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## IT'S ONLY A PRIMARY, BUT...

AT STAKE: MILLAGES + DuRUSSEL + "FAVORITE SON"

—BY JANET SHURLIFF

"There will be a low turnout," predicted one of the area Township Clerks, referring to the upcoming Primary Election.

And we probably shouldn't be surprised. All recent elections, even the presidential elections, have a low turnout these days!

But you may want to make sure

### What Are the "Uniquely Manchester" Issues?

One very important race in our area is the selection of the Republican candidate for County Commissioner for the 8th District, our district!

As Julie Schaible, clerk of Freedom Township said, "This primary race will decide the election [for 8th District County Commissioner]."

Four Republicans are vying to be their party's candidate for Commissioner in the Fall election. No Democrats are running to oppose them. So essentially whoever wins the Republican Primary will win the seat (unless the unlikely scenario of a successful write-in campaign in November occurs!).

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your vote is counted in this election next Tuesday, August 2nd. You may want to take the few minutes to effect the outcome.

### Why Vote?

#### What's On the Ballot?

Common to all township ballots for Manchester area residents are the party primaries for state and federal offices. For instance, if you choose to vote in the Democratic Party section of the ballot, you will have a choice of four candidates for governor—Jondahl, Owen, Stabenow, or Wolpe. You will vote for one—essentially nominating that person to be the party's one candidate for governor in November.

If you vote in the Republican Party section of the ballot, John Engler is unopposed for Governor, but you will have the opportunity to support either Spencer Abraham or Ronna Romney as the Republican candidate for United States Senator from Michigan.

And so on. There are candidates vying to be their party's one candidate on the November ballot for each office subject to reelection this fall.

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### Serious Business!



Photo by Kathy Kuehner

**WELL, MOST OF THE TIME IT'S SERIOUS BUSINESS!** But this was a day for FUN when the Manchester Township fire fighters hosted a waterball contest on the Main St. Bridge during the Street Fair. "Let the games begin!" as fire fighters Jacques LaRocque and Dave Jose lead the charge! [See pages 5 through 8 inside for a serious look at these fine men!]

### MANCHESTER TO MANCHESTER

## Manchester: A Place For All Generations

by Mont and JoAnn Okey

*Authors Mont and JoAnn Okey have enjoyed residing in an old brick house in Manchester for thirteen years. They and their six children: Jenny, Jeno, Jon, Ben, Katie, and Elizabeth have been active members of the Manchester Community. Recently Mont has served as co-chair of the Manchester High School Band Boosters and President of the United Church of Christ Council. JoAnn is a former Manchester School Trustee and Elementary Principal. Travelers and village residents passing by the Okey household have shared delight in the ever changing display atop their Snoopy Mailbox.*

To those of you who were born and raised in the village of Manchester, there can be no more wonderful place than home. But those of us who came to Manchester later in life bring different perspectives and experiences to our appreciation of our adopted Home Town.

There are many wonderful things to enjoy here in Manchester, but over time we have grown to appreciate the fact that this is a truly multigenerational community. In Manchester one person can easily play the many roles of their life as part of the community.

In his play, *As You Like It*, William Shakespeare speaks about the changing roles each of us will take in our journey through life.

*"All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women merely players;*

*They have their exits and their entrances;  
And one man in his time plays many parts."*

[As You Like It, vii, 139]

While many take a multi-age town as a given, those of us who grew up in spanking new suburban communities rarely saw anyone outside the age of our nuclear

families. On one block, there could easily be no adult past forty and no child under five. Seniors lived some place else and grandparents were visited on holidays.

When we left California, we moved here to be with our parents and our extended family. Having spent seven years across country, as the guests of the Naval Forces, we knew how important our folks were to us and to our children. But most

unexpectedly, we have also benefited from working and playing with seniors and babies from your families. Our children have known the care and concern of adults of all ages at

school, church, neighbors and businesses. As adults, we have also shared in the bounty with much support, encouragement and role models to inspire us for all ages.

One has only to look around to see the diversity of generations in our town. A glance in the bakery, a trip to the library, a walk down Main Street shows people of many ages.

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## ALL GENERATIONS

People here don't just live side by side, there are so many times that the generations work and play together: on family farms, in the pits at the Chicken Broil, during the Manchester Fair, at street dances and football games, graduations, baptisms, weddings, funerals and Gazebo Concerts.

VISIONS: there are so many visions that come to mind to illustrate this point, we would like to share just a few:

- Sitting on the Main Street curb and watching our children go by in the *Fair Parade*, seeing the pride in the children's eyes reflected in the eyes of their grandparents as they saw each child come into view, life just doesn't get any better.

- Attending a *High School Concert* and seeing whole families from great-grandparents to toddlers filling an entire row. Watching adults who have no direct connection with the performers enjoy and take pride in the students' accomplishments.

- Knowing that Ron Mann, following in his father's footsteps, is watching his own sons grow up in the tradition and mystique of the *Chicken Broil*.

- Seeing girls of all ages actively involved in *scouting* and watching this exciting program grow under the guidance of Lucille Brunner with help from hubby Len.

- Stopping by the *Bakery* and seeing a table full of mature gentlemen tease and chat with a young man who had just entered.

- Meeting an ex-governor, *John Swainson*, who lent his expertise and enthusiasm to the entire community through his work in the Historical Society, willingness to make history come alive in fancy dress, and visits to the local schools.

- Lying on the grass one Thursday evening and listening to the *Community Band* concert at the *Gazebo* where musicians of all ages delight the villagers.

- Gathering in Carr Park on a firefly lit evening to watch *fireworks* blossom against the sky and listening to the assemble crowd gasp with delight. The *Men's Club* pulls off this yearly wonder although larger communities can't seem to manage a similar feat.

- Wandering lazily through the *Fair* exhibits and seeing displays of cooking, sewing, art with representatives of every

generation.

- Enjoying good company and great food at one of the summer *Ice Cream Socials*. What a great place, where no one has to cook on Wednesdays all summer long.

- *Halloween* has not lost its traditional zest in Manchester where adults enjoy handing out treats to excited children in colorful costumes. The Trick-or-Treat time is a magical period that ends with the sound of the village whistle that also signals the beginning of a party at the Middle School for all the village ghosts and ghouls. Each year we delight in seeing between two and three hundred children of all ages dunk caramel apples at our house. Sticky, but fun!

- Watching the grinning faces of exultant canoers who have successfully completed the *Canoe Race* as they lift their canoes from the



"People here don't just live side by side, there are so many times that the generations work and play together." Here fire fighter Kris Kensler takes time out to meet with the young ones, leading his troops to battle in the Waterball Contest during the Street Fair this month.

water above the Main Street Bridge.

- Standing in front of Emanuel Church on a frozen December night looking through a cloud of vapor at the impressive *Live Nativity Scene*. (Was that Lew Major solemnly kneeling as a Wise Man?)

- Meandering down Main Street to chat with friends and view the wares of local businesses and guest artists at the *Street Fair*. Taking a moment to watch craftsmen card wool, weave and share the secrets of creating iron masterpieces.

- Driving home on Christmas Eve and seeing the beautiful sight of thousands of *Luminaries* lining every street and knowing that hundreds of Manchester residents contributed to

that magical moment. Special thanks to Karen Hinkley who initiated this wonderful tradition and to the Manchester Historical Society who sponsors it each year.

- Watching *Christmas* spirit come alive in *April* as families and friends join forces to repair and paint homes for those in need.

- Listening to the report of the rifles echo off the River Raisin at the commencement of the annual *Memorial Day Parade* when residents of all ages, led by Legion Post 117, gather to remember those who sacrificed their lives for their country.

Of course it's not all togetherness and each age has some activities just for them: Preschool Storytime at the Library, Day Camp, Teen Dances, the Twentieth Century Club, Optimist meetings, the Manchester Historical Society and Senior Citizen dinners. In Manchester, there's something for everyone.

- *Senior citizens* in Manchester are so busy and active their schedule boggles the minds of younger adults. Not a few are still active in the workforce, some as volunteers. The senior citizens group meets regularly, plans trips and activities and shares meals.

- *Preschoolers* have many different opportunities available including many fine preschool and day care programs, the *Library Story Hour*, *Manchester Community Education* activities to name a few.

- For school age children there are so many things to do, sometimes it's hard to choose: *Scouts*, *Band sports* of all kinds, both competitive and intermural, *4-H*, *Community Education classes* and programs such as *Super Saturday*, church activities, ballet, *Summer Recreation programs*, *Steer Club* and high school activities such as *Drama Club* and *German Club*, and much more.

- For adults there are many active organizations such as *Optimists*, *Manchester Men's Club*, the *Twentieth Century Club*, *Kiwanis*, the *Manchester Community Resource Center*, the *Recreation Task Force*, the *Manchester Fair Committee*, the *Manchester Chamber of Commerce*, the *Manchester*

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## AS WE SPEAK...AS WE SPEAK...

### Open House in the Historic Manchester Mill: Saturday, July 30

Rachel Tucker would like to invite you to an Open House in the Mill on Saturday, July 30 from ten o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Open House will be a celebration of Rachel's grandmother's new shop: *Flora in the Mill*.

There will be a special guest appearance of "Eddie Pasghetti," the four-foot puppet who only eats pasta.

Author Yvette McCann will sign copies of her newest children's book release and entertain young and young-at-heart by playing her guitar and singing songs from the *Eddie Pasghetti Songbook*.

Owned by Flora Neely, *Flora in the Mill* is the new retail florist and gift shop located in Manchester's historic Mill on Main St.

"I moved back to this area just about a year ago after living in Florida for a few years," Flora says. "I'm especially enjoying my granddaughters, Rachel age 5, and my newest grandbaby Allison born just this last 22nd of May."

Flora opened for business July 18 and she is looking forward to hosting the Open House in the Mill on the 30th.

"It's a dream come true," Flora relates. "I've worked in flower and gift shops and designed my own arrangements for quite awhile. I enjoy creating beautiful and individually unique floral arrangements."

"Besides," she laughs in her charming southern accent, "with a name like Flora was I not meant to be in the flower business?"

Flora in the Mill offers fresh floral designs, elegant custom designed silk trees, plants and arrangements and distinctive home accents.



Rachel Tucker invites you to her grandmother's Open House in the Mill.

The Open House for *Flora in the Mill* will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 30. Eddie Pasghetti will be making his guest appearance between 1:00 and 3:00. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Flora at 313-428-1034.

## VOTE AUGUST 2nd! ★★★★★ RE-ELECT MIKE DuRUSSEL

### Republican for County Commissioner

Mike DuRussel enjoys a long family history in Washtenaw County and in farming. He is currently President of DuRussels' Potato Farms, Inc. —MIKE DuRUSSEL IS:

#### A PATRIOTIC CITIZEN

- ◆ a 25-year member of the American Legion Post 117 in Manchester; he served as Post Commander 1974-75.
- ◆ Has almost 20 years with the Washtenaw County Council of Veterans, serving as Council Commander 1982-83 and serving on the Executive Committee 1974-81
- ◆ Was the American Legion County Commander 1986-87
- ◆ Is a member of Vietnam Veterans of America 310
- ◆ Is currently Chairman of the Selective Service Board #341

#### A CONSCIENTIOUS FARMER

- ◆ Has been a Washtenaw County Farm Bureau member for 25 years and is currently serving on the Local Affairs

#### Committee

- ◆ Is a member of Michigan Farm Bureau, currently serving on the Fruits & Vegetable Committee

#### AN EXPERIENCED PUBLIC SERVANT

- ◆ Has been elected precinct delegate for Freedom Township since 1980
- ◆ Is serving as the Vice Chair of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners from 1990 to present
- ◆ Serves as Chair of the Agricultural Committee of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, from 1990 to present
- ◆ Serves on the Washtenaw County Drain Board, 1990 to present
- ◆ Served on the Washtenaw County

#### Road Commission

1990-1992

- ◆ Is serving on the Agricultural & Rural Land Use Policy Committee for the Washtenaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission

#### A PERSON WHO CARES

- ◆ Has been serving on the Health Services Committee for the Human Service Board since 1988
- ◆ Served on the River Raisin Watershed Council 1991-92
- ◆ Serves on the Washtenaw & Livingston Counties Substance Abuse Committee
- ◆ Currently serves on the Substance Abuse and Awareness Committee for the community of Manchester

★★★ Mike DuRussel doesn't just talk...he works ★★★  
to make things happen! Elect Mike on Aug. 2nd

Paid for by DuRussel for County Commissioner Committee

### Chelsea Sidewalk Days: Friday & Saturday — July 29 & 30

It's an annual event in downtown Chelsea: Sidewalk Sales at the end of July. This year the dates are Friday, July 29 and Saturday July 30, from 8am-9pm on Friday and on Saturday from 8am-6pm.

Besides incredible savings at participating merchants, there is an incredible array of entertainment for the whole family. Here's a partial list:

#### FRIDAY

- 12:30 p.m. Rag Rug Puppet Theatre
- 2:00 p.m. Local Chelsea High School Talent
- 4:00 p.m. Barton Hillbillies, a Guitar & Banjo Band
- 6:30 p.m. Earth Angels, 50s/60s Lip Sync Group
- 7:30-10:30p.m. 50s/60s Dance

#### SATURDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Karate Demonstration
- 11:00 a.m. Colors the Clown and Company
- 12:30 Boyer/Fitzsimmons Magic Show
- 2:00 p.m. Raisin Pickers
- 4:00 p.m. Diamond Back Dancers (Country Western)

South Street will be blocked off for the Craft vendors. East Middle Street will be blocked off for the food and entertainment, and of course, the merchants will have their wares displayed in front of their shops — at incredible savings.

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Fri 9am-3pm Kiddie Carnival at Congregational Church, E. Middle St.  
Fri & Sat Historical Society Craft/Bake Sale at Depot  
Fri & Sat 1-4pm Tour of the South House Bed & Breakfast  
Sat 11am-3pm Open House at Whistletop Bed & Breakfast  
Sat Classic Car Show in Jiffy Lot/Parade 3:30pm  
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### "Uniquely Manchester" Ballot Issues...

#### Representing Our Part of the County

The four candidates for the Republican nomination are: incumbent **Mike DuRussel** and challengers **Mark Balden**, **Harold Owings** and **Gene DeRossett**.

The two candidates generating most of the local interest seem to be Mike DuRussel and Gene DeRossett.

**Mike DuRussel**, from DuRussel Farms in Freedom Township, is stressing his record of service in many areas of community life—public service, farming, veterans affairs, and specifically his record from his previous two terms as the representative from our district on the County Commission. His list of accomplishments is long.

**Gene DeRossett** is stressing his experience, business background and personal contacts as reasons to support his bid to be the Republican candidate. He is promising to be an "accessible source," a "wise trustee," and "dedicated." His list of supporters is long.

There are also two other candidates. **Harold Owings**, a long, long time Washtenaw County resident, including residing in Manchester Village for five years until moving to Saline last fall, says his interest is "not personal," but that he believes the issues of taxes and high salaries have been allowed to escalate and must stop. He has life long experience in law enforcement.

**Max Balder** is a life-long Republican who has served his party in many ways throughout his life. "Politics is my avocation," he says. He states that he believes in public service and that now is the time for him to "take his turn" serving. The Saline Twp. resident and self-described "Republican party stalwart" believes the County Commission needs a "stronger Republican voice"—someone who will work with the rest of the Commission, but will say when necessary: "Wait a minute—we differ on this."

The August 2nd Primary will

decide this race for all of the Manchester area.

#### Manchester's "Favorite Son"?

Another important election for Manchester folks is the race for the Republican nomination for the 18th District State Senate.

Why is this so important to Manchester? Because "favorite son" **John Hochstetler**, from Freedom Township, is one of the three candidates for this State race on the ballot (the other two are from Ypsilanti).

Although the *Ann Arbor News* has reported that the County Republican Party has put its financial backing behind one of the other candidates, John Hochstetler is waging a sincere and heartfelt campaign. It will remain to be seen if the "farmer from the county" can stage an upset—with the help of his friends and neighbors!

#### Manchester Township Millages

If you live in Manchester Township, one incentive to vote is that there are three Township millage proposals on the ballot.

See PAGE 8 for discussion of these 3 PROPOSALS →

### It's Only a Primary, but...

#### Must I Register Party Preference?

It is important to know that you need not register any party preference to vote in this primary. You can enter the voting booth and then decide if you'd rather participate in the Republican Party selection process or the Democratic Party process. However, you must be consistent. The voting machines won't allow you to pick and choose—voting for a Republican for Senator and a Democrat for Governor. You will have to pick a party and stay with it. But you needn't let anyone else know which party you chose!

This party primary will be your opportunity to select your party's candidates for Governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. Congressional Representative, State Senator, Representative in the State Legislature, County Commissioner, and Delegates to the County Convention.

#### Other Races and Reasons

In addition to the party primaries, all can vote for judgeships in the 3rd District Court of Appeals and 22nd Circuit Court. These are non-partisan offices, so everyone regardless of party, can vote from the same list of candidates.

The Manchester area also has a special interest in the County Commissioner race, the 18th District State Senate, and the millage proposals in Manchester Township. (See accompanying story.)

So take the time, next Tuesday, August 2nd. Go to your Township Hall to vote between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

One thing is for sure: You won't have to wait in a long line! □

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### ALL GENERATIONS

Fire Department, the Manchester American Legion, the Manchester Historical Society, the school volunteer program VISA and many different church groups.

Multi-generations are part of the ebb and flow of life... Our generations are closely linked in time and destiny. Children of all ages benefit from the wisdom and care of their elders. Elders are renewed and recommitted through their own and the communities children. Children too find they have a role in the life cycle. Watching, listening, learning and helping where they can.

Students at Klager take special pride in hosting Senior Citizens and grandparents at their annual *Thanksgiving Supper*. Fourth graders carefully peel carrots and sometimes fingers as they prepare part of the feast. Grandparents proudly hold small hands as they visit classrooms ask questions and reminisce about their own school days. Children without grandparents are lovingly enfolded by seniors without grandchildren. Fourth grade students are excited to be able to serve as hosts or hostesses to their guests. Entertainment and a great meal are enjoyed by all.

In Africa, there is a proverb that says that "The village raises the child." That sense of each adult owning every child is a reality here. When a child

needs help, it is common to see a non-parent pitch in. The entire community supports the schools, the Recreation Task Forces, Scouts and a multitude of other activities such as DARE, that help guide and nurture our children. But if you really want to measure the quality of a community look to the seniors. In Manchester we have an intelligent active and involved senior population that really makes a difference in our community. They are the fine, rare aged wine of a lifetime in Manchester.

For over a hundred and fifty years Manchesterites of all ages have worked, played, prayed and helped one another throughout their lives. One value I learned early on here was that Manchester takes care of its own. This old-fashioned value has blessed its residents with a stable and supportive community in which all members have responsibilities and a support system of the extended community family.

Manchester has always prided itself on taking care of each other and at least until recently, avoided the generation wars...where people divide into age alike camps and point blame...rather we recognize that each age has something unique to offer the community and that no age or person can really "go it alone." □

## A SALUTE TO OUR FIREFIGHTERS

- BY KATHY KUEFFNER

The men of the Manchester Township Fire Department all have one thing in common: they all have a strong commitment to the community.

Invariably when asked, "Why did you want to become a member of this fire department?", succinctly or eloquently they all stated they wanted to help others; being a Manchester fire fighter was a way of saying thanks to the community that has been good to them — a community where a few of the fire fighters grew up.

Some of the firemen grew up as "fire house brats." Their fathers were firemen and they have continued the tradition.

Brothers Kris and Kurt Kensler are sons of former fire chief James Kensler. Their mother, Helen Kensler, researched and published the *History of the First Forty Years of the Manchester Fire Department, 1870-1910*.

Kurt recalls tagging along behind his dad. "Whenever my father went to the old fire hall, I always tried to go with him. When the fire whistle would go off, I could see the intensity in my father as he ran out the door. I wanted to be part of that. Of my 17 years, I remember the first six years the most. I was able to work with my dad - the Fire Chief, a lot of times side by side.

Jeff Mann says, "My grandfather, father, and uncle all served in the department. I did quite a bit of growing up in the fire station."

Bill Scully presently serves on the department under Chief Mike Scully, his dad.

For others, being a fireman has meant fulfilling a lifelong ambition and a rewarding experience as an important step toward future goals.

Larry Bash said that he joined the fire department right after his 18th birthday, the earliest he could. "It had been a dream for me ever since I can remember."

"I joined the fire department as a stepping stone toward education and experience in hopes of going into a full time career as a fire fighter," says Joey Knasiak. "While going into my sixth year here with the Manchester Fire Department, I've gained good friends and excellent experience to work toward my goal." And, he adds, "The people of Manchester should be very pleased and proud of the excellent group of men they have to respond to whatever the need may be."

Besides feeling the personal satisfaction that comes from helping those in need, the challenge and excitement of the work also appeals. Each time that fire house sirens wails and the individual pagers sound, there is an emergency. It could be a medical emergency call, a grass fire, a personal injury vehicle accident or a blazing inferno engulfing someone's house.

David Jose, says "It's the challenge the fire service offers. There are never two emergencies alike."

"There's a different challenge involved with every call you go on," agrees John Kemner.

On the day I was there, it was a wires arcing on Auburn St. call that came over the radio. Consumer Power was alerted that primary wires were in jeopardy.

The truck that goes out on just about every call, the "main attack" pumper responding that day also, is a 1966 model. It is due to the diligence and conscientious care the fire fighters give their equipment and vehicles that this almost 30-year old pumper looks and runs as well as it does.

But now it needs replacing. A new pumper would have modern, more dependable equipment; it could carry more hose; the pump capacity would be increased.

Chief Mike Scully says "The community can be proud of the their Fire Department. This is a group of dedicated fire fighters."

And, as Jacques LaRocque states: "The fire department is men from this community who are ready to lay their lives on the line."

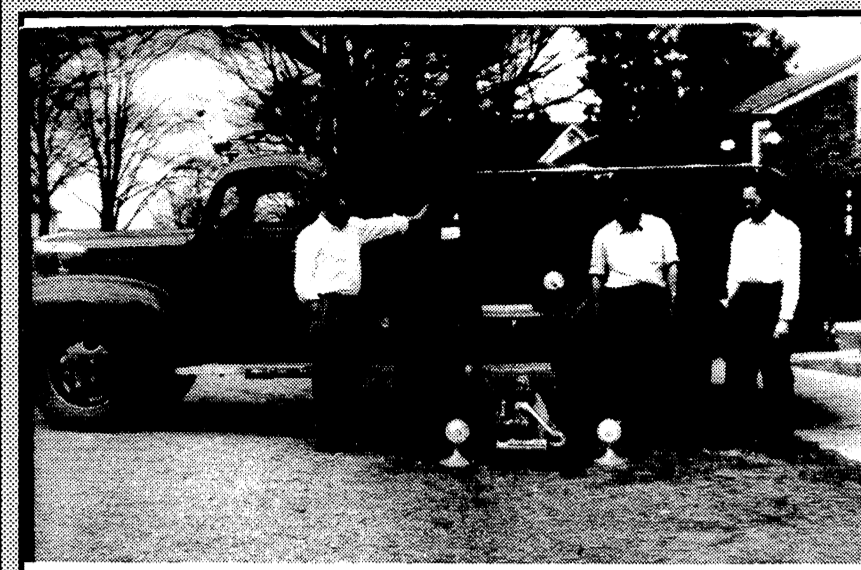
Lyle Widmayer, who has been with the department the longest, 47 years, says, "We have come a long with the training new firemen receive and the equipment we now have."

Basic Fire fighter I certification requires 120 hours of training. Fire Fighter II is another 120 hours. Then there are additional hours required for specific training in handling hazardous material, First Responder, CPR, Emergency Medical Technician, and Arson Investigator. We have these professionals on our Manchester Fire Department to respond to our emergencies.

Dan Fleck sums up his experience. "The first thing I learned when I joined the fire department was that it was much more difficult and time consuming that I ever imagined. When I joined in April of 1984, Jim Kensler was Chief, Gale Koebe and Mike Scully were Assistant Chiefs. These three men taught me more about fire fighting than any classes I have ever taken."

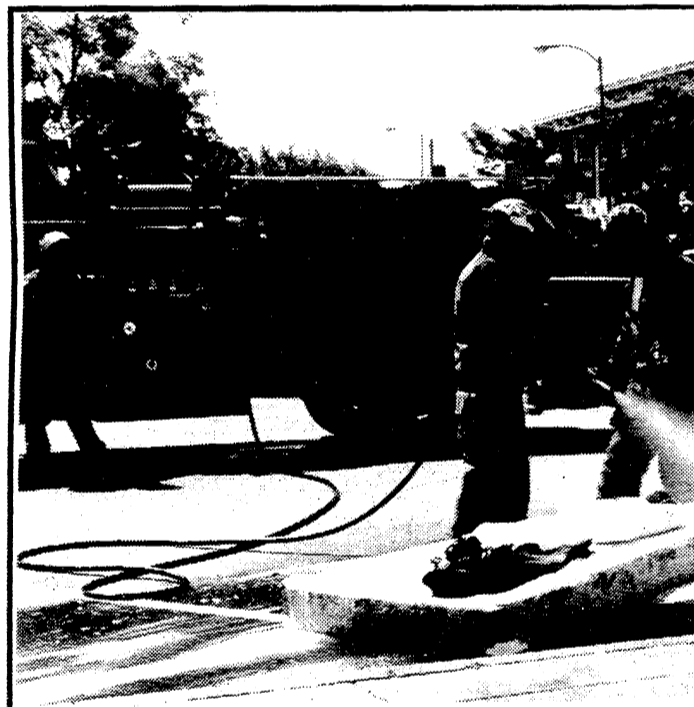
The men of the Manchester Fire Department agree unanimously: they are proud of the job they do and the way they do it; they are proud of an almost

### A PROUD HISTORY



The history of a town must include the history of the brave fire fighters who through the years have been always ready to serve their fellow citizens and the community when the need was most immediate. Manchester has been blessed with a proud history of fire fighters. Stories from the past and stories from the present share the common themes of camaraderie, commitment, and courage. Pictured above is a moment circa 1952 as Paul Eisele, Chief Lawrence Scheid, Royal Davidter, and Harold Alexander check out emergency lights. — Photo courtesy of the Manchester Township Library

legendary quick response time. They appreciate it when people they have helped take the time to say "thanks" and they appreciate our support, our support that helps them to be there when we need them.



Tuesday, July 26, the Fire Department responded to a call on Main St. They dragged a smoldering mattress down from a second-story apartment. Pictured: Fire fighters Glenn Gliński, Don Steele and Mike Cummings. — Photo courtesy of Richard Weir, Manchester Labs

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# MEET THE MEN WHO RISK



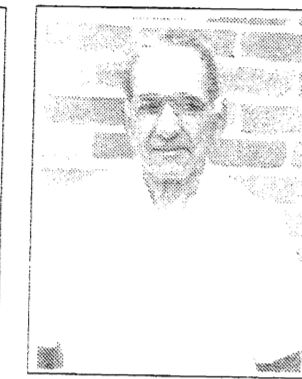
**LARRY BASH** is married and lives in the Village. In October of this year he will have been with the fire department for seven years. Bash is an Emergency Medical Technician and has had Firefighter I and II training. He works at Manchester Stamping.

**ERIC BEUERLE** is a First Responder with Firefighter I & II training. He's single, lives in Manchester Township and has been with the department for five and a half years. Beuerle works as a Journeyman Moldmaker for Johnson Controls here in Manchester.



**ROBERT BLUMENAUBER** is certified to handle hazardous materials, has CPR certification and Fire Fighter I. He has been with the department for 1-1/2 years, farms and works for Schnearle Farms in Sharon Township. Robert is single.

**ALAN HANEWALD** lives in Manchester Township with his wife Cindy and children Derick (13), Justin (6) and Trevor (3-1/2.) Alan has been with the department for 19 years and works for Ford Motor Company in Saline.

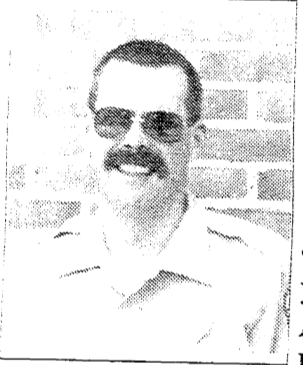


**HARRY JOHNSON** has been a Manchester Township firefighter for 45 years, accumulating 66 hours of fire fighter training and is qualified in CPR. He's retired from the Ford Motor Company, is married and resides in Manchester Township

**DAVID JOSE** lives in the Village with his wife and children Derick (13), Dara (9) and Devin (1). He joined the fire department in May of 1976 and has had Firefighter I and II training along with Incident Command and special training to work with hazardous materials. Jose works for the Plastic Machinery Division of Johnson Controls as a machine builder here in Manchester.



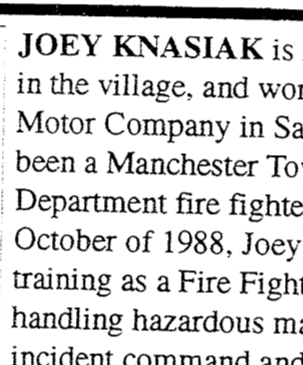
**KURT KENSLER** is single and lives in the village. He has been a fire fighter with the department for 17 years and is an Arson Investigator. He works for O & W, Inc. in Ypsilanti



**KRIS KENSLER** is single, engaged, and lives in the Village. He has been with the department for almost 14 years, since 1980. Kris is a First Responder, Firefighter I and II and has had training handling hazardous material. He is a Lieutenant and training officer.



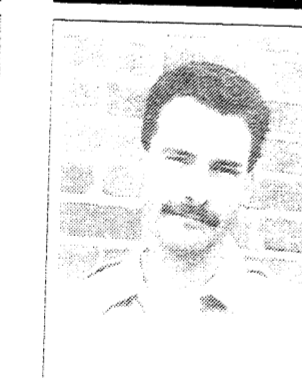
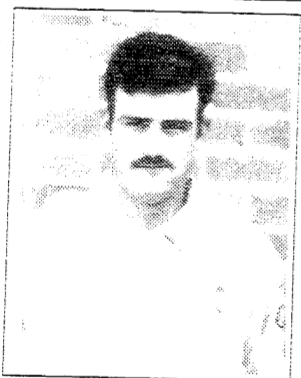
**JOEY KNASIAK** is married, lives in the village, and works for Ford Motor Company in Saline. Having been a Manchester Township Fire Department fire fighter since October of 1988, Joey has had training as a Fire Fighter I and II, handling hazardous materials, incident command and ski watch. Knasiak is an Emergency Medical Technician-D.



**TODD KNEPPER** is employed by the Village of Manchester and has been a Manchester Fire firefighter for five months. He is married to Stacey and they have one son, Travis, who is two years old.

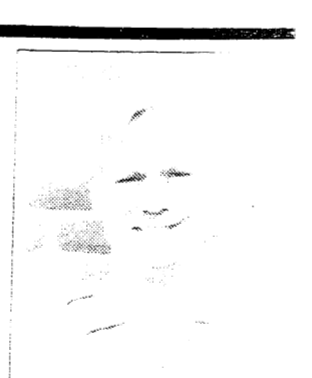


**BRIAN KUNZELMAN** is single and farms for a living. He has been with the department for four years, is a First Responder and trained to work in situations where hazardous materials are involved.



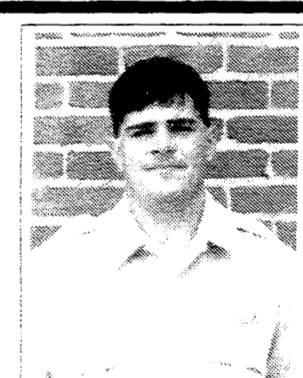
**JACQUES LAROCQUE** lives just a couple of blocks from the fire house in Manchester. He is single and has three children: Jill (11), Seth (10) and Emily (7). Jacques is a State Licensed Emergency Medical Technician and has been with the department for 6 months. He is a mechanic and test driver at Chrysler Proving Grounds.

**JAMES MANN** is single, is a real estate broker, owns Mann Real Estate and lives in Sharon Township. He has 66 hours and CPR and has been with the department for 20 years.

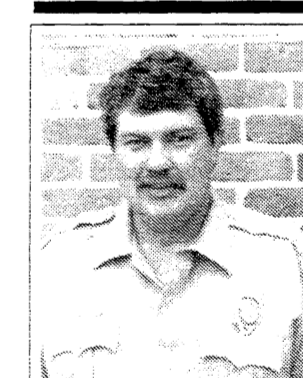


**JEFF MANN** is single and has been with the department for three years. He has been trained in the SkyWarn program, Incident Command, and working with hazardous materials. Jeff is employed with S-K Sales, Inc. of Manchester as Parts Manager.

**DANIEL RIGG** lives in the village, is single and has served as a fire fighter for a year and a half. Daniel is employed by Manchester Stamping Corporation in Quality Control



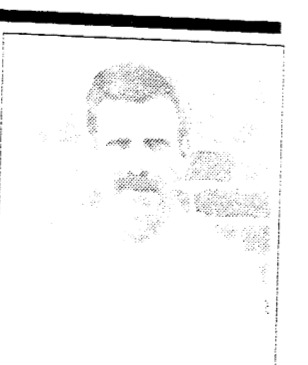
**BOB "BUBBA" ROSS** has been with the Manchester Township Fire Department for 12 years. He lives in Bridgewater with his wife, Brenda, and works for the Village of Manchester.



**KARL SCHOOK** lives in the Village of Manchester and is single. He has been a Medical First Responder with the department for eight months

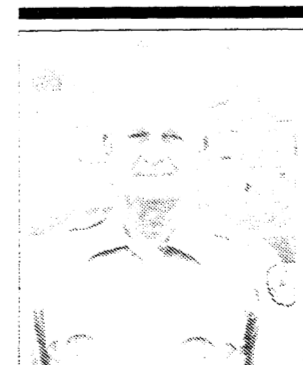
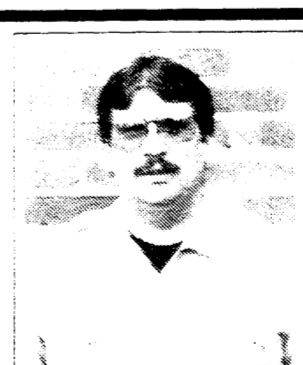


**MIKE SCULLY** lives in Bridgewater Township, is married and has two children: Bill, who is also with the department, and Sara. He has been a fire fighter since 1965, for 29 years. He is a trained Fire Fighter I and II, and is an Arson Investigator. Mike was employed with Double A Products for 28 years and for the last six years has worked at Westside Automotive.



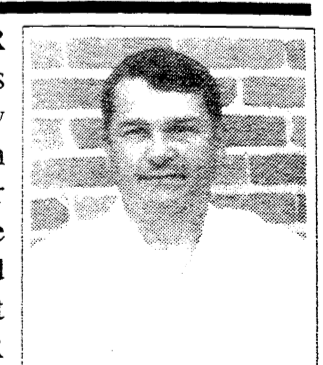
**BILL SCULLY** lives in the village and is single. He has been with the department for 9 years and is trained in Fire Origin Investigation and as a First Responder. Bill works as a mechanic at Chrysler Proving Grounds.

**DON STEELE** joined the Fire Department in 1984. He has Fire Fighter I and II certification, Incident Command, Hazardous Materials, First Responder, is an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and an Automatic Electronic Difibulator Technician. Don has a son Patrick and daughter Diana.



**LYLE WIDMAYER** has been a Manchester Fireman for 47 years, one of the first firemen to have training. Lyle works for T&M Inc. Auto Sales in Saline, is married and lives in the village.

**GARY WIEDMAYER** works for the village, is married to Diane, and they have three children: Jason (19), Hillary (17) and Dieter (6). Gary has been with the department for 14 years and has had training as First Responder, Fire Fighter I, CPR and Agriculture Rescue.



# THEIR LIVES—FOR YOU!

**MICHAEL CUMMINGS** has been with the Manchester Fire Department for 4 years. He lives in the Village and is single.



**DAN FLECK** is married to Shannon and they have four children: Robin (20), Jennifer (16), Rachel (12) and Danny (8). Dan owns Westside Automotive in Manchester and is also employed as a skilled trades mechanic with General Motors. He has been with the fire department for ten years. Fleck is a First Responder, Arson Investigator, licensed Pryotechnic (fireworks), Emergency Vehicle Driver with Firefighter I and II training. Dan and his family live in Sharon Township.

**GLENN GLINSKI** lives in the village. He joined the Fire Department in April of 1984. He has Fire Fighter I and II certification, 8 years as an Emergency Medical Technician, and is a certified Hazardous Materials Foam Specialist Technician



## Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty,  
God, wherever flames may rage—  
give me strength to save some life,  
whatever be its age.  
Help me embrace a little child  
before it's too late,  
or save an older person from  
the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert  
and hear the weakest shout,  
and quickly and effectively  
to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling  
and to give the best in me  
to guard my every neighbor  
and protect his property

And if according to Your will,  
I have to lose my life,  
please bless with Your protecting hand  
my children and my wife.

**Amen.**

**JOHN KEMNER** owns and operates Napoleon Lawn & Leisure and lives west of the village with his wife, Colleen. They are expecting their first child in December. John has been with the department since 1980, and has trained as Fire Fighter I, basic hazardous material handling, CPR and ambulance utilization.



**GALE KOEBBE** owns Koebbe Welding in Manchester. He is a Fire Fighter I and has been with the department for 32 years. Koebbe is married with two children.



# “HEROES” AREN'T SPORTS OR TELEVISION STARS... THEY ARE REAL PEOPLE SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY!



In Remembrance of Herbert Widmayer

Dear Herb,

Thank you! You have given much to this community over your long, long years. I suspect that each generation and each circle of community life would have a different story to tell about Herb Widmayer and his value to the community.

Did I say "story to tell"? Why, that brings us full circle, for that is the special thanks I offer to you: thanks for the many, many hours of stories. You brought to life so much history. Not that you lived in the past! Absolutely not!! But it was always a handy reference for you:

The railroads, the Handle Factory, Mr. Kingsley's electric light company, the Young Men's Club, watering the horses in the river, installing a new wood stove, selecting that new wood stove, butchering hogs, moving the old cemetery, the stone boat factory ("Do you know what a stone boat is?" you would ask with a twinkle), the wicker factory, the fire that burned down the old Mill...and on and on.

How grateful I am that the Historical Society recorded some of your stories on video tape. For it just wouldn't be right not to hear your stories ever again. But of course your stories will live on—with each of us who now has one of your stories to tell.

Q: How often did the trains come through town?

HERB: (chuckling at the vivid memory) Sixteen passenger trains a day! First one was in the morning, around about 7:00, little before seven. Woke everybody up! (laughing)



You didn't need an alarm clock if you didn't have to get to work too early! They used to come up from the south and there was quite a few crossings, you know. And they'd just blow that whistle to beat Sam Hill, coming up through those crossings. There was an elderly engineer on that route, and he used to give it the throttle, I'll tell you. (laughing) He'd come up through there to beat Sam Hill, boy!... (pausing, reflecting, silent) I can hear it yet and see it yet.

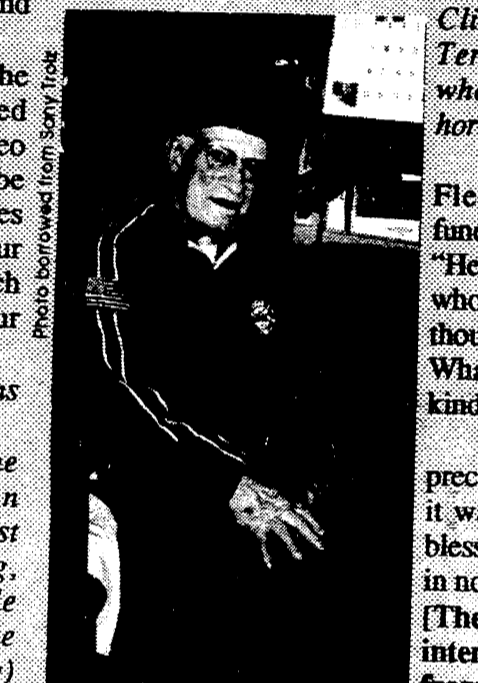
And we knew you could because we could hear it and see it from your story. And you know what, Herb? I can hear and see you telling that story right now!

Herb's father built the family house on Main Street when Herb was five. Before that they'd lived upstairs, over the hardware store. There was a house on the lot that had to be moved. How on earth did they move a house in 1907??? With a twinkle, Herb replied, "Same way we moved the Green Hotel! I helped move that when I was in high school. With two horses!" Herb then went on to describe the systems of pulleys and logs which allowed the big hotel at the corner of Main Street and Clinton to be moved over to Territorial Street—in the days when "horse power" meant horse power!!!

Herb, you know what Dan Fleck mentioned after your funeral the other day? He said, "Herb always smiled at anyone who came up to him." I'd never thought about that, but it's true. What a wonderful thing. How kind of you. Thank you, Herb.

We'll miss you. You had a precious gift in your stories. And it was a joy to know you. God bless you, Herb. Hope to see you in not too long!

[The Historical Society video interview with Herb is available from the Library.]



Manchester Township to Decide on Millages 3 Millage Proposals—Yea or Nay?

Manchester Township is alone in this area for having ballot proposals requesting millage approvals. And it has three.

Two proposals concern roads; one concerns fire equipment. One proposal is a millage renewal, the other two are for new monies.

Ron Mann, the Manchester Township Supervisor, offers that because of the state-wide voter-approved revision of funding schools and the corresponding reduction in property tax, and because of the expiration of the Manchester Township Hall millage, voters will experience an astonishing reduction in their property taxes this winter, even if they approve these proposals.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT and MAINTENANCE

Begin with the premise that the township roads are a problem, a modern-day problem. In the past, people only came to town once a week and residents' traffic, speed, volume, and expectations were far less. That is no longer the case. Commuters live in the country and expect and need roads to serve their needs day-in and day-out. Even farmers travel to town and use the roads much more often!

Road repair and maintenance has always been budgeted on a shoestring. But the Township Board has now determined the roads need more attention—and more funding.

Proposal 1 is a renewal of the current millage, that shoestring amount of 0.22 mills, to continue administering the road repairs and maintenance at the current level.

Proposal 2 is a request for additional money—0.28 mills. The requested additional millage is about half of the millage for the Township Hall which is now retired and starting this winter will no longer be on our tax assessments.

The Township Board hopes that both will be passed to enable Manchester Township to increase both its dust control measures and road rebuilding schedule.

FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Proposal 3 is also for new money, 0.25 mills, this time to purchase fire fighting equipment. Spvr. Mann states that one of the two current pumper trucks is a 1966 model and, although running and pumping, the "metal is fatiguing" and it "needs to be replaced."

Current estimates of the cost of new trucks are ball parked at \$175-200,000, so clearly this millage alone won't purchase the new truck very quickly. (The ballot states that if approved, this millage will generate about \$21,770 the first year.) These revenues would be added to the money in the Fire Equipment Fund and then the purchase would still take 6 years to pay for.

Keep in mind this millage is for "equipment," not just a truck. That means the revenues could be used to purchase fire fighting equipment (those very expensive hoses, safety equipment and clothes, etc) when needed.

BUT MORE TAXES HURT SO MUCH...DON'T THEY?

Because of the enormous property tax reduction from last election's Proposal A, approving Manchester Township's Proposals 1, 2, and 3 will not mean a higher tax bill than last year. Of course, the voters' tax bills will be higher if they pass these proposals than if they don't. But how much higher?

Since Manchester Township doesn't levy summer taxes for property in the Manchester School district, most voters haven't yet seen the decrease in taxes from Proposal A. However, Spvr. Mann showed some numbers from Manchester Township taxpayers in the Clinton School district which does levy summer taxes. For one piece of property, the summer taxes went from \$1,191 in 1993 to \$475 this year. On another it went from \$1,869 last year to \$744 this year. On the third \$949 it was last year/\$377 this year. And so on.

On a \$100,000 home (assessed at \$50,000), Spvr. Mann figures Proposal 1 will cost about \$11 a year. Proposal 2 will be about \$14; and Proposal 3 would be \$12.50. Total for all three: \$37.50.

Therefore, suggests Spvr. Mann, this additional investment in our roads and fire fighting ability will be able to be supported while still celebrating a tremendous property tax reduction! Just say "yes" if you agree.

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Under the Hood BY JOHN MOONEYHAM

Important Driving Techniques

We are now well into summer and the vacation time of the year. Everyone is probably driving more during this time so it may be good to discuss driving techniques.

How a car is driven will govern how well a car will serve its owner. Practicing good driving techniques will save repairs, get maximum wear from parts and save fuel.

The most important part of driving a car is the driver. The driver has three important senses. These senses are sight, sound and smell. Anytime you see, hear or smell something unusual, you should investigate as soon as possible to find the cause.

Sometimes failure occurs before the driver senses any problems. There are three major gauges or lights you should be aware of and monitor often as your drive. These gauges or lights are: oil pressure, engine temperature and electrical system sensors. If at any time one of these sensors indicates a range other than normal, you should give the car immediate attention.

The oil pressure gauge or light tells you if the engine is being lubricated or not. This

gauge should always read between 20psi and 60psi.

The electrical gauge used to be called the ammeter because it measured amperes. Today, the gauge is volt meter and should always read between 13.8 and 14.8 volts.

The temperature gauge should read between 190° and 210°. If you notice the volt meter drop below 13.8 volts and the temperature rise suddenly — STOP. The engine probably has lost a drive belt.

One way to spend less money on a car is to use less fuel. You can do this by following good driving techniques. If your car's engine is in good shape and tires are properly inflated, the rest is up to you. Smooth driving and anticipating what's ahead are the keys to good fuel economy.

The next time the car needs fuel have the tank filled up. Note the mileage and drive the car for two hundred miles driving the way you currently drive. Fill the tank back up and note the gallons. You can now find out your mileage simply by dividing the 200 miles you have driven by the gallons it took to refill the tank.

Let's say the gallonage was 10. Then it is simply 200 divided by 10 = 20 mile per gallon. For the next two hundred miles try to improve your economy. Use these guide lines.

1. Avoid jack rabbit starts. Pull away from stop signs and parking spots very smoothly. Accelerating away rapidly uses a lot of extra fuel.

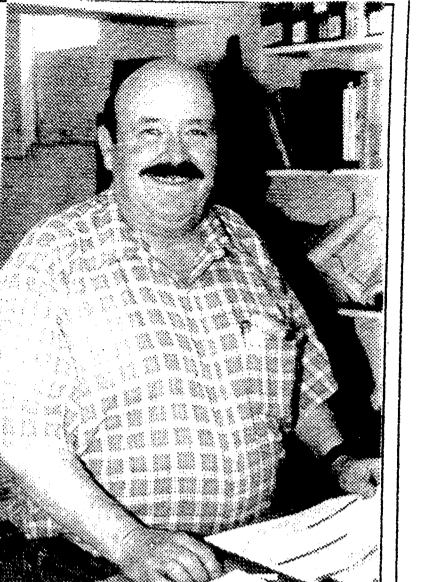
2. Move the accelerator pedal very smoothly. Try to hold the pedal steady and in one spot when driving. If you have to accelerate, move the pedal slowly.

3. Anticipate stops. Each time you stop the car and idle, you are wasting fuel. Racing from stop light to stop light is costly in fuel. Try to anticipate light changes and slow the car to try to arrive at the light as it changes to green.

4. Pass other cars smoothly. Wait for a long clear road to pass another car. When clear, accelerate slowly and make a nice smooth pass.

5. Anticipate hills. As you approach a hill, accelerate slowly well before you get to the hill. This way the

JOHN MOONEYHAM spent 17 years as a test driver/mechanic at the Chrysler Proving Grounds in their performance department. He then entered Eastern Michigan University, earned a B.S. degree in Industrial Education, then joined the Wayne-Westland School District to teach advanced Automotive Technology. He has earned a Master's Degree in Administrative Leadership and the NIASE Master Automotive Technician Certificate. After 19 years of teaching he retired. John now substitute teaches at Manchester High School and works part time at Benedict's Service.



momentum of the car helps to get up the hill saving fuel.

6. Make smooth stops. Every time you apply the brakes you use up the cars momentum. It takes a lot of fuel to develop this energy,

7. Minimize warm up time. The engine operates better at higher than idle speed so get under way as soon as practical.

8. Minimize idle time. Any time the car is stopped and the engine is running fuel is wasted. An example of this is waiting

for someone you are picking up. If the wait is prolonged, turn the engine off.

9. Slow down. If you are a fast driver, slow the car speed. It takes a lot more fuel to drive 70 mph than 55 mph.

10. Keep tires inflated. Low tire pressure causes high roll resistance. This uses more fuel.

If you monitor your fuel economy and change your driving habits you can save considerable money and have happy motoring.

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## Garden-Variety Crime Prevention

In spite of overwhelming evidence of its ineffectiveness, the idea that punishment deters crime has always gripped the human psyche. Advocates believe that because they personally would be deterred by punishment, potential offenders will be also.

But all too often offenders don't care enough about themselves to care about others. They don't care about what will happen tomorrow, let alone what may happen next month or next year.

Indeed, given the remote possibility that they will be caught (the reality of policing is that only 1 in 5 crimes are cleared by arrest) it is difficult to see how punishment alone could possibly prevent those seriously intent on crime.

Historically, this is well illustrated by the 19th-century public hangings of English pickpockets.

These drew large crowds, but also large numbers of pickpockets who were able to ply their trade while the viewing public were distracted watching the bodies of convicted pickpockets hanging at the end of a rope.

Other barbarous punishments of offenders such as branding, flogging, or time spent in the stocks, pillory or bilboes have been equally useless at controlling crime. As Sir Samuel Romilly said in 1813, "cruel punishments have an inevitable tendency to produce cruelty in the people."

Similarly, the Italian legal reformer, Cesare Beccaria, observed in 1764 that, "severity of punishment emboldens offenders to commit the very wrongs it is supposed to prevent."

Given the equally ineffective use of treatment and rehabilitation, which is seen as wide-open to abuse by several kinds of offender, how can the crime-fearing public prevent being victimized?

In crime-weary Manchester, England, they have recently begun to innovate with several novel ideas to combat burglary and robbery. In one experiment, the businesses of the Manchester suburb of Trafford polled resources to install a network of video cameras along their main street. The cameras provide 24-hour surveillance, the pictures being piped directly to the local police station.



With the criminological wisdom that certainty of apprehension is a greater deterrent than severity of punishment, these businesses believe cameras could also be used to provide protection for two nearby schools at a lot lower cost than cleaning up the aftermath of crime.

An even more bizarre crime prevention idea is known as "Green Shield." This has nothing to do with the now defunct trading stamp company, but with deterring burglars from domestic residences.

Fueled by research showing that houses with insecure backyards are most at risk for burglary, Manchester residents have begun to grow their own security. Strategically planted thorn bushes, such as hawthorn, blackthorn, sea buckthorn and rambling roses, are claimed to make an effective prickly barrier to unwelcome intruders (especially when grown around windows and up drainpipes, which in England are sturdy enough to be climbed by burglars intent on gaining access via upper-story windows.)

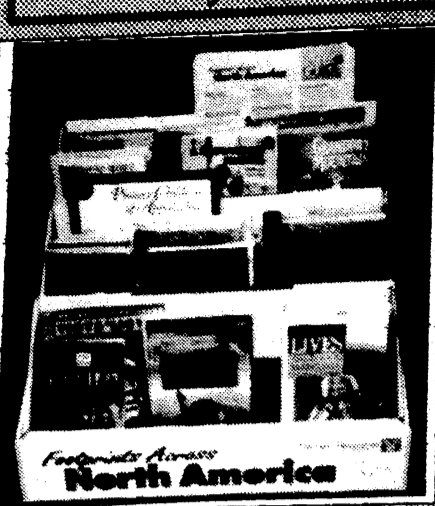
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If all this fails, theft victims could try talking with the offender. In June, one impoverished Manchester college student, Robert King, who was being robbed of the equivalent of \$22, did just this and was surprised at the result. He pleaded with the robber who threatened to beat him senseless if he refused to hand over the cash. He begged the robber not to take his money as it was all he had left in the world. He explained about the cost of going to college in England and about how students have to survive on a poverty income. So moved to compassion was the would-be-robbor that he gave the student \$15 back before he fled!

As they say: "Don't try this at home!"

## NEWS FROM THE MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP LIBRARY



The Youth Room in our library carries author Patricia M. Beck who lived in Manchester from 1941 and the book here in 1965. Her work books and articles deal with the 4-H club, camping, Boy Scouts, and Air various magazines.

In this area is fiction enjoyed by teens: romances, mysteries, science fiction, and some classics. Some favorite authors are Cynthia Voigt, Betty Cavanna, Mark Twain, Christopher Pike, R.L. Stine, Janet Collier, Robert Pock and Francine Pascal.

Recent purchases include a special paperback collection, "Footprints Across North America" which includes new and older fiction, biographies, non-fiction and some tapes designed for readers of middle and high school age.

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## Financial Focus — by DAVID M. TAPPING

**Evaluating Mutual Funds**

Mutual funds offer a simple way to invest, but the complex maze of choices can confuse even seasoned investors.

Louis Rukeysser, host of television's popular "Wall Street Week," recently listed in one of his financial newsletters five important questions to ask before investing in a mutual fund.

1. **What are the fund's investment objectives and limitations?** This information is clearly stated in the fund's prospectus. For example, one fund's prospectus says it aims to provide current income, capital growth and conservation of principal. It further explains how the fund's manager invests to accomplish this objective. If this is not your objective, the fund is not for you.

2. **What is the fund's historical performance?** The past 10 years have been exceptional for total returns on stocks and bonds. Generally, investors have been well-rewarded. However, short-term performance such as this can be misleading. Ask the fund's representative to submit performance figures for the life of the fund. Also, look at performance during good and bad markets.

3. **How risky is the fund?** Risk comes in different packages. The fund may limit its investing to emerging companies with little investment history or heavily weigh its portfolio with options, commodities or other volatile investments. Your biggest risk, however, is time. Buying any fund for a quick in-and-out profit can be costly. Mutual fund investing works best when you leave your money in the fund and let time work for you.

4. **What are the fund's ups and downs?** Look at the fund's worst quarter and decide if you would be comfortable with that loss. Another simple test is the "mountain chart," or historical performance chart in the fund's annual report. Examine the severity of the ups and downs in the chart. Compare charts from several funds with different investment objectives.

5. **What are the fund's expenses?** This information is in the beginning of the prospectus under "Summary of Expenses" and "Financial Highlights." At one time, a fund's load or sales charge was easy to identify. Today, expenses are often difficult to ferret out. However, they all come out of your earnings. Look for them in the prospectus, but don't confuse expenses with loads. Expenses are ongoing; loads are onetime charges.

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## FROM TOM AT PLEASANT LAKE:

Q. Michael, how can I know if I have enough life insurance already? I am 32 and a manager for a retail store and my wife, age 30, stays at home and manages our family of three children. I have \$35,000 of insurance at work and a \$75,000 policy I bought right out of college.

A. Tom, great question — difficult answer. This is probably one of the most commonly asked questions of any insurance professional. Here's some of the things you need to take into consideration.

First, I would need to know your income. I am going to estimate it at \$32,000 a year gross. Now I'll tell you that if you are making 32 grand a year now, your wife is going to need pretty near that much to get by on, should something unforeseen happen to you tomorrow. Really, after you subtract taxes and the food,

gas, clothing, etc. that you consume in the household, your wife could get along well on about 70% of your current income or about \$22,400 a year. A lump sum invested in mutual funds of \$224,000 would provide her with \$22,400 a year forever if she could average an annual return of 10% which isn't too unreasonable. You would also have to account for inflation eroding the purchasing power of that money.

Secondly, you would want to have enough funds for your last expenses. \$10,000 is often a good amount since it costs about \$7,000 for a funeral nowadays.

Lastly, you might want to provide a fund for the children's college education.

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## Ask Michael About Insurance — by Michael A. Ball

(Michael A. Ball is an insurance and annuity professional in Manchester. He graduated from the University of Michigan and received his education in International Economics and Accounting. This is the first of a monthly series and Michael invites you to write him at the "Chronicle" with your questions.)

Let's use \$20,000 per child in this example for a 4-year education. You have \$110,000 of insurance now but using the above analysis I'd say you should probably purchase another \$184,000 of insurance to make sure your loved ones can stay in their same world when you leave this one.

You might also want to consider a \$50,000 term policy on your wife to help you with child care costs if something should happen to her. Both of these policies would cost you less than \$25 a month.

Tom, do your wife and kids a favor and call your agent today. □ M.B.

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## PREPARING FOR RAG WEAVING

Preparing your rag is 50% of the rug's success. There are many methods and techniques. As you approach your fabrics, think about the entire process — and remember: the beauty of the rug will depend on what goes into it.

Until you've had some experience in rag weaving or having your prepared rag woven, it will be difficult to tell how materials will handle. The width, the type of material, and the pattern on the rag will all influence the end result.

The following are general guide lines; there is no one way or right way to prepare rag for weaving. If someone else is going to weave your rag, ask them for input on how they would like the rag prepared.

The basics of rag cutting is simple but rag rug design plays an important part in how you sort, cut and store your rag. The best way to learn about rag design is to study rag rugs.

Yes, get down on your hands and knees and look closely at any rag rugs you can find. Ask yourself what do you like about the rug? What colors and materials were used? How do the warp and weft colors effect each other?

### DON'T BREAK THE RULES—YET

One simple rule of design is to keep like materials together: woven wool with woven wool; jeans with same-weight jeans; woven cottons with cottons. Of course, rules are made to be broken, but after you've had some hands on experience, breaking the rules will result in more pleasing results.

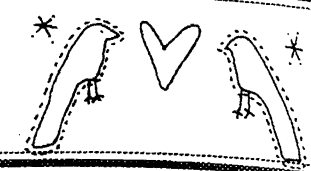
Each material has its own characteristics — how it handles, its stretch, stiffness and heft. Keep this in mind before you mix rag types.

The grain of the rag and pattern or print on the fabric can be an effective design tool. Solids are easy to tear or cut along the longest direction.

Allover prints can also be treated like a solid.

Plaids and directional prints, however, need to be given a moment's thought. They

## FOLK ART — by Margaret Shaw The Art and the Fun of Rag Weaving



can cause a strong visual impact. Consider a striped woven cotton. If you cut with the stripes, you may have rows of colors: pink, white, pink, white, etc. If you cut against the strip, small checkered patterns may emerge. In the rug these checks can line up or mix-match willy-nilly, and create an unsettling effect.

Take a look at the pattern of your fabric before you cut into it. Try to visualize how it will look cut into strips and condensed into a woven rug.

Knits can be woven but they have to be hand cut and require special handling. It would be better to weave with woven fabric until you've had some

weaving experience although wonderful rugs can be made from retired socks, sweatpants and other knit garments.

Woven wools can be

a design choice. Thick rag produces simple bulky heavy rugs; thin rag produces light complex rugs. Both are acceptable.

treated like cottons: tear or cut along the longest grain unless the pattern or print suggests otherwise. Remember to wash and dry wools to ensure color fastness and to pre-shrink.

### ROLL & TWIST

The next element to consider is the weight and width of rag. If the weights are similar, cut the same width. If you want to mix weights, cut lighter weight fabric wider. Roll the rag between your fingers and twist slightly to get an idea of the thickness when woven.

The question of how wide to cut the strip comes up. This is

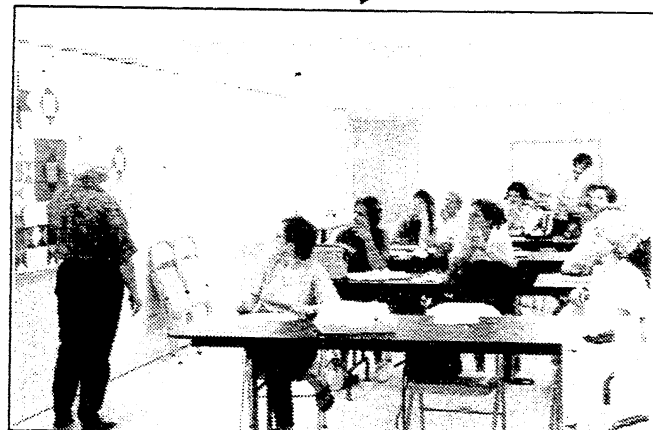
Bulky weight rugs tend to lie flat but are difficult to wash and dry. One is not technically more correct than the other; the choice is personal preference or taste.

Rag cutting, rug design and more techniques on rag preparation will follow in future articles. If you're not sure how to handle a particular material, wait for the next column, or get a copy of the *Rag Rug Handbook* by Meaney and Pfaff. It is available through the M. Shaw Folk Art Studio.

## PERFECT QUARTERS FOR QUILTERS

What is as delightful as a deli but kinder to the waistline? — the "delicatessen" of fabrics to choose from in the new Quilter's Quarters, Ltd. which opened recently in our neighboring town of Chelsea.

A visit to the Quilter's Quarters finds owner of the shop Lynn Van Nest busy as a bee waiting on customers. She talks about quilting with pure joy in her voice. "I taught school for 30 years, and I've been quilting for 20. This shop and the classes we offer has been a natural extension of my career and my hobby," Lynn says.



"The classes are fun — come see for yourself!" she adds.

The quilting class in session did seem like fun. Beginners had each pieced together a quilt square and they were all justifiably proud of their artwork.

Finished quilts are displayed in the shop as samples. A must-see is the Calendar Quilt, clever quilted illustrations of each month in the year.

Fabulous quilting notions that are usually hard to find can be found on the shelves in Lynn's shop, including John James needles, a great selection of Sully threads, and an exciting collection of Nancy Crow fabrics. "Hot this season," Lynn points out, "is Hoffman Fabrics with their wonderful gold, silver or copper overshot patterns."

Summer classes are being held through August and most of the classes are only one or two weeks long so they won't interfere with vacations.

For instance:

■ Create a weatherproof nylon banner to display.

■ Make a classic Rail Fence design, or an applique-look (without the fuss) country wall hanging, or a kaleidoscope quilt.

■ Learn techniques to create your own original jazzy jacket, or a mosaic wall hanging.

■ You can learn to create a one-of-a-kind "Who's Zoo" quilt for a favorite child.

■ There's even a class designed for children where they can create a pinwheel block.

Sound like fun? Contact Lynn Van Nest for a class schedule and registration form. The phone number is (313) 475-5848. □ kk



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# Thyme in the Kitchen

by Leigh

## It's the Berries — and a Cherry!

Besides the simple elegance of berries with cream, here are a few more choices for you to serve during this much-to-short season. Enjoy!

### Berry-Melon-Fruit Salad (serves 6-)

Select one of each of the following groups:

Berries: 3 cups of fresh Raspberries, Blackberries, Strawberries, or Blueberries  
Melons: Slice & peel one small Cantaloupe, Honeydew, Crenshaw, or Muskmelon  
Other Fruit: Sliced, peeled three Peaches, three Nectarines, or six Plums. On individual salad plates place a bed of crisp Salad Greens

Arrange:

1/2 cup Berries  
Melon slices  
Sliced Fruit

Top with 1/3 cup Cottage Cheese, mounded  
Serve with Lime Honey Dressing or Raspberry Sauce



### Lime Honey Dressing

(1-2/3 cups)

Mix well together in blender

1 cup Oil  
Grated Rind of 1 Lime  
1/3 cup Lime Juice  
1 tsp. Grated Onion or Dried

Onion

1/3 cup Honey  
Dash of Salt  
1/4 tsp Dry Mustard  
1 tsp Sweet Paprika  
1 tsp Celery Seeds

Store in jar in refrigerator. Shake well before serving

### Raspberry Sauce

Process in blender

1 quart Fresh Raspberries or  
2-3 packages Frozen Raspberries,  
thawed  
Strain through a fine sieve, rubbing puree to remove seeds  
Add to juice to sweeten as desired  
1/4-1/3 cup sugar

Optional:

1 tsp grated Lemon Rind  
1-3 Tbs. Liqueur (Kirsch, Brandy,  
Rum, or Curacao)

Not too much Liqueur or the berry flavor will be lost.

Store in refrigerator. Especially good over strawberries, raspberries, oranges, grapefruit, peaches, custards and ice cream.

### Fresh Fruit Delight

You may use Blueberries, seedless Grapes, sliced Peaches, or Strawberries.

Place in a 9-inch glass pie pan or a shallow oven-proof dish

3 cups Fresh Fruit  
Combine and pour over fruit  
1 tsp Vanilla Extract  
1 cup Sour Cream

Sprinkle evenly on top

1 cup firmly packed Brown Sugar

Broil until the sugar caramelizes, watching carefully. The sugar needs to melt but not burn. Cover and refrigerate several hours before serving. Serves 4-6.



### Blueberry-Lemon Corn Muffins

Beat together

2 Tbs. Butter, melted  
1/2 cup Sugar  
1/2 cup Lemon Yogurt  
Add and mix well  
Grated rind of 1 Lemon  
1 Egg  
Juice of 1 Lemon

Sift together and mix in

1 cup Flour  
1/2 cup Cornmeal  
1/2 tsp. Baking Powder  
1/2 tsp. Baking Soda  
1/4 tsp. Salt

Add, folding in

1 cup fresh Blueberries  
Do not over mix. Batter should have small lumps.  
Fill prepared muffin tins or paper muffin cups 2/3 full and bake at 375° for about 20 minutes or until light brown. Makes 12 small muffins.



### Berry Mousse (serves 6-8)

Use Raspberries, Strawberries, or Blackberries

Crush

1 quart Fresh Berries  
Cover with and let stand 1 hour  
1 cup Sugar

Rub through sieve to remove seeds, reserve puree

Mix together in saucepan and stir

2 envelopes Unflavored Gelatin  
1/2 cup cold Water

Heat until gelatin is dissolved. Then add to berry mixture and chill until syrupy.

Whip and then fold into berry gelatin mixture

2 cups Heavy Cream

Pour into freezing trays and freeze until set.

Serve with or without a sauce, topping or fresh berries, in individual dishes.



### Spanish Cream (serves 4-6)

Mix together in a double boiler

2-1/2 cups Milk  
1 envelope Unflavored Gelatin  
1/4 tsp. Salt  
1/2 cup Sugar

Heat and stir until gelatin and sugar are dissolved  
Pour slowly into

3 Egg Yolks, slightly beaten

Return to double boiler and cook, stirring constantly until slightly thickened. Remove from heat, pour into a bowl and cool slightly but not set.

Add and fold in

2 tsp Vanilla Extract

3 Egg Whites, beaten until soft peaks form

Turn into a 1-quart mold. Chill until firm. Unmold on serving dish. Serve with whipped cream and fresh berries.

### Blackberry Flummery

Simmer together for 15 minutes

3 pints Blackberries  
2 cups Sugar

Mix together then stir into sauce

2-3 Tbs. Cornstarch

3 Tbs. Water

Cook all slowly about 10 minutes until clear. Cool slightly then rub through a sieve, pour into bowl, and chill. Serve in individual dishes topped with whipped cream. Try it as a sauce for ice cream. Serves 6-8.



### Sweet Dark Cherry Soup

In blender process until liquefied

3 cups pitted fresh Sweet Cherries

1-1/3 cups Orange Juice

Heat to boiling (this should measure about 4 cups)

Dissolve in

3 Tbs. Lemon Juice

2-1/2 Tbs. Cornstarch

Add to soup, stirring until thickened

Remove from heat and add

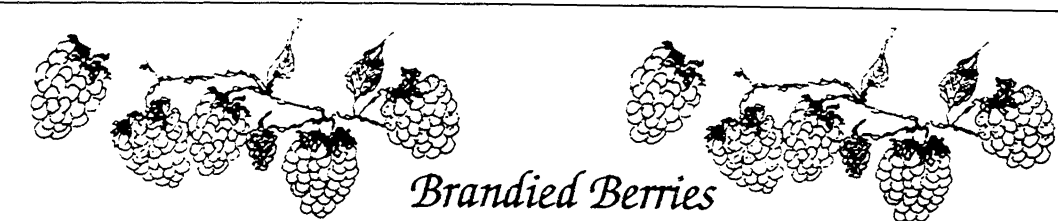
6 Tbs. Honey

1/8 tsp. Cinnamon

1/8 tsp. Allspice

1 cup of Sweet Cherries cut in quarters.

Chill well and serve with a dollop of yogurt. Serves 4-6



### Brandied Berries

Pick over, clean, and dry thoroughly

1 quart Fresh Berries (Strawberries, Raspberries, Blackberries or Blueberries)

Place in shallow pan or dish

Blend together and pour over berries

1/4 cup Honey

1/4 cup Brandy

Gently roll berries around so all are coated. Chill for 2 hours or more, stirring them very gently once or twice. Serve with a bowl of sour or plain cream on the side. Try whipped cream with brandied berries on top of pound cake.



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<b>JULY 31</b> Remember — <i>The Manchester Chronicle Calendar</i> is designed as a pull-out section for a handy reference throughout the month. Put it on your bulletin board, or move the kids' drawings over and put in on your refrigerator.  "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" at the <i>Croswell Opera House</i> . (See details page 10 of this issue) Through today and August 10, 14.	<b>AUGUST 1</b> 7:00 Village Council 7:30 Manchester Twp Library Board 7:30 Masonic Lodge Business Mtg 8:00 Knights of Columbus	<b>AUGUST 2</b> CURBSIDE RECYCLING in the Village 7am-8pm <b>Primary Election Day</b> . Vote at your Township Hall. (No requirement to register a party preference!) 7:00 Varsity Football Parents' Night
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30am-12 noon <b>Victory Baptist Church Vacation Bible School</b> , ages 4 & up. Phone Pastor Cooper for info: 428-7506 7:30 <b>Bridgewater Twp Planning Commission</b> 8:00 <b>Manchester Township Board</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30am-12 noon <b>Victory Baptist Church Vacation Bible School</b> , ages 4 & up. Phone Pastor Cooper for info: 428-7506 9:30 a.m. Manchester Senior Citizens 7:00 Volleyball in the sand pit behind Aura Inn, 11275 Pleasant Lake Rd. 7:30 <b>Village Planning Commission</b> 7:30 Volleyball Tournament organizational meeting at CRC 8:00 <b>Freedom Twp Board Mtg</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 Village Council 7:45 <b>School Board</b> in the High School Library 8:00 Knights of Columbus	<b>16</b> CURBSIDE RECYCLING IN THE VILLAGE 7:00 Volleyball in the sand pit behind the Aura Inn 8:00 <b>Bridgewater Twp Board</b>
<b>21</b> 6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Ann Arbor Antiques Market, Farm Council Grounds	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00 Volleyball in the sand pit behind the Aura Inn
<b>28</b> Fourth Annual Manchester Golf Open, Clark Lake Golf Course. See details page 21 this issue of the <i>Chronicle</i>	<b>29</b> First Day of School: Tentative — subject to contract negotiations. 1/2 day; no kindergarten classes <b>Manchester Township Planning Commission</b> Volleyball Tournament Team Captains meet. Phone CRC 428-7722 for details	<b>30</b> First Full Day of School 7:00 Volleyball in the sand pit behind the Aura Inn

<b>AUGUST 3</b> 2:00 Story Time at the Library 5:00 <b>Manchester United Methodist Church Ice Cream Social</b> 6:30 <b>Kiwanis</b> 7:00 <b>JV Football Parents' Night</b> 7:30 <b>Men's Club Board Meeting</b> , lower level of the Mill 7:30 <b>Raisin Valley Land Trust</b> in the Blacksmith Shop 7:30 <b>Veterans of Foreign Wars</b> Manchester Community Band rehearsal	<b>AUGUST 4</b> 7:30 <b>At the Gazebo</b> Beverly Feldkamp Smith with stories. 7:30 <b>American Legion Post #117</b> 8:00 <b>Sharon Twp Board</b>  "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" at the <i>Croswell Opera House</i> August 4-7 and August 10-14. (See details page 10 of this issue.)	<b>AUGUST 5</b>	<b>AUGUST 6</b> 8:30am-1pm <b>Chelsea Farmer's Market</b> , downtown Chelsea
<b>10</b> 8 a.m. Manchester Football first Double Day practice 9:30am-12 noon <b>Victory Baptist Church Vacation Bible School</b> , ages 4 & up. Phone Pastor Cooper for info: 428-7506 2:00 Story Time at the Library 6:30 <b>Kiwanis</b> 7:30 <b>American Legion Auxillary</b> 7:30 <b>Manchester Recreation Task Force</b> at the Blacksmith Shop M. Community Band rehearsal	<b>11</b> 7:30 <b>At the Gazebo</b> — Saline Big Band 8:00 <b>Sharon Twp Planning Comm</b> (Meetings held on the second or third Thursday of the month, depending on agenda)	<b>12</b> 7-10:00 p.m. "Village Piece Makers," at Emanuel Church. All welcome!	<b>13</b> 8:30-1pm <b>Sweet Corn Festival at Chelsea Farmer's Market</b> , downtown Chelsea. (See ad page 20) 12 <b>Noon Double A Alumni Picnic</b> in Carr Park. See article below
<b>17</b> 2:00 Story Time at the Library 6:30 <b>Kiwanis</b> 6:30 <b>Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce</b> -Agenda: Public restrooms and Christmas lighting 7:00 <b>Manchester Men's Club</b> 7:30 <b>CRC Board</b> <b>Manchester Community Band rehearsal</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30 <b>At the Gazebo</b> — Madcat Ruth and Shari Kane Sing the Blues Last Concert of the Season!!!	<b>19</b> 9-11am <b>Federal Food Distribution</b> . This month's commodities - Butter, canned peas, canned pork and 4-H Program at <b>Manchester United Methodist church</b> <b>Teen Dance on Adrian Street</b> sponsored by the <b>Manchester Recreation Task Force</b>	<b>20</b> 8:30-1pm <b>Chelsea Farmer's Market</b> , downtown Chelsea
<b>24</b> 2:00 Story Time at the Library 6:30 <b>Kiwanis</b> 7:00 <b>Sportsman Club</b> 7:00 <b>Manchester Fire Department</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:30am-1pm <b>Chelsea Farmer's Market</b>
<b>31</b> 6:30 <b>Kiwanis</b>	LET The <i>Manchester Chronicle</i> KNOW ABOUT YOUR EVENTS AND MEETINGS so we can include it in next month's calendar!!! Phone 428-1230 Or write <i>The Manchester Chronicle</i> , P.O. Box 697, Manchester, MI 48158. You may also drop off your announcement at our office in the Mill. Get the word out to EVERY single household in Manchester!!!		

**Friday, August 19**  
**9:00 — 11:00 a.m.**  
**Highlights of 4-H Programs**  
**Information on Youth Programs**  
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**Double A Alumni Picnic: August 13**  
 Double A Products Company in Manchester, which closed in 1987, must have been a good place to work because its former employees started a Double A Alumni organization. The sixth meeting for Double A Alumni and their families is a picnic at Carr Park in Manchester on August 13, starting at 12 noon.  
 Lunch will be at 1:00 with a short meeting at 2:30. The organizing committee is asking all alumni to bring a dish to pass, beverage and table service for themselves and their family. A grill and charcoal will be furnished for those wishing to grill hamburgers or hot dogs.  
 The Double A Alumni organization was originated through the Community Resource Center (CRC) in Manchester. The CRC is an outgrowth of the Double A closing and is dedicated to assessing the needs of Manchester and coordinating educational, recreational, housing and other activities.  
 Double A Alumni include people who at some time in their life received a Double A paycheck and husbands/wives of deceased alumni. Since Double A employees are scattered throughout the country, the news of this sixth meeting will have to be spread mostly through word of mouth. If you are or know a former Double A employee, spread the word. If you have any questions, you may contact Dick Kuntz at 428-7777, or Dianne Schwab at the Community Resource Center, 313-428-7722. The spirit lives on.  
 — Dianne Schwab

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**Manchester United Methodist Church**  
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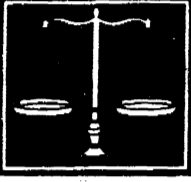
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## Service Clubs of Manchester This month — Optimists:



—by Bill Kwolek

The Manchester Chronicle continues a series of introductions to the various service organizations in our community.

### "The Friend of Youth"

they have the distinction of dining at a table at which the average age is over 80!

The Optimist International provides the pattern for many club activities while allowing plenty of room for local preference and need. The purpose of the Optimists is to develop optimism as a philosophy of life; promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs; inspire respect for law; promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all people; and, to aid and encourage the development of youth, in the belief that the giving of one's self in service to others will advance the well-being of man, his community and the world.

include presentations by guest speakers in politics, law enforcement, the environment, public service organizations or anyone with an interesting story or show.

One of my favorites was a U.S. Department of Agriculture inspector named Bob Katcher and his beagle Gypsy. The Beagle Brigade had some great stories about how they sniff out the food stuffs illegally transported through customs.

### PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Much of the club's effort is geared to our school age children. At the elementary level, we sponsor the D.A.R.E. program to help immunize kids against drug abuse.

In the middle school, we established the Jr. Optimist Club to introduce this age group to community service.

The Tri-Star contests in football, basketball and baseball span the ages between 8 and 14. These programs give kids a chance to earn awards for athletic skill.

The Essay and Oratorical contests give our youth the opportunity to compete in writing and speaking at the local, state and national levels.

Throughout the active season, our club honors Manchester area farmers, fire fighters, teachers and administrators, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and law enforcement.

We also send students to Boys and Girls State. This trip to a college campus gives high school students a hands-on chance to practice skills in government and leadership with their peers from schools throughout the state.

The most visible presence of the Optimist Club is the Student of the

Month Award which recognizes high schoolers for achievement in academic, athletic and extracurricular activities.

The club also manages several endowments established for youth by Manchester area citizens and contributes to the cause of individual students needing funds for activities within the scope of the club charter.

### THE OPTIMIST CREED

In 1922, a writer, lecturer and publisher named Christian Larson penned the Optimist Creed. He said: "Promise yourself to be so strong that

nothing can disturb your peace of mind; to talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet; to make all your friends feel that there is something in them; to look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true; to think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best; to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own; to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future; to wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile; to give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others; to be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

### THE LEGACY

Willard Mann, a veteran of Manchester service clubs, was fond of saying, "It takes two kinds of people to make them a success, one to do something and the other to let him do it."

Back in 1937, a group of men formed the Manchester Chamber of Commerce which continued until the autumn of 1946, when they organized "The Exchange Club." Their still visible legacy includes the Chicken Broil and the Steer Club and the fence around the old Athletic Field.

They met as the Exchange Club until 1955 when their charter was revoked by the National Office. Apparently, the local club refused to oust a member who spoke out against certain discriminatory national policies.

For the next three years, the men met as the Manchester Civic Club. Although the membership actively sought national affiliation, they agreed to wait until an organization could be found with compatible policies and purpose. At its peak, the Exchange Club had over 300 members.

In February of 1958, the membership decided to join the Optimist Club. At the international level, the Optimists serve over 3 million young people each year through a variety of programs. There are over 150,000 members in more than 3,900 clubs serving communities in the U.S. and Canada.

In 1987, the club opened membership to women. In Manchester, only four charter members remain: Dan Boutell, Chick Kirk, Millard Uphaus and Tom Walton. At our club dinners,

We meet two Monday evenings per month, between September and June, and feature a program that recognizes the achievement of an individual or group within our community. Club meetings are also designed to entertain both members and guests. Dinner is served promptly at 6:30 by the delightful ladies of the Emanuel Church, a tradition dating back to the Exchange Club. The almost legendary home-cooked meals are prepared by Dawna & Co. Caterers.

"Dan Boutell, Chick Kirk, Millard Uphaus and Tom Walton have the distinction of dining at a table at which the average age is over 80!"

### THE FINEMASTER

After dinner, the meeting is turned over to the "finemaster" who reveals the more humorous misadventures of the membership, passed on by the club's spy network, and collects a 25 cent fine per disclosure. These "donations" help fund a Christmas party arranged for selected Manchester area children.

In addition to the recognition and finemaster segments, evening programs

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### CLUB DINNER MEETINGS

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# STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD

For 27 years, the Manchester Optimist Club has recognized the achievements of many outstanding young men and women of our community with the Student of the Month Award. Nominations are made by the high school faculty, and each winner receives the award at a dinner meeting of the Optimist Club. As preparations begin for the 1994-95 school year, we pause to salute the 272 winners of the award to date. We invite you to read through the list; you will probably see many familiar names, including some who are now the parents of the current generation of Manchester students -- and at least one instance of both parent and child receiving the award. To one and all, the Manchester Optimist Club extends renewed congratulations!

## 1967 - 1968

Michael Kirk  
Judy Simmons  
Vicki Eisele  
Rick Lowery  
David Bucholtz  
Nancy Kennedy  
Diana Steinaway  
Lyle Jacob  
Nancy Davis  
Margaret Kemner  
Elizabeth Hosmer  
Sandra Walter  
Ray Meyers  
Virginia Vogel  
Sandra Roller  
Marsha Underwood



## 1968 - 1969

Kathy Randall  
Cheryl Lemon  
John Kress  
Beth Merriman  
Becky Merz  
Steven Hamilton  
Jan Huber  
Janet Reinhart  
Tom Marshall  
Michael Ahrens

## 1969 - 1970

Beverly Feldkamp  
Mark Lentz  
James Bruestle  
Nancy Simmons  
Gloria Grossman  
Valorie Vogel  
Jean Feldkamp  
Sue Pratt  
Gary Knauss  
Judy Popkey



## 1970 - 1971

Bernard Roulo  
Scott Limpert  
Gary Benedict  
Richard Kennedy  
Carol Boehler  
Mary Simmons  
Vicki Evilsizer  
Akel Marshall  
Max Gormley  
Jean Pfaus

## 1971 - 1972

Anita Kirk  
Jeff Bruestle  
Terry Gonyer  
Cindy PUNCHES  
Sherry McAteer  
Bruce Cray  
Chris Lentz  
Monica Curtis  
Curtis Dettling  
Gale Janofski

## 1972 - 1973

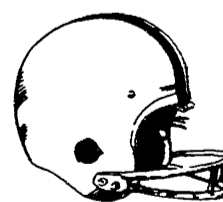
Alice Blumenauer  
Marilyn Uphaus  
Nicki Lentz  
Mark Spencer  
Dorian Tassie  
Ronald Steele  
James Baker  
Kathy Opal  
Janada Jenkins  
Manuel Arana

## 1973 - 1974

Scott Gormley  
Dean Decker  
Tom Opal  
Jeff Wallace  
Cheryl Carr  
Lisa Cresswell  
Pam Alber  
Scott Evilsizer  
Tom Guenther  
Jane Bucholtz

## 1974 - 1975

Nancy Fielder  
Susan Korth  
Jeff Clark  
Chris Kniahynycky  
Karen Campbell  
Tom Fitzgerald  
Gary Voegeding  
Karen Kennedy  
Kurt Koceski  
Michelle Jenkins



## 1975 - 1976

Beverly Eggleston  
Patti Boyd  
Carol Blumenauer  
Malinda Hudkins  
Jane Schaible  
Kay DeClaire  
David Guenther  
Tim Koceski  
Theresa Benedict  
Beth Duncan

## 1976 - 1977

Dan Heslip  
Kim Dulle  
Brenda Eggleston  
Greg Daniels  
Mark Guenther  
Curt Sauter  
Kyle Kensler  
Barbara Korth  
Pete Tassie  
Sharon Voegeding

## 1977 - 1978

Mary Ann Kniahynycky  
Lori England  
Nancy Egeler  
Jim Duncan  
Julie England  
Susan Ahrens  
Keith Moore  
Joan Schaible  
Belinda Grantham  
Terry Brown

## 1978 - 1979

Barbara Reeves  
Julie Moore  
Brian Broucek  
Michael Gregerson  
Sheri Cleland  
Laurie Fitzgerald  
Kurt Norgaard  
Paul Stancato  
Stacy Ames  
Vanessa Ames

## 1979 - 1980

Lisa Huber  
Nick Krzyzaniak  
Stephanie Ames  
Todd Quayle  
Karl Sauter  
Robert (Kelly) Boyd  
Dan Grantham  
Michael Schaible  
Marilyn Walter  
Sara Meinhart

## 1980 - 1981

Kyle Norgaard  
Carol Schaible  
Melissa Bunney  
Carol Lobbestael  
Kelly Gotts  
Martha Moore  
Kelly Bristle  
Jenny Feldkamp

## 1981 - 1982

Beth Vlcek  
Chris Opal  
Mark Ball  
Colleen Burch  
Leanne Goodwin  
Craig Sauter  
Eric Duncan  
Laura Pierce  
Lisa Wolf  
Don Hagerman

## 1982 - 1983

Carol Kidd  
Sarah Platt  
Ron Milkey  
Katie Miller  
Dawn England  
Jenny England  
Scott Hunt  
Collette Rickelman  
Janice Coval  
Vivien Townsend

## 1983 - 1984

Shelly Kleinschmidt  
Betsey Royle  
Lynda Kosinski  
Julie Gebhardt  
Lisa Rickelman  
Kevin Creech  
Mary Stierle  
Michelle Ball  
Todd Haselschwerdt

## 1984 - 1985

Patrick Ridenour  
Leslie Duncan  
Christine Hawk  
Lou Ann Krzyzaniak  
Debbie Wenk  
Heather Mottice  
Rita Talcott  
Mark Meister  
Mike Meister

## 1985 - 1986

Kristina Hunt  
Jeff Mann  
Jackie Miller  
Julie Howell  
Melissa Beasley  
Rob Smith  
Jennifer Bamard  
Heidi Huber  
Lisa Knickerbocker  
Kim Dezarov



## 1986 - 1987

Sheri Leach  
Kristin Miller  
Cheryl Blumenauer  
Cheryl Bross  
Brian Gebhardt  
Linda Milkey  
Tracy Nickerson  
Marie Ball  
Tom Golding  
Tricia Homing

## 1987 - 1988

Kim Lockridge  
Vicki Warner  
Dawn Wenk  
Mike Stidham  
Renea Drouare  
Sherry Rickelman  
Jamie Hall  
Connie Zimmer  
Mark Fenelon  
Tracy Day



## 1988 - 1989

Linda Hansen  
Cindy Schulte  
Michelle LaRue  
John Korican  
Jennifer Faulhaber  
Laurie Fielder  
Shelly Sannes  
Eric Creech  
Beth Gilbert  
Heidi Beasley

## 1989 - 1990

Brian Ball  
Jodi Parr  
Rebecca Scherdt  
Hikah Weiss  
Jennifer Kunzelman  
April Barrett  
Brian Weidmayer  
Julie Hamilton  
John Golding  
Ryan Burkhardt  
Amy Wagner

## 1990 - 1991

Tricia Wurster  
Jeffrey Hughes  
Michelle Mann  
Camri McCormick  
Darian Davies  
Sharon Fielder  
Rachel Rodriguez  
Lauri McGee  
Theresa Hamilton  
Tony PUNCHES

## 1991 - 1992

Patrick Clark  
Mara Bragg  
Adriane Wallace  
Donna Spiess  
Erica Bell  
Kristine Sannes  
Joanne Kemner  
Rodney Burkhardt  
Melanie Ball  
Kathy Nosbisch

## 1992 - 1993

Matt Weithoff  
Zac Gordon  
Andrea Clark  
Bryan Hoelt  
Sharon Bihlmeyer  
Sharon Goodell  
Angie Eiss  
Tracy LaRue  
Dan Bihlmeyer

## 1993 - 1994

Eric Anderson  
Melissa Driessche  
Mark Harris  
Laura Alber  
Sarah Feldkamp  
Erika PUNCHES  
Jodi Armentrout  
Jennifer Nosbisch  
Kathleen Baran  
Michael Barnard

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD

For promoting a good way of life;  
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for working up to your capacity;  
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for promoting self-control, ambition,  
responsibility and self reliance.  
For having desirable leadership;  
for promoting friendship among peoples;  
for being cheerful, personable  
and well groomed;  
for aiding and encouraging the  
development of others  
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Manchester, Michigan

In addition to the Student of the Month Award, the Manchester Optimist Club sponsors the following youth service projects in our community: Steer Club - Oratorical Contest - Essay Contest - Achievement in Education Award - Salutatorian Scholarship Award - Boy Scouts - Girl Scouts - Tri-Star Baseball, Football and Basketball Contests - Children's Christmas Project - School Appreciation Picnic - Community Scholarship Contributor - Boys' State and Girls' State Scholarships - Junior Optimist Club at Manchester Middle School. Membership information is available by calling 428-7194.



# From the Ground Up — by BG

## PLANTS THAT DON'T BELONG

### THEY'VE TAKEN OVER

The weeds are here!!! The weeds are here!!!

With the recent rains and temperatures too hot for outdoor work, the weeds have taken over the garden beds. They are unsightly, as well as damaging to the desirable plants by stealing room and nutrients.

With a large amount of weeding to do, certain inventive incentives can be used; weeding for a definite time, or in a definite area, or pulling one kind of weed in one session. Bribery can be used: no cutting bouquets until the weeding is done.

This all sounds childish but starting the actual weeding can be difficult. Then the delight of a "clean" garden bed kicks in and the rest of the weeding is easier. The time spent weeding is a chance to observe your plants up close, to check on their condition, make sure all is well.

### CLIP, SHAKE, THEN PULL

The weeding session will be easier if the ground is not bone-dry. Make sure the whole weed, roots and all, is pulled. If the weed has a seed head, clip that first so the seeds aren't scattered. Shake off most of the soil around the roots — a bit of soil can go with the weeds into a

long-term compost pile. I put Bindweed (wild Morning Glory) and poison ivy in the trash to end up far away from me.

### THE RIGHT MULCH

After a complete weeding and watering, put down some mulch but think about the different materials used for the different plants. Black plastic will discourage the weeds and retain the heat - terrific for heat-loving tomatoes and green peppers but difficult to dispose of.

Straw will give a clean surface for the squash or melon fruit but it has to be layered thickly to prevent weeds and will blow around in the wind.

Grass clippings are terrific but more and more people prefer to leave them on the lawn to renew the grass.

Several layers of newspapers (no colored or glossy pages, please) can be used if moistened to stay put. It will disintegrate within a year. The very best mulch for any garden bed would be a layer of compost.

### GROUND COVERS

If there is a bare spot in the garden, some kind of weed will find it. Instead of putting down a mulch, you might plan a living carpet in your garden bed. Some ground covers, Sweet

Woodruff, Moneywort, Geraniums, Myrtle might be the answer. They won't stop the weeds completely but will slow them down and make them easier to pull. The desirable ground covers are easy to control by "weeding" although I prefer to think of it as transplanting them to another part of the garden.

Ground covers have different characteristics of growth so choose one for your conditions of sun or shade, wet or dry. Consider the height of the other plants in the bed and pick a ground cover that is suitable for the surrounding perennials. Moneywort or Creeping Jenny (Lysimachia nummularia) has a very flat growing habit with attractive evergreen leaves and yellow flowers, very nice for the short plants. I am using "Wargrave Pink" (Geranium endressii) to form a cover about a foot high under some lilies, foxgloves and delphiniums. When it reaches the iris, I will discourage it by heading the tendrils in another direction.

None of us would welcome Pigweed anywhere in a garden but Johnny-Jump-Ups do appear, unexpectedly in all of my flower and vegetable beds. I can't consider it a weed until it starts to crowd out more desirable plants.

Perhaps, weeds could be defined as "Plants that do not belong in a garden" and that is a personal choice.

## Flower of the Month: Sweet Alyssum



Sweet Alyssum is the one flower that has to be in my garden. I have had them flower from late spring through early snows until the first very hard frost in the late autumn.

It is willing to bloom in shade, sun, wet and dry

conditions. Under maximum conditions, one plant can cover a square foot of ground with the sweet smelling flowers. Even the stunted plants will try to put forth the lovely white flowers.

This annual comes in many colors but I use just the white. Liberal patches of white Sweet Alyssum seem to blend all colors that might otherwise clash. Using this plant throughout the garden provides a unifying pattern which proves satisfying.

Seeds of this annual can be sown as early as you would like to be in the garden. Flats of plants in bloom can be purchased at any store in the spring. Sweet Alyssum reseeds itself very nicely if the tiny plants aren't mistaken for weeds.

The flowers, photographed in front of some low Iris, are due for a shearing next week. They will look tired and "leggy" - ready to go to seed. After a few snips of the scissors and some water-soluble fertilizer, they will be ready to bloom for the rest of the gardening year.

Yes, the plant can be carried over the winter in the house for year-around greenery and a few flowers but they will lack the marvelous fragrance of honey that has come to be a symbol of summer.

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## Dexters in Manchester?

—by Kathy Kueffner

So what are Dexters doing in Manchester? And, for that matter, what is a Dexter?

A Dexter is a miniature, short-legged black cow. A small herd of them graze in pastures west of town on Grossman Road at Fidge's Tree Tops, the farm of Lee and Tom Fidge.

This registered breed originated in Ireland more than 200 years ago. Being a dual purpose cow, and also the smallest bovine but one of the hardiest, it could provide both milk and meat of comparatively high quality so they were kept by families with small land holdings in the mountainous areas.

Lee Fidge saw her first Dexter cow at the Coldwater fair in 1987 and was so impressed that she convinced her husband Tom this small breed was exactly what they were looking for.

In 1991, Tom built a barn on the property they had bought and built their retirement home on in the 1980s. Soon after, the first two Dexters were brought home and then a couple more, then again another, and this spring their first calf was born.

There are two types of Dexters: the short-legged beef type (Dexter) and the long-legged dairy type (Kerry). Mother Nature may have her way and a breeder can end up with both types and anything in between. A Dexter bull meeting the requirements at three years of age can weigh up to 1,000 lbs. and stand between 38" to 44" at the shoulder; a cow at the same age weighs up to 750 lbs. and stands 36" to 42" at the shoulder.

Most are black, but occasionally red or dun animals are produced and are acceptable. All are born with horns which grow to be very impressive.

Fidge's 3 1/2 year old bull, "R2-In2," is 40 inches at the shoulder and weighs about 800 lbs. His younger full brother, "Finnian," is long-legged and 44 inches. Their full sister, "Millie," is only 35 inches at the shoulder—not even the height of a yardstick! And, "Molly," the new mother, is 37 inches.

Molly was bred to R2 last year and this spring "Topper" was born, weighing under 50 lbs.

Currently Dexters are recognized by the British Rare Breeds Survival Trust as one of ten rare breeds of cattle. In the early nineteen hundreds, Dexters were brought to North America and since 1970 there has been a surge of interest in Dexters in the United States, corresponding to an increased concern with rural living, small scale farming, natural foods and a general back-to-nature movement.

The Dexters as a breed are gentle, hardy and easy to handle, intelligent and quick to learn.

The bulls are not aggressive but as Lee points out, "They are bulls and you have to respect them even if they are small. We pet them and handle them daily - but we don't hug them."

Lee says, "R2 has a bullish sense of humor. He delights in being on the far side of the pasture just at that particular time of the evening when Tom calls them into the barn, and he takes his good old time getting to the gate."

With shelter and fresh water provided, Dexters are

### Topper at TreeTops



Placed above the normal Dexter at Fidge's Tree Tops, "Topper", along with his mother, "Molly" Molly is just over a yardstick in height at the shoulder.

pastured year-around and thrive well in Michigan. There are about 15 registered breeders in Michigan with the Fidges having about 10% of the breed.

This partnership of the Fidges and their growing herd of Dexters out on Fidge's Tree Tops, along with antique apple trees, their companion Bouviers and Welsh Corgi, plus cats, has been very rewarding, Lee and Tom agree. "We are enjoying a busy and very satisfying retirement."

## Kiwanis Volleyball Tournament

September 11, 1994

Kiwanis Club of Manchester is sponsoring the 5th Annual volleyball Tournament, Sunday, September 11, 12:00 noon at Carr Park.

The cost will be \$40 for a 5- to 6-person team. Teenage youth of the area are encouraged to participate. Team members can be all men/women or a combination of both.

Proceeds will benefit Mott's Children's Hospital and other service projects that benefit children in our community. Industry, business and individual sponsorship are encouraged.

The event will consist of two double elimination tournaments (Novice and competition) with two traveling trophies.

In 1993, nine competitive teams and eleven novice teams participated.

The first tournament organization meeting will be Tuesday, August 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Resource Center, 122 W. Main St. Registration forms and rules will be available.

Final date to turn in applications will be Friday, September 2 No team will be registered the day of the

## FOURTH ANNUAL MANCHESTER GOLF OPEN: AUGUST 28TH

The Community Resource Center of Manchester is sponsoring the Fourth Annual Manchester Golf Open, Sunday, August 28, 1994 at Clark Lake Golf Course in Brooklyn.

The cost is \$50 per person and includes 18 holes, scramble, electric cart, dinner and prizes.

Dinner cost for non-golfers is \$17.

Team drawing is 7:45 a.m. and tee-off time is 8:15. Special hot dog lunch at the turn.

Tickets are available at: Great Lakes Bancorp, Keith's Barber Shop, Comerica, First of America, Community Resource Center (428-7722), Sutton Insurance Agency, Chris Brooks (428-

8695), and Dick Kuntz (428-7777.)

The Manchester Golf Open is a fund raiser to help defray the administrative expense of the Community Resource Center as the staff strives to meet human service needs of the community.

More information is available by contacting, Dick Kuntz, Chris Brooks or the Community Resource Center at the numbers listed above.

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September 11, 1994

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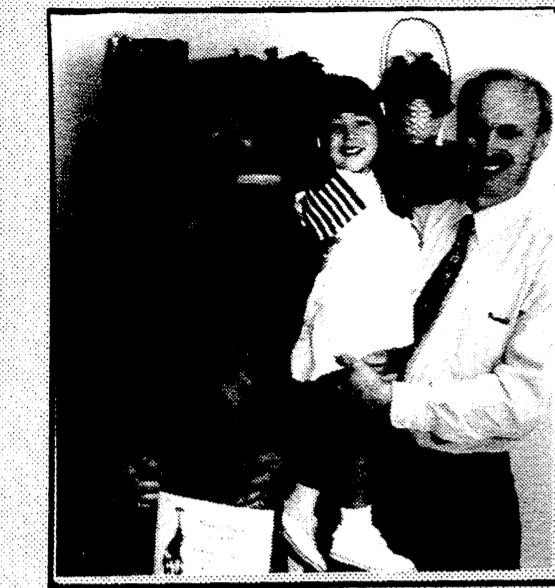
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**Sunday, July 3** Record attendance again this year at the Manchester Men's Club spectacular Fourth of July Fireworks

**Sunday, July 3** Pastor Scott Engelman of Faith Community Church announces his impending move with his family to Colorado Christian University in Morrison, Colorado. During Pastor Engleman's ministry with Faith Community Church he had focused on youth programs.

**Monday, July 4** Pleasant Lake Property Owners Association held their annual decorated boat parade on Monday, the Fourth of July. There were 19 entries with various themes from the patriotic to the colorful to the amusing, to even the shameless - one little girl held up a big sign that read "We LOVE the judges!" (Should have won first prize for ingenuity.) With all the creativity, the authenticity, the balloons, the flags, the banners, the bunting it was a difficult decision for judges. There were prizes for all participants from area businesses: **Aura Inn, Back Door Party Store, Fredonia Grocery, the Lidell Company, Meijer's** and the Lake Association. For their Iwo Jima theme, the **Taddonios-John and Ann, Doris and Tom**-won first prize. Second prize was won by the **Johnsons** who decorated their entry as a riverboat with southern belles on deck and a paddlewheel astern. The festive USS Freedom (Township?) sailed by the **Curley family**, was bedecked with red, white and blue. It tied for third place with the **Goffs** who had one of their family on deck dressed as the Statue of Liberty, the boat towing refugees **Ray and Ava Goff** behind in a dinghy.

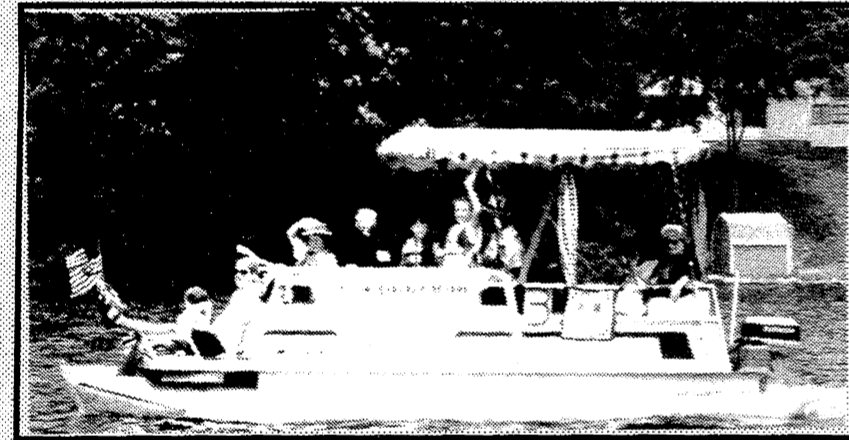
**Wednesday, July 6** Manchester School District Board of Education Election of Officers: **President-Paul Kluwe, Vice-President-Bruce Abbot, Secretary -Patricia Sahakian, Treasurer--Wayne Winzenz, Trustees-John Hochstetler, John Ochs, Joseph Turk**

**Friday, July 8** **Lillian Rose Gustwiller (Aiken)**, age 66, of Manchester, passed away. She was a 1964 graduate of Manchester High School, a member of the Sportsman Club and American Legion Auxiliary.

- 1) **Chloe Miller**, 3-year old daughter of Breeda and James Miller, celebrates her new status as an United States Citizen.
- 2) **Manchester teens** dance on Adrian St. July 2 at the first of three "Street Dance for Teens Only" sponsored by the **Manchester Recreation Task Force**
- 3) The USS Freedom in the Pleasant Lake Fourth of July Boat Parade sailed by the **Curley family**.
- 4) **Emanuel United Church of Christ's Ice Cream Social** was held June 29. Besides the delicious food at the buffet there and take outs, a selection of goodies from the "Country Store" booth like homemade breads and pastries were available.
- 5) **Travis and Kyle** watch the Manchester Community Fair Parade with mom, Missy Moore.
- 6) **Travis Hone** rides in the Manchester Community Fair Parade along with dad, Bobby.
- 7) The **Jennifer DuRussel Day Care** float in the Fair Parade had a "working man's" theme with the kids showing off their new Carver Construction t-shirts.
- 8) At the Spur of the Moment Horse Show, **LeAnne Ellsworth** receives her ribbon from **Rachel Jefferson** with **Ashley Sheats** offering her congratulations. The girls are all members of the Manchester **Flying Equestrians 4-H** Horse Club.



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# Times in Manchester, Michigan!

**Tuesday, July 12**

The Manchester Community Fair Parade with more entries than ever. The **Manchester Area Girl Scouts** won first prize with their float. Winners of the Manchester Tool & Die sponsored Bike Decorating Contest were: **Warren Aiuto, Katie Waters, Mark Trinkle, Bobbie Beach** and **Melissa Luckhardt** in the up-to-9-years-old age category; **Chad Roberts, Sharon Green, Katie Okey, Tina Gilmore, Nicole Beach** in the age 10 & up category.

**Tuesday, July 12 through Saturday, July 16** The **50th Manchester Community Fair** truly celebrated "Fifty Years of Family Fun." How fortunate Manchester is to have so many hard-working volunteers who put together the best little small town fair in the world!

**Thursday, July 14** **Bethel United Church of Christ** Ice Cream Social: good food, good fellowship.

**Sunday, July 17** **Herb Widmayer**, age 92, passed away. He owned and operated the Widmayer Hardware store in Manchester until he retired in 1972. He was a member of the Emanuel United Church of Christ and served with the Manchester Fire Department for fifty years.

**Thursday, July 21** The 41st Annual Manchester Chicken Broil. Over 14,000 dinners served. Thank you to those who drove teams and transported visitors to the Broil site: **Jim Hone, George Macomber, Ken Ery, and Doug Wisner**; and to the literally hundreds of volunteers who work each year to make this event such a success.

**Saturday, July 23** The Manchester Sidewalk Street Fair. Manchester merchants offer great deals during the Sidewalk Sales along with artists and crafts people. The Annual Midwest Ford-sponsored Kool Cruisers Classic Car Show is a big success. (See Ken Moull's story page 28 of this issue.)

- 9) **Janice Little** and **Helen Nickerson** were two of the many volunteers from Emanuel Church who staffed the Emanuel food wagon at the Fair
- 10) The **Delores and Russ Wolff** family of Manchester enjoy a great meal at the Bethel Church Social; daughter **Markita** came all the way from Salt Lake City.
- 11) **Jon Hardenbergh** and his mother **Mae** came home to Manchester for the Chicken Broil. Pictured, **Jon** chats with good friend **Wes Gall**.
- 12) And, speaking of **Wes Gall**, **Katelyn Gall** is proud to help out at the laundermatte downtown which her mom and dad, **Kathy and Wes Gall**, recently purchased from **Lyle and Maxine Widmayer**. Welcome to the downtown business district.
- 13) **Haarer's Meeting Place** chef, **Jane Cuthbert**, recently took a group of children on a tour of the restaurant. The children each made their own chef's hat and wore chef aprons. **Haarer's** employees, **Kathy Nobsisch** and **Becky Chizmar** explained the activities that take place at each station. **Jane**, who studied at the Culinary Institute in New York, is pictured with her two sons, **Nicholas** and **Tony**.
- 14) One of the most popular places on Main Street during the Sidewalk Sales was the **Kool Cruisers Classic Car Show**.
- 15) **Doug Wisner** transported visitors to the Chicken Broil in a covered wagon. The young colt (born just this last Father's Day, June 19) tagged along next to his mother the whole time.



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## Community Fair Celebrates

### "The Onion: Humble and Mighty"!

Usually the Manchester Community Fair invites folks from the area to submit their best works to exhibit at the Fair and be judged. It could be vegetables, artwork, rabbits, or tractors.

But this year, for the first time, the Manchester Community Fair entered a competition themselves!

Each year the Fair Association in Michigan sponsors a "Premier Fair Exhibit" contest. It establishes a theme and invites local fairs to create an exhibit at their fair which illustrates that theme.

The competition is open to all fairs—big and small. So you can imagine, the competition is stiff (and probably expensive).

Manchester made a modest entry this year. With the theme of "an agriculture product in your area," a small committee of area residents

worked with the Fair Board to create an exhibit: "The Onion: Mighty and Humble."

It recognized the DuRussel Potato Farm which has the reputation for being the largest green onion producers east of the Mississippi River and combined that with little known information about the onion.

The display included information about the onion including health and nutrition facts, recipes, and historical trivia as well as information specifically about the DuRussel operation.

There were also two contests associated with the exhibit. One required the entrant to search the Fair grounds for posted information about the onion. The other required creativity, asking

people to imagine stories in folklore and history that featured the popular apple, and then change the story to having the onion as its "main

character!"

A good time was had by all!

Many, many fair-goers stopped at the "Onion Booth" to look and chat and not a few expressed interest and appreciation for this clever look at the onion.

Will the Manchester Fair win the contest? Who knows. State judges came to the Fair to look at the booth and display. Also a video of the exhibit was submitted.

But win or lose, the Fair and the Onion Committee know, just as all the folks who have entered any Fair exhibit know, that although winning is fun, the most fun is being a part of the Fair!!!

[P.S. The Onion Committee was Breda Miller, Ann Pat Wolf, and Janet Shurtliff working with Fair Board members Carol Britten and Jerry Bristle!] ☐ (jls)

## Some ONION FACTS

From the Manchester Community Fair's Premier Exhibit!

### DID YOU KNOW...

...The National Cancer Institute is funding research on *sulfides in onions*, calling them promising agents in fending off cancer.

...The onion has long been known as a symbol of eternity. *Byzantine architecture* uses the symbolic onion shape as a dome for many of their religious structures.

...Nutritionists recognize the health benefits offered by the numerous vitamins and minerals packed in onions. *Many consumers are not aware that an onion has more Vitamin C than an apple!*

...In the eighteenth century, the onion was relied on as a remedy for *scurvy!*

...When onion growers talk about "the largest onion producer east of the Mississippi River," they are talking about *DuRussel's Potato Farm*, right here in

Manchester, on Fletcher Road in Freedom Township!

...The word "onion" comes from the Latin word for a *large pearl!*

...The onion's flavor, odor and tear inducing characteristics come primarily from sulfuric compounds in the vegetable. When onions are peeled and sliced, we free this chemical which dissolves in small quantities of water in the eyes. This produces a mild form of sulfuric acid, an irritant that causes tearing. *To prevent tears, cut from the top without trimming off the root or bottom end* since the cells that release the sulfuric compounds are concentrated at the base of the onion.

...Both onions and the famous "*aloe vera*" plants are members of the lily family and both have similar healing qualities—especially to soothe burns and bee stings.

## And the Winner of the Golden Onion Awards are—

### "DID YOU KNOW?" CONTEST

- 1st Place: Jim Kruse \$10 and a lg bag of onions  
2nd Place: Lori Flint \$5 and a med bag of onions

### "IF THE APPLE WERE AN ONION" CONTEST

- Youth Category 1st place/storytelling Benjamin Billman \$10 and a large bag of onions  
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## BECOMING A DEUTSCHMAN!

When Manchester Schools added June 13th as an extra day of school to make up for the snow/cold days last winter, six Manchester High School students didn't show up. Instead they were boarding a plane for a flight to spend three weeks in Germany! They returned July 5th.

The "summer trip abroad" opportunity is part of the Manchester High School German program. Students must have completed at least two years of German and be able to afford the trip (this year's cost was \$1400 plus money for incidentals and spending).

The summer of '94 group consisted of: Michelle Davis, Melissa Driessche, Justin Ebersole, Amanda Erskine, Amy Landini, and Karin Messing. They were accompanied by their German teacher Frau Susan Davis and Kimberly Davis, a Manchester High School graduate, now a W.M.U. junior, and sister of Michelle Davis. Kimberly has studied German for six years.

Recently five members of this group (all but Amy and Justin) sat around a dining room table back home in Manchester, looking at each other's photos from the trip and asking to borrow negatives to make copies. We listened to them telling the stories of their adventure.

### Who would ever think...

Imagine...stepping off a plane in Munich and going immediately to Dachau, the site of the horrifying Nazi concentration camp.

Imagine...staying in an inn in a small village (a "dorf") in the foothills of the Alps and spending three days rock climbing, visiting castles, and experiencing the hospitality of the villagers.

Imagine...stopping in Ulm to climb "the world's highest church steeple"—789 steps to the top, 161 meters tall (that's 534 feet in American language).

Imagine...having a host family in Berlin that you stay with for 2½ weeks who gives you a personalized tour of Berlin including castles and shopping.

Imagine...visiting a German high school which reminds you more of a college campus. It has one curious quirk: school is cancelled if the temperature reaches 75° by 10:00 a.m.—an official "heat day."

Imagine...visiting the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, and Martin Luther's Wittenberg, "a medieval village where everything was so old I was surprised it could still stand!"

Imagine...attending a major rock concert where the headlining band is a group you've never heard of.

Imagine...having a heated discussion with some young Germans about their criticism and disapproval of American patriotism, as represented by our custom of flying the American flag at our homes.

Imagine...visiting "memorials," ruins of historic buildings, bombed out during World War II.

Imagine...missing the entire O.J. Simpson drama—the slow chase, the courtroom procedures, the whole thing! (Could this be the impartial jury???)

### "My watch is still on German time..."

Using the German language was a major goal for these students, and they were justifiably proud of the success they had.

All the students except Amanda Erskine had taken three years of high school German. Amanda had only two. "I was dreaming in German," she related, and then added "but I couldn't understand what was being said!"

Kim Davis with her six years of study found herself quite at home, even able to think in German!

In the small village near the Alps, however, it was not so easy. "They spoke a different dialect," Kim explained, "Schwabian."

But in Berlin, "It was much easier," recalled Amanda. "They spoke 'high German.'"

### Distinctly Different...

When asked if there was anything they encountered that was surprising in its difference from America, the students commented:

► "Students smoke right on campus!" Cigarette smoking does not have the cultural disapproval in Germany that it does here. Our students commented on the noticeably more common occurrences of

smoking.

► Germans drink beer at any age (16 is the legal age to buy).

► We in America are aware of using women's bodies to sell anything from cars to veg-e-matics. But the students reported that in Germany, using women's bodies to sell products involves a lot more "exposure" than America would permit.

► They also discovered that women's bathing suits on public beaches might not have tops.

► There's nothing like it in Manchester, but Berlin has an outspoken demand for homosexual rights. The students watched a parade which seemed from the photos to be very similar to the New York City "Stonewall Parade for Gay Rights."

► Germany uses public transportation much more than we do. "The buses, subways, and trains are on-time, safe, and clean."

► "Driving is a death wish," they joked, then related that it is really too expensive to drive. Just getting a driver's license costs \$1000 (or was that 1000 marks?) "The coursework for a license is hard, and you must be at least 18 years old."

► "There are street performers all over the place!"

### Some things stay the same...

What, for instance, was just like home:

"Pizza Hut, Burger King, McDonald's. They were high-priced for a McDonald's, but cheap compared to regular restaurants. And they were convenient."

### In Retrospect...

How would you describe the trip?

"Phenomenal," said Melissa Driessche.

"Fabulous," said Karin Messing.

"Memorable," said Michelle Davis.

"Exciting," said Amanda Erskine.

"I'm planning to live there next summer," stated Kim Davis.

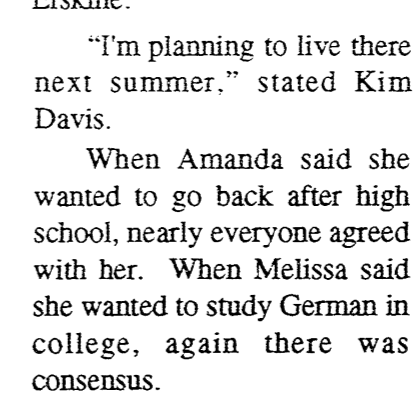
When Amanda said she wanted to go back after high school, nearly everyone agreed with her. When Melissa said she wanted to study German in college, again there was consensus.

Clearly this experience had a huge impact—as a language learning tool, in the big, profound issues of cultural diversity, and in the teenage fascination with witnessing a setting where few if any rules exist in the matters we in America concern ourselves so much with.

Undoubtedly the experience for these young people is one that memory will shape as time goes on, bringing the important lessons to the surface while putting an overlay of perspective on the entire trip. ☐ (jls)



The Manchester High School German group. From left: Amy Landini, Frau Davis, Melissa Driessche, Michelle Davis, Kim Davis, Justin Ebersole, Amanda Erskine, and Karin Messing.



The picture to the right is from the High School German Class trip to Germany. Shoes??? Why shoes??? Explained photographer Michelle Davis as the group tried to figure out whose shoe was whose, "I always take a shoe picture!" Well, here is a German shoe picture!

## Good Ideas

—by Breda Miller

Whenever you take your small children to a large public event (fair, zoo, amusement park) put a piece of paper with your name, address and phone number in their pocket. You could use your business card or tear the address portion of a bank deposit slip and use it for a quick solution. This will help should your children become separated from you and too upset (or too small) to remember this information.

Speaking of getting lost or separated in a busy place...law enforcement officials have stated that the best (safest) stranger to tell your child to look for is another mother with small children. Police officers don't usually patrol stores and most security people don't wear uniforms.

Should you find yourself with a child needing emergency treatment at the hospital, many nurses recommend that you bring along a red or dark t-shirt for your child (if you have time to grab one.) Many times the sight of their own blood on their clothes is very distressing to small children and a red shirt will minimize this. ☐

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- August 11—Saline Big Band: Traditional big band music for those who remember it, and for those just beginning to appreciate this great sound!
- August 18—Peter "Madcat" Ruth and Shari Kane: National headliner brings the season to a close. (Co-sponsored by Manchester Tool and Die)

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## New Arrival

Madeline Audrey Gregerson

Sebastian, Hannah and Oliver are proud to announce the arrival of their new sister, Madeline Audrey Gregerson. She was born on Thursday, June 30, 1994 at 9:05 p.m. weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. and 21 inches long. Madeline's parents are Carolin and Michael Gregerson of Manchester.

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## Summer Nights In Manchester

As the dog days of summer approach, those long warm days of August when not what is happening, remember the Gazebo Concerts.

July was a busy, busy month with the Fair, the Broil, the Street Fair, and Ice Cream Socials.

But August is a lazy time—just right for relaxing on the lawn at the Gazebo on a Thursday evening and enjoying an evening of great music.

Come on Thursday evenings at 7:30. August 4th will be a family night with singer and storyteller Beverly Feldkamp Smith. She will share the stage with a crew of clowns!!

The following week, the 11th, will be Saline Big band night. What fun to hear those old sounds—Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey! Just right for the Gazebo!!!

The last concert of the season will be August 18th. This night will be a nationally renowned duo: Madcat Ruth and Shari Kane. This will be one of their few performances in the Ann Arbor area. This final concert is being co-sponsored by Manchester Tool and Die!

So don't miss it. Gazebo nights are: Magical. Peaceful. Beautiful. Entertaining. Friendly. And better than T.V.!!!!!!



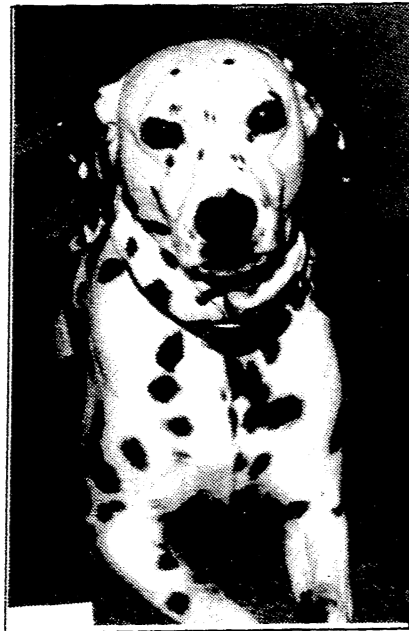
## Memories of Katie

—by Breeda Miller

We just never got around to telling her that she was a dog. In twelve years, it never came up. A few weeks ago we had to say good-bye to a wonderful member of our family who happened to be a dog.

It was providence that we came to be a part of Katie's life. A friend who lived in Milford told us that a stray Dalmation had arrived on his doorstep full of fleas and virtually skin and bones. He had three dogs and didn't have room for a fourth. We already had a dog but drove to Milford for a visit and "just to see" this dog. The moment we saw her, we were gone.

We guessed she was about two years old and we named her "Katie." She seemed to like the name and responded readily. Katie was a velcro dog. She would come up to the side of visitors and attach herself to her soft, spotted coat was stroked. Even people who actively disliked dogs, liked Katie.



I've had other dogs in my life, but Katie was truly a gift from God. She was so humanlike and gentle that I remember actually checking for a zipper to see if she were a person wearing a dog suit.

She was my baby long before our children came into our lives and she never resented them for a moment. On the contrary, she nurtured them and looked out for them.

She was a happy dog. Her tail was long and boney and would make quite a racket as she lay on the floor thumping away. One amazing memory I have is when the children were infants sitting in the bouncy chair on the floor. Katie would actually stop wagging her tail until she had cleared the chair and then resume wagging.

I remember her tolerance when the children played "connect the dots" with her, when she'd had enough she simply walked away.

We have a beautiful family portrait taken at a studio. Katie is in the middle perfectly composed, almost smiling. The photographer was worried about a big dog in the studio, she was more cooperative than the two children.

If a dog could be thought of as considerate, she was. Even in her death. They say that timing

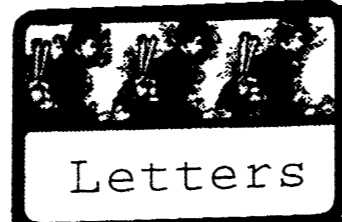
is everything and so it is true with Katie. As bad as it was, it could have been much worse. She wandered away from our yard early on a sunny Saturday morning and was struck by a car on City Road. She died instantly.

The poor woman (a stranger) who hit her, had the grace and courage to come to our home and tell us. I will be forever grateful, knowing how difficult that must have been for her. I know it was not her fault, Katie had no business in the road. She had been showing signs of her age, arthritis, a bit of incontinence and she had been sleeping much of the time. It was almost like she picked the best time to go.

We were all home and my mother was visiting. When the woman came to the door, we left immediately with our hearts in our throats, not knowing what we would find. Katie was laying perfectly still in the middle of the road, no blood, no mess, no thumping tail. We scooped her up in our arms and drove to the vets, just in case. But we knew that she was gone. We buried her that sunny morning on her soft pillow with a favorite old shoe near her nose.

Our home is far too quiet. We now have to listen for knocks at the door and not wait for a bark to tell us if we have visitors. The little station wagon we bought so that Katie would have plenty of room seems so big now. Opening the kitchen door to silence is almost deafening. But I remember a poem that said that the grief that we feel is equal to the love that we had. Therefore I would not choose to have loved her less in order to ease the pain and sadness of her loss.

There is an ironic twist to this love story. Our son Daniel has suffered for years with asthma, a stuffy nose and recently, hives. We made an appointment with an allergist in June and waited nearly a month to see him. Five days after Katie died, we saw the doctor. He tested Daniel for allergies to 32 things. We discovered that Daniel is allergic to three things: a variety of weeds, a variety of molds, and dogs. Timing is everything.



I am writing this as a frustrated parent of a "troubled teen." It seems that whenever something bad happens involving teenagers, the first thing I hear is, "Where are the parents?"

Well, my feeling about that is: Not all of these kids have parents that don't care. Not all of these kids come from single parent households. Not all of these kids are underprivileged, some may even be what people call "well-to-do."

These are kids who may be termed "strong willed," to put it nicely. No matter how hard their parents try to teach good morals and values, no matter how their parents try to enforce rules and make them pay consequences for breaking those rules, these kids just seem to be out to self destruct.

I also think people need to understand the heartbreak and frustration that parents who do care feel when they're going through these types of things.

In our case we have sought help from doctors, therapists and now even the police and the juvenile court system because we want help for our teen and we hope and pray it's not too late.

But you know what? Even teenagers have to want to be helped - you can't force them to see that what they're doing is wrong and they can't be forced to talk about things they either don't know how or don't want to talk about. Some must learn everything the hard way.

People need to know that these problems effect whole families. Emotions run so strong but frustration and pain are the two that make the top of my list.

Those of you who have been able to raise their children without a serious problem should consider themselves fortunate but don't be so quick to condemn those of us who have had or are having problems. What we really need are your prayers and support.

By the way, I have two teens; one is doing very well with life and I still hope the other one will turn around.

Mary Ridenour

It's me again, the former MHS student. I was reading in the Manchester Chronicle how the school wants to spend \$200,000 to upgrade computers and software. Well, that's all fine if you're passing with good grades and whizzing right through school with no problems. But what about thinking about all of those who are having problems. How about trying to spend time instead of money? A lot of kids are not failing because they choose to, they have just given up hope simply because they aren't getting the help that they need because some of the teachers just don't want to take the time out. Those teachers have the attitude that if you don't grasp what you're being taught, that's your problem.

You would think that all those kids who are giving up or dropping out would give them a hint that the school is not doing something right.

\$200,000 worth of computers and software won't do much good if there isn't anyone there to use it.

Tiffany Ridenour

## Postcards from Iowa



From: Mae & Jon Hardenbergh  
3015 Olde Country Lane  
Dubuque, Iowa 52001-1071

Hi, Friends,

As you can see by the photo, mom and I came back to "roost" temporarily at the Broil. I think the chicken was even better than I remember it.

It was wonderful seeing all our friends once again.

THANK YOU to G. E. Wacker, Inc. co-workers, friends and family for the wonderful "surprise" retirement picnic.

Thanks every so much! It is so nice to know there are people like all of you!

Arlene Paul

## Check presented to Manchester High School from advertisers with the Chronicle

Angie Carlson, high school staff writer for *The Manchester Chronicle*, presents a "blank check" to Athletic Director Dave Swanson for a much-needed additional academic and athletic trophy case at the high school. A portion of the money spent by the businesses listed below in the "Salute to the Graduates of 1994" of the June issue *Chronicle* was donated for this purchase. The trophy case will be dedicated to the Class of '94.



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## Christmas in the Village

The Community Resource Center will sponsor the 3rd Annual Christmas in the Village scheduled for Saturday, November 19 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 106 E. Madison St.

The event features a juried craft show. Cost of a booth at the Knights of Columbus Hall is \$30. Local churches participate by offering specialty foods, baked goods and a lunch. Main Street businesses offer a variety of holiday gifts and hospitality of tea and cookies.

Persons interested in participating in Christmas in the Village may contact the Community Resource Center, 428-7722.

## A Card of Thanks! Many Thanks!!! For the Summer of '94...

How many individuals are there to thank for the many events of the Summer of '94?!!!

There must be one hundred people, maybe two hundred. Maybe even three hundred. Actually, maybe there may be even more!

It would indeed be ungrateful to focus on one or two—to single them out as special or worthy of more or better thanks.

Let's just think about it:

Who is it who has put in the hours and hours of time booking musicians for the Gazebo Concerts? Publicizing it? Arranging for the stage and sound requirements?

Who is it who not only organizes the Fair but also staffs the Fair gates every single hour the Fair is open, staffs the rabbit booth, the displays, puts together the Premier Exhibit, judges the food and craft entries?

Who is it who makes the Chicken Broil happen? Sure, there are committee chairs—in fact there are lots of committee chairs... But there are also lots and lots of individuals who do their small part! And the small parts make the whole.

Who is it that cooks the food, sets up the tables, cleans up the trash, organizes the children's games, serves the food and waits on tables at the many Ice Cream Socials?

Who is it that makes the Canoe Race happen? Who places the ads and buys the trophies and schedules the officials and makes arrangements with the police authorities?

Who is it that picks the books, arranges for readers, invites the children to the Library Storytime Hour in the Summer?

Who is it that helps us fit into our busy summertime schedule the opportunity to serve those in need with the Bloodmobile? "Ask not what others can do for you..."

Who is it that thrilled the kids with the waterball fight on the bridge, took time to prepare their inventory for festive sidewalk sales, and arranged for great local talent for the Street Fair?

Who is it that thought of the teenagers (the kids who so many secretly wish would be neither seen nor heard) and organized street dances?

Every single "part," every single person is needed. Every single person is important. It is not simply the "stars" who should be thanked. The events of this Summer of '94 in Manchester are the result of countless hours of countless service by countless individuals—almost all of whom volunteer their time and talent.

Thanks to you all—the stars and the workers alike. No one deserves more thanks than you—all of you. You have made the Summer of '94 so much fun! It couldn't have happened without you—each and every one of you!

## Standing Up To Pressure

—BY PASTOR JODY RIETHMILLER  
COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH OF MANCHESTER

Our youngest son plays Little League baseball and it is one of the things we look forward to in the summer. He's only eight and so the coaches pitch to the kids. The idea is to teach the kids about baseball rather than win games, but everyone wants to win.

Our son's biggest problem is that when he hits the ball he throws his bat. He knows he's not supposed to throw it, but he's so excited when he hits the ball that he forgets.

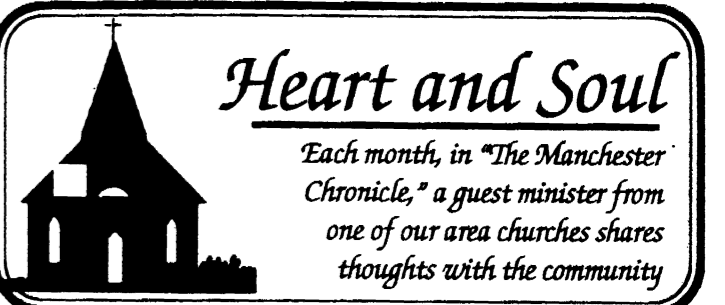
Finally, the coach told him, "Don't worry about getting rid of the bat, just take it with you to first base." At first I thought his coach was a lunatic, but it worked, so I bumped my estimation from lunatic up to genius.

Like I said, this was working fine until the end of the game, which was close, and Andrew (our son) hit the ball, dropped his bat and took off for first base. I was on my feet cheering him on when all of a sudden, halfway to first, the game in the balance, he remembered he didn't have his bat. So he ran back to get it.

Even though his teammates yelled at him, and the parents of the kids yelled at him, and even his mom and dad yelled at him, he went back and got his bat like he was told and ran to first base.

A hit that should have been a triple was only a single, and he wasn't very popular except with his folks and his coach. Because even though everyone had yelled at him and even though it might cost the game, he did what his coach told him to do.

Recently in the *Detroit Free Press*, they ran an article called "Denominations Struggle to Find Right Stances on Sexual Morality." Apparently there is



considerable pressure to change or to compromise on their sexual morality stance that was set up years ago. It is understandable that there would be this pressure.

In the United States we have taken God and His Principles out of schools. Our media promotes sexual immorality and many of our leaders condone it when they promote condom distribution. Now, it seems, the

last stronghold of Biblical principals, the Church, is being pressured to change.

One very important thing we seem to be forgetting in the midst of all this change is that God

hasn't changed and His Word hasn't changed. His Word is still relevant today. Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Matthew 24:35 says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

If these denomination's stances were Biblically right fifty years ago, they're right today and if my son who is eight can do what his coach says even when there is pressure not to and it might cost the game, the Churches should be able to do what God says even when there is pressure to change and it could cost them members. □

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Pastor Jody Riethmiller invites you to worship with the Community Bible Church of Manchester. Pastor Riethmiller and his congregation meet at Nellie Ackerson Middle School. Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00 a.m., Sunday School at 11:00 a.m., Evening Service at 6:00 p.m. The Wednesday Prayer Meeting is 7:30 p.m.



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Worship at the Church of Your Choice...



Hi, folks!

Well, are you ready to cruise?

June 24, 25 and 26 my wife and I and several of our friends went to Marshall, Mi to

the 9th Annual Fiesta of the 50's. This is one great blast to the past. Half the fun is on Main St. Friday and Saturday nights people are lining both sides of the street watching 30's- to 60's-style cars cruising Main St., people in poodle skirts, leather jackets and so on.

Among the features of the show are muffler rapping, slow drags, flame throwers, concerts and dances. In a later article I will explain these terms to you.

This year's concert featured the Van Dells, a great band who are fantastic singers and who do a lot of funny skits. However, the main act was Ray Peterson whose hits included "Tell Laura I Love Her" and "Corina, Corina." Believe me folks, he still has his voice.

This year, there was 800+ cars from all over the U.S. and Canada. I knew of one car driven all the way from Las Vegas and one trailered from Oregon. Trailered! Now what fun is that?

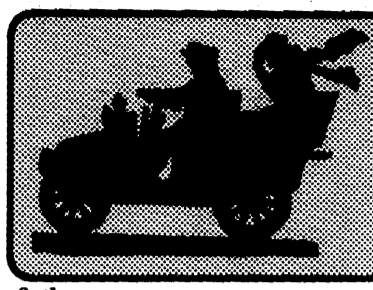
I don't want to start a controversy but I don't believe in trailered cars; that is just my opinion so that doesn't make me right.

This show goes on til midnight Friday and Saturday night and is a real trip to the past.

Over the July 4th weekend, we found ourselves in Bryan, Ohio for the first time. They have a nice show in the park

# Kruisin' with Kapt. Crazy

—by Ken Moull

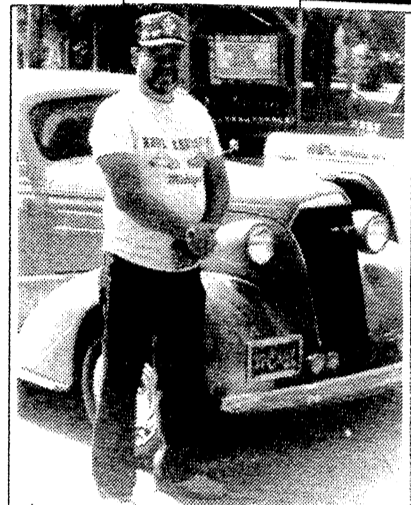


Ken Moull is known in the Classic-Custom-Street Rod world as "Kapt. Crazy." He writes a column for *Midwest Kustoms* newsletter covering shows he attends in Michigan and surrounding states. He does interviews with today's car owners, recalls the car heroes of the past, defines the terminology rodders use, lets you know about upcoming shows and what they're all about, and jogs the memories of those who recall the way it was.

Custom cars and street rods are back and in a very big way. The numbers grow every year. The National Street Rod Association (N.S.R.A.) exceeds 70,000 members. The first N.S.R.A. Nationals in 1986 drew 670 cars. Last year, they were just short of 13,000!

So, as Kapt. Crazy says: "Welcome to the world of cruising: for many of us it's a way of life!"

'37 Chevy



The '37 Chevy belongs to yours truly.

Well, folks, that's it for this month. Next month we will cover the Del Shannon Run in Coopersville and the Merc-Deuce reunion in Holland which is a very unique show. Keep Kruisin',

"Kapt. Crazy"

down there along with a small carnival. This time there was about 400 cars. This was their 12th show, and is more of a laid back show.

We also attended a show in Addison, Mi with 375 cars. Again, the show was held in their park.

Most small shows are held in parks, although a few shows such as Coopersville Del Shannon Memorial Show and the Reunion Show in Muskegon are held on Main St. Most three-day shows are held at the County Fairgrounds in their area.

Sunday, July 17, we attended the Country Cruise in Addison, about 30 cars and some good country music by the Backus Boys.

Well, to close this month, I'll tell you about the Midwest Ford Kool Kruiser Car Show in downtown Manchester. Our show was a huge success, everybody had a great time. We had a 111 cars registered but I know of at least six cars that were here that didn't register.

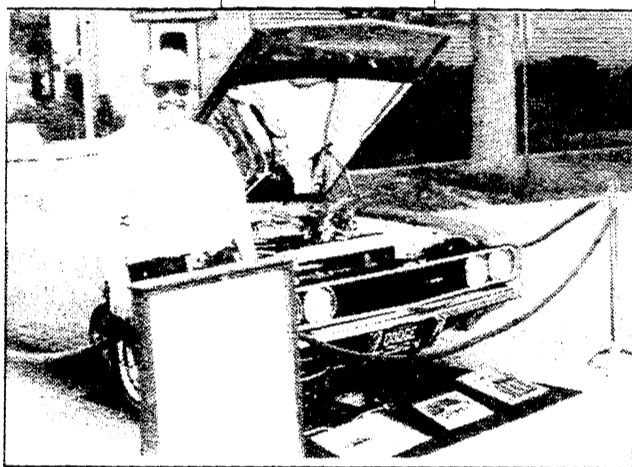
We had cars from White Pigeon, Holland, Adrian,

Jackson, Monroe, Adrian and many other towns. We filled two blocks of Main St. and one side street in a big hurry.

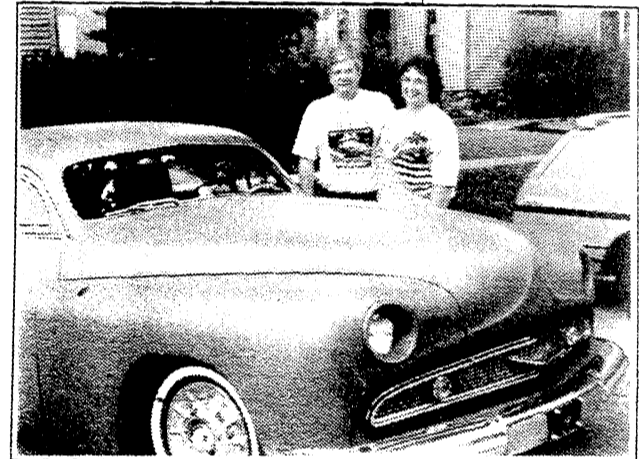
The photographs on this page include a '68 Charger 500 belonging to Larry Service of Manchester. This car is very rare as it is the prototype of the '69 Charger, so it has both '68 and '69 parts. Also, this car was used in their ads.

The '49 Lincoln belongs to Hal and Pat Wolf. Hal is the president of the Midwest Kustoms which is a large club of approximately 200 people through the U.S., Canada--and there are members in France.

'68 Charger



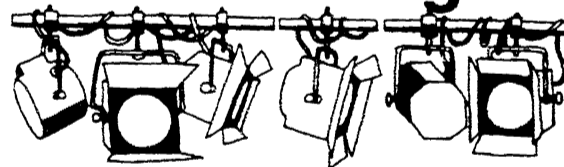
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