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Front: Casey Young, Dyon Evans, Jenna Novess, Graham Parker-Finger, Melissa Luckhardt, Grayson Adler. Back: Yvonne Henry, Deputy Jon Scicluna, Jim Krzyznaniak, Joanna VanRaden

## Melanie Kapa Optimist Citizen of the Month



The Manchester Optimists are proud to announce that Melanie Kapa, a 12th grader at Manchester High School, has been selected as their February Outstanding Citizen of the Month. Melanie is the daughter of Gary and Carolyn Kapa of Manchester.

Over the past four years, Melanie had quietly but efficiently impacted Manchester High School with her positive attitude and her strong work ethic. As a result of her excellent academic record and her consistent involvement in extracurricular activities, Melanie has been granted membership in the National Honor Society. She is also very active in the Drama Club, Key Club and Pep Club. Her classmates appreciated her

hard work and dedication, and have elected her secretary of the class of 1995 for the past two years. She is also the president of SADD for 1995.

Melanie has contributed a great deal to the athletic program as an assistant athletic trainer and basketball statistician. This year she has joined the Cascades Conference Academic Games English Team and is also very active with the upcoming 24 Hour Relay to assist the community in their drug education programs. She is their co-chair of Entertainment.

Melanie is considering either Grand Valley State University or Central Michigan University next year, and plans to major in Physical Therapy.

## Vote March 20th on Property Tax Millage

Voters will be asked on March 20th to increase their property tax by almost two mills to pay for the \$3,815,000 bond issue before them.

As *The Manchester Enterprise* reported in the August 18 edition, the Board of Education decided to acquire a portable classroom at Klager, and present a bond proposal to the community by June of 1995.

After considerable study by the Board, with three possible scenarios, the Board decided to expand Klager and Nellie Ackerson Middle School. This decision was agreed upon even though using Pleasant Lake school would be less expensive to remodel and expand.

Operational costs of using Pleasant Lake were cited as higher by Treasurer Wayne

Winzenz in his study, using conditions set forth by the administration. A second bus run and later hours of start up and dismissal were conditions of that study. Other considerations were scheduling of some teachers, support staff and administrators for the 7 mile distance between schools.

Transfer sites for some students and redirecting of some busses to maintain the same school hours was apparently not thought of, or seriously considered. Nor was the possibility of arranging for sharing of staff positions early or late in the day to accommodate scheduling.

What will the \$3,815,000 bond issue cost the average home owner for the next 20 years? The average home value of \$120,000 with a SEV (State

Equalized Valuation) of \$60,000 and a 1.967 mill levy will be \$118.20 per year, or \$2,364 over 20 years.

The flyer sent by the Manchester Community Schools last week has some questions and answers. One question was, Will there be a need for expanded facilities five years from now?

The question is answered, "Enrollment projections are valid for five years. It is believed that the elementary and middle school facilities will be adequate beyond that point unless a drastic change occurs in the development of our townships."

Clarification: The State of

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### WIPE OUT!



The Score of Manchester's Coming Home Basketball Game left no doubt as to the victors. Full statistics and more on Coming Home Week, page 8

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**Community Calendar**

**Scheduled Meetings**

**Bridgewater Twp.**  
Doug Parr Supervisor  
428 - 8243  
Karen Weidmayer  
13360 E. Austin  
428-8641  
Planning Commission  
2nd Monday 7:30  
Township Board meeting  
3rd Wednesday, 8:00

**Freedom Township**  
Town Hall 428-7545  
11508 Pleasant Lk. Rd.  
Robert Little Supervisor  
Julie Schaible, Clerk  
13785 Pleasant Lk.  
428-7241  
Township meeting  
2nd Tuesday 8:00  
Planning Commission  
meets on demand

**Manchester Township**  
Town Hall 428-7090  
Ron Mann Supervisor  
275 S. Macomb  
Kathleen Hakes, Clerk  
Township meeting  
2nd Monday 8:00  
Planning Commission  
4th Tuesday  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
428-9439 non-emergency  
**Sharon Township**  
Supervisor John Savage  
20453 Pleasant Lk. Rd.  
428-8907  
Duane Haselschwerdt  
428-7733, 428-7591  
8440 M-52  
Township Meeting  
1st Thursday 8:00  
Planning Commission  
2d or 3d Thursday  
**Manchester Board of Education**  
Paul Kluwe, President  
Meetings  
3d Monday 7:45  
M.H.S. Library  
Superintendent - Ron  
Niedzwiecki 428-9711  
Village of Manchester  
Larry Becktel President  
Jeff Wallace Manager  
428-7877  
Village Council Meets  
1st & 3d Monday, 7:00

The Community Calendar is a regular feature of the Enterprise.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Monday**  
1st Monday: Manchester Township Library Board meets 7:30 pm.  
1st Monday: Manchester Masonic Lodge, business meeting 7:30  
1st & 3d Monday: Manchester Village Council, 7:00  
2nd Monday: Bridgewater Township Planning Commission meets 7:30  
2nd Monday: Manchester Township Board meets 8:00  
2nd & 4th Mondays: Manchester Optimist Club  
3rd Monday: School Board meets MHS Library 7:45

**Tuesday**  
2nd Tuesday: Freedom Township board meets 8:00  
2nd Tuesday after 1st Monday: Village Planning Commission  
2nd Tuesday: Manchester Area Senior Citizens, 9:30 am

**Wednesday**  
2nd Tuesday: 20th Century Club, 7:30 pm.  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays: Shakespeare Club, 2:00 & 4:00  
3rd Tuesday: Manchester Historical Society, 7:30 at Blacksmith Shop  
4th Tuesday: Raisin Valley Land Trust, at the Blacksmith Shop  
4th Tuesday: La Leche League 10:00 am call 428-8831.  
4th Tuesday: Manchester Township Planning Commission  
Every Tuesday: Pre-school Story Hour at Manchester Township Library - Register at Library  
Every Tuesday: Boot Stompers meet at American Legion

**Thursday**  
1st Thursday: Sharon Township Board meets 8:00  
1st Thursday: American Legion Post #117, meets 7:30  
2nd or 3rd Thursday: Sharon Township Planning Commission

**Friday**  
2nd Friday: Village Piece Makers meet at Emanuel Church, 7-10 pm. All are welcome.  
Every Friday: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

**Misc Notices**  
Saturday, March 4: Anniversary Open House at The Bridgewater Bank 1-4 PM  
Sunday, March 5: Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM to 12 noon - Manchester American Legion  
Monday, March 6: FISHBOWL Discussion at High School Band Room 7:00-8:30 PM/Parenting Awareness Month  
Monday, March 13: Village Election  
Monday, March 20: School Bond Millage Election

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**Sunday**  
**March 5, 1995**  
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**Manchester American Legion Hall**  
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**PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH**  
**URGENT MEETING**

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## Second Front Page: Assessment Notices Coming

By Emory Garlick

Almost a year ago, Michigan voters approved Proposal A, a property tax reform initiative. Lower school tax rates were a welcome result. There remains however, some confusion over filing of homestead affidavits and separate tax rates for residential property, business property and second home properties.

Owners of property which assessors determine has increased in value over the last year, will receive assessment change notices this week. Assessments will be multiplied by tax rates (mill-

age) to calculate summer school tax bills and winter bills for township and county taxes for 1995.

Assessment change forms used to be fairly straightforward, showing the previous year's value, the assessor's determination of the current year's value and the amount of increase. Proposal A changed all of that. Existing unchanged properties, may not be increased by more than the consumer price index, (rate of inflation, 2.6% this year) or 5% (the 5% figure is a result of Proposal A), whichever is less.

Assessors are required by law to maintain a tax roll showing State Equalized Valuation equal to 50% of current market value of each parcel of property. Assessors must also maintain a record of "capped value", previous year's SEV multiplied by the rate of inflation. The 1995 TENTATIVE TAXABLE VALUE should be the smaller of SEV and "capped value".

A property's assessment will remain capped until it is sold. Then the SEV will be the taxable value in the year after the sale. Persons who buy property are required to

notify their township assessors within 45 days. As a result, two properties with the same SEV may have different taxable values.

This system can be advantageous for people who hold on to their property, since assessment increases are restricted.

An example of this might occur when demand for housing in a particular area exceeds the number of available homes for sale. (Manchester experienced this in the late 1980's.) Prices for homes might increase by 10% to 25% for a short period of

time. Therefore identical homes side by side could have different taxable values.

Your property's Taxable value may increase or decrease if; 1. Physical changes in your property occur which change the property value, or 2. If the property is sold.

Your property tax should increase only if; 1. The millage rate is increased (school bond issue, if passed, will increase your taxes), or 2. The Consumer Price Index changes.

FROM:

### NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT & TAXABLE VALUATION

#### SAMPLE OF FORM YOU WILL BE RECEIVING EXAMPLE AVAILABLE NEXT ISSUE WITH EXPLANATION

DEAR PROPERTY OWNER(S):

Proposal A, passed by the voters on March 15, 1994, places a limit on the value used to compute property taxes. **STARTING IN 1995, YOUR PROPERTY TAXES WILL BE CALCULATED USING TAXABLE VALUE** (see line 4 below). In the past, your taxes have been calculated using State Equalized Value (SEV). State Equalized Value is the Assessed Value multiplied by the Equalization Factor, if any. State Equalized Value must approximate 50% of market value. **The Taxable Value** is the lower of the 1995 State Equalized Value or the 1994 State Equalized Value multiplied by 1.026 which is the Consumer Price Index for the current period. Taxable Value may also increase or decrease due to physical changes in your property.

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

CLASSIFICATION:

PRIOR YEAR CLASSIFICATION IF DIFFERENT:

1 - ASSESSED VALUE: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 -  
2 - STATE EQUALIZED VALUE (S.E.V.) (Revised amount is tentative): \_\_\_\_\_ 2 -

PRIOR AMOUNT YEAR:	REVISED AMOUNT (CURRENT)	CHANGE

3 - TENTATIVE EQUALIZED FACTOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
4 - 1995 TENTATIVE TAXABLE VALUE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOMESTEAD AFFIDAVIT INFORMATION: IF YOU PURCHASED YOUR HOMESTEAD AFTER MAY 1 LAST YEAR, TO CLAIM THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FILE AN AFFIDAVIT BEFORE MAY 1.

% EXEMPT AS "HOMESTEAD" OR AS "QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY"

IF YOU BELIEVE THESE VALUES ARE INCORRECT, YOU MAY PROTEST TO THE LOCAL BOARD OF REVIEW, WHICH WILL MEET AT:

MAIL TO:

PROTEST AT THE BOARD OF REVIEW IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHT TO FURTHER APPEALS TO THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL FOR VALUATION AND EXEMPTION APPEALS AND/OR STATE TAX COMMISSION FOR CLASSIFICATION APPEALS.

THE EXEMPTION FROM THE 18 MILLS OF LOCAL SCHOOL OPERATING TAX FOR "QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES" MAY BE APPEALED TO THE LOCAL BOARD OF REVIEW. THE EXEMPTION FROM THE SAME 18 MILLS FOR "HOMESTEAD" PROPERTIES MAY BE APPEALED TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY.




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**Local Government**

**NOTICE  
MEETINGS OF  
BOARD OF  
REVIEW**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS  
LIABLE TO ASSESSMENT FOR TAXES IN THE

TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER  
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, STATE OF  
MICHIGAN

THAT THE ASSESSMENT ROLL OF SAID  
TOWNSHIP AS PREPARED BY THE  
UNDERSIGNED WILL BE SUBJECT TO  
INSPECTION AT

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
275 S. MACOMB ST.  
MANCHESTER, MI. 48158

in the said Township, on

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1995**  
at 9:00 am

Board of Review - organizational meeting

Appeals to the Board may be made in person  
on the following days or by letter to the  
Board by March 17, 1995

**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1995**  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1995**  
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1995**  
9:00 pm - 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

At which place, and on each of said days, said  
Board of Review will be in session, and upon  
request of any person who is assessed on said  
roll, or of his agent, and upon sufficient cause  
being shown, said Board of Review will  
correct the assessment as to such property in  
such manner as will in their judgement make  
the valuation thereof relatively just and  
equal.

The County Board of Commissioners of  
Washtenaw County has proposed the  
following starting ratios for Manchester  
Township for the year 1995:

Agriculture	46.97	Industrial	48.37
Commercial	48.02	Residential	47.76
Personal	→ 50.00		

2/23, 3/2, 3/9

RONALD E. MANN, SUPERVISOR

**PROPOSED  
SYNOPSIS**

regular meeting of the  
Manchester Township  
Board

Monday, February 13, 1995:

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. with all board members present. Also present were Fire Chief Scully, Assistant Chief Koebbe, and Kathy Kueffner. Minutes of the board's last regular meeting of 01/09/95 were approved as presented. Bills paid since last meeting were reviewed. The treasurer's report was accepted. Approval was given for payment of bills totaling \$4743.41.

Chief Scully reported that four firemen are taking an EMT training class currently being conducted at the fire hall. Activity report for the month included 3 fires, 6 medical, and 7 personal injury runs, for a total of 16 runs. Also presented was a letter from the department recommending replacement of the 1966 Ford Pumper 7-1 truck. This twenty-nine year old truck is the first truck out on emergency runs and is in extensive need of repairs on the clutch, engine and pump. The department would request an engine, which consists of a 1000 gallon per minute or larger pump, and carries four to six personnel. The board requested that the department prepare specs for a truck with items absolutely needed, along with specs for items they would like to have on a truck. The board also requested a forecast of equipment needs (other than the proposed truck) for the next five to seven years, which will aid the Board in budgeting for a new truck.

Since it will be several months before the new zoning ordinance is ready, approval was given for printing of fifty more zoning books. The planning commission is still in desperate need of a recording secretary, and anyone interested should contact the township office.

The Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority will meet at the township hall on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 8:00 p.m.

Hours and meetings of the board of review have been set, and notice will be published. A motion was made and carried that anyone owning property in the township be allowed to appeal to the board of review either in person or by letter. Resolution 95-02: Board of Review Poverty Guidelines was offered, discussed and adopted. This resolution sets guidelines for the board of review to implement in considering the eligibility of persons for exemption in whole or in part from taxation by reason of poverty.

Proposed ordinances on mineral extraction, hazardous material, and emergency service charges for non-residents were discussed.

Additional items discussed concerned eavestroughs, landscaping, additional shelving in the office, a typewriter for the constable, and the need for a better phone system in the future. No action was taken.

Various items of correspondence were presented, which required no action from the Board. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Manchester Township Board will be Monday, March 13, 1995, at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Kathleen M. Hakes, Clerk

Approved by Ronald E. Mann, Supervisor

*Sula Darlene Jeffers*

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SHARON  
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BOARD OF  
REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable  
to assessment for property taxes in the  
township of Sharon, Washtenaw County,  
State of Michigan.

The Board of Review will meet to hear  
appeals and to make justified changes at  
the township hall,  
18010 Pleasant Lake Rd.  
Sharon Township on

**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1995**  
from 9 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 5 pm

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1995**  
from 1 pm to 5 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm

Letters, instead of personal appearance,  
are acceptable if received by March 13, 1995.

Mail to:

John A. Savage, Supervisor  
20453 E. Pleasant Lake Rd.  
Manchester, MI 48158-9726

1995 tentative ratios and multipliers as  
determined by the  
Washtenaw County Equalization

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
Commercial	49.74	1.0053
Agricultural	47.71	1.0480
Residential	47.38	1.0553

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**Local Government**

**Approved Proceedings  
Village of Manchester - February 6, 1995**

The regular meeting of the Manchester Village Council was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by President Becketl at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the January 16, 1995 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Marshall, support by Vought. Vote: Ayes-all.

The proceedings of the January 16, 1995 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Conaway, support by Marshall. Vote: Ayes-all.

The agenda was approved as

amended on a motion by Schaffer, support by Vought, Vote: Ayes-all.

Motion by Brooks, support by Schaffer to accept the Treasurer's Report for January, 1995 as presented. Vote: Ayes-all.

Motion by Brooks, support by Marshall to approve the payables in the amount of \$60,385.60, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all.

Motion by Schaffer, support by Vought to accept the Sheriff Report for December, 1994 as presented. Vote: Ayes-all.

DPW REPORT - Motion by

Schaffer, support by Becketl to approve up to \$1500 for repairs to the chipper. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all.

Motion by Brooks, support by Marshall to approve \$948 for 12 new meters and the repair of 12 meters, as presented in the DPW report. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all.

GARBAGE BIDS: Based on 540 residents the bids for curbside garbage collection were:

Laidlaw		BFI
\$7.20	1995	\$6.35
7.56	1996	6.58
8.03	1997	6.83

The subscription service for residential compost pickup was:

Laidlaw		BFI
\$3.50/mo	1995	\$48/yr
3.75	1996	49.50
4.00	1997	51.00

Quarterly Curbside pickup of White Goods - based on 4 events, bids were:

\$1200	1995	\$1360
1400	1996	1400
1600	1997	1440

Fall Leaf Pickup based on 4 events, bids for year were:

Laidlaw		BFI
\$1900	1995	\$3800
2000	1996	3940
2200	1997	4100

The curbside white good pickup and leaf pickup costs will be covered by the BFI tipping fees the Village receives quarterly.

Motion by Becketl, support by Conaway to accept the bid with BFI for a three year contract, based on the information provided in items A, B and C as bid. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all.

BFI service will begin on Wednesday, April 5th. Contract will run from April 1, 1995 until March 31, 1997. BFI will contact village manager concerning mailing to residents and switching of rental carts.

MILL RUN - Brooks left his seat as Council member at 8:57 p.m. to address Council. Motion by Becketl, support by Marshall to allow the Mill Run on March 19, 1995, as presented by Brooks. Vote: Ayes-all.

Enter Brooks: 9:02 p.m.

SIX MONTH BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Motion by Brooks, support by Schaffer to approve the six month budget adjustments as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-all.

Motion by Becketl, support by Vought to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Vote: Ayes-all.

Karen Tucker  
Village Clerk

**AGENDA  
MANCHESTER  
VILLAGE  
COUNCIL**

**Monday, March 6, 1995  
7:00 p.m.**

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Correspondence
6. Public Participation
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Accounts Payable
9. Council Committee Reports
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Adjourn

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POOL  
TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday  
March 4  
3:00 p.m.**

**The Village  
Tap**

**BOARD OF REVIEW  
MEETING**

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the township of **FREEDOM, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan.**

That the assessment roll of said township as prepared by the undersigned will be subject to inspection at:

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP HALL  
11508 PLEASANT LAKE ROAD**

in the said Township on

**MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1995 at 9:00 am  
BOARD OF REVIEW  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Appeals and Conference with Taxpayers will be heard on:

**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1995  
9 am - 12 pm, 1 pm - 4 pm and  
7 pm - 8 pm**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1995  
9 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 4 pm**

**OR APPROPRIATE LETTER**

At which place, and on each of said days, said Board of Review will be in session, and upon request of any person who is assessed on said roll, or if his agent, and upon sufficient cause being shown, said Board of Review will correct the assessment as to such property in such manner as will, in their judgement, make the valuation therefor relatively just and equal.

Such assessment tax roll as reviewed and proved by said Board of Review will assessment roll of said Township of Freedom for the year 1995.

Agricultural	47.80	Residential	47.10
Commercial	47.91	Development	0.0
Industrial	48.96		

**ROBERT L. LITTLE, SUPERVISOR**

2/23, 3/2, 3/9

**BOARD OF REVIEW  
MEETING**

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the township of **Bridgewater, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan.**

That the assessment roll of said township as prepared by the undersigned will be subject to inspection at :

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP HALL  
10990 CLINTON ROAD**

In the said Township, on  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1995 at 7:00 pm  
Board of Review - organizational meeting**

Appeals and Conference with taxpayers will be heard on:

**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1995  
9 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 4 pm**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1995  
9 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 4 pm**

**OR BY APPROPRIATE  
LETTER TO THE BOARD BY  
MARCH, 14, 1995**

At which place, and on each of said days, said Board of Review will be in session, and upon request of any person who is assessed on said roll, or if his agent, and upon sufficient cause being shown, said Board of Review will correct the assessment as to such property in such manner as will in their judgement make the valuation therefor relatively just and equal.

The County Board of Commissioners of Washtenaw County has proposed the following starting ratios for Bridgewater Township for the year 1995.

Agricultural	45.90	Industrial	50.35
Commercial	49.29	Residential	47.88
Personal	50.00		

**DOUGLAS PARR, SUPERVISOR**

2/23, 3/2, 3/9

**Church News**



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
March 3, 1995

**THE EARTH IS A HOUSE FOR ALL PEOPLE:**

**Church Women United to Sponsor World Day of Prayer Service**

Women from the Manchester area will gather at St. Mary's Church in Manchester on Friday, March 3, 1995 at 1:30 PM in observance of the annual World Day of Prayer service, sponsored by Church Women United of Manchester. This year's service, part of a global celebration observed by Christian communities throughout the world, has been prepared by Christian women of Ghana and explores the theme, *The Earth Is a House for All People*.

The 1995 service, based on the parable of the Prodigal Son found in Luke 15, tells the stories of Ghanaian refugees in their struggles to maintain their traditional extended families in the midst of national and community upheaval. Through prayer, song, and symbol, the service calls participants to recognize their interconnectedness as dwellers in God's world.

Our guests will be two African women who are Doctoral Candidates, visiting us from the Ecumenical Center in Ann Arbor. Florence Endlovu from Zimbabwe and a friend from Kenya will be sharing their experiences with us.

World Day of Prayer calls upon participating communities to join in "informed prayer and prayerful action," confessing "individual and national sins with offerings that fitly express the contrition." Offerings received from World Day of Prayer participants in the United States help support Church Women United—the official sponsor of World Day of Prayer in this country—in its national and international witness.

St. Mary's Elevator lift is in service for those needing barrier-free entrance.

**OBITUARY**

**Elsie J. Hinderer**

Elsie J. Hinderer, 89, of Manchester passed away on February 25, 1995. Elsie was born in Freedom Township on April 27, 1905 the daughter of John & Charlotte (Jedele) Hinderer. She was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ. Elsie was also active in the Manchester Senior Citizens and was a member of the Extension Club.

Elsie is survived by a brother, Walter & Lucile Hinderer of Manchester; three Sisters-in-law, Magdalene Hinderer of Brooklyn, Lorena Hinderer Stierle of Ann Arbor, & Gwyneth Hinderer of Chelsea; one Niece and several nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Clarence, Herbert & Erwin.

The Hinderer family received callers at the Jenter-Braun Funeral Home on Monday and Tuesday. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 2 PM from St. John's United Church of Christ. Rev. Nancy Doty will be officiating with interment being in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Those wishing an expression of sympathy for Elsie may make memorial contributions to: St. John's United Church of Christ or Mt. Hope Cemetery Association.



**SEEDS FROM THE SOWER**  
Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

Bob Hope was aboard a plane which was caught in a storm. All of the passengers were frightened, except one. He was calm in prayer.

Tapping him on the shoulder, the comedian asked, "Would you mind making that a package deal?"

Prayer is personal, but it should also be "a package deal." The Bible says, "Pray much for others; for He longs for all to be saved."

God's will to convert is as wide as His will to create. No one is outside His love, so no one should be outside your prayers.

Pray, but make your prayer "a package deal" and pray for others, won't you?

**FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Each Wednesday: 6:00 Worship Team Practice; AWANA 6:45-8:15 for children from age 4-7th grade. 7 PM. Bible Study & Prayer at the Parsonage

Every Sunday: 9:30 AM. Open Prayer Time; 10:00 am - Sunday morning service; 11:30 Sunday School; 6:00 PM Evening Fellowship Hour

Each Monday: 9:30-11:30 Ladies Bible Study at FCC (This is a new group and all are welcome) Elder's Meeting, 6:PM

**EMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Wed. March 1: 9:30 AM Women of Emanuel; 6:00 PM Cub Scouts; 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Community Worship at Manchester UMC

Thu. March 2: 11:00 AM Bible Study; 12 Noon Senior Meal; 3:30 PM Cherub Choir; 3:50 PM Children's Choir; 6:30 PM Basket Making Group

Sun. March 5: 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM Communion Worship; 11:30 AM Fellowship Time

Mon. March 6: 1 PM - 7 PM Blood Bank in Fellowship Hall; 6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Tue. March 7: 12 Noon Senior Meal; 6:30 PM Brownies; 7:00 PM Boy Scouts; 7:00 PM Kiwanis

Wed. March 8: 6:00 PM Bell Choir; 6:00 PM Cub Scouts; 7:00 PM Parenting Class; 7:00 PM C.E. Board; 7:30 PM Adult Choir

Thu. March 9: 11:00 AM Bible Study; 12 Noon Senior Meal; 3:30 PM Cherub Choir; 3:50 PM Children's Choir; 7:00 PM Lenten Service & Study

**MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

WEDNESDAY March 1: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study; 1:00 p.m. Willo Circle; 7:30 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP AT MANCHESTER UMC

THURSDAY March 2: 7:00 p.m. Youth Bell Choir; 8:00 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

FRIDAY March 3: 1:30 p.m. WORLD DAY OF PRAYER @ St. Mary's

SATURDAY March 4: 7:30 p.m. UMM Breakfast

SUNDAY March 5: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m.

Worship; 11:45 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY March 7: 4:30-9:30 p.m. District UMW Missions Team

WEDNESDAY March 8: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study; 6:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Wed., March 1: Blessing & Distribution of Ashes, Mass @ 8:30 am; Blessing & Distribution of Ashes, Mass @ 7:30 pm **Fri., March 3:** World Day of Prayer, 1:30 p.m.; Children's Choir Rehearsal, 3:20-4:30 pm; K of C Fish Fry C) Parish Center, 5-8 pm; Way of the Cross, 7:30 pm

Sun., March 5: Rel Ed, Preschool/Kindergarten, 10:30 am; Adult Choir, 9:30 & 11:30 am; Rel Ed, Grades 9-12, 6:30-8:30 pm

Mon., March 6: First Communion "Celebration of Caring," 7 pm

Tues., March 7: Rel Ed, Grades 1-4, 3:15-4:15 pm; Rel Ed, Grades 5 & 6, 3:30-4:30 pm; Rite of Election, St. Francis, Ann Arbor, 7:30 pm

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Wednesday, March 1: 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service

**BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Wednesday, March 1: 1:30 PM Women's Fellowship; 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday

Thursday, March 2: 6:15 Children's Choir

Friday, March 3: 1:30 PM World Day of Prayer - St. Marys

Sunday, March 5: 9:30 AM Worship, Sunday School; 10:30 SS grades 1-8, Senior Choir

Tuesday, March 7: 6:30 PM Invited to Potluck @ St. Paul Saline; 7:30 PM Program - Fiddlers Philharmonic; 6:30 PM Youth Choir Plus

Wednesday, March 8: 7:30 PM Lenten Service

**SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Wednesday, March 1: 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service at Manchester United Methodist Church

Friday, March 3: 1:30 PM World Day of Prayer at St. Mary's Catholic Church

Sunday, March 5: 11 AM Communion; 7:30 PM Lenten Service, "Jesus & The Jewish Holidays"

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN, BRIDGEWATER**

Wednesday, March 1: Junior Choir, 6:30; Bell Choir, 7:00; Ash Wednesday Service 8:00; Senior Choir, 9:00

Thursday, March 2: Bd. of Bldg. & Grounds, 7:30; Bd of Education, 8:00

Sunday, March 5: Sunday School 9:15; Adult Sunday School Study of 1 Peter, 9:15; Worship 10:30

Monday, March 6: Call Committee, 8:00 PM

Wednesday, March 8: Junior Choir, 6:30, Bell Choir 7:00; Midweek Lenten Service, 8:PM; Senior Choir, 9:PM

**LENTEN SERIES**

Special Lenten Services are schedule for the Sharon United Methodist Church. On Ash Wednesday, March 1, there will be a community Ash Wednesday Service at the Manchester United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Peggy Paige will be speaking.

"Jesus and the Jewish Holidays" will be presented by Shema Israel on Sunday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. at Sharon U.M. Church. And on Wednesday, March 22nd the Rev. Charles Cookingham, a retired United Methodist pastor, will speak.

Rev. Erik Alsgaard, former pastor at Sharon and now Editor of The Michigan Christian Advocate, will speak on Sunday evening, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. There will be a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. preceding the service.

The choirs of five Manchester area churches will present a program of music at the Manchester United Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Lenten services will continue at Sharon UMC on Wednesday, April 5, with the service being presented by a quartet from Sweet Adelines.

Everyone is welcome to any of the services.

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**Announcements**

**Manchester Area Historical Society**



The Manchester Area Historical Society held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 21, at the Blacksmith Shop. We were pleased that 150 people visited the shop during the Winter Festival on February 18. Dave Goodrich and Al Gleason demonstrated the Art of Blacksmithing and several members showed the visitors around.

The program this month was on railroading. Celia Davison, President of the Southern Michigan Railroad Association, Clinton, gave us some history on railroading in this part of Michigan as well as information about her organization. In 1849 the Michigan Southern Railroad tracks reached Clinton. Over the years, the railroad changed hands several times and the line was abandoned in 1982. It was then that the Southern Michigan Railroad Association was incorporated. The equipment they have is old and needs frequent repairs. They are raising money now to purchase a second locomotive. They come under the Federal Rail Administration. The train is inspected periodically and the crew must be trained and tested.

They have two historic bridges on their line - a wooden trestle north of Tecumseh and a steel bridge built in 1896 south of Tecumseh.

Del Ludwick was a railroad agent for twenty years at different stations. His last was in Manchester. As a boy, he used to get on the train in Manchester at 7 AM and go to Toledo or Sandusky, Ohio, then on to Elkhart, Indiana, and back to Manchester by 7 PM. His first railroad job was as a clerk in Amherst, Ohio. When he was working at Stryker, Ohio, he met his wife.

The first train came to Manchester in 1844 and the freight house was built in 1854. There were beams 12" x 12" x 60' in the building. The last train was in the late 1950's. In the early days, eight passenger trains and one freight train per day went through Manchester on the Jackson branch, and six passenger trains and one freight train a day went through on the Ypsilanti Branch. The main freight was coal, hay, wool, seed potatoes, and baby chicks.

Refreshments were provided by Carl and Sharon Curtis.

**BLOODMOBILE REMINDER**

*Just a reminder that this coming Monday, March 6, Manchester will host it's 'SPRING' bloodmobile. If you have not been contacted or already signed up for a scheduled time, we will be glad to have you as a 'WALK-IN'. The time is from 1:pm until 7:pm, at Emanuel United Church of Christ.*

- Submitted By Marja Warner

**M.H.S. ALUMNI PLAN '95 REUNION**

Manchester High School Alumni Board of Directors held their first meeting of the year in early February.

Plans for the '95 reunion are well underway! Date of the Banquet has been established for Saturday, June 17. Place Manchester Sportsman Club (air conditioned).

Any class planning to observe a special reunion is asked to contact Board President Lynn Voegeding at 428-9111, so that they can have special recognition and proper seating arrangements.

NOTE: Some of the early Alumni Association secretary records have been lost or misplaced. If anyone knows where they can be located please contact Mr. Voegeding.

The Board will meet again on Monday, March 6 at 7:30 PM at the Blacksmith Shop.

**MARCH - PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH IN MICHIGAN**

Many communities in the State of Michigan are planning special programs which will provide residents of the community, especially parents, with more resources and support systems to effectively develop more skills to accomplish the difficult task of raising capable people.

A challenge for parents, greater than ever before, is to become aware of the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by the youth of our communities and then be ready to take action against the forces that create the need for children to use drugs.

In Manchester, the Manchester Community Resource Center and the Drug Free Schools Committee encourage family, friends and neighbors of our youth to attend a student FISHBOWL discussion. The discussion will be held on Monday, March 6, 7:00 - 8:30 in the Manchester High School Music Room. For more information call 428-7722.

Students, some of them in treatment, will answer questions about their use, how and why it happens, the effects of drug use on the user, on the family, work and community structure.

Our youth, the adults of tomorrow, need the skills to develop responsible behaviors which enable them to be healthy, responsible, respected people, shaping their future.

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**Masonic Lodge News**



Ron Schook, Secretary of Lodge #148, receives a copy of the lease agreement dated 1895 from Bob Wahr, Comerica manager.

**A Century - A Hundred Years**

The building at the corner of Main and Adrian Streets owned by Comerica Bank and constructed in 1884 has been the home of many business serving the Community of Manchester.

Mr. Bob Wahr, manager of the Bank, presented to the oldest tenant Manchester Lodge #148 F&AM, a copy of the original lessee-agreement dated March 1, 1895 between the Bank and Lodge. "This is not a document which would hold water in the 1990's," commented Mason Bill Martin. The wording and the agreement are quite outdated.

The third floor of the building called the Lodge is known throughout the State of Michigan for its ornate decorations. The dining room has served as a meeting place for many civic and business functions.

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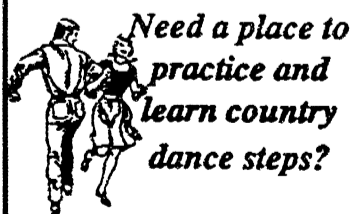
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**Coming Home Week**

# Winter Sports - Ice Cold!

**Basketball Chills Out!**

Manchester split a pair of games last week as they head towards Friday's season closer vs. Michigan Center in Manchester.

On Tuesday, February 22, the Dutch went on a trip to battle the East Jackson Trojans, the #1 team in the Conference. The vastly improved Flying Dutchmen and the Trojans put forth a fierce battle, but in the end it was EJ who triumphed.

A tough second quarter, in which they were outscored by eight points, was what did the trick. Senior star Troy Niehaus led the team in scoring and rebounding, popping in 20 and pulling down 16, respectively. Adding to the cause was 16 points from Zach Maghes and nine from Joe Hollosy.

Back at home on Friday night, the Dutch were fired up after dropping that tough match. Their opponents were the Addison Panthers, the last-place Conference squad. The Manchester squad didn't take them lightly, though, and outplayed and out-shot the Panthers en route to a Dutch Blowout. Trevor Schleicher scored a season high 19 points and team co-captain Troy Niehaus pitched in 14.

This week, one game will be played; the aforementioned Michigan Center Cardinals will be our opponents here on Friday. This is our last home game of the season, so be sure to come out and root for our hometown team!

After our season closer, Manchester will begin play in the districts. If we get past that, we will then move on to the regionals and maybe even into the final rounds in the state tour-

ament. Every team goes to the districts; but only the strong will survive. With the Dutchmen's late season surge, who knows what will happen? Although they probably won't be the favorites in the district they are placed in, they will definitely be considered a dark horse.

And, with that, the Ocelotz'er bids adieu.

-Kyle Harvey

**Coming Home Week Competitions**

Last week, in honor of Coming Home Week, the Leadership students at the High School ran a variety of lunch hour games leading up to a 7th hour assembly on Friday. The games included everything from "Pin the Tail on the Donkey" and "Twister" to "Simon Says" and a Life Saver relay.

All the events were guys against the gals in a 'Battle of the Sexes' which really fueled the competition.

Finally the seventh hour assembly came. The competition began with a huge tarp across the gym covered with eggs. One guy and one gal from each grade came down from the bleachers, took their shoes off, submitted to being blind-folded, and was spun around several times. They were then instructed to walk across the tarp as quickly as possible while breaking the fewest eggs. Little did they know that as they were being spun around, all of the eggs were removed!

The gals won this event because they all got across before the last guy did.

Next came a hot dog contest, with people trying to make a hot-dog by dropping pieces of it off a ladder and on to a person below. More activities included a lip synch, an animal acting contest, and a trivia contest including such questions as, "What color is a yellow orange?"

In the end, though, the guys ended up the winners. Everyone had fun and hopefully something similar will happen again next year. Good work, Leadership!

- Patrick Chapin




Wild Men & Women in the Battle of The Sexes - seventh hour assembly on Friday afternoon



Ms & Mr. Iceberg: Senior Amber Burkhardt & Sophomore Steven Riske

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## Vote March 20th on School Bonding Millage Proposal

**Continued**

Michigan, in reviewing bond proposals, only considers a five year study.

The High School is an entirely different matter. Moving the portables to the high school may help in the short term. Superintendent Niedzwiecki has repeatedly indicated that the High School will have to be replaced. A new High School was the cornerstone of the previously defeated bond vote.

The Manchester Enterprise offered four center pages on premium paper with a questionnaire and prepaid postage for return to the Administration and the Board of Education, without charge should they decide to obtain community opin-

ion before placing a bond issue vote. That offer was never taken advantage of even though most board members concurred with the offer.

We all want the best for our students and our community. Would it have benefited the Board, the Administration and the Community, to have an objectively commissioned study on options available to the district, for voters to examine prior to making a decision on the bond issue? Each side in this issue has had their own figures presented to promote their own proposal. Each side has been very persuasive and has had many good points presented.

Property taxes were just lowered last year by the passage of Proposal A. Our recent tax bills have just reflected that

difference (and so have our income taxes reflected the difference- see accompanying article). Are we willing to again increase our property taxes to finance this bond proposal? Time will tell.

### Bond Information Meetings

**Wednesday, March 8, 1995 - 7:30 PM**

Luther C. Klager Elementary Multi Purpose Room.

**Thursday, March 9, 1995 - 7:30 PM**

Nellie Ackerson Middle School Library

**OPEN HOUSE:**  
March 8, 1995

Luther C. Klager Elementary and Nellie Ackerson Middle School. Visit and tour the buildings during the school day 9:00-2:30 Please check in at the main office.

## Property tax reduction. Did it cut or shift the tax bill?

April 15th is coming. Will your income tax bill be more or less? Probably more.

Why?

Home owners receive a deduction dollar for a deduction dollar for property taxes paid. Proposition A when passed by the voters reduced property taxes by an average 47% in the State of Michigan. That amounted to an average savings of \$1,300 for the owner of a \$100,000 home. That puts \$1,300 more on the earning side to be taxed by Uncle Sam, for those of us who itemize.

The State of Michigan's homestead tax rebate will decrease, according to Mr. James Forkner of Swad and Associates, CPA.

If, for example, you are a resident of Freedom Township, your 1994 millage rate was 51.4901. Your SEV (50% of appraised value) was \$53,400; and your 1994 tax was \$2,750.

In 1995 the millage rate was lowered to 19.7220. This same SEV of \$53,400 now generates a tax of \$1,052 - a \$1,698 savings. If you are under 65, 60% of property tax paid (in excess of 3.5% of all income) will be rebated to a maximum of \$1,200. Example: Your total income \$50,000. With that \$2,750 property tax, you would have been eligible for a \$600 homestead rebate in 1994.

However, in 1995, with your new property tax of \$1,052 is less than the 3.5% of your total income. **NO HOMESTEAD TAX REBATE FOR 1995.**

Forkner said a short cut to compute the increase in federal

tax in a 28% bracket would be to take the tax savings and multiply by .28. That \$1,698 x .28 = \$475 additional income tax.

**OK. Where are we?** We paid \$1,698 less in property tax.

We paid \$475 more in income tax.

We received \$600 less on Homestead Tax Credit.

We pay 2% more in sales tax; on average that amounts to \$295 per year.

SO: \$1,698 "savings": Take away \$475, \$600, \$295 - we are maybe \$328 to the good. That'll buy a few groceries - about \$6.30 per week! Are you feeling the relief yet? - Emory Garlick

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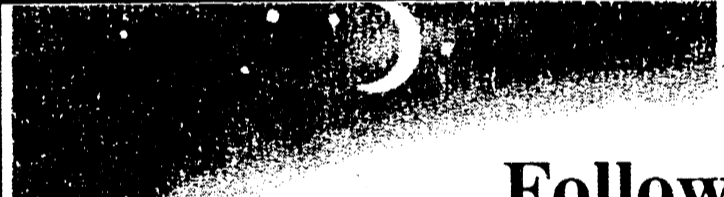
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**People**

**Washtenaw County Farm Bureau Completes 4-H Center Fund raising Campaign**



Steve Solowczuk (right) of the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau is congratulated by Michigan Farm Bureau President Jack Laurie (left) and 4-H Foundation President John Richards (center).

Washtenaw County Farm Bureau was one of 50 County Farm Bureaus recognized recently for the county's fund raising efforts to help the 4-H Foundation renovate the Aspen Lodge at the Kettunen Center. The center is used extensively by county 4-H youth and youth leaders in leadership development and training. The campaign, originally scheduled for 12 months, was completed in just six months and exceeded the original \$150,000 goal, part of a \$3.8 million renovation program. The Aspen Lodge was built in 1961 after Michigan Farm Bureau successfully conducted a fund raising campaign to pay for the construction of the building at the Kettunen Center which is located near Tustin, Michigan, on 160 acres of rolling hills and lake front property.

**Eastern Michigan Confers Degrees**

Advanced degrees were awarded as a result of studies completed in August, 1994 by Eastern Michigan University.

Suzanne Birgy of Chelsea received her Master of Arts degree and Gloria T. Rachoza-Martell of Manchester received her Master of Social Work degree.

**University of Michigan**

Manchester residents received their degrees from the University of Michigan at Winter Commencement on December 18.

Eric J. Creech, received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the School of Business Administration. Christina DeConinck received her Master of Science Degree from the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies.

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship**

Twenty-one area boys and girls, ages 10-14, recently participated in the district division of the 1995 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Contest. The competition was held at St. Elizabeth's School in Tecumseh.

Manchester winners were: Megan Coutts & Kevin Walter in the ten-year old age bracket and Annie Hinkley and Patrick DuRussel in the twelve-year-old age bracket. These students competed in a regional contest in Grand Blanc on February 19th. The winners of that contest will then compete for the Michigan State K of C Championship in March.



**Zachary Scott Dunsmore**

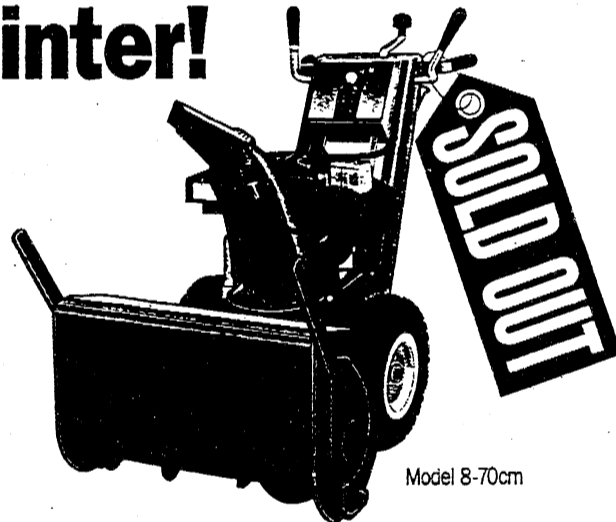
Scott and Margene Dunsmore of Manchester, announce the arrival of Zachary Scott on February 6, 1995 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Zachary weighed in at 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

Zachary joins sister Hannah Elisabeth, age 18 months. Grandparents are Bill & Peg Frownfelder of Tecumseh and Don & Dusti Dunsmore of Flat Rock.

**News from Washtenaw Community College**

WCC Student Linda Halsey-Ames, of Manchester, received an honorable Mention in the Liberal Arts Network for Development (LAND) student essay contest with her poem, "A Storm of Memories." Halsey-Ames, who sees her writing as a bit rebellious, wrote the poem in the sestina style.

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**Senior Citizens**

**MANCHESTER AREA SENIOR CITIZENS News**

by T.V. Ludwick

Isn't it comforting to know you can rely on all kinds of things and people? It is now the end of February to find snowdrops and hyacinths through the ground getting ready for another display of beauty and fragrance. Soon, it'll be time to watch for the first robin—I'm never the first, but I can rely on others to gladly tell me (a secret desire of mine would be to pass that word around just once!). Can you rely on your husband to find anything in your purse, ladies? It is hilarious when we can go into that carryall and find a bright orange paper that we've tucked in for him because it is so handy and will be there when he needs it. We gals should walk with one shoulder lowered because of all of his treasures, i.e.: cameras, envelopes and all bright orange brochures. He has reliabilities, too. Tuesdays, he puts out the garbage 'til this week when we both forgot. I awoke at 5:30 AM, searched for black bag, couldn't find, used two smaller white ones (in the dark). Now I know where those pesky things are kept around here. Another pesky thing when spring is coming are the teeny-weeny red ants which come to use the bathroom, up the water pipes. We wonder where they've spent the winter?

Thursday, March 2: Exercise begins at 10:30 at the Center, what fun! You who were born in March and are 55 or older in our area are cordially invited to attend the ham dinner today in Emanuel's Fellowship Hall at 12 noon. Get those reserva-

tions in early to Linda at 428-8359, or you may call Jan at 428-7630 before 10:30 to secure your spot. Birthday folks are reminded to come early to have your photo taken with all March-born seniors. An added festivity will be presented by Teresa Benedict by playing a "New Game" following dinner.

Monday, March 6: Senior bus will leave the Center at 9:30 to go on a shopping trip to Adrian. Note—we will leave from the Center! Get your bus reservation in by calling Erma Alber at 428-8707.

Tuesday, March 7: A 'summer' treat awaits us today—we are having stuffed peppers! Good old reliable Jan and crew will cater to taste buds and probably offer 'insides' or just stuffing to those who hate green peppers. In fact, some dig even red colored ones out of all dishes, isn't that odd? There are things all of us don't like to eat, huh? After all that exercise, come to sit and play bingo at the Center and enjoy.

Thursday, March 9: 10:30 is the starting time for exercise (just one more to go). Come one, come all to Chinese which we will be enjoying at today's senior meal. Snowbirds may come home early to catch this meal. Then, on to Thursday bingo at the Center.

Looking ahead to Friday, March 10: Come along to Mason and Snow's Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival, where you will eat breakfast. Our bus departs the Center at 8 AM and you must sign up or call Erma to go along.

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### SUMMARY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**FEBRUARY 20, 1995  
NOT OFFICIAL MINUTES**

The regular meeting of Manchester Community Schools' Board of Education was called to order at 7:46 p.m. by President Kluwe with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 1995 were approved as presented. The minutes of the special meeting of February 6, 1995 were approved as corrected.

The treasurer's report was approved with a cash balance as of January 31, 1995 in the amount of \$1,376,642.66; total bills payable of \$363,354.07.

Correspondence included thank you notes from the families of: Muggins Hough and Mary Koebbe. Letters from North Central Association to each building principal; and notice from MASB regarding the award to John Hochstetler as a Certified Boardmember at the MASB Regional Meeting; Cynthia Sewell was introduced as the new Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent/Board of Education; announcement regarding the airing of Klager kids on "Young Country" radio on February 22, 1995. The Board received an invitation to the DARE Culmination Program on March 7th.

**VISITOR INPUT:** Parent, Joel Tobias, voiced some concerns regarding the middle school wrestling program schedule, and suggested that the school district purchase the vacant piece of land between Klager Elementary and the High School before it was sold for homestead purposes. President Kluwe announced the bond infor-

mation meetings to be held at Klager Elementary - March 8 - 7:30 p.m. and Nellie Ackerson Middle School March 9 - 7:30 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Following a presentation by High School Principal, Russell LeBlanc, the Board motioned to table action on addition of the cultural and aesthetic outcomes to the Language Arts and Social Studies Curriculum until the next regular Board meeting so that additional information can be examined. After the presentation by Mr. LeBlanc, the Board approved the addition of the DARE Program for implementation at the middle school and high school levels. The Board designated Superintendent Niedzwiecki as the election official and the Constitutional Oath of Office was administered by President Kluwe.

The resolution appointing election inspectors was adopted as presented as was the resolution calling for the annual school election to be held Monday, June 12, 1995. A waiver of membership was granted to Jimmy Kelly to continue the school year at Clinton Schools; and the resignation of Jane Fromm, Klager Health Paraprofessional was accepted effective Feb. 10, 1995.

**REPORTS AND UPDATES:** Marge Mastie, Supervisor of Assessment Service for the WISD presented the results of the 1994 MEAP test. Ms. Carrie Funk and Ms. Yvonne Henry made a presentation on the recently implemented Accelerated Reader Program at Klager Elementary. Mr.

### Kindergarten Parent Night

A Parent Night for parents of those children who will be eligible to enter Kindergarten in September, 1995, will be held on March 2 at 7:00 PM at the Middle School lunch room.

The Kindergarten staff will be on hand to answer questions, present their curriculum and give prospective kindergarten parents an opportunity to pre-register their children for Kindergarten in the fall.

### Board of Education Summary, cont.

Brian Schick formally acknowledged the memorial contribution in the name of Merrick Hough which was made to Nellie Ackerson Middle School. Superintendent Niedzwiecki presented a report on the recent bus inspection and the plan of action to address department needs. Much discussion took place regarding the condition of bus #24, possibility of leasing service vehicles, and the superintendent was authorized to purchase a "stock" bus.

**DISCUSSION ITEM:** Niedzwiecki presented a proposed Board Policy - Dangerous Weapons, Arson and Rape in the School for first reading.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** President Kluwe announced the change of date for the regular March Board meeting to March 27, 1995 due to the special bond election on March 20, 1995 (scheduled date of the meeting).

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m..

### KLAGER PTO MEETING

**DRAFT MINUTES (subject to review and modification)**

Meeting called to order at 6:41 PM by John Adams, PTO President

**PTO Council members present:** John Adams, Lorri McConnell, Brian Zink, Tina Way, Susan Callaway, Beverly Detloff, Lisa Brinkman, Laurie Carey, Pam Preston, Bruce Thomson, Carolin Gregerson, Terri Jobkar, Mary Fielder, Shirley Marston, Doris Taddonio **PTO members present (non-Council):** none

**Klager Principal/Teachers present:** Yvonne Henry, Karin Hanson, Carrie Funk, Elizabeth Beuerle

1. **Previous minutes** from 11/29/94 meeting were reviewed and accepted with the modification.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** See attached report. Ending balance = \$20,288.25 Approved by vote.

3. **President's report:** a.) John Adams announced that the School Board had approved a 20 yr., 3.8 million dollar bond proposal for renovations to the elementary and middle schools. The district vote will be held on 3/20/95. The PTO Council unanimously voiced support for the bond issue and discussed ways to inform the public on the need for renovations in the schools. Bruce Thomson and Brian Zink will head up a committee to plan an educational and informational campaign for passage of the bond issue. b.) John Adams announced that he took a phone vote in recently to authorize spending \$85 for Brain Quest board games for each classroom (1-4 gr.). Laurie Carey will be picking up the games at a discounted price via Target Stores.

4. **Committee reports:** a.) **Fund-raising** — Lisa Brinkman announced that the Frankenmuth fundraiser was very successful, and 13 people still are delinquent on payment for goods received, with over \$1,000 still owed. A registered letter will be sent to these people from the PTO requesting payment. The PTO once again commended Lisa on her exceptional handling of our major fundraiser. We discussed a fundraiser for next year, since Frankenmuth is already soliciting our business for fall 95. Lisa will be communicating with Frankenmuth representatives and will give a report at the next meeting. b.) **Assemblies** — no new report. c.) **Playground** — no new report. d.) **T-shirt** — Lorri McConnell announced that all t-shirts and sweatshirts have been distributed. e.) **Financial** — Bruce Thomson gave a full report on the committee meeting of 1/24/95. Bruce presented an updated PTO budget, a list of possible uses for PTO capital, and a list of fund-raising ideas. (see attached) In summary, our recurring expenses average about \$8,600/yr. Over the past couple years our fund-raising efforts have produced about \$14,000/yr. We therefore have around \$5,000/yr. to use for special projects or major purchases for the school. Bruce encouraged Council members to think about the budget, fund-raising, and major projects so that we can discuss our financial plans and goals at the next meeting. f.) **Carnival** — The Winter Carnival is set for Fri. March 24, 6:30-9:00 PM. Pam Preston announced that the Carnival Committee will meet with the Head Room Parents on Tues. Jan. 31, at 7 PM. Any interested volunteers should contact Cindy Smith as soon as possible. g.) **Constitution and Bylaws** — No new issues were raised. h.) **Teach Appreciation** — No new issues were raised. i.) **Super Parent Volunteer** rep. — Beverly Detloff announced that the orientation program has been completed. Volunteers will be required to fill out a form to screen for previous criminal activities prior to entry in the program. j.) **Arts Committee** — Mr. LaRon Williams gave an assembly this week and will be doing workshops on the Art of Storytelling for each Klager classroom. His work

has been a big hit with students and teachers. The PTO has provided \$875 in funding to make the assembly and workshops possible, with Cindy Nye initiating the program. Terri Jobkar has done more ordering for the Art Cart, and teachers seem to be utilizing it more for classroom projects.

5. **Principal's Report:** a.) Yvonne Henry reviewed the Klager MEAP scores for 1st and 4th graders. The overall scores were very encouraging, with Klager students performing better than students at other area schools in most categories. 4th graders who did exceptionally well on the MEAP test will receive special citation at the next School Board meeting. b.) Yvonne also announced that Mary Koebbe, a long-time Klager teacher who retired last year recently passed away. A memorial service will be held on 1/29/95. A motion was made and approved by vote for the PTO to donate \$50 to the Klager Library in Mary Koebbe's memory to purchase books relating to animals.

6. **Old business:** a.) Brian Zink announced that he has investigated the Ride Safe, Inc. bulk bicycle helmet purchasing and educational program, and that the program seems to be sound and worth pursuing. Also, he announced that the Michigan Head Injury Alliance is sponsoring the Head Smart bicycle safety education program. A grant program worth \$500 is available on a first come, first serve basis for Mich. schools who can raise \$250 in matching funds for bicycle helmet programs. A motion was made and approved for the PTO to allocate \$250 for this purpose. Brian will submit the grant in early March and we will plan on a combined Head Smart/RideSafe program for students in spring 1995. b.) Susan Callaway announced that the PTO Winter Dance is set for Jan 27, 1995. Sue has a sign-up list for workers at the dance. c.) Lisa Brinkman has looked into purchasing a popcorn machine. Unfortunately new machines cost in the range of \$800-1,000. The Council did not feel that this would be a reasonable use for PTO funds at this time. Lisa will look into alternatives to purchasing a new machine.

7. **New business:** a.) Yvonne Henry, Carrie Funk, and Liz Beuerle gave a report on the Accelerated Reader program that has been started this year for the 1st and 3rd grades. The program has been very successful and popular with teachers and students. Current funding will not be adequate to continue the program. New books and tests and computer software will be needed. Additional funding of over \$3,500 will be needed to expand the program and include the 2nd and 4th graders in the coming year. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to table the issue until the next meeting. This was defeated. A new motion was made to allocate \$500 for book purchases for the Accelerated Reader program, and to consider additional funding at the next meeting when we will have more information on the program. This motion passed. b.) Karin Hanson requested \$180 (\$2 for each 2nd grade student) for admission fees to the Univ. of Michigan Natural History Museum. This was approved by vote. c.) We have received word that Kelly Hone is interested in a PTO-sponsored Talent Show for interested Klager students. We discussed possibly alternating a Talent Show every other year with the Winter Carnival. The Council supports the idea of a Talent Show, and Yvonne Henry noted that Linda Klepaczyk may be interested in this as well. We will pursue. d.) Karin Hanson requested money for hot chocolate for Snow Sculpture day. Since the amount requested will be under \$50, it was not voted on at this time, but Council gave voice approval.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM. Next meeting: Tuesday Feb 28th at 6:30 PM.

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- Terry Woods

To all the friends and neighbors who sent cards, flowers, or stopped by after our recent loss,

THANK YOU.

Special thanks to Father John Paul, St. Nicholas Church, and Martin Braun.

- The family of Sophia Johnson

I wish to thank my family, relatives, neighbors and friends for all their cards, phone calls, gifts, flowers, and food while I was in the hospital and since returning home. All these acts of kindness were deeply appreciated. Thank you and God bless each one of you.  
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Dear Editor:

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I am angry about the ticket, I am angry about the lack of adequate space for picking up and dropping off children at the Middle School but I am very angry about Officer Deacons rude behavior. My daughter said, "Boy, he must be having a bad day." Well, he is suppose to be professional, and I expect an apology from him.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Chapin

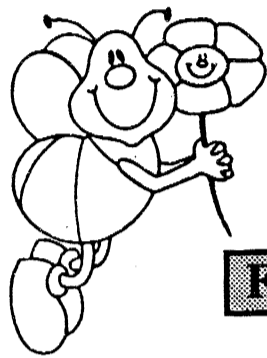
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Dear Editor,

March is Parenting Awareness Month. As a parent of three in this community I challenge you to become aware of the growing substance abuse problem in Manchester. It is a reality that many of the students go to school "HIGH", use during the day, and have a joint of marijuana rolled before they have left the school parking lot. This is not just a phase of adolescence, this is becoming a life-style for many. And its not "just marijuana and alcohol." It is the use of inhalants, LSD, prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, speed, amphetamines and any other drugs which are accessible.

I have spoken to teachers who smell pot and inhalants on students, they see the behavior and the unnatural look of students who use. One teacher trying to make a statistics lesson more interesting suggested that 60% of high school students use drugs and a student raised his hand and said he thought that should be more like 80%. By their own admission, open and blatant behavior, alcohol/drug use is as casual as having a can of soda for many students.

What can we as parents do about it? I invite you to come listen to some young people talk about why and how they came to be involved in drugs and alcohol, and also what they are doing to change their lives for the better. You don't have to feel alone or helpless if drugs/alcohol are affecting you and your family. There are others in our community who are finding resources and support-one with another-to make a change. Learn more and become willing to be a part of the solution.

Monday, March 6th, 7:00-8:30, in the Manchester High School Music Room, provides an opportunity for parents to hear students, experienced as drug users, talk about their life as it is affected by drugs.

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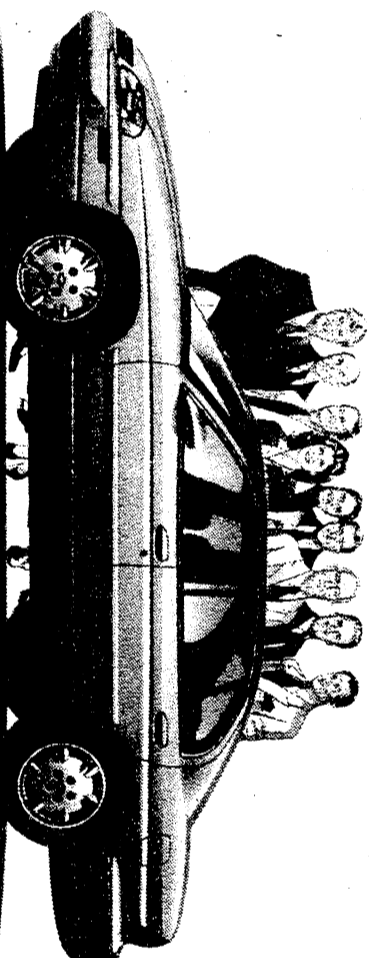
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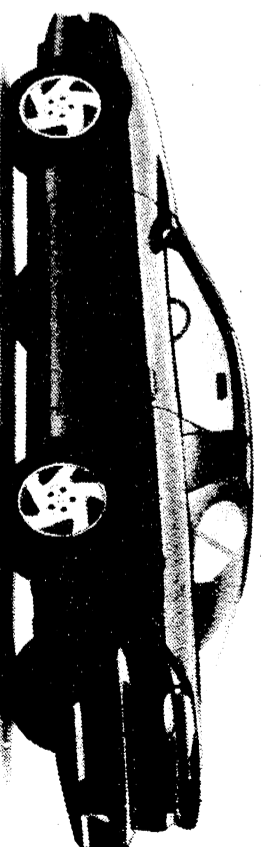
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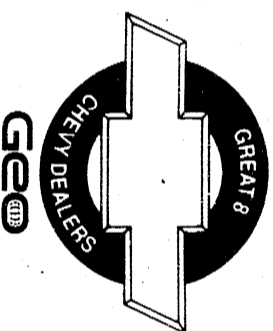
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