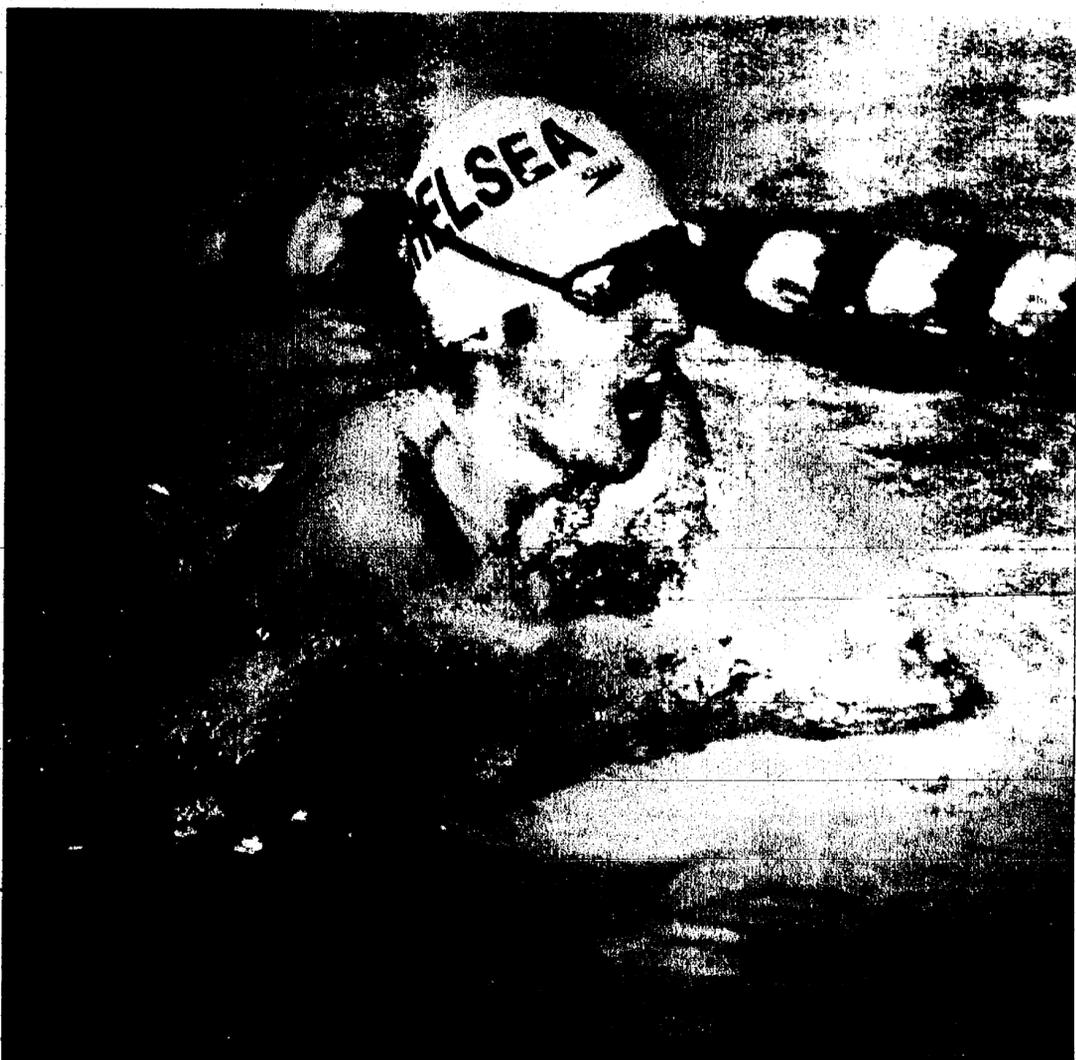
Schwarze and Weber each added six points, while Seelbach had five points and junior guard Mike Sauers and Connell four points each for the Bulldogs.

Moffett ended up with three points for Chelsea.

For the contest, the Bulldogs were 19-of-34 for 56 percent from the field. Adrian was 18-of-44 for 41 percent.

From the line, Chelsea was a perfect 9-of-9, while the

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Chelsea's Benji Kellogg placed second in the 100 breaststroke, with a clocking of 1:06.16 in the Bulldogs' 98-88 loss to rival Dexter last Friday.

Photos by Mary Kumbler

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Bulldogs face rival Dreads

Kinsey places first in two events to lead Chelsea tankers

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' swimming and diving team lost to host county rival Dexter 98-88 last Friday.

"We are really struggling this year," said Chelsea coach Dave Jolly. "I truly believe that we are better than our record is showing. At 4-9, we are really finding it hard to stay upbeat."

In the 200 medley relay, the Bulldog quartet of Andrew Ballow, Ivan Solovev, Benji Kellogg and Jordan Skidmore placed second in 1:46.21. Ryan Wrathall, James Bassett, Jake Heydlauff and Dominic Conybeare ended up fourth in 2:01.65 for Chelsea.

In the 200 freestyle, Rick Kinsey finished first for the



The Chelsea foursome of Nick Armstrong (left), Rick Kinsey, Ivan Solovev and Andrew Ballow finished first in the 200 freestyle relay, with a time of 1:34.44, in the Bulldogs' dual meet against Dexter last Friday.

Bulldogs with a time of 1:54.39. Nick Dyerly was fifth in 2:08.59, while Jake Policht was sixth in 2:15.01.

Skidmore touched second 2:19.73 and Michael Lawrence sixth in 2:28.25 for Chelsea.

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BOWLING

Top-ranked Chelsea blanks Lenawee Christian

Chelsea's girls' bowling team defeated Lenawee Christian 29-1 last Friday. Members of the squad include, front row, Geneva Smith (left) and Jamie Gipson; back row, coach Kathy Greenleaf (left), Tera McCormick, Kristen Coulter, Alicia Lambdin, Sarah Gilley and coach Ed Greenleaf.



Bulldogs also strike down Adrian on lanes last week

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' bowling team defeated Lenawee Christian Academy 30-0 last Friday.

Leading the Division II No. 1-ranked Bulldogs was Austin Herter, who rolled a 235.

Luke Waterbury finished with a 226, while J.C. Solomon had a 195 and Jon Gipson a 194 for Chelsea. Michael Calus added a 183, while Dillon Arnold had a 190 and Greg VanOrman a 175.

Jeff Grau ended up with a

166 and Eric Marzec a 150 for the Bulldogs.

"I am very proud of our kids," said Chelsea coach Ed Greenleaf. "It's an honor to be held in such high regards."

Greenleaf said his seniors have been the foundation of his program.

"They have been great captains this year," he said. "I will miss every one of them."

Steven Goetz paced Lenawee Christian with a two-game series of 322 (140-182).

In the girls' match, Chelsea defeated Lenawee Christian 29-1.

Sarah Gilley led the Bulldogs with a two-game series of 326 (166-160).

Jamie Gipson rolled a 199, while Kristen Coulter had a 177 and Geneva Smith a 154

for Chelsea.

Alicia Lambdin ended up with a 146, while Laura Koski and Tera McCormick each had a 145 and Chelsea Moore an 80 for the Bulldogs.

Christy Bossard was tops for Lenawee Christian with a 274 series (132-142).

In the boys' JV match, Chelsea defeated Lenawee Christian 28-2.

Carl Iverson sparked the Bulldogs with a two-game series of 278 (137-141).

Hayden Uihlein had a fine performance with a 187 for Chelsea.

Drake Olejniczak added a 165, while Nick Huehl had a 143 and Dan Adams a 142.

Alex Mote and Joey Hansen each finished with a 140. Jim Leach ended up with a 133, while Blake Lambdin had a

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HOCKEY

Icers take on state's best

Bulldogs also clinch league title with win over Lincoln

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey took on some of the state's best teams last weekend at the Michigan High School Hockey Showcase Tournament in Trenton.

The event invited 30 of the top squads from throughout the state to compete in its two-day frozen pond extravaganza.

The Bulldogs (14-6-2), ranked No. 3 in the state in Division III, concluded the tournament, a little worse for the wear, with consecutive defeats, but standing tall, after going toe-to-toe with two of Michigan's best teams.

"It was good to play tough competition," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "It's always a good learning experience for the players. They now understand they can play with anyone."

Indeed. To open the tournament, the Bulldogs lost to Novi, ranked No. 10 in Division II, 5-1 last Friday.

Of the Wildcats' five goals, three came on the power play. For the game, Novi was 3-of-6 with the man-advantage. In contrast, Chelsea finished 1-of-9 on the power play.

"It was a frustrating game," Wright said. "The difference in the game was special teams. Novi produced, and we didn't. Their penalty killers did a good job. We didn't react to their pressure with the right reads. We weren't getting quality scoring chances (on power play)."

The Bulldogs started out strong, as senior defenseman Ryan Ruikka scored unassisted on the power play at 12:57 of the first period.

Less than a minute later, however, the Wildcats answered, scoring and tying the game at 1-1 with a goal at the 13:38 mark of the opening period.

"That was a strange goal," Wright said. "It (puck) hopped up in the air and flipped up into the goal."

In the second period, both teams battled for every loose puck and for every inch of ice, until at 14:14, Novi scored its first of three power-play goals, taking a 2-1 lead and momentum into the third period.

"We had several opportunities and we didn't score," Wright said. "We had them two men short and didn't score. Their goal, with less than a minute to go, hurt. That was disheartening."

In the third period, it was all Wildcats.



Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

Bulldog David Maveal had one assist in Chelsea's 4-2 loss to Division I No. 5-ranked East Kentwood, in last Saturday's Michigan High School Hockey Showcase Tournament in Trenton.

Novi scored at 3:07 of the period, followed by consecutive power-play goals at 7:28 and 10:04 of the frame, respectively, for the game's final margin.

While the Wildcats were a tough unit, they had nothing on Chelsea's opponent last Saturday. East Kentwood, a suburb of Grand Rapids, is arguably the best team on the west side of the state. A traditionally powerful club, the Falcons' program produced NHL and U.S. Olympic hockey player Mike Knuble.

In a hard-fought contest, the Bulldogs fell 4-2 to East Kentwood, ranked No. 5 in Division I.

"East Kentwood is a school that has four lines of great players," Wright said. "I felt good about our effort. It was 2-2 with four minutes to go."

After a scoreless first period, the Falcons' Tyler Copeland scored a power-play goal at 2:05 of the second stanza.

Less than a minute later, East Kentwood's Eric Alexander upped the Falcons' advantage to 2-0, scoring on a power play.

After Alexander's goal, Wright called a timeout to settle down his squad.

"I thought we were playing well," he said. "I told the guys we were doing fine. We outplayed them the rest of the period. We were getting (scoring) chances."

At the 8:47 mark of the second period, Chelsea's Taylor Hooper scored off an assist from C.J. Cogswell and David Maveal, cutting the Falcons' lead to 2-1, and giving the Bulldogs a much-needed boost heading into the final period.

In the third period, Chelsea tied the score at 2-2, as Schyler Williams turned the light on off an assist from Luc Daniels at the 6:32 mark of the frame.

At the 10:50 mark of the

third period, Alexander scored, vaulting East Kentwood back on top, at 3-2. "We got caught behind the net, and Alexander shelved it," Wright said.

With 15 seconds, and the Bulldogs' goalie pulled, the Falcons' James Holt scored an empty net goal for the contest's final margin.

Despite the setback, Wright said his team played hard.

"It was a great game," he said. "It was the type of game, as we get close to the (state) playoffs, will help us."

East Kentwood out-shot the Bulldogs 24-23 for the day.

On Feb. 8, visiting Chelsea defeated Ypsilanti Lincoln 11-0 in a mercy-rule shortened game.

With the win, the Bulldogs clinched the Southeastern Conference White Division championship.

"We were able to take care of business," Wright said.

Chelsea led 6-0 after one period.

Ruikka opened the scoring, hitting the back of the net 51 seconds into the game. Mike Bazydlo recorded an assist on the play for the Bulldogs.

Hooper made it 2-0 with a goal at 1:59 of the first period. Matt Perry and Maveal assisted on the play.

Williams scored a power-play goal at 7:40 of the opening stanza off an assist from Eric Cremer and Perry.

Less than a minute later, Matt Heinen scored, upping Chelsea's advantage to 4-0. James Cogswell and Perry picked up assists on the play for the Dawgs.

Cremer scored at the 10:48 mark of the first period off an assist from Daniels and Williams.

Kyle George increased Chelsea's lead to 6-0, beating the Railsplitter net minder at 12:42 of the first frame. Nick Biciocchi and Heinen

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Nick Armstrong placed second in the 50 freestyle in 23.47 for the Bulldogs. Ballow was third in 23.97, while Brett Kruse was fifth in 24.58.

Bulldog Sean Cleary finished first in one-meter diving with 250.75 points. Teammate Eric Massey was fifth with 112.65.

Solovev captured the 100 butterfly, besting the field in 1:01.85. Lawrence was fourth in 1:05.05, while Jon Elordi ended up sixth in 1:29.95.

Armstrong finished first in the 100 freestyle with a time of 50.77. Ballow was third in 53.57, while Brett Kruse was sixth in 55.56.

In the 500 freestyle, Kinsey won his second event with a clocking of 5:34.59. Bassett was fifth in 5:45.05, while Dyerly was sixth in 5:53.52.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Armstrong, Solovev, Ballow and Kinsey touched first in 1:34.44. Brett Kruse, Wrathall, Policht and Lawrence finished fourth in 1:42.04. Mark Bowdish, Doug Wrathall, Mike Kozma and Derek Prieskorn placed fifth in 1:55.48 for Chelsea.

Skidmore finished first in the 100 backstroke with a clocking of 57.12. Conybeare was fourth in 1:08.57, while

Todd Kruse was sixth in 1:12.32.

Kellogg was second in the 100 breaststroke in 1:06.16. Solovev ended up third in 1:10.08, while Heydlauff was sixth in 1:13.82 for the Bulldogs.

The Chelsea foursome of Kinsey, Skidmore, Kellogg and Armstrong bested the field in the 400 freestyle, recording a 3:32.60. Brett Kruse, Lawrence, Dyerly and Policht finished fourth in 3:48.24. Ryan Wrathall, Doug Wrathall, Todd Kruse

and Conybeare placed fifth in 4:07.04 for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea next hosts Ypsilanti Lincoln 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

On Feb. 24 and 25, the Bulldogs will travel to Ann Arbor Pioneer to participate in the Southeastern Conference meet at noon.

"I believe in these guys," Jolly said. "Our hope is that it will all fall together on Feb. 24 and 25."

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— CHELSEA HOOPSTERS —



Chelsea's sixth-grade girls' basketball team finished unbeaten with a 4-0 record at the sixth annual Chelsea Basketball Tournament Feb. 2 through 4. Members of the squad include, front row, Sarah Bucholz (left), Mackenzie Cole, Allie Smith, Samantha French and Amber Plemens; back row, coach Darwin Smith (left), Lisa Keene, Megan Hall, Grace Martin, Jessica Ruikka, Katie Kingsley, coach Edie Kingsley and coach Matt Cole.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Tandy begins senior season

Chelsea's Meghan Tandy, a senior, will compete for Albion College's women's track and field team this season.

The Britons open the year Friday with an indoor meet at Ohio Northern University. Last season, Albion finished third in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Also for the Britons, Chelsea's Jenelle Vleck, a senior, will suit up for Albion's softball team this season. The Britons open the year, March 12 through 17, with 10 games in Fort Myers, Fla.

At Bowling Green State University, Chelsea's Allison Mann was named to ESPN The Magazine Academic All-

District IV team. The District IV squad is comprised of Division I student-athletes from Alabama, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee. To be nominated for the team, a student-athlete must carry a grade point average of 3.20 or higher.

Mann was one of four Mid-American Conference student-athletes named to the team. She has a 3.39 GPA in accounting. Outside of the classroom, Mann (6-foot), a junior forward, leads the Falcons (20-2, 11-0) with 14.9 points per game. She also hauls down 7.6 rebounds per outing, good for second on the squad.

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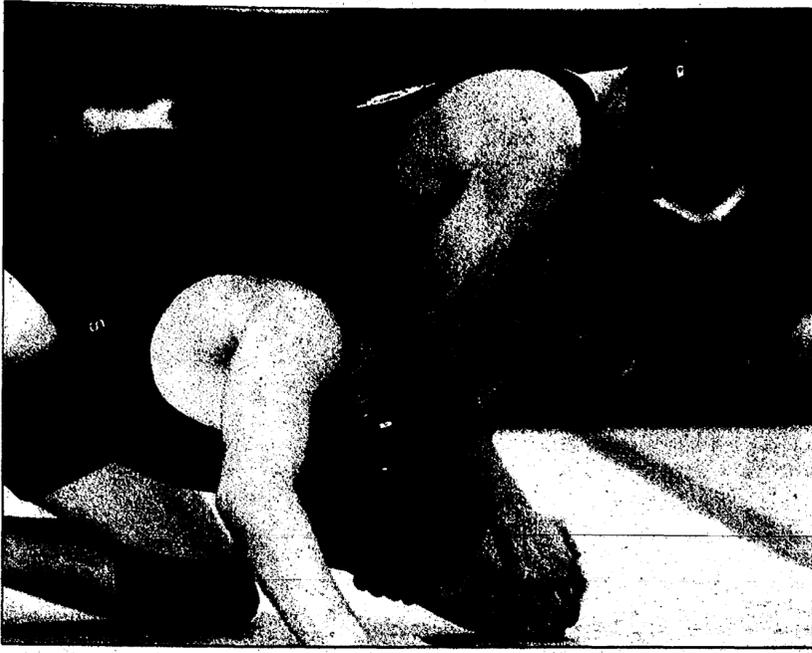
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Chelsea's Cody Schiller finished 4-0 overall at 145 pounds, capturing the Southeastern Conference title at last Saturday's league meet.

WRESTLING

Schiller, Breslin earn titles

Bulldogs place second overall at league meet

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling finished second at last Saturday's Southeastern Conference White Division meet at Ypsilanti Lincoln.

The Bulldogs ended up with 178.50 points. Tecumseh captured the league crown with 263 points.

Dexter placed third with 166.50 points, while the host Railsplitters were fourth with 130.50 points.

Two Chelsea grapplers finished first in their respective weight classes.

At 112, Bulldog freshman Jamin Breslin placed first with a 3-1 overall record.

"He did a great job," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "We have something to build on. As a freshman, it's good to see. Other freshmen see that and think if he can do (win title), then they can, too."

At 145, Chelsea senior Cody Schiller finished first with an unbeaten 4-0 record. He also received the SEC Sportsmanship Award for the Bulldogs.

At 103, Chelsea's Glen Cobb placed third overall.

At 119, Mark Smith finished 0-4 for the day, while Danny Ngo was 3-2 at 125 for the

Bulldogs.

Doug Zygnier was 2-2 at 130, while Evan Helvey was 2-2 at 135 for Chelsea.

Chad Schiller posted a 2-2 mark at 140 for the Bulldogs.

At 152, Kevin Rosentreter was 2-2 for Chelsea.

Phil Thayer placed second in the SEC White Division at 160 with a 2-2 record. Drew Wint was second at 171, also with a 2-2 mark for the Bulldogs.

At 189, Chelsea's A.J. Suffety suffered an injury default.

Austin Rodgers finished second at 215 for the Bulldogs with a 3-1 record.

At heavyweight, Sam Birgy ended up 1-3 for Chelsea on the day.

"I think the kids gained knowledge from the experience they had," Kargel said. "We were able to try some different things."

The Bulldogs next host a Division II state district meet Thursday.

Chelsea faces Jackson Northwest at 6 p.m. in a district semifinal. The other semifinal pits Dexter against Ypsilanti at 6 p.m.

The district final is at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs will travel to Milan to participate in individual district competition at 9 a.m. The top four finishers in each weight class advance to the regional meet.

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VOLLEYBALL

Beach spikers pile up wins

Chelsea's seventh-grade Blue volleyball team defeated visiting county rival Dexter 25-22, 26-24, 12-25 last Thursday.

"The girls showed continued improvement on their volleyball skills," said Chelsea coach Linda Turok.

Breanna Wooster led the Bulldogs with six service points, including two aces. Emily Shrobbree and Alex Alvarez each added five points, while Anna Kingsinger, Diana Uihlein and Katherine Lange each had three points for Beach.

Anna Rode, Kehlsi Haynes and Jessica Wisniewski each served two points, while Krystin Haapala, Marie Zill and Chelsea Weiss each had one point for Chelsea.

Haynes finished with three assists, while Shrobbree had two assists.

On Feb. 7, visiting Beach defeated Saline Gold 25-18, 25-9 and 15-25.

Wooster finished with eight points, including five aces to lead Chelsea. Haynes had five service points.

Shrobbree and Uihlein each recorded four points, while Breaa Tschirhart, Brittany Moore, Amber Stebelton, Kingsinger and Rode each had two points. Emma Gillingham, Lange and Haapala each had one point for the Bulldogs.

"The girls played extremely well and came together as a team on the court," Turok said. "They set a record for bump, set, spikes for the season so far."

Chelsea next hosts Adrian White 4 p.m. Thursday.

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs travel to Adrian Blue for a match at 4 p.m.

On Feb. 23, Chelsea hosts Temperance Bedford in its season finale at 4 p.m.

Beach's seventh-grade Gold volleyball team lost to host Temperance Bedford 25-12, 25-6, 25-12 last Thursday.

"The kids played hard, but we just couldn't get over the hump," said Chelsea coach Rahn Rosentreter.

On Feb. 7, the host Bulldogs defeated Adrian Blue 25-19, 15-25, 25-23. The victory was Chelsea's first win of the season.

Mari Zuccala led Beach with 12 service points, while



Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Blue volleyball player Jessica Wisniewski recorded two service points in the Bulldogs' 25-22, 26-24, 12-25 win over county rival Dexter last Thursday.

Elle Stoffer had five points. On Tuesday, the Bulldogs

as a setter, along with host Adrian White at 4 p.m.

Amanda Gates," Rosentreter said. On Feb. 23, Chelsea visits

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Maples were 2-of-2. The Bulldogs out-rebounded Adrian 26-15.

With its victories last week, Chelsea is on a nine-game winning streak.

"The kids are playing well," Raymond said. "We're playing good defense. We're doing the little things. The kids have bought into that. Our depth is starting to come into play. We don't have a drop off (when going to the bench)."

For the season, the Bulldogs are averaging 60.4 points per game. Defensively, Chelsea is allowing 40.9 points per outing.

The Bulldogs next travel to Ann Arbor Pioneer for a contest 7 p.m. Tuesday.

On Feb. 24, Chelsea visits Ypsilanti Lincoln for a game at 7 p.m.

JV Basketball
Chelsea's JV boys' basketball team lost to visiting Tecumseh 46-41 last Friday.

The Bulldogs (4-11, 3-5) trailed 14-10 after one quarter and 26-15 at halftime.

Entering the fourth quarter, Chelsea was down 41-22. In the fourth frame, the Bulldogs rallied, outscoring the Indians 19-5 for the final margin.

Jeff Adams led Chelsea with 18 points. Elliot Marshall chipped in 11 points for the Bulldogs.

On Feb. 7, visiting Chelsea lost to Adrian 57-40.

Marshall paced the

Bulldogs with 14 points. Adams netted eight points.

The Maples jumped out to a 17-11 first-quarter advantage. At the break, Adrian increased its lead to 27-20.

In the third quarter, the Maples gained control of the contest, outscoring Chelsea 20-9 to take a commanding 47-29 advantage into the fourth stanza.

On Jan. 31, the host Bulldogs lost to Saline 60-51.

Chelsea led 13 after the first quarter, but the Hornets entered halftime with a 34-24 advantage.

In the second half, the Bulldogs outscored Saline 27-26 for the ending tally.

Marshall led Chelsea with 17 points. Stuart Mann ended up with 13 points, while Adams had eight points.

On Jan. 27, the visiting Bulldogs lost to rival Dexter 53-39.

At the break, the Bulldogs led 26-20.

In the third quarter, the Dreadnaughts scored 20 points, while limiting Chelsea to 10 points, increasing their advantage to 40-36 heading into the fourth frame.

Adams sparked the Dawgs with 10 points. Nathan Vlcek, Mann and Marshall each added seven points for Chelsea.

"We continue to struggle to score," said Chelsea coach Mark Scheese. "The players are playing hard, but are just coming up a little short."

The Bulldogs next travel to Ann Arbor Pioneer for a game 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

On Feb. 24, Chelsea visits Ypsilanti Lincoln for a match up at 5:30 p.m.

Freshman Basketball
Chelsea's freshman boys' basketball team beat visiting Tecumseh 68-43 last Friday.

Jake Mantel paced the Bulldogs with 17 points. Michael Stratman finished with 11 points, while Dakota Risner had eight points and Brett Everding six points for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs ran out to a 19-8 first-quarter lead. At the break, Chelsea increased its margin to 39-17.

"The team was pretty pumped up to play this game because of a disappointing performance down there a few weeks ago," said Chelsea coach Jason Morris. "We played well as a team and, again, the bench did a great job for us."

On Feb. 7, the visiting Bulldogs lost to Adrian 52-41.

Michael Roberts led Chelsea with 15 points. Mantel ended up with 11 points.

The Maples led 34-15 at halftime.

"We had a hard time getting in sync all night, and just did not shoot the ball well," Morris said. "Give them credit, because they hit big shots when they needed them."

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— SKATING SENSATIONS —



Chelsea's Katie Chrisman (left), Madeline Day, Willa Johnson and Katie Olsen gather together after skating at the Arctic Coliseum.

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recorded assists for the Bulldogs.

In the second period, Williams scored his second goal of the night off an assist from Ruikka.

C.J. Cogswell made it 8-0 Chelsea, scoring less than a minute later. Jason Aguirre and Hooper assisted on the goal for the Bulldogs.

At 7:59 of the second stanza, Bazydlo scored for Chelsea. Austin Feeney and George assisted on the play. Cremer scored unassisted at the 11:45 mark of the second period.

Jake Vaughan ended the

scoring with a goal at the 12:29 mark of the second frame. Bazydlo picked up an assist for Chelsea on the goal.

With Vaughan's goal, the game was ended due to the 10-goal mercy rule.

Earning the shutout in net for the Bulldogs was goaltender Zach Leszczynski.

Chelsea out-shot Lincoln 35-6.

The Bulldogs next host Plymouth in their season finale 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Chelsea will celebrate Senior Night.

On Feb. 27, the Bulldogs will host a Division III state playoff pre-regional tournament at the Arctic Coliseum. Chelsea will open the play-

offs taking on Jackson Lumen Christi at 5 p.m.

Following at 7:30 p.m., will be Dexter against New Boston Huron.

On March 1, the two winners will meet at 6 p.m. The victor will then advance to the regional final March 4 at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The winner of the Chelsea pre-regional will face off against the champion of the pre-regional that includes Dearborn Divine Child, Allen Park St. Francis Cabrini, Dearborn Heights Crestwood and Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

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BASKETBALL

Wolverines tangle with local All-Star team

Fund-raiser game benefits middle school sports

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The stars came out last Saturday and they were wearing Maize and Blue, as former University of Michigan athletic standouts took on a squad of local teachers, coaches and administrators in a basketball fund-raiser last Saturday at Dexter High School.

As the Harlem Globetrotters did to the Washington Generals year after year, the Wolverines toyed with the local Dexter All-Stars, before finally putting them away 85-41.

Former college basketball player John Gilbert led the U of M team, scoring 29 points, on an assortment of dunks, lay-ups and jumpers seemingly from downtown Dexter.

"It was fun," said Gilbert, now a teacher and coach in Fenton. "It's nice to be invited (to event) and come and help out. They're a great bunch of people here."

Adding to the Wolverines' tally was former women's hoopster Katie Dykhous, who pumped in 13 points. Former U of M and major league baseball pitcher Jeff Tandreds chipped in nine points.

Leading the Dexter All-Stars was Mike Bavineau, Bruce Chaffee and Dewey Scott, who each netted eight points.

Jason Miller added seven points, while Matt Brown had

six points and Ryan Baese three points for the All-Stars. Michael Wendorf, Kyle Nicholdemis and Angie Scott each finished with one point for the local squad.

In its fifth year, the fund-raiser benefits the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, along with middle school sports in Dexter.

At halftime, U of M led 46-26. While the action was up and down on the court during the first two quarters, the halftime festivities were even more frenetic. For the first time in the event's history, those in attendance were treated to six, five-minute Dexter youth basketball games during the break.

With the opportunity to play full court on the high school hardwood, in front of hundreds of fans, the youth squads played with enthusiasm and excitement, much to the delight of the crowd.

"The big thing tonight was looking around and seeing the excitement on the kids' faces," said Tom Barbieri, Dexter head football coach and organizer of the event.

"We were able to get them (kids) more involved. It's worked out well. We're able to offer the Dexter community family entertainment. The Michigan players were amazed at how many kids came out."

Also at halftime, the Wolverine players were available for autographs and photo opportunities.

A raffle for two signed basketballs and one football was held between the third and fourth quarters.

It was a fun night for all involved, especially the kids,

who came out in droves to watch their teachers play the U of M athletes. Teacher Matt Brown even had his own cheering section, as multiple students held up handmade signs with "Go Mr. Brown!" written on them.

"It's a good time and a good cause," said Dexter All-Star Jim Wandyg.

Asked what he'd remember most about the game against the Wolverines, Wandyg had a simple answer: "They're tall, and I'm really short," he said. "But it was fun. I had a good time. I'll keep playing as long as they let me."

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118 for the Bulldogs.

Jon Senecker led Lenawee Christian, with a 302 (141-161) series.

Last Monday, Chelsea's varsity boys' squad defeated Adrian 26.5-3.5.

Calus led the Bulldogs,

with a two-game tally of 469 (225-244).

VanOrman had a 403 series (214-189), while Jonathan Thompson rolled a 243 and Herter a 208 for Chelsea.

Solomon ended up with a 174.

Kavon Helf led the Maples with a 408 series (181-227).

In the girls' varsity match up, Chelsea prevailed 22-8 over Adrian.

Jamie Gipson finished with a 325 series (160-165) to

pace the Bulldogs. Gilley had a 314 (149-165), while Alicia Lambdin also had a 314 (150-164) and Coulter a 307 (139-168). McCormick ended up with a 122 for Chelsea.

Courtney Spaulding topped the Maples with a 386 series (160-226).

In the boys' JV match, the Bulldogs defeated Adrian 29-1.

Arnold led the way with a 198 for Chelsea.

Hansen added a 180, while

Iverson and Uihlein each had a 168. Adams had a 159 and Mote a 156. Marzec finished with a 147, while Zach Green had a 137, Olejniczak a 125 and Leach a 123 for the Bulldogs.

For the Maples, Trevor Robinson paced the squad with a 382 series (202-180).

Chelsea next participates in individual and team state regional competition Feb. 24 through 25 at Oak Lanes in Westland.

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CHELSEA

Dancer finds new home in Chelsea

Mitzi Adams says synchronicity played role in settling here

By Lisa Vidauri Bowling
Special Writer

A billboard and a song brought Mitzi Adams to Chelsea.

The New York-based choreographer said she was headed for town when she found herself stuck in a traffic jam and wondered whether she should turn around.

Then, she glanced at a billboard on the side of the expressway. It read: "Don't turn around, keep going."

"I had been hired as a guest artist by an Ann Arbor dance company and I was kind of scouting out the area for places to live," she said. "I had picked up a brochure on Chelsea and thought it looked like a neat place, so I decided to take a drive and check things out."

Born and raised in Abington, Pa., Adams started studying dance the age of 5.

"I always wanted to be a creative person, and I think I always knew dance would be a part of my life," she said. "At 17, I realized I wanted to be in the healing arts."

She currently owns and operates Adams Dance Company, now based in New York, a business she started in 1988 while living in Arizona.

Adams earned a four-year degree in dance at Temple University in Pennsylvania and a master's degree in dance at the University of Arizona.

She has worked with many independent choreographers and has toured with several modern dance companies, including The Douglas Nielsen Dance Company, Tenth Street DanceWorks and Orts Dance Theater, a European tour with the Dalton/Hartel Dance Company.

"Synchronicity is what brought me to Michigan," Adams said. "My husband and I live in Connecticut, but we work in New York, and so we spend a lot of time there."

My husband was in the middle of 9/11 when everything occurred. It was after that day that I started meditating about where we should be.



Mitzi Adams

"When I turned off the exit for Chelsea, a song on the radio was playing, 'I can see clearly now, the rain has gone,'" she said.

Adams said she drove around town discovering new places, including the Purple Rose Theatre Company, that would appeal to her husband, Don, an actor.

"My husband is from a small town, so I knew right away Chelsea would appeal to him."

"When I called him later that evening to tell him about it, he told me he had been hired by a company named Chelsea Productions that same day."

Adams said she sent out resumes and at the end of her contract with the Ann Arbor business she returned home to work as a Jin Shin Jyutsu practitioner.

Likened to acupuncture, Adams refers to this method of alternative medicine as "energy medicine."

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pressure on various points of the body, energy is restored allowing the body to function, feel better and heal.

"My husband and I are licensed practitioners through the National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork. We own and operate two offices — one in New York and one in Connecticut," she said. "I call this my second career. I started doing Jin Shin Jyutsu in 1986 following a hip injury. Doctors told me to give up dancing."

While in grad school, Adams met someone who practiced Jin Shin Jyutsu and she started having treatments. When her hip injury healed, she returned to dancing.

Last September, about a year after sending out resumes to Michigan colleges and universities, she was hired by Eastern Michigan University as a guest artist. A week later, the University of Michigan contracted her as a substitute.

Once again, Adams relocated to the Great Lakes State, this time, renting a home in Chelsea.

"Every year, the university hires a guest artist from the professional world," she said. "At Eastern, I work with a group of seven students focusing on my choreography."

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Sandy and Dave Barkman run T.J. Farms and are regulars every Saturday morning, May through June, at the Chelsea Farmers' Market. Sandy Barkman helped set up the farmers' market when it opened 16 years ago in the parking lot near Farmers Supply.

CHELSEA AREA

Barkman among faces at Chelsea Farmers' Market

Come rain or shine, visitors to the Chelsea Farmers' Market will find Sandy Barkman every Saturday morning, May through June, surrounded by her beautiful geraniums, begonias and New Guinea impatiens, as well as a variety of perennials.

Barkman's warm and gentle smile brings special warmth and acceptance to the market.

Barkman and her husband, Dave, of T.J. Farms are one of the original vendors, who helped set up the farmers' market when it opened 16 years ago in the parking lot near Farmers Supply.

Barkman was market co-manager with Sue Rodgers. Participating in the farmers' market offered her an opportunity to bring in an income to the family, and the flexibility to participate in the community while staying home and raising her young children.

Every Saturday, regular market-goers would see Barkman and one or two of her children, Tom, Joe and Susan, arrive and unload baskets of produce. Working at the market every Saturday helped the children develop a solid work ethic.

Barkman's oldest son, Tom, still occasionally works with the family on Saturdays. He helps load the truck early in

the morning before daylight and delivers the flowers to the market for his parents.

Dave Barkman heads off to the Ann Arbor market, while his wife sets up at the Chelsea Farmers' Market.

For Sandy, her Saturdays at the market are a chance to reconnect with the community and her friends.

T.J. Farms was established in 1981, when the Barkmans moved back to Michigan from California with a dream of owning a small farm. They bought 17 acres, built their house, bought an old tractor and a plow, and began to farm.

During the first years, they primarily harvested and sold vegetables. They eventually bought eight more acres, built three greenhouses, and moved from growing vegetables to growing flowers. Through flowers, they found their true passion, and have been farming now for 25 years.

Early spring is Sandy Barkman's favorite time on the farm. The greenhouses are the most beautiful because everything is blooming and the hummingbirds come into the greenhouse to feed.

Tending to the greenhouses and all the flowers is relaxing after a long day at the office. The physical side of this kind

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"You get a good feeling when you come home Saturday afternoon with an empty truck," Sandy Barkman said.

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With a well thought-out plan and a realistic budget, you can celebrate

2007 in a home that you love.

Start with a notebook dedicated to projects that you would like to complete by the end of this year. Then prioritize that list and concentrate on the first project, so it's not so overwhelming.

Do your homework before you get started. What will



PAT ALLEGRA

you need to do to complete all the work?

Set your budget and devise a forgiving time frame. The idea of a yearlong plan will allow for life's interruptions, while keeping you on course.

Time passes so quickly. Start now and, by the end of 2006, you also will be celebrating all

your home accomplishments.

Happy decorating. Pat Allegra is the owner of Stylish Solutions in Whitmore Lake, an interior decorating business specializing in affordable and creative decorating assistance. She can be reached at 1-734-449-4679.

CHELSEA

Wyman named to post

Karen Wyman has been named director of marketing at United Methodist Communities. She will be responsible for overseeing marketing and communications programs for the organization and its facilities in Chelsea and Detroit.

Wyman, who lives in Saline, has more than 20 years experience in arts administration, marketing and communications for both nonprofit and corporate organizations. Most recently, she held a joint appointment as director of marketing and communications for Ohio University's Kennedy Museum of Art and College of Fine Arts. She was instrumental in constructing and maintaining the college's first Web site and establish-

ing its long-range communications plan.

Wyman was also responsible for devising successful strategies to increase the museum's visibility and broaden its reputation on local, regional and national levels through efforts such as establishing museum membership programs, creating a brand identity campaign for the institution and overseeing writing and design for the museum's new Web site.

Prior to her roles at Ohio University, she worked with the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art at the University of Florida. First working in the curatorial department, Wyman was appointed director of marketing and public relations in 1995. Additionally, from 1996 through 2004, she

was a member of the American Association of Museums, serving on the Public Relations and Marketing Committee and the Committee on Audience Evaluation and Research.

Wyman earned a bachelor's degree in art history from City University of New York.

DANCER

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"As part of my classes, I teach my students Jin Shin Jyutsu," she said. "They learn about harmony with body, mind and soul. I believe it gives them the tools to work with to elevate stage fright."

Adams advises students "not to pigeon hole themselves and think they are one particular type of dancer."

"Keep all possibilities open and study as many forms as possible from as many different teachers as possible," she said.

At the end of January, marking the end of her contract with EMU, Adams' students performed in a dance concert titled, "Counterbalance," at the university's Quirk Theatre.

The 43-year-old choreographer presented her 25-

minute piece, "In The Wake," inspired by Hurricane Katrina.

Next stop for Adams is Alma. She'll work as a guest artist for the private college until the end of March.

Her students will perform in the Alma College Dance Company Spring Concert March 17, 18 and 19. For more information, call 1-888-482-7304 or visit the college's Web site at www.alma.edu.

Lisa Vidaurri-Bowling is a free-lance writer. She can be reached at vidaurri@comcast.net.

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EASY #38 MEDIUM #38

LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2006, 7:30 P.M.
LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL
11452 JACKSON RD., CHELSEA, MI 48118

APPLICATION # 05-014. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE LIMA TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY TEN ACRES FROM RR (RURAL RESIDENTIAL) TO R-1C (URBAN RESIDENTIAL). THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON VACANT LAND ON MEADOWVIEW DR., CHELSEA, MI 48118 AND IS PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 7, LIMA TOWNSHIP. OWNERS ARE RAYMOND P. & MONICA G. HOWE. PARCEL # G 07-07-400-014.

APPLICATION FILED BY: JEFF LOVELAND
1292 RIDGE RD.
CHELSEA, MI 48118

A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS PROPOSAL IS ON FILE IN THE LIMA TOWNSHIP OFFICE.

WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE SENT TO:
ELIZABETH SENSOLI, CHAIRMAN
LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 59
CHELSEA, MI 48118

Publish: February 2, 2006
February 16, 2006

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan

That the Assessment Roll of said Township will be reviewed by the Board of Review on March 7, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL
18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, Michigan

Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006
from 9-12 noon and 1-4 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005
from 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.
and additional days if determined necessary by the Board of Review

STATEWIDE TAXABLE VALUE INCREASE FOR 2006 IS 3.3% (multiplier is 1.033).

2006 Starting Ratio	Class	Average Multiplier
43.16	Agriculture	1.1585
48.65	Commercial	1.0718
48.11	Industrial	1.0393
48.88	Residential	1.0271
34.74	Developmental	1.4393

The Sylvan Township Board of Review will hear appeals by letter or appointment. Appointments may be made by calling 475-8890 on Mondays or Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 12 Noon, or contacting the Assessor.

MICHAEL WILLIAMS, SUPERVISOR

Publish: February 9, 2006
February 16, 2006
February 23, 2006

CITY OF CHELSEA 2006 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

As required by the General Property Tax Act, public notice is hereby given by the City of Chelsea, that the 2006 March Board of Review will meet on the following days at the City of Chelsea, located at 305 S Main, Suite 100, Chelsea Michigan 48118, for the purpose of reviewing the 2006 assessment roll, hearing requests, protests, or application for corrections of assessed or tentative taxable values:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Monday March 6th at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC APPEAL HEARINGS:
Monday March 6th, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday March 8th, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 20th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Letter appeals are also accepted in lieu of personal appearance and must be received no later than March 20th by 4:30 p.m. Taxpayers are welcome to contact the Assessing Office prior to the Board of Review to discuss their 2006 assessed or taxable values at 734-433-9724.

The tentative rates and estimated multipliers for the 2006 Assessments and Taxable Values in the City are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Estimated Multiplier
Agricultural	.50	1.00
Commercial	.50	1.00
Developmental	.50	1.00
Industrial	.50	1.00
Residential	.50	1.00
Personal Property	.50	1.00

The above ratios and multipliers are subject to further review by the Assessor's Office, the Board of Review, the Equalization Department or the Michigan State Tax Commission.

(ADA) Americans with Disabilities Notice: The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice.

Contact: Terri Burch, Clerk
305 S Main, Suite 100
Chelsea MI 48180
Ph: (734)475-1771

City of Chelsea Assessor
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CITY OF CHELSEA * CORRECTION *****
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER, WASTEWATER AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES RATE SCHEDULES

A Public Hearing to receive public comment on a proposed amendment to the rate schedules for water, wastewater and electric utilities within the City of Chelsea will be held Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, Michigan. A copy of the proposed amendments will be available for public inspection at the City Office, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, Michigan, one week prior to the hearing date.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City Clerk at the Chelsea City Office, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea, MI 48118 or telephone 734-475-1771 no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

Teresa Burch, City Clerk
Publish: February 16, 2006

DEXTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M. AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

AGENDA
DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE on ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The Dexter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Dexter Township Zoning Ordinance adopted on April 15, 2003, as amended, pursuant to the Township Zoning Act, Public Act 184 of 1943, as amended. The public hearing will be held at the Dexter Township Hall during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Written comments should be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon), March 7, 2006 and addressed to the Dexter Township Planning Commission, 6880 Dexter Pinckney Road, Dexter, MI, 48130. The amendments provide for the deletion of terms and definitions for "basement," "story," "story, half" and "story, height of"; revisions to building height standards in the PL, AG, RC, RR, CU, and LR Districts and for accessory buildings and structures; and revisions to shared driveway regulations that clarify the number of lots that may be served by such a driveway.

John Shea, Chairperson
Dexter Township Planning Commission

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March 2, 2006

DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW 2006 MARCH MEETINGS

As required by the General Property Tax Act, public notice is hereby given by Dexter Township, that the 2006 March Board of Review will meet on the following days at the Dexter Township Hall located at 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, Michigan for the purpose of reviewing the 2006 assessment roll and hearing requests, protests or application for corrections of assessed or tentative taxable values:

ORGANIZATIONAL & ROLL REVIEW MEETING
Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC APPEAL HEARINGS:
Wednesday, March 15, 2006, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 16, 2006, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

and additional days if determined necessary by the Board of Review

The Dexter Township Board of Review will hear appeals by appointment. Taxpayers should call (734) 426-3767 during normal business hours to schedule an appointment.

Letter appeals are also accepted in lieu of personal appearance and must be received no later than March 16, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.

Taxpayers are welcome to contact the Assessing Office prior to the Board of Review dates to discuss their 2006 assessed or taxable values at (734) 426-3767.

The tentative rates and estimated multipliers for the 2005 Assessments and Taxable Values in the Township are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Estimated Multiplier
Agricultural	.50	1.00
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Personal Property	.50	1.00

The above ratios and multipliers are subject to further change by the Assessor's Office, the Board of Review, the Equalization Department and the Michigan State Tax Commission.

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice.

Contact: Harley Rider, Clerk
6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road
Dexter, MI 48130
(734) 426-3767

Pat Kelly, Supervisor

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DEATHS

BOBBY GENE FLETCHER Jackson

Formerly of Chelsea
Bobby Gene Fletcher, 62, of Jackson died Feb. 7, 2006, at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was the son of the late Charles and Louise (Flaner) Fletcher.

Mr. Fletcher was born Feb. 23, 1943, in Royalton, Ky. He had lived in the area most of his life, graduating from Chelsea High School in 1962.

Mr. Fletcher enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing his guitar. He had been employed at Rockwell International for many years.

Mr. Fletcher is survived by his four children, Lance Fletcher of Dundee, Corrine Patrick of Jackson, Stephanie (Dennie) White of Munith and Jerrod W. Fletcher of Ypsilanti; eight grandchildren; three sisters, Tootsie (Jim) Barth of Whitmore Lake, Connie (Phil) Musolf of Chelsea and Vickie (Mike) Erskine of Stockbridge; and the mother of his children, Sharon P. Fletcher of Grass Lake, who was the love of his life.

Mr. Fletcher was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Shirley Simonson and Wanda Thomas.

Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea. The Rev. Robert Castle officiated. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fletcher family.

NORWOOD J. BUSH JR. Bandera, Texas

Formerly of Chelsea and Mackinac Island
Norwood J. "Woody" Bush Jr., 56, of Bandera, Texas, died Feb. 3, 2006, at his home in Bandera, Texas, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Mr. Bush was a member of the Methodist church and an honorary member of the Catholic church in Bandera.

He is survived by his children, Elizabeth (Zac) Woodard of San Antonio, Texas, Jennifer Bush of Bandera, Texas, Paul (Lynn) Bush of Jackson and Norwood J. (Dawn) Bush III of Belleville; and his grandchildren, Alan Bush, James Bush and Thomas Shively of Jackson, and Shianne Bush of Belleville.

Also surviving are his brother, Ron (Mary) Bush of Chelsea; sisters, Janice Michael of Brighton, Pat (Richard) Miller of Las Vegas and

Diene (Tom) Bishop of Mason; a niece and nephews, Sheila (Aaron) Andring and Austin Andring of Brighton, Tim Bush of Chelsea, Kris Bishop of Pinckney, Jeff Bishop of Pinckney, Rob Abdon of Houston, and Ken Michael Jr. of Northville.

At Mr. Bush's request, there will be no funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.grimesfuneralchapels.com. Funeral arrangements were by Grimes Funeral Chapel in Bandera, Texas.

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(734) 426-5115
The Rev. LaVerne Gill

SUNDAY:
Holy Communion 8:00 a.m.
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Pastor Larry Courson
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e-mail: peacelutheran@cuaa.edu

Chelsea Church of Christ
18661 East Old US-12
Chelsea, MI 48118
(734) 475-8458

Chris Dawson, Preacher
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Class 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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DORCAS KINSEY

Ypsilanti
Formerly of Chelsea
 Dorcas Kinsey, 94, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Chelsea, died Feb. 6, 2006, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born Jan. 5, 1912, in Carey, Ohio, the daughter of William and Gail (Long) Mohn.

Mrs. Kinsey lived in Toledo, Ohio, most her life. She moved to Chelsea in 1956, and opened the Sylvan Coffee Shop in the Sylvan Hotel. She cooked at Mill Lake Camp after she closed the coffee shop.

Mrs. Kinsey and her husband, Peter, spent many wonderful years at Sugarloaf Lake. They were married June 2, 1956, in Indiana, and he preceded her in death May 5, 1995.

Mrs. Kinsey is survived by a daughter, Kae Traugh, of Ypsilanti; a grandson, Randy (Debbie) Ellis of Chelsea; a niece, Toni McKay; and a nephew, Terry Abrass.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Florence Abrass in 2004.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate her life at a later date.

Arrangements were handled by Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

She will be remembered by all whose lives she touched as the wise, warm and wonderful woman that she was, her family said.

Mrs. Zellinger was preceded in death by her parents, husband, stepson, stepdaughter and her sister, Jan Dunavin of Dexter.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Robert (Joan) Campbell, Nancy (Noel) Ludwig, Patricia (Marshall) Pallet, Rick (Candy) York, Randy (Mary) York and Cindy York, as well as seven great-grandsons and five great-granddaughters.

Also surviving are her nephews, Ken (Mar) Etchison, Jim (Mary) Etchison and George (Char) Etchison, and her niece, Barb (Chester) Wilson.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. April 22 at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel. Memorial contribution may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Bay City or the Chelsea Retirement Community.

Arrangements were by Gephart Funeral Home in Bay City.

BLYTHE A. JOHNSON

Leesburg, Fla.

Formerly of Chelsea

Blythe Ariene Johnson, 83, of Leesburg, Fla., formerly of Chelsea, died Feb. 2, 2006.

Mrs. Johnson was a retired teacher from the Jackson Public Schools. She moved from Chelsea in 1997 to spend her winters in central Florida, but retained her summer cabin in Kenton.

Mrs. Johnson was a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. Her greatest joy was her love of her family and helping others.

She is survived by her sons, Ralph (Beth) Johnson of Leesburg, Fla., Marlin (Belinda) Johnson of LaGrange, Ga., and Morris (Linda) Johnson of Chelsea; a daughter, Marsha (Leslie) Lertz of Chelsea; and two brothers, Grant Smith of Richmond and Miles Smith of Marion, Ind.

Also surviving are eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and her pet and faithful friend, Bonnie.

She was preceded in death by her son, Tom Johnson, in 2003, and her husband, Alfred Johnson in 1988.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life is scheduled for Saturday at the daughter's home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice Foundation of Lake & Sumpter, 12300 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778-9972, or a memorial of one's choice.

ETHEL M. ZEILINGER

Chelsea

Formerly of Bay City

Ethel M. Zellinger, 91, of Chelsea died peacefully Feb. 8, 2006, at the Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born April 16, 1914, the daughter of Chester and Oressa Watkins in Lakewood, Ohio.

She married Adolph "Zel" Zellinger June 23, 1962, and the two owned and operated the Euclid Hardware Store in Bay City for many years.

Mrs. Zellinger was a lifetime member of the Eastern Star, and both she and her husband were active members of the First United Methodist Church of Bay City, where they made many cherished friendships that lasted a lifetime.

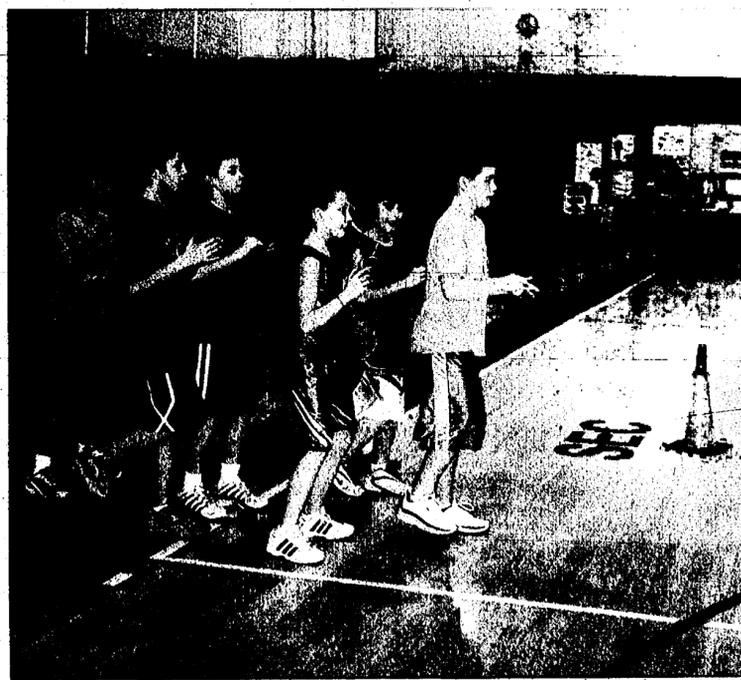
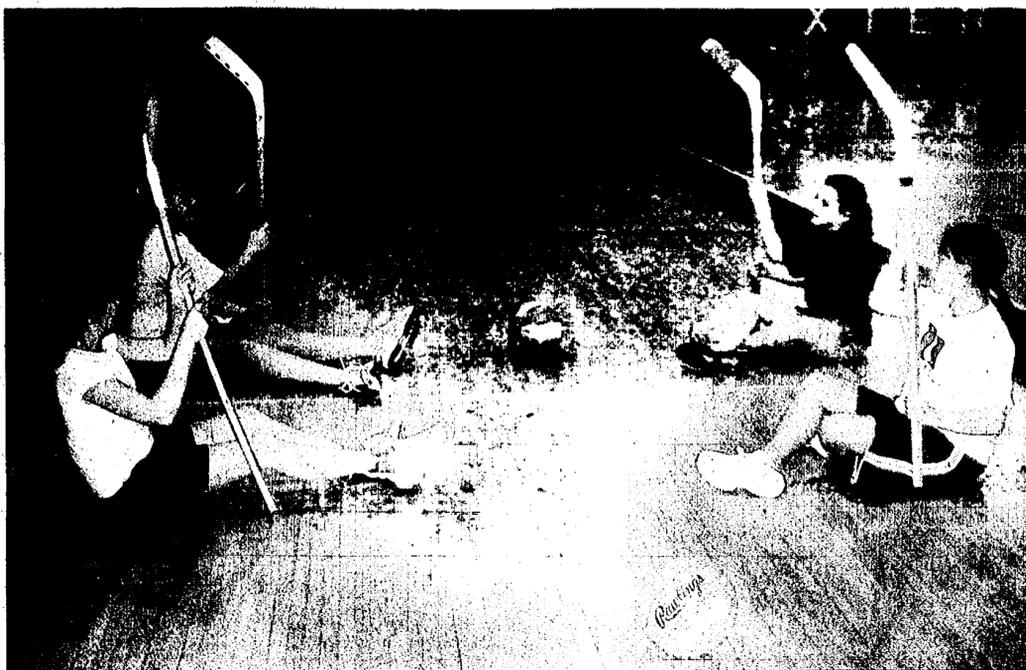
CHELSEA

Brigham makes dean's list honor

Sarah Brigham has been named to the Albion College dean's list for the fall 2005 semester.

She is a junior majoring in political science and minoring in psychology.

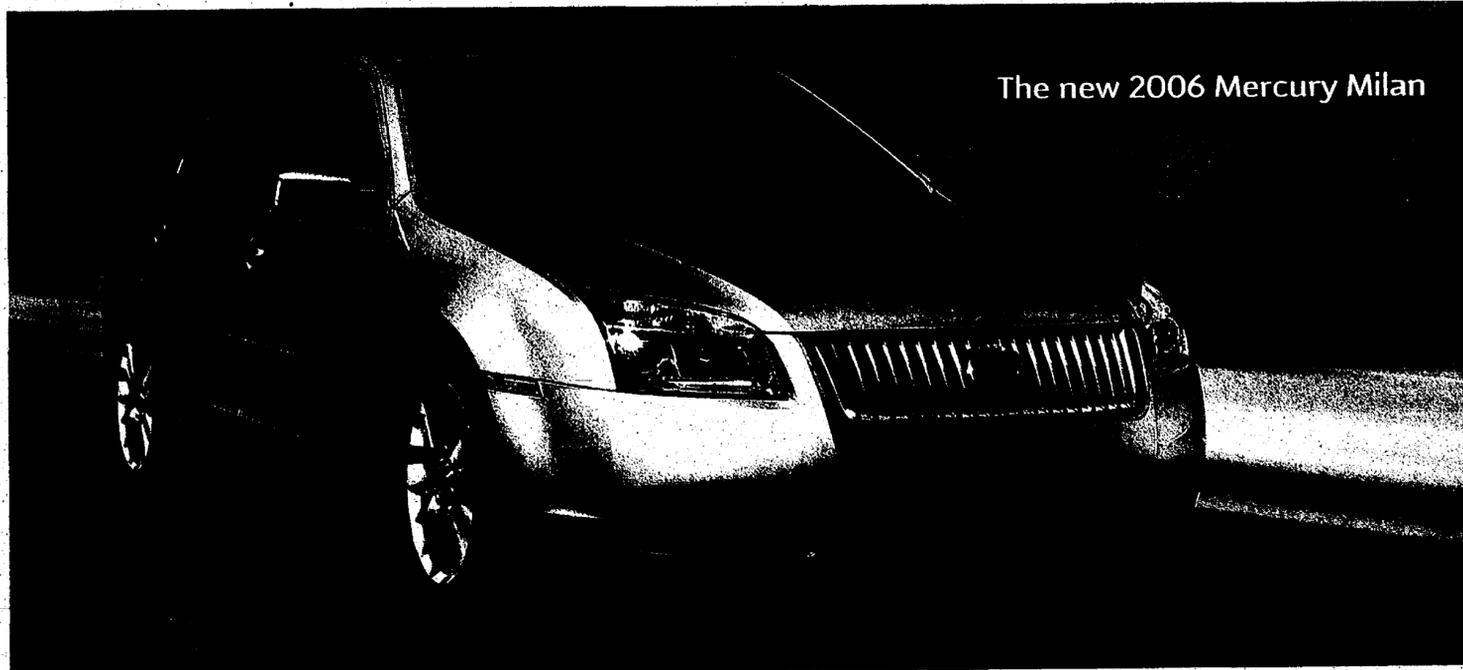
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Pupils at Creekside Intermediate School in Dexter have been creating extra noise in recent weeks. When Wetchen Plamondon of Eastern Michigan University began student teaching with Marsha Meyerhoff's and Fred Lagrow's fifth- and sixth-grade physical education classes, she was eager to introduce "Stomp" to the school. The exercise gives permission to make noise, using different beats and rhythms in an organized routine. The instruments used for the unit were hockey sticks, basketballs, hocks and feet, jump ropes, and plastic cups. Routines were videotaped and pupils viewed themselves in action. Pictured at left are Lindsey Lloyd, Paul Ruble, Alex Reich, Andy McWilliams, Nate Mellifont, Mac Little and Greg Goffee. Pictured above are Caitlen Foote (left), Carly Glahn, Amanda Mayer and Sarah Prielipp.

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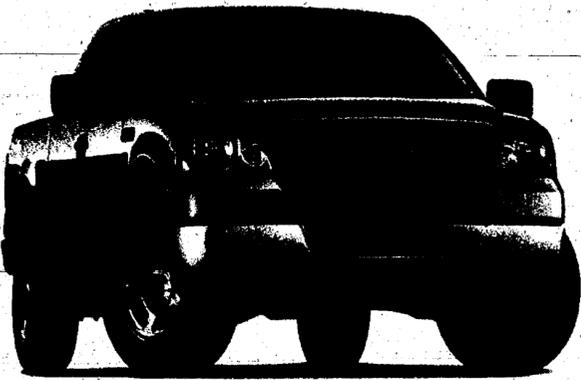
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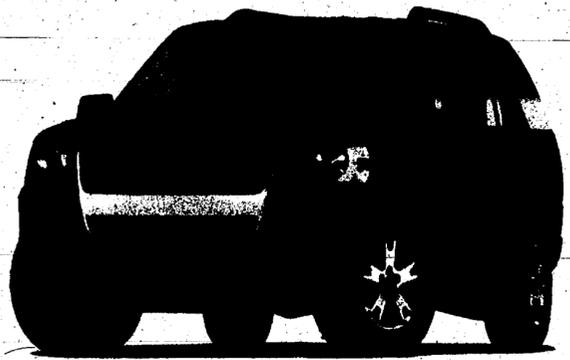


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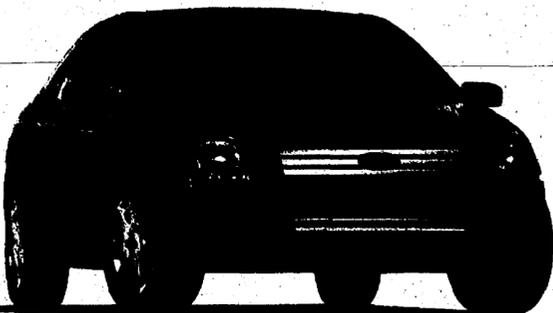


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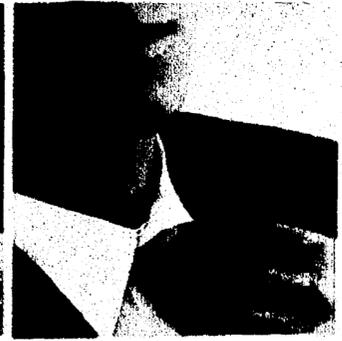
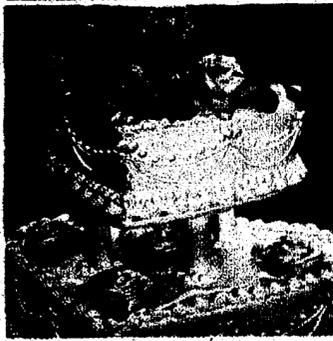
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Preserve your bouquet

Flowers can become decorative keepsake you'll treasure forever



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Wedding-day memories are preserved in a photo album and maybe a video. Your wedding dress is preserved in a box.

Don't forget to add your bridal bouquet to the list. You've spent a lot of time and money to ensure the floral arrangements were perfect. Keep that memory alive by having your bouquet professionally preserved.

There are three bouquet-preservation methods:

- **Silica gel:** It's a quick-drying mode where flowers are immersed in a sand-like, silicon substance.

- **Pressing:** Selected blooms are pressed and flattened with a flower press and then framed.

- **Freeze-dry:** Flowers are sprayed with a starch and then

"baked" in a freeze-dryer. This is the only preservation method where flowers don't need a protective covering. Plus, it will give you the most realistic looking shapes and colors of flowers.

It's best to make bouquet preservation arrangements before the wedding. Ask to see samples of the preservationist's work so you can get an idea of how your flowers will look. Inquire about prices. Costs vary, but it will always be less expensive to preserve a few blooms instead of the full bouquet.

The fresher and healthier the flowers, the prettier they will look preserved. Consider leaving your actual bouquet in a safe place during the reception. Have the caterer store it in the refrigerator or stick the stems of a hand-tied bouquet in water. Then, at the ceremony,

toss another bouquet instead. These steps will ensure that the flowers will be in their most pristine state come preservation time.

Ask if the preservationist can pick up the flowers the day of your wedding or the next day. If you can't do it yourself, give the bouquet to a trusted bridesmaid who can bring it to the preservationist for you or mail it to one that's further away.

Your bouquet can become a decorative keepsake in your home. Put it in a glass or acrylic dome and mount it on a wall. Choose a tabletop frame style that can adorn your living-room table. Perhaps you can have your wedding invitation, program or vows framed alongside the arrangement. However you display it, preservation methods will let you enjoy your bridal flowers for a lifetime.

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Protect your wedding gown

You spent weeks, maybe even months, searching for it. And then you wore it in front of family, friends and your now-husband.

You were a vision of white, topped with satin, lace, beads and more.

Something as special as your wedding gown shouldn't just be tossed in a closet after the big day. Protect your gown by having it professionally cleaned and preserved by an expert dry cleaner or gown preservationist.

Have your gown preserved as soon as possible after the wedding so stains won't have time to set in. Every gown needs to be cleaned, even if it looks pristine. Stains like body oil and perspiration are invisible, but can turn the fabric yellow over time.

Question the cleaner or preservationist on their preservation process. Different cleaning solvents should be used on gowns than on regular clothing because traditional solutions are too harsh. If cleaned improperly, stains may appear or the fabric may yellow years down the road.

After it's cleaned, the gown will be wrapped and boxed. The

folds of the dress and bodice should be stuffed with clean, acid-free tissue to prevent permanent wrinkles. Shoulder pads, perspiration shields or anything made of foam should be removed from the gown, because they can ruin the fabric when they eventually deteriorate.

Then, the gown should be put in an acid-free box. Just be sure that you personally inspect the dress before it is boxed up to ensure that stains have been removed and that it has been packed properly.

Once you get the box to your

home, don't just put it anywhere. Avoid stashing it in a hot attic, a cold basement, a trunk, a drawer or even the garage. Extreme temperatures can damage gowns. Instead, store it in a climate-controlled area of the home where there are few changes in humidity and temperature.

Experts suggest you open the box once a year to make sure the dress hasn't yellowed. When doing this inspection, wear white cotton gloves so oily fingers don't touch the fabric. Then, refold the dress

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Don't let pre-wedding jitters ruin your day

You are about to take the plunge. You should be a glowing bride, but instead you are breaking out into a cold sweat. You are panicky about more than just whether the flowers will look right and if your mom or your mother-in-law will do anything to embarrass you on your big day.

You are worrying about your spouse-to-be. Can you live with the fact that he can't be interrupted during a baseball game or how he leaves water all over the bathroom sink? Are you ready to spend the rest of your life with the same person?

Relax! Pre-wedding jitters are common among those about to get hitched. Occasionally, there are real reasons to call off a wedding. But more often than not, it's just a case of cold feet.

What should you do? First, go to a quiet place to think. Do some deep breathing, and get in touch with your emotions. Ponder things like:

- What you enjoy most about your spouse-to-be.
- The moment you knew you wanted to spend the rest of your life with

him/her.

- What you look forward to during your marriage.
- Couples who have been married for years as a source of inspiration.
- Changes in your partner.

Things like less bedroom activity or petty annoyances like the fact that he didn't empty the dishwasher this morning are related to wedding-planning stress. However, if your partner is really acting in a way or doing things you don't like or didn't know about him, such as abusing drugs or alcohol, speak to him or a counselor. Assess if these are short-term issues or ones that may persist after the big day. Serious problems may warrant that you postpone or call off your wedding.

Most likely, you are both having the same jitters. If you have time, arrange a romantic evening with your partner that is free of talks about florists and photographers and away from both of your mothers! It will ease the stress and reaffirm the reasons why you are getting married in the first place.

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Tie the knot, not your stomach over stress

Too often, stress about invitations, cakes, bridesmaids, makeup and more overshadow the actual romance of a bride's big day.

That's not without reason, because planning a wedding is an involved process. In fact, The National Women's Health

Information Center's Web site cites getting married as one of the most stressful events in a person's life.

Dr. Barbara North, medical director for *Instead Inc.*, a company devoted to developing better alternatives for women's health, says too much wedding-related stress can actually hinder plans for the big day.

"Women will sometimes worry so much about details like favors and bridesmaid gifts that they literally worry themselves sick," she said. "While it may seem necessary at

the time, too much wedding stress can take its toll on both the bride and her relationship."

To avoid the wedding-day blues, North offers tips to keep brides happy and relaxed:

- Don't forget to eat. It's not crucial to your marriage that you fit the coveted size-6 designer dress on your wedding day, but it is important for your body to be in good condition.

Some women may exercise and start dieting before their wed-

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The best man

There's more to it than just a bachelor party

By David J. Foster
Journal Register News Service

He's the mediator and counselor, the pal, parson and pop psychologist. He's the treasurer, barkeeper and one-man security force guarding the two gold loops the minister will equate to a love with no beginning or end.

And you thought the best man only hired bachelor-party entertainment and crafted "alternative explanations" for the groom's pasty complexion and alcoholing-breathed breath.

The term "best man" is traced to Scotland, where the bridegroom would kidnap the woman he wanted to marry. The toughest of his friends to assist in the ritual

became known as the "best man."

The modern best man requires far more diplomacy. He (or she) must craft a celebratory farewell to bachelorhood to meet the taste of an eclectic crowd and somehow deliver a sober (or slightly hung-over) groom to the bride in time for the ceremony.

According to attorney James Grace, the best man is the lynchpin, who can choreograph traffic like a Times Square cop or send the couple careening into divorce court by accidentally toasting the groom's ex-girlfriend (the bride's name is Cindy, Cindy! Not Suzie. Ugh!).

Grace warns that failure to perform your duties "could place your well-being in jeopardy."

Author of "The Best Man's

Handbook" (Running Press), Grace argues the groomsman must serve the couple (not just his best friend) by meeting key goals:

- First, do no harm nor allow the other groomsman to. Watch how laid back you become after the nerve-wracking "I-dos" are done. And keep an eye on Johnny. His taste for Jack Daniels and redheads could rip the family apart when Aunt Peggy and her flaming wig join the conga line.

- The bachelor party must be fun, but without "causing injury to any guests or paid entertainers," Grace warns. The bride won't appreciate the groom smelling like a dollar-store fragrance counter. Try a golf outing

or fishing trip. Lap dancing is not a pre-wedding tradition.

- You must ensure that the groom shows up at the wedding. That means keeping his stomach calm and head from spinning.

- The wedding toast should make "one person misty-eyed," Grace advises, and someone over 70 say "Oh dear, wasn't that nice." That means no references to old relationships (his or hers!). Grace is simply urging caution and that old vaudeville advice: Know your audience.

- Moderation. Whether eating or drinking, do everything in moderation until you are relieved of your duties.

And if you find yourself getting nervous, woozy or nauseated, repeat these magic words: "At least I'm not the one getting married."

Tips for writing thank you notes

Once you say, "I'll marry you," you may be wearing more than just a ring — how about a wrist brace from writing dozens upon dozens of thank-you notes. Gifts are often plentiful from events like your engagement party, bridal shower and, of course, your wedding day.

Unfortunately, telephone calls and e-mail won't fit the bill here. Instead, etiquette dictates that you send a handwritten thank-you note to everyone who gives you a gift. If someone gives you a gift for your shower and another for your engagement, you have to send a separate note for each gift. Send one to everyone, even if it's your best friend whom you've thanked 1,000 times over.

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to prevent permanent creases.

By following the right storage steps, you'll be able to keep your gown for years. And maybe it can even be an heirloom for your daughter to wear at her wedding someday.

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Thank-you notes also aren't just for tangible gifts like cash or those steak knives you registered for, though. Send thank-you notes to the person who let you have your engagement party at her home or who helped make your wedding day special, like your band, florist or photographer.

Notes should be written on stationery that complements the wedding. They are usually small, fold-over note cards with the words "thank you" or your names on the front, and matching envelopes. For less formal notes, you can buy basic thank-you cards or monogrammed or personalized stationery.

Just remember to use your maiden name on any notes written before the wedding, since your married name can't be used until after the big day.

You should write in blue or black ink, not a pencil or colored pen. Notes should express genuine appreciation and gratitude for the gift. They don't have to be long, but should mention the gift and how you'll use it. If you got that gravy boat that was on your registry, say that you can't wait to use it this Thanksgiving. For monetary gifts, you don't have to say, "Thank you

for your \$100 check." Rather, say what you will do with the gift, such as put it toward a payment on a home.

Get started on those thank-you notes as soon as possible. You don't have to write all 300 in one day. Pace yourself. The general rule is to mail shower thank-you notes within two to three weeks after the party.

Early wedding gifts should be noted before your wedding day arrives. Old-fashioned etiquette says you have a year to thank everyone else who sends you a wedding gift, but try to get them finished by about three months after the wedding. The process could take a little longer if you're waiting on photo thank-you cards from your photographer.

Be specific. Don't just say "flatware" say "Mikasa flatware." Record the giver's name, when you got the gift, what it was and the date you sent the thank-you note.

By the time you finish that last note, you'll be a professional at thank-you note writing. And you'll be prepared to do it all over again when you have your little bundle of joy!

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Seek professional help

Wedding planners, vendors can help plan your event

Long before Jennifer Lopez starred in the hit film "The Wedding Planner," brides-to-be have been pondering the question of whether they should rely on the services of a wedding consultant or plan the event themselves.

Frankly, it all depends on what you think you can handle and if you can afford the services of a professional.

Before you make your decision, consider these truths about wedding planning:

- There are many details to consider, including invitations, vendors, dresses, tuxedos, budgets, contracts, out-of-town guests, accommodations and ceremony sites.

- Your budget could escalate if not properly managed.

- On your wedding day, you want to enjoy the festivities, not micro-manage the details.

Wedding planner quiz

Now that you have a brief understanding of what's involved in wedding planning, take this brief quiz to help you determine if a wedding consultant is the way to go for you:

- Do you have time for coordinating all the wedding activities, including visiting reception-hall sites and sitting with vendors?

- Do you have personal knowledge about the reputations of

florists, photographers, disc jockeys and other vendors?

- Do you know what to look for in a contract to thoroughly protect your investment with vendors?

- Do you know the resources available to you to help keep your budget manageable?

- Do you know the proper etiquette surrounding a wedding?

- Do you know how to budget the wedding festivities?

If you answered "no" to any of these questions, a wedding consultant might be the right choice for you. Here are some advantages of hiring a professional for your event:

- When time is of the essence, a wedding planner may have many staff on call to help word invitations, assemble favors and coordinate the activities of vendors.

- Managing your budget is critical. A professional can help you create a look that seems expensive but really isn't. In addition, he or she may have relationships with vendors and be able to obtain discounts to help stretch your dollar even further.

- Etiquette at a wedding is more difficult to understand these days. He or she also will be a valuable resource for maintaining protocol for seating, photography and more.

- A wedding consultant will free up more of your time so you can enjoy the months leading up to

your wedding. He or she can handle the details, allowing you to relax a bit more.

- On the day of your wedding, many things need to be executed in a timely fashion, such as limousine arrival, ceremony, photos and travel to your reception site. A wedding planner can manage these details, taking some of the burden off you.

If you just cannot afford to hire a wedding planner or want to do the planning yourself, enlist the help of a few trusted friends and family members. Give them jobs you know they can handle. If a friend has good penmanship, let her address the invitations. If your brother is a marketing whiz, have him organize vendor contacts. If you know a seamstress or tailor, ask for help with your wedding wardrobe.

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dings, which is fine, if you're staying healthy. If you eat right, drink plenty of water and get enough calcium, you can ensure you'll be in better shape both physically and mentally for the big day.

Also, don't forget to eat a light meal the morning of your wedding. You'll need fuel to make it through the ceremony, pictures and up to the cocktail hour.

- Sense your cycle. Stress can actually impact a woman's monthly cycle, affecting everything from the timing of her flow to hormones and pain. While some women plan ahead and use birth-control pills

to "schedule" their periods around their weddings, you can't always ensure how your body will react.

- Stop thinking. Taking a day before the event to do anything but think about the wedding can streamline planning and help you get back your focus. Worrying 24/7 can cause physical problems, including muscle tension, insomnia, headaches, digestive issues, skin irritation, anger, sadness or even decreased libido.

Rather than tying the knot with a knot in your stomach, North said you can de-stress by focusing on what really counts — your health and the health of your relationship.

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Set the right mood

Don't overlook importance of choosing the right music

After the date has been set, the flowers have been ordered and the dress has been fitted, the focus of wedding planning turns to the more intricate details of the ceremony and reception — especially music.

But because of the sheer number of songs to choose from, the task of selecting the right wedding music — and the right musicians — can be overwhelming.

With performances at more than 200 weddings between them, piano-playing brothers Tim and Ryan O'Neill have combined their wedding music expertise and recorded their latest compact disc, "A Day to Remember." The CD and corresponding sheet music book are designed to help busy brides and grooms select the perfect music for their big day.

"Music helps set the tone for the entire event, whether it's traditional, contemporary or religious," Tim O'Neill said. "Many couples have a favorite melody or style in mind, but often struggle to find exactly the right music."

Having planned their own wedding ceremonies in recent years, Tim and Ryan have a new perspective on what brides and grooms go through to get everything just right.

According to the O'Neills, these suggestions will help make the walk down the aisle a harmonious one:

- Consult with your spouse-to-be. You might be surprised at his or her interests or preferences. Your husband-to-be might have his heart set on a particular song, or your wife-to-be might want to include a traditional family favorite.

- Look at the big picture. Determine the best style of music to use based on the overall theme and feel of your wedding ceremony. Is it traditional? Contemporary? Religious? Romantic? Fun? Not all music is the right fit for all types of weddings.

- Not all musicians are created equal. Select musicians who are comfortable with your chosen style. If your ceremony is traditional, how about a string quartet? Contemporary? Maybe just a solo pianist, or perhaps a saxophone



player. Religious? Check with the wedding coordinator at your place of worship to get the names of the most sought-after musicians on his or her list.

Does someone in your family sing beautifully? Consider inviting them to sing for your wedding to make the experience even more special. But remember that if you ask someone who's not a professional, you'll have to cut them a little slack if they're not exactly perfect. You might want your uncle to

play the accordion, but be sure to find a song that fits your style and his ability.

- Determine the parts of the ceremony that you'd like to set to music. You can select as little or as much music as you like for the ceremony, but keep in mind that your guests will be there to celebrate with you, not listen to a concert. Make sure that you select just enough so there are no "bare spots" during which your guests might become fidgety. Potential

parts of the ceremony to be set to music may include the prelude, the processional (you may select separate pieces for the wedding party and the bridal entrance), congregational hymns and religious ceremony responses, the lighting of the unity candle, the recessional and the postlude.

If you're having trouble narrowing your selections, you can always save some of the songs for the band or disc jockey to play at the reception rather than trying to cram them all into the ceremony. If you're marrying in a place of worship, remember to get your list of selections approved by the wedding coordinator or celebrant.

- Trust your instincts. Bottom line — it's your wedding. Don't feel pressured to include a particular song just because cousin Merle says you should.

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The big day

Focus on enjoying yourself, not being a bridezilla

By David J. Foster
Journal Register News Service

It could be that circle of gold with the diamond peak. Once on her finger, it might transform the girl-next-door into a satin-swathed gargoyle. She glides down the aisle dreaming she's the most beautiful woman in the world, blissfully unaware that family and friends are carrying torches and pitchforks.

"The wedding-planning path is fraught with opportunities to dive right into 'etiquette hell,'" wedding consultant Jeanne Hamilton said. "You have the opportunity to do this well, to the blessing of all, or do this poorly, to the detriment of those whom you love."

Do not yield to the "dark side of the Wedding Force," warns Hamilton, author of the book "Wedding Etiquette Hell" (Dunne). While the wedding is about you, it's not all about you. By looking out for your guests, you'll go from fire-breathing drama queen to radiant "Queen for a Day."

- Don't brag about cost: No one cares if your gown is a \$20,000 Alexandra Payne original or a \$20 Alex Trebek leftover.

"Brides who obsess over diamond size and cost give the feminine gender a bad name by drooling over a choice diamond like bone-hungry dogs," Hamilton said. It's petty and will alienate loved ones.

- No dueling over wedding dates: You don't own the calendar. Demanding no one hold a wedding within six months of yours "labels you a classic Bridezilla," Hamilton said.

And if your petty sister announces a quickie wedding two weeks before you, suck it in. Mean people do mean things to get a reaction from us. Don't give her the satisfaction. Your wedding will be bigger, better and more memorable.

- Bridal registries are not cash cows: In her book, Hamilton exposes a grotesque wedding scam. Some couples use store registries to load up on unwanted expensive



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"The wedding-planning path is fraught with opportunities to dive right into 'etiquette hell,'"

-- Jeanne Hamilton
wedding consultant

- Don't keep guests waiting: It's bad enough that guests must fight off hunger pangs while the photographer completes the shoot, but some couples take afternoon side-trips or huddle in the hotel bar to watch a football game. Be prompt, or your guests will bolt for a cheeseburger.

- No cash bars: You have no obligation to serve alcohol, and Hamilton offers legitimate reasons not to, from the cost to tempting the family alcoholics. But if you do offer spirits, pay for it. Guests should never have to crack open their wallets. What's next, Hamilton wonders, ATMs in the lobby?

- Put effort into your thank-you notes: Mass-produced generic "thank-you" cards are acceptable only if personalized with some mention of the gift.

"Gratitude and the ability to express it cogently is a cultivated talent that everyone should master proficiently," Hamilton said.

gifts they return for the cash or store credits. Some stores now limit registry returns to curb such gross behavior. And, yes, you are scamming loved ones who struggled to select the right gift.

- Beware the ribbon: Some couples rope off sections of the church so close friends and family aren't lost in a dark corner. But no one (including the minister) should single out those "within the ribbon" as being particularly special to the couple. It's crass and reminds those outside the VIP section that they don't quite measure up.



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Why not elope?

Taking your wedding on the road can be romantic

According to many wedding planners, the top reasons why couples choose to elope are: to have an affordable wedding; to save time; to maintain their sanity; to have fun; and to have freedom from the norm.

Sometimes, eloping — or running away to get married — is the only option when a couple faces opposition to the marriage by one or more of the parents due to religious, racial or cultural misconceptions. For those getting married a second time, eloping means they don't have to go through the wedding planning process all over again. The reasons go on and on.

Eloping takes little preparation and usually is a small private wedding with a ceremony restricted to the bride and groom (who may or may not wear wedding attire) and a witness or two. The ceremony is followed by a dinner and a small wedding cake and, of course, a honeymoon.

Although elopement typically is a secret, it doesn't have to be. It may or may not include a few close friends and even the couple's parents.

When you choose to elope, you should not be pressured into it, and it should feel right. Here are some important questions to ask yourself before getting on that plane, courtesy of weddinggazette.com, an online wedding planning resource.

Question: Will my family be hurt by not being included? And do I care about not having a real wedding?

Answer: You should consider your family's feelings before money and personal feelings. You may want to call your parents before you make the big leap, just to let them in on the secret. You might also want to include them in your elopement plans if you don't want to have a huge, expensive wedding. Or, perhaps you feel like it would do more harm than good. It's completely your call.

Following getting hitched, there's the issue of announcing

that your marriage has occurred. Some couples throw a "reception" or big party after they've wed, which is a great way for family and friends to feel included. Others simply send a card, which announces their marriage and their new name, address, etc. A personal note explaining the reasons for eloping is often included to soothe any hurt feelings.

Lastly, most couples that have eloped say that, in the end, you should do what you want to do. After all, it's your marriage and, if you want to do it your way, then so be it. But if you will look back with regret on your decision not to have a traditional wedding, then maybe you can find a way to include others without your wedding day getting out of control.

Q: Can my savings be better spent?

A: "We would rather buy a house than spend all that cash on a wedding that only lasts a few hours!" This sentiment often is expressed by a lot of couples that feel that the unbelievable amount of money spent on a traditional wedding would be better spent on their future. However, eloping is not the only solution. If you still wish to include those closest to you, there are ways to spend a lot less and still have your friends and families there, like holding a backyard wedding or destination wedding where everyone pays their own way. You'll still have expenses, but they may be more in tune with your budget.

Q: Should we still register and receive gifts, even if we don't have anyone at our wedding?

A: This is a complicated issue because many times people close to you might feel insulted or hurt that you didn't want to include them in your ceremony, but you still want them to buy you gifts. Most etiquette mavens recommend that you not register for gifts, but if you want to have a reception for your family and friends, you are more than welcome to accept any gifts they may



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bring.

Q: Even if the ceremony is going to be private, can we send announcements letting everyone know we're going to elope?

A: Eloping, by definition, is a secret, unplanned, getaway wedding without anyone's consent. So,

if you plan to tell everyone you just want to have a private ceremony, you're actually just having a nontraditional, destination wedding. In that case, announcements are recommended, and gifts are acceptable.

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