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## THE GREAT VILLAGE ELECTION OF 1994

(or "Who needs ELECTED representatives anyway?")

—BY JANET SHURLIFF

Have any of these thoughts ever crossed your mind:

- It might be pretty cool to hold an elective office...but I'd be a little worried about running and losing.
- Serving on the Council sounds interesting (and I think I'd be pretty good at it) but no one has asked me to serve.
- Manchester is a little town and there seems to be a regular group of people who hold office. They don't need anyone new and probably wouldn't accept anyone new.
- Pretty interesting, isn't it. Whenever there's a Village election, there are usually the exact same number of people running for office as there are vacancies. We seldom have contested elections.

Well, get ready, folks. This year it's a little different in the history of Village of Manchester. Village election day is Monday, March 14. And this could be the year when we had an election—and not even the candidates showed up!

Or...Could it be that the Village of Manchester is waiting for you!

### Write it in: Your Name or Another's

Village Clerk Karen Tucker explained to us that all elections have a write-in option. You may write-in the name of the candidate of your choice—and then vote for that candidate—for any office on the ballot. In fact, it is not at all uncommon in Village elections for there to be a vote or two for miscellaneous write-in candidates.

The mechanics are really pretty simple. In a small election like this, where paper ballots are used, you'll automatically be given a pencil to mark your ballot. Writing in a candidate's name is not much different than checking a box. The voter needs only to pick up the pencil (which is already in the voting booth) and write the name of the person you have in mind on the ballot. And

then put your "X" next to where you wrote their name to vote for them.

However, if you decide to write-in a name, it is important to remember a couple of things. According to Sandra Issacson, the Elections Director for Washtenaw County, and Rosemary, the person in the Elections office who first answered our questions:

1. You should have the person's name spelled correctly. Although the Board of Canvassers have some discretion, especially when a name is complicated and there appears to be a simple misspelling, correctly spelling the name assures that your vote will be counted.
2. You must also put an "X" or a "✓" next to the name you write-in to indicate you are voting for them.
3. The candidate you write-in must be a registered voter to take office, should they win. Now on this point sources weren't clear about whether or not a un-registered person, if they received the most votes, could register after the

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Photo by Bill Shurliff

**SLIDING INTO SPRING!** These Middle Schoolers enjoy themselves before getting back to work on their Science Projects! From the top: Jason Flint, Mark Hollosy, Tyler Breilein, Lisa DuRussel, and Dana McCalla.

## "WHO PACKED THE PARACHUTE?"

—BY ANGIE CARLSON

Did you know that March is Parenting Awareness Month throughout the state of Michigan? In response to this event, Manchester is sponsoring a night "just for parents" to be held at Manchester High School March 16, 1994, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

This special night will include parenting programs provided by Washtenaw County providers, as well as a well-known motivational speaker, Patrick T. Grady. Grady's presentation uses humor and true-to-life stories to capture the audience's attention while speaking about subjects such as encouraging high performance and excellence, importance of service in the community, effective communication, creative leadership, building team spirit, problem solving, overcoming obstacles, preparation and commitment.

Grady will be presented by the Community Resource Center and the local Manchester High School Key Club. The presentation, "Who Packed

the Parachute?" will take place in Manchester High School's band room at 7:00 p.m.

Babysitting will be provided by Manchester High School students under adult supervision. To register your children, please call the Community Resource Center, 428-7722, or Sarah Feldkamp, 428-7802. Register today!

Grady graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in education and soon after taught high school students. With this experience

he was able to gain insight into the challenges that young people face, and also better understand how the school system works. With this insight, he is better able to discuss the areas of concern in the educational system and suggest ideas that may help in living a happy and successful life.

Many people have benefited from Patrick Grady's inspirational words. Don't miss out on this opportunity! Come join in the fun!

It could change the way you look at life!!!

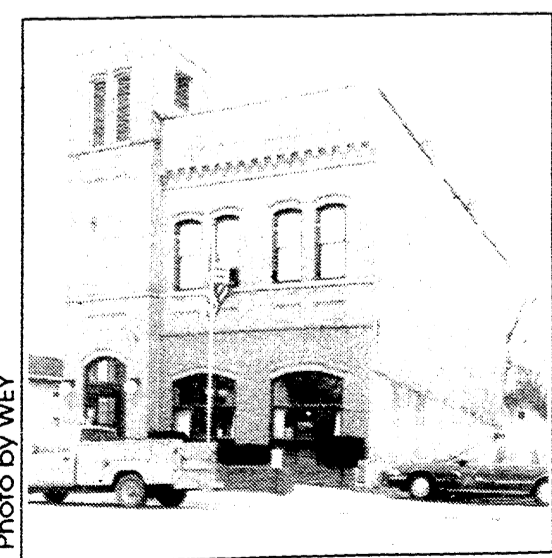


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### UPCOMING VILLAGE ELECTION, continued from page 1: It's the Thought that Counts

election. According to our clerk, Karen Tucker, our Village charter states: "no person shall be elected or appointed unless he be an elector of the Village." Karen did not find any language indicating when they must be registered.

However, Sandra Issacson said the word "elector" means they must have been registered by the deadline to vote in this election, which was February 14. So...the final decision remains to be seen, should the situation arise. However, if you want to be sure your vote will count, vote for a registered person!

#### Specifically, What's Going on With This Election?

Seats on the Manchester Village Council are for two-year terms. There are six council members. Each March, three members' terms expire and are put on the ballot, so the Council "rotates": that means hopefully there are always some veterans on Council and there could certainly be some new folks as well.

This year, of the three council members whose terms are expiring, two have chosen not to run again.

**MIKE GORDON**, now completing his second term on council, has decided to step down and give others a chance to serve the community. With all due modesty, Mike stated, "I think I've helped to get a lot of positive things done for the Village. In a small way I've helped the process. But the time was right to leave and devote more time to my family."

**RICK TAEPEKE**'s first term is ending right now, too. His story is a little more complicated. According to Rick, there are two reasons his name is not on the ballot: 1) Initially Rick decided not to run for a second term. He said because of all his business "irons in the fire," he decided not to run again. He didn't feel he would have enough time to properly give to Council responsibilities.

However, 2) after being persuaded by some citizens that consistency was needed on the council, Rick decided to re-prioritize his time. A petition was circulated in his name and submitted just before the filing deadline. But then it was learned that another paper, an signed affidavit of identity, needed to be filed with the petition. Rick was at work in Ann Arbor when this was realized. So he immediately jumped in his car and drove here—but missed the filing deadline by just six minutes!

Rick is willing to serve again, if the public so chooses. But his name will not appear on the ballot.

The only name you will see on the ballot as a candidate for Village Council is that of incumbent **JOE MARSHALL**. He is offering his



Remember the brouhaha just four years ago when Village Council was wrestling with permitting a "fee in lieu of taxes" for developers Paul Henrickson and Garnet Johnson to build "Village Oaks" senior citizen housing on East Main, near the High School?

Well, don't look now but "Woodhill Senior Apartments"—located behind Dr. Bate's office, next to Carr Park—has just gone about their work and, without any fee-in-lieu-of-taxes, has quietly become a reality. Actually maybe you should look now!

Although there is still work to do, the apartments are available for occupancy. To everything there is a season...

services for a fourth term.

Joe has served the community in various capacities through the years, from planning commissioner, to member of the historic district study commission, to Chamber of Commerce board member, to downtown merchant. Joe served two consecutive terms on Council in the late 80's, then was away for two years, and is now completing his third council term.

However, the bottom line with the council race is: There are three seats which need to be filled and only one candidate is on the ballot!

If no one else besides Joe Marshall gets any votes, then the other two seats will be filled by appointment: The Village President (mayor) will make recommendations to the Council and they will then appoint the remaining two council persons.

Oh yes, there are a few other offices and candidates on the ballot: Village President, a

two-year term also, is up for election this year. Incumbent **LARRY BECKTEL** is running (unopposed) again.

And also the offices of Village Clerk, Treasurer, and Assessor are on the ballot with incumbents **KAREN TUCKER**, **SUE KOEBBE**, and **DEL LUDWICK** as the ballot candidates accepting your votes.

#### DEAR MIKE GORDON AND RICK TAEPEKE:

Thanks so much, Mike, for giving four years of your time and talent to serving your friends and neighbors through the Manchester Village government.

And thanks to you, too, Rick, for your two years and your willingness to re-prioritize your time if necessary for two more.

Without such selfless community service, we would be a lesser community indeed!



### After the Votes Are Counted

- Supposing:
...only Joe Marshall gets any votes. Then the Village President and Council will appoint the remaining two seats.
...a write-in candidate gets just one vote and all the rest of the votes go to Joe? Then the write-in candidate wins a seat, Joe of course is re-elected, and the other position is filled by the appointment of Council.
...there are a whole bunch of write-ins!!! Then the votes are tallied and the three top vote getters among both the write-ins and the regular candidate win.
...there are three write-in candidates who each get more votes than the candidate whose name is on the ballot? The top three vote-getters win, regardless of how their names got on the ballot.
...a write-in candidate gets enough votes to be elected but he or she isn't a registered voter in the Village. A person is ineligible to hold office unless they are registered in the Village. At press time it was not clear from the Village and County elections officials when the person had to be registered: before the election registration date cut-off (which was February 14th)? Or before being sworn into office. If this scenario occurs, we will surely find out then.

### BUT KEEP IN MIND...

Village elections have never in recent history brought a big turnout of voters to the polls. When the elections are contested (more people running than there are offices to fill), there are undoubtedly more voters. But it's considered a big turnout if a hundred Villagers vote. And it's not unusual for less than 30 to show up at the polls.

So you can see that numbers won't take much to have an effect on this election.

But one should remember that Council members have a very serious responsibility should we elect them:

- We are electing them to oversee and set policy for all aspects of our Village life, from sewers to safe streets.
We expect the Council members to do what they can to lower our Village taxes without decreasing the services we expect and enjoy.
We ask them to come to long (sometimes very, very long) meetings on Monday evenings twice a month and to make that their top priority. There are also special meetings called when necessary.
We expect them to promote the Village for the general good, focusing on the Industrial Park, zoning concerns, future development, and routine maintenance.

could be very important here. It

This is not a job for the dilettante. It is not "just for fun" or "for the heck of it." Manchester has been fortunate to have had capable council members throughout the years. Some better than others. The ones with poor performances are noticeable and lamentable.

So we can pick our Council—or let the Village President and Council do it for us. It's the American way to use your vote choose who you want to represent you. We fought a war to guarantee that right.

The election is Monday, March 14, 1994. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Vote at the Village Hall, around the corner from the Post Office, behind the Napa Store. Vote—if you care about it.

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## ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF HEALTH CARE REFORM... IN MANCHESTER!

—BY JANET SHURLIFF

When asked if Manchester-ites should be any more concerned about the current health care reform movement than anyone else, Fred Munson answered,

"Anyplace where there are a lot of self-employed people, people in small businesses, in agriculture, places where government or big business is not the principle employer, then their self interest should be in getting a correct health care policy."

Fred Munson, Laura Sutton, and several other volunteers from Manchester area churches, have taken leadership roles in pursuing health care reform awareness in Manchester, and then using that awareness to pressure our congressmen to vote for the best policy.

Under the auspices of the Manchester Area Churches, Laura, Fred, and Janet Shurtliff lead a series of workshops last summer which looked at the health care issue specifically from the perspective of faith.

And now they invite you to the Emanuel Church dining hall, next Tuesday, March 1, from 7:30 until 9:00 p.m., when the Manchester Area Churches will present a "Health Care Reform Update" meeting, to review the current proposals on the table in the Senate and House of Representatives and to try to make sense out of this very complicated issue.

#### Whose Perspective is this Anyway?

This story has three main characters: Fred Munson, Laura Sutton, and the Manchester Area

Churches.

The story should properly begin with Laura Sutton, a native of Manchester from an old Manchester family. She is now an attorney in private practice.

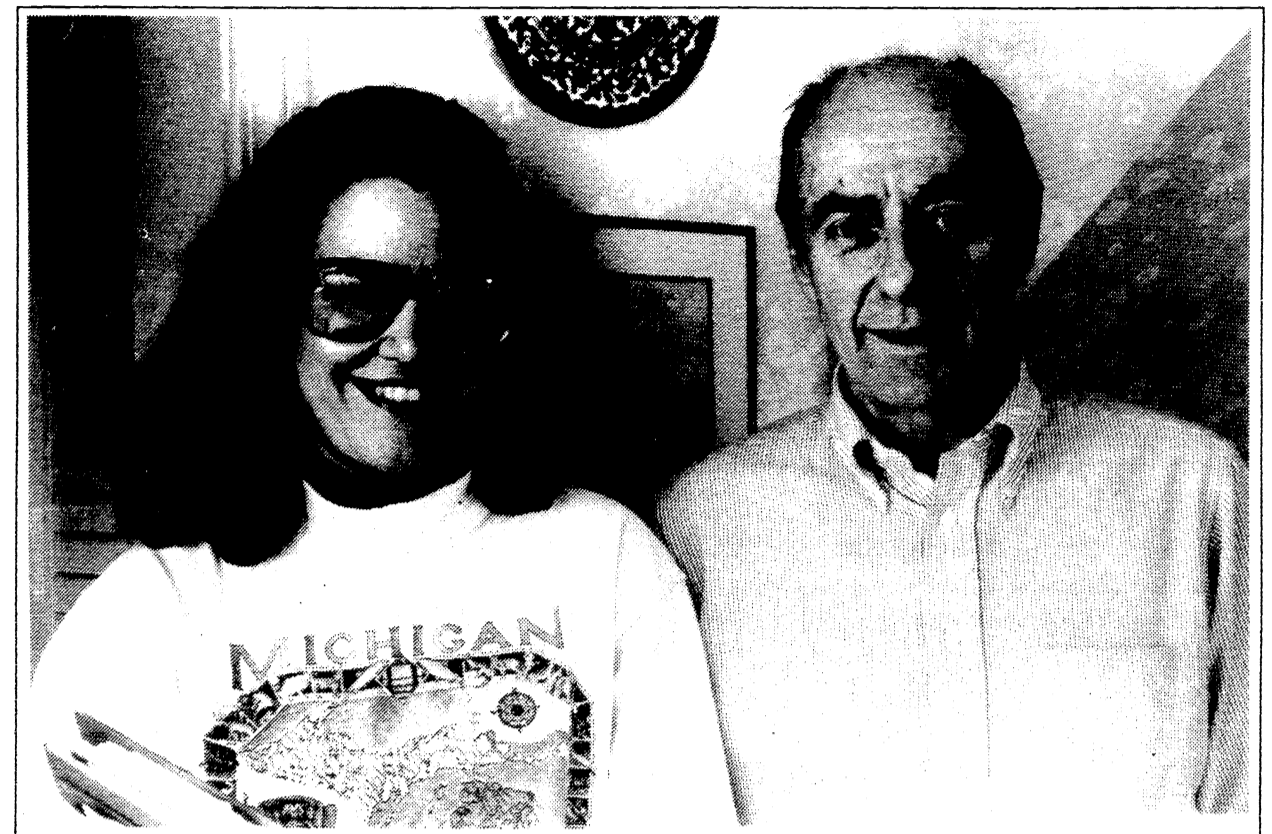
Laura, a member of Emanuel United Church of Christ, came across a curriculum which the Health and Economic Justice Working Group of the U.C.C. churches developed to study the health care issue. This was late last spring, when the Clinton health care plan was supposed to be announced any day.

Laura was pleased with the study

perspective: Health care for all as a matter of faith and justice. "The most positive aspect was being able to combine beliefs with current social and political problems." And so she decided to pursue the matter. "But it had to be ecumenical," she added.

Working from the base of her church's missions committee, Laura contacted other pastors in Manchester and invited representatives from the various churches to meet at Emanuel to explore using this curriculum to study health care reform.

The initial meeting yielded the missions committee from Emanuel plus two representatives from St. Mary's church. After reviewing a video and discussing the curriculum, the group was



Laura Sutton and Fred Munson, with notebooks and papers in hand, continue the process of health care reform awareness "as a matter of faith and justice"

in favor of continuing work on the project.

And so it began! Early in the planning, Fred Munson was contacted. He and his wife, Mary, have lived out on Bethel Church Road since 1959. Fred is retired from the University of Michigan, now holding the title "Professor Emeritus" in the School of Public Health.

Fred's area in public health is Health Services Management. So even though the issue of health care reform is related, he entered the discussion just like all of us—when it became clear that the issue was going to effect all of us; and so perhaps we should be informed and be able to

influence its shape.

Laura asked Fred to look at the materials and perhaps help facilitate a meeting. He so Fred came on board. He was impressed that the curriculum "had a very strong Biblical foundation but wasn't denominational."

#### The Meetings

The original Manchester study series was held on "four Tuesdays in June." It was totally unknown what kind of turnout there would be for it. Sometimes meetings in our small community draw very few people.

Shortly after 7:00 people started to arrive, and when the opening prayer began at about 7:30, there were more

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Senior Notes —
There's an opportunity to enter a contest and win prizes in The Trumpeter, the Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council's March/April newsletter. Seniors: Put on your thinking cap and we'll see you at the March 15 Senior lunch.
All those age 55 or older are invited to lunch in the Emanuel Church dining room Tuesday and Thursdays at noon. Reservations are required. Call Linda at 428-8359 ahead of time, or Jan in the kitchen at 428-7630 before 10:30 a.m. on meal days. Activities follow at the Senior Center on Tuesdays. Craft classes are held Thursday mornings at 9:30.
Thursday, March 3 is the special birthday lunch for those seniors born in March. The birthday bash includes cake with candles and a song in your honor.
For more information about the Senior Citizen's group (what fun they have!) call Rubena Boelter, president, at 428-8655.
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### Studying Health Care Reform: Laura Sutton and Fred Munson

than 30 people crowded around the table.

"I'm sure the series was useful," said Fred. "People stayed with it. That is a good indication that there was solid material addressing an issue people cared about. And it was addressed with integrity... Sometimes it seems there is a conflict in our basis for decision making: either professional or faith. This gave us an opportunity to sort out where we stood."

Commenting on the old adage never to discuss religion or politics, Fred laughed, "Here was a seminar on just that—religion and politics!"

Last June it was thought there might just be enough time to complete this study series before the Clinton Plan was released. As it turned out, there was plenty of time. And it is only now that the Clinton Plan and others are really on-the-table, open to analysis, and subject to public input.

This Manchester meeting on March 1 will briefly re-introduce the concepts from last summer and update the group on the matters in congress. "Another purpose of re-convening now," explained Laura, "is to determine if there is an interest in working together with neighboring communities to hold a health care conference. There is strength in numbers and we may be able to interest Sen. Levin or other politicians to attend."

Fred talked of the difficulty in talking to your representatives, let alone influencing them! "We have been trying for four months to contact Congressman Carr. We haven't gotten through to him once, although we have received two letters and one survey."

"Representatives may well be willing to listen to others rather than to their constituents. Clearly he doesn't have time for us. That may give us some insight into how decisions are made in Washington."

#### The Plans

Currently there are four principle plans being discussed. Both Fred and Laura talk about them with ease. And although they certainly have opinions and favor certain plans, the point of the meetings is not to push one plan. "People can come down ethically for other plans. People can sincerely, out of Christian faith, reach different conclusions."

Nevertheless, the arguments are persuasive. One person says, "What about individual responsibility. The single payer plan leaves that element out!"

Another says, "But managed competition is the worst of both worlds."

Fred argues plainly, "It is a matter of fact that the Clinton plan adds bureaucracy to get the advantage of a single payer system without incurring the wrath of the private health insurance industry."

This meeting on Tuesday, March 1, will not be a re-do of the summer. It will review the issues only to bring the group up-to-speed.

"We promised a final session when the Clinton Plan was announced," said Laura.

#### The Future

Besides planning for this meeting in Manchester on March 1, Fred and Laura are busy meeting with groups from neighboring communities. In fact Fred is now facilitating the U.C.C. study series at First Baptist Church in Ann Arbor.

Laura and Fred are meeting with the people from the Congregational Church in Clinton during March, and with St. Andrew's in Dexter, and with church

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## HEALTH CARE REFORM STUDY "UPDATE"

A Matter of Faith and Justice

### HEALTH CARE FOR ALL:

"The Current Status"

TUESDAY, MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>  
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(you need *not* have been to the meetings last summer to benefit from this "update")

It's a matter of  
faith and justice

groups in Saline and Chelsea. They pause in our discussion to check calendars and make sure these meetings are coordinated, one covering when another can't.

If the Manchester group is interested in working with area groups on a health care conference, "it may become more secular," Laura said, "especially if we combine the efforts of Kiwanis, Optimist, and Chambers of Commerce."

But Fred added, "Becoming secularized may miss the point. We ought to do this! And not be ashamed of saying that there is something *right* to do, something which is not simply selfishly beneficial!"



## From the Ground Up

— by BG

The Manchester Chronicle is pleased to present to you the monthly feature "From the Ground Up" by BG, a Manchester-ite whose love of her life (besides her husband), is gardening.

BG gives us practical tips, timely information and advice about what to grow when and where. She shares with our readers that special joy and sense of accomplishment gardeners feel when they dig around in the dirt, feel the warm rich soil, grow beautiful flowers and good things to eat from the earth.

Along with BG, The Manchester Chronicle will resurrect "The Gardens of Manchester", a feature this writer began a couple of years ago. If our readers know of pretty gardens in the Manchester area we can share with our readers in the pages of the Chronicle, please call me.

Thank you,  
Kathy Kueffner,  
The Manchester Chronicle, in the Mill, 428-1230.

February can be a cruel month for gardeners: "the weather outside can be frightful". The plant catalogs arrive with great promises, the indoor plants are flourishing and the forced spring bulbs are blooming. But after all the planning for new beds and dreaming of newly desired plants, it is still winter in Manchester and outdoor planting is months away.

Have you considered raising plants from seeds in the house during the early spring? As parents or children, we experienced planting seeds in a small cup and hoping for a flower. Try substituting perennial or biennial seeds for the zinnia seeds, two flats with transparent domes for the small cups and a fluorescent light for the uncertain sunshine. You could have flowers this summer and in greater quantities for many years in the future.

I have had outstanding success with rock garden and groundcover plants such as Rock Cress (Arabis), Baby's Breath (Gypsophila repens) and Gold Dust (Alyssum), Pansies, Sweet William and Foxglove are some others that I start each year. The seeds are inexpensive and the results can be overwhelming. Sometimes, however, nothing will make it into the garden. Be prepared for either result.

In February of 1992, I planted a 72-cell flat of Coral Bells (Heuchera) from a \$3 packet of 1,500 seeds. By the end of April, I was trying to find space in the garden for about four dozen plants! In 1993, they

flowered from the last half of May through the middle of July and again in September - thanks to deadheading. I can anticipate that kind of blooming for many years to come. Coral Bells are very desirable plants but I would not have purchased that large a number of plants at two or three dollars a piece from a nursery.

The indoor setup can be used more than one time in the spring. After the perennial seedlings are outside at the end of April, some lesser known annuals and some cuttings from Impatiens and Fibrus Begonia plants can be brought into the house and put into the now-empty flats. They will be ready to be planted outside after the last frost date.

The more popular and easily obtainable annuals, the Petunias and Marigolds, are best left to the commercial growers.

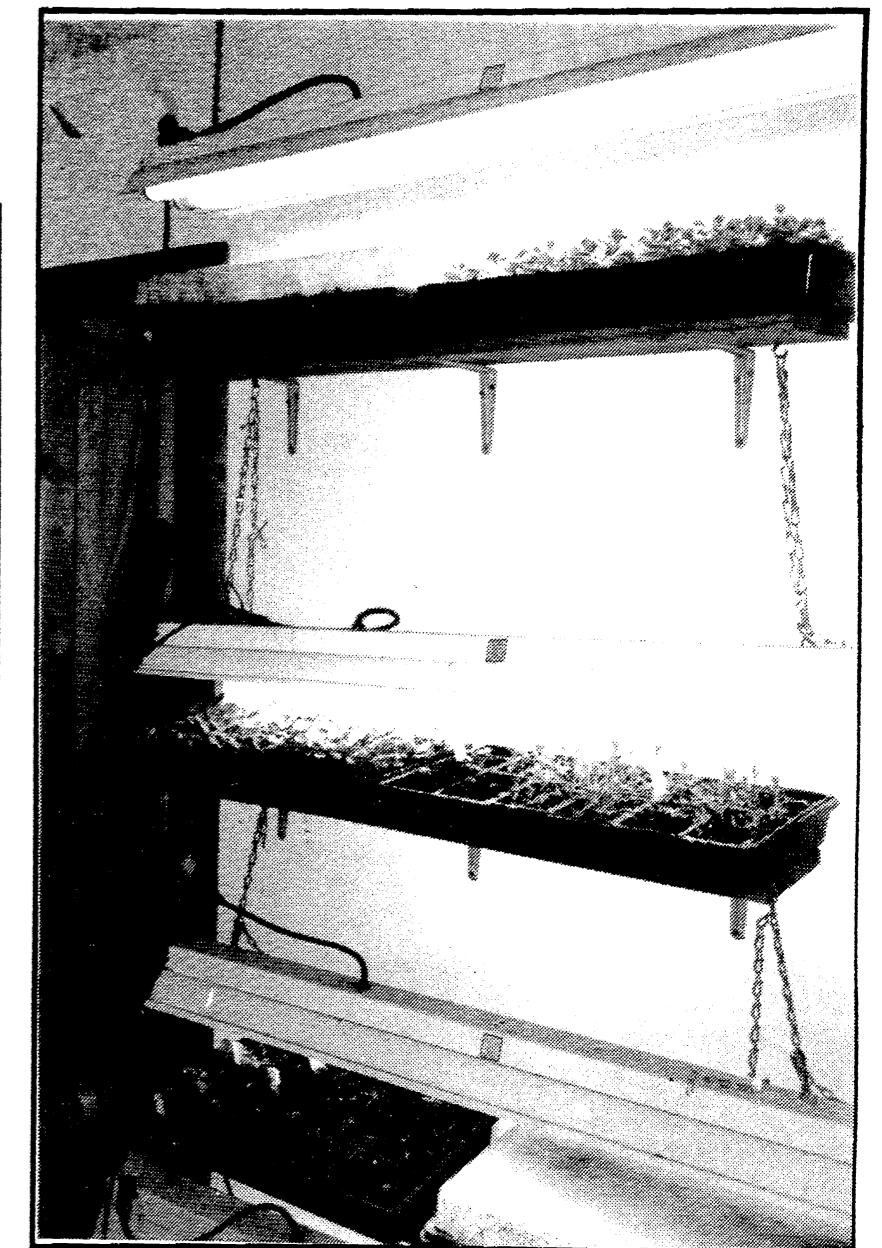
Be adventurous and try some species of flowers and vegetables not easily obtainable as young seedlings.

The fluorescent lights can be hung in any out of the way well ventilated spot such as a basement, large closet or stair-

way. My four lights, hung from four shelves on a wall in a store-room, can handle eight flats and can produce more plants that I can crowd into the garden.

The expense is small - the fluorescent shop light fixture is less than \$15, the cool white bulbs are fine for germinating seeds. The flat with the transparent dome is about \$5. The soil-less mix and potting soil, used in equal proportions, will not add much to the cost.

The lights are useful during the winter for a vacation spot for sun-starved house plants. The important points to remember: the lights should be about six inches from the flats for maximum light and be on for about 12



hours a day; the plastic dome is important to preserve the humidity and watering can be done with a sprinkler or from the bottom of the tray. Inspect the set-up once a day.

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# Thyme in the Kitchen

— by Leigh

## NUTTY-PEANUT-BUTTER BREAD

### TOPPING

On bottom of loaf pan, spread  
2 tbsp. melted butter  
4 tbsp. brown sugar  
peanuts as desired

### Sprinkle with

1 tbsp. water

Set aside while you prepare batter

### BATTER

1 egg

Add gradually and beat in

1 cup brown sugar

Stir in

2 tbsp. peanut butter

2 tbsp. melted butter

Add and mix

1 cup buttermilk (or sour)

Sift together

2 cups flour

1/2 tsp. soda

1 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. salt

Add to egg mixture, stir well. Pour into prepared loaf pan with topping. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

## CHERRY AND CREAM CHEESE BREAD

Mix until creamy

1-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese

1 cup butter or margarine

1-1/2 cup sugar

1-1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

Add and beat well

4 eggs - one at a time

Sift and add, mixing well

2 cups flour

1-1/2 tsp. baking powder

Dust with 1/4 cup flour

8 oz. maraschino cherries

1 cup nuts

Fold into batter

Pour into greased loaf pan. Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

## BUTTERSCOTCH BREAD

Beat

1 egg

Add and cream

1 cup brown sugar

1 tbsp. butter melted

Sift together

2 cups flour

1/2 tsp. baking powder

3/4 tsp. soda

1/2 tsp. salt

Add alternately with

1 cup buttermilk

To egg mixture and mix well

Then fold in

1/2 cup chopped nuts

Pour into prepared loaf pan and let rise 20 minutes. Bake 1 hour at 350° or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

I love to cook!

Let's get acquainted by my sharing with you a few favorite recipes that I especially enjoy making for special people.

This is a selection of quick breads. They are called "quick" because instead of yeast, the leavener used is baking powder and can be whipped together quickly. These breads may be made for breakfast, brunch, as a dessert and enjoyed anytime of the year.

All of these recipes call for a greased and floured 9x5x3 inch loaf pan and yield one loaf. Unless otherwise noted, all ingredients are room temperature. After baking, cool loaf in pan at least 10 minutes before removing to finish cooling. Usually I double the recipe making one bread for now and freeze one for later.

A great homemade gift for giving.

### Publisher's Note:

One of the great cooks of Manchester — Thyme in the Kitchen, by Leigh.

We are pleased to share these tasty, friendly recipes with you as a regular monthly feature. Enjoy!

The Manchester Chronicle

## MARMALADE BREAD

Mix together

2 eggs, beaten

1 cup milk

1 cup chopped nuts

1/2 cup shortening, melted cool

1/2 cup orange marmalade

1 tsp. grated orange rind

Sift together

3 cups flour

1/2 cup sugar

1 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. salt

Stir into above mixture only until dry ingredients are moistened.

Spoon into prepared loaf pan. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

## GRAPE NUT BREAD

Pour

2 cups milk, scalded

Over

1 cup grape-nuts cereal

When cool, add, stirring well

1 egg, well beaten

3 tbsp. melted butter, cooled

Sift together

3 cups flour

4 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. salt

1/2 cup sugar

Add all to grape-nuts mixture, stirring just enough to dampen all the flour. Spoon into preped loaf pan and let stand 20 minutes. Bake in 350° oven for 1 hour and 20 minutes.

### GRAPE NUT PRUNE BREAD

Increase salt to 1-1/2 tsp and add 1 tbsp. grated orange or lemon rind and 1 cup finely copped prunes.

### GRAPE NUT APRICOT BREAD

Increase salt to 1-1/2 tsp. and add 1 cup chopped dried apricots.

## POPPY SEED BREAD

Combine

1/2 cup poppy seed

3/4 cup milk

Let stand 3 to 4 hours.

Then add

6 tbsp. butter

3 eggs

1-1/4 cup sugar

1 tsp. vanilla extract

2 tsp. baking powder

Beat all 1 minute.

Spoon batter into prepared loaf pan. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.



# A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN\*

— by Ann Pat Wolf

\*From the Irish ballad "Sure a little bit of heaven fell from out a' the sky one day...and they called it Ireland..."

Irish legends and folklore have been a part of most of our lives for generations. Every year on March 17, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by young and old alike. Everyone is Irish on March 17.

In 1944, Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald starred and made famous the movie, "Going My Way." The movie reflected the deep faith in God, humor and caring characteristics that the Irish are been so proud of.

Unlike the United States, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland is celebrated as a religious holiday, the beginning of a three-day period of devotion. The day also marks the season that the sun begins to warm the earth so potatoes can be planted and herds are turned out to pasture. Celebrations are in honor of the saint who was responsible for bringing Christianity and civilization to Ireland.

The earliest known observance in the United States was in Boston in 1737 by the Charitable Irish Society of Boston. The society was founded that same year and was for "the relief

of the poor and indigent Irishmen reduced by sickness, shipwreck, old age or other infirmities." However, where and when the holiday was started is not clear. It is not known if the 17th of March is the anniversary of the birth or death of St. Patrick; it may in fact be neither!

The only thing we know for sure about St. Patrick's birthplace is that it was not Ireland. What we do know is taken from one of his works, the *Confession*, a justification to his ecclesiastical superiors of his actions. He tells us that he was born at "Bennevem Taberniae" — but just where that was we do not know!

Just as confusing is his date of birth. A.D. 373, 386, 387, 389 and 395 have been given as possible dates. The date of his death is just as unclear; it is guessed that he died in either 461 or about 492. Irish legend states that he died at the age of 120, the same as Moses.

The traditions, folklore and symbolisms of Ireland are as much a part of our lives in the States as they are in Ireland. The songs taught to us in early child-

hood continue to be sung by us as adults. "My Wild Irish Rose" and "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" will be sung over and over again on the 17th of March. The ballad, "Danny Boy", brings tears to the eyes of even the non-sentimentalist.

Our economy will boom with the sale of Irish buttons and other paraphernalia. Traditional foods such as corned beef and cabbage will be enjoyed by thousands. Yes, everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

One symbol of the Irish easily recognized is the Shamrock. The Shamrock is the national symbol of Ireland and comes from the Irish word "tre-

foil", meaning three-leafed. The plant most associated with the shamrock of Ireland is the white clover which has white or pinkish white flowers. Irish legend has it that St. Patrick himself planted this small herb in Ireland. Florists often sell wood sorrel as shamrock. However, this plant is not considered the traditional shamrock. In scientific terms the white clover belongs to the pea family, Leguminosae; the wood sorrel is in the oxalis family, Oxalidaceae.

We are a country of many cultures, each one giving us an opportunity to experience different ethnic traditions which

hopefully gives us the knowledge to accept and respect each other's heritage. The Irish, along with the many other nationalities has not only given us the chance to enjoy the fun of celebrating but also the spiritual.

The Irish have shared with us a beautiful gaelic blessing:

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.



## Blarney — or Irish baloney!

The word "blarney" stems from a sixteenth-century incident when Queen Elizabeth attempted to wrest the castle which rightfully belonged to Cormac Carthy, the Lord of Blarney. It was Elizabeth's quaint notion that Carthy would agree to renounce his ancestral claim to his land by accepting the proposition that he would henceforth hold title at the pleasure of the Crown. The title, of course, could be canceled any time at the Queen's pleasure. Cormac Carthy recognized the futility of outright refusal. He pretended to agree to Elizabeth's demands, but repeatedly postponed its fulfillment, "with fair words and soft speech," until she exploded in outrage. "This is all Blarney! What he means he never says; what he says he never means!"

From that incident sprang the tradition that whoever kisses the stone at Blarney Castle will be blessed with the gift of eloquence.

Most dictionaries define blarney as "flattering or wheedling talk; cajolery: — a simple definition that hardly begins to do justice to that noble word, as any Irishman will attest.

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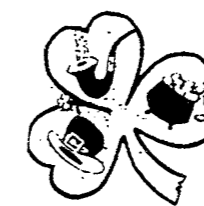
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**"It's a funny world..."**

At the construction site of a new church, the contractor stopped to chat with one of his workmen.

"Paddy," he asked casually, "didn't you once tell me that you had a brother who was a bishop?"

"That I did, sor."

"And you are a bricklayer! It sure is a funny world. Things in life aren't divided equally, are they?"

"No, that they ain't, sor," agreed Paddy, as he proudly slapped the plaster along the line of bricks. "Me poor brother couldn't do this to save his life!"

**"Three Chairs..."**

One Sunday during high mass at noon, in the chapel of the little village of Glengarriff, three ladies of the Protestant faith were obliged to take shelter from one of those heavy summer showers which so frequently occur in the south of Ireland.

The officiating priest, knowing who they were, stooped down to this attendant who was on his knees and whispered, "Three chairs for the Protestant ladies."

The attendant apparently misunderstood the command. He rose to his feet and shouted to the congregation:

"Three cheers for the Protestant ladies!"

**Happy Anniversary**  
**February 23**  
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O Ireland, isn't it grand you look?  
 Like a bride in her rich adornin';  
 And with all the pent-up love of my heart,  
 I bid you the top o' the mornin'!  
 — John Locke (1847-89)



**"Life of Reilly"**

The term "lace-curtain Irish" probably originated in the late 1850s or early 1860s becoming popular through the 1890s, denoting those more affluent Irish in the United States who could afford lace curtains on their windows.

The distinguishing characteristic of the lace-curtain Irish is that they live the life of Reilly. But the question is: How did Reilly get so rich in the first place? Well, here's the answer;

Way back in 1911, a cub reporter named George Delahanty, of the old *New York Journal*, was sent to get a personal interview with the immensely wealthy Reilly whom everybody talked about. The young fellow's editor wanted a human interest story on how Reilly had accumulated his riches.

"Well-1-1, 'tis a long sthory, it is," said the old man. "And while I'm afther tellin' it, we moight as well be savin' the candle," whereupon he leaned over and blew it out.

"Never mind the story," said the reporter. "I understand!"

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**IT'S A BOY** Kyle Scott Moore

Missy and Scott Moore, of Napoleon, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Kyle Scott, February 8, 1994, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Ken and Penny Silveus of Napoleon. Paternal grandparents are Lyle and Gertrude Moore of Manchester.

Kyle has a brother at home, Travis, age 4.

**Manchester Community Fair: Plans Underway**



"Fifty Years of Family Fun...at the Fair!"

That is the theme of this year's Manchester Community Fair as it celebrates its 50th year. The Fair was incorporated under Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1855 on November 3, 1944 with the Department of Commerce.

Those named on the corporation papers were: C.F. Eisenhauer, Clayton Parr, Willard Mann, Donald Weed, Clyde Hazen, W. H. Palmer, V. W. Downing, Fred Fielder, Frank Spafard, and Ray Haselschwerdt

The Fair originally started with the school. We know that it was as early as 1933, but if someone can show that it was earlier than that, please let a Fair Board member know! You can reach Carol Britten at 428-8589 or Jerry Bristle at 428-7113.

The Grand Marshals for the parade on Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. will be Dick and Irene Britten. The Brittens, long-time residents of Manchester, have been involved with the Fair for several years.

Now is the time to plan and work on items for exhibiting at the Fair, taking photos, doing needlework, working on all kinds of crafts and checking out those recipes for baking.

Remember: Mark July 12-16, 1994 on your calendar as the Manchester Community Fair celebrates 50 years — it will be the best ever!

**U.S. Military Service Hometown News**  
**Weir serves aboard USS Lincoln**



MSSN Christian M. Weir, son of Richard and Joann Weir of Manchester, reported for duty aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier in Alameda, CA.

MSSN Weir attended Boot Camp Recruit Training Center in San Diego, CA, graduating in October, 1993. He then attended the Naval Training Center in San Diego graduating in December, 1993. After a two-week holiday at home in Manchester with his family, he left for duty aboard the aircraft carrier near San Francisco.

MSSN Weir is a 1993 graduate of Manchester High School. His address is:

MSSN Christian M. Weir  
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 USS Abraham Lincoln CVN 72  
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**Happy Birthdays**  
 to my Aunt Vera and Uncle Del  
 I love you!

Don and Ann Fowler celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on February 25, 1994.

Their daughter, Catherine, Dorothy Davies of the Manchester Township Library, and *The Manchester Chronicle* hope they receive an avalanche of greeting cards at 536 Ann Arbor Hill, Manchester, MI 48158

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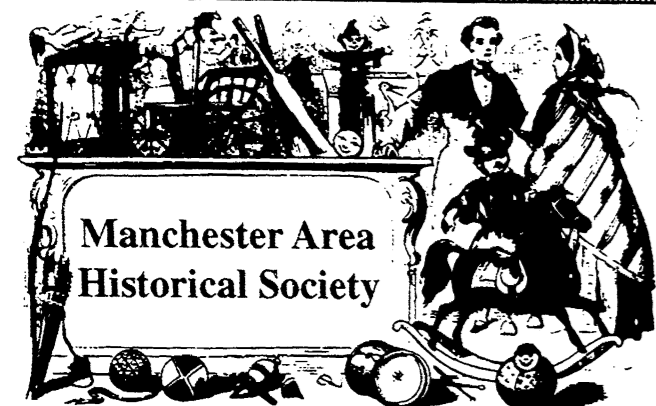
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### Historical Society Program: How the Suffragists Changed Michigan

#### The 19th Amendment to the Constitution passed August 18, 1920

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

— composed by Susan B. Anthony

The Manchester Area Historical Society invites you to honor Women's History Month at our next meeting, March 15, 1994, 7:30 p.m., at the Blacksmith Shop on East Main Street. Our discussion will center on the history of women's struggle for the right to vote both nationally and here in Michigan.

Susan Brownell Anthony wrote the words of the 19th amendment to the Constitution in 1878. In her day, a woman was not entitled to the custody of her children, nor to a jury trial with women as jurors. She was not entitled to any money she inherited or earned, not to an education free or paid for. Women could not sue for injury or damages, couldn't divorce an abusive spouse, and certainly could not vote. If unmarried, however, she could own property and pay taxes. Many laws governing women changed over the years as women increased their demand for suffrage.

Michigan became a state in 1837. In 1855, the state legislature got the first petition from suffragists in Lenawee County, which was ignored.

Over sixty years later, Michigan men finally allowed women to vote by supporting a state constitutional amendment at the polls.

The simple sentence Susan B. Anthony wrote in 1878 became the law of the land as the 19th amendment to our constitution, taking effect in 1920.

At the next Manchester Area Historical Society we'll explore how the suffragists' quest for equality changed life in Michigan and in America.

It should be a feisty discussion!

— Deb Havens

### Project R.E.D. Needs Volunteers

The fourth annual award-winning Project R.E.D. (Rural Education Days) will be held April 26 & 27 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. The activity is sponsored by the Washtenaw County MSU Extension 4-H program with support and cooperation from many agricultural organizations, agribusinesses and individuals to educate third graders about agriculture and natural resources.

Over 1,000 students, teachers and parents from throughout the county participate.

Many volunteers are needed to assist with planning the activity and with the four sessions offered over the two days. Assistance is needed in areas such as setup, providing animals, agriculture commodity display table, cleanup etc. Help is also needed to fold promotional brochures and fill student bags. This could be a fun 4-H club community service project. To complement the live animal learning station we would like to again set up a variety of animal educational displays which have been done by clubs and/or members and loaned to us for a few days. Please call Dianne at the Extension office 971-0079, or Sue Weidmayer at 429-7101 and let them know how you'd like to assist with this program.

### Manchester Academy for the Arts

The "Little School in the Mill" will soon be publishing their Saturday Summer Workshop schedule.

Last year, the Academy presented workshops which ran for ten weeks, each ending with a final show or production.

There was a Ballet/Jazz workshop where students performed a choreographed story written and illustrated by a student of the Academy.

The Little People's Workshop will be back by popular demand. It is a combination of art featuring creative experiences in hand-building clay creatures, book making, mobile design, drawing and painting.

Students also were offered theatre including the production of plays as well as set design and construction.

For more information, contact Susan Morey at the Manchester Academy for the Arts, 428-8600. Details will follow in *The Manchester Chronicle*.

### Two Sisters at Purple Rose

*Two Sisters*, an original comedy by T.E. Williams, takes place on the Prokopov farm in Russia during the 1890's. The older sister, Sasha, has returned home to assist the younger sister, Katya, in an attempt to save the family's home from the clutches of Boris Zebulsky, the village tyrant and land baron. Boris has swindled most of the property around their farm by using a marked set of playing cards in a series of games with the sisters' father Fyodor Prokopov. The two sisters arrange for yet another evening of cards between Boris and Fyodor, however, this time arrange their own mischievous and hilarious plan to defeat the evil Boris at his own game.

*Two Sisters* plays now through March 20 at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea. Reservations for *Two Sisters* can be obtained by calling the Purple Rose Theatre Company Box Office at 313-475-7902.

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### CHAMBER NOTES Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce to hear from Patrick T. Grady March 16

The Board of Directors of the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce announce the next membership meeting. The March 16 meeting will take place on the regular date (the third Wednesday of the month), and will feature the inspirational speaker, Patrick T. Grady. Mr. Grady has given talks to businesses and school groups across the country and received rave reviews. This talk is scheduled in conjunction with a talk at the high school coordinated with the Community Resource Center.

The March 16 meeting will be at noon at Haarer's Meeting Place in downtown Manchester. Lunch will be available for \$6. The entire community is invited to come and hear what Mr. Grady has to say. We ask that you call Kim Cowan at Great Lakes Bancorp, 428-8379, with your lunch reservation.

An added attraction for this meeting is a drawing for 500 free business cards from Chelsea Print and Graphics. All people in attendance are eligible to win this prize. The Board also set a preliminary meeting schedule for the balance of the 1993-94 year as follows:  
**Wednesday, April 20:** Spring Fever Social Hour at Haarer's at 5:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday, May 19:** Tour one of our industrial facilities

**June:** Picnic in the Park, details to be announced. If anyone is interested in helping plan this activity, contact a board member: Kim Cowan 428-8379, Jim Achtenberg 428-7011, Jim Sprague 428-0130, Deb Havens, 428-8586, Bob Wahr 428-8334, Eileen Ball 428-8243, or Dave Prohaska 475-3210.  
**Saturday, July 23:** Manchester Summer Festival all day  
**Friday, August 26:** School Appreciation Picnic

This completes our year which so far has featured:  
- a presentation by Ann Arbor Assembly  
- a presentation from the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau  
- a panel discussion on school finance featuring representatives from many groups

including the governor's office, legislature, Manchester school administration, Michigan Education Association and the University of Michigan  
- a Christmas Social Hour  
- a tour of Manchester Plastics  
- the Manchester Victorian Village Winter Festival  
The Chamber also raised funds for the lighting of Main Street at Christmas. This annual project involved more community members this year and always receives good reviews especially when compared to other communities.

A new project of the Chamber is the sponsorship of "Manchester Minutes" on WLEN radio (FM 103.9). The show airs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:55 to 1:00 p.m. It features information on the events and activities in the Manchester area. To schedule events for mention on the broadcasts, contact Teresa Benedict at Calamity Jane's 428-2100.

There is one vacancy on the Board. If any chamber members are interested in being involved in the planning of Chamber activities, contact one of the previously mentioned Board members.  
Another Chamber project is to update the "Manchester, Michigan" flyer. This six-page flyer is a valuable tool for business and others interested in locating in Manchester. The last update was in 1987. Mary Kallewaard of the Written Image has volunteered to do the typesetting and art work, but needs someone to help write the words. Contact Mary 428-7194 or Jim Actenberg 428-7011 if you can help.

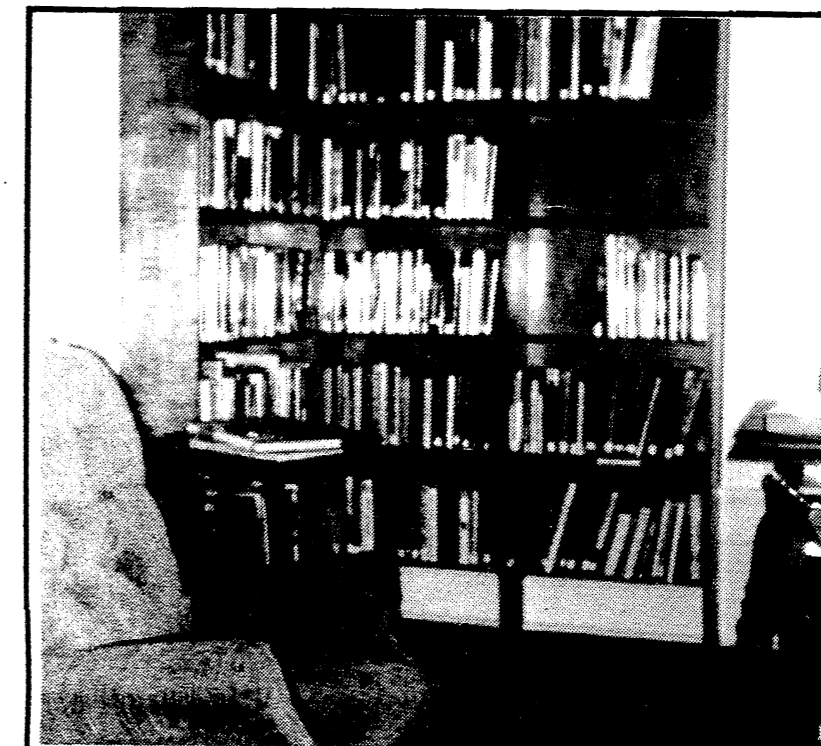
We hope to see many residents at the next meeting of the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce at noon on Wednesday, March 16 at Haarer's Meeting Place. Who knows — you might win 500 free business cards!  
Chamber membership starts at \$25. Both individuals and businesses are welcome. To join the Chamber, or if you want more information, contact Jim Actenberg at Woodbrook 428-7011.

The Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce is a member controlled organization of volunteers working together to collectively improve the business climate in the Manchester area, and to be a voice and a resource base for our members and the community as a whole. The Chamber actively works to promote commerce in the Townships of Bridgewater, Freedom, Manchester and Sharon as well as the Village of Manchester.  
The Chamber meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Haarer's Meeting Place Restaurant on Main Street. The public is always welcome. For more information, contact the community Resource Center at 428-7722.

### The Classics have a special place in the library.

The Classics Room at the Manchester Township Library now contains not only classic and "old but still good" fiction, but the adult non-fiction collection numbered from 920 up. This includes biographies and history books from the ancient world to the present.

Recent additional shelving in two corners of the room provides space for this change. Currently many Michigan and Federal Income tax forms and instructions are also in this room. All other non-fiction is located on the first floor.



The cozy Classics Room upstairs in the library includes a comfortable overstuffed chair for reading at your leisure. — Photo by Kathy Kueffner

### Manchester Township Library News — by Ann Fowler

For patrons who like to browse in the Classics Room, a comfortable chair invites leisurely reading. Students may use the room for homework after school, and small groups use it for meetings.

Unfortunately, the stairway to the second floor is very steep and many may find it difficult. Director Dorothy Davies, staff members Carol Johnson, Frances Goff, Carol Driessche and volunteers will assist patrons, and locate items in this room for your convenience.

#### New Books

- Disclosure*, by Michael Crichton
- Slow Walks in Cedar Bend*, Robert James Waller
- Vanished*, Danielle Steel
- Hill Towns*, Anne Rivers Siddons
- Bonecrack*, Dick Francis
- Silent Passengers*, Larry Woivode
- Second Fire*, Robert C. Wilson (a Michigan author)
- Consider This, Senora*, Harriet Doerr
- The Hidden Life of Dogs*, Elizabeth Marshall Thomas
- See, I told You So*, Rush Limbaugh
- Talking Peace*, Jimmy Carter
- Plan Your Estate with a Living Trust*, Dennis Clifford
- Soap Opera*, Alicia Swasy
- The Remains of the Day*, Kazuo Ishiguro

#### Manchester Township Library Hours

Mon - Thurs  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>FEBRUARY 27</b> 4:00-5:00 Middle School science/social studies projects may be dropped off at the American Legion Hall 3:00 <i>Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory</i> at the Play-house Theatre in Vandercook Lake (202 E. McDivitt). <b>Directed by Manchester's Bill Shurtliff.</b> Fun for the whole family! <b>LAST PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 28</b> 8:00-9:00 am Last call for science/social studies projects. Drop off at American Legion Hall 6:30 Optimists Meeting	<b>MARCH 1</b> 7:30-9:00 <b>HEALTH CARE UPDATE</b> A look at the current health care reform issue and what it means to you! Presented by the Manchester Area Churches. All welcome. Emanuel Church Hall dining room Property Tax Homestead Exemption forms due!!!
<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> Bloodmobile at Manchester Methodist Church 4:30 Middle School Wrestling, at Columbia Central 4:30 Middle School Volleyball, at Columbia Central 7:00 Village Council Mtg 7:30 Manchester Masoinic Lodge, business mtg 7:30 Library Board Meeting	<b>8</b> Shakespeare Club in the afternoon 7:30 20th Century Club 8:00 Freedom Twp Board Mtg
<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> VILLAGE ELECTION DAY: Vote at Village Hall between 7 am and 8 pm. 4:30 Middle School Volleyball, at home versus Vandercook Lake 6:30 Optimists 7:30 Bridgewater Twp Planning Comm 8:00 Manchester Twp Board	<b>15</b> STATE WIDE SALES TAX / PROPERTY TAX ELECTION: Vote at your Twp Hall!!! 7:30 Manchester Historical Society Meeting, at the Blacksmith Shop. Program focuses on history of Women's Suffrage.
<b>20</b> Welcome Spring!!! Manchester Children's Operetta: <i>The Story of Yung Fu Chow and Chow Sniffu</i>	<b>21</b> 7:00 Village Council Mtg 7:30 Bridgewater Twp Board Mtg 7:45 Manchester Twp Board School Board Mtg, HS Library	<b>22</b> Shakespeare Club meets in the afternoon
<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 6:30 Optimists 7:30 Manchester Twp Planning Comm	<b>29</b>

**LET The Chronicle KNOW YOUR EVENTS AND MEETINGS so we can include it in next month's calendar!!! Phone 428-1230. Or write The Manchester Chronicle, P.O. Box 697, Manchester, MI 48158. Get the word out to every single household in Manchester!!!**

**Adventures in Education**  
 Continuing Education/Eastern Michigan University  
**Children's Literature Conference**  
*"Picture Books and Illustrations"*  
**Instructor: Dr. Harry Eiss**  
**March 3, 4, & 5, 1994**



For registration information, call Continuing Education at

Stories appear in many forms. Some have words. Some have pictures. Some have both. This conference will consider picture books from many different perspectives, including literature, art, education, and drama.

Discussions will revolve around everything from mythological implications to strict literary criticism to controversy and censorship. Sessions will include lectures, workshops, performances and attendee participation.

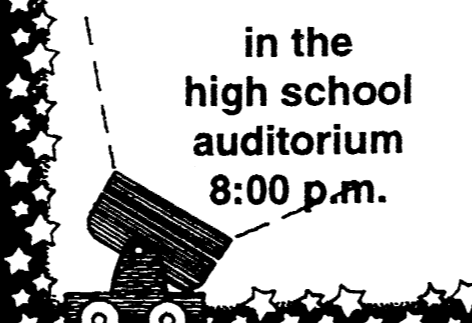
The picture books discussed will include multi-cultural, international, and controversial books. The conference will be a friendly gathering of people from different worlds, all with the same high regard for picture books.







You are invited to join Dr. Harry Eiss (of Manchester), illustrator Vera Williams, and the author/illustrator team of Nancy Shaw and Margot Apple (Sheep-in-a-Jeep series) at Eastern Michigan University's Sixth Annual Conference on Children's Literature and Drama.

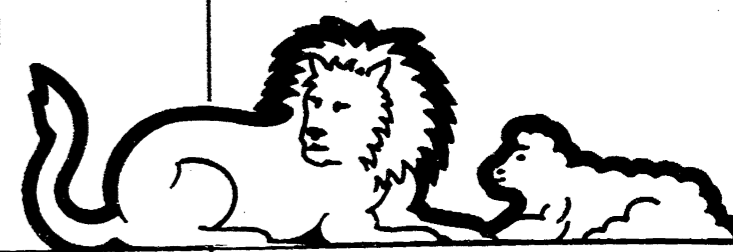
**Friday, March 18 & Saturday March 19**

**Manchester High School Play**  
 -- see story page 17

**in the high school auditorium 8:00 p.m.**



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3:00-5:30 Judging of Middle School science/social studies projects. At the American Legion Hall. Curbside recycling in the Village <b>2</b>	9:00-12:30 / 1:30-2:30 / 3:30-7:30 Public is invited to stop by American Legion Hall to view the Middle School science/social studies fair (Students begin taking home projects at 7:30 p.m.) 6:30 MHS Varsity + JV volleyball. Home v. Western (last game of season) 8:00 Sharon Twp Board Mtg 7:30 American Legion Mtg <b>3</b>	8:00-9:00 Final pick-up time for Middle School science/social studies projects. From American Legion. <b>4</b> 6:00 Manchester High School Basketball at home, versus Hanover Horton. <b>LAST GAME OF THE REGULAR SEASON!</b> 5:00-8:00 K of C Fish Fry. At the K of C Hall	12:40 6th grade basketball. Slauson School in Ann Arbor <b>5</b> 8:00 Middle School Wrestling: Napoleon Invitational
4:30 Middle School Volleyball, at home against Addison <b>9</b> 7:30 American Legion Auxiliary Mtg	7:30 Manchester Community Band Rehearsal. New members always welcome! In the High School band room. <b>10</b>	7:00-10:00 "Village Piece Makers," at Emanuel Church. All welcome! 5:00-8:00 K of C Fish Fry. At the K of C Hall <b>11</b>	5:20 6th Grade Basketball, at Slauson School in Ann Arbor <b>12</b>
Curbside recycling in Village <b>16</b> 4:30 Middle School Volleyball, at home versus Hanover-Horton. Last home game of the regular season. 6:00-9:00 "Parenting Fair" at the High School. At 7:00, Patrick Grady will speak: "Who Packed the Parachute" Noon Chamber Mtg at Haarer's. (Patrick Grady will be there)	HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY! 7:00 Cub Scout Pack Mtg <b>17</b> 	5:00-8:00 K of C Fish Fry. At the K of C Hall <b>18</b> 8:00 Two 1-act Comedies presented by the Manchester High School Drama Group. In the High School auditorium! Great fun!!!	Middle School Volleyball: Columbia Invitational (time to be announced) <b>19</b> 8:00 MHS Drama: <i>The Drive-In</i> and <i>The Omelet Murder Case</i> . Two 1-act plays. Great fun. Last night.
11:00 Chicken and Biscuit Luncheon at St. Mary's <b>23</b>	5:00-8:00 Parent-Teacher Conferences, Manchester Public Schools <b>24</b>	SPRING BREAK BEGINS!!! No School for Manchester kids until the Monday after Easter, April 4 8:00-noon Parent-Teacher conferences. Also 1:00-3:30 5:00-8:00 K of C Fish Fry. At the K of C Hall <b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 
CWU Lenten Breakfast <b>30</b> 	<b>31</b> 	APRIL Good Friday <b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 



**Human Services Group**  
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This month's event:  
 date: FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1994  
 time: 9:00am-11:00am  
 place: Manchester United Methodist Church 501 Ann Arbor Rd., Manchester

**Up-coming Events** (same place / same time)

Month	Date	Topic
APRIL	22	*CHOLESTEROL AND BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING *WOMEN'S HEALTH NEEDS
MAY	20	*TALK WITH A VETERANS REPRESENTATIVE *LEARN ABOUT AND ENROLL IN OUR SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

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**Wednesday March 16, 1994**  
 "Who Packed the Parachute?"  
 Patrick T. Grady

a presentation by the High School Key Club and the Community Resource Center  
**Manchester High School 7:00 P.M.**  
 (see story by Angie Carlson front page)


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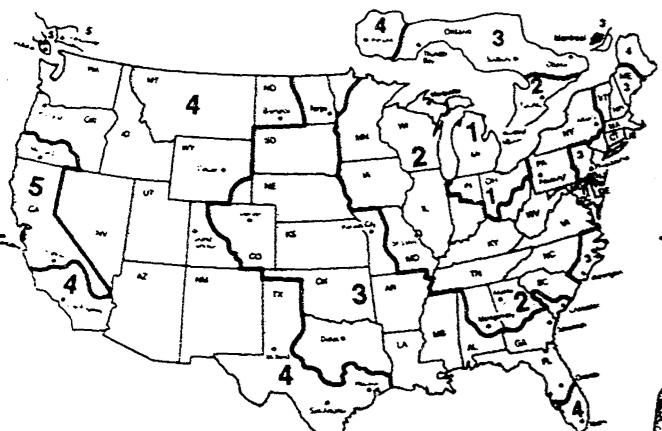
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## classifieds

### HELP WANTED

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### CHILD CARE

Little Dutch Child Care Center offers a structured program of music, art, science & literature for children 1-12 years. (Now accepting summer enrollments.) Call 428-8988 for more information. (3/4)

### WORK WANTED

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### ANTIQUES

Manchester Antique Mall: 35 Dealers. Open 7 days 10-5. 116 E. Main St. 428-9357.

Ann Arbor Antiques Market — The Brusher Show Sunday, April 17. 6am-4pm. 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Exit 175 off I-94. Over 350 dealers in quality antiques and select collectibles. Admission \$4.00. 26th season. The original!!

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for more information that will convict the person who inhumanely SHOT, KILLED and THREW our family dog of 11 years, "Ashley", off the Fetters bridge early morning on Tuesday, Feb. 15.  
This was done less than 1 mile from where she disappeared on Feb. 10. She was spotted alive by two individuals on Sunday, Feb. 13, 1/2 mile east of Sharon Hollow.  
The suspect used a .22 caliber firearm, probably drives a four-wheel-drive vehicle and lives between Sharon Hollow and Sharon Valley (west & east).  
Contact Gregersons at 428-8279.

## News from the CRC

### Christmas in April \*Washtenaw: The neighbor to neighbor spirit of giving

Christmas in April is making a difference! It is the only national non-profit organization with the sole mission of offering home repair and rehabilitation services to elderly, handicapped and low-income homeowners at no cost to them. Christmas in April fills a critical void.

Christmas in April is an annual one-day blitz to repair and rehabilitate these homes. It unites people of all faiths and walks of life in an effort to assist people in need. It is non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-profit.

Many of our neighbors have worked hard all their lives and have been able to physically and financially repair their own homes for most of that time. Now, due to illness, aging, inflation, or any number of uncontrollable causes, they are unable to do the repair work themselves and their homes have become unsafe, maybe unlivable.

While the county has many dedicated employees, they have neither the manpower nor the funds to keep up with the demand for citizens who need and qualify for assistance. The result is a loss of the homeowner's dignity and crumbling neighborhoods.

**"One day of volunteer effort can make a difference in people's lives."**

Manchester has had two very successful years in assisting elderly, disabled and low-income homeowners who are not able to do the work themselves.

Homeowners are very appreciative of the work done by volunteers to improve their home. One elderly homeowner remarked with surprise that: "People would really do this for me?" When the job was completed, her pleasant smile supported her happy expression of, "Doesn't my home look nice?"



**March is Parenting Awareness Month in Manchester**

**CARE ABOUT KIDS**

**The Community Resource Center**  
Director, Dianne Schwab  
122 West Main Street, Manchester  
**428-7722**

### March is Parenting Awareness Month

As part of a state-wide effort, Dianne Schwab, director of the Community Resource Center in Manchester, joined sixty community organizations from across Michigan to help kick off "Parenting Awareness Month". During the campaign kick-off held in Lansing, Dianne helped plan activities and events to celebrate parenting awareness throughout Michigan during the year.

Another family who had been victims of job loss really appreciated the very necessary home improvement assistance that helped them get back on their feet. Both adults in this family are now working and grateful for the volunteer help and donated materials that refurbished their home.

**How are homes selected?**

Churches, service organizations and individuals refer homes to the Christmas in April committee. A task force of Christmas in April tradespeople make the difficult decision of how to prioritize applicants. Individual homeowners may request services by letter or phone.

Anyone, 14 years or older, who would like to volunteer with Christmas in April can call the Community Resource Center, 428-7722.

Home referral information is available at that number also. Volunteers do not need to be skilled at home repairs, however, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, painters and other skilled people are needed.

Volunteers who participated in the 1992/93 program will receive volunteer forms in the mail.

Christmas in April sponsors represent business, foundations, service organizations and clubs, individuals and neighbors who care.

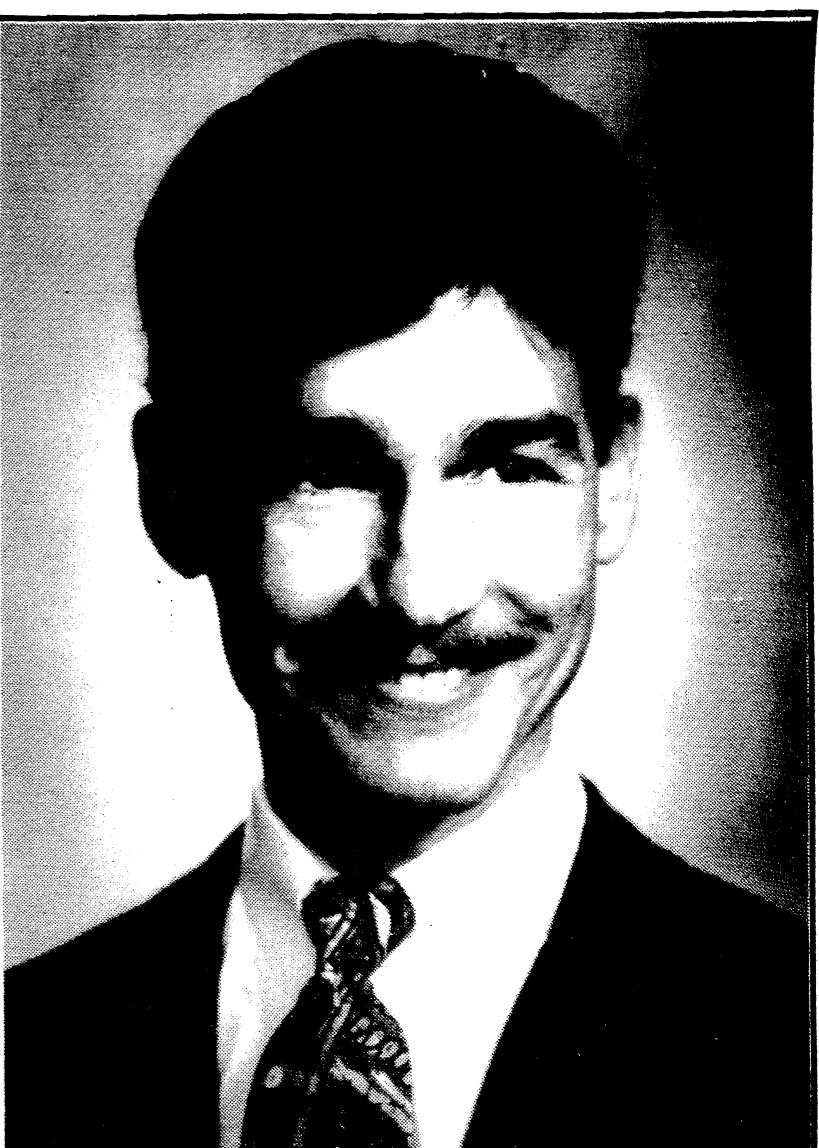
All funds are tax-deductible and go direct to Christmas in April \*Washtenaw, Manchester Chapter.

**Christmas in April, April 23, 1994. Service, Fun and Fellowship — Volunteers can make a difference!**

**Parenting Fair**

**March 16, 1994 6:00-9:00**  
Manchester High School

Resources and information for parents



Patrick T. Grady, renowned and humorous motivational speaker, presents "Who Packed the Parachute?" at Manchester High School, Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. (See Angie Carlson's story front page in this issue of *The Manchester Chronicle*.)

### Board Member Vacancy at CRC

The Community Resource Center (CRC) is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization organized in 1987 to identify the unmet direct and indirect human service needs of the people in the Manchester area. The CRC serves residents of Manchester Village, and the townships of Manchester, Sharon, Freedom and Bridgewater.

The CRC is governed by a Board of Directors and is funded by Manchester United Way, Village of Manchester, Sharon Township, Chelsea Community Hospital, Washtenaw County Human Services, Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency for Livingston and Washtenaw Counties, church, industry, small business and individual donations.

Currently the CRC has vacant positions on the Board of Directors. Board members serve a two-year term and are legally and morally responsible for all activities of the agency. The board is responsible for determining agency policy, approving the agency budget and determining the goals of the agency. All board meetings are open to the public.

Personal qualifications for board membership are a belief in the mission of the CRC and willingness to give the time, energy and interest required.

To express interest in CRC board membership, please contact Dianne Schwab at the CRC office, 428-7722.

**Patrick T. Grady**  
Presentation  
Just for Parents

**"Who Packed the Parachute?"**

**March 16, 1994 7:00 P.M.**  
Manchester High School

Babysitting provided by the Manchester High School Key Club with adult supervision

Presentation organized by the Manchester High School Key Club and funded by the Community Resource Center



# Knights of Columbus Champions Compete at District Level



After being named local champions in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition in Manchester, winners proceeded to the district level, with winners from other area schools, on February 12 at the Manchester High School gym. Competing champions were Michael Fuerstnau, Abra Wise, Eric Walter, Ellen Supers, Ben Grenier, Amy Gall and Billy Alber. With students from other area schools, winners of each division are pictured above. From Manchester, winners were Abra Wise (far right, kneeling); Amy Gall (third from left, standing); and, Ben Grenier (fourth from left, standing). They qualified to compete at the Knights of Columbus Diocesan level in Grand Blanc. — Photo by Kathy Kueffner

## Manchester High School Honor Roll 2nd Marking Period

### Seniors - All A

Laura Alber, Jennifer Ash, Elizabeth Bragg, Tim Landini, Tracy LaRue, Ben Lowery, Kurtis McDonald, Kevin Phelps, Jodi Preston, Katie Speiss

### Honor Roll

Eric Anderson, Jodi Armentrout, Kathleen Baran, Mike Barnard, Sharon Bihlmeyer, Franki Bisard, Erica Briggs, Amie Bryant, Mike Bunn, April Butterfield, Christeen Colter, Mike Croghan, Adam Erskine, Margaret Evilsizer, Matt Fielder, Tom Fielder, Chris Fillyaw, Gordon Gilbert, Zac Gordon, John Gould, Lindsey Gourley, Wendy Haeussler, Trisha Harper, Kerri Keller, Nate Kloster, Phillip Leder, Charles McKibben, Dan O'Dell, Sarah Riske, Angela Roehm, Kristina Sannes, Jeremy Strock, Elizabeth Supers, Patrick Tracy, Renee Wackenhut,

Adrienne Wallace, Christine Walter, Greg Walter, Jennifer Williams, Brent Woods, Tammy Young

### Juniors - All A

Andrea Clark, Justin Ebersole, Sarah Feldkamp, Amy Landini, Mary Lobbstaef, Karin Messing, Jenny Nobsisch

### Honor Roll

Brandi Bradley, Amber Burkhardt, Angie Carlson, Jason Cousino, Melissa Driessche, Amanda Erskine, Shane Goodell, Sharon Goodell, Ryan Haskins, Brent Hoef, Shea Ann Janus, Melanie Kapa, Diana Kruse, Troy Niehaus, Joy Page, Robert Preis, Jenny Rentfro, Linda Saunders, Mark Schulte, Vida Shurtliff, Karly Sweeton, Hillary Wiedmayer, Andrew Winzenz

### Sophomores - All A

Erin Binder, Mark Harris,

Amy Hlavka, Darci Hock, Luke Hugel, Dan Kwolek, Chad LaRue, Mike Mann, Peter Paige, Erika Panches, Kathryn Rice, Jennifer Sahakian, Andrew Schook, Jessica Smith, Deborah Walter

### Honor Roll

Brian Ash, Jason Barnes, Chris Beckington, Jason Beckington, Katrina Bihlmeyer, Leah Bragg, Colleen Brown, Kevin Dettling, Bryan Duvall, Sandra Fielder, Jenny Fleck, Margaret Gisting, Laura Griffin, Jamie Knouase, Marcus McNamara, Jenny Pfaus, Mike Ridenour, Trevor Schleicher, Jeremy Spurr, Joe Tobias

### Freshman - All A

Sarah Ahrens, Suzanne Lowery

### Honor Roll

Dan Alber, Ceara Brown, Sean Clifford, Lacea Curtis, Joanna Dettling, Dawn Dillon, Heather DuRussel, Ryan Fielder, Renee Foster, Joseph Funk, Colleen Geyer, Chris Gilbert, Karen Goodell, Albert Harris, Micah Jefferson, Brad Kemner, Mike Kessler, Nichole Knauss, Rebecca Koffman, Debra Lobbstaef, Stacy Mann, Jennifer Messing, Nicholas Meyer, Charlotte Nelson, Angelo Petrino, Jill Pfaus, Pam Preston, Stephen Riske, Michelle Schaible, Michelle Shuey, Steven Spurr, David Staten, Katie Tolen

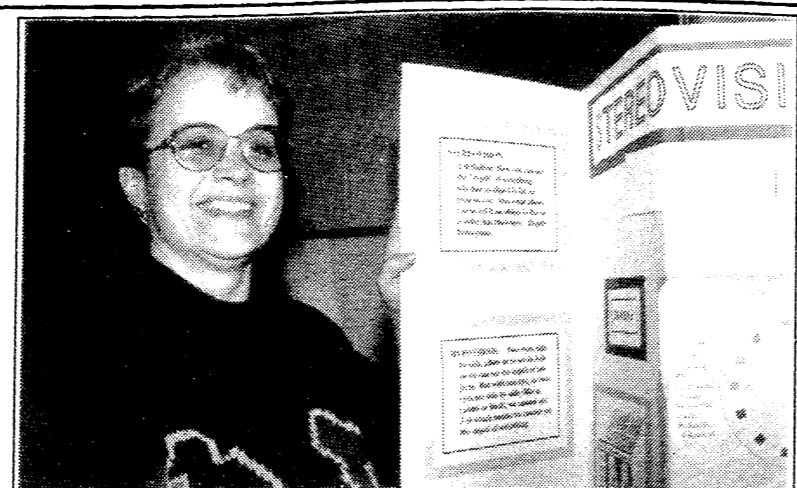


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## SCIENCE FAIR HOME-STRETCH (Why is this Woman Smiling?)

The letters started going home to the kids before Christmas, reminding them (and their parents!): Before you know it, science and social studies fair time will be here.

Now the kids are shaking their heads and asking: How did it get to be March so fast?

Nondus Buss has quite a different perspective. She knows how it gets to be March so fast, because she is the coordinator of the Manchester Middle School Science and Social Studies Fair.

She is all too aware of the many pieces that have to fit together with just the right timing to have more than 350 kids ready to set up their displays and be judged and graded, with awards presented.

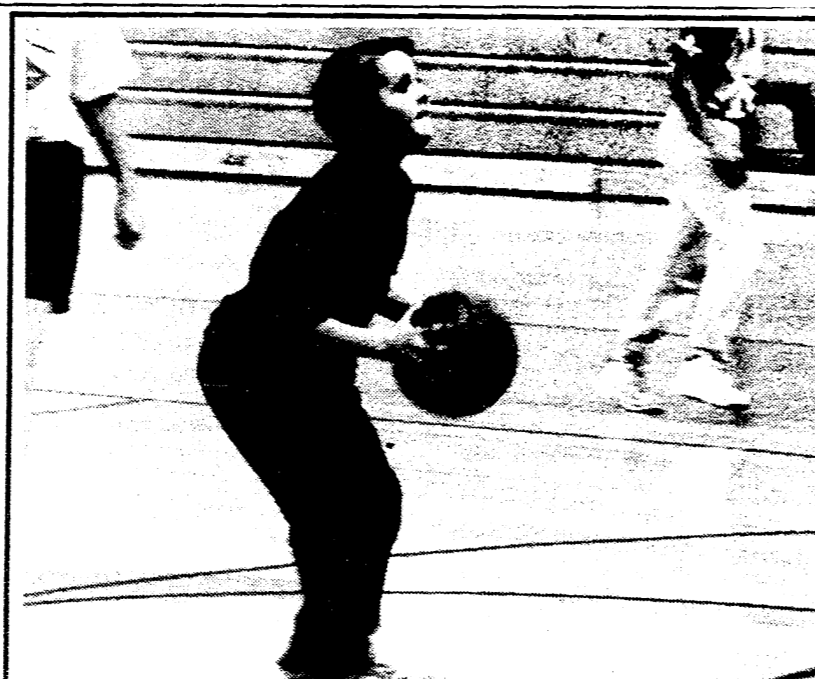
She knows that the kids have to be taught how to work on such a major project and use their time wisely over several months so they get to the finish line at the right time.

She is responsible for culling dozens of competent volunteers from the community to judge the exhibits.

She makes sure the hall is arranged for, parents and younger students have time to view the projects, and on and on and on.

So we would certainly forgive Nondus Buss if she looked a little tired and pre-occupied. But her pleasant ways can be inspirational to the kids as she tries to make sure they know, "This is a learning project and that learning rather than winning should be the main goal!" And the results are so enjoyable!

The community is invited to the American Legion Hall on Thursday, March 3, for the Middle School Science and Social Studies Fair. Enjoy the incredible talent and effort of our young people. If you've never stopped by, don't miss it this year. It is so much fun and truly amazing what these kids can do! □ (JS)



Michael Fuerstnau prepares to shoot the hoop in K of C District Free Throw Finals. — Photo by Kathy Kueffner

Fishing around for something to do? Come to the Little People's Workshop at the Manchester Academy for the Arts *The Little School in the big Mill*

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Choose 1-5 days M-F. Choose the am or pm program from 10am-12 noon or 12:30-2:30pm. Some longer afternoon times available. Children participate in a wide variety of art projects, storytelling, and mini theatre.

Kindergartners join a supervised walk to or from their classroom.

Registration begins now for next week

To register, call 428-8600

# Double Feature — Double the Laughs! The Manchester High School Players Present...

The audience is in for a double treat March 18 and 19 as the Manchester High School Players present two one-act comedies in the high school auditorium!

*The Drive-In* reveals the hilarious antics of three carloads of teenagers at a drive-in movie theater.

In *The Omelet Murder Case*, a murderous spoof of the Hamlet plot, private investigator and hack writer "Shake" Speare, and his faithful secretary, Miss Marlowe, investigate the rumored murder plot at the Elsinore mansion in Chicago.

The talented cast of the Manchester High School Players are: Andrea Clark, Mark Schulte, Amanda Erskine, Andrew Schook, Katie Tolen, Joe Tobias, Diana Kruse, Jeff Tyler, Jessica Smith, Justin Ebersole, Hillary Horodeczny, Mike Kessler, Brandi Bradley and Ryan Haskins. Production director is Mrs. June Weiland, Drama Club sponsor.

Need an evening of laughs and entertainment? Mark your calendar for this double feature of two one-act comedies at the high school, March 18 and 19. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. Ticket time is 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$3 at the door.



Pausing during a busy rehearsal scene, pictured above, some members of the cast of *The Omelet Murder Case*, one of the two one-act comedies being presented March 18 and March 19 at the high school.

Don't miss this double laugh treat performed by our own talented Manchester High School Players. They'd love to see you in the audience, and you'll have fun being there. (Proceeds from ticket sales help fund the drama program.)

# Can Your Home Be Located in the Event of a 911 Call?

You have an emergency. You dial 9-1-1.

Minutes, seconds are precious: Can your home be located easily and as fast as possible by the responding emergency team?

Locating your home is easier if your home displays a "Life Sign" on your wood mailbox post.

"Life Signs" are being sold by the Manchester High School Athletic Boosters for \$20 as a fund raiser for freshmen basketball. The signs are rugged and highly reflective so that they are illuminated at night by passing headlights. The fire department, police or ambulance can easily find your home in an emergency.

The signs are strongly recommended by Sgt. Carl Werner of the Sheriff's Department in Manchester, Huron Valley Ambulance and members of the Manchester Fire Department.

To purchase a sign, call Rachel Burkhardt, 428-9656 or Joann Roberts, 428-9271.



Great idea! Rugged, highly-reflective signs for your mailbox!

## Last Chance Attention: High School Parents

This is the last chance for your high school student to purchase a copy of Manchester High School's yearbook, the 1994 Visage.

This year the cost of \$27 (or \$29 with a name engraved) includes eight additional color pages.

Yearbooks will be on sale until February 28 and can be purchased in Room 110 at the high school or by sending your check to:

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# A Monthly Chronicle of Life and

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 1</b>	Bye-bye, Onsted. MHS varsity basketball 60, Onsted 52!
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 2</b>	Shawn and Christine Dresch receive the blessing of a new baby boy, Steven Timothy. Proud grandparents are Armond Dresch and Denise Dresch.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 4</b>	MHS varsity basketball stomps Napoleon, 51-41
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 6</b>	Horning Farms hosts an Open House to celebrate their award-winning farm! Hundreds of friends and neighbors join in the celebration.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 7</b>	State Rep. Bev Hammerstrom comes to town to meet Manchester area citizens at the high school.  Bill and Dianne Schwab welcome a new grandchild, Ariel Morgan Schwab. So do mom and dad, Mark Schwab and Monika Dittman!
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 8</b>	More snow!!! This winter has been a hard one. January had bitter cold (week after week) plus ice! And still the snow continues
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 9</b>	Rebekah Jackowski puts theory into practice—and possibly saves the life of 3-year old Brittany Boughton by using the Heimlich maneuver. The child began choking at the Bakery. God bless you, Rebekah. And God bless you, Brittany.  American Legion Auxiliary votes to display POW/MIA flag (plus U.S. and State of Michigan) at American Legion Hall
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 11</b>	Varsity basketball dunks Vandy: 49-46  K of C begins their annual Fish Fry season. Tonight is the first of eight fish fry's
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 12</b>	Manchester first "Winter Festival" occurs, with ice sculpting and crafts. Not bad for a first year!  MHS musicians perform at district Solo and Ensemble Festival. Congrats to Sarah Feldkamp, Kathy Doyle, Elizabeth Supers, and Jenny Nosbisch. Also to Katie Tolen, Rebecca Koffman, Jessica Smith, Art Gleason, Justin Ebersole, and Jason Cousino!
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 14</b>	Besides Valentine's Day, it was the last chance to register to be eligible to vote in the March elections. The big one is Tuesday, March 15, when we decide whether or not to increase sales tax (or default to increased income tax) to offset the property tax decrease.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 15</b>	The Manchester Area Historical Society salutes love ♥! Lou and Elvira Vogel tell the story of their courtship and marriage in the 40s. Mary Smolinski relates the 80s version, when she and Steve fell in love!
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 16</b>	Manchester area churches' Ecumenical Prayer Service held at Sharon United Methodist Church to begin this Lenten Season
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 19</b>	Spring snuck in for the week-end! Just to give us hope!!! Thanks! We needed that!  Manchester Volleyball places third at the Pinckney Invitational Tournament. Way to go!!!
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 25</b>	1st issue of the new Manchester newspaper, The Manchester Chronicle, rolls off the presses! The monthly circulation is 100% of Manchester households! At your service!
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 28</b>	Jerry and Peggy Schmidt celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!!!

# Times in Manchester, Michigan!



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Photo by Rick Ridenour

**FEBRUARY** may be the shortest month of the year, but that doesn't mean it's not busy! Pictures here, from the top and moving clockwise: The Horning Farms Open House was a special event early in the month. Farmers are the heart of our nation (and of our lives!!!).

- 1) Little **Katie Green** visits the farm, with her dad, glad for the safety of his arms!
- 2) **Jeff Horning** has every right to be proud. His herd is the highest producing in the state of Michigan!
- 3) The ice has been great this winter...aren't we are just thrilled?! However, it has been a winter of dreams for ice skating enthusiasts. And the rink at the Gazebo Park has provided fun and exercise for many Manchester-ites this winter!
- 4) The Manchester Academy of the Arts hosted a guest artist this February: Denis Hyde. Some of the young students watching are **R.J. Edgerly, Natalie Palms, Alex Ball, Ashley Ball, and Ashley Brannek**. Viva la arts!
- 5) Dedicated 3rd through 6th graders learned the fundamentals of basketball at Saturday workshops, organized by **John Williams** and **John Crispin** with members of the high school JV basketball team helping. The sessions last through Saturday, March 5.
- 6) **Amy Gall** puts one in! Winning the Knights of Columbus free-throw basketball competition for the 13-year old girls division. She advances to the district level.



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# M E E T T H E N E W

—BY JANET SHURTLIFF

## Test Question:

### Where in Manchester is this?:

The alluring scents of lavender, hyacinth, apple blossom and other herbs blend in the air. Fragrances have names such as "Lady of the Unicorn" and "Queen of Scots" and "Lancelot." When you walk through the door, the fragrances fill the air.

Colorful paintings of magic faeries and flowers and birds adorn pure white cabinets and shelves. Rows and rows of white bottles, purple glass atomizers, fluffy white powder puffs and transparently wrapped cameo-shaped soaps are tucked in baskets on these shelves.

Behind the scenes are test tubes, chemistry equipment, and packaging machines.

Where is this??? Do you give up?

Would it surprise you if you were told this is a computer store on Main Street? Well, that wouldn't be the completely accurate, so let's unravel the mystery.

We are talking about *April Victoria*, the delightful business that used to be located in the Mill. **CONNIE ACHTENBERG** is the new *April Victoria* proprietor and "master soap-maker"! *April Victoria* lives! And shares shop space at 231 East Main Street with *Woodbrook Computers*, owned by Connie's husband, **JIM**!

### How the Change Came About

*April Victoria* was created and owned **APRIL DECONICK** and has been located in the Mill for the past few years. April DeConick developed the formulas and recipes for the unique fragrances and thus created *April Victoria*, a business that many loyal customers love and attest to. The uniqueness of the products is obvious, the quality without equal, and the world of *April Victoria* particularly appealing.

But April DeConick also had other interests and responsibilities. She was attending graduate school at the University of Michigan, getting her Ph.D. simultaneously with running *April Victoria*.

When April DeConick received her degree, she decided to close up her Mill store and devote her time and talent to her field of study. Enter Connie Achtenberg.

All of *April Victoria's* retail customers knew the store would be closing the first of the year. The "good-byes" were printed and posted. And many a customer had a tear in their eye when they heard that news.

Although April DeConick had hoped for a buyer for the business, that did not appear to be working out.

"We knew April (DeConick) was closing her store," explained Connie Achtenberg. "One night in December when we were bathing our daughter, Jim and I began musing on *April Victoria's* wholesale business possibilities and whether or not that might be for sale."

After a little negotiating, Connie bought *April Victoria*, primarily as a wholesale business. But she also purchased the cabinets and displays. "We bought the business with an eye to wholesale, but then decided, since we had the space..."

### Status of the Business Now

*April Victoria* offers handmade soaps, bath products, teas, cocoas, and other treats. The formulas are all original, created from natural scents in a "cruelty-free" process.

According to an *April Victoria* catalog, *April Victoria* produces "the largest selection of fragrances manufactured by one company in the western hemisphere."

But those items weren't in stock when Connie bought the business. "April had completely sold out! I started from absolutely nothing but the equipment and formulas. April came in and trained me, but then she turned me loose!

"I was working around the clock, but now the inventory is good. During January we'd be here Saturdays and Sundays. But Jim's business was busy, too.

"It takes time to mix, bag, and label the products. It is all time consuming because there is such an extensive product line."

But time well worth the effort. Now the shelves are well stocked, and the familiar high quality and charming assortment are once more available to the public!

"After we get more settled," Connie added, "we may work on developing new products, including

carrying sea salts and gift baskets." But for now...

### What to Look For

The *April Victoria* products could be divided into two general categories: toiletries and gourmet food items.

The toiletries consist of glycerin soap, body powder, bath mineral crystals, cologne oil splash, foaming bath and shower gel, and various moisturizing lotions.

However, it is not the items themselves that make *April Victoria* so special, but rather the incredible fragrances available in each of these items. There are eleven different flower fragrances, eight fruit fragrances, two masculine fragrances, and three Christmas fragrances.

### THIS LOGO LOOKS FAMILIAR!



The familiar *April Victoria* logo is a drawing of a cameo brooch which belonged to

April DeConick's great-grandmother.

Connie Achtenberg had the logo re-drawn. In the new *April Victoria* catalog which Connie just produced, she explains the new drawing this way: "Our re-designed cameo brooch logo suggests the unbroken *April Victoria* spirit of quality and creativity while at the same time indicating the changing of hands and continuing commitment to always giving you, our friends, the very best we can."

The new drawing was created by Manchester artist Bill Shurtliff.

In addition, *April Victoria* has created a trade-marked line called "Aromatherapy" which assigns to certain fragrances the power to "influence our emotions and moods, to energize, cleanse, sexually arouse, or relax the body and mind." *April Victoria* offers four Aromatherapy fragrances.

All of the fragrances have intriguing names which captivate the imagination when you see them on the shelf or in the catalog.

The second category of *April Victoria* products is gourmet food items. These consist of teas, cocas, brownie mixes, and pancake mixes. Again, the finest ingredients are used in preparing these mixtures. The black teas are all imported. And there are also herbal teas and de-caffeinated teas available.

You can choose from twelve teas, and five pancake and brownie mixes, plus ten cocoa mixtures.

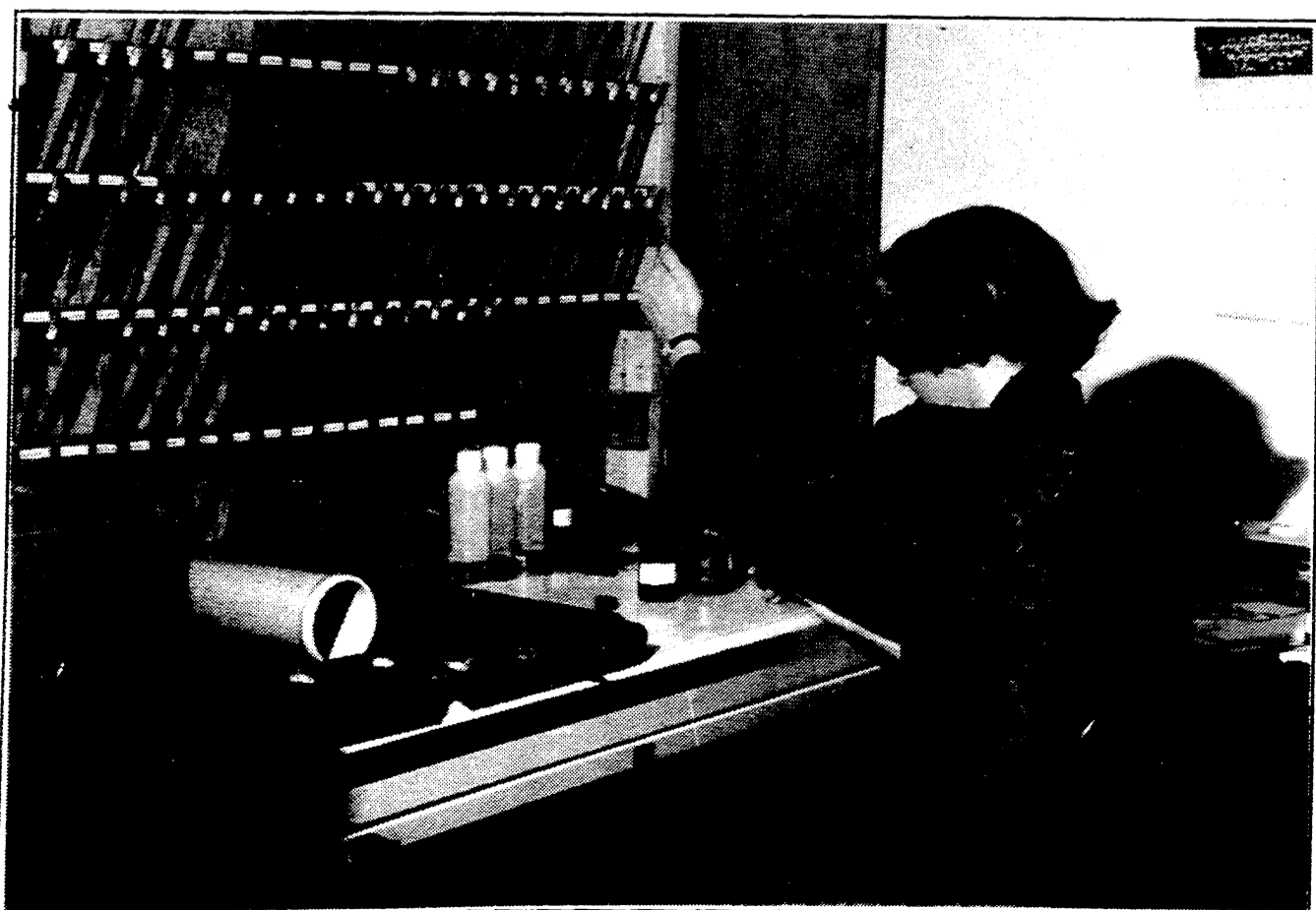
### The More Things Change...

...the more they stay the same. You remember that old saying. Well, when April DeConick began *April Victoria* and ran the store, it was definitely a family business. When April first opened her space in the Mill, her mother and father and sister were always there, helping with the decorating and store responsibilities and probably a lot of other ways we'll never know.

The same is true of Connie Achtenberg. "Dad made the rack which holds the pipettes I use for mixing the formulas," Connie explained, referring to her father Lucas Millenbach. The result is a work area that resembles a chemistry lab! "And Dad is making more display crates." She referred to him as the "master woodworker."

**More than 60 chemistry lab pipettes are easily accessible for mixing April Victoria fragrance formulas, thanks to this work space built by Connie's father. The whole extended family helps Connie, the "master soap-maker," with April Victoria!**

Photo by WEY



# "APRIL VICTORIA"

**According to a recent April Victoria catalog, "the largest selection of fragrances manufactured by one company in the western hemisphere" comes from April Victoria, right here in Manchester!**

Their mail-order customers include gift shops, herb stores, and bed and breakfasts. And those who come into the store may be from town but they are just as apt to be from someplace else! "Today two ladies from Ohio came in. They knew the old location and were happy to have found us!"

But should you walk in the store, don't be surprised to see modems and hard drives just a few feet from a delicate purple glass atomizer containing "Queen Alexandra Cologne Oil Splash!"

**Above: Connie Achtenberg (alias April Victoria) proudly displays the results of her craftsmanship: April Victoria soaps, bath products, and gourmet foods!**



Photo by WEY

### From Victorian Times to the 21st Century...

The mail orders are coming in. "It is amazing how far-flung the customers are!" Connie exclaimed. "We even have one on our mailing list from Alaska!"

Is mail-order still then Connie's intent with *April Victoria*? "Although we bought the business with an eye toward wholesale," Connie explained, "we will offer retail sales whenever Jim's store is open." The store hours are Monday through Friday from noon until 6:00 p.m., except Wednesday when they close at 5:00. Plus there are many other hours when Jim or Connie are in the store and so it is open.

## A TOTALLY IMPARTIAL, UNBIASED REVIEW OF AN APRIL VICTORIA PRODUCT

Connie pointed to the shelves, full of *April Victoria* products. Pick out anything, she said. Take it home and try it.

Hmmmm. Which to choose. Well, first decision is: bath product? Or edible product? Okay, decision made. I'll go for cocoa!!!

(If you are bad at decision making, *April Victoria* may not be the place to be. There is so much to choose from!)

There are 10 cocoa flavor recipes, with names like "Canterbury," "Sherwood Forest," "Yorkshire." But wait. What's this?? "Manchester"!!! A "delicious cocoa, warm and scrumptious" cocoa with a "chocolate macadamia nut" flavor. Sounds just right to me! I'll try it.

Now I am home, sipping the hot *April Victoria* cocoa, cozy while a late winter storm covers with snow the grass we'd just become used to seeing again.

Ummmm. (Is that how you spell the sound you make when you taste something and it is really, really good?) Well, this reporter's totally impartial, unbiased conclusion is that this *April Victoria* cocoa truly "scrumptious," unlike any I've ever had! But then, I do suppose I have uneducated cocoa palate, only knowing grocery quality brand cocoas. *April Victoria* cocoa is something else completely. Let me just say that it is really, really good. It is rich and thick. And the blend of chocolate and nuts is just right. The flavors belong together.

Other cocoa flavors include chocolate-strawberry, chocolate-cappuccino, chocolate-french vanilla, and so on.

The price isn't bad, either. Eight ounces for just \$4.95! P.S. For those with a sweet tooth: *April Victoria* also makes both pancake and brownie mixes, such as "Brittany" (a buttermilk-hazelnut pancake blend) and "Avalon" (a chocolate-amaretto brownie mix). Check them out!

Now, I wonder if Connie will let me "review" her whole product line?! ☐

## OTHER MANCHESTER BUSINESS "HAPPENINGS"



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### WHAT'S GOING ON IN THESE PICTURES???

**RIGHT:** During the depths of winter, **GINA AND CHRIS LENTZ** brought an oasis of tropical sun to Manchester. Check out their new tanning salon "Tropical Effects" on M-52 just before it turns south to Clinton, near E. Austin road.

**LEFT:** When or when will we have the Main Street version of the "Pepsi Challenge"—with pizza??? *Oliver's Pizza* looked like they were ready to open. Then it stalled. Oh well, maybe next month.

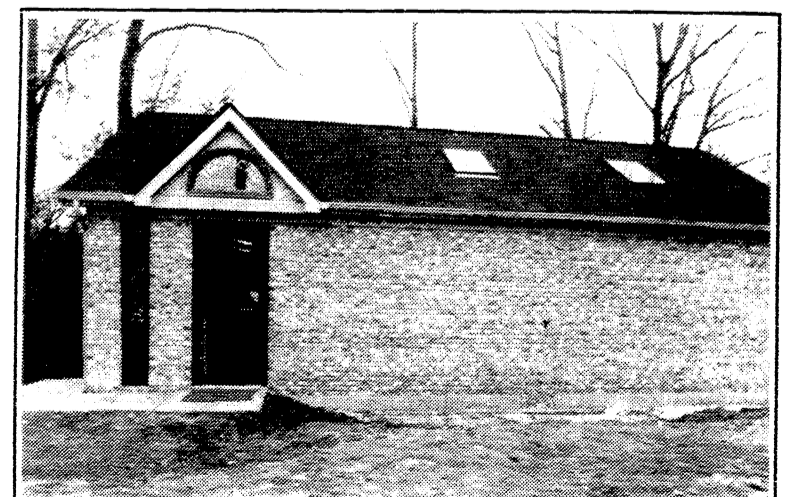


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Thank you  
Thanks a lot!  
Thank You

Need to say "Thanks!"?  
EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS CAN BE SHARED  
IN THE CHRONICLE AT NO CHARGE!  
Can we ever say "Thanks" too often? We hope you  
will make use of this exclusive Chronicle feature.  
What else are friends for?

On my way home from a meeting in Ann Arbor, at 12pm, Monday, February 7, a blustery, cold, snowy evening, my automobile stopped and would not start again.

It was extremely frustrating because I was only two miles from home. Normally I carry extra winter clothing in my car, but we had gone ice fishing the day before and I had transferred all of my winter gear to another vehicle. I did not even have on a pair of gloves!!

I sat there for awhile contemplating, trying to start my car and praying a sheriff would come by. Finally, the car was getting cold and I decided to walk to our barn on Bethel Church Road where there was a phone. All of the houses around were completely dark and I was afraid to go knock on doors in the middle of the night.

Just as I was exiting my vehicle, a car rounded the corner and this man stopped to ask if I needed help. I must admit, I was frightened, not necessarily by the person in the car, but the whole idea of being stranded in the middle of the night and being totally unprepared. He looked safe enough so I asked if he could drive me to the barn to make a phone call. I was hoping it was someone that I knew, but he was a total stranger.

Everything turned out fine and he was very kind and I really appreciate the help. I did not get his name but he was new to Manchester and was on his way home from work.

I will NEVER get in my car again without all of my winter gear and I am pleased to see there are still people out there who are willing to go out of their way to help. Also, thanks to my husband Phil.

Tina Maly

Thank you so much to all our Manchester friends who thought of us during Dan's hospitalization. We deeply appreciate all the flowers, phone calls, prayers, cards, food and your visits to our home to say hello.

To all my customers who stopped in the shop to inquire about Dan and wish us your best - God bless you all!

A special thank you to our families: the Stockwells, Trolzs and Krzyzaniaks. We love you. Thank you, everyone.

Dan and Sandy Trolz

The Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored the first annual Manchester Victorian Village Winter Festival, Saturday, February 12. As president of the Chamber, I would like to express my gratitude to the following people: First of all my wife, Connie, who not only works tirelessly for Manchester's Summer Festival, but also now for the Winter Festival. Additionally, thank you to Deb Havens, chairperson for the entire festival; Jim Sprague who coordinated the ice sculpturing; the Women of Emanuel UCC for providing food throughout the day; Tim Armentrout, coordinator of activities held at the Blacksmith Shop; Teresa Benedict and helper Doreen Birney. We look forward to having a Winter Festival again next year.

Jim Achtenberg,  
President,  
Manchester Area  
Chamber of Commerce



# This Page — Saying Thanks Letters Guest Editorials

## Letter to the Editor:

Recently, Thursday, February 10, our dog Ashley, a family pet for 11 years, disappeared just north of Manchester. We distributed over 500 flyers, called the area Humane Societies, and notified everyone we knew in the area. I would like to thank everyone who kept looking for her during the next five days.

To the person who thought it was their right to SHOOT our dog and DUMP HER BODY ON THE RAISIN RIVER, I thank you for having no compassion for my family or my pet.

This cowardly act was totally unnecessary. Ashley was a friendly dog who had never run away before, and though some people may say she was probably harassing livestock or chasing deer, I don't think this was the case: there was no evidence or witnesses to support this.

If the person who did this is "man" enough to shoot our pet, be "man" enough to face us instead of throwing her body on the river for us to find. This will never happen though because the trigger-happy person

wouldn't have the conscience or moral responsibility to come forward and admit to an act which my family and many others in the Manchester area find reprehensible.

All those who live in the Sharon Valley-Sharon Hollow area beware: there is someone around who will shoot to kill your pet and the official word seems to indicate that there is not a single thing we can do about it. Is this right?

Sincerely,  
Mike Gregerson

## Please be seated.

Sitting is an art that isn't getting passed along. People these days feel as though they have to be doing something.

If they're not working, they're jogging, or playing tennis or golf, or taking courses to improve their minds and bodies - or they're parked in front of the TV. Sitting in front of the TV isn't sitting - it's watching.

People used to sit a whole lot. You'd walk down the street or drive down the road, and there they'd be out on the porch, sitting.

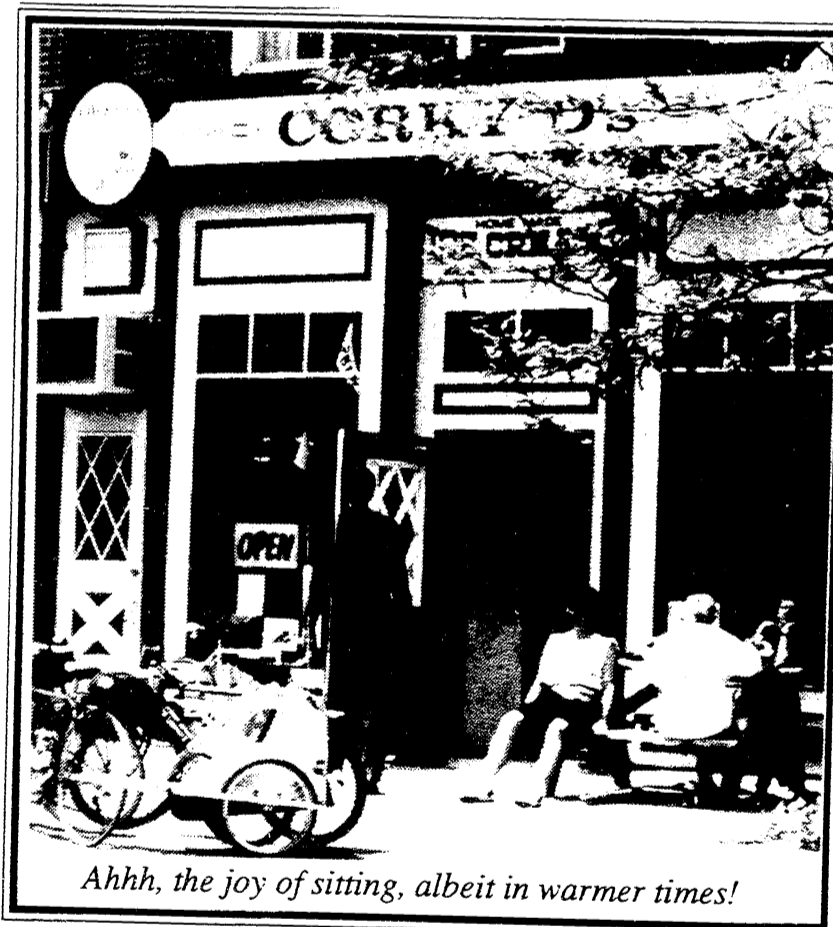
You could go down to the store and sit on the bench out front in the summer or around the potbellied stove in the winter.

There were sitting benches out on the courthouse lawn. At the garage there were straight-backed chairs. There among the oil cans and windshield wiper blades, you could kick back and sit.

Houses used to have sitting rooms where the grown-ups would go after Sunday dinner. Mom and Dad, Grandpa and Aunt Ruby would sit and digest the fried chicken and talk about Aunt Ethel's gallstones and how good the preacher did today. Outside, the children would play, and the afternoon would drift by in a comfortable haze.

That sort of thing looks like doing nothing. A recharging battery doesn't look as if it's doing anything either.

Sitting restores your soul. If you want to enjoy a truly full life, don't just do something - sit there.



Ahhh, the joy of sitting, albeit in warmer times!

—"Please be seated", *The Trumpeter*, Jan/Feb, Manchester Area Senior Citizens Council: LeRoy Powell, "Out of My Head" (South Lyon Historical Society)

Thank you, "Friends from the Baker's Dozen" for the lovely arrangement from The Flower Garden. Your "best wishes" are heartening and very much appreciated. And, for the "Happy First Edition!" plant basket, thank you, family! We couldn't do this without you!

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## MANCHESTER-TO-MANCHESTER

### ¿ POLITICALLY FOOLISH or POLITICALLY INCONVENIENT ?

What are the duties and responsibilities of journalism—as a influential force in our culture, as a human endeavor, as a business.

Got a few years to discuss this? Obviously, this is a question which has no single answer but rather provides the grist for healthy discussion which may in turn effect ideas and activities and thus perhaps make a little bit of a difference in the world.

It is hope that this column, "Manchester-to-Manchester," will serve a similar purpose. We invite those in the community who have a particular viewpoint, idea, or point of discussion to bring it here, for the good of the community.

We especially hope that those who hold positions of responsibility in our community will make use of this opportunity to speak to all of your fellow citizens. This is a place and opportunity with the potential to reach every single person in the Manchester area! It can be done!

As an example of the purpose of this column, we will discuss here a particular article in this first edition of *The Manchester Chronicle*.

We refer to the front page story on the village election and how to go about being a write-in candidate. It was suggested to us that this article could mean that all kinds of people will be getting votes in this Village election!!!

This is not the first time some have questioned the wisdom of making it known that one can run for a particular office and might even win it. We recall some years ago when the president of the Manchester Township Library Board put a notice in the *Enterprise* and Simon gave it front page prominence. The notice advised that anyone interested in running for the Library Board should take out petitions now, and then gave a clear and easy explanation of how to go about getting on the ballot as a Library Board candidate.

Shortly after, at a Library Board meeting, another Board member grumbled: Now we have no idea who might run and who we might end up with on this Board!

Now, we do not tell this story to be self-righteous. That Board member's concerns may have been well founded from experience, knowing that people without involvement in the organization are not apt to be helpful on the Board. They can cause lost time and perhaps

even money.

In fact, the concern we had over the article on the up-coming village election was not so much that too many earnest (albeit unknown) candidates might run, but that some might see the process of a "write-in" as fun, a lark—without understanding the implications of their actions, which could cause a seat (or two) on the Council to be unwisely held. Indeed Mickey Mouse has gotten a few write-in votes in the Village in recent years.

Now—what is the role of the newspaper in this situation? Is running a story about this issue of write-in candidates responsible or not? Could it cause serious problems or simply political inconveniences? Should the newspaper anticipate the worst case scenario and then respond to that? Or be lead by the principle that this is America and everyone is invited to participate in the process. And that the newspaper is simply telling the story of the upcoming election?

We hope we have found a reasonably responsible course of action. We ran the story, concluding that the information is indeed news in our community. And that it is important news when not enough people are interested enough in Village government to run for office. And just because some know about the peculiarity of this election doesn't mean others shouldn't be made aware.

However, we also reminded the reader of the duties and responsibilities of holding a Council seat, and hopefully sufficiently cautioned anyone who might not be taking the idea of the Council election seriously to think again.

This is the first issue of this newspaper. Our goal is to serve the community, trying to provide news and information without a personal slant or agenda. And already we are tested. Let us know what you think! About this issue, or any other. Share your viewpoint—in "Manchester-to-Manchester"!!!

—by Janet Shurtliff  
News Department, *The Manchester Chronicle*

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## HEART AND SOUL

### TRUE LOVE

—BY REV. R. DEAN COOPER  
PASTOR, VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

February saw "hearts made of many colors, in various shapes, and from different materials (mmmm—the chocolate ones, too.) We call them Valentines.

Valentines traditionally stand for LOVE. In our conversations today, what does the word "love" mean? Occasionally it means the real thing, but often it is used as slang, sensual, or as an expletive.

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."  
—John 1:11-13

LOVE is more than a word. It is that wordless inward movement of compassion that compels one to give beyond measure, without expecting reciprocation. This is learned from the Bible. You may have learned as a child: "God is Love." (It's true, no one can go to hell unloved by God.)

I received God's love at age 15; my wife at age 12. We have a song we sing, "I'm in love with Jesus—He's in love with me."

God gave us sinners only one valentine. You'll find it expressed in St. John 3:16, explained by St. John 1:11-13. Enjoying the Scriptures is

our only way to reciprocate God's love. Remember the shortest verse in the Bible? "Jesus wept." He did so because He loved!

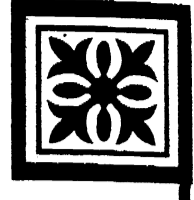
Notice the title of this feature: We pray the article has met that need for you.□

Victory Baptist Church is located at 423 South Macomb, in the Village, just past the Fire Hall. Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. Morning worship on Sunday is at 11:00 a.m. with a public evening Bible class at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Praise and Prayer service at 7:00 p.m. The Victory Baptist faith community invites you to visit and worship God with them!

**"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."**  
—John 3:16

Each month we invite a different area pastor or church leader to share thoughts with the people of Manchester in this "Heart and Soul" column. We pray that our community may be blessed.





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We promise to provide business, rural and residential Manchester with a community publication committed to professionalism and integrity — a newspaper the community can be proud of! And, rest assured, we certainly appreciate and recognize your support in developing this publication.

You have read in this March issue well-written articles of interest, stories, features, club news, a bit of blarney and Irish humor in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, a pull-out center section with a monthly calendar for the convenience of our readers; in short, something for everyone.

Our April issue will have MORE!

The April Manchester Chronicle will be published Thursday, March 31st; deadline for ads is Monday, March 28th.

Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Kueffner, Publisher

Janet Shurtliff, News Editor

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