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Chelsea School Bond '09



School officials ask community to help 'maintain' with bond proposal

By Terry Jacoby
 The Chelsea Standard

Dave Killips said he will never forget what someone told him during one of his first days on the job as superintendent of the Chelsea Schools.

"I had a prominent member of the community come up to me and say, 'Dave, what you need to understand about Chelsea is that we'll help take care of you if you help take care of us. That's how we operate.'"

Killips believes the Chelsea School Board has done a good job of taking care of Chelsea by elevating the already high quality of schools in the district. Of course, they've done that with your help. On May 5 the Chelsea School District will be asking for your help again, this time in the form of an \$18.7-million bond issue, approved by the School Board during a Feb. 19 meeting.

The proposed bond issue will not raise the 7 mil debt levy issued by the district, originally approved in 1995. Since the original bond, the district has "refunded" in 1998, 2006 and 2008. The technical term "refunded" is better understood by the public as "refinanced" for the purpose of saving millions of dollars of interest, payable to the state of Michigan and bondholders.

The bond debt is scheduled to be

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retired in 2024, which is one year earlier than the original pay off date, regardless of the outcome of the May vote. However, the timing of the reduction in the debt levy has been altered over the years due to refunding, an additional voter approved bond in 2004, and annual changes in the taxable values of home properties. While the 2004 bond would allow the rate decline to begin in 2009 and be retired in 2024, if the bond proposal passes in May, the rate decline would not begin until 2014 but still be retired in 2024.

"The board was very concerned about not raising the tax rate," Killips said. "That will remain at 7 mills. We are raising taxes, because you don't get something for nothing. But the tax rate or the millage rate is not increasing. We all understand the hard times people are going through. We felt if we can ask people to just maintain their tax rate, we could continue to provide the quality of education people have come to expect."

The bond proposal the district presented to the Department of Treasury for \$18.7 million will be broken down this way: \$5.9 million in 2009; \$5.7 million in 2012 and \$7.1 million in 2015.

Maintaining the tax rate

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More on the millage

The public is invited to attend two public forums organized by school officials to help explain the bond renewal issue that will be on the May 5 ballot. The first one will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14 in room 100 of the Washington Street Education Center. The second one will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 23 in the Board Room of the Washington Street Education Center.

Unique approach

The May 2009 bond issue takes a unique approach in how the money will be used. Previous bond issues dictated the district spend 85 percent of the total bond within the first three years. This time, the plan entails selling the bonds in three different series. The first series of \$5.9 million would be sold in 2009. The second series of approximately \$5.7 million would be sold in 2012 and the remaining bonds would be sold in 2015. The series approach will allow the district to keep buses and technology expenses out of the general fund for the next decade.

"We must do everything in our power to preserve our general fund for students," Executive Director of Business Teresa Zigman said. "They have been and always will be our priority. This new plan helps our district maintain that focus while not increasing the tax rate being levied."

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CCF gives \$45,000 to Total Wellness Program

The Chelsea Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, awarded \$45,000 to the Chelsea Senior Citizens Activities Center to support the Total Wellness Program (TWP), a health and wellness project for adults over 50.

"This grant will help us expand our current services to implement individualized, comprehensive, health and wellness programs," said Tina Patterson, executive director, Chelsea Senior Citizens Activities Center.

With this grant, the Center will view all of its existing programs from the six dimensions of wellness (social, physical, spiritual, intellectual, vocational and emotional) and implement the Total Wellness Program, which will include Enhanced Fitness, Enhanced Wellness and PATH (Personal Action Toward Health) programs. These efforts will allow the Center to better meet the specific needs of adults over the age of 50, including those with a chronic illness, or those experiencing emotional or caregiving needs.

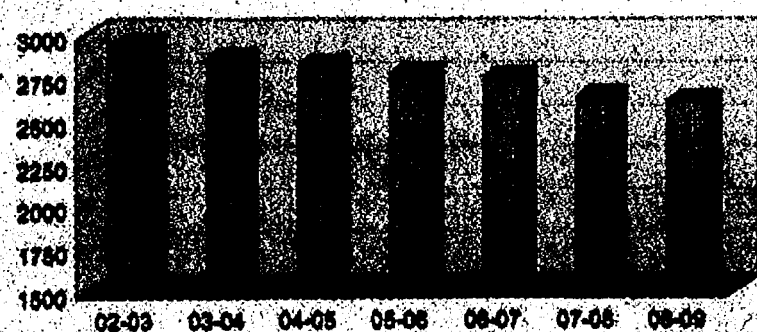
The TWP aims to make wellness programs affordable for older adults in the community and will refer participants to other health services in the area as needed. The TWP builds on and leverages several assets of the Chelsea community, focusing on older adults, without replicating services in the area. The community interest and need has been demonstrated through existing health programs and the 2005 Washtenaw County Health Improvement Plan.

"This program has the

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Student Population Trend

K-12 Pupils



Expenditures per pupil have continued to rise:
 Instruction/Personnel, Fuel, Utilities
 Revenue has remained between \$25 - \$29 million over the past 7 years

Chelsea School Bond Proposal Cost

Year	Millage Rate	Year Bond Rate Decline Starts	Debt Retired
1995	7	2016	2025
2004	7	2009	2024
2009 Proposal	7	2014	2024

* Bonds have been refunded/refinanced twice over the past decade.

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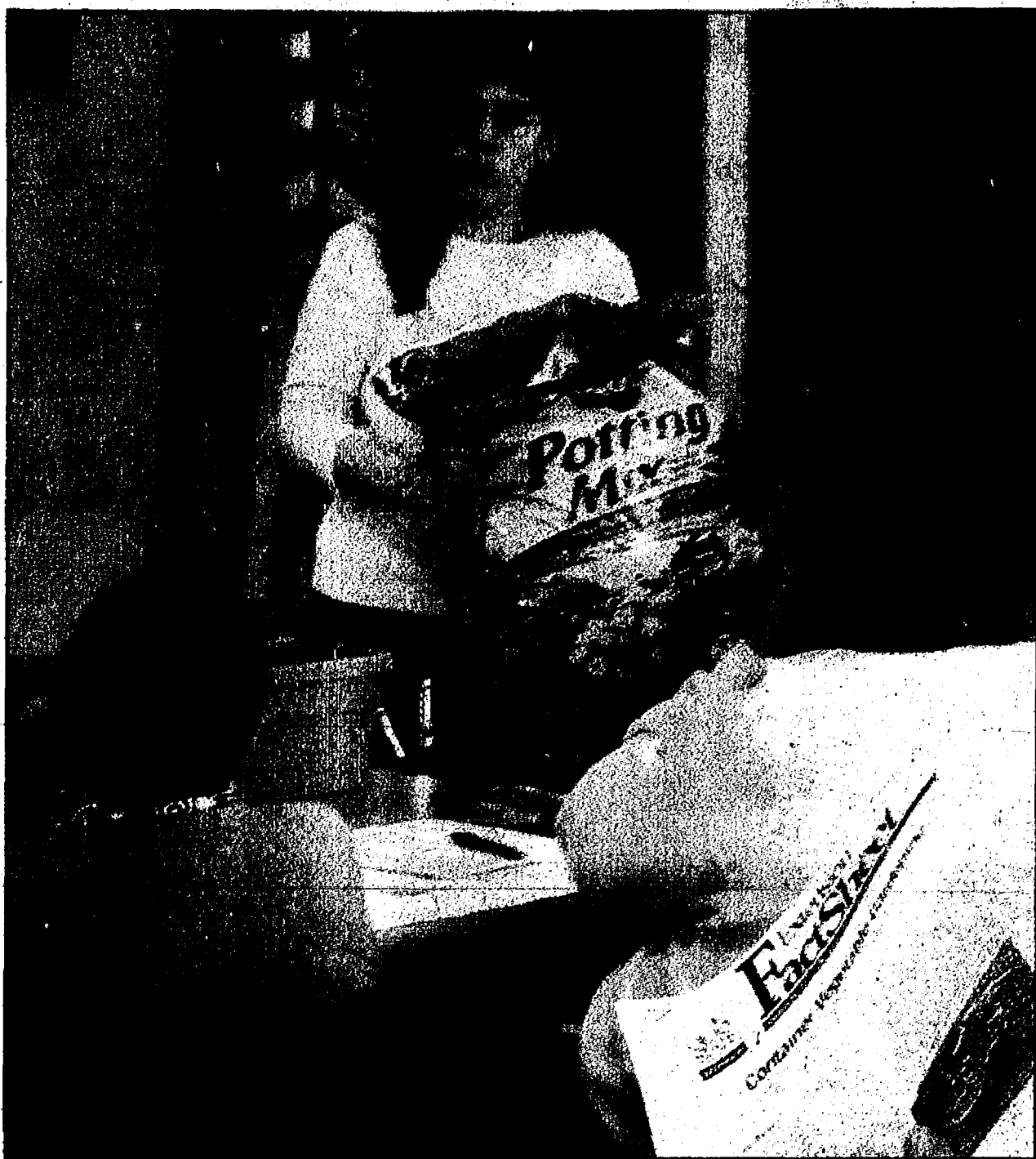


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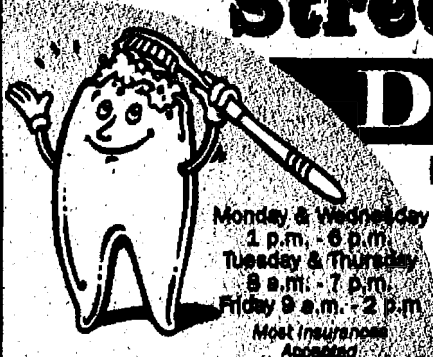
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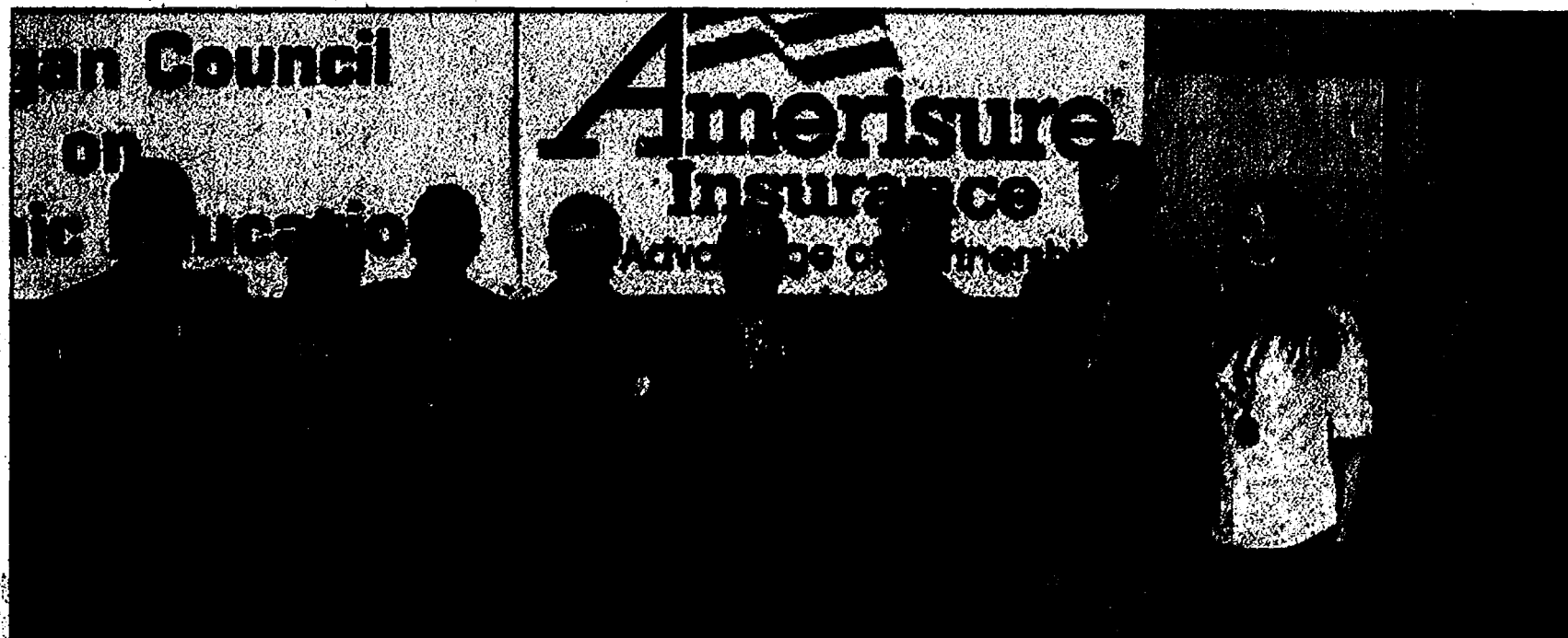
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CHS earns silver medal at Economics Challenge

Chelsea High School took silver medals in both divisions in the 2009 Michigan Economics Challenge held March 25 at the Walsh College Novi campus. Their teacher is Matt Pedlow.

The team received a silver medal in the Adam Smith Division, which challenges advanced placement, international baccalaureate, and honors students. A silver medal also went to the second team, representing the David Ricardo Division. This division challenges single-semester general economics students.

Gold medals went to

Birmingham, Wylie E. Groves and Bloomfield Hills International Academy, which will represent Michigan at the April 27 regional competition in Baltimore.

In all, 22 teams from nine Michigan schools competed in the Challenge at Walsh College.

Also competing were Detroit Renaissance High School; Grosse Pointe North High School; De LaSalle High School; Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School; West Bloomfield High School; and Grand Blanc High School.

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National Economics Challenge showcases high school economics courses and teachers by honoring and rewarding high achievers. It promotes economics literacy and the need for a high-quality, standards-based economics curriculum in every state. National sponsors are the Council for Economic Education (www.councilforeconed.org) and The Goldman Sachs Foundation. Michigan sponsor was Amerisure Insurance Cos.

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Chamber OKs reimbursement plan

The Board of Directors of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce has approved a plan to reimburse individuals and businesses that hold current Chelsea Cash certificates. Chamber Executive Director Bob Pierce announced on Monday.

This plan was dictated by the recent bankruptcy announcement by Certificate, Inc., the administrator of the program.

The details of the plan include the following:

* Chelsea Cash certificates with issue dates from Jan. 1, 2008 through Feb. 28, 2009 will be honored at the full face value of the certificate.

* If you are the holder of a certificate, the chamber encourages you to use it at any participating Chamber member location. You may also contact the Chamber office for a direct reimbursement.

* Merchants are instructed not to deposit these certificates in their bank. Instead, on a bi-weekly basis, please return them to the Chamber office. The Chamber will reimburse you for the face value of the certificates.

* The reimbursement program will end on June 30, 2009.

* The certificates can only be redeemed at member locations. Go to www.chelseamichamber.org for an updated listing of members. You can also call the Chamber office at 475-1145 with any questions.

"Since the program was introduced in December 2005, more than \$35,000 in Chelsea Cash certificates have been purchased for use in our member locations," Pierce said. "The Chamber has not received any monetary remuneration for this program. While this reimbursement program represents a significant expense to our chamber, the

Board of Directors believe it is more important than ever to encourage residents to support our local membership."

Pierce said the Chelsea Cash program has been successful in keeping money circulating in the local economy and building awareness of the Chamber's shop local message. The Chamber is evaluating replacement programs for Chelsea Cash and hope to have a replacement program in place later this year.

"This decision by our board reflects our profound belief that the Chamber's

mission is to support our membership and business community," Pierce said. "We hope the certificate holders choose to use them at Chamber member locations."

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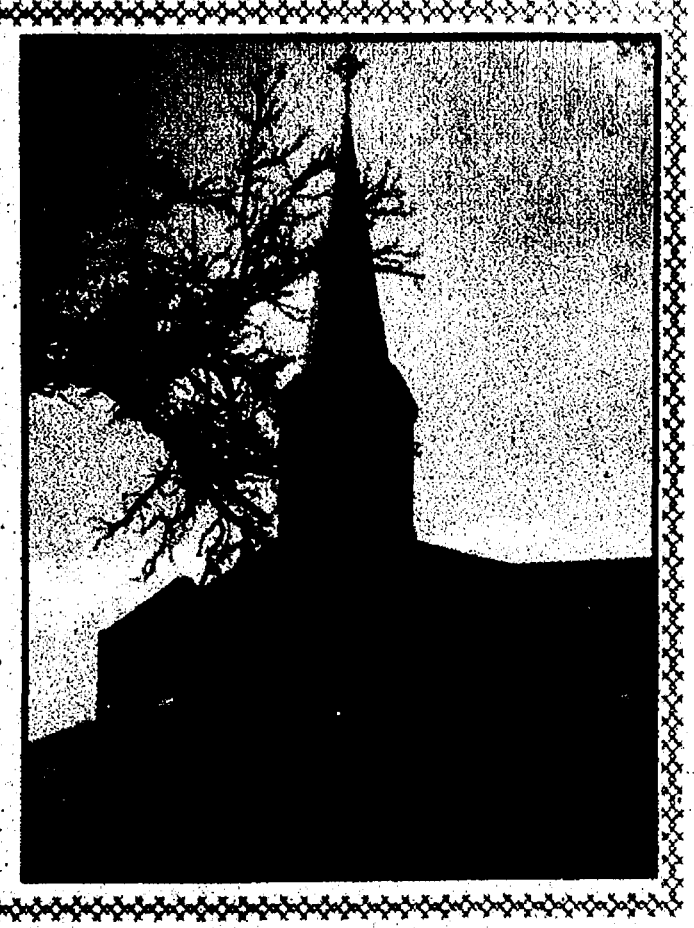
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"This breakdown can change because when we go to the ballot we are asking voters to approve \$18.7 million in bonds," Killips said. "This (structure) isn't carved in stone, but it's our plan right now. The plan can change as state financing changes. However, we must stay within the \$18.7 million in bonds, if approved by the voters."

The plan now calls for part of that first \$5.9 million to be used for the new addition to South Meadows Elementary School, which includes a new gym and music rooms. The money also would go toward new busses and technology. South Meadows does have a gym, but one built in the 1950s that is small and used now as the cafeteria. Students are currently transported to Beach Middle School for physical education and music classes.

"The gym is over 50 years old and very small," Killips said. "With this addition we wouldn't have to bus students to Beach for physical education and music education. One day we bus the fifth-graders over there for an hour and a half and the next day we bus the sixth graders over there. This plan will make another gym available to the community."

Killips said students will still be bussed to the middle school for swimming classes; however, it may be at an earlier age level.

The bond includes a 10-year plan for busses and technology, which includes no purchases for next year. The plan now is to purchase seven busses during each series of bond sales, for a total of 21 busses. Killips said the district currently operates approximately 40 busses.

There also are capital

projects with energy efficiency, playgrounds, equipment and furnishings. According to Killips and the Chelsea School Board, the bond proposal will:

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- * And all this while not increasing the annual tax levy of 7 mills.

Fund equity

"When we adopted our preliminary budget for this year we expected to be \$1.2 million in the red," Killips

said. "Since our preliminary budget last June we have added some staffing to support student instruction, while at the same time taken advantage for cost savings through energy efficiencies, purchasing options and contracting out some of our staff."

At this time school officials anticipate to have \$1 million more in expenses than revenue for this year, but have a 25 percent Fund Equity (or \$6.3 million) so the district will end this year at about \$5.3 million.

Fund Equity is one indicator of the financial health and stability of a school district.

A common misconception is that Fund Equity is sur-

plus cash and therefore should correspond to the district's bank balance. Cash is an asset, but is only one of many district assets - some others would include: accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, supplies, equipment and buildings. Generally, the more equity a district has, the less short-term borrowing a district has to do for cash flow purposes. The less borrowing, the less money needed for interest payments.

The anticipated fund equity for June 30, 2009 will be 19.75 percent, much higher than the Chelsea School Board's established guideline of a minimum of 10 percent and a touch lower than the Michigan School

Business Officials (MSBO) and the Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA) recommendations of 20 percent equity.

Killips projects that the Fund Equity will take another hit next year, but still remain well above the district's minimum requirement of 10 percent.

"As we head into next school year (2009-10) we have made \$1.2 million in cuts and anticipate using another \$1.5 million in fund equity," he said. "This will take our fund equity to approximately \$3.8 million (just under 15 percent)."

The \$1.2 million includes adjustments to staffing, curriculum, at-risk/Title I funds, professional development and maintenance. Over the last seven years the fund equity for the Chelsea School District has both slightly increased and decreased. For example, in 2003-04, the fund equity was slightly over \$4 million and increased to just below \$5 million the following year. The fund equity's peak year during this time was in 2007-08 when it climbed over \$6 million.

But in both 2005-06 and 2008-09 the fund equity decreased.

"Over the last seven years, we've gone up four years and down three years so you can't say the school district has always added to the fund equity," Killips said.

There has been remarkable consistency in the school district's budget since Killips took over as superintendent of schools in 2003. The revenue has remained between \$25 to \$28 million over the past seven years while expenditures per student have continued to rise.

The great decline

Student population in a school district is one of the key factors, if not the most significant factor, in figuring out a budget every year. In Chelsea, the trend con-

tinues on a downward slide that shows fewer students enrolling, which means fewer state dollars rolling in. And we're talking significant decreases that drastically effects the budget. Chelsea receives \$7,547 per student for the 2008 fiscal year and \$7,650 for the 2009 fiscal year, a 1.3 percent increase.

"In 2002 we had approximately 330 more students than we have today," Killips said. "During that same time span, from 2002 to now, we have added teaching staff."

In 2002, there were 2,941 students, the most ever in the Chelsea School District. The total for this school year is just over 2,600. And during this same time period, the district has gone from 167 teachers to 169 teachers. These figures include regular classroom teachers, counselors, social workers, special education staff, etc. According to the contract the district has with the teachers union, all of these staff positions are classified as teachers.

Since September 2002 there has been a loss of 334 K-12 students, an 11.3 percent decrease in students attending Chelsea schools. The 2007 graduating class included 280 students; the 2007 kindergarten class was 147 students. And even factoring in the 40-60 students that typically are added into a class during the K-12 time period, the results still show the overall loss of student population in the district.

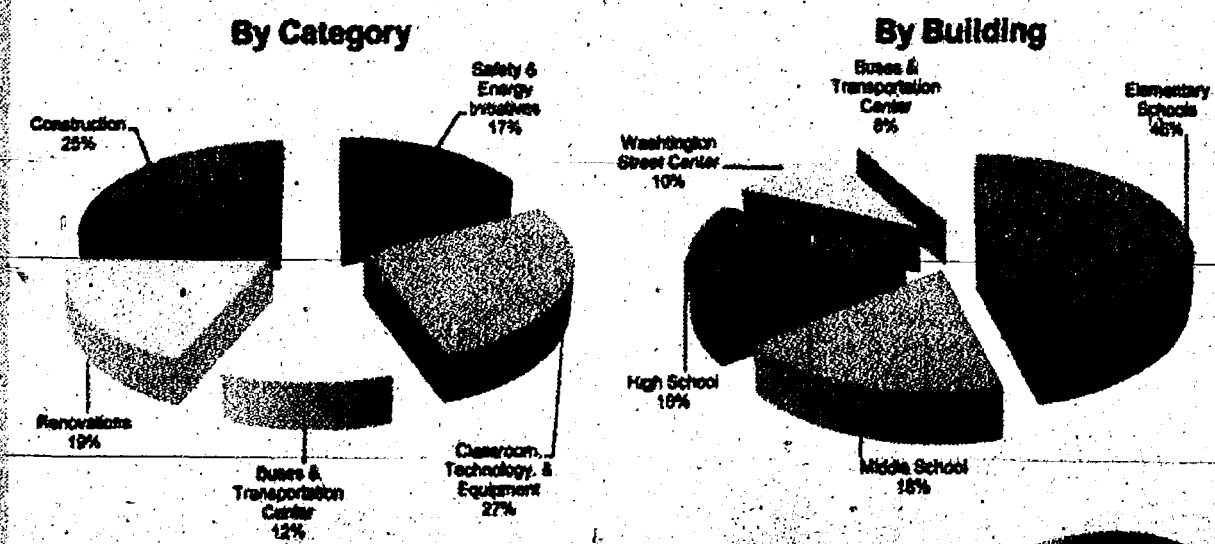
"That demonstrates our enrollment problem," Killips said. "We are graduating larger classes now than we have incoming kindergarten students. In some cases the differential has been in excess of 100 students."

Killips points out that the student population does grow over the years as students move up from kindergarten.

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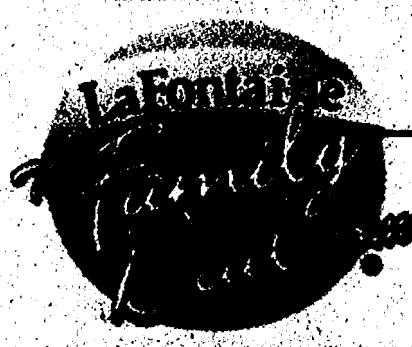
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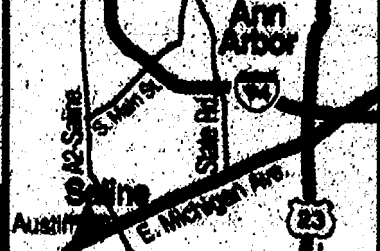
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"Chelsea is a fairly expensive place to buy a home," he said. "We've found that our enrollment grows from kindergarten through their senior year. I believe as families accumulate some wealth and are able to purchase their second or third homes they can afford to move here. Plus, many families begin to seek out quality education for their children."

The impact on enrollment of the implementation of the all-day, every-day kindergarten program has not been determined as the program is only in the first year of implementation. Killips is predicting being down 60 students next year compared to this year. "The company that does our school enrollment projections, which we are required to have completed for a bond issue, is projecting that we are going to be down 100 students for next school year," Killips said. "I hope it's closer to our 60 projection."

Even if Killips gets his wish and it's 60 fewer students, the district will face a shortfall of approximately \$458,000 based on the \$7,650 the state currently pays per pupil - which is another number that could fall and further hurt the bottom line.

Saving money

School officials have been doing plenty of cutting and implementing of cost-saving programs, not just recently, but for years. Killips points out that during the same time period of student population decreases, there have been major cuts in other areas that allowed the district to not cut teaching positions. "Administration staff has been cut by 15 percent, the custodial staff now only cleans every other day, we

Chelsea Supt. Dave Killips on ...

Parking lots

"We just finished North Creek when we put the addition on. We put a top coat on it. The high school needs to be done. There is still some work that needs to be done over at Beach. Pierce Lake needs work. What people forget is that they call it the new high school. But that new high school is almost a dozen years old. Asphalt has a life expectancy of 10 to 12 years. It really needs to be done in the near future."

Pay for play

"We've talked about it and it's something we don't do right now. We have looked at it previously. It would bring about \$70,000 into the district. There also are other concerns with doing that just for athletics. We've done some other things with athletics that have allowed us not to go that way for now. That's where the board is (on this issue) now. We aren't there yet. It will be looked at again. Currently, we have parents transporting kids to athletic events on weekends and not forcing us to send out busses for that, so we are cutting our costs there. Our athletic boosters have contributed numerous dollars into the programs, including purchasing uniforms and supplies to allow us to actually decrease the money we have put into those programs over the years. All of this helps to keep money directed towards the classroom, which is our priority."

"You have to be reasonable on what you would charge to play sports. And if you do this, you have to charge to participate in other extra-curriculars as well. Why should it just be for athletics? So do you charge for band, or robotics or Spanish club? We certainly do not want to reduce the number of students we have participating in extra-curricular activities. We know that one of the greatest predictors of success is directly related to the number of activities students participate in during high school."

Schools of choice

"Schools of Choice has been discussed by the Board of Education for several years. The Key Communicators have also discussed the issue prior to the last two bond issues. There are pros and cons to this approach. Currently, the collective opinion is the taxpayers of the Chelsea School District have provided our facilities, through various taxes, for the resident children of our district. For example, if we were Schools of Choice, we would have children from outside of our school district benefiting from our district, although their parents would not be able to vote on the bond issue and would not be paying tax dollars to support any bond debt. Schools of Choice has been successful in some school districts, but currently the Board of Education is not pursuing that as an alternative."

The state budget

"We have had an annual increase of 1.5 percent over the last seven years with expenses rising at a much greater level. There is no increase anticipated in the student foundation allowance for next school year. In fact, we may yet see a cut for this school year. The federal stimulus money may hold us harmless, but it will not be additional dollars for the foundation allowance."

Federal Stimulus Package

"Even though all the details are not yet available, it appears as though any new money may have to be devoted to new programs. This may sound good, but the stimulus money is for two years. Does that mean we may have to drop the new programming after two years? Without consistent funding it may very well be the case."

cut our maintenance staff, so we can invest our resources in the classroom." The district also instituted a new energy management program that has

saved approximately \$100,000; instituted a high deductible health plan for staff (the implementation reduced the annual premiums by approximately \$225,000); contracted out substitutes and administrative positions (and because the district avoids the cost of retirement and health care costs the 2007-08 savings will be in excess of \$150,000).

"The high deductible plan is paid for by the district but it significantly reduced our premium cost and also if the entire deductible is not used, that money comes back to the district," Killips said. "The employees still get excellent insurance, and it saves us quite a bit of money. However, insurance premiums continue to skyrocket in costs."

And there's more. "We have outside agencies and experts coming in and providing us with information on the latest and greatest ways to save money on things such as recovery time on boilers. This allows us to turn down the heat in the buildings at night, but allows the boilers enough time to recover in order to provide an appropriate education setting for our children in the morning," Killips said. "Over at Beach Middle School, we don't have a physical education class until 10:30 or 11 in the morning so we don't need to heat or light that area until about a half an hour before. We have focused a lot on energy conservation, like turning off lights and turning off computers."

With money from the last bond, the district put in their own water wells so they don't have to pay water and sewer charges to the city for irrigation. Killips said these wells paid for themselves in one year. School Board President Laurel McDevitt has been impressed with the ways in

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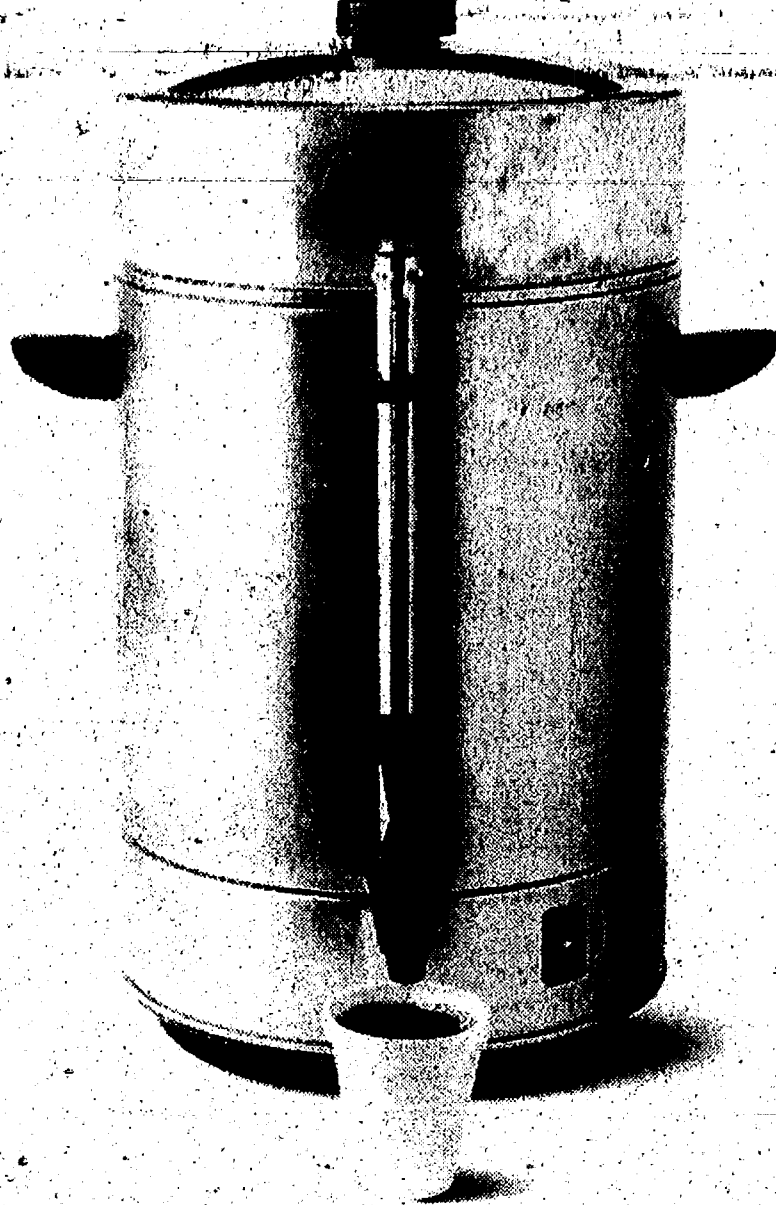
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which money has been saved in the district. "It's because of these creative ways to save money that we have been able to add to the fund equity and to be able to build it when we didn't really expect to," she said. "Some really unique and different ways of thinking about things that have allowed us to save money."

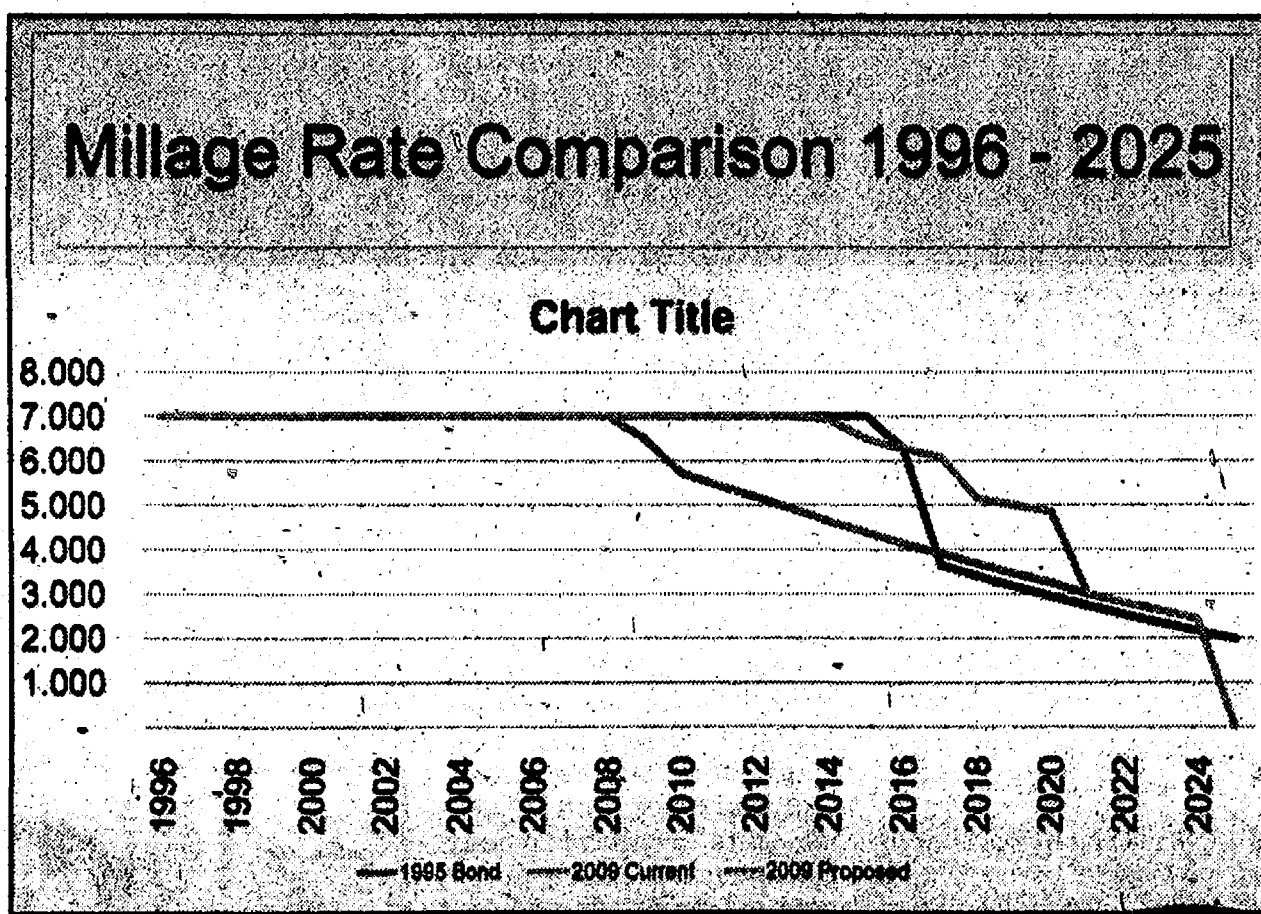
Spending bond money

There are some very strict requirements that come with using bond money, so it takes some creativity to get the most out of the money.

Bond money and sinking fund money cannot pay for any personnel or benefit costs. They can only pay for hard equipment, such as wiring in the walls and infrastructure for technology, purchasing of computers, printers and smart boards for the classrooms that teachers use on a daily basis. And the money can only be used in the "academic arena." For example, a computer for an administrator cannot be purchased with bond or sinking fund money.

"When you buy computers with bond money, you are not permitted to buy software separately," Killips said. "However, if the computers come pre-loaded with software that's OK. So any purchase orders we put out there for new computers, our specifications include the software pre-loaded. The state has deemed this an acceptable practice."

"But we are the first district to do this with copy machines. It doesn't sound like a lot of money, but it saves a teacher or two every year. We took that concept and bought our copy machines last year with pre-loaded clicks. So



by paying with them pre-loaded, it saves us about \$90,000 a year out of the general fund because the costs are now coming out of the bond money."

And that's a \$90,000 savings per year for the next five years.

Other savings have come from consolidation of services, such as payroll, 403(b) and purchasing cooperative. And refinancing (or refunding) of debt has saved the district \$4 million in interest payments since 1995.

"Starting in 2004, we were able to take our busses, technology and some repairs/maintenance expenses out of our general fund and put them into our bond funding," Killips said. "We don't have any money budgeted for busses or technology for next year. We know we can do without for a year and we know we have to do without for a year."

"We're spending up to \$800,000 a year on these items so when you figure we are already \$1.0 million in the red this year, you can now add another \$800,000 to that, which almost dou-

bles it. We are going to eventually have to buy the busses and the technology. I believe we also have an obligation to maintain our facilities."

So this is where we are," Killips said they are doing everything they can possibly think of to reduce costs and don't care where the ideas come from.

"If we can still offer the quality programs we've had here and reduce our costs, we will do it," he said.

The concession stand

Both Killips and McDevitt emphasize that the building of a new concession stand at the football stadium has nothing to do with teacher layoffs or even the bond renewal issue on the May 5 ballot.

In fact, discussions and information gathering on what to do with the current concession stand have been ongoing for years. And something that needed to be addressed.

"Two years ago, the board was going to set aside \$50,000 for the renovation of the concession stand," Killips said. "The

boosters wanted to donate \$70,000 over five years as a way to upgrade the renovations. But when we started to get into the renovation plans we were told by the Fire Marshall that since the concession stand was so close to the bleachers, we would have to fire proof the steel and aluminum bleachers to meet the code."

"We started looking at the cost of doing that and looked into the transformer problem (that caused a blackout at a football game last year) and it all didn't make sense to be putting \$150,000 to \$200,000 into this building."

The better and less expensive alternative turned out to be building a new concession stand.

"We worked with some of the boosters who happen to be contractors who told us that it would be cheaper to just construct a new building," Killips said. "We started looking at that and put a plan together, submitted them to the state, bidded them out and came in at about \$180,000 and we think we may be under that because there are other donations that

are coming in.

"In fact, our contractor who painted the high school already volunteered to paint the inside for free, including labor and supplies, as a way to give back to the schools."

Killips believes it's a good use of the money.

"We've had some health concerns down there on an annual basis since I've been here," he said. "The health department comes out here because we are serving food and certain requirements have to be met. And we currently don't meet them all. We certainly don't want them to shut us down."

The boosters will make a significant payment

towards the new building this year and then pay an undetermined amount each year to pay it off.

"The athletic boosters operate the concession stand and run it with volunteers and all the proceeds go to the athletic boosters who turn around and put it back into our schools," McDevitt said. "We have been very fortunate to be able to rely on our boosters to cover some of the costs associated with athletics. They really have gone above and beyond the call of duty. The number of people that volunteer their time for fund-raising and what they bring in has been nothing short of phenomenal."

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Government roundup

\$24.4 million for County road projects announced

Congressman Mark Schauer, D-District 7, announced last week \$24.4 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for rehabilitation and reconstruction of I-94 between the Jackson County line and Parker Road, starting this May. The project received final approval from the Michigan Senate on March 26.

"This is a smart short and long-term investment that will create jobs now, and upgrade our aging infrastructure," said Schauer. "Turning our economy around won't happen overnight, but this is an important step in the right direction."

Rehabilitation and reconstruction work on I-94 will begin this May between Freer and Parker roads at a cost of \$18.4 million. The capital preventative maintenance (CPM) work on I-94 between the Jackson County line and Freer Road will begin in June at a cost of \$6 million.

Funding for ARRA road projects is determined by a formula used for the distribution of all federal funds, which requires transporta-

tion projects to be ready to start within 120 days of approval. State distribution is determined by population, need for infrastructure improvement, and where the funding will have the greatest impact on job creation.

To learn more about the Recovery Act and track announcements, visit www.recovery.gov.

Schauer issued the following statement earlier this week on the report issued by President Obama's Automotive Task Force:

"Auto workers, their families, and the communities that depend on this vital industry have been devastated by the ongoing economic crisis. Today's report is another reminder that we still have a long way to go to put these companies back on the path to viability and turn Michigan's economy around."

"Regardless of how we got here, I'm less concerned about what happens in the board rooms of these companies than what happens to the workers at the GM

Delta Township plant and the parts suppliers across the state. Whatever we do, there is simply too much at stake to let the American auto industry fail."

"That's why I'm willing to do whatever it takes to revive the industry and help its workers make the transition to produce clean energy vehicles and compete in the 21st Century economy."

Michigan U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin announced last week that community health centers throughout Michigan will receive \$8,712,256 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Increase in Demand for Services (IDS) grant program over the next two years.

This funding will assist existing Community Health Centers by expanding operating hours and increasing the scope of medical services offered.

"With families losing their jobs and health insurance, community health centers serve as the family doctor to many in our state

who are struggling to pay for health care," said Stabenow. "This recovery funding helps these centers expand preventative and primary care services to more families in need, all while creating good-paying jobs here at home."

"Community Health Centers in Michigan play a critical role in providing necessary health care services at a time when family budgets are tightening and the cost of care has never been higher," said Levin. "I am pleased that this federal economic recovery funding will help support health centers that are serving individuals in need during these difficult economic times."

The American Recovery

and Reinvestment Act IDS program is administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Administration (HRSA). HRSA has provided grant support for Health Centers that provide high-quality

preventative and primary health care to medically underserved residents across the country. The IDS program derives funding from a formula which takes into account the total number of insured and uninsured patients within a community.

Michigan Dahlia host seminar and sale

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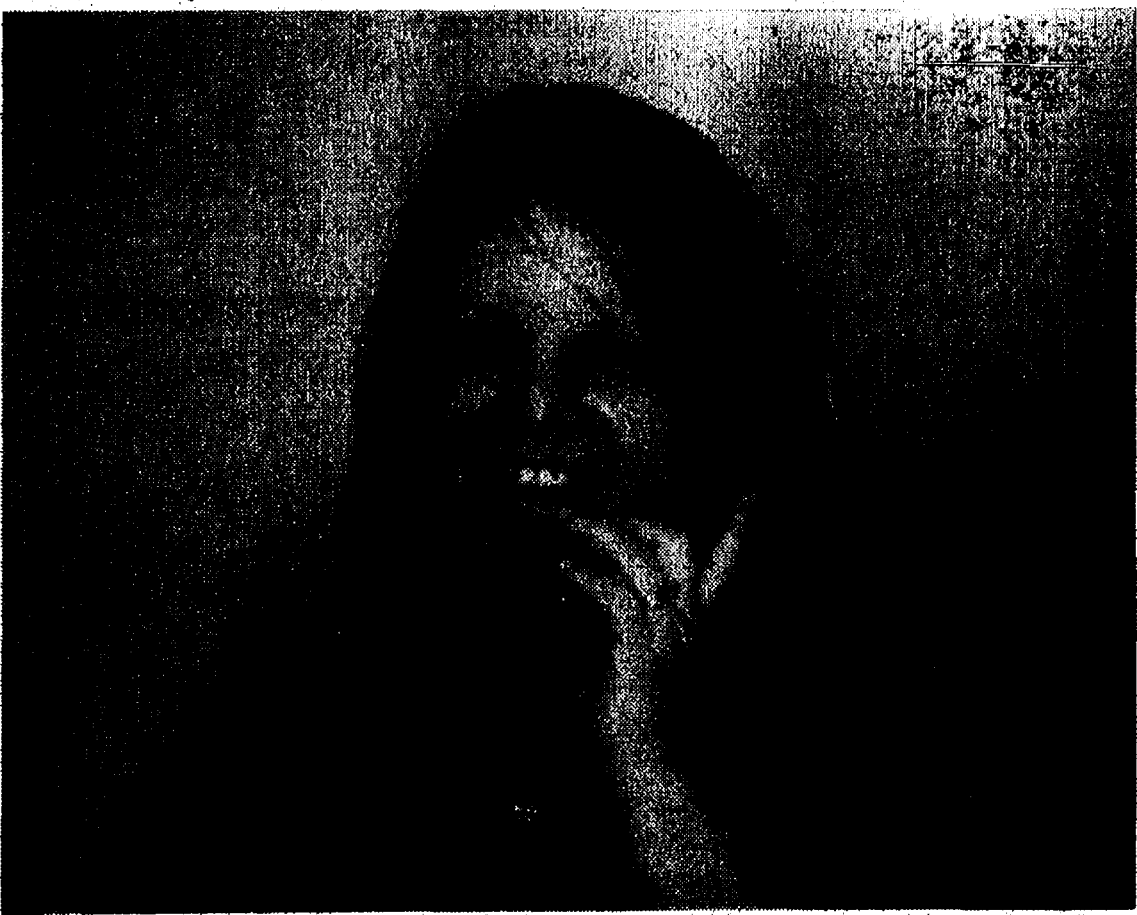
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Political world isn't like the boardroom

Rarely do you have an opportunity to test your political instincts. But with the entrance of another business type into the race for governor, dollars to doughnuts, Rick Snyder wants nothing to do with the media right now.



Tim Skubick

It's typical stuff from business guys who know a little about politics, and if they had their druthers, would have nothing to do with the media at all.

It's too bad. You thought this guy might be different.

But he's not.

"He's not doing any media interviews," his representatives said. "We're just going around the state listening."

That's really code for: Mr. Snyder is not ready for prime time. That doesn't mean he might not get in the race, but at this point it is just safer to run around the state using his ears and not his mouth.

Snyder is an Ann Arbor venture capitalist and the co-founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Ardesta.

There is something in the DNA of business folks who try to run for elected office. They are more comfortable in the closed boardroom, where they don't have to worry about what they say because the news media never gets inside to hear it.

If they screw up, the whole world will never know it. Entering the political arena is just the opposite. Everyone understands the desire not to make a mistake, but you have to wonder how long Snyder will avoid the media? And by avoiding it in the first place, he has already made his first mistake.

Word has it that Snyder has been thinking about running for the GOP nomination for governor for 10 years. You would think that during that time he might have developed some contacts inside the state's political media.

Yet when he fired off an impersonal press release last week announcing he was forming an exploratory committee, most everyone in the capital press corps said, "Rick who?"

To be fair, that's exactly what was said when Jennifer Granholm ran for attorney general. Apparently you can overcome obscurity, but it would have been refreshing had Snyder been more forthcoming.

Instead of a press release, why not a phone call or two?

"Hi. You don't know me. I'm Rick Snyder and I might run for governor. I thought you might want to know. Can we chat?"

But that is not part of the business model, which is pretty straightforward: Avoid the media whenever you can and keep it at bay as long as you can.

Ask any captain of industry from the Big Three on down if they spend any energy on cultivating the media.

"What are you, nuts?" is the likely response.

And you reap what you sow lest anyone forgets the meat grinder the auto guys found themselves in down in Washington in December. It was a first-class debacle from the jet planes right down to their awful testimony before Congress.

With a self-imposed muzzle, Snyder has made mistake No. 2. He is allowing others to define him while he is out there listening.

And his opponents are wasting no time trotting all sorts of stuff about him that may or may not be true. Since he isn't talking, all those negatives are the only stories being reported.

That means when the Ann Arbor business baron finally decides to break his silence, the public's image of him may not be very positive.

Welcome to the world of politics. It is nothing like the sequestered-and-media-free world inside the boardroom.

Your take: Letters to the Editor

To the Editor: For those of you out there who are confused about the impact of the (Chelsea schools) May Bond vote on your personal finances, I aim to clear this up. Don't get hung up on this "we're not increasing your tax rate" stuff. If this millage vote fails, your taxes will go down.

The school board is in effect asking you to approve a school millage increase averaging 1.71 mills over 12 years. If you own a house with a taxable value of \$100,000 (half the value) this tax increase will cost you \$2,054 over 12 years. If your house is worth more, you can do the math.

In these tough times, this is no time for the school board to be asking for more money. I have some suggestions the board should be seriously looking at (some inside the box and some outside):

1) Since enrollment as of the 2009-2010 school year has declined by (300) plus students over the last few years, reconfigure the classes and mothball an

elementary school. If you mothball South Meadows, you won't have to worry about the gym.

2) Outsource non-teaching jobs in the cafeteria, custodial and maintenance.

3) Outsource busing.

4) Reduce teacher and administrative pay. Why should education be immune from actions taken in the business world?

5) Increase class size. Sure the NEA and MEA recommends smaller class sizes - it results in more union members. Studies don't back up claims of improved learning.

6) Revamp the entire teacher contract structure: Pay based on merit. Elimination of tenure. 401K's instead of pensions. Requiring masters degrees for only selected subject areas. Do we really need a masters teacher for grades K-5? Or 6-8? Or 9-12? For the most part, getting a masters degree is a way to max out a teachers salary, and mostly unnecessary.

Chelsea school district

finances are tight because we built the district up for increased enrollments. Enrollments have decreased.

Teaching our children is not some feel good, throw money at it proposition. It's a business. We need to run it like a business. If we don't, public schools will go the way of the dinosaur as residents are allowed to designate their school tax dollars to charter schools.

This district doesn't need a bailout - it needs to right-size and manage existing resources. You can "help" them do that by voting NO in May.

Robert Spink
Chelsea

To the Editor: I have a bumper sticker on my car that says "Peace begins when the hungry are fed." A world where half of the people live in extreme poverty is neither just nor secure.

Our security depends on more than military might; it depends on other people's security, well being

Our take

Legislation a hidden tax increase

There is bipartisan legislation in which motorists no longer would be charged entrance fees to use state parks and boat launches. Instead, they would pay \$10 more a year in vehicle registration fees.

It currently costs \$6 daily and \$24 annually to enter state parks or use boat launches.

Vehicle stickers would go by the wayside and only a license plate would be needed to visit all 98 state parks and recreation areas, five state park trails, more than 1,000 boat sites and state forest campgrounds. Nightly camping fees would stay intact. The \$10 fee — \$5 for motorcyclists — would rise with the rate of inflation each year.

Drivers could opt out of paying the extra \$10 per vehicle if they said they

wouldn't be using the parks or other areas.

Out-of-state residents would still have to buy an annual pass for \$29 or a day pass for \$8.

The proposal may sound good at first, but a quick examination shows that it's just another hidden tax increase. Even with this opt-out option, the plan is wrong for Michigan.

First, it penalizes those who don't go to the state parks regularly. They might not want to opt-out, but may end up not ever going to a park.

The change would also force people to decide at one moment during the year if they plan to attend a state park over the next 12 months. Some might opt out and be sorry. Others, as we've noted, may decide to pay the fee, but never get

chance to use the parks.

However, what's most irritating about this proposal is that it's an attempt to hide a tax increase. Our legislators aren't fooling anyone. A tax increase by any other name usually is called a fee increase. Such increases are not welcome at any time and, during severe economic downturns like the one Michigan has been suffering through the past few years, it's just plain unwise.

No one will debate the need to maintain our parks and make them accessible to resident and tourists. But is a fee increase really the best way to do it?

We don't think so. Continually raising fees on vehicle registrations will eventually come back to haunt Lansing. People with multiple vehicles will buy

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Lynn Meadows
Lyndon Twp.

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STREET TALK

How would you compare the quality of the United States Educational System with the rest of the world? Do you have any ideas for improvement?



"The U.S. system, as it exists today, was thrown together after World War II due to the enormous need to educate our returning soldiers and their children. We need to rethink the system, get class sizes down and work more closely with individual students."

JOAN NAAB
CHELSEA

"We are really happy with the Chelsea public school system. I would like to see a greater number of choices publicly funded. For instance, religious oriented and more charter schools."

KARIN PAULSEN
CHELSEA



"I don't really care for our system. Private schools should be publicly funded so that everyone has a full choice. It is too expensive for some people to send a child to a parochial school."

LISA BECHTEL
CHELSEA

"My children go to Chelsea schools, and I feel they are the best available. My children have been in another district and I wasn't happy with the way the teaching was delivered. The college curriculum should stick to academics."

JULIE WOODS
CHELSEA

By Don & Crystal Hayduk

Our Chelsea History

What was the former name of the Chelsea Fire Department?

Chelsea Fire Department
Chelsea Fire Control
Chelsea Fire Brigade

Chelsea's first fire department

was organized in 1880 with 50 volunteers. The

department to hold equipment was built

in 1880. In 1880 the Chelsea

Fire Department was formed. CAFA still

operates from a single building on West

Street built in 1880. They serve a com-

munity of rural and urban areas in Chelsea

and parts of Dexter, Lima, Lyndon,

and other areas covering approximately

125 square miles in an area of about 125

square miles. CAFA staff operates today as a

paid-on-call fire and paid-on-call fire

department. Fire chief was hired in

1980. Their equipment ranges

from a truck to a 2000 tanker which

carries 2000 gallons of water. In 2008 CAFA

was awarded fire and rescue calls.

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LETTERS

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However, I'm concerned when folks who share my love for nature act in a misguided manner as did Barry when he referred to what he calls "the path eroded by mountain bikes." I am a hiker, a kayaker, a road biker, and a mountain biker. And what Barry apparently doesn't know is that this trail was damaged by all who used it - hikers, bikers and the occasional illegal four-wheelers.

You see the "Poto," as it is lovingly referred to by those who play there, was designed before modern trail design took hold. Barry should be heartened by the fact that the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) is sought out for trail design advice by all types of trail users around North America for their enlightened approach to trail design and maintenance. Poto was designed by folks who didn't have IMBA's modern approach to trail design and yes, it could use some work to benefit all users.

Just last year, local IMBA affiliate members rerouted a similar Poto trail section for sustainability and I'm sure more repairs are to come. You see mountain bikers do more for trail maintenance than any other trail use group out there. We'd love to have Barry's assistance in such endeavors in the future. As he takes the time to get a bit better educated, I look forward to his article on "Mountain Bikers: Modern Trail Stewards" in the future.

Rick Bowling
Plymouth

To the Editor: I am writing in response to the March 26 article, "Venturing out with Barry Lonik: Great late Winter hike is the Peace Lake loop in Pinckney." His

brief article is mostly spot on when concerning the winter trekking opportunities in the area, but I take issue specifically with Mr. Lonik's description of a stretch of the Potowatomi Trail having been "eroded by mountain bikes west back to Peace Lake and along its northern shore."

Mr. Lonik is a staunch local activist for green space. But he is also a polarizing figure who has expressed his desire to eliminate cyclists' access to public land. His statement that the condition of the Potowatomi trail is somehow due to cyclists alone is outrageous. Not just because he chose to include it in a piece that has nothing to do with winter trekking in the area, but because it owes so much to his agenda to attack multi-use trails. Multiple studies clearly show that cyclists have no greater impact on trail erosion than hikers.

I spend a great deal of my time in and around Pinckney. I hope to see more articles on outdoor opportunities. I only hope future articles avoid the type of erroneous statements that Mr. Lonik included in this last piece.

Scott Chambers
Grand Rapids

To the Editor: While enjoying Mr. Lonik's venturing out article I was caught off guard by the following

comment:

"Turn left and follow the path eroded by mountain bikes west back to Peace Lake and along its northern shore."

Mr. Lonik was way off base describing that section of trail, or any section of trail, to be "eroded by mountain bikes." That trail, and all too many trails like it, had severe erosion problems before mountain bikes started riding that trail tread. I could make an uninformed comment, comparable to Mr. Lonik's about mountain bikes, that it was caused by all those hikers and bird watchers.

But in reality, it's unsustainable trail building practice and the consequent erosion of the trail tread that is the true culprit of eroded trails. Actually, erosion starts as soon as you put shovel to dirt, but sustainable trail building practice helps to mitigate a lot of that erosive affect. Even if no one used those trails they would still erode at a perceptible rate because of ill advised past trail building practice.

Next time anyone is "venturing out" out on a hikers-only trail, take a good look at that trail tread and you will see the obvious affects of ill advised trail building methods. And if you care to do something about it, there is plenty of information about sustainable trail building methods at www.imba.com/

I invite Mr. Lonik to take a hike on the trail at the new Washtenaw County park at Sharon Mill. Mountain bikers built it. But we are more than happy to share it with anyone who likes to "venture out." But that's how we roll.

See you on the trail.

Greg Cook
Pinckney

To the Editor: As a 20 year user of the Poto trail, I would applaud efforts to keep it for multi use. I think one point hikers forget is that if not enough people use the trail, it will become a golf course or condos. Mountain bikers get vilified often, but in actuality, trail erosion is more a case of improper trail routing. I have been out there when a big rainfall hit, and water streaming down through the trail washed away inches of soil before my eyes.

Also, about 10 years ago, park management was going to trade away land to U-M for money, thus reducing the size of the park. Mountain bikers united and called, wrote letters and derailed the plan.

We are a positive force and are more accepting of other users and deserve to be treated as such.

Richard Smith
Kendor Steel Rule Die

TAX

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fewer of them. In a state whose economy is dependent upon car sales, that's not a good idea.

Our lawmakers in Lansing can't seem to see that the money for any kind of a tax increase is just not there.

Why do they insist on punishing residents? The state park fees is the just the latest example. It punishes people

who don't visit the parks and who have more than one vehicle.

People and businesses are hurting. Lansing needs to find an out-of-the-box solution to fixing our roads so that commerce can transport goods and citizens can commute back and forth to work without incurring jarring vehicle repairs.

We need to balance the state budget based on actual revenue that will be received and give tax breaks as incentives, such as in the film making industry.

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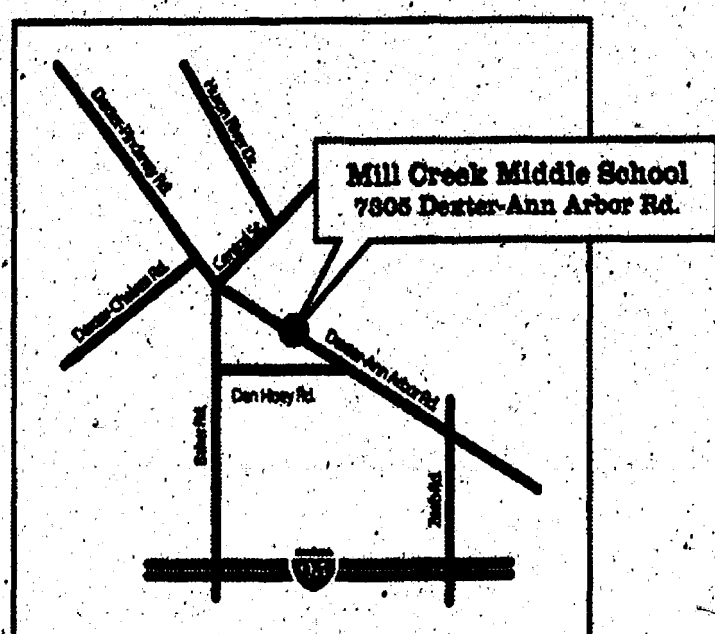
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Seeing stars



Two-time Oscar winner Hilary Swank with fan Madison Brodeur in Chelsea during the filming of Swank's upcoming movie, "Betty Anne Waters." Brodeur, 7, is from Chelsea.

Inside our schools

Students celebrate reading month

March has been a busy month in our local schools with each school participating in various March is Reading month activities.

North Creek has been using the theme of "Building Bridges" throughout the school year. Connecting with that theme, the March is Reading month theme was "Build with Books." The students met their school goal of reading 15,000 books or chapters and Mr. Kaemming, North Creek principal, was sent up in a cherry picker on Friday, March 27 to read for part of the day.

During the month, two guest authors spoke to the students at North Creek. On Friday, March 13, Alan St. Jean gave a presentation to each grade level,

did a writing workshop with budding second grade writers, and autographed books purchased by the students. Mr. St. Jean's presentation was provided by funds from a CEF (Chelsea Education Foundation) grant and the PTO.

On Tuesday, March 24, Anne Margaret Lewis did two presentations at North Creek talking about her writing. These presentations were a gift from our local State Farm Insurance representative, Bill Ballagh.

Pierce Lake Elementary also received a visit from Mr. St. Jean and students at Pierce Lake read well over 400 hours during the month of March. For the culmination of the theme, "Lights, Camera, Read,"

the students at Pierce Lake were treated to a breakfast on Friday, March 27.

South Meadows Intermediate also had many special events planned during March. Students there used the book "An Angel for Solomon" by Cynthia Rylant as a jumping off point for their activities. Kindness was the general message from this book and students were asked to do acts of kindness and also read books from various genres.

All of the students were treated to an assembly written and performed by fifth graders. South Meadows students that turned in goal sheets received a free book and other prizes.

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CSC to host Centennial Farm presentation

By Janet Ogle-Mater
Special Writer

In anticipation of this summer's celebration of Chelsea's 175th Anniversary, the Chelsea Senior Center will host the first of several events.

On Thursday, April 16, Cynthia Furlong Reynolds will give a presentation, "Planting the Roots of Our History," at the Senior

Center on Washington Street. The program will share a historical perspective on area centennial farms and attendees will learn about Chelsea's agricultural history. They will also hear stories related to Chelsea's long-standing farming community.

"Centennial farms are time capsules illustrating important components of

Michigan's history and testifying to the unique heritage of a region and a special set of families," said Peg Greisberger from the Chelsea District Library. The presentation was conceived through the library as a part of the Chelsea Reads Together program in which the theme for this year is "Think Globally...Eat Locally."

"Michigan has more than 5,500 farms that have remained in family hands for at least 100 years; a cluster of them are located in the Chelsea area," said Greisberger. "These farms represent our national, regional and local history, and they reveal individual families' personal stories."

The Chelsea Senior Center has served area resi-

dents 55 and older for 27 years, but this event is open to the public.

"A talk on the historical perspective of farms in the area will be enjoyed and great prelude to Chelsea's 175th Anniversary," said Tina Patterson, executive director for the Senior Center. The staff and members are looking forward to special events surrounding the anniversary, with many members reportedly volunteering to help.

The presentation is scheduled for Thursday, April 16 at 12:45 p.m. at the Chelsea Senior Center on Washington Street. It will last about an hour. Lunch is being served at noon for a small fee. For those interested in lunch, reservations are needed. Call 475-9242.

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AN EAGLE EYE VIEW

Men's Golfers Have Best Spring Outing
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YPSILANTI, Mich. — Junior Cam Burke (Baden, Ontario-Waterloo Secondary) found his stroke in a big way last weekend at the FAU Spring Break Championship, March 27-29, recording his first career top five showing with a 54-hole mark of two-under par 211 (64-75-72) for a third place. As a team, Eastern Michigan University also took home a third-place finish with a cumulative total of 864 (283-298-283) behind nationally ranked Illinois (847) and Michigan (861).

Burke opened the tournament on the par 71, 6,722-yard Victory Course at Gleneagles Country Club with a scorching round of 64 to hold the top individual spot following the first day of competition. The seven-under par round equalled Burke's career-best 18 hole round that he previously set in the opening round of the Fossum Invitational, April 21, 2007. Additionally, the round of 64 is tied for the lowest single round in EMU history, with only Burke and Corey Mahoney having carded the extraordinary total.

Behind Burke, senior Christopher Ross (Dundas, Ontario-Parkside) finished with a three-day mark of 218 (74-74-69) in a tie for 14th place. Ross' top 20 finish was the sixth of the season and the 22nd of his distinguished career.

Junior Brandon Lemons (Portage, Mich.-Portage Central) finished tied for 33rd with a 222 (70-74-78). Sophomore Nic Carbary (Kalamazoo, Mich.-Mattawan) and junior Marty Jeppesen (Saline, Mich.-Saline) rounded out the EMU contingent with a tie for 43rd with a 233.

The 20th ranked Illinois led from wire-to-wire to claim the team championship with a 847 (277-292-278) followed by the 42nd ranked Wolverines at 861 (287-292-282). EMU (865), Northwestern (871) and Ohio State (873) round out the top-five. Scott Langley of Illinois finished first in the individual competition with a three-day total of 205 (65-70-70).

Head coach Bruce Cunningham and the Eagles return to action at the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate, April 11-12, in Columbus, Ohio.

Eastern Michigan Individual Results:		
Pl.	Player	Scores
3.	Cam Burke	64-75-72=211
t-14.	Christopher Ross	75-74-69=218
t-33.	Brandon Lemons	70-74-78=222
t-43.	Nic Carbary	78-75-70=223
t-43.	Marty Jeppesen	74-77-72=223

Team Scores (Top 5 Teams-14 total participated)

Pl.	Team	Scores
1.	Illinois	277-292-278=847
2.	Michigan	287-292-282=861
3.	Eastern Michigan	283-298-283=864
4.	Northwestern	286-288-287=861
5.	Ohio State	280-299-294=873
6.	Wisconsin	291-294-293=878
7.	Memphis	294-293-293=880
8.	Iowa	291-297-296=884
9.	Florida Atlantic	299-294-294=887
10.	Notre Dame	294-296-302=892
11.	Marquette	298-311-285=894
12.	Missouri	297-300-298=895
13.	Northern Illinois	306-306-288=900
14.	St. John's	310-298-299=907

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potential to position the Chelsea Senior Center as a strong program provider and consultant, which could help sustain its programs in the long run," said Patterson.

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Around town

CHO presents Hometown Show

All strings considered, Chelsea House Orchestra (CHO) promises another entertaining evening filled with the large, rich sound the popular group is known for. CHO performs traditional Celtic jigs and reels and much more. Experience a bit of the Irish, Scottish, Gaelic and more as Chelsea House Orchestra performs on their hometown stage at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 18.

In its 11th year, CHO has evolved into a unique world-groove musical experience, with Celtic folk roots. More than 25 young musicians perform on violins, violas, cellos, basses, guitars, bouzouki, flutes, oboes, clarinets, djembes, and harp.

Students are encouraged to experiment with any instrument they can think of, that has a folk connection. The music is kept fresh with arrangements which often evolve from student's suggestions offered during rehearsals. A special feature at this year's Hometown Show will be an original arrangement composed by cellist Viktor Rozsa, a junior at Chelsea High School. His Hungarian-influenced set is just another example of the contemporary sound which has made them a popular draw at numerous stages in the Midwest.

No two performances are alike. The arrival of a

fresh, new group of talented students each August has allowed this non-profit program sponsored by the Chelsea School District, to not only support itself solely through performances and CD sales, but thrive.

While CHO delivers a colorful performance wherever they are, the Hometown Show is a favorite venue. Last year's sold-out show had toes tapping in the aisles. It was a great time where the students showcased their talent before family, friends and the community-at-large.

The artistic direction of CHO comes from CHS Orchestra Director Jed Fritzemeier. Jed, a real treasure in Chelsea, recently was named the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association (MSBOA) Orchestra Teacher of the Year as well as the Michigan American String Teachers Association Teacher of the Year.

Tickets for the single performance are available for \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults at Chelsea Pharmacy and at the door. For more information, contact Jed Fritzemeier at tickets@chelseahouseorchestra.org or call Linda Meloche at 734-475-4524.

Chelsea Area Briefs

Counterfeit bill

The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce received a call on Monday afternoon from one of Chelsea's retail members. The New Chelsea Market, about a counterfeit \$20 bill that was discovered by the bank in their daily deposit. The bill was of very high quality and easily went undetected at the point of exchange.

"Please be aware that there may be other bills circulating locally," Chamber Executive Director Bob Pierce said. "We urge everyone to take extra precaution and be on the lookout for any additional bogus bills."

If you believe that you have a counterfeit bill or have any questions related to this incident, contact the Chelsea Police Department at 475-9122.

Faith in Action

Faith in Action will hold their Annual Benefit Banquet on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Chelsea Community Hospital Main Dining Room. Any interested attendees are encouraged to call 475-3305 to reserve a seat for the dinner with music, a live and silent auction, and awarding of the Howard S. Holmes Humanitarian of the Year Award.

Call for Sculpture

The River Gallery is

seeking submissions of outdoor sculpture for Chelsea's first year-long "SculptureWalk Chelsea." The selected sculptures will be secured on cement pads at 10, high profile downtown locations in Chelsea. Artists are invited to submit up to three works.

"SculptureWalk Chelsea" is funded in part by the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority in collaboration with the City of Chelsea, the Chelsea Center for the Arts, Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights, and River Gallery. All sculptures must be able to endure the outside weather conditions. Ten finalists will be selected, and each artist will receive a \$200 compensation.

The postmark deadline for submissions is May 1, 2009. The event will launch June 25, 2009.

For questions or more information, contact River Gallery at 734.433.0826 or email info@chelseariver-gallery.com

Scholarship applications

In 1990 the Chelsea Education Board was founded by an active group of individuals who wanted to find a way to give back to the Chelsea community. One of the ways that the Foundation continues to give back is through its scholarship program. Chelsea High School gradu-

ating seniors and returning college students submit an application to the Chelsea Education Foundation scholarship committee. These members evaluate and award scholarships to those best qualified. Last year the Board awarded \$31,500 to more than 40 applicants. The Foundation is currently accepting applications through April 9. Go to the Chelsea Education Foundation Web site at www.chelseaeducationfoundation.org to review a list of scholarships available and download an application.

'Suitcases For Kids'

The Chelsea Senior Center wants to help kids. Yvonne and Henry Johnson, two members of the center, found out something that disturbed them; that kids in the foster care system often have to carry their belongings in a trash bag as they

move from placement to placement. Henry and Yvonne both felt that these kids deserved more dignity in there often chaotic lives so they contacted the largest foster care service in Michigan and Washtenaw County, Lutheran Social Services to find out how they could help.

Lutheran Social Services said they could use all the new or gently used suitcases of any size that we could collect. These suitcases will be distributed to foster kids so they never again will have to carry there meager belongings in a trash bag. If you have a suitcase you no longer need, that is in good shape, please bring it to the Senior Center, or if you can't bring it to us call 734-475-9242 and we will arrange to have it picked up.

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The Chelsea Standard

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Chelsea Library to host world-famous writers

Michael McClure, famous Beat Generation and 1960s counter-culture poet and writer, will make a rare appearance in downtown Chelsea at the first Midwest Literary Walk, April 18.

McClure, associate of Allen Ginsberg and close friend of Jim Morrison, is the author of 14 books of poetry, eight books of plays, and four books of essays. He wrote the song "Mercedes Benz," popularized by Janis Joplin, and authored the play "The Beard," which became a cause célèbre in the 60s for testing censorship laws in San Francisco and other cities.

Now 78, McClure was immortalized by Jack Kerouac in his novel "Big Sur" and by Martin

Scorsese in his film "The Last Waltz."

Oprah Book Club novelist Bret Lott, of South Carolina, and suburban Detroit novelist Michael Zadoorian and novelist Janet Kauffman, along with Michigan poets Keith Taylor, Macklin Smith and Bill Harris, also will be featured in this special event.

Free and open to the public, the event is the brainchild of Detroit poet ML Liebler, current artist-in-residence at the Chelsea District Library and Chelsea Center for the Arts, cosponsors of the Walk. All locations are within a two-block area.

For more information, call 1-734-475-8732.



Spring is in the air

Chelsea Garden Club helps you prepare your garden

By Charlene Harris
Guest Writer

The early harbingers of spring, *Eranthis* (Winter Aconite) and *Hellebores* (Christmas or Lenten Rose) bloomed in March. Soon the Daffodils and Siberian Squill 'Spring Beauty' (*Scilla sibirica*) will color our hillside with drifts of yellows and bright azure blue. These plants are tolerant of cold snaps and late freeze, and are not bothered by deer, rabbits, chipmunks or other critters.

Our yard cleanup begins in mid-February and continues through April. We start by walking around the house and working our way through garden beds picking up sticks and twigs and noting trees, shrubs and vines that need pruning. Pruning includes removing crossover branches growing in the wrong direction, opening up the center of shrubs, and removing sucker branches (those growing straight up from other branches). Some trees including birch and maple are best pruned in late fall or winter to avoid bleeding. Others like oak are recommended to prune after the beginning of November to avoid attracting insects that spread disease.

Raking and blowing the remaining leaves is next. Some go into the compost pile to be used later for soil amending (mixing into the soil) while others are blown into our woodland where they act as natural mulch, decomposing more slowly.

Last year's composted leaves and garden debris are ready to spread in flowerbeds or to use in the vegetable garden, where they will add nutrients to the soil. We avoid using fresh walnut leaves in garden beds. Juglone toxins in walnut leaves inhibit plant growth. The toxins break down in a few weeks if the leaves are exposed to the weather (air, water and bacteria), but toxins in soil can last for months. Tomatoes, rhododendron, azaleas and roses are a few of the more common plants that are stunted or killed by walnut juglone.

Leaves collected from roadsides where oils or calcium chloride have been used should be avoided, since both are toxic to plants.

As the grass greens, the weeds grow. I enjoy weeding, but I'm not neurotic about it. It's a mindless relaxing task that gives me great satisfaction once done, again and again, all summer long. It's particularly satisfying when I find a large root from last year that now pulls easily from the soft spring soil.

Like most garden practices, composting can be done in vari-

ous ways. When we lived in the city, we had a fenced four-foot by eight-foot compost enclosure. We chopped our garden debris and turned it twice a season spring and fall. On frosty mornings you could see heat rising from the decaying mass. It produced rich black humus quickly.

Now, 20 years later we live on a lake. We've adapted to the slow easy method of simply piling all the garden debris in a new heap each spring where it will get plenty of sun, air circulation and rainwater. Occasionally during the dry summer season I water the pile. We stopped turning the pile several years ago when we discovered a clutch of turtle eggs in it. Obviously it is warm enough to provide a haven for turtle eggs to mature and hatch, and still decomposes fast enough to meet our needs.

Once the major yard cleanup and pruning is finished, I focus on the garden beds: removing last year's plant debris, loosening up old mulch that is compacted and early fertilizing.

Years ago I started leaving my hosta, ground covers and large leaf plants to simply melt in place, allowing the leaves to protect the crown of the plant over winter. I find it easier and quicker to remove plant foliage in spring once our temperatures remain above freezing. And it is already partially decomposed.

I begin to renew and rework the flower garden beds in April as weather permits. I find it efficient to combine removing dead plant foliage with fertilizing and refreshing the mulch. After raking back the mulch I scratch up the soil lightly, add a dusting of my organic fertilizer mix or a side dressing of compost, and rake the old mulch back into place.

We started using organic fertilizers and amendments for our vegetable garden 30 years ago. These products add to the fertility of the soil. They degrade slowly over five to ten years releasing a steady supply of nutrients, compared to water-soluble chemicals that are washed through the root zone of the plant and need annual or more frequent applications.

We use rock phosphate, granite dust and green sand for phosphorus, potassium and many of the micronutrients. For nitrogen, cottonseed meal is our standby. We apply it annually from April to early May to the lawn. Trees and shrubs whose roots extend into the top layer of the grass roots benefit as well.

Late April to early May after the soil has warmed up I add two-to-four inches of new mulch where needed. It should be kept

Read the 'Local Dirt'

What's the difference between soil and dirt? Dirt is what you find under your fingernails. Soil is what you find under your feet. Soil includes all the living things and the materials they make or change. Every month, members of the Chelsea Area Garden Club (CAGC) will share some helpful gardening information, tidbits, and advice for Chelsea area residents under the Local Dirt column. If you want more information about the CAGC, contact 734-475-2354 or feel free to join us at our monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month. The Club meets at noon at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church.

CAGC was organized in the fall of 1997 and currently has more than 50 members. The club's activities include civic beautification projects at the Post Office and Chelsea District Library (see photos); educational programs for the public at the Chelsea Train Depot; and participation in community events such as Chelsea Summerfest, Farmer's Market and Earth Day. This year, look for us in the upcoming Chelsea 175th anniversary parade. The club also provides scholarships for Master Gardener and Junior Master Gardener applicants. As a new venture this year, the Club provided small grants to fund worthy, local gardening projects.

The Club's activities are funded by member dues and from revenues from our fund raising projects. Most notable are the annual Plant Sale and the biannual Chelsea Garden Walk. This year's Plant Sale is Saturday, May 16. The next Chelsea Garden Walk is being planned for 2010.



Photos of the pots at the Chelsea District Library planted and maintained by CAGC.

back from tree trunks, woody stems or plant crowns.

Along the way I often find "extra" plants. Some have multiplied and are growing out of bounds; others need to go so I can make changes to my garden. I find it easier to remove plants in spring, before they emerge and tempt me to keep them "just one more year." The CAGC plant sale provides a great opportunity for us to share our extra plants.

MIDWEST LITERARY WALK

1:00pm | The River Gallery
Keith Taylor | Macklin Smith
2:00pm | The Chelsea Gallery
Michael Zadoorian | Bill Harris
3:00pm | Cranesbill Books
Bret Lott | Janet Kauffman
4:00pm | Zou Zou's Cafe
Community Open Mic with
ML Liebler's Workshop
5:30pm | The River Gallery
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'Eating Locally' event draws record numbers

Officials from the Chelsea District Library would like to thank the community and its sponsors for coming out in such great numbers to support this year's Chelsea Reads Together program, "Think Globally...Eat Locally."

This year's theme proved to be a topic of interest to the

Chelsea community, making it possible for many local businesses and residents to participate by providing valuable programming for children, teens and adults throughout the month of March. In addition to book discussions, local chefs provided cooking demonstrations with local foods and panel discussions were held with local farmers to discuss organic farming and buying local.

A "Farm Fresh Film Series" showed a documentary each Sunday and Michigan Notable Book authors offered a closer

look at Michigan's wineries. Kids learned what it takes to keep bees, what families around the world buy each week for groceries and about organic gardening.

Food for all programs was generously provided by local businesses.

"Thank you for making this year's Chelsea Reads Together a success," said Bill Harmer, head of adult services.

Let the music move you on April 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. in McKune with Family Folk Dancing! Join expert folk dance teacher Drake Meadow and learn fun, easy dances from around the world. Dance to the live music of Debbie Jackson and friends. All ages and levels of experience are welcome! Registration is required. Call (734) 475-8732 or visit the Youth Reference Desk.

McKune calendar of events

For more information on events at the McKune Memorial Library, call 475-8732.

Saturday: Ukrainian Egg Decorating and Class; 10:30 a.m.; McKune; Registration. Learn the art of pysanky, Ukrainian egg decorating, from June Weiland, a retired teacher who has practiced this art form since childhood. Kit provided. Ages 14 and up.

Sunday: Family Folk Dancing; 2-4 p.m.; McKune; Registration. Join expert folk dance teacher Drake Meadow and learn fun, easy dances from around the world. Dance to the live music of Debbie Jackson and friends. All ages and levels of experience are welcome!

Monday: Easter Bunny Storytime; 6-8:30 p.m.; KidSpot; Drop-in. Enjoy Easter stories, songs and crafts with Miss Karen.

Chelsea's summer reflection

By Kathy Clark
Special Writer

They say a picture is worth a thousand words.

This picture really my caught my attention when it was archived at the Chelsea Area Historical Society in 2008. It was taken circa 1920 at a nearby shallow-water lake - perhaps Cavanaugh, Crooked, Cedar, Mill, Green or Cassidy Lake - all popular fishing lakes within five miles of Chelsea with flat shorelines.

The photograph was donated by the Sawyer family who are represented in the two boats. They lived on McKinley Street in Chelsea, and owned a nearby farm.

It captures a second in time before some action while the people fish from the boats. A name for this photograph could be "The calm before the fish." I like to picture in my mind how animated the family could become the instant someone hooks and swings in the first large fish. There are "four" oars dangling or reflect-

ed in the water. We see one man, one young girl, altogether six people with the ladies. We see only three bamboo poles poised over the water, but the reflection makes an intertwining design of six.

If anyone stands up they might rock the boat. I wonder if the small girl and the demure ladies would laugh and cheer for the one trying to land the fish. What if two are caught at once? Double action.

On second thought, in that era of living I am guessing they caught the fish methodically, and remained fairly serious at their task. Maintaining the quiet vigil, the young girl was likely discouraged from splashing her bare feet in the water which might scare away fish.

Are two boats better than one?

In that era, was this a popular way to enjoy the sport of fishing? Maybe the man was thoughtful to bring two boats to seat all the ladies who wanted to join him that day. The



people are fairly well-balanced. They may have been thinking of safety for everyone. Did they haul two boats by trucks, or horses, or did they live on this lake? Was the person taking the picture from shore the seventh person in the group? The bul-rushes are

a sure sign they were fishing in shallow water.

My final thoughts on this reversible picture of tranquility and warmth - as we have just endured a month of snow and bone-chilling temperatures and the lakes are still covered with ice. This photo-

graph is a good reminder that hot weather will warm the lakes once again. Sun-drenched days will return with water often so calm around a dock you see every stone, twig and fish in the bottom of the lake. A few large, lazy bass will again meander by.

Around Town

Pysanka event

A free pysanka demonstration at Cranesbill Books will take place at 2 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 5. The artists will be Johanna Kowitz and Lynn Meadows. There will be kits available for sale, but this is not a workshop, so there will be no reservations. Cranesbill Books is located at 108 East Middle Street in Chelsea. For more information, call 734-433-2665.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army for Washtenaw County needs the community's help to replenish its drastically low food pantry, which serves anyone in need in the Washtenaw County area and provides families with enough food items for several meals.

Specific items needed include: Hot or cold cereal, chili beans, cream of corn, egg noodles, green beans, hamburger helper and other boxed meals, instant mashed potatoes, Jell-O and pudding, mixed vegetables, canned peaches and mixed fruit, ramen noodles, rice, canned mushrooms and meat, Spaghetti sauce, beef ravioli and SpaghettiOs, sweet peas and tuna.

"There is nothing more fundamental in The Salvation Army's work than providing not only spiritual but physical sustenance," said Major John Williams, Washtenaw County Commander. "Making our food pantry available to families in need allows the family to redistribute food dollars to other areas of critical need within the household. Items in our food pantry tend to decline this time of year, so we would really appreciate support from the community to help build it back up."

Donated food items can be dropped off at The Ann Arbor Corps Community Center, located at 100 Arbana Drive in Ann Arbor.

For information about TSA-WC, visit www.sawashtenaw.org or call 734-668-9353.

Arbor Hospice

Arbor Hospice will offer three support groups to educate and support anyone who has experienced any loss through death. These support groups are available to anyone in the community whether or not they have received hospice care from Arbor Hospice. There is no charge to attend a support group, but donations are welcomed to help support Arbor Hospice programs.

Beginning on April 20 through June 10, Adult Loss of a Parent will meet on Mondays from 7 - 8:30 p.m., and Loss of a Spouse or Partner will meet on Tuesdays from 10 - 11:30 a.m. or Wednesdays 7 - 8:30 p.m. All groups will be held at Arbor Hospice, 2368 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor. To register, call Arbor Hospice's Grief Support Services at 734-794-

5114 or email info@arborhospice.org.

Grief is a complex journey that continues long after a significant person has passed on. The programs of Arbor Hospice's Grief Services offer a safe environment where those who have experienced a loss can find comfort, support and hope.

Support groups are an opportunity to share with others their experience of losing a loved one. Focused support groups, such as those specifically for those who have lost a mother or spouse provide an environment to meet other individuals who have experienced a similar situation. Support group participants understand your story in a way that your family or friends may not comprehend.

Successful program

Four years after she launched the innovative Self-

Service Station program, Secretary of State Teri Lynn Land said on Tuesday that the number of customers enjoying the technology's ease and convenience continues to grow.

The program recorded more than 130,000 license plate tab renewal transactions over the last 12 months, an increase of 35 percent from the prior year and more than 300 percent from the first year. Since April 1, 2005, the machines have recorded more than 330,000 transactions and \$33 million in revenue.

"Our customers deserve the most efficient options we can give them to get their business done," said Land. "The time-saving technology of Self-Service Stations is making life a little easier for more and more people each year. That's good government and great customer service."

The ATM-style machines allow residents to print off

their license plate tabs by simply scanning a bar code on their renewal notice and then swiping a Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card to pay their registration fees. The do-it-yourself transactions, which free up office staff to assist other customers, are often completed in two minutes or less.

There are 43 Self-Service Stations statewide, 24 of which may be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They are located at 34 PLUS Offices, six SUPER!Centers and three municipal buildings. Stations will be installed at an additional 12 offices across the state over the next two months.

Locations include the Washtenaw County PLUS Office at 353 N. Maple Road, Ann Arbor

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Chelsea area music events
April 18: CHO (Chelsea House Orchestra) Hometown Concert at WSEC, 7 p.m., \$10 tickets
April 25: Mardi Gras Band Fundraiser at Beach Middle School from 6:30-9 p.m. Tickets are \$5.
April 29: Concerto Concert, 7:30 p.m. at the CHS

Chelsea Senior Center
 Lunch served Monday through Friday at noon. For additional information and reservations phone the center at 475-9242.

Tomorrow: Senior Center closed for Spring Break
 Monday: Bingo 9 a.m.; Chair Exercise 10:30 a.m.; Hand & Foot 12:30 p.m.; Digital Media 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Crafts 10 a.m.; Stroke Risk Prevention Program 10 a.m.; Free Blood Pressure 10 a.m.; Wii Choice 1 p.m.; Euchre 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Bridge Class 10 a.m.; Fit and Fun Exercise 10:30 a.m.; Square Dancing 12:30 p.m.; Pinochle 12:30 p.m.; Bowling at Chelsea Lanes 1 p.m.; Bunco 1 p.m.; Eyeglass Adjustment 1:30 p.m.; Detroit Tiger reservations due.

Thursday, April 9: Board of Directors meet 8:30 a.m.; Stained Glass Class 10 a.m.; Computer Club 10 a.m.; Chelsea Area Bridge 12:15 p.m.; Knit and Crochet 12:30 p.m.; Tax assistance by appointment

Chelsea Center for the Arts
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Dexter Senior Center
 7720 Ann Arbor Street. Call (734) 426-7737. Lunches are complete - main dish listed
 Tomorrow: 8:30 Swimming, Wylie Pool; 9:30 Coffee hour; 10:30 Exercise; 11:30 Lunch - Stuffed steak.
 Monday: 8:30 a.m. swimming, Wylie Pool; 9:15, walking; 10:30 - Exercise; 11:30 Lunch - Meatloaf with gravy.
 Tuesday: 10 a.m. - Lifestyle Fitness; 10-12 - Rug Hookers; 11:00 - Tai Chi; 11:30 - Lunch - Herbed chicken with seasoned rice; 12:30, French.
 Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. Swimming, Wylie Pool; 9:00 - Yoga; Medicare Assistance; 10:00 a.m. Garden meeting; 10:30 - Exercise 11:30 - Lunch - Beef Pot Pie; 12:30 - Watercolor Painting; 1 p.m. - German.

Thursday, April 9: 9:30 a.m. - Eucre; 10 a.m. - Lifestyle Fitness; 11 Knitting Club; 11:30 - Lunch - Marinated port. chop with gravy; 12:30 Scrabble, 1 p.m. - Mah Jongg.

Friday, April 10: Center Closed for activities; 11:30 a.m. Lunch - Roast turkey.

Dexter District Library
 The Dexter District Library is located at 3255 Alpine Street in Dexter. All Library programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call 734-426-4477.

Tomorrow: First-grade Reader Round-Up for Cornerstone School
 Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friends of the Dexter District Library Used Book Sale. Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Dexter District Library, contact Sue Smith at sueandbernie@aol.com

Saturday: 11 a.m. Wild Swan Theater presents "Jack and the Beanstalk" for all ages. No registration required.

Tuesday: 7 p.m. Drop-in "Sip 'n' Stitch." Bring your own knitting or other needlecraft project and make new friends.

Thursday, April 9: 3 - 5 p.m. Drop-in wii sports for grades 6 and up.

Friday, April 17: First grade Reader Round-Up for Bates school

Area

The area Chapter of Veterans For Peace will hold a regional meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 18 at Bear Claw Coffee, 12855 East Old US 12, just east of Chelsea and near I-94 exit 162. The meeting is open to anyone interested in peace and justice issues, with a special invitation to military veterans. For more information, contact 734-487-9058 or visit www.vfp93.org.

The Sunday Artisan Market of Ann Arbor will open for its 18th season on Sunday at the Farmer's Market Pavilion in the Historic Kerrytown District. Each Sunday, from April through December, the Market will feature the handmade work of nearly 70 artists, as well as that of many visiting "dailies" from the region. Creations are in all traditional artistic media - and some you never would have thought of. The Sunday Artisan Market welcomes new visitors and new vendors alike. For more information, call 734-913-9622 or visit www.sundayartisanmarket.org.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation recently donated \$355 million to

Rotary International's PolioPlus program, with the challenge that Rotary raise \$200 million of matching funds. To help reach this goal, the eight Washtenaw County Rotary Clubs are sponsoring a benefit concert on April 24. Three Men and a Tenor will be performing at 7:30 p.m. at Skyline High. This highly talented, energetic and entertaining Michigan-based quartet has performed more than 1,000 concerts internationally over the past 17 years. Skyline is located at 2552 N. Maple Rd. Tickets are \$50 (\$25 tax-deductible) for preferred seating and \$30 for general admission; they can be obtained at 734-661-0528.

Parks

Eddy Discovery Center: Waterloo

For more information, call the Eddy Discovery Center at 734-475-3170.

NIGHT OF THE AMPHIBIANS: 8 p.m., Saturday. Join naturalist Tom Hodgson this evening for a lively presentation featuring frogs, toads, salamanders and quivering masses of eggs. The program will conclude with a walk to a nearby pond to see and hear the frogs singing in the night. Bring a flashlight and dress

for the weather.

APRIL 18: SPRING INTO GARDENING, 11 a.m. Discover the joy of gardening with master gardener, Sharon Sohoza. Learn about preparing the soil and all the ins and outs of seed starting, new and old garden beds, plant structure, and tips on spring cleaning. Start an herb seed to take home.

Hudson Mills Metropark
 8801 N. Territorial Road,

Dexter. For additional information or to register for programs, call 1-800-477-3191 or 734-426-8211.

Saturday: Bird Hike, 7:30 a.m. Bring your binoculars and a field guide to observe bird species seen in the park and record dates, locations, and trends from year to year. We will explore a variety of habitats throughout the park. There is a fee of \$2 per person. Call (734) 426-8211 to pre-register.




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DRY EYES

No More Tears Is NOT Always a Good Thing



Everyone experiences the symptoms from time to time: Burning, irritable eyes. A feeling that something is actually scratching the eye. But for some 3 million American women (and 1 million men), these symptoms are chronic, because they suffer from Dry Eye Syndrome.

TEARS ARE IMPORTANT

Tears are essential to good vision. They lubricate the eye, protect it from infections and wash away allergens. With Dry Eye Syndrome, the eye produces too few tears, or tears of such poor quality that they don't stay on the eye. Ironically, some people with Dry Eye Syndrome may actually experience tears running down their cheeks.

WOMEN ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE

While everyone experiences reduced tear production as they age, women are more prone to Dry Eye Syndrome than men by a 3 to 1 margin. Studies have shown that hormone therapy may increase the incidence of Dry Eye Syndrome. It is also a side effect of other drugs such as birth control pills, blood pressure medicines, antihistamines and certain anti-depressants.

OUTSIDE INFLUENCES

Environmental factors may magnify the symptoms of Dry Eye Syndrome. These include a dusty, dry or windy climate, air conditioning or heating systems (especially if the vent blows on your face), and even staring at a computer screen for extended periods of time.

HELP IS AVAILABLE

Your eye doctor can offer several options for managing Dry Eye Syndrome, such as:

- Lubricating drops that can minimize the dry, scratchy sensation
- Prescription eye drops that can actually increase tear production
- Temporary or permanent closure of the lacrimal (tear) ducts to keep your tears from draining away so quickly

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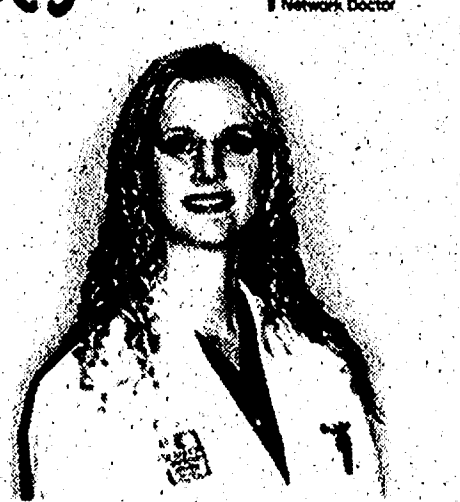
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Servants of Charity celebrate

By Joseph Yekulis
Guest Writer

The Servants of Charity Congregation of priests and brothers were founded on March 28, 1908, by Blessed Fr. Louis Guanella, an Italian priest who made it his life's work to care for his, "poor children" and the suffering and dying of each day. During the past week, the Servants of Charity held two major celebrations at the Shrine of St. Joseph in Grass Lake.

The first was the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19, celebrating the Feast of the Father of Jesus, and the second was called, "A Day to Remember: Closing of the Centennial Celebration." This second celebration was held on Tuesday March 24, 2009, and a standing room only crowd of more than 100 people was in attendance for this special event.

The Feast of St. Joseph is a Catholic tradition that dates back to the Middle Ages, and was created as a way of expressing gratitude to St. Joseph who acts as an intercessor for answering the prayers of the people in their deliverance from famine. In Old World Sicily,

the families of farmers and fishermen built altars in their homes to honor St. Joseph and to share their bounty with those who were less fortunate. Eventually this tradition became a public event that grew into the Solemnity of St. Joseph on his annual Feast Day on March 19.

This year's services featured a Holy Mass led by Fr. Fortunato Turati, SdC. at 11:30 a.m., which was followed by an evening Rosary service at 5:30 p.m. in which Fr. Turati used the devotions of St. Joseph from the "Cloak of St. Joseph" booklet. Following the Rosary, Fr. Turati blessed the Altar of St. Joseph that had been constructed for the occasion and all of the food and religious articles that had been brought by the pilgrims in attendance. The worshippers in attendance ended the evening by sharing a meal and social time together in the Holy Family Community Center of the Shrine of St. Joseph.

Five days later, the Servants of Charity closed out their Centennial Year with a Mass led by Monsignor Steven Raica of the Diocese of Lansing, and

concelebrated with seven members of the Servants of Charity Congregation, Fr. Tim Krzyzaniak of St. Mary Manchester and Fr. Gordon Reigle of St. Andrew in Saline. In a beautiful evening service which began with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 p.m., Msgr. Raica spoke about Fr. Guanella's service to others, who saw Christ in their presence wherever Fr. Guanella was in their midst. Fr. Dennis Weber, SdC., concluded the service by thanking the audience for their great support of the Servants of Charity in the community, and looked forward to beginning the next century of work for this very special congregation of priests who specialize in caring for persons with special needs.

The evening concluded with a pot-luck dinner shared with a packed house of worshippers and religious who enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the closing services for the 100th Anniversary of the Servants of Charity.

For more information on the Servants of Charity and their ministry, visit www.servantsofcharity.org.



Above: Priests gather for a photo after Mass (left to right): Fr. Enzo Addari, Fr. Dennis Weber, Fr. Tim Krzyzaniak, Fr. Gordon Reigle, Msgr. Steven Raica, Fr. Dave Stawasz, Fr. Fortunato Turati, Fr. Satheesh Alphonse, and Fr. Joseph Rinaldo. Left: Fr. Fortunato teaches the origins of St. Joseph's Altar to the pilgrims in attendance following the evening services.

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Chelsea's Brooke Ehman scored one goal in the Bulldogs' 2-2 tie against East Lansing last Thursday.

Chelsea ties East Lansing

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's girls' soccer team tied visiting East Lansing 2-2 last Thursday.

At the 23-minute mark of the first half, the Trojans, who ended the 2008 season ranked No. 7 in the state, scored taking a 1-0 lead.

With time dwindling down in the first half, Brooke Ehman scored for the Bulldogs (1-0-1) tying the contest at 1-1. Picking up an assist on the goal for Chelsea were Anna Rode and Cara Johnson.

Nine minutes into the second half, East Lansing regained the lead scoring off a Bulldog turnover in their own zone and taking a 2-1 advantage.

Despite being down, Chelsea, who finished the 2008 year ranked No. 8 in the state, refused to quit.

"Our pressure in front of their (East Lansing) goal was terrific," said Chelsea coach Chris Orlandi. "We could have scored two or three times in the last 15 minutes."

With 9:55 left in the game, Amber Plemens scored for the contest's final 2-2 margin. Jessica Rulkka recorded an assist on the play for the Bulldogs.

"Rulkka and Plemens are both freshmen," Orlandi said. "Those two and Katelynn Stehlik played valuable minutes and made major contributions. That should give those freshmen a ton of confidence."

Chelsea out-shot the Trojans 14-11 for the game. Keeper Michelle Wellman

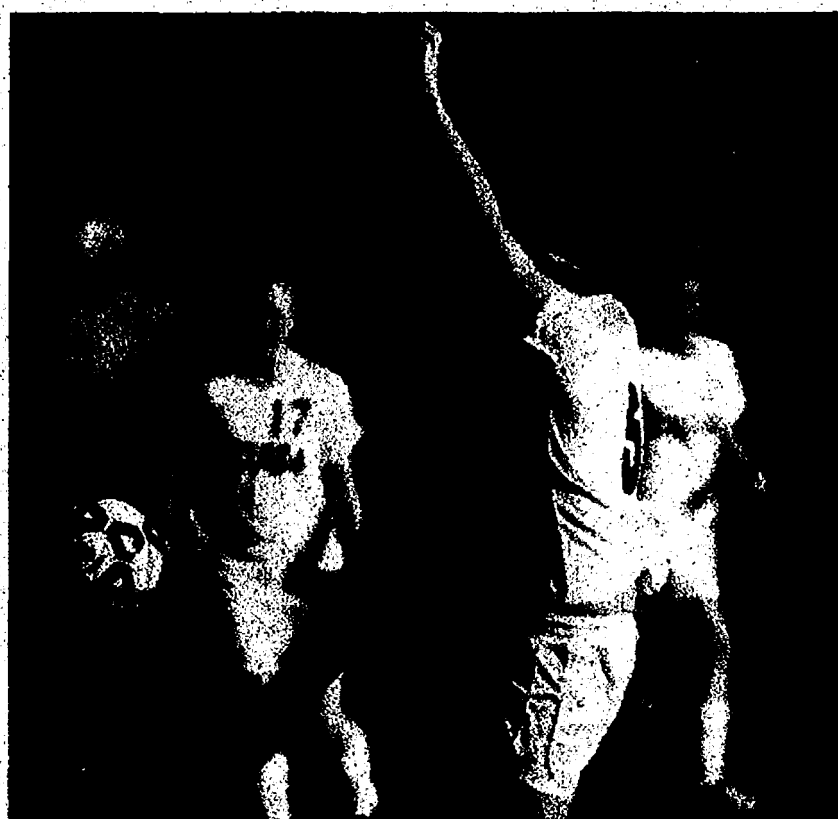


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The Bulldogs' girls' soccer team is unbeaten after two games this season with an overall record of 1-0-1.

preserved the tie in goal for the Bulldogs.

On March 24, Chelsea opened the 2009 season defeating Gibraltar Carlson 6-0.

"It was a great opener for the Bulldogs," Orlandi said. Julianna Ameel and Rode paced Chelsea each scoring two goals.

Johnson added one goal and two assists, while Ehman had one goal for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs pounced on the Marauders early scoring two goals in the first 10 minutes of the contest.

At the break, Chelsea increased its advantage to a commanding 5-0.

Earning the victory in net

for the Bulldogs was Wellman.

Chelsea out-shot Carlson 16-2 for the game.

JV Soccer

Chelsea's JV girls' soccer team lost to visiting East Lansing 3-0 March 26.

"In the first half, the girls played their hearts out," said Chelsea coach Kirsten Smart. "The East Lansing team had many subs, great ball control and field knowledge. I was proud to see the girls do so well defensively."

Freshmen Amanda Johnson, Tess Schuessler and sophomore Erin Stewart did outstanding on defense, with Katelyn Kingsley in goal.

In the second half, the

Soccer

Bulldogs found the going rough.

"We ran out of steam," Smart said. "Our offense was unable to make quick transitions down the field to their goal. We had a few opportunities, but were unable to find the back of their net."

The Trojans scored three unanswered goals in the second half for the game's ending tally.

Despite the setback, Smart remained positive.

"We still have more to learn and over the season I know that our offense will become more confident," she said.

On March 24, visiting Chelsea opened its season defeating Gibraltar Carlson 3-0.

Beth Karschnick scored in the first half giving the Bulldogs a 1-0 lead at half-time.

"The second half, we played more confidently and put the pressure on," Smart said.

A Marauder defender accidentally scored into their own goal increasing Chelsea's lead to 2-0.

With 10 seconds remaining in the game, Lela Longworth scored for the Bulldogs for the final 3-0 margin.

"The girls played tough, but we have a lot of work to do," Smart said.

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CHS Bulldogs set numerous records

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Hockey

It was a record-breaking year for Chelsea hockey during the 2008-09 season.

The Bulldogs set numerous team and individual records en route to a memorable campaign on the frozen pond.

This past season, Chelsea finished 18-7-1 overall and captured its second straight, and third in the last four years, Southeastern Conference title with a 7-1 record. The Bulldogs set a school record for wins in a season. The team's seven setbacks tied a record for the least amount of losses.

The Bulldogs, who ended the year ranked No. 9 in the state in Division 3, earned a pre-regional championship and were a regional finalist during this season's state playoffs.

While 19 wins are impressive, the total victory mark becomes even more incredible when one considers the teams Chelsea faced off against this year on the ice.

"A third of our schedule was against state ranked teams," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "We played three of the eight teams that made the state's Final Four in Division 1 through 3. We were 2-1 against those teams."

Individually, Drew Brown had a season to remember. The junior led the state with a team record 57 goals this past year. He also had 35 assists for a state best and team record 92 points. He had a plus/minus of plus 56 this season, also a team record. He had a team best 16 power play goals and three shorthanded goals, along with seven game-winning goals. For his efforts, Brown was named Division 3 All-State first team and first team All-SEC.

Senior forward Randy Cox ended his Bulldog career this year with 28 goals, fourth most ever in a season, a team record and state best 58 assists and 86 points, which is second best all-time in program history behind Brown. For his career, Cox scored 52 goals (fifth all-time), had 103 assists (school record), 155 points (second all-time) and a plus/minus of plus 94 (second all-time). For his talents, Cox was named

Division 3 All-State first team and first team All-SEC. In the classroom, Cox was just as skilled earning Academic All-State honors (3.5 or higher grade point average) and Academic All-SEC.

Brown and Cox shared Chelsea's top honor this season as co-MVPs.

In the senior class this year, other top performers included, forward Riley Feeney with three goals and four assists for seven points, forward Brian Manitz with four goals and 14 assists for 18 points and a plus/minus of plus three, defenseman Joel Boyce with one assist for one point and a plus/minus of plus eight, forward Ethan Johnson with 10 goals, 31 assists for 41 points and a plus/minus of plus 43 and forward Steven O'Keefe with two goals, nine assists for 11 points.

Feeney, who has accepted an appointment to the Air Force Academy, earned Academic All-State and Academic All-SEC honors. Boyce also received Academic All-State and Academic All-SEC accolades, while Johnson earned All-SEC honorable mention and Academic All-SEC recognition and O'Keefe received the SEC Sportsmanship Award.

In net, senior goaltender Joey Hume posted 11 wins, five losses and one tie this season. He recorded one shutout, had a goals against average of 2.98 and a save percentage of 87. For his efforts, he received All-SEC honorable mention accolades.

In the junior class, defenseman Trevor Mattson, an All-SEC honorable mention pick, had nine assists for nine points and a plus/minus of plus 16, while forward Jason Doyle had three goals and five assists for eight points, forward Dan Hudson five goals and four assists for nine points, defenseman Blake Blaha one goal and three assists for four points and a plus/minus of plus four and defenseman Shane Trojanowski two assists for two points and a plus/minus of plus 11.

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Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong

Chelsea senior defenseman Joel Boyce helped lead the Bulldogs to a school record 19 wins this past season.

Track and Field CHS leaves the blocks

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's boys' track and field team opened its season placing ninth out of 16 teams at the Michigan State Indoor Meet March 24.

The Bulldogs ended up with 823 points.

Winning the meet was Lansing Eastern with 1,170 points. Grand Ledge was second with 1,053 points, while Holly was third with 1,005 points.

"We started off the year against many top-notch squads at a very good meet," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager. "It was an opportunity to get into the competition mode before spring break. We took a partial squad to this meet, but still held our own."

In the 3,200-meter run, Chelsea's August Pappas set a sophomore school record

finishing first overall with a time of 9:54.

"He pulled away in the final 1,200 meters to win easily," Swager said. "His winter training is really paying off."

In the long jump, Kevin Rosentreter was 24th with a mark of 17-feet, six inches. He also was sixth in the 400-meter run in 53.6.

Riley Feeney was 17th in the 400-meter run in 55.2.

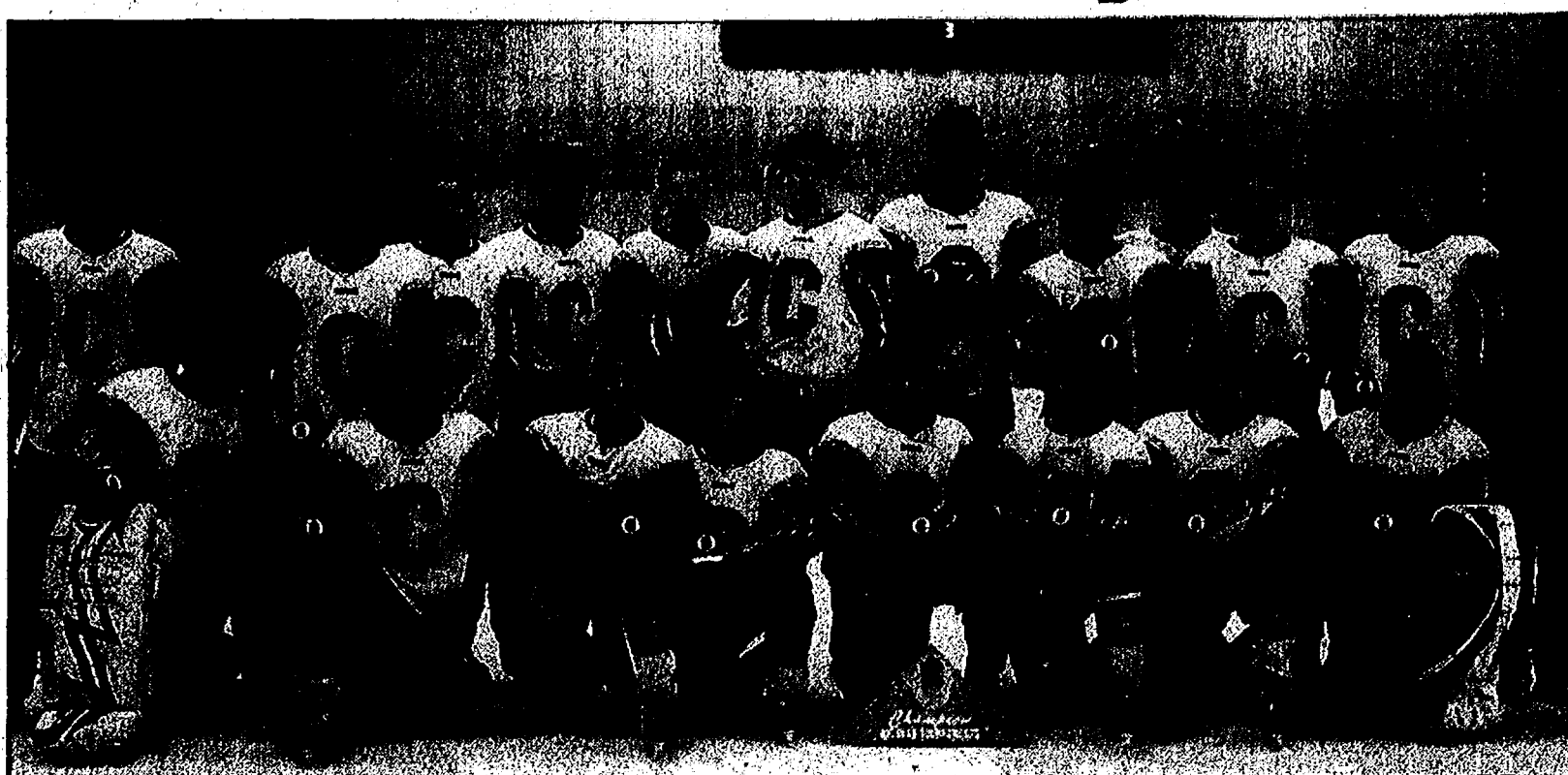
Mason Borders was 10th in the 60 hurdles in 9.26.

In pole vault, Landon Niesen placed second clearing 12-6.

Pappas was sixth in the 1,600-meter run in 4:48, while Peter Wilke was 18th in 4:57.

In the shot put, Paul Ulisse was 27th with a heave of 39-5, while David Slusser was 33rd with a 37-9 and Nick Hall 37th with a 35-1.

Chelsea hockey



The Chelsea Prep hockey team captured the championship of the Big Bear Big Thaw Tournament last month. Members of the team include, front row, John Powell (left), Kyle Whipple, Caleb Bentley, Chase Barnes, Tayler Atchley, Joe Heinen, Dom Leone and Charlie Miller; back row, head coach James Rebuldela (left), Nick Vetter, Nick Rosol, Neil Clapperton, Eric Langen, Kevin Stockwell, Cody Fojtik, Brad Hepler, Joe Hewitt, Kody Johnson, Ian Carry, Alex Dobberstein, assistant coach Ray Ameel and assistant coach Eddie Ameel.

Grapplers excel on mat

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea Wrestling Club participated in the Napoleon USA Freestyle and Greco-Roman Wrestling Tournament last week.

Suhjin King was fourth in freestyle at 40 pounds.

Gary Kircher was second in freestyle at 43 pounds, while AJ Tokarski was third in freestyle at 43 pounds for Chelsea.

Shane Nold was first in freestyle at 55 pounds, while Zachary Dosey was first in Greco-Roman and fourth in freestyle at 55 pounds.

Russell Timmerman was first in freestyle at 60 pounds.

At freestyle 65 pounds, Nate Bergman was second, while Kyle Knight was

Wrestling

third and Nicholas Brough fourth for Chelsea.

Holden Monica was first in freestyle at 70 pounds, while Tristan Koch was second in freestyle and Mason Trinkle fourth in freestyle and second in Greco-Roman for Chelsea.

Joshua Dosey was second in freestyle and third in Greco-Roman at 75 pounds.

Matthew Kimball was fourth in freestyle at 85 pounds, while at 87 pounds Mykal Nelson wrestled well for Chelsea.

At 91 pounds, Brandon Cameron was second in freestyle, while Dominic Triveline was first in freestyle and third in Greco-Roman at 95

pounds. Zach Bennett was first in freestyle and first in Greco-Roman at 105 pounds, while Ben Whitesall was third in freestyle and third in Greco-Roman.

Mason Bailey was second in freestyle, while Tim Johnson was fourth in freestyle and third in Greco-Roman at 120 pounds.

At 128 pounds, Daniel Wisniewski was third in freestyle for Chelsea.

Ryan Easley was third in freestyle and second in Greco-Roman at 130 pounds, while Ty Nelson was third in freestyle at 132 pounds for Chelsea.

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Bowling standings

Junior House

Red Division	W-L
Robert Erke Bullder	298-157
Norm's Body Shop	278-179
Jay-Mark Associates	260-195
Color Express	184.5-270.5
Seitz's Tavern	182.5-272.5

White Division

Mark IV Lounge	294-161
Cleary's Pub	227.5-227.5
Chel Greenhouse	214-240
Chelsea Lanes	214.5-240.5
Herrst Construction	203-252

Blue Division

Govt. Cheese	280.5-174.5
CFM	243-212
Lloyd Bridges	238.5-218.5
LaJolla Shoppe	235-220
Parts Peddler-Dex.	222-233

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Between the pipes, goal-tender Matt Darr was 8-2 overall on the year, with two shutouts, a goals against average of 2.04 and a save percentage of 90.16.

In the sophomore class, forward Charlie Hess finished with two goals and two assists for four points, while forward Luke Heinen had two goals and four assists for six points, defenseman Cooper Nickels four assists for four points and a plus/minus of plus eight, defenseman Dylan Laidlaw one goal and three assists for four points and a team best for defense-men plus/minus of plus 17 and defenseman Steve Lesko with one goal and three assists for four points and a plus/minus of plus 14. For his efforts, Lesko was named first team All-SEC.

In the freshman class, forward Austen Sullens had one goal for one point and a plus/minus of plus four, while defenseman Anthony Catalina had four assists for four points and a plus/minus of plus three.

Earning the Hobey Baker Award was Feeney. Receiving the Most Improved Award was Manitz.

"He was converted from defense to a forward position in his senior year," Wright said. "He was fourth on the team in points."

Brown received the Brett Poupard Award for hustle and motivation.

As a team, Chelsea was named Academic All-State for the sixth straight season. The Bulldogs have received that honor seven out of the nine years the hockey program has been in existence.

Chelsea scored 37.5 percent of the time on the power play.

"Most teams are happy

with 20 percent," Wright said. "We did well on the power play this year."

Wright said it was an interesting year.

"Between the injuries and all the weather cancellations it was a memorable season," he said. "We've graduated 20 players in the last two years. We had a young defense this year and two big scorers. The team really responded this season. We found a way to win games. The players always found a way to rise the occasion."

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Day at gun range a memorable time

Don Richter is usually the man behind the scenes as sports editor of the Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader newspapers. Over the years, some of you may have seen him covering different athletic events at local high schools throughout the area. Last week, however, Don came out from behind his reporter's notebook and became the story—or at least a part of it.

Last Friday, Don and I drove out to the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club. I decided to take him out to the club's gun range.

Normally, I would turn in stories for my outdoor column to Don every week. In the process, we'd talk about the various articles I had written for my column, which is usually accompanied with a picture. Although Don would congratulate me on "another great column," I could tell he didn't have any personal interest in the outdoors. It's not Don's fault for feeling this way, the outdoors just wasn't his thing and that's okay. However, I couldn't help but wonder if it could become an interest if he gave it a try.

Why do I think the outdoors may become a part of Don's future? It's because I've seen it happen before with other people I've known. Heck, even I'm a prime example of it. I didn't start hunting until I was 24-years-old. Quite frankly, I had a pretty negative attitude toward gun and bow hunters before I started in the sport. The problem lies in the negative stereotypes that exist out there, not to mention various political beliefs.

Once I convinced Don to head out to the gun range, I needed to figure out what person I could bring in to help with firearms instruction. Here's where the story gets interesting.

I asked Tom Caplis to join us.

How do I explain Tom to people who don't know him already?

Tom is arguably the most knowledgeable person I know regarding firearms. He is a retired captain from the U.S. Army (1968-70), serving in Korea. He instructed pistol shooting to soldiers. Tom is a certified instructor in CPL (Concealed Pistol License) at Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, gun range chairman with the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club (CR & G), hunter safety instructor (CR & G), competitive rifle clinic instructor with (CR & G) and the list goes on and on. You can ask Tom about the history of any firearm, especially military, and he'll give you a dissertation on that firearm should you require it.

What you don't know is that Tom is truly a gentleman and a scholar. He's patient and friendly—a perfect match for Don as he prepared to shoot firearms for the first time last week.

"The last time, and only time, I shot a firearm was probably 30 years ago when I was 12-years-old," said Richter. "My uncle was a World War II veteran and a retired police sergeant and he took me, my dad and my sisters to a gun range when we visited him out in Cali-

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fornia. If I'm recalling correctly, I lost to my sister in a bull's eye shooting competition we had."

I brought out many firearms last Friday, including a Ruger .22 caliber rifle w/scope, a Ruger 7 millimeter bolt-action rifle, Remington 870 12-gauge pump action shotgun and a .44 caliber Ruger Super Blackhawk revolver with red dot sight. Tom brought along two .22 caliber handguns, one with open sights and the other with a red dot sight, and a .45 caliber semi automatic handgun.

Tom gave safety instructions to Don with every firearm tried. Tom explained, in detail, how each firearm worked and how to aim effectively with each firearm prior to shooting. Don was a great student as he listened intently to Tom's instruction. Not only did Don learn how to shoot numerous firearms last Friday, he also learned how each firearm functioned, how to safely use various firearms and understand the differences of each firearm.

"Tom was incredible," Richter said. "He put me at ease right away. He was such a good teacher. I was a little nervous at the beginning, but he was so laid back and easygoing that I was able to relax and have a great time."

I want to express my gratitude to Tom for taking two hours out of his day and making our excursion a memorable one.

Don said he came away impressed with the entire outing.

"Both you and Tom are so skilled and experienced, I knew I was in good hands," he said. "I'm so glad you brought out earplugs for me. I thought it would be interesting to hear the guns without protection as they fired to gain the full experience. I definitely thought wrong. The earplugs were a must."

Don said he learned a lot about firearms and a little about himself last Friday.

"I learned I'm not that bad of a shot," he said. "As funny as it sounds, for a total beginner like myself, it was a confidence boost just being able to hit the target."

"And though I always had a healthy respect for firearms, getting the opportunity to handle and shoot so many different weapons was an eye opener. To feel the kick of each gun, to hear the sound, even with earplugs, and to experience, firsthand, the sheer power of each weapon was quite awe-inspiring."

Tom wanted everyone to know the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club does a great deal to give back to the Chelsea community. Various law enforcement agencies including, but not limited

to, the Michigan State Police and the Chelsea Police Department use the gun ranges free of charge. Non-members can also use the 3D archery course the first Sunday of each month.

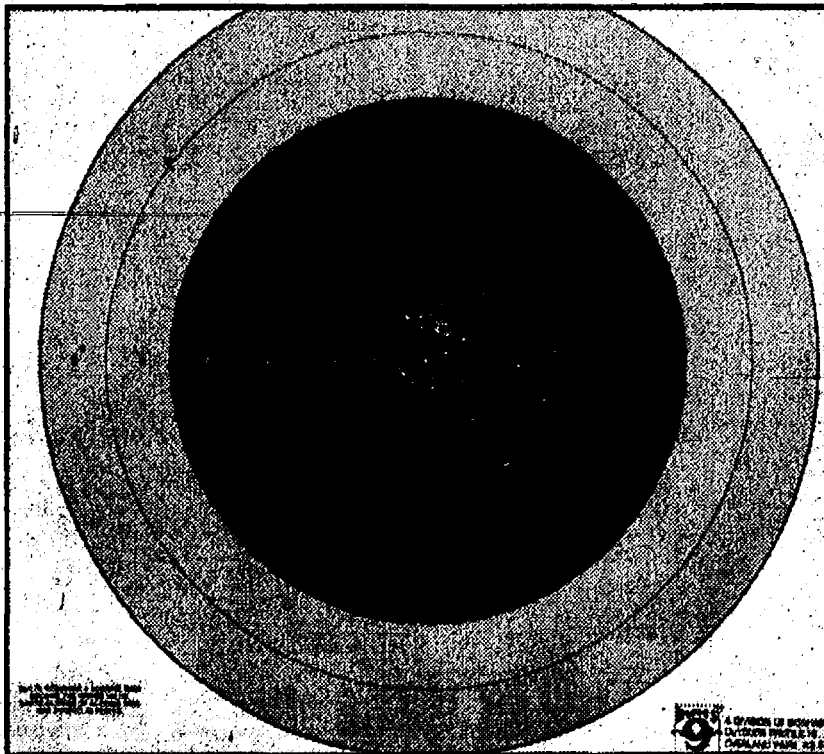
Membership to the club costs \$100 and it's worth it. However, you must have two sponsors to join the club. The club has three outdoor gun ranges, including 50-100- and 200-yard ranges, an outdoor archery range, a 30 target 3D archery course and a shotgun trap shoot every Saturday, weather permitting.

I've been a CR & G member for a number of years and it's money well spent. The club does far more than this, but you get the idea. I'm proud to be a member of



the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club. I invite people to call Tom or myself and see for themselves how wonderful the facilities truly are.

Rick Taylor (left), Chelsea Standard/Dexter Leader Sports Editor Don Richter and instructor Tom Caplis take a break during last Friday's outing at the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club.



Don Richter's bullseye target after last Friday's excursion to the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club range.

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Don Richter takes aim as instructor Tom Caplis watches last Friday at the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club.

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THE DEXTER LEADER

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Fit to open

Snap Fitness brings '24/7 express fitness' to Dexter area

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

The Shield's are amongst the newest Snap Fitness franchisees to open one of the fast-growing 24-hour gym franchises in Michigan, and they're starting in Dexter.

Randy and Patti Shields are signed to open three Snap Fitness gyms in total.

They held their grand opening last week bright and early Wednesday morning with the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce performing a ribbon cutting ceremony, while the first 50 people who signed up for a membership received an enrollment fee waiver, T-shirts and water bottles to celebrate the new Dexter business.

Dexter's newest gym is located where the old Busch's used to be located in a newly renovated shopping complex on the corner of Broad and Main Street. Until now, the only business renting space in the building had been a Cottage Inn.

The Brighton couple owned a video store before getting out of what they described as a declining market, after which they weighed their options carefully.

"We're much too early for retirement, as you can see," Randy joked. It didn't hurt that a Snap Fitness franchise is relatively affordable in the world of franchise business, requiring only a household income of \$100,000, on hand cash assets of at least \$60,000 and a 700 credit score.



Last week's ribbon-cutting ceremony at Snap Fitness included Matt LaFontaine (back), Matt Rolles, Karl Schumacher, Randy Shields (front), Patti Shields, Joe Nowak, Sarah Burnette and Andy Kudwa.

New Business Profile

After looking into Snap Fitness and considering potential locations they felt that Dexter was the right place to begin delving into the physical fitness business for a number of factors.

"It looked like it needed a 24/7 gym," Randy said. "The number of people in the area seemed like they could support it, since it's an active community."

The Shields are counting on local professionals operating in and around the village's downtown district to take advantage of the all-inclusive hours and ease of use.

They're also counting on folks from the surrounding neighborhoods being attracted by the month-to-month fee schedule, freezable accounts, contract-free way that Snap Fitness does business, in addition to the

fact that they don't want to operate like a corporate chain.

"We are local," Randy said. "We got into this franchise because we liked the fact that locations can be owned independently, and it's huge nationally."

Folks who live in or around Dexter and travel for work or pleasure will find few places where they can't easily find a location.

There are currently close to 1,200 Snap Fitness locations in just about every state, excluding Alaska, Hawaii, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Washington D.C. Including Canada and India there are 1,600 Snap Fitness locations in the world.

The first Snap Fitness location opened in 2004 and is currently ranked No. 1 on Franchise Market

Magazine's Top 100 New Franchises and No. 1 Best in Category Entrepreneur Magazine's Franchise 500 listing

There are currently 57 Snap Fitness locations in Michigan, including locations in Ann Arbor, Canton Township, Jackson, Livonia, Plymouth and Howell with several in other major cities like Lansing, Flint and Grand Rapids.

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Roundtable

Snap Fitness experts talk shop

Kristin Lamb, John Dempsey and Mary Ann Moseley are the instructors at Snap Fitness in Dexter. They recently sat down with us for a discussion on fitness.

What are your focuses?

John: I'm more of a body builder, but I don't push bodybuilding. That's not really my focus with my clients. I tend to focus more on the 35-40 plus demographic, changing their lives and actually empowering them to make choices for the better. Just giving them the tools they need to change their health and overall attitude, strength, flexibility.

You don't want to just focus on looks?

John: Looks is great. It's a secondary benefit, but the primary thing is to get them to tap into their own resources for motivation and create change in their lives on a daily basis.

Mary: It's kind of a whole lifestyle change is what you're looking for.

Kristin: I don't push bodybuilding either, but I just encourage them because a lot of my clients are women, just to tone up and try to reason with them. The more muscle that you have that more calories you're burning at rest. The more you can do the better you feel, and I think that most people who have been with you a while feel that change. They feel better about themselves and that's the satisfying part.

I like to see the gains ... like they can bench 25 pounds more than when they started a year ago, but when you can really see that they feel better about themselves that's the rewarding part.

Any general tips for people now that it's getting warm and nice out?

John: Just make sure you allot the time in your day every day. Make the time for yourself.

Mary: It should be scheduled in just like a doctor's appointment. It can't be just erased and filled in with something else.

Kristin: Schedules are one thing, but I always encourage people to do their training in the morning. Get it over and done with on an empty stomach before you eat and you get even more benefit from it. You have to take time for you and do it first thing so there isn't anything that's going to get in the way, and you also feel good about yourself for the rest of the day. You've met your personal goals.

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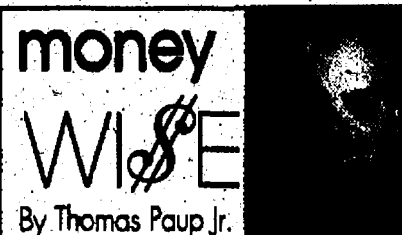
Retirees must make (at least) five key financial decisions

When you're working, you have a financial strategy that is largely based on one goal: saving money for a comfortable retirement. You'll likely have to make many adjustments over several decades to ensure that you stay on track saving and investing. But once you retire, a new goal arises — investing so you can remain retired. To help yourself achieve this goal, you will need to make a number of investment decisions.

Which of these decisions are most important? Here are five to consider:

• How much will you spend each year? Before you can pursue an appropriate investment strategy, you'll need to know about how much you'll spend each year. Estimate your costs for housing, food, travel, entertainment, insurance, gifts — everything. Keep in mind that your expenses will likely change annually, especially for items such as health care. Don't forget about inflation, which will likely cause your expenses to increase over the years.

• How should you balance your investment portfolio to provide sufficient income and growth opportunities? Clearly, you'll need your investments to provide a source of income during your retirement years. At the same time, you will need some growth potential to



overcome the effects of inflation, which can erode your purchasing power. Consequently, you will need a mix of income- and growth-oriented investments, with the proportions depending on your risk tolerance and your lifestyle.

• How much should you withdraw each year from your investment portfolio? The answer depends on several factors, including your retirement lifestyle, the size and performance of your investment portfolio, inflation, your estimated life expectancy and the size of the estate you'd like to leave. This decision is important, because the amount you withdraw each year will directly affect how long your money lasts.

• From which accounts should you begin taking withdrawals? You may have built three different types of accounts: taxable, tax-deferred and tax-free. It may be a good idea to take withdrawals from your taxable accounts first, thereby allowing your tax-deferred accounts, such as your Traditional IRA and your 401(k), more time to compound and potentially

increase in value. If you have a tax-free account, such as a Roth IRA, save it for last to maximize the compounding on money on which you will never pay taxes. (Roth IRA earnings grow tax-free if you've had your account at least five years and you don't begin taking withdrawals until you're at least 59-1/2.) That said, this is just a rule of thumb.

• When should you take Social Security? You can begin taking Social Security as early as age 62, but your monthly checks will be considerably larger if you wait until your "normal" retirement age, which is likely 65 or 68. But if you need the money, you may be better off by taking Social Security at 62 and giving your tax-deferred accounts more time to potentially grow.

As you can see, you'll need a lot of expertise to successfully manage your financial and investment situations during retirement. If you don't already work with a financial advisor and a tax professional, now would be a good time to start. Once you've got your financial strategy in place, you'll be better prepared to enjoy an active, fulfilling retirement.

Thomas J. Paup Jr. is a financial advisor with Edward Jones at 7019 Dexter-Ann Arbor in Dexter. He can be reached at 734-424-2753.

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Pricing your home in a buyer's market

CHARTING Our Real Estate



BY CHRISTINE
FITZSIMONS

Correct pricing of a home has always been essential in order to attract a maximum level of interest from prospective buyers. In the strong buyers' market that we are currently experiencing, it becomes even more important to get this all-important part of the process right.

When a home goes on the market, the biggest interest level comes within the first two to three weeks. Real estate agents keep a very close eye on all new listings and will make an instant determination as to whether the home is going to be of interest to their clients or not. Price is obviously not the only factor that comes into play, but it is certainly one of the biggest.

The greater the sense of urgency for an agent to get their clients out to see a home, the better it is for the homeowner looking to sell. After those first few weeks, the interest level in the home starts to decline.

Although a price reduction can generate a spate of renewed interest, it is still difficult to recapture the initial level of interest that comes with the first launch of the home on the market.

An important step in pricing a home for sale is to obtain a CMA or comparative market analysis from your real estate agent. This will show what similar homes in the area have sold for in the past 6-12 months and will provide you with a good indication of what the market is doing in terms of actual sales.

In today's climate, however, it is also equally important to know the listing

Chelsea-Dexter February 2009 home and condo sales

Address	School District	List Price	Sale Price
7948 Second Street	Dexter	\$97,000	\$80,000
7075 Wilson	Dexter	\$164,900	\$200,000
3907 W Pillar	Dexter	\$189,900	\$182,000
488 Coventry Circle	Dexter	\$225,000	\$218,500
8975 Dexter Gables	Dexter	\$238,000	\$230,000
732 Merlin	Dexter	\$299,900	\$285,000
7282 Ridgeline	Dexter	\$399,900	\$355,877
5822 N Territorial	Dexter	\$509,200	\$500,000
5835 Trail Side	Dexter	\$59,900	\$100,000
283 Victoria Drive	Dexter	\$119,900	\$115,900
1421 Duncan Drive	Chelsea	\$85,000	\$74,000
713 Fieldstone Circle	Chelsea	\$135,000	\$128,500
303 Railroad Street	Chelsea	\$104,900	\$105,000
4830 Cottonwood	Chelsea	\$110,000	\$110,000
18555 Grass Lake Rd	Chelsea	\$115,000	\$105,600
18900 M-52	Chelsea	\$139,500	\$139,000
11490 Roepke	Chelsea	\$144,500	\$122,000
2815 McKinley	Chelsea	\$164,900	\$140,000
13335 Harper Drive	Chelsea	\$198,731	\$177,000
701 Island Lake Pt	Chelsea	\$499,000	\$450,000

Based on information from the Ann Arbor Area Board of REALTORS Multiple Listing Service for the period Feb. 1, 2009 through Feb. 28, 2009.

price of other homes on the market. Just because your home is not in foreclosure or is not a "short" sale does not change the fact that you are still competing with the price of these and all other homes on the market.

Finally, ask your real estate agent to provide you with an absorption analysis. This will give you a very clear indication of how long homes are remaining on the market at certain price points. It will greatly help you understand where your home needs to be priced in order to sell the most quickly.

One of the biggest challenges for a real estate agent can be persuading a homeowner with a set sales price in mind that this number might actually be unrealistically high. The homeowner may be unable to see beyond the cost of the improvements and updates that have been made. It can be a shock to realize that some of these improvements do not necessarily increase the value of the home but simply keep the home in line with what is expected in that particular price range or in that particular neighborhood.

Jennifer Wimbish, a State Certified Residential Appraiser with Appraisal Source in Chelsea, notes: "I find as an appraiser that most often homeowners are surprised at values placed on certain aspects of their

home. Over improvements in neighborhoods of similar tract-built homes, custom homes that become too custom or specific to a certain homeowner's taste, or items that are general maintenance items that homeowners look at as upgrades or improvements are some of the most common ways in which the homeowner can inadvertently overvalue their home."

A common misconception that surprises many homeowners is the value that can be added by a finished basement. A lower level walkout can add as much as \$10,000 to the value of a home versus one that has no exit or daylight windows, but no matter the quality of finish, window area, or walkout amenity, if any part of it is below grade, it cannot be included in the square footage of gross living area.

This is not to say that a well-finished lower level will not increase the market appeal of the home, just that there is a danger of overspending when it comes to this part of the home.

"When making improvements keep in mind what the cost is, what the return

will be and how it will affect the resale value," Wimbish said. "It may often be the case that the cost of the improvement exceeds the return on value but that this improvement is standard to home in the area."

Even properties where homeowners have been careful not to overspend in their improvements are at the mercy of the recent market downturn in terms of pricing. Statistics by the Michigan Association of Realtors (MAR) show a 9.03 percent annual depreciation in sales prices in Washtenaw County.

Pete Hendershot, senior staff appraiser with Affinity Valuation Group of Ann Arbor, says: "This comes as a direct result of an atypical amount of foreclosures throughout the county, builders reducing inventory and the relocation of 1,700 employees that nobody could have predicted, all causing an oversupply of inventory."

Hendershot does add some positive news, however: "As those homes have

come off the market, and new government programs look to help those in crisis, our normal market is already starting to return. In review of our last quarter of activity, we've seen a dramatic rise in sales and fewer home sales with atypical seller concessions. Overall the market is still adjusting but appears to be stabilizing as prices, relative to the change in median sale

prices locally when compared to the state as whole, are all trending and following a similar pattern."

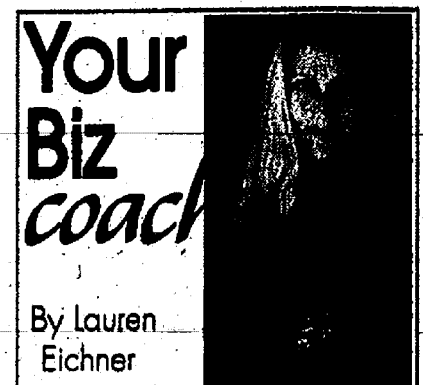
Christine Fitzsimons has lived in Loch Alpine (just outside Dexter) since 1997 and has three children in the Dexter Schools. She can be contacted at the Chelsea office of Edward Surovell Realtors at (734) 471-5803. Her Web site is www.FitzsimonsRealEstate.com.

Been there, done that: Our story all too familiar

I've been there... In many of my past columns and in much of my correspondence with business professionals, I maintain an optimistic perspective. Some have even asked if I thought my views were 'Pollyannaish'. While I admit that at times my thoughts and expressions can be interpreted that way, I believe that your perspective is what creates your experience of the world. Question is: why would you choose to create a negative experience? I'm not here to dismiss the challenge of today's economic times. In fact, I have a story to tell that will hopefully give those of you 'hurting' out there the opportunity to turn things around - first in your head, then in your own reality.

The story of my husband/business partner and I will sound familiar to many. The difference is that our story started in 2001 instead of 2008.

Prior to starting Getting Results Coaching, Ken and I both worked for a training and development firm in San Diego. It was our dream job - we loved the company and invested



By Lauren
Eichner

much of our selves and even personal finances. In 2000, the company hired a CEO who lacked integrity and rapidly drove the company into the ground. Many of us gave up our salaries and began putting company expenses on our own credit in our fight to turn the company around. Ken and I were the only two making money for the company despite not receiving any support from the firm. Because of this, I decided that I no longer needed the company to do what I loved so I left and started coaching clients on my own.

Ken's commitment to the company, however, ran much deeper. As a result, he put everything he had

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Notice of Public Hearing and for Opportunity to Comment

The Clean, Renewable, and Efficient Energy Act of 2008 requires electric utilities in Michigan to develop and implement plans to:

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City of Chelsea has developed a proposed Renewable Energy Plan and a proposed Energy Optimization Plan. Copies of the plans may be obtained from the City Office, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 or on our website, www.city-chelsea.org.

A public hearing to receive comments on the proposed plans will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at the Washington Street Education Center Board Room, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, Michigan.

Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 no later than Friday, April 24, 2009.

Written comments will be sent to the Michigan Public Service Commission. A summary of oral comments presented at the public hearing will also be sent to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

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Synopsis of the CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, March 10, 2009 Washington Street Education Center

Call to Order

Present: Council Members Present: Faeney, Lindauer, Martinez-Kratz, Anderson, Holmberg, City Manager John Hanlan, and Clerk Royal.

Absent: Hammer, Albertson

Others Present:

Lisa Altmendinger, Nancy Anderson, Dolores Freysinger, Walter Freysinger, Lynda Collins, Gary Adams, Ed Greenleaf, Robert Pontre, Brad Roberts, Kim Garland

Mayor Faeney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

George Constas reported to Council on the making of the Hillary Swank movie with regards to street closings and traffic control.

Ed Greenleaf updated City Council and residents on the upcoming 175th Chelsea Anniversary regarding events, parking, clean up and fireworks display.

Mark Beauchamp - Utility Financial Solutions went over the reports to Council regarding the decrease in the electric rates and increases for water and wastewater.

Public Hearings

To Consider amendments to Water, Wastewater, and Electric Utility Rate Schedule.

Mayor Faeney opened the Public Hearing at 7:48 p.m. Public Comments - no one wished to speak during the public comments.

Mayor Faeney closed the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED Lindauer SECONDED Anderson to approve minutes, bills, Heritage Pointe Traffic Control Orders, Heart and Soul Run and the second reading of Ordinance No 182 DDA Amendment to Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Regular Agenda

MOVED Lindauer SECONDED Martinez-Kratz to approve the regular agenda with the addition of the Temporary Traffic Control Orders. 08-

05, 06 and 07. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comments: Dolores Freysinger asked Council what could be done regarding the deer population in town.

Resolutions

1. General Fund Transfer to the Wastewater Fund
MOVED Lindauer SECONDED Martinez-Kratz to transfer \$200,000 of General Fund monies to the Wastewater Fund as budgeted to help cover a portion of the bond interest payments for the new wastewater treatment plant. Roll Call Vote, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (Anderson), 2 Absent. Motion Carried.

2. Set Public Hearing for comments on Renewable Energy Plan
MOVED Anderson SECONDED Holmberg to set a public hearing for Tuesday, April 28, 2009 for the Proposed Renewable Energy Plan and Proposed Energy Optimization Plan. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. OPEB Recommendation
MOVED Holmberg SECONDED Lindauer to pursue the creation of an OPEB trust fund through the ICMA. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4. First Reading of Ordinance No 183 - Amendment to Chapter 32 Utilities - Stormwater
MOVED Lindauer SECONDED Martinez-Kratz to accept the first reading of Ordinance No 183 and place it on the March 24, 2009 Council agenda for second reading and adoption. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

5. Community Development Block Grant No. MSG 203043-EDIG
MOVED Martinez-Kratz SECONDED Holmberg to set the date for the public hearing to inform the public of the results of the 2004 Community Development Block Grant program for March 24, 2009. All Ayes.

6. Temporary Traffic Control Orders
MOVED Lindauer SECONDED Holmberg to approve Traffic Control Orders 09-04, 05 and 06. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

MOVED Lindauer SECONDED Anderson to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

APPROVED: March 24, 2009

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 Royal, City Clerk

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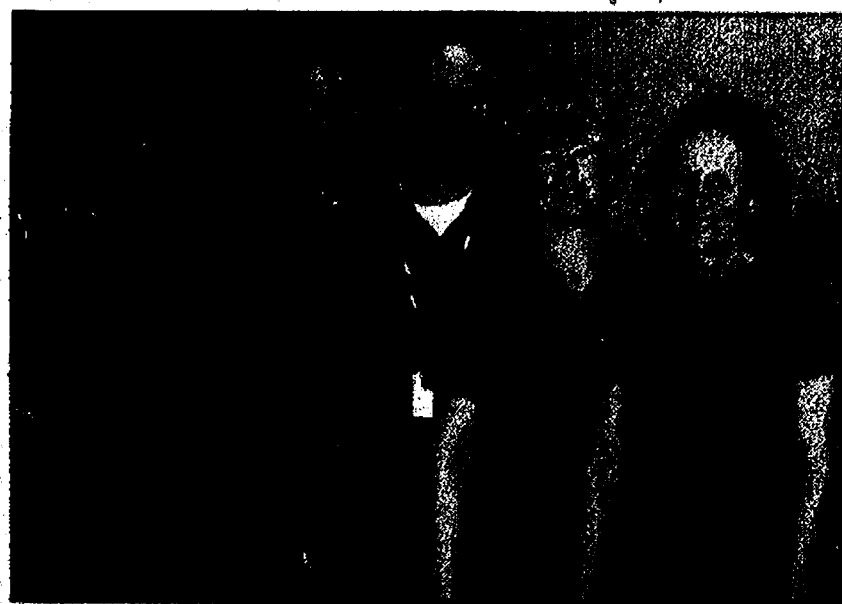
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The Dexter location is the beginning of nearly 30 planned new Michigan locations that have been in the works over the past year. Other locations opening on the horizon include another Ann Arbor location and various others in less populated areas throughout the state.

The Shield's say they see a lot of opportunity in towns like Dexter both in and around Washtenaw County, due to the number of local professionals and the activity levels of the communities as a whole.

"The biggest challenge right now is figuring out when our busy times will be," said Patti. "Our staff is in limbo right now going from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Normally, we would staff just during those busy times, but we haven't been open long enough to establish those times."

All of the equipment, the carpet, flooring and walls are all brand new. But perhaps the biggest draw for



Kristin Lamb, John Dempsey, Randy Shields, Patti Shields and Mary Ann Moseley help run Snap Fitness.

people will be the safety features, according to the Shield's.

"Anytime someone comes in they can just scan their card, the door opens and the lights come on and they can just have at it," Randy said.

In addition to cardholder access, the location has security cameras and ample access to emergency health monitors that will be particularly useful for the elderly or people with both health complications and a continuing desire to exercise.

"Even if they're training

here at night they can have that sense of security because we have pendants that they wear and if something happens just hit that button," Patti said.

There are also emergency buttons on the wall that have the same life alertness functionality.

"Even if you're training here at night you're never really alone," she added.

For more information, visit www.snapfitness.com or call the Dexter Snap Fitness at 3219 Broad Street at 1-734-426-2655.

EXPERTS

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John: Statistically they say that you actually burn more fuel throughout the day if you workout doing your cardio earlier, as opposed to later in the day, so your metabolism stays working for you all day long.

Kristin: You can diet or stretch ... I try not to push hardcore diets. If that's what they choose I can help with that, but you have to be gentle with yourself, and those can be food. You can't keep dieting a strict diet all of the time without rewarding yourself.

John: You don't want to put the word diet in the equation.

Kristin: Nutritional counseling and guidance is that you always want to allow yourself that free meal or that free day where you can have things in moderation. It doesn't mean you go to every drive through in town, but you do get to have something rewarding.

If you don't have those things you will become very burned out.

You also shouldn't forget

about resistance training. You need that with your cardio.

You probably have to give men the opposite advice...

Mary: Yes!

Kristin: Yes, that's true!

John: People look at it in extremes, extremes of cardio and extremes of resistance training and that's not the way to go. The middle ground...

Mary: Combining both.

John: That's the way to go.

Kristin: Some men don't want to be bothered by the cardio and the women on the other extreme don't want to be bothered by the resistance training.

Mary: I also came from a background of coaching high school kids and even younger and especially with girls you have that complete opposite problem. They'll just want to get on a treadmill and just watch it burn calories. They're not interested in anything else other than burning calories, which is just not a healthy approach ... skinny is not necessarily better. Fit is better, and there's a huge difference.

How does age factor into what you do?

Mary: It's kind of a whole family lifestyle. If kids see their parents working out it's more likely that they're going to work out (and vice versa).

John: It is modeling behavior ... it's huge.

Mary: I'm really big on focusing on young people because with the obesity epidemic in the United States right now getting worse ... it's just about focusing on kids and teaching them a good lifestyle.

It's hard to change when you're 50. It's easier to change someone when they're 12 or 14.

Kristin: That's one of the reasons Randy and Patty have made it in the membership that you can have children as well as 12 and up, which is nice, because in some of the gyms they don't always go down to the 12 year old. You might see 16 and 18 is very common.

But there are a lot of obesity problems (below those age thresholds). For a kid at 12 you have to take other considerations for their training as a kid, but just having the cardio and being physically active is big.

COACH

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including energy and money into keeping alive. This would prove to be a lesson of perseverance. He continued the battle long after he stopped getting paid. This led to him supporting himself and the company by using whatever credit he had, leaving him greatly in debt, owed over \$100,000 by the company and facing an eviction.

It wasn't long before Ken realized he had nothing left to give the company, so he had no choice but the leave. Ken and I had just started dating six months prior so we had each other to lean on, but at the same time we were BOTH unem-

ployed. Even worse, Ken was denied unemployment because they claimed he left the company voluntarily.

Fortunately, we also knew the skill set we had was extremely valuable and soon joined forces to start Getting Results Coaching. We were profitable in our first month and have had a growing business ever since. Our belief in ourselves and our commitment to creating a business that truly serves others with integrity paid off.

We were promised that one day, the company would pay us back what was owed, but unfortunately, the writing was on the wall and the company went belly up shortly after we left.

Our situation today is 10 times better then it was at the former company even in its glory days. We likely would not be in the place we are today had it not been for that experience. Did it stink while we were going through it? Absolutely! It was a tough time for both of us, but our vision of what we would create and our commitment to achieving it is what allowed us to get through it and create what we have today, which is owning multiple houses, traveling the world and most importantly doing what we love to do by developing a company that is a true service to others!

Often times we need that uncomfortable push, sometimes from a company gone bust, to move us onward and upward. The critical lesson is that the more clear-minded you are and the sooner you accept what IS, the faster you will move forward and create a much better outcome for yourself. Every person I've helped through their transition now acknowledges that they are better off then they were before, but absolutely needed the nudge into the uncomfortable in order to make it happen.

So call it, Pollyannaish, hopefulness or just plain optimism, it is one of the most effective tools I have and it comes from real experience.

Lauren Eichner's firm, Getting Results Coaching helps the best get better in relationship-based sales professions. The integration of psychology with

business systems allows them to get the most from each individual. To learn if coaching can help you or your business, go to:

www.GettingResultsCoaching.com, click on the 'Get Started' button and complete the short Personal Assessment.

Sudoku Solutions
Puzzles by Pappalardo

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EASY #59 MEDIUM #59

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF DEXTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2009 at the Senior Center, 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Road, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following variance application:

The applicant, Paul and Jenie McKevey, 3307 Central Street, are requesting a variance from the following section of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance: Section 20.01 Schedule of Regulations for Lot Coverage within the R1-B District, Single Family Residential. The applicant is requesting a variance from the lot coverage regulations to permit the construction of an approximately 11 foot x 12 foot (132 sq ft) breezeway to connect the home to the detached garage. The permitted lot coverage in the R1-B District is 30%. The variance request is to permit 41.7% lot coverage.

Section 20.01 Schedule of Regulations for Setbacks within the R1-B District, Single Family Residential. The applicant is requesting a variance from the side yard setback standards to attach a previously detached structure to the principle structure. The detached structure is currently setback at 3 feet, however by attaching it to the principle structure it must conform to principle building setbacks. Principle building setbacks require that the detached garage have a side yard setback of 10 feet. The applicant is requesting a variance for the garage (principle structure) to encroach 7 feet into the side yard setback.

Information regarding the 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. 16. Written comments regarding this project should be submitted to the Village Zoning Office, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2009. Sign language interpreter or other assistance is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Hall.

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A SPECIAL LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
at
THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL
17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD
CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA:

1. Special Land Use Application & Permit of Washtenaw County 800 MHz Radio Consortium, 1200 State Circle, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, to construct a 400' Self Support Lattice Tower on property owned by the City of Chelsea located at 8027 Warkner Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118 (Property ID# E-05-25-400-015) to ensure full coverage of the public safety initiative on behalf of Washtenaw County.

Written comments may be sent to: Roxanne Petrie, Office Manager, Lyndon Township, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. The Lyndon Township Planning Commission will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Lyndon Township by writing or calling: Roxanne Petrie, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.

A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Clerk.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP
Linda Relly, Clerk

March 26 & April 2, 2009

CITY OF CHELSEA
ORDINANCE NO. 163

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 32, UTILITIES, ARTICLE V, STORMWATER UTILITY, OF THE CHELSEA CODE OF ORDINANCES.

ADOPTED: MARCH 24, 2009
EFFECTIVE: APRIL 24, 2009

THE CITY OF CHELSEA, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of the City of Chelsea Code of Ordinances, Chapter 32, Utilities, Article V, Stormwater Utility. The City of Chelsea Stormwater Utility Ordinance is amended by amending Section 32-979 to read as follows:

Sec. 32-979. Billing.

Charges for use of the city's stormwater utility system may be billed separately or combined with other utility bills including, but not limited to, water or sewage disposal services; provided, however, that charges related to the use of the stormwater utility system are detailed separately from other utility service charges. Charges for use of the city's stormwater utility system may not be billed with real property tax bills unless it is impractical to bill them separately or with other utility bills, and provided that charges related to the use of the stormwater utility system are detailed separately from real property taxes. The basis for the billing shall be computed by the city manager or by the city manager's designee.

Charges for storm sewerage service furnished to any premises within the service area may be a lien on the premises; and those charges delinquent for six months or more may be certified annually to the proper tax assessing officer or agency, who shall enter the lien on the next tax roll against the premises to which the services have been rendered, and the charges shall be collected and the lien shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the collection of taxes assessed upon the roll and the enforcement of the lien for the taxes. The time and manner of certification and other details in respect to the collection of the charges and the enforcement of the lien shall be prescribed by resolution of the City Council. This lien remedy does not preclude any other remedy provided by law. In a case where a tenant is responsible for the payment of the charges and the City is so notified in writing, the notice to include a true copy of the lease of the affected premises, then the charges shall not become a lien against the premises after the date of notice. In the event of filing of the notice, the City may elect to render no further service to the premises until a cash deposit in the amount to be determined by resolution of the City Council is made as security for the payment of the charges.

Section 2. Non-Repeal. This Ordinance amendment shall not be construed to repeal by implication any other ordinances of the City of Chelsea pertaining to the same or similar subject matter.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance amendment shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication in a newspaper circulating within the City of Chelsea, Michigan.

Moved by HAMMER, seconded by ANDERSON, that the foregoing Ordinance be adopted.

YEAS: (7)
NAYS:
ABSENT:

That the Ordinance amendment as set forth above was adopted by the City of Chelsea City Council in regular session on MARCH 24, 2009, and that it was published in the Chelsea Standard on April 2, 2009. Further, I certify that the attested copy of the Ordinance amendment was filed with the Chelsea City Clerk on March 25, 2009.

Teresa Royal
Chelsea City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Dexter will hold a public hearing on the proposed Water System Improvements project for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 13, 2009 at the following location: Dexter Senior Center at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Road in Dexter, Michigan.

The purpose of the proposed project is to ensure that adequate water capacity exists for the community and to upgrade the existing water distribution system to meet the current needs of the existing Village residents.

Project construction will involve construction of a new community well and well house on the Dexter High School property and connection of the new community well to the existing water system through transmission main construction on Parker and Shield Roads. It would also include upgrading the existing water treatment plant with new high service pumps and replacing existing 4-inch cast iron water main in the "Old Village" area with 6-inch ductile iron water main.

Impacts of the proposed project include some minor disruption when constructing new transmission main or replacing water main using open cut procedures. Dust, noise and delayed traffic circulation may occur during the construction period.

The estimated cost to users for the proposed project will not create an adjustment in water rates beyond the proposed annual adjustments for inflation.

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the following location: Village of Dexter Offices at 8140 Main Street, Second Floor in Dexter, Michigan

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on April 13, 2009 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to: Village of Dexter Project Plan Comments 8140 Main Street Dexter, MI 48130

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DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan
ROLL CALL: Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Smith, Tell
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the regular Council minutes of February 23, 2009 with the following corrections: 1-1-A - Telle corrected to Tell's, K-2 - add No work session set at that time, M-Fisher New Business
Unanimous voice vote for approval
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion Smith support Semifero to approve the agenda. Unanimous voice vote for approval
CONSENT AGENDA
Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$333,443.03
Consideration of: Knights of Columbus - Request to sell tools/rolls on the sidewalks of the Village April 3-5
Consideration of: 2008-2009 Budget Amendment - Vehicle Maintenance
Request by Mr. Smith to move this item to L-Under New Business
Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1 and 2 of the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous voice vote for approval
OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:
Motion Carson; support Semifero to postpone indefinitely consideration of Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway. 3/9
Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries
Motion Smith; support Fisher to correct the February 23 minutes to reflect the motion on the engineering servicing agreement pending further information of the county's involvement and the Central Street crossing
Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries
NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:
Motion Carson; support Smith to authorize Village Staff to have Jim Valenta to do a traffic warrant study for a stop sign at Dover and Fifth Street and authorize Village Staff to have Jim Valenta prepare a proposal for a traffic count on Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth from Broad to Hudson.
Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries
Motion Semifero; support Fisher to approve the Orchard, Hiltz & McClement's Scope of Services Pavement Management Program for an amount not to exceed \$8000.
Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries
Motion Semifero; support Fisher to approve the Orchard, Hiltz & McClement's Scope of Services related to the State Revolving Fund - Sewer Rehabilitation for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.
Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries
Motion Semifero; support Tell to authorize the Village to commit \$200,500 for a proposed match for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application towards financing of the Mill Creek Park Development.
Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries
Motion Semifero; support Tell to approve the budget amendment of \$11,000 under line 402-441,000-939,000 for vehicle maintenance.
Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries
ADJOURNMENT
Motion Smith; support Fisher to adjourn at 10:58. Unanimous voice vote for approval
Respectfully submitted, Carol J. Jones, Clerk, Village of Dexter
Approved for Filing: March 23, 2009
NOTE: This is a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org

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Hollywood midwest

Location scout talks about why Michigan is under the spotlight for motion pictures

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

Michigan's subsidy for filmmakers has been a great success, as evidenced by California's passage earlier this year of its own \$500 million tax incentive to retain productions that have been fleeing the Golden State for places like the Great Lakes State.

A 42 percent refund for in-state spending is a difficult lure to resist, but Innocence Production Inc.'s George Constas says it's only a start.

Constas is a location scout for the Ann Arbor based production company. He is largely why places like Dexter, Chelsea, Jackson, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti were included in the roster of locations around mid and eastern Michigan.

As a native of the state and a Michigan State University graduate, Constas says it feels good to be back in his home state to do what he loves after being in the business for the past four years working elsewhere. He's also proud to be one of the first people building a new industry here almost entirely from scratch.

"Up until this point there haven't really been any movies in Michigan to speak of until last year," he said.

For now crews and talent are being bussed, trucked and flown in from elsewhere to film in and around places like Detroit, Dearborn and Ann Arbor, but that's not a very sustainable way of doing business Constas says, particularly when you consider the freelance nature of everyone in the film business.

"Everybody in the film business is an independent contract worker," Constas explains. "From the director on the way down you get hired for a show and then they hire some people. It's all networking based on who you've worked with in the past."

Constas wouldn't be involved in the current filming of the independent Hillary Swank film if he hadn't worked on The Dark Knight with one of his sister's former colleagues. He got a call while he was in Chicago from his sister to come back to Michigan to work on this film and here he is.

"The key is ... it doesn't matter what kind of tax incentive you have, if you don't have the qualified people to make it work then they're not going to want to come back," Constas said. "If you have a movie production and the folks that you hire on don't know what they're doing they're either going to bring people from out of state that do or they're just going to go somewhere else where there's a stable sustainable film community that can sustain projects coming in."

Right now there is an effort to train enough local people to sustain those projects and even more projects in the future, because the people working on a film are committed to that project and cannot shift gears between two or more.

If the state can only handle two or three films right now and 10 film projects are aimed at Michigan, all Constas can do is hope that Michigan wins the bid for that work based on either the existence of freed up production workers in the state or a willingness on the producer's part to transplant the talent from elsewhere.

That explains why there's such a frenzy to draw off projects from Hollywood. More connections between

Michigan production talent and Hollywood mean more filming, which would seemingly continue to snowball, as Constas explains it.

It's difficult to gauge the benefit to Michigan in dollars. Constas dodged the question about the budget for his film and how much of that money was being spent on hotels, caterers, restaurants, car rentals and other goods and services that directly inject dollars into local businesses and companies.

"The direct impact is the people that are hired in Michigan," Constas said. "The gas that's going into my tank is from here. We fuel all of our trucks and buy lumber and construction materials. We're eating at local restaurants like this one (The Dexter Pub). We have a crew of about 70 people staying at hotels in Ann Arbor since November."

The tax breaks are mitigating those costs and making producing films here more desirable, but the focus has to be on developing that talent and those connections in the state, according to Constas.

It's not a difficult business to break into, but it's a difficult one to remain in. Constas and most people he knows in film production started as interns or volunteers and moved up in the business fast, but many of them find it difficult and leave.

"The truth of the matter is that it's very hard work," he said. "There is a tremendous amount of misconceptions that it's some kind of glamorous lifestyle, but it's not."

For five to seven months Constas and his colleagues work 18-hour days with filming beginning at 6 a.m. and ending at 8 p.m. He has to show up two hours before shooting and two hours after, partly to make sure his crew leaves the filming locations as they were when they arrived.

Part of Constas' job is to worry about that relationship with the local communities and their representative entities: the police, fire department and city council.

"We understand that the city is doing a lot of running around, residents have to be a tremendous help - we have to tell them not to park somewhere if it's a period movie," Constas said. "It's a lot of effort."

He says it's been great working with the residents, police and government, although the only recommendation he would make would be for each municipality to appoint a representative whose sole purpose is to deal with people like Constas on a regular basis.

Aside from that it's just too difficult to draft policies that put the process on autopilot, he says. "I might be inside a church and all I need to do is make sure there's no parked cars out front or I might want to blow up a building ... every movie is going to be different like that. If we can just have a dialogue with somebody whose specialty that is everyone would have an easier time."

Being aware of the disturbance filming can cause, Constas says it's worth it in the long run not just for the jobs and local spending, but for the exposure.

"People see your city and state in a film and get an idea of it in their head ... I moved to Houston, just because I thought it was the place to go," he said. "Imagine if we can get people and businesses thinking of Michigan like that ... they just want to come here because of an idea."

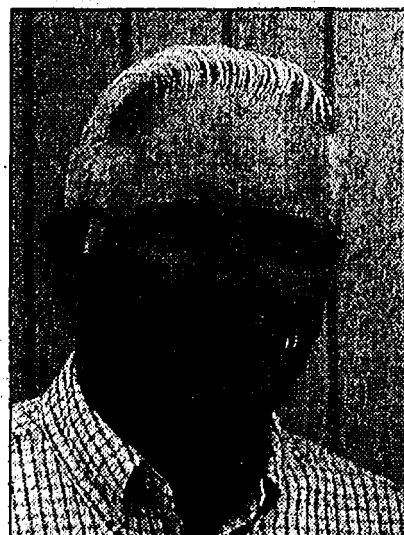


George Constas, a location scout for the Ann Arbor-based production company Innocence Production Inc.'s, is one of the main reasons why Michigan is becoming the hot location for major motion pictures.



Death Notices

HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS



BACON, LEON FRANKLIN; was born in 1927 in Britton on the family farm of Earl and Gladys Bacon, with sisters, Ruth (Miller) and Lois, all preceding Leon in death, and surviving youngest sister, Doris (Austin). Leon grew up in a close community of friends and family working on the family farm prior to serving in the Army overseas at the end of W.W.II. He returned home to Britton and soon met Grace, his wife of nearly 60 years. Together they built a home in Saline, where they lived and loved, and were blessed with three children, Douglas (Virginia) Christopher and Lindsay Bacon, Diana (David) Kristine, Amy and Beth Kuhl and Duane (Brenda) Amanda, Andrew (Michelle) Abigail and Benjamin (Carol) Bacon. Leon worked for over 35 years as a retail manager at Sears and Roebuck in Ann Arbor. Leon was one of the founding members of Saline Baptist Church and was the treasurer of the church for many years. During his retirement Leon spent countless hours in his woodshop making furniture and cherished keepsakes for his family and friends. Leon enjoyed camping, traveling and working in his garden and yard; but most of all he loved being surrounded by his family and friends. His soft spoken words and special humor will endure forever with all who met him. Visitation was at Robison Bahnmiller Funeral Home in Saline on Tuesday, March 24, 2009. A very special Memorial Service was held at Saline Baptist Church with his friend, Reverend Jack Geddes, officiating. Military Graveside Services took place under the auspice of the Veterans Honor Guard of Washtenaw County at Lodi Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions in honor of Leon can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or American Diabetes Association.

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CHAPMAN, MR. HENRY BERNARD; age 68; of Dallas, Georgia; passed away, Thursday March 19, 2009. Bernie was born in Columbus, Ohio, the son of Henry B. and Helen (Young) Chapman. He served in the Army-National Guard for 6 years. He worked over 20 years in the warehouse produce business in Ohio, Michigan and Georgia. He enjoyed bowling, golf, and sports cars. His greatest joy was his grandchildren. Bernie is survived by his mother, Helen (Young) Chapman of Columbus, Ohio; his wife, Toby (McKinnon) Chapman of Dallas, Georgia; his daughter and son-in-law, David and Natalie (Chapman) Cramer; his grandchildren, Rachael Cramer and Benjamin Cramer, all of Cedartown, Georgia; his brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Beverly Chapman of Johns Creek, Georgia; his sister and brother-in-law, John and Linda (Chapman) Slane, of Columbus, Ohio; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He will be missed by everyone that knew him as son, husband, father, brother, uncle, grandpa, friend or neighbor. As he requested Bernie was cremated. Arrangements by Cremation Society of the SOUTH in Marietta 770-420-5557.

DODGE, JULEEN FRANCIS (TOWNSEND); passed over to her Heavenly Father on March 25, 2009. Juleen was born in 1920 to Abram and Grace Townsend of Hadley, MI. Beloved wife of Ralph M. Dodge (deceased); beloved sister to Onalee Kingsbury Van Alstine (deceased) and Rachel Culver; beloved mother of Ginger Winter (Ralph) and Louise Karmann (Mitchell); beloved grandmother to Melissa Coen (Rick), Trisha Winter (Jay), Jill Karmann and Sarah Karmann; Juleen loved children, especially her great grandchildren, Kayla Coen, 8, Allison Coen, 5, Sydney Winter, 4, and Claire Winter, 1. Loved by everyone who knew her, Juleen was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church and participated in a Bible study group that ran for 35 years. She enjoyed making crafts and jams for the church fairs and was a member of the Backyard Swing Set, a senior singing group. Juleen loved to travel with her family, sisters and friends. Juleen and Ralph enjoyed taking trips in their trailer, walking in the north woods and fishing. A Memorial Service celebrating Juleen's life will be held on April 4 at 3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church of Lake Orion, 140 E. Flint St. A light dinner will be served following the memorial. Memorial donations can be made to the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation, the Alzheimer's Association or Arbor Hospice in lieu of flowers.

GEIGER, BETTY JANE; passed away at home on March 28, 2009. She was born on July 3, 1930 the daughter of Benjamin and Josephine (Murphy) Evilsizer. She spent her early years in the Manchester-Clinton area, moving to Le-wiston in 1981 and returning to the Onsted area in 2001. Betty enjoyed the outdoors, her four children, grandchildren, and her animals. She married Carl F. Bristle Betty Jane Geiger passed away at home on March 28, 2009. She was born on July 4, 1930, the daughter in 1949. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Carl F. Bristle in 1968. She married Alvin (Boots) Geiger in 1974. He passed away in 1999. Betty is survived by sons, David E. (Deb) Bristle of Montgomery and Danny C. (Laura) Bristle of Tecumseh; daughters, Deborah K. Barker and Diane S. Bristle both of Clinton; granddaughter, Julie (Don) Pines of Tecumseh; and grandsons, Nicholas Barker of Monroe, Carl John (Marianne) Bristle of Leslie and Riley Dean Bristle Baker of Clinton; five great grandchildren; two brothers, Fay (Dee) Evilsizer and Jack (Patsy) Evilsizer of Manchester; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death besides her parents and two husbands was beloved grandson, David Arthur Bristle, two sisters, Bessie Ione Schoolmaster and Erma June Taddie, three brothers, Ben Jr., James L., and Raymond E. Evilsizer. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Clinton Chapel of Handler Funeral Homes. Graveside Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Chelsea with Pastor Tom Hawkins of New Song Community Church officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to the Charity of Donor's Choice. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.handlerfuneralhomes.com

HERMANNSDOTTIR, STEINUNN LISA; age 55; passed away on Monday, March 30, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Richard McEnhill; by her parents, Hermann and Ingibjorg Hermannsson; and by her children, Hermann McEnhill and I. J. Elizabeth (Aaron) Green. A Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 3, 2009 at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 910 Austin Dr., Saline, MI 48176. Burial will be in Reykholt, Iceland. Arrangements entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home, Saline.

SPENCER, WANDA RUTH (WILSON); age 81; of Coldwater and formerly of Manchester, MI; died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at her residence after a long illness. Graveside Services will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 1 p.m. at Norvell Cemetery in Norvell Twp., in Jackson County. Pastor Gene Cobb of the First Church of Christ in Coldwater will officiate. Arrangements are being cared for by Dutcher Funeral Home. Wanda was born November 27, 1927, in Kenova, WV, to Sid and Sarah (Tomlin) Wilson. Wanda married Berlin B. Spencer on April 17, 1946, in Ironton, OH. He preceded her in death on April 15, 2002. Mrs. Spencer retired from Manchester Community Schools after 25 years of service. She came to the Coldwater area in 1993. Wanda was a devout Christian who loved to serve the Lord. Wanda enjoyed spending time with her family as well as reading, gardening and sewing. In addition to her husband, Wanda was preceded in death by her son, David L. Spencer, in 1998, and her sisters, Lola Mosser and Laura Powell. She is survived by her son, Jerald (Anita) Spencer of Fallbrook, CA; her daughter, Nancy (Spencer) Hamilton of Coldwater; grandchildren, Lori (Spencer) McClain and Carla Spencer, both of California, Theresa and Nick Wilson of Allen, Karen Hamilton of Bronson, Elizabeth Hamilton of Schofield, WI, Connie and Raymond Truex of Coldwater and Vicki Hamilton of Coldwater; and nine great grandchildren. Memorials may be directed to CHC Home Health Hospice or the American Cancer Society. Please visit www.dutcherfh.com to share a thought in the family guestbook.

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MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - De-
fault having been made in the terms and
conditions of a certain mortgage made by
Scott Wilson, a single man of Washtenaw County,
Michigan, Mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc. dated the 15th day
of September, A.D. 2006, and recorded in
the County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan,
on the 8th day of November, A.D. 2006, Liber
4591, Page 625 of Washtenaw County Records,
which said mortgage was assigned to US
Bank National Association ND, thru meane
assignments, on which mortgage there is
claimed to be due, at the date of this notice,
for principal of \$184,424.65 (one hundred
sixty-four thousand four hundred twenty-four
and 65/100) plus accrued interest at 6.34%
(nine point three four) percent per annum.
And no suit proceedings at law or in equity
having been instituted to recover the debt se-
cured by said mortgage or any part thereof.
Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale
contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to
the statute of the State of Michigan in such
case made and provided, notice is hereby
given that on the 23rd day of April, A.D.,
2009, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be
foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the
highest bidder, the main lobby of the Washtenaw
County Courthouse, Huron Street entrance,
Ann Arbor, MI, Washtenaw County,
Michigan, of the premises described in said
mortgage. Which said premises are de-
scribed as follows: All that certain piece or
parcel of land situate in the Township of
Northfield, in the County of Washtenaw and
State of Michigan and described as follows to
wit: Township of Northfield, County of Washtenaw,
Michigan: Lots 830, 831, 832, 833 &
834, WHITMORE LAKE SUMMER HOME
SUBDIVISION, as recorded in Liber 4 of
Plats, Page 6, Washtenaw County Records.
Commonly known as: 135 Ash Road PPN
B-02-08-208-001. The redemption period
shall be six months from the date of such
sale, unless determined abandoned in ac-
cordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which
case the redemption period shall be 30 days
from the date of such sale. Dated: March 26,
2009. WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO.
L.P.A. By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938) Attorney
for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co.
L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S
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ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE
SALE - Default having been made in the
terms and conditions of a certain mortgage
made by Yvonne J. Warner and Keith Warner
A/K/A Keith B. Warner, wife and husband,
Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Regis-
tration Systems, Inc. (MERS), Mortgages, dated
the 30th day of May, 2006 and recorded in
the office of the Register of Deeds, for the
County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan,
on the 7th day of June, 2006 in Liber 4562 of
Washtenaw County Records, page 384, said
mortgage having been assigned to U.S.
BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS
TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF CSAB
2006-4 on which mortgage there is claimed
to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum
of Four Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Seven-
ty Eight & 38/100 (\$455,078.98), and no suit
or proceeding at law or in equity having been
instituted to recover the debt secured by said
mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore,
by virtue of the power of sale contained in
said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the
State of Michigan in such case made and
provided, notice is hereby given that on the
16th day of April, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock AM
Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed
by a sale at public auction to the highest bid-
der, the main lobby of the Washtenaw County
Courthouse, Huron St. entrance, Ann Arbor,
MI (that being the building where the Circuit
Court for the County of Washtenaw is held),
of the premises described in said mortgage,
or so much thereof as may be necessary to
pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said
mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.500%
per annum and all legal costs, charges, and
expenses, including the attorney fees al-
lowed by law, and also any sum or sums
which may be paid by the undersigned, ne-
cessary to protect its interest in the premises.
Which said premises are described as fol-
lows: All that certain piece or parcel of land,
including any and all structures, and homes,
manufactured or otherwise, located thereon,
situated in the Township of Webster, County
of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, and de-
scribed as follows: to wit: Parcel 1 Part of the
Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 1 South,
Range 5 East, Webster Township, Washtenaw
County, Michigan, described as follows:
Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said
Section 9, thence North 00 degrees 25 min-
utes 40 seconds East 1326.00 feet along the
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the centerline of Donovan Road to the point
of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 25 min-
utes 40 seconds East 344.50 feet along said
North-South 1/4 line and said centerline,
thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 00 sec-
onds East 700.30 feet; thence South 0 de-
grees 41 minutes 00 seconds West 344.49
feet; thence North 89 degrees 08 minutes 00
seconds West 698.76 feet to the point of be-
ginning. During the twelve (12) months im-
mediately following the sale, the property may
be redeemed, except that in the event that
the property is determined to be abandoned
pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property
may be redeemed during 30 days immedi-
ately following the sale. Dated: 3/12/2009
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS
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2006-4 Mortgages FABRIZIO & BROOK,
P.C. Attorney for U.S. BANK NATIONAL AS-
SOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
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Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48064 248-362-
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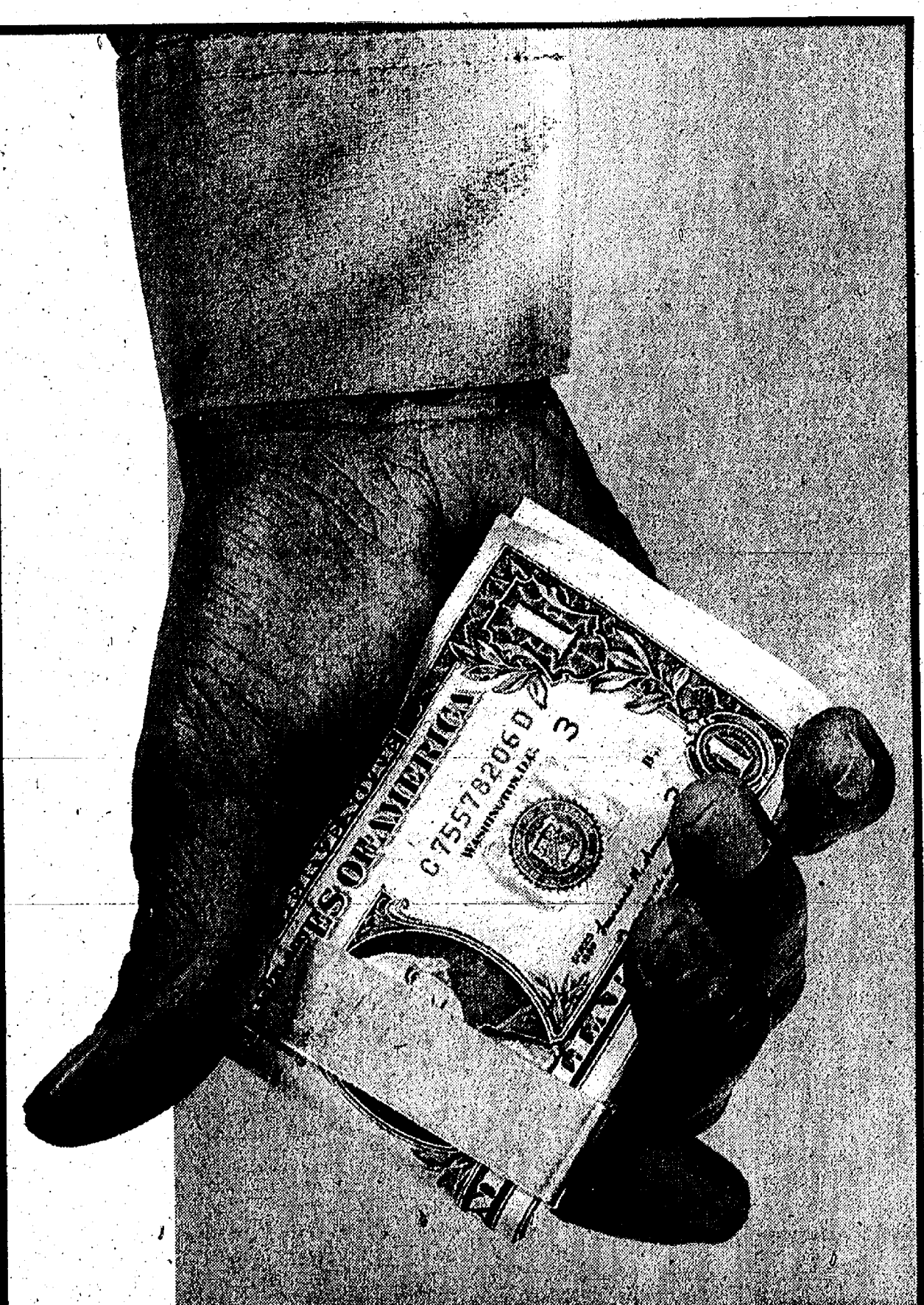
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Chelsea's Merle Barr remembers his time in service

By Cynthia Furlong Reynolds
Special Writer

Born Oct. 28, 1922, Merle Barr is a direct descendent of Chelsea's founder, Elijah Congdon. His grandfather, Arthur Congdon, fought in the Civil War. Merle grew up in the home at 1288 Old Manchester Road; after the war, he bought the house at 208 Congdon Street.

I was visiting a girlfriend who lived north of town when we heard about the bombing of the Pearl Harbor. I was shocked, but the concept of war wasn't a total surprise; we knew that America had been gearing up for war and sending goods to England—we just didn't know much about the Japanese and where, exactly, Pearl Harbor was.

I was drafted before the end of 1942, when I was working at Grove Brothers' Variety Store in Chelsea, across the street from what is now the Common Grill. I was sworn into the service in Kalamazoo, but the Army let me go home for the New Year's holiday. Immediately afterwards, I took off. A bus came from the west half loaded with draftees and one NCO (non-commissioned officer) who was in charge of all records. A military car followed the bus, and the NCO handed me all the records, telling me, "Make sure these men are properly checked in." Then he left us.

We got off the bus at Fort Wayne, Detroit. For some reason, the Army asked me if I could operate a cash register, and when I said yes, they assigned me to Combat Engineers and sent me to Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The Combat Engineers have pretty good training, I must say. I came home for two weeks in the summer, and then went straight back to Fort Belvoir and into the OCS (Officer Candidate School). Our commander told us that we'd be getting the entire four-year West Point program compressed into three months—they worked us very, very hard.

My OCS training ended in July 1943, and I was sent to New England; there wasn't enough to do there, so they had us learning how to prepare dried foods. I was bored silly. An opportunity came up for a casual officer position in Europe. I was the only unmarried man there, so I volunteered.

I shipped out in October 1943 aboard the Queen Elizabeth, which took somewhere between three and five days in the crossing. The ship was pretty fast, so we had no close escorts. Needless to say, servicemen didn't enjoy all the appurtenances the ship had to offer: the dance floor was covered in plywood. The main lounge was all that remained of the original features. That lounge was filled with poker games and crapshoots. Some soldiers left the ship pretty flush and others were flat broke. One or two of my friends continued along the same trail I was on. One was a sculptor

from Milwaukee, who had the time of his life on the vessel. He brought clay with him and sculpted a model of one of the nurses.

We landed in the Firth of Clyde, Scotland, and traveled by train to the south. I spent the next seven months training in New Quay, Cornwall, where they had us clearing beaches of land mines they'd planted. The British sappers (engineers) would work on their stomachs, searching for perimeter wire, then trace it to the mine. They loaded truckloads of mines and took them to the moors to blow them up. We did things differently, fishing out the wires with poles, setting TNT, backing away, and then detonating the mines. Over and over again, we would clear the area, preparing it for a mock invasion site. We went on endless invasions during those months. We were on the sea so many times we weren't sure if we were soldiers or sailors.

The Americans were segregated from the British. We were billeted in hotels along the beach front, with the British nearby, but there wasn't much fraternization. I did see Generals Eisenhower and Montgomery while I was in England. Before we left, I was made a First Lieutenant in the 112th Combat Engineers, which had originally been the Cleveland National Guard. We had no idea when or where we were headed when we went aboard a vessel of some kind and put out to sea. Storms were raging all around us. We ended up in the Bournemouth area. As you know, D-Day was supposed to take place June 5, but the storms were too strong to proceed on that day. A lot of men got seasick waiting on board for the start of the invasion of France.

On D-Day we landed on Omaha Beach at 8:40, seventy minutes after the initial landings. I was the second man off the starboard (right) side. I assume about a half-dozen men got off behind me.

We sank into the water up to my chin, weighted down with packs, guns, and ammunition. I looked back just in time to see my landing craft explode—it had gotten a direct hit with an 88 shell. I saw two of the sailors who'd wished us luck hanging over the railing dead, their bodies in flames.

Unfortunately, not many ahead of us survived, either. As we waded ashore, we saw lines of hedgehogs—pieces of railroad tracks the Germans had criss-crossed and welded together to prevent us from landing vehicles. When I took cover by one, a bullet ricocheted off the hedgehog right by my head, so I kept moving. We were all

below the beach road, and the Germans were shelling us constantly. We were pinned there until mid-afternoon, when a company of rangers came in to support the rangers who'd gone up the cliffs at Point de Haugh.

I went in as a casual officer about a mile and a half from my own battalion. My job was to assess the losses of our sister battalion and report to my commanders. I was on my own, but there were many men fighting all around me and we were under heavy German fire. There was a machine gun nest in the woods right above us. Finally I found a radioman and gave him the grid coordinates, so our nearest ship began lobbing shells. Too soon the radioman lost contact and we couldn't get the ship to stop the shelling so we could move.

The mile-and-a-half walk across the beach back to my battalion was horrible. Bodies were floating in the water, material was scattered everywhere. The dead and their mutilated parts covered the beach. It was a madhouse, a deadly madhouse. I discovered that a good percentage of the officers in my battalion had been killed—an 88 shell took them out, but they had gotten the opening on the beach they were after.

I took back my platoon, with a jeep and a driver. I was 21 years old, in charge of thirty men. We waited for orders to check for mines so the military could move through.

Adrenalin takes over in a time like this. Of course you're scared to death—and anyone who says otherwise is lying—but the adrenalin pumps you up and keeps you moving, almost instinctively.

By night we were a mile inland and everyone still alive was exhausted. I slept

in a hedgerow near the body of a dead German officer. We didn't approach the German bodies we saw because we didn't know if they were actual soldiers or booby traps.

The next morning I had to go back to the

beach, past snipers in the church tower—some of our guys were trying to get that cleared out. One soldier had come wearing a yellow flare on his belt. The sniper hit the flare, and the soldier was covered in yellow from his shoulder to his knee—it's that kind of small detail that you remember when you're involved in such a frightening situation.

Over the course of several weeks we captured St. Lo and Cherbourg, where we discovered a huge warehouse of liqueurs. We sat in the apple orchard while liqueur was rationed to every unit. Up until then I'd never had a drink in my life, but I sat

The series: Our Veterans

The Chelsea District Library is currently putting together a World War II Oral History Project, which allows World War II veterans and their families to tell their stories. They are not only telling them on videotape for the library series, but also to acclaimed writer Cynthia Furlong Reynolds. Bill Harmer, adult services director for the Chelsea District Library, also wanted to share these stories using the talents of Reynolds, an award-winning journalist best known for her exceptional book, "Our Hometown," which tells the history of Chelsea, and more recently, "Jiffy," which tells the story of the Chelsea Milling Co. The Chelsea Standard will present a series of these stories, written by Reynolds, throughout the year highlighting our veterans who served in World War II.

under the apple trees and drank it out of my granite cup, fighting off hornets to get the cup to my mouth.

I saw just a few civilians and they were very cooperative, offering us water and wine and anything they had. They were elated to see us coming.

Our job was to find mines and booby traps and to build bridges and roads. We searched the skies constantly for air support. At night the Germans would come with one or two fighters to strafe us. Later our high-level bombers would fill the sky with vapor trails. The night would light up like daylight when our gunners started shooting at German planes.

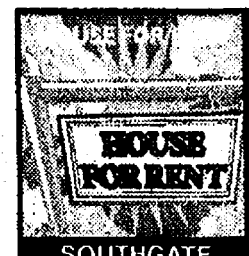
We were outside Paris by the end of August 1944. One night somewhere around August 25, a captain and I commandeered a jeep and took a tour of the outskirts of Paris. When snipers spotted us, we decided we'd return to our unit—fast! The next day we took part in the liberation of Paris. The commanders arranged for the Free French to march in first—but there weren't many left. Most of them dropped their equipment in the ditches outside Paris and headed toward their homes—it had been years since they'd seen their families. There were enough Free French to march with General de Gaulle, though, and the Americans and Allies followed behind. I remember seeing the pavers in the streets all pulled up, presumably in a French effort to slow down the Germans.

With France under Allied control, my unit headed towards the Ardennes Forest and the Belgian/German border. On December 16, 1944, the Battle of the Bulge began in the field that my unit had just evacuated. We narrowly avoided that battle—and I'll be forever grateful. One of our platoons laid the biggest mine fields in history there. At Christmas, we commandeered a house somewhere in the vicinity of St. Vith, Malmody, and we set up a token Christmas tree. Otherwise, for many months we slept in half-tents, often covered in snow. That year was the snowiest, coldest December on record.

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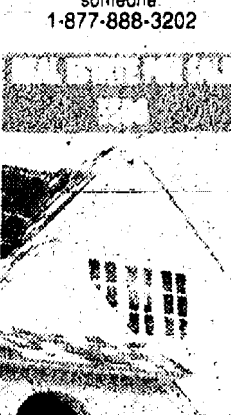
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Chronicling Our History



Merle Barr (left) with an unidentified soldier during the liberation of Paris in August 1944. In "Chronicling Our History," Barr talks about driving to the outskirts the day before and being shot at by a German sniper.

Chelsea's Merle Barr remembers his time in service

By Cynthia Furlong Reynolds
Special Writer

Born Oct. 28, 1922, Merle Barr is a direct descendent of Chelsea's founder, Elijah Congdon. His grandfather, Arthur Congdon, fought in the Civil War. Merle grew up in the home at 1288 Old Manchester Road; after the war, he bought the house at 206 Congdon Street.

I was visiting a girlfriend who lived north of town when we heard about the bombing of the Pearl Harbor. I was shocked, but the concept of war wasn't a total surprise; we knew that America had been gearing up for war and sending goods to England—we just didn't know much about the Japanese and where, exactly, Pearl Harbor was.

I was drafted before the end of 1942, when I was working at Grove Brothers' Variety Store in Chelsea, across the street from what is now the Common Grill. I was sworn into the service in Kalamazoo, but the Army let me go home for the New Year's holiday. Immediately afterwards, I took off. A bus came from the west half loaded with draftees and one NCO (non-commissioned officer) who was in charge of all records. A military car followed the bus, and the NCO handed me all the records, telling me, "Make sure these men are properly checked in." Then he left us.

We got off the bus at Fort Wayne, Detroit. For some reason, the Army asked me if I could operate a cash register, and when I said yes, they assigned me to Combat Engineers and sent me to Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The Combat Engineers have pretty good training, I must say. I came home for two weeks in the summer, and then went straight back to Fort Belvoir and into the OCS (Officer Candidate School). Our commander told us that we'd be getting the entire four-year West Point program compressed into three months—they worked us very, very hard.

My OCS training ended in July 1943, and I was sent to New England; there wasn't enough to do there, so they had us learning how to prepare dried foods. I was bored silly. An opportunity came up for a casual officer position in Europe. I was the only unmarried man there, so I volunteered.

I shipped out in October 1943 aboard the Queen Elizabeth, which took somewhere between three and five days in the crossing. The ship was pretty fast, so we had no close escorts. Needless to say, servicemen didn't enjoy all the appurtenances the ship had to offer: the dance floor was covered in plywood. The main lounge was all that remained of the original features. That lounge was filled with poker games and craps. Some soldiers left the ship pretty flash and others were flat broke. One or two of my friends continued along the same trail I was on. One was a sculptor

from Milwaukee, who had the time of his life on the vessel. He brought clay with him and sculpted a model of one of the nurses.

We landed in the Firth of Clyde, Scotland, and traveled by train to the south. I spent the next seven months training in New Quay, Cornwall, where they had us clearing beaches of land mines they'd planted. The British sappers (engineers) would work on their stomachs, searching for perimeter wire, then trace it to the mine. They loaded truckloads of mines and took them to the moors to blow them up. We did things differently, fishing out the wires with poles, setting TNT, backing away, and then detonating the mines. Over and over again, we would clear the area, preparing it for a mock invasion site. We went on endless invasions during those months. We were on the sea so many times we weren't sure if we were soldiers or sailors.

The Americans were segregated from the British. We were billeted in hotels along the beach front, with the British nearby, but there wasn't much fraternization. I did see Generals Eisenhower and Montgomery while I was in England. Before we left, I was made a First Lieutenant in the 112th Combat Engineers, which had originally been the Cleveland National Guard. We had no idea when or where we were headed when we went aboard a vessel of some kind and put out to sea. Storms were raging all around us. We ended up in the Bournemouth area. As you know, D-Day was supposed to take place June 5, but the storms were too strong to proceed on that day. A lot of men got seasick waiting on board for the start of the invasion of France.

On D-Day we landed on Omaha Beach at 6:40, seventy minutes after the initial landings. I was the second man off the starboard (right) side. I assume about a half-dozen men got off behind me. We sank

into the water up to my chin, weighted down with packs, guns, and ammunition. I looked back just in time to see my landing craft explode—it had gotten a direct hit with an 88 shell. I saw two of the sailors who'd wished us luck hanging over the railing dead, their bodies in flames.

Unfortunately, not many ahead of us survived, either. As we waded ashore, we saw lines of hedgehogs—pieces of railroad tracks the Germans had criss-crossed and welded together to prevent us from landing vehicles. When I took cover by one, a bullet ricocheted off the hedgehog right by my head, so I kept moving. We were all

below the beach road, and the Germans were shelling us constantly. We were pinned there until mid-afternoon, when a company of rangers came in to support the rangers who'd gone up the cliffs at Point de Haugh.

I went in as a casual officer about a mile and a half from my own battalion. My job was to assess the losses of our sister battalion and report to my commanders. I was on my own, but there were many men fighting all around me and we were under heavy German fire. There was a machine gun nest in the woods right above us. Finally I found a radioman and gave him the grid coordinates, so our nearest ship began lobbing shells. Too soon the radioman lost contact and we couldn't get the ship to stop the shelling so we could move.

The mile-and-a-half walk across the beach back to my battalion was horrible. Bodies were floating in the water, material was scattered everywhere. The dead and their mutilated parts covered the beach. It was a madhouse, a deadly madhouse. I discovered that a good percentage of the officers in my battalion had been killed—an 88 shell took them out, but they had gotten the opening on the beach they were after.

I took back my platoon, with a jeep and a driver. I was 21 years old, in charge of thirty men. We waited for orders to check for mines so the military could move through.

Adrenalin takes over in a time like this. Of course you're scared to death—and anyone who says otherwise is lying—but the adrenalin pumps you up and keeps you moving, almost instinctively.

By night we were a mile inland and everyone still alive was exhausted. I slept

in a hedgerow near the body of a dead German officer. We didn't approach the German bodies we saw because we didn't know if they were actual soldiers or booby traps.

The next morning I had to go

back to the beach, past snipers in the church tower—some of our guys were trying to get that cleared out. One soldier had come wearing a yellow flare on his belt. The sniper hit the flare, and the soldier was covered in yellow from his shoulder to his knee—it's that kind of small detail that you remember when you're involved in such a frightening situation.

Over the course of several weeks we captured St. Lo and Cherbourg, where we discovered a huge warehouse of liqueurs. We sat in the apple orchard while liqueur was rationed to every unit. Up until then I'd never had a drink in my life, but I sat



The series: Our Veterans

The Chelsea District Library is currently putting together a World War II Oral History Project, which allows World War II veterans and their families to tell their stories. They are not only telling them on videotape for the library series, but also to acclaimed writer Cynthia Furlong Reynolds. Bill Harmer, adult services director for the Chelsea District Library, also wanted to share these stories using the talents of Reynolds, an award-winning journalist best known for her exceptional book, "Our Hometown," which tells the history of Chelsea, and more recently, "Jiffy," which tells the story of the Chelsea Milling Co. The Chelsea Standard will present a series of these stories, written by Reynolds, throughout the year highlighting our veterans who served in World War II.

under the apple trees and drank it out of my granite cup, fighting off hornets to get the cup to my mouth.

I saw just a few civilians and they were very cooperative, offering us water and wine and anything they had. They were elated to see us coming.

Our job was to find mines and booby traps and to build bridges and roads. We searched the skies constantly for air support. At night the Germans would come with one or two fighters to strafe us. Later our high-level bombers would fill the sky with vapor trails. The night would light up like daylight when our gunners started shooting at German planes.

We were outside Paris by the end of August 1944. One night somewhere around August 25, a captain and I commandeered a jeep and took a tour of the outskirts of Paris. When snipers spotted us, we decided we'd return to our unit—fast! The next day we took part in the liberation of Paris. The commanders arranged for the Free French to march in first—but there weren't many left. Most of them dropped their equipment in the ditches outside Paris and headed toward their homes—it had been years since they'd seen their families. There were enough Free French to march with General de Gaulle, though, and the Americans and Allies followed behind. I remember seeing the pavers in the streets all pulled up, presumably in a French effort to slow down the Germans.

With France under Allied control, my unit headed towards the Ardennes Forest and the Belgian/German border. On December 16, 1944, the Battle of the Bulge began in the field that my unit had just evacuated. We narrowly avoided that battle—and I'll be forever grateful. One of our platoons laid the biggest mine fields in history there. At Christmas, we commandeered a house somewhere in the vicinity of St. Vif, Malmody, and we set up a token Christmas tree. Otherwise, for many months we slept in half-tents, often covered in snow. That year was the snowiest, coldest December on record.

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Ministerial Message A time when God won't bother you anymore

A By Mark Porinsky
n advertising campaign began in London recently, and has now spread to Barcelona, Spain. The advertisement, seen in busses, reads, "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life."

I'm sure that sounds appalling to a lot of people. It's so blatant, to advertise that anywhere, particularly in such a public forum. It also makes you wonder about the level of a person's obsession, to pay to put that up as an advertisement. What would they possibly have to gain? I mean, we

Christians attempt to spread the message about our God and what He did through His Son, because in this way we hope to win people to faith and to eternal life. But the most that the bus advertisers can hope for is to give people one less thing to worry about in their lives.

There is something about this that our human nature finds appealing, though: If there is no God, then we don't have to worry about pleasing Him. We don't have to worry about whether we're offending Him by ignoring His commandments and living our lives the way we want. It certainly

would be a great relief to the sinful part of us if we could convince ourselves "there is probably no God."

Well, for anyone sick of hearing about God and His standards of right or wrong, there is good news: There is a time coming when God won't bother you any more, and you'll never have to listen again to people who try to lay the Bible's teachings on you. All you have to do is be patient and persistent in ignoring God until the day you die, and I can guarantee that you will finally achieve freedom from God; you will achieve eternal separation from God. I can also guar-

antee that you will realize that's not what you want.

I can further guarantee that this does not have to happen. I can assure you that there is a God. Not just "probably," but there is a God. You can be sure that this God sent His Son to be one of us 2000 years ago, and that this Son of God once experienced separation from God on the cross, when He said, "My God, My God, Why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46). Because He said that, you will never have to say it.

Unfortunately it's not just hardened atheists and agnostics who think that it would be more enjoy-

able to live as if there were no God. I can at least appreciate their honesty. But many who consider themselves Christians, or at least believers in God, in fact do not allow Him to have any real impact on their lives. But God wants you, and He has plans to make your life more enjoyable and worry-free, even here on earth. Let Him into your life now, and look forward to being a part of an enjoyable eternity with Him.

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We went weeks without a change of clothes; at night we only took off our boots; maybe the next morning we'd be lucky enough to change our socks. We were following directly behind combat troops. We crossed into Germany near Cologne.

As the war progressed, my duties changed. I left the Corps of Engineers and was assigned to a military government unit in Sangerhausen as the trade and industry officer. When the Germans evacuated an area, Americans came in and served as a military interim government. Normally, Americans were forbidden from fraternizing with the Germans, with the exception of a half-dozen of us. Our job was to interrogate Germans, then identify and approve of personnel to replace the functions the Nazis had held: police commissioner, mayor, fire commissioner, etc. The Germans we met had not been avid Nazis, but we saw people of all sizes, shapes, and attitudes. They were exhausted by war and sensible to deal with. Most of them were elderly or otherwise unfit for military service.

Nearby was a community called Nordhausen, which had an underground factory that the Nazis had carved inside a mountain; it was large enough to have a train system within the mountain. Here, the Nazis manufactured the V2 rockets that had been fired on England. Next to the factory was housing for thousands and thousands of civilians who had been enslaved to work in the factory, and the Nazis worked them to death—literally. I was there when the barracks were liberated, and it was a ghastly, nauseating sight. The Germans hadn't had enough time to get rid of all the evidence, so bodies by the acre were stacked beside the crematorium. Next to it was a laboratory where the Nazis extracted prisoners' gold teeth. We found barracks with bunks stacked to the ceiling, and three humans in each bunk—in most cases at least two of them were dead and the third was too emaciated to move. It was absolutely horrifying. I took pictures because I knew others would never believe what we were seeing.

You grow up very fast when you're twenty-one and you see sights like those. After awhile, you don't know how to feel, your emotions are so mixed up. We were elated to be alive, elated to be near the end of the war, but then we'd see sights like this and we'd get enraged.

The war ended while I was in Sangerhausen. I remember a young tank officer coming up to me with a bottle of whiskey in his hand. "Let's drink to victory!" he suggested. "I'm not much of a drinker," I told him. He pulled out a big handgun, pointed it at me, and said, "Sir, we will drink." And I did.

The Americans vacated that area and the Russians moved in. I was ordered to Bavaria; our unit was broken up and we were all to be reassigned to new units. Six of us wanted to stay together, however. With our captain we went to the office where they were printing the orders and asked the

printer to type, "The captain wants this group to stay together." He did.

Our next stop was Mittenvalde, a small village in the Bavarian Alps with a famous violin factory. This was near Garmisch, the site of the 1936 Olympics. Every weekend there was an ice show, but its claim to fame was the Echtholler Monastery. Father Johannes came to my office soon after I arrived, explaining that the monks made a world-famous brandy called Echtholler Benedictine, and they needed sugar and other ingredients for brandy-making. He brought me a bottle and asked if I could be of assistance. I said I'd try, but I couldn't promise anything. However, General Patton knew the merits of Echtholler Benedictine. He sent a convoy with everything the monks needed to get back into business.

We had a pretty good life there in the Alps working with the civilians. The Germans weren't supposed to have alcoholic beverages, so we stored and catalogued the alcohol. My bill was \$60 by the time I left.

I was next assigned as an individual military government officer at Oberammergau. People were very cooperative. We set up some rules. We found several Germans who'd buried quantities of food stuffs. I was the trail judge advocate and I tried several cases. We were gradually turning over responsibility for police, government, and fire departments to the townspeople. I'll never forget midnight mass at Christmas in the monastery. Christmas felt very special that year, with the

end of the war. What a difference a year had made.

I returned to Chelsea late in March or early in April of 1946. It was great to be home, but coming home raised a lot of questions, and I was confused. Going into the service makes life easy for a single young man; you're housed, fed, trained, told where to go and what to do. I grew up, from a boy to a man in the service. I'd had life-and-death responsibilities at a very early age. Suddenly I had to make decisions for myself, provide my own housing and sustenance. The first months at home were very difficult.

I got a call from a buddy in the Air Force who needed help, so I worked with the electrical department here in town, mounting transformers; he'd been the only pole climber in basic training. In June of 1946, I married a girl, I'd met in Youngstown, Ohio, at Camp Sherango. We'd only dated once or twice, but we'd kept in touch throughout the war. Her father worked at Federal Screw Works, and I got a job there.

When the Korean War broke out, I went back into the service. I was stationed in Alaska, where we built quarters for an anti-aircraft battery. I served in the Reserves for five years.

The military was the best thing that ever happened to me. I had some experiences that were horrific, but everything was character-building. I'm proud I served my country. The war made all of us grow up fast, but most of us became men our families could be proud of.

Celebrate 'Brothers of the Brush'

An event coming up for the 175th Anniversary of the City/Village of Chelsea is the contest called the "Brothers of the Brush." This event is a beard growing contest that has been a tradition since Chelsea's centennial celebrations since 1959.

In the past, the Brothers of the Brush have had competitions, sporting events and pranks pulled on fellow members of the group. This is an event that you don't want to miss.

To sign up - stop by Vogel's Party Store (located at 20490 M52, just north of town). For \$5, you sign up as an official member and receive a certificate and a button to wear. Men may sign up for the Brothers of the Brush, or No Brush. Women can sign up for a member of the Belles.

Each official member will get the official rules. An important rule to remember is that the members must wear or have their buttons on them at all times. "Marshals," made up of the 175th planning committee, will police the wearing of the buttons. There will be a fine involved for not complying with the rules.

An event leading up to the competition will be the burial of Mr. RAY ZOR II on the front lawn of McKune Memorial Library on Saturday, April 18 at 1 p.m. The razor is buried and the beard growing begins. The men who have joined from years in the past have many tales to tell about all the fun they had, including pranks, mischief and a lot of high jinks. This year will be no different, challenges and competitions among members are encouraged.

The committee planning the 175th Celebration of the Anniversary of Chelsea will be challenging members of Brush to a tug-of-war at Letts Creek on Sunday, June 21. The Brothers of the Brush competition will end on Saturday, June 27 with the beard judging contest with ribbons and awards.

This event is also a great fundraiser to help support the 175th celebration June 25-28.

The following descriptions are from the Brothers of the Brush event from 1959.

All Around Beard. A full beard with no shaven portion of the face or beneath the chin. Desirable to obtain length, fullness and luxuriance with a total attractive appearance.

Full Beard. The total quantity of hairy growth on temples, cheeks, jowls, upper and lower portions of the face. There should be no shaven portion of the face or beneath the chin.

Long Beard. An actual measurement of the longest hair on the chin or cheeks, whichever is longest. Hair on the mustache portion is not measured.

Fancy Beard. A type of beard which, because of its dressy appearance, curl, special trim or luxuriance with combined features and looks fancy from all angles.

Curly Beard. As the name implies. Must be NATURAL curl.

Goatee. A long chin whisker, extending from the under lip, close to the mouth, long and narrow, like the goat from which it gets its name.

Mutton Chops. Full mustache, connecting at its ends with sweeping sideburns as continuous line of hair. The hair curves upward after dipping to the jaw line from the front of ears. The chin must be bare.

Van Dyke. Chin whiskers graduating to a definite point at the end.

Robert E. Lee. A gray or white beard which follows the growth familiar to General Lee. Desirable to have features resembling him.

Charles Evans Hughes. A full beard, extending long on the chin portion, rounded at ends instead of pointed. Evidence of curl in mustache, too.

Halo. An oval-shaped continuation of mustache and chin whiskers. The continuous hair forms an oval or circle, somewhat like a letter "O".

Mustache. Hair on the upper lip, either curled at the ends or straight. A very long or best trimmed mustache would be the goal.

Sideburns. Continuation of the hair at temples in front of ears and growing down on the cheeks, either curving or straight down.



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Chelsea photographer hosts benefit to help local families

Michelle Massey Barnes may appear sweet and petite, but she's a force to be reckoned with.

Michelle is an accomplished photographer, a yoga instructor at Chelsea's Wellness Center, a doula (someone who works with expectant moms), and until recently, a branch project manager for a software company. After the birth of her second child, somehow she couldn't find time for that anymore.

Michelle is married to Jim Barnes, an Ann Arbor native who teaches at Wylie Elementary in Dexter, and they are the parents of 4-year-old Logan and 1-year-old Annabelle. Michelle, originally from Plainwell, met her husband at a summer camp in Adrian where they both taught. Forsaking an intensive course of study in French for a trip to Maine with Jim, Michelle says she realized then, "I wasn't destined to be much of a scholar! Outdoor life held much more appeal."

Nonetheless she returned to Cambridge to finish a divinity degree at Harvard. After their marriage in Montana on the shores of a mountain lake, they returned to Michigan, moving to Waterloo in 2001. In their free time, Jim and Michelle enjoy hiking, biking and camping as a family.

Michelle first came to pho-



tography as a nature and wildlife photographer, and still feels that nature and the natural world influences her work, although her focus is on children's photography now. She enjoys photographing outdoors whenever possible, following children as they explore nature, and using wildflowers, rivers, and lakes as a background.

On location, she has an eye for contemporary composition and lighting. She also uses natural window lighting in home sessions. Artistic and creative, her photographs reveal the inherent beauty of children and families in a relaxed style, letting the child take the lead.

"I get good practice as the mother of my own two children," she says with a laugh.

Michelle's latest venture involves a partnership with Grow With Me, a children's resale boutique in Ann Arbor, to help celebrate their one-year anniversary and to benefit the Washtenaw County Autism Foundation. Parents may schedule in advance or walk in. For exact dates and times on the event, visit Michelle's Web site or call Grow With Me at (734) 822-0224 to book a time.

Michelle will be taking photographs of children, using natural lighting. The mini session is free and two or three images of each child will then be posted to an online gallery for viewing and ordering. A portion of the 25 percent profits from the sale of photographs will be donated to the autism foundation.

Grow With Me is a locally owned and operated children's resale boutique selling gently



Portraits are Michelle Massey Barnes' specialty.

used and new children's clothing, equipment, toys and accessories. The shop is located at 25 Jackson Industrial Drive Suite 500 in Ann Arbor.

Elyssa Mount and Marni Hochman opened the store in March 2008. Elyssa felt she'd found a way to combine her love for bargain shopping with her passion for helping families facing the challenges of autism. Elyssa's son Gabe, now six years old, was diagnosed with autism when he was a toddler. Grow With Me provides a means for families to find quality used and new children's clothing and accessories at great prices, while providing funding for programs and assistance for families of children with autism.

A portion of all sales is donated to the Ann Arbor Autism Foundation and the Autism Society of Washtenaw County. Before opening the store, Marni worked at the Lamaze Family Center. The mother of two children, she wanted to stay actively rooted in the community and to create a service-oriented shop where parents and their children would enjoy shopping.

For more information on Grow With Me log on to www.growwithme123.com.

More information and helpful suggestions for parents interested in the photo session with Michelle may be found at www.masseybarnesphotography.com.

Marni Parker Darwin is a freelance writer and may be reached at marni@darwinstudio.com. A time when God won't bother you anymore.

Around town

The Purple Rose Theatre Co. will hold general auditions for roles in their 2009-2010 season on Monday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Auditions will be held at The Purple Rose Theatre Co., 137 Park Street, Chelsea.

Artistic Director Guy Sanville is interested in seeing male and female actors over the age of 18. If an actor is unable to attend general auditions, he/she should submit a current headshot and resume to the attention of Guy Sanville, Artistic Director, at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park Street, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

Actors will be asked to perform a one-minute comic monologue and should bring a current headshot and resume to the audition. Actors will be notified by phone if they are being invited to callbacks, which are not currently scheduled. Audition appointments are required and can be made beginning Monday, March 23 by calling the

PRTC administration office at (734) 433-PRTC; office hours are Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

S. Main Street in downtown Chelsea.

There are 70 paying spots available on the schedule. Auditions are open to musicians, singer/songwriters, jugglers, magicians, performers, dance troupes, artists, and other street arts performers, and will be judged before a panel of local artists, committee members and merchants.

For more information, click on www.chelseafestivals.com, or call the Chelsea Center for the Arts (CCA) at 734-433-2787. Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights is presented by the downtown Chelsea Merchants, the Chelsea DDA, and the Chelsea Center for the Arts.

Portage Lake Rendezvous

The second annual Portage Lake Rendezvous will be April 24-26 at Portage Lake Unit, 11700 Seymour Road in Grass Lake. The event is sponsored by the Waterloo Recreation Area.

Take a walk through time and enjoy talking to the pre-1840 re-enactors. There will be pre-1840 trade goods for sale, including feathers, beads, arrow heads, walking sticks, antler crafts, clothing and jewelry. All items are hand crafted.

Enjoy watching a tom-a-hawk and knife throwing competition and a traditional bow shoot. There also will be Dutch oven cooking on an open fire.

The public is welcome from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 25 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 26.

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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly cloudy	Rain, becoming heavy	Windy and rainy; cooler	Mostly sunny	Cloudy, chance for rain	Cold with rain possible	A few morning flurries	Clouds and sun, a shower
57° to 63°	39° to 45°	50° to 56° 28° to 34°	48° to 54° 27° to 33°	48° to 54° 32° to 38°	45° to 51° 28° to 34°	45° to 51° 26° to 32°	44° to 50° 28° to 34°

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Statistics for the week ending Tuesday, March 31

Temperatures:

High/Low for the week: 61°/26°

Normal high/low: 50°/31°

Average temperature: 53.3°

Normal average temperature: 40.6°

Precipitation:

Total for the week: 0.69"

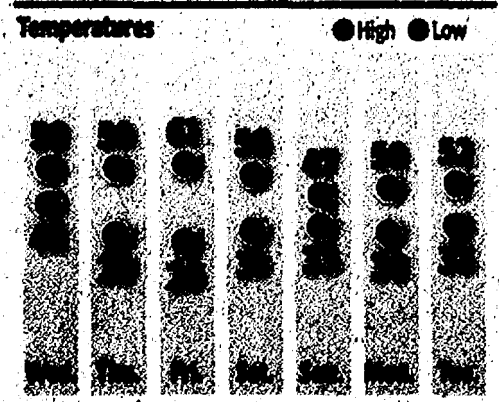
Total for the month: 3.77"

Total for the year: 6.58"

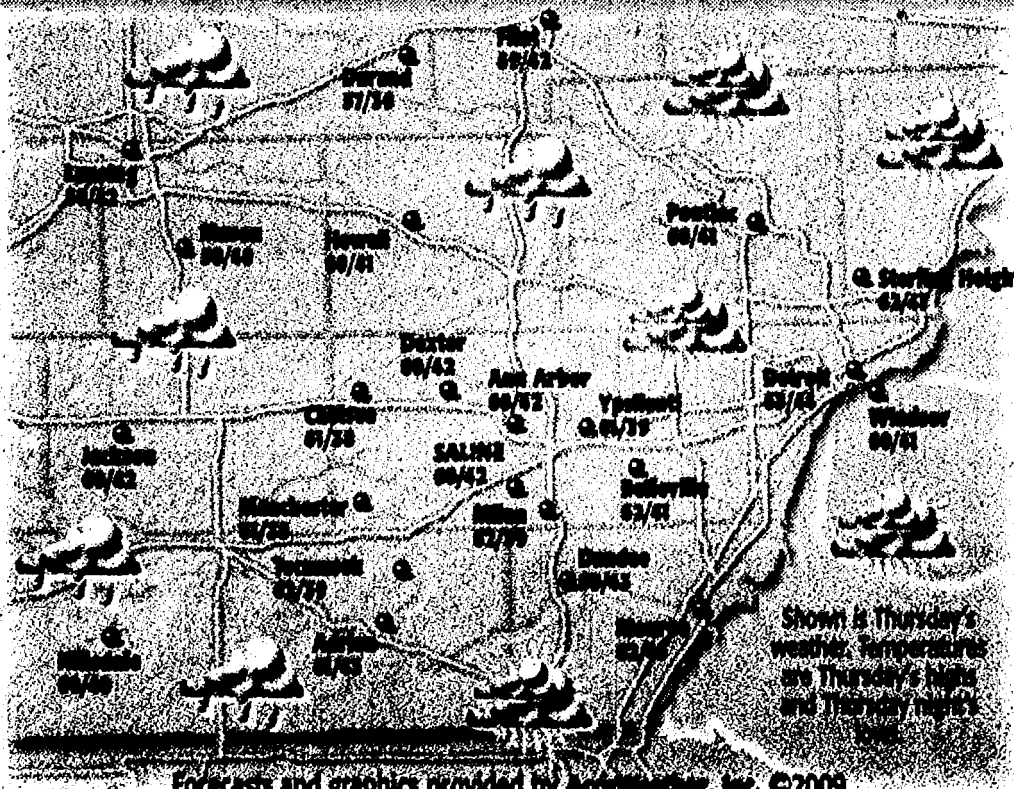
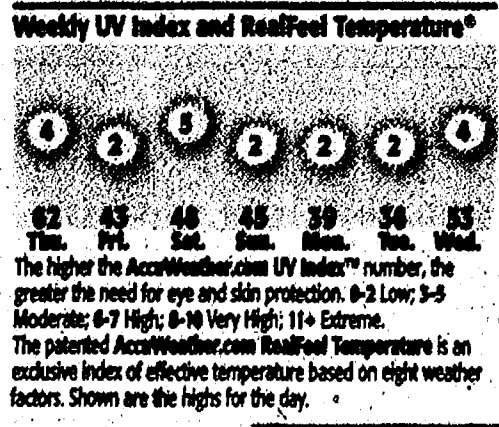
Normal for the month: 2.78"

Normal for the year: 7.08"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS



THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS



SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Thursday	7:14 a.m.	8:03 p.m.
Friday	7:13 a.m.	8:04 p.m.
Saturday	7:11 a.m.	8:05 p.m.
Sunday	7:09 a.m.	8:06 p.m.
Monday	7:08 a.m.	8:06 p.m.
Tuesday	7:06 a.m.	8:07 p.m.
Wednesday	7:05 a.m.	8:07 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	7:15 p.m.	3:15 a.m.
Friday	1:30 p.m.	3:57 a.m.
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	4:53 a.m.
Sunday	4:00 p.m.	5:03 a.m.
Monday	5:13 p.m.	5:29 a.m.
Tuesday	6:24 p.m.	5:52 a.m.
Wednesday	7:33 p.m.	6:18 a.m.

RIVER LEVELS

4 p.m.	Apr 2
4 p.m.	Full
4 p.m.	Apr 9
4 p.m.	Last
4 a.m.	Apr 17
4 a.m.	New
4 a.m.	Apr 24