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Home School



"Home schooler" Angela Deboskey of Dexter Township reads with her daughter Hannah and son Mitch.

Photo by Rita Fischer

How (and why) parents keep kids at home

By Terry Jacoby
 The Chelsea Standard

There are almost as many misconceptions as there are reasons why people home school their children. And locally speaking, one misconception - and not a reason - people choose to home school their children has to do with the quality of schools in Chelsea, Dexter and other local districts.

It all comes down to personal choice, personal situations, personal circumstances and personal beliefs in what is the best way to educate a child. As anyone who has ever home-schooled a child will tell you, it's not for everyone. But they also will tell you that it's a choice more people should at least consider.

Public schools. Charter schools. Private schools. Home schools. People have plenty of choices these days and national statistics point out that more people are considering all of these options before putting their children on the bus.

But what about in Chelsea? And in Dexter? And in Washtenaw County? While many of the issues in deciding whether or not home schooling is the right or wrong choice for a family cross boundaries, some are found right here in town. This isn't a local issue. Or a national issue. It's a personal issue.

With that in mind, Heritage Newspapers met three families that decided home schooling was the right choice for

By the numbers

Home school student achievement test scores are exceptionally high according to a nationwide report published by the Educational Resources Information Center in 1997. The average scores for every subject at every grade level were well above those of public and private schooled students, according to the report, which studied 20 years of home-schooled students in the United States.

The home-schooled students averaged in the 90th percentile for reading, science, social studies, and math. The home-schooled students also scored in the 90th percentile for writing, foreign languages, and art.

them. They talked about why they chose to home school, how they home school and what have been the benefits, the hardships, the obstacles and the rewards. What they presented is an education in education at home.

The Fitzsimmons Dexter Township

Sharon Fitzsimmons home-schooled her four children for 15 years. And if she knew then what she knows now? She would do it all over again... without

hesitation, but only by following the same guidelines and rules she set for herself and her family.

The Fitzsimmons rang the bell on home schooling innocently enough - it certainly wasn't something they planned to do the moment they had their first child.

"We first got into home schooling because our oldest was more advanced, even reading before kindergarten," Sharon Fitzsimmons said. "So we looked into home schooling so we could work more at his pace. When he was in preschool, he was basically the teacher's helper. So we just decided that we would home school him."

But this wasn't planned as a long-term educational alternative to the public schools.

"Our plan was to just home-school him until the second grade," Fitzsimmons said.

Working at an individual child's pace, Fitzsimmons believes, can be done easier at home than in the public schools where there are often times more than 20 kids in a class and all at different levels.

"This works both ways," she said. "A child being more advanced or a child needing more help will benefit more by going at their own pace. If my kid isn't grasping the concept, I can

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Chelsea's Rae named Educator of the Year

ADRIAN - Chelsea's Sally Rae, Director of Teacher Education at Siena Heights University, was recently honored as the University Educator of the Year by the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, a 110-year organization.

Rae is believed to be the first Siena Heights University instructor to receive the award, which recognizes exemplary teaching skills and achievements, as well as exceptional dedication and innovation in the field of education.

Rae was nominated for this award by Sister Sharon Weber, OP, Siena's Vice President of Academic Affairs. In her letter of recommendation, Sister Sharon cited Rae's experiences and numerous contributions to the Siena community, as well as some of her history in teaching.

"Sally certainly serves as an excellent role model. She exudes good health and fitness, and definitely shows a concern for students," Sister Sharon said.

Rae joined the Siena Heights University faculty when she taught the Health and Movement Education for Elementary Teachers class. This class required her to prepare the next generation of teachers to develop a curriculum based on the understanding of child growth and development.

Rae's success in teaching this class encouraged Siena Heights University to invite her back to teach in following semesters. In January 2005, she was entrusted with the role of Director of Teacher Education at Siena.

Originally from Houston, Rae began her educational career after earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in physical education and health from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. She taught physical education, coordinated health education and physical education

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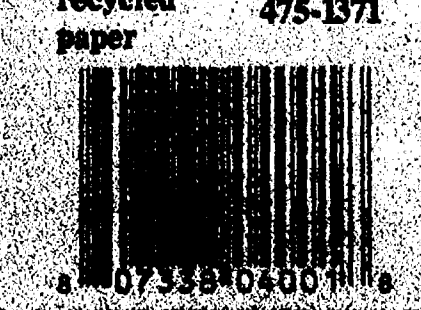
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Chelsea Community Hospital

Angels on high Tree of Love honors loved ones

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Chelsea's Christmas angels have returned, bringing peace and joy to local families.

The angels are found on the Tree of Love, located in the lobby of Chelsea Community Hospital. A \$5 contribution places an angel on the tree to honor or remember a loved one, and donors receive the ornaments just before Christmas as treasured keepsakes.

The Tree of Love, sponsored by the CCH Auxiliary, started in 1997 and is the brainchild of Auxiliary volunteer Margaret Kuhl. The 7-foot high artificial tree has about 350 angels among its branches each year.

Each year when I see the tree full of angels — many that you see each year — you feel that these people have become part of the hospital family," Kuhl says. "Visitors remark how beautiful the tree is and many look for the angel for their loved ones."

Many of our angels are purchased by friends or relatives of patients, and also for military personnel. Some people purchase angels every year and place them on a special tree at home."

Kuhl has been involved since the start of the project, selecting and assisting the chairperson. A Sylvan Township resident, she has been a volunteer at CCH for 18 years, serving as Auxiliary president and in other board positions, and currently as fund raising chair. She has worked in many other volunteer positions, and serves on the Southeast District of the Michigan Association of Healthcare Advocates.

"As a volunteer at CCH I enjoy being a part of the hospital family and feel I am doing a small part of giving back to the community," she



The 7-foot high artificial tree has about 350 angels among its branches each year.

says. Chelsea resident Joyce Jankowski, an Auxiliary member for the past three years, serves on the board and as chair of the gift shop, and is this year's chairperson for the Tree of Love.

"The tree is filled with angels — it's just gorgeous," she says. "People look forward to it every year. I think at the holidays, loved ones past and present become even dearer."

The benefit to the community is two-fold, Jankowski says — to honor or remember loved ones and also to contribute to scholarships. Monies raised help to fund scholarships for students in a medical related field; the Auxiliary provides \$3,000 annually for these scholarships.

"I enjoy reading thank-you letters from young people we've helped," she says. "The Tree of Love is a great opportunity to express your

love and also to contribute to the community."

Lyndon Township resident Mary Alice Hafer, an Auxiliary member since 1984, has been designing and creating the angels since the program's inception. Hafer, who studied art and taught Chelsea fourth-graders for 19 years, says her years of arts and crafts with pupils were good experience for the Tree of Love project.

"I did a modernistic angel the first year, and people liked that, and I continued to design a different angel each

year," Hafer says. "It's getting harder for our volunteers to cut them out, so we had a die made at Scrapbook Memories in Chelsea and stamp it out, and I paint them. We get our paper and materials there too."

"I try to make the angels different each year, painting them a different color, and holding a wreath, a candle, or a star."

Milan resident Mary Alice Billau, whose son Russ manages the CCH gift shop, writes the names on the angels. Billau has been doing calligraphy for over 25 years, after earning a college credit from Monroe Community College. She has written diplomas for kindergarten pupils in Dundee, does wedding, party and anniversary invitations for family and friends, and has done calligraphy for a similar angel tree idea at the Lutheran church in Dundee.

"It gives me a good feeling to know I'm doing something to help other people," Billau says. "This is my way of being able to volunteer."

"The Tree of Love is a wonderful idea, and the angels are something tangible for people to keep."

For more information or to make a contribution, call the Chelsea Community Hospital Auxiliary at 475-3913.

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Super Spellers



Kennedy Aldrich (right) of Chelsea finished second in the SEMMLAA Regional Spelling Bee held in Saline on Nov. 18. Students from Chelsea, Dexter, Pinckney, Stockbridge, Saline, Tecumseh and Lincoln schools participated in the event. Each school sent five students. The winner was Paul Pops (left) of Saline.

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Warm for the holidays



Local resident searches for mittens, hats and coats for kids in Detroit

By Rita Fischer
Special Writer

Chelsea's Mary Radu was so inspired by radio host Rhonda Hart when she met her two years ago that she invited her to come share her story at the Chelsea Free Methodist Church last Saturday.

"I am on the ladies fellowship committee and I knew Rhonda Hart from when she brought one of my former students, Cre Billingslea, on a field trip," Radu said.

Hart got to know Cre because they shared the same neighborhood at one time.

Both Hart and Radu, along with Cre, now share the same mission - to help others in need.

Hart shared with the ladies how she had some real tough circumstances from her past dealing with drugs and alcohol.

"I got down on my knees on my kitchen floor and I pleaded with God, please if you just help me get away from the drugs and alcohol I will do anything you ask," Hart said.

Hart heard God's word and met people along the way who helped her get out of the circumstances she was in. Along the way she met Radu and the two hit it off while on a school field trip in Detroit with Cre.

Cre is saddened by the fact that many children in her school don't have hats, mittens or decent coats.

"Parents do the best they can, but the parents get laid off and don't have the money to get kids things," said Cre, who has no heat in her home so she will spend the holidays with Hart and her family.

"But God is good and I know Mrs. Radu and Mrs. Hart and they know people can help."

After people at the church heard about her plea for the children in Detroit many already have given nearly three or four dozen mittens and hats. But they are looking for more because the kids are looking for more.

Radu is proud of the children that she teaches and says Cre is a good example of how special they are.

"I would take any one of these kids in Detroit and put them up against any child in Chelsea at this young age," she said. "They are just as vibrant and beautiful and have as much inside of them as our kids do. The problem is because of circumstance beyond their control they sometimes lose the opportunity to go further."

Radu and Hart want to do what they can to help.

Right now what they can do is ask for others help to at least keep the kids warm while they walk to school or wait for a bus.

Radu drives 71 miles one way to teach third-grade language arts in the Detroit Public Schools. Radu has worked there for the past 15 years and it takes her more than an hour and 15 minutes each way. Still, she wouldn't have it any other way.

Radu teaches at Davison Elementary School, a school that has kids from preschool up to 5th grade. Some students are hearing impaired and there are some students with Special Education needs. But all of the students love to learn.

"I love what I do," she said. "Until the Lord tells me

where else to go this is my mission and this is where I will be. I have often thought I'd like to get to Appalachia or

back to Mississippi and help. But why go anywhere when I can be right here and help.

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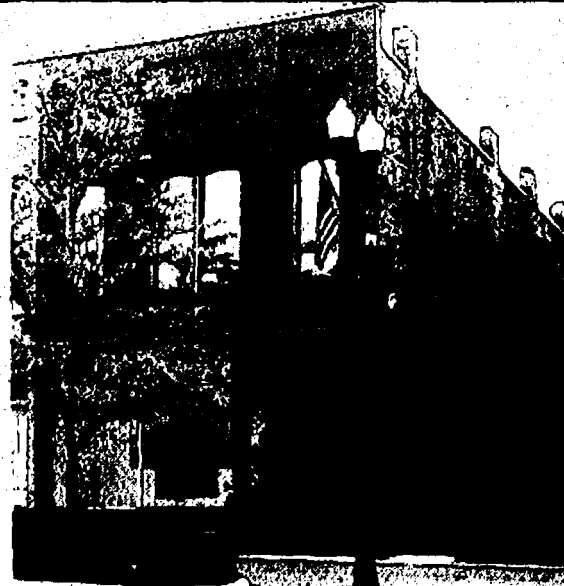
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Chelsea News in Brief

Lock down

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When the incident was discovered, students were removed from the room, leaving their shoes in the room. All other students in the school were kept in the classroom they were in at the time of the discovery.

An environmental consulting company, NOVA was contacted to handle the situation. The company followed all of the official protocols and appropriate agencies were contacted. The spill was cleaned up and the school was deemed safe for students to leave their rooms and continue a normal day.

According to the press release, students close to the situation were approved to return to their regular schedule. The room where the spill happened was closed for further testing by the NOVA Company. The room remains closed while the company monitors the situation.

The administrators and staff involved did a fine job of following protocols to make sure that the students were safe, the press release stated. On the day of the incident a letter explaining the situation was sent home with students and information was posted on the website.

Dinner time

Faith in Action will be taking reservations for the annual Christmas Day Dinner. To reserve or volunteer for the 1 p.m. meal to be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church at 1515 S. Main St., call 1-734-475-3305.

Caroling and cans

The Education Committee is inviting the community to participate for an evening of caroling to share and spread Christmas joy. Carolers will meet at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday at the North Lake United Methodist Church in Chelsea. For more information, contact Diane Tandy at 475-8880.

The Youth Group is having a fundraiser collecting clean, empty, returnable bottles and cans for purchasing items for the church's holiday mission projects. Drop off donations through Jan. 3. Contact Patti Policht for more information at 424-3512.

Skating showcase

The Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea hosts its annual Holiday Skating Exhibition at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

The show is an exhibition and is designed to let local skaters showcase their talents. More than 30 skaters will perform, ranging in age from 4 to 33. They will skate to holiday music, showing off what they've learned during the year.

Chelsea's Kendra Moyle will be the guest speaker.

Cost is a can of food (for either people or pets) to be donated during the holidays.

History Found

Elisha Congdon's photograph portrait discovered

Written by Kathy Clark
Special Writer

Elisha Congdon has finally come home!

A photograph portrait of Congdon that is. The portrait was found by Virginia Visel and her brother Merle Barr, both lifelong residents of Chelsea. After dismantling their grandmother Lucille (McDaid) Barr's estate, the Elisha (1799-1867) photograph was uncovered in a storage box at Edward and Virginia Visel's home just outside of Chelsea.

It was part of the Merle Barr, Sr. family memorabilia from a family auction. Elisha's portrait had been handed down through the 12th child of Elisha and Elouisa Congdon, namely Arthur Standish Congdon (1839-1896). Appropriately, the snapshot of Virginia and Merle handing over Elisha's portrait was taken inside Elisha's 1860 house on Main Street at the Dec. 2 Open House and "ribbon cutting" ceremony at the rebuilt McKune Memorial Library.

A pivotal event in the discovery of the Elisha portrait started in the new Chelsea Historical Museum inside the Gourmet Chocolate Cafe. CAHS museum workers had just added the 1874 plat drawing of the McKune House Hotel to the "Chelsea Home" display. Virginia Visel was meeting at the Cafe with her group called "The Knitters" crocheting an afghan. Museum workers heard her casually mention that her great-great grandfather built that house. Very soon the conversation led to the fact that Virginia Visel and Merle Barr indeed had a photograph of the allusive Elisha! Plans were made to meet with a CAHS photographer after the new Library dedication ceremony where Virginia and



Virginia (Barr) Visel and brother Merle Barr displaying the found photograph of their great-great grandfather Elisha Congdon at the Dec. 2 McKune Library Open House ceremony. Elisha and James Congdon were founders of the Village of Chelsea.

Merle would reveal the photograph.

A treasure-trove of more Chelsea historical pictures are now being loaned by Virginia and Merle to CAHS and the Library, to scan and produce archival copies. Standing out in their collection was a Civil War portrait of Virginia and Merle's great-grandfather Arthur Standish Congdon in Civil War uniform and a picture of his wife Sarah. Virginia treasures a pin, a tiny tintype of Sarah, worn by Arthur during the war. It was handed down through one of Arthur and Sarah's daughters, Nellie Congdon. She became a teacher in Hillsdale.

Aunt Nellie told the Barr family about staying in the Congdon-McKune house in

one particular bedroom on the second floor, which Virginia points out as the top right window.

All this new Congdon history is a windfall for CAHS and the Library. Shawn Personke, McKune Memorial Library's community relations and development coordinator, said, "I was thrilled to meet Merle Barr when he came into the library." Later at the Open House she met Edward and Virginia Visel for the first time.

Since chartering members in mid 1970s, Chelsea Area Historical Society had spearheaded a project to locate a portrait of Elisha Congdon to display in Chelsea's founding father's home, now the McKune Memorial Library.

For Congdon family information and ultimately a picture of Elisha Congdon, CAHS members had researched diligently and talked with many local descendants of the Congdon brothers. In 1979, a particular interest in local history by the late Paul Hoffman led him to correspondence with Congdon's who migrated to California. Although Elisha's portrait could not be found, a portrait of Elisha's brother, James, was located — probably by Chelsea's Woman's Club. James Congdon's large framed portrait hung in the second floor club room of the McKune Memorial Library for decades.

Elisha and James were Chelsea's founders of the Village of Chelsea, coming

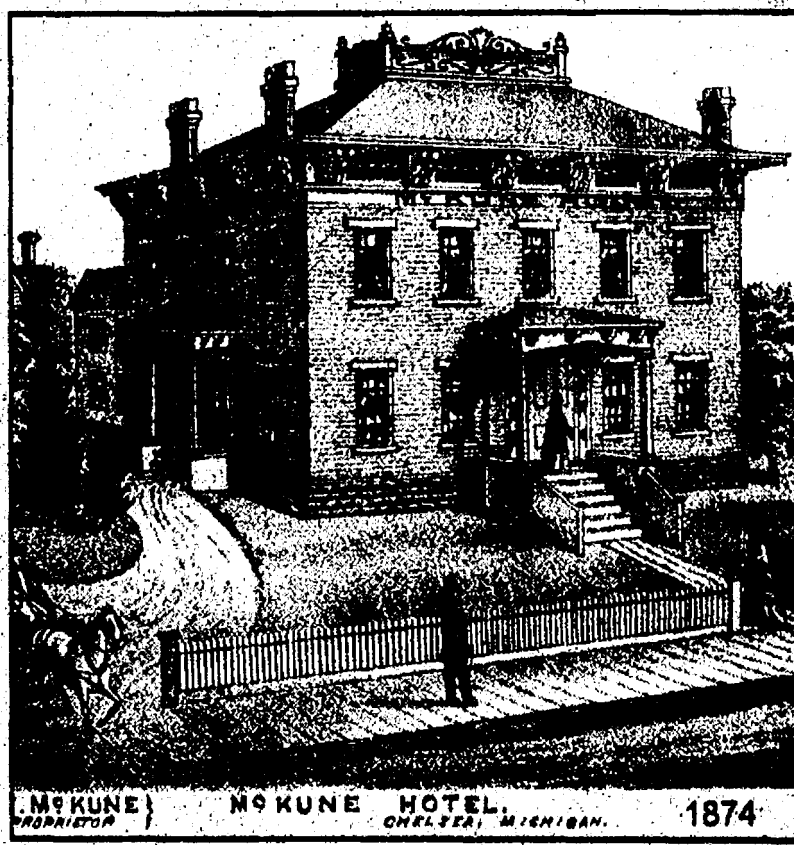
to this area in 1833 and 1842 to settle their land in the Territory of Michigan. Their route was from Connecticut by canal boat, through Detroit, Ann Arbor and to Sylvan Township in an ox-drawn stagecoach. Elisha staked off and cleared 160 acres east of Main St. and James followed, clearing 300 acres on the west of Main St. Elisha was the first Sylvan Township Clerk, and served as Chelsea's Postmaster. Later on he was elected the first mayor of the Village of Chelsea as well as serving a few terms in the State Legislature in the 1860s.

Elisha's elegant Georgian style home was the family's third dwelling on the same site. Handed down stories from the Congdon family found it to be an exact copy of John Gott's Ann Arbor home at 709 W. Huron. Gott was legal advisor to founder of Ann Arbor, John Allen. The house was built by Elisha Congdon in 1860 and passed into ownership to Timothy McKune and named the McKune House Hotel in 1870. It remained a hotel and rooming house until 1958 when Mrs. Edward McKune donated it to be operated as a public library.

It is estimated by Virginia Visel and other families in Chelsea that there may be at least 300 descendants of Elisha and James living in and around Chelsea. History of the Congdon brothers' Connecticut to Michigan connection is nearing completion, and filling the archives of the historical society and the library.



Arthur Congdon with a drummer boy William Young during the Civil War. Sarah Congdon, a note from her daughter, Nellie, and the tintype photo pin worn by Arthur during his Civil War service.



The McKune House Hotel, Elisha Congdon's house 1860s, as it appeared in 1874 Washtenaw County Plat Maps.

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Girl Scout Troop No. 507 lights up Chelsea

Not only did Chelsea Girl Scout Troop No. 507 build a float for the Winter Wonderland parade (yes, the one with the deer, trees and presents in the snow), they also set up and lit luminaries last Friday and Saturday night. "We enjoy doing things for the community and this is the first year we attempted making a float," said Troop Leader Anita Mosier. "All of our 14 families contributed and helped work on it. It was a great team-building experience for the girls." Seven girls rode and seven walked handing out candy to the kids watching the parade. The girls included Hailey Mathis (back row, left), Melissa Robards, Anita Mosier, Kelsey Olberg, Lauren Hirth, Rylee Rosentreter, Katie LaRoy, Anna Cleypool, Kali Hill, Abby Morse, Kristy Fetyko, Lynnae Branham (kneeling, front), Hannah Heberle-Rose, Rachel Hastings, MacKenzie Prince and Fallon Mosier.

TEACHER

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programs, and coached volleyball, softball, and basketball in various school districts in Texas before moving to Michigan.

Rae continued her education, completing her master's degree in physical education from Eastern Michigan University in 2001. She is currently working towards her doctorate in educational leadership at EMU.

While in Texas, Rae was involved in the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. After moving to Michigan, she joined the Michigan

Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, of which she became president for a four-year term from 2002-05.

She said her involvement with these organizations helped prepare her for all she does at Siena. MaryAnn Rickens, past president of MAHPERD, said it is only fitting Rae received this award for all of her efforts. "I am thrilled to death about receiving this award. It is very exciting and I am proud to accept it," Rae said.

Siena Heights University is a Catholic university founded and sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters and is headquartered in Adrian.



MaryAnn Rickens (left), past president of the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation presents Siena Heights University's Sally Rae (right) with the University Educator of the Year Award. Rae, the Director of Teacher Education at Siena, officially received the award in November at the organization's state convention.

Eating disorders

Women's Eating Disorders Group (for women ages 18-24) is starting in Ann Arbor at Life's Way Family Counseling and Education. Eating behaviors may be used to disguise strong feelings of abandonment, detachment, rejection or inadequacy.

The Women's Eating Disorders group works with young women to change how they feel about themselves and take back control of their lives. For more information, call 734-761-6118.

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Love your family

Technology

Home networks now the norm

As computers have become a fixture as common as a television for most people, many have begun to use them more and more away from the office, often spending some time each day on their home computers as well. In fact, computers have grown to be such an essential part of everyday life that many families now have more than one in their home.

Many homeowners choose to set up their own computer networks inside their homes because of their frequent computer use. Anyone with two or more computers in their home can set up their own network, which can allow computers to share files, an Internet connection and even supplementary products like printers and scanners. This means you can save time and money by allowing everyone in the home access to one printer or scanner, rather than having to hop computers when you want to print or scan something, or buy multiple items for each individual computer.

The most popular, not to mention least stressful, approach to installing a home network is to install a

wireless network, which removes bulky and inconvenient wires from the process, enabling you to carry a laptop around from room to room without the worry of whether or not you'll be getting an Internet signal. For this type of network, your router must be a wireless router. While wireless networks do rid you of the hassle of all those computer wires, it can also be tougher to get a signal, as things like walls can interrupt a wireless signal, though that's not always the case. Older computers will need a wireless adapter, though many computers made in recent years come fully equipped with wireless capabilities.

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Terms To Know

- **Router:** the specialized computer that connects each of your home's computers to one another and directs the traffic between each computer
- **Firewall:** essentially your computer's very own security guard, protecting you from hackers or Web sites you deem offensive
- **Wireless network:** uses radio waves in lieu of wires
- **Ethernet:** traditional network, using wires to connect more than one computer on a network
- **Network interface card:** can be used in lieu of a router to connect two computers on an Ethernet connection.

AN EAGLE EYE VIEW

Holidays Busy at EMU

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Eastern Michigan University men's and women's basketball fans will get plenty of opportunity to watch their Eagles in action during the upcoming holiday season.

Both Charles E. Ramsey's men's basketball squad along with Suzy Merchant's women's team have multiple home dates in the next month.

Following are the home dates for both hoops teams from Dec. 21 through Jan. 9. All home games will be played in the Convocation Center.

Thursday - Dec. 21

Men's Basketball • Home • Northern Colorado, 3 p.m.

Thursday - Dec. 28

Men's Basketball • Home • Eastern Illinois, 3 p.m.

Sunday - Dec. 31

Men's Basketball • Home • IPFW, 2 p.m.

Wednesday - Jan. 3

Women's Basketball • Home • Northern Illinois, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball • Home • North Dakota St., 8 p.m.

Saturday - Jan. 6

Men's Basketball • Home • Central Michigan, 3 p.m.

Tuesday - Jan. 9

Men's Basketball • Home • Northern Illinois, 7 p.m.

BASKETBALL PLAYERS WIN AWARDS

The EMU men's and women's basketball teams have won several awards during the early stages of the 2006-07 campaign.

On the men's side, freshman forward Brandon Bowdry was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Golden Bear Classic (Dec. 8-9) after scoring 19 points with five rebounds against San Diego and adding 23 points and 10 rebounds in the consolation game against Chicago State. The Eagles lost a 78-76 decision to San Diego in the first game, and dropped a 72-61 contest to Chicago State in the second game. San Diego went on to upset the host Golden Bears of California, 72-67, in the championship tilt. EMU sophomore Carlos Medlock was also named Mid-American Conference West Division Player of the Week, Nov. 13.

On the women's front, senior Patrice McKinney was named the MAC West Division Player of the Week for Dec. 10. McKinney was also named the MVP of the Eagle Classic (Nov. 17-18) and was joined on that All-Tournament Team by teammates Kivlicim Yamanoglu and Sarah VanMetre.



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Faith in action - in Chelsea

Shoppers, students help make sure holidays fun for everyone

Shoppers all over Chelsea are busy helping Faith in Action prepare for the Christmas holidays. With the Adopt-a-Family program in full swing, adopters are making sure that everyone will have a fun family holiday with the purchase of presents and food. FIA staff reports an increase in the number of people experiencing job losses and economic insecurity.

"If you're suffering from a job loss or a decrease in income for whatever reason, this season can really provide a lot of stress for a family," said FIA Director Nancy Paul. "We're happy to be at the middle of this process of people helping each other out. It's all about having blessed family times and this is a very generous community."

Paul pointed out that when the food pantry was so depleted this fall that the agency's ability to help families was in jeopardy, as soon as she notified a few churches and community and school groups, the response was overwhelming.

"We're now looking as shelves so full that we know we'll be able to help people



well into next year. It's been tremendous."

Once the presents and food for Christmas are gathered and distributed from FIA House, the Christmas Day Community Dinner plans will proceed with a full dinner planned for those who would otherwise be alone on Christmas day. As many families are spread out or celebrate on days other than Christmas, this dinner has become a fun way to grab a friend, get together for some fellowship, and enjoy a wonderful meal.

Our Savior Lutheran Church again is donating the use of their fellowship hall for the event. To volunteer or reserve, call 475-3305.



Students from North Creek (above), including Julia Van Goor and Olivia Smyth (below), help get things ready for the Faith in Action Adopt-a-Family program.

Lions and trees



The Dexter Lions are again set up to sell Christmas trees to the public. This year they also have a new item - large coloring books and activity books for children of all ages. Club members Jerry Wheeler, Richard Dettling and Bruce Forshee (top photo) help out a customer who just purchased a tree and wreath from the Dexter Lions. Proceeds from the Dexter Lions Tree sale go back into the many community and school projects the group is involved with.

COATS

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When Hart spoke to the ladies at the church she reminded everyone that "we all can help others in some way." Sometimes it is a kind word or sometimes it's taking time out of our busy schedules to make time for others

that really need our help.

Hart helps kids in Detroit by meeting them where they're at. Radu does the same.

"I can't stand to see a kid without mittens, hat or a coat so I buy them things when I can, but I can't buy for all of them - though all of them deserve to be warm," said Radu, who believes the families she sees on a daily basis

are getting poorer. But many people in the school system do things to help and encourage the children and meet basic needs when they can.

"There are fewer jobs in Detroit and fewer opportunities, and the poorest of the poor are getting poorer," she said. "The climate of the inner-city, socio economics, a lot of mass transportation is not good, but they do the best

that they can.

"I think it would be cool to give every kid new hats and gloves."

Anyone interested in helping can drop off any hats, mittens or gloves to the Chelsea Free Methodist Church. Radu will make sure they get where they belong.

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

NETWORK

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Another disadvantage to a wireless network is the potential for your signal to be stolen. This may also make it possible for others to hack into sensitive computer information. While it won't affect whether or not you can get on the Internet, it can affect the speed with which you do so. The best way to ensure that neither of those things happen is to install wireless security when setting up your network. A handful of security options exist that will allow you to protect yourself from anyone looking to freeloan on your network.

The other network option for homeowners is an Ethernet connection, which is the traditional way of

establishing a network. An Ethernet connection can often be faster than a wireless, though much of that might change as wireless technology continues to advance. In lieu of a wireless router, Ethernet connection is made possible by a medium to which all Ethernet devices are attached. Nowadays, the most common medium is fiber optic cable.


Ethernet networks are often better if a user needs to frequently move lots of information quickly, as the faster connection than wireless networks comes in particularly handy in such instances. Whereas a wireless router is necessary for any wireless network, a router need not be necessary for establishing an Ethernet network in your home. If connecting just two computers, a network inter-

face card and connecting cable is all you'll need. However, more than two computers will require an Ethernet router.

Whichever network you choose to install, each is easier than the mouthful of com-

puter jargon might suggest. Information on how to install your own network can be obtained from most Internet Service Providers (ISPs), but which network you choose to install remains up to you.


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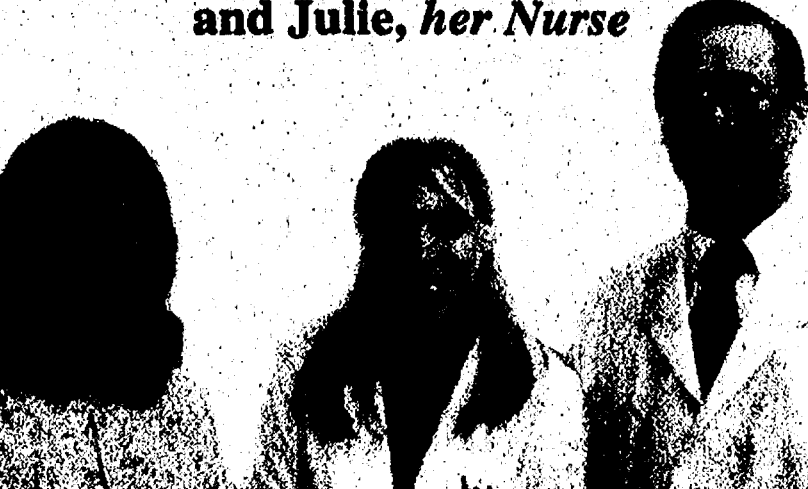
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Guest Column

Why we feed our family raw milk

By Heather McDougall
Special Writer

No, I don't have a strong background in chemistry. But, I don't have to do research or have a degree to see that my kids have never been healthier.

I just pulled my kids medical records. My son is 7 and my daughter is 5 and they have been drinking "raw" milk now for almost two years. Before drinking only real milk, my children suffered from seasonal allergies, but since introducing raw milk into our diets there have been no allergy symptoms.

More importantly to me is the fact that they have only had antibiotics once each in the last 25 months. They averaged antibiotics three times a year each before we discovered the benefits of raw milk.

This is no fad. No wild idea. In fact, look around. Many of the people that are employed at hospitals and large educational institutions right here in Michigan are fighting for their personal right to continue to drink real milk. You might even know several of them.

But now, in light of a recent Michigan Department of Agriculture and the Michigan State Police sting, people are afraid.

In October, farmer Richard Hebron was stopped in Washtenaw County on his way to Ann Arbor by state troopers, who seized 450 gallons of raw milk under a search warrant obtained by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. It is illegal in Michigan to sell unpasteurized milk out of a licensed retail operation, which was where Hebron was headed.

The way they handled their "investigation" is downright frightening. They took the farmers cell phone so that he couldn't contact his wife (well, in the agents' defense, they wanted to make sure that they surprised her simultaneously with their raid of the family farmstead). They also held the farmer for several hours without the ability to communicate with anyone.

Can you imagine how frightened they must have been? And their two young children are getting a real education in how our government works. They give you a search warrant, they seize essential equipment to your livelihood, they invade the privacy of your home, and scare your wife and kids.

Even though numerous lawyers have already told us that we are well within the law to own a herd of cows and drink the milk from the cows that we own, it's unnerving to think that our family could be next.



Archie Bradbury and 12-year-old Matt Gregory of Dexter tend to Bradbury's cows on his Lima Township farm. "It is against the law to sell raw milk and I will never do it," he said. "I have had people try to stop and ask to buy it and I won't do it." When Bradbury milks it goes directly into a tank, which holds 6,000 pounds of raw milk. The cows on his farm milk 300 days out of the year, the other times they have a calf and don't milk. Bradbury's milking parlor was built in the 1960's and it can milk eight cows at a time and takes him roughly two hours to milk his 50 cows. The farm has been in the family since 1834.

In several states, it's not only legal to sell raw milk; it's available in the grocery stores. Most states allow residents to drink real milk if they own a share in a herd of cows: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky and Michigan to name a few. In Europe they sell real milk and think that the pasteurized stuff in America is disgusting. If real milk were dangerous then there would be undeniable evidence from its frequent use in these areas.

There has not been one single death attributed to raw milk, and the incidence of illness caused by real milk is far less than that of other foods, including pasteurized milk.

Recent statistics quoted in the Ann Arbor News allude to "200 cases in recent

years," but I have been unable to find any support of this through the Center for Disease Control or the FDA. Instead, I believe it's a case of the facts being created by rumors.

Remember the recent E-coli breakout from spinach? This outbreak of illness was far beyond any raw milk incident, yet does that mean the government will prohibit us from ever eating spinach again? No. They simply deal with the deviation that caused the problem and move on. Raw milk has simply gotten bad press.

Organic pastures in California were shut down for two weeks recently because four children were hospitalized in serious to critical condition after drinking raw milk. However, the milk was tested and cleared as the cause of the children's illness. Oh, and there were only two children

and they ate either spinach or sushi during the time of the e-coli outbreak. The facts don't seem to matter when it comes to raw milk.

The stuff they sell in the grocery store is not real milk. It is milk that has been boiled at "ultra high" temperatures which kills off the protective as well as the destructive pathogens. Even breast milk has pathogens in it - should that be boiled before we nurse our infants?

It also has the fat removed. Since it lacks flavor and has a watery consistency to it they add back in some dry, powdered milk to give it "body" and "flavor," according to "The Untold

Resources

Books
"Nourishing Traditions" by Sally Fallon.
"The Untold Story of Milk" by Ron Schmidt.
"The Family Cow" by Dirk van Loon.
"Pasture Perfect" by Jo Robinson.
"What they don't want you

to know about natural cures," Dr. Ron Schmidt and Dr. Mercola.

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www.eatwild.com
www.realmilk.com
www.wantmilk.org
www.familyfarmscoop.com
www.organicpastures.com
www.thecompletepatient.com

Story of Milk," by Dr. Ron Schmidt.

This is several steps away from the natural foods that I want my family to have.

Yes, there's a reason that they pasteurized milk. In the early 1900s cows were being kept close to cities for ease of transportation of the

milk. They were penned in confinement lots or small pens where they didn't have access to fresh, green pasture. What they did have access to was leftovers from the whiskey industry - thus the term "swill milk."

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The Chelsea Standard

December 14, 2006

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor: I am writing this letter to say Thank You to all the young people in the Chelsea School district. My Granddaughter just transferred to Chelsea Schools and she said she has never felt more welcome! She has gone to three different schools in the last six years. She made a lot of new friends quickly in Chelsea. I am so proud of the Chelsea students who aren't afraid to welcome a newcomer. Thank you for being great young people and helping my granddaughter through a difficult time.

Nancy Hughes
Palmetto, Fla.

To the Editor: I am very pleased with the new gift certificates you can buy in the Village of Dexter. It will keep money here and it is a great gift idea for your newscarrer and mail person among others.

Janice Mace
Dexter

To the Editor: I am very concerned with what I have been witnessing lately and feel that I need to bring it to your attention.

Since the library has moved to it's new location on busy Main Street, I have seen several kids running across the street and not walking down to the light to cross. Being a parent myself, you can see how something like this worries me. I would hate

to see something happen to one of these children.

Please emphasize to your kids, young and old, how important it is to take the extra few steps down to the light and cross safely.

Nicole Babyz
Chelsea

To the Editor: Western Washtenaw County is a lovely place to live. The cities, villages, and rural landscapes are picture postcard beautiful and especially inviting with a dusting of first snow. Holiday time adds another dimension of festivity...lights in shop windows and in neighborhoods...the sights and sounds of winter festivals turn our thoughts homeward to family, friends and gift giving.

Working together on the Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE Bus) team, gives another level of insight into life in Western-Washtenaw County. For 30 years now we've shuttled residents from their front doors to local shops, restaurants, medical facilities and workplaces. Over the years, we've been privileged to experience relationships built with countless people we've met at their doors.

Our driving team receives more than fares for the rides they give...they learn about a riders' needs, their families, how they are feeling, come away with a tin of holiday cookies or muffins...and

sometimes experience the loss of these friends as they transition from this place to their eternal home.

The WAVE program is extraordinary. From its meager beginnings 30 years ago...to today's carefully built community programs...it has kept people first when planning and creating accessible, affordable transportation programs.

Sometimes people are surprised to hear that 'anyone' can ride a WAVE vehicle. Most are surprised to find that fares charged riders don't cover the cost of rides...so local donations are needed to cover expenses. Many individuals think the WAVE bus is subsidized by milage dollars...but it's not.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, we must raise funds to operate the program each year. Last year, the WAVE provided more than 20,000 rides...an incredible feat on a bare bones budget. Those 20,000 rides meant more than rides to our neighbors. They meant independence, health, education, friendships, and the quality of life we all hope for.

There are several ways to help keep our programs strong. A yearly donation to the 'WAVE' bus may be sent to: The WAVE, PO Box 272, Chelsea, MI 48118. Another way to help is to call Charity Motors at (313) 255-1000 to donate a running or non-running vehicle...and name

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And...you can tell your friends and neighbors about your community transportation program and refer them to our dispatcher (475-9494) to reserve a ride.

The WAVE Team and Board of Directors wish you happy and safe holidays. It's been a pleasure serving you these thirty years.

Michaelene Pawlak
WAVE's Executive Director

To the Editor: I work as a nurse practitioner at a homeless shelter in Detroit. Last week I saw a resident of the shelter who had trench foot, a condition resulting from prolonged immersion of the feet to near-freezing water. Her socks had gotten wet and she had no clean, dry socks to change into.

I asked my neighbors to donate socks and the response was tremendous. Chelsea residents donated enough socks for all the residents of the shelter. I'm proud to live in a community that that demonstrates such compassion.

Dean Carpenter APRN, BC
Family Nurse Practitioner

STREET TALK

What does Christmas mean to you?



"It is an amazing time of the year. A time where we celebrate our savior."
COLLEEN FLEEMAN
CHELSEA

"Christmas is about spending time with family and friends, and carrying out traditions from year to year. We enjoy the Christmas Eve service at the United Methodist Church."

MONICA MERZ
CHELSEA



"Christmas means God's promise to us: That if we believe in Christ we can be made right with God. It gives us hope."
DARLENE SCHAFFER
CHELSEA

"Being together with family and friends on Christmas always makes us closer. That is what Christmas is for me."

JESSICA FLETCHER
CHELSEA



By Jennifer Sinkwitz

Our take

U-M president deserves kudos

The proponents and supporters of Proposal 2, which banned the use of race and gender in the consideration of applicants to the state's universities, need to back off University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman for her dedication to preserving diversity.

Coleman has been excoriated lately for her proposal to form a task force to explore how the university can "maintain and enhance" diversity at the university in the wake of the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative's adoption by voters Nov. 7.

Coleman has not said she would violate the language of Proposal 2, which takes effect this month. She has said she would like the university to maintain diversity where possible, but how has not yet been determined.

In fact, the Diversity Blueprints task force will brainstorm how to maintain diversity on campus,

Coleman has said, within the new ramifications of Proposal 2.

She has not said she would spend taxpayers' dollars to combat the effects of the proposal, and if the task force is a group of volunteers meeting on its own time, she presumably will not. She has indicated that the university may need to seek clarification from courts about Proposal 2's impact on the school's operations.


There is no impropriety in Coleman stating that she wants to explore ways to encourage and maintain diversity in the campus community "within the boundaries of the law."

In passing Proposal 2, the majority of Michigan's voters that day said they did not want race, gender or ethnicity to play a determining factor in university admissions, state hiring or awarding state contracts. Those same voters, however, were

not necessarily dictating that they want Michigan's universities and colleges to become bastions of Caucasian students. They said only that they wanted race and gender not to be considerations for college admissions, and that applicants should be treated equally.

That Election Day statement was not intended to purge college campuses of minorities and women. If it was, that goes far beyond what Ward Connerly, Jennifer Gratz and the other MCRI leaders fighting on behalf of Proposal 2 promulgated.

In effect, Proposal 2 tells Coleman, other college presidents and the state of Michigan what they can't do in very succinct and limited language. It does not tell them what they can do to promote diversity. If they can find ways to promote diversity that don't flout the proposal, their actions deserve congratulations, not condemnation.



Our Chelsea History

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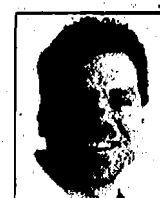
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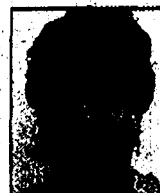
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just take my time with him until he fully understands it. In a big classroom with 20 and more kids you sometimes just have to move on."

Fitzsimmons, who said home schooling is like having a private tutor that offers the student personalized attention, has a college degree but not in education. She didn't work at all while home schooling her four children because "we were spending most of the day home schooling."

"Some people I know do work part-time and still home school so it can be done," she said. "It depends on how many kids you have and what ages they are at. But I didn't have time with four."

Fitzsimmons said her husband, who is a financial adviser, also would take on the role of teacher.

"He had his own schedule and he would take a day where he would work with the kids," she said. "It was usually Wednesdays and this would allow me to go to aerobics and run some errands. But he was always involved."

The Fitzsimmons' home school plan changed from their original idea of just doing it until second grade. In fact, they home schooled all four of their children up to high school.

"One reason we decided at that point to send them to public schools was my oldest son (Brandon) wanted to get involved in athletics and you can't play a sport unless you are in the school a certain number of hours," Fitzsimmons said. "Part of it was that it gets a little tougher academically as they get older. You also can now take community college courses during your senior year and a lot of advance classes are now being offered. We just felt like he needed the more advanced classes at this point."

Brandon is now 19-years-old and is a sophomore at Taylor University in Upland, Ind. The Fitzsimmons also have twins, 18-year-old Rachael and Josh, both seniors at Chelsea High School, and 13-year-old Hannah, who is an eighth-grader at Ann Arbor Christian School.

Fitzsimmons said her decision to home school didn't have to do with the quality of education of a certain school district.

"With home school it's more a one-on-one relationship than at a public school," she said. "So is it a better quality of education? In some ways it is, but in other ways it can't be. It's such an incredible commitment and

Support groups

The following are just a few of the many local groups available to help parents who choose to home school their children.

Ann Arbor Explorers

The Explorers prides itself on offering a strong slate of academic and enrichment classes for all age groups. Explorers offers between 90 and 100 classes each semester for every age level from age 4 through grade 12.

Explorers is a group composed of Christian families from many traditions. Members do not need to be a Christian to join the group, though discussions on Christian topics occur in the classrooms.

Explorers meets on Tuesdays for two 12-week semesters. The fall semester begins in mid-September and runs through the first Tuesday in December. The spring semester begins the first Tuesday in February, and runs through the first Tuesday in May, with two weeks off as spring break.

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Ann Arbor Area Home Scholars is an all-inclusive support group for home schoolers that welcomes members of diverse backgrounds and beliefs.

AAHHS provides an opportunity to reinforce your own home schooling efforts while encouraging other home school families. In addition to encouraging children to learn and love learning, the group strives to teach children respect and kindness to others, and the principles of a civil society.

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The school meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. in Ann Arbor. The facility includes a gym, art and crafts space, and air hockey and ping pong tables. Activities include field trips, sports instruction, art classes, chess class, arts and crafts, Monart, folk dancing, and more.

For more information, call 1-734-484-3350.

Other organizations

Home school central at www.yahoo.com
www.washdenahhs.org
www.soulflight.com

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- Sharon Fitzsimmons

you have to be very dedicated to do it."

"Our ultimate decision had to do with wanting to give our kids a Christian education and be able to give them a more one-on-one approach. When we moved to Chelsea we heard that the Chelsea School District was very good."

Fitzsimmons points out that there are good school districts and "not so good" school districts.

"And home schooling is the same way," she said. "There are people who do it really, really well and there are some who don't do it well. There are pros and cons to everything you do and home schooling is no different. I am now in all three circles, a retired homeschooler, Christian schooler and public schooler. I am thankful for them all."

Fitzsimmons' version of home school didn't look all that much different than how a classroom in the public schools looks. They had a set schedule with school starting at 8:30 a.m. with lunch at 11:30 for a half an hour. School would end between 1 and 2 p.m. They had to do

chores before school but generally there was no such thing as homework.

"We had a home school room that was used just for school work," she said. "It helped me stay organized because it wasn't always easy with four kids. Some people like to teach from the couch. I guess it depends on your own personality and the best way you think your child will learn."

"I always structured the class where some of them could work independently which would allow me more time to work with the other kids. I gave them things to do while I worked with someone else. We did some things together such as history. I just expected more from the older kids."

During the 15 years that Fitzsimmons home schooled she belonged to a home schooling group in Ann Arbor that went on field trips and held weekly classes. She even ended up starting her own home schooling network in the Chelsea area that included around 15 families. Fitzsimmons believes getting help and using available resources is an important part of home schooling.

She also believed in testing her kids at the end of each year to help measure

their progress.

"I had them take the Stanford Achievement Tests which had to be administered by a certified teacher," she said. "These aren't required and not everyone does them, but they were helpful for me to help identify areas my kids needed to work on."

Deciding to home school is not an easy thing to do and it's an even tougher decision to make. It certainly shouldn't be considered without a lot of research, according to Fitzsimmons.

"You have to almost feel a conviction that this is something you are supposed to do," she said. "Every year we would sit down and reevaluate and see if this is something we wanted to continue doing. We talked to the kids and took everything into consideration. We never did this because we were anti public schools. We did it because at the time we thought that this was the best thing for our children."

And 15 years later, she has no regrets because she did what she felt was best for her kids at that time.

"I have good kids and they are pretty strong in character," Fitzsimmons said. "I'm very proud of where they are in life. And I attribute some of it, not all of it, to being home schooled."

"I don't have any regrets, but do often ask the Lord was that the best? What parent doesn't question and look back over what was done and pray they made the best decision."

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Area educators weigh in on issue

The following is a Q&A with Bill Elliott, a teacher at Saline High School.

As a teacher, what do you think are the advantages of home schooling?

From the perspective of a high school teacher, there are a number of atmospheric considerations that can be qualified as distractions to learning that would be eliminated. Crowded halls, peer influences, personal conflicts with other students and student-to-staff are possible conditions to that effect. Obviously there would be smaller class sizes in a home school environment. Teachers all seem to agree that this has a huge impact on how they are able to deliver personalized instruction to students increasing the quality of learning. Finally, there is a fairly decent body of curriculum available for home school programs that is well-organized and aligned to state and national benchmarks.

Q&A

Questions and Answers

What do you consider the disadvantages?

Beginning with the fact that kids learn so many socially constructive and adaptive behaviors from their peers and the direct influence of what are generally caring, moral and invested adults, students may struggle socially without these experiences. There are also strong feelings about teacher training. NCLB requires highly qualified teachers in every subject. Concern mounts when there are educations being delivered from those who are not educated and

thus qualified in accordance with national teacher training standards. I believe that kids need to have the interaction with and observance of the variety of students and abilities that only a heterogeneous classroom experience can offer.

Some states, including New York, regulate and test home school students. Should Michigan follow this format?

I agree with this issue as well. Although I don't assume that all home-schooled children are unprepared and have not been educated to an established set of benchmarks as the public institution are intended to be held to. I do have concerns about the consistency of the education level with which we send students into the working world.

What are kids missing the most by being home schooled that is offered in a school setting?

Socially acceptable behaviors are learned. I believe inappro-

prate behavior along with their consequences are great teachers. Being around a large body of peers daily is one great way to develop an appreciation for your fellow citizen. You have to take the good with the bad and make a decision.

You currently have a couple kids in your class that were at one time home schooled? Would you consider these kids ahead or behind the curve at this point in their education?

Generally, I think they are all right. One has a glaze in their eyes as if occasionally Disney World happens in front of their eyes. A myriad of exchanges and conversations happen in a day and some students I have had in the past marvel at the pace and the variety of a day. The other is so happy-go-lucky that I am somewhat concerned on how they would react if a teacher were to really reign in this behavior, if they wouldn't experience a bit of a meltdown.

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Problems can arise in transition

Jami Bronson, a teacher in the Dexter school district, says that he has had students successfully transition from a home school environment to their school.

"I believe there are a variety of educational options that can be successful based on individual children and the educational experience of the provider," Bronson said.

But there also can be problems.

"There have been times students have been home schooled and little accountability exists for home providers and meeting the state standards," Bronson said. "I have seen some students who have been listed as home schooled, but were working at their parent's business all day. Working has value, but there must be accountability in the curriculum provided."

Bronson said that some home school programs do address state standards to appropriately prepare students for their future and provide students with a good education.

"I think it would be beneficial that standards exist for home school providers to

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SPECIAL REPORT: A LOCAL EDUCATION INTO HOME SCHOOL

Home schooling alternative growing in popularity

By Brittney Schering
Copley News Service

Love it or hate it, home schooling is gaining in popularity.

"Today, though home schooling accounts for only 3 or 4 percent of America's schoolchildren, the movement's brisk 15 percent annual growth rate has become a powerful, hard-to-ignore indictment of the nation's academically under-achieving, morally irresolute, disorderly and often scary public schools," said Brian Anderson of City Journal, a national urban-policy magazine.

Home schooling reduces peer pressure, minimizes the influence of the sex-and-drug culture and provides a safer physical environment for a child's education, according to the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) on its Web site (www.hsllda.org).

"Home schooling your child through high school offers great benefits for parents and students," an expert with HSLDA said.

Whatever one's opinion is about home schooling, it is clear that it is

thriving in America — and gaining ground.

Michigan had 1,914 children who were home schooled in 2000.

The National Household Education Surveys program estimates the number of students being home-schooled in the United States in the spring of 2003 was 1.1 million — a 29 percent increase over the estimated 850,000 students who were being home schooled in the spring of 1999.

Many experts say home-schooled children prove to be the exact opposite of the stereotypes, excelling further than many public and private schooled students.

A 1997 nationwide study by Dr. Larry Shyer reported that a child's social development mainly relies on adult contact and less on contact with other children.

According to Shyer, home schooling doesn't have a negative effect on the social skills of children.

"The main advantage of home schooling is that it provides one-on-one education," HSLDA's director of media relations, Ian Slatter, said.

He said home-school programs

are tailored to each child rather than the "one-size-fits-all" approach of institutional schools. But, of course, opinions vary about the overall value of home schooling.

Ted Howell, editor in chief of the *Wissahickon Journal of Arts and Ideas*, was home schooled from second grade to graduation. He, too, sometimes felt deprived by the lack of social events, he wrote.

"I imagine I would have enjoyed the lunchroom and the classroom, being with friends instead of by myself all day," Howell said. According to him, choosing to home school one's children is a "reactionary decision."

"The home schoolers I knew were almost all evangelical Christians, and they share in the tendency to avoid American culture, especially popular music and movies, modern art and philosophy, and anything labeled as liberal," Howell said.

Home schooling is not a good option unless both parents and child are willing to commit to it wholeheartedly, Howell said. Some studies show that students

who have been home schooled for their entire lives have higher scholastic achievement than children who have had public, private or a partial home school education. One of every four home schooled students is at least one grade above his or her age level, according to Kevin Swanson, executive director of Christian Home Educators of Colorado.

However some experts say weaknesses in home schooling often result from parental issues.

The lack of dedication and educational background of parents or guardians have poor effects on the education they would like their children to receive, according to Arnold Jagt of Robinson Curriculum, a business offering curriculums to home schoolers.

HSLDA assures parents that home schooling does not require special training; it does take a combination of dedication and the right resources.

"The average level of academic achievement in Christian home schools at present looks good only when compared with the disas-

trously poor results currently the norm in public schools," Jagt said.

Home school student achievement test scores are exceptionally high, according to Dr. Lawrence Rudner's nationwide report, published by the Educational Resources Information Center in 1997.

The average scores for every subject at every grade level were well above those of public and private schooled students, according to Rudner, who studied 20,760 home schooled students in the United States.

The home schooled students averaged in the 87th percentile for reading scores, while students in public schools averaged in the 61st percentile.

For math, the home-schooled students fell into the 82nd percentile, while the public schooled students scored in the 60th.

Some experts agree that the positive reinforcement that takes place in a home schooling environment as opposed to the social dangers in a normal school environment can strengthen a student's self-esteem.

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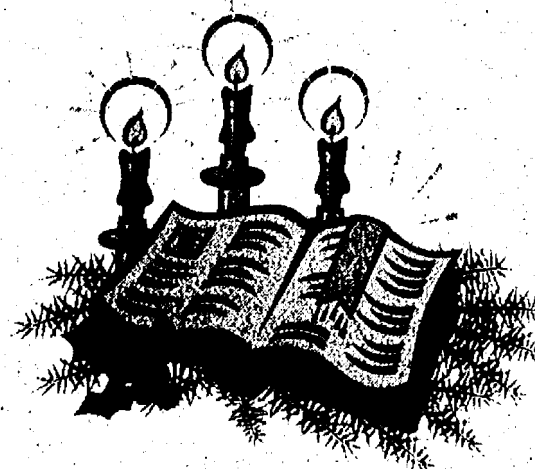
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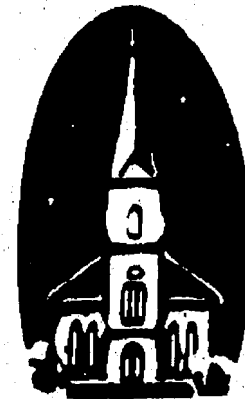
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CHRISTMAS COLORING Contest

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RULES:

Youngsters are invited this year to enter The Saline Reporter, The Dexter Leader, The Chelsea Standard, The Milan News-Leader & The Manchester Enterprise holiday coloring contest, which is sponsored by local businesses. Contest rules include:

1. Contestants may enter their colored picture at any of our offices in person or by mail: The Saline Reporter/Milan News-Leader, 106 W. Michigan Ave., Saline, 48176; The Chelsea Standard/Dexter Leader, 20750 Old U.S.-12, Chelsea, 48118 and The Manchester Enterprise, 109 E. Main St., Manchester, 48158.

2. Contest is open to area children ages 4-12. Artists ages 4-5, 6-8, and those ages 9-12 will be judged in separate groups. A \$25 cash prize will be awarded to the coloring entry judged best in each group.

3. Coloring must be done by the child, using crayons, paint, felt-tip pens, colored pencils, or any other coloring medium.

4. Each entry form must be completed with contestant's name, age and phone number.

5. **DEADLINE** for entering is Friday, December 22, 2006.

6. Winners will be published in the January 3 editions of the newspapers.

7. Employees of the Heritage Newspapers and their immediate families, and families of the judges are not eligible to enter.

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SPECIAL REPORT: A LOCAL EDUCATION INTO HOME SCHOOL

ELLIOTT

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Class sizes continue to grow...some in the elementary levels are 30-1. Parents believe this is not acceptable and their kids just aren't getting the attention they need. What are your thoughts on classroom size.

That level is not acceptable at all. Very few teachers maintain the same level of effectiveness at increased ratios of student to teacher. I have had classes of 18-20 and was able to work so much differently with that class. I was

regularly modifying, re-teaching, really just reaching out to develop different and deeper relationships. I believe that made a difference for both of us. Conversely, a class of 30-35 students is nearly a nightmare in comparison. There is so much less time spent on the personality and nuances of teaching. Much more management of behavior and time on task is exerted, there has to be some modification of assignments, both in scope and number, for any large class. As a language arts teacher where writing and reading is such a huge portion of the curriculum, this is a huge added burden and

demand on the time I have to plan and execute my instruction.

As a parent of two young children, would you ever consider home schooling?

I would not consider home schooling my kids. If I felt to such a great degree that my kids were not receiving proper educational service, I would move where they could. I am able to augment and support what they are learning, but like myself, a trained professional who is entrusted by hundreds of parents each year, I leave the bulk of my kids instruction to the professionals hired in their schools to do just that.

PROBLEMS

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ensure that a highly qualified education is being offered," he said.

Julie Deppner, assistant principal

at Chelsea High School, believes many parents choose to home school their children in order to individualize their instruction and seek to instill values and beliefs as part of their education.

"Many students who have entered Chelsea High School

after being schooled at home have had a very successful transition and demonstrate strong academic skills," she said. "Unfortunately there have been some instances of students who have difficulty making the transition to a public school setting, both socially and academically."



Mitch Deboskey concentrates on his work at home.

MILK

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five years of age and were milked even when they had mastitis. The pus from the mastitis was going directly to young children and causing illness. So, yes, pasteurization did serve a purpose. However, today we have conscientious farmers, familiar with organics and rotational grazing techniques, good sterilization regulations, stainless steel tanks and refrigeration.

The only reason that we pasteurize milk today is so that big industry can control the profit margins the farmers make. Michigan's dairy farmers are going out of business because they get paid pennies on the dollar by the controlling forces in the dairy industry.

Let me make an important distinction. We don't just drink unpasteurized milk from a farmer that also sells milk into the general supply. Our milk also comes from cows that have

never had antibiotics, hormones or grain.

Yes, grain. Grain is bad for our cows for several reasons. First, cows are supposed to eat grass. Remember that whole multiple stomach thing that cows have going on? Well that is so that they can completely digest the grass that they eat. Grain in a cow's diet causes the balance of omega 3's and omega 6's to get out of whack in a bad way. It makes the cows produce cholesterol. It's in their meat and in their milk.

However, cows raised on grass (and hay in the winter) produce a nearly perfect food: the omega 3's and 6's are balanced, the protein level is high, the vitamin content is naturally high and it has a beautiful cream line - so I can make my own butter at home with my kids.

Many people swear that raw milk has improved their health. You can count me among them. Many kids get sick more often when they start public school because

they are exposed to new germs in a close environment. My kids got sick less often when they started school.

Our country is comfortable with "food products" that have been processed beyond recognition of any real food - cheese that isn't really cheese, juice that contains only a trace of juice, snacks that were once a grain, but now contain no viable nutrients.

Is our meat really healthier because it is packaged neatly in Styrofoam and plastic wrap? Is our fruit any more nutritious because it has been zapped with irradiation?

You may not agree with my stand to provide pure, unadulterated, completely "un-messed around with" milk to my family, but I remain steadfast in my decision. I would respectfully ask that you do your own research before choosing what you feed your family.

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HOME

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The Dobos Chelsea

For Cheryl Dobos, home schooling her two children was a rather easy decision. After all, she has a degree and experience in special education.

"Special education is much more specialized with a lot of one-on-one teaching," she said. "So I felt pretty comfortable home schooling my two children. And it's important to have the confidence that you can do this. And what I didn't know I knew I could find out."

Dobos doesn't believe you have to have a teaching background to home school your children. But there are some characteristics a person should have before taking on such an important assignment.

"I think you have to be organized," said Dobos, who home schools both her 7-year-old (Elijah) and 9-year-old (Noah). "You have to be dedicated and you really have to think about why you want to do this and talk to other people that you trust."

Making time to home school your child is another important thing to consider. Dobos said that the time required depends on the ages of your kids.

"The time for a kindergarten will be different than someone in the high school level," she says. "The high school age kids can do work on-line and work on their own. You are more of a manager with them."

Dobos doesn't believe in the argument that kids who are home schooled are missing social skills.

"Not if you address it," she says. "There are ways to introduce social skills through other activities and in other areas."

Dobos doesn't totally home school her children. She doesn't know how to teach music or art so she

'We're learning and growing together'

Dexter Township's Angela DeBoskey and her family have been home schooling since their daughter, Hannah, was in kindergarten. She is now 10 years old and in the 5th grade. Their son, Mitch, is almost 8 and is in the 2nd grade.

"It began when we started evaluating our oldest child's educational needs and the needs of our family," DeBoskey said. "She had begun reading when entering kindergarten and we felt we could specifically adapt what she was learning to fit where she was strong and allow extra time in areas where she wasn't. That has worked well with both children."

Homeschooling also allowed the DeBoskeys to:

- Choose how subjects are taught. "We've wanted a strong phonics based language program and a straight forward yet challenging math program," she said.
- Incorporate "our Christian values in what the children learn."
- Taylor their education to meet their needs.
- Create an atmosphere where "we're learning and



Angela DeBoskey of Dexter Township checks on the progress of her daughter Hannah.

growing together."

"I really like who my children are becoming," she said. "I'm pleased with how hard

working they are and how much they care for others, in addition to enjoying how well they read, write and add."

ductive if I get them up too early. Letting them sleep in also gives me a chance to get some things done and organize and plan the day."

Dobos says her school gets going around 9 or 10 a.m. and is done by 2 p.m.

"If we get everything accomplished that we wanted to for that day we are done around 2 p.m.," she says. "But if it's a nice day out we might take a break and go for a walk. This gives us the flexibility to do these things. You just have to figure out what schedule works best for your family."

Dobos has seen first-hand that home schooling works if done right.

"Noah really loves social studies," she said. "He is really into the Civil War and loves learning about it. He knows all the dates of the battles and things like that. I encouraged him to learn as much as he wants. In school situations, many times you just learn what you need to know for the test and then move on."

Dobos doesn't know yet how long her kids will be home schooled but so far she is pleased with the results.

"I really like the curriculum we are using and it has benchmarks to help show me their strengths and weaknesses," she said. "I know the early grades we are going to do it. As they get older we will evaluate where we are before each school year and decide then."

The Shotts Sharon Township

Anyone deciding whether or not to home school their children shouldn't just consider the hows and whats, but also the whys.

"I believe it's very important to know why you want to do it," said Marie Shott of Sharon Township. "You shouldn't want to do this just because of a conflict with the school district. Parents sometimes have conflicts or issues with schools and most of the time they can be addressed and taken care of. This shouldn't be a reason to pull your child out and home school them."

"Really question your motives as to why. And make sure your child wants this and your spouse wants this. And most importantly, make sure you want this."

The Shotts have home schooled their four children at different points in their education. Matthew, their oldest, is now 19 and a student at Hope College. He was home schooled the entire time and was accepted at every college he applied to.

Like many families that home school, the Shotts evaluate their situation before each school year. The evaluation often includes the preferences of the children. After being home schooled through her freshman year, Katie Shott decided she wanted to go to Chelsea High School.

Her parents weren't about to stand in her way.

"I think the first few weeks she walked around in a daze," Shott said. "But she got used to it quickly. She is a quiet girl but that's just who she is. She has good character and makes good choices. We're very proud of her."

Katie also made the high honors roll for the first semester.

The Shotts first looked into home schooling because they didn't feel Matthew was ready to get on a school bus and ride over an hour each day to school.

"It just felt right at the time to keep him home and teach him there," Shott said. "We could work at his pace and he could pursue his own interests along the way."

And why did they keep doing it?

"It was working," Shott answered. "Moms tell me that they could never do that. But I tell them that my son and I had very different personalities but I never saw that as a reason not to do this. You have to determine the best way each child learns as you go along."

While Shott says support groups and resources are important, the responsibility ultimately falls on the parent doing the teaching.

"The support groups helped me because I got to see first-hand how successful this can be," she said. "That was a great comfort for me to actually see results. One of the keys though is to be organized but also be flexible in your schedule."

She said her schedule was different each year.

"Sometimes we start right at 8 a.m., other times we don't," she said. "It depended on the day and what we wanted to accomplish."

Michigan doesn't test home school students like some states. There are no guidelines to follow. You don't even have to call the school. You will get different answers on whether there should be more rules for parents home schooling their children.

"It's not an easy answer," Shott said. "There is an incredible amount of freedom in Michigan. Whether or not that should be the case, I don't know. But I do know that home schooling works if done right."

She should know, she's seen the results up close and personal.



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Luke Burke rides off on a pony.



Students Joel Gowen and Dan Whitaker spend part of last weekend selling hot chocolate. The two helped represent the Community Service and Leadership group at Mill Creek Middle School.



Anna Taranto got to hold a duck and feed him while Colton Watson got an up close look.



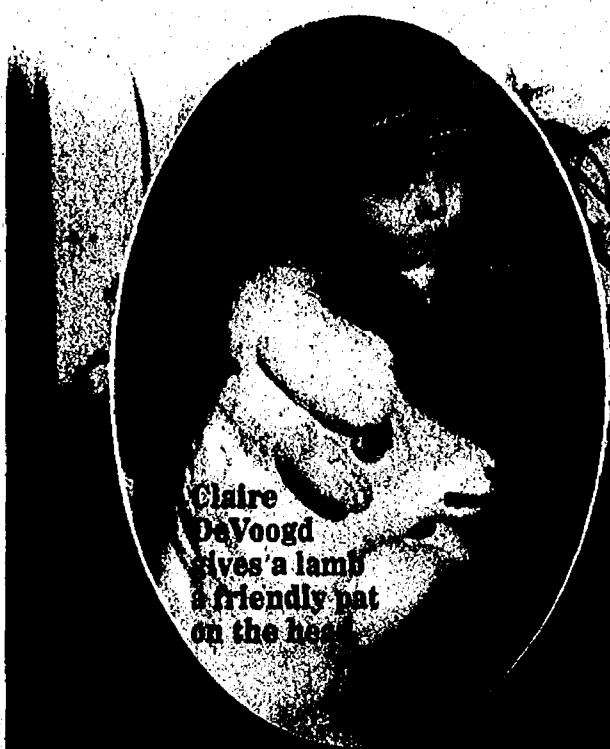
Collin (6) shares a candy cane with his father Jeff.



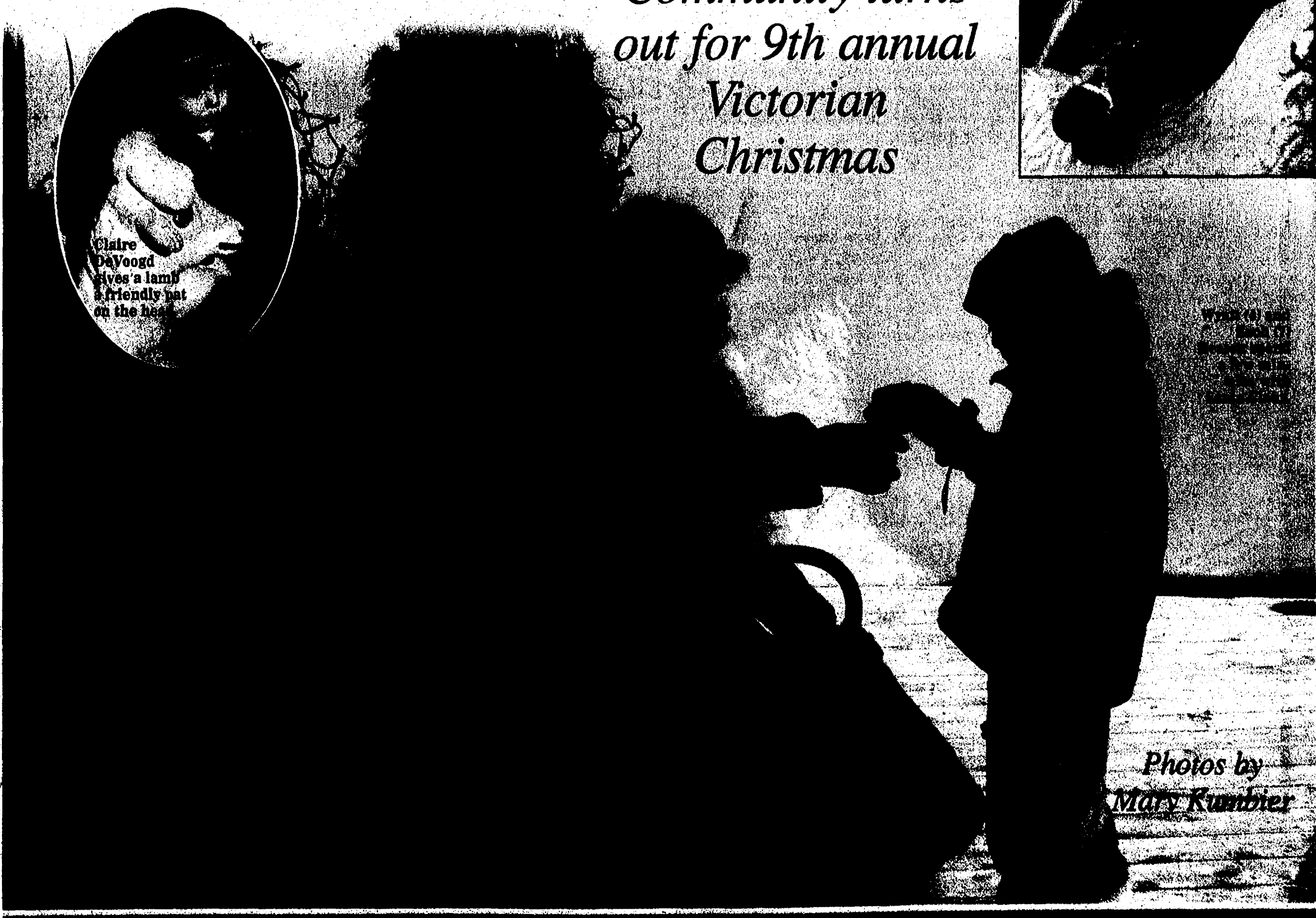
Celebrating Christmas

Dexter
StyleCommunity turns
out for 9th annual
Victorian
Christmas

Gabe Burke (3) and brothers Kyle (8) and Freddie (10) find plenty of ways to have fun during the Dexter Victorian Christmas festivities last weekend.



Claire DaVoogd gives a lamb a friendly pat on the head.

Photos by
Mary Rumbier

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anniversary

Fred and Beckie Riecks of Lima Township celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with family on Nov. 27. The couple was married Nov. 27, 1976 in Seattle. They have three daughters, Jackie, Sarah and Katelynne, and two grandchildren, Kennedi and Gage. They also have a large extended family and many dear friends near and far.

Engagements



Amanda Foreman of Ann Arbor, daughter of Gordon and Sandra Foreman of Bloomington, Ill., and Thomas Irwin of Grass Lake, son of Richard Irwin of Grass Lake and Judith Irwin of Chelsea, are engaged and planning a Jan. 27, 2007 wedding in Chelsea. The future bride is a 1999 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Bloomington, Ill., and a 2003 graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. She is employed at State Farm Insurance in Ann Arbor. The future groom is a 1996 graduate of Chelsea High School, and a 2003 graduate of Local 190 Plumbers & Pipefitters. He is employed with Boone & Darr Inc. in Ann Arbor. Wolpoff



Tricia Ann O'Neill and Michael Wolpoff, both of Huntington Beach, Calif., are engaged and planning a June 2007 wedding at Beaver Creek Chapel in Beaver Creek, Colo. The future bride is the daughter of John and Patty O'Neill of Fort Collins, Colo. She graduated from Fort Collins High School and Regis University. She is employed at Pier 1 Imports. The future groom is the son of Sheila Dunn of Grass Lake, and Milford Wolpoff of Chelsea. He graduated from Chelsea High School and from Michigan State University. He is a golf course superintendent at SeaCliff Country Club.



Amanda Draper of Jackson and Chad Livengood of Chelsea, are engaged and planning an Aug. 11, 2007 wedding at Hope St. John's Parish in Oscoda, Mich. The future bride is the daughter of David

Draper and Kim Savage. She is a 2000 graduate of Oscoda Area High School and a 2004 graduate of Central Michigan University. She works at Catholic Charities of Jackson. The future groom is the son of Ron and Chris Livengood. He is a 2001 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2005 graduate of CMU. He is a reporter at the Jackson Citizen Patriot.

Weddings



Julie Naylor and Kerry Gottlieb were married May 21, 2006 at Marriott Key Largo Bay Resort in Key Largo, Fla. The bride is the daughter of Chuck and Neil Naylor of Dexter. The groom is the son of the late John and Margaret Gottlieb of Needham, Mass.

The maid of honor was Joan Steyermark, sister of the bride, of Minneapolis. The flower girl was Olivia Steyermark, niece of the bride. The best woman was Jane Gottlieb of Franklin, Mass.

The ring bearers were Tucker and Tanner Kennedy, great nephews of the groom, from Foxboro, Mass.

The reception was held at Marriott Key Largo Bay Resort. The couple honeymooned in Islamorada, Fla., and took a Hawaiian Cruise. They currently reside in

Aurora, Ill.

The bride graduated from Dexter High School and from Western Michigan University. She is a Territory Manager with Amoen Corp.

The groom graduated from Needham High School and from the University of Massachusetts. He is a Regional Manager with Reed Business.



Elisabeth DeShano and Jeffery Weakland were married Aug. 25, 2006 at The Landing in Tecumseh. The bride is the daughter of Paul and Michelle DeShano of Chelsea. The groom is the son of Perry Weakland of North Branch, and John and Barbara Miller of Crosswell, Mich.

The maid of honor was Mandy Middleton of Jackson. The matron of honor was Mindy Martell of Chelsea.

The bridesmaids were Malia Montange of Jackson and Katrine Korsgaard Frederiksberg of Denmark, Lt. Joshua Weakland of Ft. Benning, Ga. was the best man.

The groomsmen were Mark Valchine II of Livonia, Kurt Landreth of Jackson, and Mike Baker of Portland, Ore.

The reception was held at The Landing in Tecumseh. The couple took a seven-day Eastern Caribbean cruise. They currently reside in

Denton, Texas.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Chelsea High School and is currently attending North Lake College in Irving, Texas.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Crosswell-Lexington High School and a 2004 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is a Software Engineer at Voyager Expanded Learning in Dallas.



Melissa Matthews and Dan Allen were married Aug. 26, 2006 at the home of bride's par-

ents. The bride is the daughter of Vickie and Gary Matthews of Ann Arbor. The groom is the son of Dan and Becky Allen of Chelsea. The best man was Hunter Allen, the groom's son.

The reception was also held at the bride's parent's home. The couple honeymooned in Mexico, and currently resides in Chelsea.

The bride graduated from Pioneer High School, and is employed with American Home Mortgage. The groom graduated from Chelsea High School and is employed at D&D Trim.

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CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Friday, Dec. 15

@ the Movies discussion group will be held 1 p.m. at the Chelsea Senior Center, 500 Washington St. The film "De-Lovely" will be shown. No registration required. Snacks and drinks will be provided. For more information, call 475-9242.

AniManga Club for teens will be held 3:30 p.m. at McKune Memorial Library, 221 S. Main St., in Chelsea. No registration required. For more information, call 475-8732.

Saturday, Dec. 16

Counterpoint will perform from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., in Chelsea as part of Morning, Mochas and Melodies, a free event open to the public. For more information, call 475-6081.

Friday, Dec. 15

Read to Cassie the Library Dog 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the McKune Memorial Library in the KidSpot, 221 S. Main St. Sign up for a 10-minute reading spot, by calling 475-8732.

Monday, Dec. 18

Books & Banter discussion group will meet 1:30 p.m. at the McKune Memorial Library in the McKune Room, 221 S. Main St. The selected title is "Glass Castles" by Jeannette Walls. Books are available for registered participants. Call 475-8732 to register.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Babysitting will be held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at McKune Memorial Library, 221 S. Main St. No registration required. For more information, call 475-8732.

Lima Township Planning Commission will meet 7:30 p.m. at Lima Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road, in Chelsea.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 & Thurs. Dec. 21

'Twas the Week before Christmas Storytime with Miss Jackie will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. both days at McKune Memorial Library, 221 S. Main St., in Chelsea. Activities will include holiday storytime, special crafts and treats. Registration is required, by calling 475-8732.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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.

Friday

AniManga Club meets 3:30 p.m. every Friday at The McKune Memorial Library, 221 S. Main St., in Chelsea. There is anime screening, manga swap and more. For more information, call 475-8732.

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.

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

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

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

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

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 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.

Wednesday

Evening Primrose Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea Train Depot, 125 Jackson St. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 433-9911 or e-mail bakerm@umich.edu.

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. 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.

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.

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 bjlandsdell@cs.com.

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. the first and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Dexter Senior

Center, 7720 Dexter-Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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OBITUARIES

Kurt Wheelock
Chelsea

Kurt Wheelock graduated from "The University of Life" on Dec. 3, 2006. His unexpected but peaceful passing is a great loss for his many dear friends and family members.

Born Odell Kurtz Wheelock, on Dec. 28, 1928, in Cleveland, son of Hugo and Juanita Wheelock, he is survived by his loving partner Lynn McElhane Meadows of Chelsea, a daughter Anne Wheelock of Los Angeles, and three sisters: Ann W. Clemmo of Ann Arbor, Juanita W. (Robert M.) Halsted of West Bloomfield, and Evelyn Kay Hood of Bloomfield Township. He also leaves behind step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews, whom he adored. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Eugene K. Wheelock.

Mr. Wheelock served in the US Navy at the Pensacola Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., after graduating from the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, in 1951. He co-authored and published two books: "Awakening to Peace, Love and Joy" and "Fulfilling Our Own Inner Needs." He was in the process of completing another, titled "The University of Life: Earth Campus." He was Vice President of Seekers of Truth Spiritualist Church, and an occasional speaker at churches in Grand Rapids, Clarkston and Jackson, as well as an advanced spiritual teacher. As president and owner of Progressive Innovators, Inc., Stockbridge, Mr. Wheelock was a pioneer in the use of LED lighting for commercial applications. He also was an active member of the Green Party of Michigan and the Tamarack Greens, the Sierra Club, and the Community Farm of Ann Arbor.

Mr. Wheelock enjoyed ballroom and contra dancing, listening to classical music, sailing, flying in gliders and hot-air balloons, foreign and domestic travel, and discussing facts and opinions on almost any topic with friends and acquaintances. He was a voracious reader and a very creative problem-solver, inventor and author. His cheerful, sunny disposition, sense of humor, friendly manner and compassion toward others will be sorely missed by all who met and knew him.

A celebration of his life and birthday, conducted by the Rev. Dan Kivel, will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at the Corinthian Spiritualist Church, 1805 E. Ganson, Jackson, at 2 p.m. For more information you may go to: <http://www.seekersoftruth.us/Memoriam%20Kurt.htm>.

The family asks that donations in his memory may be sent to: Children International,

P.O. Box 419055, Kansas City, MO 64141 (www.children.org); Washtenaw Land Trust, 1100 N. Main St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104 (www.washtenawlandtrust.org); or Doctors Without Borders, 333 7th Ave., New York, NY 10001-5004 (www.doctorswithoutborders.org).

William M. Marsh
Chelsea

William M. Marsh of Naples, Fla., and formerly of Chelsea, passed away Dec. 1, 2006 at his home. He was 88.

He was born Feb. 16, 1918 in Logansport Ind., the son of Arthur and Margaret (Bitler) Marsh. Mr. Marsh had lived in the

Chelsea area since 1955 and attended the First United Methodist Church of Chelsea. For 40 years he worked for Rockwell International in Chelsea and became Director of Mechanical Devices. He later became president and owner of WA Thomas Company of Chelsea. A member of the Elks Lodge of Logansport, Inverness Country Club and a life member of the Masonic Lodge of Chelsea. Also member of Ducks Unlimited. On July 31, 1942 he married Sidney A. Hyman and she preceded him in death on May 28, 2001.

Surviving are his second wife Sara Jayne Jones of Naples, 2 children, Anne (Roger) Bowditch of Atlanta, and William (Carol) Marsh of Brighton, 3 step-daughters, Susie (Dave) Little, Becky (Jim) Kragh and Beth (Terry) Brumett; 2 brothers, Max (Roger) Marsh of Logansport, Ind., and General Robert T. (Joan) Marsh of Church Falls, Va. Four grandchildren, Mark White, Rex Marsh, Joan Parks, and Christopher White, eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack and Stan Marsh and one sister, Betty Picha.

A memorial service will be Saturday Dec. 16, 2006 at 1 p.m. at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea. Private burial will take place at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday, Dec. 15, 2006 from 6-8 p.m. Expressions of sympathy can be made to Hospice of Naples or American Cancer Association.

Robert Carr
Ann Arbor

Robert Carr of Ann Arbor passed away on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006 at his home. He was 77.

Mr. Carr was born in Zeigler, Ill. on Sept. 10, 1929. He had served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He had retired as a secondary school teacher in the Ann Arbor Public Schools, including Slauson, Tappan

and Pioneer. He taught at Washtenaw Community College and Jackson Community College. He served as an officer of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Retired Teachers, and was a member of the Washtenaw County Juvenile Court Advisory Committee, Maxey Training School Citizen's Advisory Committee, Salvation Army Advisory Board and the State of Michigan Counseling Board as well as active membership in Republican politics. Mr. Carr was an active member and usher of First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, a member of the Dexter and Ann Arbor Downtown Kiwanis, and past Lt. Governor of the Michigan District 10 Kiwanis, and active in local theater groups: Ann Arbor Civic Theater, Saline Area Players, and Dexter/Chelsea Community Players. He is survived by one sister, Margaret V. Beck of Zeigler, Ill., one niece, Virginia Ann Baker; one great-niece Laura Baker and one great-nephew, Gregory Baker, all of California; one sister-in-law Helen Carr of Royalton, Ill. and several cousins and many friends he made in travels all over the world. He was preceded in death by his brother Edward Carroll Carr of Royalton, Ill.

A memorial service was celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006 at the First United Methodist Church, 120 S. State St., Ann Arbor, at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, P.O. Box 572, Petosky, MI 49770 or to the Washtenaw County Salvation Army, 100 Arbana, Ann Arbor, 48103 Downtown Chapter.

Bruce Gilbert
Dexter

Bruce L. Gilbert of Dexter passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006. He was 57.

Survived by his step-mother, Edith Gilbert of Brimley, Mich.; brother Ray (Paulette) Gilbert of Phoenix, Ariz.; his sister Kathy L. (Douglas) Munson of Brimley, Mich.; his step-sister Lois McAdam of

Ypsilanti; his fiancée Barbara Williams and her son Chris. Also survived by several nieces and nephews and his basset hounds: Muttou and Mister Trouble Dogg.

Cremation has taken place. Memorial contributions suggested to: Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Arrangements entrusted to the Muehlig Funeral Chapel, Ann Arbor.

Doris H. Styers
Dexter

Doris H. Styers of Dexter passed away on Dec. 7, 2006 in Ann Arbor at the home of her niece Betty Lou (Louis) Bauer. She was 93.

In addition to Betty, Ms. Styers is survived by her niece Phyllis Rose, great niece, Ann Stone and her family whom she considered her second home. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006 at the Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Dexter.

Elsie A. Balmer
Formerly of Chelsea

Elsie A. Balmer of Schenectady, N.Y., formerly of Chelsea, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006 in Schenectady, N.Y. She was 89.

She was born Feb. 17, 1917 in Dexter, the daughter of Frank and Elsie (Ruprecht) Horne.

Mrs. Balmer lived in Chelsea until 1989. She and her husband owned Balmer Brake Service on West Middle Street. Mrs. Balmer was a member of Order of the Eastern Star (Saline Chapter), a Girl Scout leader in Chelsea, was active in the Chelsea Band Boosters, and volunteered with Hospice and the Chelsea Community Hospital.

On Dec. 31, 1935, she married Homer "Ted" Balmer in Dansville, Mich., and he preceded her in death on

Dec. 24, 1983. Survivors include a son, Robert and (Mary Anne) Balmer of Mequon, WI; 3 grandchildren, Christine (Vladimir) Novak, Robert L. (Michelle) Balmer, and Theodore A. Balmer; 4 great-grandchildren, Austin, Misha, Sasha, and Rachel Novak; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Carl, Paul, & Frank Horne; and a sister,

Wilda Holmes.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea with Rev. King Hanna officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

The family will receive friends Saturday 10 to 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Fire Department.



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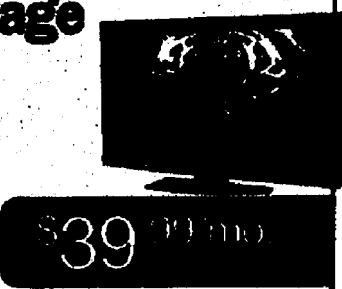
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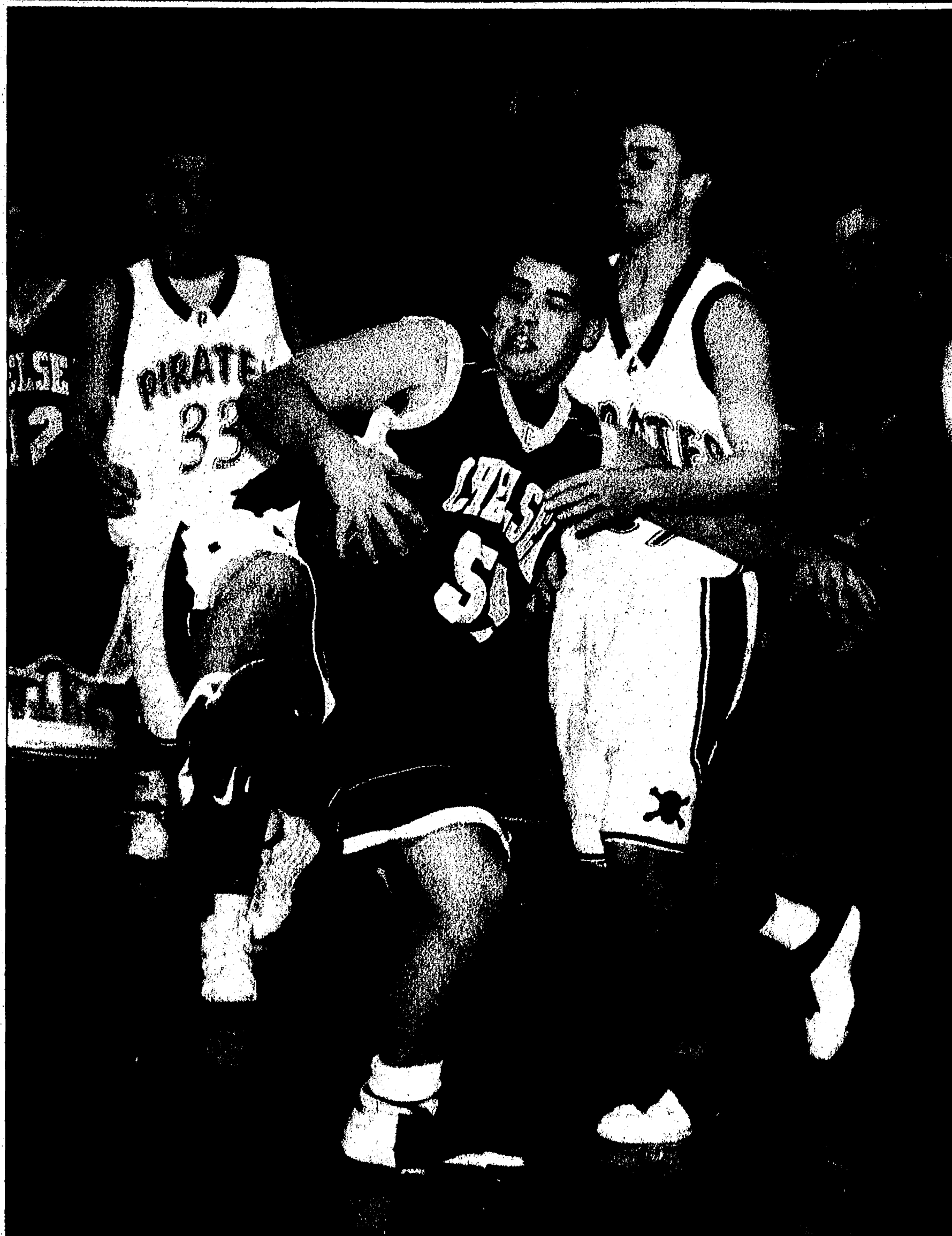
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Chelsea junior post player Dean Roberts hauls down a rebound against Pinckney in the Bulldogs' 68-57 season opening victory over the Pirates Dec. 5.

Basketball

Hudson's 33 points leads Chelsea

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's boys' basketball team opened its season last week with two road victories over Williamston and Pinckney.

Against the Hornets, the Bulldogs (2-0) exploded offensively for a 95-52 win.

Chelsea raced out to a 34-17 first quarter lead.

"We got off to a great start," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "It's been a long time since we've scored that many points in the first quarter."

Bulldog senior Micah Hudson was unstoppable in the first quarter scoring 20 points on 8-of-9 shooting, including four three-pointers. For the game, Hudson finished with a game-high 33 points.

At halftime, Chelsea increased its advantage to 54-27.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs held a commanding 75-42 lead.

"We were consistent the entire game," Raymond said of his squad's performance. "We rotated everybody throughout the game. We played really good team defense regardless of who was in the ballgame. We forced them (Williamston) to play our style. We set the tone with our defensive pressure. We wanted to play an up tempo game and push the ball up the court. We wanted to use our speed and athleticism."

Besides his 33 points, Hudson was 5-of-7 from



Bulldog senior swing player Micah Hudson drives the baseline against Williamston last Friday. Hudson led all scorers with 33 points in Chelsea's 95-52 win.

beyond the arc and pulled down a team-high nine rebounds. He also had three steals and three assists.

Nate Schwarze added 11 points, seven assists and five steals. Adam Connell had 10 points and two steals, while Greg Rebudela had nine points, six rebounds and three blocked shots for Chelsea.

Stu Mann had eight points, while Benny Johnson, Matt Schwarze Mike Sauers and Elliot Marshall each netted six points for the Bulldogs.

Kevin Donovan (6-foot-5) led the Hornets with 16 points.

Chelsea finished 35-of-65 from the floor for 54 percent. Williamston was 23-of-59 for 39 percent.

At the foul line, the Bulldogs were 19-of-27 for 70 percent. The Hornets ended up 5-of-13 for 38 percent.

Chelsea forced 22 turnovers and had 15 steals defensively.

To open the season, the visiting Bulldogs defeated Pinckney 68-57 Dec. 5.

Chelsea led 19-10 after the first quarter.

At the break, the Bulldogs led 27-24.

Heading into the fourth quarter, Chelsea continued leading 45-35.

"They (Pinckney) had good size on the inside and that concerned us," Raymond said. "We used our quickness and our helping man-to-man defense in the post. We were consistent throughout the game on both ends of the floor."

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Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong
Chelsea junior Matt Heinen (left) races for the puck in last Saturday's 5-3 win over Jackson Lumen Christi at Optimist Arena. With the victory, the Bulldogs improved to 6-2 overall this year.

Hockey

Strong third period sparks Bulldog icers

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey defeated perennial power host Jackson Lumen Christi 5-3 last Saturday at Optimist Arena.

"It's always tough to play in their place," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "The boys stepped up and got the job done in a tough environment."

After a scoreless first period, Bulldog junior Kyle George scored 6:27 into the second stanza. Recording an assist on the play for Chelsea (6-2) was senior co-captain Howdy Holmes and senior Jake Vaughan.

Six minutes later, Vaughan gave the Bulldogs a 2-0 advantage turning the light on off an assist from junior Garrett Nickels and junior James Cogswell.

At the 13:33 mark of the second period, the Titans' Ryan LaMarre scored to close the gap to 2-1.

Twenty seconds later, LaMarre, who'll play baseball at the University of Michigan next year, scored again tying the game at 2-2 entering the third period.

"We got a little sloppy in our own end," Wright said of Lumen Christi's two late second period goals. "They had the momentum going into the third."

A late second period Titan penalty, however, gave Chelsea a power play to begin the third frame. The Bulldogs took advantage of the opportunity as senior David Maveal scored a power play goal 58 seconds into the final period. Assisting on the goal for Chelsea was Holmes.

At the 7:09 mark of the third period, senior Travis

Amburgey blasted a slap shot by the Lumen Christi net minder for a goal and a 4-2 Bulldog lead.

Five minutes later, Robert Kaner scored a power play goal for the Titans narrowing the Chelsea lead 4-3.

The Bulldogs put the game away, however, as Amburgey scored his second goal of the game on an empty-netter with 15 seconds left.

Chelsea out-shot Lumen Christi 33-26 for the contest.

Earning the win in net for the Bulldogs was senior goaltender Zach Leszczynski.

On Dec. 6, Chelsea defeated host Temperance Bedford 5-2 at the Toledo Ice House.

The Bulldogs skated out to a 4-0 first period lead.

Amburgey, an assistant captain, opened the scoring with a power play goal off an assist from co-captain Schlyer Williams and Vaughan.

Three minutes later, Holmes scored on a power play for Chelsea. George and Maveal picked up an assist for the Bulldogs on the play.

Less than a minute later, Williams scored for a 3-0 Chelsea lead. Maveal recorded an assist for the Bulldogs.

At 14:15 of the first period, Nickels scored off an assist from Williams and George increasing Chelsea's advantage to 4-0 entering the second period.

To begin the second frame, Dan Clifford scored for Bedford trimming the Bulldogs' lead to 4-1.

In the third period, Maveal scored a power play goal giving Chelsea a 5-1 lead. Vaughan and Amburgey picked up an assist on the play for the Dawgs.

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Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong
Bulldog senior goaltender Zach Leszczynski makes a save during last Saturday's 5-3 win over Jackson Lumen Christi.

Wrestling

Bulldogs compete at Monroe meet

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling participated in the Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central Tournament last Saturday.

The Bulldogs finished 3-2 overall for the tourney.

Chelsea defeated Riverview Gabriel Richard 56-22, Romulus Summit Academy 58-15 and the host Falcons 45-24. The Bulldogs lost to Southgate Anderson 36-34 and Dearborn Divine Child 36-28.

"Both of our losses came down to the last match," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "It was a good meet for us. It was great for our young kids. We were able to see some different schools."

Leading Chelsea on the day was freshman Dakota Cooley who finished 5-0 at 112 pounds. For his efforts, he was named the meet's outstanding wrestler at the lower weights.

Also ending up undefeated on the day for the Bulldogs was freshman Nick Hill, who was 5-0 at 171. Hill had the day's quickest pin in seven seconds.

Others performing well for Chelsea included Glen Cobb (4-1) at 119, Evan Helvey (4-1) at 140, Kevin Rosentreter (4-1) at 160 and James Connelly (4-1) at 189.

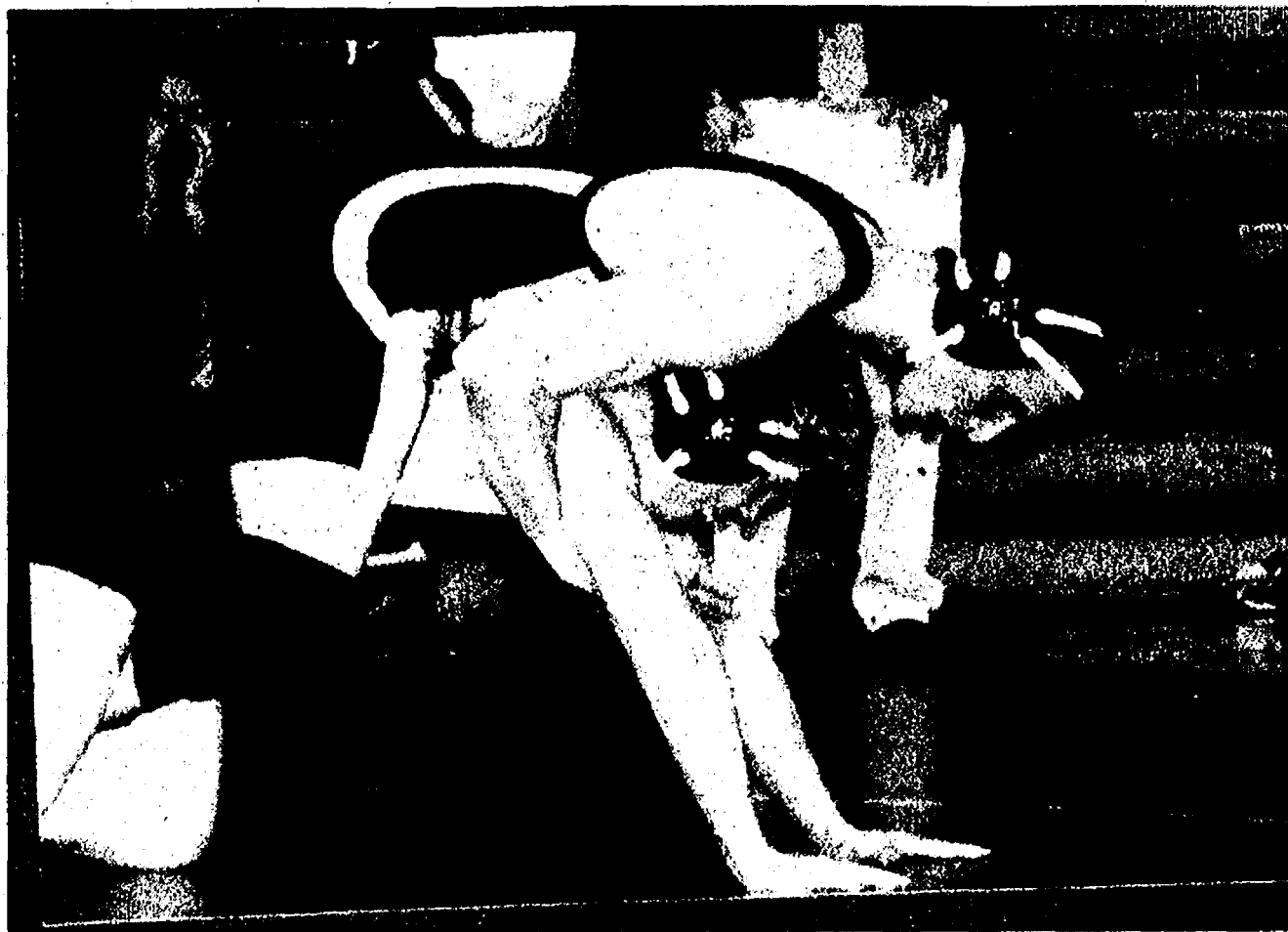
Ryan Patrick finished 3-2 at 130, while Matt Schultz was 2-1 at 135, Scott Collins 2-0 at 145 and Brandon Seagraves 2-1 at 152 for the Bulldogs.

George Clark was 1-0 at heavyweight, while Nick Doll was 1-0 at 145. Tim Rosentreter 2-2 at heavy-weight, Evan Grau 1-1 at 145, Kyle Coburn 1-1 at 152, Brandon French 1-1 at 135 and Josh Hovater 0-5 at 125 for Chelsea.

Last Thursday, the visiting Bulldogs defeated county rival Dexter in a dual match 36-35.

The meet began at 145 where Dexter's Joe Spurr pinned Grau in 1:34.

At 152, Seagraves pinned Larry Gunderson in 3:35.



Bulldog Kevin Rosentreter was 4-1 at 160 pounds during last Saturday's Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central Tournament. As a team, Chelsea finished 3-2 overall at the meet.

Kevin Rosentreter lost 4-2 to Michael Campbell at 160.

Hill defeated Scott Santoro 14-6 at 171.

Connelly pinned Jacob Stacey in 3:52 at 189.

At 215, Chelsea's Ricky Douglas lost by pin in 12 seconds.

Tim Rosentreter pinned Dexter's Corey Chamberlain in 5:13 at heavyweight.

Chelsea voided at 103.

At 112, Cooley pinned Gabe Altomare in 23 seconds.

Dreadnaught Bret Marsh, the defending state runner-up at 103, pinned Cobb in 5:30 at 119.

The Bulldogs' Jamin Breslin defeated Mitch Crawford 9-4 at 125.

Patrick pinned Chase Stevens in 5:32 at 130.

Schultz lost 17-1 on a technical fall to Ian Spurr at 135. At 140, Helvey lost to Mark Bertso 8-6 in double overtime.

"It was an exciting match that see-sawed back and forth," Kargel said.

Chelsea next hosts Ann



Chelsea's Evan Helvey finished 4-1 overall at 140 pounds at last Saturday's Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central Tournament.

Arbor Pioneer Thursday at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs travel to Coldwater to participate in its invitational at 8:30 a.m.

On Dec. 30, Chelsea visits Oxford to compete in its invitational at 9:30 a.m.

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Equestrian Reynolds earns award

Chelsea's Camilla Reynolds had an impressive season for the Bulldogs' equestrian team.

The sophomore, whose horse was named Surefire, was selected as Chelsea's Most Improved rider this past season.

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Basketball

Beach cagers fall to Saline Gold

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade boys' Gold basketball team lost to host Saline Gold 43-22 last Thursday.

Mason Borders and Nate Udell led the Bulldogs each scoring six points.

Dylan Beckett, David Patrias, Josh Simpson, Tyler Frank and Logan Kelly each added two points for Chelsea.

"We had a couple of key injuries that set us back," said Chelsea coach Jason Morris. "But our guys competed really well. The game was a lot closer than the score indicated. I was very proud of them."

On Dec. 4, host Chelsea defeated Adrian White 34-33.

Udell scored with five seconds left for the winning basket. Udell paced the

Bulldogs with eight points. Charlie Hess and Borders each added seven points for Chelsea.

"Again, we came out flat in the first half," Morris said. "My message at halftime was simple, have fun. We certainly picked it up after halftime and gave ourselves a chance at the end."

On Dec. 1, the visiting Bulldogs lost to Tecumseh 44-23.

Udell led Beach with eight points, Borders had five points, while Patrick Roberts had four points for Chelsea.

"After a big game with Dexter (41-38 loss) we came out very flat," Morris said. "We were never in a rhythm at all in the first half and dug ourselves too big of a hole."

On Nov. 30, host Chelsea lost to Dexter Maroon 41-38. Dexter nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer to win the game.

Borders led Beach with nine points. Brian Paulsen and Simpson each added eight points for the Bulldogs.

"This was truly a fantastic game," Morris said. "Both teams competed as well as you could ask for. Unfortunately, they made the big shot at the end, but I was extremely proud of our guys. Each one of them contributed to this great effort."

On Nov. 28, Chelsea lost to host Saline Blue 36-24.

Udell had eight points to lead Beach; Simpson had five points.

"Offensively, we struggled to get in a rhythm and that kept us behind most of the game," Morris said.

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade boys' Blue basketball team defeated visiting Adrian Blue 36-22 last Friday.

Beach outscored the

Maples 15-3 in the fourth quarter to secure its victory.

"I was really proud of the guys and how they focused on defense," said Chelsea coach Jim Tallman. "All season we have stressed that each defensive set is like a game in itself and with each turnover we create we win. That focus on defense really seemed to pay off for us tonight."

Connor Tait led the Bulldogs with 14 points.

Charlie McCalla added six points, while Aaron Zynda and August Pappas each had four points for Chelsea. Jake Fox and Logan Yordanich both had three points, while Austin Centofanti and Spencer Mykala each had one point for Beach.

On Dec. 4, visiting Chelsea lost to Saline Blue 29-28 in overtime.

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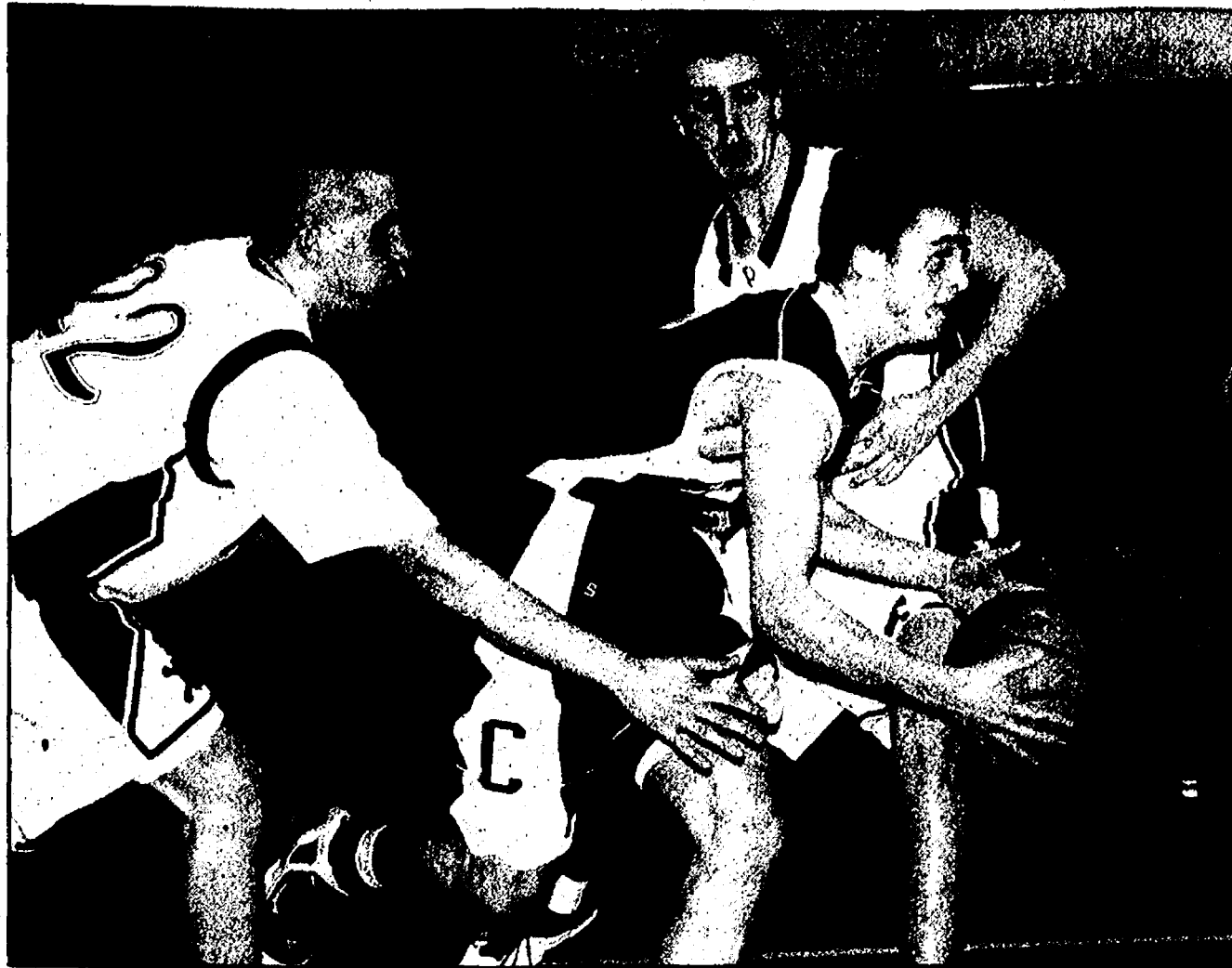
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Chelsea senior Nate Schwarze splits two Pinckney defenders in last week's season opening 68-57 victory over the Pirates Dec. 5.

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HUDSON

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Nate Schwarze paced Chelsea with 18 points, four assists and three steals.

Connell added 14 points, seven rebounds, two steals and two assists, while Hudson had 13 points, five rebounds and four assists.

Sauers had seven points and two steals, while Reubela had six points and three rebounds and Dean Roberts and Mann four points apiece.

Johnson chipped in two points for the Bulldogs.

For the game, Chelsea was 23-of-52 for 42 percent from the field. The Pirates were 22-of-54 for 41 percent.

At the line, the Bulldogs shot 20-of-25 for 80 percent. Pinckney was 11-of-17 for 65 percent.

Chelsea forced 18 turnovers and had nine steals.

"Everybody stepped up and did a real good job," Raymond said. "Our perimeter defense was good. We controlled the game with our pressure in the backcourt."

The Bulldogs next host Saline Friday at 7 p.m.

JV Basketball

Chelsea's JV boys' basketball team lost to host Williamston 65-55 last Friday.

At halftime, the Bulldogs led 30-17.

Entering the fourth quarter, the Hornets rallied to take 42-38 lead.

In the fourth frame, Williamston outscored Chelsea (1-1) 23-17 for the night's final margin.

Mike Roberts led the Bulldogs with 19 points. Jake Mantel had 12 points, while Mike Stratman had 11 points for Chelsea.

On Dec. 5, the visiting Bulldogs beat Pinckney 70-58.

At the break, Chelsea led 31-30.

A 21-11 third quarter by the Bulldogs broke the game open.

Mantel led Chelsea with 18 points.

Roberts added 16 points, while Stratman had 14 points.

Also playing well for the Bulldogs were Tyler Fischhaber, Mike Lenneman and Alex Keely.

Chelsea next hosts Saline Friday at 5:30 p.m.

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BEACH

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Pappas led Beach with eight points.

Tait chipped in seven points, while McCalla had four points and Zynda and Mykala three points apiece for the Bulldogs.

Spencer Knight had two points, while Fox had one point.

"We continue to show improvement as a team and I am pleased with our progress," Tallman said.

On Nov. 30, visiting Chelsea defeated Dexter Gold 28-20.

The Bulldogs led 12-7 at the break.

Mykala led Beach with 12 points.

Fox and Yordanich each had four points, while Joel Benjamin, Zynda, Tait and Knight each had two points.

On Nov. 28, Chelsea lost to visiting Saline Gold 30-29.

"I was extremely proud of how we improved over the first week's games and if we keep improving like this we should soon break into the win column," Tallman said.

Tait led the Bulldogs with 10 points.

Mykala had three points, while Lee Konsky, Bobby Hall, Centofanti, Benjamin,

Yordanich, McCalla and Knight each had two points for Beach.

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade boys' Gold basketball team lost to host Saline Gold 37-18 last Thursday.

Jarred Scheese and Cody Ellyson each had six points to lead the Bulldogs.

Sean O'Quinn, Sam Glaubitz and Ryan Koenn each added two points for Beach.

"We played an outstanding first half of basketball," said Chelsea coach Mike Bareis.

On Dec. 4, host Chelsea defeated Adrian White 35-25.

Jake Steinhauer paced the Bulldogs with 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Cody Barber had six points and three assists.

Cole Mauti and Scheese played well at guard for Beach.

On Dec. 1, visiting Chelsea defeated Tecumseh 41-34.

"We had a lot of energy in our game tonight, especially on the offensive end," Bareis said.

Steinhauer led the Bulldogs with 19 points.

Koenn had five points, while Scheese had four points and Ellyson three points for Beach.

Sam Glaubitz, Tanner Starkey, Mason Wagner, Alex

Stock, Barber and Mauti each had two points for Chelsea.

On Nov. 28, the visiting Bulldogs defeated Saline Blue 29-26.

Steinhauer had 14 points to lead Chelsea.

Barber and Ellyson each had four points, while Koenn had three points and Scheese and Wagner two points apiece.

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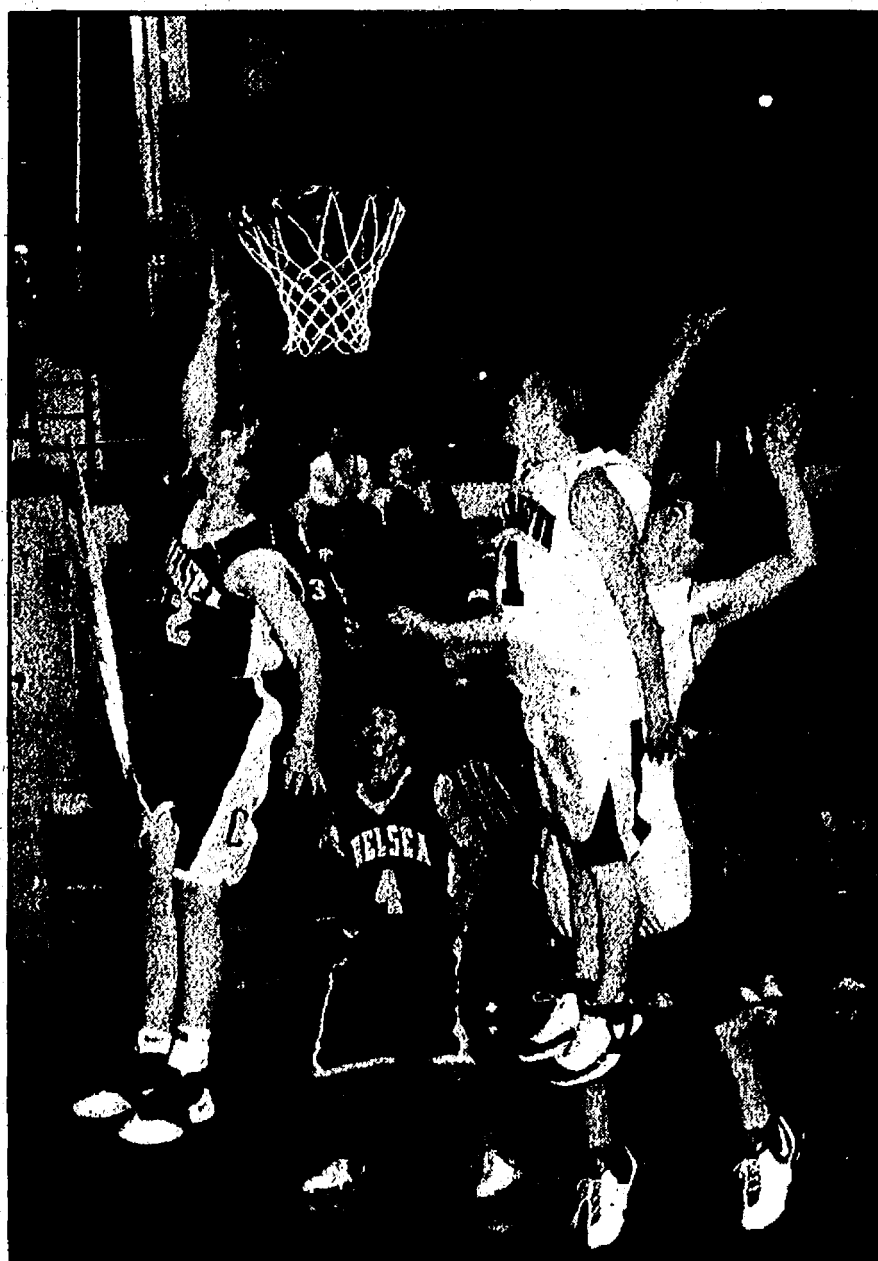
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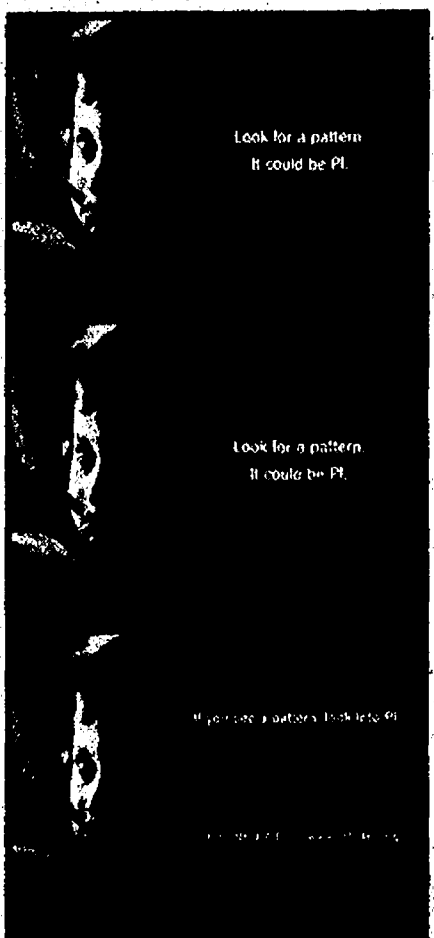
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Chelsea players are framed by Jackson Lumen Christi shoulders during the national anthem before last Saturday's game against the host Titans. The Bulldogs prevailed 5-3 over Lumen Christi.



Chelsea senior Schyler Williams fends off a Jackson Lumen Christi defender in last Saturday's game at Optimist Arena.

DAWGS

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With 41 seconds remaining, Garryl Kujawa scored a power play goal with a 5-on-3 advantage for the Mules for the night's final margin.

Chelsea out-shot Bedford 32-16.

Earning the win between the pipes for the Bulldogs was senior goaltender Josh Cottrell.

"Bedford is a much

improved team," Wright said. "We knew it would be a tough game."

"We got off to a good start in the first period. Our power play got going which was nice. Everybody stepped up and played well. We had three guys out with illness. We worked on being more creative with the puck and being more aware of our options."

Chelsea next travels to the Otsego County Sportscenter to participate in the Division

3 Showcase Tournament this weekend. On Friday, the Bulldogs open the tourney against Big Rapids at 1:15 p.m.

On Saturday, Chelsea squares off against Gaylord at 8 p.m.

On Jan. 3, the Bulldogs visit Plymouth for a game at Compware Arena at 5:30 p.m.

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Bulldog senior Howdy Holmes had two assists in Chelsea's 5-3 win over Jackson Lumen Christi last Saturday

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Dancing with 'our' stars

Dancer's Edge recognized as one of America's 'top 50 studios on the move'



Dance Studio stepping into national spotlight

By Terry Jacoby

Heritage West

Dancer's Edge is often recognized as one of the best dance studios in Michigan. Last month the studio received national accolades when Dance Spirit and Dance Teacher magazines named them one of "50 Studios on the Move" selected from studios nationwide.

The magazine, which is published out of New York and is distributed across the country, will feature the Dexter studio in an upcoming story.

But while being recognized nationally is nice and winning awards at competitions all over the country is rewarding, nothing is more satisfying to Valerie Stead Potsos than teaching youngsters how to dance.

Stead Potsos, who became the owner of Dancer's Edge three years ago, says that her philosophy is to teach skills the students can take with them later in life.

"From dancing, students learn about teamwork, discipline, commitment, dedication and hard work," she said. "Yes, very few students become professional dancers. Our goals are to teach them professional development skills that will carry over into their careers. Even with performances, they learn how to carry themselves professionally and interact with the audience in a professional manner."

Stead Potsos resume is not only impressive but quite crowded.

She is the head coach of the University of Michigan Dance Team, which trains out of Dancer's Edge. Many of the girls on the team, both past and present, help form an impressive lineup of instructors. She also has written numerous articles on coaching and dance for Dance Spirit, American Cheerleader and Motion magazines. She is a seminar presenter, consultant and curriculum developer for



The Dad/Daughter Dance brought out a number of proud papas for the Spring Show.



Valerie Manners, Sadie Sanchez and Kirby Crow at a competition this past spring.



Cheyenne Benyi won this trophy at the State Fair Competition this summer.



Zoe Duhlin, Lauren Wilson and Katie Dawson following a competition this past spring.

Universal Dance Association on topics such as motivation, leadership, teambuilding and many more.

The relationship between the dance studio and the U-M dance team has been the perfect two step.

"Our Blaise Junior Hip-Hop team performs at all of the home womens' basketball games at U of M," Stead Potsos said. "They are on the sidelines and perform at halftime. They learn how to interact with the audience, to understand that all eyes are on them and that they must behave and look professional at all times."

Stead Potsos is not only proud of the quality of the dance program, but the quantity as well. The studio has been at the Dexter location for the past 10 years.

About five years ago, the new owners (the Rivers family) purchased the gym and dance studio and hired Stead Potsos as the director.

"Three years ago I became the owner of the dance studio," she said. "They still own the gym and tanning salon. But when I first started working there, we had 75 students. Now, we have over 350."

The dance floor is filled with all different types and styles of dance, including ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, hip-hop, ballroom, dance team technique, studio technique, jumps, leaps and turns, swings. They also offer private lessons, creative movement, kinderdance, competition dance teams and much more.

"I think jazz and hip-hop are the most popular because those

are danced to popular music," said Stead Potsos, who coached The Royal Oak Kimball Dance Co. and the Royal Oak Kimball varsity dance team for eight years.

"There is always something going on here. We also were selected to dance in Disney World this February. We were one of only a few studios who were selected out of hundreds of other studios around the country."

Stead Potsos began taking dance when she was 3-years-old in Grand Blanc. At age 14, she started assisting and teaching classes at Terry Matlock Dance Studio in Flint and danced competitively on her high school team where they won the USCA World Competition in 1988.

"When I went to college at

The basic steps

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The basics: Dancers Edge teaches many forms of dance including Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Lyrical, Pilates, Studio Technique, Jumps, Leaps and Turns, Dance Team Technique and Competition Dance Teams (by audition).

The staff: Valerie Stead Potsos, Jodie Randolph, Katy Jackson, Shawn Calvin, Kory Chavez, Katie Tuson, Rachel Knorr, Ashley Farr, Heather Duncan, Amanda Rize, Peter Kentes, Susan Gannon, Jodie Lancia, Sherri Kraft, Megan Moeller, Michelle Lozenich, Akiya Brown, Jennifer Baaske and Joelle Fobbs, Kathy Coombe, Linny Quinn and Sam Raven.

Dates to remember: Dec. 17 (Parent's Shopping Day Out) from noon to 4 p.m. Holiday Party for the kids; June 9-10 (Spring Show) at Chelsea High School.

Talking the talk

Dance students give their take on Dancers Edge.

"I like dancing with my friends. My teachers are fun to dance with and they teach us lots of great routines! I like dancing because I feel good about myself afterward. It makes me happy and I like performing."

- Kim Franhammer

"I like all of the teachers, they make dancing fun."

- Cassidy Kraft

"The best thing I like about Dancer's Edge are the teachers most of all because they're fun, exciting, energetic and get you motivated. Another thing that I love about Dancer's Edge is that we're always planning fun things like going to dance in Disney in February. The studio is special and unique because it's very decorated and it's always looking great. Something else that's special about the studio is that we're always having fun and working hard. The reason I like dancing is that it's great exercise. Probably my favorite thing about dancing is the competitions and shows because it gets you excited so you dance your best."

- Lauren Wilson

"I like the teachers; they are all very nice, fun to dance with and choreograph great dances. I have danced at a few different dance studios and I like Dancer's Edge the best because the choreography is great, the teachers are awesome and they make me want to be a better dancer."

- Taylor Kraft

Did we mention...

Many of the teachers are on The University of Michigan Dance Team. Some of the teachers have gone on to dance for Automation (the Detroit Pistons' Dance Team), The Chicago Bulls Dance Team and The Washington Wizards Dance Team.

Dancer's Edge offers birthday parties, four workshops, leadership and teambuilding workshops.

The studio also offers college scholarships to their students.

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Business

Gound-floor opportunity

Chelsea's Norris opens store in Manchester

A new business is scheduled to open its doors this weekend in downtown Manchester.

Norris Floor Covering, the progeny of Manchester residents Dave and Colleen Norris, will be moving into the former Manchester Enterprise office on Main Street. The store has had its Phoenix logo on the widow for some time now and opening day was expected to be earlier this month.

Dave Norris, who has 30 years experience in the flooring business, says the concept behind his new business is simple.

"If it goes on a floor, we'll do it."

His services include ordering and installing a variety of carpets, wood floors, ceramic tile, vinyl and laminates. Norris will provide both residential and commercial services.

The couple's excited to be starting what they call a "mom and pop" store in Manchester. The flooring business

Norris says, is currently vacant in the area and he hopes to fill that void. Plans are to carry the same products at the same prices as other big-box retailers in the larger area.

They're even willing to match competitors' prices.

"If you bring me a name and number, I'll match it," Norris said.

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Chelsea's Dave Norris has 30 years experience in the flooring business and 20 years running his own business.

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Health

A new approach to growing heart muscle

U-M team reports success of rapid 3-D cell-growth technique that produces pulsing, organized tissue

ANN ARBOR - It looks, contracts and responds almost like natural heart muscle - even though it was grown in the lab. And it brings scientists another step closer to the goal of creating replacement parts for damaged human hearts, or eventually growing an entirely new heart from just a spoonful of loose heart cells.

This week, University of Michigan researchers are reporting significant progress in growing bioengineered heart muscle, or BEHM, with organized cells, capable of generating pulsating forces and reacting to stimulation more like real muscle than ever before.

The three-dimensional tissue was grown using an innovative technique that is faster than others that have been tried in recent years, but still yields tissue with significantly better properties. The approach uses a fibrin gel to support rat cardiac cells temporarily, before the fibrin breaks down as the cells organize into tissue.

The U-M team details its achievement in a new paper published online in the Journal of Biomedical Materials Research Part A.

And while BEHM is still years away from use as a human heart treatment, or as a testing ground for new cardiovascular drugs, the U-M researchers say their results should help accelerate progress toward those goals. U-M is applying for patent protection on the development and is actively looking for a corporate partner to help bring the technology to market.

Ravi K. Birla, Ph.D., of the Artificial Heart Laboratory in U-M's Section of Cardiac Surgery and the U-M Cardiovascular Center, led

the research team.

"Many different approaches to growing heart muscle tissue from cells are being tried around the world, and we're pursuing several avenues in our laboratory," says Birla. "But from these results we can say that utilizing a fibrin hydrogel yields a product that is ready within a few days, that spontaneously organizes and begins to contract with a significant and measurable force, and that responds appropriately to external factors such as calcium."

The new paper actually compares two different ways of using fibrin gel as a basis for creating BEHM: layering on top of the gel, and embedding within it. In the end, the layering approach produced a more cohesive tissue that contracted with more force - a key finding because embedding has been seen as the more promising technique.

The ability to measure the forces generated by the BEHM as it contracts is crucial, Birla explains. It's made possible by a precise instrument called an optical force transducer that gives more precise readings than that used by other teams.

The measurement showed that the BEHM that had formed in just four days after a million cells were layered on fibrin gel could contract with an active force of more than 800 micro-Newtons. That's still only about half the force generated within the tissue of an actual beating heart, but it's much higher than the forces created by engineered heart tissue samples grown and reported by other researchers. Birla says the team expects to see greater forces created by BEHM in future experiments that will bathe the cells in an environment that's even more similar to the body's internal conditions.

In the new paper, the

team reports that contraction forces increased when the BEHM tissues were bathed in a solution that included additional calcium and a drug that acts on beta-adrenergic receptors. Both are important to the signaling required to produce cohesive action by cells in tissue.

The U-M team also assessed the BEHM's structure and function at different stages in its development. First author and postdoctoral fellow Yen-Chih Huang, Ph.D., of the U-M Division of Biomedical Engineering, led the creation of the modeling system. Co-author and research associate Luda Khait examined the tissue using special stains that revealed the presence and concentration of the fibrin gel, and of collagen generated by the cells as they organized into tissue.

Over the course of several days, the fibrin broke down as intended, after fulfilling its role as a temporary support for the cells. This may be a key achievement for future use of BEHM as a treatment option, because the tissue could be grown and implanted relatively quickly.

The U-M Artificial Heart Laboratory (www.sitemaker.umich.edu/ahl) is part of the U-M Section of Cardiac Surgery, and draws its strength from the fact that it includes bioengineers, cell biologists and heart surgeons - a multidisciplinary group that can tackle both the technical and clinical hurdles in the field of engineering heart muscle. Its focus is to evaluate different platforms for engineering cardiovascular structures in the laboratory. Active programs include tissue engineering models for cardiac muscle, tri-leaflet valves, cell-based cardiac pumps and vascular grafts. In addition, the laboratory has expertise in several different tissue engineering

platforms: self-organization strategies, biodegradable hydrogels such as fibrin, and polymeric scaffolds.

Each approach may turn out to have its own applications, says Birla, and the ability to conduct side-by-side comparisons is important. Other researchers have focused on one approach or another, but the U-M team can use its lab to test multiple approaches at once.

"Fundamentally, we're interested in creating models of the different components of the heart one by one," says Birla. "It's like building a house - you need to build the separate pieces first. And once we understand how these models can be built in the lab, then we can work toward building a bioengineered heart."

He notes that while many other labs focus on growing one heart component, only U-M is working on growing all the different heart components.

Already, the U-M team has begun experiments to transplant BEHM into the hearts of rats that have suffered heart attacks, and see if the new tissue can heal the damage. This work is being conducted by Francesco Migneco, M.D., a research fellow with the Artificial Heart Laboratory. Further studies will implement "bioreactors" that will expose the BEHM tissue to more of the nutrients and other conditions that are present in the body.

Grief relief

Ways to get through holidays

The death of a loved one can affect families in unique ways and the holidays may be a particularly difficult time for anyone who is experiencing loss. Hospice of Michigan offers suggestions to help cope with the death of a loved one during this special time of year.

"We know December can be a difficult month for anyone suffering a recent loss and Hospice of Michigan offers suggestions that may help families navigate through the holidays while coping with their painful experience," said Nancy Doty, Ann Arbor Grief Support Services Manager.

Grief is a normal and natural reaction to a significant loss in life and people grieve in very different ways. Even though the grieving process is individual, comfort can be found when families support and help each other during this sensitive time. Hospice of Michigan assists families and friends of terminally ill patients in coming to terms with their grief, and working through this process in their own, individual ways.

Hospice of Michigan offers the following suggestions to guide families through the grieving process during the holidays:

- Be aware that this holiday will be different. Hold a family discussion and decide whether any changes will be made to the celebration this year.

- Reveal your feelings and share your thoughts and memories. It helps to know feelings of sadness and loss are something everyone else feels. Share with family members when you are having a bad day. Let them know it is ok to cry.

- Although you may not feel like celebrating, it can be com-

forting to accept a few invitations with close family and friends. Choose gatherings that will be the most meaningful to your family.

- Children naturally enjoy helping. Discuss ways your family can help others by "adopting" a family to buy presents or food for. Get children in the act by allowing them to help choose and wrap gifts for the family.

- Start a new tradition to honor your loved one - create a special ornament, light a candle, create a memory scrapbook, share favorite stories over dinner, or make a donation in the name of your loved one.

- Plant an evergreen tree in remembrance. The planting process may give a sense of empowerment and the family can watch it grow year-round.

- Participation in holiday community events can be a creative, social outlet for families. Tree-lighting ceremonies or a tour of a decorated neighborhood can bring a welcome respite of wonder and awe during this difficult holiday season.

- Explore any religious or spiritual ceremonies that may comfort family members while coping with their grief.

Hospice of Michigan provides comprehensive comfort care to people living with a terminal illness, and support to their families. The organization serves more than 800 people every day in 45 counties. For information about Hospice of Michigan services in the Ann Arbor area, call 734-769-4212 or visit the website www.hom.org.

DANCING

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Michigan. I was a captain of the U-M Dance Team," she said. "I also taught classes wherever I could. I taught at dance studios, at the YMCA and much more. I feel that teachers can learn a lot from teaching in a variety of environments."

Dancer's Edge has 15 teachers on staff who are U of M graduates and dancers, all certified in their fields of dance.

"They want to help children develop confidence, learn new skills and have fun in an exciting environment," said Stead Potsos, who lives in Dexter with her husband and two sons. "And so do I. That's what we are all about."

The business side of the business is run much like a dance team.

"I don't like hierarchies," Stead Potsos said. "I like operating in a team environment, and I think everyone has something valuable to offer and our studio is a community where everyone can contribute something. No one person can possibly know everything."

That team concept isn't limited to one area of the business or even the staff.

"We need to value, cherish and utilize many different ideas and suggestions to create an eclectic and stimulating environment for our students and families," she said. "I love it when studio parents have an idea and implement it to completion. I feel that everyone has a great sense of pride when they have been able to contribute to the success of our environment. Yes, there are other studios out there, but I feel that if we are working as hard as we can, we will be successful."

Dancer's Edge welcomes "everyone and all students of all ages and abilities." And what each person gets out of the experience depends on the person, their goals and

what they want to put into it.

"For me, dance is a passion," Stead Potsos said. "I feel blessed that I can do something that I absolutely love. The greatest reward to me is watching the students grow and develop each year as they progress with their skills and knowledge."

"I still have students who I coached in Royal Oak who now come to Dexter to dance and teach with me. I enjoy the practices and rehearsals more than the performances. The same is true with the Michigan Dance Team. When I was performing, I could control the outcome. Now, as a coach and teacher, I have to fully prepare my students for the performances. I can offer mental inspiration, but the physical preparation is over. That is why I enjoy the practices so much more."

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Around the county

Learning center gives kids tools to be successful

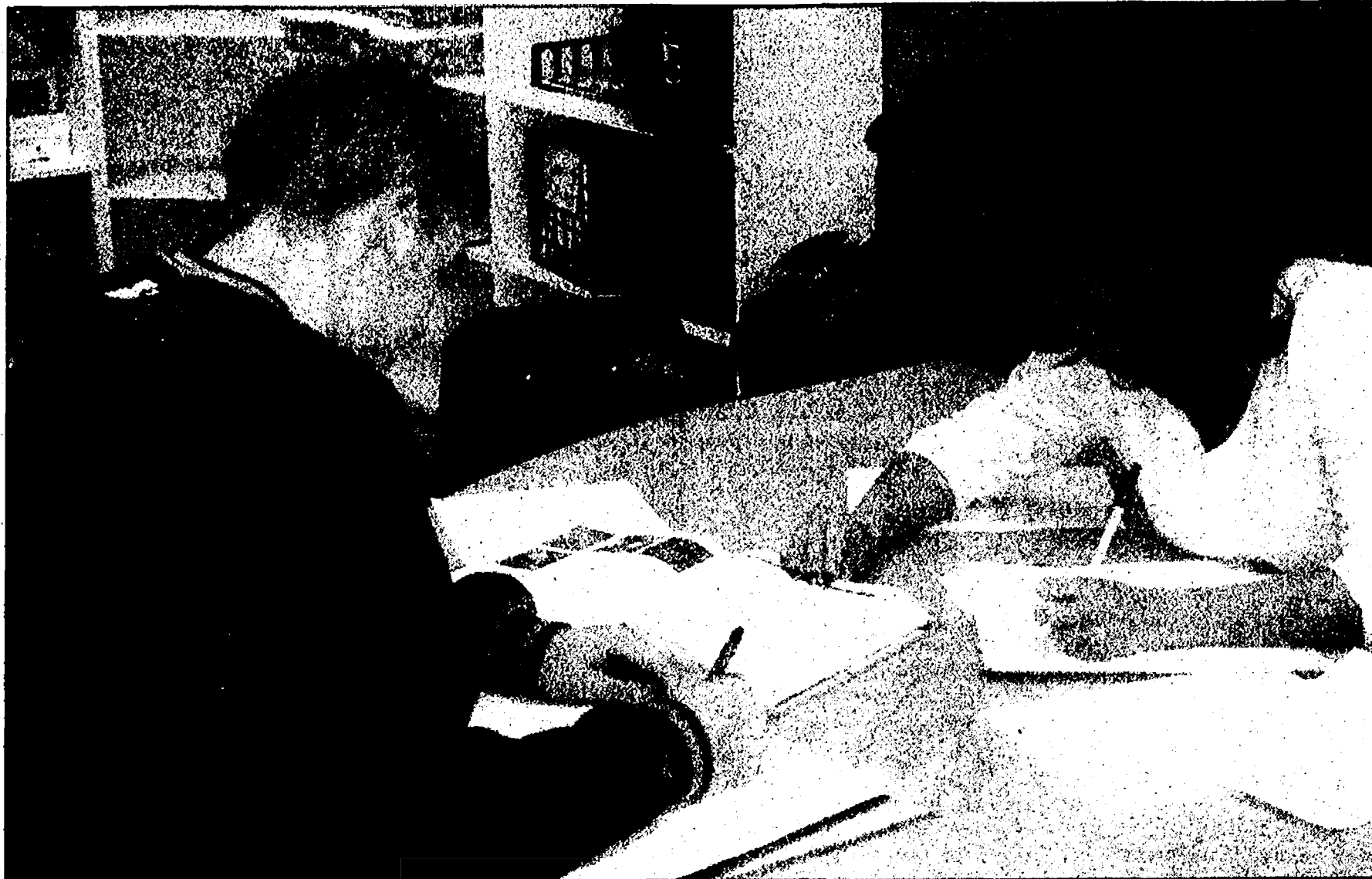
By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Saline resident Brenda Said dreams that every child will succeed. And that dream has led to her own success as president of Great Lakes Educational Group in Saline.

When Said was an undergraduate at Eastern Michigan University, she tutored a few private students in the basement of her home. Recognizing a huge need in the community, she founded the Step Ahead Learning Center in February 2001.

The center, which has since expanded and was recently renamed the Great Lakes Educational Group, located at 152 S. Industrial Drive in Saline, offers K-12 students the learning and logic skills required to perform well in school and reach their potential.

Ten tutors are on hand to help children with homework or subject-specific tutoring, study and organization skills, and interpersonal skills. The team is familiar with the problems parents and children often face — homework struggles, low grades, children who get discouraged and anxious about their studies — and can help. "Students need extra attention that can't always be given in the classroom or by parents," Said explained. "The amount of material that students are expected to learn each year is astounding.



Jake Santure (left) receives tutoring assistance from Brenda Said, president of Great Lakes Educational Group in Saline.

"Our team finds the three most common challenges that students face when completing homework are organizing time and materials, prioritizing assignments, and finding time to study material in preparation for tests and quizzes."

The center, which recently launched a new Web site and online resources at www.GreatLakesEducationa

lGroup.com, started out offering tutoring and homework assistance in all subjects, including reading, math and science.

But as the original group of elementary pupils grew, so did a new need. The youngsters hit high school and wanted help preparing for the challenge of the SAT and ACT tests, their passport to college.

The new Web site evolved to include educational tools, as well as answers to questions such as how to prepare for the ACT exam, Said explained. As GLEG continues to expand its services, staff and other resources, the Web site will play an integral role in keeping parents informed and engaged in their child's academic success, she said.

The group, serving students throughout the Ann Arbor and metro Detroit areas, plans to add foreign-language tutoring to middle and high school students and additional services to students seeking small group tutoring options.

Said, who brings a wealth of experience to her position, earned her bachelor's degree from EMU in April

2000, and a master's degree in the art of teaching in 2002 from Marygrove College in Detroit. She is endorsed to teach special education in kindergarten through 12th grades and is certified to teach kindergarten through sixth grades.

A certified guided reading trainer, Said is a fierce advocate for literacy and stresses to parents the importance of making sure their children are strong, independent readers.

Said, who has taught special education and general education in Riverview Community Schools since 2000, also serves on a committee to audit students' individualized educational plans, to make sure that they are receiving appropriate educational services.

A member of the Education Industry Association, she attended a three-day EIA conference in Denver in July. She called the event a highlight of her professional training, and brought back new ideas, techniques and assessment tools to enhance kids' learning processes.

"We have a strong desire to help students learn, ultimately opening more opportunities to them as they get older — better jobs, potential for college, ultimately preparing them for limitless opportunities in their future."

Sheila Pursglove is a freelance writer. She can be reached at bingley51@yahoo.com.

Christmas Postcard



Dexter Flowers, located at 8054 Main Street, offers a variety of floral arrangements for the holiday season. Owner Barbara Gergely said the festive poinsettias, starting at \$15, are the most popular plants for gift giving.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 08-1112-DE
Estate of NAOMI M. STOKER, DECEASED. Date of birth: June 22, 1928
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, NAOMI M. STOKER, DECEASED, who lived at 416 South Main Street, City of Chelsea, Michigan died November 6, 2006.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ELIZABETH E. BERTKE and DEBORAH K. MERRILL, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date: December 4, 2006
Personal representative
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Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
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Publish: December 14, 2006

CITY OF CHELSEA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2006
WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER

Call to Order
Present: City Manager Stelkac, Clerk Burch
Council Members Present: Feeney, Albertson, Lindauer, Martinez-Kratz, Merkel, Bollinger and Hammer
Absent:
Others Present: Lisa Allmendinger, Ed Freundl, Jan Loveland, Bob Shepherd, Paul Newhouse, Barbara Fredette, Brad Roberts, Victoria Bennett, Mel Leach, Dave Bulson, Teresa Stelkac, Chris Rode, Belinda Deci, Karl Kasischke, Jim Machnik, Linda Sayer
Mayor Feeney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance
Presentations
1. Oath of Office Ceremony for Police Chief Ed-Toth, Jr.
2. Final Report & Recommendations from the Washtenaw Community College Internship Assessment
Approval of Consent Agenda
MOVED Merkel SECONDED Lindauer to approve minutes with corrections and bills as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Approval of Regular Agenda
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Bollinger to approve the regular agenda as presented with the addition of Director of Administrative Services Position as number 10 and Wastewater Treatment Plant Building update as number 11. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Public Comments
1. Jim Machnik addressed council with concerns about the Street Ordinance and the Council Meetings not being televised on Channel 18.
Council Business
1. Sheridan Book Electric Charges
MOVED Bollinger SECONDED Albertson to authorize the City staff to back bill Sheridan Books for electricity used but not billed due to a meter error for a period of one year prior to the discovery of the error in the amount of \$228,851.56. Sheridan Books may pay back the amount due over a maximum two-year period. Roll call vote, Six Ayes, One Nay (Hammer). Motion Carried.
2. Introduction of Ordinance to Permit Sandwich Board Signs with Conditions
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Merkel to introduce An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 84, Sidewalk and Street Obstructions, of the City of Chelsea to Permit Portable Sandwich Board and Two-Sided Freestanding Signs Under Certain Conditions and refer to the meeting of November 28, 2006. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
3. Introduction of an Ordinance to Control Noxious Weeds and limit the Height of Weeds and Grasses in the City of Chelsea
MOVED Merkel SECONDED Hammer to introduce An Ordinance to Prohibit and Control Noxious Weeds, to Limit the Height of All Weeds and Grasses and to Provide Abatement and Penalties for the Control of such Weeds and Grasses and refer to the meeting of November 28, 2006. Natural Areas are omitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
4. Municipal Employees' Retirement System Benefit Program "E" for Retirees
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Bollinger to adopt the Benefit Program E increase and develop an accelerated plan within the next sixty (60) days. Six Ayes, One Nay (Martinez-Kratz). Motion Carried.
5. Purchase of Police Vehicle
MOVED Albertson SECONDED Lindauer to authorize the purchase of a police vehicle from Palmer Ford in the amount of \$19,440.95. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
6. Transmission Sharing Agreement with Michigan Public Power
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Albertson to approve the Transmission Sharing Agreement with the Michigan Public Power Agency. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
7. Water Superintendent Employment Agreement
MOVED Merkel SECONDED Bollinger to approve the Water Superintendent Employment Agreement for the period March 7, 2006 to March 6, 2009. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
8. Public Works Superintendent Employment Agreement
MOVED Albertson SECONDED Hammer to approve the Public Works Superintendent Employment Agreement for the period November 6, 2006 to November 5, 2007. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
9. Request to schedule City Council Study Session on Water Issues Meeting set for Wednesday, November 22, at 6:30 a.m.
10. Director of Administrative Services Position
MOVED Merkel SECONDED Bollinger to approve the conditions of salary increase of \$10.00 per hour and longevity of \$2700.00. Barbara Fredette will continue as Director of Administrative Services until December 29, 2006. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
11. Wastewater Treatment Plant
Brad Roberts, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent addressed Council to see what kind of updates for the addition to the Treatment Plant they would like to receive and how they would prefer to receive these updates. Council informed Brad Roberts to keep them updated via email.
CLOSED SESSION
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Lindauer to go into closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing the Performance Evaluation of the City Manager and Collective Bargaining Strategy
ADJOURNMENT
MOVED Bollinger SECONDED Hammer to adjourn at 10:07 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Approved: November 28, 2006
NOTE: This is only a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Clerk's Office at 305 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI or online at www.city-chelsea.org
Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Burch, City Clerk
Publish: December 14, 2006

FLOORING

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small-town support that's common with other businesses in the village.

"Manchester's a nice, small, easygoing town," he said. "My biggest concern is just getting the trust of the community."

Norris Floor Covering is somewhat of a pinnacle of Dave Norris' spanning career in the flooring industry. "To make a long story short, I started laying carpet when I was 12 years old," he said. A graduate of Chelsea High School, Norris started his own residential flooring business when he was only 18

years old. He ran the business for 20 years before he took a new job managing a commercial flooring business. He kept that job for nine years and then decided to be his own boss again.

"It was just time to go and do my own thing again," he said.

Norris moved to Manchester when he married Colleen two years ago. He says the village is a perfect fit for their new enterprise.

"We're just hoping to start something new and fresh," Norris said. "That's why we picked our logo. My wife and I were looking at different designs and both decided we like the idea of a Phoenix. "Now, we're ready to go."

VILLAGE OF DEXTER
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at 7:30 pm at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Road, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following ordinance amendments to Article 7, Sign Regulations:

Section 7.03.1.F - The following text will be added: All internally illuminated ground signs shall have a dark background with light colored lettering.

Section 7.04.1.D - Will read as follows: Within the CBD (Central Business District) and the VC (Village Commercial District) signs are intended to promote the pedestrian scale, and to ensure the visual consistency between signs and the historic character of the districts. No sign shall be erected in the CBD or VC in any manner that will obstruct any architectural details of a building. Signs within the CBD and VC may not be internally illuminated and may be channel letter signs or box signs only when signs have a dark background with a light colored message.

Section 7.04.1.E - Will read as follows: Buildings signs are not permitted above the first floor. Signs are permitted in the second story windows only in the Central Business District (CBD).

Section 7.04.1.F - Will read as follows: Awning signs shall be limited to three (3) colors. Only one (1) awning sign is permitted per building if used for advertising.

Section 7.07.5.E.a - will read as follows: Intent. The Village of Dexter would like to provide businesses an opportunity to provide high quality creative signage, which expresses the unique character of a business or building. Such signs shall be designed and constructed so as to promote and not visually obscure the significant architectural components of a building or required landscaping is a project. Sign owners are encouraged to consult with the village prior to designing all signage.

Section 7.07.5.E.a.iii - Sandwich Board signs will not be permitted to be left on the sidewalk or outside overnight.

Section 7.07.5.E.a.iv - Sandwich board signage is encouraged to be visually consistent with the historic village. Downtown is proposed to change to village. Insurance is required, naming the village has an additional insured, only for sandwich board signs placed on village property.

Section 7.07.5.E.a.vi - and will require annual review upon application, will be removed due to duplication.

Section 7.10.2 - Any sign, other than directional signs, not included in the comprehensive sign plan at the time of final site plan approval shall be subject to the Planning Commission approval, will be removed.

Information regarding the special land use application is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 15. Written comments regarding the proposed special land use permit should be submitted to the Village Offices, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 22, 2006. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Offices and on the Village website.
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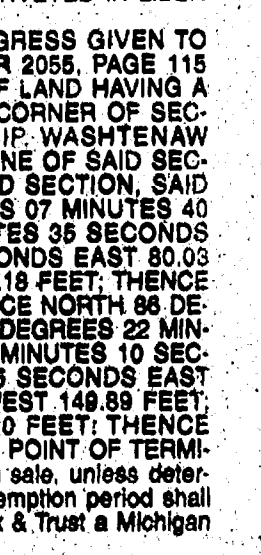
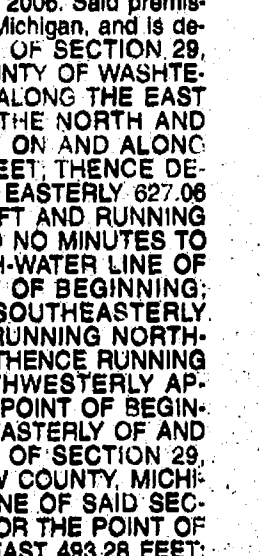
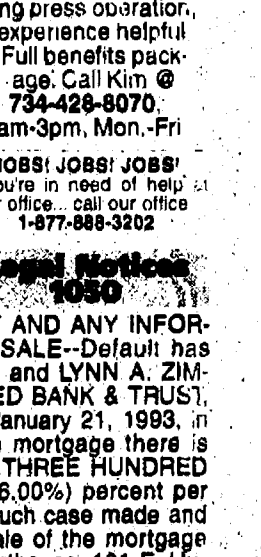
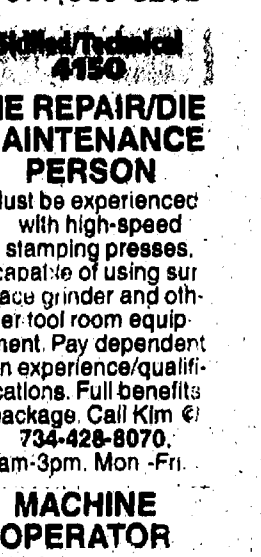
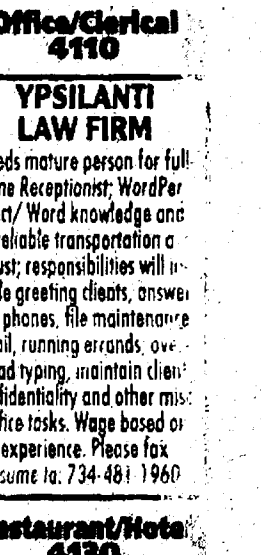
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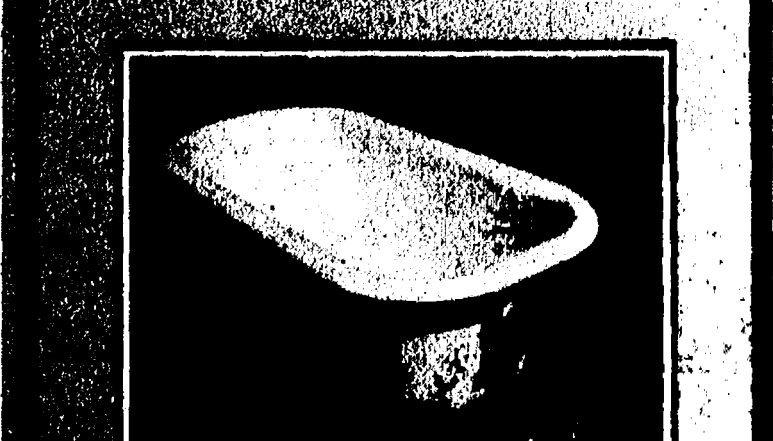
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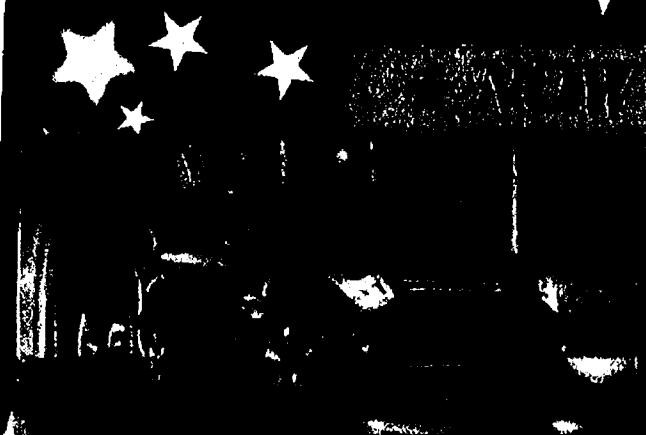
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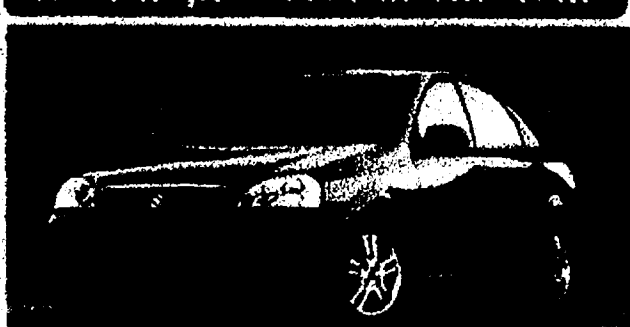
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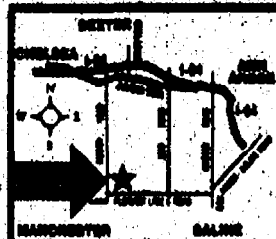


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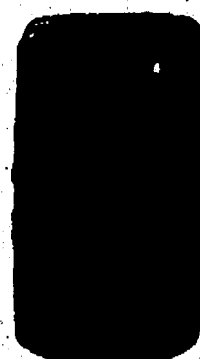
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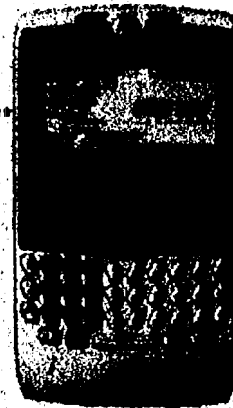
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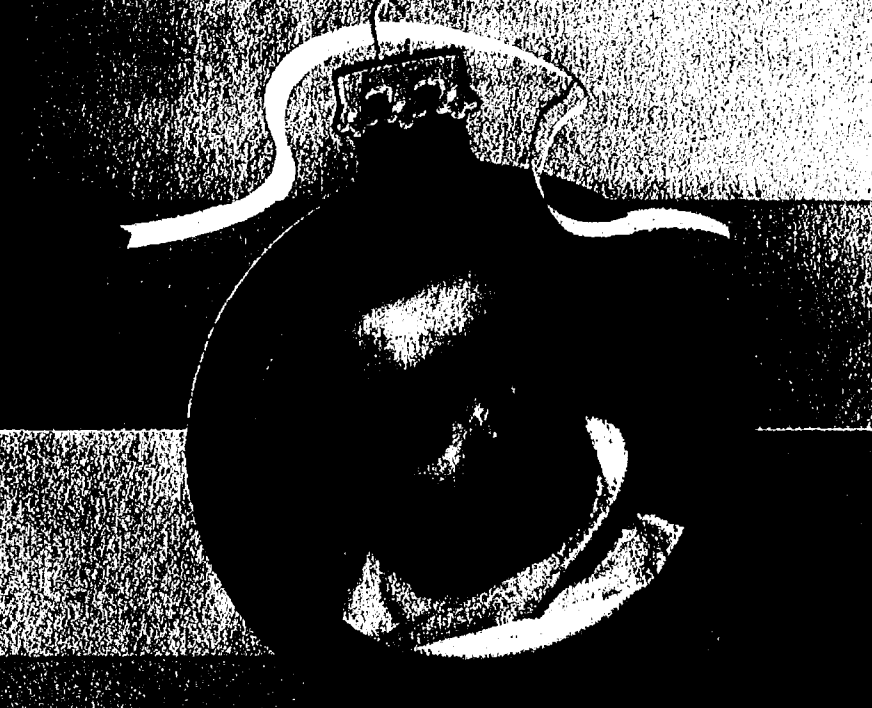
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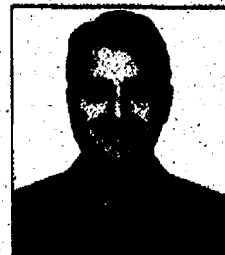
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The hybrid Vue Green Line Hybrid is competing for marketshare against such vehicles as Ford's hybrid Escape, Toyota's hybrid Highlander and Honda's hybrid Civic.

Except for some exterior badges, the exterior of the Vue is the same as gasoline powered Vues. Interior-wise, the Saturn Vue Green Line is also very similar to other Vue interiors. The main difference here is the additional indicators that provide information to the driver as to the functions of the hybrid system.

There is a charge assist gauge that shows whether the system is charging the hybrid battery or providing an electrical boost to the vehicle.

An auto stop indicator on the tachometer will show the driver when the engine shuts off when the vehicle comes to a stop. The eco light illuminates when you have exceeded the EPA's estimated miles-per-gallon rating.

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The hybrid system on the

Saturn Vue Green Line becomes fully operational after the vehicle warms up and the air-conditioning is off or is in the economy mode.

When the air-conditioning is in the normal mode, the auto stop is disabled to allow for maximum cooling. However, the engine boost and regenerative braking and other hybrid modes are still functional.

The hybrid system on the Saturn Vue Green Line increases fuel mileage by shutting the engine off when the vehicle comes to a full stop. While the combustion engine is off, vehicle functions such as climate control are powered by the hybrid battery.

The system also will shut the down when the engine begins to decelerate. Here, too, the engine will automatically start when the gas pedal is pressed.

The battery pack on the Saturn is charged when the vehicle's brakes are applied by using the energy to charge the battery. Should the battery need further charging, the system automatically will recharge them while the vehicle is moving.

Drivers of the hybrid Vue Green Line will have a hard time telling the difference in driving it and a gasoline-powered Vue, except for a lot less time and money spent on fueling it.

The vehicle's 2.4-liter inline four-cylinder engine

and electric generators combine to put out 170 horsepower, which is 27 more horsepower than the 143 horsepower provided by the gasoline powered 2.2-liter engine in conventional four-cylinder powered Vues.

The automatic engine stop and start is seamless — except for the instrumentation that alerts the driver when the engine is stopped — one would have a hard time telling that the engine even shuts down.

Under normal city driving and highway driving, a lot of power is not needed so the four-cylinder engine provides plenty of power for that style of driving without using a lot of fuel. When additional power is needed to pass or

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■ **BASE PRICE:** \$22,370

■ **OPTIONS:** Leather interior, \$775; destination charge, \$625.

■ **PRICE AS TESTED:** \$23,750

■ **TYPE OF VEHICLE:** Hybrid, front-wheel-drive SUV.

■ **DRIVETRAIN:** 170-horsepower, 2.4-liter inline four cylinder gas engine assisted by electric generators; four-speed automatic transmission.

■ **WHEELBASE:** 106.7 inches

■ **LENGTH:** 181.3 inches

■ **WIDTH:** 71.6 inches

■ **HEIGHT:** 65.3 inches

■ **CURB WEIGHT:** 3,473 pounds

■ **WHERE BUILT:** Spring Hill, Tenn.

■ **EPA:** 27 mpg city; 32 mpg highway.

merge, the extra power is supplied by the electric motors instead of using more gas just for the few seconds of additional needed power.

Is the hybrid Vue for everyone?

No, but for those wanting better fuel mileage without paying the price for a full blown hybrid vehicle, the Vue Green Line is an excellent place to start.



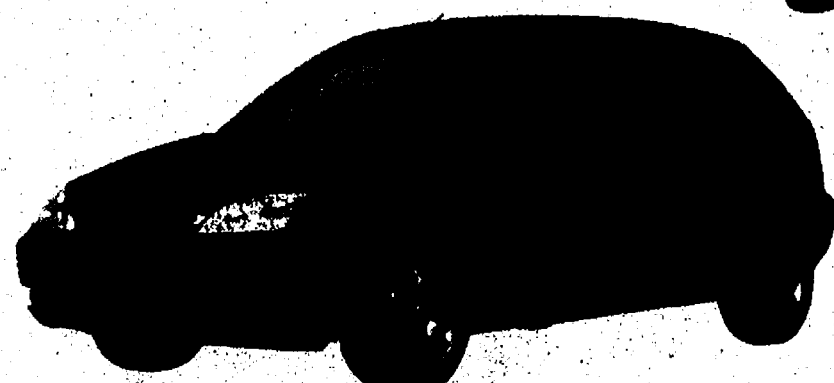
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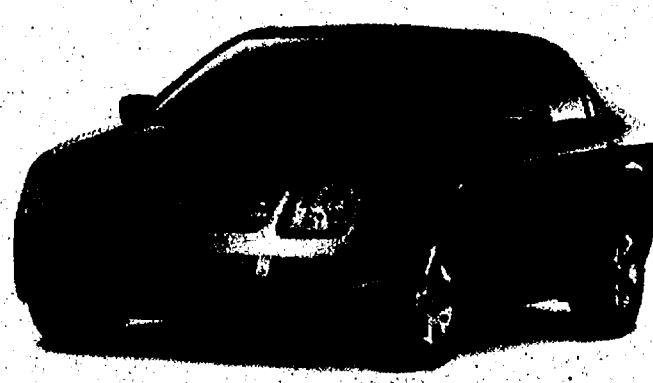


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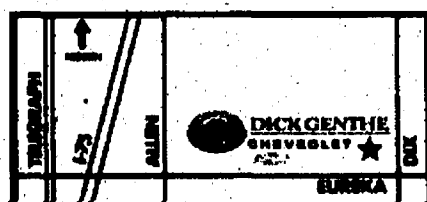
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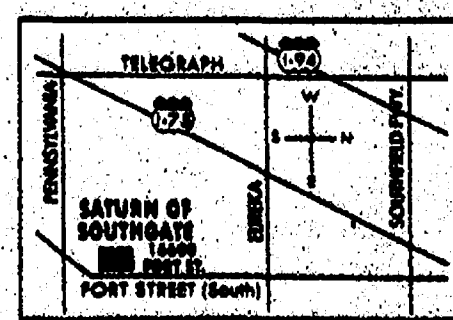
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Saline Dodge

New location, new attitude at Dodge Chrysler Jeep dealer

BY MIKE SCHAFER

THE NEWS-HERALD

SALINE — There's a new sheriff in town when it comes to selling Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep products, and its name is Saline Dodge.

Owner Gary Marl purchased the dealership, previously known as Steeb Dodge, from brothers Jack and Gene Steeb and moved it into a new building just down the road at 900 W. Michigan Ave.



Along with the spacious new building, there is a new attitude and sales approach at Saline Dodge, which has seen its sales rise steadily since the move.

"Steeb Brothers used to deliver 10 new cars per month," Saline Dodge General Manager Paul Hebda said. "We're delivering around 40 new cars per month and 20 used cars per month right now."

"But with several new products coming out, we're projecting to sell anywhere from 60 to 70 vehicles per month here shortly. This is a huge growth area. There's new housing and condos going in everywhere. Saline used to be a tiny bedroom community of Ann Arbor and now Saline is growing out toward Clinton because this is a good area to live in with decent taxes."

"We're not Steeb Brothers anymore, we're Saline Dodge and we have a new location and a new business approach," he added. "We're working hard to get this community's business, and if there is some reality to making a deal and that means putting in a little extra in a deal, we're ready to do that."

Hebda, who has 20 years of experience in the new car business, joined Saline Dodge seven months ago and has been impressed with the dealership's staff as well as the area.

"We believe in giving that red carpet treatment to customers and taking care of their needs, whether it be with our service department or buying a new or used



Photos by Dennis Oblander

Saline Dodge Chrysler Jeep moved to 900 W. Michigan Ave. last year and business has been on the rise every month thanks to "giving customers the red carpet treatment."

car," Hebda said. "This is a great area. We draw from all over, Adrian, Port Huron, Toledo, and with this Heritage Newspapers contest, we've seen people in our showroom from Woodhaven, Flat Rock and other parts of Downriver."

Chrysler Town & Country and Dodge Caravan minivans are the dealership's top sellers, although truck sales are starting to come back of late, according to Hebda.

"We sell a lot of Grand Cherokees and we sell a lot of trucks, between the Dakotas and the full-size Rams," he said. "This area is probably a 40 percent truck area because of the price of gas of late."

Hebda is excited about several new products coming to his showroom floor, including the Chrysler Sebring, Chrysler Aspen, Dodge Caliber, Jeep Compass and Jeep Nitro.

"Take a look at our new Sebring," he said. "We have German engineers helping us design these vehicles now. It's half Mercedes and it's got that look, and it's going to be a big seller."

"The new Calibers and Compass are here now and it just so happens that they are coming out shortly after gas prices hit \$3 per gallon this summer. We're selling a

lot of them every day and it's a well-built, safe vehicle to drive and you get good gas mileage."

Hebda said Jeep also is coming out with the Patriot and Dodge has the Nitro. He said the Nitro is a "good-looking" sport utility vehicle that comes in either two or four-wheel drive.

"It's a smaller vehicle, but it's rugged enough to climb sand dunes if you wanted to," he said. "It's also a nice riding vehicle to take back and forth to work every day."

Hebda said he expects the Chrysler Aspen to be a big seller as well in the large SUV segment.

"Chrysler Aspen is a bigger SUV for people looking for some space," he said. "We've lost some business over the years to the Cadillac Escalade, because the Durango is more like a truck. But now we have the Aspen and it's beautiful and it's every bit as nice, if not nicer, than the Escalade and it's \$15,000 less expensive."

"It's a Chrysler product, so it has a prestige name, and if you look at it, it's a beautiful piece of machinery."

Hebda also is looking forward to the redesign of the Chrysler Crossfire. He said that the Dodge Ram trucks and the new Dodge Charger both keep customers walking through the doors as

well.

"The Dodge Charger, it's a muscle car, but you look at the undercarriage and it's Mercedes-Benz," he said. "It's rear-wheel drive, but it has traction control and every type of safety device to keep them on the road."

"There's a lot of guys my age that want a car that has four doors to take the family to church on Sunday and yet have a car that has a Hemi engine with 340 horsepower and it's still a high performance car."

"Here's a vehicle you can actually use 12 months of the year and you feel great driving it. The Hemi engine is one of Chrysler's better ideas in the last 10 years along with the Stow-N-Go seating on the minivans."

Hebda said that, overall, truck sales represented only about 20 percent of the dealership's sales this year, but those numbers are coming back strong — and for good reason.

"I've sold a million Ford trucks before, but when you get into one of our Rams, now you're sitting in a real truck," he said. "It still has a truck look and is very attractive, and it has the Hemi engine available that shuts down to four cylinders to help your fuel mileage."

"With 20-inch chrome wheels on it, it is just a

sharp looking truck right out of the showroom without having to spend another penny on it, and best of all — it's a truck."

Such products have helped keep the company and dealerships throughout the state afloat the past few years despite the increasing competition from foreign automakers, he said.

"We live and work here in Michigan," Hebda said. "I drive here every morning and half the cars on the road are Japanese cars. There's a lot of people that live in the area that flat out won't even look at an American-made car."

"All we ask is that those people come in and drive our vehicles and check them out for themselves. We still have that stigma from the '60s that we don't build that great of a car, but there are as many Toyotas and German-made vehicles in service garages as there are Dodges, Chevys and Fords."

He said the service business is down, which isn't good for any dealership, but it shows the quality of the product.

"We're building a way better product than ever before," Hebda said. "And if you keep the car well maintained and get the oil changed, you're not going to have any problems."

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He said that Saline Dodge, like most dealers, is seeing less activity on used cars and more interest in new products because of the lease deals that are available.

"People right now in Michigan aren't looking for \$700 per month car payments," he said. "They're looking for \$200 per month payments. We have to have vehicles that people want to buy at the right price or people just flat out aren't going to buy them."

"Instead, they're going to buy a Kia for \$199 per month with a seven-year, 100,000-mile warranty that breaks 10 minutes after you get it. But it's all about what can I afford to get me back and forth from work every day."

Saline Dodge hopes to do its part to reverse that trend by offering good products at a good price and backing them up with great service, he said.

"We want people to know we're here and we have a great service department and we have a great sales department," Hebda added. "We're going to give you red carpet treatment at Saline Dodge. That's the way we think here, not just something we say to sell you a car."

"And if we do sell you a car, we're going to take care of you down the line because we want to have your family and friends to do business with us as well because we earned your business. We want to do business the old fashioned way, by earning it."

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Saline Dodge Chrysler Jeep owner Gary Marl with a 2007 Dodge Viper inside the dealership's spacious showroom.



Service Manager Kevin Ferguson and Service Adviser Joy Korican are ready to offer some of the "red carpet treatment" you receive when taking your vehicle in for service at Saline Dodge Chrysler Jeep.



Owner Gary Marl (left) has built a great team at Saline Dodge Chrysler Jeep including Sales Representative Patty Ryde, General Manager Paul Hebda, Sales Representative Tom Newvine and Used Car Sales Manager Brian Ash.



Office Manager Ann Murphy (left) and Jennifer Fenton are two of the friendly smiles you will see at Saline Dodge Chrysler Jeep.


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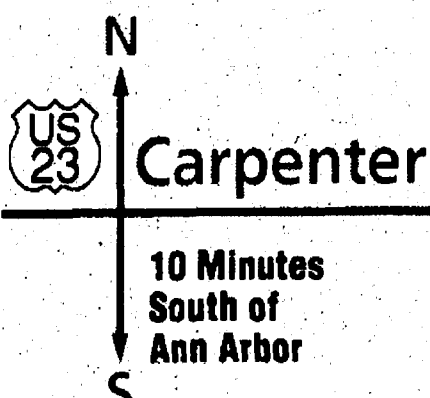


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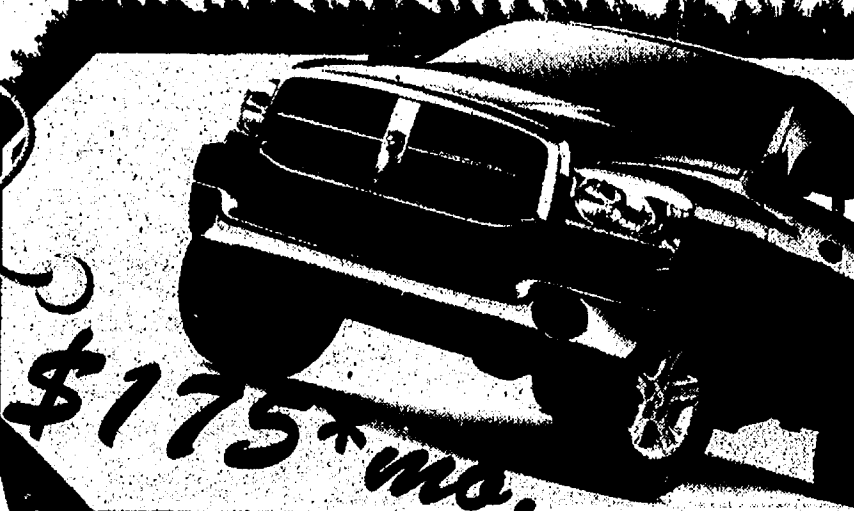
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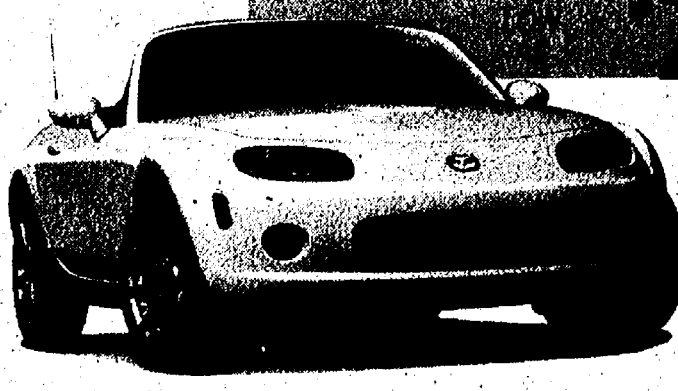
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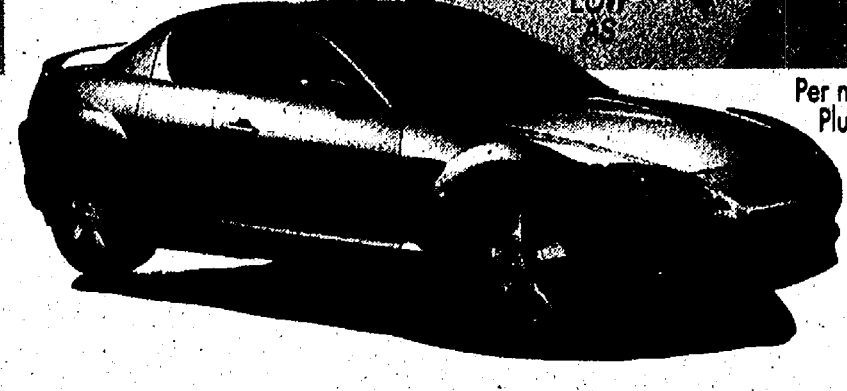
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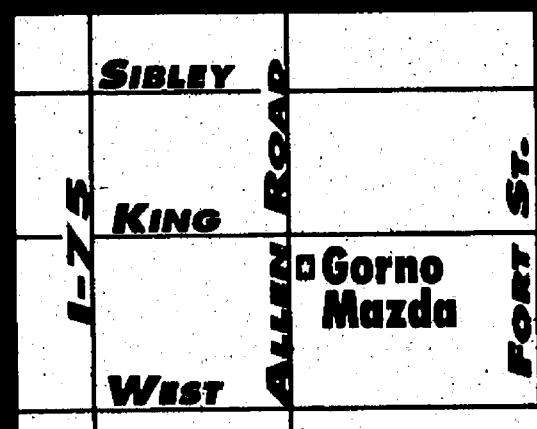
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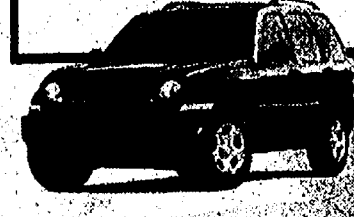
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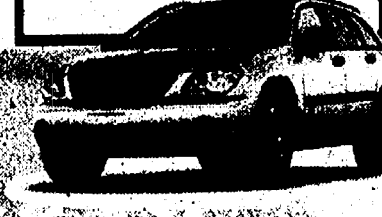
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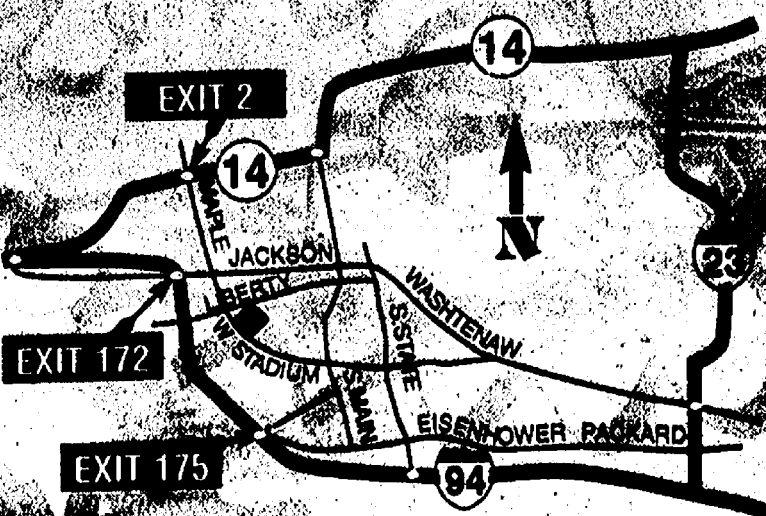
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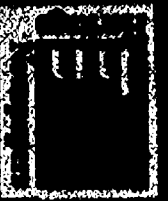
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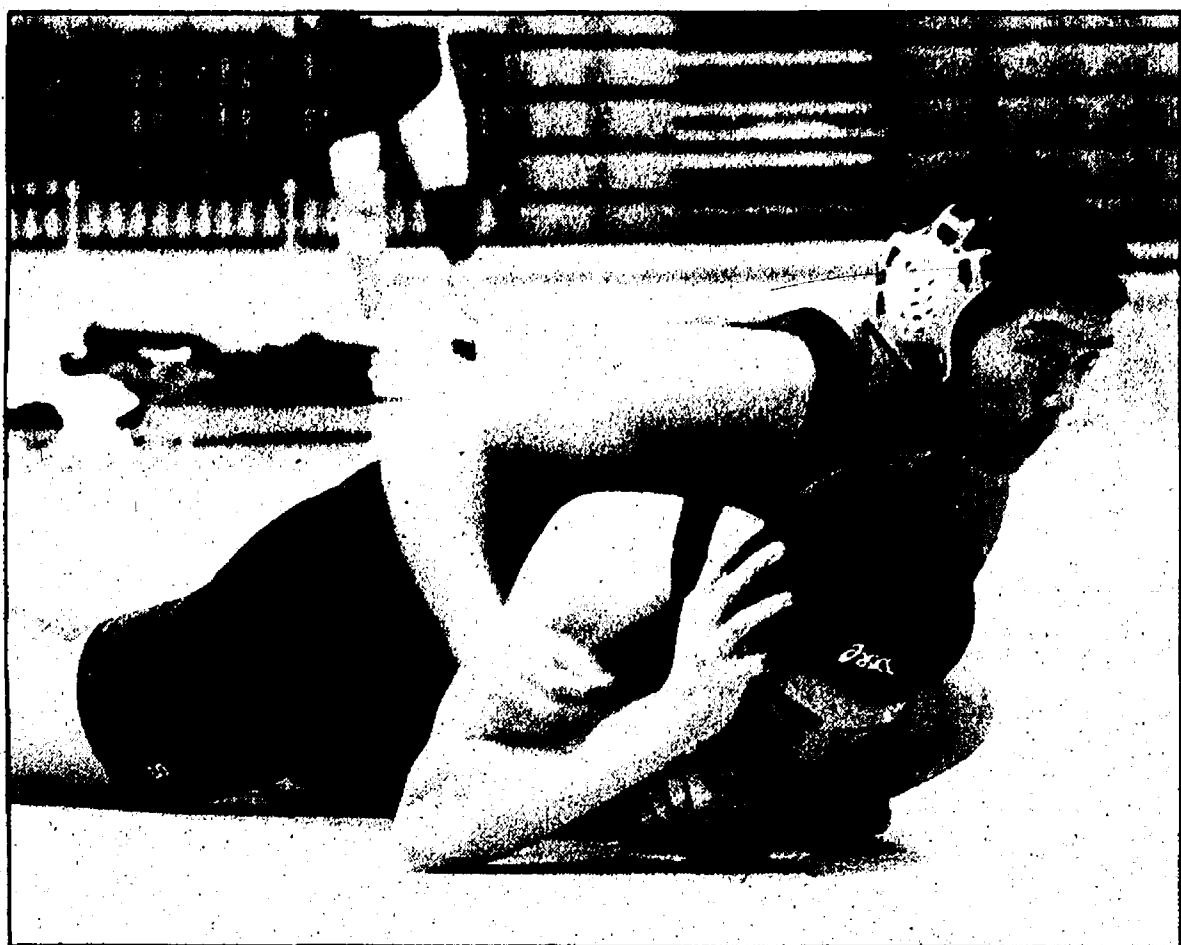


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Chelsea senior Danny Ngo returns to help lead a Bulldog squad that captured a Division II state district championship last season. Ngo will compete at 130 pounds this year for Chelsea.

Wrestling Mix of veterans, newcomers key for Chelsea grapplers

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling will have a solid mix of veterans and newcomers this season.

Last year, the Bulldogs placed second in the Southeastern Conference White Division behind state-ranked Tecumseh. Chelsea captured a district title before falling to the Indians in the Division II state regional semifinals 50-18. Tecumseh reached the state semifinals before losing to eventual runner-up Allegan 35-24.

Returning to lead the Bulldogs this season will be seniors Danny Ngo (130 pound weight class), Evan Helvey (135) and Matt Schultz (140), along with junior James Connelly (189).

Juniors Doug Zygnier (125), Paul Bell (130) and Ryan Patrick (130) and sophomores Sam Parkanzky (103), Glen Cobb (119), Jamin Breslin (125), Kevin Rosentreter (160) and Tim Rosentreter

(heavyweight) will also look to contribute points this year for Chelsea.

A talented freshman group aims to make an impact this season for the Bulldogs. Leading the newcomers will be Nick Hill (171), Dakota Cooley (112), Evan Grau (145), Brandon Seagraves (152) and Ricky Douglas (215).

"It's going to be an exciting year," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel, beginning his 28th year on the mat. "Hopefully we can see great improvement from the beginning of the year to the end. We'll have to work on our techniques and drills and improve our endurance. Seeing a steady improvement individually is the key."

Assistant Kargel this season will be Mike Young. Volunteer coaches will be Del Queenan and Adam French.

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BULLDOGS

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against Saline tearing his anterior cruciate ligament.

"We hope to have him back by the state tournament," Raymond said.

Providing strength and muscle inside for the Bulldogs this year will be junior Dean Roberts (6-3, 270) and senior Benny Johnson (6-2, 215).

"Dean gives us size on the inside," Raymond said. "He has excellent feet and soft hands for a big guy. He's also an excellent passer."

"Benny is a good defender. He's also worked hard on his offensive skills."

Also mixing it up inside for Chelsea will be juniors Stuart Mann (6-2) and Greg Rebudela (6-3).

"Stuart is an aggressive player and rebounder," Raymond said. "Greg recently moved from California. He went to school in Chelsea until the sixth-grade. He's a very welcomed addition. He runs very well. He's a very good jumper. Fundamentally he's strong. He's fitting in well. He's going to be a big part of the team."

Rounding out the line-up will be backcourt players juniors Matt Schwarze (5-9), Elliot Marshall (5-5) and Jeff Adams (5-9).

Raymond said his main concerns this year would be rebounding and interior defense.

"We're concentrating on those areas," he said. "The kids have done a good job in practice."

Raymond said one of the team's

goals is to win the SEC.

"We've won it the last two years," he said. "The guys have high expectations for themselves. We also would like to make a good run in the state tournament."

Raymond said this season's Bulldog squad would be an exciting team to watch.

"We'll play a fast-paced tempo on offense and defense," he said. "We'll play with energy and enthusiasm."

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Hockey

Tough schedule to prepare Dawgs for postseason

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

With a quarter of its schedule against teams that have reached the state playoff final four the past few seasons, Chelsea hockey will have one of the area's toughest roads to the postseason.

A few of the perennial power squads the Bulldogs will face this year include Division 2 state finalist Saline, Division 2 state semifinalist Davison, Division 3 state quarterfinalists Big Rapids and Flint Powers Catholic and Division 3 regional finalist Gaylord. The Bulldogs also will square off against area teams Jackson Lumen Christi and Dexter.

Chelsea has plenty to prove this season. Last year, the Bulldogs lost in the Division 3 state regional final to Dearborn Divine Child 4-1. The Falcons reached the Division 3 state semifinals before losing 4-0 to eventual state champion Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

Chelsea finished 17-7-3 overall last season, winning the Southeastern Conference White Division title. The Bulldogs were ranked as high as No. 2 in the state in Division 3 last year. Chelsea's 17 wins a season ago set a school record.

Seniors returning to lead the Bulldogs this season include defensemen Jake Vaughan, Travis Amburgey, Nick Mattson and Austin Feeney and forwards Howdy Holmes, David Maveal, Mike Bazydlo, Schyler Williams and Shawn Scott. In net, senior goaltenders Josh Cottrell and Zach Leszczynski will share time between the pipes for Chelsea.

Juniors making an impact this season for the Bulldogs include defensemen Andrew Kore and Matt Prince and forwards Kyle George, Garrett Nickels, James Cogswell and Matt Heinen. Sophomore forwards Riley Feeney and Steve O'Keefe, along with freshman forward Drew Brown round out Chelsea's line-up this year.

Coaching the Bulldogs will be Don Wright.

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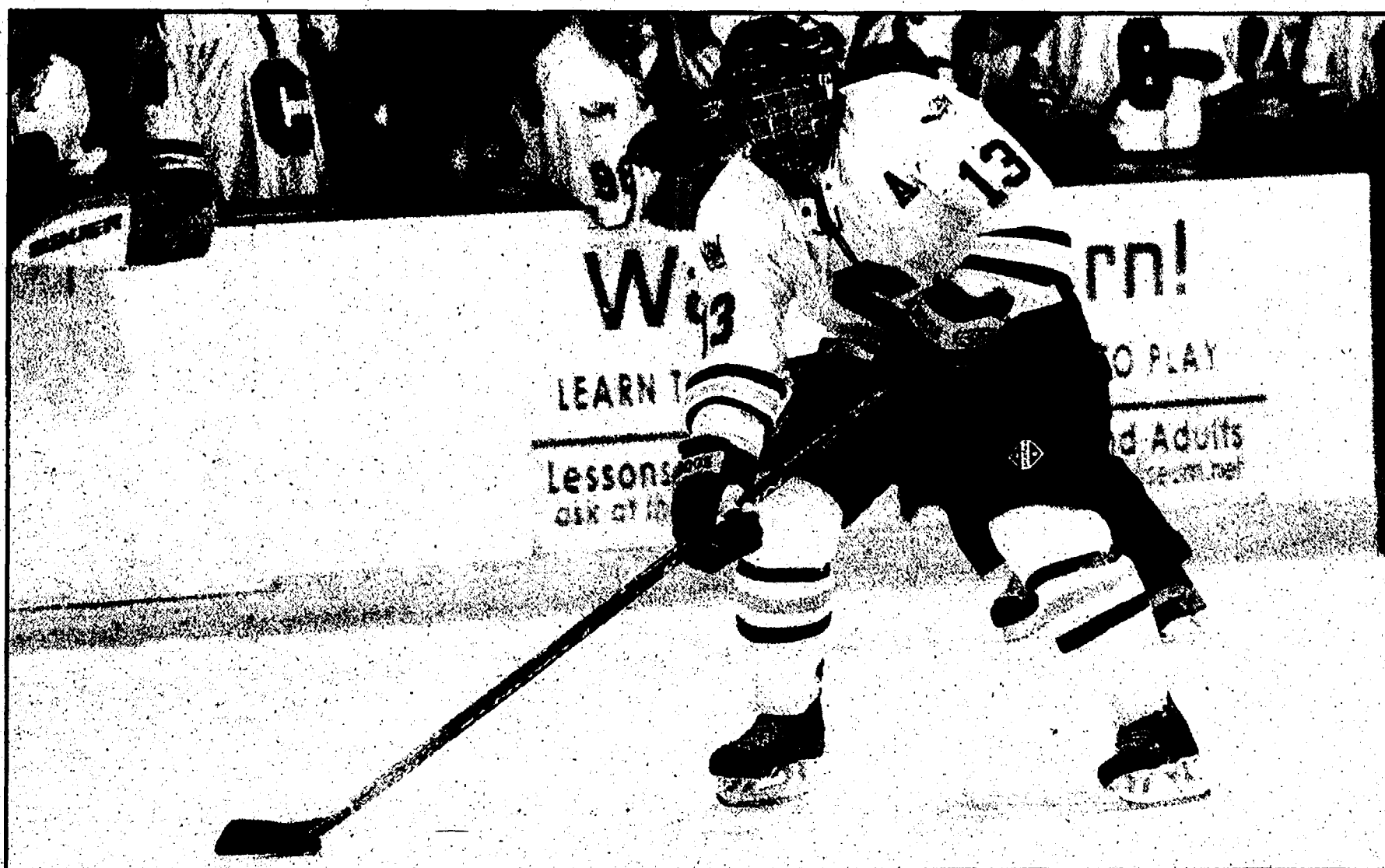


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Chelsea senior Travis Amburgey returns to help anchor the Bulldogs' defense this season.

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Wrestling

McCalla takes over Dexter grappling program

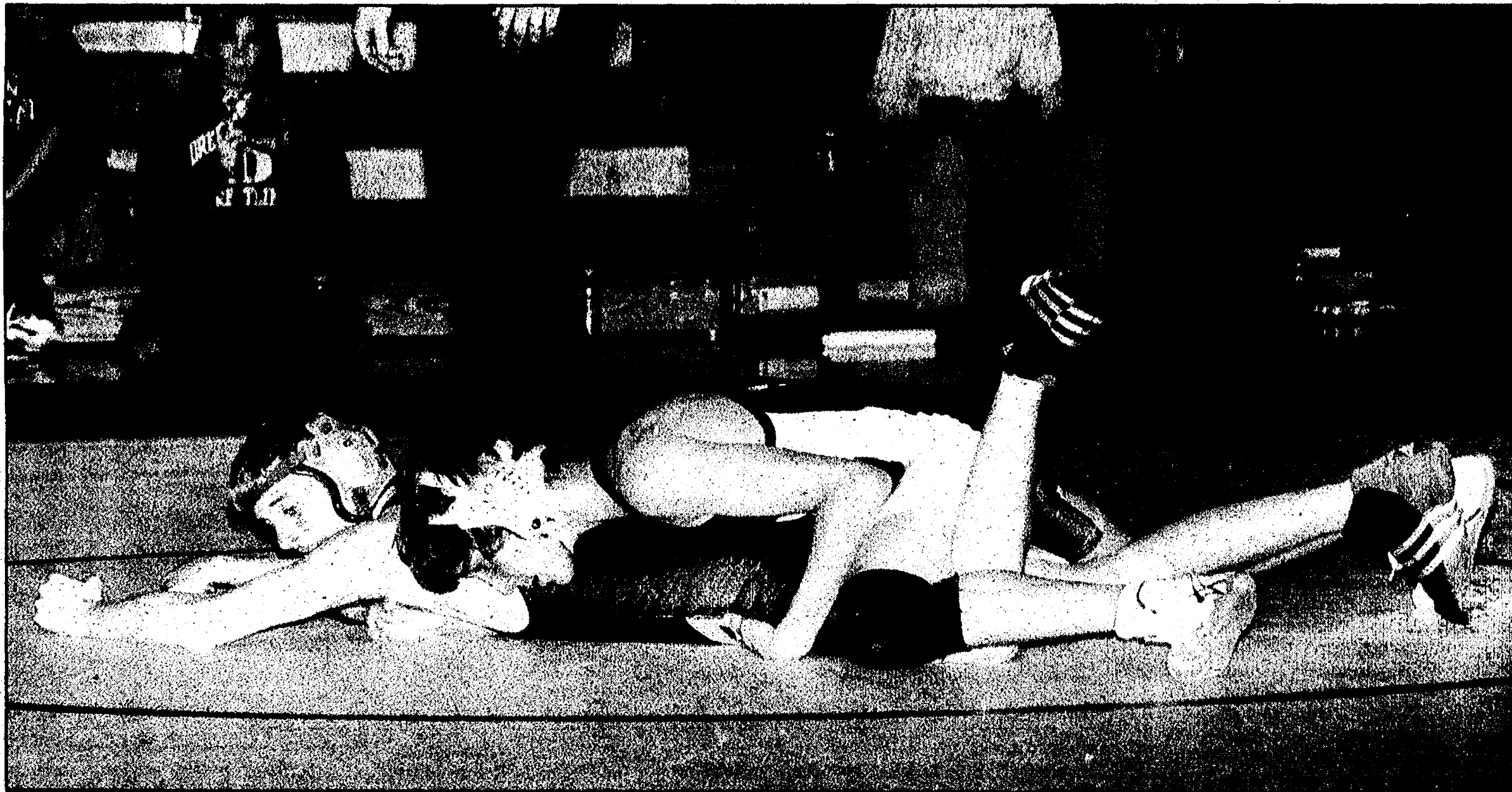


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Dexter junior Bret Marsh was Division II state runner-up at 103 pounds last season, finishing with an overall record of 47-2. This year, Marsh will wrestle at 112 pounds for the Dreadnaughts.

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

A new era in Dexter wrestling will begin this season, as coach Craig McCalla takes over the reins of the Dreadnaught program.

"As a coach I want to be competitive at all levels and build on the strong wrestling tradition in Dexter, alongside the Dexter Wrestling Club," said McCalla, a former grappler at Siena Heights University and an assistant coach at Saline in 1995 through 1996 and head coach at Chelsea's Beach Middle School from 2002 through 2005. "I want to build a program that improves from year to year and pro-

motes an aggressive, attacking style of wrestling.

"I want my wrestlers to have a hard-working, dedicated attitude. I also work on building leadership skills in and out of the wrestling room."

Returning to lead Dexter this season is junior Bret Marsh at 112 pounds. Last year, Marsh finished as Division II state runner-up at 103, losing to Mason's Craig Elfert 6-4 in the final. Overall, Marsh ended up 47-2 last year.

Other grapplers looking to contribute this season for the Dreadnaughts include Joe Spurr (145), Larry Gunderson (152), Scott Santoro (171), Jake Stacy (189), Ian Spurr (135)

and Mark Bertso (140).

Top newcomers this season for Dexter will be senior Michael Campbell (160), sophomores Mitch Crawford (119) and heavyweight Corey Chamberlin and freshman Dan Flowers (103).

McCalla said a strength of this season's squad is its overall effort.

"The wrestlers have committed themselves to work together as a team and to push each other in practice," he

said. "We have many wrestlers that wrestle well on their feet. As a team we are good at getting takedowns."

McCalla said the team's goals are pretty straightforward.

"The kids are looking to improve on last year's record and do well in the district tournament," he said.

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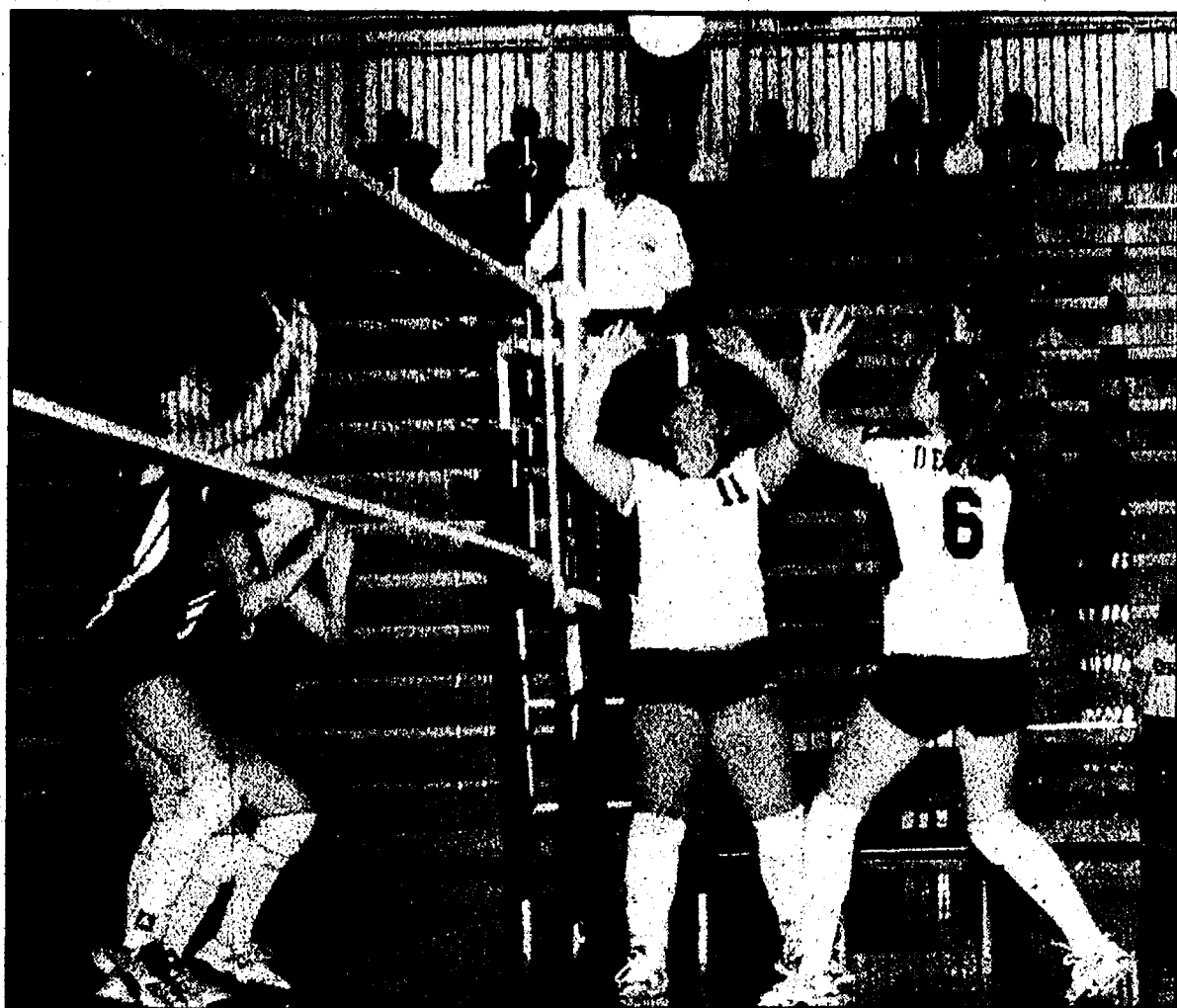


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Dreadnaught senior Rosie Lee will quarterback Dexter's volleyball team this year from the setter position. Last season, the Dreadnaughts placed second in the Southeastern Conference White Division.

Volleyball

Dreadnaught spikers look to replace five starters

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Dexter volleyball looks to replace five senior starters from a year ago as it begins the 2006 season.

"The beginning of the year will be a learning experience for everyone," said Dexter coach Sarah Hynes, entering her third season. "It will take a little while getting used to playing with each other."

Last year, the Dreadnaughts finished second in the Southeastern Conference White Division and advanced to the state district final before losing.

Returning to lead Dexter this season will be senior defensive specialist Heather Bradshaw (5-foot-8), senior middle blocker Camille Hanks (6-0) and senior setter Rosie Lee (5-5).

Other returnees expected to make an impact for the Dreadnaughts include senior outside hitter Margot Parin, senior middle blocker Elizabeth Umstead, junior outside hitter Courtney Krips and junior outside hitter Katie Ryan.

Top newcomers to the squad this year include juniors outside hitter Sheree Christian, middle blocker Megan Dinser, outside hitter Miriah Hill, outside hitter Cheyenne Kitchen, setter Sonya Lewis and defensive spe-

cialist Jessie Sowers, along with sophomore outside hitter Colleen Lasecki.

"There will be a lot of competition for specific spots and for playing time," said Hynes, a former Division I volleyball player at the University of Pittsburgh. "The girls are a good group to work with. They're getting used to playing with their new teammates."

Hynes said a weakness of this year's team would be its inexperience.

"A lot of people will have to change their roles from last year," she said.

Hynes said she has two main goals for this season's Dexter squad.

"I look for steady improvement as a team and individually people getting better talent-wise," she said.

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Hockey

Howell begins tenure at Dexter

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

There will be a new face behind the Dexter hockey bench this season as Gary Howell begins his first season as Dreadnaught coach.

Howell replaces Mike O'Donohue who stepped down last year after three quality seasons as Dexter head coach.

Howell inherits a Dreadnaught squad that lost to county rival Chelsea 3-2 in overtime in last year's Division 3 state pre-regional final.

Leading Dexter this season will be senior forward Nick Field, last year's co-MVP with J.P. Ledwidge. Field earned All-State honorable mention accolades last year.

Junior Alex Johnston returns after being selected All-Southeastern Conference White Division last season.

Also returning to the mix for the Dreadnaughts will be senior forward Alex Demetriou.

On defense, junior Hunter Lyons and senior Bryan Staton return to anchor the Dexter blue line.

Other top performers for the Dreadnaughts include Zach Lucas, Andrew Hatch, Justin Jack and Zach Stanislovaitis.

Additional players looking to make an impact for Dexter this season include Alex Erber, Austin Shapiro, Bryan Zhou, Mike Herter and Chris Carenden.

In net for the Dreadnaughts will be junior goaltender Nick Ceccolini.

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Basketball

Size, experienced backcourt Dexter strength

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Last season, Dexter's boys' basketball team rode the March Madness train all the way to the Class A state regional final before losing to No. 1-ranked and eventual state runner-up Okemos 56-48.

The Dreadnaughts finished three wins shy of a Class A state championship.

Dexter ended the year with a 15-10 overall record.

The Dreadnaughts return a bevy of talented players to this season's squad.

"We have pretty good overall team size and an experienced backcourt," said Dexter coach Randy Swoverland. "We have an athletic team. We need to develop depth and stay injury free."

Down low, Dexter must replace Rob Zalucki (6-foot-7) now playing Division I college basketball at Gardner-Webb University and Jeff Ziegler (6-6) a quarterback and a member of the University of Michigan football team.

Looking to lead the Dreadnaughts along the front line this season will be senior Rob Kuzon (6-3), senior James Nati (6-3) and junior Dave Pisano (6-4).

In the backcourt, Dexter will have one of the better duos in the area with point guard senior Johnny Benjamin (6-3) and junior shooting guard T.J. Fenske (6-0).

Other players expected to be in the rotation for the Dreadnaughts include Don Knight, Ryan LeMasters and Kevin Novak.

Swoverland said Dexter has two important team goals as it begins the year.

"We want to No. 1 win the SEC (Southeastern Conference White Division) and No. 2 win our Christmas Tournament which we haven't won in seven years," he said. "We will set new goals once the state playoffs begin."

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Dexter 6-foot-3 forward James Nati (24) returns for his senior season after helping lead the Dreadnaughts to the Class A state regional final last year. This season, Dexter looks to win the Southeastern Conference White Division and make another run in the state playoffs.

Swimming/Diving McHugh era begins for Dreads

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

A new chapter in Dexter's boys' swimming and diving program will open this winter as Mike McHugh begins his first season on the deck for the Dreadnaughts.

Last year, Dexter finished 15th overall at the Division II state meet at Eastern Michigan University. The Dreadnaughts recorded 54 points at the final. Birmingham Groves captured the state crown with 325 points.

Returning to lead Dexter this season will be Nate Cook, John Wilson and Kirk Kumbier.

Last year, Kumbier placed fifth in the state in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:00.9 and 10th in the 200 individual medley in 2:01.96. He also was a member of the Dreadnaughts' 11th-place 200 medley relay (1:41.02) and 13th-place 200 freestyle relay (1:30.89).

Top newcomers to the program will be Ben Steavenson and Jesse Claflin.

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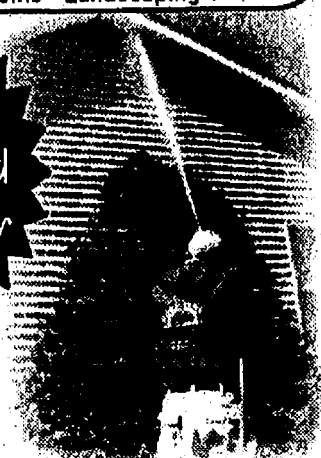
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






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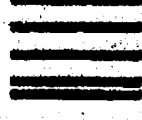
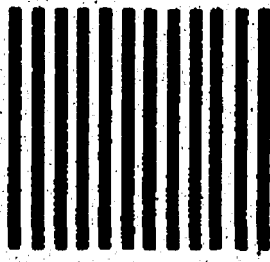
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