

**Firemen fight pole barn fire last week**

The Manchester Township Fire Department and the Chelsea Fire Department were called out to Bethel Church Road on Tuesday, December 3 around 8 p.m., and found a 144 by 50 foot pole barn that belonged to Walter and Mike Horodeczny, fully engulfed in flames. Fire Chief Keith Johnson estimated losses at well over \$300,000 in equipment and at least \$50,000 more for the building.

There was a greater potential for danger and damage Keith explained, because down-wind was a 1,000 gallon propane tank and also nearby were chemicals used to treat hay. Luckily, the wind wasn't blowing in the direction of the house about 30-40 yards away. Firefighters were also able to save a semi-trailer that was outside the shop door.

Having been out of town all day, Walter and Monica Horodeczny didn't know about the fire on their farm until they came home to firefighters still working on the scene. However, co-owners Mike and Sula Horodeczny were called immediately at their farm on Pleasant Lake Road, and when they arrived, found all of their shop equipment, three or four farm tractors, a combine, hay mowers, balers, and more were destroyed.

"We've pretty much ruled out arson," said Keith, "there was heat, electricity and a lot of vehicles which anyone of their batteries could have shorted out."

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**District School Facility Development Discussed at Board of Education Meeting**

The General Session of the Board of Education regular meeting Monday night summarized the basic master plan constructed by the facility planning committee from previous community and staff input. This master plan was structured through input from residents of the community, teachers, administrators, students, etc. including information and ideas presented at a town meeting.

The Board needs to give final approval of the project by February 10 to meet the June 8th bond issue election deadline.

The project encompasses these goals and objectives of the district:

- Provide sufficient and adequate instructional space for all curriculum offerings including science and technology, humanities, performing and visual arts, and physical education.
- Increase the size of Media Centers and make them the technological "nerve center" in each school.
- The schools must embrace today's newest technology as well as future technology.
- Provide adequate space for Special Education programs.
- Maximize the flexible utilization of existing facilities.
- House the Kindergarten and 5th grade with other elementary students.
- Upgrade or provide support spaces such as Career and Counseling, Administration, Kitchens, Staff Planning Areas, and General Storage.
- Improve infrastructural elements such as ventilation, plumbing, electrical, acoustical, circulation and finish systems.

Joe Turk, Board of Education member, was the spokesperson for the ad hoc committee. He explained the proposed two-phase action plan geared to the overall master plan and presented comprehensive graphed charts demonstrating district enrollment and budget projections. Projections ranged from existing building capacity of 1,020 and enrollment of 1,002 to the school year 2002/03 with a minimum estimated enrollment figure of 1,225 (proposed building capacity without new high school-1,250) to maximum estimated enrollment of 1,550 (proposed building capacity with new high school-1,550).

Dave Larson and Jim Mumby of TMP Associates, Inc., the architectural firm that has been engaged, then presented proposed floor plans for Klager, Nellie Ackerson and the High School.

Comments were requested of audience members and the overall consensus of opinion was support with only minor reservations about specific details. As Mr. Larson and Supt. Niedzwiecki explained, the See School, page 3

**SANTA AND HELPER COME TO TOWN**

*Santa Claus and Official Christmas Elf John are escorted in grand style by Mr. George Macomber and his Belgian reindeer "King". See additional Santa pictures on page 11.*

*— Photo by Kathy Kueffner*

**ZBA interprets Home Occupation Act relative to conditional use permits**

Village Council convened as the Zoning Board of Appeals for a short time at Monday's meeting after being asked by Councilperson Bill Kwolek to interpret the definition and application of limitations of "home occupation". This action stemmed from an article which was printed in the October 24 issue of the Manchester Enterprise where publisher Emory Garlick specifically asked Kwolek whether he was conducting a business out of his home without a variance, referring to the R1-B conditional use permit required for home occupations.

Immediately following this question, Kwolek requested a ZBA meeting as well as outlined details of his consulting business.

BK Technology Consultants, of which Kwolek is sole proprietor, offers consulting services in the fields of laser and electro-optics, mechanical engineering and industrial design.

"I maintain an office in one room on the main floor and occasionally use part of the basement to assemble or repair the instrumentation which I design....At this date, my home is used to produce income on the average of 15-20 hours per week. BK Technology work shares the use of my office and workshop with the volunteer work I offer to the Village and St. Mary's parish. However, if I had the opportunity, I would expand the time allocated to the business. Anyone who doubts is welcome to visit."

Kwolek also listed 30 occupations known in Manchester which are operated out of the house, yet do not have conditional use permits. The list included house painters, photographers, tutors, handyman services, cleaning services, artists, accountants and real estate agents. Other council members were able to expand upon the list, resulting in a consensus that if the occupation does not change the residential character of the neighborhood or does not have a visible impact on the neighborhood, then a conditional use permit is not required. As Kwolek stated, "This individual right should prevail without restriction unless or until the income producing process alters the residential character of the neighborhood and warrants government limitation through zoning specification based on objective standards."

The ZBA did determine that the definition of "home occupation" was too vague and should be worked on by the ordinance committee, which coincidentally is headed by Kwolek. Currently, the definition of "home occupation" (in part) is "an occupation that is traditionally and customarily carried on in the home by resident members of the family....being clearly incidental and secondary to the principal, residential use...."

The question Kwolek and other council members were unable to define was "traditional and customary". It was agreed that an objective standard is needed to better define "home occupation".

**WWRA waits for grant**

On December 6th Governor John Engler signed into law House Bill No. 5137 appropriating money to the DNR's 1992 budget for approved contracts which includes the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority's \$330,400 grant. The authority estimates at least two weeks before they have a signed contract. Several new factors however, have arisen since the time of the public hearing, and now must be resolved with the DNR before any money will be released.

Technically, once the legislator passes each year's DNR appropriations bill into law, nothing from that point on can stop the money from being released. Unfortunately, in the situation of the WWRA, the DNR is breaking from its standard policies, requiring the WWRA to "lump through hoops", according to Frank Hammer, WWRA Vice-Chairman.

Comparatively speaking, the total dollar amount for the recycling grant from the DNR is relatively small, however it is unique. Never before has a 10 government entity come together proposing to initiate a solid waste reduction program maintained under local control. Additionally, this program returns public tax dollars to the collective community, which benefits might not otherwise be realized. The Michigan Clean Air Act, passed approximately four years ago by public vote, mandates that portions non-general fund bond money be spent yearly through DNR approved programs.

The next WWRA meeting will be on December 18th, 7 p.m., at Sylvan Township Hall in Chelsea, 112 W. Middle St.

For more information call Sybil Kolon, 475-8963 or 428-8108.

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**Early Holiday Deadline Notice:**  
Deadline for submission of ads and articles for the December 26th issue will be Friday, December 20 at 3:00 p.m.; for the January 2nd issue, the deadline is Friday, December 27th at 3:00 p.m.

NEWS and FEATURES

Cutting Your Own: A Christmas Tradition — R. Zang

Now that deer hunting season has passed, I no longer look to see what kind of trophy be- decks the hoods or roofs of passing automobiles. But I have seen another type of ornamentation on them of a green needlely nature. Christmas trees. And lots of them.

It seems that this year more people than ever have driven to and from this area taking advantage of the various tree farms that allow you to cut your own. Not to slight the various groups who provide pre-cut trees for you to purchase—they provide a necessary service—but there exists a mystique about going out and finding THE TREE that will become the focus of family celebrations in millions of American homes.

Enough local tree farms exist that allow you to make choices about tree type, size, price, and service. We might even consider ourselves lucky to know that at least four places exist within 15-20 minutes drive from Manchester. Consider Fodor's just south of Grass Lake, Hillside Tree Farm on US 12 just west of M-52, Ared Tree Farms west of Chelsea, and Christmas Tree Lane on Fishville off of Sharon Valley between here and Grass Lake. Each offer a variety of tree types, provide saws for cutting, and machines to wrap your purchase for easier transportation.

Obviously prime time for cutting trees just passed this last week-end, but nasty weather may have kept you from venturing out. Let it be known, these places will cater to your needs right up to the last minute. And if you already have a tree, they sell roping, centerpieces, grave blankets, and craft items.



Customers enjoy a wagon ride at Fodor's Tree Farm. —Photo by Kathy Kueffner

To make things comfortable for you, wagon rides, hot beverages, tasty treats, warming rooms, and Santa laps complement the adventure.

I learned some things about the tree farm business after visiting with Jack Schroen, owner of Christmas Tree Lane. Jack started working on the tree farm at age thirteen, liked it enough to come back year after year, until he was offered a chance to buy the farm from the original owners. He did so 18 years ago. I kind of trust his experience as others obviously do too, as he fondly remarks of the repeat customers, many who came as small children with their own parents.

Jack sells white, Norway, and blue spruce; white and Scotch pine, and Douglas fir. He can't predict what customers will buy from year to year, nor understand why people choose the size tree they do. You see, Christmas Tree Lane has trees ranging in size from five to forty feet in height and each one costs the same. Jack has seen someone cut down a 30 foot tree thinking it would fit perfectly in the room with the cathedral ceiling. They often forget to take into account that a tall tree also has proportionate width, often too big for what the room can accommodate.

at this transformation, and never intends to use pesticides again. Other farms may use chemicals and/or fertilizers to create the beauties Americans demand.

I remember the year we picked out a tree to tip up to our nine-foot high den, only to find the need for more lights, more ornaments, a wide-hoods corner, and no top space for the angel. Now I measure where I wish to place the tree and take a tape measure along to the tree farm.

Jack typically plants 8,000 seedlings every spring to make up for the trees cut the previous year. He always plants more than he sells, and has about a 95 percent survival rate of transplants. After 3 years after planting, Jack begins shearing and trimming. Significantly, he clips the "leader" (or center shoot) of every pine back to 1 foot in height. This allows new buds and branches to form beneath it so as to create the fullness we expect of Christmas trees. The buds of the branches can also be trimmed so that density is added.

With the seedlings that Jack now buys from a nursery along Lake Michigan, he can bring a tree to maturity in about six years. A method called "root pruning" cuts about two years off the growing time. Of course, the bigger the tree, the longer it's been around.

How about the environment? One thing for sure, Jack plants far more than he sells, and I bet this goes true for other places. Additionally, he stopped using chemicals to control pests or ward off disease about seven years ago. Ladybugs, in copious numbers, were introduced to his crops, and ever since they have kept his trees healthy and strong. Jack emphasized his amazement

Now some tree farms like Hillside Tree Farm will sell live potted Christmas trees, but doing so puts the farm in the category of a nursery, and so licensing regulations change. According to Jack this expense is something he wishes not to deal with. Other farms deal exclusively on a wholesale basis. Many northern Michigan farms fall into this category. Yet 95 retail farms exist in the state in which you can pick up a saw and cut your own.

Jack warns that planting 8,000 seedlings in a field will not bring instant riches or a long term college education for your children. If trees are not tended to properly, and marketing strategies attended to, you will end up with a nice pine forest, do your part for the environment, and probably not make much money.

Now I'm the kind of guy that appreciates a tree with character, a Charlie Brown type offering. But my children demand we have normal trees for awhile. So tree farms aren't a bad choice. I know the tree will be fresh, and it will last a long time and not dry out, as long as it has a constant supply of water. And I just can't get into the artificial thing. So if you haven't already, stop in at one of these places and check it out. If not this year, then maybe next. Finally, don't forget to read "The Little Fir Tree" by Hans Christen Anderson before you dispose of your tree. Give it a happy resting place.

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The MANCHESTER ENTERPRISE Second Front Page: Plastics Tax Abatement

Manchester Plastics, scheduled to reopen January 2, was awarded a nine year tax abatement under Public Act 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate at the public hearing portion of Monday night's Village Council meeting.

During public participation, mixed feelings were shared by neighbors about Plastics' commitment to controlling the disturbances created both inside and outside the facility. One proponent, Deb Havens, expressed that Plastics has been very cooperative with the self-appointed citizens' group of which she is a member. "In all cases, they have been willing to meet with us. They have made the kinds of progress that shows they are worthy of giving them the benefit of the doubt."

Beginning in early summer, she and the committee met monthly with Peter Ballantyne, general manager, Bob Beene, controller, and Dave Ross, facilities manager, all three were present at the public hearing. Common concerns discussed included water pollution, noise and light emission. According to Havens, they have made positive efforts toward cleaning up the oil-contaminated soil and since the barrier around the cooling tower has been erected, there has been a definite improvement.

Ballantyne said that the cooling tower, which is believed to be the source of the noise problem, has been running almost constantly for about the past two months. However, Havens elaborated that another source of noise are the fans when they are running full-tilt. She said, however, the committee meetings have been put on the back burner since the last one in October, because as she explained, opening their doors should be their top priority.

Council person Larry Becktel noted that in the daytime a couple of weeks ago, at his home across the river, he could hear the Plastics' loud speaker. He suggested giving Plastics until April or May 1 to get that alleviated, so once the warm weather arrives and windows are going up, neighbors won't be burdened.

Also in attendance for public participation was Andy Supers who was not as pleased as Havens with Plastics' accomplishments. "Here we are a year or whatever later and we can't even address the issue of a loud-speaker. I don't think we'll see a resolution of the lighting situation. What's to say it's not going to get worse?"

Ballantyne said that something can be done quickly about the P.A. system. Light emission is not so easily taken care.

"We have allocated a substantial amount of money for next year to take care of problems," however he noted that to solve the lighting problem, it would cost around \$180,000. "We're not ready to commit that amount—like I said we've allocated a substantial amount, about one-third of that."

Council members agreed that Plastics' responsiveness to the community was an honest and concerted effort.

As Chris Brooks said: "I'm not getting the sense we're getting b.s.'ed. I'm getting the sense that if something is not do-able, you're telling us."

Currently, Pilot Industries has a tax abatement in effect; Manchester Plastics has expired, as well as Johnson Controls' and Vickers' abatements. "Part of our duty is to make sure that operation of our Village is not threatened by too many exemptions given," said Village Mayor President Mary Kalleward.

Based on this abatement for \$1.3 million, savings for the Village will be about \$6,000, to start in 1993.

How did council arrive at nine years, instead of the possible 12 years or any number in between?

An evaluation based on impact to the community was examined and each area was either awarded points or points were subtracted.

In the first section, 200 out of the possible 200 points were awarded for the number of jobs created (122) and the number of jobs retained (8). This section alone gave Plastics seven years.

Section 2—Total investment concerning land, if purchased from the Village; building and

site improvements; and personal property.

Section 3—Environmental impact.

Section 5—Commitment to community in terms of constant operation.

Section 6—Cost to community. By the time all points were added, excluding Section 5—commitment to community—Manchester Plastics was at a total of 282.5 points equalling eight years. Commitment to the community in terms of constant operation, worth 35 points, was then discussed.

In their defense, Ballantyne said that they will be recalling some of their employees previously laid-off.

"When we came in here, we had the thought of significantly increasing pay. We are by far a plastics plant in the upper quadrant of pay in this area."

Council member Jane Cooper noted that "constant" means without a break. "Sure, if you define it literally," said Council member Bill Kwolek, who proposed to award Plastics half of the maximum total because they were "continuous in maintenance, management and in co-operation, and they paid taxes."

However, they haven't manufactured or employed, he noted. Council agreed and with these final points, Manchester Plastics arrived at a total of 300 points, the lowest possible score for a nine year tax abatement.

—Vanessa Forsthoefel

In personal property, Manchester Plastics spent an estimated \$1,350,821 in building improvements, the cost of rebuilding the existing injection presses and the acquisition of auxiliary equipment. Plastics is the sole source of interior door panels for Chrysler ZJ Jeep program that will begin production at their Jefferson Avenue plant in Detroit on January 6, 1992 said Bob Beene.

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plans consisted of basic "blocks" that would be expanded when (and if) warranted.

An audience member asked: "How much?" to which Supt. Niedzwiecki replied, emphasizing it was only a rough estimate, around 3 plus mills. The cost summary: Proposed total bond of \$6.9 million plus interest income of \$384,000 (not including capitalized interest cost), making an available project cost of \$7,284,000.

Charts and plans are available to the community.

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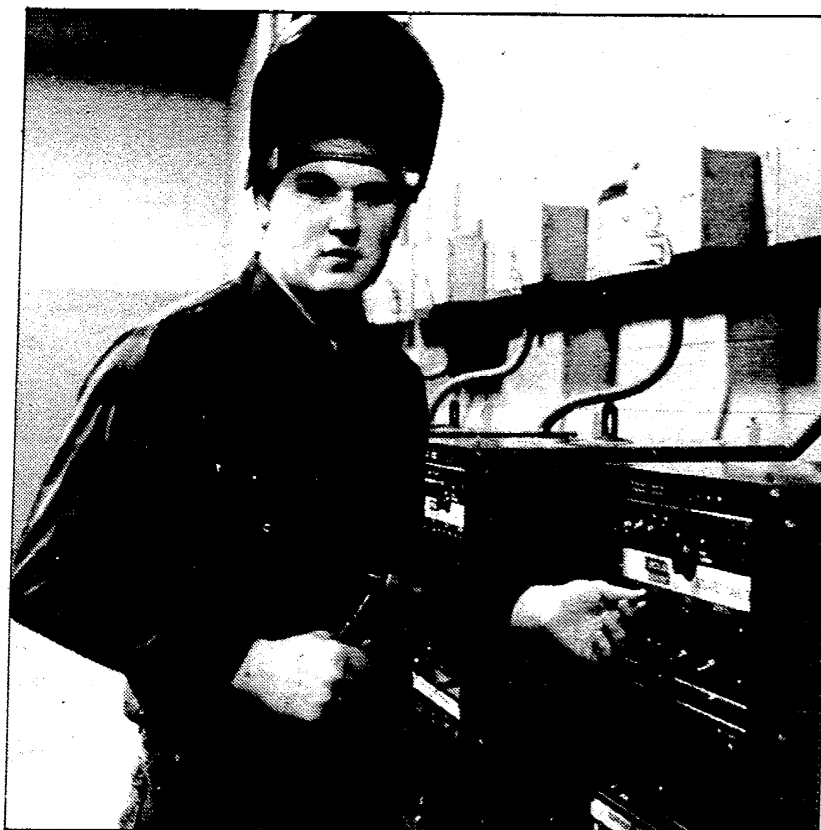
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### Weidmayer is Merit Award Winner in 1991 Welding Competition

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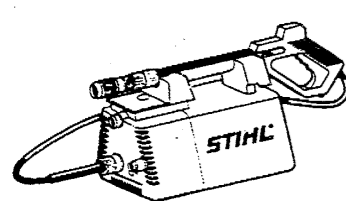
Weidmayer, who works on the family dairy farm in Manchester, submitted a step-by-step description and illustration of adaptations to a "quick lift"—a piece of equipment that changes tires on tractors and big farm equipment—for the competition. His design was one of 41 merit award winning entries from across the United States.

"It (the competition) was a good experience," said Weidmayer. "You can learn a lot. There are a lot of things you don't think can be welded but they can."

After three years of instruction at WCC, Weidmayer sees the far-reaching applications of his welding skills both on the farm and in general. "Repairing equipment is like recycling, and it's more economical than buying new."

Weidmayer graduated from Manchester High School in 1989. He was encouraged to enter the competition by his WCC Welding Instructors Bill Figg and Clyde Hall.

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## Interviews with German Students

Following are excerpts from interviews with German exchange students by high school students in June Weiland's English Literature class.

As an English project we interviewed the German students who were hosted by different families in the Manchester area. I was given the privilege to interview Franziska Kloppenburg who was staying with Wendy Haeussler and her family where she felt very much at home.

Franziska is a 15 year old German student who enjoys swimming and tennis in her spare time away from school. She says that although they are in school for less time they tend to have more homework to do. She enjoys the schools here because everybody is so friendly, however, she would rather be able to eat lunch at home with her family as she does back home. Franziska has three more years until she will graduate from high school. After graduation she plans to go to college to study language. Currently besides speaking English and German she also speaks French and Latin.

Interview by Lisa Lozier

As an English project I had the privilege to interview Lars Reichman who was staying with Jeff Hughes...Lars is eighteen right now and will be graduating next year because they have thirteen grades instead of twelve grades. Over in Germany Lars starts school at 7:45 and it gets out at 1:10. They have forty-

five minutes periods. They also go to school every other Saturday. During his vacation and when he's not at school he works at a travel agency. He does believe that school is much harder over there but less time is spent in the class room. Lars has one to two hours of homework a night. Lars likes playing tennis for fun and enjoys watching American football games when he's here. The best thing he likes doing over in America is golfing with Jeff because it is too expensive in Germany.

Over in Germany tennis and soccer are the most popular sports...

Interview by Joanne Kemner

Melanie Peruzzo is from North Germany. She keeps busy with school activities. Her favorite subject is English. Melanie's favorite sports are swimming and horseback riding. She is a senior in a ten-year school. Melanie said German schools are harder. She has six exams a year, and a different schedule every day. She also said that in Germany schools to answer a question you have to raise your hand and wait to be called on, unlike here where they don't enforce that rule...

Interview by Gary A. Beard

Anja Wilken is sixteen years old. Anja was hosted by Michelle Mann and her family. Some of Anja's previous travels include Spain and other parts of Europe. This was her first visit to America...



Front row (l-r): Timo Wiechman, Melanie Peruzzo, Melanie Panzer, Stella Bothon, Franziska Kloppenburg, Swantje Peterson, Nicole Rudiger, Anja Wilken. Second row: Lars Reichman, Helen Risch Oliver (last name not available), Wilhe Merkamp.

Anja enjoyed going to the football games. She liked how the community joined together to support the football team and the school...

She believes that too many people go by car. She thinks that America should have better public transportation. Anja rides her bike for five minutes then takes a bus for ten minutes to get to school.

After finishing high school, Anja plans to go to a trade school.

Nicole Rudiger is fifteen years old. While here in America she stayed with the family of Bridget Deschaine...

Among the events that the Germans took part in, Nicole especially liked touring Chrysler Proving Grounds in Chelsea.

Nicole found Manchester small but peaceful. She thought that the landscape was beautiful. The people of the community seemed very nice and outgoing. As she went to school, she found she didn't like how long the school day was. She believes that German schools are more strict than American schools. She hated the desks at the school. She found them to be very uncomfortable.

Nicole also didn't like fast food. She said that she is more used to family sit-down meals at home.

Swantje Peterson is sixteen years old. Swantje completed the second half of the exchange by staying with Krista Sahakian and her family.

Swantje found the American school system very different than that of Germany. She thought school here was too easy and that the students didn't work hard enough. She said that in Germany she gets more homework and the work is harder. Extra curricular activities are more important here. In Germany you have to join a club to play a sport. There aren't any school sports. She also thinks that more foreign languages should be taught.

Above three interviews by Kim Davis and Linda Devulder

Kim Davis and Linda Devulder thinks that more foreign languages should be taught. Melanie Panzer is a bright, happy German student. Her favorite subjects to study are languages; English & French.

Helen Risch was a visitor from Germany. Her favorite subjects to study are arithmetic, chemistry, physics and

sports... When Helen gets out of high school she wants to go to a university... She said the colors of the trees in America were a lot prettier when they turn in fall.

Above two interviews by Jennifer Hampton

I interviewed Stella Bothon, an exchange student from Germany. I asked about many things that were important to students here at Manchester to see if those same things were as important to students in Germany. In Germany, you have to be eighteen years old to get a license and it is very expensive. It costs 1020 Marks, which is about \$700...They all enjoy hanging around friends and going to discos.

The emphasis placed on sports is almost nothing when compared to what it is here. In Germany, if you want to play sports, you join clubs. It was a little shocking to them how much emphasis was placed on sports, they especially mentioned football...Stella also said that she would like Americans to learn the typical German's way of life.

Interview by Laurie McGee

On Thursday, October 10, the English Literature class interviewed the German exchange students. I interviewed Oliver Kailbee, who is sixteen years old and has a girlfriend back home in Germany that he misses. I first asked him about school and he starts school at 7:45 getting out at 1:10. He goes to school five days a week and every other Saturday. He says he gets about two and a half hours of homework a night.

Next I interviewed Timo Wiechman who is fifteen and a half years of age. Timo says he liked coming to America, he even wishes he could stay here longer...He says his school puts on musicals and he listens to music a lot. In his spare time, he likes meeting new people, parties, soccer, basketball, tennis and shopping. He also likes going to the movies.

Interview by Jody Mitchell

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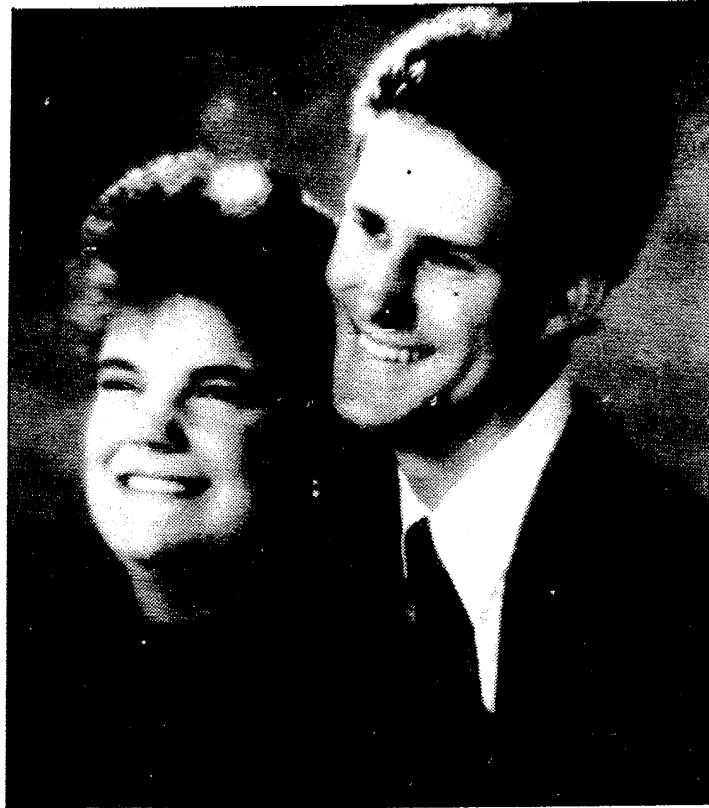
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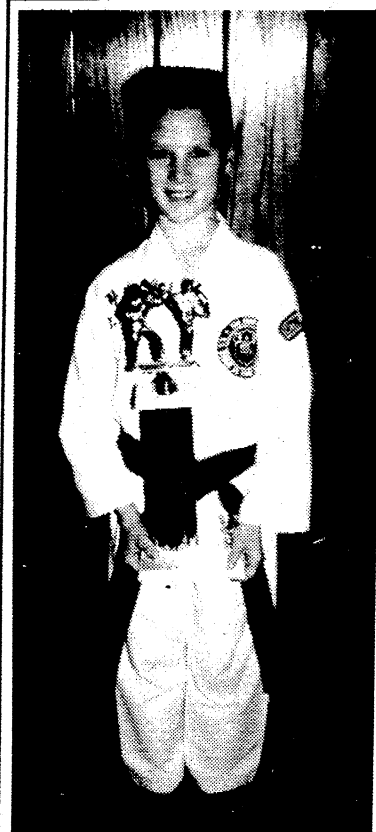


The engagement of Susan L. Waldrop of Saline to Mark J. Meister of Ypsilanti has been announced. Susan is the daughter of Mrs. Karen Waldrop and the late Frank Waldrop of Saline; Mark is the son of Frederick J. Meister of Canton, MI and Kathleen and Kenny Siler of Manchester.

Susan is a 1984 graduate of Saline High School and a 1988 graduate of Northwood Institute, Midland, MI with a Bachelor's in Business Administration-Marketing and Management.

Susan is employed as a Marketing Coordinator for the NSK Corporation in Ann Arbor. Mark is a 1985 honor graduate of Manchester High School and a 1989 graduate of Northern Michigan University in Marquette with a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology. Mark is employed by the Organ Procurement Agency of Michigan in Ann Arbor as a Certified Medical Technologist.

A May 23, 1992 wedding date is planned.



**Congratulations, Tyler Pate Powers for receiving second place in sparring at Inkster Recreational Center in Inkster, MI. Tyler is a 6th gup green belt. He trains at Chelsea Tae Kwon Do. His instructor is Mr. Michael K. Poxson. Since then Tyler has become a 5th gup purple belt.**



## Brokaw/Wilson United in Marriage

Jodi Lynn Brokaw, daughter of Gary and Polly Brokaw of Manchester, and John F. Wilson, son of John and Marie Elena of Brooklyn, N.Y., were united in marriage by Fr. Murray at St. Mary's Catholic Church on August 10, 1991.

Marijim Thoen played traditional organ music and accompanied by Gina Lentz. Jodi was given in marriage by her father. Best Man was Eddie Wilson, brother of the groom. Maid of Honor was Theresa Powers, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Cheryl Campbell, Carol Meta, Tina Thompson (all sisters of the bride), Jill Collins, Michelle Stetler and Jessica Fishman.

The reception was held at Webers Inn, Ann Arbor. The couple honeymooned in Aruba.

Jodi graduated from Manchester High School in 1987. The couple now make their home in Brooklyn, N.Y.

# Senior Citizen's News

—T.V. Ludwick

Christmas is a special time for young and old and those in between. The young made it special last Friday when they treated the seniors to the annual Klager's Senior Day. We surely do appreciate the many hours of practice by both teachers and 1st through 4th graders who made our morning so much fun. Under the direction of Mrs. Kay Miller, we were rewarded with three small violinists, several playing recorders and vibrant voices who brought the season's cheer to us. The energy and exuberance! One young lad directly in front of us put heart and soul into the actions accompanying "The Twelve Days of Christmas" while singing merrily. Then on to a tour of the classrooms and the very different class ornaments and projects. Time then to sit at a table in the gym and enjoy the full turkey dinner with your hosts and hostesses (even pie). This feat has to be one of complete organization on the part of 3rd and 4th grade parents who cook, High School Leadership Class and maintenance staff of the schools. We extend a very large thank you to all who made this such a special day.

**Thursday December 19:** This is the last senior lunch in '91—where did this time go? Jan and crew plan a Christmas dinner featuring pork chops with dressing for our pleasure. Come and enjoy, but you must call Jan in the kitchen by 10:30 a.m. on the 19th for reservations (428-7630).

**Saturday, December 21:** A trip is planned to leave the center at 11 a.m. for the Irish Hills and the Stagecoach Christmas presentation. Call Erma Alber (428-8707) if you'd like to go.

**Friday December 27:** Put this on your calendar! There is still bus seats to go along to view the Petersburg Lights. Bus pickup begins at 4 p.m. for this delightful tour. Get your reservation in to Erma soon.

Rubena Boelter and I get together each Saturday to prepare the news for this column. Handy to have her next door (for lots of reasons). She and Herman are the best neighbors who continually help out whenever the need arises. To them and to all of you, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a bright 1992. We are taking a week off, watch for your column January 2.

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## Proctor's Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

The 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Proctor was honored with a celebration on Sunday, December 8th, at the Clinton United Methodist Church. Members of the immediate family met for a catered dinner in the basement of the church prior to the visit of nearly 275 guests.

Wesley Proctor and Virginia Kulenkamp were married December 10, 1941 at the Manchester Methodist Church by the Rev. John Bunney (now deceased).

Attendants at Sunday's celebration were Rachel (Pardee) Whittaker of Spring Arbor, Lucille (Parr) Bevier, Brooklyn, Nancy (Kulenkamp) Thibault, Saline, Mrs. Proctor's niece who served as flower girl, Soloist as part of a duet, Rosemary (Schwab) Schneider of Tecumseh and Lester Proctor, Wesley's brother, who was supposed to have served as best man, but was called back to the service due to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Harvey Proctor Jr. (deceased due to drowning in 1943) was the best man. Emma (Proctor) Dinius, also deceased, was also a bridesmaid.

Wesley is "retired" from retail sales. He owned and operated Proctor's Market in Clinton until 1956, when he opened Proctor's Shoe Store in Tecumseh (purchased from Chet Merritt). He is currently employed as a Realtor with Fahey Realty in Clinton.

Virginia, Society Editor for the Clinton Local, is a retired school teacher. She taught school for 30 years, 25 of which were spent with the Clinton School system. The couple has two children, a daughter, Maryann (Mrs. Carl) Habrick of Clinton; a son Bob Proctor of Adrian; three grandchildren, Janet Hilderley, Hillsdale, Virginia (Mrs. Michael) Krauss, Clinton, and Rick Hilderley of Tecumseh, two great-grandchildren, Salena Heimerdinger and Spencer Krauss.

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In Memory Of:

Lorena M. Little, of Manchester, 85 passed away at the Saline Evangelical Home on December 17, 1991. Lorena was born in Freedom Township, Mi., on April 11, 1906 the daughter of Gottlieb and Mary (Lindauer) Scherdt. On August 6, 1960 she was married to Edgar Little and he preceded her in death on October 27, 1975. Lorena was a life-long farmer and homemaker in Freedom Township. She was also a member of Bethel United Church of Christ in Freedom Township.

Lorena is survived by three step-sons: Robert and Jean, Guy and Annelise and David and Janice of Manchester; one step-daughter, Ann and Douglas Price of Jacksonville, Fla.; nine step-grandchildren; 11 step-great-grand children; one niece, Margaret and Robert Gilbert of Dexter; one nephew, Armine and Barbara Scherdt of Saline.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Theodore and Ernest Scherdt.

The Little family received callers at the Jenter-Braun Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 17, 1991 from 7-9 p.m. and on Wednesday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 19, 1991 at 11 a.m. from the Funeral Home with the Rev. Roman Reineck officiating. Interment will be in the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. Those wishing an expression of sympathy for the Little family may make memorial contributions to Bethel United Church of Christ.

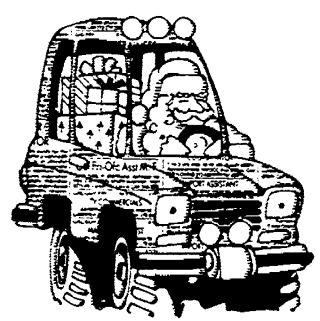
In Memory Of:

Jessie Lillian Darling Weinhardt, 79, died on December 8, 1991. She was born on April 16, 1912.

She was preceded in death by her husband William Arthur Weinhardt and one son.

Jessie is survived by two sons, John K. Weinhardt of Saline, and Peter Joe Weinhardt of Manchester and also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was a resident of Manchester for over 40 years. Jessie had also taken care of 76 foster children and was a long time rabbit raiser/breeder.



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In Memory Of:

Oscar Shonsheck, 81, of Brooklyn, formerly of Brandon, Fla., passed away Thursday, December 5, 1991 at Bixby Hospital in Adrian.

He was born January 26, 1910, the son of Henry and Mattilda (Thaens) Shonsheck. He was married to Florence Troiz on October 4, 1933. She preceded him in death on September 17, 1989.

He is survived by one sister, Fern Sutton of Manchester and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Harold Paya.

Mr. Shonsheck was the owner of Shon Shacks Resort at Houghton Lake for 35 years. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

According to his wishes, Mr. Shonsheck has been cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Manchester United Methodist Church

Wednesday, December 18: 12 Noon UMW, 3:15 Girl Scouts Thursday, December 19: 7pm Committee meetings, 8pm Ad Council Friday, December 20: 9am MFS, 9:45 Bible Study/Church Sunday, December 22: 9:30am Sunday School, 10:30 Worship Tuesday, December 24: 7:30 & 11pm Christmas Eve Worship

Sharon United Methodist Church

Thursday, December 19: 5pm Food Co-Op, 6:30pm Women's Potluck Christmas Dinner Saturday, December 21: 9-10:30am Church School program practice Sunday, December 22: 11am Special Worship Service in music with special anthems by the choir, 12:30pm YF make cookies at Chizmars, 7:30 Church School Christmas program Tuesday, December 24: 8pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH—Rev. Dennis A. Falk, Pastor; Austin Road, Bridgewater; Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Worship 10:30.

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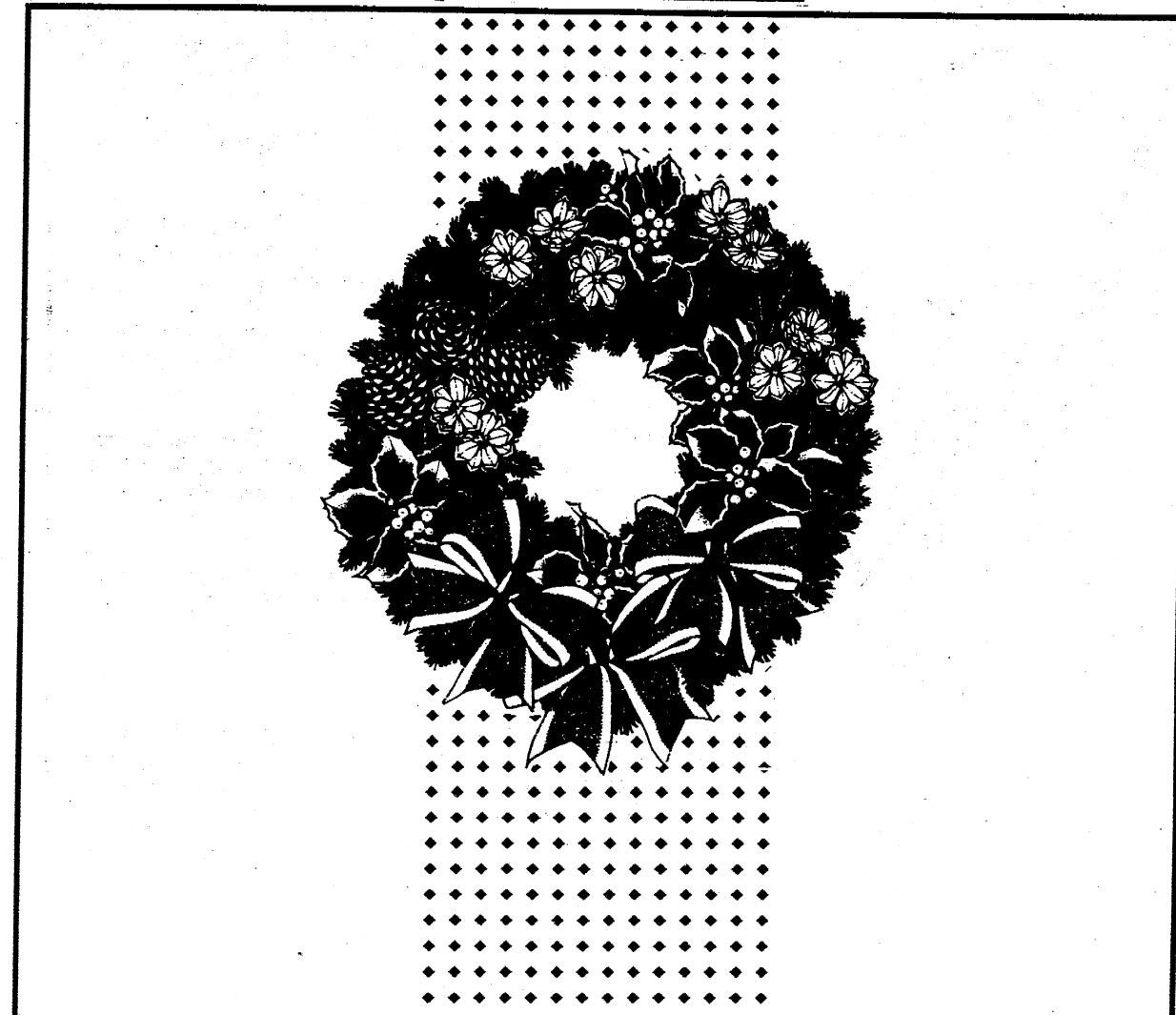
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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18**  
• WWRA Meeting 7pm Sylvan Township Hall

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 19**  
• Surprise! Surprise! & The 18th Century Shoppe open 'til 8:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 20**  
• Surprise! Surprise! & The 18th Century Shoppe, Village Gifts, Manchester Antique Mall, Jan Schmidt's, Gifts in Tyme open 'til 8:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 21**  
• Luminaria pick up at the Blacksmith Shop 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
• Surprise! Surprise! & The 18th Century shoppe open 'til 8:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 22**  
• Luminaria pick up at the Blacksmith Shop 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**MONDAY DECEMBER 23**  
• Luminaria pick up at the Blacksmith Shop 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 24**  
• Bloodmobile at St. Mary's 9:00 a.m. to Noon

• Village Offices will be open 8:00 a.m. to Noon

**Christmas Eve Area Church Services**

- St. Mary's Catholic Church 5:00 p.m. to Midnight
- Emanuel UCC 7:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.
- Bethel UCC 7:30 p.m.
- St. John's 7:30 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.
- Manchester UMC 7:30 p.m. & 11:30 p.m.
- Sharon UMC 8:00 p.m.

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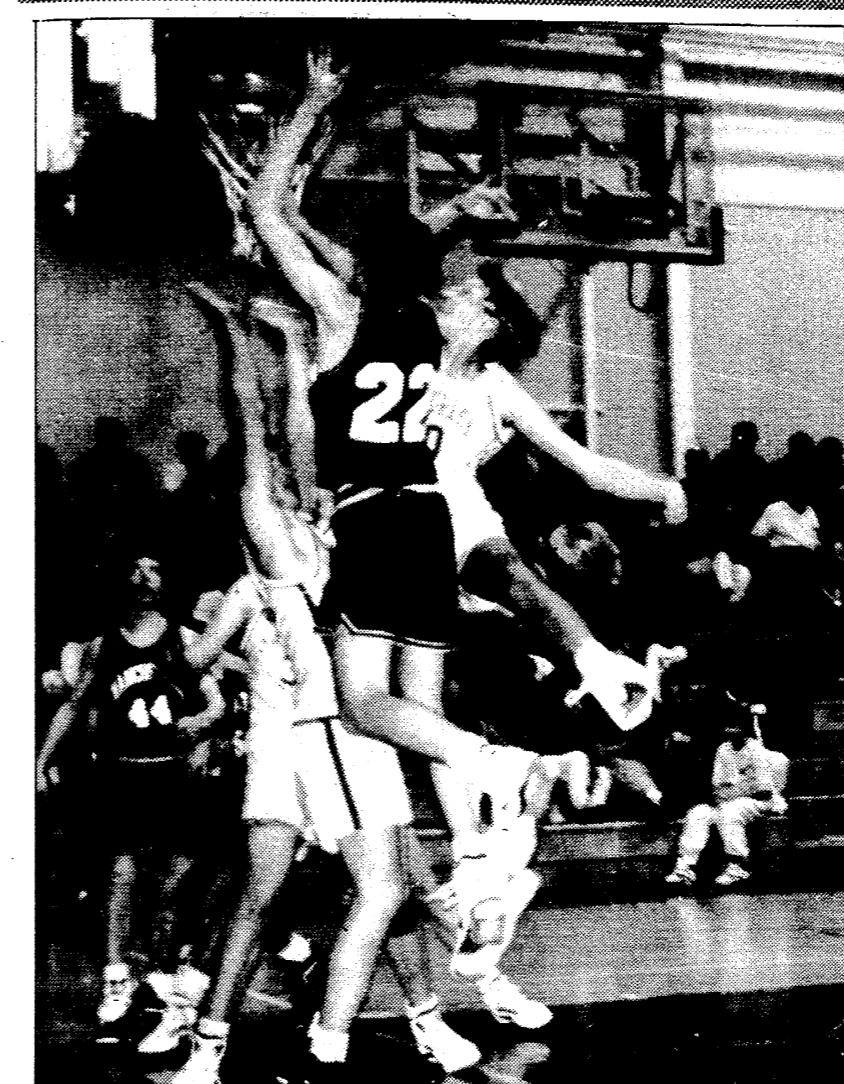
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Varsity basketball - Rob Davis shoots, totaling 32 points this week. — Photo by Jon



First year varsity coach Jim Krzyzaniak got his first win on Friday. — Photos by Jon's Photo Shop



Varsity volleyball seniors. — Photo by Jon

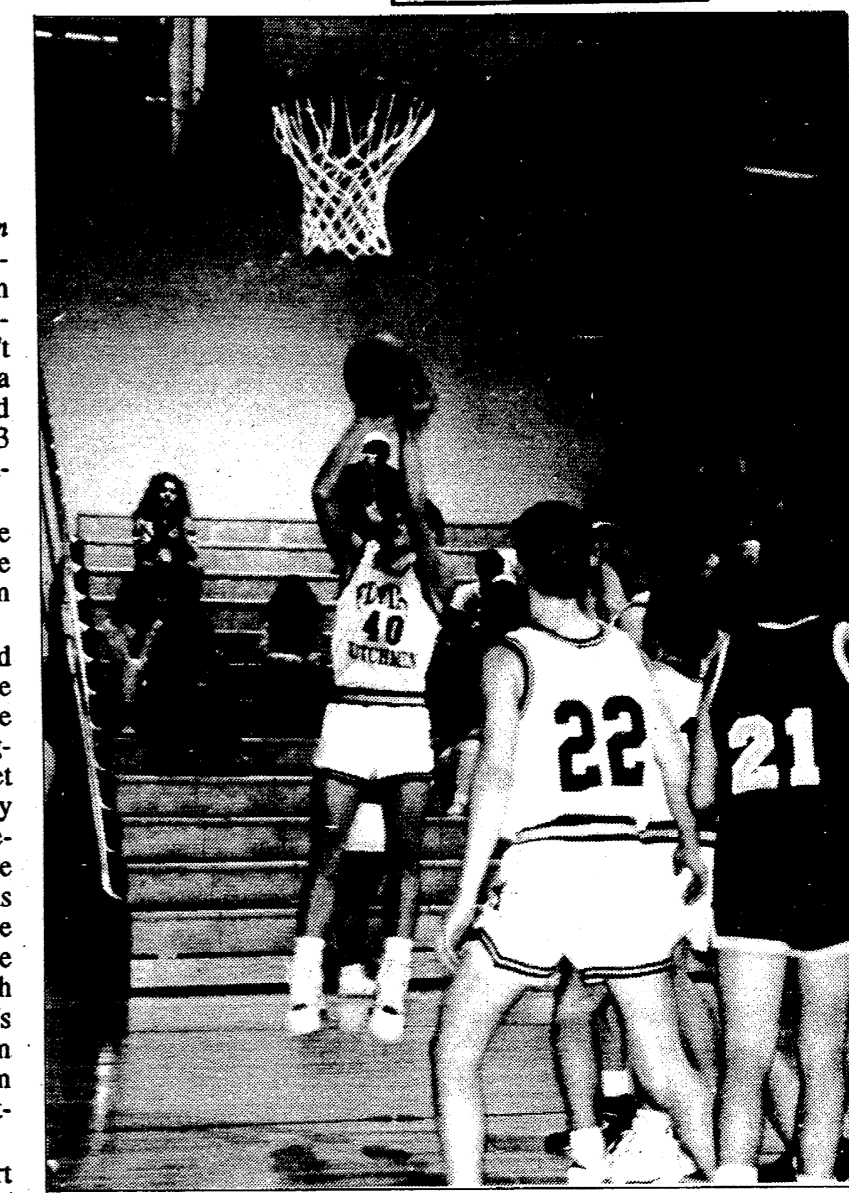
**Varsity Roundballers Begin**

—by Jon  
Tuesday we opened our 1991-92 boys' basketball campaign on the road against Sand Creek. Unfortunately, our offense just couldn't get on track, giving the Aggies a 70-47 victory. Sophomore Brad Davis led our scorers, hitting for 13 points, as Rodney Burkhardt contributed nine.

On Friday we hosted the Onsted Wildcats. What I saw on the court was an entirely different team from Tuesday's.

We played solid defense and competent offense to control the battle at halftime 31-16. The Dutchmen then acted quite sluggish, allowing the Wildcats to get back in the game. There were only five minutes and three seconds remaining when Onsted knotted the score at 46. This seemed to wake us up, as we proceeded to outscore them ten points to one, sealing the victory 57-53. Our one-two punch was supplied again by Rob Davis's 19 and Rodney Burkhardt's 12. I'm sure first-year head coach Jim Krzyzaniak is relieved to have gotten his first win.

Be with us Friday as we start our league season hosting Hanover/Horton.



JV basketball - Brandon Woods pops for 2 of his 18 Friday. — Photo by Jon

**Little Dutch Hoopsters Gaining Experience**

—by Jon  
Despite losing both games this week, it appears to me that they are improving their basketball skills quite rapidly. They are quick on defense as evidenced by Brandon Woods and Jeff Kemner each grabbing 15 steals in these two games. We also can put the ball through the hoop, as this week Brandon had 25 points and Mike Barnard had 18 for the two games. First year JV coach John Wilkins seems to be doing a good job of putting the right players on the court at the right time.

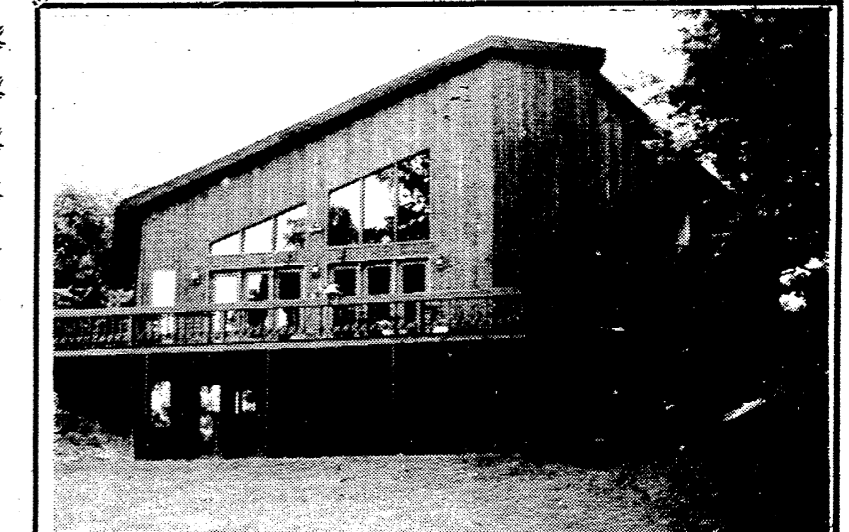
Our varsity volleyball girls' team sees their first action Saturday December 21 at Lenawee Christian Invitational in Adrian. Congratulations to the Detroit Lions for wrapping up their first playoff in eight years, and their first 11-game win season in 29 years. Congratulations to Desmond Howard for winning the 1991 Heisman trophy. Tom Harmon won in 1940, the only other U of M winner.

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Turning onto Main Street,  
My hometown looks so small.  
I'm glad some things never change,  
Seems like I never left at all.

The mill, the clock, the drugstore—  
They've all been here awhile.  
Just looking at these landmarks  
Brings to me a smile.

I see our farm in the distance,  
The barns so Christmas red,  
The farmhouse is so beautiful,  
This is my homestead.

This old road still dirt and bumpy,  
The countryside remains unchanged.  
Yes, if home is where your heart is,  
It always remains the same.

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Back to the country town I love.  
Manchester - my home sweet home,  
You're my peaceful dove.

—by Sandy Trolz  
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### WWRA Project Almost Underway DNR waits to approve grant

—Sybil Kolon

Two members of the DNR's Solid Waste Management Division were present at last week's Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority meeting to explain the status of the grant which has been approved by the State legislature and signed by Gov. Engler.

Questions have been raised by a few residents of the area as to the ability of the private sector to provide comparable recycling services to the eight township regions including the villages of Chelsea and Manchester.

Much of the meeting was devoted to explaining the original grant application and changes that have been made to it since the grant was written in September of 1990. The Authority presented information indicating that private haulers are not in a position to offer this kind of service because of the distance involved and the rural nature of the area.

Sharon Edgar, Unit Chief of the Solid Waste Management Division of the DNR, told the Authority: "I think this project is not in any danger" and expects to make a final positive recommendation on the grant to the Natural Resources Commission by December 27 unless she becomes aware of additional information which would impact the project.

The Board went on to authorize the County Board of Public Works to borrow \$500,000 on Please see WWRA, pg. 16

### Recalling Manchester History at Christmastime

As we celebrate "Christmas 1992" in Manchester, we might recall that many Christmases preceded us in this community.

During the upcoming year, we will be celebrating Manchester Village's 125th anniversary. The Village was incorporated in 1867. However, the village was settled in before 1832, and many of the businesses and even the buildings were begun much earlier than 1867.

Each year in this long history has included a celebration

### A Reminder: Suggestions Needed

The 125th Celebration Committee for the anniversary of the Village is still soliciting suggestions for the official theme to use for the upcoming events.

1992 will be the celebration year. And it is just around the corner. Any and all in the community, young and old, are invited and urged to offer suggestions for the slogan which will be used on t-shirts, posters, media releases, and events.

Please send your suggestions to: The 125th Celebration Committee, P.O. Box 761, Manchester, MI 48158. If you include your name, the author of the selected theme will receive the recognition he or she deserves!

In January, the Committee will be having a community meeting to "get specific" about what clubs, organizations, and individuals are willing to work on for the Celebration. The exact date and location will be announced soon.

If you have any questions, please call 428-8159 or 428-9312.

of Christmas, this most special holiday of Christianity. But in recalling 125+ years, perhaps one could get a better sense for that period of time if one considered some of the many events that took place during those years:

- During the year of 1867, when Manchester Village was chartered, the United States purchased Alaska from Russia.

- In 1836, the year the Townships were defined, Davey Crockett and Jim Bowie helped Texas gain independence from Mexico.

- During 1826, when the Main Street Mill was built by Emanuel Case and Harvey Gilbert, England was celebrating the first birthday of the passenger railroad.

- In 1839, the year the community first celebrated the 4th of July, William Henry Harrison was considering running for the United States Presidency.

- In 1934 when the Library moved to its permanent quarters in the Lynch house (where it still resides), Hitler became the Fuhrer.

- In 1870, the year the first train came through Manchester, the first transcontinental railway had been completed less than a year.

- In 1834 when Manchester's first post office was established, McCormick patented the reaper.

- In 1894 when the Union bank first opened, Thomas Edison's kinetoscope had its first public showing.

- In 1905, the year Manchester established what may have been the first bus line in the country (from here to Chelsea), Albert Einstein's "Theory of Relativity" was published.

Please see History, pg. 16

